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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide technical documentation of the Channel Interface (CHI). This document is intended to be included with the OpenSS7 STREAMS software package released by *OpenSS7 Corporation*. It is intended to assist software developers, maintainers and users of the Channel Interface (CHI) with understanding the software architecture and technical interfaces that are made available in the software package.

Intent

It is the intent of this document that it act as the primary source of information concerning the Channel Interface (CHI). This document is intended to provide information for writers of OpenSS7 Channel Interface (CHI) applications as well as writers of OpenSS7 Channel Interface (CHI) Users.

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1 Introduction

This document specifies a STREAMS-based kernel-level instantiation of the Channel Interface (CHI) definition. The Channel Interface (CHI) enables the user of a channel service to access and use any of a variety of conforming channel providers without specific knowledge of the provider's protocol. The service interface is designed to support any network channel protocol. This interface only specifies access to channel service providers, and does not address issues concerning channel management, protocol performance, and performance analysis tools.

This specification assumes that the reader is familiar with ITU-T state machines and channel interface (e.g. G.703, G.704), and STREAMS.

1.1 Related Documentation

— **ITU-T Recommendation G.703 (White Book)**
— **ITU-T Recommendation G.704 (White Book)**
— **ANSI T1**
— **System V Interface Definition, Issue 2 - Volume 3**

1.1.1 Role

This document specifies an interface that supports the services provided by the *Channel* for ITU-T, ANSI and ETSI applications as described in ITU-T Recommendation G.703 and ITU-T Recommendation G.704. These specifications are targeted for use by developers and testers of protocol modules that require channel service.

1.2 Definitions, Acronyms, Abbreviations

LM Local Management.

LMS Local Management Service.

LMS User A user of Local Management Services.

LMS Provider
A provider of Local Management Services.

ISO International Organization for Standardization

OSI Open Systems Interconnection

QOS Quality of Service

STREAMS A communication services development facility first available with UNIX System V Release 3.

2 The Channel Layer

The Channel Layer provides the means to manage the association of CH-Users info connections. It is responsible for the routing and management of data to and from channel connections between CH-user entities.

2.1 Model of the CHI

The CHI defines the services provided by the channel layer to the channel user at the boundary between the channel provider and the channel user entity. The interface consists of a set of primitives defined as STREAMS messages that provide access to the channel layer services, and are transferred between the CHS user entity and the CHS provider. These primitives are of two types; ones that originate from the CHS user, and others that originate from the CHS provider. The primitives that originate from the CHS user make requests to the CHS provider, or respond to an indication of an event of the CHS provider. The primitives that originate from the CHS provider are either confirmations of a request or are indications to the CHS user that an event has occurred. Figure 2.1 show the model of the CHI.

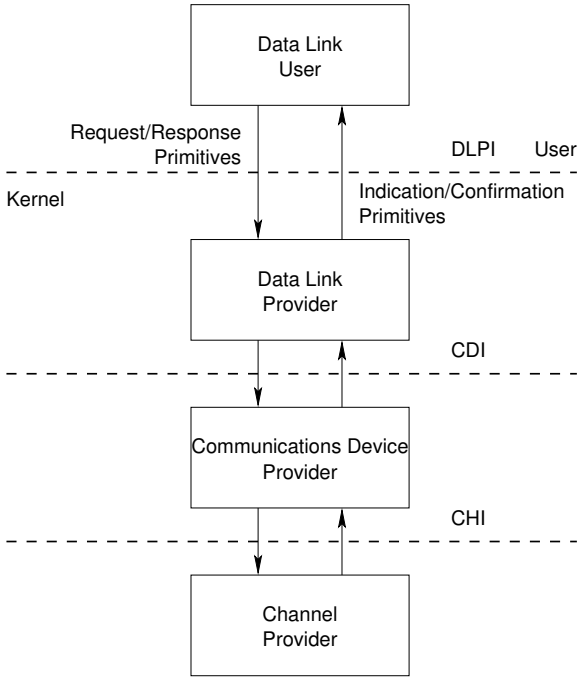

Figure 2.1: *Model of the CHI*

The CHI allows the CHS provider to be configured with any channel layer user (such as a signalling data terminal application) that also conforms to the CHI. A channel layer user can also be a user program that conforms to the CHI and accesses the CHS provider via **putmsg**(2s) and **getmsg**(2s) system calls. The typical configuration, however, is to place a signalling data terminal module above the channel layer.

2.2 CHI Services

The features of the CHI are defined in terms of the services provided by the CHS provider, and the individual primitives that may flow between the CHS user and the CHS provider.

The CHI Services are broken into two groups: local management services and protocol services. Local management services are responsible for the local management of Streams, assignment of Streams to physical points of attachment, enabling and disabling of Streams, management of options associated with a Stream, and general acknowledgement and event reporting for the Stream. Protocol services consist of connecting a Stream to a medium, exchanging bits with the medium, and disconnecting the Stream from the medium.

2.2.1 Local Management

Local management services are listed in Table 2.1.

Phase	Service	Primitives
Local Management	Acknowledgement	CH_OK_ACK, CH_ERROR_ACK
	Information Reporting	CH_INFO_REQ, CH_INFO_ACK
	PPA Attachment	CH_ATTACH_REQ, CH_DETACH_REQ, CH_OK_ACK
	Initialization	CH_ENABLE_REQ, CH_ENABLE_CON, CH_DISABLE_REQ, CH_DISABLE_CON
	Options Management	CH_OPTMGMT_REQ, CH_OPTMGMT_ACK
	Event Reporting	CH_ERROR_IND, CH_STATS_IND, CH_EVENT_IND

Table 2.1: *Local Management Services*

The local management services interface is described in Section 3.1 [Local Management Services], page 15, and the primitives are detailed in Section 4.1 [Local Management Service Primitives], page 25. The local management services interface is defined by the `sys/chi.h` header file (see Appendix A [CHI Header Files], page 75).

2.2.2 Protocol

Protocol services are listed in Table 2.2.

Phase	Service	Primitives
Protocol	Connection	CH_CONNECT_REQ
	Data Transfer	CH_DATA_REQ, CH_DATA_IND
	Disconnection	CH_DISCONNECT_REQ, CH_DISCONNECT_IND

Table 2.2: *Protocol Services*

The protocol services interface is described in Section 3.2 [Protocol Services], page 21, and the primitives are detailed in Section 4.2 [Protocol Service Primitives], page 50. The protocol services interface is defined by the `sys/chi.h` header file (see Appendix A [CHI Header Files], page 75).

2.3 Purpose of the CHI

The CHI is typically implemented as a device driver controlling a TDM (Time Division Mutliplexing) device that provides access to channels. The purpose behind exposing this low level interface is that almost all communications channel devices can be placed into a *raw* mode, where a bit stream can be exchanged between the driver and the medium. The CHI provides an interface that, once implemented as a driver for a new device, can provide complete and verified data link capabilities by pushing generic HDLC (High Level Data Link Control) and LAPB (Link Access Procedure Balanced) modules over an open device Stream.

This allows CDI and DLPI modules to be verified independently for correct operation and then simply used for all manner of new device drivers that can implement the CHI interface.

2.4 Channel Addressing

Each use of CHI must establish an identity to communicate with other channel users. The CHS user must identify the physical medium over which it wil communicate. This is particularly evident on system that are attached to multiple physical media. Figure 2.2 illustrates the identification approach, which is explained below.

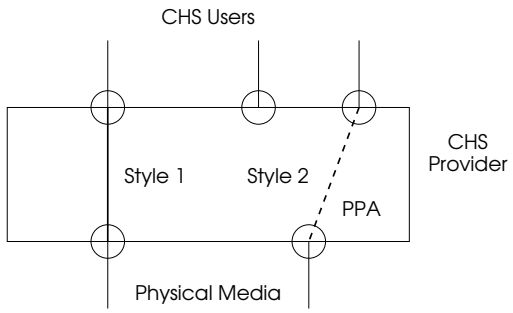

Figure 2.2: *Channel Addressing Components*

2.4.1 Physical Attachment Identification

The physical point of attachment (PPA in Figure 2.2) is the point at which a system interface attaches itself to a physical communications medium (a channel, facility or network interface). All communication on that physical medium funnels through the PPA associated with that physical medium. On systems where a CHS provider supports more than on physical medium, the CHS user must identify the medium through which it will communicate. A PPA is identified by a unique PPA identifier.

For media that supports physical layer multiplexing of multiple channels over a single physical medium (such as the B and D channels of ISDN), the PPA identifier must identify the specific channel(s) over which communication will occur. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

Unlike the Data Link Provider Interface (DLPI), which also uses the concept of a PPA, CHI does not define a SAP for a CHS user.
Once a Stream has been associated with a PPA, all messages received on that medium are delivered to the attached CHS user. Only one major/minor device number combination (Stream head) can be associated with a given PPA and active for a range of channels at any point in time.

2.4.2 CHS Provider Styles

Two styles of CHS provider are defined by CHI, distinguished by the way they enable a CHS user to choose a particular PPA.

2.4.2.1 Style 1 CHS Provider

The *Style 1* provider assigns a PPA based on the major/minor device the CHS user opened. One possible implementation of a *Style 1* driver would reserve a major device for each PPA the channel device driver would support. This would allos the STREAMS clone open feature to be used for each PPA configured. This style of provider is appropriate when few PPAs will be supported.
For example, a CPI card that supports two V.35 ports could assign a major device number to the card diver and a minor device number to each of the ports on each card in the system. To establish a Stream to a CHS provider for a given port, the minor device number '1' or '2' could be opened for port '1' or '2' on card '1', minor device number '3' or '4' could be opened for port '1' or '2' on card '2', and so on. One major device number for the driver could easily support 127 cards in a system, which is not possible for typical PCI systems and, therefore, is ample.
Style 1 providers do not user the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` and `CH_DETACH_REQ` primitives and when freshly opened are in the `CHS_ATTACHED` state. That is, as illustrated in Figure 2.2, the *Style 1* CHS provider associates the Stream with the PPA during the `open(2s)` system call.

2.4.2.2 Style 2 CHS Provider

If the number of PPAs as CHS provider will support is large, a *Style 2* provider implementation is more suitable. The *Style 2* provider requires a CHS user to explicitly identify the desired PPA using a special attach service primitive. For a *Style 2* driver, the `open(2s)` system call creates a Stream between the CHS user and CHS provider, and the attach primitive then associated a particular PPA with that Stream. The format of the PPA identifier is specific to the CHS provider, and should be described in the provider-specific addendum documentation.
The CHS user uses the support primitvies(`CH_ATTACH_REQ`, `CH_ENABLE_REQ`) to associate a Stream with a given Physical Point of Appearance. *Style 2* CHS providers, when freshly opened, are in the `CHS_DETACHED` state. That is, the *Style 2* CHS provider does not associate the Stream with the PPA during the `open(2s)` call, but only later when the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` primitive is issued by the CHS user.

2.4.3 Multiplex Media

To accommodate multiplexed media and multi-media channels, there are three kinds of PPA address:

1. A discrete PPA that specifies a non-multiplexed medium.

   This is the normal case of a *Style 1* or *Style 2* CHS provider supporting access to a non-multiplexed medium. An example is a CHS provider supporting access to a V.35 interface.

2. A specific PPA that specifies a single channel to a multiplexed medium.

   This is again the normal case of a *Style 1* or *Style 2* CHS provider supporting access to a specific channel in a multiplexed medium. An example is a CHS provider supporting access to channel 16 of a E1 interface.

3. A general PPA that specifies a channel group for a multiplexed medium.

   This is th case of a *Style 1* or *Style 2* CHS provider supporting access to multiple channels in a multiplexed medium. An example is a CHS provider supporting statistically multiplexed channel access to a full or fractional T1 facilitiy. Another example is access to the left and right channels of a stereo program.

In the case of a general PPA, as enumerated in *3* above, some additional information is required to identify which slots in the group of channle forming the multiplex are associatedw the the CHS user Stream. This additional information is provided using the *ch_slot* parameter to the `CH_CONNECT_REQ`, `CH_CONNECT_CON`, `CH_DATA_REQ`, `CH_DATA_IND`, `CH_EVENT_IND`, `CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`, `CH_DISCONNECT_CON` and `CH_DISCONNECT_IND` primitives.[1]

2.5 Channel Parameters

[1] Note that it is the ability of the Channel Interface to support fractional E1/T1 that distinguishes it from similar interfaces such as the SDLI and CDI.

3 CHI Services Definition

3.1 Local Management Services

3.1.1 Acknowledgement Service

The acknowledgement service provides the CHS user with the ability to receive positive and negative acknowledgements regarding the successful or unsuccessful completion of services.

- `CH_OK_ACK`: The `CH_OK_ACK` message is used by the CHS provider to indicate successful receipt and completion of a service primitive request that requires positive acknowledgement.
- `CH_ERROR_ACK`: The `CH_ERROR_ACK` message is used by the CHS provider to indicate successful receipt and failure to complete a service primitive request that requires negative acknowledgement.

A successful invocation of the acknowledgement service is illustrated in Figure 3.1.

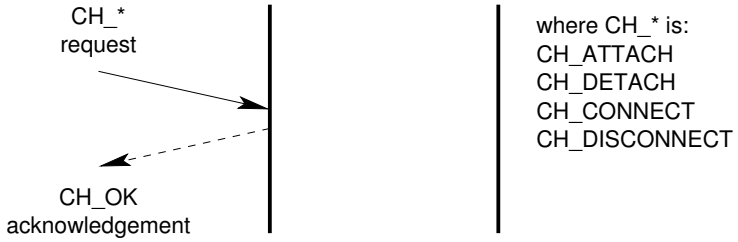

Figure 3.1: *Message Flow: Successful Acknowledgement Service*

As illustrated in Figure 3.1, the service primitives for which a positive acknowledgement may be returned are the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` and `CH_DETACH_REQ`.

