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1 Scope

The present document is an introduction to the TSG RAN TS 25.42x series of UMTS Technical Specifications that define the Iur Interface. It is a logical interface for the interconnection of two Radio Network Controller (RNC) components of the UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN) for the UMTS system.

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[1] 3GPP TS 25.427: "UTRAN Iub/Iur Interface User Plane Protocol for DCH Data Streams".

[2] 3GPP TS 25.425: "UTRAN Iur Interface: User Plane Protocols for Common Transport Channel Data Streams".

[3] 3GPP TS 25.421: "UTRAN Iur Interface: Layer 1".

[4] 3GPP TS 25.422: "UTRAN Iur Interface: Signalling Transport".

[5] 3GPP TS 25.423: "UTRAN Iur Interface: Radio Network Subsystem Application Part (RNSAP) signalling".

[6] 3GPP TS 25.424: "UTRAN Iur Interface: Data Transport & Transport Signalling ".

[7] Void

[8] 3GPP TS 25.426: "UTRAN Iur & Iub Interface: Data Transport & Transport Signalling for DCH Data Streams".

[9] ITU-T Recommendation Q.711 (1996-07): "Functional description of the signalling connection control part".

[10] ITU-T Recommendation Q.712 (1996-07): "Definition and function of signalling connection control part messages".

[11] ITU-T Recommendation Q.713 (1996-07): "Signalling connection control part formats and codes".

[12] ITU-T Recommendation Q.714 (1996-07): "Signalling connection control part procedures".

[13] 3GPP TS 23.003: "Numbering, Addressing and Identification".

[14] Void

[15] Void

[16] Void

[17] 3GPP TR 43.930: "Iur-g interface; Stage 2".

[18] 3GPP TS 25.346: "Introduction of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) in the Radio Access Network (RAN); Stage 2".

[19] 3GPP TS 25.319: "Enhanced Uplink; Overall description; Stage 2".

[20] 3GPP TS 25.415: "UTRAN Iu interface user plane protocols"

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

None.

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
ALCAP	Access Link Control Application Part
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
BSS	Base Station Subsystem
CRNC	Controlling RNC
CTP	Common Transport Protocol
DCH	Dedicated Transport Channel
DL	Downlink
DPCH	Dedicated Physical Channel
DRNC	Drift Radio Network Controller
DRNS	Drift Radio Network Subsystem
DSCH	Downlink Shared Channel
E-DCH	Enhanced Dedicated Channel
EDGE	Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution
FACH	Forward Access Channel
F-DPCH	Fractional DPCH
FFS	For Further Study
GERAN	GSM/EDGE Radio Access Network
GSM	Global System for Mobile communications
GT	Global Title
HARQ	Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request
HS-DSCH	High Speed Downlink Shared Channel
IP	Internet Protocol
MAC	Medium Access Control
MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service
MRNC	MBMS Master RNC
MTP3-B	Message Transfer Part level 3 (for Q.2140)
PLMN	Public Land Mobile Network
PTM	Point To Multipoint
PTP	Point To Point
QoS	Quality of Service
RACH	Random Access Channel
RF	Radio Frequency
RNC	Radio Network Controller
RNS	Radio Network Subsystem
RNSAP	Radio Network Subsystem Application Part
RRC	Radio Resource Control
SCCP	Signalling Connection Control Part
SPC	Signalling Point Code
SRNC	Serving Radio Network Controller
SRNS	Serving Radio Network Subsystem
SS7	Signalling System Nº 7
SSCF-NNI	Service Specific Co-ordination Function – Network Node Interface
SSCOP	Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol
SSN	Sub-System Number

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STC	Signalling Transport Converter
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UE	User Equipment
UL	Up-link
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
URA	UTRAN Registration Area
USCH	Uplink Shared Channel
UTRAN	UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network

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4 General Aspects

4.1 Introduction

The logical connection that exists between any two RNCs within the UTRAN is referred to as the Iur interface.

4.2 Iur Interface General Principles

The general principles for the specification of the Iur interface are as follows:

- The Iur interface should be open;
- The Iur interface shall support the exchange of signalling information between two RNCs, in addition the interface may need to support one or more Iur data streams;
- From a logical standpoint, the Iur is a point-to-point interface between two RNCs within the UTRAN. A point-to-point logical interface should be feasible even in the absence of a physical direct connection between the two RNCs.

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4.3 Iur Interface Specification Objectives

4.3.1 General

The I_{ur} interface specifications shall facilitate the following:

- inter-connection of RNCs supplied by different manufacturers;
- support of continuation between RNSs of the UTRAN services offered via the Iu interface;
- separation of I_{ur} interface Radio Network functionality and Transport Network functionality to facilitate introduction of future technology.

4.3.2 Addressing of RNSs over the Iur Interface

- For an RRC connection using a dedicated channel or for a UE using F-DPCH in the downlink, the Iur standard shall allow the addition / deletion of radio links supported by cells belonging to any RNS within the PLMN.
- The specification of the Iur interface shall allow an RNC to address any other RNC within the PLMN for establishing a signalling bearer over Iur.
- The specification of the Iur interface shall allow an RNC to address any other RNC within the PLMN for establishing user data bearers for Iur data streams.

RNSAP shall allow different kinds of addressing schemes to be used for the signalling bearer.