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Part 1: "General specifications";

Part 2: "Service specifications";

Part 3: "Network specifications";

Part 4: "Radio interface protocol specifications";

Part 5: "Radio interface physical layer specifications":

Sub-part 1: "Physical Layer on the Radio Path: General Description";

Sub-part 2: "Multiplexing and Multiple Access; Stage 2 Service Description";

Sub-part 3: "Channel Coding";

Sub-part 4: "Modulation";

Sub-part 5: "Radio Transmission and Reception";

Sub-part 6: "Radio Subsystem Link Control";

Sub-part 7: "Radio Subsystem Synchronization";

Part 6: "Speech coding specifications";

Part 7: "Terminal adaptor specifications".

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.

The present document is part of the GMR Release 2 specifications. Release 2 specifications are identified in the title and can also be identified by the version number:

- Release 1 specifications have a GMR-1 prefix in the title and a version number starting with "1" (V1.x.x.).
- Release 2 specifications have a GMPRS-1 prefix in the title and a version number starting with "2" (V2.x.x.).

The GMR release 1 specifications introduce the GEO-Mobile Radio interface specifications for circuit mode mobile satellite services (MSS) utilizing geostationary satellite(s). GMR release 1 is derived from the terrestrial digital cellular standard GSM (phase 2) and it supports access to GSM core networks.

The GMR release 2 specifications add packet mode services to GMR release 1. The GMR release 2 specifications introduce the GEO-Mobile Packet Radio Service (GMPRS). GMPRS is derived from the terrestrial digital cellular standard GPRS (included in GSM Phase 2+) and it supports access to GSM/GPRS 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. This GMR number has a different prefix for Release 2 specifications as follows:

- Release 1: GMR-n xx.zyy.
- Release 2: GMPRS-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 GMPRS-1 01.201 [8].

1 Scope

The present document presents the requirements for synchronizing timing and frequency between the MES and the Gateway Station (GS) in the GMR-1 Mobile Satellite System for circuit switch and packet switch modes of operation.

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.

Referenced documents which are not found to be publicly available in the expected location might be found at http://docbox.etsi.org/Reference.

[1] GMPRS-1 01.004 (ETSI TS 101 376-1-1): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 1: General specifications; Sub-part 1: Abbreviations and acronyms".

[2] GMPRS-1 04.008 (ETSI TS 101 376-4-8): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 4: Radio interface protocol specifications; Sub-part 8: Mobile Radio Interface Layer 3 Specifications".

[3] GMPRS-1 05.002 (ETSI TS 101 376-5-2): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 2: Multiplexing and Multiple Access; Stage 2 Service Description".

[4] GMPRS-1 05.005 (ETSI TS 101 376-5-5): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 5: Radio Transmission and Reception".

[5] GMPRS-1 05.008 (ETSI TS 101 376-5-6): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 6: Radio Subsystem Link Control".

[6] GMR-1 05.010 (ETSI TS 101 376-5-7) (V1.3.1): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 1); Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 7: Radio Subsystem Synchronization".

NOTE: This is a reference to a GMR-1 Release 1 specification. See the introduction for more details.

[7] GMPRS-1 04.060 (ETSI TS 101 376-4-12): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 4: Radio interface protocol specifications; Sub-part 12: Mobile Earth Station (MES) - Base Station System (BSS) interface; Radio Link Control/Medium Access Control (RLC/MAC) protocol".

