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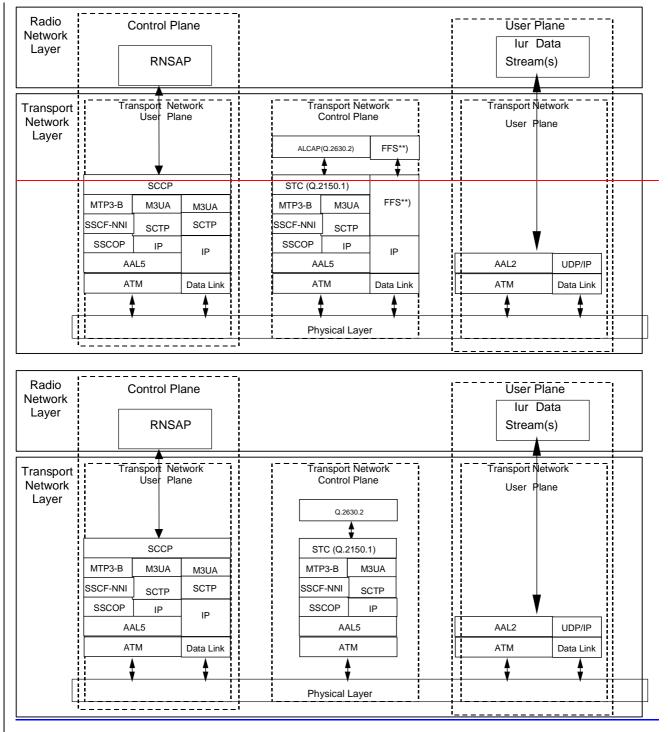


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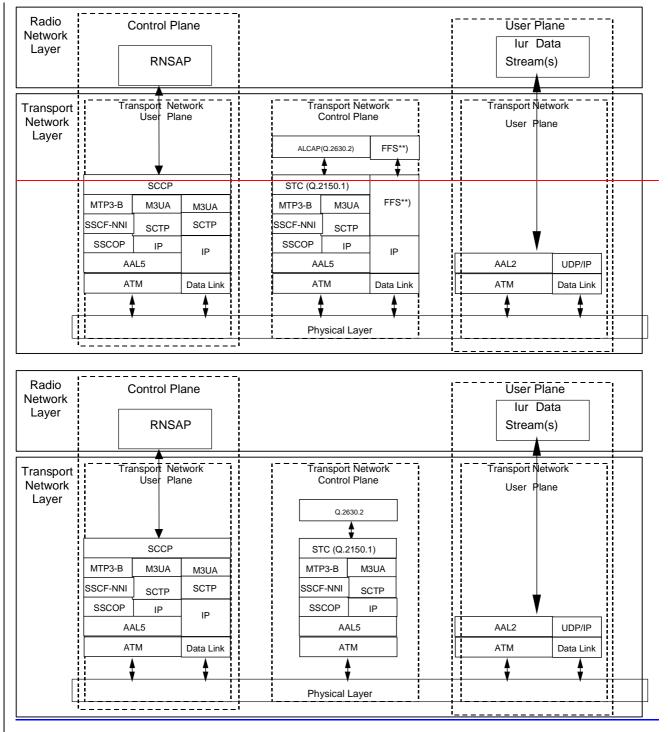


