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Introduction

The present document specifies test methods to allow the minimum performance requirements for the acoustic characteristics of 3G terminals when used to provide narrow-band or wideband telephony to be assessed.

The objective for narrow-band services is to reach a quality as close as possible to ITU-T standards for PSTN circuits. However, due to technical and economic factors, there cannot be full compliance with the general characteristics of international telephone connections and circuits recommended by the ITU-T.

The performance requirements are specified in TS26.131; the test methods and considerations are specified in the main body of the text.

1 Scope

The present document is applicable to any terminal capable of supporting narrow-band or wideband telephony, either as a stand-alone service or as the telephony component of a multimedia service. The present document specifies test methods to allow the minimum performance requirements for the acoustic characteristics of 3G terminals when used to provide narrow-band or wideband telephony to be assessed.

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.
- A non-specific reference to an ETS shall also be taken to refer to later versions published as an EN with the same number.

- [1] 3GPP Technical Specification 3G TS 26.132 : "Narrow-band speech telephony terminal acoustic characteristics - test methods"
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- [3] ITU-T Recommendation G.103 (1998): "Hypothetical reference connections".
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- [6] ITU-T Recommendation G.122 (1993): "Influence of national systems on stability, talker echo, and listener echo in international connections".
- [7] ITU-T Recommendation G.711 1988): "Pulse code modulation (PCM) of voice frequencies".
- [8] ITU-T Recommendation P.11 (1993): "Effect of transmission impairments".
- [9] ITU-T Recommendation P.38 (1993): "Transmission characteristics of operator telephone systems (OTS)".
- [10] ITU-T Recommendation P.50 (1993): "Artificial voices".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document the term *narrow-band* shall refer to signals sampled at 8kHz; *wideband* shall refer to signals sampled at 16kHz.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms: dB, dBr, dBm0, dBm0p and dBA, shall be interpreted as defined in ITU-T Recommendation B.12; the term dBPa shall be interpreted as the sound pressure level relative to 1 Pascal expressed in dB (0dBPa is equivalent to 94dB SPL).

3.2 Abbreviations

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

ADC	Analogue to Digital Converter
DAC	Digital to Analogue Converter
DTX	Discontinuous Transmission
EEC	Electrical Echo Control
EL	Echo Loss
ERP	Ear Reference Point
HATS	Head and Torso Simulator
LSTR	Listener Sidetone Rating
LRGP	Loudness Rating Guardring Position
MRP	Mouth Reference Point
OLR	Overall Loudness Rating
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
POI	Point of Interconnection (with PSTN)
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
RRL	Receive Loudness Rating
SLR	Send Loudness Rating
STMTR	Sidetone Masking Rating
SS	System Simulator
TX	Transmission
UE	User Equipment

4 Interfaces

4.1 Narrow-band telephony

Access to terminals for acoustic testing is always made via the acoustic or air interfaces. The Air Interface is specified by the 3G 25 series specifications and is required to achieve user equipment (UE) transportability. Measurements can be made at this point using a system simulator (SS) comprising the appropriate radio terminal equipment and speech transcoder. The losses and gains introduced by the test speech transcoder will need to be specified.

The POI with the public switched telephone network (PSTN) is considered to have a relative level of 0 dBr, where signals will be represented by 8-bit A-law, according to ITU-T Recommendation G.711. Measurements may be made at this point using a standard send and receive side, as defined in ITU-T Recommendations.

Five classes of acoustic interface are considered in this specification:

Handset UE;

Headset UE;

Vehicle Mounted Hands-free UE

Desk Top Operated Hands-free UE .

Hand-Held Hands-free UE

4.2 Wideband telephony

The interfaces used to define terminal acoustic characteristics for wideband telephony are for further study. The test methods needed to assess the minimum performance requirements for wideband telephony are for further study.

5 Test configurations

This section describes the test setups for terminal acoustic testing.

5.1 Test setup for terminals

The general access to terminals is described in Figure 1. The preferred acoustic access to 3G terminals is the most realistic simulation of the “average” subscriber. This can be made by using HATS (head and torso simulator) or LRGP (Loudness Rating Guardring Position), with appropriate ear simulation and appropriate mountings for handset terminals in a realistic but reproducible, way to the HATS / LRGP. . Hands-free terminals shall use the HATS or free field microphone techniques in a realistic but reproducible way. Headset measurement methods are for further study, awaiting input from ETSI TC-STQ.

HATS is described in ITU-T Recommendation P.58 ., appropriate ears are described in ITU-T Recommendation P.57 (type 3.3 and type 3.4 ear), a proper positioning of handsets in realistic conditions is found in ITU-T Recommendation P.64 , the test setups for various types of hands-free terminals can be found in ITU-T Recommendation P.581.

LRGP is described in ITU-T Recommendation P.64, appropriate ears are described in ITU-T Recommendation P.57 (type 3.2).

The preferred way of testing is the connection of a terminal to the system simulator with exact defined settings and access points. The test sequences are fed in either, electrically using a reference codec or using direct signal processing approach or acoustically using ITU-T specified devices.

5.1.1 Setup for handset terminals

HATS Method : When using a handset telephone the handset is placed in the HATS position as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.64 . The artificial mouth shall conform with P.58 when HATS is used. The artificial ear shall conform with Rec. P.57, type 3.3 or type 3.4 ears shall be used.

LRGP Method : When using a handset telephone the handset is placed in the LRGP position as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.64 . The artificial mouth shall conform with P.51 when LRGP is used. The artificial ear shall conform with Rec. P.57, type 3.2 ear shall be used. Either the high leak or low leak version may be used.

5.1.2 Setup for headset terminals

For further study.

