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- [2] UMTS 23.930, Iu Principles
- [3] UMTS 23.110, UMTS Access Stratum; Services and Functions
- [4] UMTS 25.411, UTRAN Iu Interface: Layer 1
- [5] UMTS 25.412, UTRAN Iu Interface: Signalling Transport
- [6] UMTS 25.413, UTRAN Iu Interface: RANAP Signalling
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- [12] Q.714 (7/96), Signalling connection control part procedures
- [13] UMTS 23.003, Numbering, Addressing and Identification
- [14] UMTS 23.110, UMTS Access Stratum; Services and Functions

5.2.1 RAB establishment, modification and release function

The RAB, Radio Access Bearer, is defined to be set-up between UE and CN. Depending on subscription, service, requested QoS etc. different types of RABs will be used. It is the CN that controls towards the UTRAN the establishment, modification or release of a RAB.

The RAB identity is allocated by CN by mapping the value for the NAS Binding information (from the actual protocol IE for the respective CN domain) to the RAB ID as specified in [14]. The RAB identity ~~and~~ is ~~locally~~ globally significant on both the radio bearer and on the Iu bearer for a given UE in a particular CN domain ~~over one Iu signalling instance.~~

RAB establishment, modification and release is a CN initiated function.

RAB establishment, modification and release is a UTRAN executed function.

RAB release request is a UTRAN initiated function, triggered when UTRAN fails to keep the RAB established with the UE.

6 I_u Interface Protocol Structure

6.1 General

The Radio Network signalling over I_u consists of the Radio Access Network Application Part (RANAP). The RANAP protocol consists of mechanisms to handle all procedures between the CN and UTRAN. It is also capable of conveying messages transparently between the CN and the UE without interpretation or processing by the UTRAN.

Over the I_u interface the RANAP protocol is, e.g. used for:

- Facilitate a set of general UTRAN procedures from the Core Network such as paging -notification as defined by the notification SAP in [3].
- Separate each User Equipment (UE) on the protocol level for mobile specific signalling management as defined by the dedicated SAP in [3].
- Transfer of transparent non-access signalling as defined in the dedicated SAP in [3].
- Request of various types of UTRAN Radio Access Bearers through the dedicated SAP in [3].
- Perform the SRNS Relocation function.

The Radio Access Bearers are provided by the Access Stratum.

6.2 I_u-CS

Figure 6.1 shows the protocol structure for I_u-CS, following the structure described in [1].

