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**Source: Huawei, HiSilicon**

**Title: Report of [AT118-e][633][Relay] Remaining ASN.1 review issues (Huawei)**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# 1 Introduction

This document is the report of the following offline discussion:

* [AT118-e][633][Relay] Remaining ASN.1 review issues (Huawei)

Scope: Discuss the remaining issues from R2-2206077, prioritising the high and medium priority issues.

Intended outcome: Report to Monday week 2 session

Deadline: Friday 2022-05-13 1800 UTC

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# 3 Discussion

During Pre-118-e #602, several open issues are identified, and the proposals are given as shown in Annex. After Monday WI online discussion, the higher priority issue 18/20 have been concluded, and issue 4/17 have discussed with initial agreements and FFS points which need further discussion.

**3.2 Higher priority issues (class 2)**

### Issue 4: PC5 RLC bearer and SRAP configuration for remote UE’s SRB1 transmission/reception at PC5 hop

Agreements:

Proposal 1 (modified): Regarding the configuration used for SRB1 transmission/reception at PC5 hop, RAN2 to agree:

– All SRB1 messages are allowed to use default SL-RLC1, i.e. remove the dedicated configuration of PC5 RLC from RRCReestablishment message;

– Discuss offline in [AT118-e][633] whether to remove the dedicated configuration of PC5 RLC from RRCSetup message;

– Define default configuration of SRAP used for reception of RRCResume/RRCReestablishment at PC5 hop, in order to establish SRAP entity and pass the messages to RRC layer.

During online discussion, there is no absolute clear view on whether RRCSetup can include dedicated PC5 RLC configuration used for SRB1 transmission/reception at PC5 hop. The concern to include it is mainly on security risk. However in Uu interface, cellGroupConfig and radioBearerConfig are allowed to be included for SRB1.

RRCSetup-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

radioBearerConfig RadioBearerConfig,

masterCellGroup OCTET STRING (CONTAINING CellGroupConfig),

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension RRCSetup-v1700-IEs OPTIONAL

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| ***masterCellGroup***  The network configures only the RLC bearer for the SRB1, *mac-CellGroupConfig*, *physicalCellGroupConfig* and *spCellConfig*. |
| ***radioBearerConfig***  Only SRB1 can be configured in RRC setup. |

Then following the Uu logic, it could be acceptable to include the following remote UE specific dedicated configuration as what are in the current RRC specification.

RRCSetup-v1700-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

sl-ConfigDedicatedNR-r17 SetupRelease {SL-ConfigDedicatedNR-r16 } OPTIONAL, -- Cond L2RemoteUE

sl-L2RemoteUEConfig-r17 SetupRelease {SL-L2RemoteUEConfig-r17 } OPTIONAL, -- Cond L2RemoteUE

nonCriticalExtension SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL

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| ***sl-ConfigDedicatedNR***  The network configures only the PC5 Relay RLC channel and *sl-PHY-MAC-RLC-Config* for the SRB1. |
| ***sl-L2RemoteUEConfig***  The network configures only the *sl-ServingCellInfo* and SRAP configuration for the SRB1. |

**Q1: Do companies agree to keep the dedicated configuration in *RRCSetup* message for remote UE’s SRB1 transmission/reception at PC5 hop as the current RRC specification?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree | Have not identified blocking issue here, prefer to stick to the agreement at the current stage |
| Xiaomi | Agree | There is more spec impact to exclude the dedicated configuration. |
| Apple | Agree | 1. We understand RAN2 agreed to include dedicated configuration in RRCSetup in RAN2#117-e due to the trigger of RAN3 LS  2. For the security concern raised by some company, we think RAN2 should avoid SA3 invovlement at this late stage. So, the simplest way is to follow the way of Uu RRCSetup message, i.e. can include dedicated configuration on SRB1. |
| ZTE | Agree | There is no sufficient reason to overturn the previous agreement. |
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### Issue 17a: Missing information of PCI and ARFCN-DL for key derivation during RRC resume/reestablishment procedure

Proposal 2 (modified): PCI and ARFCN-DL should be provided to remote UE to derive KgNB before remote UE receiving RRCResume/RRCReestablishment message. Discuss offline in [AT118-e][633] whether to use PC5-RRC or the RRC container in discovery message; the availability of target cell ID can also be checked if an issue is found.

As agreed, the inputs to derive the new key used in the cell for RRC reestablishment/resume procedure include the PCI and ARFCN-DL of that cell, therefore the information should be provided to the remote UE, which seems possible via either PC5-RRC or discovery message.

There are some follow-up questions for the alternatives.