5.1.3 Setup for hands-free terminals

5.1.3.1 Vehicle mounted hands-free

Vehicle mounted hands-free may be measured either in a vehicle or in an anechoic room. For both of these two types of test environments, the setup will depend on whether HATS or a discrete artificial mouth and discrete microphone are used as the acoustic test equipment.

For in-vehicle measurements, if HATS test equipment is used, it should be positioned in the car as per ITU-T Recommendation P. 581. If in-vehicle measurements are made with a discrete artificial mouth and discrete microphone, they should be positioned in the car as per Figure 1 below, respectively. The artificial mouth should comply with ITU-T Recommendation P. 51. The artificial mouth should be positioned with the liping in the position as indicated in Figure 1. The microphone should be a pressure-field microphone complying with IEC 618. The microphone should preferably be fitted with a random incidence corrector. A vehicle simulator may be used instead of an actual car. A standard vehicle simulator is described in ETSI 0358 601 (TR101110) Digital Cellular Telecommunications System (Phase 2+) Characterisation test methods and quality assessment for hands-free mobiles.

The hands-free equipment is mounted in the car as specified by the manufacturer.

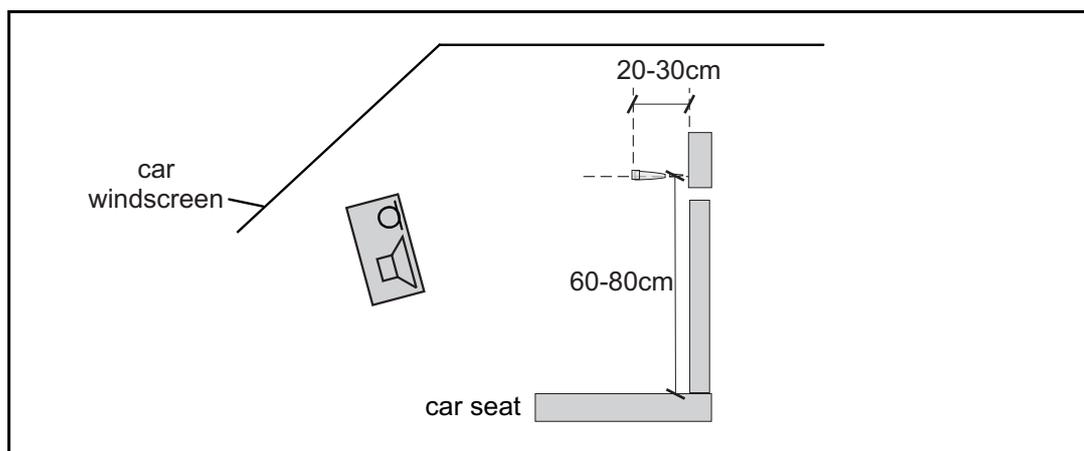


Figure 1: Test Configuration for Vehicle mounted hands-free, receiving characteristics, with discrete measurement microphone.

Specification testing of vehicle-mounted hands-free equipment in an anechoic room is for further study.

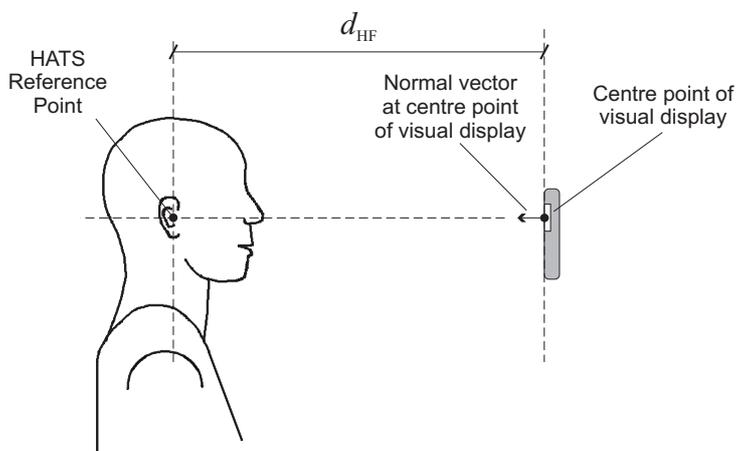
5.1.3.2 Desktop operated hands-free

For HATS test equipment, definition of hands-free terminals and setup for desktop hands-free terminals can be found in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. Measurement setup using a free field microphone and a discrete P.51 artificial mouth for desktop hands-free terminals can be found in ITU-T Recommendation P.340.

5.1.3.3 Handheld hands-free

Either HATS or a free-field microphone with a discrete P. 51 artificial mouth may be used to measure Hand-Held Hands-free type UE.

If HATS measurement equipment is used, it should be configured to the Hand-Held Hands-free UE according to Figure 2. The HATS should be positioned so that the HATS Reference Point is at a distance d_{HF} from the centre point of the visual display of the Mobile Station. The distance d_{HF} is specified by the manufacturer. A vertical angle θ_{HF} may be specified by the manufacturer.

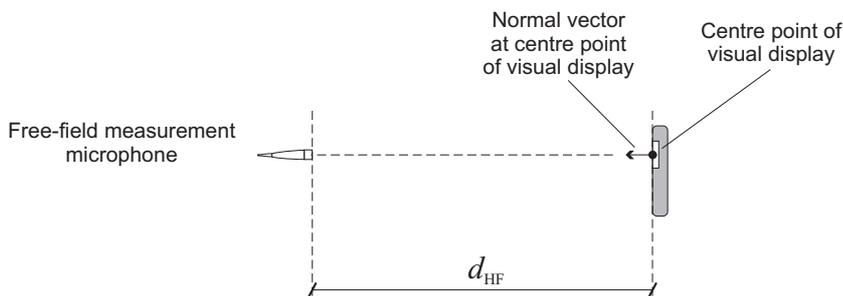


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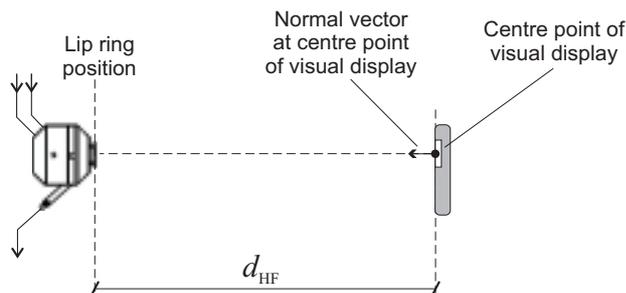
Figure 2: Configuration of Hand-Held Hands-free UE relative to the HATS.