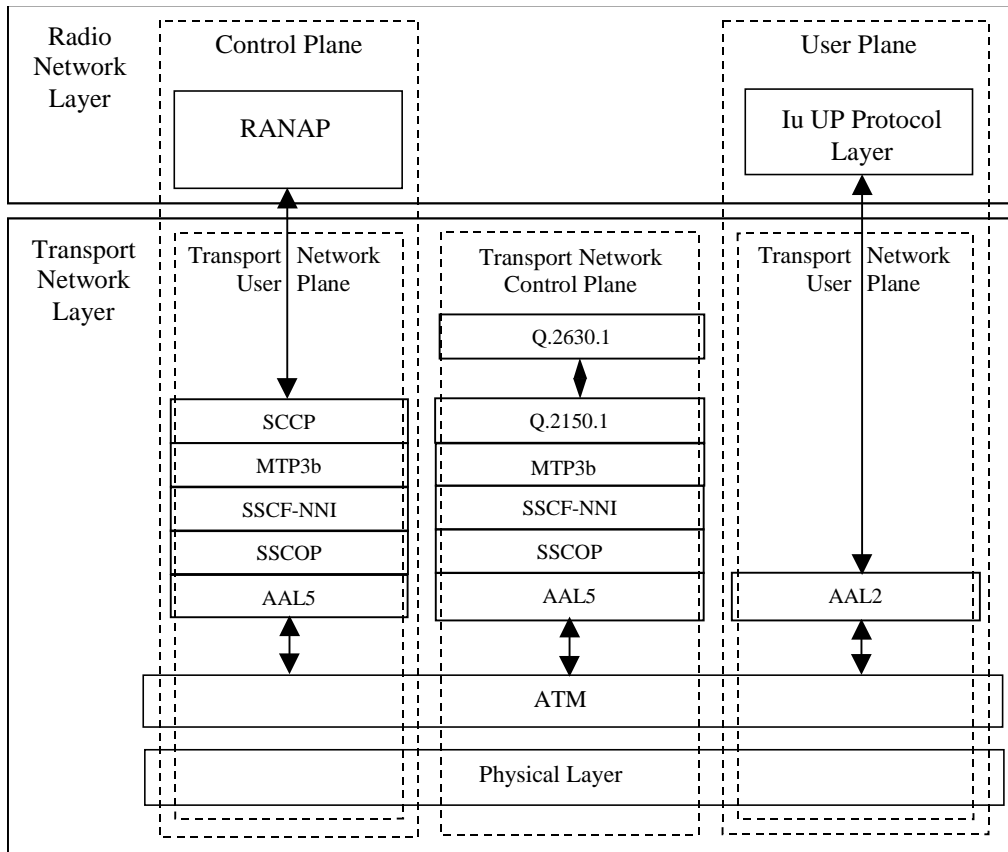
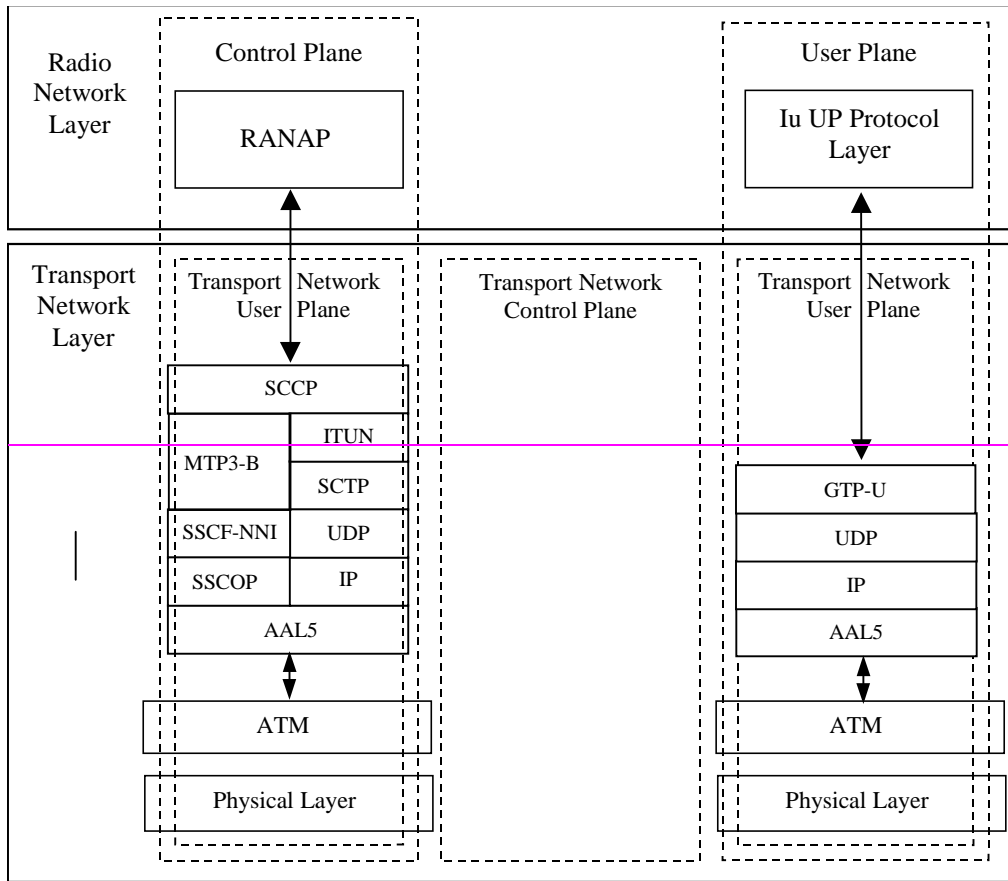


Figure 6.1: Iu-Interface Protocol Structure towards CS Domain

6.3 Iu-PS

Figure 6.2 shows the protocol structure for Iu-PS, following the structure described in [1].



