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## Foreword

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## Introduction

For conformance testing in C-ITS, ETSI developed a generic initial test architecture, published in Reference [4]. Considering the ITS station and communication architecture for C-ITS specified in ISO 21217 and implementations of ITS station units being compliant with the ITS-S station-internal management communications protocol (IICP) specified in ISO 24102-4, conformance testing can be simplified and related effort and cost can be reduced by applying the extended test architecture specified in this document. IICP enables remote access to all points of control and observation (PCO) of the implementation under test (IUT) without the need to implement IUT-specific upper tester applications and lower tester access.

Understanding of this document requires knowledge of

- the ITS station and communication architecture specified in ISO 21217,
- the IICP specified in ISO 24102-4, and
- the related MX-SAP service primitive functions specified in ISO 24102-3.

Further on knowledge of standards related to conformance testing with TTCN-3, for example:

- Reference [4] on the framework on C-ITS conformance testing;
- Reference [5] on the TTCN-3 core language is very beneficial.

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# Intelligent transport systems — Cooperative ITS — Test architecture

## 1 Scope

This document specifies and extension of the ETSI C-ITS test architecture for conformance testing of protocols and applications in ITS station units. It specifies usage of the ITS station-internal management communication protocol (IICP) for the purpose of connecting an ITS test system to an implementation under test (IUT) residing in a system under test (SUT).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 21217:2014, *Intelligent transport systems — Communications access for land mobiles (CALM) — Architecture*

ISO 24102-3, *Intelligent transport systems — Communications access for land mobiles (CALM) — ITS station management — Part 3: Service access points*

ISO 24102-4, *Intelligent transport systems — Communications access for land mobiles (CALM) — ITS station management — Part 4: Station-internal management communications*

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

### 3.1 implementation under test

part of a real system which is to be studied by testing

### 3.2 system under test

real system in which an IUT resides

## 4 Abbreviated terms

CI	communication interface
IIC	ITS-S internal management communications
IICA	IIC agent
IICM	IIC manager

IICP	IIC protocol
ITS	intelligent transport systems
ITS-SCU	ITS station communication unit
ITS-SCU-ID	ITS-SCU identifier
IUT	implementation under test
PCO	point of control and observation
PDU	protocol data unit
SUT	system under test
TTCN-3	testing and test control notation version 3

## 5 Conventions

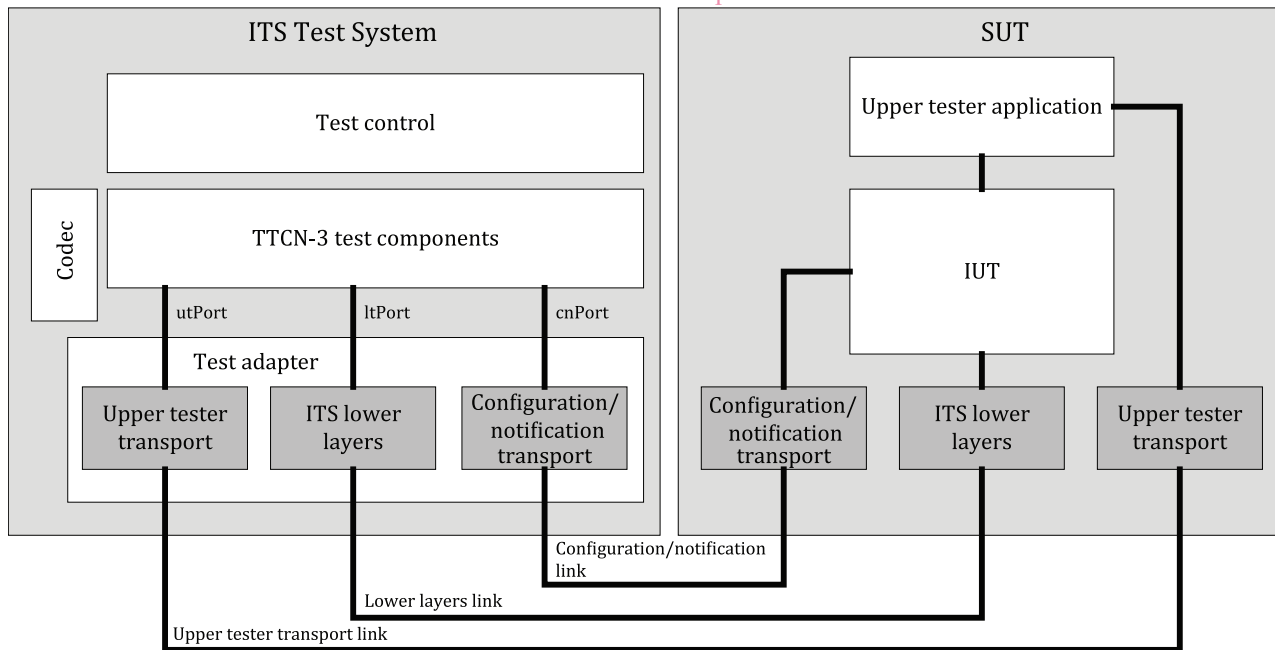
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## 6 Test system architecture