If a free-field microphone with a discrete P. 51 mouth are used, they should be configured to the Hand-Held Hands-free UE as per Figure 3 for receiving measurements and Figure 4 for sending measurements. The measurement instrument should be located at a distance d_{HF} from the centre of the visual display of the Mobile Station. The distance d_{HF} is specified by the manufacturer.



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Figure 3: Configuration of Hand-Held Hands-free UE, free-field microphone for receiving measurements.



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Figure 4: Configuration of Hand-Held Hands-free UE, discrete P. 51 artificial mouth for sending measurements.

5.1.4 Position and calibration of HATS

The horizontal positioning of the HATS reference plane shall be guaranteed within $\pm 2^\circ$ for testing hands-free equipment.

The HATS shall be equipped with either Type 3.3 or 3.4 Artificial Ear. For hands-free measurements the HATS shall always be equipped with two artificial ears. The pinnas are specified in Recommendation P.57 for Types 3.3 and 3.4 artificial ears. The pinna shall be positioned on HATS according to ITU-T Recommendation P.58 .

The exact calibration and equalization procedures as well as the combination of the two ear signals for the purpose of measurements can be found in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. For Handheld hands-free UE, the set-up corresponding to 'portable hands-free' in P. 581 should be used.

5.2 Setup of the electrical interfaces

5.2.1 Codec approach and specification

Codec approach: In this approach, a codec is used to convert the companded digital input/output bit-stream of the system simulator to the equivalent analogue values. With this approach a system simulator, simulating the radio link to the terminal under controlled and error free conditions is required. The system simulator has to be equipped with a high-quality codec whose characteristics are as close as possible to ideal. For the purposes of 3G acoustic testing, the system simulator shall use the default speech codec, the AMR speech codec as defined in 3GTS26 series specifications, at it's highest source coding bit rate of 12.2kbit/s. The transcoding from the output of the AMR speech coding in the system simulator to analogue signals shall be carried out using an ITU-T G.711 codec performing to ITU-T G.712 (4-wire analogue).

Definition of 0 dB_r point:

D/A converter - a Digital Test Sequence (DTS) representing the codec equivalent of an analogue sinusoidal signal whose rms value is 3.14 dB below the maximum full-load capacity of the codec shall generate 0 dBm across a 600 ohm load;

A/D converter - a 0 dBm signal generated from a 600 ohm source shall give the digital test sequence (DTS) representing the codec equivalent of an analogue sinusoidal signal whose RMS value is 3.14 dB below the maximum full-load capacity of the codec.

5.2.2 Direct digital processing approach

In this approach, the companded digital input/output bit-stream of the terminal connected through the radio link to the system simulator is operated upon directly. For the purposes of 3G acoustic testing, the direct digital processing shall use the default speech codec, the AMR speech codec as defined in 3GTS26 series specifications, at it's highest source coding bit rate of 12.2kbit/s.

5.3 Accuracy of test equipment

Unless specified otherwise, the accuracy of measurements made by test equipment shall be better than:

Item	Accuracy
Electrical Signal Power	$\pm 0,2$ dB for levels ≥ -50 dBm
Electrical Signal Power	$\pm 0,4$ dB for levels < -50 dBm
Sound pressure	$\pm 0,7$ dB
Time	± 5 %
Frequency	$\pm 0,2$ %

Unless specified otherwise, the accuracy of the signals generated by the test equipment shall be better than:

Quantity	Accuracy
Sound pressure level at MRP	± 1 dB for 200 Hz to 4 kHz ± 3 dB for 100 Hz to 200 Hz and 4 kHz to 8 kHz
Electrical excitation levels	$\pm 0,4$ dB (see note 1)
Frequency generation	± 2 % (see note 2)
NOTE 1: Across the whole frequency range.	
NOTE 2: When measuring sampled systems, it is advisable to avoid measuring at sub-multiples of the sampling frequency. There is a tolerance of ± 2 % on the generated frequencies, which may be used to avoid this problem, except for 4 kHz where only the -2 % tolerance may be used.	

The measurements results shall be corrected for the measured deviations from the nominal level.

The sound level measurement equipment shall conform to IEC 651 Type 1.

5.4 Test signals

Due to the coding of the speech signals, standard sinusoidal test signals are not applicable for 3G acoustic tests, appropriate test signals (general description) are defined in ITU-T Recommendation P.50 and P.501. More information can be found in the test procedures described below.

For narrow band terminals the test signal used shall be band limited between 200 Hz and 4 kHz with a bandpass filter providing a minimum of 24 dB/Oct. filter roll off, when feeding into the receiving direction.

The test signal levels are referred to the average level of the (band limited in receiving direction) test signal, averaged over the complete test sequence . unless specified otherwise.

6 Test conditions

6.1 Environmental conditions

6.1.1 Handset and headset terminals

The environmental conditions for testing handset and headset UE is specified in §6.1.1 TS 26.132, as follows:

For handset and headset measurements the test room shall be practically free-field down to a lowest frequency of 275 Hz, the handset or the headset including the HATS / LRGP shall lie totally within this free-field volume. This shall be met if deviations of the ideal free-field conditions are less than ± 1 dB. Qualification of the test room may be performed using the method described in either ISO 3745 Annex A, or ITU-T P. 340 §5.4.