[8] GMPRS-1 01.201 (ETSI TS 101 376-1-2): "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 1: General specifications; Sub-part 2: Introduction to the GMR-1 family".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in GMPRS-1 01.201 [8] and the following apply:

Frequency Correction (FC): in-call frequency correction sent over FACCH channel

frequency offset: frequency correction sent over AGCH channel

guard time violation: a message to indicate the violation of Rx/Tx burst guard time

MAC_FORWARD_TS_OFFSET: offset in number of timeslots of MAC-slot 0 or D-MAC-slot 0 relative to the start of the downlink frame

MAC_RETURN_TS_OFFSET: offset in number of timeslots of MAC-slot 0 or D-MAC-slot 0 relative to the start of the uplink frame

Precorrection Indication (PI): timing delay pre-compensated by the MES in the RACH transmission

RACH_TS_OFFSET: RACH window offset relative to the start of BCCH window within the same frame, measured in number of timeslots

RACH_SYMBOL_OFFSET: RACH timing offset in symbols

NOTE: The offset between RACH window and the start of the reference frame seen from the MES. Measured in number of symbols.

SA_BCCH_STN: BCCH window offset relative to the start of the frame, in number of timeslots

SA_FREQ_OFFSET: twice of the downlink beam center Doppler due to satellite motion only

SA_SIRFN_DELAY: within each multiframe, the first FCCH channel frame number relative to the start of the multiframe

SB_FRAME_TS_OFFSET: offset between downlink frame N and uplink frame N + 7 at the spot-beam center, measured in number of timeslots

SB_SYMBOL_OFFSET: additional offset between downlink frame N and uplink frame N + 7 at the spot beam center, measured in number of symbols

Timing Correction (TC): in-call timing correction sent over FACCH channel

timing offset: timing correction sent over AGCH channel

USF Delay Value: if an MES receives a USF in its receive downlink frame N, it applies the USF (i.e., transmits corresponding to the received USF grant) on the uplink frame numbered (N + USF Delay Value)

NOTE: USF Delay Value is decoded from USF_DELAY and USF_DELAY Adjustment parameters in BCCH System Information, and it can take values of 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations defined in GMPRS-1 01.004 [1] apply.

4 General description of synchronization system

Same as clause 4 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

4.1 System timing structure

Same as clause 4.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

4.2 Timebase counter

Same as clause 4.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

4.3 General requirement

4.3.1 Timing and frequency reference point

Same as clause 4.3.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

4.3.2 MES requirement

Same as clause 4.3.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], with the addition of the following:

- MES receiver's time and frequency search ranges (apertures) shall be large enough to accommodate the variations (specified in clause 4.3.3) in the network transmit time and frequency in addition to the satellite-MES relative motion induced time and frequency shifts (see annex A for an informative description), MES oscillator drifts, etc. The MES receiver, operating with such values of time and frequency apertures, shall achieve the performance requirements (i.e., BER, FER, time and frequency estimation accuracies, etc.) specified in GMPRS-1 05.005 [4].

4.3.3 Network requirement

Same as clause 4.3.3 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], with the addition of the following:

- The network shall ensure that the maximum variation between the transmit time of a CCCH burst and the transmit time of a PDCH burst does not exceed 12 µs. Similarly, the maximum burst-to-burst variation in the PDCH transmit time shall not exceed 4 µs. Burst-to-burst variations in the network transmit frequency shall not exceed 10 Hz.

4.3.4 Measurement conditions

Same as clause 4.3.4 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5 Timing synchronization, TtG/GtT call

Same as clause 5 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], except for the addition of the next paragraph, which follows the second paragraph.

For the case in which the MES operates in the packet mode, receive timing shall be corrected by monitoring BCCH, PCH or PDCH and transmission timing shall be corrected with factors provided by the Gateway Station (GS). The GS provides correction factors via AGCH or PACCH based on the MES mode and situation, which is explained here.

5.1 General description

Same as clause 5.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], except for the addition of the next paragraph, which follows the fifth paragraph.

If packet transfer mode is initiated via the RACH then the procedure is identical to that described for circuit switched service in clause 5.3.1. Packet switched time and frequency synchronization for the PDCH and the PRACH is described in clause 5.6.