An unsuccessful invocation of the acknowledgement service is illustrated in Figure 3.2.

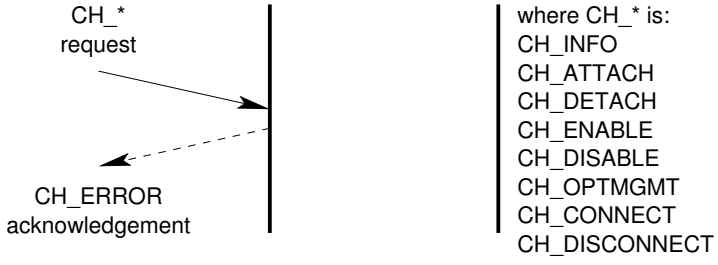

Figure 3.2: *Message Flow: Unsuccessful Acknowledgement Service*

As illustrated in Figure 3.2, the service primitives for which a negative acknowledgement may be returned are the `CH_INFO_REQ`, `CH_ATTACH_REQ`, `CH_DETACH_REQ`, `CH_ENABLE_REQ`, `CH_DISABLE_REQ` and `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` messages.

3.1.2 Information Reporting Service

The information reporting service provides the CHS user with the ability to elicit information from the CHS provider.

- `CH_INFO_REQ`: The `CH_INFO_REQ` message is used by the CHS user to request information about the CHS provider.
- `CH_INFO_ACK`: The `CH_INFO_ACK` message is issued by the CHS provider to provide requested information about the CHS provider.

A successful invocation of the information reporting service is illustrated in Figure 3.3.

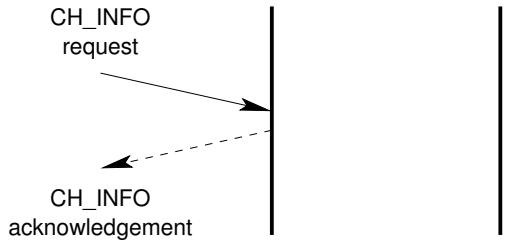

Figure 3.3: *Message Flow: Successful Information Reporting Service*

3.1.3 Physical Point of Attachment Service

The local management interface provides the CHS user with the ability to associate a Stream to a physical point of appearance (*PPA*) or to disassociate a Stream from a PPA. The local management interface provides for two styles of CHS provider:[1]

Style 1 CHS Provider

A *Style 1* CHS provider is a provider that associates a Stream with a PPA at the time of the first `open(2s)` call for the device, and disassociates a Stream from a PPA at the time of the last `close(2s)` call for the device.

Physical points of attachment (PPA) are assigned to major and minor device number combinations. When the major and minor device number combination is opened, the opened Stream is automatically associated with the PPA for the major and minor device number combination. The last close of the device disassociates the PPA from the Stream.

Freshly opened *Style 1* CHS provider Streams start life in the `CH_DISABLED` state.

This approach is suitable for CHS providers implemented as real or pseudo-device drivers and is applicable when the number of minor devices is small and static.

[1] See also Section 2.4 [Channel Addressing], page 11.

Style 2 CHS Provider

A *Style 2* CHS provider is a provider that associates a Stream with a PPA at the time that the CHS user issues the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` message. Freshly opened Streams are not associated with any PPA. The *Style 2* CHS provider Stream is disassociated from a PPA when the Stream is closed or when the CHS user issues the `CH_DETACH_REQ` message.

Freshly opened *Style 2* CHS provider Streams start life in the `CH_UNATTACHED` state.

This approach is suitable for CHS providers implemented as clone real or pseudo-device drivers and is applicable when the number of minor devices is large or dynamic.

3.1.3.1 PPA Attachment Service

The PPA attachment service provides the CHS user with the ability to attach a *Style 2* CHS provider Stream to a physical point of appearance (PPA).

- `CH_ATTACH_REQ`: The `CH_ATTACH_REQ` message is issued by the CHS user to request that a *Style 2* CHS provider Stream be attached to a specified physical point of appearance (PPA).
- `CH_OK_ACK`: Upon successful receipt and processing of the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` message, the CHS provider acknowledges the success of the service completion with a `CH_OK_ACK` message.
- `CH_ERROR_ACK`: Upon successful receipt but failure to process the `CH_ATTACH_REQ` message, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the service completion with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` message.

A successful invocation of the attachment service is illustrated in Figure 3.4.

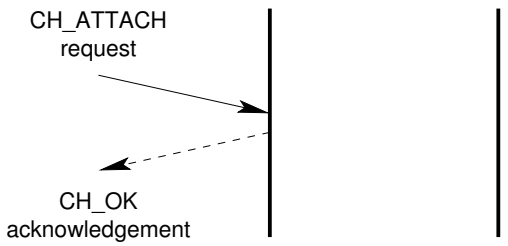

Figure 3.4: *Message Flow: Successful Attachment Service*

3.1.3.2 PPA Detachment Service

The PPA detachment service provides the CHS user with the ability to detach a *Style 2* CHS provider Stream from a physical point of attachment (PPA).

- `CH_DETACH_REQ`: The `CH_DETACH_REQ` message is issued by the CHS user to request that a *Style 2* CHS provider Stream be detached from the attached physical point of appearance (PPA).
- `CH_OK_ACK`: Upon successful receipt and processing of the `CH_DETACH_REQ` message, the CHS provider acknowledges the success of the service completion with a `CH_OK_ACK` message.
- `CH_ERROR_ACK`: Upon successful receipt but failure to process the `CH_DETACH_REQ` message, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the service completion with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` message.

A successful invocation of the detachment service is illustrated in Figure 3.5.

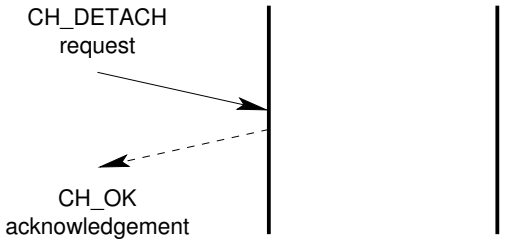

Figure 3.5: *Message Flow: Successful Detachment Service*

3.1.4 Initialization Service

The initialization service provides the CHS user with the abilty to enable and disable the Stream for the associated PPA.

3.1.4.1 Interface Enable Service

The interface enable service provides the CHS user with the ability to enable an CHS provider Stream that is associated with a PPA. Enabling the interface permits the CHS user to exchange protocol service interface messages with the CHS provider.

- `CH_ENABLE_REQ`: The `CH_ENABLE_REQ` message is issued by the CHS user to request that the protocol service interface be enabled.
- `CH_ENABLE_CON`: Upon successful enabling of the protocol service interface, the CHS provider acknowledges successful completion of the service by issuing a `CH_ENABLE_CON` message to the CHS user.
- `CH_ERRORK_ACK`: Upon unsuccessful enabling of the protocol service interface, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure to complete the service by issuing an `CH_ERROR_ACK` message to the CHS user.

A successful invocation of the enable service is illustrated in Figure 3.6.

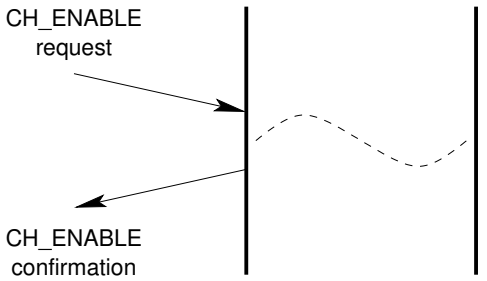

Figure 3.6: *Message Flow: Successful Enable Service*

3.1.4.2 Interface Disable Service

The interface disable service provides the CHS user with the ability to disable an CHS provider Stream that is associated with a PPA. Disabling the interface withdraws the CHS user's ability to exchange protocol service interface messages with the CHS provider.

- `CH_DISABLE_REQ`: The `CH_DISABLE_REQ` message is issued by the CHS user to request that the protocol service interface be disabled.
- `CH_DISABLE_CON`: Upon successful disabling of the protocol service interface, the CHS provider acknowledges successful completion of the service by issuing a `CH_DISABLE_CON` message to the CHS user.
- `CH_ERRORK_ACK`: Upon unsuccessful disabling of the protocol service interface, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure to complete the service by issuing an `CH_ERROR_ACK` message to the CHS user.
- `CH_DISABLE_IND`: The `CH_DISABLE_IND` message is used by the CHS provider to indicate to the CHS user that the Stream has been autonomously disabled and the cause of the autonomous disabling.

A successful invocation of the disable service is illustrated in Figure 3.7.

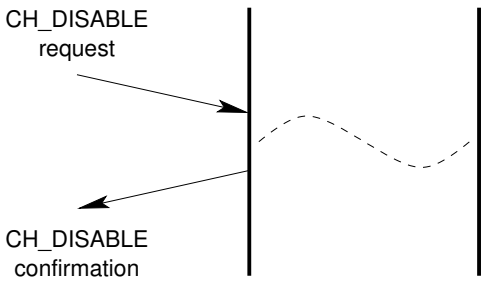

Figure 3.7: *Message Flow: Successful Disable Service*

3.1.5 Options Management Service

The options management service provides the CHS user with the ability to control and affect various generic and provider-specific options associated with the CHS provider.

- `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ`: The CHS user issues a `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` message when it wishes to interrogate or affect the setting of various generic or provider-specific options associated with the CHS provider for the Stream upon which the message is issued.
- `CH_OPTMGMT_ACK`: Upon successful receipt of the `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` message, and successful options processing, the CHS provider acknowledges the successful completion of the service with an `CH_OPTMGMT_ACK` message.
- `CH_ERROR_ACK`: Upon successful receipt of the `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` message, and unsuccessful options processing, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure to complete the service by issuing an `CH_ERROR_ACK` message to the CHS user.

A successful invocation of the options management service is illustrated in Figure 3.8.

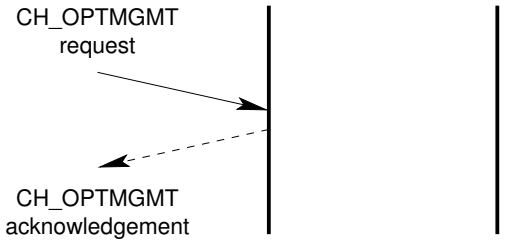

Figure 3.8: *Message Flow: Successful Options Management Service*

3.1.6 Error Reporting Service

The error reporting service provides the CHS provider with the ability to indicate asynchronous errors to the CHS user.

- `CH_ERROR_IND`: The CHS provider issues the `CH_ERROR_IND` message to the CHS user when it needs to indicate an asynchronous error (such as the unusability of the communications medium).

A successful invocation of the error reporting service is illustrated in Figure 3.9.

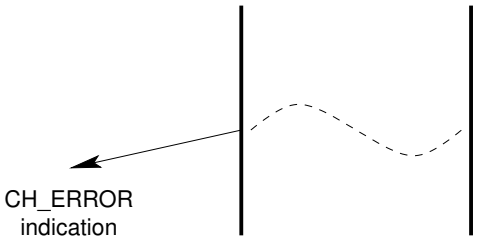

Figure 3.9: *Message Flow: Successful Error Reporting Service*

3.1.7 Statistics Reporting Service

- `CH_STATS_IND`:

A successful invocation of the statistics reporting service is illustrated in Figure 3.10.

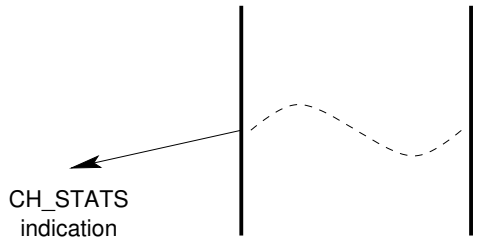

Figure 3.10: *Message Flow: Successful Statistics Reporting Service*

3.1.8 Event Reporting Service

The event reporting service provides the CHS provider with the ability to indicate specific asynchronous management events to the CHS user.

- `CH_EVENT_IND`: The CHS provider issues the `CH_EVENT_IND` message to the CHS user when it wishes to indicate an asynchronous (management) event to the CHS user.

A successful invocation of the event reporting service is illustrated in Figure 3.11.

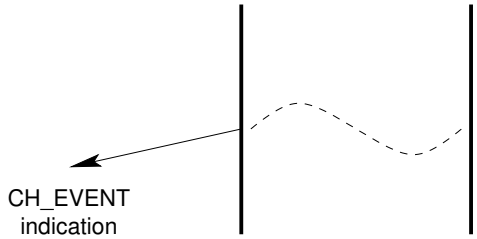

Figure 3.11: *Message Flow: Successful Event Reporting Service*

3.2 Protocol Services

Protocol services are specific to the Channel interface. These services consist of connection services that permit the transmit and receive directions to be connected to or disconnected from the medium, and data transfer services that permit the exchange of bits between CHS users.

The service primitives that implement the protocol services are described in detail in Section 4.2 [Protocol Service Primitives], page 50.

3.2.1 Connection Service

The connection service provides the ability for the CHS user to connect to the medium for the purpose of transmitting bits, receiving bits, or both. In the OSI model, this is a Layer 1 function, possibly the responsibility of multiplex or digital cross-connect switch.

