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**Title:** CRs to TS 06.93 & 26.093  
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**Agenda Item:** 7.4.3

The following CRs were agreed at SA WG4 meetings #13 and/or #14 and are presented to TSG SA #10 for approval.

Spec	CR	Rev	Phase	Subject	Cat	Ver	WG	Meeting	S4 doc
06.93	A010		R98	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames by SID_FIRST frames for AMR Clarification of Hangover period after Handover	F	7.4.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000529
26.093	005		R99	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames by SID_FIRST frames for AMR Clarification of Hangover period after Handover	A	3.2.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000530
26.093	006		Rel4	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames by SID_FIRST frames for AMR Clarification of Hangover period after Handover	A	3.2.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000531
06.93	A009	1	R98	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames for AMR (Part 2)	F	7.4.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000533
26.093	003	1	R99	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames for AMR (Part 2)	A	3.2.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000534
26.093	004		Rel4	Re-scheduling of stolen SID_UPDATE frames for AMR (Part 2)	A	3.2.0	S4	S4-13	S4-000535



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## 5.1.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem

The TX Radio Subsystem has the following overall functionality. The radio transmission is cut after the transmission of a SID\_FIRST frame when the speaker stops talking. During speech pauses the transmission is resumed at regular intervals for transmission of one SID\_UPDATE frame, in order to update the generated comfort noise on the RX side (and to improve the measurement of the link quality by the RSS). Note that the transcoder knows what frames to send. In the case when nothing is to be transmitted it outputs frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA".

Within the TX Radio Subsystem the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit controls the operation of the Channel Encoder (as specified in GSM 05.03) and the Transmission of the frame. Control input to the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit is the TX\_TYPE. Control output and input to the Channel Encoder are indicators specifying the frame format. These frame format indicators are defined in GSM 05.03, they are different for TCH/AFS and TCH/AHS.

### 5.1.2.1 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AFS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX (without TFO):

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If a SID\_FIRST frame or the first SID\_UPDATE frame after a SID\_FIRST frame, is stolen for Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the subsequent frame shall be scheduled for transmission of the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) instead.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

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### 5.1.2.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AHS

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Note: All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted. The Mode Indication received with the frame is stored for potential use in the next frame;
- for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE" a SID\_UPDATE frame format is signalled to the CHE.  
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### 5.1.2.3 Functions of the Downlink TX Radio Subsystem for TFO

The TX Radio Subsystem in the BTS shall in addition operate in the following way regarding DTX, if TFO is ongoing (see GSM 08.62):

- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_GOOD, SID\_FIRST and SID\_UPDATE shall be handled as usual in DTX, regardless whether DTX in downlink is requested or not. Also NO\_DATA shall be handled as usual, if DTX is requested.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = NO\_DATA shall be replaced by SID\_FILLER frames, if DTX in downlink is not requested. By this the radio transmission continues in downlink, although no parameters are transmitted in speech pauses on the Abis interface. The MS generates Comfort Noise in these speech pauses.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_DEGRADED shall be handled exactly like SPEECH\_GOOD frames.
- For frame with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_BAD and SID\_BAD the CHE shall perform its regular processing, but then shall invert the six, respectively 14 CRC bits before convolutional encoding and transmitting the frames on the air interface. By this the error concealment mechanism in the MS is triggered to handle these corrupted frames.
- ONSET frames may be ignored by the TX Radio Subsystem and need not to be processed.

**Definition:** SID\_FILLER frames are like SID\_BAD frames, but with all information bits set to "1". The 14 CRC bits shall artificially be inverted by the CHE before convolutional encoding and transmission.