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### 6.1 General

The general test system architecture is illustrated in [Figure 1](#). It shows how an “implementation under test” (IUT) contained in a “system under test” (SUT) is connected to the ITS test system via a lower layers link and an upper tester link and a configuration/notification link. These links allow accessing the points of control and observation (PCO) of the IUT.



**Figure 1 — General conformance test system architecture**

The lower layers link may end up in the SUT at the block “ITS lower layers”, in case lower layers are used during testing, or directly at the lower interface of the IUT. The upper tester transport link ends up in the SUT at the block “upper tester transport”. This “upper tester transport” block together with the “upper



tester application” block provide the test access to the upper interface of the IUT. The configuration and event notification link is needed for testing of some IUTs, e.g. to set initial conditions and to retrieve status information, allowing remote access to the management/security SAPs in the SUT.

These three links between ITS test system and SUT may be realized differently, such that there might be one, two or three physical links.

Following the ITS station and communication architecture specified in ISO 21217:2014 (see [Figure 2](#)), an IUT can be a protocol or an ITS-S application process located in the

- ITS-S access layer (e.g. ITS-M5 specified in ISO 21215/ISO 21218),
- ITS-S networking and transport layer (e.g. FNTF specified in ISO 29281-1),
- ITS-S facilities layer (e.g. the LDM specified in ISO 18750),
- ITS-S management entity, and
- ITS-S security entity.