- `CH_CONNECT_REQ`: The `CH_CONNECT_REQ` message is used by the CHS user to request that the Stream be connected to the medium. Connection to the medium might require some switching or other mechanism to prepare the Stream for data transmission and reception. Connections can be formed for the receive direction or the transmit direction independently.
- `CH_CONNECT_CON`: The `CH_CONNECT_CON` message is used by the CHS provider to confirm that the Stream has been connected to the medium. Connection to the medium may have required some switching or other mechanism to prepare the Stream for data transmission and receptoin. Connection can be confirmed for the receive or transmit directions independently.

A successful invocation of the connection service is illustrated in Figure 3.12.

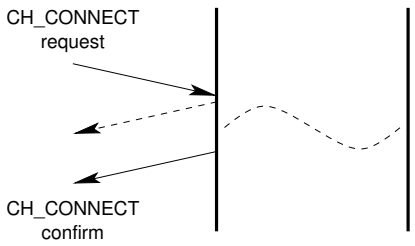

Figure 3.12: *Message Flow: Successful Connection Service*

3.2.2 Data Transfer Service

The data transfer service provides the CHS user with the ability to request that bits be transmitted on the medium, and the CHS provider with the ability to indicate bits that have been received from the medium.

- `CH_DATA_REQ`: The `CH_DATA_REQ` message is used by the CHS user to place raw bits onto the medium. The Stream must have first been successfully activated in the transmit direction using the `CH_CONNECT_REQ` message.
- `CH_DATA_IND`: The `CH_DATA_IND` message is issued by the CHS provider when activated for the receive direction with the `CH_CONNECT_REQ` message, to indicate bits received on the medium.

A successful invocation of the data transfer service is illustrated in Figure 3.13.

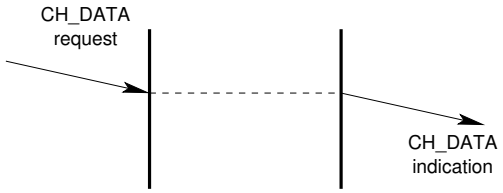

Figure 3.13: *Message Flow: Successful Data Transfer Service*

3.2.3 Disconnection Service

The disconnection service provides the ability for the CHS user to disconnect from the medium, withdrawing from the purpose of transmitting bits, receiving bits, or both. It allows the CHS provider to autonomously indicate that the medium has been disconnected from the Stream. In OSI, this is a Layer 1 function, possibly the responsibilyt of a multiplex or digital cross-connect switch.

- `CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`: The `CH_DISCONNECT_REQ` message is used by the CHS user to request that the Stream be disconnected from the medium. Disconnection from the medium might require some switching or other mechanism. Disconnection can be performed for the receive direction or the transmit direction independently.
- `CH_DISCONNECT_CON`: The `CH_DISCONNECT_CON` message is used by the CHS provider to confirm that the Stream has been disconnected from the medium. Disconnect from the medium might require some switching or other mechanism. Disconnection can be confirmed for the receive or transmit directions independently.
- `CH_DISCONNECT_IND`: The `CH_DISCONNECT_IND` message is used by the CHS provider to indicate to the CHS user that the Stream has been disconnected from the medium. Disconnection is indicated for both the receive and transmit directions.

A successful invocation of the disconnection service by the CHS user is illustrated in Figure 3.14.

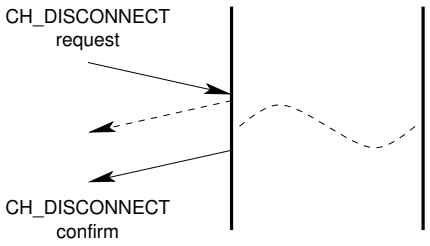

Figure 3.14: *Message Flow: Successful Disconnection Service by SDLS User*

A successful invocation of the disconnection service by the CHS provider is illustrated in Figure 3.15.

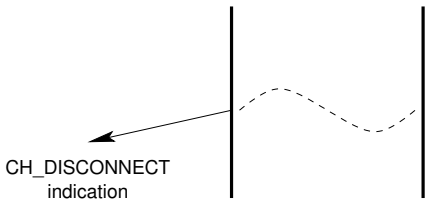

Figure 3.15: *Message Flow: Successful Disconnection Service by SDLS Provider*

4 CHI Service Primitives

4.1 Local Management Service Primitives

These service primitives implement the local management services (see Section 3.1 [Local Management Services], page 15).

4.1.1 Acknowledgement Service Primitives

These service primitives implement the acknowledgement service (see Section 3.1.1 [Acknowledgement Service], page 15).

4.1.1.1 CH_OK_ACK

Description

This primitive is used to acknowledge receipt and successful service completion for primitives requiring acknowledgement that have no confirmation primitive.

Format

This primitive consists of one `M_PCPROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_ok_ack {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_correct_prim;
    ch_ulong ch_state;
} CH_ok_ack_t;
```

Parameters

The service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_OK_ACK`.

ch_correct_prim
: Indicates the service primitive that was received and serviced correctly. This field can be one of the following values:

`CH_ATTACH_REQ`	Attach request.
`CH_ENABLE_REQ`	Enable request.
`CH_CONNECT_REQ`	Connect request.
`CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`	Disconnect request.
`CH_DISABLE_REQ`	Disable request.
`CH_DETACH_REQ`	Detach Request.

ch_state
: Indicates the current state of the CHS provider at the time that the primitive was issued. This field can be one of the following values;

`CHS_UNINIT`	Unitialized.
`CHS_UNUSABLE`	Device cannot be used, Stream in hung state.
`CHS_DETACHED`	No PPA attached, awaiting `CH_ATTACH_REQ`.

CHS_ATTACHED	PPA attached, awaiting CH_ENABLE_REQ.
CHS_WCON_EREQ	Waiting to send CH_ENABLE_CON.
CHS_WCON_RREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISABLE_CON.
CHS_ENABLED	Ready for use, awaiting primitive exchange.
CHS_WCON_CREQ	Waiting to send CH_CONNECT_CON.
CHS_WCON_DREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISCONNECT_CON.
CHS_CONNECTED	Connected, active data transfer.

State

This primitive is issued by the CHS provider in the CHS_WACK_AREQ, CHS_WACK_UREQ, CHS_WACK_CREQ or CHS_WACK_DREQ state.

New State

The new state is CHS_DETACHED, CHS_ATTACHED, CHS_ENABLED or CHS_CONNECTED, depending on the primitive to which the message is responding.

4.1.1.2 CH_ERROR_ACK

Description

The error acknowledgement primitive is used to acknowledge receipt and unsuccessful service completion for primitives requiring acknowledgement.

Format

The error acknowledgement primitive consists of one `M_PCPROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_error_ack {
    ch_ulong ch_primtive;
    ch_ulong ch_error_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_error_type;
    ch_ulong ch_unix_error;
    ch_ulong ch_state;
} CH_error_ack_t;
```

Parameters

The error acknowledgement primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive

Indicates the primitive type. Always `CH_ERROR_ACK`.

ch_error_type

Indicates the CH error number. This field can have one of the following values:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

ch_unix_error

Indicates the reason for failure. This field is protocol-specific. When the *ch_error_type* field is `[CHSYSERR]`, the *ch_unix_error* field is the UNIX error number as described in `errno(3)`.

ch_error_primitive

Indicates the primitive that was in error. This field can have one of the following values:

`CH_INFO_REQ`	Information request.
`CH_OPTMGMT_REQ`	Options management request.
`CH_ATTACH_REQ`	Attach request.
`CH_ENABLE_REQ`	Enable request.
`CH_CONNECT_REQ`	Connect request.
`CH_DATA_REQ`	Data request.
`CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`	Disconnect request.
`CH_DISABLE_REQ`	Disable request.

CH_DETACH_REQ	Detach Request.
CH_INFO_ACK	Information acknowledgement.
CH_OPTMGMT_ACK	Options Management acknowledgement.
CH_OK_ACK	Successful receipt acknolwedgement.
CH_ERROR_ACK	Error acknowledgement.
CH_ENABLE_CON	Enable confirmation.
CH_CONNECT_CON	Connect confirmation.
CH_DATA_IND	Data indication.
CH_DISCONNECT_IND	Disconnect indication.
CH_DISCONNECT_CON	Disconnect confirmation.
CH_DISABLE_IND	Disable indication.
CH_DISABLE_CON	Disable confirmation.
CH_EVENT_IND	Event indication.

ch_state

Indicates the state of the CHS provider at the time that the primitive was issued. This field can have one of the following values:

CHS_UNINIT	Unitialized.
CHS_UNUSABLE	Device cannot be used, Stream in hung state.
CHS_DETACHED	No PPA attached, awaiting CH_ATTACH_REQ.
CHS_WACK_AREQ	Waiting for attach.
CHS_WACK_UREQ	Waiting for detach.
CHS_ATTACHED	PPA attached, awaiting CH_ENABLE_REQ.
CHS_WCON_EREQ	Waiting to send CH_ENABLE_CON.
CHS_WCON_RREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISABLE_CON.
CHS_ENABLED	Ready for use, awaiting primitive exchange.
CHS_WACK_CREQ	Waiting acknolwedgement of CH_CONNECT_REQ.
CHS_WCON_CREQ	Waiting to send CH_CONNECT_CON.
CHS_WACK_DREQ	Waiting acknolwedgement of CH_DISCONNECT_REQ.
CHS_WCON_DREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISCONNECT_CON.
CHS_CONNECTED	Connected, active data transfer.

State

This primitive can be issued in any state for which a local acknowledgement is not pending. The CHS provider state at the time that the primitive was issued is indicated in the primitive.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

4.1.2 Information Reporting Service Primitives

These service primitives implement the information reporting service (see Section 3.1.2 [Information Reporting Service], page 16).

4.1.2.1 CH_INFO_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive is issued by the CHS user to request that the CHS provider return information concerning the capabilities and state of the CHS provider.

Format

The primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` or `M_PCPROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_info_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
} CH_info_req_t;
```

Parameters

This primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the primitive type. Always `CH_INFO_REQ`.

State

This primitive may be issued in any state but only when a local acknowledgement is not pending.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

Response

This primitive requires the CHS provider to acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: The CHS provider is required to acknowledge receipt of the primitive and provide the requested information using the `CH_INFO_ACK` primitive.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: The CHS provider is required to negatively acknowledge the primtive using the `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive, and include the reason for failure in the primitive.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.2.2 CH_INFO_ACK

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive acknowledges receipt and successful processing of the CH_INFO_REQ primitive and provides the requested information concerning the CHS provider.

Format

This message is formatted a one M_PROTO or M_PCPROTO message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_info_ack {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;    /* always CH_INFO_ACK */
    ch_ulong ch_addr_length;  /* channel address length */
    ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;  /* channel address offset */
    ch_ulong ch_parm_length;  /* channel paramters length */
    ch_ulong ch_parm_offset;  /* channel paramters offset */
    ch_ulong ch_prov_flags;   /* provider options flags */
    ch_ulong ch_prov_class;   /* provider class */
    ch_ulong ch_style;        /* provider style */
    ch_ulong ch_version;      /* channel interface version */
    ch_ulong ch_state;        /* channel state */
} CH_info_ack_t;
```

Parameters

The information acknowledgement service primitive has the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always CH_INFO_ACK.

ch_addr_length
: Indicates the length of the PPA address to which the provider is attached. When in states CHS_DETACHED or CHS_WACK_AREQ, this value will be zero ('0').

ch_addr_offset
: Indicates the offset, beginning from the start of the M_PCPROTO message block of the PPA address associated with the provider. When the *ch_addr_length* field is zero, this field is also zero ('0').

ch_parm_length
: Indicates the length of the parameters associated with the provider.

ch_parm_offset
: Indicates the offset, beginning from the start of the M_PCPROTO message block, of the parameters associated with the provider. When the *ch_parm_length* field is zero, this field is also zero ('0').

ch_prov_flags
: Indicates the options flags associated with the provider. This is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following flags:

ch_prov_class
: Indicates the provider class. This can be one of the following values:

  CH_CIRCUIT Circuit provider class.

ch_addr_length
: This is a variable length field. The length of the field is determined by the length attribute.

  For a *Style 2* driver, when *ch_style* is `CH_STYLE2`, and when in an attached state, this field provides the current PPA associated with the Stream; the length is typically 4 bytes.

  For a *Style 1* driver, when *ch_ppa_stype* is `CH_STYLE1`, the length is 0 bytes.

ch_style
: Indicates the PPA style of the CHS provider. This value can be one of the following values;

`CH_STYLE1`	PPA is implicitly attached by `open(2s)`.
`CH_STYLE2`	PPA must be explicitly attached using `CH_ATTACH_REQ`.

ch_version
: The version of the interface. This version is `CH_VERSION_1_1`.