Alternatively, a test room may be used which meets the following two criteria:

1. The relationship between the pressure at the mouth opening and that at 5.0, 7.5 and 10cm in front of the centre of the lip ring is within ± 0.5 dB of that which exists in a known acoustic free-field.
2. The relationship between the pressure at the mouth opening and at the Ear canal Entrance Point (EEP) at both the left and right ears of the HATS does not differ by more than ± 1 dB from that which exists in a known free-field.

The ambient noise level shall be less than -30 dBPa(A), for idle channel noise measurements the ambient noise level shall be less than -64dBPa(A).

Echo measurements shall be conducted in realistic rooms with an ambient noise level less then -64 dBPa(A).

6.1.2 Hands-free terminals

Hands-free terminals generally should be tested in their typical environment of application. Care must be taken, that e.g. noise levels are sufficiently low in order not to interfere with the measurements.

For Desk-Top hands-free terminals the appropriate requirements shall be taken from ITU-Recommendation P.340.

The broadband noise level shall not exceed -70 dBPa(A). The octave band noise level shall not exceed the values specified in Table 2.

TABLE 2/P.340

Noise level

Center frequency (Hz)	Octave band pressure level (dBPa)
63	-45
125	-60
250	-65
500	-65
1 k	-65
2 k	-65
4 k	-65
8 k	-65

Echo measurements shall be conducted in realistic rooms with an ambient noise level less then -70 dBPa(A).

6.2 System Simulator conditions

The system simulator should provide an error free radio connection to the UE under test. The default speech codec, the AMR speech codec, shall be used at it's highest bit rate of 12.2kbit/s. Discontinuous Transmission, DTX, (silence suppression) shall be disabled for the purposes of 3G acoustic testing.

7 Narrow-band telephony transmission performance Test Methods

7.1 Applicability

The test methods in this sub-clause shall apply when testing a UE which is used to provide narrow-band telephony, either as a stand-alone service, or as part of a multimedia service.

7.2 Overall loss/loudness ratings

7.2.1 General

The SLR and RLR values for the 3G network apply up to the POI. However, the main determining factors are the characteristics of the UE, including the analogue to digital conversion (ADC) and digital to analogue conversion (DAC). In practice, it is convenient to specify loudness ratings to the Air Interface. For the normal case, where the 3G network introduces no additional loss between the Air Interface and the POI, the loudness ratings to the PSTN boundary (POI) will be the same as the loudness ratings measured at the Air Interface.

7.2.2 Connections with handset UE

7.2.2.1 Sending Loudness Rating (SLR)

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The handset terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. The handset is mounted at the HATS or LRGP position (see ITU-T Recommendation P.64). The application force used to apply the handset against the artificial ear shall be within the range specified in ITU-T Recommendation P.64.

The sending sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79, bands 4 to 17. For the calculation the averaged measured level at the electrical reference point for each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band at the MRP.

- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBV/Pa and the SLR shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79, formula 2.1, over bands 4 to 17, using $m = 0,175$ and the sending weighting factors from ITU-T Recommendation P.79, table 1.

7.2.2.2 Receiving Loudness Rating (RLR)

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The test signal level shall be -16 dBm0, measured at the digital reference point or the equivalent analogue point. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The handset terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. The handset is mounted at the HATS or LRGP position (see ITU-T Recommendation P.64). The application force used to apply the handset against the artificial ear shall be within the range specified in ITU-T Recommendation P.64. The receiving sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79, bands 4 to 17. For the calculation, the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V and the RLR shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [18], formula 2.1, over bands 4 to 17, using $m = 0,175$ and the receiving weighting factors from table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [18].
- d) No leakage correction shall be applied.

7.2.3 Connections with Vehicle Mounted & Desk-Top hands-free UE

Vehicle mounted hands-free should be tested in the vehicle (for the totally integrated vehicle hands-free systems) or in a vehicle simulator, ref ETSI 0358 601 (TR101110) Digital Cellular Telecommunications System (Phase 2+) Characterisation test methods and quality assessment for hands-free mobiles.

Free Field measurements for vehicle mounted hands-free are for further study.

7.2.3.1 Sending Loudness Rating (SLR)

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence. The broadband signal level then is adjusted to $-28,7$ dBPa at the HFRP or the HATSHFRP (as defined in P. 581) and the spectrum is not altered.

The spectrum at the MRP and the actual level at the MRP (measured in third octaves) is used as reference to determine the sending sensitivity S_{mJ} .

- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. The sending sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79 , bands 4 to 17. For the calculation the averaged measured level at the electrical reference point for each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band at the MRP.
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- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. If HATS is used then it is freefield equalized as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. The equalized output signal of each artificial ear is power-averaged on the total time of analysis; the "right" and "left" signals are voltage-summed for each 1/3 octave band frequency band; these 1/3 octave band data are considered as the input signal to be used for calculations or measurements. The receiving sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79 , bands 4 to 17.

For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V and the RLR shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [18], formula 2.1, over bands 4 to 17, using $m = 0,175$ and the receiving weighting factors from table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79.
- d) No leakage correction shall be applied. The hands-free correction as described in P.340 shall be applied. To compute Receiving loudness rating (RLR) for hands-free terminal (see also ITU-T Recommendation P.340), when using the combination of left and right ear signals from HATS the HFL_E has to be 8 dB, instead of 14 dB. For further information see ITU-T Recommendation P.5817.2.4 Connections with Hand-Held hands-free UE

7.2.4 Connections with Handheld hands-free UE

7.2.4.1 Sending Loudness Rating (SLR)

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence. The broadband signal level then is adjusted to $-28,7$ dBPa at the HFRP or the HATSHFRP (as defined in P. 581) and the spectrum is not altered.