* If we go with discovery message, the information can be included in the RRC container, the potential RRC specification change could be as follows, assuming all the UEs can get the information via discovery procedure.

SL-AccessInfo-L2U2N-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

cellAccessRelatedInfo-r17 CellAccessRelatedInfo OPTIONAL, -- Need R

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sl-PCI-ARFCN-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

physCellId-r17 PhysCellId,

carrierFreq-r17 ARFCN-ValueNR

}

}

* If we go with PC5-RRC, RAN2 needs to further decide at least following issues:
  + 1. which PC5 RRC message to use, new or existing message.
  + 2. when/how the relay UE decide to send the PC5-RRC message to the UE.

**Q2: Which message do companies prefer to be used for delivery of PCI and ARFCN-DL to the remote UE, RRC container in discovery, or PC5-RRC message?**

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| **Company** | **Discovery/PC5 RRC** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Discovery | Slightly prefer discovery message since it means the related info can be acquired by remote UE before PC5-RRC connection, and can save the discussion on the following left-overs on the current stage.  Otherwise, can follow majority. |
| Xiaomi | Discovery |  |
| Apple | Discovery, but.. | Same view as OPPO that it allows remote UE to acquire the related information before PC5-RRC connection. And the remote UE behaviour will be similar to legacy Uu. And also the extra spec work is minor compared with the approach of PC5 RRC.  Meanwhile, if agreed in discovery, we think it means remote UE will be required to still receive discovery message even after initializing RRC re-establishment procedure. |
| ZTE | Discovery, but | For general scenario, discovery message is fine.  However, for the remote UE’s re-establishment triggered by relay UE’s serving cell change and remote UE decides to maintain the PC5 connection with relay UE, it would be better for the remote UE to receive the PCI/ARFCN-DL from the relay UE via NotificationNessageSidelink. In this case, it saves the time for discovery message monitoring. |
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**Q3: If PC5 RRC is chosen in Q2, which PC5 RRC message is preferred, new message or existing message (and please indicate which existing message)?**

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| **Company** | **New PC5 RRC message/existing message** | **Comments** |
| ZTE | Existing message | As we mentioned in Q2, for the remote UE’s re-establishment triggered by relay UE’s serving cell change and remote UE decides to maintain the PC5 connection with relay UE, it would be better for the remote UE to receive the PCI/ARFCN-DL from the relay UE via NotificationNessageSidelink. |
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**Q4: If PC5 RRC is chosen in Q2, about when/how the relay UE determine to send the PC5 RRC message to the remote UE, which option do companies prefer?**

* **Option#1: based on remote UE’s request, i.e. similar like SIB request, the remote UE can indicate PCI and ARFCN-DL request via PC5-RRC message so that relay UE can response a PC5 RRC message including the information.**
* **Option#2: based on unsolicited forwarding, i.e relay UE can proactively send the PC5 RRC message without remote UE’s request.**
* **Options#3: when relay UE sends the NotificationMessageSidelink to relay UE**
* **Option#x (please add other options here if any)**

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| **Company** | **Option#1/#2** | **Comments** |
| ZTE | Option 3 |  |
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**Q5: If option#2 (i.e. unsolicited forwarding) is chosen in Q4, when the relay UE sends the PC5 message to the remote UE?**

* **Option#1: left to relay UE implementation, i.e. it may require to send the message to every remote UE upon PC5 unicast link establishment to ensure the remote UEs have such essential information.**
* **Option#2: after reception of a message via SL-RLC0 which means the remote UE is initiating any of RRCSetup/RRCResume/RRCReestablishment procedure.**
* **Option#3: after reception of the first downlink SRB1 message via Uu and before forwarding the message to the remote UE, i.e. the relay UE needs to first send PCI and ARFCN-DL to the remote UE, and then forward the msg4 to the UE.**
* **Options#x (please add other options here if any)**

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| **Company** | **Option#1/#2/#3** | **Comments** |
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### Issue 17b: To check if *VarShortMAC-Input/ VarResumeMAC-Input* is available for remote UE’s RRC restablishment/resume procedure

VarResumeMAC-Input ::= SEQUENCE {

sourcePhysCellId PhysCellId,

targetCellIdentity CellIdentity,

source-c-RNTI RNTI-Value

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VarShortMAC-Input ::= SEQUENCE {

sourcePhysCellId PhysCellId,

targetCellIdentity CellIdentity,

source-c-RNTI RNTI-Value

}

According to the previous RAN2 agreements, SL-ServingCellInfo-r17 (including the source PCI and C-RNTI) is added into RRCSetup/RRCResume/RRCRestablishment/HO command when the UE accessing the source cell. Then in legacy procedure the target cell identity is included in SIB1 and abstained by UE via acquisition of SIB1. The same procedure should be followed by remote UE. (Note although discovery message also include cellAccessRelatedInfo, reading SIB1 seems enough, which align the remote UE behaviour with the legacy UE behaviour during RRC reestablishment/resume procedure.)

