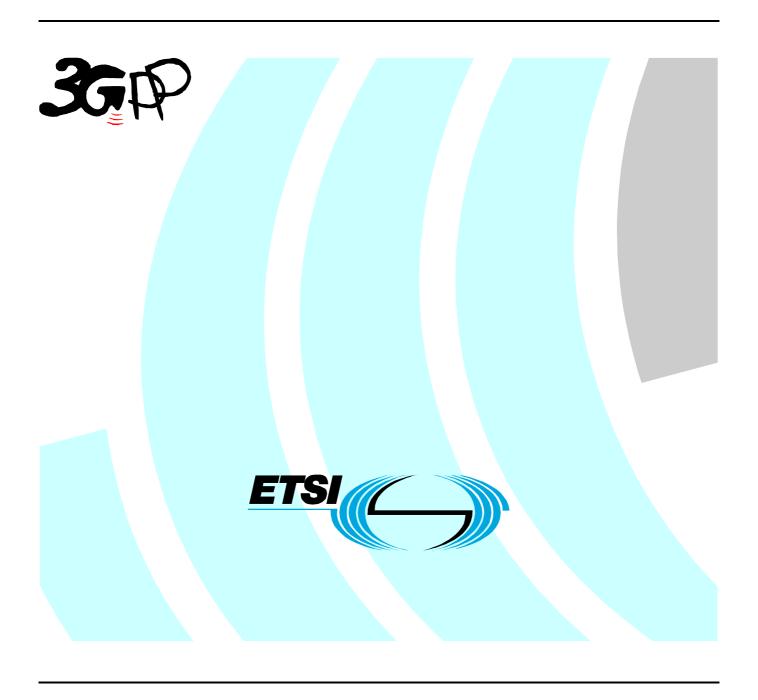
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1 Scope

The present document shall provide a specification of the UTRAN RNC-RNC (Iur) interface Data Transport and Transport Signalling for Common Transport Channel data streams.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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- [1] ITU-T Recommendation I.361 (11/95): "B-ISDN ATM Layer Specification". [2] ITU-T Recommendation I.363.2 (11/2000): "B-ISDN ATM Adaptation Layer type 2". ITU-T Recommendation I.366.1 (6/98): "Segmentation and Re-assembly Service Specific [3] Convergence Sublayer for the AAL type 2". [4] New ITU-T Recommendation Q.2630.1 (12/99): "AAL Type 2 signalling protocol (Capability Set 1)". ITU-T Recommendation E.191 (10/96): "B-ISDN numbering and addressing". [5] [6] 3GPP TS 25.426: "UTRAN I_{ur} and I_{ub} Interface Data Transport & Transport Signalling for DCH Data Streams". 3GPP TS 25.434: "UTRAN I_{ub} Interface Data Transport & Transport Signalling for Common [7] Transport Channel Data Streams". ITU-T Recommendation Q.2630.2 (12/2000): "AAL Type 2 signalling protocol (Capability [8] Set 2)". ITU-T Recommendation X.213 (11/95): "Information Technology - Open Systems [9] Interconnection - Network Service Definition". [10] IETF STD 51, RFC 1661 (July 1994): "The Point-To-Point Protocol (PPP)". IETF STD 51, RFC 1662 July 1994: "PPP in HDLC-like Framing". [11] IETF RFC 2507 (February 1999): "IP header compression". [12] IETF RFC 1990 "The PPP Multilink Protocol (MP)". [13] [14] IETF RFC 2686 "The Multi-Class Extension to Multi-Link PPP". IETF RFC 2509 (February 1999): "IP Header Compression over PPP". [15] [16] IETF RFC 2460 "Internet Protocol, Version 6 (Ipv6) Specification". IETF RFC 791 (1981): "Internet Protocol". [17] [18] IETF RFC 2474 (December 1998): "Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers".

[19]	IETF RFC 768 (8/1980): "User Datagram Protocol".
[20]	IETF RFC 3153 (1/2001): "PPP Multiplexing".
[21]	IETF RFC 2364 (1/2001): "PPP over AAL5".
[22]	IETF RFC 3031 (1/2001): "Multiprotocol Label Switching Architecture".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

Common Transport Channels are defined as transport channels that are shared by several users i.e. RACH, CPCH [FDD], FACH and DSCH.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AAL2	ATM Adaptation Layer type 2
AAL5	ATM Adaptation Layer type 5
AESA	ATM End System Address
ALCAP	Access Link Control Application Part
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
CPCH	Common Packet Channel

CPCH Common Packet Channel
CPS Common Part Sublayer
DiffServ Differentiated Services
DSCH Downlink Shared Channel
FACH Forward Access Channel
HDLC High level Data Link Control

IP Internet Protocol

IPv4 Internet Protocol, version 4
IPv6 Internet Protocol, version 6
IWF Interworking Function
IWU Interworking Unit
LC Link Characteristics
ML/MC PPP Multilink-Multiclass PPP
MPLS Multiprotocol Label Switching

MTP Message Transfer Part
NNI Network-Node Interface
NSAP Network Service Access Point
PPP Point-to-Point Protocol
PPPMux PPP Multiplexing

PT Path Type

QoS Quality of Service RACH Random Access Channel

SAAL Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer

SDU Service Data Unit

SSCOP Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol
SSCF Service Specific Co-ordination Function
SSCS Service Specific Convergence Sublayer

SSSAR Service Specific Segmentation and Re-assembly sublayer

STC Signalling Transport Converter
TNL Transport Network Layer
UDP User Datagram Protocol
UNI User-Network Interface
USCH Uplink Shared Channel

4 Data Link Layer

4.1 ATM Transport Option

ATM shall be used in the transport network user plane and the transport network control plane according to ITU-T Recommendation I.361 [1]. The structure of the cell header used in the UTRAN Iur interface is the cell header format and encoding at NNI (see Figure 3/I.361 [1]).