The spectrum at the MRP and the actual level at the MRP (measured in third octaves) is used as reference to determine the sending sensitivity S_{mJ} .

- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5.1.3.3. The sending sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79, bands 4 to 17. For the calculation the averaged measured level at the electrical reference point for each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band at the MRP.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBV/Pa and the SLR shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79, formula 2.1, over bands 4 to 17, using $m = 0,175$ and the sending weighting factors from ITU-T Recommendation P.79, table 1.

7.2.4.2 Receiving Loudness Rating (RLR)

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The test signal level shall be -16 dBm₀, measured at the digital reference point or the equivalent analogue point. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5.1.3.3. If HATS is used then it is freefield equalized as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. The equalized output signal of each artificial ear is power-averaged on the total time of analysis; the "right" and "left" signals are voltage-summed for each 1/3 octave band frequency band; these 1/3 octave band data are considered as the input signal to be used for calculations or measurements. The receiving sensitivity shall be calculated from each band of the 14 frequencies given in table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79, bands 4 to 17.

For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V and the RLR shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [18], formula 2.1, over bands 4 to 17, using $m = 0,175$ and the receiving weighting factors from table 1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79.
- d) No leakage correction shall be applied. The hands-free correction as described in P.340 shall be applied. To compute the Receiving loudness rating (RLR) for hands-free terminals (see also ITU-T Recommendation P.340) when using the combination of left and right ear signals from HATS the HFL_E has to be 8 dB, instead of 14 dB. For further information see ITU-T Recommendation P.581.

7.2.5 Connections with headset UE

For Further study

7.3 Idle channel noise (handset and headset UE)

7.3.1 Sending

To be added.

7.3.2 Receiving

To be added.

7.4 Sensitivity/frequency characteristics

7.4.1 Handset UE sending

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The handset terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. The handset is mounted at the HATS / LRGP position (see ITU-T Recommendation P.64). The application force used to apply the handset against the artificial ear shall be within the range specified in ITU-T Recommendation P.64.

Measurements shall be made at one twelfth-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at the electrical reference point for each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band at the MRP.

- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBV/Pa.

7.4.2 Handset UE receiving

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The test signal level shall be -16 dBm0, measured at the digital reference point or the equivalent analogue point. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The handset terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. The handset is mounted at the HATS / LRGP position (see ITU-T Recommendation P.64). The application force used to apply the handset against the artificial ear shall be within the range specified in ITU-T Recommendation P.64.

Measurements shall be made at one twelfth-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V, referred to the ERP. Information about correction factors are available in ITU-T Recommendation P.57.

7.4.3 Vehicle Mounted & Desk-Top hands-free UE sending

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence. The broadband signal level then is adjusted to $-28,7$ dBPa at the HFRP or the HATSHFRP (as defined in P. 581) and the spectrum is not altered.

The spectrum at the MRP and the actual level at the MRP (measured in third octaves) is used as reference to determine the sending sensitivity S_{MJ} .

- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. Measurements shall be made at one third-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBV/Pa.

7.4.4 Vehicle Mounted & Desk-Top hands-free UE receiving

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The test signal level shall be -16 dBm0, measured at the digital reference point or the equivalent analogue point. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5. If the HATS is used then it is freefield equalized as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. The equalized output signal of each artificial ear is power-averaged on the total time of analysis; the "right" and "left" signals are voltage-summed for each 1/3 octave band frequency band; these 1/3 octave band data are considered as the input signal to be used for calculations or measurements. Measurements shall be made at one third-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V.

7.4.5 Hand-Held hands-free UE sending

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The spectrum of acoustic signal produced by the artificial mouth is calibrated under free field conditions at the MRP. The test signal level shall be $-4,7$ dBPa, measured at the MRP. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence. The broadband signal level then is adjusted to $-28,7$ dBPa at the HFRP or the HATSHFRP (as defined in P. 581) and the spectrum is not altered.

The spectrum at the MRP and the actual level at the MRP (measured in third octaves) is used as reference to determine the sending sensitivity S_{mJ} .

- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5.1.3.3. Measurements shall be made at one third-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBV/Pa.

7.4.6 Hand-Held hands-free UE receiving

- a) The test signal to be used for the measurements shall be the artificial voice according to ITU-Recommendation P.50 or a speech like test signal as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The test signal level shall be -16 dBm0, measured at the digital reference point or the equivalent analogue point. The test signal level is averaged over the complete test signal sequence.
- b) The hands-free terminal is setup as described in subclause 5.1.3.3. If the HATS is used then it is freefield equalized as described in ITU-T Recommendation P.581. The equalized output signal of each artificial ear is power-averaged on the total time of analysis; the "right" and "left" signals are voltage-summed for each 1/3 octave band frequency band; these 1/3 octave band data are considered as the input signal to be used for calculations or measurements. Measurements shall be made at one third-octave intervals as given by the R.40 series of preferred numbers in ISO 3 [17] for frequencies from 100 Hz to 4 kHz inclusive. For the calculation the averaged measured level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.
- c) The sensitivity is expressed in terms of dBPa/V.

7.5 Measurement and calculation of the value of the D-factor

7.5.1 Connections with Handset UE

- a) Sound field calibration: The diffuse sound field is calibrated in the absence of any local obstacles. The averaged field shall be uniform to within ± 3 dB within a radius of 0,15 m of the MRP, when measured in one-third octave bands according to IEC 225 [19] from 100 Hz to 8 kHz (bands 1 to 20).

NOTE 1: The pressure intensity index, as defined in ISO 9614, may prove to be a suitable method for assessing the diffuse field.

