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Foreword

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1 Scope

This ETS defines the Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT) Wireless Relay Station (WRS). A WRS is an additional building block for the DECT fixed network. It is suitable to provide cost effective infrastructures for low traffic density applications.

This ETS defines provisions needed for a controlled and reliable application of the DECT WRS infrastructure building block. These provisions are not related to any specific profile.

2 Normative references

This ETS incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this ETS only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

- [1] ETS 300 175-1: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 1: Overview".
- [2] ETS 300 175-2: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 2: Physical (PHL) layer".
- [3] ETS 300 175-3: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 3: Medium Access Control (MAC) layer".
- [4] ETS 300 175-4: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 4: Data Link Control (DLC) layer".
- [5] ETS 300 175-5: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 5: Network (NWK) layer".
- [6] ETS 300 175-6: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 6: Identities and addressing".
- [7] ETS 300 175-7: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 7: Security features".
- [8] ETS 300 175-8: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 8: Speech coding and transmission".
- [9] ETR 043: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common interface Services and Facilities requirements specification".
- [10] ETR 246: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Application of DECT Wireless Relay Stations (WRS)".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this ETS, the following definitions apply:

Cordless Radio Fixed Part (CRFP): A WRS that provides independent bearer control to a Portable radio Termination (PT) and Fixed radio Termination (FT) for relayed connections.

Fixed Part (DECT Fixed Part) (FP): A physical grouping that contains all of the elements in the DECT network between the local network and the DECT air interface.

NOTE 1: A DECT FP contains the logical elements of at least one FT, plus additional implementation specific elements.

Fixed radio Termination (FT): A logical group of functions that contains all of the DECT processes and procedures on the fixed side of the DECT air interface.

NOTE 2: A FT only includes elements that are defined in the DECT CI standard. This includes radio transmission elements together with a selection of layer 2 and layer 3 elements.

handover: The process of switching a call in progress from one physical channel to another physical channel. These processes can be internal (see internal handover) or external (see external handover).

NOTE 3: There are two physical forms of handover, intra-cell handover and inter-cell handover. Intra-cell handover is always internal. Inter-cell handover can be internal or external.

Inter Working Unit (IWU): A unit that is used to interconnect sub networks.

NOTE 4: The IWU contains the inter-working functions necessary to support the required sub network inter-working.

Medium Access Control (MAC) connection (connection): An association between one source MAC Multi-Bearer Control (MBC) entity and one destination MAC MBC entity. This provides a set of related MAC services (a set of logical channels), and it can involve one or more underlying MAC bearers.

Portable Part (DECT Portable Part) (PP): A physical grouping that contains all elements between the user and the DECT air interface. PP is a generic term that may describe one or several physical pieces.

NOTE 5: A DECT PP is logically divided into one PT plus one or more PAs.

Portable radio Termination (PT): A logical group of functions that contains all of the DECT processes and procedures on the portable side of the DECT air interface.

NOTE 6: A PT only includes elements that are defined in the DECT CI standard. This includes radio transmission elements (layer 1) together with a selection of layer 2 and layer 3 elements.

Radio Fixed Part (RFP): One physical sub-group of a FP that contains all the radio end points (one or more) that are connected to a single system of antennas.

Repeater Part (REP): A WRS which relay the information within the half frame time interval.

Wireless Relay Station (WRS): A physical grouping that combines elements of both PTs and FTs to relay information on a physical channel from one DECT termination to a physical channel for another DECT termination.

NOTE 7: The DECT termination can be a PT or an FT or another WRS.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this ETS, the following abbreviations apply:

CRFP	Cordless Radio Fixed Part
CK	Cipher Key
C/O	Connection Oriented mode
CN	Carrier Number
DCK	Derived Cipher Key
DECT	Digital European Cordless Telecommunications
DLC	Data Link Control
FP	Fixed Part
FT	Fixed radio Termination
IPUI	International Portable User Identity
IWU	Inter Working Unit
LCE	Link Control Entity
LLME	Lower Layer Management Entity
MAC	Medium Access Control
MMI	Man Machine Interface
NWK	NetWorK
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PARI	Primary Access Rights Identity
PARK	Portable Access Rights Key
PMID	Portable part MAC IDentity
PP	Portable Part
PT	Portable radio Termination
PUN	Portable User Number
REP	REpeater Part
RFP	Radio Fixed Part
RFPI	Radio Fixed Part Identity
SAP	Service Access Point
SN	Slot pair Number
TPUI	Temporary Portable User Identity
WRS	Wireless Relay station

4 Wireless Relay Station (WRS)

4.1 Introduction

A WRS is a physical grouping that contains both Fixed radio Termination (FT) and Portable radio Termination (PT) elements, and that transfers information between a Radio Fixed Part (RFP) and a Portable Part (PP). The FT element acts towards a PP exactly as an ordinary RFP. The PT element acts like a PP towards the RFP, and is locked to the closest RFP. The WRS contains inter-working between its FT and its PT, including transparent transfer of the higher layer DECT services. WRS links may be cascaded.

Compared to an RFP, a WRS may introduce capacity restrictions to the services offered. The restrictions may increase with the number of cascaded WRS links. Single WRS link applications can be generally applied. However, special precautions are needed when applying cascaded WRS links. The capacity may be too low, or there may be a need to adjust the echo control requirements.

A WRS shall comply with the general FT identities requirements for RFPs. Installing or adding a WRS to a DECT infrastructure is not possible outside the control of the system operator/installer/owner, who provides the required system identities, access rights and authentication/encryption keys.

4.2 Description

Protocol stack model WBS

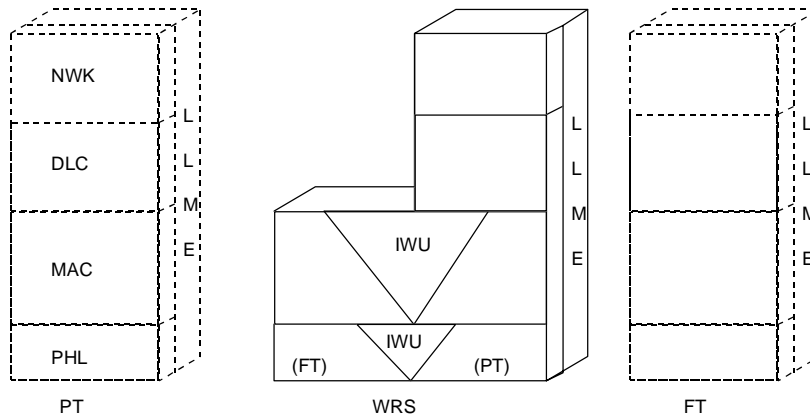


Figure 1: WRS reference model

The WRS, as shown in figure 1, provides inter-working on the DECT air interface between a PT and an FT as described in ETS 300 175, Parts 1 to 8, [1] - [8].

The PT may also be the PT side of a WRS in a multi-hop scenario.

The reference model of figure 1 establishes the following basic principles of the WRS:

- inter-working with PTs as defined by ETS 300 175 , Parts 1 to 8, [1] - [8].
- inter-working with FTs as defined by ETS 300 175, Parts 1 to 8, [1] - [8], with additions defined in this ETS;
- inter-working between PT and FT side is provided at Medium Access Control (MAC) layer and Physical (PHL) layer;
- in conjunction with a PT, the WRS operates as a PT;
- in conjunction with a FT, the WRS operates as a FT.

Looking towards the PT the WRS is fully protocol transparent. The PT cannot distinguish the WRS from any other RFP within an FT. Therefore, the WRS puts no additional requirements on the PT.

4.2.1 PHL layer functions

The WRS shall fulfil the following PHL layer requirements:

- the WRS shall for the relevant packet type meet the PP requirements in ETS 300 175-2 [2] when it is acting as a PP, and meet the RFP requirements in ETS 300 175-2 [2] when it is acting as an RFP, except that the timing requirements in ETS 300 175-2 [2], subclause 4.2.4. shall be met by all WRS transmissions and that the requirement in ETS 300 175-2 [2], subclause 4.2.5 on difference between reference timers shall be disregarded;
- Z-field mapping as defined in ETS 300 175-2 [2], subclause 4.8 shall be supported.

4.2.2 MAC layer functions

The WRS provides inter-working at the MAC layer. The WRS incorporates PT and FT functions as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3].

The WRS shall fulfil the obligatory requirements of ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclauses 11.4 and 11.6, with the modifications as defined in this ETS.

4.2.3 Data Link Control (DLC) layer functions

The WRS may incorporate DLC layer PT functionality to support communication with the FT according to ETS 300 175-4 [4].

4.2.4 NWK layer functions

The WRS may incorporate NWK layer PT functionality to support communication with the FT according to ETS 300 175-5 [5].

4.2.4.1 Over-the-air maintenance

If Operation and Maintenance (O&M) information transfer is supported, it shall use the <<IWU-TO-IWU>> information element (see ETS 300 175-5 [5], subclause 7.23) in NWK layer messages. This element can accommodate unstructured user specific data.

4.2.5 Identities

The WRS shall have a specific Radio fixed Part Number (RPN) identity and Portable Access Rights Key (PARK). The RPN may be transferred by over-the-air maintenance procedures.

The WRS may have additional specific PT identities when PT DLC and NWK layer functionality is included.

4.3 Services

The WRS may be used in all applications as defined in ETR 43 [9]. Typical WRS applications are presented in ETR 246 [10].

The WRS shall provide a relay service for MAC layer connection oriented, broadcast and connectionless services as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclauses 5.6 and 5.7.

The WRS shall provide the services as given in table 1.

Table 1: WRS services

	Offered service	Support	Comment
S.1	Transparency between PT and FT	Yes	
S.2	MAC services	Yes	All, see ETS 300 175-3 [3]
S.3	Over the air maintenance	Optional	
S.4	PT services (e.g. authentication)	Optional	As applicable for a certain application (e.g. based on a profile)

4.4 Procedures

4.4.1 PHL layer

The WRS shall conform to the PT and RFP procedures as defined by ETS 300 175-2 [2].

4.4.2 MAC layer

The WRS shall conform to the PT and FT procedures as defined by ETS 300 175-3 [3].

4.4.2.1 Extended fixed part capabilities

The extended fixed part capabilities message (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.3.5) shall be sent by all WRSs at least once every 8 multiframes, and all WRSs shall understand this message. The WRS shall assume all WRS support bits being set to "0" when the FT does not transmit the message.

4.4.2.2 Hop control

The WRS that is locked to an FT shall decrease the value HOPS (when > 0) in the received extended fixed part capabilities messages (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.3.5.2.1) for the transmission of its own extended fixed part capability information.

NOTE: The number of hops should be no more than one. Use of more than one hop may be subject to agreement with national radio authorities.

5 Cordless Radio Fixed Part (CRFP)

This clause defines requirements in addition to the general requirements for the WRS in clause 4.

5.1 Description

5.1.1 General

This description avoids defining specific implementations of the CRFP for a certain application. ETR 246 [10] clarifies the operation of the CRFP for typical applications. This description defines the architecture model of the CRFP and additional messages and procedures necessary to support the CRFPs in the DECT environment.

In this description the full slot frame multiplexing structure and IN_minimum_delay speech service are used for descriptive purposes only, and not to restrict the application of the CRFP to a specific slot structure or service.

5.1.2 Reference model

The reference model of figure 1 is applicable for the CRFP. The PT side of the CRFP is called CRFP_PT. The FT side of the CRFP is called CRFP_FT.

To support a CRFP, the following additional procedures are defined for the FT:

MAC layer:

- access control of CRFP (for specific information transfer to CRFPs);

NWK layer:

- Cipher Key (CK) transfer to CRFP.

The following functions are defined for the CRFP based on ETS 300 175, Parts 1 to 8 [1] - [8]:

- FT and PT PHL and MAC layer to provide independent bearer control to PTs and FT;
- a selection of PT DLC and NWK layer to support communication between CRFP and FT.

The following additional functions and procedures are defined for the CRFP:

- IWU at MAC layer to provide inter-working between CRFP_PT and CRFP_FT;
- access control procedures to support both relay and local handling of data on the same bearer;
- CK uploading and initialisation for CRFP_FT MAC.

5.1.3 MAC layer functions

5.1.3.1 General

The basic function of the CRFP is defined by its frame multiplexing structure. Procedures are defined based on this structure to allow the CRFP to support required services.

5.1.3.2 Frame multiplexing structure

Figure 2 shows the typical frame multiplexing structure for a CRFP that supports full slots with `In_minimum_delay`.

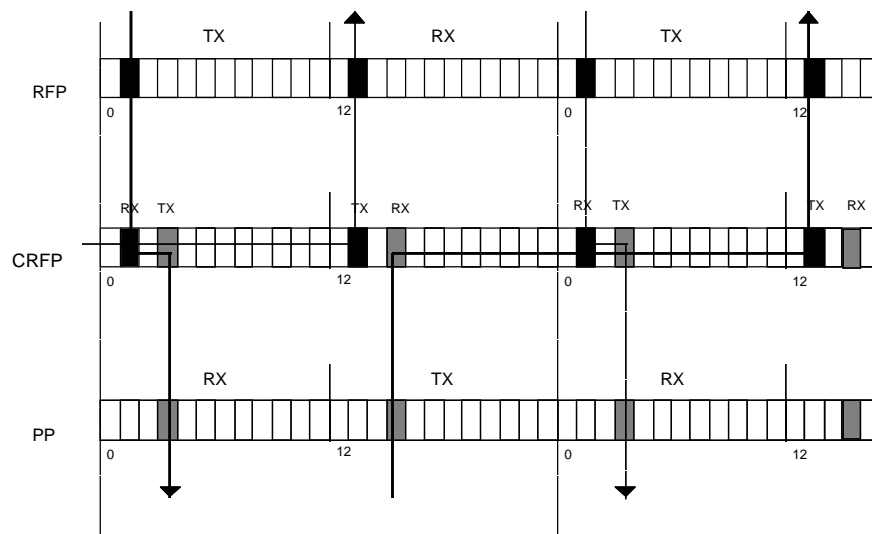


Figure 2: Typical frame multiplexing structure of the CRFP

The frame multiplexing structure supports a combination of both links with PTs and FTs. In this dual frame multiplexing structure the CRFP may transmit or receive during any slot of a frame. A duplex bearer to either the PT or FT is still supported by a combination of an CRFP Rx and Tx slot separated by one half frame.

The CRFP shall support the frame multiplexing structure defined as:

- CRFP-PT frames and CRFP-FT frames are synchronized to the FT frames;
- CRFP-PT and CRFP-FT bearer control complies at least with ETS 300 175-3 [3] (e.g. Duplex bearers are separated by one half frame);
- relayed logical channels are buffered to support MAC multiplexing rules of CRFP-PT and CRFP-FT;
- available slots of the CRFP are marked to be either Receive (Rx) or Transmit (Tx) slots. A slot shall be regarded as Tx slot only when it is actually used for transmission.

NOTE 1: During the first half frame (e.g. Slot 0 to 11) all Rx slots listen to FT transmissions and all Tx slots transmit to PTs. During the second half frame all Rx slots listen to PTs and all Tx slots shall transmit to FT.