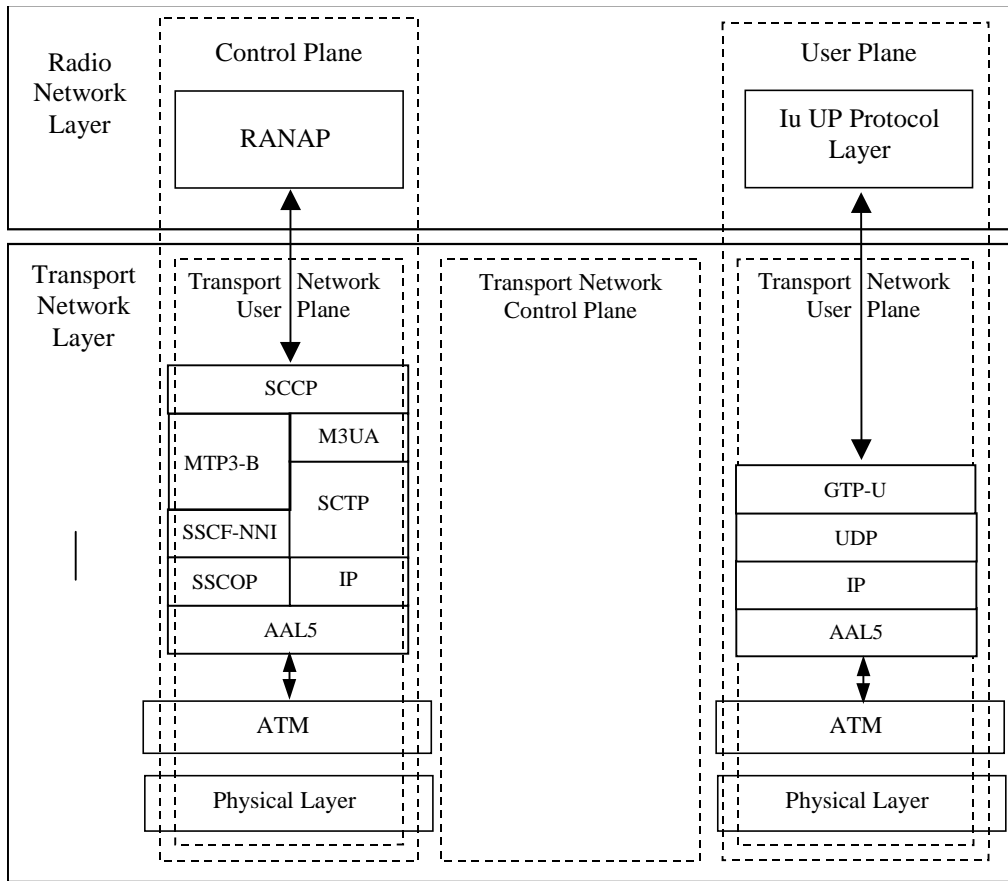


Figure 6.2: I_u Interface Protocol Structure towards PS Domain

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3.2 Abbreviations

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

3G-MSC	3 rd Generation Mobile Switching Centre
3G-SGSN	3 rd Generation Serving GPRS Support Node
<u>AAL</u>	<u>ATM Adaptation Layer</u>
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
<u>BC</u>	<u>Broadcast</u>
BSSMAP	Base Station Subsystem Management Application Part
<u>CBS</u>	<u>Cell Broadcast Service</u>
CC	Connection Confirm
CN	Core Network
CR	Connection Release
CREF	Connection Refusal
CS	Circuit Switched
GT	Global Title
<u>GTP-U</u>	<u>GPRS Tunnelling Protocol</u>
IMSI	International Mobile Subscriber Identity
<u>IP</u>	<u>Internet Protocol</u>
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network

LA	Location Area
NAS	Non Access Stratum
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PS	Packet Switched
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
PVC	Permanent Virtual Circuit
QoS	Quality of Service
RA	Routing Area
RAB	Radio Access Bearer
RANAP	Radio Access Network Application Part
RLP	Radio Link Protocol
RNC	Radio Network Controller
RNL	Radio Network Layer
RRC	Radio Resource Control
<u>SA</u>	<u>Service Area</u>
<u>SABP</u>	<u>Service Area Broadcast Protocol</u>
SACBS	Service Area Broadcast Service
SAP	Service Access Point
SCCP	Signalling Connection Control Part
SPC	Signalling Point Code
SRNS	Serving Radio Network Subsystem
SSN	Sub-System Number
SVC	Switched Virtual Circuit
<u>TCP</u>	<u>Transmission Control Protocol</u>
UE	User Equipment
<u>UDP</u>	<u>User Datagram Protocol</u>
UP	User Plane
URA	UTRAN Registration Area
UTRAN	UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network
VC	Virtual Circuit

4.3 I_u Interface Specification Objectives

The following objectives are partly derived from [2].

