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## Foreword

This European Standard (Telecommunications series) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Special Mobile Group (SMG).

The present document specifies the Discontinuous Transmission (DTX) for full rate speech traffic channel for the digital cellular telecommunications system.

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# 1 Scope

The present document gives a description of the general baseband operation of full rate speech traffic channels in the transmitter and in the receiver of GSM Mobile Stations (MS)s and Base Station Systems (BSS)s during Discontinuous Transmission (DTX).

For clarity, the description is structured according the block diagrams in figures 1 and 4. Except in the case described next, this structure of distributing the various functions between system entities is not mandatory for implementation, as long as the operation on the air interface and on the speech decoder output remains the same.

In the case of BSSs where the speech transcoder is located remotely in the Base Station Controller (BSC), the implementation of the interfaces between the DTX Handlers and the Radio Subsystem (RSS) as described in the present document together with all their flags is mandatory, being a part of the A-bis- interface as described in GSM 08.60. In this case the various flags also serve to avoid additional delays.

The DTX functions described in the present document are mandatory for implementation in all GSM MSs. The receiver requirements are mandatory for implementation in all GSM BSSs, the transmitter requirements only for those where downlink DTX will be used.

DTX shall be in operation in GSM MSs if commanded so by the network, see GSM 04.08.

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# 2 References

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

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.
- A non-specific reference to an ETS shall also be taken to refer to later versions published as an EN with the same number.
- For this Release 1999 document, references to GSM documents are for Release 1999 versions (version 8.x.y).

- [1] GSM 01.04: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Abbreviations and acronyms".
- [2] GSM 04.08: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Mobile radio interface layer 3 specification".
- [3] GSM 05.03: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Channel coding".
- [4] GSM 05.05: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Radio transmission and reception".
- [5] GSM 05.08: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Radio subsystem link control".
- [6] GSM 06.01: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Full rate speech; Processing functions".
- [7] GSM 06.10: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Full rate speech; Transcoding".
- [8] GSM 06.11: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Full rate speech; Substitution and muting of lost frames for full rate speech channels".

- [9] GSM 06.12: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Full rate speech; Comfort noise aspect for full rate speech traffic channels".
- [10] GSM 06.32: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Voice Activity Detector (VAD)".
- [11] GSM 08.60: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Inband control of remote transcoders and rate adaptors for Enhanced Full Rate (EFR) and full rate traffic channels".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

Abbreviations used in the present document are listed in GSM 01.04.

### 3.1 Definition of general terms

**frame:** time interval of 20 msec. corresponding to the time segmentation of the full rate speech transcoder (GSM 06.10), also used as a short term for a traffic frame.

**traffic frame:** block of 260 information bits (see GSM 05.03) transmitted on the full rate speech traffic channel.

**(SID) silence descriptor frame:** frame characterized by the SID code word. It conveys information on the acoustic background noise.

**SID code word:** fixed bit pattern defined in GSM 06.12, for labelling a traffic frame as a SID frame.

**SID field:** bit positions defined in GSM 06.12, of the SID codeword within a SID frame.

**speech frame:** traffic frame that cannot be classified as a SID frame.

### 3.2 Definition of terms on the receive side

**bad traffic frame:** traffic frame flagged BFI=1 (Bad Frame Indication) by the Radio Subsystem.

**good traffic frame:** traffic frame flagged BFI=0 by the Radio Subsystem.

**good speech frame:** good traffic frame which is not an accepted SID frame.

**accepted SID frame:** traffic frame in which the SID field deviates in less than 16 bit positions from the SID code word (flag SID=2 or SID=1).

**valid SID frame:** good traffic frame in which the SID field deviates in less than 2 bit positions from the SID code word (flag SID=2). This frame is valid for updating of comfort noise parameters at any time.

**invalid SID frame:** accepted SID frame with BFI=1, or accepted SID frame with BFI=0, in which the SID field deviates in more than 1 bit position from the SID code word (flag SID=1). This frame is not valid for updating comfort noise parameters, but the frame conveys information that comfort noise generations should be started or continued.

**unusable frame:** bad traffic frame that is not an accepted SID frame.

**lost SID frame:** unusable frame received when the RX DTX Handler is generating comfort noise and a SID frame is expected (Time Alignment Flag, TAF=1).

**lost speech frame:** unusable frame received when the RX DTX Handler is passing on traffic frames directly to the speech decoder.



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## 4 General

Discontinuous Transmission is a mechanism which allows the radio transmitter to be switched off most of the time during speech pauses for the following two purposes:

- to save power in the MS;
- to reduce the overall interference level on the air.

### 4.1 General organization

The overall DTX mechanism described in the present document requires the following functions:

- a Voice Activity Detector on the transmit side;
- evaluation of the background acoustic noise on the transmit side, in order to transmit characteristic parameters to the receive side;
- generation on the receive side of a similar noise, called comfort noise, during periods where the radio transmission is cut.

The Voice Activity Detector is defined in GSM 06.32 "Voice Activity Detector", the comfort noise functions in GSM 06.12 "Comfort Noise Aspects". Both are based partly on the speech transcoder and its internal variables, defined in GSM 06.10 "GSM Full Rate Speech Transcoding".

In addition to these functions, if the parameters arriving at the receive side are detected to be seriously corrupted by errors, the speech or comfort noise must be generated from substituted data in order to avoid seriously annoying effects for the listener. This function is defined in GSM 06.11 "Substitution and Muting of Lost Frames".

An overall description of the speech processing parts can be found in GSM 06.01 "Processing functions".

### 4.2 Naming convention

Clause 3 lists the definitions of terms relevant for the DTX functions, as used in this and the technical specifications mentioned above.

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## 5 Transmit side

A block diagram of the transmit side DTX functions is shown in figure 1.