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1. GENERAL

RAN WG3 had its third meeting the 26-30 April in Kawasaki, Japan, and its fourth meeting the 1-4 June in Warwick, UK. The progress has been good and is increasing. The organisation with two SWGs is efficient. However, there is still very much work to do to have stable and good quality specifications by the end of this year. Functions and features not necessary for the basic operation of UMTS should be considered to not be included in Release 99.

2. LIST OF WG3 DOCUMENTS

RAN WG3 has created a new specification: 25.442 UTRAN Implementation specific O&M transport. The list of document is shown below.

| Iu | Iur | Iub | |
|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| 25.410 | 25.420 | 25.430 | |
| UTRAN Iu Interface: General | UTRAN Iur Interface: General | UTRAN Iub Interface: | |
| Aspects and Principles | Aspects and Principles | General Aspects and | |
| | | Principles | |
| 25.411 | 25.421 | 25.431 | |
| | UTRAN Iur interface Layer 1 | UTRAN Iub interface Layer 1 | |
| UTRAN Iu interface Layer 1 | | - | |
| 25.412 | 25.422 | 25.432 | |
| | UTRAN Iur interface | UTRAN lub interface | |
| UTRAN Iu interface | signalling transport | signalling transport | |
| signalling transport | | | |
| 25.413 | 25.423 | 25.433 | |
| UTRAN Iu interface RANAP | UTRAN Iur interface RNSAP | UTRAN Iub interface NBAP | |
| signalling | signalling | signalling | |
| 25.414 | 25.424 | 25.434 | |
| UTRAN Iu interface data | UTRAN Iur interface data | UTRAN Iub interface data | |
| transport and transport | transport and transport | transport and transport | |
| signalling | signalling for CCH data | signalling for CCH data | |
| | streams | streams | |
| 25.415 | 25.425 | 25.435 | |
| UTRAN Iu interface CN-RAN | UTRAN Iur interface user | UTRAN Iub interface user | |
| user plane protocols | plane protocols for CCH data | plane protocols for CCH data | |
| | streams | streams | |
| | 25.426 | | |
| - | UTRAN Iur and Iub interface data transport and transport | | |
| | signalling for DCH data streams | | |
| | 25.427 | | |
| - | UTRAN Iur and Iub interface user plane protocol for DCH data | | |
| | streams | | |
| 25.442 | | | |
| UTRAN Implementations specific O&M transport | | | |

| Iu | Iur | Iub | |
|--|-----|-----|--|
| 25.401 | | | |
| UTRAN Overall Description | | | |
| 25.931 | | | |
| UTRAN functions: Examples on signalling procedures | | | |
| 25.832 | | | |
| Manifestations of handover and SRNS relocation | | | |
| 30.531 | | | |
| WG3 Workplan and study items | | | |
| 25.831 | | | |
| WG3 Study Items for Future Releases | | | |
| I3.05 | | | |
| Node B O&M Functional Descriptions | | | |

3. ORGANISATION AND WORKPLAN

The following representatives have been appointed for WG3:

- WG3 chairman: Per Willars, Ericsson
- WG3 vice chairman: Jean-Marie Calmel, Nortel
- WG3 secretary: Richard Townend, BT (until september 1999)

WG3 has two subworking groups (SWGs):

- Iu SWG (Chairman: Atte Länsisalmi, Nokia)
- Iur/Iub SWG (Chairman: Per Willars, Ericsson)

The SWGs meet in parallell between opening and closing WG3 plenaries during a WG3 meeting.

In addition, WG3 has had and is planning O&M Ad Hoc group meetings (chaired by Andrew DeLaTorre, Vodafone).

The following meeting dates are planned:

| Meeting | Dates | Venue, host |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| WG3 O&M ad hoc | 29-30 June | |
| WG3#5 | 5 – 9 July | Helsinki, Nokia |
| WG3#6 | 23 – 27 August | Sophia Antipolis, ETSI |
| WG3#7 | Tentative 20-24 September | Open |
| WG3#8 | Tentative 25-29 October | Abiko, Japan, NEC |
| WG3#9 | Tentative 6-10 December | Open |
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4. MERGING OF ARIB/TTC AND ETSI DOCUMENTS

Most study items from the merging process have been resolved but some remain open and are being discussed on the mail reflector. The following table shows the list of study items and the current status.

| # | Title | Status |
|-------|---|--|
| ARC/1 | CCH & DSCH in Iur Interface | Open for further study of solutions for CCH on Iur, and optionality of Iur interface |
| Iu/1 | Use of SS7 as a signalling bearer for Iu & Iur | Open for Iur. |
| Iu/7 | Usage of abstract syntax (ASN.1 with CSN.1 as encoding rules, as recommended by SMG2) versus explicitly coding the transfer syntax (bit matrix, as proposed by TTC/ARIB). | Will use ASN.1. Coding is FFS. |

5. DOCUMENTS

5.1 Radio network layer specifications

25.401 UTRAN Overall Description

Editor: Jean-Marie Calmel, Nortel

Some basic issues remain to be fully solved (e.g. synchronisation, optionality on Iur interface, delay requirements).