### 5.1.2.4 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for RATSCCH

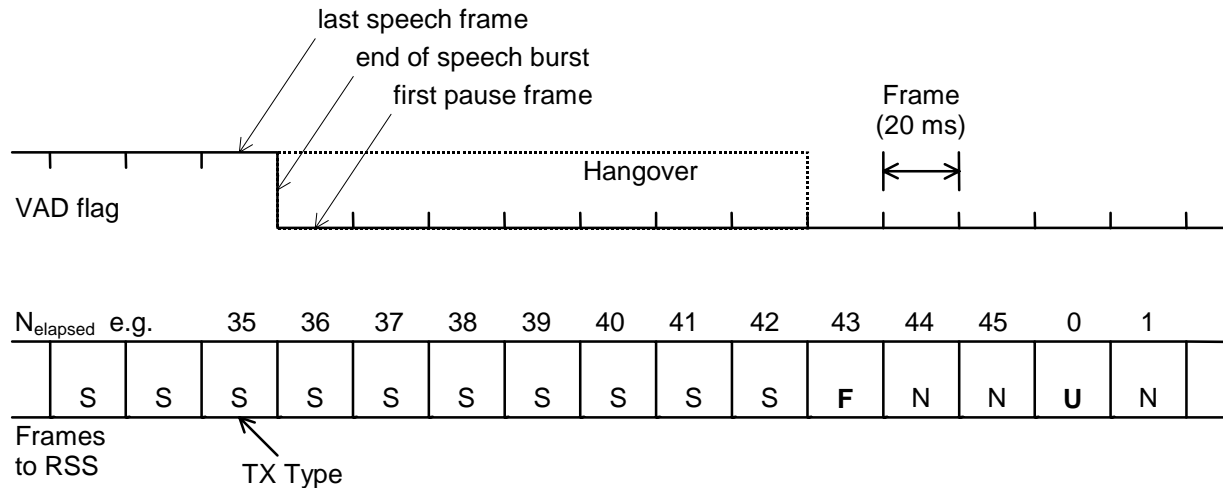
During regular speech transmission (in the middle of a speech burst) RATSCCH replaces (steals) one (TCH/AFS) respectively two (TCH/AHS) speech frames (see GSM 05.09). Also in all non speech cases the RATSCCH shall be handled like speech. The respective RATSCCH frame formats (RATSCCH in case of TCH/AFS, respectively RATSCCH\_MARKER and RATSCCH\_DATA in case of TCH/AHS) shall be signalled to the CHE.

If RATSCCH has to be sent during a speech pause in DTX, then first an ONSET frame shall be signalled to the CHE, followed by the RATSCCH frame(s) and finally by the respective SID\_FIRST frame(s).

If a SID\_UPDATE frame is affected by RATSCCH signalling, then the SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the RATSCCH signalling.

FACCH should be handled in the same way as a RATSCCH, i.e. like a short speech burst.





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**Figure 6: Normal hangover procedure ( $N_{\text{elapsed}} > 23$ )**

If, however, at the end of the speech burst, less than 24 frames have elapsed since the last SID\_UPDATE frame was computed and passed to the RSS, then this last analysed SID\_UPDATE frame shall repeatedly be passed to the RSS whenever a SID\_UPDATE frame is to be produced, until a new updated SID analysis is available (8 consecutive frames marked with VAD flag = "0"). This reduces the activity on the air in cases where short background noise spikes are taken for speech, by avoiding the "hangover" waiting for the SID frame computation.

Once the first SID analysis after the end of a speech burst has been computed and the SID\_FIRST frame has been passed to the Radio Subsystem, the TX DTX handler shall at regular intervals compute and pass updated SID\_UPDATE (Comfort Noise) frames to the Radio Subsystem (RSS) as long as VAD flag = "0". SID\_UPDATE frames shall be generated every 8<sup>th</sup> frame. The first SID\_UPDATE shall be sent as the third frame after the SID\_FIRST frame.

The speech encoder is operated in full speech modality if TX\_TYPE = "SPEECH\_GOOD" and otherwise in a simplified mode, because not all encoder functions are required for the evaluation of comfort noise parameters and because comfort noise parameters are only to be generated at certain times.

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**3G 26.093 CR 006**

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**Source:**

**TSG-SA WG4**

**Date:**

**24-Oct-2000**

**Subject:**

Re-scheduling of stolen SID\_UPDATE frames by SID\_FIRST frames for AMR  
Clarification of Hangover period after Handover

**Work item:**

AMR

**Category:**

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F Correction   
A Corresponds to a correction in an earlier release   
B Addition of feature   
C Functional modification of feature   
D Editorial modification

**Release:**

Phase 2   
Release 96   
Release 97   
Release 98   
Release 99   
Release 00

**Reason for change:**

This CR aims to clarify the frame re-scheduling when SID\_UPDATE frames are stolen by re-scheduled SID\_FIRST frame in the Half rate channel mode. Moreover, this CR brings clarification to how the DTX TX handler must handle the SPEECH frames at Handover.