`CH_VERSION_1_0`	Version 1.0 of interface.
`CH_VERSION_1_1`	Version 1.1 of interface.
`CH_VERSION`	Always the current version of the header file.

ch_state
: Indicates the state of the CHS provider at the time that the information acknolwedgement service primitive wsa issued. This field can be one of the following values:

`CHS_UNINIT`	Unitialized.
`CHS_UNUSABLE`	Device cannot be used, Stream in hung state.
`CHS_DETACHED`	No PPA attached, awaiting `CH_ATTACH_REQ`.
`CHS_WACK_AREQ`	Waiting for attach.
`CHS_WACK_UREQ`	Waiting for detach.
`CHS_ATTACHED`	PPA attached, awaiting `CH_ENABLE_REQ`.
`CHS_WCON_EREQ`	Waiting to send `CH_ENABLE_CON`.
`CHS_WCON_RREQ`	Waiting to send `CH_DISABLE_CON`.
`CHS_ENABLED`	Ready for use, awaiting primitive exchange.
`CHS_WACK_CREQ`	Waiting acknolwedgement of `CH_CONNECT_REQ`.
`CHS_WCON_CREQ`	Waiting to send `CH_CONNECT_CON`.
`CHS_WACK_DREQ`	Waiting acknolwedgement of `CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`.
`CHS_WCON_DREQ`	Waiting to send `CH_DISCONNECT_CON`.
`CHS_CONNECTED`	Connected, active data transfer.

State

This primitive can be issued in any state where a local acknowledgement is not pending.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

4.1.3 Physical Point of Attachment Service Primitives

These service primitives implement the physical point of attachment service (see Section 3.1.3 [Physical Point of Attachment Service], page 16).

4.1.3.1 CH_ATTACH_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive requests that the Stream upon which the primitive is issued be associated with the specified Physical Point of Attachment (PPA). This primitive is only applicable to *Style 2* CHS provider Streams, that is, Streams that return `CH_STYLE2` in the *ch_style* field of the `CH_INFO_ACK`.

Format

This primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef CH_attach_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_length;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;
    ch_ulong ch_flags;
} CH_attach_req_t;
```

Parameters

The attach request primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_ATTACH_REQ`.

ch_addr_length
: Specifies the Physical Point of Attachment (PPA) to which to associate the *Style 2* Stream. This is a variable length identifier whose length is determined by the *ch_addr_length* value. Specifies the length of the Physical Point of Attachment (PPA) address. The form of the PPA address is provider-specific.

ch_addr_offset
: Specifies the offset, from the beginning of the `M_PROTO` message block, of the start of the Physical Point of Attachment (PPA) address.

ch_flags
: Specifies the options flags for attachment. Options flags are provider-specific.

State

This primitive is only valid in state `CHS_DETACHED` and when a local acknowledgement is not pending.

New State

Upon success, the new state is `CHS_WACK_AREQ`. Upon failure, the state remains unchanged.

Response

The attach request service primitive requires that the CHS provider respond as follows:

– **Successful**: The CHS provider acknowledges receipt of the primitive and successful outcome of the attach service with a `CH_OK_ACK` primitive. The new state is `CHS_ATTACHED`.

– **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: The CHS provider acknowledges receipt of the primitive and failure of the attach service with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the reason for failure. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.3.2 CH_DETACH_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive requests that the Stream upon which the primitive is issued be disassociated from the Physical Point of Appearance (PPA) to which it is currently attached. This primitive is only applicable to *Style 2* CHS provider Streams, that is, Streams that return `CH_STYLE2` in the *ch_style* field of the `CH_INFO_ACK`.

Format

The detach request service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_detach_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
} CH_detach_req_t;
```

Parameters

The detach request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_DETACH_REQ`.

State

This primitive is valid in the `CHS_ATTACHED` state and when no local acknowledgement is pending.

New State

Upon success, the new state is `CHS_WACK_UREQ`. Upon failure, the state remains unchanged.

Response

The detach request service primitive requires that the CHS provider respond as follows:

- **Successful**: The CHS provider acknowledges receipt of the primitive and successful outcome of the detach service with a `CH_OK_ACK` primitive. The new state is `CHS_DETACHED`.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: The CHS provider acknowledges receipt of the primitive and failure of the detach service with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the reason for failure. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.4 Initialization Service Primitives

Initialization service primitives allow the CHS user to enable or disable the protocol service interface. Enabling the protocol service interface may require that some action be taken to prepare the protocol service interface for use or to remove it from use. For example, where the PPA corresponds to a channel identifier as defined in G.703, it may be necessary to perform switching to connect or disconnect the circuit identification code associated with the channel identifier.

These service primitives implement the initialization service (see Section 3.1.4 [Initialization Service], page 18).

4.1.4.1 CH_ENABLE_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive requests that the CHS provider perform the actions necessary to enable the protocol service interface and confirm that it is enabled. This primitive is applicable to both styles of PPA.

Format

The enable request service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_enable_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_length;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;
    ch_ulong ch_flags;
} CH_enable_req_t;
```

Parameters

The enable request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_ENABLE_REQ`.

ch_addr_length
: Specifies a remote address to which to connect the PPA. The need for and form of this address is provider-specific. The length of the field is determined by the value of this field. This remote address could be a circuit identification code, an IP address, or some other form of circuit or channel identifier.

ch_addr_offset
: Specifies the offset, from the beginning of the `M_PROTO` message block, of the start of the remote address.

ch_flags
: Specifies the options flags associated with the enable request. Options flags are provider-specific.

State

This primitive is valid in the `CHS_ATTACHED` state and when no local acknowledgement is pending.

New State

Upon success the new state is `CHS_WCON_EREQ`. Upon failure, the state remains unchanged.

Response

The enable request service primitive requires that the CHS provider acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: When successful, the CHS provider acknowledges successful completion of the enable service with a `CH_ENABLE_CON` primitive. The new state is `CHS_ENABLED`.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: When unsuccessful, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the enable service with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the error. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.4.2 CH_ENABLE_CON

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to confirm the successful completion of the enable service.

Format

The enable confirmation service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_enable_con {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_length;
    ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;
    ch_ulong ch_flags;
} CH_enable_con_t;
```

Parameters

The enable confirmation service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_ENABLE_CON`.

ch_addr_length
: Confirms the length of the remote address to which the enable is confirmed.

ch_addr_offset
: Confirms the offset, from the beginning of the `M_PROTO` message block, of the start of the remote address.

ch_flags
: Confirms the options flags associated with the enable confirmation. Options flags are provider-specific.

State

This primitive is issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_WCON_EREQ` state.

New State

The new state is `CHS_ENABLED`.

4.1.4.3 CH_DISABLE_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive requests that the CHS provider perform the actions necessary to disable the protocol service interface and confirm that it is disabled. The primitive is applicable to both styles of PPA.

Format

The disable request service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_disable_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
} CH_disable_req_t;
```

Parameters

The disable request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISABLE_REQ`.

State

The disable request service primitive is valid in the `CHS_ENABLED` state and when no local acknowledgement is pending.

New State

Upon success, the new state is `CHS_WCON_RREQ`. Upon failure, the state remains unchanged.

Response

The disable request service primitive requires the CHS provider to acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: When successful, the CHS provider acknowledges successful completion of the disable service with an `CH_DISABLE_CON` primitive. The new state is `CHS_ATTACHED`.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: When unsuccessful, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the disable service with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the error. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.4.4 CH_DISABLE_CON

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to confirm the successful completion of the disable service.

Format

The disable confirmation service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_disable_con {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
} CH_disable_con_t;
```

Parameters

The disable confirmation service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISABLE_CON`.

State

This primitive is issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_WCON_RREQ` state.

New State

The new state is `CHS_ATTACHED`.

4.1.4.5 CH_DISABLE_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider, if an autonomous event results in the disabling of the CHS use Stream without an explicity CHS user request.

Format

The disable indication primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_disable_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_cause;
} CH_disable_ind_t;
```

Parameters

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISABLE_IND`.

ch_cause
: Indicates the cause of the autonomous disabling of the CHS user Stream.

State

This primitive will only be issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_ENABLED` state.

New State

The new state is `CHS_ATTACHED`.

4.1.5 Options Management Service Primitives

The options management service primitives allow the CHS user to negotiate options with the CHS provider, retrieve the current and default values of options, and check that values specified for options are correct.

The options management service primitive implement the options management service (see Section 3.1.5 [Options Management Service], page 19).

4.1.5.1 CH_OPTMGMT_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive requests that CHS provider options be managed.

Format

The option management request service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` or `M_PCPROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_optmgmt_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_opt_length;
    ch_ulong ch_opt_offset;
    ch_ulong ch_mgmt_flags;
} CH_optmgmt_req_t;
```

Parameters

The option management request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ`.

ch_opt_length
: Specifies the length of the options.

ch_opt_offset
: Specifies the offset, from the beginning of the `M_PROTO` message block, of the start of the options.

ch_mgmt_flags
: Specifies the management flags that determine what operation the CHS provider is expected to perform on the specified options. This field can assume one of the following values:

  `CH_NEGOTIATE`
  : Negotiate the specified value of each specified option and return the negotiated value.

  `CH_CHECK` Check the validity of the specified value of each specified option and return the result. Do not alter the current value assumed by the CHS provider.

  `CH_DEFAULT`
  : Return the default value for the specified options (or all options). Do not alter the current value assumed by the CHS provider.

`CH_CURRENT`
: Return the current value for the specified options (or all options). Do not alter the current value assumed by the CHS provider.

State

This primitive is valid in any state where a local acknowledgement is not pending.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

Response

The option management request service primitive requires the CHS provider to acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: Upon success, the CHS provider acknolwedges receipt of the service primitive and successful completion of the options management service with an `CH_OPTMGMT_ACK` primitive containing the options management result. The state remains unchanged.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: Upon failure, the CHS provider acknowledges receipt of the service primitive and failure to complete the options management service with an `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the error. The state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.1.5.2 CH_OPTMGMT_ACK

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider upon successful completion of the options management service. It indicates the outcome of the options management operation requested by the CHS user in a `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` primitive.

Format

The option management acknowledgement service primitive consists of one `M_PCPROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_optmgmt_ack {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_opt_length;
    ch_ulong ch_opt_offset;
    ch_ulong ch_mgmt_flags;
} CH_optmgmt_ack_t;
```

Parameters

The option management acknowledgement service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_OPTMGMT_ACK`.

ch_opt_length
: Indicates the length of the returned options.

ch_opt_offset
: Indicates the offset of the returned options from the start of the `M_PCPROTO` message block.

ch_mgmt_flags
: Indicates the returned management flags. These flags indicate the overall success of the options management service. This field can assume one of the following values:

`CH_SUCCESS`
: The CHS provider succeeded in negotiating or returning all of the options specified by the CHS user in the `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` primitive.

`CH_FAILURE`
: The CHS provider failed to negotiate one or more of the options specified by the CHS user.

`CH_PARTSUCCESS`
: The CHS provider negotiated a value of lower quality for one or more of the options specified by the CHS user.

`CH_READONLY`
: The CHS provider failed to negotiate one or more of the options specified by the CHS user because the option is treated as read-only by the CHS provider.

`CH_NOTSUPPORT`
: The CHS provider failed to recognize one or more of the options specified by the CHS user.

State

This primitive is issued by the CHS provider in direct response to a `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` primitive.

New State

The new state remains unchangted.

Rules

The CHS provider observes the following rules when processing option management service requests:

- When the *ch_mgmt_flags* field in the `CH_OPTMGMT_REQ` primitive is set to `CH_NEGOTIATE`, the CHS provider will attempt to negotiate a value for each of the options specified in the request.
- When the flags are `CH_DEFAULT`, the CHS provider will return the default values of the specified options, or the default values of all options known to the CHS provider if no options were specified.
- When the flags are `CH_CURRENT`, the CHS provider will return the current values of the specified options, or all options.
- When the flags are `CH_CHECK`, the CHS provider will attempt to negotiate a value for each of the options specified in the request and return the resulg of the negotiation, but will not affect the current value of the option.

4.1.6 Event Reporting Service Primitives

The event reporting service primitives allow the CHS provider to indicate asynchronous errors, events and statistics collection to the CHS user.

These service primitives implement the event reporting service (see Section 3.1.8 [Event Reporting Service], page 21).

4.1.6.1 CH_ERROR_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated service primitive is issued by the CHS provider when it detects and asynchronous error event. The service primitive is applicable to all styles of PPA.

Format

The error indication service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_error_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_error_type;
    ch_ulong ch_unix_error;
    ch_ulong ch_state;
} CH_error_ind_t;
```

Parameters

The error indication service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_ERROR_IND`.

CH_error_type
: Indicates the CHI error number describing the error. This field can have one of the following values:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

ch_unix_error
: Indicates the reason for failure. This field is protocol-specific. When the *ch_error_type* field is `[CHSYSERR]`, the *ch_unix_error* field is the UNIX error number as described in `errno(3)`.

ch_state
: Indicates the state of the CHS provider at the time that the primitive was issued. This field can have one of the following values:

CHS_UNINIT	Unitialized.
CHS_UNUSABLE	Device cannot be used, Stream in hung state.
CHS_DETACHED	No PPA attached, awaiting CH_ATTACH_REQ.
CHS_WACK_AREQ	Waiting for attach.
CHS_WACK_UREQ	Waiting for detach.
CHS_ATTACHED	PPA attached, awaiting CH_ENABLE_REQ.
CHS_WCON_EREQ	Waiting to send CH_ENABLE_CON.
CHS_WCON_RREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISABLE_CON.
CHS_ENABLED	Ready for use, awaiting primitive exchange.
CHS_WACK_CREQ	Waiting acknolwedgement of CH_CONNECT_REQ.
CHS_WCON_CREQ	Waiting to send CH_CONNECT_CON.
CHS_WACK_DREQ	Waiting acknolwedgement of CH_DISCONNECT_REQ.
CHS_WCON_DREQ	Waiting to send CH_DISCONNECT_CON.
CHS_CONNECTED	Connected, active data transfer.