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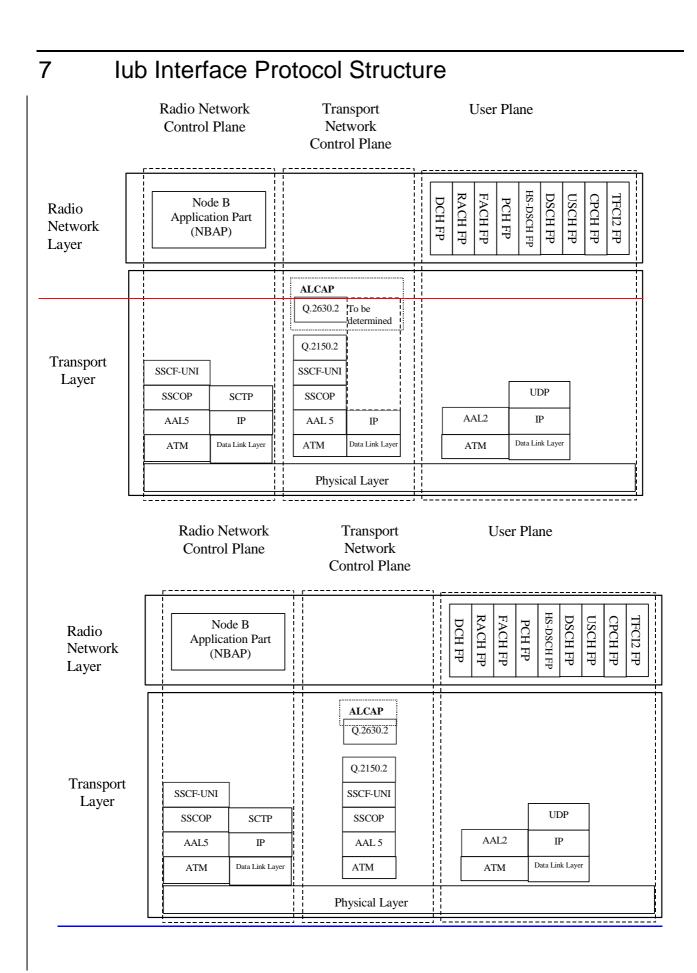


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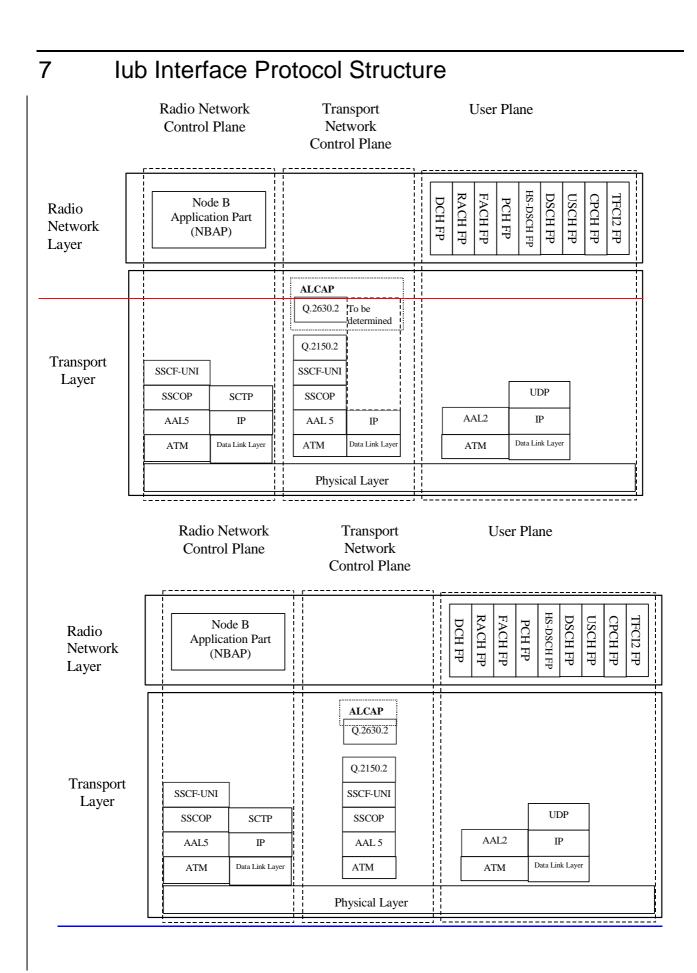


