

SIGNAL TRANSMISSION METHOD AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] Embodiments of this disclosure relate to the field of communications
5 technologies, and specifically, to a signal transmission method and a
communications device.

BACKGROUND

[0002] As shown in FIG. 1, a long term evolution (Long Term Evolution, LTE)
system of release 12 (Release 12, Rel-12) or later supports sidelink (Sidelink, SL)
10 for direct data transmission between terminals (for example, user equipments
(User Equipment, UE)) without through a network device.

[0003] Sidelink transmission mode: Sidelink transmission in the related art
mainly includes the following sidelink transmission modes: broadcast (broadcast),
groupcast (groupcast), and unicast (unicast). Unicast, as its name implies, is a
15 one-to-one (one to one) transmission. Groupcast is a one-to-many (one to many)
transmission. Broadcast is also a one-to-many transmission, but for broadcast,
there is no concept that UEs belong to a same group. The sidelink unicast and
groupcast communications in the related art support a hybrid automatic repeat
request (Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request, HARQ) feedback mechanism at a
20 physical layer. The sidelink broadcast does not require feedback from a receiver.

[0004] LTE sidelink is designed to be applicable to specific public safety affairs (for example, emergency communication on a fire site or a disaster site such as an earthquake), vehicle to everything (vehicle to everything, V2X) communication, or the like. The vehicle to everything communication includes
5 various services, for example, basic security communication, advanced (autonomous) driving, platooning, and sensor extension. LTE sidelink supports only broadcast communication, and therefore is mainly used for basic security communication. Other advanced V2X services with strict quality of service (Quality of Service, QoS) requirements in terms of delay and reliability are
10 supported by new radio (New Radio, NR) sidelink.

[0005] When UE transmits or receives a sidelink synchronization signal (Sidelink Synchronization Signal, SLSS) through a PC5 interface, if there is a resource conflict with the transmission or reception of another channel/signal, the UE cannot determine which signal needs to be processed, resulting in a link
15 communication failure.

SUMMARY

[0006] A purpose of embodiments of this disclosure is to provide a signal transmission method and a communications device, so as to resolve the problem of a link communication failure due to resource conflict with transmission of
20 another channel/signal when UE transmits a sidelink synchronization signal through a PC5 interface.

[0007] According to a first aspect of this disclosure, a signal transmission method is provided, which includes:

determining a transmission priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with transmission of a second signal; and

preferentially transmitting or receiving the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially transmitting or receiving the second signal
5 based on the transmission priority;

where the first signal includes a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH.

[0008] According to a second aspect of this disclosure, a communications device is further provided, which includes:

a first determining module, configured to determine a transmission
10 priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with transmission of a second signal; and

a first transceiver module, configured to preferentially transmit or receive the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially transmit or receive the second signal based on the transmission priority;

15 where the first signal includes a SLSS or a signal carried by a physical sidelink broadcast channel (PSBCH).

[0009] According to a third aspect of this disclosure, a communications device is further provided, which includes: a processor, a memory, and a program stored in the memory and capable of running on the processor, where when the
20 program is executed by the processor, the steps of the signal transmission method according to the first aspect are implemented.

[0010] According to a fourth aspect of this disclosure, a computer-readable storage medium is further provided, where the computer-readable storage medium stores a computer program, and when the computer program is executed

by a processor, the steps of the signal transmission method according to the first aspect are implemented.

[0011] In the embodiments of this disclosure, in a case that transmission of a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH conflicts with transmission of a second
5 signal, a transmission priority is determined, such that the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH is preferentially transmitted or received, or the second signal is preferentially transmitted or received. In this way, a terminal is able to transmit a signal with a higher priority, improving reliability of a communications system.

10 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0012] Those of ordinary skill in the art will be clear about other advantages and benefits by reading detailed description of the optional embodiments below. The accompanying drawings are merely intended to illustrate the objectives of the optional embodiments and are not intended to limit this disclosure. Throughout
15 the accompanying drawings, the same reference signs represent the same components. In the accompanying drawings:

[0013] FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of uplink (Uplink), downlink (Downlink), and sidelink (Sidelink) in an LTE system;

[0014] FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of a transmission conflict between
20 channels/signals;

[0015] FIG. 3 is a schematic flowchart of a signal transmission method according to an embodiment of this disclosure;

[0016] FIG. 4 is a first schematic structural diagram of a communications device according to an embodiment of this disclosure; and

[0017] FIG. 5 is a second schematic structural diagram of a communications device according to an embodiment of this disclosure.

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DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0018] To help better understand the embodiments of this disclosure, the following technologies are introduced firstly:

[0019] I. Priority for sidelink:

[0020] (I) Rel-12:

10 [0021] Proximity-based services (Proximity-based services, ProSe) provide direct discovery (Direct discovery, for example, allowing a terminal to discover a nearby terminal that can be directly connected to), direct communication (Direct communication, for example, exchanging data with a nearby terminal), and other functions. In a ProSe network architecture, a communications interface between
15 terminals is called a PC5 interface, and an interface connecting a terminal and an access network device in an evolved universal terrestrial radio access network (Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network, E-UTRAN) is called a Uu interface. In Rel-12, priorities for Uu interface (hereinafter referred to as Uu for short) data transmission and reception, PC5 discovery (discovery) transmission
20 and reception, and PC5 communication (Communication) transmission and reception are stipulated as follows (in descending order of priority):

(1) Uu data transmission and reception;

(2) SL PC5 data transmission and reception; and

(3) SL PC5 discovery signal notification and monitoring.

