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# 1 Scope

The objective of this Technical Report is to study whether and how to enable 3GPP support for DetNet such that a mapping is provided between the central DetNet controller entity (as defined in IETF) and the 5G system. Mapping involves translation of DetNet traffic profile and flow specification to 5GS QoS parameters and TSCAI. The study also considers which information needs to be exposed from the 5G system to the DetNet controller.

The study scope assumes the following:

- Only IP based DetNet is in the scope of the work; MPLS based DetNet is out of scope.

- DetNet over Ethernet TSN is not in the scope of the work as it can be supported based on existing 3GPP and IETF standards.

- It is out of scope to support for edge DetNet node functions in the 3GPP network.

# 2 References

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- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

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- 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] IETF RFC 8655: "Deterministic Networking Architecture".

[3] IETF RFC 8939: "Deterministic Networking (DetNet) Data Plane: IP".

[4] IETF RFC 9016: "Flow and Service Information Model for Deterministic Networking (DetNet)".

[5] draft-ietf-detnet-yang: "Deterministic Networking (DetNet) YANG Model".

[6] IETF RFC 8344: "A YANG Data Model for IP Management".

[7] IETF RFC 8343: "A YANG Data Model for Interface Management".

[8] IETF RFC 6241: "Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) ".

[9] IETF RFC 8040: "RESTCONF Protocol".

[10] IETF RFC 6021: "Common YANG Data Types".

[11] 3GPP TS 23.502: "Procedures for the 5G System; Stage 2".[12] IETF RFC 8349: "A YANG Data Model for Routing Management (NMDA Version)”

[13] 3GPP TS 23.501 “System architecture for the 5G System (5GS); Stage 2”

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in 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 TR 21.905 [1].

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## 3.3 Abbreviations

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DetNet Deterministic Networking

# 4 Architecture Assumptions

The study has the following architecture assumptions:

- DetNet may be used in combination with time synchronization mechanisms as defined in Rel-17 but does not require usage of these mechanisms.

- Since synchronization mechanisms that can be used are out of the scope in IETF DetNet specifications, the time synchronization framework in Release 17 is not modified for this study.

- Existing 3GPP routing mechanisms can be re-used for DetNet; no new routing function in the 3GPP system is to be defined.

- The existing filtering mechanisms can be re-used in the UE and in the UPF to identify the traffic for QoS differentiation.

- It is out of scope to extend 3GPP multicast mechanisms, but the existing multicast capabilities can be re-used for DetNet communications.

- IP based DetNet traffic is carried in PDU Sessions of IP type.

- The mapping functionality for DetNet is realized in the TSCTSF.

- The solutions should reuse the functionality of the TSC framework defined in Release 17 where applicable.

- The study considers 5GS acting as a DetNet node in the DetNet domain. Use cases where the 5GS acts as a sub-network (see RFC 8655 [2] clause 4.1.2) are also possible but do not require additional 3GPP standardization. A special case where the 5GS can act as a sub-network is when the 5GS acts as a TSN network, which is already supported based on 3GPP Release 16-17.

- The study considers the DetNet forwarding sub-layer related functions that are applicable to the 5GS. For the IP case according to RFC 8939 [3] clause 1, no service sub-layer function needs to be defined.

- The granularity of the 5GS DetNet node is per UPF for each network instance.

- The solutions shall not have any 5G AN and UE impacts

The 5G System is extended to support the following:

- The UE is part of the 5GS logical DetNet Node, thus is not a DetNet Node or End System on its own

The reference architecture is shown as below:

Editor's note: It is FFS whether the NEF can be used between the DetNet controller and the TSCTSF.

Editor's note: The protocol interactions between TSCTSF and the DetNet controller are FFS.

# 5 Key Issues

## 5.1 Key Issue #1: 5GS DetNet node reporting

### 5.1.1 Description

Clause 4.8 of IETF RFC 8655 [2] describes the Resources, Capabilities, and Adjacencies which may be reported by DetNet node to DetNet CPF (Controller Plane Function).

For this Key Issue, the following areas should be studied:

- which information the 5GS needs to report;

- how the 5GS collects the information to report.

The solution should clarify whether the NEF could be deployed between the TSCTSF and the DetNet controller.

## 5.2 Key Issue #2: Provisioning DetNet configuration from the DetNet controller to 5GS

### 5.2.1 Description

A DetNet controller may provide DetNet configuration as defined in ietf-detnet YANG module to the 5GS acting as a DetNet node. This key issue will study how to map the DetNet configuration.

The DetNet controller communicates with the 5G system through TSCTSF. DetNet Flow-Related Parameters may be provided by the DetNet controller as defined in draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5]. The TSCTSF should map the parameters provided by the DetNet controller into 5G QoS parameters or other parameters e.g. TSCAI to configure 5GS flows for the DetNet traffic.

This KI will address:

- Which parameters provided by the DetNet controller should be mapped into which 5G parameters.

- How the 5GS finds the PDU Sessions corresponding to the given DetNet configuration.

- What mechanisms are used in 5GS to configure the system according to the configuration provided by the DetNet controller.

The solution should clarify whether the NEF could be deployed between the TSCTSF and the DetNet controller.

# 6 Solutions

## 6.1 Solution #1 for Key Issue #1: Node and neighbour information reporting to DetNet controller

### 6.1.1 Introduction

The 5GS may report information about the node and its interfaces which correspond to the PDU Sessions (device side) and UPF interfaces (network side). The reporting from the TSCTSF to the DetNet controller also referred to as CPF, Controller Plane Function) is carried out using IETF protocols.

The assumed architecture is shown in the figure below. On the device side, we typically have an end host as a DetNet system that makes use of the DetNet functionality. Note that the end host does not have to be DetNet aware.



Figure 6.1.1-1: Architecture for DetNet integration of 5GS

### 6.1.2 Functional Description

**Information to report**

A DetNet node may report the following information. There can be multiple options regarding the detailed use of parameters, and the choice is up to the needs of the given implementation and deployment.

* The interfaces of the 5GS acting as a DetNet node can be reported based on the YANG model in [6]. That model is in turn based on [7]. The model includes for each interface
  + if-Index and name to identify the interface (see below for more details);
  + type of the interface, which can identify whether it is a 3GPP interface on the device side or a fixed interface on the network side;
  + IP address and subnet;
  + when available in the case of network side interfaces, list of neighbour IP address and link layer address (which could be based on ARP or IPv6 neighbor discovery). In the case of device side interfaces the solution does not assume neighbours; only the hosts that are reachable with the assigned IP address(es) on the given PDU Session are reachable.
* In addition to the list of interfaces, the 5GS node itself also needs to be identified. There can be alternatives:
  + The identification can be based on a YANG parameter of host type as defined in [10] which can be either an IP address or a domain name. With this approach, the host is identified towards the DetNet controller, and the host identification is also provided together with the configuration.
  + Alternatively, the DetNet node may also be identified by the IP address terminating the interface on the TSCTSF towards the DetNet controller, but in that case that IP address needs to be different for each logical DetNet node which is on a per UPF granularity.
* It is useful for the DetNet controller to be able to identify that the 5GS node is a 3GPP defined 5GS system, rather than a router with fixed interfaces only. This knowledge can be useful for the DetNet controller to consider for the QoS that can be provided for a flow. There can be several alternatives how this is determined in the DetNet controller. The alternatives below may be used depending on the needs of the deployment; the specification does not need to mandate a given mechanism.
  + The interface type (as mentioned above) may indicate a 3GPP interface. A node having a 3GPP interface can be considered a 5GS system for a DetNet controller.
  + If the 5GS DetNet node is identified by a domain name, that domain name may include a substring that identify the node as a 5GS node.
  + The DetNet controller may be pre-configured with a list or range of the node addresses or names that correspond to 5GS nodes.