State

This primitive can be issued in any state for which a local acknowledgement is not pending. The CHS provider state at the time that the primitive was issued is indicated in the primitive.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

4.1.6.2 CH_STATS_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to indicate a periodic statistics collection event. The service primitive is applicable to all styles of PPA.

Format

The statistics indication service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_stats_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_interval;
    ch_ulong ch_timestamp;
} CH_stats_ind_t;
```

Following this structure within the `M_PROTO` message block is the provider-specific statistics.

Parameters

The statistics indication service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_STATS_IND`.

ch_interval
: Indicates the statistics collection interval to which the statistics apply. This interval is specified in milliseconds.

ch_timestamp
: Indicates the UNIX time (from epoch) at which statistics were collected. The timestamp is given in milliseconds from epoch.

State

This service primitive may be issued by the CHS provider in any state in which a local acknowledgement is not pending.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

4.1.6.3 CH_EVENT_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to indicate an asynchronous event. The service primitive is applicable to all styles of PPA.

Format

The event indication service primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_event_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_event;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_event_ind_t;
```

Following this structure within the `M_PROTO` message block is the provider-specific event information.

Parameters

THe event indication service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_EVENT_IND`.

ch_event
: Indicates the provider-specific event that has occured.

`CHF_EVT_DCD_ASSERT`	Data carrier detect lead asserted.
`CHF_EVT_DCD_DEASSERT`	Data carrier detect lead deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_DSR_ASSERT`	Data set ready lead asserted.
`CHF_EVT_DSR_DEASSERT`	Data set ready lead deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_DTR_ASSERT`	Data terminal ready lead asserted.
`CHF_EVT_DTR_DEASSERT`	Data terminal ready lead deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_RTS_ASSERT`	Request to send lead asserted.
`CHF_EVT_RTS_DEASSERT`	Request to send lead deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_CTS_ASSERT`	Clear to send lead asserted.
`CHF_EVT_CTS_DEASSERT`	Clear to send lead deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_RI_ASSERT`	Ring indicator asserted.
`CHF_EVT_RI_DEASSERT`	Ring indicator deasserted.
`CHF_EVT_YEL_ALARM`	Yellow alarm condition.
`CHF_EVT_BLU_ALARM`	Blue alarm condition.
`CHF_EVT_RED_ALARM`	Red alarm condition.
`CHF_EVT_NO_ALARM`	Alarm recovery condition.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter indicates the slots within the mutliplexed media to which the event corresponds. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

  Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This service primitive can be issued by the CHS provider in any state where a local acknowledgement is not pending. Normally the CHS provider must be in the `CHS_ENABLED` state for event reporting to occur.

New State

The new state remains unchanged.

4.2 Protocol Service Primitives

Protocol service primitives implement the Channel Interface protocol. Protocol service primitives provide the CHS user with the ability to connect transmission or reception directions of the bit stream, pass bits for transmission and accept received bits.

These service primitives implement the protocol services (see Section 3.2 [Protocol Services], page 21).

4.2.1 Connection Service Primitives

The connection service primitives permit the CHS user to establish a connection between the line (circuit or channel) and the CHS user in the transmit, receive, or both, directions.

These service primitives implement the connection service (see Section 3.2.1 [Connection Service], page 21).

4.2.1.1 CH_CONNECT_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated service primitive allows the CHS user to connect the user Stream to the medium in the transmit, receive, or both, directions.

Format

The connect request primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_connect_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_connect_req_t;
```

Parameters

The connect request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_CONNECT_REQ`.

ch_conn_flags
: Specifies the direction in which to connect. This field can contain a bitwise OR of one or more of the following flags:

  `CHF_RX_DIR` — Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be connected to the medium in the receive direction.

  `CHF_TX_DIR` — Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be connected to the medium in the transmit direction.

  `CHF_MONITOR` — Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be connected to the medium in monitoring (tap) mode.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter specifies the slots within the mutliplexed media to be connected to the CHS User Stream. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘0’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This service primitive is only valid in the CHS_ENABLED state.

New State

The new state is the CHS_WACK_CREQ state.

Response

The connect request service primitive requires that the CHS provider acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: When successful, the CHS provider acknolwedges successful completion of the connect service wtih a CH_OK_ACK primitive. The new state is CHS_WCON_CREQ. When the CHS provider eventually completes the connection, it confirms the connection with a CH_CONNECT_CON primitive and the new state is then CHS_CONNECTED.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: When unsuccessful, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the connect service with a CH_ERROR_ACK primitive containing the error. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

[CHSYSERR]	UNIX system error.
[CHBADADDR]	Bad address format or content.
[CHOUTSTATE]	Interface out of state.
[CHBADOPT]	Bad options format or content.
[CHBADPARM]	Bad parameter format or content.
[CHBADPARMTYPE]	Bad paramater structure type.
[CHBADFLAG]	Bad flag.
[CHBADPRIM]	Bad primitive.
[CHNOTSUPP]	Primitive not supported.
[CHBADSLOT]	Bad multplex slot.

4.2.1.2 CH_CONNECT_CON

Description

This CHS provider originated service primitive allows the CHS provider to confirm the succesful completion of the connect servivce with the connection of the user Stream to the medium in the transmit, receive, or both, directions.

Format

The connect confirmation primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_connect_con {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_connect_con_t;
```

Parameters

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_CONNECT_CON`.

ch_conn_flags
: Indicates the connect flags. This field is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following flags:

  `CHF_RX_DIR` Confirms that the CHS user Stream was connected to the medium in the receive direction.

  `CHF_TX_DIR` Confirms that the CHS user Stream was connected to the medium in the transmit direction.

  `CHF_MONITOR` Confirms that the CHS user Stream was connected to the medium in monitoring (tap) mode.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter specifies the slots within the mutliplexed media that are confirmed connected to the CHS user Stream. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

  Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This primitive will only be issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_WCON_CREQ` state.

New State

The new state of the interface is the `CHS_CONNECTED` state.

4.2.2 Data Transfer Service Primitives

The data transfer service primitives permit the CHS user to pass bits for transmission to the CHS provider and accept received bits from the CHS provider.
These service primitives implement the data transfer service (see Section 3.2.2 [Data Transfer Service], page 22).

4.2.2.1 CH_DATA_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated primitive allows the CHS user to specify bits for transmission on the medium.

Format

The transmission request service primitive consists of one optional `M_PROTO` message block followed by one or more `M_DATA` message blocks containing the bits for transmission. The `M_PROTO` message block is structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_data_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_data_req_t;
```

Parameters

The transmission request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_DATA_REQ`.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter specifies the slots within the mutliplexed media upon which the user data is to be transmitted. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

  Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This primitive is only valid in the `CHS_CONNECTED` state.

New State

The state remains unchanged.

Response

Reasons for Failure

4.2.2.2 CH_DATA_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to indicate bits that were received on the medium.

Format

The receive indication service primitive consists of one optional `M_PROTO` message block followed by one or more `M_DATA` message blocks containing the received bits. The `M_PROTO` message block is structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_data_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_data_ind_t;
```

Parameters

The receive indication service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_DATA_IND`.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA corresponds to a multiplexed media, this parameter specifies to which of the media streams the data indicated corresponds. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

  Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This primitive is only issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_CONNECTED` state.

New State

The state remains unchanged.

Response

Reasons for Failure

4.2.3 Disconnection Service Primitives

The disconnection service primitives permit the CHS user to disconnect the Stream from the line (circuit or channel) for the transmit, receive, or both, directions. They also allow the CHS provider to indicate that a disconnection has occured outside of CHS user control.

These service primitives implement the disconnection service (see Section 3.2.3 [Disconnection Service], page 23).

4.2.3.1 CH_DISCONNECT_REQ

Description

This CHS user originated service primitive allows the CHS user to disconnect the CHS user Stream from the bit-stream in the transmit, receive, or both, directions.

Format

The disconnect request primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_disconnect_req {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;   /* always CH_DISCONNECT_REQ */
    ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;  /* direction to disconnect */
    ch_ulong ch_slot;        /* slot within channel */
} CH_disconnect_req_t;
```

Parameters

The disconnect request service primitive contains the following parameters:

ch_primitive
: Specifies the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISCONNECT_REQ`.

ch_conn_flags
: Specifies the direction from which to disconnect. This field can be a bitwise OR of one or more of the following flags:

  `CHF_RX_DIR` Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be disconnected from the medium in the receive direction.

  `CHF_TX_DIR` Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be disconnected from the medium in the transmit direction.

  `CHF_MONITOR` Specifies that the CHS user Stream is to be discconnected from the medium in monitoring (tap) mode.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter specifies the slots within the mutliplexed media that have been autonomouosly disconnected. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

  Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This service primitive is only valid in the `CHS_CONNECTED` state.

New State

The state remains unchanged.

Response

The disconnect request service primitive requires that the CHS provider acknowledge receipt of the primitive as follows:

- **Successful**: When successful, the CHS provider acknolwedges successful completion of the connect service wtih a `CH_OK_ACK` primitive. The new state is `CHS_WCON_DREQ`. When the CHS provider eventually completes the disconnection, it confirms the disconnect with a `CH_DISCONNECT_CON` primitive and the new state is then `CHS_ENABLED`.
- **Unsuccessful (non-fatal errors)**: When unsuccessful, the CHS provider acknowledges the failure of the connect service with a `CH_ERROR_ACK` primitive containing the error. The new state remains unchanged.

Reasons for Failure

Non-Fatal Errors: applicable non-fatal errors are as follows:

`[CHSYSERR]`	UNIX system error.
`[CHBADADDR]`	Bad address format or content.
`[CHOUTSTATE]`	Interface out of state.
`[CHBADOPT]`	Bad options format or content.
`[CHBADPARM]`	Bad parameter format or content.
`[CHBADPARMTYPE]`	Bad paramater structure type.
`[CHBADFLAG]`	Bad flag.
`[CHBADPRIM]`	Bad primitive.
`[CHNOTSUPP]`	Primitive not supported.
`[CHBADSLOT]`	Bad multplex slot.

4.2.3.2 CH_DISCONNECT_CON

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider to confirm the successful completion of the disconnect service with the disconnection of the user Stream from the medium in the transmit, receive, or both, directions.

Format

```
typedef struct CH_disconnect_con {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;
    ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;
    ch_ulong ch_slot;
} CH_disconnect_con_t;
```

Parameters

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISCONNECT_CON`.

ch_conn_flags
: Indicates the connect flags. This field is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following flags:

`CHF_RX_DIR`	Confirms that the CHS user Stream was disconnected from the medium in the receive direction.
`CHF_TX_DIR`	Confirms that the CHS user Stream was disconnected from the medium in the transmit direction.
`CHF_MONITOR`	Confirms that the CHS user Stream was discconnected from the medium in monitoring (tap) mode.

ch_slot
: Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter indicates the slots within the mutliplexed media that are confirmed as disconnected. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This primitive will only be issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_WCON_DREQ` state.

New State

The new state of the interface is the `CHS_ENABLED` state.

4.2.3.3 CH_DISCONNECT_IND

Description

This CHS provider originated primitive is issued by the CHS provider if an autonomous event results in the disconnection of the transmit and receive bit-streams from the CHS user without an explicit CHS user request.

Format

The disconnect indication primitive consists of one `M_PROTO` message block, structured as follows:

```
typedef struct CH_disconnect_ind {
    ch_ulong ch_primitive;   /* always CH_DISCONNECT_IND */
    ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;  /* direction disconnected */
    ch_ulong ch_cause;       /* cause for disconnection */
    ch_ulong ch_slot;        /* slot within channel */
} CH_disconnect_ind_t;
```

Parameters

ch_primitive
: Indicates the service primitive type. Always `CH_DISCONNECT_IND`.

ch_conn_flags
: Indicates the connect flags. This field is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following flags:

  `CHF_RX_DIR` Indicates that the CHS user Stream disconnected from the medium in the receive direction.

  `CHF_TX_DIR` Indicates that the CHS user Stream disconnected from the medium in the transmit direction.

  `CHF_MONITOR` Indicates that the CHS user Stream discconnected from the medium in monitoring (tap) mode.

ch_cause Indicates the cause of the autonomous disconnect.

ch_slot Where the PPA is associated with a multiplexed medium, this parameter indicates the slots within the mutliplexed media that have autonomously disconnected. The form of the slot specification is provider- and media-specific. See also [Multiplex Media], page 12.

Where the PPA specifies a single channel for a medium, this parameter is set to zero (‘`0`’) by the CHS provider on CHS provider originated primitives and is ignored by the CHS provider on CHS user originated primitives.

State

This primtiive will only be issued by the CHS provider in the `CHS_CONNECTED` state.

New State

The new state is `CHS_ENABLED`.

4.3 Diagnostics Requirements

Two error handling facilities should be provided to the CHS user: one to handle non-fatal errors, and the other to handle fatal errors.

4.3.1 Non-Fatal Error Handling Facility

These are errors that do not change the state of the CHS interface as seen by the CHS user and provide the user with the option of reissuing the CH primitive with the corrected options specification. The non-fatal error handling is provided only to those primitives that require acknowledgements, and uses the `CH_ERROR_ACK` to report these errors. These errors retain the state of the CHS interface the same as it was before the SDL provider received the primitive that was in error. Syntax errors and rule violations are reported via the non-fatal error handling facility.

4.3.2 Fatal Error Handling Facility

These errors are issued by the CH provider when it detects errors that are not correctable by the CH user, or if it is unable to report a correctible error to the CH user. Fatal errors are indicated via the STREAMS message type `M_ERROR` with the UNIX system error `[EPROTO]`. The `M_ERROR` STREAMS message type will result in the failure of all the UNIX system calls on the Stream. The CHS user can recover from a fatal error by having all the processes close the files associated with the Stream, and then reopening them for processing.

5 CHI Input-Output Controls

These input-output controls can be used to interrogate, negotiate, reset, collect and manage a given channel or group of channels. When issued on a CHS user Stream, they can only be used to affect the channel or channels associated with the CHS user Stream. Deattached *Style 2* Streams have no associated channels. When issued on a management Stream, they can be used to affect the configuration of any channel or channels accessible to the management Stream (i.e. provided by the same driver, or temporarily linked from the control Stream).

Channels can have characteristics at the channel level, as well as characteristics at the channel group level. For example, the channel may not be looped back at the channel, but might be looped back at the channel group (span). Where the channel represents a channel within a multiplexed medium (such as a PCM TDM facility), the MXI input-output controls can be used to interrogate, negotiate and otherwise manage the channel group characteristics providing that the CHS user has sufficient privilege to do so.

Note that these input-output controls are not normally issued on the global management Stream by user processes. Rather the Management Agent (SNMP Agent) for the driver is normally responsible for managing channels within the driver using these input-output controls. Nomally these input-output controls would only be issued by user processes to affect the channel or channels associated with the attached CHS user Stream.

5.1 CHI Configuration

These input-output controls can be used to interrogate or negotiate the configuration of a given channel or group of channels.