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6.2 lu-CS

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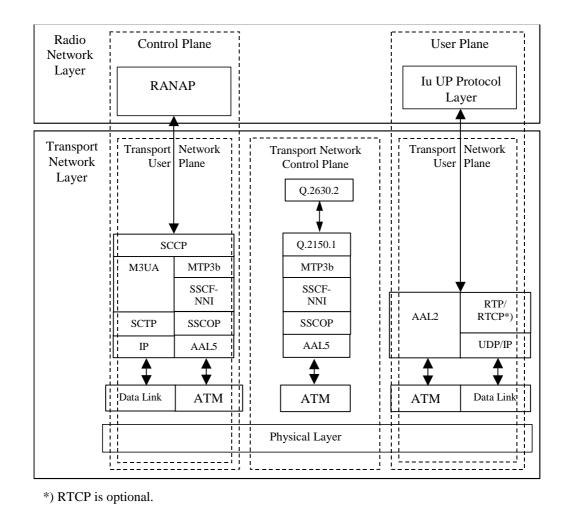


Figure 6.1: I_u –Interface Protocol Structure towards CS Domain

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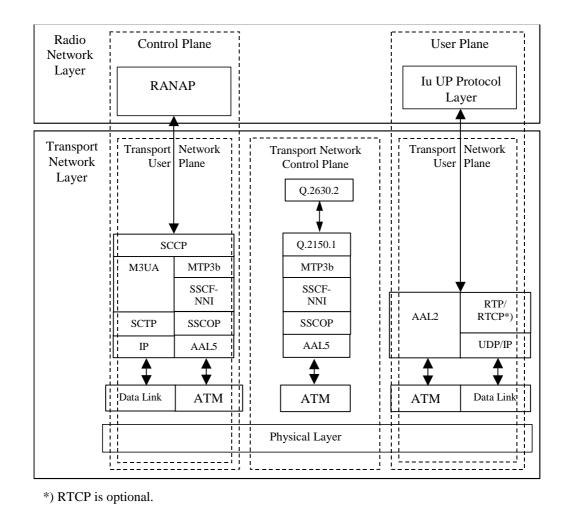


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5.3 Interworking between ATM and IP Transport Options

5.3.1 Introduction

This clause specifies the interworking between IP and ATM transport options. An RNC/CN-node supporting IP transport option shall provide interworking to a CN-node/RNC supporting only ATM transport option.

5.3.2 Interworking Alternatives

For interworking with a CN-node/RNC supporting only ATM transport option, the RNC/CN-node supporting IP transport option shall additionally support at least one of the following interworking mechanisms:

1) ATM&IP dual stack. An IP-ALCAP protocol is not required in this interworking solution.

Annex B of this technical specification shows an example of protocols for the case the ATM&IP RAN/CN-node has no ATM connectivity.

 Interworking Function (IWF) as a logical part of the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option. An IP-ALCAP protocol is not required in this interworking solution. An Interworking Function (IWF), either internal or external to the RAN/CN node. Annex B of this technical specification shows an example of a protocol stack for the case when the IWF is an external unit to the RAN/CN node. Other protocol stacks for this case are not precluded.

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3) Interworking Unit (IWU) as a logically separate unit. An IP ALCAP protocol shall be used in the interface between the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option and the Interworking Unit.

5.3.3 IP-ALCAP for the Interworking

In the third interworking alternative as introduced in subclause 5.3.2, [31] is used as the IP ALCAP protocol between the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option and the Transport Network Layer Interworking Unit.

The following figure shows the protocol stack for IP ALCAP over Iu CS in the third interworking alternative as introduced in subclause 5.3.2.

"IP-ALCAP" (ffs)
ffs
IPv6 (RFC 2460)
IPv4 optional (RFC 791)
Data Link Layer
Physical Layer

Figure 2a. Signalling bearer for IP-ALCAP.

6 Packet switched domain

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Annex B (informative):

Application of IP tunnelling in IP-ATM interworking alternative 1 in case of no direct ATM connectivity at the IP&ATM dual stack RNC/CN-node

One possibility of enabling ATM connectivity to the IP&ATM dual stack RNC/CN-node in the IP-ATM interworking alternative 1 scenario specified in chapter 5.3.2 is to use any ATM emulation over IP protocol from the IETF standards e.g. via tunnelling techniques.