5.2 Timing of forward link common channels

Same as clause 5.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.2.1 FCCH/BCCH timing

Same as clause 5.2.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.2.2 CCCH timing

Same as clause 5.2.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.3 Idle mode timing synchronization

5.3.1 Initial timing acquisition

Same as clause 5.3.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.3.2 Paging mode

Same as clause 5.3.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.3.3 Alerting mode

Same as clause 5.3.3 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.4 Synchronization at initial access

5.4.1 Synchronization process

Same as clause 5.4.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.4.2 RACH timing pre-correction

Same as clause 5.4.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], with the following additions:

The network may send on the AGCH the Immediate Assignment Reject (IAR) message with a reject cause that indicates that the class-2 information bits of the RACH burst are incorrect (e.g., if the RACH burst from the MES does not entirely fit within the RACH window at the network). The IAR message shall contain Timing Correction and Frequency Correction fields (see clauses 5.6.2 and 6.6, and GMPRS-1 04.008 [2]).

The MES shall retransmit RACH when it receives the IAR message with the reject cause indicating incorrect class-2 bits.

The MES shall apply entire value of the received Frequency Correction to the re-transmitted RACH.

An MES of Terminal Type A shall apply entire value of the received Timing Correction to the re-transmitted RACH.

An MES of Terminal Type C shall retransmit RACH with a new value of Precorrection Indication that is derived from the received Timing Correction, as described below:

The MES of Terminal Type C shall select one of the seven (non-reserved) values of Precorrection Indication shown in the Compensation column of table 5.2 of GMR-1 05.010 [6] such that the selected value, in symbols, is the one closest to one-half of the received Timing Correction converted to units of a symbol (the received Timing Correction is in units of $T_{SB}/40$, whereas the Precorrection Indication is in units of T_{SB} (i.e., 1/23400 seconds)). Equivalently, the selected value of Precorrection Indication, in symbols, shall be the one which is the closest to $(1/80)^{th}$ of the received Timing Correction in units of $T_{SB}/40$. The selected value shall be used as the new value of Precorrection Indication in calculation of RACH_SYMBOL_OFFSET (refer to clause 5.4.3 of GMR-1 05.010 [6]). Furthermore, the MES shall send, in the retransmitted RACH, the applied value of Precorrection Indication by converting it to one of the seven (non-reserved) values of the three-bit code shown in table 5.2 of GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.4.3 Description of parameters

Same as clause 5.4.3 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], with the following additions for MES of Terminal Type C:

For a retransmitted RACH resulting from receipt of Immediate Assigne Reject message from the network, the MES of Type C shall apply transmit timing offset based on computation of RACH_SYMBOL_OFFSET derived as described in clause 5.4.2. For all other RACH transmissions, an MES of Terminal Type C shall apply transmit timing offset based on computation of RACH_SYMBOL_OFFSET as described in clause 5.4.3 of GMR-1 05.010 [6]. This offset is relative to the start of timeslot 0 of the received TDMA frame in the forward direction.

5.4.4 Timing accuracy

Same as clause 5.4.4 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.5 Dedicated mode synchronization

Same as clause 5.5 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.5.1 In-call timing relationship

Same as clause 5.5.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.5.2 In-call synchronization scenario

Same as clause 5.5.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.5.3 Transmission timing drift rate

Same as clause 5.5.3 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

5.5.4 RX/TX guard time violation

Same as clause 5.5.4 in GMR-1 05.010 [6] except for the following changes:

For a terminal type C MES in the packet data mode, the available RX/TX guard time shall be monitored at least once every 15 s. If the guard time is found to be smaller than a predefined threshold of 2 200 μs, the MES shall abort the TBF and send RACH for requesting new packet resource.

5.5.5 Packet transfer mode time slot synchronization

An MES receiving PDCH(4,3) or PDCH(5,3) shall read MAC_FORWARD_TS_OFFSET and MAC_RETURN_TS_OFFSET parameters in the BCCH. These parameters have the unit of time slot (duration 1,667 ms). The MES shall offset the position of MAC-slot 0 by MAC_FORWARD_TS_OFFSET from the starting of absolute frame reference in the forward link. Similarly an MES transmitting PDCH(4,3) or PDCH(5,3) shall derive the position of MAC-slot 0 in a frame in the return link by adding MAC_RETURN_TS_OFFSET to the starting point of absolute frame reference.