The reporting from the 5GS node to the DetNet controller is performed using YANG data models that can be carried using Netconf [8] or Restconf [9]. Given that DetNet is an IETF solution that can be used for a number of link layer technologies, IETF protocols are assumed at the DetNet controller.

The solution does not require an NEF between the DetNet controller and the TSCTSF, since the DetNet controller is assumed to be trusted by the operator and can influence the QoS of the traffic flows. A NEF anyway cannot intercept the messages carried over Netconf or Restconf, which may be encrypted using TLS.

**Collection of the information**

The information about 5GS acting as a DetNet node is provided to the TSCTSF within the 3GPP system as follows.

* For each PDU Session, the UPF generates a port number that is unique to the given UPF in the given network instance, similarly as in the release 17 case. The port number is sent via the SMF and PCF to the TSCTSF. Similarly, a port number is generated for each interface on the UPF in the network side. The port number is used as the if-Index. Based on the if-Index, the name is generated, e.g., by using the if-Index as a string, possibly adding a substring prefix or postfix based on configuration. Note that the if-Index and the name of the interface contain essentially the same information, but both can be provided, since the name is used as the key in the YANG model, while if-Index is usually considered as the basis for interface management of IP nodes.
* For each PDU Session, the allocated IP address is sent to the TSCTSF as in release 17. Similarly, for each network interface of the UPF, the IP address and subnet is sent to the TSCTSF.

In the case of interfaces that correspond to the PDU Sessions, the information about the port number as well as the IP address is delivered to the TSCTSF without requiring a PMIC container from the UE. It can be useful to be able to use DetNet even without having to require a PMIC, which makes the DetNet solution easier to deploy (but using a PMIC is not excluded, e.g., for time synch purposes). Based on configuration in the PCF for a given DNN, S-NSSAI, the TSCTSF is notified of the information.

In the case of interfaces that correspond to the network side interfaces of the UPF, the information is carried in the PMIC, together with the port number and user plane node ID that is sent outside of the PMIC. The PMIC in this case includes the IP address, the subnet, and the neighbour information (list of neighbour IP addresses when available).

The UPF also provides a user plane node ID. This can be constructed based on an IP address of the UPF, or also using the DNN, S-NSSAI or network instance known at the UPF, or it can be derived in other ways. The TSCTSF uses the user plane node ID provided by the UPF, and may optionally update it as needed (e.g., convert it to a domain name string, or map it to an IP address used for a network management protocol), to determine the host identification used for the given 5GS node.

### 6.1.3 Procedures

The charts below show a high level view of the procedures. Only the relevant steps are discussed, unaffected steps are not shown in the figures and not discussed in the explanations.

For the device side ports of the 5GS node, the PDU Session Establishment procedure is used with the following extensions. (Similar extensions possible for the PDU Session Modification and PDU Session Release procedure.) The functionality is based on the Release 16-17 IIoT functions.



Figure 6.1.3-1: Signalling at PDU Session Establishment

1. In the N4 Session Establishment Request, the SMF requests the UPF to provide port and node information. The SMF request may be based on configuration for the given DNN, S-NSSAI.
2. The UPF provides a port number that identifies the given port corresponding to the PDU Session in the logical 5GS node, and provides a user-plane node ID.
3. As part of the SMF initiated SM Policy Association Modification procedure, the SMF provides node and port information to the PCF, including the port number and the user plane node ID as well as the UE IP address. For this, based on configuration for the given DNN, S-NSSAI, the SMF is armed for reporting this information to the PCF.
4. As part of the SMF initiated SM Policy Association Modification procedure, the PCF reports the node and port information to the TSCTSF.
5. The TSCTSF provides information about the change in the 5GS node state, including information that is derived from the info received in the previous step. The detailed signalling for this step may depend on the actual IETF protocol used between the TSCTSF and the DetNet controller plane function (CPF). The update of the information may take place immediately based on a notification mechanism from the TSCTSF to the CPF, or it may take place when the CPF requests for the information.

For the network side ports of the 5GS node, as in release 16-17, the N4 Session Level Reporting Procedure from the UPF to the SMF is used followed by the SMF initiated SM Policy Association Modification procedure. The signalling is extended with the relevant new parameters as illustrated below.



Figure 6.1.3-2: Signalling for updating node and port information

1. As part of N4 reporting, the UPF provides a port and node information. This includes the port number that identifies the given port, and provides a user-plane node ID. The UPF also provides the IP address and subnet that is used on the given interface, the type of the interface, and if available, the IP addresses of the neighbours. This information can be included in the PMIC.
2. As part of the SMF initiated SM Policy Association Modification procedure, the SMF provides node and port information to the PCF, including the port number and the user plane node ID and other information provided by the UPF. For this, based on configuration for the given DNN, S-NSSAI, the SMF is armed for reporting this information to the PCF.
3. As part of the SMF initiated SM Policy Association Modification procedure, the PCF reports the node and port information to the TSCTSF.
4. The TSCTSF provides information about the change in the 5GS node state, including information that is derived from the info received in the previous step. The detailed signalling for this step may depend on the actual IETF protocol used between the TSCTSF and the DetNet controller plane function (CPF). The update of the information may take place immediately based on a notification mechanism from the TSCTSF to the CPF, or it may take place when the CPF requests for the information.

### 6.1.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

UPF: provide node and interface information, optionally neighbour information. Generation of PMIC

SMF: configuration update to trigger signalling.

TSCTSF: map collected information to IETF YANG models and provide to CPF.

## 6.2 Solution #2 for Key Issue #1: Network function enhancement to support 5GS DetNet node reporting

### 6.2.1 Introduction

In 5G mobile network, in order to realize DetNet deterministic forwarding mechanism and ensure the certainty of wide area, the DetNet control plane requires the DetNet node to report relevant information to the DetNet control plane before issuing the strategy.

IETF RFC8655 stipulates that DetNet nodes need to report corresponding information to DetNet control plane, including recognization of adjacent DetNet nodes.

Therefore, as a DetNet node, 5GS system should also report corresponding information to the DetNet control plane to assist the DetNet control plane in making corresponding forwarding strategy.

This report puts forward the method for the DetNet control plane to obtain the topology of adjacent 5GS DetNet node, and defines the mechanism of 5GS as a DetNet node to the DetNet control plane. An enhanced architecture supporting the reporting of mobile network information to DetNet control layer is designed. The architecture enhances the functions of NEF, SMF, and UPF respectively, so as to support the information collection, subscription and reporting of DetNet capability.