- Rx and Tx slots of one relayed bearer belong to the same half frame.

NOTE 2: In idle mode the CRFP listens to an FT during all frames, transmits a dummy bearer to PTs and performs receiver scanning on all other slots. The CRFP has one active Tx slot, one fixed frequency Rx slot and 22 Rx slots performing receiver scanning according to receiver scan procedures for either PT or RFP.

5.1.3.3 Logical channel mapping

The CRFP_PT and CRFP_FT shall fulfil the multiplexing rules as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3].

Handling of logical channel data received at CRFP_PT shall be as follows:

- ME-SAP (Q, N, P): data shall be delivered to the Lower Layer Management Entity (LLME) of CRFP. The LLME of the CRFP shall also generate information for the BMC of the CRFP_FT;
- MA-SAP (B_S): data shall be delivered to the higher layer and to the IWU of the CRFP. The IWU shall issue a MAC-PAGE.Req for the BMC of the CRFP_FT;
- MB-SAP (CL, S_N): data shall be delivered to the higher layer and to the IWU of the CRFP;
- MC-SAP (C, I, G_F): U-plane data shall always be relayed by the IWU. Depending on the CRFP state, the C-plane data shall be delivered as follows:
- in "local state", all C-plane data is delivered to higher layers;
 - in "relay state", all C-plane data is delivered to the IWU for relay at CRFP_FT.

The local and relay state of a connection are defined in subclause 5.3.1.1.

All other logical channel data is handled locally in the CRFP_PT MAC.

Logical channel data received at CRFP_FT related to the MB-SAP and MC-SAP shall be delivered to the IWU for relay. ME-SAP data shall be delivered to the LLME of the CRFP.

Delay logical channels: logical channel information that is relayed in the CRFP shall bear a minimum delay within the constraints of the multiplexing rules as defined in subclause 6.2.2. I_N_minimum_delay information, like speech, shall be relayed in the same or next frame, depending upon bearer position.

5.1.4 NWK layer functions

Additional functionality in NWK layer and LLME of both FT and CRFP is defined to support over-the-air CK transfer (for encryption of relayed connections).

5.1.5 Identities

5.1.5.1 Identities and addressing

The connections in the CRFP are identified by Portable part MAC IDentities (PMIDs).

Relayed connections shall use the PMID of a PT.

Connections in local state shall use a PMID of the CRFP. To allow multiple local connections simultaneously, the CRFP shall provide multiple PMIDs. Each PMID should be related to a different International Portable User Identity (IPUI) of the CRFP. Therefore the CRFP may comprise multiple IPUIs.

The PARK should be the same for all IPUIs of the CRFP.

At the NWK layer the FT can address the CRFP as a PT. The CRFP may define one IPUI of a CRFP, that shall be used for over-the-air maintenance. The FT may address other IPUIs of the CRFP to derive Derived Cipher Key (DCK) from a User Authentication Key (UAK).

5.1.5.2 Subscription data

In order to ensure inter-working of the CRFP within a FP with PTs, it is necessary to install the parameters given in table 2 into the CRFP during subscription. The installation procedure is implementation dependent and may require a Man Machine Interface (MMI). It is recommended to use over-the-air maintenance procedures to allow on-air installation of most parameters.

Table 2: CRFP parameters

Parameter	Optional/ Mandatory	Value	Comment
RPN	M	All	PARI is relayed from FT and combined with RPN of CRFP to provide RFPI
PARK	M	All	PARK should be the same for all CRFP users
IPUI (1..n)	O	All	n is the number of CRFP users
UAK/AC (1..n)	O	All	n is the number of CRFP users
CK	O	All	CK may be derived from UAK
NOTE: The number of CRFP users is the maximum number of simultaneous connections from the CRFP that require higher layer control in the CRFP.			

5.2 Messages

5.2.1 MAC layer control

The CRFP uses the messages indicated with "*" in ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclauses 7.2.5.2.2, 7.2.5.3.1 and 7.3.3.1 only, with the "first PT transmission" code for the first transmission to an FT. For all other transmissions of these messages the CRFP shall use these messages without the "first PT transmission" code.

5.3 Procedures

5.3.1 MAC layer

5.3.1.1 Connection Oriented mode (C/O) procedures at CRFP

The following procedures provide means to address CRFPs on one physical relayed connection of a FT with a PT. The connection with the PT is either in relay state or local state. In relay state, all higher layer C-plane signalling shall be relayed by the CRFPs between FT and PT. In local state, all higher layer C-plane signalling shall be buffered at the FT and CRFP. The local state is a temporary state to allow higher layer communication between FT and a specific CRFP.

5.3.1.1.1 Creation of a Relay Multi Bearer Control (RMBC)

To perform a relay function in the CRFP, a RMBC is defined in the MAC IWU. The creation of an RMBC in the IWU of the CRFP is very similar to the creation of MBCs as specified in ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.2.4.1.

To set-up a relay service the RMBC can use a normal bearer set-up or a dual bearer set-up depending on the current mode of the CRFP (subclause 5.3.5.1).

5.3.1.1.2 Normal C/O bearer set-up

Using the normal bearer set-up the FT does not recognise that the bearer set-up is arriving from a CRFP, the CRFP_PT operates as a PT. The CRFP connection shall always be in "relay state".

Below the calling side shall be the initiating PT or FT for a bearer set-up. The called side shall be the destination PT or FT. Figure 3 shows the time-message diagram for basic set-up.

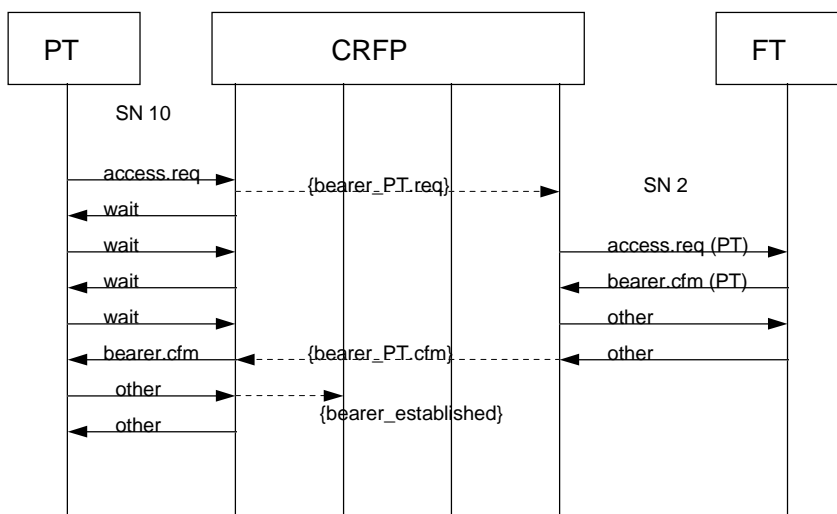


Figure 3: Normal relay bearer set-up

During the bearer set-up procedures TBC₁, that has been created at the CRFP due to a "access_request", requests the LLME to be connected to an MBC. If the connection does not exist, the LLME shall create an RMBC in the CRFP. In the mean time TBC₁ transmits "wait" messages to the calling side.

The RMBC shall create a new TBC (TBC₂) at the other side of the CRFP and shall issue the called address (FMID/PMID) and physical channel description to TBC₂. The PMID and FMID of the called and calling parties shall be used (not a CRFP PMID, FMID). The CRFP TBC₂ initiates a bearer set-up by transmitting the corresponding "access_request" to the called side.

If the bearer set-up is successful (after "other" received error free) TBC₂ reports "bearer_established" to the RMBC. The RMBC informs the LLME that the requested MBC is connected and TBC₁ is allowed to transmit "bearer_confirm" to the calling side.

5.3.1.1.3 Dual C/O bearer set-up

Using the dual bearer set-up the FT shall recognise that the bearer set-up is arriving from a CRFP. The FT can therefore control the state of the CRFP connection using the connection identity of CRFP local service (specific PMID).

Below the calling side is the initiating PT or FT for a bearer set-up. The called side is the destination PT or FT. Additional access procedures for the FT are defined below. Figure 4 shows the time-message diagram for basic connections.

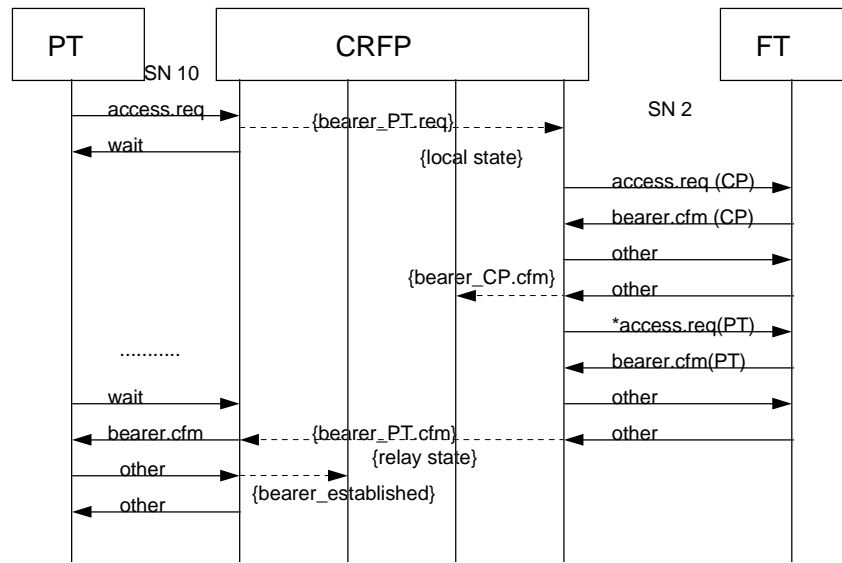


Figure 4: Dual relay bearer set-up

At the CRFP

During the bearer set-up procedures the TBC, that has been created at the CRFP due to a "access_request", asks the LLME to be connected to an MBC. If the RMBC related to this connection does not exist, the LLME creates an RMBC and a MBC for the CRFP_PT and CRFP is by definition in "local state". In "local state" the RMBC activities are suspended. The creation of the MBC is reported to the DLC by issuing a MAC-CON.Ind primitive after the first successful bearer set-up with the FT.

The MBC creates a TBC for set-up of a single duplex bearer connection (with the same slot type as requested by the PT) to an FT and issues the called address (FMID/PMID) and physical channel description to the new TBC. The PMID of the CRFP shall be used.

NOTE: This connection is necessary for CK transfer.

After the TBC has reported "bearer_established" to the MBC, the MBC reports the successful set-up of the connection to the LLME, which changes the state of the CRFP for this connection to "relay state". The MBC activities are now suspended and RMBC activities are resumed.

If a TBC exists with the called side, the RMBC shall now relay the "access_request" on that TBC without the "first PT transmission" code, with the PMID and FMID of the called and calling parties (not a CRFP PMID, FMID).

If the bearer set-up is successful (after "other" received error free) the TBC reports "bearer_established" to the RMBC. The RMBC informs the LLME that the requested MBC at the called side is connected and the TBC is allowed to transmit "bearer_confirm" to the calling side.

5.3.1.1.4 C/O connection release

At the CRFP

When the CRFP receives a release message with the PMID indicating the MBC of the CRFP, the CRFP shall release that MBC.

When the CRFP RMBC is released, the CRFP shall release all corresponding TBCs and MBC at both CRFP_PT and CRFP_FT.

Figure 5 shows the procedure for basic connections.

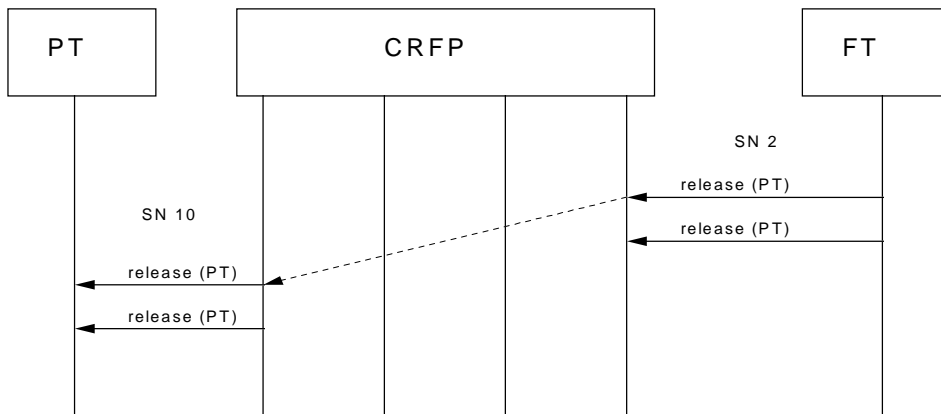


Figure 5: Release

5.3.1.2 CRFP connection suspend and resume

At the CRFP

When an existing TBC at the CRFP_PT receives an "access_request", the TBC shall ask the LLME to connect to the (R)MBC indicated by the PMID in the message. If the connection with the (R)MBC is possible, the LLME shall suspend the connection with the old (R)MBC. The LLME shall not activate the connection with another (R)MBC, until all outstanding C-channel data in the TBC is successfully transmitted to the FT. Then the LLME shall ask the TBC to transmit "bearer_confirm" and resume the connection with the assigned (R)MBC.

The CRFP is in "local state", when the TBC is connected with an MBC. The CRFP is in "relay state" when the TBC is connected to an RMBC.

Figure 6 shows time-message diagrams for basic connections.

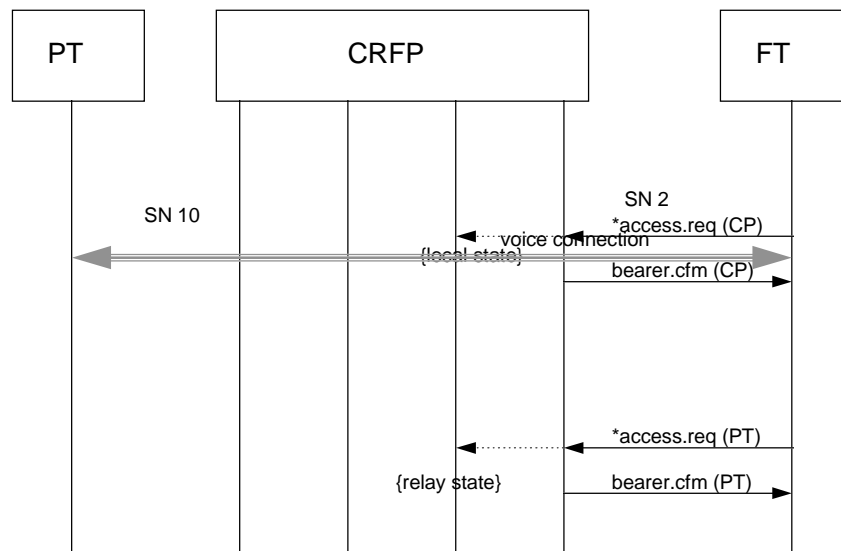


Figure 6: CRFP connection suspend and resume

5.3.1.3 C/O bearer handover

Bearer handover procedures may be used to perform:

- 1) intra-cell handover of the PT within the CRFP;
- 2) intra-cell handover of the CRFP within one RFP;
- 3) inter-cell handover of the CRFP from one RFP to an RFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 4) inter-cell handover of the PT from an CRFP to an RFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 5) inter-cell handover of the PT from an RFP to a CRFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 6) inter-cell handover of the PT from one CRFP to a CRFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 7) inter-cell handover of the CRFP from one CRFP to a CRFP belonging to the same cluster.