**Q6: Do companies agree the targetCellIdentity is abstained by remote UE via SIB1 acquisition similar like legacy RRC reestablishment/resume procedure?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree with comments | Besides SIB1, Remote UE can also obtain targer cell id via discovery as discussed in previous question. |
| Apple | Agree |  |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
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**3.2 Medium priority issues (may have asn.1 impact)**

### Issue 6: How to determine serving cell change of target relay UE before path switch

RAN2 has discussed the case that target relay in idle/inactive may perform cell reselection after network sending path switch command to the remote UE and before the remote UE successfully connecting to the target relay UE, and agreed that remote UE triggers RRC reestablishment if it identifies such cell change of target relay. However, regarding how the remote UE identifies such case, there is no absolute consensus, thus the compromise is to leave it to UE implementation (e.g. discovery procedure or measurement procedure). Now companies commented it should clarify the UE behaviour, the potential solutions are:

1. Based on measurement report;

2. Based on cell ID which should be indicated in both of path switch command and discovery message, i.e. NCGI is to be added to path switch command.

For solution 1, during previous discussion it was commented by companies that it is not a must that network configure path switch based on measurement results. With the rapporteur hat on, it is suggested:

**Q7: which option do companies prefer to capture the remote UE’s behaviour on determining target relay UE’s serving cell change?**

* **Solution #1: Based on measurement report;**
* **Solution #2: Based on cell ID indicated in both of path switch command and discovery message, i.e. NCGI is to be added to path switch command.**
* **Solution #3: Keep the current description, i.e. left to UE implementation.** **Note that if the PCI is indicated in discovery message or PC5 RRC message, such information can also help to determine cell change.**

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| **Company** | **Solution#1/#2/#3** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | 3 (2 as second prio) | Our first preference is #3 since it does not seem to be a critical issue that would frequently happen.  Then if R2 really would like to pursue a solution, prefer solution 2, since rigorously, considering the ping-pong of relay UE, only the cell that network has prepared the HO matters, so the explicit indication in HO-command is safer. |
| Xiaomi | 1 or 2 | We think UE behavior should be clarified. There are two understanding of the UE behavior,   1. Determination of relay UE’s cell change is after reception of path switch command, so the remote UE is not required to constantly monitor candidate relay’s cell id before reception of path switch command. 2. Remote UE is required to constantly monitor the candidate relay UE’s cell id change before reception of path switch.   2nd understanding would result in false path switch failure in two cases in [5]. More seriously, this would increase remote UE’s complexity and power consumption, since there may be multiple candidate relay UEs.  Both proposed solutions can resolve this issue. Solution 2 may have larger impact ude to ASN.1 impact. |
| Apple | 1 | First, we also think UE behaviour should be clarified. So, we prefer 1 or 2.  Then, the intention to introduce the new failure handling behavior is because relay UE may perform cell reselection during the time gap after remote UE measurement report and before path switch execution. So, Solution 1 is more suitable. As Xiaomi mentioned, Solution 2 may require remote UE to continusly monitor relay UE's cell ID change, which is unnecessary. |
| ZTE | 3 | Discovery message can be used before PC5-RRC established. And Notification message/SIB1 can be used after PC5-RRC established. |
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**3.3 Lower priority issues (class 1)**

Among the left class 1 issues, the rapporteur understands those issues can be treated at best effort. If there is no enough time, they can be handled in CR update, but it would be helpful anyway if company views can be collected before that.

### Issue 2: Whether the concept of PCell/current cell is applicable to L2 remote UE

On this issue, one side is that RAN2 agreed the relay UE’s PCell is remote UE’s PCell as remote UE is controlled by the cell behind relay UE. The other side is the remote UE is not connected directly via the physical cell, thus it is not literally served by the cell. But the rapporteur understand aligning the existing wording in the spec can avoid having more relay specific spec impact, thus suggests RAN2 to keep the concept of PCell/current cell for remote UE if no particular technical issue is found.

