



5GSAT_ARCH: QOS WITH SATELLITE BACKHAUL

DISCUSSING THE WAY FORWARD IN REL-17

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- **Goal:** Agree on basic/realistic 5GSAT_ARCH assumptions that facilitate development of a solution for *QoS with satellite backhaul* in Rel-17. (Further enhancements possible in the following Releases).
- ***QoS with satellite backhaul*: assumptions for Rel-17 5GSAT_ARCH (agreed):**
 - 1) Transparent satellite based 5G NTN → no inter satellite links (ISLs) → No serial concatenation of satellite backhauling links
 - 2) RAN unaware of the backhauling properties (RAN does not provide *backhaul type* info)
- ***QoS with satellite backhaul*: Rel-17 hypothesis for discussion (proposal):**
 - 1) Solutions should be backhauling link type agnostic (applicable to both terrestrial and NTN)
 - 2) Consider basic topologies: a) backhaul solely over a single satellite link (no ISLs, no CP and UP split over multiple parallel NTN links); b) allow for serial concatenation of a single satellite and an arbitrary number of terrestrial backhaul links.
 - 3) Dynamic backhaul latency handling due to sudden/large changes in backhaul latencies should be kept out of scope of Rel-17. (The characteristics of (satellite) backhaul links should remain within predicted boundaries such that the N3 tunnel remains unaffected.)

- **Conf-call participants are invited to propose their preferred way forward.**

- **Possible ways forward** (input for discussion)
 - 1) Where ever possible exploit static CN PDBs (as already in the standard) to cover satellite backhaul cases.
 - 2) Provision only the best effort QoS in case of long satellite backhaul latencies.
 - 3) Exploit/adapt standardized dynamic CN PDB principle?
 - advantages: - allows dynamic distribution of PDB among CN and AN;
 - drawbacks: - what if backhaul latency is comparable/larger than PDB?
 - could excessively reduce the AN PDB;
 - CN PDB can be signaled only if smaller than the standardized value
 - 4) Use dynamically assigned 5QIs instead of standardized 5QIs.