The CRFP may be defined as a separate cluster or as part of the cluster of the RFP(s) that it is connected to.

The specific bearer handover procedures shall be handled as follows:

- 1) completely handled at CRFP_FT using procedures as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3];
- 2) completely handled at CRFP_PT using procedures as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3];
- 3) completely handled at CRFP_PT using procedures as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3];
- 4) completely handled by RFP. The connection via the CRFP is released (see figure 7);
- 5) this handover requires the set-up of an RMBC (and MBC) in the CRFP to handle the new bearer. The procedure is identical to the handling of the set-up of a new connection via the CRFP as defined by subclause 5.3.1.1, replacing the "access.req" from the PT with a "bearer_handover.req" (see figure 8);

- 6) this handover is identical to 5) for the CRFP;
- 7) this handover is a combination of case 3) and 6).

During bearer handover, logical channel data should be handled carefully to avoid loss of data. Due to re-arrangement of usage of slots in the CRFP frame multiplexing structure, relay of data may be changed.

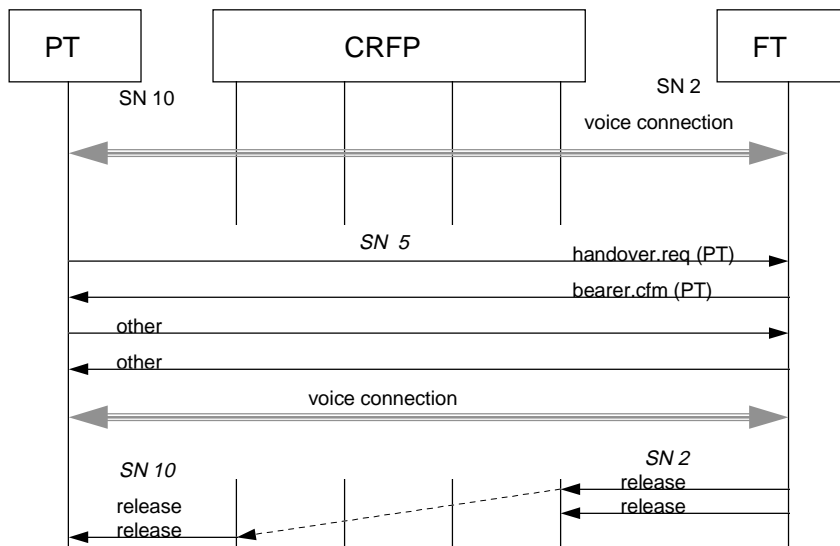


Figure 7: Bearer handover from CRFP to RFP

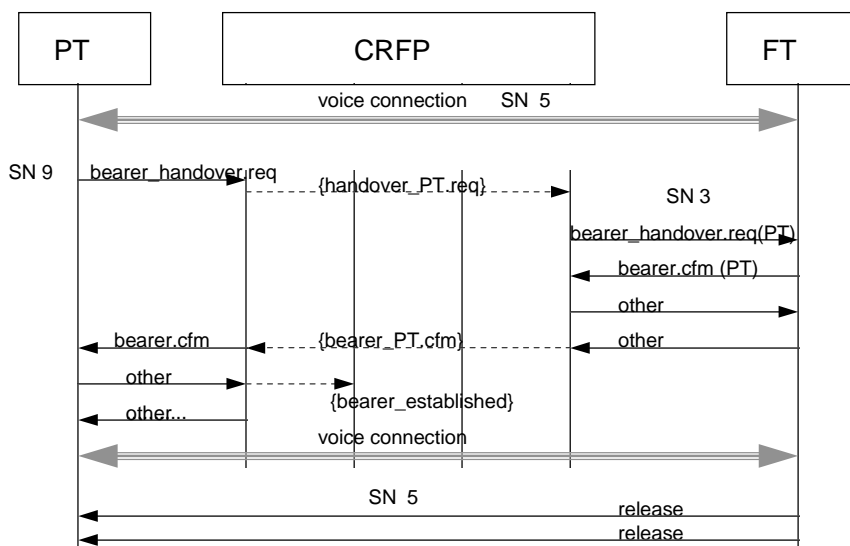


Figure 8: Bearer handover from a RFP to CRFP (normal set-up)

5.3.2 DLC layer

5.3.2.1 Connection handover

Connection handover procedures may be used to perform:

- 1) inter-cell handover of the CRFP from one RFP to an RFP belonging to another cluster;
- 2) inter-cell handover of the PT from an CRFP to an RFP belonging to the another cluster;
- 3) inter-cell handover of the PT from an RFP to a CRFP belonging to another cluster;
- 4) inter-cell handover of the PT from one CRFP to a CRFP belonging to another cluster;
- 5) inter-cell handover of the CRFP from one CRFP to a CRFP belonging to another cluster.

The specific connection handover procedures shall be handled as follows:

- 1) completely handled at CRFP_PT using procedures as defined in ETS 300 175-4 [4];
- 2) completely handled by RFP. The connection via the CRFP is released;
- 3) this handover requires the set-up of an RMBC (and MBC) in the CRFP to handle the new connection. The procedure is identical to the handling of the set-up of a new connection via the CRFP, replacing the "access_req" from the PT with a "connection_handover.req";
- 4) this handover is identical as 3) for the CRFP;
- 5) this handover is a combination of 4) and 1).

5.3.3 NWK layer

All PT call related information is relayed through the CRFP. As an example figure 9 shows a typical outgoing call set-up with MAC and NWK layer messages via the CRFP.

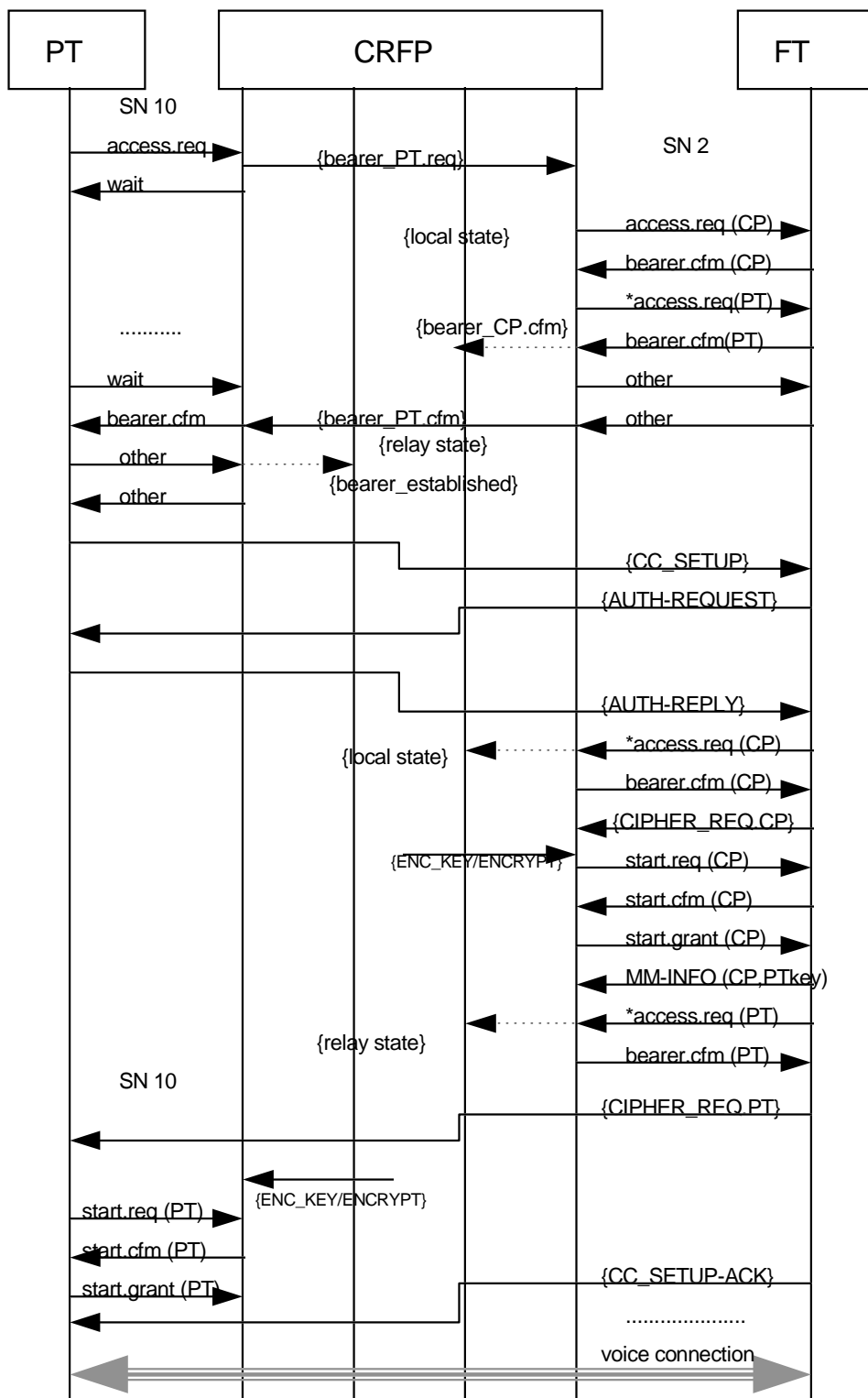


Figure 9: Typical call set-up message diagram (with encryption)

5.3.4 Security

5.3.4.1 General

To support encryption for relayed connections via the CRFP, a PT CK needs to be loaded in the CRFP that provides access to the PT. See ETS 300 175-7 [7].

For encryption on a relayed FT-PT connection, different CKs shall be used for links between FT and CRFP and between CRFP and PT. An CRFP CK shall be used for encryption of the FT-CRFP connection and a PT CK shall be used for encryption of the CRFP-PT connection. The PT CK shall be transferred to the CRFP on a ciphered link. Different keys shall be used for different connections between FT and a CRFP.

Figure 10 shows the protocol diagram for the CRFP supporting encryption on these relayed connections.

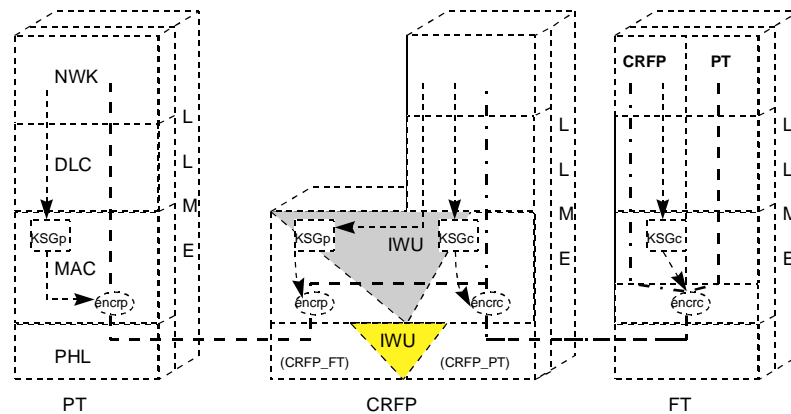


Figure 10: Protocol stack for encryption

Figure 10 shows how the principle for ciphering is supported. Separate encryption engines are used to encrypt FT-CRFP and CRFP-PT connections.

The FT shall initiate the procedure for cipher key transfer given in subclause 7.3.2 when the CRFP requires a cipher key:

- when FT sends a CIPHER_REQ to a PT that is relayed via a CRFP;
- during bearer or connection handover when the FT receives a relayed handover request.

These procedures with the PT shall be temporarily frozen until the cipher key is transferred to the CRFP or until time-out of the connection.

Figures 9 and 11 show typical examples of the procedures for basic connections.

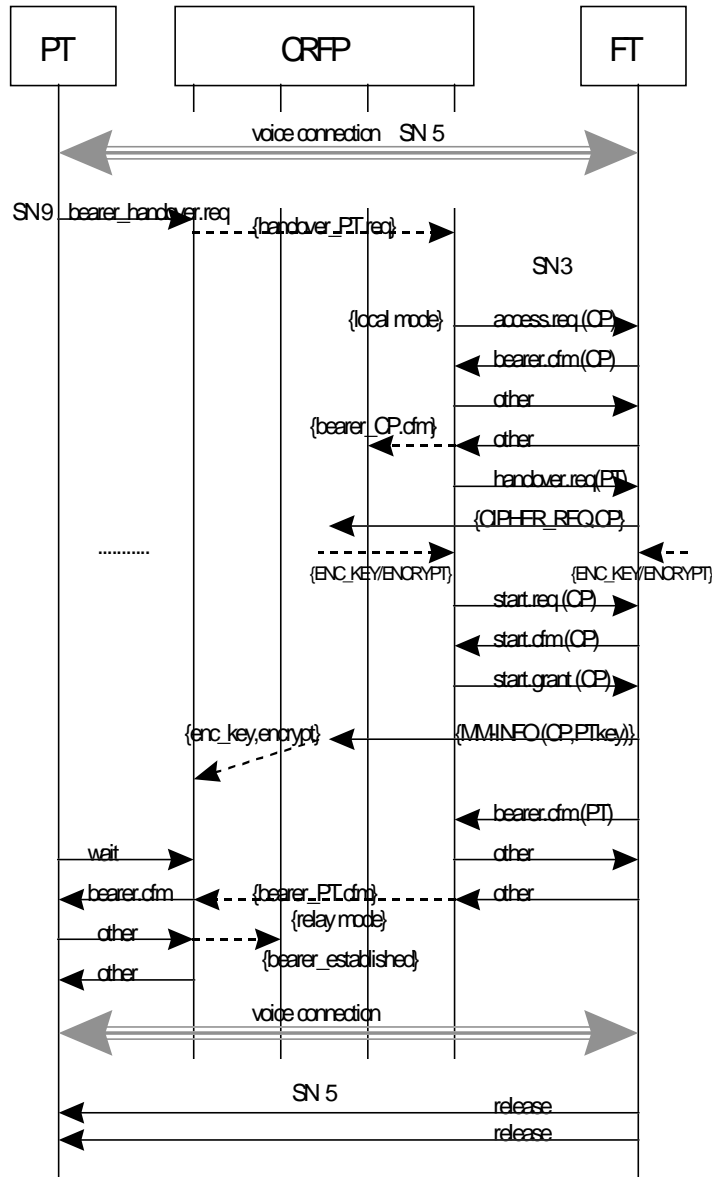


Figure 11: Bearer handover from a RFP to CRFP (dual set-up with encryption)

5.3.4.2 CRFP initialisation of PT cipher key

The FT will initiate ciphering between FT and CRFP that requires a PT CK using {CIPHER_REQ} message with a CRFP CK (see subclause 5.1.5).

When the connection between the FT and the destination CRFP is completely ciphered, the FT sends the PT CK to the CRFP_PT using the {MM_INFO_SUGGEST} message.