[0022] (II) Release 13 (Release 13, Rel-13):

[0023] In Rel-13 version, to improve discovery transmission performance, a sidelink discovery gap (gap) (specially used for discovery reception/transmission)

5 is introduced. In addition, considering particularity of a Uu random access channel (Random Access Channel, RACH), the priorities of Uu data transmission and reception, PC5 discovery transmission and reception, and PC5 communication transmission and reception have been rearranged as follows:

(1) Uu transmission and reception for RACH random access;

10 (2) SL PC5 discovery channel notification message (within a SL discovery gap);

(3) Non-random access channel (NON-RACH) data transmission;

(4) SL PC5 discovery monitoring (within a SL discovery gap);

(5) Uu NON-RACH data reception; and

15 (6) SL PC5 data transmission and reception.

[0024] In Rel-13, a proximity-based services per-packet priority (ProSe Per-Packet Priority, PPPP) is introduced. The PPPP can be divided into eight groups at most, with values ranging from 0 to 7. A smaller PPPP value corresponds to a higher priority for data packet transmission, and one data packet may correspond

20 to one or more PPPPs.

[0025] (III) Release 14 (Release 14, Rel-14):

[0026] In Rel-14, a V2X SL communications technology is introduced. V2X is mainly used in in-vehicle communication and relates to safety issues. A priority for safety data transmission is higher than that for common data transmission. In

addition, four control formats are defined for sidelink resource scheduling in 3GPP Rel-14, as shown in Table 1 below. In sidelink TM3 and sidelink TM4, a priority for data transmission is related to a "priority" parameter in sidelink control information (Sidelink Control Information, SCI) format 1. The parameter

5 is also a PPPP value with the highest priority in PPPP values associated with a data packet at an application layer. If the "Priority" parameter value in SCI format 1 is smaller than a *thresSL-TxPrioritization* parameter value configured by a high layer (that is, the priority is high), a terminal transmits data over SL and suspends

uplink data transmission over the Uu interface. Otherwise, if the "Priority" parameter value in SCI format 1 is greater than the *thresSL-TxPrioritization* parameter value, the terminal suspends data transmission over SL.

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Table 1:

3GPP Release	SL transmission mode (TM)	SCI	Description
R13	SL TM1	Downlink control information (Downlink Control Information, DCI) 5	A network allocates SL transmission resources, for example, in an area with signal coverage.
R13	SL TM2	SCI format (format) 0	A terminal autonomously selects SL transmission

			resources, for example, in an area with no signal coverage.
R14	SL TM3	DCI 5A	Used for in-vehicle V2X. A network allocates SL transmission resources. Semi-persistent scheduling is introduced.
R14	SL TM4	SCI format 1	Used for in-vehicle V2X. A terminal autonomously selects SL transmission resources, for example, in an area with no signal coverage. Semi-persistent scheduling is introduced.

[0027] II. Sidelink synchronization signal/broadcast channel

[0028] An LTE sidelink synchronization signal is a SLSS, and a broadcast channel is a physical sidelink broadcast channel (Physical sidelink broadcast Channel, PSBCH), which are transmitted by transmit end UE through
5 broadcasting, and received by receive end UE. An NR SLSS and a PSBCH are included in a sidelink synchronization signal block (Sidelink Synchronization Signal Block, S-SSB).

[0029] As shown in FIG. 2, transmission or reception of the LTE
10 SLSS/PSBCH and the NR S-SSB may conflict with transmission of the following channels/signals:

(1) Transmission or reception of SL data of a different RAT;
 (2) Transmission or reception of Uu data of a different RAT;
 (3) Transmission or reception of SLSSs of a different RAT (that is, LTE SLSSs/PSBCHs or NR S-SSBs);

5 (4) Transmission or reception of SL data of the same RAT; and
 (5) Transmission or reception of Uu data of the same RAT.

[0030] However, for the foregoing resource collisions, a current protocol has not yet specified relevant solutions for LTE SLSSs/PSBCHs and NR S-SSBs.

[0031] The following clearly and completely describes the technical solutions
 10 in the embodiments of this disclosure with reference to the accompanying drawings in the embodiments of this disclosure. Apparently, the described embodiments are some rather than all of the embodiments of this disclosure. All other embodiments obtained by persons of ordinary skill in the art based on the embodiments of this disclosure without creative efforts shall fall within the
 15 protection scope of this disclosure.

[0032] Terms "include", "comprise" and any other variants thereof in the specification and claims of the application are intended to cover the non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, method, system, product, or device that includes a series of steps or units is not necessarily limited to those expressly
 20 listed steps or units, but may include other steps or units not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, system, product, or device. In addition, in the specification and claims, the use of "and/or" represents presence of at least one of the connected objects, for example, "A and/or B" indicates that the following three cases: only A, only B, or both A and B.