### 6.2.2 Functional Description



Figure 6.2.2-1 Enhanced architecture and network function

As shown in the figure1, the 3GPP exposure architecture is enhanced to support DetNet node reporting. Extend NEF function to support the capability exposure of DetNet node, and extend SMF, and UPF to support DetNet information reporting function. The related network functions are enhanced to support following features:

* Extend NEF function to support the exposure of DetNet capability:
  + Receive the capability exposure subscription from DetNet control plane, and report related ability to it;
  + Forward DetNet information reporting requirements to SMF based on DetNet controller subscription, including reporting contents, reporting frequency, etc;
* Expand SMF to support DetNet information reporting function. Based on the reporting requirements issued by NEF, SMF receives DetNet related information reported by UPF on N4 interface, and sends it to NEF as required;
* Expand UPF to support DetNet information reporting function, and report the following information through N4 interface;
  + Identity and link with adjacent DetNet nodes: the identification of surrounding nodes can be obtained through routing broadcast messages on N6.

Editor's note：The signalling protocol between NEF and DetNet control is FFS..

Editor's note：It is FFS if and how the links corresponding to the PDU Sessions are reported.

The collection and reporting methods of network information are as follows:

* Reporting method of adjacent DetNet nodes for the UPF:
* UPF obtains identification of DetNet nodes around the N6 interface through BGP and other routing broadcast messages.
* UPF reports the identification and link of adjacent DetNet nodes to SMF through N4 interface, then opens the information to DetNet control plane.

Editor's note：It is FFS how the UPF information about the identification and link of adjacent DetNet nodes information is reported and whether this reporting impacts the PCF and TSCTSF.

### 6.2.3 Procedures



Figure 6.2.3-1 Subscription and reporting process of DetNet ability opening

1. Before issuing the forwarding strategy, or based on the need of periodic collection of the DetNet capability, the DetNet control plane subscribes the capability exposure to NEF, which includes the information to be reported ,reporting frequency and triggers;
2. NEF forwards the requested capability reporting requirements to SMF;
3. SMF subscribes the capability reporting of DetNet from UPF;
4. According to the subscription request, UPF collects the relevant information of DetNet on the network side, including N6 interface topology;
5. SMF integrates the reporting messages received on the N4 interface to form the reporting data of 5GS as a DetNet node, such as adjacent nodes, which can be collected by NEF and be reported to the DetNet controller;
6. NEF reports corresponding information to DetNet control plane;
7. The DetNet control plane generates the DetNet forwarding strategy based on the received reports.

In the above figure, 1-3 is the capability reporting subscription procedure, and 4-6 is the capability reporting procedure.

### 6.2.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

The new requirements are mainly aimed at the functional enhancement of NEF, SMF,and UPF modules

Extend NEF to achieve

* Receiving subscription information from DetNet control plane and reporting related capabilities to the outside,
* Based on subscription requirements, send DetNet information reporting requirements to SMF, including the information to be reported, reporting frequency, etc.

Extend SMF to achieve

* Based on the reporting requirements issued by NEF, SMF receives DetNet related information reported by UPF on N4 interface.
* Comprehensively process relevant information and send it to NEF according to the required frequency or conditions.

Extend UPF to achieve

* Report the identity and link with adjacent DetNet nodes through N4 interface.
* Editor's note：It is FFS how the UPF information about the identification and link of adjacent DetNet nodes information is reported and whether this reporting impacts the PCF and TSCTSF.

### 6.2.5 Solution evaluation

* Adjust the strategy in time when the network capability changes,
* Better ensure the implementation of certainty on WAN,
* Without significantly changing the original framework, the information requirements of DetNet control plane can be met by expanding the existing network function.

## 6.3 Solution #3 for Key Issue #2: Mapping from DetNet YANG model to 3GPP configuration

### 6.3.1 Introduction

The assumed architecture is shown in the figure below. On the device side, we typically have an end host as a DetNet system that makes use of the DetNet functionality. Note that the end host does not have to be DetNet aware.



Figure 6.3.1-1 DetNet logical reference architecture distribution in 5GC

The main principles of the solution are as follows.

* In the DetNet YANG model [5], the forwarding sub-layer configuration and the traffic profile are for the mapping.
* The forwarding sub-layer configuration identifies the flow and the incoming, outgoing interfaces. Based on this information, the PDU Session and the flow direction (uplink, downlink or whether it is UE to UE) can be determined.
* The DetNet traffic requirements in the traffic profile include the max-latency, min-bandwidth and the max-loss, which can be converted to the 3GPP delay, GFBR and PER requirements.
* The YANG model as currently defined in IETF only includes the end to end traffic requirements. There are two options: the TSCTSF may either derive the per 5GS requirements from the end to end requirements, or the DetNet YANG model is extended for the 5GS to include also the requirements specific to the 5GS.
* The DetNet traffic specification is used to determine the periodicity and the bandwidth requirement of the flow.

### 6.3.2 Functional Description

**Parameters to consider from the DetNet controller**

The YANG model in draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5] describes the parameters that are used by the DetNet nodes to set up the configuration for DetNet. As the 5GS realizes the forwarding sub-layer, it is the forwarding sub-layer configuration that needs to be considered in the YANG model. In addition, the YANG configuration can provide the Traffic Profile that includes the traffic requirements and the traffic specification that could be used by the 5GS system.

The DetNet YANG model contains the following parameters in the traffic requirements referenced in the forwarding sub-layer which can be mapped to 3GPP parameters.

* Max-latency, which relates to the required delay in the 5GS.
* Min-bandwidth, which relates to the guaranteed bitrate that is needed for the flow (GFBR).
* Max-loss, which relates to the PER that is being proposed to be added as a new parameter in the release 18 in the 5TRS\_URLLC study that can be provided to the 5GS.

The DetNet YANG model also contains other parameters in the traffic profile that is referenced in the forwarding sub-layer which do not easily map to 3GPP parameters: max-latency-variation, max-consecutive-loss-tolerance, max-misordering. There is no straightforward 3GPP mapping for these parameters as their definition differs from the current 3GPP parameters. Hence it is proposed not to standardize any mapping for these parameters in the current release.

The traffic specification referenced in the forwarding sub-layer includes the following parameters that can be mapped.

* Interval: this corresponds to the periodicity in the 3GPP system
* max-pkts-per-interval, max-payload-size: can be used to determine the maximum burst size; together with the interval parameter, the required bandwidth can be calculated, which corresponds to the MFBR.

The traffic specification can also contain min-pkts-per-interval, min-payload-size, which do not map to any 3GPP parameters hence these are not proposed to be supported in the standardized mapping.

The TSCTSF can use the Interval to generate the periodicity value in the TSCAI.

Regarding the traffic requirements, it must be noted that the current DetNet YANG model includes only the end to end traffic requirements (e.g., in terms of maximal latency), and not the per node requirements that need to be realized by a given node. Even though it is the per node requirements that matter for the configuration of a given node, that information is currently not included in the IETF model as of today.

Based on the current IETF YANG model as currently defined, two main options can be used by the 5GS acting as a DetNet node.

* The TSCTSF derives the per node traffic requirements from the end to end traffic requirements using a pre-configured mapping in the TSCTSF, based on the knowledge of the given deployment. E.g., take a given fraction of the end to end requirements and/or subtract a constant that corresponds to the rest of the network.
* Extend the IETF YANG model with additional parameters that apply to the 5GS system on a per node basis. The YANG modelling language allows for extensibility. That can be achieved by a 3GPP defined YANG model that imports the IETF defined DetNet YANG model and adds the needed per node parameters. In that way, the model used by 5GS remains compatible with IETF DetNet, but allows for the DetNet controller to provide the traffic requirements on a per node basis when the DetNet controller is prepared for this and when it is aware that the DetNet node is a 5GS. (That knowledge can be available based on the exposure solution in Key Issue #1.)

