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# Foreword

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Part 1: "General specifications";

Part 2: "Service specifications";

Part 3: "Network specifications";

**Part 4: "Radio interface protocol specifications";**

Sub-part 1: "Mobile Earth Station-Gateway Station System (MES-GSS) Interface; GMR-1 04.001";

**Sub-part 2: "GMR-1 Satellite Network Access Reference Configuration; GMR-1 04.002";**

Sub-part 3: "Channel Structures and Access Capabilities; GMR-1 04.003";

Sub-part 4: "Layer 1 General Requirements; GMR-1 04.004";

Sub-part 5: "Data Link Layer General Aspects; GMR-1 04.005";

Sub-part 6: "Mobile earth Station-Gateway Station Interface Data Link Layer Specifications; GMR-1 04.006";

Sub-part 7: "Mobile Radio Interface Signalling Layer 3 General Aspects; GMR-1 04.007";

Sub-part 8: "Mobile Radio Interface Layer 3 Specifications; GMR-1 04.008";

Sub-part 9: "Performance Requirements on the Mobile Radio Interface; GMR-1 04.013";

Sub-part 10: "Rate Adaptation on the Access Terminal-Gateway Station Subsystem (MES-GSS) Interface; GMR-1 04.021";

Sub-part 11: "Radio Link Protocol (RLP) for Data Services; GMR-1 04.022";

Part 5: "Radio interface physical layer specifications";

Part 6: "Speech coding specifications";

Part 7: "Terminal adaptor specifications".

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## Introduction

GMR stands for GEO (Geostationary Earth Orbit) Mobile Radio interface, which is used for mobile satellite services (MSS) utilizing geostationary satellite(s). GMR is derived from the terrestrial digital cellular standard GSM and supports access to GSM core networks.

Due to the differences between terrestrial and satellite channels, some modifications to the GSM standard are necessary. Some GSM specifications are directly applicable, whereas others are applicable with modifications. Similarly, some GSM specifications do not apply, while some GMR specifications have no corresponding GSM specification.

Since GMR is derived from GSM, the organization of the GMR specifications closely follows that of GSM. The GMR numbers have been designed to correspond to the GSM numbering system. All GMR specifications are allocated a unique GMR number as follows:

GMR-n xx.zyy

where:

- xx.0yy ( $z = 0$ ) is used for GMR specifications that have a corresponding GSM specification. In this case, the numbers xx and yy correspond to the GSM numbering scheme.
- xx.2yy ( $z = 2$ ) is used for GMR specifications that do not correspond to a GSM specification. In this case, only the number xx corresponds to the GSM numbering scheme and the number yy is allocated by GMR.
- n denotes the first ( $n = 1$ ) or second ( $n = 2$ ) family of GMR specifications.

A GMR system is defined by the combination of a family of GMR specifications and GSM specifications as follows:

- If a GMR specification exists it takes precedence over the corresponding GSM specification (if any). This precedence rule applies to any references in the corresponding GSM specifications.

NOTE: Any references to GSM specifications within the GMR specifications are not subject to this precedence rule. For example, a GMR specification may contain specific references to the corresponding GSM specification.

- If a GMR specification does not exist, the corresponding GSM specification may or may not apply. The applicability of the GSM specifications is defined in GMR-1 01.201 [2].

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# 1 Scope

The present document describes the reference configuration for access to a GMR-1 Satellite Network.

A user accesses a GMR-1 Satellite Network via a number of interfaces, including the MES-GSS interface. The purpose of the present document is to indicate the possible access arrangements that may be used in conjunction with the MES-GSS interface.

The present document is based on GSM 04.02 [6].

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.

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- [4] GMR-1 07.002 (ETSI TS 101 376-7-2): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications; Part 7: Terminal adaptor specifications; Sub-part 2: Terminal Adaptation Functions (TAF) for Services Using Asynchronous Bearer capabilities; GMR-1 07.002".
- [5] GMR-1 07.003 (ETSI TS 101 376-7-3): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications; Part 7: Terminal adaptor specifications; Sub-part 3: Terminal Adaptation Functions (TAF) for Services Using Synchronous Bearer Capacities; GMR-1 07.003".
- [6] GSM 04.02 (ETSI ETS 300 551): "European digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2); GSM Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) access reference configuration (GSM 04.02 (V4.0.4))".
- [7] ITU-T Recommendation I.420: "Basic user-network interface".



