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Source: TSG-RAN WG3

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RP_Num	Tdoc_Num	Specification	CR_Num	Revision_Num	3G_Release	CR_Subject	CR_Category	Cur_Ver_Num	Workitem
RP-020163	R3-020605	25.402	033		R99	Clarification on the DPCH frame offset	F	3.8.0	TEI
RP-020163	R3-020606	25.402	034		Rel-4	Clarification on the DPCH frame offset	A	4.3.0	TEI

CHANGE REQUEST

⌘ **25.402** CR **33** ⌘ rev - ⌘ Current version: **3.8.0** ⌘

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Proposed change affects: ⌘ (U)SIM ME/UE Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	⌘ Clarification on the DPCH frame offset		
Source:	⌘ R-WG3		
Work item code:	⌘ TEI	Date:	⌘ February, 2002
Category:	⌘ F	Release:	⌘ R99
	<i>Use one of the following categories:</i> F (essential correction) A (corresponds to a correction in an earlier release) B (addition of feature), C (functional modification of feature) D (editorial modification) Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900.		<i>Use one of the following releases:</i> 2 (GSM Phase 2) R96 (Release 1996) R97 (Release 1997) R98 (Release 1998) R99 (Release 1999) REL-4 (Release 4) REL-5 (Release 5)

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[FDD – DOFF_{FDD}]

The DOFF_{FDD} (FDD Default DPCH Offset value) is used to define Frame Offset and Chip Offset at first RL setup. The resolution should be good enough to spread out load over Iub and load in Node B (based on certain load distributing algorithms). In addition it is used to spread out the location of Pilot Symbol in order to reduce the peak DL power since Pilot symbol is always transmitting at the fixed location within a slot (the largest number of chips for one symbol is 512 chips).

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Resolution: 512 chips; Range:0 to 599 (< 80 ms).

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Resolution: 1 frame; Range: 0 to 7 frames.

[FDD – Chip Offset]

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[FDD – DPCH Frame Offset]

The DPCH Frame Offset is used as offset for the DL DPCH relative to the PCCPCH timing at both the Node B and the UE. The DPCH Frame Offset parameter has a resolution of 256 chips and a range of 0 to 38144 chips (< 10 ms).

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The DPCH Frame Offset controls the DL DPCH air-interface timing. It enables the DL DPCHs for radio links in the Active Set to be received at the UE at approximately the same time, which can then be soft combined during soft handover.

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- TOAWE** TOAWE (Time of Arrival Window Endpoint) is the window endpoint. DL data frames are expected to be received before this window endpoint (see Figure 10). TOAWE is defined with a positive value relative Latest Time of Arrival (LTOA). A data frame arriving after TOAWE gives a Timing Adjustment Control frame response. The resolution is 1 ms, the range is: {0 .. CFN length –1 ms}.
- LTOA** LTOA (Latest Time of Arrival) is the latest time instant a Node B can receive a data frame and still be able to process it. Data frames received after LTOA can not be processed (discarded). LTOA is defined internally in Node B to be a processing time before the data frame is sent in air-interface. The processing time (Tproc) could be vendor and service dependent.
LTOA is the reference for TOAWE (see Figure 14).
- TOA** TOA (Time of Arrival) is the time difference between the TOAWE and when a data frame is received. A positive TOA means that data frames are received before TOAWE, a negative TOA means that data frames are received after TOAWE. Data frames that are received after TOAWE but before LTOA are processed by Node B.
TOA has a resolution of 125 μ s. TOA is positive when data frames are received before TOAWE (see Figure 12).
The range is: {0 .. +CFN length/2 –125 μ s}.
TOA is negative when data frames are received after TOAWE.
The range is: {–125 μ s .. –CFN length/2}.

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