Editor's note: Whether and How to map the E2E traffic requirement is FFS.

Editor's note: Whether and How to Extend the IETF YANG model is FFS.

**Identification of the PDU Sessions**

The TSCTSF receives the DetNet YANG forwarding configuration, which refers to the incoming and outgoing interfaces in 5GS. These are based on the interface identification that is provided in the reporting from the 5GS to the DetNet controller as part of Key Issue #1 solution. The interface is identified by its name, which is derived from the if-Index, which in turn is based on the port number that is set by the UPF. The TSCTSF stores the mapping between the port number (if-Index and the corresponding interface name) and the PDU Session, hence the PDU Session can be identified. The incoming and outgoing interfaces also identify whether the flow is uplink or downlink, hence flow direction is known, and also whether it is a UE to UE flow.

The TSCTSF may also perform a verification whether the 3GPP system routes the given flow as defined in the DetNet forwarding sub-layer. Note that it is out of scope of the current study to update the 3GPP system’s routing based on the DetNet configuration, but it can be possible to verify in the TSCTSF whether the incoming and outgoing interfaces in the DetNet configuration correspond to a valid routing in the 3GPP system. As an example, the TSCTSF may verify whether the destination IP address in a downlink flow towards a given interface corresponding to a PDU Session is the same IP address that is assigned for the same PDU Session. As another example, the TSCTSF may be preconfigured with the knowledge whether or not UE to UE routing is enabled or not. The TSCTSF may also verify other parameters of the configuration, and indicate that the configuration for the flow is not accepted if the configuration is outside of the supported range, based on TSCTSF preconfiguration. As a result of this optional verification, the TSCTSF may decide to accept or reject a given DetNet configuration.

In the case of a UE to UE flow, if the system allows for such traffic, the TSCTSF generates separate requests on PDU Session basis towards the PCF(s) for the uplink and the downlink legs of the flow.

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The PCF receives the relevant QoS requirements from the TSCTSF as well as the flow description as determined by the TSCTSF based on the DetNet configuration. The stage 3 definition of the flow description is extended according to the needs of DetNet, also including the DSCP value and optionally IPv6 flow label and IPsec SPI. The PCF determines the 3GPP QoS parameters based on the QoS requirements provided by the TSCTSF. The PCF may also consider the DSCP value in the flow description. The PCF may establish new QoS flows or modify existing QoS flows as needed.

**Deployment option: configuration of the implementation specific routing functionality on N6**

Below we clarify a possible deployment option that does not require additional 3GPP specification.

The UPF node may have routing functionality on the N6 interface side which is implementation specific. The 3GPP specifications are not responsible for setting the routing on the N6 interface side. In deployments where the implementation specific routing functionality on the N6 side also needs to be configured for DetNet, direct configuration can be used between the CPF and the routing functionality co-located with the UPF. This case can be modelled with a single interface between the UPF and the router; when the UPF and the router are co-located in the same physical node, then the interface between them can be modeled as a single virtual interface. This optional deployment is shown in the figure below. There is no need to use this option in deployments where there is no need for routing configuration by the CPF on the N6 side.



Figure 6.3.2-1: Optional deployment scenario with CPF control of N6 routing

**Other considerations**

The solution does not require an NEF between the DetNet controller and the TSCTSF, since the DetNet controller is assumed to be trusted by the operator and can influence the QoS of the traffic flows..

### 6.3.3 Procedures

The figure illustrates the procedure for the mapping of the DetNet configuration.



Figure 6.3.3-1: Signalling for setting up YANG configuration for DetNet

1. The DetNet controller provides YANG configuration to the TSCTSF. The TSCTSF uses the identity of the incoming and outgoing interfaces to determine the affected PDU Session(s) and whether the flow is uplink or downlink. (For this, the information collected in the solution to Key Issue #1 is used.) The TSCTSF also determines if the flow is UE to UE in which case two PDU Sessions will be affected for the flow and can also verify whether the specified routing is applicable. The TSCTSF maps the configuration as described above and calculates the delay and PER requirements and the TSC Assistance Container for each flow description.

2. The TSCTSF provides the mapped parameters and the flow description to the PCF(s) on PDU Session basis.

3. The PCF(s) determines, based on the parameters received from the TSCTSF, whether the existing QoS flows need to be modified or a new QoS flow needs to be created. Additionally, the TSC Assistance Container is provided to the SMF.

4. The PCF responds to the TSCTSF, which includes information about the success of the configuration.

5. The TSCTSF provides a response to the CPF regarding the success of the configuration setup. Optionally, it can be possible to provide 3GPP specific status codes to provide additional information if the requested configuration could not be set up.

In case the status of the flow changes later on for any reason, the TSCTSF notifies the CPF. Upon release of a PDU Session that is part of the existing DetNet configuration, the PCF notifies the TSCTSF for the PDU Session release, and TSCTSF notifies the CPF on status of the flow.

### 6.3.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

TSCTSF: Maintains mapping between the port number in a UPF and the PDU Session and the associated interface in the DetNet configuration. Mapping of DetNet parameters and providing information to the DetNet controller whether the configuration is accepted.

PCF: Stage 3 definition of flow description parameter is extended.

## 6.4 Solution #4 for Key Issue #2: DetNet Flow Mapping

### 6.4.1 Introduction

This contribution discusses about which parameters should be mapped into which 5G parameters to support the interworking between 5GS and DetNet controller. This contribution proposes an alternative mapping between DetNet flow and QoS flow.

According to clause 5 of IETF RFC 9016, the DetNet Flow-related parameters in the information model used in the DetNet controller can be classified into 3 categories: DetNet Flow identification parameters (including DnFlowID, DnFlowFormat and DnFlowSpecification etc.), DetNet Traffic Specification parameters (DnTrafficSpecification) and DetNet Flow requirements (e.g. DnFlowRequirements). DetNet Traffic Specification parameters parameters can be mapped into QFI and Packet Filter Sets to identify the DetNet Flow. The configuration that is sent to the 5GS is based on the Yang model in draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5]. Part of the DetNet Traffic Specification parameters and DetNet Flow requirements can be mapped into 5GS QoS related requirements (e.g. 5QI related QoS requirements and TSCAI related TSC requirements).

The DetNet Flow requirements provided by the DetNet controller are all per DetNet Flow parameters for the whole DetNet network. Some of the parameters of the requirements (e.g. maximum latency of the DetNet Flow) cannot be mapped to 5GS QoS requirements directly and the status/capability information of the other nodes in the DetNet flow path is needed.

### 6.4.2 Functional Description

The TSC architecture defined in clause 4.4.8.3 of TS 23.501 [13] is reused for support of DetNet functions by the following function enhancement.

* NEF (or new DetNet specific AF) is enhanced to support DetNet flow mapping. The DetNet controller sends the DetNet related parameters of the DetNet flow to NEF and NEF maps them to 5GS QoS requirements or TSC requirements and send the requirements to TSCTSF/PCF.