NOTE 2: Where more than one loudspeaker is used to produce the desired sound field, the loudspeakers may require to be fed with non-coherent electrical signals to eliminate standing waves and other interference effects..

- b) Where adaptive techniques or voice switching circuits are not used (need to be declared by the supplier of the UE) the spectrum shall be band limited (50 Hz to 10 kHz) "pink noise" (see ITU-T Recommendation P.64 , annex B) to within ± 3 dB and the level shall be adjusted to 70 dB(A) (-24 dBPa(A)). The tolerance for this level is ± 1 dB.

In other cases the level shall be adjusted to 50 dB(A) (-44 dBPa(A)). The tolerance for this level is ± 1 dB.

- c) The handset or the headset UE is mounted as described in subclause 5. Measurements are made on one-third octave bands according to IEC 225 [19] for the 14 bands centred at 200 Hz to 4 kHz (bands 4 to 17). For each band the diffuse sound sensitivity $S_{si}(\text{diff})$ is measured. The sensitivity shall be expressed in terms of dBV/Pa.
- d) The direct sound sensitivity shall be measured using the test set-up specified in subclause 5.1 and a speech like test signal as defined in ITU-T Recommendation P.50 or P.501. The type of test signal used shall be stated in the test report. The direct sound sensitivity is measured in one-third octave bands according to IEC 225 [19] for the 14 bands centred at 200 Hz to 4 kHz (bands 4 to 17). For each band the direct sound sensitivity $S_{si}(\text{direct})$ is measured. The sensitivity shall be expressed in terms of dBV/Pa.
- e) The value of the D-factor shall be calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [18], annex E, formulas E2 and E3, over the bands from 4 to 17, using the coefficients K_i from table E1 of ITU-T Recommendation P.79 [xx].

7.5.2 Sidetone loss (STMR).

For further study

7.5.3 Sidetone distortion

For further study.

7.6 Stability loss

For further study.

7.7 Acoustic echo control

7.7.1 General

The echo loss (EL) presented by the 3G network at the POI should be at least 46 dB during single talk. This value takes into account the fact that UE is likely to be used in a wide range of noise environments.

7.7.2 Acoustic echo control in a Hands-free UE

TCLw:

The hands-free is setup in a room where it is intended to be used, eg. for an office type hands-free UE a typical “office-type” room should be used; a vehicle-mounted hands-free UE should be tested in a vehicle or vehicle simulator, as specified by the UE manufacturer. [For reference on a suitable vehicle simulator see ETSI 0358 601 (TR101110) Digital Cellular Telecommunications System (Phase 2+) .] The ambient noise level shall be less than -70 dBPa(A). The attenuation from reference point input to reference point output shall be measured using a speech like test signal .

Before the actual test a training sequence consisting of 10 s artificial voice male and 10 s artificial voice female according to ITU-T Recommendation P.50 is altered.

Either a logarithmically spaced multi-sine or PN-sequence test signal shall be used.

When using a logarithmically spaced multi-sine test signal, it is defined as:

$$s(t) = \sum_i \left[\left[A + \mu_{AM} \cos(2\pi t * f_{AM}) \right] * \cos(2\pi t * f_{0i}) \right]$$

with

$$A = 0,5$$

$$f_{AM} = 4 \text{ Hz}, \mu_{AM} = 0.5$$

$$f_{0i} = 250\text{Hz} * 2^{(i/3)} \quad ; i=1..11$$

$$CF = 14\text{dB} \pm 1 \text{ dB} \quad (10 \text{ dB} + 4.26 \text{ dB due to 100\% AM modulation})$$

CF = Crest Factor = Peak to RMS ratio

The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The test signal level shall be -10 dBm0. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band. The length of the test signal shall be at least one second (1.0 s).

Note:

Full scale of coder input signal corresponds to +3.14 dBm0 with sinusoidal signal, CF= 3dB. A test signal with a CF of maximum 15 dB can thus have a level of up to -8.86 dBm0 without overloading the codec. In order to get best dynamic range the signal amplitude should be as high as possible.

When using a PN-sequence, it should comply with ITU-T Recommendation P.501 with a length of 4096 points (for the 48 kHz sampling rate) and a crest factor of 6 dB. The duration of the test signal is 250ms. The test signal level is -3 dB_{m0}. The low-crest factor is achieved by random-alternation of the phase between -180° and 180°.

The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

Care should be taken that the terminal under test considers the test signal as a speech-like signal.

7.7.3 Acoustic echo control in a handset UE

The handset is suspended in free air in such a way that the inherent mechanical coupling of the handset is not effected. The testing shall be made under real use environmental conditions; a typical “office-type” room should be used. The ambient noise level shall be less than -64 dBPa(A). The attenuation from reference point input to reference point output shall be measured using the speech like test signal defined below.

Before the actual test a training sequence consisting of 10 s artificial voice male and 10 s artificial voice female according to ITU-T Recommendation P.50 is altered.

Either a logarithmically spaced multi-sine or PN-sequence test signal shall be used.

When using a logarithmically spaced multi-sine test signal, it is defined as:

$$s(t) = \sum_i \left[\left[A + \mu_{AM} \cos(2\pi t * f_{AM}) \right] * \cos(2\pi t * f_{0i}) \right]$$

with

$$A = 0,5$$

$$f_{AM} = 4 \text{ Hz}, \mu_{AM} = 0.5$$

$$f_{0i} = 250\text{Hz} * 2^{(i/3)} \quad ; i=1..11$$

$$CF = 14\text{dB} \pm 1 \text{ dB} \quad (10 \text{ dB} + 4.26 \text{ dB due to 100\% AM modulation})$$

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The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The test signal level shall be -10 dBm0. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band. The length of the test signal shall be at least one second (1.0 s).