The Iu interface shall be specified such that it can support:

- the interconnection of RNCs with Core Network Access Points within a single PLMN
- the interconnection of RNCs with Core Network Access Points irrespective of the manufacturer of any of the elements.
- all UMTS services

The Iu interface shall facilitate the use of the same RNC, MSC or SGSN in all PLMNs.

The Iu interface shall facilitate the sharing of transport technology between Iu-PS and Iu-BCroadcast.

The Iu interface shall allow interworking to the GSM Core Network.

Independence between the protocol layers and between control and user planes shall be maintained on the Iu interface.

The Iu interface shall allow independent evolution of technologies within the Core, Radio Access and Transport Networks.

The Iu interface shall allow separate evolution of O&M facilities.

The Iu interface shall be standardised as an open and multi-vendor interface.

The Iu interface specifications shall facilitate the migration of some services from the CS-domain to the PS-domain. In particular, the RANAP protocol shall be common to both domains, and the Iu user plane protocol(s) shall be independent of the core network domain, except where a specific feature is only required for one domain.

6.3 Iu-BCroadcast

Figure 6.3 shows the protocol structure for the Iu-BCroadcast.

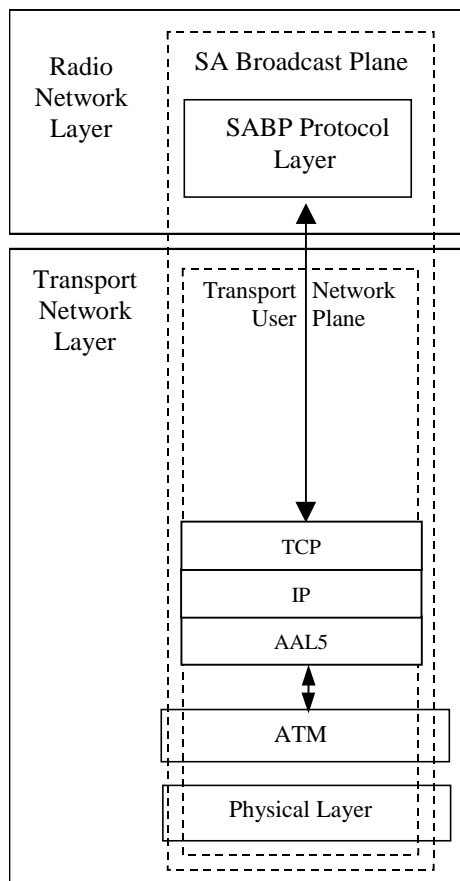


Figure 6.3: I_u Interface Protocol Structure towards Broadcast Domain

7 Other I_u Interface Specifications

7.1 UTRAN Iu Interface: Layer 1 (UMTS 25.411)

UMTS 25.411 [4] specifies the range of physical layer technologies that may be used to support the Iu interface.

7.2 UTRAN Iu Interface: Signalling Transport (UMTS 25.412)

UMTS 25.412 [5] specifies the signalling bearers for the RANAP and transport network control plane protocols for both Iu-PS and Iu-CS.

7.3 UTRAN Iu Interface: RANAP Specification (UMTS 25.413)

UMTS 25.413 [6] specifies the RANAP protocol for radio network control plane signalling over the Iu interface.

7.4 UTRAN Iu Interface: Data Transport and Transport Signalling (UMTS 25.414)

UMTS 25.414 [7] specifies the transport bearers for the user plane of the Iu interface. It also specifies the protocol used to control these transport bearers.

7.5 UTRAN Iu Interface: CN-UTRAN User Plane Protocol (UMTS 25.415)

UMTS 25.415 [8] specifies the user plane frame handling protocol for the Iu interface.

7.6 UTRAN Iu Interface: Service Area Broadcast Protocol SABP (UMTS 25.419)

UMTS 25.419 [14] specifies the communication requirements over the Iu interface towards the Broadcast domain.

7.7 Summary

The present document, UMTS 25.410, specifies the general aspects and principles of the Iu interface as a whole.

The relationship between the other technical specifications that define the UTRAN Iu interface is shown in figure 7.1.