**Q8: Do companies agree to keep the concept of PCell/current cell for remote UE?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree with comment | Intention agreeable, yet:  Checking at the related RILs, it seems the key issue triggering this discussion is whether the related sentence in 5.3.5.7 on applying the PCell based on the dedicated configuration is sufficient for remote UE, or we need to apply an additional sentence on applying the current cell to be PCell as for normal UE. It is more an editorial thing. So we are fine with the intention of, but in order to solve the RILs, we feel a CR-based discussion might be easier. |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
| Apple | Agree |  |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
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### Issue 3: Discuss whether L2 relay can be configured with HO without DRB and/or SRB2

In legacy Uu interface, the UE can only be configured with HO when there is at least one DRB and/or SRB2. However, in case of L2 U2N relay operation, it is possible that relay UE has no its own DRB but only configured with Uu Relay RLC channel for relaying service, it is not clear whether the relay UE can be configured with HO. The rapporteur understand as there is no group handover for relay, thus it is not so much useful to allow such handover case, thus for simplicity suggest to keep the same requirement.

**Q9: Do companies agree L2 relay cannot be configured with HO without DRB and/or SRB2 (Same requirement as legacy UE)?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree | However, we wonder whether these is any spec impact. gNB implementation can ensure this. |
| Apple | Agree |  |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
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### Issue 16: Clarify whether CHO can be configured to relay UE

For remote UE’s CHO, RAN2 has discussed and agreed with no support. But for relay UE’s CHO, there is no discussion/consensus. Assuming CHO can be configured to relay UE, relay UE needs to release the unicast link or send notification message to the UE which will have bad influence on the remote UE’s experience, thus the rapporteur does not see much value to support it.

**Q10: Do companies agree CHO cannot be configured to L2 U2N Relay UE?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Disagree | We don't see the difference of relay UE’s behavior upon CHO and normal HO execution. Current tools, e.g. notification message, can be reused to support CHO for relay UE. Except for handover, we think CHO is more beneficial for relay UE to perform CHO recovery after RLF. |
| Apple | Agree | We agree with Rapporteur's analysis. Any further discussion can be done in Rel-18 relay enhancement. |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
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### Issue 11: Clarification on the term of “no suitable cell” for OoC case during AS criteria checking, e.g. no serving cell, out of coverage on the frequency used for SL communication, no acceptable cell, no cell to camp on

According to SA2 specification TS23.304, a UE can perform relay operation in limited area if it cannot find a suitable cell, i.e. the remote UE can camp on a Uu acceptable cell. In this case, a UE should check the Uu RSRP to determine if it can perform discovery for acting as a remote.

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| **5.9 Support for 5G ProSe for UEs in limited service state**  For UE in limited service state, as defined in TS 23.122 [14], 5G ProSe can be used over PC5 reference point with the following considerations.  UEs that are authorized to use 5G ProSe over PC5 reference point according to clause 5.1 shall be able to use the corresponding services following the principles defined in clause 5.1.2.2 for 5G ProSe Direct Discovery, clause 5.1.3.2 for 5G ProSe Direct Communication, and clause 5.1.4.2 for 5G ProSe UE-to-Network Relay when the UE enters in limited service state in 5GS:  - because UE cannot find a suitable cell of the selected PLMN as described in TS 23.122 [14]; or  - as the result of receiving one of the following reject reasons defined in TS 23.122 [14]:  - a "PLMN not allowed" response to a registration request or;  - a "5GS services not allowed" response to a registration request or service request. |

During the CR update discussion, the wording of “out of coverage” was first used, but companies commented it is not clear, as there are different understanding in the context of OoC in Uu coverage or OoC in sidelink frequency. Then the wording was changed to “serving cell”, but companies commented that if the UE is in IDLE, serving cell is not right thus suitable cell should be used. In the end, the term of “suitable cell” was adopted in the final Relay RRC CR without considering the case of limited service state. As indicated in M106, using “suitable cell” will be interpreted as if the UE has no suitable cell but an acceptable cell, it can directly consider the AS condition is fulfilled without considering the Uu RSRP condition, which is not the intention.

To address this issue, it was proposed to change “no suitable cell” to:

* Option 1. no acceptable cell;
* Option 2. no serving cell;
* Option 3. no cell to camp on;
* Option 4. out of coverage on the frequency used for NR sidelink communication, and the concerned frequency is not included in sl-FreqInfoToAddModList in sl-ConfigDedicatedNR within RRCReconfiguration message or included in sl-FreqInfoList within SIB12

The rapporteur understand option 3 equals to option 2, as in TS38.304 the serving cell is defined as “**Serving cell:** The cell on which the UE is camped.”. Option 1 only cover acceptable cell but not suitable cell, option 4 is not easy to comprehend. Therefore, the moderator suggests to choose option2 which aligns with the Rel-16 V2X style.

