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1 Scope

The scope of this Technical Specification is to specify the transport bearers for the DCH data streams on UTRAN Iur and Iub interfaces. The corresponding Transport Network Control plane is also specified. The physical layer for the transport bearers is outside the scope of this TS.

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3 Abbreviations and Definitions

3.1 Abbreviations

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

AAL2	ATM Adaptation Layer type 2
AESA	ATM End System Address
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
CPCS	Common Part Convergence Sublayer
CPS	Common Part Sublayer
DCH	Dedicated Channel
ITUN	SS7 ISUP Tunnelling (Adaptation layer for ISUP and SCCP for SCTP)
MTP	Message Transfer Part
NNI	Network-Node Interface
NSAP	Network Service Access Point
SAAL	Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer
SAR	Segmentation and Reassembly
SCTP	Simple Control Transmission Protocol
SSCF	Service Specific Co-ordination Function
SSCOP	Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol
SSCS	Service Specific Convergence Sublayer
SSSAR	Service Specific Segmentation and Reassembly sublayer
STC	Signalling Transport Converter
UNI	User-Network Interface

3.2 Definitions

ALCAP is a generic name for the transport signalling protocol used to setup and tear down transport bearers.

4 ATM Layer

4.1 General

ATM shall be used in the transport network user plane and transport network control plane according to I.361 [2].

4.2 Protection Switching at ATM Layer

If redundancy of pathways at ATM layer between RNCs or RNC and Node B is supported, it shall be implemented using ATM Protection Switching according to I.630 [20].

5 I_{ur} and I_{ub} Data Transport for DCH Data Streams

5.1 Introduction

The Frame Protocol for DCH data streams [1] is the user of the transport layer specified in this Technical Specification.

5.2 Transport Layer

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) [2] and ATM Adaptation Layer type 2 (AAL2) [3, 4] are used as a transport layer for DCH data streams on Iur and Iub interfaces. Service Specific Segmentation and Reassembly (SSSAR) sublayer for AAL2 is used for the segmentation and reassembly of AAL2 SDUs.

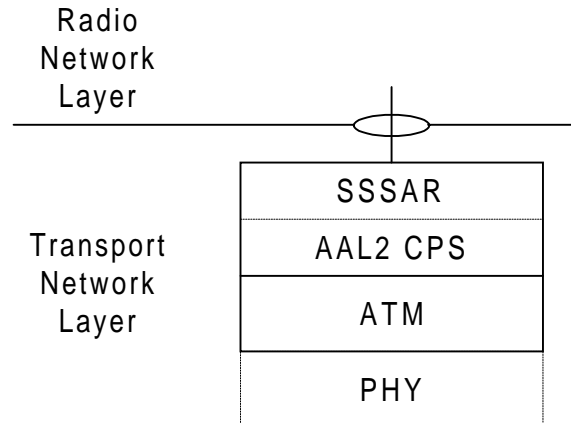


Figure 1. Transport network layer for DCH data streams over Iur and Iub interfaces.

6 Transport Signalling Application for DCH Data Streams

6.1 ALCAP

AAL2 signalling protocol Capability Set 1 [5] is the signalling protocol to control AAL2 connections on Iub and Iur interfaces.

Binding ID provided by the radio network layer shall be copied in SUGR parameter of ESTABLISH.request primitive of [5].

User Plane Transport bearers for Iur interface are established and released by the ALCAP in the Serving RNC. The binding identity shall already be assigned and tied to a radio application procedure when the first ALCAP message is received over the Iur interface in the Drift RNC.

User Plane Transport bearers for Iub interface are established and released by the ALCAP in the Controlling RNC.

AAL2 transport layer addressing is based on embedded E.164 or AESA variants of the NSAP addressing format [6, 7]. Native E.164 addressing shall not be used.

7 Signalling Bearer for ALCAP on I_{ub} Interface

7.1 Introduction

This chapter specifies the signalling bearer for the ALCAP on Iub interface. Signalling bearer is used for the conveyance of the ALCAP messages between the peer UTRAN nodes.