[0033] In the embodiments of this disclosure, the terms such as "an example" or "for example" are used to represent an example, an illustration, or a description. Any embodiment or design solution described as "an example" or "for example" in the embodiments of this disclosure shall not be interpreted as being more preferred or advantageous than other embodiments or design solutions. To be precise, the terms such as "example" or "for example" are intended to present a related concept in a specific manner.

[0034] The technologies described herein are not limited to long term evolution (Long Time Evolution, LTE)/LTE-Advanced (LTE-Advanced, LTE-A) system, and are also applicable to various wireless communications systems, such as code division multiple access (Code Division Multiple Access, CDMA), time division multiple access (Time Division Multiple Access, TDMA), frequency division multiple access (Frequency Division Multiple Access, FDMA), orthogonal frequency division multiple access (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access, OFDMA), single-carrier frequency-division multiple access (Single-carrier Frequency-Division Multiple Access, SC-FDMA), and other systems.

[0035] The terms "system" and "network" are usually used interchangeably. The CDMA system can implement radio technologies such as CDMA2000 and universal terrestrial radio access (Universal Terrestrial Radio Access, UTRA). UTRA includes wideband CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access, WCDMA) and other CDMA variants. The TDMA system may implement radio technologies such as global system for mobile communications (Global System for Mobile Communication, GSM). The OFDMA system can implement radio

technologies such as ultra mobile broadband (Ultra Mobile Broadband, UMB), evolved UTRA (Evolved-UTRA, E-UTRA), IEEE 802.11 (wireless fidelity, (Wireless Fidelity, Wi-Fi)), IEEE 802.16 (worldwide interoperability for microwave access (Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access, WiMAX)),
 5 IEEE 802.20, and Flash-OFDM. UTRA and E-UTRA are part of the universal mobile telecommunications system (Universal Mobile Telecommunications System, UMTS). LTE and more advanced LTEs (for example, LTE-A) are new releases of UMTS that use E-UTRA. UTRA, E-UTRA, UMTS, LTE, LTE-A, and GSM are described in documents from an organization named "3rd Generation
 10 Partnership Project" (3rd Generation Partnership Project, 3GPP). CDMA2000 and UMB are described in documents from an organization named "3rd Generation Partnership Project 2" (3GPP2). The technologies described herein are applicable not only to the above-mentioned systems and radio technologies, but also to other systems and radio technologies.

15 **[0036]** An access network device provided in the embodiments of this disclosure may be a base station. The base station may be a commonly used base station or an evolved node base station (evolved node base station, eNB), or may be a network device in a 5G system (for example, a next generation node base station (next generation node base station, gNB) or a transmission and reception
 20 point (transmission and reception point, TRP)), or the like.

[0037] The terminal provided in the embodiments of this disclosure may be a mobile phone, a tablet computer, a notebook computer, an ultra-mobile personal computer (Ultra-mobile Personal Computer, UMPC), a netbook, a personal digital assistant (Personal Digital Assistant, PDA), a mobile Internet device

(Mobile Internet Device, MID), a wearable device (Wearable Device), a vehicle-mounted device, or the like.

[0038] Referring to FIG. 3, an embodiment of this disclosure provides a signal transmission method. The method may be performed by a communications device
5 such as a terminal and includes step 301 and step 302.

[0039] Step 301: Determine a transmission priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with transmission of a second signal.

[0040] The first signal includes a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH.

[0041] In this embodiment, the transmission priority includes that a
10 transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal or that a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal.

[0042] Step 302: Preferentially transmit or receive the first signal based on
15 the transmission priority, or preferentially transmit or receive the second signal based on the transmission priority.

[0043] In this embodiment, based on the transmission priority, the first signal is preferentially transmitted or received or the second signal is preferentially transmitted or received, so that in a case that transmission of the SLSS or the
20 signal carried by the PSBCH conflicts with the transmission of the second signal, a terminal can transmit or receive the signal with a higher priority.

[0044] It can be understood that if the terminal's capability allows only one transmission at one time, the terminal transmits a signal with a higher priority and stop transmitting a signal with a lower priority. If the terminal's capability allows

dual transmissions at one time, the terminal transmits a signal with a higher priority, and transmits a signal with a lower priority at a reduced power.

[0045] For example, if a transmitting priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the second signal, the first signal is transmitted, and
 5 transmission of the second signal is stopped; or the first signal is transmitted, and the second signal is transmitted at a reduced power.

[0046] For another example, if a transmitting priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the first signal, the second signal is transmitted, and transmission of the first signal is stopped; or the second signal is
 10 transmitted, and the first signal is transmitted at a reduced power.

[0047] For example, if the terminal's capability allows only one transmission at one time, and a transmitting priority of the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH is higher than a transmitting priority of the second signal, the terminal transmits the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH. If the terminal's capability
 15 allows dual transmissions at one time, and a transmitting priority of the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH is higher than a transmitting priority of the second signal, the terminal transmits the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH at a first power, and transmits the second signal at a second power, where the second power is N% of a power for normally transmitting the second signal, and
 20 a value of N may be determined at a reduced power in the related art.