**Clauses affected:**

A.5.1.1 and A.5.1.2.2

**Other specs affected:**

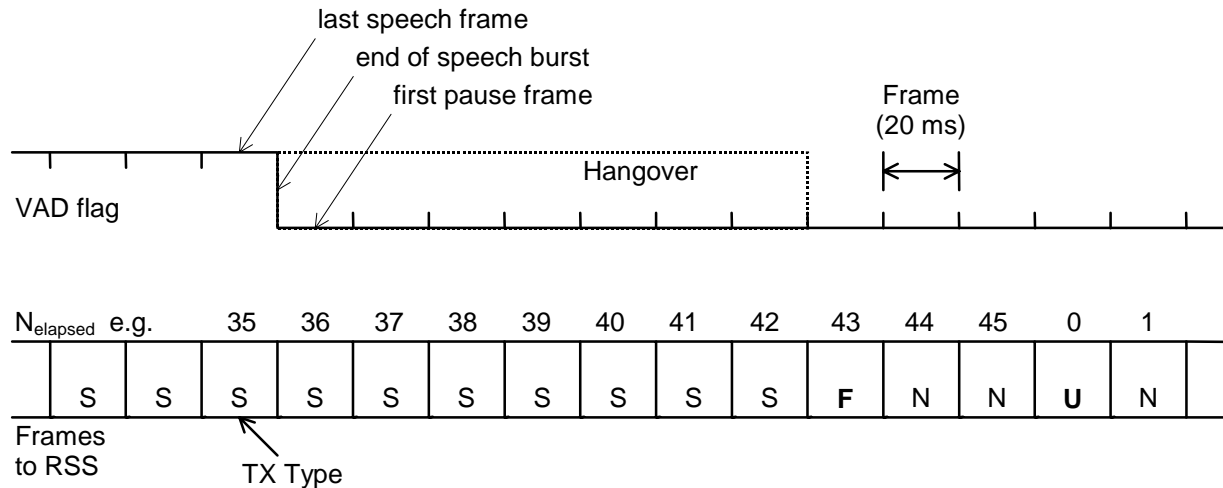
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**Source:** TSG-SA WG4

**Date:** 11-Dec-2000

**Subject:** Re-scheduling of stolen SID\_UPDATE frames for AMR (Part 2)

**Work item:** AMR

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**Reason for change:**

This CR has the same reason as an earlier CR (A008). In A008 only section 5.1.2.2 was changed, while section 5.1.2.1 was forgotten to change.

It is proposed to handle the re-scheduling of SID\_UPDATE frames in the same way in case of frame stealing for FACCH and RATSCCH signalling purposes. Every stolen SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission.

**Clauses affected:** 5.1.2.1

**Other specs affected:**

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SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

### 5.1.2.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AHS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX:

- all frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SPEECH\_GOOD" are scheduled for normal channel coding and transmission. The frame format for CHE operation shall be SPEECH. However, if the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST", a SID\_FIRST\_INH frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE", a SID\_UPDATE\_INH frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA", an ONSET frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE;
- for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST" a SID\_FIRST\_P1 frame format is signalled to the CHE. Note: All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted. The Mode Indication received with the frame is stored for potential use in the next frame;

- for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE" a SID\_UPDATE frame format is signalled to the CHE. All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted;
- for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA", no processing or transmission is carried out. However, if the preceding frame was marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST", a SID\_FIRST\_P2 frame format is signalled to CHE. Note: The 2 TDMA frames carrying bits of this frame shall be transmitted. If, depending on the current frame number, the Mode Indication is to be transmitted with these TDMA frames, the Mode Indication shall be used that was stored during the processing of the preceding SID\_FIRST frame.

If a SID\_FIRST frame or a SID\_UPDATE frame is affected by Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the FACCH signalling.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

### 5.1.2.3 Functions of the Downlink TX Radio Subsystem for TFO

The TX Radio Subsystem in the BTS shall in addition operate in the following way regarding DTX, if TFO is ongoing (see GSM 08.62):

- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_GOOD, SID\_FIRST and SID\_UPDATE shall be handled as usual in DTX, regardless whether DTX in downlink is requested or not. Also NO\_DATA shall be handled as usual, if DTX is requested.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = NO\_DATA shall be replaced by SID\_FILLER frames, if DTX in downlink is not requested. By this the radio transmission continues in downlink, although no parameters are transmitted in speech pauses on the Abis interface. The MS generates Comfort Noise in these speech pauses.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_DEGRADED shall be handled exactly like SPEECH\_GOOD frames.
- For frame with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_BAD and SID\_BAD the CHE shall perform its regular processing, but then shall invert the six, respectively 14 CRC bits before convolutional encoding and transmitting the frames on the air interface. By this the error concealment mechanism in the MS is triggered to handle these corrupted frames.
- ONSET frames may be ignored by the TX Radio Subsystem and need not to be processed.

