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This ETS outlines the functions needed for terminal adaptation within the digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+).

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1 Scope

This European Telecommunications Standard (ETS) is based on the principles of terminal adaptor functions presented in the CCITT I-series of recommendations (I.460 - I.463).

The GSM PLMN supports a wide range of voice and non-voice services in the same network. In order to enable non-voice traffic in the GSM PLMN there is a need to connect various kinds of terminal equipments to the Mobile Termination (MT). The target of this ETS is to outline the functions needed for the terminal adaptation.

In the GSM 02.02 (ETS 300 904) the bearer services are described. The general network configuration is described in GSM 03.02 and the GSM PLMN access reference configuration is defined in GSM 04.02. The various connection types used in the GSM PLMN are presented in GSM 03.10. Terminology used in this ETS is presented in GSM 01.04 (ETR 350). For support of data services between GSM PLMN and other networks see GSM 09-series of Specifications.

2 Normative references

This ETS incorporates by dated and undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this ETS only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

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- [3] GSM 02.03 (ETS 300 905): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Teleservices supported by a GSM Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN)".
- [4] GSM 03.02: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Network architecture".
- [5] GSM 03.10: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); GSM Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) connection types".
- [6] GSM 04.02: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); GSM Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) access reference configuration".
- [7] GSM 04.08 (ETS 300 940): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Mobile radio interface layer 3 specification".
- [8] GSM 04.21 (ETS 300 945): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Rate adaption on the Mobile Station - Base Station System (MS - BSS) interface".
- [9] GSM 04.22 (ETS 300 946): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Radio Link Protocol (RLP) for data and telematic services on the Mobile Station - Base Station System (MS - BSS) interface and the Base Station System - Mobile-services Switching Centre (BSS - MSC) interface".
- [10] GSM 05.05 (ETS 300 910): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Radio transmission and reception".
- [11] GSM 07.02 (ETS 300 914): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Terminal Adaptation Functions (TAF) for services using asynchronous bearer capabilities".

- [12] GSM 07.03 (ETS 300 915): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Terminal Adaptation Functions (TAF) for services using synchronous bearer capabilities".
- [13] GSM 07.05: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Use of Data Terminal Equipment - Data Circuit terminating Equipment (DTE - DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)".
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- [18] GSM 09.04: "Digital cellular telecommunication system; Interworking between the Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) and the Circuit Switched Public Data Network (CSPDN)".
- [19] GSM 09.05: "Digital cellular telecommunication system; Interworking between the Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) and the Packet Switched Public Data Network (PSPDN) for Packet Assembly/Disassembly (PAD) facility access".
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- [22] GSM 09.08: "Digital cellular telecommunication system; Application of the Base Station System management Application Part (BSSMAP) on the E-interface".
- [23] GSM 09.10: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Information element mapping between Mobile Station - Base Station System and BSS - Mobile-services Switching Centre (MS - BSS - MSC) Signalling procedures and the Mobile Application Part (MAP)".
- [24] GSM 09.11: "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Signalling interworking for supplementary services".
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- [39] Personal Computer Memory Card Association: "PCMCIA 2.1 or PC-Card 3.0 electrical specification or later revisions".
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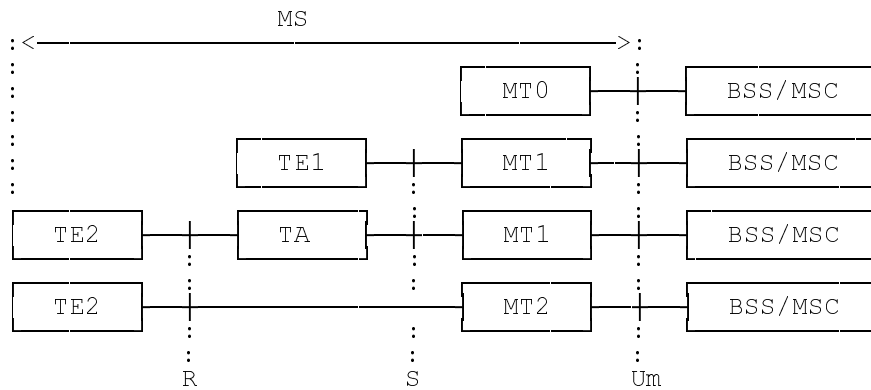
3 Abbreviations

In addition to those below, abbreviations used in this ETS are listed in GSM 01.04.

