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Introduction

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1 Scope

The present document ...

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.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.
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[1] S3.01, UTRAN Architecture Description

[2] UMTS 23.30, Iu Principles

[3]

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the [following] terms and definitions [given in ... and the following] apply.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

4 General Aspects

Editor's Note – Discussion is required about what information should be transferred from the UTRAN Architecture description to this document. Also, from other relevant documents (e.g. UMTS 23.30 Iu Principles).

4.1 UTRAN Architecture

Editor's Note – this chapter should describe enough of the system architecture for the role of the interface to be understood.

See [1], chapter 8.1.

4.2 I_u Interface General Principles

4.3 I_u Interface Specification Objectives

4.4 I_u Interface Capabilities

[Editor's note: This chapter should shortly describe the I_u–Interface Capabilities. In order to avoid inconsistency between documents, reference to [6], chapters 4 and 5, has been made]

See [2], chapters 4 and 5.

4.5 I_u Interface Characteristics

See [2], chapters 4 and 5.

5 Functions of the I_u Interface Protocols

Editor's Note – this section will either contain a functional division across the interface, and/or a reference to the appropriate bit of the UTRAN Architecture Specification

6 I_u Interface Protocol Structure

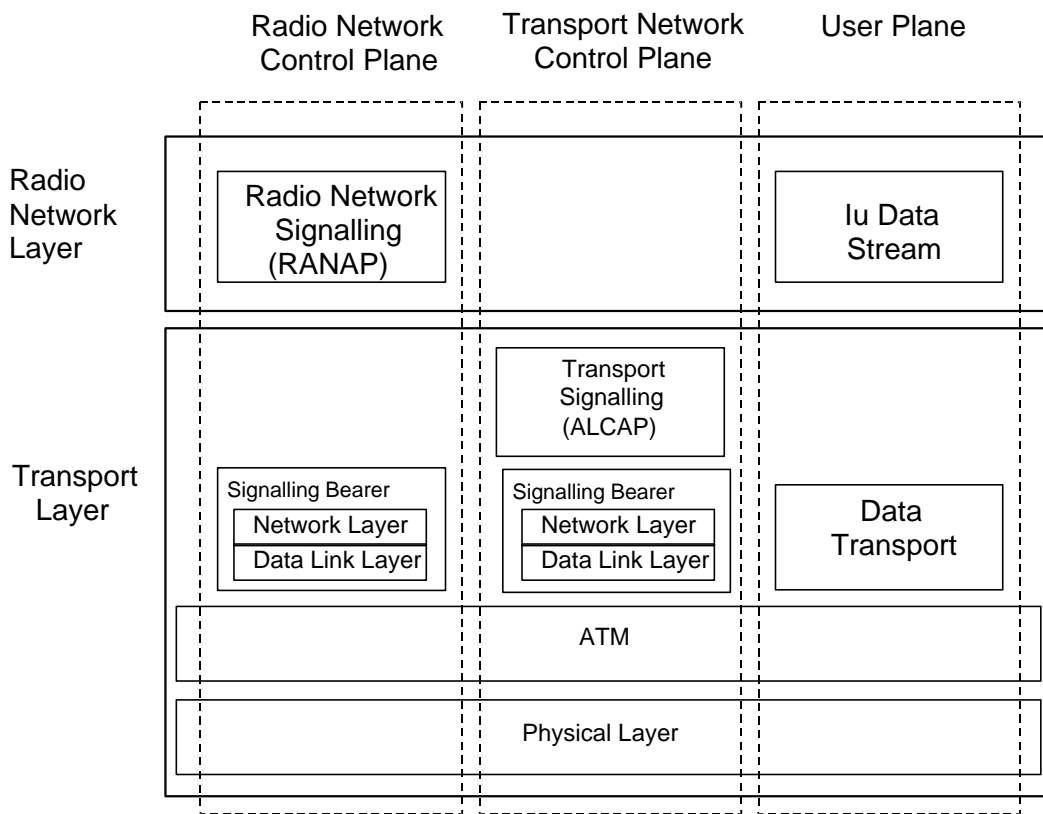


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[Editor's note: Figure 1 is different in TTC/ARIB document (see below). TTC/ARIB has decided to use SS7 as a signalling bearer. **Study item 1: The use of SS7 as a signalling bearer.**]

| CONTROL PLANE | TRANSPORT NETWORK CONTROL PLANE | | USER PLANE |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| RANAP | BISUP | AAL2 L3 | |
| SCCP | | BEARER CONVERTER | |
| | MTP3b | | |
| | SSCF-NNI | | |
| | SSCOP | | |
| | AAL5 | | AAL 1/2/5 Note |
| | ATM | | |

Note : AAL 1 is FFS

Figure 1. I_u -Interface Protocol Structure

7 Other I_u Interface Specifications

8 Bibliography

The following material, though not specifically referenced in the body of the present document (or not publicly available), gives supporting information.

9 History

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