MAC-slot has values 0, 1, …, 7. Thus last few MAC-slots will continue to the next frame. When the MES requires frame reference for any calculation, it will use the frame number associated with the MAC-slot 0 as reference.

An MES receiving PDCH(2,6) shall offset the position of D-MAC-slot 0 by MAC_FORWARD_TS_OFFSET from the starting of absolute frame reference in the forward link. Similarly an MES transmitting PDCH(1,6) shall derive the position of D-MAC-slot 0 in a frame in the return link by adding MAC_RETURN_TS_OFFSET to the starting point of absolute frame reference.

D-MAC-slot has values 0, 1, 2 and 3. Thus last few D-MAC-slots will continue to the next frame. When the MES requires frame reference for any calculation, it will use the frame number associated with the D-MAC-slot 0 as reference.

5.6 Packet transfer mode synchronization

In packet transfer mode, either the PDCH channel or the PRACH channel is used. The synchronization scheme addressed below applies to both of these two channels.

5.6.1 Packet transfer mode timing relationship

The uplink and downlink frame timing relationship described in clause 5.5.1 shall apply to packet transfer mode. The time between the start of receive frame N and the start of transmit frame N + 7 at the MES is given by, ΔT_{OF} .

To interpret the Uplink State Flag (USF) in the downlink PUI (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]), the MES shall apply the following rule. If the MES receives a USF in its receive downlink frame N, it shall apply the USF to the uplink frame numbered (N + USF DELAY Value), where the USF Delay Value is decoded from the USF_DELAY and USF_DELAY_Adjustment parameters that are contained in System Information (see GMPRS-1 04.008 [2]). The USF Delay Value, after adjustment if any, decodes to values of 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

Thus the MES response time defined as the time measured from the end of the time slot in which the MES received a PNB(m,3), containing the USF assigned to the MES, and the start of the time slot in which the MES is granted uplink access by the USF (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]):

For terminals assigned carrier type PDTCH(4,3) or PDTCH(5,3) the response time is given by:

$$T_{RESP} = \Delta T_{OF} - TS \times MAC\_FORWARD\_TS\_OFFSET + TS \times MAC\_RETURN\_TS\_OFFSET - 5\text{ ms} + (USF\text{ Delay Value} - 7) \times 40\text{ ms.}$$

For terminals assigned carrier type PDTCH(2,6) and PDTCH(1,6) the response time is given by:

$$T_{RESP} = \Delta T_{OF} - TS \times MAC\_FORWARD\_TS\_OFFSET + TS \times MAC\_RETURN\_TS\_OFFSET - 10\text{ ms} + (USF\text{ Delay Value} - 7) \times 40\text{ ms}$$

The range of values for MAC_FORWARD_TS_OFFSET and MAC_RETURN_TS_OFFSET is given in GMPRS-1 04.008 [2].

The MES shall be able to transmit a PNB in the assigned time slot and frame provided the response time, T_{RESP}, is greater than or equal to 40 ms.

The value of T_{RESP} may be such that the terminal type C MES can only partially receive PNB(2,6) when it transmits PNB(1,6) on the uplink. Consider a value T_{RESP} such that the terminal type C MES can receive burst-header of downlink PNB(2,6), but not the PRI. For such values of T_{RESP}, the MES of terminal type C shall receive, decode and interpret the burst header of PNB(2,6) (see also GMPRS-1 05.002 [3] and GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]).

The GS shall determine USF_DELAY and USF_DELAY Adjustment (if applicable) values for a spot beam such than for every MES within the boundary of the spot beam, the above requirement shall be satisfied.

During the packet transfer mode, the value of $2[T_U - T_0]$ may be updated via PTCCH/D or PACCH messages to compensate for any timing drift caused by MES oscillator and MES-satellite relative motion as described in clause 5.6.2.