NOTE: For trusted AF, NEF can be not involved.

Editor's note: It is FFS which of the following options for supported for DetNet flow mapping: NEF, DetNet specific AF, TSCTSF. It is FFS how the solution considers the agreed assumption that the mapping functionality for DetNet is realized in the TSCTSF.

Editor's note: The protocols used between the entities are FFS.

PCF generates the QoS related policy and distributes the policy to SMF based on the current Policy control framework. TSCTSF generates the TSCAI according to the requirements sent by NEF.

Table 6.4.2-1 shows the mapping between DetNet related parameters and 5GS QoS parameters.

Table 6.4.2-1: Mapping between DetNet related parameters and 5GS parameters

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| DetNet related parameters | 5GS requirement category | Whether the DetNet related parameters are node level info or detnet flow level (NOTE 2) |
|  |  |  |
| MaxPacketsPerInterval and Max PayloadSize | TBD | Y |
| MinBandwidth | QoS requirement | Y |
| MaxLatency | QoS requirement | N |
| MaxLoss | QoS requirement | N |
| MaxConsecutiveLossTolerance | TBD (NOTE 1) | N |
| Interval | TSC information | Y |
| MinPayloadSize | TBD | Y |
| MinPacketsPerInterval | TBD | Y |
| MaxLatencyVariation | TBD | N |
| MaxMisordering | TBD | N |
|  |  |  |
| NOTE 1: TBD means no current 5GS parameters can be used for the mapping of DetNet related parameters.  NOTE 2: Indicates whether the DetNet related parameters can be used as node level parameters to configure the 5GS QoS.. Y=yes, N=No. | | |

Editor's note: Whether and how the DetNet related parameters marked as TBD in the table should be mapped to 5GS requirements is FFS.

The DetNet Flow requirements provided by the DetNet controller are all per DetNet Flow parameters for the whole DetNet network. The parameters in table 6.4.2-1 with value ‘N’ in the third column can not be mapped to 5GS QoS parameters directly and the status/capability information of the other nodes in the DetNet flow path is needed.

Editor's note: Whether and how to get the other DetNet nodes’ information to support DetNet network is FFS.

### 6.4.3 Procedures

The existing policy control framework is reused. The only enhancement is that the NEF (or new DetNet Specific AF or TSCTSF) can provide the mapped 5GS QoS requirements/ TSC requirements to to TSCTSF for support of DetNet flow transmission.



### 6.4.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

NEF (or new DetNet specific AF or TSCTSF):

- Support of mapping DetNet flow related parameters to 5GS QoS requirements and TSC requirements and sending the parameters to PCF or TSCTSF.

## 6.5 Solution #5 for Key Issue #2: Provisioning DetNet traffic to 5GS parameters

### 6.5.1 Introduction

Editor's note: This clause describes the main principles of the solution.

This solution describes how 5GS maps DetNet configuration parameters given from the DetNet controller into 5GS parameters to handle DetNet traffic. There are assumptions for the solution:

- DetNet Flow-Related Parameters as defined in draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5] is used as DetNet configuration parameters for DetNet traffic.

- DetNet controller is located in either a different domain from the 5GS or the same trust domain as the 5GS.

### 6.5.2 Functional Description

Editor's note: This clause further details the solution principles and any assumptions made.

5GS does not support edge DetNet node functions and DetNet service sub-layer functions, according to the scope and architecture assumptions in this TR, That is, the 5GS supports the DetNet node functions and DetNet forwarding sub-layer related functions except for service sub-layer functions. As a result, this solution uses DetNet Flow-Related Parameters from the DetNet controller as DetNet configuration parameters for DetNet traffic (Table 6.5.2-1).

Table 6.5.2-1: DetNet configuration parameters for DetNet traffic

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Descriptions** | | **5GS Parameters** |
| **DetNet Flow attributes** | | | |
| DnFlowSpecification | SourceIpAddress | | IP 6-tuple |
| DestinationIpAddress | |
| IPv6FlowLabel | |
| Dscp | |
| Protocol | |
| SourcePort | |
| DestinationPort | |
| IPSecSpi | |
| DnTrafficSpecification | Interval | The period of time in which the traffic specification is specified |  |
| MaxPacketsPerInterval | The maximum number of packets that the Ingress will transmit in one Interval |  |
| MaxPayloadSize | The maximum payload size that the Ingress will transmit |  |
| MinPayloadSize | The minimum payload size that the Ingress will transmit |  |
| MinPacketsPerInterval | The minimum number of packets that the Ingress will transmit in one Interval |  |
| DnFlowStatus | DnIngressStatus: None, Ready, Failed, OutOfService | |  |
| DnEgressStatus: None, Ready, PartialFailed, Failed, OutOfService | |  |
| FailureCode | |  |
| **DetNet Flow Requirement attributes** | | | |
| DnFlowRequirements | MinBandwidth |  |  |
| MaxLatency | The maximum latency from Ingress to Egress(es) for a single packet of the DetNet flow |  |
| MaxLatencyVariation | The difference between the minimum and the maximum end-to-end, one-way latency |  |
| MaxLoss | The maximum Packet Loss Rate (PLR) requirement for the DetNet flow between the Ingress and Egress(es) and the loss measurement interval |  |
| MaxConsecutiveLossTolerance | The maximum number of consecutive packets whose loss can be tolerated |  |
| MaxMisordering | The tolerable maximum number of packets that can be received out of order |  |

Editor's note: It is FFS how to translate DetNet configuration parameters for DetNet traffic to 5GS QoS parameters and TSCAI in TSCTSF.

Editor's note: It is FFS whether and how to provision MinPayloadSize and MinPacketsPerInterval within the 5GS.

In DnFlowRequirements, the MaxLatency, MaxLatencyVariation, MaxLoss, MaxConsecutiveLossTolerance, and MaxMisordering attributes specify requirements not in a single DetNet node but throughout the DetNet flow path. Therefore, if IETF DetNet specifications define explicit requirements on a DetNet node to enable DnFlowRequirements, how to provision them within the 5GS is dependent on the IETF DetNet specifications.

### 6.5.3 Procedures

Editor's note: This clause describes procedures and information flows for the solution.

This solution considers both the case where the DetNet controller is in a different domain from the 5GS and the case where it is in the same trust domain as the 5GS. Depending on whether the DetNet controller is within the 5GS domain or not, the NEF may be employed.

Editor's note: Whether or not to use the NEF is dependent on the TR’s conclusion.

#### 6.5.3.1 DetNet controller in a different domain from the 5GS

Using the Setting up an AF session with required QoS procedure as described in Figure 4.15.6.6-1 of TS 23.502[11], the DetNet controller sends Nnef\_AFsessionWithQoS messages to the NEF with the additional DetNet configuration parameters defined in clause 6.5.2.



Figure 6.5.3.1-1: Setting up an AF session with required QoS procedure for DetNet traffic

The procedure of Setting up an AF session with required QoS in Figure 4.15.6.6-1 of TS 23.502[11] is performed to handle DetNet traffic with the following modifications and clarifications:

1. The DetNet controller sends a request to reserve resources for an AF session using Nnef\_AFsessionWithQoS\_Create request message (UE address, AF Identifier, Flow description(s) or External Application Identifier, QoS reference, (optional) Alternative Service Requirements, DNN, S-NSSAI, DetNet configuration parameters) to the NEF.