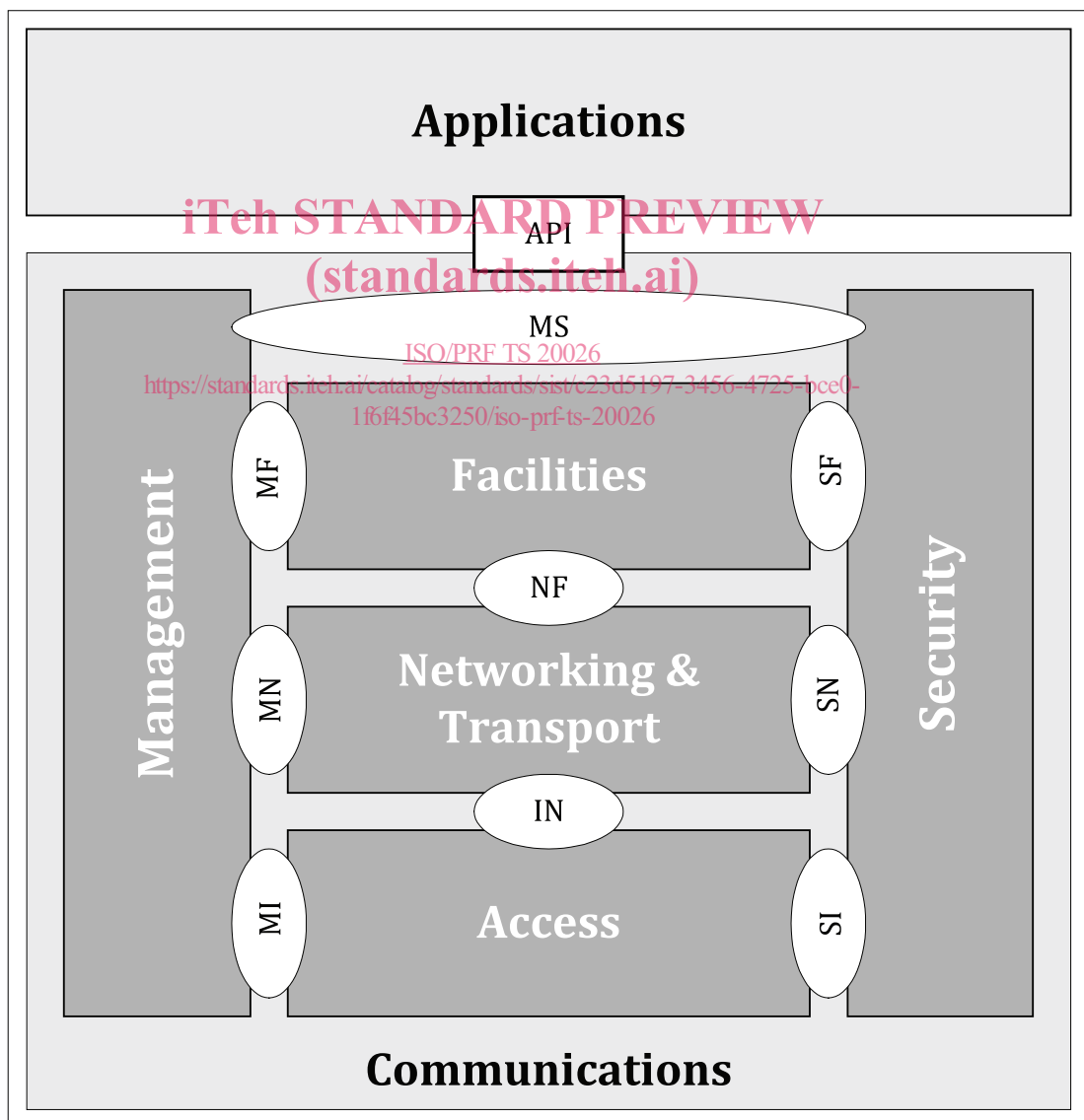


Figure 2 — ITS station architecture (from ISO 21217:2014)

An IUT may also cover several of the layers and entities, for example:

- the ITS-S access layer and the ITS-S networking and transport layer;
- the ITS-S networking and transport layer and the ITS-S facilities layer;
- the ITS-S facilities layer and the ITS-S applications entity;
- the ITS-S access layer and the ITS-S networking and transport layer and the ITS-S facilities layer;
- the ITS-S networking and transport layer and the ITS-S facilities layer and the ITS-S applications entity;
- the ITS-S access layer and the ITS-S networking and transport layer and the ITS-S facilities layer and the ITS-S applications entity.

An IUT may also cover communication layers and the ITS-S management entity and the ITS-S security entity.

In any of these cases, the IUT in principle has these three PCOs.

Accessing the IUT may be performed with the “ITS station-internal management communications protocol” (IICP) specified in ISO 24102-4, as illustrated in 6.2 and 6.3. 6.2 describes the general IICP test architecture, while 6.3 describes the extension of 6.2 needed in case the ITS-S access layer is used in the SUT. The general IICP reference architecture is illustrated in 6.4.

6.2 IICP test system architecture without test CI

Applying IICP, the three links in Figure 1 are reduced to one physical link, e.g. an Ethernet cable with RJ45 connectors, as illustrated in Figure 3. The ITS test system and the SUT, together, act as parts of a “virtual” ITS station unit (ITS-SU) where each of these two units constitutes an ITS station communication unit (ITS-SCU) as specified in ISO 21217. The ITS-SCU-ID (address of an ITS-SCU) of the ITS test system has the value three as specified in ISO 24102-4. The ITS-SCU-ID of the SUT for the purpose of conformance testing is within the valid range specified in ISO 24102-4.