[0048] The second signal may include: a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, SL data (data) or Uu data (including a signal carried by a PRACH or a signal carried by a non-PRACH), and the like.

[0049] In this embodiment of this disclosure, the transmission priority may be determined based on one or more of signal types, priority parameters, priority thresholds, radio access technologies, and signal transmission directions of the first signal and second signal.

5 **[0050]** For example, the priority parameter may be represented as "priority", and a value of the priority parameter may range from 0 to 7. The transmission priorities of the first signal and second signal are determined by comparing values of the priority parameters. For example, a smaller value of the priority parameter corresponds to a higher transmission priority, or a larger value of the priority
10 parameter corresponds to a higher transmission priority.

[0051] (1) Determine the transmission priority based on the signal types of the first signal and second signal.

[0052] For example, if the second signal includes sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same
15 radio access technology, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0053] For example, if the second signal includes physical random access channel (Physical Random Access Channel, PRACH) data over a Uu interface,
20 and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0054] For example, if the second signal includes non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0055] (2) Determine the transmission priority based on the priority parameters and priority thresholds of the first signal and second signal.

[0056] For example, if the second signal includes a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies, or if the second signal includes sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, the transmission priority is determined based on a priority parameter of the first signal and a priority parameter of the second signal.

[0057] For example, if the priority parameter of the first signal is smaller than the priority parameter of the second signal, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or, if the priority parameter of the first signal is greater than the priority parameter of the second signal, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0058] Further, if the priority parameter of the first signal is equal to the priority parameter of the second signal, the transmission priority is determined based on one or more of priority thresholds, radio access technologies, and signal transmission directions of the first signal and second signal.

[0059] Further, if the priority parameter of the first signal is greater than a first priority threshold, and the priority parameter of the second signal is smaller than a second priority threshold, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal; otherwise, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0060] (3) Determine the transmission priority based on the priority thresholds of the first signal and second signal.

[0061] For example, in a case that the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and that the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, the transmission priority is determined.

[0062] If the priority parameter of the first signal is greater than a first priority threshold, and the priority parameter of the second signal is smaller than a second priority threshold, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal; otherwise, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0063] (4) Determine the transmission priority based on the radio access technologies of the first signal and second signal.

[0064] For example, if the second signal is a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, a radio access technology for the first signal is new radio (NR), and a radio access technology for the second signal is long term evolution (LTE), it is

determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

- 5 **[0065]** For example, if the second signal is sidelink data, a radio access technology for the first signal is NR, and a radio access technology for the second signal is LTE, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower
10 than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

- [0066]** For example, if the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, a radio access technology for the first signal is NR, and a radio access technology for the second signal is LTE, it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving
15 priority of the second signal; or it is determined that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[0067] (5) Determine the transmission priority based on the transmission directions of the first signal and second signal.

- 20 **[0068]** If the second signal is a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies; or if the second signal is sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology; or if the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and the first signal and the

second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, one of the following is determined:

a transmitting priority of the first signal or second signal is higher than a receiving priority of the first signal or second signal; or

5 a transmitting priority of the first signal or second signal is lower than a receiving priority of the first signal or second signal.

[0069] In this embodiment of this disclosure, in a case that the transmission of the SLSS or the signal carried by the PSBCH conflicts with the transmission of the second signal, a transmission priority is determined, such that the SLSS or
10 the signal carried by the PSBCH is preferentially transmitted or received, or the second signal is preferentially transmitted or received. In this way, a terminal is able to transmit a signal with a higher priority, improving reliability of a communications system.

[0070] For better understanding of this embodiment of this disclosure, the
15 following assumes that the first signal and the second signal are both SLSS, and describes a priority handling method for SLSS when the SLSS conflicts with another signal/channel in the following two scenarios. The conflict between the SLSS and another signal/channel includes the following two scenarios.

[0071] Scenario 1: resource collision with PC5 SL transmission or Uu
20 transmission of a different radio access technology (Radio Access Technology, RAT).

[0072] For example, a resource collision occurs between PC5 RAT1 SLSS transmission or reception and PC5 RAT2 SLSS transmission or reception.

[0073] A resource collision occurs between PC5 RAT1 SLSS transmission or reception and PC5 RAT2 SL data transmission or reception.

[0074] A resource collision occurs between PC5 RAT1 SLSS transmission or reception and Uu RAT2 uplink (Uplink, UL)/downlink (downlink, DL) data transmission or reception.

[0075] It can be understood that RAT1 may be LTE, NR, or the like, and RAT2 may be NR, LTE, or the like.

[0076] Scenario 2: resource collision with PC5 SL transmission and Uu transmission of a same RAT.

[0077] For example, a resource collision occurs between PC5 RAT1 SLSS transmission or reception and PC5 RAT1 SL data transmission or reception.

[0078] For example, a resource collision occurs between PC5 RAT1 SLSS transmission or reception and Uu RAT1 UL/DL data transmission or reception.