CALL PROC	CALL PROCEEDING
CALL CONF	CALL CONFIRMED
CONNACK	CONNECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4 Access reference configuration

Figure 1 presents the reference configuration for access to a GSM PLMN (see GSM 04.02).



—+— = reference point

TE1 = ISDN terminal

TE2 = V- or X-type terminal

TA = Terminal Adaptor

BSS = Base Station System

MSC = Mobile Switching Centre

Figure 1: GSM PLMN Access Reference Configuration

Within the scope of this ETS the Mobile Termination MT0 means a fully integrated MS including data terminal and its adaptation functions. MT1 includes ISDN terminal adaptation functions and MT2 includes CCITT V- or X-series terminal adaptation functions among other MT functions.

5 Functions to support data services

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The main functions of the MT to support data services are:

- functions to ensure conformity of terminal service requests to network capability;
- physical connection of the reference points R and S;
- flow control of signalling and mapping of user signalling to/from GSM PLMN access signalling;
- rate adaptation of user data (see GSM 04.21);
- flow control of non-transparent user data and mapping of flow control for asynchronous data services;
- support of data integrity between the MS and the interworking function in the GSM PLMN;
- end-to-end synchronization between terminals;
- filtering of status information;
- functions to support non-transparent bearer services e.g. termination of the Radio Link Protocol (RLP) and the Layer 2 Relay function (L2R) including optional data compression function (where applicable);
- terminal compatibility checking;
- optional support of local test loops.

In addition, functions to support autocalling and autoanswering are optionally specified in accordance with CCITT Rec. V.25 bis or with ITU-T Rec. V.25 ter (although the use of other autocalling/auto-answering procedures are not prohibited provided that mapping in a functionally equivalent way to GSM 04.08 call control is also provided).

Other functional entities can be envisaged apart from the TAF. One of the physical interface to all these functions is the DTE/DCE interface to the MT. Normally, this DTE/DCE interface is associated with the TAF, if available. Therefore the access to any of these other functional entities, if implemented, via the DCE/DTE interface must be triggered by appropriate command sequences which are described in the applicable specifications (although the use of other procedures is not prohibited provided that mapping in a functionally equivalent way is also provided). These command sequences can be issued by the DTE only when the MT is in the appropriate command status and there is no data connection pending. They are interpreted by an MT internal control function and result in an association of the DTE/DCE interface with the addressed function, if available.

6 Support of non transparent Bearer Services

In order to support non transparent bearer services a Layer 2 Relay (L2R) function is included in the mobile termination. The details of the particular L2R function for the different non transparent bearer services are contained in the appropriate GSM 07-series Specification. This section describes the general aspects of the L2R function.

The Layer 2 Relay (L2R) function provides for the reliable transportation of known, i.e. non transparent, user protocols across the radio interface of a GSM PLMN. The L2R functions are located in the Mobile Termination (MT) and the Interworking Function (IWF) associated with a Mobile Switching Centre (MSC). The L2R uses the services provided by the Radio Link Protocol (RLP) to transport the non transparent protocol information between the MS and the IWF.

6.1 Functions of the Layer 2 Relay

The complete protocol reference models for data and telematic services are described in GSM 03.10. The subset of those protocol reference models relating to the L2R function is reproduced in figure 2.

