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Title: Summary of [AT119bis-e][427][Relay] Remaining proposals on UE-to-UE relay (InterDigital)

Document for: Discussion, Decision

# 1 Introduction

* [AT119bis-e][427][Relay] Remaining proposals on UE-to-UE relay (InterDigital)

Scope: Discuss P4.2/P6.1/P8.2/P9.1 of R2-2210893.

Intended outcome: Report to CB session

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The following document summarizes the discussion.

# 2 Discussion

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### 2.1 P4.2

The original P4.2 from R2-2210893 is as follows.

*Proposal 4.2: RAN2 discuss whether the dedicated discovery resource pool introduced in Rel-17 for U2N relay discovery is used for U2U relay discovery as well.*

**Q1.1) Do you agree that the dedicated discovery resource pool introduced in Rel-17 for U2N relay discovery is used for U2U relay discovery as well?**

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| Company | Response (Y/N) | Comments |
| InterDigital | Yes | No need to deviate from Rel17. Furthermore, to avoid resource fragmentation, the same pool can be used for U2N and U2U. |
| Apple | Yes | Same view as InterDigital. There is no need to introduce a new type of discovery pool for U2U only. |
| OPPO | Yes |  |
| Kyocera | Yes | We agree with InterDigital that same pools may be used for U2N and U2U. |
| CATT | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | Yes |  |

### 2.2 P6.1

The original P6.1 from R2-2210893 is as follows.

*Proposal 6.1: RAN2 discusses the conditions at the relay and remote UE for transmission of discovery message among among 1) upper layer trigger; 2) channel quality between remote and relay UE; 3) conditions on the nieghbour list at the relay UE; 4) conditions on the contents of discovery received by another relay UE; 5) detection of RLF; 6) notification message received from a remote UE.*

For the different conditions mentioned by company papers in section 8.9.2, it would be best to discuss which triggers are applicable to the relay UE and which are applicable to the remote UE. Rapporteur notices that some conditions are clearly related to the relay or remote UE, while other conditions could be applicable to both and company inputs are needed.

**Q2.1) Which of the following conditions should be used to allow transmission of the discovery message at the relay UE?**

1. **Upper layer**
2. **Channel quality between remote and relay UE**
3. **Conditions on the neighbor list at the relay UE**
4. **Conditions on the contents of discovery received by another relay UE**
5. **Others (please specify)**
6. **The achievable UE list is not empty**

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| Company | Response | Comments |
| InterDigital | A, B, C, D | B is needed as a condition for forwarding the discovery message by the relay. For C, it is useful to avoid a UE configured as a relay to transmit discovery when it has no remote UEs it is serving, or it cannot serve the remote Ues adequately (e.g. low RSRP). For D, it is useful to avoid two relays serving the same set of Ues to both occupy sidelink discovery resources when only one can do the job. |
| Apple | A, B | For C, we do not understand the concept of “neighbor list” here. Does it mean the relay UE need to first build a list of remote UE before announcing discovery message? What if all the remote UE(s) are also waiting for relay UE to announce first? Thus, we think U2U relay shall be allowed to announce its presence even if does not detect any remote UE (or neighbor) yet. We do not support list C as a criterion for “allowing”.  For D, even if this is considered, it is completely up to UE implementation and there is no need to capture anything in the spec. Also, it can also be categorized as upper layer because only the upper layer can process the PC5 discovery message. |
| OPPO | A,B,F | For A and B, we assume to reuse the principle in U2N Relay, that either upper layer can trigger the NR sidelink discovery message transmission, or the channel quality for U2N relay UE should under an upper bound Uu RSRP threshold and above a lower bound Uu RSRP threshold.  For F, our intention is try to be align with SA2 progress, since almost in all of the potential solutions in SA2 TR, the U2U Relay UE needs to maintain an achievable UE list, we think the U2U Relay UE can only act as a Relay UE as long as its maintained list is not empty. |
| Kyocera | a), b), c), f) | For c) and f), it is necessary for the relay UE to inform remote UE of a list of reachable Ues. Additionally, b) allows channel quality to be also included in the list of reachable Ues, which could allow remote Ues to decide which relay UE has better channel condition towards its target UE.  We don’t think d) is needed to prevent relay Ues from transmitting discovery (e.g., Model A discovery) as the relay UE know may not which remote UE is monitoring the discovery message. |
| CATT | A,B as baseline | A and B are inherited from U2N relay and should be set as baseline, further options can also discussed in stage-3. |
| Qualcomm | A | B is not needed, this is different with U2N. in U2U, if the Relay UE can decode the discovery message, then the Relay UE can transmit the discovery message. This should be same as existing PC5 connection setup, in which the UE can establish PC5 connection with the peer UE as long as the UE receives discovery message from the peer UE.  C,D,E,F are SA2 scope. |

**Q2.2) Which of the following conditions should be used to allow transmission of the discovery message at the remote UE?**

1. **Upper layer**
2. **Channel quality between remote and relay UE**
3. **Detection of RLF**
4. **PC5 link release from relay to remote**
5. **Conditions on the contents of discovery received by another relay UE**
6. **Others (please specify)**
7. **Channel quality between Source Remote and Target Remote**