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| 5.8.15.2 NR Sidelink U2N Remote UE threshold conditions  A UE capable of NR sidelink U2N Remote UE operation shall:  1> if the threshold conditions specified in this clause were not met:  2> if *threshHighRemote* is not configured; or the RSRP measurement of the PCell, or the cell on which the UE camps, is below *threshHighRemote* by *hystMaxRemote* if configured, or  2> if the UE has no ~~suitable~~serving cell:  3> consider the threshold conditions to be met (entry);  … |

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| 5.8.15.3 Selection and reselection of NR sidelink U2N Relay UE  A UE capable of NR sidelink U2N Remote UE operation that is configured by upper layers to search for a NR sidelink U2N Relay UE shall:  1> if the UE has no ~~suitable~~serving cell; or  1> if the RSRP measurement of the cell on which the UE camps (for L2 and L3 U2N Remote UE in RRC\_IDLE or RRC\_INACTIVE)/ the PCell (for L3 U2N Remote UE in RRC\_CONNECTED) is below *threshHighRemote* within *sl-remoteUE-Config*:  … |

**Q11: Do companies agree to change “suitable cell” to “serving cell”?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | See comment | OK with the intention, yet  Based on Q8, if the output is that we do not diff between the cell definition for direct/indirect connection, here when we say “if the UE has no cell”, it may cause the ambiguity that even if the UE is served by a cell via indirect connection, this condition is not satisfied. So we may want to clarify this condition is only for the direct-connection-based serving cell. |
| Xiaomi | No | The problem of serving cell is still valide, i.e. not cover IDLE/INACTIVE UE. Option 4 is preferred, since it can cover all cases. |
| Apple | No | Our understanding is that Serving cell is only applied to CONNECTED UE.  In addition, "suitable cell" is the wording used in TS 36.331. If we agree the change, we assume the same change should be applied to 36.331. However, we are not sure what is the procedure because LTE Prose is not in scoping of sidelink relay. |
| ZTE | No | Serving cell is only used to describe RRC\_CONNECTED UE, and if remote UE connect network via relay UE, it’s serving cell should be the relay UE’s serving cell. |
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### Issue 5: Clarify the meaning and differentiation of the following term: capable of/acting as/is a L2 U2N Relay UE or Remote UE

In current RRC specification, the definitions of U2N relay UE and U2N remote UE are provided as following:

**U2N Relay UE: A UE that provides functionality to support connectivity to the network for U2N Remote UE(s).**

**U2N Remote UE: A UE that communicates with the network via a U2N Relay UE.**

However, in the exiting procedure text, the usage of U2N remote/relay UE definition is not popular. Instead, there are some other alternative descriptions. Therefore, the descriptions and the definitions should be aligned to avoid possible misunderstanding. Thus the rapporteur suggests:

**Q12: Do companies agree to update the RRC specification as follows?**

* **For the procedural text only applicable to UEs acting as U2N remote UE or U2N relay UE, use “UE is acting as U2N remote/relay UE”**
* **For the procedural text common for UEs acting as U2N remote/relay UE and UEs to be acting as U2N remote/relay UE, use “UE capable of U2N remote/relay UE operation”**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
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### Issue 9: Regarding measurement reporting on candidate relay, clarify if the strongest relay is among the ones fulfil upper layer criteria.

The rapporteur understands that only the relay UEs met upper layer criteria (e.g. service code) can be configured as target relay UE. Thus it makes sense that the remote UE only reports the relay UEs met both of upper layer criteria and AS layer criteria in the measurement results. Thus the rapporteur suggests to clarify in RRC spec.

**Q13: Do companies agree that remote UE only reports the relay UEs fulfil both of upper layer criteria and AS layer criteria in the measurement results?**

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| **Company** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
| Apple | Agree, but | We think the question is not exactually same as the Issue. So, we suggest to modify the proposal as below:  **For the reporting of up to N strongest candidate relay UEs, remote UE only reports the relay UEs fulfil both of upper layer criteria and AS layer criteria in the measurement results** |
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### Issue 15: Whether to specify remote UE behaviour of re-establish PC5 RLC channel of SRB1 during RRC reestablishment

The rapporteur understands in legacy Uu interface the UE needs to re-establish RLC bearer of SRB1 after sending RRCReestablishmentRequest message. However, there is no PC5 RLC reestablishment in sidelink, therefore either RAN2 define PC5 RLC reestablishment, which impacts RLC spec, or we use release and add of PC5 RLC channel in RRC.