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## 3 Terminology and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terminology

For the purposes of the present document, in the context of the GMR-1 system, the terminology changes in annex A of document GMR-1 01.004 [1] shall be applied when comparing GSM and GMR-1 functionality.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

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

MES	Mobile earth station
GMR-1	GEO-Mobile Radio
GSS	Gateway station system

Also Refer to GMR-1 01.004 [1].

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## 4 General definitions

Same as clause 2 of GSM 04.02 [6].

### 4.1 Reference configurations

Same as clause 2.1 of GSM 04.02 [6].

### 4.2 Functional groups

Same as clause 2.2 of GSM 04.02 [6].

### 4.3 Reference points

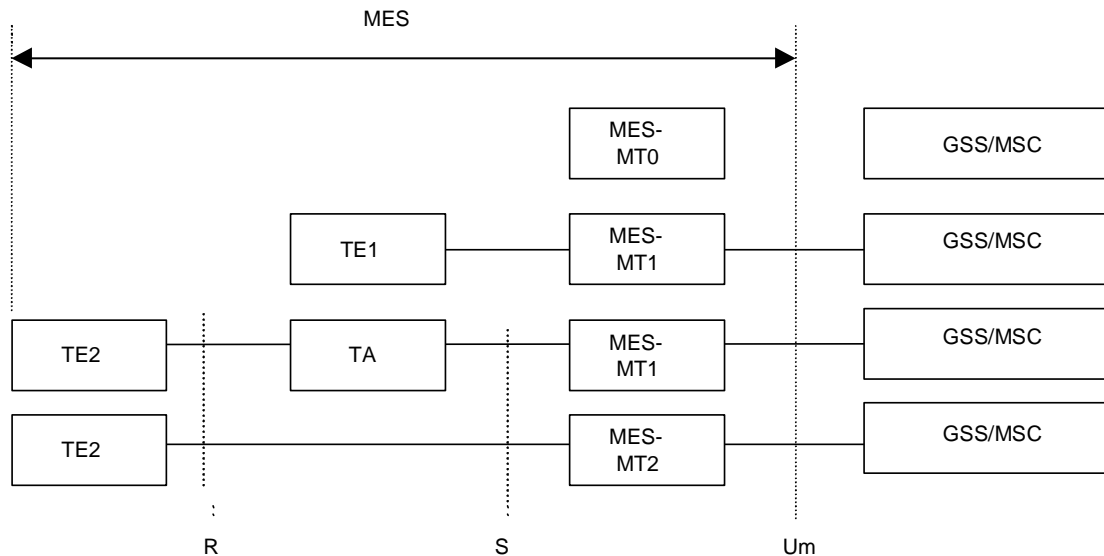
Same as clause 2.3 of GSM 04.02 [6].

### 4.4 GMR-1 interface points

GMR-1 Interface Points are reference points within a GMR-1 satellite Network at which a GMR-1 specified interface is always identified.

## 5 GMR-1 reference configuration

The reference configuration for GMR-1 Satellite Network access interfaces is shown in figure 1.



**Figure 1: GMR-1 Satellite network access reference configuration**

The terminal equipment functional groups TE1, TE2 and TA are conceptually the same functional groups as those in the ISDN. The two new functional groups are:

### 5.1 Mobile Earth Station-Mobile Termination (MES-MT)

which performs the same functions as GSM Mobile Termination (MT) described in clause 3.1 of GSM 04.02 [6].

There are three types of MES-MT:

- MES-MT0 includes functions belonging to the functional group MES-MT, with support of no terminal interfaces.
- MES-MT1 includes functions belonging to the functional group MES-MT, and with an interface that complies with the GMR-1 recommended subset of the ISDN user-network interface specifications.
- MES-MT2 includes functions belonging to the functional group MES-MT, and with an interface that complies with the GMR-1 recommended subset of the ITU-T X or V series interface recommendations.