[0079] It can be understood that RAT1 may be LTE, NR, or the like.

[0080] In the priority processing method of the SLSS, a priority parameter, which may also be called priority, may be set for each of the first signal and the second signal. For example, the priority parameter is represented as "priority", and a value of the priority parameter may range from 0 to 7. The transmission priorities of the first signal and second signal are determined by comparing values of the priority parameters. For example, a smaller value of the priority parameter corresponds to a higher transmission priority, or a larger value of the priority parameter corresponds to a higher transmission priority.

[0081] In addition, for some conflict cases, a priority threshold may be introduced to further determine the transmission priorities of the first signal and

second signal. For example, a priority threshold of the SLSS may be set to `thres_slss`, and a priority threshold of Uu SL data may be set according to a protocol in the related art, for example, is represented as `thres_Uu`.

[0082] For ease of description, the following scenarios are described based only on a case that the first signal and the second signal are SLSSs. It can be understood that the first signal and the second signal may alternatively be signals carried by a PSBCH. When the signal carried by the PSBCH conflicts with another signal/channel, for the priority processing method of the signal carried by the PSBCH, reference may be made to the priority processing method of the SLSS, and details are not repeated herein.

[0083] Scenario 1: Signal priority processing methods for different RATs:

[0084] When UE transmits or receives a RAT1 SLSS through a PC5 interface, processes described in the following 1, 2, or 3 are performed.

[0085] (1) In a case of a resource collision with PC5 RAT2 SLSS transmission or reception, the UE determines, according to the following rules, to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS or the RAT2 SLSS:

[0086] Rule 1: When a requirement of one transmission and one reception is met, the UE may determine priorities based on transmission directions, and perform the following a1 or a2.

[0087] (a1) If it is specified that a transmitting priority is higher than a receiving priority, the UE determines to transmit the RAT1 SLSS.

[0088] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is higher than a receiving priority of the PC5 RAT2 SLSS, the RAT1 SLSS is transmitted through the PC5 interface.

[0089] (a2) If it is specified that the transmitting priority is lower than the receiving priority, the UE determines to receive the RAT2 SLSS.

[0090] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is lower than a receiving priority of the PC5 RAT2 SLSS, the RAT2 SLSS is
5 received through the PC5 interface.

[0091] Rule 2: The transmission priority may be determined by comparing priorities of the RAT1 SLSS and the RAT2 SLSS. Assuming that a smaller value of the priority corresponds to a higher priority, the following b1, b2, or b3 is performed.

10 **[0092]** (b1) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS < the priority of the RAT2 SLSS, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[0093] (b2) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS > the priority of the RAT2 SLSS, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SLSS.

[0094] (b3) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS = the priority of the
15 RAT2 SLSS, the UE autonomously determines to transmit or receive a SLSS of a particular RAT.

[0095] Alternatively, the UE may further compare the priority thresholds. For example, in a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS > a priority threshold of the RAT1 SLSS and the priority of the RAT2 SLSS < a priority threshold of the RAT2
20 SLSS, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SLSS; otherwise, UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[0096] It can be understood that a higher priority value may alternatively correspond to a higher priority. For example, in a case of the priority of the RAT1

SLSS < the priority of the RAT2 SLSS, UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SLSS. Other cases are similar to this, and are not repeated herein.

[0097] Rule 3: The transmission priority may be determined based on a radio access technology.

- 5 **[0098]** For example, it is specified that a transmitting or receiving priority in NR is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE; or it is specified that a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority in NR.

- 10 **[0099]** (2) In a case of a resource collision with PC5 RAT2 SL data transmission or reception, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00100] Rule 1: When a requirement of one transmission and one reception is met, the UE may determine priorities based on transmission directions, and perform the following a1 or a2.

- 15 **[00101]** (a1) If it is specified that a transmitting priority is higher than a receiving priority, the UE determines to transmit a signal.

[00102] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is higher than a receiving priority of the PC5 RAT2 SL data, the RAT1 SLSS is transmitted through the PC5 interface.

- 20 **[00103]** (a2) If it is specified that the transmitting priority is lower than the receiving priority, the UE determines to receive a signal.

[00104] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is lower than a receiving priority of the PC5 RAT2 SL data, the RAT2 SL data is received through the PC5 interface.

[00105] Rule 2: The transmission priority may be determined based on signal types.

[00106] If it is specified that a transmitting or receiving priority of the SLSS is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the SL data, the UE determines
5 to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00107] If it is specified that a transmitting or receiving priority of the SLSS is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the SL data, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SL data.

[00108] Rule 3: The transmission priority may be determined based on priority
10 parameters and priority thresholds.

[00109] The transmission priority may be determined by comparing priorities of the RAT1 SLSS and the RAT2 SL data. Assuming that a smaller value of the priority corresponds to a higher priority, the following b1, b2, or b3 is performed.

[00110] (b1) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS < the priority of the
15 RAT2 SL data, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00111] (b2) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS > the priority of the RAT2 SL data, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SL data.

[00112] (b3) In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS = the priority of the RAT2 SL data, the UE autonomously determines to transmit or receive a
20 particular signal.