**Q14: Which option do companies prefer in order to capture the remote UE behaviour of re-establish PC5 RLC channel (to align with Uu RLC reestablishment) of SRB1 during RRC reestablishment?**

* **Option1: define PC5 RLC reestablishment in RLC spec;**
* **Option2: use “release the old RLC PC5 channel and establish a new RLC PC5 channel” to achieve RLC reestablishment-like behaviour?**
* **Others**

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| **Company** | **Option1/option2** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | 1 with comment | In legacy, we did not define RLC re-establishment since for PC5, when there is a key change, the Rx UE can diff between PC5-PDCP PDU w/ old-key and w/ new-key from PC5-PDCP header, so RLC re-establishment is not needed.  In R17 SL Relay, since now the PC5-RLC is to carry Uu-PDCP packet, the benefit from PC5-PDCP disappears, and thus there is a need.  Between option-1 and option-2, option-1 is more of legacy, while option-2 seems to do a procedural based operation (which however relies on explicit L2 indicator in Uu).  Anyway, no strong view and can follow majority |
| Xiaomi | 2 |  |
| Apple | Option 1 | Same view as OPPO |
| ZTE | Option 1 |  |
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### Issue 1: Clarify exceptional cases for L2 U2N Relay UE’s to trigger RRC connection establishment by AS layer

**[RIL]**: v200 **[Delegate]**: vivo(Boubacar) **[WI]**: SLrelay **[Class]**: 1 **[Status]**: ToDo **[TDoc]**: None **[Proposed Conclusion]**: v23

**[Description]**: Clarify exceptional cases for L2 U2N Relay UE’s to trigger RRC conncetion establishment by AS layer.

**[Proposed Change]**: See in red.

NOTE: Upper layers initiate an RRC connection (other than the RRC connection initiated at the L2 U2N Relay UE upon reception of a L2 U2N Remote UE’ SL-RLC0 or SL-RLC1 message). The interaction with NAS is left to UE implementation.

**[Comments]**:

The rapporteur understands the intention is to clarify that relay may enter connected state triggered by remote's access but not by relay's own NAS layer, which is true. But in SA2 spec, when AS tells upper layer there is remote UE's access, the upper layer will provide service request to AS as legacy, thus the legacy sentence seems still applicable. For simplicity, the rapporteur suggests to keep the current wording in the spec without change.

**Q15: Do companies think the proposed change in V200/v201 is needed?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Y | Considering the current text is “Upper layers **initiate** an RRC connection”, we tend to agree there might be ambiguity if we keep the NOTE. So would be good to clarify, especially considering this is just a NOTE so no normative impact. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| ZTE | N | We think the current description in 5.3.3.1a is clear enough:.  “For L2 U2N Relay UE in RRC\_IDLE, an RRC connection establishment is initiated in the following cases:  1> if any message is received from a L2 U2N Remote UE via SL-RLC0 as specified in 9.1.1.4 or SL-RLC1 as specified in 9.2.4;” |
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### Issue 14: Whether to differentiate “cell change” in stop condition of the timers

**[RIL]**: O090 **[Delegate]**: OPPO (Qianxi) **[WI]**:SLrelay **[Class]**:1 **[Status]**: ToDo **[TDoc]**: None **[Proposed Conclusion]: v43**

**[Description]**: R2 did not have agreement on it, we do not see the need of “cell change” here, since even in legacy, the result of cell (re)selection does not necessarily lead to a cell-change, so that it is not needed for relay reselection either

**[Proposed Change]**: remove the cell change restriction in the condition here and in the procedural text.

**[Comments]**:

**Q16: Do companies think the proposed change in O090 is needed?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Y | Proponent.  Detailed analysis provided in 6042, where the key observations are: Observation 1 In legacy/non-relay scenario, the UE may experience cell selection without cell change, which would stop T390.  Observation 2 In relay scenario, the UE may still experience relay reselection without cell change.  And the proposed change is to remove the restriction of cell-change, as follows |
| Xiaomi | N | In legacy, the cell selection during T390 running is triggered by leaving RRC\_CONNECTED, e.g. RLF or RRC release. However, the relay selection during T390 running may be triggered by IDLE/INACTIVE remote UE mobility, i.e. leave cell coverage and enter relay coverage. If the cell doesn’t change during relay selection, it’s like UE moves within the same cell. There is no correspongding stop event in legacy. |
| Apple | Y | Same view as OPPO |
| ZTE | Y |  |
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### Others

For B209, B100 and B212, the moderator understands the proposed change in B209 is covered in offline #620. B100 has been discussed in pre#610. B212 is also for SIB forwarding which may be in the scope of offline #620. Thus no questions or proposals for those RILs.