Note:

Full scale of coder input signal corresponds to +3.14 dBm0 with sinusoidal signal, CF= 3dB. A test signal with a CF of maximum 15 dB can thus have a level of up to -8.86 dBm0 without overloading the codec. In order to get best dynamic range the signal amplitude should be as high as possible.

When using a PN-sequence, it should comply with ITU-T Recommendation P.501 with a length of 4096 points (for the 48 kHz sampling rate) and a crest factor of 6 dB. The duration of the test signal is 250ms. The test signal level is -3 dB_{m0}. The low-crest factor is achieved by random-alternation of the phase between -180° and 180°.

The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

Care should be taken that the terminal under test considers the test signal as a speech-like signal.

7.7.4 Acoustic echo control in a headset UE

The headset is suspended in free air in such a way that the inherent mechanical coupling of the handset is not effected. The testing shall be made under real use environmental conditions; a typical “office-type” room should be used. The ambient noise level shall be less than -64 dBPa(A). The attenuation from reference point input to reference point output shall be measured using the speech like test signal defined below.

Before the actual test a training sequence consisting of 10 s artificial voice male and 10 s artificial voice female according to ITU-T Recommendation P.50 is altered.

Either a logarithmically spaced multi-sine or PN-sequence test signal shall be used.

When using a logarithmically spaced multi-sine test signal, it is defined as:

$$s(t) = \sum_i \left[\left[A + \mu_{AM} \cos(2\pi t * f_{AM}) \right] * \cos(2\pi t * f_{0i}) \right]$$

with

$$A = 0,5$$

$$f_{AM} = 4 \text{ Hz}, \mu_{AM} = 0.5$$

$$f_{0i} = 250\text{Hz} * 2^{(i/3)} \quad ; i=1..11$$

$$CF = 14\text{dB} \pm 1 \text{ dB} \quad (10 \text{ dB} + 4.26 \text{ dB due to 100\% AM modulation})$$

CF = Crest Factor = Peak to RMS ratio

The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The test signal level shall be -10 dBm0. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band. The length of the test signal shall be at least one second (1.0 s).

Note:

Full scale of coder input signal corresponds to +3.14 dBm0 with sinusoidal signal, CF= 3dB. A test signal with a CF of maximum 15 dB can thus have a level of up to -8.86 dBm0 without overloading the codec. In order to get best dynamic range the signal amplitude should be as high as possible.

When using a PN-sequence, it should comply with ITU-T Recommendation P.501 with a length of 4096 points (for the 48 kHz sampling rate) and a crest factor of 6 dB. The duration of the test signal is 250ms. The test signal level is -3 dBm0. The low-crest factor is achieved by random-alternation of the phase between -180° and 180°.

The training sequence level shall be -16 dBm0 in order not to overload the codec. The TCLw is calculated according to ITU-T Recommendation G.122 [8], annex B, clause B.4 (trapezoidal rule). For the calculation the averaged measured echo level at each frequency band is referred to the averaged test signal level measured in each frequency band.

Care should be taken that the terminal under test considers the test signal as a speech-like signal.

7.8 Ambient Noise Rejection

- a) A 1/2 inch pressure microphone is calibrated using a known sound source and mounted at the MRP, without the LRGP head present. A frequency analyser is calibrated to enable the sound pressure levels at the microphone to be determined in 1/3rd Octave bands.
- b) Flood the room in which the measurement is to be made with the selected noise file, and adjust the level such that the noise level at the MRP is 70 dBA. A single noise file of real noise, covering the various noise environments that the MS could be subjected to is used ([Filename TBD]). This file is three minutes long and also commences with a three minute calibration signal. Once this tone has been adjusted to a level of 70 dBA, the average level of the noise will be 70 dBA. The resulting sound spectrum is P_{rn} dBPa, measured in 1/3rd Octave bands.

To ensure that the sound field is diffuse enough, the following apply:

The diffuse sound field is calibrated in the absence of any local obstacles. The averaged field shall be uniform to within +/- 3 dB within a radius of 0,15 m of the MRP, when measured in one-third octave bands from 100 Hz to 3,15 kHz.

NOTE 1: The pressure intensity index, as defined in ISO 9614, may prove to be a suitable method for assessing the diffuse field.

NOTE 2: Where more than one loudspeaker is used to produce the desired sound field, the loudspeakers may require to be fed with non-coherent electrical signals to eliminate standing waves and other interference effects.

- c) Position an LRGP in the correct relative position to the MRP and mount the MS under test. Recalibrate the 1/3rd Octave frequency analyser using a known voltage source to facilitate the analysis of the voltage V_{rn} , where V_{rn} is the voltage at the audio output of the SS due to the noise spectrum input.
- d) Set up a speech path between the MS and the System Simulator (SS).
- e) Determine, as a function of frequency, using the frequency analyser, in 1/3rd Octave bands, the electrical output V_m , (expressed as dB rel. 1V) at the audio output of the SS for the applied acoustic pressure P_{rn} (expressed as dB rel 1Pa) at the MRP. Since, the MS sending sensitivity is not defined above 3,4 kHz and below 300 Hz the measurement shall be cut off at 3,4 kHz and for the bands below 300 Hz, the noise level shall be referenced to the speech level at 300 Hz to yield the DELSM.

The room noise sensitivity is expressed as:- $S_{mj_{rn}} = V_m \text{ (dBV)} - P_{rn} \text{ (dBPa)}$.

The MS ambient noise send sensitivity has now been determined.

- f) The MS speech send sensitivity is now required. The required sensitivity is defined as the electrical output from the MS, measured at the audio output of the SS, as a function of the free field sound pressure at the MRP of the artificial mouth.