The CRFP shall download the received CK to the appropriate KSG for the CRFP_FT. The CRFP shall relate the PT CK to the relayed connection at the MAC layer.

After downloading the CK in the KSG, the CRFP is ready for encryption to be enabled at the MAC layer with the PT whenever needed.

NOTE: The procedure is repeated in multi-hop scenarios. In that case the PT may be the CRFP_PT of a relayed CRFP set-up or handover.

5.3.5 Management

5.3.5.1 CRFP MAC modes

Two MAC modes are defined for operation of the CRFP with an FT:

- normal MAC mode (PT MAC procedures as defined in ETS 300 175-3);
- dual MAC mode (defined in this subclause).

To support encryption the CRFP shall be able operate in Dual MAC mode towards a FT. This mode shall only be used by the CRFP, when the FT has indicated that it supports CRFP with encryption.

NOTE: The FT may also be the FT side of another CRFP.

5.3.5.2 CRFP states and state transitions

The CRFP combines states of both PT and RFP as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3].

CRFP_FT:

The CRFP_FT shall be inactive when the CRFP cannot provide any service to any PTs (i.e. CRFP_PT is unlocked). After the CRFP_PT has entered the unlocked state, the CRFP_FT shall enter the inactive state within T205.

NOTE: The CRFP does not transmit any dummies when it cannot provide a service to PTs.

CRFP_PT:

In addition to the PP requirement for locking, the CRFP shall receive the extended fixed part capabilities message if the FT supports this message, before the CRFP_PT may enter the locked state and may only enter the locked state when the FT supports the CRFP with HOPS>0.

If the FT supports encryption, the CRFP_PT may only enter the locked state when the CRFP supports encryption and the FT supports the CRFP with encryption.

5.4 Example operation of CRFP

5.4.1 Introduction

This subclause is informative and refers to the time-message diagrams for typical General Access Profile (GAP) protocol procedures.

5.4.2 Example GAP procedures

In the diagrams the (PT) refers to the PMID of the PT. The (CP) refers to the PMID of the CRFP.

For normal relay bearer set-up see figure 3.

For dual relay bearer set-up see figure 4.

For release see figure 5.

For CRFP connection suspend and resume see figure 6.

For bearer handover from CRFP to RFP see figure 7.

For bearer handover from a RFP to CRFP (normal set-up) see figure 8.

For typical call set-up message diagram (with encryption) see figure 9.

For bearer handover from a RFP to CRFP (dual set-up with encryption) see figure 11.

In each of the figures SN () is the slot number indicating the slot pair (0 - 11) (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.3.2.3).

6 Repeater Part (REP)

This clause defines requirements in addition to the general requirements for the WRS, (see clause 4).

6.1 Description

6.1.1 General

This subclause describes in principle the philosophy applied by REP to relay connections.

A description of the protocol model is given. The new messages and new procedures required are introduced; examples of frame structures and slots allocation to relay connections are given.

6.1.2 Reference model

At the PT, the REP does not require any additions.

At the FT, the REP requires the following additional messages:

- at the MAC layer:
 - the Physical set-up Procedure and new Mt messages to establish a physical set-up bearer;
 - the Mapping Procedure and the required new Mt messages;
 - new bearer concept, the Double duplex bearer;
 - new procedure to release REP relayed connections;
- the additional MAC functionalities can be logically located within the Multi-Bearer_control (MBC) entity (see ETS 300 175-3 [3]);
- at LLME:
 - configuration control (number of allowed cascaded REPs; type of repeater supported ..) with the use of the Q message "Extended Fixed Part Capabilities" (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.3.5.2).

A REP shall have MAC and PHL layer functionalities to interface a PT like an FT and MAC and PHL layer functionalities to interface an FT (or another REP) like a PT. In the PT configuration REP can also have part of a PT DLC and NWK layer functionalities to access directly to the network's services (i.e. to exchange on air O&M messages; to subscribe etc.).

At REP The following additions are required:

- at MAC layer:
 - the physical set-up procedure and new Mt messages to establish a physical set-up bearer;
 - the mapping procedure and the required new Mt messages;
 - a new bearer concept: the double duplex bearer;
 - a new procedure to release REP relayed connections.

An additional logical unit is also required in REP, the Inter Working Unit (IWU) which allows, at the PHL layer, synchronisation of a REP reference timer to an FT reference timer and, at MAC layer, allows the relay functionality of REP.

6.1.3 MAC layer functions

6.1.3.1 General

REP shall be compliant with both the PT and the FT MAC layer requirements according to ETS 300 175-3 [3]. Additions are required when interfacing an FT (or another REP) in a PT modality and are given in the following subclauses.

6.1.3.2 Frame multiplexing

REP can switch from transmit to receive modality at each slot. In particular REP, once locked to a suitable FT (other REP) is listening for bearer set up attempts on the second half frame in the idle slots (i.e. slots where REP doesn't transmit nor receive) and, in the first half frame and on the idle slots, is listening for suitable FTs (other REPs) to get synchronised to according to the broadcast scan sequence indication. REP shall scan the radio environment in the second half frame synchronously with the FT (other REP) locked to scanning sequence.

REP relays the information received from one radio termination to another radio termination, combining Physical and MAC layer functionalities both of a PT and of an FT, with some improvements when interfacing the FP or another REP. The relay of the information between the two radio termination's is completed within the half frame time interval.

Figure 12 describes the frame structure and slots allocation within REP, RFP and PT for a single duplex bearer relayed connection and for one hop; figure 13 describes the frame multiplexing for two cascaded REPs.

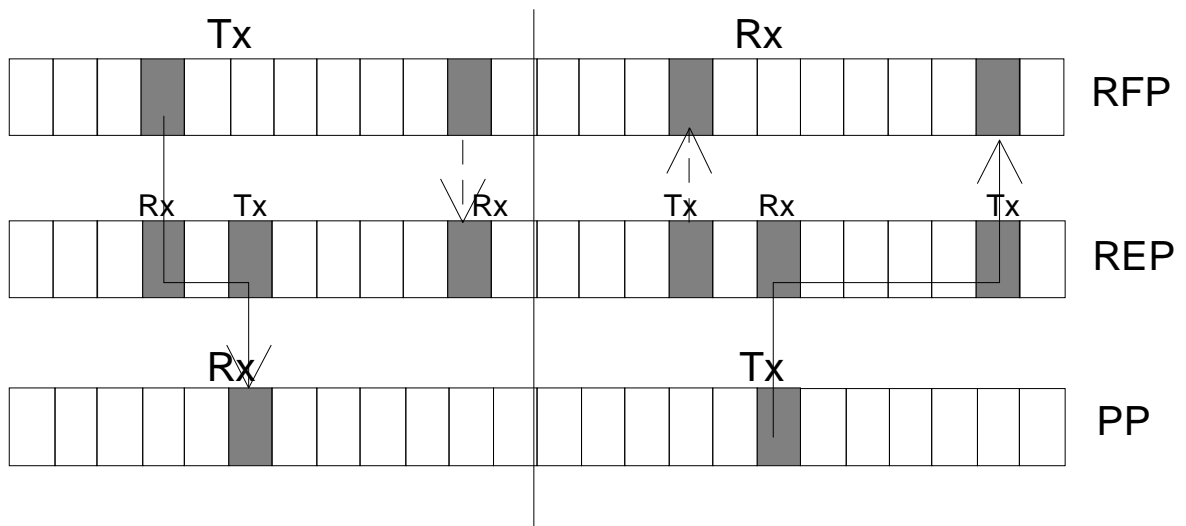


Figure 12: Frame structure and slots allocation for a single duplex bearer connection (1 hop)

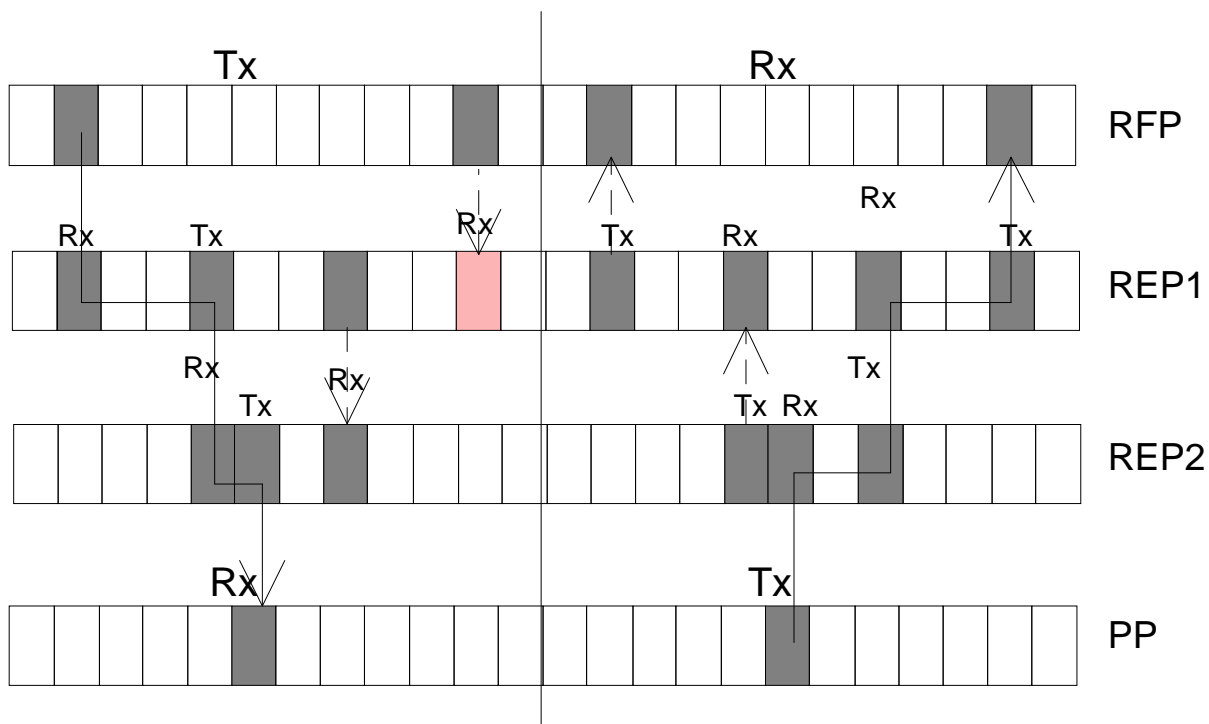


Figure 13: Frame multiplexing for two cascaded REPs

In figure 14 an example of two single duplex bearer connections, REP relayed with an interlacing procedure (see subclause 6.4.1.1.3), is presented; PP1 and PP2 connections share on REP the slot pair (i.e. the duplex bearer) marked with "S".

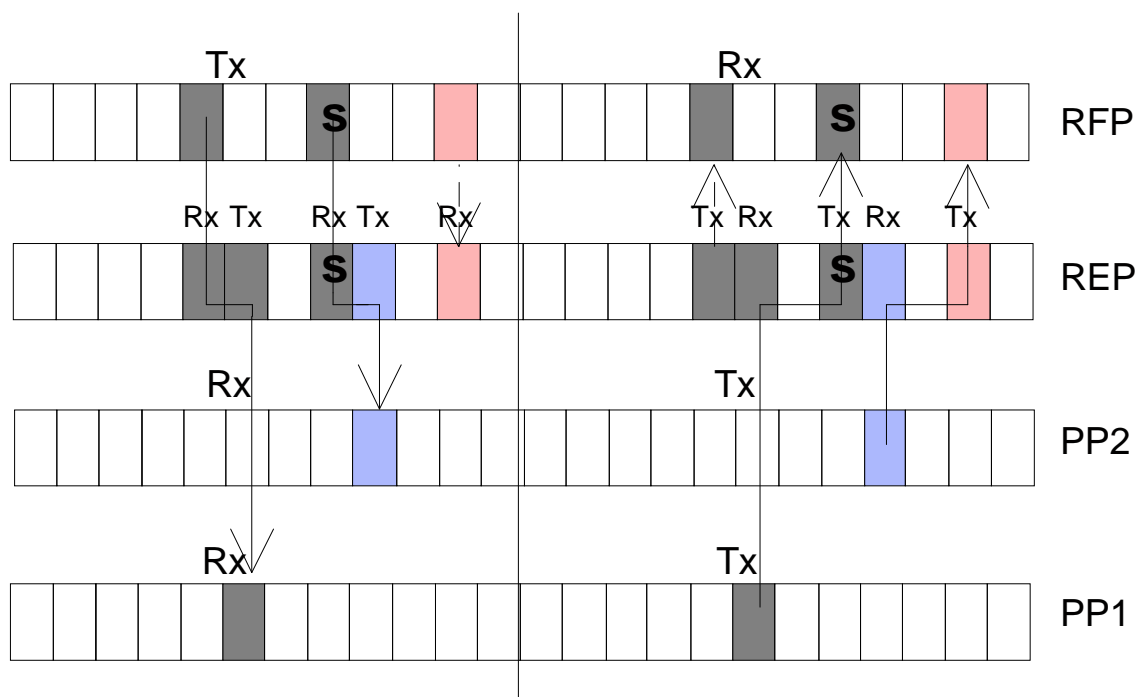


Figure 14: Two single duplex bearer connections, REP relayed with interlacing

6.1.3.2.1 Quality control

REP repeater shall release a bearer and all the related bearers, both in downlink and in uplink direction, if it has not received the correct RFPI with a correct CRC on that bearer in the last T201 seconds.

"Related bearers" are bearers referring to the same connection.

Q2 bit setting:

- the link quality control (i.e. setting of Q2 bit) is done only at the far ends by the PT and by the FT respectively. On the other side, REP can monitor and take into account the quality of the active links (through also the CRC calculation), and can use this information to optimise a bearer handover request or to share bearers between different connections.

Q1 bit setting:

- if a REP is provided with antenna diversity, it shall manage and set independently the Q1 bit:
 - the PT (other REP) may request the REP to switch the antenna by setting the Q1 bit to "1"; otherwise the Q1 bit is set to "0". REP may request the RFP (other REP) to switch the antenna by setting the Q1 bit to "1", otherwise the Q1 bit is set to "0" (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], annex F, subclause F.2.1.2).

6.1.3.2.2 Bearers selection

For the REP to set-up bearers the REP shall follow the channel selection rules as described in subclause 6.4.4.3.

6.1.3.2.3 Establishment of the double duplex bearer

REP shall require, for each duplex bearer to be relayed, a double duplex bearer.

At least one duplex bearer composing the double duplex bearer shall be set up with a PP procedure of the required type. The other duplex bearer shall be set-up with a physical set-up procedure (see subclause 6.4.1.1.1), if a suitable duplex bearer has not been established yet using suitable time positioning in respect of subclause 6.4.4.3. If a physical set-up is required, REP shall set up this channel first.

A physical set up has not to be notified to the DLC (by a MAC_CON.ind primitive), and the set-up channel has no properties, it is just a duplex bearer.

As an example figure 14 shows how the first PP1 relayed connection requires both a physical and a PP1 type set-up and how the following PP2 relayed connection requires only a PP2 type set-up on slot pair (10;22), as it can share the already established slot pair (7;19) with the PP1 connection.