5.6.2 Time synchronization for Packet switched channels

The MES receiver timing shall be derived from its internal timebase, but frequently corrected by timing detection of the received PDCH bursts during packet transfer mode. The task of receiver timing correction has to be performed often enough to handle the worst case timing drift rate specified in clause 4.3.2. The target timing accuracy is to achieve demodulation performances specified by GMPRS-1 05.005 [4].

In the uplink, a closed-loop synchronization scheme is used. The synchronization process is detailed below:

The GS shall perform the scheduled timing advance mechanism for all MES working in packet transfer mode for which a PTCCH/U is assigned. Therefore the GS shall monitor the delay of the PNB bursts sent by the MES on PTCCH/U and respond with timing advance values for all MES performing the procedure on that PDCH. These timing advance values shall be sent via a downlink signalling message on PTCCH/D (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]). These are scheduled timing corrections.

The GS shall update the timing advance values for a MES in the next downlink signalling message addressed to that MES following the reception of a packet access burst from the MES. These are initial timing corrections.

The GS may also monitor the delay of the packet normal bursts sent by the MES on PDTCH and PACCH. Whenever an updating of Timing Advance (TA) is needed, the GS may send the new TA value in a link synchronization message (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]). This is unsolicited timing correction.

An MES transmitting PDCH(4,3) or PDCH(5,3) shall apply the received timing correction to all transmitted bursts within T_{RESP-1} of the end of the downlink burst in which the timing correction was received. An MES transmitting PDCH(1,6) shall apply the received timing correction to all transmitted bursts within T_{RESP-2} of the end of the downlink burst in which the timing correction was received.

The adjustment shall be applied to the MES transmission in such a way: if the Control Flag associated with the Timing Correction message is 1, then this message overrides all previous messages; Otherwise, if the Control Flag is 0, the adjustment shall be made in addition to any previous messages. Refer to GMPRS-1 04.060 [7] for further description on the timing correction message.

During an active TBF the network should not send to the MES a new timing correction message with control flag set to 0 within 2 seconds of sending a prior timing correction message with control flag set to 0.

The MES shall ignore a Timing Correction message with Control Flag set to 0 if a previous Timing Correction message with Control Flag set to 0 was received within two seconds of the latest message.

The range of the timing adjustment sent by the network shall be from -0,4 ms to +0,4 ms or -375 T_{SB}/40 to +375 T_{SB}/40, with a unit of T_{SB}/40.

In the initial, unsolicited or scheduled correction, the network sends the timing offset of the signal received from the MES. Therefore, the MES shall apply negative of the received value in the timing correction message from the network.

EXAMPLE: If the timing correction value received from the network is +10, the MES shall change the time of the start of the uplink frame relative to the start of the downlink frame by $-10 \times \frac{T_{SB}}{40}$.

Refer to annexes E and F for a description of timer T3202 and for derivation of assigned PTCCH/U and PTCCH/D, respectively.

5.6.3 Transmission timing drift rate

In packet transfer mode, to reduce the number of PTCCH and PRACH messages and to improve timing accuracy and stability of MES transmission, the MES timing drift rate shall be used for transmission timing correction. This timing drift rate R shall be derived from the Frequency Correction message received from AGCH channel as well as PACCH according to clause 5.5.3.

6 Frequency synchronization, TtG/GtT call

Same as clause 6 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], except add the following sentence at the end of the clause.

In the case of data service, PDCH frequency is corrected with corrective factors given over the AGCH. During packet transfer mode, frequency correction shall be provided to the MES by the GS through the PTCCH in the same way as timing correction.

6.1 General description

Same as clause 6.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.2 Frequency of common channels

Same as clause 6.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.3 Idle mode frequency synchronization

6.3.1 Initial frequency acquisition

Same as clause 6.3.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.3.2 Paging mode

Same as clause 6.3.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.3.3 Alerting mode

Same as clause 6.3.3 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.4 Synchronization at initial access

Same as clause 6.4 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.4.1 Frequency compensation strategy

Same as clause 6.4.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], except add PDCH to the last bullet item in the clause.