7.2 Signalling Bearer

SAAL-UNI [8, 9] is used as a signalling bearer for the AAL Type 2 Signalling protocol on Iub interface. Signalling Transport Converter for SSCOP is applied [9]. The following figure shows the signalling bearer protocol stack for the ALCAP on Iub interface.

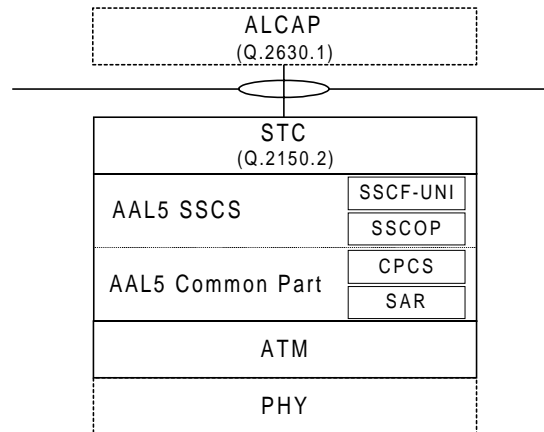


Figure 2: Signalling bearer for ALCAP on Iub interface.

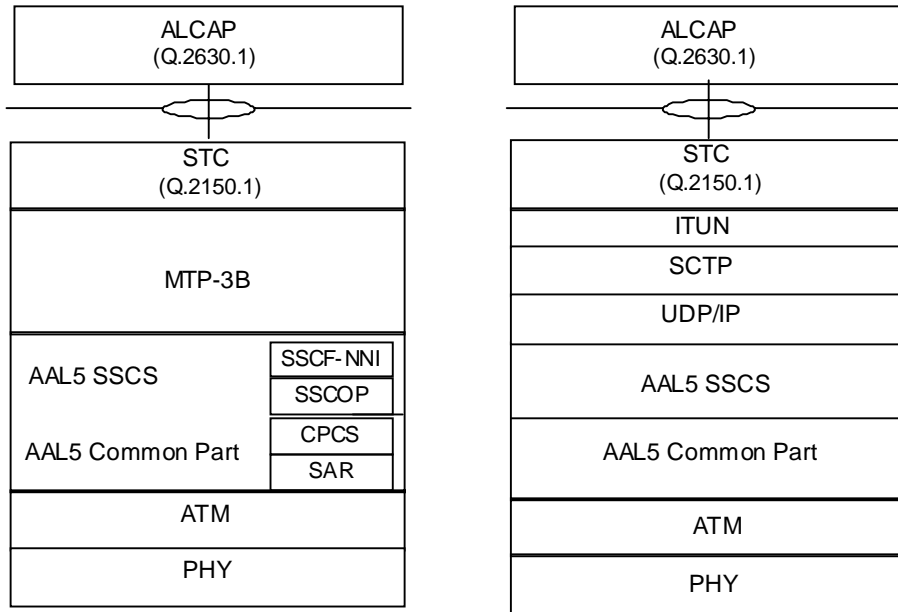
8 Signalling Bearer for ALCAP on I_{ur} Interface

8.1 Introduction

This chapter specifies the signalling bearer for the ALCAP on the Iur interface. Signalling bearer is used for the conveyance of the ALCAP messages between the peer UTRAN nodes.

8.2 Signalling Bearer

There are two protocol stacks specified for Iur ALCAP Signalling Bearer – one based on MTP-3B [11] and SAAL-NNI [12, 8] and the other based on SCTP [18]. Signalling Transport Converter for MTP-3B is applied [13]. SCCP Adaptation Layer for SCTP is applied [19]. The following figure shows the signalling bearer protocol stacks for the ALCAP on Iur interface.



MTP-3B based Iur ALCAP Signaling Bearer

IP based Iur ALCAP Signaling Bearer

Figure 3: Signalling bearers for ALCAP on Iur interface.

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