6.1.3.2.4 Double simplex bearers:

REP can relay double simplex bearers but does not allow a change of the transmission direction of a relayed double simplex bearer (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.2.4.3.3).

6.1.3.3 Logical channel mapping

REP shall be compliant both with the PT and with the FT multiplexing rules as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3].

The multiplexing rules can introduce a delay in the REP retransmission of the paging messages (not referring to REP) which are broadcast by the FT (other REP) to which it is locked.

It may be impossible for REP to retransmit on all the downlink active bearers the received paging messages within the same receiving time frame.

Handling of logical channel data received at REP:

MA-SAP (Bs):

REP as a PT:

data shall be delivered to the higher layer and to the IWU of REP for relay; IWU shall issue a MAC-PAGE.req (for each received paging message not referring to REP) to the MBC of the FT MAC REP;

MB-SAP (CL; SIn):

REP as a PT:

data shall be delivered to the higher layer and to the IWU of REP for relay;

REP as an FT:

C channel data shall be delivered to IWU for relay;

MC-SAP (C; Gf; I):

REP as a PT:

U-plane data shall be delivered to the IWU of REP to relay;
C-plane data shall be delivered to higher layer for a REP direct connection or to IWU of REP for relay;

REP as an FT:

U-plane and C-plane data shall be delivered to IWU of REP for relay;

ME-SAP (Q; N; P):

REP as a PT:

data shall be delivered to the LLME of REP; LLME of REP shall also generate information for the MBC of the FT MAC of REP;

REP as an FT:

data shall be delivered to LLME of REP.

6.1.4 DLC functions

REP can incorporate DLC layer PT functionalities to support communication with the FT according to ETS 300 175-4 [4].

6.1.5 NWK layer functions

REP can incorporate NWK layer PT functionalities to support communication with the FT according to ETS 300 175-5 [5].

6.1.6 Management functions

6.1.6.1 Identities and addressing

REP shall have an assigned Radio Fixed Part Identity (RFPI) which shall broadcast as an FT once it has entered the Active_Idle/Active_Traffic state (see subclause 6.4.3.1).

The REP RFPI is composed by the PARI, which is broadcast by the FT (other REP) locked to, and by the RPN, which has been assigned to REP during the subscription phase, according to ETS 300 175-6 [6].

The MAC identity of REP (FMID) as an FT shall be:

FMID = least significant 12 bits of REP RFPI (see ETS 300 175-3 [3]).

REP should have at least one IPU to have direct access to the system (e.g. for on air subscription, on air O&M etc.).

To set-up direct connections to the FT, REP shall use an assigned PMID or a default one (see ETS 300 175-3 [3]).

REP relayed connections shall use the PT used PMID. Physical set-up connections (see subclause 6.4.1.1.1) shall use a default PMID, which shall unambiguously identify the set-up bearer.

6.2 Definitions

REP requires the definition of a new type of bearer, the "Double duplex bearer".

6.3 Messages

6.3.1 MAC control (Mt)

REP requires the messages of the "REP control set", defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3] subclause 7.2.5.1.1, for the procedures in the following subclauses.

6.4 Procedures

6.4.1 MAC layer

6.4.1.1 C/O connection

6.4.1.1.1 Physical set-up

A physical set-up shall always be REP initiated, as explained in the following overview. An existing REP MBC entity shall set-up a physical connection with an FT or another REP.

REP

The IWU of the initiating side shall have knowledge of at least one available physical channel. The IWU shall also know the address (FMID) of the called part (FT or another REP). The IWU shall create the TBC and issue the called address and the physical channel description to the new TBC. The IWU shall also indicate if the wanted bearer is used for bearer handover or for a new set-up and shall specify that a physical set-up procedure is to be used. After this, a physical set-up timer, T200 shall be started, (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], annex A). A successful physical set-up shall be completed before this timer expires. Otherwise the physical set-up fails.

To establish the bearer the TBC shall use the physical set-up procedure.

At the end of a set-up procedure the TBC shall report to the IWU either;

- "bearer_established" (the procedure succeeded), or;
- "bearer_setup_failed".

If a bearer set-up attempt failed the TBC shall be released (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.7.2.1). The calling IWU can re-attempt with the same procedure up to N200 times, subject to using a new available channel each time (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], annex A).

NOTE 1: In the case of a successful physical set-up there exists a common identification for the connection known both at the calling and at the called side. It consists of the ARI + PMID. A duplication of the identification is possible only during bearer handover.

NOTE 2: It is assumed that the PMID does not change during one connection (e.g. from an arbitrary PMID to a PMID derived from the assigned individual TPUI (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 11.7.2)).

The calling side doesn't require the creation of a new MBC at the called side.

Called side

At the called side a new TBC is created by receiving a "REP_bearer_request" message, including the MAC addresses PMID and FMID on the scanned physical channel. The message type also contains the information that the new bearer belongs to a physical connection.

MBC identification

The TBC has to receive all necessary parameters to identify an MBC.

The MBC is fully identified after:

- a) receiving with "REP_bearer_request" message either a REP_access request or a REP_bearer_handover request (see ETS 300 175-3, subclause 7.2.5.11), including the calling address PMID and defining the connection type as physical; and
- b) receiving the REP_channel_map_request message (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.5.11) which indicates the duplex bearer to which the physical set-up bearer has to be linked. This message is necessary only for a new bearer set-up. In the case of a bearer handover request, the old mapping still remains effective.

The reference MBC is the one to which the TBC of the linked bearer belongs.

The TBC issues a PMID, ARI and the REP_channel_map message, which, when received at the reference MBC, indicates the purpose of the wanted connection (i.e. bearer handover or a new set-up).

The MBC can now decide:

- a) to release the TBC;
- b) to accept the TBC.

Procedure

The procedure of a physical bearer set-up is identical to the basic bearer set-up procedure described in ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.5.1, where:

- the PT is REP and the FT could be also a REP;
- the exchanged Mt messages belong to the REP control set (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.5.11);
- the bearer_request message can be either a REP_access.request or a REP_bearer_handover.request message.

6.4.1.1.2 Creation of a double duplex bearer

To relay one duplex bearer of a PT connection, REP shall establish towards the FT (other REP) locked to at least another duplex bearer using Mt messages of the same PT used connection control set. This bearer shall be called the "Relayed bearer".

If a physical bearer set-up is also required to relay the connection, REP shall firstly set up this bearer according to subclause 6.4.1.1.1. A physical bearer set-up is required if REP can not find a suitable bearer (see subclause 6.4.4.3) already established to be interlaced together with the relayed bearer (see subclause 6.4.1.1.3 for definitions).

The Mt messages are transparently relayed by REP on bearers already established.

6.4.1.1.3 Mapping procedure

This procedure allows the creation of a double duplex bearer, after two duplex bearers have been set up between two far ends.

Procedure:

the sending side:

REP shall send to a far end onto a duplex bearer the REP_channel_map.request message (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 7.2.5.11), indicating to the receiving side that the two duplex bearers are to be mapped together, i.e. to be referred to the same connection. The first SN and Carrier Number (CN) fields within this message, shall indicate the master channel. This is the channel whose reference connection shall become the reference connection for the mapped bearers;

the receiving side:

after receiving without errors the REP_channel_map.request message onto a duplex bearer, can decide:

- a) to accept to map together the indicated channels; or
- b) to reject to map together the indicated channels.

While not ready to send REP_channel_map.confirm, the receiving side can send wait messages:

the sending side shall answer with wait messages;

when ready it shall send back onto the same duplex bearer the REP_channel_map_confirm message setting the A/R flag to Accepted (case(a)) or Rejected (case (b)).

Case (b) applies when one of the two duplex bearers already belongs to a double duplex bearer. In this case the mapping of the two duplex bearer is said to be "Interlacing".

If case (a) applies, a double duplex bearer has been created.

Within the double duplex bearer the two duplex bearers shall exchange their simplex bearers as such that each simplex bearer of a duplex bearer shall be paired with the simplex bearer operating in the opposite direction of the other duplex bearer.

The release of one of the two duplex bearers composing the double duplex bearer shall cancel the link, given with the mapping procedure, between the surviving duplex bearer and the released one.

The REP_channel_map.req message may appear over-riding the T-Mux algorithm (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 6.2.2.1) when transmitted as first "other" message (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.5) during a bearer set-up procedure. The first response (REP_channel_map.confirm or wait message), which shall occur in the TDMA half frame following the successful reception of the REP_channel_map.req from the receiving side, may also over-ride the T-Mux algorithm. The TBC shall report "bearer established" after the mapping procedure is successfully completed (i.e. the double duplex bearer has been created).

6.4.1.2 REP relayed C/O connection

6.4.1.2.1 IWU

The relay of a connection through REP involves, within REP, the MAC and the PHL layers, and the IWU which co-ordinates the double functionality of REP both as a PT and as an FT.

IWU shall also update the channels table and shall decide to map together duplex bearers.

Figure 15 reports a description of the IWU functionality in co-ordinating the MAC entities in REP.

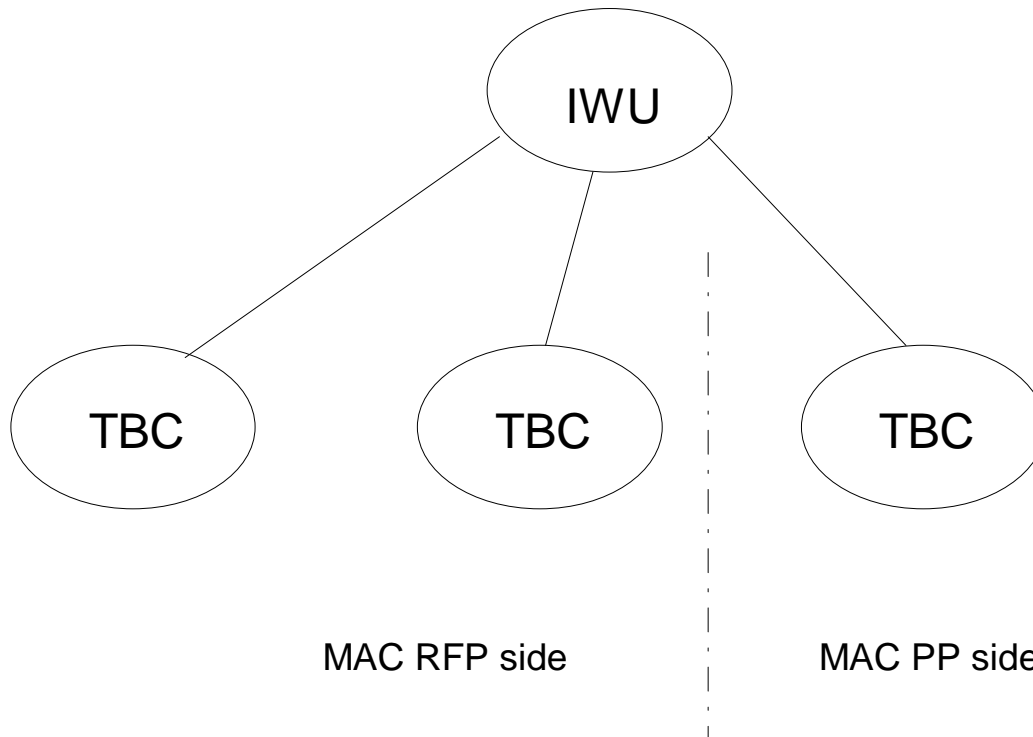


Figure 15: IWU functionality in co-ordinating the MAC entities in REP

On REP a new TBC is created by receiving a "bearer_request" message, including both a calling address (PMID) and its own address (REP FMID), on the scanned physical channel. The message type also contains the information if the new bearer belongs to a basic or an advanced or a physical connection.

The TBC has then received all necessary parameters to be unambiguously identified and to identify the required service, that is:

- 1) receiving with the "bearer_request" message either an access request or a handover request, including the calling address (PMID) and defining the connection type (i.e. advanced, basic or physical); and
- 2) for basic connection and only in case of handover request, an indication if bearer or connection handover is wanted.

The TBC issues the received parameters to IWU which can now decide:

- a) to release the TBC;
- b) to keep the TBC; and

IF the required connection **IS NOT** a physical connection **THEN**{

- b1)** if required (refer to subclause 6.4.1.1.2 for definition), it shall initiate, towards the FT (other REP) locked to, a physical connection set-up procedure;
- b2)** it shall initiate towards the FT (other REP) locked to, to set-up the relayed bearer (see subclause 6.4.1.1.2 for definition);

IWU shall link together all the created TBCs as related to the same connection }.

6.4.1.2.2 Single duplex bearer set-up

Procedure:

REP receiving:

as soon as REP receives a "Bearer_request" message error free, a TBC1 is created and between REP and the sending part starts a bearer set-up procedure of the kind Basic or A-field advanced or B-field or Physical set-up (refer to subclause 6.4.1.1 and to ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.5);

IF it is a Basic or A-field advanced or B-field set-up and requires the set-up of new bearers for relay **THEN**{

- REP starts, towards the FT (other REP) locked to, a set-up procedure of the same kind; if a new double duplex bearer has to be created, the first other message sent by REP shall be the REP_channel_map.req (see subclause 6.4.1.1.3). This procedure may not be required in the case of the relayed bearer (see subclause 6.4.1.1.2) is already established and doesn't need to be handed over; and
- if a physical set-up is required (see subclause 6.4.1.1.2 for definitions), REP shall complete this set up first; if a new double duplex bearer has to be created, the first other message sent by REP shall be the REP_channel_map.req;
- meanwhile TBC1 sends wait messages; if the TBC1 active procedure is of kind A-field advanced, the .procedure goes on up to step (8.a) of ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.5.1.2;
- as soon as the set-up procedures started with the FT (other REP) locked to are successfully terminated (i.e. the involved TBCs report "bearer_established");
- TBC1 sends bearer_confirm (or attributes_confirm if the active set-up procedure is an A-field advanced).}

For each further duplex bearer to be relayed, the procedure is repeated.

Figures 9 and 11 show examples of relayed basic bearer set-ups.

6.4.1.2.3 REP relayed C/O bearer release

The release of a bearer which belongs to a REP relayed connection, implies the release of all the bearers which have been set up to relay the connection.

In case of unacknowledged release procedure (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.7.2.1) of a bearer which has been mapped to another bearer (see subclause 6.4.1.1.3):

at the REP as transmitting side:

the radio channel and the associated TBC shall not be released after sending the RELEASE messages, if it's the MBC decision to release the bearer and if the channel is also interlaced with another channel (see subclause 6.4.1.1.3 for definitions).

at the REP as receiving side:

the radio channel and the associated TBC shall not be released after successful receiving of a RELEASE message if the channel is also interlaced with another channel.

6.4.1.2.4 REP relayed C/O bearer handover

Bearer handover procedures may be used to perform:

- 1) intra-cell handover of the PT within REP;
- 2) intra-cell handover of the REP within one RFP;
- 3) inter-cell handover of the REP from one RFP to an RFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 4) inter-cell handover of the PT from a REP to an RFP belonging to the same cluster;
- 5) inter-cell handover of the PT from an RFP to a REP belonging to the same cluster;
- 6) inter-cell handover of the PT from one REP to a REP belonging to the same cluster;
- 7) inter-cell handover of one REP to another REP belonging to the same cluster.