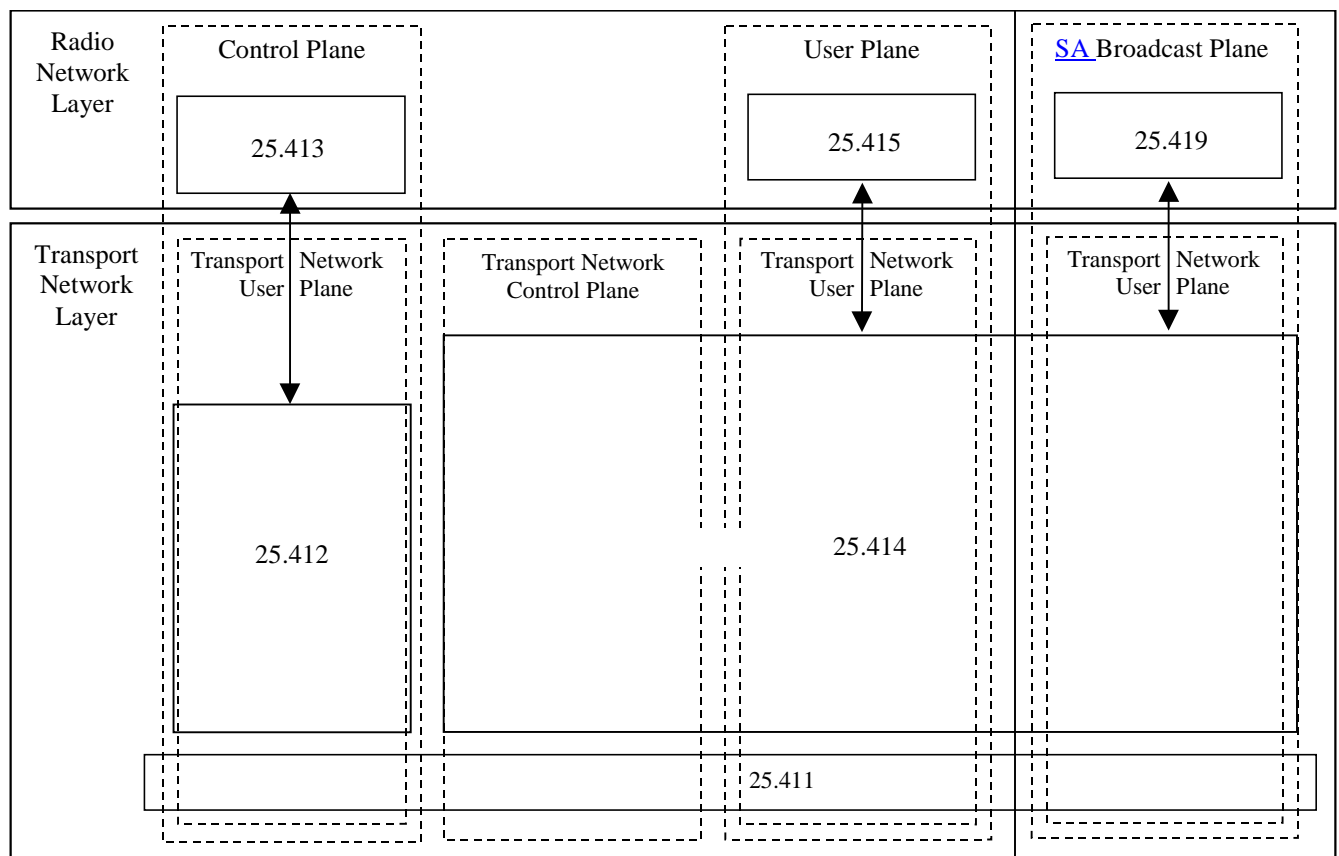


Figure 7.1: Summary of Iu Interface Specification Structure

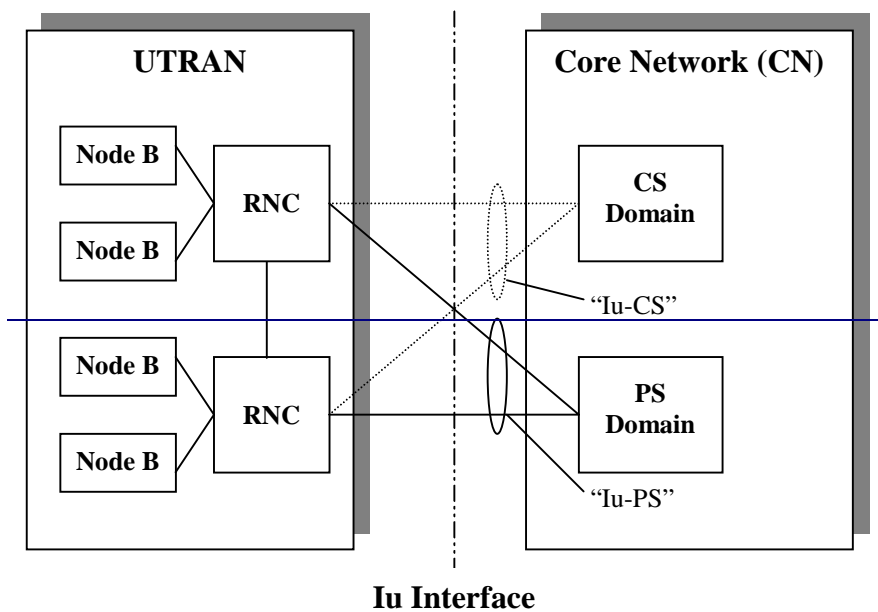
4 General Aspects

4.1 UTRAN Architecture

4.1.1 Iu Interface Architecture

The overall UMTS architecture and UTRAN architectures are described in [1]. This section specifies only the architecture of the Iu interface, and shall not constrain the network architecture of either Core or Radio Access Networks.

The I_u interface is specified at the boundary between the Core Network and UTRAN. Figure 4.1 depicts the logical division of the I_u interface. From the Iu perspective, the UTRAN access point is an RNC.



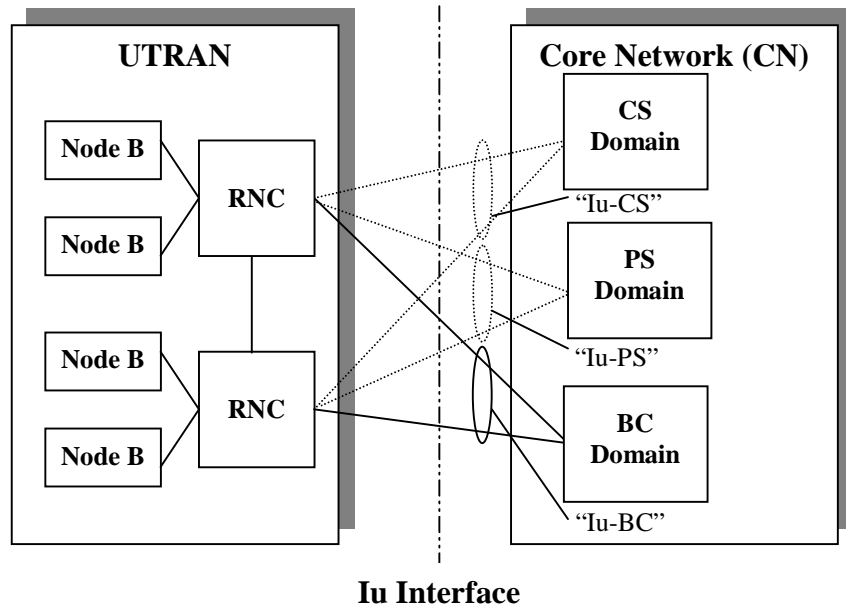


Figure 4.1: Iu Interface Architecture

The Iu interface towards the PS-domain of the core network is called Iu-PS, and the Iu interface towards the CS-domain is called Iu-CS. The differences between Iu-CS and Iu-PS are treated elsewhere in this specification. [The Iu interface to the Broadcast domain is called Iu-BC.](#)

There shall not be more than [two distinct Iu interfaces for any RNC](#)—one [Iu interface](#) (Iu-CS) towards the CS domain and one [Iu interface](#) (Iu-PS) towards the PS-domain [from any one RNC](#). [There may be multiple Iu interfaces \(Iu-BC\) from an RNC towards the Broadcast domain.](#)

In the separated core network architecture, this means that there shall be separate signalling and user data connections towards the [two PS and CS](#) domains – this applies in both transport and radio network layers.

In the combined architecture, there shall be separate connections in the user plane [towards the PS and CS domains](#) (in both transport and radio network layers). In the control plane, there shall be separate SCCP connections to the two logical domains.

In either architecture, there can be several RNCs within UTRAN and so UTRAN may have several I_u access points towards the Core Network. As a minimum, each Iu access point (in UTRAN or CN) shall independently fulfil the requirements of the [relevant](#) Iu specifications (25.41x series – see section 7).