<u>Application of IP-ALCAP in IP-ATM interworking alternative</u> <u>2</u>

One example scenario of IP-ATM interworking alternative 2 of section 5.3.2 is to use IP-ALCAP as specified in ITU-T Recommendation Q.2631.1 (10/2003) as the bearer control protocol between the UTRAN/CN Node and its external IWF. The following figure shows the corresponding protocol stack.

I P-ALCAP (Q2631.1)
Q.2150.3
SCTP (RFC2960)
I Pv6 (RFC 2640) IPv4 optional (RFC791)
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Figure B.1. Protocol stack for IP-ALCAP in IP-ATM interworking alternative 2

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[34]	IETF RFC 3031 (January 2001): "Multiprotocol Label Switching Architecture".
[35]	ITU-T Recommendation E.191 (03/00): "B-ISDN addressing".

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5.3 Interworking between ATM and IP Transport Options

5.3.1 Introduction

This clause specifies the interworking between IP and ATM transport options. An RNC/CN-node supporting IP transport option shall provide interworking to a CN-node/RNC supporting only ATM transport option.

5.3.2 Interworking Alternatives

For interworking with a CN-node/RNC supporting only ATM transport option, the RNC/CN-node supporting IP transport option shall additionally support at least one of the following interworking mechanisms:

1) 1) ATM&IP dual stack. An IP-ALCAP protocol is not required in this interworking solution.

Annex B of this technical specification shows an example of protocols for the case the ATM&IP RAN/CN-node has no ATM connectivity.

- 2) Interworking Function (IWF) as a logical part of the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option. An IP-ALCAP protocol is not required in this interworking solution. An Interworking Function (IWF), either internal or external to the RAN/CN node.
- Annex B of this technical specification shows an example of a protocol stack for the case when the IWF is an external unit to the RAN/CN node. Other protocol stacks for this case are not precluded.
- 3) Interworking Unit (IWU) as a logically separate unit. An IP ALCAP protocol shall be used in the interface between the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option and the Interworking Unit.

5.3.3 IP-ALCAP for the Interworking

In the third interworking alternative as introduced in subclause 5.3.2, [31] is used as the IP ALCAP protocol between the RNC/CN node supporting IP transport option and the Transport Network Layer Interworking Unit.

The following figure shows the protocol stack for IP ALCAP over Iu CS in the third interworking alternative as introduced in subclause 5.3.2.

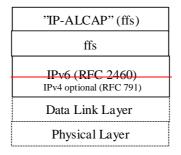


Figure 2a. Signalling bearer for IP-ALCAP.

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Annex B (informative):

Application of IP tunnelling in IP-ATM interworking alternative 1 in case of no direct ATM connectivity at the IP&ATM dual stack RNC/CN-node

One possibility of enabling ATM connectivity to the IP&ATM dual stack RNC/CN-node in the IP-ATM interworking alternative 1 scenario specified in chapter 5.3.2 is to use any ATM emulation over IP protocol from the IETF standards e.g. via tunnelling techniques.

<u>Application of IP-ALCAP in IP-ATM interworking alternative</u> <u>2</u>

One example scenario of IP-ATM interworking alternative 2 of section 5.3.2 is to use IP-ALCAP as specified in ITU-T Recommendation Q.2631.1 (10/2003) as the bearer control protocol between the UTRAN/CN Node and its external IWF. The following figure shows the corresponding protocol stack.

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Q.2150.3
SCTP (RFC2960)
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Figure B.1. Protocol stack for IP-ALCAP in IP-ATM interworking alternative 2

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11.1.3 Vertical Planes

11.1.3.1 Control Plane

The Control Plane Includes the Application Protocol, i.e. RANAP, RNSAP or NBAP, and the Signalling Bearer for transporting the Application Protocol messages.