REP can be defined as a separate cluster or as part of the cluster of the RFP(s) that it is locked to.

These handover procedures are handled as follows:

- 1) completely handled at REP as an FT (example in figure 25);
- 2) handled between REP and the FT (other REP), with the procedure described in subclause 6.4.1.2.2 (example in figure 26);
- 3) as for 2);
- 4) completely handled at FT (examples in figures 20 and 21);
- 5) as for 2);
- 6) as for 2);
- 7) as for 2).

6.4.2 DLC layer

Connection handover procedures may be used to perform:

- 1) inter-cell handover of REP from an RFP to another RFP belonging to another cluster;
- 2) inter-cell handover of the PT from a REP to an RFP belonging to another cluster;
- 3) inter-cell handover of the PT from an RFP to a REP belonging to another cluster;
- 4) inter-cell handover of the PT from a REP to another REP belonging to another cluster.

These handover procedures are handled as follow:

- 1) completely handled at REP as a PT;
- 2) completely handled at RFP;
- 3, 4) handled between REP and RFP (other REP) with the same procedure described in subclause 6.4.2.2.

6.4.3 C/I channel data transfer

6.4.3.1 Higher layer associated signalling

All higher layer signalling (Cs and Cf-channel data) is transparently relayed by REP as follows:

- REP doesn't manage the C-channel flow control (i.e. the Q2 bit setting in duplex bearers) and the retransmission of the C segments.
- REP doesn't give any indication on the B-field received data (i.e. Q2 bit conditioned to Q1 bit setting on duplex bearers).

Higher layer control procedures (i.e. MAC layer ARQ procedure) is applied only at the two far ends, PT and FT respectively.

6.4.3.2 MOD-2 protected I-channel operation (Ip)

Ip-channel data are transparently relayed by REP as follows;

- REP does not manage the Ip data flow control, i.e. the setting of the two acknowledgement bits, (see ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 10.8.2.1), the MOD-2 retransmission procedure and the data jump procedures.

6.4.4 Management

6.4.4.1 REP states

REP combines states of both an FT and a PT, as defined in ETS 300 175-3 [3].

The diagram of figure 16 reports the transitions between all the allowed REP states.

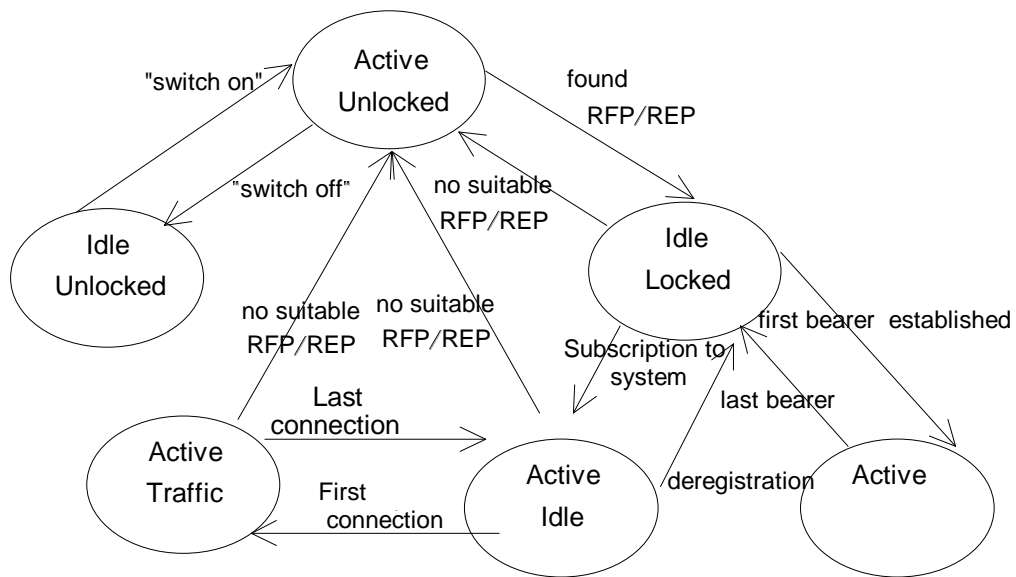


Figure 16: REP state diagram

- 1) Idle_Unlocked: the REP is not synchronised and doesn't attempt to get synchronised to any RFP or another REP. In this state REP is not receiving nor transmitting.
- 2) Active_Unlocked: the REP is not synchronised to any RFP or REP and is unable to make/receive connections, or to relay connections. REP makes attempts to detect a suitable RFP or another REP and enter the Idle_Locked state.
- 3) Idle_Locked: the REP is synchronised to at least one RFP or another REP: It's able to make connections, and to evolve into an Active_Idle state, but it's still unable to receive or relay connections.

- 4) Active_Idle: the REP has been subscribed to the system and has received a consistent MAC identity. The REP has either at least one dummy bearer or at least one connectionless downlink bearer, and a receiver that is scanning the physical channels in a known sequence. In this state REP can both make/receive and relay connections.
- 5) Active_Traffic: REP relays at least one connection. In this state REP can keep or may not a dummy or connectionless downlink bearer.
- 6) Active_Locked: REP is synchronised to at least one RFP transmission and has one or more direct connections in progress.

6.4.4.2 REP actions and states transitions

6.4.4.2.1 Actions in the Idle_Unlocked and Active_Unlocked states

In the Idle_Unlocked state, REP shall do nothing.

In the Active_Unlocked state, REP tries to get synchronised to a suitable RFP or other REP and enter the Idle_Locked state, with the same modality as described in ETS 300 175-3 [3] subclause 11.3.2, where a DECT FP can be either an FT or another REP.

6.4.4.2.2 Actions in the Idle_Locked state

In the Idle_Locked state, REP shall maintain frame and multiframe synchronism with the FP or other REP and may occasionally scan for RFPs (REPs) with a stronger signal strength. If a stronger RFP (REP) is found, then the PP may lock to this RFP (REP) instead.

In order to remain in the Idle_Locked state the REP shall:

- re-synchronize its timing with the FP's (REP's) timing at least every 8 multiframes (refer to ETS 300 175-2 [2]);
- receive in frame 0 at least one A-field with correct CRC every T207 seconds; and
- receive at least one Nt type tail containing the PARI every T208 seconds.

If any of these conditions is not met, REP shall enter the Active_Unlocked state.

At any time an Idle_Locked REP can leave this state and enter the Active_Unlocked state.

Once REP has been subscribed to the system, it enters the Active_Idle state.

6.4.4.2.3 Entry into the Active_Idle state

Once REP has been subscribed to the system, it enters the Active_Idle state.

6.4.4.2.4 Actions in the Active_Idle state

In the Active_Idle state, REP shall:

- still get synchronised to an RFP (REP) as it does in the Idle_Locked state;
- broadcast in downlink direction the N channel information with its own RPN value, assigned in the subscription phase onto an established dummy bearer;
- broadcast in downlink direction the Q channel information onto an established dummy bearer.

The fixed part capabilities system information i.e. SARI list contents system information and multi-frame number system information, shall reflect the same system information broadcast by the RFP (REP) locked to. It shall also reflect it's own extended fixed part capabilities system information to control the number of allowed cascaded REPs, if this information is broadcast by the RFP (other REP) locked and the number of

allowed HOPS is greater than 0. It shall answer to the paging messages referring to itself and broadcast in the downlink direction the not referring ones onto an established dummy bearer.

REP shall fill out the MAC layer information field both of short and of zero length page messages with its own MAC information and shall fill out the 20 least significant bits of RFPI field within zero length page messages with its RFPI value.

At any time an Active_Idle state REP may leave this state and enter the Active_Unlocked state, as soon as the synchronism gets lost.

In Active_Idle state, REP shall receive all the RFP (REP) locked to broadcast messages.

6.4.4.2.5 Entry into the Active_Traffic state

REP enters the Active_Traffic state at the first relayed connection.

6.4.4.2.6 Actions in the Active_Traffic state

In the Active_Traffic state REP shall do the same actions as in Active_Idle state and shall relay at least one connection.

6.4.4.3 Channel selection

Once in one of the states, i.e. Active_Idle or in Active_Traffic or in Active_Locked, REP may start transmission on a physical channel according to ETS 300 175-3 [3], subclause 11.4 with the following additions:

a) double duplex bearers:

for setting up in uplink direction a double duplex bearer, it is required to relay one duplex bearer PP connection or another double duplex bearer REP connection:

said $((y;y+12);f_y)$ and $((z;z+12);f_z)$ the duplex bearers pair composing the double duplex bearer set-up by REP and, respectively $((x;x+12);f_x)$ the REP relayed duplex bearer or $((x_1;x_1+12);f_{x_1})$ and $((x_2;x_2+12);f_{x_2})$ the REP relayed duplex bearers pair composing the double duplex. For each duplex bearer to be set-up the following further restriction has to be respected:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 \leq Y < X & \text{(where } X = \min(X_1; X_2)\text{); and} \\ X < Z \leq 11 & \text{(where } X = \max(X_1; X_2)\text{).} \end{array}$$

b) double simplex bearer:

said $(x;x+12)$ the double simplex bearer to be REP relayed, and $(y;y+12)$ the relayed double simplex bearer to be set up by REP, the following further restriction has to be respected:

$$Y > X.$$

6.5 Example operation of REP

This subclause contains example time-message diagrams for a REP relayed basic connections.