25.410 UTRAN Iu Interface: General Aspects and Principles

Editor: Richard Townend, BT Some work remaining.

25.420 UTRAN Iur Interface: General Aspects and Principles

Editor: Kevin Hegerty, Lucent Some work remaining.

25.430 UTRAN Iub Interface: General Aspects and Principles

Editor: Mick Wilson, Fujitsu Some work remaining.

25.413 UTRAN Iu interface RANAP signalling

Editor: Jyrki Jussila, Nokia

Progressed.

25.423 UTRAN Iur interface RNSAP signalling

Editor: Göran Rune, Ericsson

Progressed. Specifically, the issue of inter-RNC cell/URA update solved.

Agreed that the current set of procedures is the complete set of RNSAP procedures, except for possibly needed additional procedures for common channels handling on Iur..

25.433 UTRAN Iub interface NBAP signalling

Editor: Nobutaka Ishikawa, NTT Docomo

Progressed, especially in the area of logical O&M.

Agreed that the current set of is complete with the following exceptions:

- Radio link failure from Node B is needed.
- A couple of procedures for Logical O&M are probably missing.
- Possibly need special procedure for physical channel reconfiguration

25.415 UTRAN Iu interface user plane protocols

Editor: Alain Maupin, Ericsson

Progressed.

25.425 UTRAN Iur interface user plane protocols for CCH data streams

Editor: Nicolas Drevon, Alcatel Very little contents and progress.

25.435 UTRAN lub interface user plane protocols for CCH data streams

Editor: Jean-Marie Calmel, Nortel Very little contents and progress.

25.427 UTRAN Iur and Iub interface user plane protocols for DCH data streams

Editor: Fabio Longoni, Nokia

Progressed.

5.2 Transport layer specifications

25.411 UTRAN Iu interface Layer 1

Editor: Achim von Brandt, Siemens

V2.0.0 sent to TSG RAN for approval. v2.0.1 presented with minor change to TSG RAN.

25.421 UTRAN Iur interface Layer 1

Editor: Achim von Brandt, Siemens Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.431 UTRAN lub interface Layer 1

Editor: Achim von Brandt, Siemens

Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.412 UTRAN Iu interface signalling transport

Editor: Kiran Thakare, Telecom Modus

Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.422 UTRAN Iur interface signalling transport

Editor: Kiran Thakare, Telecom Modus

V2.0.0 sent to TSG RAN for approval.v2.0.1 with minor editorial update presented to TSG RAN.

Three alternatives are described. Which one to keep is to be decided at RAN#4.

25.432 UTRAN Iub interface signalling transport

Editor: Mick Wilson, Fujitsu

Sent to TSG RAN for approval. Contains one "working assumption".

25.414 UTRAN Iu interface data transport & transport signalling

Editor: David Comstock, Ericsson Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.424 UTRAN Iur interface data transport & transport signalling for CCH data streams

Editor: Nicolas Drevon, Alcatel Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.434 UTRAN Iub interface data transport & transport signalling for CCH data streams

Editor: Magnus Aldén, telia Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.426 UTRAN Iur and Iub interface data transport & transport signalling for DCH data streams

Editor: Sammi Kekki, Nokia Sent to TSG RAN for approval.

25.442 UTRAN Implementations specific O&M transport

Editor: Stephan Recker, Mannesman

First version exists.

5.3 Technical reports

25.931 UTRAN Functions, examples on signalling procedures

Editor: Enrico Scarrone, CSELT

Probably includes a number of inconsistencies. Note that this document shows only examples.

Only some functions remain to be solved on a principle level (e.g. SRNS relocation, RRC connection reestablishment).

25.831 TSG RAN WG3 Study Items for Future Release

Editor: Nicolas Drevon, Alcatel

First version exists.

25.832 Manifestations of handover and SRNS relocation

Editor: Richard Townend, BT

Stable. Being out for comments from SA WG2 and others.

I3.05 NodeB O&M Functional Descriptions

Editor: Andrew DeLaTorre, Vodafone

First version agreed. WG3-internal document only (as a basis to define parts of NBAP protocol on Iub).

5.4 Administrative documents

30.531 TSG RAN WG3 Work Plan and Study Items

Editor: Björn Ehrstedt, Ericsson

6. RELATION TO OTHER GROUPS

RAN WG2: Exchanged a number of LSs on e.g. DSCH solutions, hybrid ARQ, inter-RNC cell/URA update etc.

SA WG2: Exchanged a number of LSs on e.g. QoS issues, SRNS relocation, node identifiers, paging, cell broadcast center, radio access bearer subflows etc.

CN WG2: Will cooperate regarding GTP-U protocol.

T2: Received LSs on terminal capabilities. No response needed from RAN WG3.