**3.4 Comments on the RIL list or Draft CR in R2-2206077**

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| **Company** | **RIL number** | **Comments** |
| ZTE | Z618 | According to 38.473, PC5 RLC channel ID can be allocated in scope of remote UE or relay UE. This depends on whether CU set remote UE ID in PC5 RLC channel configuration list of UE CONTEXT MODIFICATION REQUEST as shown below.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **>PC5 RLC Channel to be Modified Item IEs** |  | *1 .. <maxnoofPC5RLCChannels>* |  | | >>PC5 RLC Channel ID | M |  | 9.3.1.265 | | >>Remote UE local ID | O |  | 9.3.1.267 |   Suppose the PC5 RLC channel ID is allocated uniquely within the scope of remote UE, different remote UEs connected to one relay UE may share a same PC5 RLC channel ID. In this case, remote UE ID needs to be included in the PC5 RLC channel configuration of RRCReconfiguration message, so that relay UE can identify the PC5 RLC channel is associated with which remote UE.  In R16, UE can identify the SLRB configuration received from gNB is associated with which destination UE based on the QFI in SDAP configuration since the QFI is indexed across all destination UEs. However, PC5 RLC channel configuration does not include QFI and the QFI based approach is not applicalbe here. Therefore, we need remote UE ID to differentiate the PC5 RLC channel with same PC5 RLC channel ID.  We have submitted a Tdoc R2-2205066 for this. The potential change is as follows. Considering this issue is cross-WG and it also has ASN.1 impact, it is suggested that rapporteur treat this issue as high priority. |
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# 4 Conclusion

# 5 Annex: Issues and proposals in R2-2206077

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| Number | Issue | Related RILs/Company contributions | Class | Handled by other email |
|  | Clarify exceptional cases for L2 U2N Relay UE’s to trigger RRC connection establishment by AS layer. | V200, v201 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Whether the concept of PCell/current cell is applicable to L2 remote UE. | O002, E089, A806 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Discuss whether L2 relay can be configured with HO without DRB and/or SRB2. | O004 | Class 1 |  |
|  | About PC5 RLC bearer and SRAP configuration for remote UE’s SRB1 transmission at PC5 hop,  1. Clarify if the dedicated configuration can be provide via RRCSetup/RRCReestablishment which has no full security; if allowed, double check if the SetupRelease structure is needed.  2. Revisit the RAN2 agreement that the SRB1 messages other than RRCResume/RRCReestablishment/RRCReconfigurationComplete in case of path switch to IDLE/INACTIVE relay UE mush use dedicated PC5 RLC configuration. | H596, A302/A308/A906 (R2-2205634), H812(R2-2206075), O94, I012, N005, H811(R2-2206074). | Class 2 |  |
|  | Clarify the meaning and differentiation of the following term: capable of/acting as/is a L2 U2N Relay UE or Remote UE. | A304/A305/A307/A311(R2-2205635), H809(R2-2206076) | Class 1 |  |
|  | Clarify how to determine serving cell change of target relay UE before path switch. | X200, H808(R2-2206073) | Class 1/2 |  |
|  | Relay Re/selection Requirement Conflict;  Clarify UE behaviour on cell (re)selection and relay (re)selection. | M112(R2-2204587), v208 | Class 1 | #610 |
|  | For NR SL discovery transmission, the specific pools for CBR measurements are unknown and should be specified. | Z651, Z652, V353(R2-2204564). | Class 1 | #610 |
|  | Regarding measurement reporting on candidate relay, clarify if the strongest relay is among the ones met upper layer criteria. | A314 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Dedicated pool and shared pool prioritization for discovery monitoring. | V410(R2-2204675), O058(R2-2204636) | Class 1 | #610 |
|  | Clarification on the term of “no suitable cell” for OoC case during AS criteria checking, e.g. no serving cell, out of coverage on the frequency used for SL communication, no acceptable cell, no cell to camp on. | M106, O075, O076, H810(R2-2206072), B207/B208(R2-2205685) | Class 1 |  |
|  | How to configure Remote UE specific timer value, e.g. introduce a remote UE specific offset, define longer values for remote UE. | V213(R2-2204678) and B100(R2-2205695) | Class 2 | #608 |
|  | To enable Remote UE request posSIBs (or Rel-17 SIBs). | M119, H629, Xiaomi(R2- 2205319) | Class 2 | #608, Multi-WI session? |
|  | Whether to differentiate “cell change” in stop condition of the timers. | O090 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Whether to specify remote UE behaviour of re-establish PC5 RLC channel of SRB1 during RRC reestablishment. | A805 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Clarify whether CHO can be configured to relay UE | B103 | Class 1 |  |
|  | Missing information of PCI and ARFCN-DL for key derivation during RRC resume/reestablishment procedure. | I046(R2-2205826) | Class 2 |  |
|  | To enable allowlist for Event X1 | S776 (R2-2205092) | Class 2 |  |
|  | Clarify whether groupcast/uniast are supported for discovery | Q539(R2-2205962) | Class 2 | #610 |
|  | Confirm the LCIDs of SL\_RLC1, SL\_RLC0, SL SRB4 are 56, 57, 58.  Note this is not marked as ToDisc as companies have aligned proposed change but would like to confirm with others. | Z671, V216, O089, Z672, V218 | Class 1 but with impact on MAC spec |  |

