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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 NG interface.

2 References

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

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- 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications". [1] [2] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System Architecture for the 5G System; Stage 2". 3GPP TS 29.281: "General Packet Radio System (GPRS) Tunnelling Protocol User Plane [3] (GTPv1-U)". IETF RFC 768 (1980-08): "User Datagram Protocol". [4] IETF RFC 8200 (2017-07): "Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification". [5] IETF RFC 791 (1981-09): "Internet Protocol". [6] [7] IETF RFC 2474 (1998-12): "Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the Ipv4 and Ipv6 Headers".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

[8]

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

3GPP TS 38.300: "NR and NG-RAN Overall Description Stage2"

gNB: as defined in TS 38.300 [8].

ng-eNB: as defined in TS 38.300 [8].

NG-RAN node: as defined in TS 38.300 [8].

NG-U: as defined in TS 38.300 [8].

PDU Session: as defined in TS 23.501[2].

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP 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 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

5GC 5G Core 5G QoS Identifier 5QI **AMF** Access and Mobility Management Function **GTP GPRS Tunnelling Protocol** ΙP Internet Protocol NGAP NG Application Protocol **TEID** Tunnel Endpoint Identifier **UDP** User Datagram Protocol **UPF** User Plane Function

4 Data Link Layer

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

5 NG Interface user plane protocol

5.1 General

Both gNB and ng-eNB can be connected to 5GC over NG interface.

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

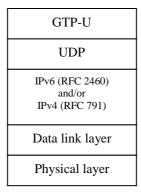


Figure 5.1: Transport network layer for data streams over NG

The GTP-U (TS 29.281 [3]) protocol over UDP over IP shall be supported as the transport for data streams on the NG interface. The data link layer is as specified in clause 4.

The transport bearer is identified by the GTP-U TEID (TS 29.281 [3]) and the IP address (source TEID, destination TEID, source IP address, destination IP address).

5.2 GTP-U

The GTP-U (TS 29.281 [3]) protocol shall be used over the NG-U interface toward the 5GC.

5.3 UDP/IP

The path protocol used shall be UDP (IETF RFC 768 [4]).

The UDP port number for GTP-U shall be as defined in TS 29.281 [3].

The NG-RAN node and the 5GC shall support fragmentation and assembly of GTP packets at the IP layer.

The NG-RAN node and the 5GC shall support IPv6 (IETF RFC 8200 [5]) and/or IPv4 (IETF RFC 791 [6]).

There may be one or several IP addresses in the NG-RAN node and in the 5GC. The packet processing function in the 5GC shall send downstream packets of a given PDU Session to the NG-RAN node IP address (received in NGAP) associated to that particular PDU Session. The packet processing function in the NG-RAN node shall send upstream packets of a given PDU Session to the 5GC IP address (received in NGAP) associated to that particular PDU Session.

The Transport Layer Address signalled in NGAP messages is a bitstring of

- a) 32 bits in case of IPv4 address according to IETF RFC 791 [6]; or
- b) 128 bits in case of IPv6 address according to IETF RFC 8200 [5]; or
- c) 160 bits if both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses are signalled, in which case the IPv4 address is contained in the first 32 bits.

5.4 Diffserv code point marking

IP Differentiated Services code point marking (IETF RFC 2474 [7]) shall be supported. The mapping between traffic categories and Diffserv code points shall be configurable by O&M based on 5QI characteristics and other NG-RAN traffic parameters. Traffic categories are implementation-specific and may be determined from the application parameters.

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