6.4.2 Parameter description

Same as clause 6.4.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6], except for the addition of the next paragraph, which follows the second paragraph.

For packet switched service, receiving the frequency correction from the AGCH, the MES shall adjust its frequency of PDCH transmission to an accuracy better than 10 Hz 1-sigma under the conditions defined in GMPRS-1 05.005 [4].

6.5 Dedicated mode synchronization

Same as clause 6.5 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

6.6 Frequency synchronization for the packet switched channels

Packet transfer mode synchronization is maintained in the same way as for dedicated mode as described in clause 6.5 with the following modifications.

The MES receiver frequency shall be derived from its internal oscillator, which shall be disciplined by frequency detection of the received PDCH bursts during packet transfer mode. The MES shall maintain the receiver frequency lock so as to handle the worst case frequency drift rate specified in clause 4.3.2. The target frequency accuracy is to achieve demodulation performances specified by GMPRS-1 05.005 [4].

In the uplink, a closed-loop frequency synchronization scheme is used. The frequency synchronization process is detailed below:

- The GS shall perform the scheduled frequency correction mechanism for all MES working in packet transfer mode for which a PTCCH/U is assigned. Therefore the GS shall monitor the frequency offset of the PNB bursts sent by the MES on PTCCH/U and respond with frequency correction values for all MES performing the procedure on that PDCH. These frequency correction values shall be sent via a downlink signalling message on PTCCH/D (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]). These are scheduled frequency corrections.
- The GS shall update the frequency correction values for a MES in the next downlink signalling message addressed to that MES following the reception of a packet access burst from the MES. These are initial frequency corrections.
- The GS may also monitor the frequency offset of the packet normal bursts sent by the MES on PDTCH and PACCH. Whenever a frequency correction is needed, the GS may send the frequency correction value in a link synchronization message (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]). This is unsolicited frequency correction.

As described in clause 6.5 these solicited and unsolicited Frequency Corrections shall be relative to the currently used frequency offset.

The adjustment shall be applied to the MES transmission in such a way: if the Control Flag (CF) associated with the Frequency Correction message is 1, then this message overrides all previous messages. Otherwise, if the Control Flag is 0, the adjustment shall be made in addition to any previous messages. Refer to GMPRS-1 04.060 [7] for further description on the Frequency Correction (FC) message.

During active TBF the network should not send to the MES a new frequency correction message with control flag set to 0 within two seconds of sending a prior frequency correction message with control flag set to 0.

The MES shall ignore a Frequency Correction (FC) message with Control Flag (CF)set to 0 if a previous Frequency Correction message with Control Flag (CF)set to 0 was received within two seconds of the latest message.

The Frequency Correction shall have a range from -2 048 Hz to +2 047 Hz, with accuracy better than 1 Hz. For both uplink and downlink signals, the MES tracking loop needs to handle the worst case Doppler frequency change.

An MES transmitting PDCH(4,3) or PDCH(5,3) shall apply the received Frequency Correction value within T_{RESP-1} after the end of the burst in which it received the correction. An MES transmitting PDCH(1,6) shall apply the received frequency correction to all transmitted bursts within T_{RESP-2} of the end of the downlink burst in which the frequency correction was received.

In the initial, unsolicited or scheduled correction, the network sends the frequency offset of the signal received from the MES. Therefore, the MES shall apply negative of the received value in the frequency correction message from the network.

EXAMPLE: If the frequency correction value received from the network is +100 Hz, the MES shall change its transmit frequency by -100 Hz.