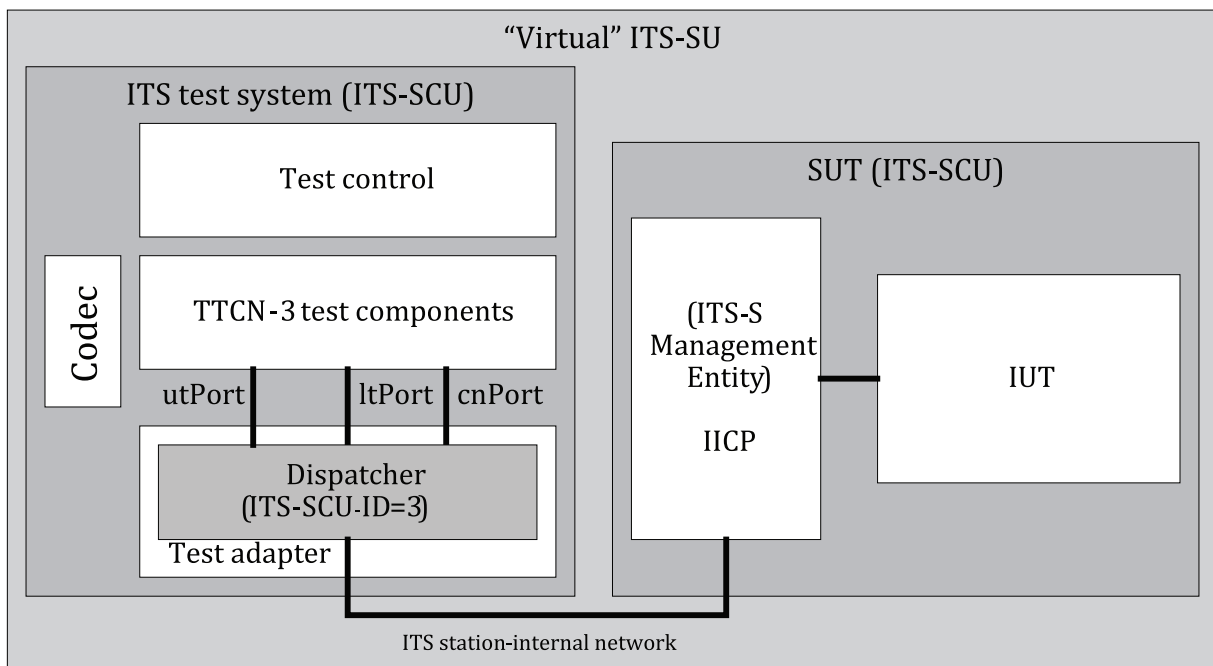