3a. If the NEF receives any of the individual QoS parameters as described in clause 6.1.3.22 of TS 23.503  from the AF, the NEF forwards these received individual QoS parameters in the Ntsctsf\_QoSandTSCAssistance\_Create request message with additional DetNet configuration parameters to the TSCTSF.

NOTE: This procedure works if the DetNet controller provides YANG configuration via Restconf. If the Restconf interface is used, it should be extended to support 3GPP specifications.

Editor’s note: It is FFS how can the Restconf interface be extended in such a way that it is compatible with a DetNet controller and supports 3GPP specifications.

#### 6.5.3.2 DetNet controller in the same trust domain as the 5GS

Without the NEF, the DetNet controller directly sends Ntsctsf\_QoSandTSCAssistance messages to the TSCTSF, along with additional DetNet configuration parameters.



Figure 6.5.3.2-1: Procedure of requesting TSC QoS for DetNet traffic

1. If the DetNet controller is considered to be trusted by the operator, it uses the Ntsctsf\_QoSandTSCAssistance\_Create request message with additional DetNet configuration parameters to interact directly with TSCTSF to request reserving resources for an AF session.

NOTE: This procedure works if the DetNet controller provides YANG configuration via Restconf. If the Restconf interface is used, it should be extended to support 3GPP specifications.

### 6.5.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

Editor's note: This clause lists impacts to existing entities and interfaces.

## 6.6 Solution #6 for Key Issue #2: Solution for provisioning DetNet configuration from the DetNet controller to 5GS

### 6.6.1 Introduction

The goal of FS\_DetNet is to achieve deterministic packet forwarding in the wide area network. In order to support DetNet deterministic forwarding mechanism in 5G mobile network and realize wide area certainty, it is necessary to study how to map DetNet parameters to 5GS parameters.

IETF RFC 9016 [4] defines the information model of the DetNet flow, draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5] defines the configuration, including DetNet flow description, and differentiate service requirements. 3GPP TS23. 501 sub clause 5.7 defines QoS models and parameters.

This contribution proposes an enhanced architecture to support the interworking between 5GS and DetNet network. This architecture enhances the function of TSCTSF to support DetNet flow mapping.

The architecture proposed by this contribution is based on 5GS QoS framework, and maps the DetNet flow to QoS flow. This contribution proposes a QoS parameter mapping method supporting wide area mobile deterministic networks. It also introduces an implementation procedure of DetNet business flow under 5GS QoS framework.

### 6.6.2 Functional Description



Figure 6.6.2-1 Enhanced architecture

As shown in Figure 1, the TSC architecture based on 3GPP R17 supports DetNet function by the following function enhancement.

* Enhance the function of TSCTSF to support DetNet flow mapping.
* Realize the information interaction between TSCTSF and DetNet control plane through NEF:

Editor's note：The functionality of the NEF is FFS.

The DetNet controller transmits the forwarding requirements of the DetNet flow to TSCTSF. TSCTSF completes the QoS mapping from the service requirements of the DetNet flow to 5GS QoS flow.

* Generate QoS policies for deterministic service forwarding and forward them to PCF. According to the framework of policy control, PCF sets up the QoS. Then it can realize the certainty of wide area.

Editor's note：The interface protocol between DetNet controller and NEF is FFS.

Editor's note：The interface protocol between NEF and TSCTSF is FFS.



Figure 6.6.2-2 Function and mapping method in the TSCTSF

Based on 5GS QoS management framework, the mapping relationship between DetNet flow and 5GS QoS flow is shown in Figure 2:

* The DetNet IP flow description identifies the DetNet flow; it can be mapped to Packet filter Set under 5GS QoS framework.
* The traffic specification requirements of DetNet flow are specific service requirements for specific flows. It can be mapped to QoS profile under 5GS QoS framework. The specific mapping methods are as follows:
* The minimum guaranteed bandwidth is mapped to GFBR in QoS profile;
* The maximum delay is mapped to 5QI-PDB in QoS profile;
* The maximum packet loss is mapped to 5QI-Error Rate in QoS profile;

The above mapping functions are executed by the DetNet flow mapping function extended in TSCTSF..

Editor's note：It is FFS how the end-to-end DetNet requirements are mapped to the per node 5GS requirements.

### 6.6.3 Procedures

As shown in Figure 3, it introduces how the DetNet service flow is implemented on the enhanced architecture.



Figure 6.6.3-1 Implementation process of DetNet flow forwarding under 5GS QoS framework

* DetNet controller sends deterministic transmission requirements and parameters to 5GS;
* The enhanced parameter mapping function on TSCTSF maps DetNet service requirements into 5GS QoS flow parameters;
* TSCTSF sends the mapped QoS policy(include flow description, and QoS requirements for the service flow as 3GPP Qos framework required) to PCF;
* PCF sends QoS policy to SMF
* SMF send QoS policy to the user plane for execution;
* Transmit wide area deterministic service, fulfilled DetNet service requirements.

### 6.6.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

The suggested solution mainly focuses on the TSCTSF function enhancement and 5GS QoS framework extension.

Enhance the function of TSCTSF to support:

* Maps DetNet flow requirements to 5GS requirements,

Use DetNet controller to achieve

* Realize the information interaction between TSCTSF and DetNet control plane through NEF.
* NEF: the impacts are FFS.

### 6.6.5 Solution evaluation

* On the basis of the 5GS QoS framework, support DetNet service and DetNet deterministic wide area forwarding through function enhancement,
* Implement the mapping mechanism from DetNet parameters to mobile network parameters,
* Support the interworking between mobile network and DetNet network,
* Realize the L3 deterministic forwarding on mobile network.

## 6.7 Solution #7 for Key Issue #2: Detnet configuration mapping to 5GS parameters

### 6.7.1 Introduction

This solution is for Key Issue #2, Provisioning DetNet configuration from the DetNet controller to 5GS.

- Which parameters provided by the DetNet controller should be mapped into which 5G parameters.

- How the 5GS finds the PDU Sessions corresponding to the given DetNet configuration.

- What mechanisms are used in 5GS to configure the system according to the configuration provided by the DetNet controller.

This solution follow the assumption in the clause 4.

- Existing 3GPP routing mechanisms can be re-used for DetNet; no new routing function in the 3GPP system is to be defined.

- The existing filtering mechanisms can be re-used in the UE and in the UPF to identify the traffic for QoS differentiation.

- IP based DetNet traffic is carried in PDU Sessions of IP type.

- The mapping functionality for DetNet is realized in the TSCTSF.

- The solutions should reuse the functionality of the TSC framework defined in Release 17 where applicable.

- The solutions shall not have any 5G AN and UE impacts

### 6.7.2 Functional Description

In this solution, the TSCTSF receives the configuration from Detnet controller and map it to service requirement and TSCAC.



**Figure 6.7.2-1: parameters mapping**

The Detnet flow-related parameters is defined in the RFC 9016 [4], and expressed in the draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5].

The service requirement needed for PCF is defined in the TS 29.514 clause 5.6.2.7 (MediaComponent) and 5.6.2.8 (MediaSubComponent). The TSCAC is defined in the TS 23.501 [13].