7 Frame and message synchronization, TtG/GtT call

7.1 Frame synchronization

7.1.1 Frame number definition

Same as clause 7.1.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

7.1.2 Frame synchronization scenario

Same as clause 7.1.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

7.2 Message synchronization

7.2.1 Power control message synchronization

Same as clause 7.2.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

7.2.1.1 Synchronization in master-to-slave direction

Same as clause 7.2.1.1 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

7.2.1.2 Synchronization in slave-to-master direction

Same as clause 7.2.1.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

7.2.2 SACCH message synchronization, TCH6/TCH9 call

Same as clause 7.2.2 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

8 Synchronization for TtT call

Same as clause 8 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

9 Aeronautical terminal synchronization scheme

Same as clause 9 in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

Annex A (informative): Worst-case delay and Doppler features

Same as annex A in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

Annex B (informative): Range of timing correction factor

Same as annex B in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

Annex C (informative):
Differential Doppler frequency

Same as annex C in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

Annex D (informative): SACCH message synchronization, TtG/GtT call

Same as annex D in GMR-1 05.010 [6].

Annex E (normative): Timer T3202 for packet mode of operation

After every reception of a scheduled timing correction, an unsolicited timing correction or an initial timing correction, the MES shall restart a timer, T3202 = PACKET_RANDOM_ACCESS_TIMER. For random access, the MES may use a PAB in any PRACH or a RACH burst in any RACH provided its timer T3202 has not expired. There are procedures requiring to use RACH to access the network even if T3202 is not expired (see GMPRS-1 04.008 [2]).

If an MES transitions to the circuit-switched operation from packet data operation, it shall continue running timer T3202 during the circuit-switched call duration. After reverting back to the packet mode after the close of the circuit-switched call, if the timer T3202 has not expired, the MES may use a PAB in any PRACH or a RACH burst in any RACH.

For random access after T3202 has expired, the MES shall use a RACH burst in a RACH. The GS shall broadcast the value of PACKET_RANDOM_ACCESS_TIMER in system information (see GMPRS-1 04.008 [2] and GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]).

Annex F (normative): PTCCH/U and PTCCH/D scheduling

The MES shall derive its assigned PTCCH/U from the TAI value (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]) and the value of PKT_TIMING_CORR_CYCLE parameter broadcast by the GS in system information. (see GMPRS-1 04.008 [2]). Using:

$$P = TAI \bmod 4$$

$$RMF = INT(TAI/4)$$

The MES shall have an assigned PTCCH/U in every uplink frame number, UFN, which satisfies the following equations.

$$RMF = INT(UFN/16) \bmod (PKT\_TIMING\_CORR\_CYCLE)$$

and

$$UFN \bmod 16 = 15$$

For an MES transmitting PTCCH/U on a PDCH(4,3) or PDCH(5,3), the MES shall calculate the MAC-slot number for its assigned PTCCH/U from the following equations:

$$\text{MAC-slot number} = 2 \times P + (RMF \bmod 2).$$

For an MES transmitting PTCCH/U on a PDCH(1,6), the MES shall calculate the D-MAC-slot number for its assigned PTCCH/U from the following equation:

$$\text{D-MAC-slot number} = P.$$

The MES shall transmit a PNB in every assigned PTCCH/U.

The GS shall transmit timing and frequency corrections in every downlink frame number, DFN = UFN + 10 in timeslot number equal to 0.

On the PDCH downlink burst corresponding to an assigned PTCCH/U timeslot, the GS shall set the USF to the reserved value (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]). In order to send the PTCCH/U burst, the MES shall confirm that the received USF value is set to the reserved value on the PDCH downlink timeslot which corresponds to the PTCCH/U timeslot. If the MES receives two consecutive downlink bursts in the PDCH corresponding to its assigned PTCCH/U time slot in which the USF is set to another value than reserved, the MES shall declare the link dead (see GMPRS-1 05.008 [5]).

The GS shall not reassign any Timing Advance Indicator (TAI) (see GMPRS-1 04.060 [7]) value which it has assigned to an MES before completion of at least three timing correction cycles or three PKT_TIMING_CORR_CYCLE multiframes.

Annex G (informative): Bibliography

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