**Definition:** SID\_FILLER frames are like SID\_BAD frames, but with all information bits set to "1". The 14 CRC bits shall artificially be inverted by the CHE before convolutional encoding and transmission.

### 5.1.2.4 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for RATSCCH

During regular speech transmission (in the middle of a speech burst) RATSCCH replaces (steals) one (TCH/AFS) respectively two (TCH/AHS) speech frames (see GSM 05.09). Also in all non speech cases the RATSCCH shall be handled like speech. The respective RATSCCH frame formats (RATSCCH in case of TCH/AFS, respectively RATSCCH\_MARKER and RATSCCH\_DATA in case of TCH/AHS) shall be signalled to the CHE.

If RATSCCH has to be sent during a speech pause in DTX, then first an ONSET frame shall be signalled to the CHE, followed by the RATSCCH frame(s) and finally by the respective SID\_FIRST frame(s).

If a SID\_UPDATE frame is affected by RATSCCH signalling, then the SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the RATSCCH signalling.

FACCH should be handled in the same way as a RATSCCH, i.e. like a short speech burst.

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**Proposed change affects:**  
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**Source:** TSG-SA WG4

**Date:** 11-Dec-2000

**Subject:** Re-scheduling of stolen SID\_UPDATE frames for AMR (Part 2)

**Work item:** AMR

**Category:**  
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F Correction   
A Corresponds to a correction in an earlier release   
B Addition of feature   
C Functional modification of feature   
D Editorial modification

**Release:** Phase 2   
Release 96   
Release 97   
Release 98   
Release 99   
Release 00

**Reason for change:**

This CR has the same reason as an earlier CR (002). In CR 002 only section A.5.1.2.1 was changed, while section A.5.1.2.2 was forgotten to change.

It is proposed to handle the re-scheduling of SID\_UPDATE frames in the same way in case of frame stealing for FACCH and RATSCCH signalling purposes. Every stolen SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission.

**Clauses affected:** A.5.1.2.2

**Other specs affected:**

Other 3G core specifications  → List of CRs:  
Other GSM core specifications  → List of CRs:  
MS test specifications  → List of CRs:  
BSS test specifications  → List of CRs:  
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(Comfort Noise) frames to the Radio Subsystem (RSS) as long as VAD flag = "0". SID\_UPDATE frames shall be generated every 8<sup>th</sup> frame. The first SID\_UPDATE shall be sent as the third frame after the SID\_FIRST frame.

The speech encoder is operated in full speech modality if TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " and otherwise in a simplified mode, because not all encoder functions are required for the evaluation of comfort noise parameters and because comfort noise parameters are only to be generated at certain times.

In order to ensure TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation at handover, the uplink TX DTX handler in the MS shall accept messages from TX RSS with control parameter NSYNC, resulting in the following operation during the next NSYNC frames:

- The TX DTX handler shall send SID\_UPDATE instead of NO\_DATA frames to the TX RSS.
- Whenever, during that period VAD flag = 1, the TX DTX handler shall continue to produce SPEECH frames for at least the rest of the period and, in addition, the hangover period.

## A.5.1.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem

The TX Radio Subsystem has the following overall functionality. The radio transmission is cut after the transmission of a SID\_FIRST frame when the speaker stops talking. During speech pauses the transmission is resumed at regular intervals for transmission of one SID\_UPDATE frame, in order to update the generated comfort noise on the RX side (and to improve the measurement of the link quality by the RSS). Note that the transcoder knows what frames to send. In the case when nothing is to be transmitted it outputs frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA".

Within the TX Radio Subsystem the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit controls the operation of the Channel Encoder (as specified in 3G TS 25.003) and the Transmission of the frame. Control input to the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit is the TX\_TYPE. Control output and input to the Channel Encoder are indicators specifying the frame format. These frame format indicators are defined in 3G TS 25.003, they are different for TCH/AFS and TCH/AHS.

