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1 Scope

This Technical Specification defines the protocols being used to transport and control over the Iu interface, the Iu User Data Streams.

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.
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- [1] UTRAN Architecture
- [2] UMTS S3.xx RANAP protocol
- [3] UMTS S3.14, 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification Group (TSG) RAN; Iu Interface Data Transport and Transport Signalling
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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.2 Symbols

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

3.3 Abbreviations

CS: Circuit Switched
PS: Packet Switched
UP: User Plane

3.4 Concepts

4 General

5 PSTN/ISDN Domain

5.1 General

5.1.1 Protocol Architecture

5.1.2 Interfaces of the Iu CS UP protocol layer

5.2 Iu CS UP Protocol layer Services

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5.7.2 Frame coding

5.7.3 Timers

5.8 Handling of unknown, unforeseen and erroneous protocol data

6 IP Domain

6.1 General

- The standard shall support that the user data flows transported over the Iu reference point to/from the SGSN shall be multiplexed on top of common layer 2 resources.

6.1.1 Protocol Architecture

6.1.2 Interfaces of the Iu PS UP protocol layer

6.2 Iu PS UP Protocol layer Services

6.3 Services Expected from the UP Data Transport layer

6.4 Functions of the Iu PS UP Protocol layer

6.4.1 Congestion Control and Buffer management

Congestion control shall be performed over the Iu user plane toward the IP domain using buffer management and no flow control.

6.5 Elementary procedures

6.6 Primitives used by the Iu PS UP Protocol layer

6.6.1 Primitives towards the upper layers

6.6.2 Primitives towards the transport layers

6.7 Elements for Iu PS UP communication

6.8 Handling of unknown, unforeseen and erroneous protocol data

7 Annex A (Normative)

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