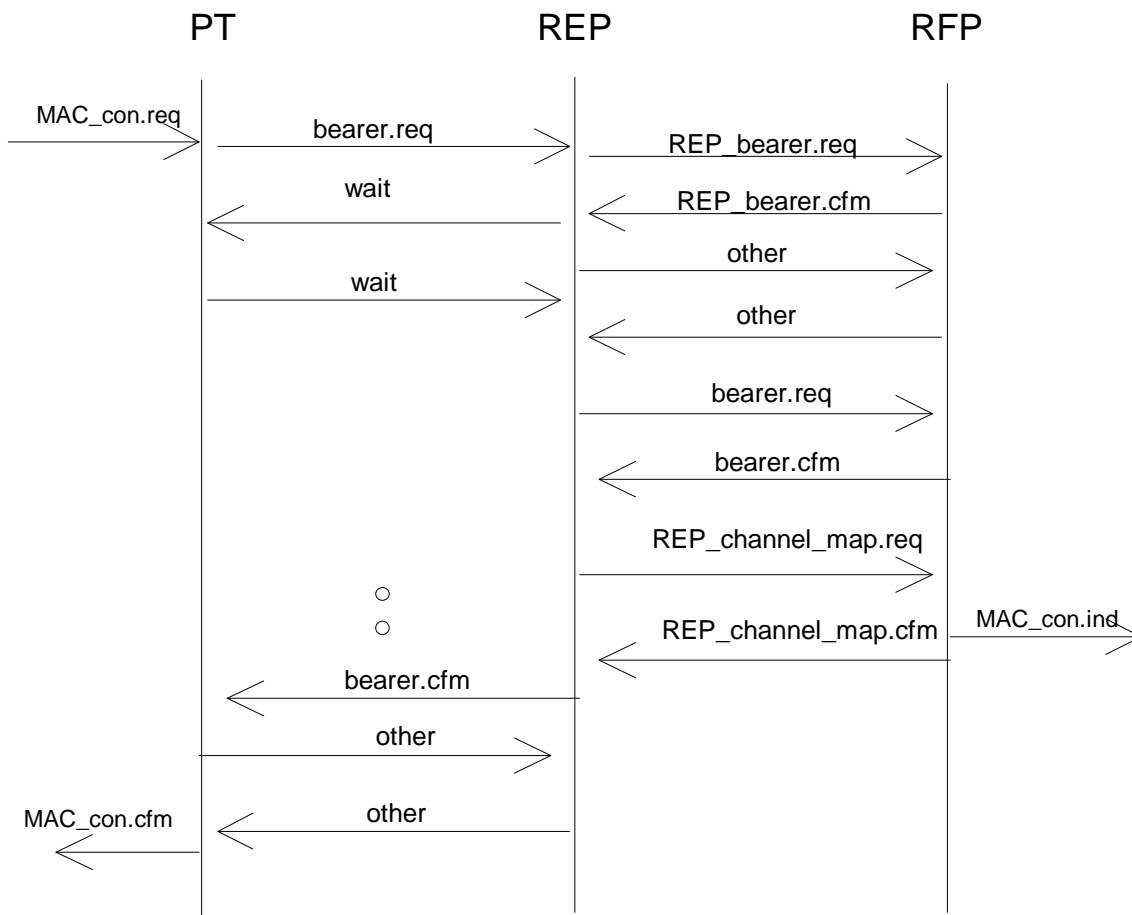


Figure 17: Bearer set-up scenario

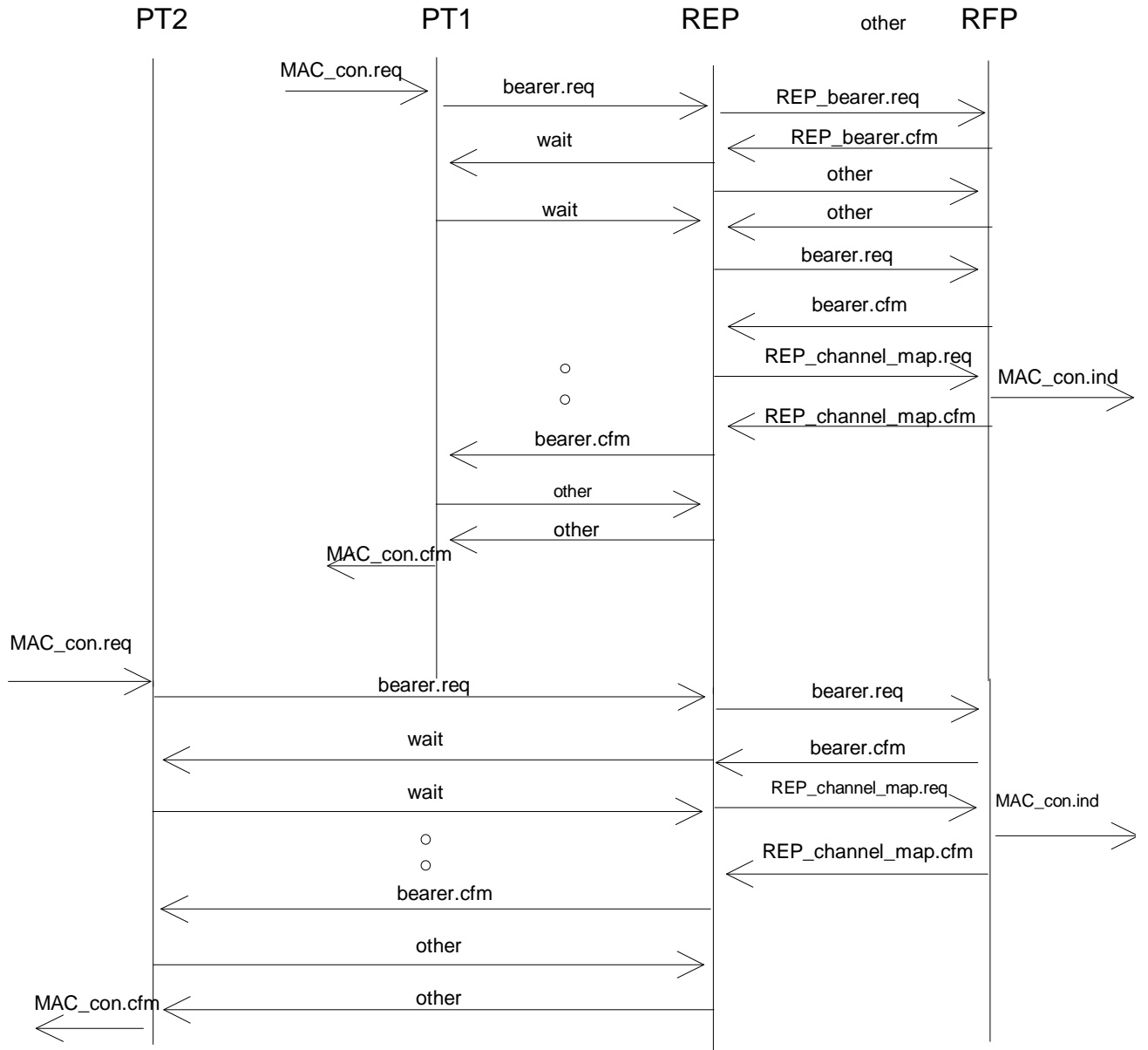


Figure 18: Interlaced bearer set-up scenario

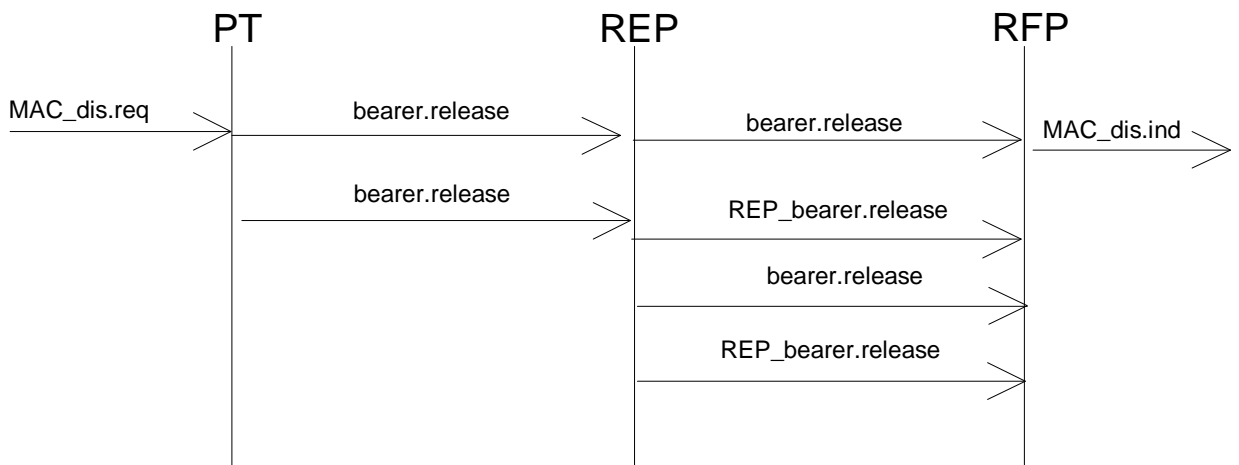


Figure 19: PP initiated bearer release scenario

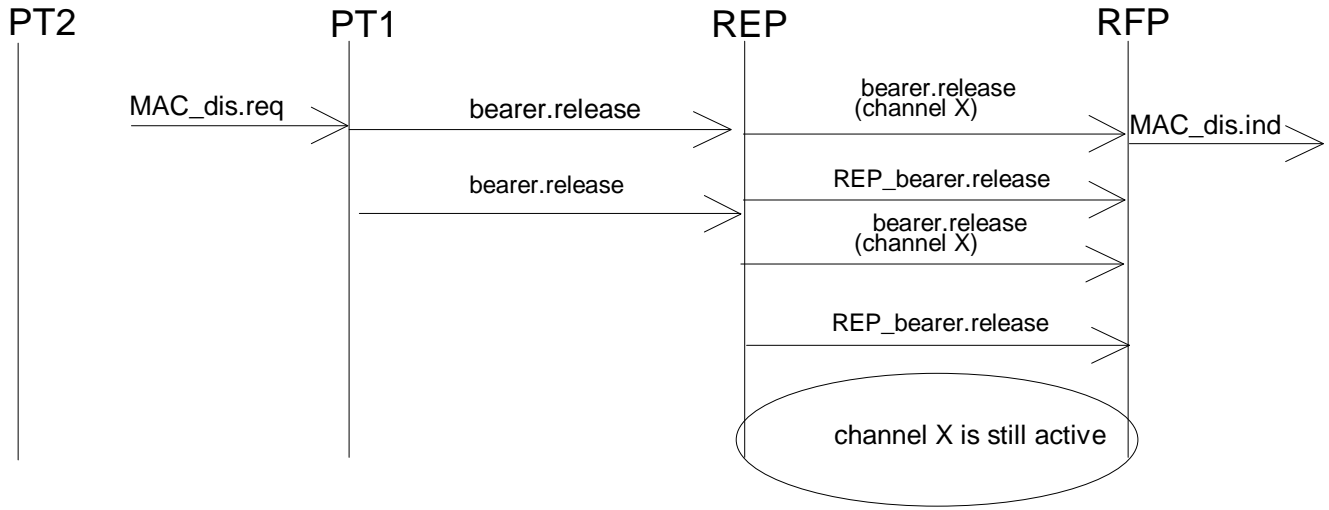


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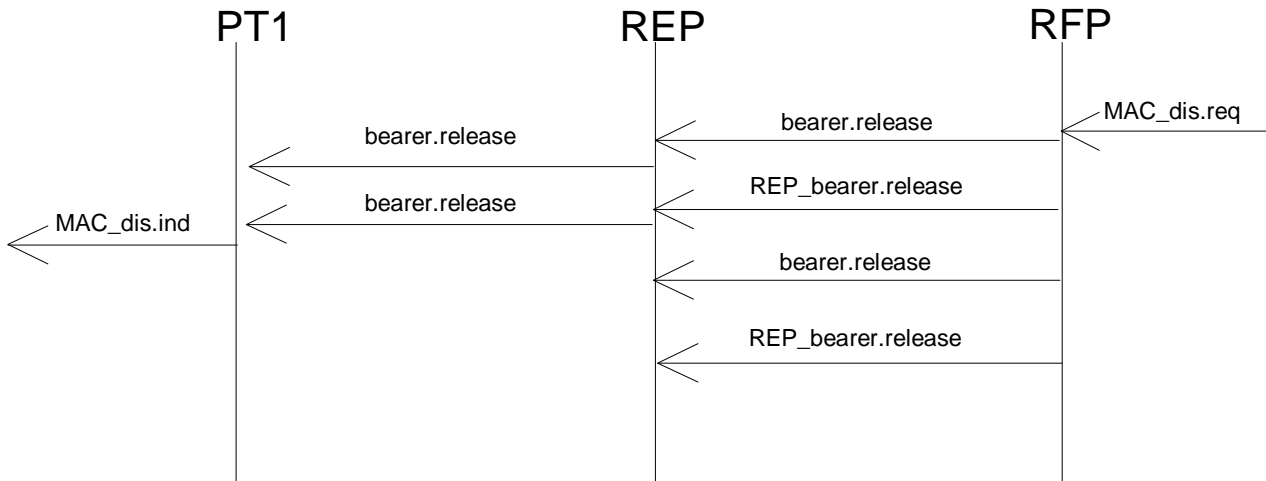


Figure 21: FP initiated bearer release scenario

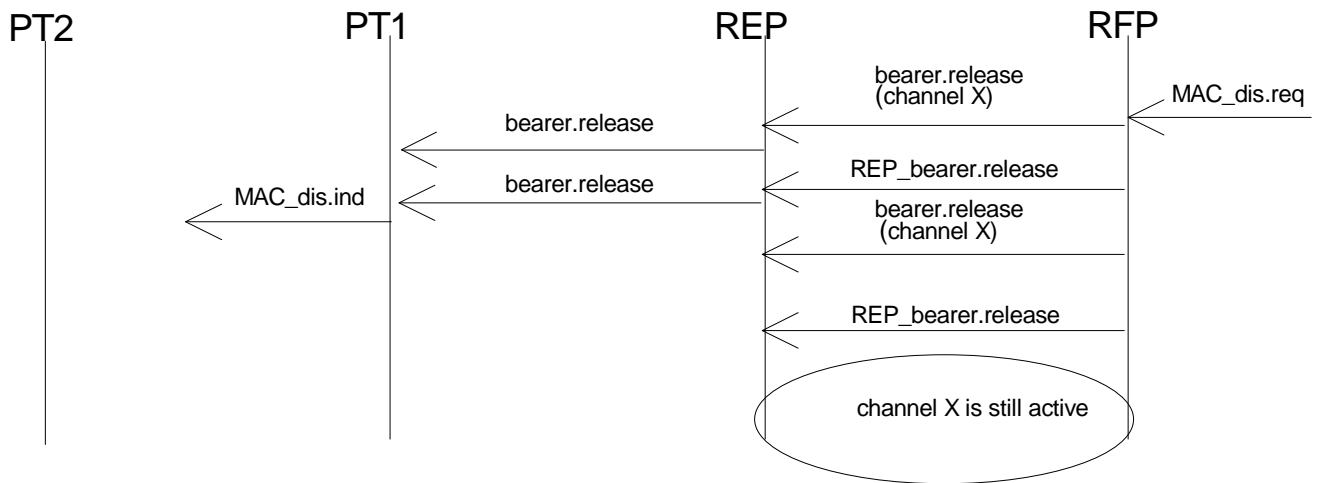


Figure 22: FP initiated interlaced bearer release scenario

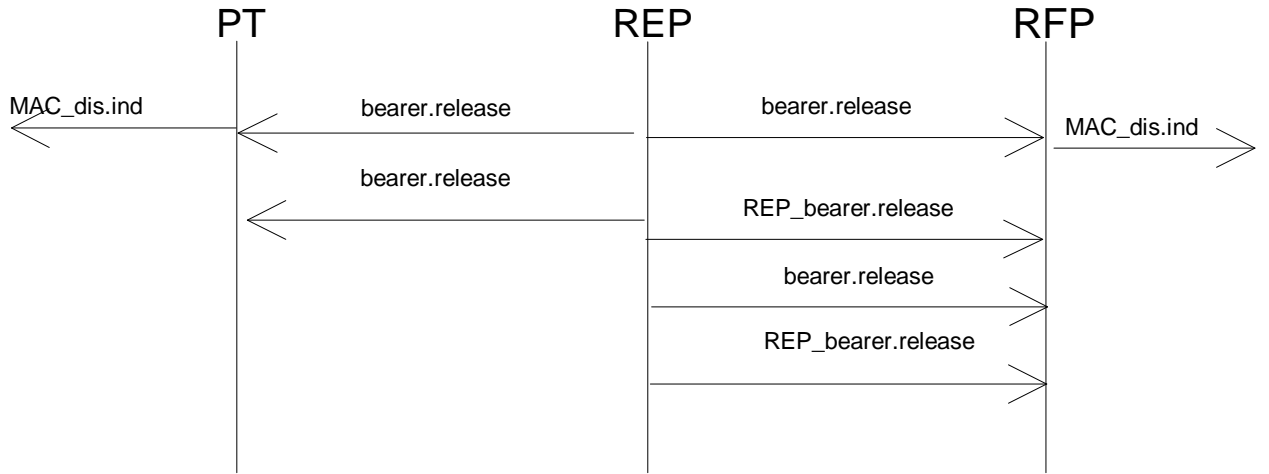


Figure 23: REP initiated bearer release scenario

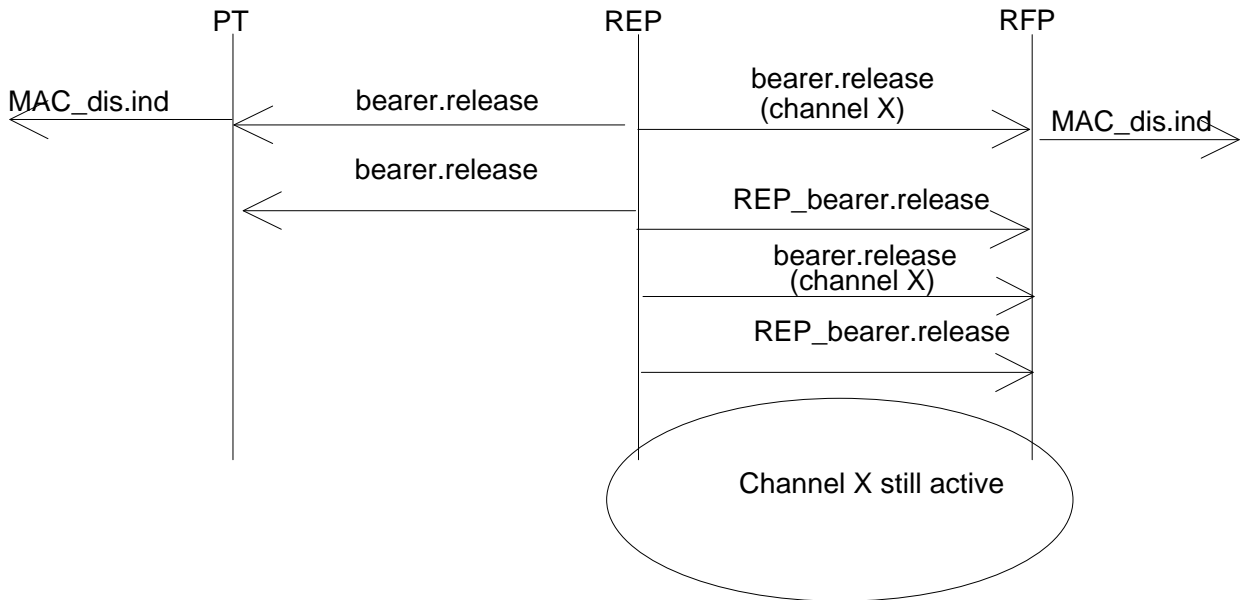


Figure 24: REP initiated interlaced bearer release scenario

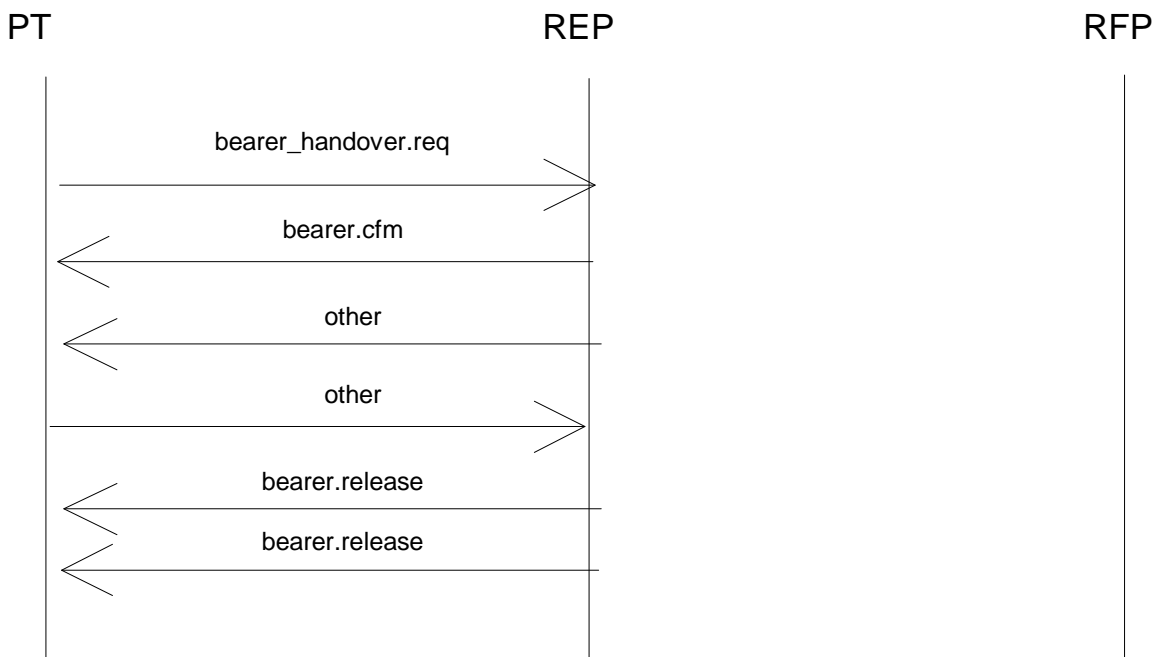


Figure 25: PP-REP bearer handover scenario; the new PP-REP set-up bearer still lies between the two REP-RFP established channels (subclause 6.4.4.3 is still fulfilled)

