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1 Scope

The present document specifies the standards for user data transport protocols and related signalling protocols to establish user plane transport bearers over the X2 interface.

2 References

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

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] GTP-U is the reference; final TS reference required further assessment.
- [3] IETF RFC 768 (August 1980): "User Datagram Protocol".
- [4] IETF RFC 2474 (December 1998): "Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the Ipv4 and Ipv6 Headers".
- [5] IETF RFC 2460 (December 1998): "Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification".
- [6] IETF RFC 791 (September 1981): "Internet Protocol".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions below apply. Terms and definitions not defined below can be found in [1].

X2: logical interface between two eNBs. Whilst logically representing a point to point link between eNBs, the physical realisation need not be a point to point link.

SAE bearer: one or more Service Data Flows between a UE and EPC [*according to definition for EPS bearer 23.401*].

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

eNB	E-UTRAN Node B
EPC	Evolved Packet Core
E-UTRA	Evolved UTRA
E-UTRAN	Evolved UTRAN
GTP	GPRS Tunnelling Protocol

IP	Internet Protocol
MME	Mobility Management Entity
TEID	Tunnel Endpoint Identifier
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UPE	User Plane Entity

4 Data link layer

Any data link protocol that fulfils the requirements toward the upper layer may be used.

5 X2 interface user plane protocol

5.1 General

The transport layer for data streams over X2 is an IP based Transport. The following figure shows the transport protocol stacks over X2.

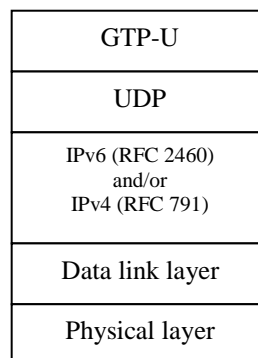


Figure 6.1: Transport network layer for data streams over X2

The GTP-U [2] protocol over UDP over IP shall be supported as the transport for data streams on the X2 interface. The data link layer is as specified in clause 4.

There may be zero or one UL data stream and zero or one DL data stream per SAE bearer at the X2 interface.

- The DL data stream is used for DL data forwarding from the source eNB to the target eNB.
- The UL data stream is used for UL data forwarding from the source eNB to the target eNB.

Each data stream is carried on a dedicated transport bearer.

The identity of a transport bearer signalled in the RNL control plane consists of the IP address and the TEID of the corresponding GTP tunnel, allocated by the target eNB (see [2]).

5.2 GTP-U

The GTP-U [2] protocol shall be used over the X2 interface between two eNBs.

5.3 UDP/IP

The path protocol used shall be UDP [3].

The UDP port number for GTP-U shall be as defined in [2].

The eNBs over the X2 interface shall support fragmentation and assembly of GTP packets at the IP layer.

The eNB shall support IPv6 [5] and/or IPv4 [6].

There may be one or several IP addresses in the both eNBs. The packet processing function in the source eNB shall send downstream packets of a given SAE bearer to the target eNB IP address (received in X2AP) associated to the DL transport bearer of that particular SAE bearer. The packet processing function in the source eNB shall send upstream packets of a given SAE bearer to the target eNB IP address (received in X2AP) associated to the UL transport bearer of that particular SAE bearer.

Transport Layer Address signalled in X2AP messages is a bit string of

- a) 32 bits in case of IPv4 address according to [6]; and
- b) 128 bits in case of IPv6 address according to [5].

5.4 Diffserv code point marking

IP Differentiated Services code point marking [4] shall be supported. The mapping between traffic categories and Diffserv code points shall be configurable by O&M for based on QoS Class Identifier (QCI)/ Label Characteristics and others E-UTRAN traffic parameters. Traffic categories are implementation-specific and may be determined from the application parameters.

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