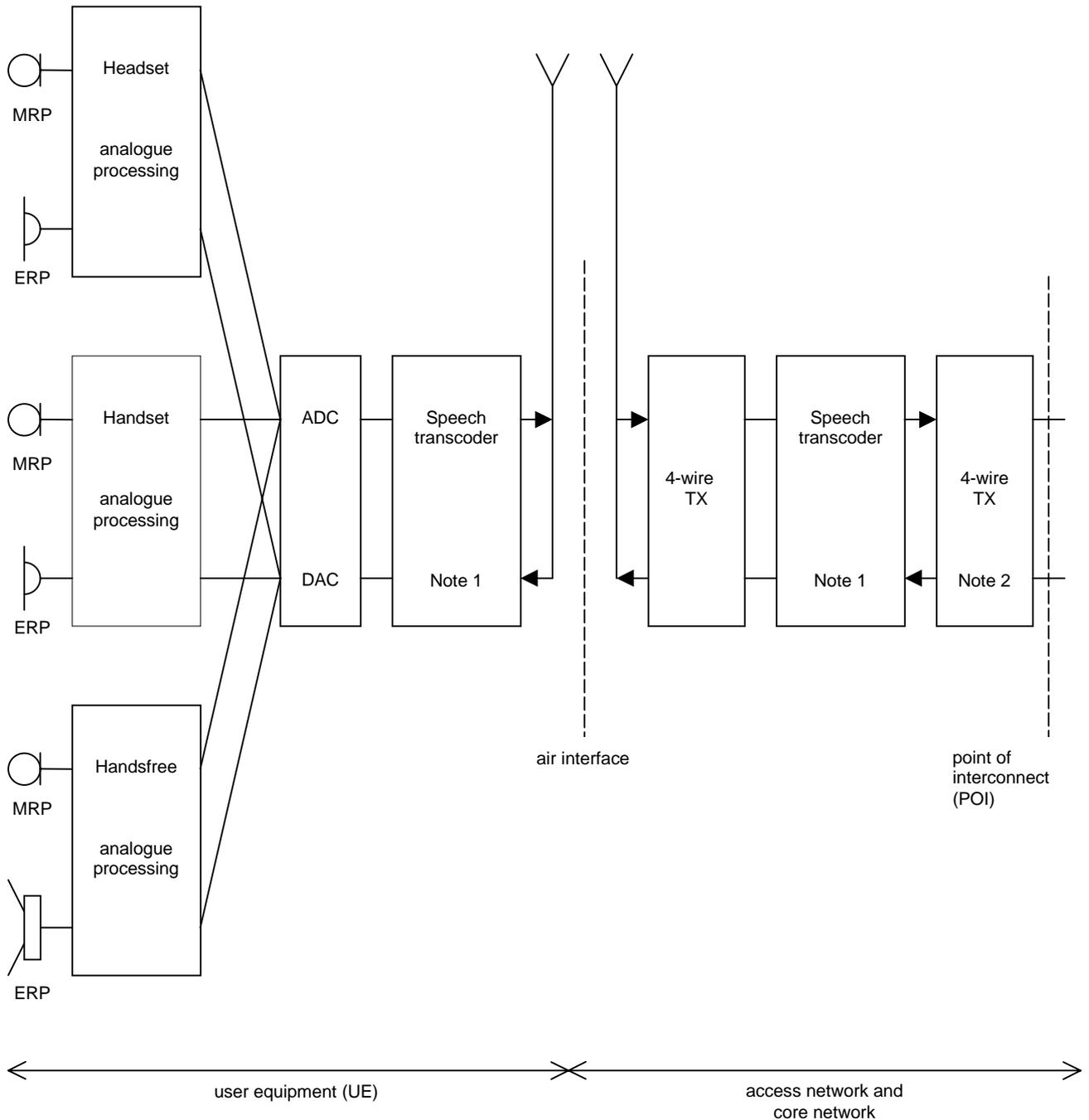
The measurement is made using an artificial speech source at the MRP of the artificial mouth. The 1/2 inch pressure microphone is calibrated using a known sound source. The frequency analyser is calibrated to measure in 1/3rd Octave bands. The artificial mouth output shall be in accordance with the ITU-T P.50 male artificial voice. Whilst maintaining the ITU-T P.50 "male" spectrum, adjust the total signal level to -4,7 dBPa. The resulting sound spectrum is P_o dBPa, measured in 1/3rd Octave bands. The 1/3rd Octave frequency analyser should be re-calibrated, using a known voltage source, to facilitate the analysis of the voltage V_j . Where V_j is the voltage at the audio output of the SS due to the speech spectrum input. Set up a speech path between the MS and the SS. Determine the function of frequency, using the frequency analyser, and in 1/3rd Octave bands, the electrical output, V_j , (expressed as dB rel. 1V), at the audio output of the SS for the applied acoustic pressure, P_o , (expressed as dB rel. 1Pa/V), at the MRP.

The sending sensitivity is expressed as:

$$S_{mjs} \text{ (dB)} = V_j \text{ (dBV)} - P_o \text{ (dBPa)} \text{ dBrel. } 1V/Pa.$$

The D_{SM} for the MS is determined as:

$$D_{SM} = S_{mj_{rn}} - S_{mjs} \text{ (dB)}.$$



NOTE 1: Includes DTX functionality.

NOTE 2: Connection to PSTN should include electrical echo control (EEC).

Figure 1: 3G Interfaces for specification and testing of terminal narrow-band acoustic characteristics

8 Wideband telephony transmission performance

8.1 Applicability

The performance requirements in this sub-clause shall apply when UE is used to provide wideband telephony, either as a stand-alone service, or as part of a multimedia service.

Performance requirements for the acoustic characteristics of 3G terminals supporting wideband telephony are for further study.

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