```
typedef struct ch_config {
    ch_ulong type;         /* unused */
    ch_ulong encoding;     /* encoding */
    ch_ulong block_size;   /* data block size (bits) */
    ch_ulong samples;      /* samples per block */
    ch_ulong sample_size;  /* sample size (bits) */
    ch_ulong rate;         /* clock rate (samples/second) */
    ch_ulong tx_channels;  /* number of tx channels */
    ch_ulong rx_channels;  /* number of rx channels */
    ch_ulong opt_flags;    /* options flags */
} ch_config_t;
```

The channel configuration structure, `ch_config_t`, contains the following members:

type This member is only to maintain alignment with the equivalient parameter structure as defined in the CHI and unused in the input-output control.

encoding Indicates or specifies the encoding associated with the channel. When the channel is used for any form of data, `CH_ENCODING_NONE` will be indicated and should be specified. *encoding* can be one of the following values:

`CH_ENCODING_NONE`	No encoding. Used for data or other clear channel information.
`CH_ENCODING_CN`	CN.
`CH_ENCODING_DVI4`	DVI4.
`CH_ENCODING_FS1015`	FIPS FS 1015 LPC.
`CH_ENCODING_FS1016`	FIPS FS 1016 LPC.
`CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_A`	G.711 PCM A-law.

CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_L	G.711 PCM Linear.
CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_U	G.711 PCM Mu-law.
CH_ENCODING_G721	G.721.
CH_ENCODING_G722	G.722.
CH_ENCODING_G723	G.723.
CH_ENCODING_G726	G.726.
CH_ENCODING_G728	G.728.
CH_ENCODING_G729	G.729.
CH_ENCODING_GSM	GSM.
CH_ENCODING_GSM_EFR	GSM Extended Full-Rate.
CH_ENCODING_GSM_HR	GSM Half-Rate.
CH_ENCODING_LPC	LPC.
CH_ENCODING_MPA	MPA.
CH_ENCODING_QCELP	QCELP.
CH_ENCODING_RED	RED.
CH_ENCODING_S16_BE	Signed 16-bit Big-Endian.
CH_ENCODING_S16_LE	Signed 16-bit Little-Endian.
CH_ENCODING_S8	Sign 8-bit.
CH_ENCODING_U16_BE	Unsigned 16-bit Big-Endian.
CH_ENCODING_U16_LE	Unsigned 16-bit Little-Endian.
CH_ENCODING_U8	Unsigned 8-bit.
CH_ENCODING_VDVI	DVI.

block_size Specifies or indicates the block size associated with the channel. The block size is the number of samples that are written or read at one time. If this value is less than the size of a STREAMS fast buffer, `FASTBUF`, then a `FASTBUF` of samples will be read or written at once.

samples Specifies or indicates the number of samples (from the same timeslot) in a block.

sample_size

Specifies or indicates the sample size in bits. This can normally be 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14 or 16.

rate Specifies or indicates the rate of the channel. This is the rate in samples per second. *rate* can be one of the following values:

CH_RATE_VARIABLE	The rate is variable.
CH_RATE_8000	56kbps or 64kbps.
CH_RATE_11025	11kHz Audio.
CH_RATE_16000	16kHz Audio.
CH_RATE_22050	22kHz Audio.
CH_RATE_44100	44kHz Audio.
CH_RATE_90000	90kHz Audio.
CH_RATE_184000	23B.
CH_RATE_192000	T1 (24B).
CH_RATE_240000	30B.
CH_RATE_248000	E1 (31B).

tx_channels

Specifies or indicates the number of transmit channels available. For the CH interface, this value is either 0 or 1.

rx_channels
: Specifies or indicates the number of receive channels available. For the CH interface, this value is either 0, 1, or 2. (The value of 2 is used for monitoring mode where two receive channels exists and zero transmit channels.)

opt_flags
: Specifies or indicates the options associated with the CH provider. CH provider options are provider specific and no generic options have yet been defined.

5.1.1 CHI Get Configuration

`CH_IOCGCONFIG`

Gets the channel configuration. Upon success, the channel configuration is written to the memory extent indicated by the pointer argument to the `ioctl(2s)` call.

5.1.2 CHI Set Configuration

`CH_IOCSCONFIG`

Set the channel configuration. Upon success, the channel configuration is read from the memory extent specified by the pointer argument tot he `ioctl(2s)` call.

5.1.3 CHI Test Configuration

`CH_IOCTCONFIG`

Test the channel configuration. Upon success, the channel configuration is read from the memory extent specified by the pointer argument to the `ioctl(2s)` call, values adjusted according to the rules for configuration, and the resulting configuraiton written back to the memory extent specified by the pointer argumnet to the `ioctl(2s)` call. Actual configuration is not changed.

5.1.4 CHI Commit Configuration

`CH_IOCCCONFIG`

Confirms the channel configuration. Upon success, the channel configuration is read from the memory extent specified by the pointer argument to the `ioctl(2s)` call, values adjusted according to the rules for configuration, the configuration applied, and then the resulting configuration written back to the memory extent specified by the pointer argument to the `ioctl(2s)` call.
Normally, the argument to the `CH_IOCCCONFIG` call is the same as to an immediately preceding `CH_IOCTCONFIG` call.

5.2 CHI Options

These input-output controls can used to interrogate or negotiate the options associated with a given channel or group of channels.

5.3 CHI State

These input-output controls can be used to interrotate or reset the state associated with a channel or a group of channels.
State input-output controls all take an argument containing a poitner to a `ch_statem_t` structure, formatted as follows:

```
typedef struct ch_statem {
    ch_ulong index;
    ch_ulong type;
    ch_ulong rate;
    ch_ulong mode;
    ch_ulong admin_state;
    ch_ulong usage_state;
    ch_ulong avail_status;
    ch_ulong ctrl_status;
} ch_statem_t;
```

The channel state structure, `ch_statem_t`, contains the following members:

index Provides time slot index for the channel. For T1 and J1 spans, the time slots '`1`' through '`24`' index the corresponding time slot in the span. For E1 spans, the time slot indices '`1`' throught '`31`' index the corresponding time slot in the span. For E1 operation, TS0 is unusable. For E1 CAS operation (where any channel in the span is configured for CAS), TS16 is not available to users for payload. For V.35 and other discrete synchronous channels, this index is '`1`'.

type Specifies or indicates whether the channel (or channels) has channel associated signalling or common channel signalling. This field can have one of the following values:

`CH_TYPE_NONE`
: For non-trunk channels, no type is necessary.

`CH_TYPE_CAS`
: For T1 and J1 span, channel associated signalling implies 56kbps DS0A operation for data within the channel.

`CH_TYPE_CCS`
: For E1, T1 or J1 spans, common channel signalling implies 64kbps DS0 oepration within the channel is indicated. For E1, CCS operation for the entire span implies that channel 17 (timeslot 16) is used for common channel signalling or is also available for payload. This is why it is typical on non-CAS E1 spans to place the signalling channel in timeslot 16 (e.g. the D-channel of a primary rate interface).

rate Specifies or indicates the bit rate of the channel in a single-rate channel, or of each channel in a multi-rate channel, or of each channel in a full-rate channel. Channels '`1`' through '`24`' for T1 and J1 can be 56kbps or 64kbps. Channels '`1`' through '`31`' for E1 are 64kbps but can be forced into 56kbps mode. The default is 64kbps for E1 CCS and CAS channels and T1 CCS channels; 56kbps for T1 CAS channels.

mode Specifies or indicates the channel mode. This is bitwise OR of zero or more of the following values:

`CH_MODE_REMLOOP`
: The receive data in the channel is looped back to replace the transmit data for the channel. This may either be accomplished within the host or using the per-channel loopback capability of some chip sets.

`CH_MODE_LOCLOOP`
: The transmit data for the channel is looped back to replace the receive data for the channel. This may be accomplished within the host.

`CH_MODE_TEST`
: The channel is marked for BERT testing. When BERT testing for the span is enabled on a channel basis, this channel will be included in the channels upon which the BERT test pattern is transmitted.

Because tests are disruptive, no value can be added to this set unless the channel has a control status of "subject to test" or "reserved for test".

admin_state
: Specifies or indicates the administrative state of the channel. The administrative state can be one of the following values:

`CH_ADMIN_LOCKED`
: The administrative state is "locked". The channel is administratively prohibited from providing service to users.

`CH_ADMIN_UNLOCKED`
: The administrative state is "unlocked". The channel is administratively permitted to provide service to users.

`CH_ADMIN_SHUTDOWN`
: The administrative state is "shutting down". The channel will continue to provide service to existing users but will reject new users: once there are no more users of the channel, the channel will move to the "locked" state.

usage_state
: Specifies or indicates the usage state of the channel. The usage state can be one of the following values:

`CH_USAGE_IDLE`
: The channel is "idle". The channel is not currently in use.

`CH_USAGE_ACTIVE`
: The channel is "active". The channel is in use and has sufficient operating capacity to provide for additional users simultaneously (e.g. a half-channel is used).

`CH_USAGE_BUSY`
: The channel is "busy". The channel is in use and has no spare capacity (i.e. the full channs is in use).

If partial channels are not supported, only the values "idle" and "busy" are allowed.

avail_status
: Specifies or indicates the availabiltiy status of the channel. The availablity status is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following values:

`CH_AVAIL_INTEST`
: The channel is "in test". The channel is undergoing a test procedure. The administrative state is "locked" and the operational state is "disabled". This condition exists while the span is in test in a manner disruptive to the channel, or when the channel is in loopback or test modes.

`CH_AVAIL_FAILED`
: The channel has "failed". The channel has an internal fault that prevents it from operating. The operational state is "disabled". This value is present when the same value is present in the span availability status.

`CH_AVAIL_POWEROFF`
: The channel has "power off". The channl requires power to be applied and is not powered on. For example, power management may have removed power from the device. This value is present when the same value is present in the span availablity status.

`CH_AVAIL_OFFLINE`
: The channel is "off line". The channel requires a outing operation to be performed to place it online and make it available for use. The operation may be manul or automatic, or both. The operational state is "disabled". This value is present when the same value is present in the span availability status.

`CH_AVAIL_OFFDUTY`
: The channel is "off duty". The channel has been made inactive by an internal control process in accordance with a predetermined time schedule. Under normal conditions, the control process can be expected to reactivate the channel at some scheduled time.

`CH_AVAIL_DEPEND`
: The channel has a "dependency". The channel cannot operate because some other resource on which it depends is unavailable (e.g. the span).

`CH_AVAIL_DEGRADED`
: The channel is "degraded". The channel is operating with degraded peformance. This value is present when the same value is present in the span availability status.

`CH_AVAIL_MISSING`
: The channel is "not installed". The channel is not present in the system or is incomplete.

`CH_AVAIL_LOGFULL`
: Not used.

ctrl_status Specifies or indicates the control status of the channel. The control status is a bitwise OR of zero or more of the following values:

`CH_CTRL_CANTEST`
: The channel is "subject to test". The channel is available to normal users but tests may be conducted on it simultaneously at unpredicatable times, which may cause it to exhibit unusual characteristics to users.

`CH_CTRL_PARTLOCK`
: The channel is "part of services locked". A manager has adminstratively locked some part of the channel.

`CH_CTRL_RESERVED`
: The channel is "reserved for test". The channel is undergoing a test procedure and is unavailable to users.

`CH_CTRL_SUSPENDED`
: The channel is "suspended". The channel service has been administratively suspended to users.

5.3.1 CHI Get State

`CH_IOCGSTATEM`

Requests that the state information be obtained and written to the `ch_statem_t` structure pointed to by the argument to the input-output control.

5.3.2 CHI Reset State

`CH_IOCCMRESET`

Request that the state associated with the channel be reset. This input-output control takes no argument.

5.4 CHI Statistics

These input-output controls can be used to collect statistics or set staticstics collection intervals associated with a channel or group of channels.
Statistics input-output controls all take an argument containing a pointer to a `ch_stats_t` structure, formatted as follows:

```
typedef struct ch_stats {
    ch_ulong header;
    ch_ulong rx_octets;
    ch_ulong tx_octets;
    ch_ulong rx_overruns;
    ch_ulong tx_underruns;
    ch_ulong rx_buffer_overflows;
    ch_ulong tx_buffer_overflows;
    ch_ulong lead_cts_lost;
    ch_ulong lead_dcd_lost;
    ch_ulong carrier_lost;
    ch_ulong errored_seconds;
    ch_ulong severely_errored_seconds;
    ch_ulong severely_errored_framing_seconds;
    ch_ulong unavailable_seconds;
    ch_ulong controlled_slip_seconds;
    ch_ulong path_coding_violations;
    ch_ulong line_errored_seconds;
    ch_ulong bursty_errored_seconds;
    ch_ulong degraded_minutes;
    ch_ulong line_coding_violations;
} ch_stats_t;
```

The channel statistics structure, `ch_stats_t`, contains the following members:

header Specifies or indicates the statistics period header associated with the channel. This header is a statistics collection period in milliseconds.

rx_octets Indicates the number of octets received during the collection interval. This does not include octets for which there was a receiver overrun condition.

tx_octets Indicates the number of octets transmitted during the collection interval. This does not include octets for which there was a transmitter underrun condition.

rx_overruns
: Indicates the number of receive overrun conditions that occurred during the collection interval. When the overrun condition spans interval boundaries, the condition is counted in the interval during which the overrun condition began.

tx_underruns
: Indicates the number of transmitter underrun conditions that occurred during the collection interval. When the underrun condition spans interval boundaries, the condition is counted in the interval during which the underrun condition began.

rx_buffer_overflows
: Indicates the number of receive buffer overflows that occured during the collection interval. Receive buffer overflow conditions occur when the driver is unable to allocate a message block or buffer for received bits, resulting in the discard of the received bits.

tx_buffer_overflows
: Indicates the number of transmit buffer overflows that occured during the collection interval. Transmit buffer overflow conditions occur when the driver is unable to allocate a message block or buffer for transmit bits, resulting in the discard of the bits to be transmitted.

lead_cts_lost
: Indicates the number of Clear To Send leads lost. That is, the number of times that the Clear To Send lead transitioned from asserted to deasserted.

lead_dcd_lost
: Indicates the number of Data Carrier Detect leads lost. That is, the number of times that the Data Carrier Detect lead trasitioned from asserted to deasserted.

carrier_lost Indicates the number of Carrier lost conditions. That is, the number of times that an alarm or lead indicated that the facility carrier was lost.

errored_seconds
: The number of errored seconds (ESs) in the current interval. An errored second has one or more path code violations, one or more out of frame defects, one or more controlled slip events, or a detected alarm indication signal (AIS) defect.

severely_errored_seconds
: The number of severely errored seconds (SESs) in the current interval.

severely_errored_framing_seconds
: The number of severely errored framing seconds (SEFSs) in the current interval. A severely errored framing second has one or more out of frame defects or a detected AIS defect.

unavailable_seconds
: The number of unavailable seconds in the current interval.

controlled_slip_seconds
: The number of controlled slip seconds (CSSs) in the current interval. A controlled slip second has one or more controlled slip events.

path_coding_violations
: The number of path coding violations (PCVs) in the current interval. A path coding violation is a fram synchronization bit error in the D4 and E1 no-CRC4 formats, or a CRC or frame synchronization bit error in the ESF and E1 CRC4 formats.

line_errored_seconds
: The number of line errored seconds (LESs) in the current interval. A line errored second is a second in which one or more line code violation error events are detected.

bursty_errored_seconds
: The number of bursty errroed seconds (BESs) in the current interval. A bursty errored second has 2 to 319 path coding violation error events, no severely errored frame defects, and no detected inocming AIS defects.

degraded_minutes
: The number of degraded minutes (DMs) in the current interval.

line_coding_violations
: The number of line coding violations (LCVs) in the current interval. An LCV is the occurence of a bipolar violation (BPV) or excessive zeroes (EXZ) error event.

5.5 CHI Events

These input-output controls can be used to specify the events that will be reported by a channel or channels.
Notification input-output controls all take an argument containing a pointer to a `ch_notify_t` structure, formatted as follows:

```
typedef struct ch_notify {
    ch_ulong events;
} ch_notify_t;
```

The channel events structure, `ch_notify_t`, contains the following members:

events
: Specifies or indicates a bitwise OR of the events associated wtih the channel. When a bit is set, it specifies that event reporting for the specific event is enabled for the channel; when clear, that the event reporting is disabled.

5.5.1 CHI Get Notify

`CH_IOCGNOTIFY`

Requests that the events associated with the channel be obtained and written to the `ch_notify_t` structure pointed to by the argument to the input-output control.

5.5.2 CHI Set Notify

`CH_IOCSNOTIFY`

Requests that the events associated with the channel be read from the `ch_notify_t` structure pointed to by the argument to the input-output control and set for the channel. Each bit set in the *events* member specifies an event for which notification is to be set.

5.5.3 CHI Clear Notify

`CH_IOCCNOTIFY`

Reqeust that the events associated with the channel be read from the `ch_notify_t` structure pointed to by the argument to the input-output control and cleared for the channel. Each bit set in the *events* member specifies an event for which notification is to be cleared.

5.6 CHI Commands

These input-output controls can be used to manage a channel or channels.

Management input-output controls all take an argument containing a pointer to a `ch_mgmt_t` structure, formatted as follows:

```
typedef struct ch_mgmt {
    ch_ulong cmd;
} ch_mgmt_t;
```

The channel management structure, `ch_mgmt_t`, contains the following members:

cmd Specifies the management command to be performed by the CHS provider. This member can have one of the following values:

`CH_CMD_REMLOOP`
: Place the channel in remote loopback. The administrative state of the channel must be "locked" for this command to be successfull. Once complete, the control status of the channel will contain "reserved for test" and the availability status of the channel will contain "in test".

`CH_CMD_LOCLOOP`
: Place the channel in local loopback. The administrative state of the channel must be "locked" for this command to be successfull. Once complete, the control status of the channel will contain "reserved for test" and the availabiltiy status of the channel will contain "in test".

`CH_CMD_FORTEST`
: Reserve the channel for BERT testing. The administrative state of the channel must be "locked" for this command to be successful. Once complete, the control status of the channel will contain "reserved for test" and the availability status of the channel will contain "in test" while BERT testing is actively being performed.

`CH_CMD_LOCK`
: Place the channel in the "locked" administrative state. If the channel is in the "unlocked" or "shutting down" states and the usage state is "busy", this will result in the removal from service of the channel while it is in use.

`CH_CMD_UNLOCK`
: Place the channel in the "unlocked" administrative state. This makes the channel adminstratively available for use.

`CH_CMD_SHUTDOWN`
: Place the channel in the "shutting down" administrative state. If the channel has a usage state of "idle" the channel will be placed immediately into the "locked" administrative state. If the usage state is "busy", then the administrative state will be set to "shutting down" and the driver will wait until the channel is released before it is placed in the "locked" administrative state.

5.6.1 CHI Command

`CH_IOCCMGMT`

Request that the management command be read from the `ch_mgmt_t` structure pointed to by the argument to the input-output control and acted upon for the channel.

6 CHI Management

Appendix A CHI Header Files

A.1 CHI Header File Listing

```
#ifndef __SS7_CHI_H__
#define __SS7_CHI_H__

typedef int32_t ch_long;
typedef uint32_t ch_ulong;
typedef uint16_t ch_ushort;
typedef uint8_t ch_uchar;

#define CH_INFO_REQ              1U
#define CH_OPTMGMT_REQ           2U
#define CH_ATTACH_REQ            3U
#define CH_ENABLE_REQ            4U
#define CH_CONNECT_REQ           5U
#define CH_DATA_REQ              6U
#define CH_DISCONNECT_REQ        7U
#define CH_DISABLE_REQ           8U
#define CH_DETACH_REQ            9U

#define CH_INFO_ACK             10U
#define CH_OPTMGMT_ACK          11U
#define CH_OK_ACK               12U
#define CH_ERROR_ACK            13U
#define CH_ENABLE_CON           14U
#define CH_CONNECT_CON          15U
#define CH_DATA_IND             16U
#define CH_DISCONNECT_IND       17U
#define CH_DISCONNECT_CON       18U
#define CH_DISABLE_IND          19U
#define CH_DISABLE_CON          20U
#define CH_EVENT_IND            21U

/*
 *  CH STATES
 */
#define CHS_UNINIT              -2U
#define CHS_UNUSABLE            -1U
#define CHS_DETACHED             0U
#define CHS_WACK_AREQ            1U
#define CHS_WACK_UREQ            2U
#define CHS_ATTACHED             3U
#define CHS_WACK_EREQ            4U
#define CHS_WCON_EREQ            5U
#define CHS_WACK_RREQ            6U
#define CHS_WCON_RREQ            7U
#define CHS_ENABLED              8U
#define CHS_WACK_CREQ            9U
#define CHS_WCON_CREQ           10U
#define CHS_WACK_DREQ           11U
#define CHS_WCON_DREQ           12U
#define CHS_CONNECTED           13U
```

```
/*
 *  CH STATE FLAGS
 */
#define CHSF_UNINIT             (1<<(2+CHS_UNINIT))
#define CHSF_UNUSABLE           (1<<(2+CHS_UNUSABLE))
#define CHSF_DETACHED           (1<<(2+CHS_DETACHED))
#define CHSF_WACK_AREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_AREQ))
#define CHSF_WACK_UREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_UREQ))
#define CHSF_ATTACHED           (1<<(2+CHS_ATTACHED))
#define CHSF_WACK_EREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_EREQ))
#define CHSF_WCON_EREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WCON_EREQ))
#define CHSF_WACK_RREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_RREQ))
#define CHSF_WCON_RREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WCON_RREQ))
#define CHSF_ENABLED            (1<<(2+CHS_ENABLED))
#define CHSF_WACK_CREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_CREQ))
#define CHSF_WCON_CREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WCON_CREQ))
#define CHSF_WACK_DREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WACK_DREQ))
#define CHSF_WCON_DREQ          (1<<(2+CHS_WCON_DREQ))
#define CHSF_CONNECTED          (1<<(2+CHS_CONNECTED))

/*
 *  CH PROTOCOL PRIMITIVES
 */

/*
 *  CH_INFO_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_info_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_INFO_REQ */
} CH_info_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_INFO_ACK
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 *  Indicates to the channel user requested information concerning the channel
 *  provider and the attached channel (if any).
 */
typedef struct CH_info_ack {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_INFO_ACK */
        ch_ulong ch_addr_length;        /* channel address length */
        ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;        /* channel address offset */
        ch_ulong ch_parm_length;        /* channel paramters length */
        ch_ulong ch_parm_offset;        /* channel paramters offset */
        ch_ulong ch_prov_flags;         /* provider options flags */
        ch_ulong ch_prov_class;         /* provider class */
        ch_ulong ch_style;              /* provider style */
        ch_ulong ch_version;            /* channel interface version */
        ch_ulong ch_state;              /* channel state */
} CH_info_ack_t;

#define CH_CIRCUIT      0x01    /* circuit provider class */

#define CH_STYLE1       0x0     /* does not perform attach */
#define CH_STYLE2       0x1     /* does perform attach */
```

```
#define CH_VERSION_1_0  0x10    /* version 1.0 of interface */
#define CH_VERSION_1_1  0x11    /* version 1.1 of interface */
#define CH_VERSION      CH_VERSION_1_1

#define CH_PARMS_CIRCUIT        0x01    /* parms structure type */
typedef struct CH_parms_circuit {
        ch_ulong cp_type;               /* always CH_PARMS_CIRCUIT */
        ch_ulong cp_encoding;           /* encoding */
        ch_ulong cp_block_size;         /* data block size (bits) */
        ch_ulong cp_samples;            /* samples per block */
        ch_ulong cp_sample_size;        /* sample size (bits) */
        ch_ulong cp_rate;               /* clock rate (samples/second) */
        ch_ulong cp_tx_channels;        /* number of tx channels */
        ch_ulong cp_rx_channels;        /* number of rx channels */
        ch_ulong cp_opt_flags;          /* options flags */
} CH_parms_circuit_t;

union CH_parms {
        ch_ulong cp_type;               /* structure type */
        CH_parms_circuit_t circuit;     /* circuit structure */
};

#define CH_PARM_OPT_CLRCH       0x01    /* supports clear channel */

#define CH_ENCODING_NONE         0
#define CH_ENCODING_CN           1
#define CH_ENCODING_DVI4         2
#define CH_ENCODING_FS1015       3
#define CH_ENCODING_FS1016       4
#define CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_A   5
#define CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_L   6
#define CH_ENCODING_G711_PCM_U   7
#define CH_ENCODING_G721         8
#define CH_ENCODING_G722         9
#define CH_ENCODING_G723        10
#define CH_ENCODING_G726        11
#define CH_ENCODING_G728        12
#define CH_ENCODING_G729        13
#define CH_ENCODING_GSM         14
#define CH_ENCODING_GSM_EFR     15
#define CH_ENCODING_GSM_HR      16
#define CH_ENCODING_LPC         17
#define CH_ENCODING_MPA         18
#define CH_ENCODING_QCELP       19
#define CH_ENCODING_RED         20
#define CH_ENCODING_S16_BE      21
#define CH_ENCODING_S16_LE      22
#define CH_ENCODING_S8          23
#define CH_ENCODING_U16_BE      24
#define CH_ENCODING_U16_LE      25
#define CH_ENCODING_U8          26
#define CH_ENCODING_VDVI        27