[00113] Alternatively, the UE may further compare the priority thresholds. For example: in a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS > a priority threshold of the RAT1 SLSS and the priority of the RAT2 SL data < a priority threshold of the

RAT2 SL data, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SL data; otherwise, UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00114] It can be understood that a higher priority value may alternatively correspond to a higher priority. For example, in a case of the priority of the RAT1
 5 SLSS < the priority of RAT2 SL data, UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT2 SL data. Other cases are similar to this, and are not repeated herein.

[00115] Rule 4: The transmission priority is determined based on the radio access technologies.

[00116] For example, a transmitting or receiving priority in NR is higher than
 10 a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE; or a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority in NR.

[00117] (3) If a case of a resource collision with transmission or reception of RAT2 UL/DL data through a Uu interface, the UE may determine, according to the following rules, which signal is to be transmitted or received.

15 **[00118]** Rule 1: If a signal carried by a RAT2 PRACH is transmitted or received through a Uu interface, and due to the particularity of the PRACH, a transmitting or receiving priority of the signal carried by the PRACH over the Uu interface is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the RAT1 SLSS, the UE determines to transmit or receive the signal carried by the RAT2 PRACH over
 20 the Uu interface.

[00119] Rule 2: If RAT2 UL/DL data (NON-PRACH) is transmitted or received through a Uu interface, the following c1, c2, c3, or c4 is performed.

[00120] c1: When a requirement of one transmission and one reception is met: c11 or c12 is performed.

[00121] c11: If a transmitting priority is higher than a receiving priority, the UE determines to transmit the RAT1 SLSS.

[00122] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is higher than a receiving priority of the Uu RAT2 UL/DL data, the RAT1 SLSS is
5 transmitted through the PC5 interface.

[00123] c12: If the transmitting priority is lower than the receiving priority, the UE determines to receive the Uu RAT2 UL/DL data.

[00124] For example, when a transmitting priority of the PC5 RAT1 SLSS is lower than a receiving priority of the Uu RAT2 data, the RAT2 data is received
10 through the Uu interface.

[00125] c2: Priorities of the RAT1 SLSS and the Uu RAT2 data may be compared based on priority parameters and thresholds of the RAT1 SLSS and the Uu RAT2 data by performing the following c21, c22, c23, or c24.

[00126] c21: In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS $>$ thres_slss and the
15 priority of the Uu RAT2 data $<$ thres_Uu , that is, when the priority of the RAT1 SLSS is lower and the priority of the Uu RAT2 data is higher, the UE determines to transmit or receive the Uu RAT2 data.

[00127] c22: In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS $<$ thres_slss and the
20 priority of the Uu RAT2 data $>$ thres_Uu , the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00128] c23: In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS $>$ thres_slss and the priority of the Uu RAT2 data $>$ thres_Uu , the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00129] c24: In a case of the priority of the RAT1 SLSS $<$ thres_slss and the priority of the Uu RAT2 data $<$ thres_Uu, the UE determines to transmit or receive the RAT1 SLSS.

[00130] c3: The transmission priority may be determined based on signal types.

5 **[00131]** For example, a transmitting or receiving priority of a signal carried by a non-PRACH over Uu is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the RAT1 SLSS.

[00132] c4: The transmission priority is determined based on radio access technologies.

10 **[00133]** For example, a transmitting or receiving priority in NR is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE; or a transmitting or receiving priority in LTE is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority in NR.

[00134] In a case of dual transmissions, if the UE's capability allows only one transmission at one time, the UE transmits a signal with a higher priority and stops
15 transmitting a signal with a lower priority. If the UE's capability allows dual transmissions at one time, the UE transmits a signal with a higher priority, and transmits a signal with a lower priority at a reduced power.

[00135] Scenario II: Signal priority processing methods for a same RAT (for example, the RAT may be LTE, NR, or the like):

20 **[00136]** It can be understood that for the implementation procedure of Scenario 2, reference may be made to the descriptions in Scenario 1. A difference between Scenario 2 and Scenario 1 lies in that when the signal priority processing method is being determined, radio access technologies of signals may not be considered in comparison, and there is no conflict with a SLSS of a same RAT.

[00137] Referring to FIG. 4, an embodiment of this disclosure provides a communications device 400, including:

a first determining module 401, configured to determine a transmission priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with
 5 transmission of a second signal; and

a first transceiver module 402, configured to preferentially transmit or receive the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially transmit or receive the second signal based on the transmission priority;

where the first signal includes a sidelink synchronization signal (SLSS)
 10 or a signal carried by a physical sidelink broadcast channel (PSBCH).

[00138] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to determine the transmission priority based on one or more of signal types, priority parameters, priority thresholds, radio access technologies, and signal transmission directions of the first signal and second signal.

15 **[00139]** Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to: if the second signal includes sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or

20 if the second signal includes physical random access channel (PRACH) data over a Uu interface, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or

if the second signal includes non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[00140] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to: if the second signal includes a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies, or if the second signal includes sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, determine the transmission priority based on the priority parameter of the first signal and the priority parameter of the second signal.

