Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects

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The following Change Requests (CRs) have been approved by TSG SA WG2 and are requested to be approved by TSG SA plenary #20.

Note: the source of all these CRs is now S2, even if the name of the originating company(ies) is still reflected on the cover page of all the attached CRs.

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<u>S2-032100</u>	Architecture corrections	23.002	131r1	F	5.10.0	5	TEI5	S2-32
<u>S2-032101</u>	Architecture corrections	23.002	132r1	Α	6.0.1	6	TEI5	S2-32
<u>S2-031392</u>	Gd Interface	23.002	124	F	6.0.1	6	TEI6	S2-31
<u>S2-031546</u>	Ge reference point	23.002	128r1	F	6.0.1	6	TEI6	S2-31
<u>S2-032144</u>	Management interface	23.002	129r2	F	6.0.1	6	IMS2	S2-32
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Reason for change: ೫	The Gd poir	The Reference Point between SGSN and SMS-GMSC/SMS-IWMSC is known as Gd reference point in the GPRS stage 2 specification TS 23.060. This reference point is missing in the network architecture specification 23.002.						
Summary of change:	Add	Add a reference figure and a reference point description for the Gd interface.						
Consequences if # not approved:	Spe	cification remains incomplete.						
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#### Other comments: # Error already exists in specifications for R99, Rel-4 and Rel-5.

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#### 4.1.1.5 SMS Gateway MSC (SMS-GMSC)

The SMS Gateway MSC (SMS-GMSC) acts as an interface between a Short Message Service Centre and the PLMN, to allow short messages to be delivered to mobile stations from the Service Centre (SC).

The choice of which MSCs can act as SMS Gateway MSCs is a network operator matter (e.g. all MSCs or some designated MSCs).

#### 4.1.1.6 SMS Interworking MSC (SMS-IWMSC)

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## \*\*\* NEXT CHANGE \*\*\*

# 5 Configuration of a Public Land Mobile Network

# 5.1 Basic configuration

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#### Legend:

Bold lines: interfaces supporting user traffic;

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#### Figure 1: Basic Configuration of a PLMN supporting CS and PS services and interfaces



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# 6.4.3 Interfaces used by CS and PS domains

## 6.4.3.1 Interface between MSC/VLR and SGSN (Gs-interface)

The SGSN may send location information to the MSC/VLR via the optional Gs interface. The SGSN may receive paging requests from the MSC/VLR via the Gs interface. The MSC/VLR may indicate to an SGSN, via the Gs interface, that an MS is engaged in a service handled by the MSC.

Signalling on this interface uses connectionless SCCP (without TCAP). SCCP Global Title (GT) is used for addressing. The Gs-interface is defined in TS 29.016 [48] and 29.018 [49].

## 6.4.3.2 Interface between HLR and AuC (H-Interface)

When an HLR receives a request for authentication and ciphering data for a Mobile Subscriber and it does not hold the requested data, the HLR requests the data from the AuC. The protocol used to transfer the data over this interface is not standardised.

## 6.4.3.3 Interface between SGSN and SMS-GMSC/SMS-IWMSC (Gd-Interface)

This interface is used to transfer short messages between SGSN and SMS-GMSC or SMS-IWMSC over GPRS. Signalling on this interface uses the Mobile Application Part (MAP) (see TS 29.002 [26]).

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		be found in 3GPP <u>TR 21.900</u> .	Rel-5	(Release 5)
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Reason for change: ೫	The Si interface is used to provide access to data from HSS towards CAMEL AS in case of providing existing services via CAMEL. It is not expected that the Si interface will be updated to transfer data between HSS & CAMEL AS for new services or impact existing CAMEL services. Interfaces and configuration of these existing services via new Mt interface is not foreseen for existing CAMEL specifications which will use Si reference point. Existing procedures will be used as today, otherwise operators will have to provide multiple alternatives towards the users since both IMS based (Mt) and existing mechanism will have to remain in use. So the FFS related to this is removed from the specs as well as Si reference point. The document SP-030115 (S2-030915) introduced a new reference point using the identifier "Mt".This has led to some confusion, considering the existing 3GPP
	abbreviation "MI".
Summary of change: ೫	Remove Si and note from the spec in relation to Mt reference point. Replace the identifier "Mt" with "Ut".
Consequences if % not approved:	Additional FFS and misleading CN WG expectation of work.
	Confusion across the 3GPP project about the difference between MT and Mt.