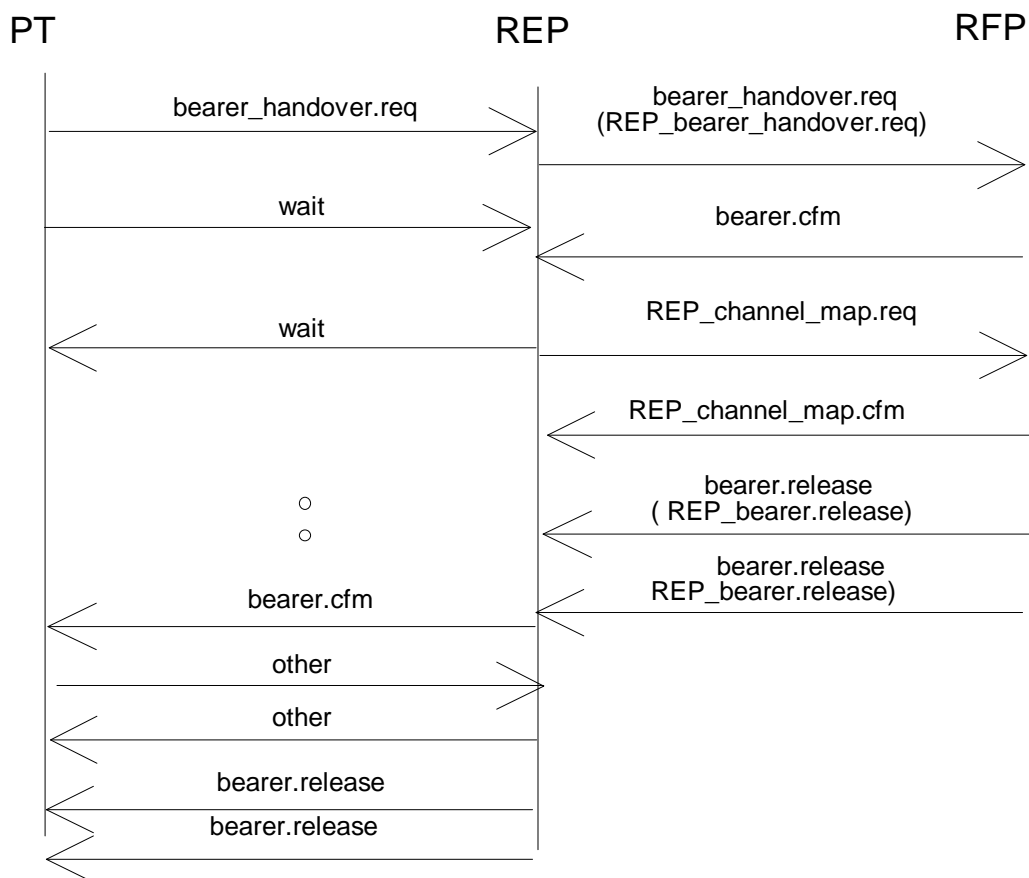


Figure 26: PP-REP bearer handover scenario; a REP-RFP bearer handover is required (i.e. subclause 6.4.4.3 is no more fulfilled)

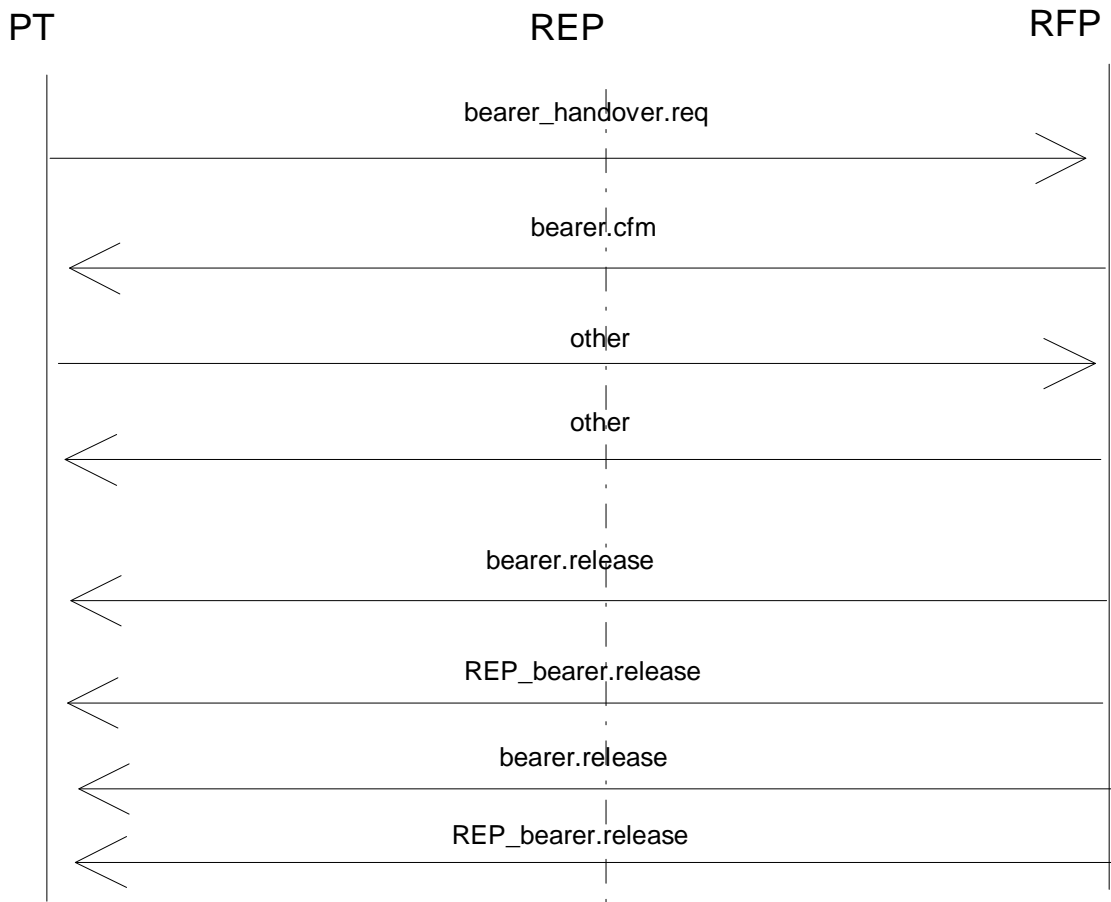


Figure 27: PP-RFP basic bearer handover scenario

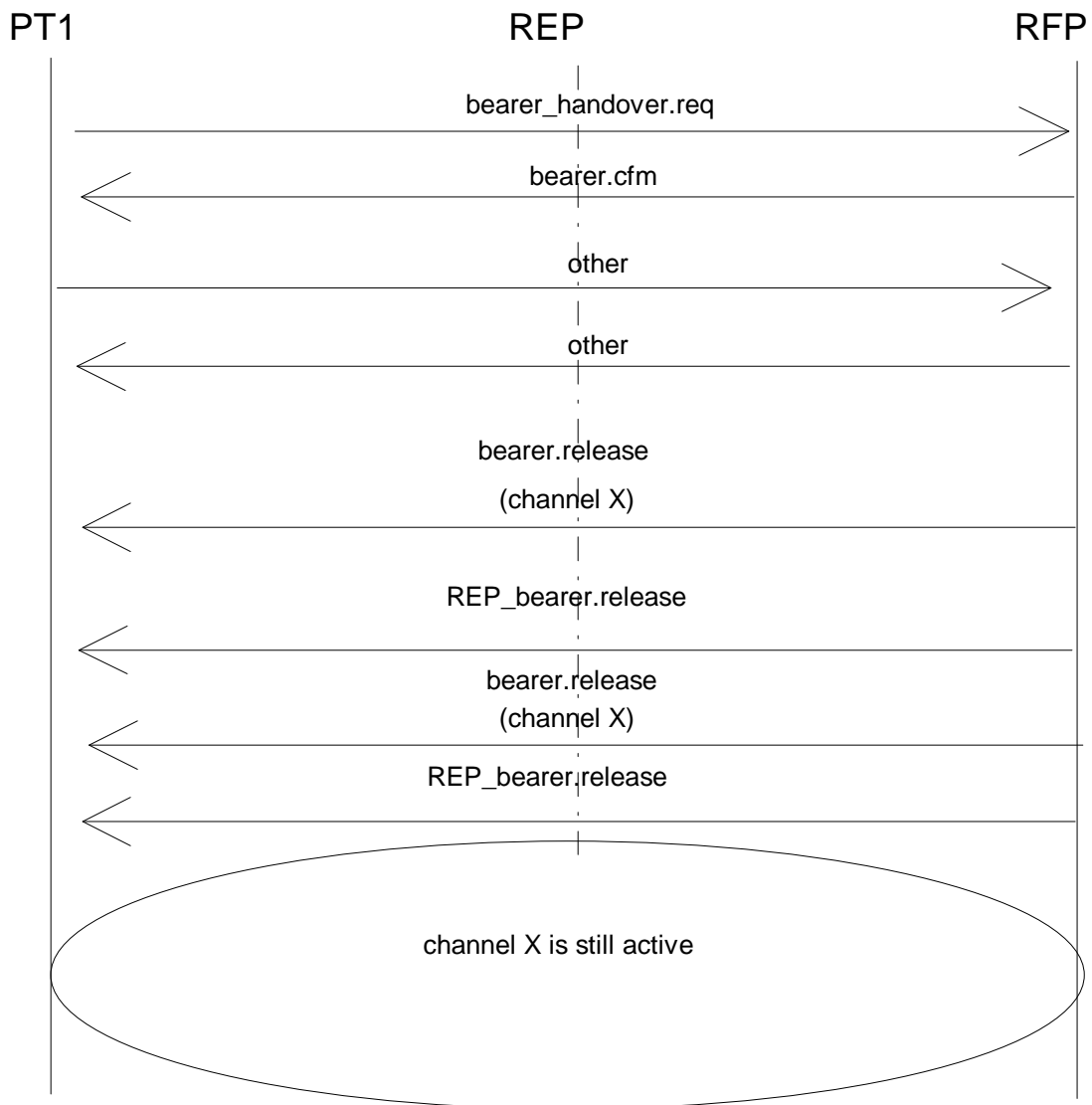


Figure 28: PP-RFP interlaced bearer handover scenario

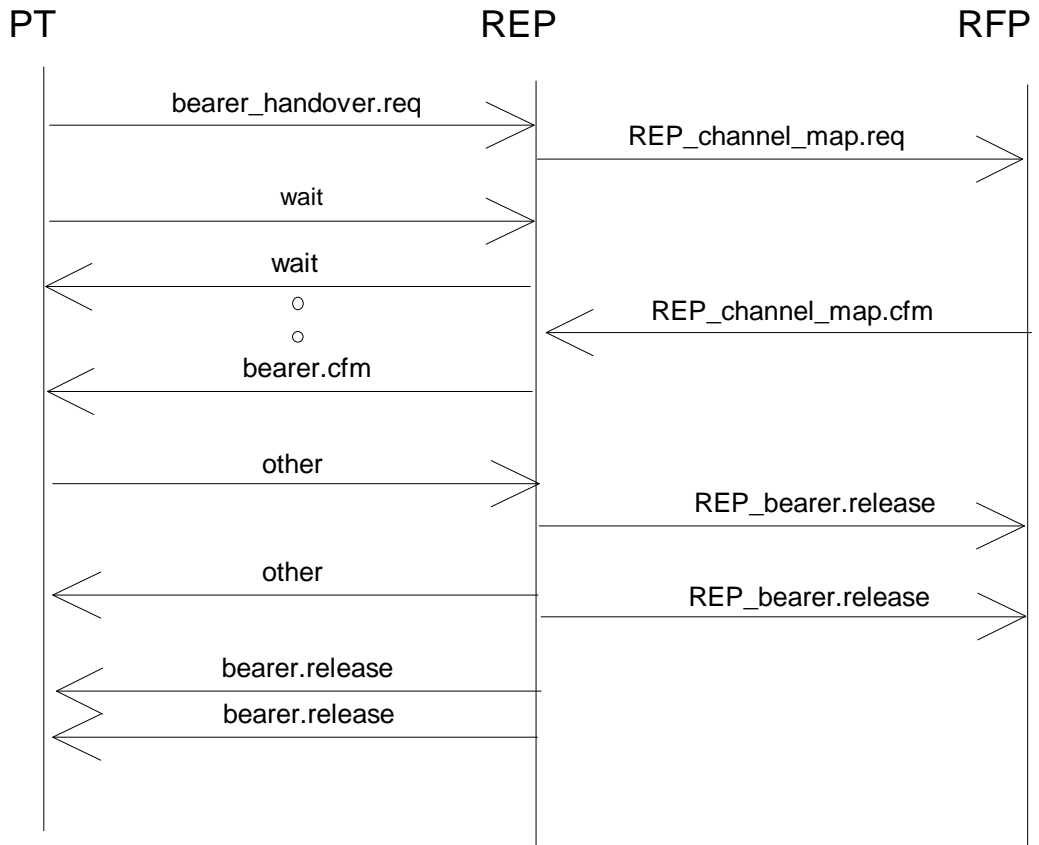


Figure 29: PP-REP bearer handover scenario; the new set-up bearer allows the interlacing with an existing bearer

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