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| Company | Response | Comments |
| InterDigital | A, B, C, D | B, C, and D are all needed to help the remote UE search for another relay when the relay is no longer adequate and should be considered. |
| Apple | A, FFS B | B (e.g., SL-RSRP) is not even available in most of the cases except there is an existing PC5 link between two (remote) UEs, but we also wonder if L2 address in “direct” case and “U2U relay” case are supposed to be different or not. If address is different, then the SL RSRP value of this PC5 link cannot be recognized as a legit input for examining the channel condition between U2U remote and U2U relay.  For C and D, we are confused as the question seems mixing the “triggers of relay reselection” and “allowing/thresholding conditions of discovery” together. We think once a discovery transmission is allowed, the remote UE can always be allowed to transmit (i.e. model B) in regardless of selecting a relay or not.  For E, we have the same comment as in Q2.1 |
| OPPO | A, B, C(with comment),G | For C: we would like to clarify whether the detected RLF is with U2U Relay UE or Target Remote UE. From our understanding, it is reasonable that Remote UE should be triggered to transmit discovery message when the RLF happens in the direct link with Peer Remote UE(either Source or Target).  For g:The purpose of U2U Relay is to achieve the sidelink communication between source and target remote UE. In case there was originally a direct link between Source and Target Remote of which the channel quality is good, then there is no need to adopt U2U Relay only when the channel quality tends to be worse. |
| Kyocera | a), b), c), d), g) | We assume the discovery message transmission can be considered as a result of relay reselection in Q2.3), i.e., the remote UE may send discovery message as a result of relay reselection.  b), c) and d) are all useful conditions for relay reselection, so they should all be considered as triggers for discovery message transmission. |
| CATT | A,C,D,G | A,C,D,G are inherited from U2N relay and should be supported for U2U case. |
| Qualcomm | Only A from AS layer point of view. | This question is about discovery transmission, not relay reselection. There is no discovery message from AS layer, B,C,D, G are conditions to trigger relay reselection, whether to transmit discovery message is up to upper layer. If upper layer determines to transmit discovery message, will indicate to AS layer.  E is SA2 scope, AS layer does not know discovery content. |

### 2.3 P8.2

The original P9.1 from R2-2210893 is as follows.

*Proposal 8.2: RAN2 discusses the relay (re)selection criteria for U2U relay among 1) channel quality between remote and relay UE (first and/or second hop); 2) relay load; 3) Whether the PC5 link of the second hop is already established 4) PLMN ID; 5) Cell ID/gNB; 6) Prioritization of the direct link over a relayed link.*

Different to triggers which were discussed online, the above proposal addresses criteria to be used to determine which relay(s) can be selected by the remote UE once (re)selection is triggered.

**Q2.3) Which of the following criteria can be used by the remote UE to select a relay once relay (re)selection is triggered?**

1. **Channel quality between the remote UE and the relay**
2. **Channel quality between the relay and the destination (second hop)**
3. **Relay load**
4. **Whether PC5 link of the second hop is already established or not**
5. **PLMN ID**
6. **Cell ID/gNB**
7. **Prioritization of the direct link over the relayed link**
8. **Others (please specify)**

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| Company | Response | Comments |
| InterDigital | A, B, C, D | For A and B, although the relay selection can be upto UE implementation (as in Rel17), the remote UE should be able to have access to the channel quality of both hops.  It is not clear whether E and F are needed for U2U relay. As for G, this can be taken into account by the reselection triggering. |
| Apple | A,B,C,D | Same view as InterDigital. We think E,F are not needed for U2U relay as gNB is not involved. For G, this should be based on link quality comparison, we do not think this can be counted as an independent trigger. |
| OPPO | A B | For C, we do not see a strong motivation have the differentiation between U2U and U2N Relay (re)selection criteria, since in U2N, the Relay load is not considered. |
| Kyocera | a), b), c), g)  h) SL-RLF | a), b) and/or h) for both links should be applicable, since the target UE would not be reachable.  g) should be supported, although it’s FFS if channel conditions between the two links is applicable. |
| CATT | A,B,F | In U2N relay, besides AS criteria, serving Cell ID, PLMN ID and L2/L3 relay support is also supported. For U2U relay, A and B are related to AS criteria, F is related to NAS creiteria(can be further confirmed by SA2). |
| Qualcomm | A from AS layer point of view | From AS layer point of view, only A.  Other conditions are being discussed in SA2, should wait SA2 progress. |

### 2.4 P9.1

The original P9.1 from R2-2210893 is as follows.

Proposal 9.1: RAN2 to discuss whether the indication is needed for whether the gNB is capable of U2U relay discovery

**Q4.1) Is the indication for whether the gNB is capable of U2U relay discovery needed?**

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| Company | Response (Y/N) | Comments |
| InterDigital | No, with comments | Considering the agreement to strive for simplified gNB involvement, we think an indication is not needed. However, we are fine to leave this discussion to later when we have further defined U2U relay and the required gNB involvement. |
| Apple | No | No new SIB indication is needed. We can reuse the indication of ProSe discovery for this. |
| OPPO | Yes | Even the simplified gNB involvement may be applied, there is still a need of gNB capability to give either resource or SL-RB configuration towards U2U Relay/Remote, and we are not sure whether the indication of ProSe discovery can be reused for U2U since there are some delta part configuration, such as what we discussed in Q2.1 and Q2.2 |
| Kyocera | Yes | We assume IDLE/INACTIVE relay UEs would use Mode 2 discovery resources which should be controllable by the gNB. |
| CATT | See comment | It is too premature to discuss this question. Postpone is preferred. |
| Qualcomm |  | Postpone to discuss. |

# 4 Conclusion

Rapporteur suggests the following proposals

# 4 References

1. R2-2210893 Summary of AI 8.9.2 – UE to UE Relay (InterDigital) – InterDigital