Among other things, the Application Protocol is used for setting up bearers for (i.e. Radio Access Bearer or Radio Link) in the Radio Network Layer. In the three plane structure the bearer parameters in the Application Protocol are not directly tied to the User Plane technology, but are rather general bearer parameters.

The Signalling Bearer for the Application Protocol may or may not be of the same type as the Signalling Protocol for the ALCAP. The Signalling Bearer is always set up by O&M actions.

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The User Plane Includes the Data Stream(s) and the Data Bearer(s) for the Data Stream(s). The Data Stream(s) is/are characterised by one or more frame protocols specified for that interface.

11.1.3.3 Transport Network Control Plane

The Transport Network Control Plane does not include any Radio Network Layer information, and is completely in the Transport Layer. It includes the ALCAP protocol(s) that is/are needed to set up the transport bearers (Data Bearer) for the User Plane. It also includes the appropriate Signalling Bearer(s) needed for the ALCAP protocol(s).

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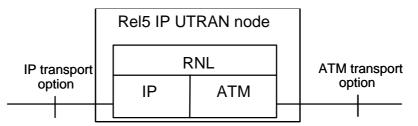
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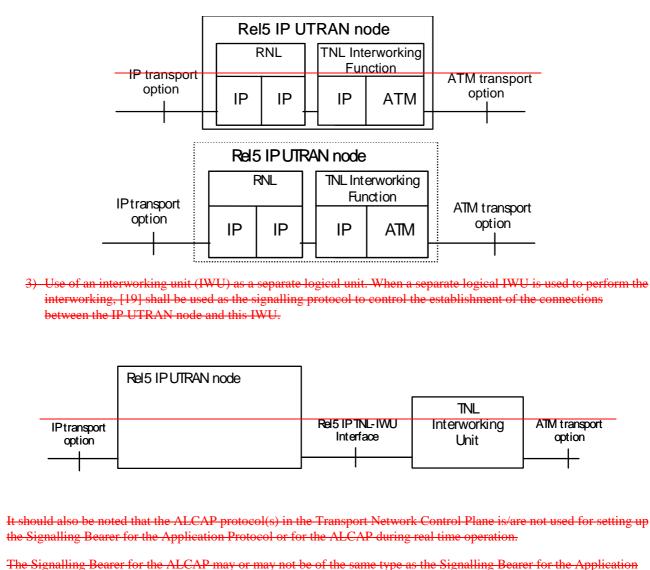
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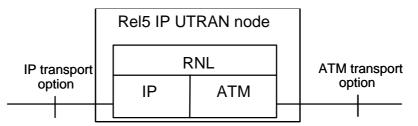
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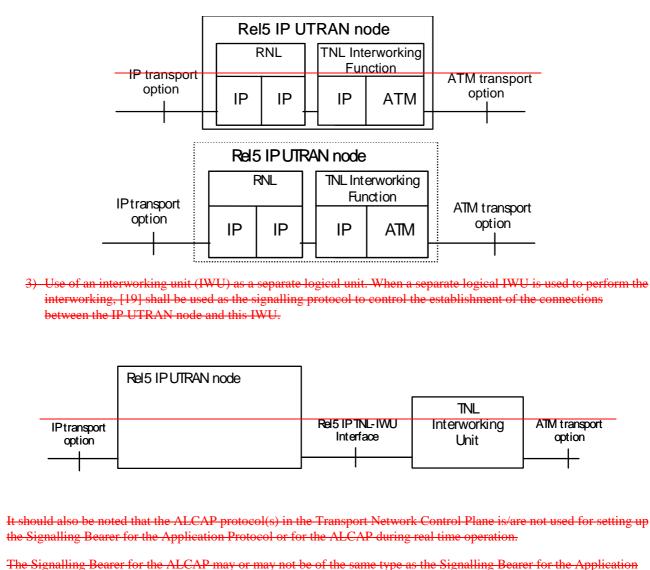
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