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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the stage 3 of the control plane of the GPRS Tunnelling Protocol, Version 2 (GTPv2-C).

GTPv2-C shall be used over:

- the S2a, S2b, S3, S4, S5, S8, S10, S11, S16, Sm and Sn signalling interfaces in EPC, specified in TS 23.401 [3] and TS 23.402 [45].
- the N26 signalling interface between EPC and 5GC, specified in TS 23.501 [82] and TS 23.502 [83].

GTPv2-C based protocols shall also be used over the Sv (see TS 29.280 [15]) and S101/S121 (see TS 29.276 [14]) interfaces.

In this document, unless otherwise specified, the S2a, S2b, S5 and S8 interfaces refer to the GTP-based S2a, S2b, S5 and S8 interfaces respectively.

The present document specifies functions, procedures and information which apply to GERAN Iu mode. However, functionality related to GERAN Iu mode is neither maintained nor enhanced.

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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.
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- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.003: "Numbering, addressing and identification".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.401: "General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) enhancements for Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) access".
- [4] 3GPP TS 29.060: "General Packet Radio Service (GPRS); GPRS Tunnelling Protocol (GTP) across the Gn and Gp interface".
- [5] 3GPP TS 24.008: "Mobile radio interface Layer 3 specification; Core network protocols; Stage 3".
- [6] IETF RFC 791 (STD 0005): "Internet Protocol", J. Postel.
- [7] IETF RFC 768 (STD 0006): "User Datagram Protocol", J. Postel.
- [8] 3GPP TS 32.251: "Telecommunication Management; Charging Management; Packet Switched (PS) domain charging.
- [9] 3GPP TS 32.298: "Telecommunication Management; Charging Management; Charging Data Record (CDR) parameter classification.
- [10] 3GPP TS 36.413: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 Application Protocol (S1AP)".
- [11] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G security; Security architecture".
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- [13] 3GPP TS 29.281: "General Packet Radio System (GPRS) Tunnelling Protocol User Plane (GTPv1-U)".
- [14] 3GPP TS 29.276: "3GPP Evolved Packet System (EPS); Optimized handover procedures and protocols between E-UTRAN Access and cdma2000 HRPD Access; Stage 3".
- [15] 3GPP TS 29.280: "Evolved Packet System (EPS); 3GPP Sv interface (MME to MSC, and SGSN to MSC) for SRVCC".
- [16] IETF RFC 8200: "Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification".
- [17] 3GPP TS 23.007: "Restoration procedures".
- [18] 3GPP TS 32.422: "Telecommunication management; Subscriber and equipment trace; Trace control and configuration management".
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- [26] 3GPP TS 29.275: "Proxy Mobile IPv6 (PMIPv6) based Mobility and Tunnelling protocols; Stage 3".
- [27] 3GPP TS 44.018: "Mobile radio interface layer 3 specification; Radio Resource Control Protocol".
- [28] 3GPP TS 48.008: "Mobile Switching Centre - Base Station System (MSC-BSS) interface; Layer 3 specification".
- [29] 3GPP TS 29.212: "Policy and Charging Control (PCC); Reference points".
- [30] 3GPP TS 24.007: "Mobile radio interface signalling layer 3; General Aspects".
- [31] IETF RFC 1035: "Domain Names - Implementation and Specification".
- [32] 3GPP TS 29.303: "Domain Name System Procedures; Stage 3".
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- [35] 3GPP TS 23.060: "General Packet Radio Service (GPRS); Service description; Stage 2".