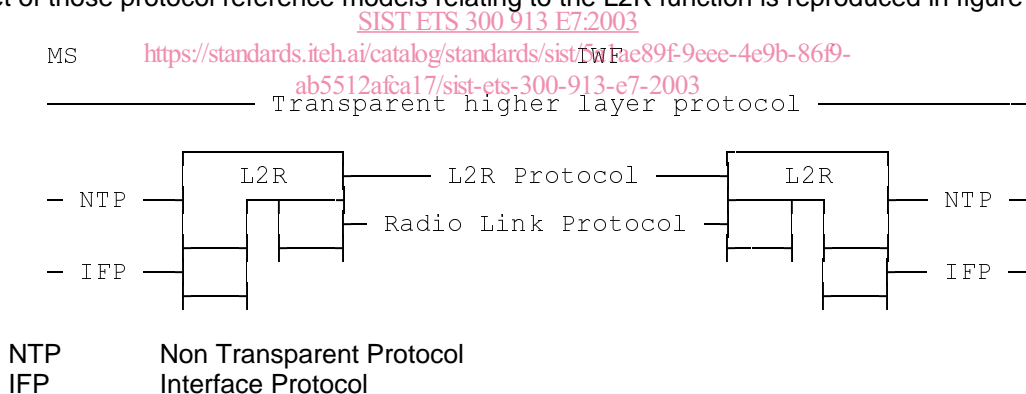


Figure 2

The Non Transparent Protocol (NTP) will normally be a layer 2 protocol for OSI conformant protocols or an equivalent in the case of non OSI protocols. The Interface Protocol (IFP) will normally be a layer 1 protocol for OSI conformant systems or equivalent for non OSI systems.

The L2R can be considered to consist of 3 sub-functions, see figure 3.

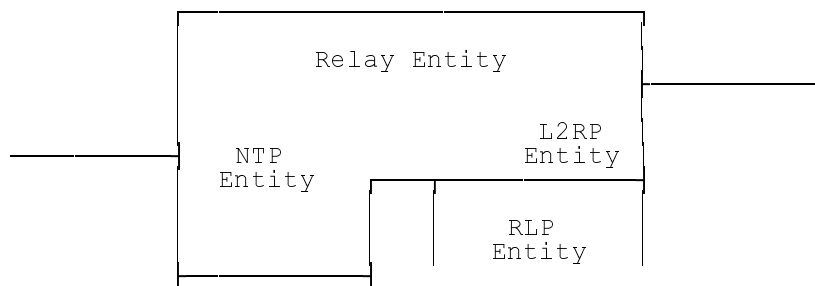


Figure 3

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The 3 sub-functions are:

- A Non Transparent Protocol Entity
- A L2R Protocol Entity
- A Relay Entity

The NTP-entity interfaces the L2R to the IFP-entity and provides an interface to the particular NTP.

The L2RP-entity interfaces the L2R to the RLP-entity and provides an interface to the appropriate L2R protocol.

The Relay-entity provides the mapping between the NTP-entity and the L2R-entity. If applicable, it contains the data compression function. The negotiable parameters are exchanged with the remote Relay-entity by means of the RLP XID frame.

It should be noted that the inter-layer interfaces within the MS and the IWF and within the L2R will not be specified by GSM, any description given is for explanatory purposes only and is not intended to indicate a method of implementation. Therefore, the specification of the L2R is in terms of the peer-peer protocols. Generally, the non transparent and interface protocols will be specified elsewhere, e.g. CCITT Recommendation X.25 Layer 2 and 1. Thus the main specification for the L2R will consist of the L2R peer-peer protocols.

6.2 Radio Link Services Used

The L2R function uses services defined in GSM Specification 04.22 (Radio Link Protocol).

6.3 Flow Control - General Description

A flow control active condition can take place under a number of circumstances:

- End to end flow control (DTE to DTE matter);
- Backpressure (buffers filling);
- Receive not ready (RLP condition).

It is possible that there will be an interaction between flow control active and inactive conditions in each circumstance.

6.3.1 End to End Flow Control

A DTE may wish to send a flow control active condition to another DTE.

Provisions exists in the L2R entity to transfer a flow control active condition (sent by its associated DTE) to the other L2R entity as soon as possible. This mechanism in the L2R entities allows such a flow control condition to be put ahead of any queuing which exists in the L2R entities.

Such a mechanism avoids build up of data in buffers which can be undesirable.

The L2R entity, receiving a flow control active condition from its associated DTE, stops sending data to that associated DTE immediately.

6.3.2 Back Pressure

The L2R and RLP entities have buffers which may become full to a predetermined threshold for a number of reasons, e.g. severe radio fading, failure or slowness of DTE to react to end to end flow control, certain RNR conditions. When this predetermined threshold is reached, a flow control active condition is sent to the associated DTE which is then prevented from sending any data, subsequently, the flow control inactive condition is sent to the associated DTE when the L2R or RLP entities have indicated that there is sufficient free capacity in their buffers for data flow from the associated DTE to proceed.

The corresponding peer-layer procedure to assess the respective buffer conditions are a layer management matter and are not dealt with here. It is also considered an implementation matter to ensure that such procedure do not result in loss of data or considerable reduction in throughput.