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1 Scope

Annex G of 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] gives out an IMS Application Level Gateway (IMS-ALG) and IMS Access Media Gateway (IMS-AGW) based reference model to support NAPT-PT, gate control and traffic policing between IP-CAN and IMS domain.

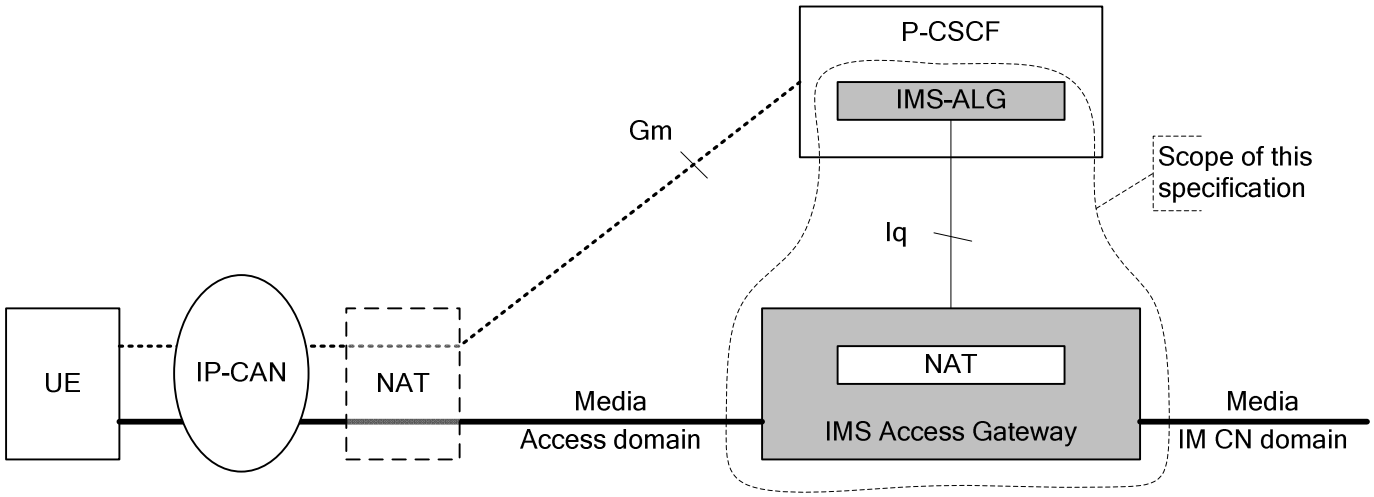

Figure 1.1: Scope of the specification

Figure 1.1 illustrates the reference model for Iq:

- the dashed line represents the IP signalling-path with SIP (at Gm) as call/session control protocol between the UE and the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG);
- the bold, horizontal line represents the IP media-path (also known as (IP) bearer-path or (IP) data-path; the notion 'media' is used as generic term for "IP application data"); and
- the vertical line represents the Iq control-path with H.248 as gateway/policy control protocol between the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW (H.248 messages are transported over IP).

The Iq reference point is between the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG) and the IMS-AGW. It conveys the necessary information that is needed to allocate, modify and release (IP) transport addresses.

The present document defines the stage 2 description for the Iq reference point. The stage 2 shall cover the information flow between the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG) and IMS-AGW. The protocol used over the Iq interface is the gateway control protocol according ITU-T Recommendation H.248 (which is specified for Iq by an H.248 profile according 3GPP TS 29.334 [3]).

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".