### A.5.1.2.1 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AFS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX (without TFO):

all frames marked with TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " are scheduled for normal channel coding and transmission. The frame format for CHE operation shall be SPEECH. If, however, the previous frame was not of TX\_TYPE = "SPEECH\_GOOD", an ONSET frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST" a SID\_FIRST frame format is signalled to the CHE;

frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE" are scheduled for SID\_UPDATE frame channel coding and transmission. The frame format signalled to CHE is SID\_UPDATE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA" no processing or transmission is carried out.

If a SID\_FIRST frame or a SID\_UPDATE frame is stolen for Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the subsequent frame shall be scheduled for transmission of the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) instead.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

### A.5.1.2.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AHS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX:

all frames marked with TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " are scheduled for normal channel coding and transmission. The frame format for CHE operation shall be SPEECH. However, if the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST", a SID\_FIRST\_INH frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE", a SID\_UPDATE\_INH frame format



followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE “NO\_DATA”, an ONSET frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_FIRST” a SID\_FIRST\_P1 frame format is signalled to the CHE. Note: All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted. The Mode Indication received with the frame is stored for potential use in the next frame;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_UPDATE” a SID\_UPDATE frame format is signalled to the CHE. All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “NO\_DATA”, no processing or transmission is carried out. However, if the preceding frame was marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_FIRST”, a SID\_FIRST\_P2 frame format is signalled to CHE. Note: The 2 TDMA frames carrying bits of this frame shall be transmitted. If, depending on the current frame number, the Mode Indication is to be transmitted with these TDMA frames, the Mode Indication shall be used that was stored during the processing of the preceding SID\_FIRST frame.

If a SID\_FIRST frame or a ~~the first SID\_UPDATE frame after a SID\_FIRST frame~~, is affected by Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the FACCH signalling.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

#### A.5.1.2.3 Functions of the Downlink TX Radio Subsystem for TFO

The TX Radio Subsystem in the BTS shall in addition operate in the following way regarding DTX, if TFO is ongoing (see 3G TS 28.062):

- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_GOOD, SID\_FIRST and SID\_UPDATE shall be handled as usual in DTX, regardless whether DTX in downlink is requested or not. Also NO\_DATA shall be handled as usual, if DTX is requested.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = NO\_DATA shall be replaced by SID\_FILLER frames, if DTX in downlink is not requested. By this the radio transmission continues in downlink, although no parameters are transmitted in speech pauses on the Abis interface. The MS generates Comfort Noise in these speech pauses.
- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_DEGRADED shall be handled exactly like SPEECH\_GOOD frames.
- For frame with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_BAD and SID\_BAD the CHE shall perform its regular processing, but then shall invert the six, respectively 14 CRC bits before convolutional encoding and transmitting the frames on the air interface. By this the error concealment mechanism in the MS is triggered to handle these corrupted frames.
- ONSET frames may be ignored by the TX Radio Subsystem and need not to be processed.

**Definition:** SID\_FILLER frames are like SID\_BAD frames, but with all information bits set to “1”. The 14 CRC bits shall artificially be inverted by the CHE before convolutional encoding and transmission.

#### A.5.1.2.4 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for RATSCCH

During regular speech transmission (in the middle of a speech burst) RATSCCH replaces (steals) one (TCH/AFS) respectively two (TCH/AHS) speech frames (see 3G TS 25.009). Also in all non speech cases the RATSCCH shall be handled like speech. The respective RATSCCH frame formats (RATSCCH in case of TCH/AFS, respectively RATSCCH\_MARKER and RATSCCH\_DATA in case of TCH/AHS) shall be signalled to the CHE.

If RATSCCH has to be sent during a speech pause in DTX, then first an ONSET frame shall be signalled to the CHE, followed by the RATSCCH frame(s) and finally by the respective SID\_FIRST frame(s).

If a SID\_UPDATE frame is affected by RATSCCH signalling, then the SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the RATSCCH signalling.

FACCH should be handled in the same way as a RATSCCH, i.e. like a short speech burst.



(Comfort Noise) frames to the Radio Subsystem (RSS) as long as VAD flag = "0". SID\_UPDATE frames shall be generated every 8<sup>th</sup> frame. The first SID\_UPDATE shall be sent as the third frame after the SID\_FIRST frame.