The table 6.7.2-1 show the mapping relation between detnet configuration defined in the RFC9016 [4] clause 5 and 5G Qos parameters (service requirement and TSCAC).

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DetNet parameters | | 5G Qos parameters | | Note |
| DetNet flows attributes | |  | |  |
| clause 5.1 | DnFlowID |  |  | Store in TSCTSF as index |
| clause 5.2 | DnPayloadType |  |  | IP |
| clause 5.3 | DnFlowFormat |  |  | IP |
| clause 5.4 | DnFlowSpecification  a. SourceIpAddress  b. DestinationIpAddress  c. IPv6FlowLabel  d. Dscp  e. Protocol  f. SourcePort  g. DestinationPort  h. IPSecSpi | 29.514 | MediaSubComponent |  |
| Clause 5.5 | Traffic Specification of the DetNet Flow |  |  |  |
| Interval |  | Periodicity in TSCAC |  |
| MaxPacketsPerInterval |  | maxTscBurstSize |  |
| MaxPayloadSize |  | ? |  |
| MinPayloadSize |  | ? |  |
| MinPacketsPerInterval |  | ? |  |
| Clause 5.6 | DnFlowEndpoints |  | ? | End to End? |
| Clause 5.7 | DnFlowRank | 29.514 | tscPrioLevel |  |
| Clause 5.8 | DnFlowStatus | 29.514 | fStatus |  |
| DetNet flows requirement attributes | |  | |  |
| Clause 5.9 | DnFlowRequirements |  |  |  |
|  | MinBandwidth |  |  |  |
|  | MaxLatency |  |  | End to End? |
|  | MaxLatencyVariation |  | ? |  |
|  | MaxLoss | 29.514 | maxPacketLossRateDl  maxPacketLossRateUl |  |
|  | MaxConsecutiveLossTolerance | 23.501 | Survival time |  |
|  | MaxMisordering |  | ? |  |
| Clause 5.10 | DnFlowBiDir |  | ? |  |
| Note 1: “?” show how to map is unclear  Note 2: “End to End” means this value is not the parameters for detnet node | | | | |

Table 6.7.2-1: Mapping between DetNet parameters and 5GS parameters

Editor's note: How the map the end to end detnet parameters to 5GS parameters is FFS.

Editor's note: Which parameters in the table are carried in draft-ietf-detnet-yang [5] to detnet node is FFS.

### 6.7.3 Procedures

The procedure in the 23.502 [Z] clause 4.15.6 and 4.15.6.6a are re-used with the following enhancement:

* The Detnet controller send the Detnet configuration to TSCTSF.

Editor's note: whether NEF support the interaction with detnet controller is FFS.

### 6.7.4 Impacts on existing entities and interfaces

TSCTSF:

- mapping DetNet flow configuration to 5GS QoS requirements and TSC parameters.

Editor's note: Additional impacts are FFS.

## 6.8 Solution #8 for Key Issues #1 and #2: 5GS DetNet Node IP Operation, Management and Exposure

### 6.8.1 Introduction

The 5G System supports IETF DetNet deterministic networking by abstracting the whole 5GS as a DetNet Node. The 5GS DetNet Node is comprised of a single UPF and a number of UEs connected to it with IP PDU Sessions. It supports DetNet IP data plane and forwarding sublayer operations, essentially acting as an IP router with specific QoS and management capabilities that are exposed to the DetNet controller.

No UE impact is required even though the UE may support a DS TT for the sake of taking benefit from R17 TSC related Time synch work.

The architecture of the 5GS DetNet Node is shown in Figure ‑1.

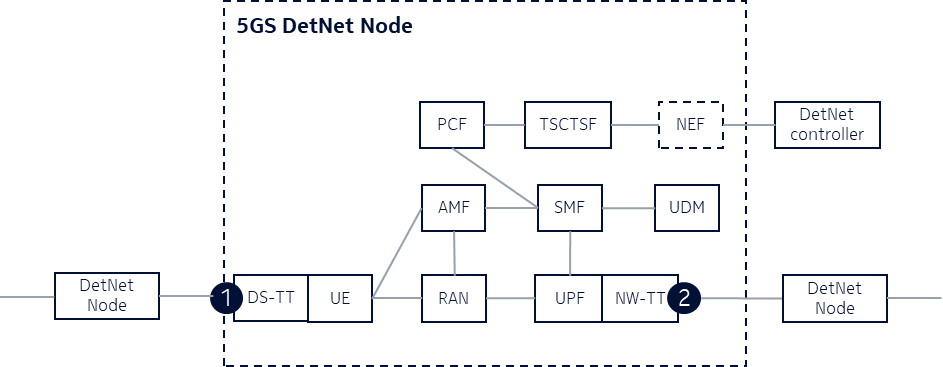


Figure 6.8.1‑1. 5GS DetNet Node

NOTE: Aspects related with NEF as shown in Figure 6.8.1‑1 are not addressed in this solution but in another solution and do not relate with the current solution.

The externally visible interfaces of the 5GS DetNet Node are located either at the UPF and supported by a NW-TT (2) or at the UEs and for UEs they may be supported by a DS-TT (1) when R17 TSC features are required. They may be connected to other DetNet Nodes, which may be IP routers or hosts. Each interface has a distinct identity and is configured with IPv4 and/or IPv6 address information.

The 5GS DetNet Node is able to forward IP packets between any of its interfaces according to DetNet IP data plane requirements. The TSCTSF maps the configuration between the DetNet controller plane entity and the 5GS DetNet Node, maintaining the overall configuration, capability and state information of the Node. It exposes the 5GS DetNet Node’s interfaces and associated IP address information to the DetNet controller. It receives DetNet flow information including flow identification and QoS requirements from the DetNet controller and sets up the 5G user plane accordingly..

The 5GS DetNet Node may support PTP time synchronization if the 5GS is configured to act as a PTP instance (operating as a boundary clock, peer-to-peer transparent clock or end-to-end transparent clock according to 3GPP Release 17 procedures applicable to IP PDU Sessions). The PTP time synchronization processes are orthogonal to DetNet IP QoS or IP routing (forwarding) procedure but both can be used together with the same TSCTSF, and NW-TT instances. Support of PTP time synchronization is not further detailed in the solution as it relies on R17 features.

The architecture figure above shows a NEF as an optional NF. How the NEF may be used as the API exposure of the 5GS acting as a DetNet router is defined in another solution. The current solution “5GS DetNet Node IP Operation, Management and Exposure” is independent of whether the NEF may be used as the API exposure of the 5GS acting as a DetNet router.

The granularity of the 5GS DetNet Router is per UPF for each network instance or DNN/S-NSSAI

6.8.2 Functional Description

5GS acts as a DetNet Node supporting IP Data Plane and forwarding sub-layer functionality. To support IP Data Plane, it acts as a Layer 3 IP Router. When integrated with IETF DetNet network, 5GS acts as one or more DetNet Nodes of the DetNet network (more than one DetNet node when there are more than one UPF). The 5GS DetNet Node is composed of the interfaces on a single UPF (i.e., PSA) side, the user plane tunnel between the UE and UPF (including 5G RAN and possibly intermediate UPF(s)), the interfaces on the NW-TT side and possibly the DS-TT (s) when R17 TSC time synchronization is needed. For each 5GS DetNet Node of a DetNet network, the interfaces on NW-TT support the connectivity to the DetNet network, and the ports on UE side are associated to the PDU Session providing connectivity to the DetNet network.