[00141] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to: if the priority parameter of the first signal is smaller than the priority parameter of the second signal, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal; or if the priority parameter of the first signal is greater than the priority parameter of the second signal, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal.

[00142] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to: if a priority of the first signal is equal to a priority of the second signal, determine the transmission priority based on one or more of priority thresholds, radio access technologies, and signal transmission directions of the first signal and second signal.

[00143] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to:
 if the priority parameter of the first signal is greater than a first priority threshold,
 and the priority parameter of the second signal is smaller than a second priority
 threshold, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal
 5 is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal; otherwise,
 determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than
 a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal;

where the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and
 the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or
 10 a same radio access technology.

[00144] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to:
 if the second signal is a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, a radio access
 technology for the first signal is new radio NR, and a radio access technology for
 the second signal is long term evolution LTE; or

15 if the second signal is sidelink data, a radio access technology for the
 first signal is NR, and a radio access technology for the second signal is LTE; or

if the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, a radio
 access technology for the first signal is NR, and a radio access technology for the
 second signal is LTE, determine

20 that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than
 a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal or that a transmitting or
 receiving priority of the first signal is lower than a transmitting or receiving
 priority of the second signal.

[00145] Optionally, the first determining module 401 is further configured to:

if the second signal is a SLSS or a signal carried by a PSBCH, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies; or if the second signal is sidelink data, and the first signal and the second signal are of different

5 radio access technologies or a same radio access technology; or if the second signal is non-PRACH data over a Uu interface, and the first signal and the second signal are of different radio access technologies or a same radio access technology, determine one of the following:

a transmitting priority of the first signal or second signal is higher than

10 a receiving priority of the first signal or second signal; or

a transmitting priority of the first signal or second signal is lower than

a receiving priority of the first signal or second signal.

[00146] Optionally, the first transceiver module 402 is further configured to: if

a transmitting priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting priority of

15 the second signal, transmit the first signal, and stop transmitting the second signal;

or transmit the first signal, and transmit the second signal at a reduced power; or

if a transmitting priority of the second signal is higher than a

transmitting priority of the first signal, transmit the second signal, and stop

transmitting the first signal; or transmit the second signal, and transmit the first

20 signal at a reduced power.

[00147] The communications device provided in this embodiment of this

disclosure may execute the foregoing method embodiment shown in FIG. 3, with

a similar implementation principle and similar technical effects. Details are not

repeated herein in this embodiment.

[00148] Referring to FIG. 5, FIG. 5 is a structural diagram of a communications device to which an embodiment of this disclosure is applied. As shown in FIG. 5, the communications device 500 includes a processor 501, a transceiver 502, a memory 503, and a bus interface. The processor 501 may be responsible for bus architecture management and general processing. The memory 503 may store data that the processor 501 uses when performing an operation.

[00149] In an embodiment of this disclosure, the communications device 500 further includes a program stored in the memory 503 and capable of running on the processor 501. When the program is executed by the processor 501, the steps of the foregoing method shown in FIG. 3 are implemented.

[00150] In FIG. 5, a bus architecture may include any quantity of interconnected buses and bridges, and specifically connect together various circuits of one or more processors represented by the processor 501 and a memory represented by the memory 503. The bus architecture may further interconnect various other circuits such as a peripheral device, a voltage regulator, and a power management circuit. These are all common sense in the art, and therefore are not further described in this specification. The bus interface provides interfaces. The transceiver 502 may be a plurality of components, including a transmitter and a receiver, and provides units for communicating with a variety of other apparatuses on a transmission medium.

[00151] The communications device provided in this embodiment of this disclosure may execute the foregoing method embodiment shown in FIG. 3, with

a similar implementation principle and similar technical effects. Details are not repeated herein in this embodiment.

[00152] Method or algorithm steps described in combination with the content disclosed in this disclosure may be implemented by hardware, or may be
5 implemented by a processor by executing a software instruction. The software instruction may include a corresponding software module. The software module may be stored in a random access memory (Random Access Memory, RAM), a flash memory, a read-only memory (Read-Only Memory, ROM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (Erasable PROM, EPROM), an electrically
10 erasable programmable read-only memory (Electrically EPROM, EEPROM), a register, a hard disk, a removable hard disk, a compact disc read-only memory, or any other form of storage medium well-known in the art. For example, a storage medium is coupled to the processor, enabling the processor to read information from the storage medium or write information into the storage medium. Certainly,
15 the storage medium may be a component of the processor. The processor and the storage medium may be located in an application-specific integrated circuit (Application Specific Integrated Circuit, ASIC). In addition, the ASIC may be located in a core network interface device. Certainly, the processor and the storage medium may exist in the core network interface device as discrete components.

20 **[00153]** A person skilled in the art should be aware that in the foregoing one or more examples, functions described in this disclosure may be implemented by hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof. In the case of implementation by software, the foregoing functions may be stored in a computer-readable medium or transmitted as one or more instructions or code in the

computer-readable medium. The computer-readable medium includes a computer storage medium and a communication medium, where the communication medium includes any medium that enables a computer program to be transmitted from one place to another place. The storage medium may be any available
5 medium accessible by a general-purpose or dedicated computer.