The speech encoder is operated in full speech modality if TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " and otherwise in a simplified mode, because not all encoder functions are required for the evaluation of comfort noise parameters and because comfort noise parameters are only to be generated at certain times.

In order to ensure TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation at handover, the uplink TX DTX handler in the MS shall accept messages from TX RSS with control parameter NSYNC, resulting in the following operation during the next NSYNC frames:

- The TX DTX handler shall send SID\_UPDATE instead of NO\_DATA frames to the TX RSS.
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Within the TX Radio Subsystem the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit controls the operation of the Channel Encoder (as specified in 3G TS 25.003) and the Transmission of the frame. Control input to the TX\_TYPE Monitoring unit is the TX\_TYPE. Control output and input to the Channel Encoder are indicators specifying the frame format. These frame format indicators are defined in 3G TS 25.003, they are different for TCH/AFS and TCH/AHS.

#### A.5.1.2.1 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AFS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX (without TFO):

all frames marked with TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " are scheduled for normal channel coding and transmission. The frame format for CHE operation shall be SPEECH. If, however, the previous frame was not of TX\_TYPE = "SPEECH\_GOOD", an ONSET frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST" a SID\_FIRST frame format is signalled to the CHE;

frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE" are scheduled for SID\_UPDATE frame channel coding and transmission. The frame format signalled to CHE is SID\_UPDATE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = "NO\_DATA" no processing or transmission is carried out.

If a SID\_FIRST frame or a SID\_UPDATE frame is stolen for Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the subsequent frame shall be scheduled for transmission of the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) instead.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

#### A.5.1.2.2 Functions of the TX Radio Subsystem for TCH/AHS

The TX Radio Subsystem operates in the following way regarding DTX:

all frames marked with TX\_TYPE = " SPEECH\_GOOD " are scheduled for normal channel coding and transmission. The frame format for CHE operation shall be SPEECH. However, if the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_FIRST", a SID\_FIRST\_INH frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE = "SID\_UPDATE", a SID\_UPDATE\_INH frame format

followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE. If the previous frame was of TX\_TYPE “NO\_DATA”, an ONSET frame format followed by SPEECH\_GOOD shall be signalled to the CHE;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_FIRST” a SID\_FIRST\_P1 frame format is signalled to the CHE. Note: All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted. The Mode Indication received with the frame is stored for potential use in the next frame;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_UPDATE” a SID\_UPDATE frame format is signalled to the CHE. All 4 TDMA frames carrying the bits of this frame shall be transmitted;

for frames marked with TX\_TYPE = “NO\_DATA”, no processing or transmission is carried out. However, if the preceding frame was marked with TX\_TYPE = “SID\_FIRST”, a SID\_FIRST\_P2 frame format is signalled to CHE. Note: The 2 TDMA frames carrying bits of this frame shall be transmitted. If, depending on the current frame number, the Mode Indication is to be transmitted with these TDMA frames, the Mode Indication shall be used that was stored during the processing of the preceding SID\_FIRST frame.

If a SID\_FIRST frame or a ~~the first SID\_UPDATE frame after a SID\_FIRST frame~~, is affected by Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH) signalling purposes, then the SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frame (whichever applies) shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the FACCH signalling.

SPEECH frames shall override possible SID\_FIRST or SID\_UPDATE frames in exceptional cases.

At handover, TX/RX DTX handler synchronisation shall be initiated. At the time instant before the MS starts sending to the new base station, a message shall be sent to the uplink TX DTX handler with the parameter NSYNC = 12.

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- Frames with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_DEGRADED shall be handled exactly like SPEECH\_GOOD frames.
- For frame with TX\_TYPE = SPEECH\_BAD and SID\_BAD the CHE shall perform its regular processing, but then shall invert the six, respectively 14 CRC bits before convolutional encoding and transmitting the frames on the air interface. By this the error concealment mechanism in the MS is triggered to handle these corrupted frames.
- ONSET frames may be ignored by the TX Radio Subsystem and need not to be processed.

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If RATSCCH has to be sent during a speech pause in DTX, then first an ONSET frame shall be signalled to the CHE, followed by the RATSCCH frame(s) and finally by the respective SID\_FIRST frame(s).

If a SID\_UPDATE frame is affected by RATSCCH signalling, then the SID\_UPDATE frame shall be re-scheduled for transmission immediately after the RATSCCH signalling.

FACCH should be handled in the same way as a RATSCCH, i.e. like a short speech burst.