The MES-MT plus any TE/(TE + TA) constitutes the Mobile Earth Station, MES.

### 5.2 Gateway Station + MSC (GS/MSC)

Same as clause 3.2 of GSM 04.02 [6].

## 6 Physical realization

In a GMR-1 Satellite Network, the reference point Um is a GMR-1 interface point, i.e. it is always implemented as a physical interface (according to GMR-1 Technical Specifications in the 04 and 05 series). The reference points S and R may be optionally implemented as physical interfaces. The implementation of interfaces at these reference points is according to GMR-1 07.001 [3], GMR-1 07.002 [4] and GMR-1 07.003 [5].

Figure 2 gives examples of configurations illustrating combinations of physical interfaces at reference points R and S. The examples shown are not exhaustive, but only serve to illustrate possible implementations of the respective functional blocks.

Example (a) of figure 2 illustrates a fully integrated MES including data terminal functions within the mobile earth station equipment.

Example (b) of figure 2 illustrates the connection of a TE1 in accordance with GMR-1 07.002 [4] and GMR-1 07.003 [5] (and ITU-T Recommendation I.420 [7]). In this example the speech service is offered via the TE1.

Example (c) of figure 2 illustrates the connection of a TE2 by a CCITT X or V series interface according to GMR-1 07.002 [4] and GMR-1 07.003 [5].

Example (d) of figure 2 illustrates the connection of a TE2 by means of an ISDN TA to the MES-MT equipment.

Example (e) of figure 2 illustrates the connection of a speech only MES.

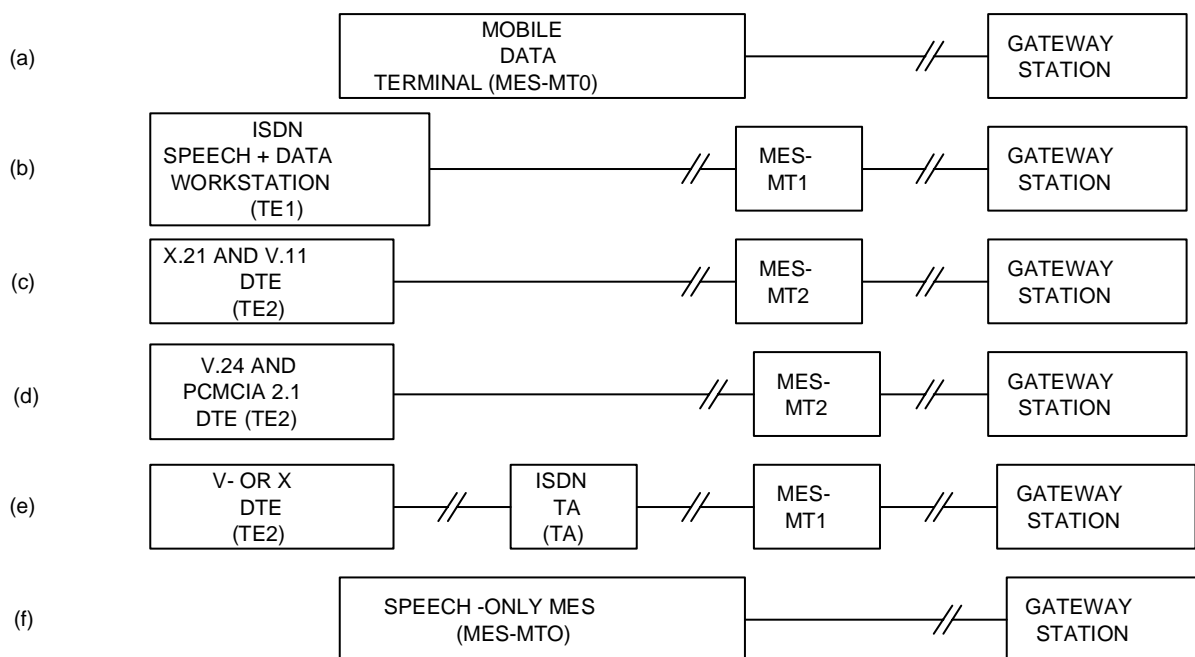


Figure 2: Examples of physical implementations

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