[00154] The objectives, technical solutions, and benefits of this disclosure are further described in detail in the foregoing specific implementations. It should be understood that the foregoing descriptions are merely specific implementations of this disclosure, but are not intended to limit the protection scope of this
10 disclosure. Any modification, equivalent replacement, or improvement made based on the technical solutions in this disclosure shall fall within the protection scope of this disclosure.

[00155] A person skilled in the art should understand that the embodiments of this disclosure may be provided as a method, a system, or a computer program
15 product. Therefore, the embodiments of this disclosure may be hardware-only embodiments, software-only embodiments, or embodiments with a combination of software and hardware. Moreover, the embodiments of this disclosure may use a form of a computer program product that is implemented on one or more computer-usable storage media (including but not limited to a disk memory, a
20 compact disc read-only memory (Compact Disc Read-Only Memory, CD-ROM), an optical memory, and the like) that include computer-usable program code.

[00156] The embodiments of this disclosure are described with reference to the flowcharts and/or block diagrams of the method, the device (system), and the computer program product according to the embodiments of this disclosure. It

should be understood that computer program instructions may be used to implement each process and/or each block in the flowcharts and/or the block diagrams, or a combination of a process and/or a block in the flowcharts and/or the block diagrams. These computer program instructions may be provided to a
5 general-purpose computer, a special-purpose computer, an embedded processor, or a processor of any other programmable data processing device to generate a machine, so that the instructions executed by a computer or a processor of any other programmable data processing device generate an apparatus for implementing a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts
10 and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

[00157] These computer program instructions may be stored in a computer-readable memory that can instruct the computer or any other programmable data processing device to work in a specific manner, so that the instructions stored in the computer-readable memory generate an artifact that includes an instruction
15 apparatus. The instruction apparatus implements a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

[00158] These computer program instructions may be loaded onto a computer or another programmable data processing device, so that a series of operations
20 and steps are performed on the computer or the another programmable device, thereby generating computer-implemented processing. Therefore, the instructions executed on the computer or the another programmable device provide steps for implementing a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

[00159] Obviously, persons skilled in the art can make various modifications and variations to the embodiments of this disclosure without departing from the spirit and scope of this disclosure. This disclosure is intended to cover these modifications and variations to the embodiments of this disclosure provided that

5 they fall within the protection scope defined by the claims of this disclosure and their equivalent technologies.

CLAIMS

1. A signal transmission method, comprising:

determining a transmission priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with transmission of a second signal; and

5 preferentially transmitting or receiving the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially transmitting or receiving the second signal based on the transmission priority;

wherein the first signal comprises a sidelink synchronization signal (SLSS) or a signal carried by a physical sidelink broadcast channel (PSBCH);

10 wherein the determining a transmission priority comprises: in a case that a priority parameter of the first signal is smaller than a first priority threshold, determining that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal;

wherein the second signal is a Uu interface transmission other than PRACH
15 data, a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) scheduled in a random access response (RAR) uplink grant, or a PUCCH carrying a sidelink hybrid automatic repeat request acknowledgment information report.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the preferentially transmitting or receiving the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially
20 transmitting or receiving the second signal based on the transmission priority comprises:

in a case that a transmitting priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the second signal, transmitting the first signal, and

stopping transmitting the second signal; or transmitting the first signal, and transmitting the second signal at a reduced power; or

in a case that a transmitting priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the first signal, transmitting the second signal, and
 5 stopping transmitting the first signal; or transmitting the second signal, and transmitting the first signal at a reduced power.

3. A communications device, comprising:

a first determining module, configured to determine a transmission priority in a case that transmission of a first signal conflicts with transmission of a second
 10 signal; and

a first transceiver module, configured to preferentially transmit or receive the first signal based on the transmission priority, or preferentially transmit or receive the second signal based on the transmission priority;

wherein the first signal comprises a sidelink synchronization signal (SLSS) or a signal carried by a physical sidelink broadcast channel (PSBCH);
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wherein the first determining module is further configured to: in a case that a priority parameter of the first signal is smaller than a first priority threshold, determine that a transmitting or receiving priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting or receiving priority of the second signal;

20 wherein the second signal is a Uu interface transmission other than PRACH data, a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) scheduled in a random access response (RAR) uplink grant, or a PUCCH carrying a sidelink hybrid automatic repeat request acknowledgment information report.

4. The communications device according to claim 3, wherein the first transceiver module is configured to: in a case that a transmitting priority of the first signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the second signal, transmit the first signal, and stop transmitting the second signal; or transmit the first signal,
5 and transmit the second signal at a reduced power; or

in a case that a transmitting priority of the second signal is higher than a transmitting priority of the first signal, transmit the second signal, and stop transmitting the first signal; or transmit the second signal, and transmit the first signal at a reduced power.

- 10 5. A computer-readable storage medium, wherein the computer-readable storage medium stores a computer program, and when the computer program is executed by a processor, the signal transmission method according to any one of claims 1 to 2 are implemented.