4.2 IP Transport Option

A UTRAN Node supporting IP transport option shall support PPP protocol with HDLC framing [10], [11].

Note: This does not preclude the single implementation and use of any other data link layer protocols (e.g. PPPMux/AAL5/ATM [20, 21], PPP/AAL2/ATM, Ethernet, MPLS/ATM [22], etc.) fulfilling the UTRAN requirements toward the upper layers.

An RNC using IP transport option having interfaces connected via slow bandwidth PPP links like E1/T1/J1 shall also support IP Header Compression [12] and the PPP extensions ML/MC-PPP [13], [14]. In this case, negotiation of header compression [12] over PPP shall be performed via [15].

5 I_{ur} Data Transport for Common Transport Channel Data Streams

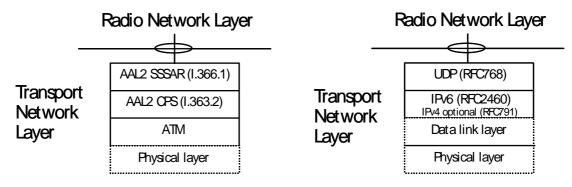
5.1 Introduction

This clause specifies the transport layers that support Common Channels (FACH, RACH, CPCH [FDD], DSCH, USCH [TDD]) Iur data streams.

There are two options for the transport layer of the Common Channels data streams in Iur and Iub:

- 1) ATM based Transport (ATM transport option)
- 2) IP based Transport (IP transport option)

The following figure shows the protocol stacks of the two options.



Protocol stack for ATM transport option

Protocol stack for IP transport option

Figure 1: Transport network layer for DCH data streams over lur and lub interfaces

5.2 ATM Transport Option

ATM [1], AAL type 2 (ITU-T Recommendations I.363.2 [2] and I.366.1 [3]) is used as the standard transport layer for RACH, CPCH [FDD], FACH, USCH [TDD] and DSCH Iur data streams.

These AAL2 connections are established via the transport signalling protocol described in clause 5.

Figure 1 shows the protocol stack for the transport of RACH, CPCH [FDD], FACH, USCH [TDD] and DSCH Iur data streams using the ATM Transport Option. Service Specific Segmentation and Re-assembly (SSSAR) is used for the segmentation and re-assembly of AAL2 SDUs (i.e. SSSAR is only considered from ITU-T Recommendation I.366.1 [3]).

5.3 IP Option

UDP [18] over IP shall be used as the transport for DCH data streams on Iub and Iur interfaces. The data link layer is as specified in subclause 4.2.

An IP UTRAN Node shall support IPv6 [16]. The support of IPv4 [17] is optional.

Note: This does not preclude single implementation of IPv4.

IP dual stack support is recommended for the potential transition period from IPv4 to IPv6 in the transport network.

The transport bearer is identified by the UDP port number and the IP address (source UDP port number, destination UDP port number, source IP address, destination IP address).

IP Differentiated Services code point marking [18] shall be supported. The Diffserv code point may be determined from the application parameters.

6 I ur Transport Signalling Application for Common Transport Channel Data Streams

6.1 Introduction

This clause specifies the transport signalling protocol(s) used to establish the user plane transport bearers. The protocol stack is shown in [6].

6.2 Transport Signalling in case of ATM option

AAL2 signalling protocol Capability Set 2, ITU-T Recommendation Q.2630.2 [8], is the signalling protocol to control the AAL2 connections on Iur interfaces. Q.2630.2 [8] adds new optional capabilities to Q.2630.1 [4].

AAL2 transport layer addressing is based on embedded E.164 or AESA variants of the NSAP addressing format [5]. Native E.164 addressing shall not be used.

Binding ID provided by the radio network layer shall be copied in SUGR parameter of ESTABLISH.request primitive of [8]. The binding identifier shall already be assigned and tied to a radio application procedure when the Establish Request message is received over the Iur interface in the Drift RNC.

User Plane Transport bearers are established and in all normal cases released by the ALCAP in the Serving RNC.

The Link Characteristics parameter (LC) shall be included in the Establish Request message and in the Modification Request message of AAL2 signalling protocol.

If there is an AAL2 switching function in the transport network layer of the interface, the Path Type parameter (PT) may be included in the Establish Request message of AAL2 signalling protocol for prioritisation at ATM level.

6.3 Transport Signalling in case of IP Transport Option

An ALCAP protocol is not required in case both RNCs are using the IP transport option.

7 Signalling Bearer for ALCAP on I_{ur} Interface

7.1 ATM Transport Option

The signalling bearer for the ALCAP on the Iur interface for common transport channels data streams is the same as the signalling bearer for the ALCAP on the Iur interface for DCH data streams, defined in [6].

7.2 IP Transport Option

An ALCAP protocol is not required in case both RNCs are using the IP transport option.

8 Interworking between ATM and IP Transport Options

An RNC supporting IP transport option shall provide interworking to an RNC supporting only ATM transport option. The interworking alternatives are defined in [6].

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