Clauses affected:	第 5.5 and 6a.7.18
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affected:	X Test specifications
	X O&M Specifications
Other comments:	X         This CR merges the CR126 rev3 and the CR129 rev1.
	Work in progress on SA3 & CN1 specifications may be affected – this CR
	(content from CR129 rev1) needs to be communicated to those groups so that
	any documents or CRs in the pipeline from them can be corrected. In addition
	some CRs from SA2#31 need to be aligned.

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## \*\*\* FIRST MODIFIED SECTION \*\*\*

# 5.5 Configuration of IM CN Subsystem entities

The configuration of IM CN Subsystem entities is presented in figure 6. In the figure, all the functions are considered implemented in different logical nodes. If two logical nodes are implemented in the same physical equipment, the relevant interfaces may become internal to that equipment.

Only the interfaces specifically linked to the IM subsystem are shown, i.e. all the SGSN, GGSN and HSS interfaces depicted in figure 1 are still supported by these entities even if not shown.



Figure 6: Configuration of IM Subsystem entities

Legend:	
Bold lines:	interfaces supporting user traffic;
Dashed lines:	interfaces supporting only signalling.

The figure below depicts an overall view of the functional architecture for services.



#### Figure 6a: Functional architecture for the provision of service in the IMS

The purpose of the IM SSF is to host the CAMEL network features (i.e. trigger detection points, CAMEL Service Switching Finite State Machine, etc) and to interwork with CAP.

The IM SSF and the CAP interface support legacy services only.

The application server may contain "service capability interaction manager" (SCIM) functionality and other application servers. The SCIM functionality is an application which performs the role of interaction management. The internal components are represented by the "dotted boxes" inside the SIP application server. The internal structure of the application server is outside the standards. The Sh interface shall have sufficient functionality to enable this scenario.

The figure below depicts an overall view of the functional architecture for enabling the management of the user's service related information via the <u>Mt-Ut</u> interface.



# Figure 6b: Functional architecture for the management of the user's service related information

Note: The Application Server in this figure depicts the SIP Application Server<del>, the IM-SSF,</del> and the OSA-SCS. It is for further study if the Mt interface will have any impacts on Si interface between IM-SSF and HSS.

# \*\*\* NEXT MODIFIED SECTION \*\*\*

# 6a.7.18 Reference Point UE – AS (<u>Mt-Ut</u> Reference Point)

The <u>Mt-Ut</u> interface resides between the UE and the Application Server (i.e. the SIP Application Server, OSA-SCS<del>, IM-SSF</del>).

The <u>Mt-Ut</u> interface enables the user to manage information related to his services. Such as creation and assignment of Public Service Identities, management of authorization policies that are used e.g. by Presence service, conference policy management, etc.

The AS may need to exhibit security related functions for the <u>Mt Ut</u> interface, the details of these security functions are described in 3G TS 3x.yzw [??].

For the protocol at the <u>Mt-Ut</u> reference point HTTP shall be supported.

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Summary of change:	A misleading sentence in subclause 6.4.1.7 is deleted.
Consequences if % not approved:	Misalignment and wrong functional role of a reference point for IMS-CS interworking.

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- full compliance with the H.248 standard [52], baseline work of which is currently carried out in ITU-T Study Group 16, in conjunction with IETF MEGACO WG.
- flexible connection handling which allows support of different call models and different media processing purposes not restricted to H.323 usage [54].
- open architecture where extensions/Packages definition work on the interface may be carried out.
- dynamic sharing of MGW physical node resources. A physical MGW can be partitioned into logically separate virtual MGWs/domains consisting of a set of statically allocated Terminations.
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The functionality across the Mc reference point will need to support mobile specific functions such as SRNS relocation/handover and anchoring. It is expected that current H.248/IETF Megaco standard [52] mechanisms can be applied to enable this.

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# 4a.7.5 Subscription Locator Function (SLF)

The SLF:

- Is queried by the I-CSCF during the Registration and Session Setup to get the name of the HSS containing the required subscriber specific data. Furthermore the SLF is also queried by the S-CSCF during the Registration.
- Is queried by the AS in conjunction with the Sh interface operation to get the name of the HSS containing the required subscriber specific data.
- Is accessed via the Dx interface by the CSCF and via the Dh interface by the AS

The SLF is not required in a single HSS environment. An example for a single HSS environment is a server farm architecture. Use of SLF is not required when AS are configured/managed to use pre-defined HSS.

-----Second modified section-----

# 5.5 Configuration of IM CN Subsystem entities

The configuration of IM CN Subsystem entities is presented in figure 6. In the figure, all the functions are considered implemented in different logical nodes. If two logical nodes are implemented in the same physical equipment, the relevant interfaces may become internal to that equipment.