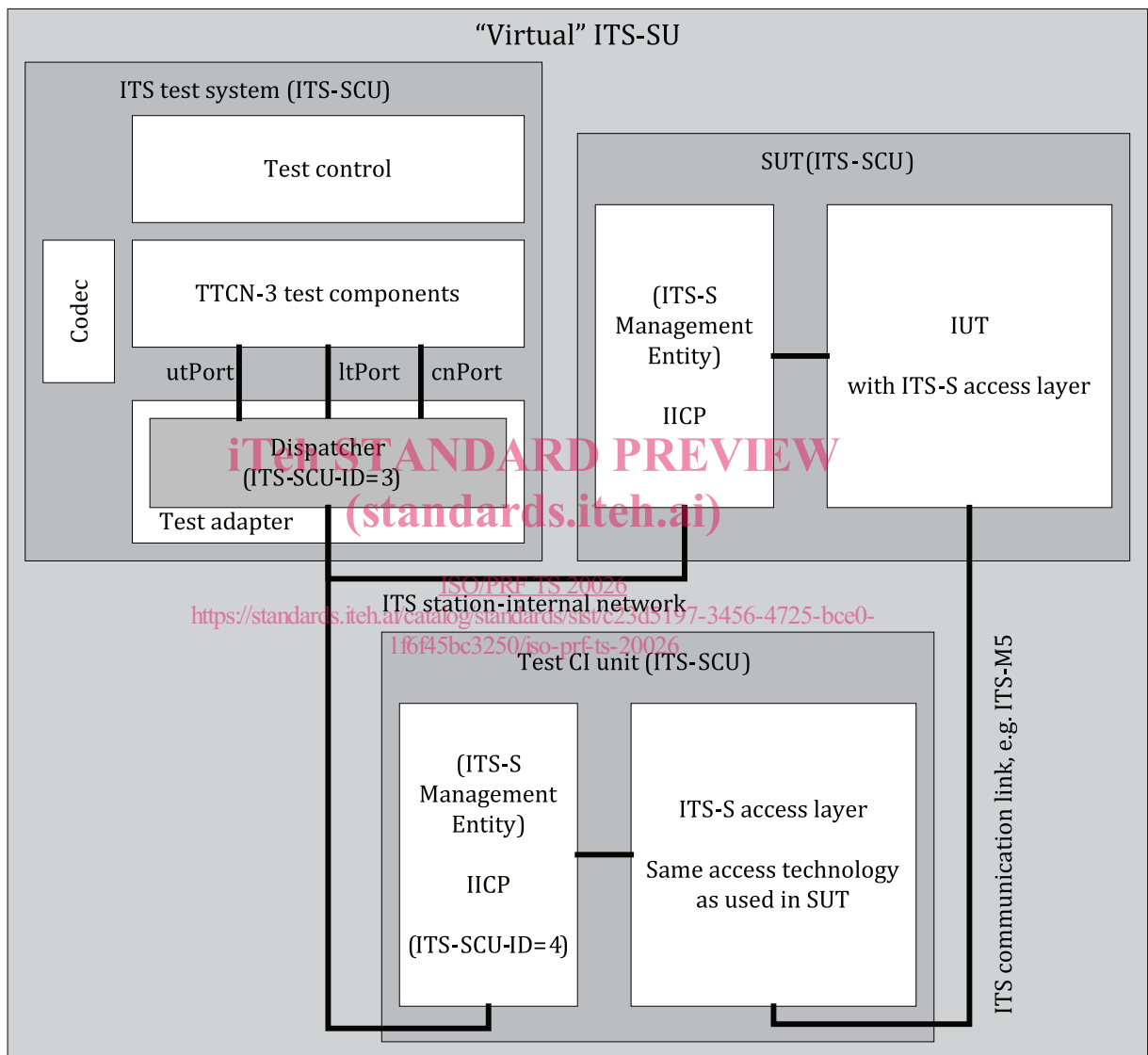