**Higher priority issues (class 2)**

### Issue 4: PC5 RLC bearer and SRAP configuration for remote UE’s SRB1 transmission at PC5 hop

**Proposal 1: Regarding the configuration used for SRB1 transmission/reception at PC5 hop, RAN2 to agree:**

* **All SRB1 messages are allowed to use default SL-RLC1, i.e. remove the dedicated configuration of PC5 RLC from *RRCReestablishment* message;**
* **Discuss whether to remove the dedicated configuration of PC5 RLC from *RRCSetup* message;**
* **Define default configuration of SRAP used for reception of *RRCResume/RRCReestablishment* at PC5 hop, in order to establish SRAP entity and pass the messages to RRC layer.**

### Issue 17: Missing information of PCI and ARFCN-DL for key derivation during RRC resume/reestablishment procedure

**Proposal 2: PCI and ARFCN-DL should be provided to remote UE to derive KgNB before remote UE receiving *RRCResume/RRCReestablishment* message. FFS using PC5 RRC or the RRC container in discovery message.**

### Issue 18: To enable allowlist for Event X1

**Proposal 3: RAN2 to agree adding *useAllowedCellList* in event X1.**

### Issue 20. Confirm the LCIDs of SL\_RLC1, SL\_RLC0, SL SRB4 are 56, 57, 58.

**Proposal 4: RAN2 to confirm the LCIDs of SL\_RLC1, SL\_RLC0, SL SRB4 are 56, 57, 58.**

**Medium priority issues (may have asn.1 impact)**

### Issue 6: How to determine serving cell change of target relay UE before path switch

**Proposal 5: RAN2 to down select among the solutions for remote UE determining target relay UE’s serving cell change:**

* **Based on measurement report;**
* **Based on cell ID indicated in both of path switch command and discovery message, i.e. NCGI is to be added to path switch command.**
* **Keep the current description, i.e. left to UE implementation.**

**Lower priority issues (class 1)**

### Issue 2: Whether the concept of PCell/current cell is applicable to L2 remote UE

**Proposal 6: RAN2 to agree keeping the concept of PCell/current cell for remote UE.**

### Issue 3: Discuss whether L2 relay can be configured with HO without DRB and/or SRB2

**Proposal 7: RAN2 to confirm L2 relay cannot be configured with HO without DRB and/or SRB2 (Same requirement as legacy UE).**

### Issue 16: Clarify whether CHO can be configured to relay UE

**Proposal 8: RAN2 to confirm CHO cannot be configured to L2 U2N Relay UE.**

### Issue 11: Clarification on the term of “no suitable cell” for OoC case during AS criteria checking, e.g. no serving cell, out of coverage on the frequency used for SL communication, no acceptable cell, no cell to camp on

**Proposal 9: RAN2 to discuss to replace “no suitable cell” with which one from “no acceptable cell” or “no serving cell” or “no cell to camp on”.**

### Issue 5: Clarify the meaning and differentiation of the following term: capable of/acting as/is a L2 U2N Relay UE or Remote UE

**Proposal 10: Update the RRC specification as following:**

* **For the procedural text only applicable to UEs acting as U2N remote UE or U2N relay UE, use “UE is acting as U2N remote/relay UE”**
* **For the procedural text common for UEs acting as U2N remote/relay UE and UEs to be acting as U2N remote/relay UE, use “UE capable of U2N remote/relay UE operation”**

### Issue 9: Regarding measurement reporting on candidate relay, clarify if the strongest relay is among the ones met upper layer criteria.

**Proposal 11: RAN2 to confirm the remote UE only reports the relay UEs met both of upper layer criteria and AS layer criteria in the measurement results.**

### Issue 15: Whether to specify remote UE behaviour of re-establish PC5 RLC channel of SRB1 during RRC reestablishment

**Proposal 12: RAN2 to discuss whether to specify remote UE behaviour of re-establish PC5 RLC channel of SRB1 during RRC reestablishment.**

**No proposals for the following issues:**

Issue 1: Clarify exceptional cases for L2 U2N Relay UE’s to trigger RRC connection establishment by AS layer

Issue 14: Whether to differentiate “cell change” in stop condition of the timers

B209, B100 and B212