The 5GS DetNet Node operation and management follow the procedures of 5GS Bridge and Support of integration with TSN as described in Clause 5.28 of 23.501 with the following differences and clarifications:

* The logical networking entity is called 5GS DetNet Node and it has a unique Node ID.
* 5GS DetNet Node supports IP packet forwarding as an IP router and uses IP PDU Sessions.
* TSCTSF takes the role of the 5GS DetNet Node control and management entity and implements the control and management interface to the DetNet controller.
* Port numbers are used to identify IP interfaces on UE and NW-TT.
* The association between the UE/ IP address, 5GS DetNet Node ID and port number on DS-TT is maintained at TSCTSF and further used to assist to bind the DetNet flow IP traffic with the UE's IP PDU session.

**5GS DetNet Node Interface IP addressing and IP Routing information management**

The User Plane Node and Port Management Information Container data models are extended with IP address and IP routing information.

The IP address information includes at least the following information for both IPv4 and IPv6:

* IP address of the interface
* IP address/prefix length

This allows the TSCTSF to learn the IP address information of each DetNet Node interface.

NOTE: Additionally, other IP configuration information about the IP interface can be included, such as the underlying Layer 2 interface type, properties and identifiers (e.g., MAC address) or the interface MTU size. The TSCTSF can only read the underlying Layer 2 interface type, properties and identifiers (e.g., MAC address).

The Detnet controller needs to manage or to be aware of the data path taken by IP flows exchanged between Detnet hosts in order to be able to manage the QoS/resource reservation across the whole end-to-end path. For instance, the DetNet controller needs to know that if the 5GS DetNet Node receives an IP packet with a particular destination IP address from one of its UE interfaces, from which egress interface to which next hop DetNet Node it will forward it to. Knowing the next hop address at the NW TT is not enough information for the Detnet controller to know which IP path a given IP flow will use once it has been forwarded by the 5GS Detnet node .

This version of the solution focuses on notifying the Detnet controller via the TSCTSF.

The rest of this § focuses on information retrieved at NW-TT side.

For the NW-TT side, The IP routing information includes at least an array of routing table entries with at least the following information for both IPv4 and IPv6:

* IP address/prefix
* address/prefix length
* Next hop IP address

NOTE: Additionally, other information about the routes can be included such as cost or delay, or the source of the routing information (static vs. dynamic).

NOTE: All the above information can be included in Port Management Information Containers for NW-TT it might be more efficient to use User Plane Node Management Information Containers to exchange the information for all NW-TT interfaces in a single container.

This allows the TSCTSF either to learn interface specific IP routing information of each 5GS DetNet Node NW-TT side interface for address/prefixes not directly connected to the interface.

TSCTSF may learn the IP address and IP routing information from NW-TT interfaces, where this information may have been configured during the UPF / NW-TT setup or is even updated by IP routing protocols terminated at the NW-TT.

If IP addressing or IP routing information changes in the NW-TT side (e.g., based on IP routing protocol update in UPF/NW-TT or based on receiving new explicit route from the DetNet controller) the update can be done by existing PMIC notification and updating procedures.

IETF RFC 8344 [6] and RFC 8349 [12] define YANG data models for IP (address) and IP routing management, respectively. They form a good basis for the PMIC data model extensions.

While NW-TT is not necessary for IP routing/forwarding on N6, in the solution NW-TT is used for exposing the interface specific routing/forwarding information to TSCTSF.

**TSCTSF exposing information to the DetNet controller**

After it has learned or configured the IP interface, IP address and IP routing information related to UE and NW-TT interfaces, the TSCTSF combines all the information into a single representation and makes it available for the DetNet controller. Based on this information the DetNet controller learns 5GS DetNet Node interfaces, their IP addresses and IP prefixes, and the 5GS DetNet Node IP routing base. Using this information and similar information collected from the other DetNet IP data plane nodes, the DetNet controller is able to calculate routes for DetNet traffic flows through the network.

The way to exchange PMIC and UMIC between the TSCTSF and the NW-TT (via PCF, SMF, etc…) is as defined in R17 for TSC. The difference is that the content of the PMIC/UMIC may differ as explained above.

### 6.8.3 Procedures



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1. PDU Session Establishment as defined clause 4.3.2.2.1-1 of 23.502 [11] is used to establish a PDU Session serving for TSC.

The SMF may determine the need to use dedicated resources (e.g. dedicated UPF(s)) for the 5GS DetNet Router based on local policies associated with the DNN and/or S-NSSAI

During this procedure, the SMF selects a UPF, which supports functions as defined in clause 5.28.1 of TS 23.501 [13], for the PDU Session.

During this procedure, the SMF receives the allocated port number for UE IP interface and user-plane Node ID from the UPF: The UPF allocates the port number for UE, after receiving N4 Session Establishment Request message. The UPF retrieves also the user-plane Node ID (from the NW-TT) and provides its value to the SMF via N4 Session Level Reporting.

During this procedure the SMF may also receive the UE-DS-TT residence time (if a DS TT is supported)

2. The SMF sends the information received in step 1 to the TSCTSF via PCF (via Npcf\_SMPolicyControl service as defined in 23.502 [11] clause 4.16.). The TSCTSF stores the binding relationship between 5GS user-plane Node ID, port number and UE IP address for future configuration. The TSCTSF requests creation (using the Npcf\_PolicyAuthorization service as defined in 23.502 clause 4.16.5.1) of a new AF session associated with the UE IP address and may subscribe for TSC events over the newly created AF session.

Using the 5GS user-plane Node ID the TSCTSF subscribes with the NW-TT for receiving user plane node management information changes for the 5GS DetNet Node indicated by the 5GS user-plane Node ID as described in clause 5.28.3.1 of TS 23.501 [13].

After receiving a User plane node Management Information Container (UMIC) containing the NW-TT port numbers, the TSCTSF subscribes with the NW-TT for receiving NW-TT port management information changes for the NW-TT port indicated by each of the NW-TT port numbers as described in clause 5.28.3.1 of TS 23.501 [13].

The TSCTSF can use any Npcf session (any PDU Session) to subscribe with the NW-TT for node or port management information notifications. Similarly, the UPF can use any N4 session (any PDU Session) to send node or port management information notifications.

1. The TSCTSF learns the port management capabilities and interface information of each NW-TT interface. If NW-TT interfaces have locally available IP address or IP routing information, the TSCTSF learns it from the NW-TT..

4. The TSCTSF now has the up-to-date IP address and IP routing information of each UE and NW-TT interface. It combines it and makes it available for the DetNet controller.

### 6.8.4 Impacts on services, entities and interfaces

- TSCTSF:

- Learns IP addressing and IP routing information on NW-TT using extended Port Management Information Container data model.

- Maintains the 5GS DetNet Node interface, IP addressing and IP routing information base.

- Exposes the 5GS DetNet Node interface, IP addressing and IP routing information to the DetNet controller.

- SMF:

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- NW-TT:

- Maintains IP address management and IP routing (forwarding) configuration for the NW-TT related IP interface(s). Provides information to TSCTSF using extended User Plane Node and Port Management Information Container data models.

# 7 Conclusions

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