Figure 3 — IICP-based simple conformance test system architecture

The dispatcher in [Figure 3](#) needs to know the actually valid configuration in order to properly establish the three links between SUT and ITS test system. Details of the dispatcher are specified in [Clause 10](#).

### 6.3 IICP test system architecture with test CI

For some conformance tests (e.g. testing of an ITS-S access technology or using an ITS-S access technology as “lower layer” below an IUT), a separate test CI is used as illustrated in [Figure 4](#). This test CI constitutes a third ITS-SCU of the “virtual” test ITS-SU. The ITS-SCU-ID of the test CI has the value four as specified in ISO 24102-4.



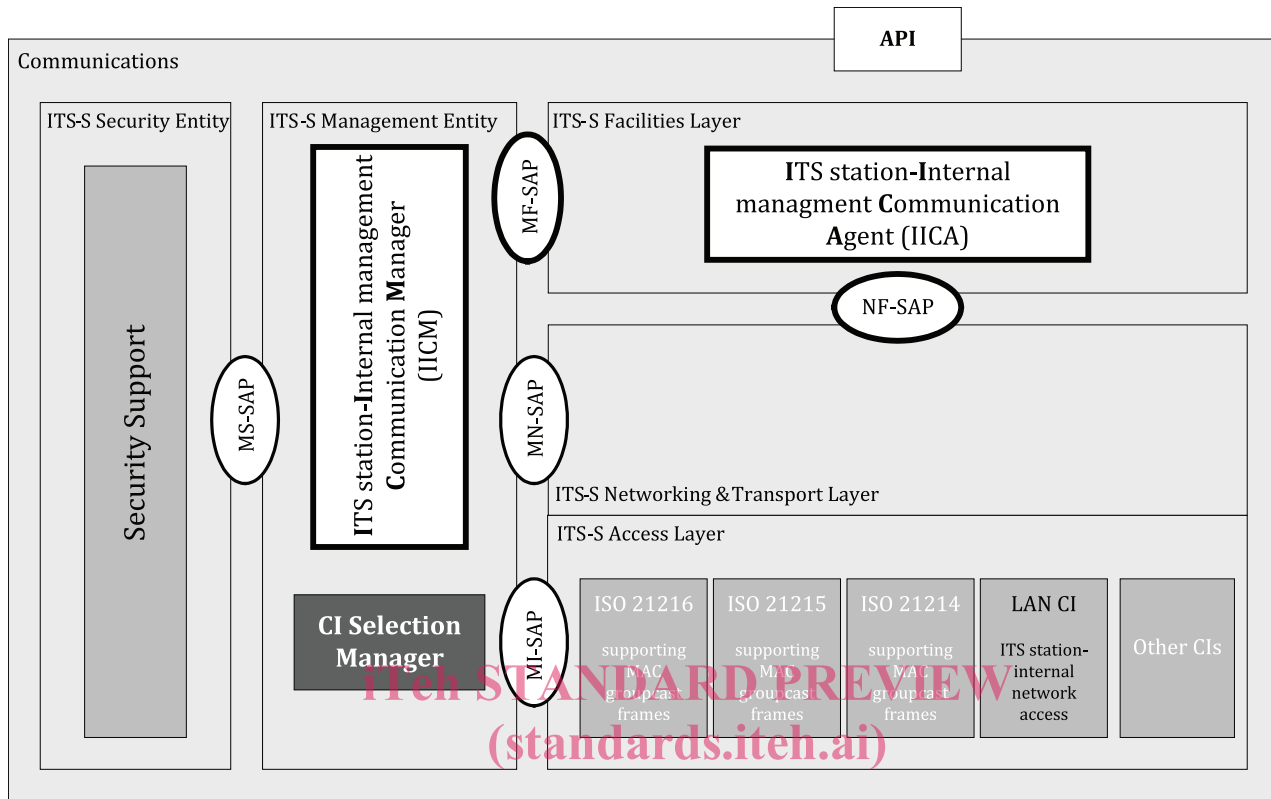
**Figure 4 — IICP-based conformance test system architecture with test CI**

The *ltPort* connects to the test CI using IICP. The test CI connects to the IUT using the respective ITS communication link. Thus, the test CI just performs a conversion between the ITS-S access layer stream and the ITS-ASDU of the IN-SAP (see ISO 21217:2014, Figure 12). The test CI is considered to be a “golden device” that does not introduce any errors that could lead to a wrong result in conformance testing.

The dispatcher in [Figure 4](#) needs to know the actually valid configuration in order to properly establish the three links between SUT and ITS test system. By detecting ITS-SCU-ID four, the dispatcher knows that a test CI is involved.

6.4 IICP reference architecture

The IICP reference architecture specified in ISO 24102-4 is illustrated in Figure 5.



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**Figure 5 — IICP reference architecture (from ISO 24102-4)**

The IICP essentially is performed in the IICM presented in Figure 5. The IICA just performs forwarding of IICP PDUs between the MF-SAP and the NF-SAP. IICA uses a link between the SUT and the ITS test system, e.g. UDP/IP with dynamically assigned UDP port numbers or FNETP with the ITS port number PORT\_IIC = 32764 specified in ISO 24102-4.

IICP in general provides four different groups of functions as specified in ISO 24102-4:

- a) simulation of a communication SAP (IN-SAP, NF-SAP, FA-SAP) in a management SAP for upper and lower tester access;
- b) remote access to a management SAP (MX-SAP):
  - MA-SAP: for an IUT in the ITS-S applications entity;
  - MF-SAP: for an IUT in the ITS-S facilities layer;
  - MN-SAP: for an IUT in the ITS-S networking and transport layer;
  - MI-SAP: for an IUT in the ITS-S access layer;
  - MS-SAP: for an IUT in the ITS-S security entity;
- c) general commands to be executed in a remote ITS-S management entity;
- d) IICP-internal commands used to maintain IICP.

Two types of IICP messages to be exchanged between ITS-S management entities of ITS-SCUs are defined in ISO 24102-4, i.e. IIC-Request and IIC-Response. IICP messages are exchanged between the dispatcher in the test adapter and the ITS-S management entities in the SUT and the test CI via the