Only the interfaces specifically linked to the IM subsystem are shown, i.e. all the SGSN, GGSN and HSS interfaces depicted in figure 1 are still supported by these entities even if not shown.





#### Figure 6: Configuration of IM Subsystem entities

Legend:	
Bold lines:	interfaces supporting user traffic;
Dashed lines:	interfaces supporting only signalling.

The figure below depicts an overall view of the functional architecture for services.



Figure 6a: Functional architecture for the provision of service in the IMS

The purpose of the IM SSF is to host the CAMEL network features (i.e. trigger detection points, CAMEL Service Switching Finite State Machine, etc) and to interwork with CAP.

The IM SSF and the CAP interface support legacy services only.

The application server may contain "service capability interaction manager" (SCIM) functionality and other application servers. The SCIM functionality is an application which performs the role of interaction management. The internal components are represented by the "dotted boxes" inside the SIP application server. The internal structure of the application server is outside the standards. The Sh interface shall have sufficient functionality to enable this scenario.

The figure below depicts an overall view of the functional architecture for enabling the management of the user's service related information via the Mt interface.



#### Figure 6b: Functional architecture for the management of the user's service related information

Note: The Application Server in this figure depicts the SIP Application Server, the IM-SSF, and the OSA-SCS. It is for further study if the Mt interface will have any impacts on Si interface between IM-SSF and HSS.

-----Third modified section-----

# 6a.7.x Reference Point AS- SLF (Dh Reference Point)

This interface between AS and SLF is used to retrieve the address of the HSS which holds the subscription for a given user.

This interface is not required in a single HSS environment. An example for a single HSS environment is a server farm architecture.

Details are described in 23.228 [34], subclause 5.8.1.

# \*\*\*FIRST CHANGE\*\*\*

# 5.3 Configuration of CAMEL entities

The following figure shows the interconnection of the CAMEL-specific entities with the rest of the network. Only the interfaces specificly involved in CAMEL provisionning are shown, i.e. all the GMSC, MSC, SGSN and HLR interfaces depicted in figure 1 are still supported by these entities even if not shown.

NOTE: Most CAMEL-specific interfaces have no particular name. They are designated by the name of the two entities they link together, e.g. "the gsmSSF-gsmSCF interface".



Figure 4: configuration of CAMEL entities

The bold lines are used for interfaces supporting user data only, the dashed lines are used for interfaces supporting signalling only.

# \*\*\*NEXT CHANGE\*\*\*

# 6a.4 CAMEL-specific interfaces

The CAMEL-specific interfaces are detailed in 23.078 [10c]. These interfaces are.

## 6a.4.1 GMSC - gsmSSF interface

This is an internal interface. The interface is described in the specification to make it easier to understand the handling of Detection Points (arming/disarming of DPs, DP processing etc.).

### 6a.4.2 gsmSSF - gsmSCF interface

This interface is used by the gsmSCF to control a call in a certain gsmSSF and to request the gsmSSF to establish a connection with a gsmSRF. Relationships on this interface are opened as a result of the gsmSSF sending a request for instructions to the gsmSCF.

## 6a.4.3 MSC - gsmSSF interface

This is an internal interface. The interface is described in the specification to make it easier to understand the handling of DPs (arming/disarming of DPs, DP processing etc.).

### 6a.4.4 gsmSCF - HLR interface

This interface is used by the gsmSCF to request information from the HLR. As a network operator option the HLR may refuse to provide the information requested by the gsmSCF.

This interface is also used for USSD operations, both for gsmSCF-initiated dialogues and MS-initiated dialogues (relayed via HLR). It is a network operator option whether to support or not USSD operations on this interface.

### 6a.4.5 gsmSCF - gsmSRF interface

This interface is used by the gsmSCF to instruct the gsmSRF to play tones/announcements to the users.

### 6a.4.6 MSC - gsmSCF interface

This interface is used by the MSC to send supplementary service invocation notifications to the gsmSCF.

### 6a.4.7 SGSN - gprsSSF interface

This is an internal interface. The interface is described in the specification to make it easier to understand the handling of DPs (arming/disarming of DPs, DP processing etc.).

## 6a.4.8 gprsSSF - gsmSCF interface (Ge Reference Point)

This interface is used by the gsmSCF to control a GPRS session or individual PDP Context in a certain gprsSSF. Relationships between the gprsSSF and the gsmSCF (GPRS dialogues) on this interface are opened as a result of the gprsSSF sending a request for instructions to the gsmSCF. This interface is also known as Ge reference point [9a].