4.1.2 Iu connection principles

The Iu interface has a hierarchical architecture where one higher layer entity controls several lower layer entities. The hierarchy for the CN - UTRAN signalling connection end points is described below.

- Each CN Access Point may be connected to one or more UTRAN Access Points;
- [For the PS and CS domains, each UTRAN Access Point shall not be connected to more than one CN Access Point per CN domain.](#)
- [For the BC domain, each UTRAN Access Point may be connected to one or more CN Access Points.](#)

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4.4 I_u Interface Capabilities

The following capabilities are derived from the requirements described in [2].

The I_u interface supports:

- procedures to establish, maintain and release Radio Access Bearers;
- procedures to perform intra-system handover, inter-system handover and SRNS relocation;
- [procedures to support the Cell Service Area Broadcast service](#);
- a set of general procedures, not related to a specific UE;
- the separation of each UE on the protocol level for user specific signalling management;
- the transfer of NAS signalling messages between UE and CN;
- location services by transferring requests from the CN to UTRAN, and location information from UTRAN to CN. The location information may comprise a geographical area identifier or global co-ordinates with uncertainty parameters;
- simultaneous access to multiple CN domains for a single UE;
- mechanisms for resource reservation for packet data streams.

4.5.3 Use of Transport Network User Plane on Iu-BC

TCP/IP is used as the bearer for the radio network layer protocol over Iu-BC.

The TCP connection is normally established by the CN using standard TCP procedures.

A new TCP connection is established by the RNC only when there is information (e.g. failure or restart indications) that needs to be sent from RNC to the CN, and there is no existing TCP connection. The RNC shall establish the connection using standard TCP procedures.

The node that established the connection shall release the TCP connection.

5.1 General

This section defines the functional split between the core network and the UMTS radio access network. In addition, the possible interaction between the functions is defined. The functional split is shown in table 5.1.

Table 5.1: Iu interface functional split

Function	UTRAN	CN
RAB management functions:		
RAB establishment, modification and release	X	X
RAB characteristics mapping Iu transmission bearers	X	
RAB characteristics mapping Uu bearers	X	
RAB queuing, pre-emption and priority	X	X
Radio Resource Management functions:		
Radio Resource admission control	X	
Broadcast Information	X	X
Iu link Management functions:		
Iu signalling link management	X	X
ATM VC management	X	X
AAL2 establish and release	X	X
AAL5 management	X	X
GTP-U Tunnels management	X	X
TCP Management	X	X
Buffer Management	X	
Iu U-plane (RNL) Management:		
Iu U-plane frame protocol management		X
Iu U-plane frame protocol initialization	X	
Mobility management functions:		
Location information reporting	X	X
Handover and Relocation		
Inter RNC hard HO, Iur not used or not available	X	X
Serving RNS Relocation (intra/inter MSC)	X	X
Inter system hard HO (UMTS-GSM)	X	X
Paging Triggering		X
Security Functions:		
Data confidentiality		
Radio interface ciphering	X	
Ciphering key management		X
User identity confidentiality	X	X
Data integrity		
Integrity checking	X	
Integrity key management		X
Service and Network Access functions:		
CN Signalling data	X	X
Data Volume Reporting	X	
UE Tracing	X	X
Location reporting	X	X
Iu Co-ordination functions:		
Paging co-ordination	X	X

5.4.6 TCP Management Function

This function is used to establish and release the TCP connections between CN and UTRAN over Iu-BC.

The TCP management function exists in both UTRAN and CN.

5.3.2 Broadcast information management

This function consists in the broadcast from network toward UE of some information in the coverage area of the whole network or different parts of the network.

There are ~~two~~three kinds of Broadcast information management. UTRAN broadcast information, ~~and~~ CN broadcast information ~~and Cell Service Area~~Broadcast information management. All UTRAN broadcast information management shall be handled locally within UTRAN. All CN related broadcast information and Cell Service Area~~broadcast~~Broadcast information is controlled by CN. UTRAN executes the broadcast of CN information ~~and Cell Service Area~~Broadcast information.

6 I_u Interface Protocol Structure

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- Request of various types of UTRAN Radio Access Bearers through the dedicated SAP in [3].
- Perform the SRNS Relocation function.

The Radio Access Bearers are provided by the Access Stratum.

Over I_u-BC, a datagram mechanism is used, so there is no clear separation of control and user planes, and the SABP protocol is used for data transfer and signalling.