#define CH_RATE_VARIABLE        0
#define CH_RATE_8000            8000
```

```
#define CH_RATE_11025           11025
#define CH_RATE_16000           16000
#define CH_RATE_22050           22050
#define CH_RATE_44100           44100
#define CH_RATE_90000           90000
#define CH_RATE_184000          184000  /* 23B */
#define CH_RATE_192000          192000  /* T1 */
#define CH_RATE_240000          240000  /* 30B */
#define CH_RATE_248000          248000  /* E1 */
#define CH_RATE_768000          768000  /* T2 */
#define CH_RATE_992000          992000  /* E2 */
#define CH_RATE_3968000         3968000 /* E3 */
#define CH_RATE_5376000         5376000 /* T3 */

/*
 *  CH_OPTMGMT_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_optmgmt_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_OPTMGMT_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_opt_length;         /* length of options */
        ch_ulong ch_opt_offset;         /* offset of options */
        ch_ulong ch_mgmt_flags;         /* option flags */
} CH_optmgmt_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_OPTMGMT_ACK
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_optmgmt_ack {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_OPTMGMT_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_opt_length;         /* length of options */
        ch_ulong ch_opt_offset;         /* offset of options */
        ch_ulong ch_mgmt_flags;         /* option flags */
} CH_optmgmt_ack_t;

/*
   management flags for CH_OPTMGMT
 */
#define CH_SET_OPT      0x01
#define CH_GET_OPT      0x02
#define CH_NEGOTIATE    0x03
#define CH_DEFAULT      0x04

/*
 *  CH_ATTACH_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_attach_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_ATTACH_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_addr_length;        /* length of channel address */
        ch_ulong ch_addr_offset;        /* offset of channel address */
        ch_ulong ch_flags;              /* options flags */
} CH_attach_req_t;

/*
```

```
 *  CH_DETACH_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_detach_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DETACH_REQ */
} CH_detach_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_OK_ACK
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_ok_ack {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_OK_ACK */
        ch_ulong ch_correct_prim;       /* correct primitive */
        ch_ulong ch_state;              /* resulting state */
} CH_ok_ack_t;

/*
 *  CH_ERROR_ACK
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_error_ack {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_ERROR_ACK */
        ch_ulong ch_error_primitive;    /* primitive in error */
        ch_ulong ch_error_type;         /* CHI error */
        ch_ulong ch_unix_error;         /* UNIX error */
        ch_ulong ch_state;              /* resulting state */
} CH_error_ack_t;

/*
   error types
 */
#define CHSYSERR         0      /* UNIX system error */
#define CHBADADDR        1      /* Bad address format or content */
#define CHOUTSTATE       2      /* Interface out of state */
#define CHBADOPT         3      /* Bad options format or content */
#define CHBADPARM        4      /* Bad parameter format or content */
#define CHBADPARMTYPE    5      /* Bad paramater structure type */
#define CHBADFLAG        6      /* Bad flag */
#define CHBADPRIM        7      /* Bad primitive */
#define CHNOTSUPP        8      /* Primitive not supported */
#define CHBADSLOT        9      /* Bad multplex slot */

/*
 *  CH_ENABLE_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_enable_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_ENABLE_REQ */
} CH_enable_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_ENABLE_CON
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_enable_con {
```

```
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_ENABLE_CON */
} CH_enable_con_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISABLE_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disable_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISABLE_REQ */
} CH_disable_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISABLE_IND
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disable_ind {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISABLE_IND */
        ch_ulong ch_cause;              /* cause for disable */
} CH_disable_ind_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISABLE_CON
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disable_con {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISABLE_CON */
} CH_disable_con_t;

/*
 *  CH_DATA_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_data_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DATA_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_data_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_DATA_IND
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_data_ind {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DATA_IND */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_data_ind_t;

/*
 *  CH_CONNECT_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_connect_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_CONNECT_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;         /* direction to connect */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_connect_req_t;
```

```
/*
   connect flags
 */
#define CHF_RX_DIR      0x01
#define CHF_TX_DIR      0x02
#define CHF_BOTH_DIR    (CHF_RX_DIR|CHF_TX_DIR)

/*
 *  CH_CONNECT_CON
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_connect_con {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_CONNECT_CON */
        ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;         /* direction connected */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_connect_con_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISCONNECT_REQ
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disconnect_req {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISCONNECT_REQ */
        ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;         /* direction to disconnect */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_disconnect_req_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISCONNECT_IND
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disconnect_ind {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISCONNECT_IND */
        ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;         /* direction disconnected */
        ch_ulong ch_cause;              /* cause for disconnection */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_disconnect_ind_t;

/*
 *  CH_DISCONNECT_CON
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_disconnect_con {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_DISCONNECT_CON */
        ch_ulong ch_conn_flags;         /* direction disconnected */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel */
} CH_disconnect_con_t;

/*
 *  CH_EVENT_IND
 *  -------------------------------------------------------------------------
 */
typedef struct CH_event_ind {
        ch_ulong ch_primitive;          /* always CH_EVENT_IND */
        ch_ulong ch_event;              /* event */
        ch_ulong ch_slot;               /* slot within channel for event */
```

```
} CH_event_ind_t;

#define CH_EVT_DCD_ASSERT        0
#define CH_EVT_DCD_DEASSERT      1
#define CH_EVT_DSR_ASSERT        2
#define CH_EVT_DSR_DEASSERT      3
#define CH_EVT_DTR_ASSERT        4
#define CH_EVT_DTR_DEASSERT      5
#define CH_EVT_RTS_ASSERT        6
#define CH_EVT_RTS_DEASSERT      7
#define CH_EVT_CTS_ASSERT        8
#define CH_EVT_CTS_DEASSERT      9
#define CH_EVT_RI_ASSERT        10
#define CH_EVT_RI_DEASSERT      11
#define CH_EVT_YEL_ALARM        12
#define CH_EVT_BLU_ALARM        13
#define CH_EVT_RED_ALARM        14
#define CH_EVT_NO_ALARM         15

#define CHF_EVT_DCD_ASSERT      (1 <<  0)
#define CHF_EVT_DCD_DEASSERT    (1 <<  1)
#define CHF_EVT_DSR_ASSERT      (1 <<  2)
#define CHF_EVT_DSR_DEASSERT    (1 <<  3)
#define CHF_EVT_DTR_ASSERT      (1 <<  4)
#define CHF_EVT_DTR_DEASSERT    (1 <<  5)
#define CHF_EVT_RTS_ASSERT      (1 <<  6)
#define CHF_EVT_RTS_DEASSERT    (1 <<  7)
#define CHF_EVT_CTS_ASSERT      (1 <<  8)
#define CHF_EVT_CTS_DEASSERT    (1 <<  9)
#define CHF_EVT_RI_ASSERT       (1 << 10)
#define CHF_EVT_RI_DEASSERT     (1 << 11)
#define CHF_EVT_YEL_ALARM       (1 << 12)
#define CHF_EVT_BLU_ALARM       (1 << 13)
#define CHF_EVT_RED_ALARM       (1 << 14)
#define CHF_EVT_NO_ALARM        (1 << 15)

#define CHF_EVT_DCD_CHANGE      (CHF_EVT_DCD_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_DCD_DEASSERT)
#define CHF_EVT_DSR_CHANGE      (CHF_EVT_DSR_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_DSR_DEASSERT)
#define CHF_EVT_DTR_CHANGE      (CHF_EVT_DTR_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_DTR_DEASSERT)
#define CHF_EVT_RTS_CHANGE      (CHF_EVT_RTS_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_RTS_DEASSERT)
#define CHF_EVT_CTS_CHANGE      (CHF_EVT_CTS_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_CTS_DEASSERT)
#define CHF_EVT_RI_CHANGE       (CHF_EVT_RI_ASSERT|CHF_EVT_RI_DEASSERT)

#endif                          /* __SS7_CHI_H__ */
```

A.2 CHI Input-Output Controls Header File Listing

```
#ifndef __SS7_CHI_IOCTL_H__
#define __SS7_CHI_IOCTL_H__

#include <linux/ioctl.h>

#define CH_IOC_MAGIC    'c'

#define CH_OBJ_TYPE_CH          1       /* channel */
```

```
#define CH_OBJ_TYPE_MX          2       /* multiplex */
#define CH_OBJ_TYPE_DF          3       /* default */

/*
 *  CONFIGURATION
 */
typedef struct ch_config {
        ch_ulong type;                  /* unused */
        ch_ulong encoding;              /* encoding */
        ch_ulong block_size;            /* data block size (bits) */
        ch_ulong samples;               /* samples per block */
        ch_ulong sample_size;           /* sample size (bits) */
        ch_ulong rate;                  /* clock rate (samples/second) */
        ch_ulong tx_channels;           /* number of tx channels */
        ch_ulong rx_channels;           /* number of rx channels */
        ch_ulong opt_flags;             /* options flags */
} ch_config_t;

#define CH_IOCGCONFIG   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   2,  ch_config_t     )
#define CH_IOCSCONFIG   _IOWR(  CH_IOC_MAGIC,   3,  ch_config_t     )
#define CH_IOCTCONFIG   _IOWR(  CH_IOC_MAGIC,   4,  ch_config_t     )
#define CH_IOCCCONFIG   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   5,  ch_config_t     )

/*
 *  STATE
 */
typedef struct ch_statem {
        ch_ulong state;
        ch_ulong flags;
} ch_statem_t;

#define CH_IOCGSTATEM   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   6,  ch_statem_t     )
#define CH_IOCCMRESET   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   7,  ch_statem_t     )

/*
 *  STATISTICS
 */
typedef struct ch_stats {
        ch_ulong header;
        ch_ulong rx_octets;
        ch_ulong tx_octets;
        ch_ulong rx_overruns;
        ch_ulong tx_underruns;
        ch_ulong rx_buffer_overflows;
        ch_ulong tx_buffer_overflows;
        ch_ulong lead_cts_lost;
        ch_ulong lead_dcd_lost;
        ch_ulong carrier_lost;
} ch_stats_t;

#define CH_IOCGSTATSP   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,    8, ch_stats_t      )
#define CH_IOCSSTATSP   _IOWR(  CH_IOC_MAGIC,    9, ch_stats_t      )
#define CH_IOCGSTATS    _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   10, ch_stats_t      )
#define CH_IOCCSTATS    _IOW(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   11, ch_stats_t      )

/*
```

```
 *  EVENTS
 */
typedef struct ch_notify {
        ch_ulong events;
} ch_notify_t;

#define CH_IOCGNOTIFY   _IOR(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   12, ch_notify_t     )
#define CH_IOCSNOTIFY   _IOW(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   13, ch_notify_t     )
#define CH_IOCCNOTIFY   _IOW(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   14, ch_notify_t     )

/*
 *  MANAGEMENT
 */
typedef struct ch_mgmt {
        ch_ulong cmd;
} ch_mgmt_t;

#define CH_MGMT_RESET           1

#define CH_IOCCMGMT     _IOW(   CH_IOC_MAGIC,   15, ch_mgmt_t       )

#define CH_IOC_FIRST     0
#define CH_IOC_LAST     15
#define CH_IOC_PRIVATE  32

#endif                          /* __SS7_CHI_IOCTL_H__ */
```

Appendix B CHI Drivers and Modules

There are a number of standard drivers and modules provided by the *OpenSS7 Project* the provide capabilities uilizing the Channel Interface.

B.1 CHI Drivers

Drivers that provide the CHI interace fall into two categories:

B.1.1 CHI Pseudo-device Drivers

Pseudo-device drivers that accept or provide the CHI interface for the purpose of providing or controlling access the the channels available on a system.

B.1.1.1 Multiplexing Driver—`ch`

The `ch` driver is a pseudo-device multiplexing driver that provides simple multiplexing services between CHI Streams at the lower service interface to CHI Streams at the upper service interface. This multiplexing driver is a simplified form of the `matrix` or `chmux` drivers.

B.1.1.2 Multiplexing Driver—`chmux`

The `chmux` driver is a pseudo-device multiplexing driver that provides simple multiplexing services between CHI Streams at the upper service interface and either CHI or MXI Streams at the lower service interface. It performs forward and inverse multiplexing of channels to spans, but does not perform switching between lower service interfaces. This multiplexing driver is a simplified form of the `matrix` driver and super-sets the functionality of the `ch` driver.

B.1.1.3 Switching Matrix Multiplexing Driver—`matrix`

The `matrix` driver is a pseudo-device multiplexing driver that provides complete switching matrix and multiplexing services between CHI or MXI Streams at the upper service interface and CHI or MXI Streams at the lower service interface. It performs forward and inverse multiplexing of channels to spans, and performs pseudo-digital cross-connect and dynamic switching of single-, multi- and full-rate channels within the switching matrix. This driver super-sets the functionality of the `chmux` and `mxmux` drivers.

B.1.2 CHI Device Drivers

Real device drivers that provide the CHI interface for the purpose of accessing discrete non-multiplexed channels available on a hardware device (e.g. a V.35 interface card driver).

B.1.2.1 Device Driver—`acb56`

The `acb56(4)` driver is a real device driver that provides access to a V.35 interface. It is used primarily by the *OpenSS7 Project* as a V.35 interface for SS7, BSC, SDLC, HDLC or X.21.

B.2 CHI Modules

STREAMS pushable modules are an excellent way of adapting a CHS user Stream that conforms to the general concept of a communications channel into a complex communications protocol. They are also excellent for providing media conversion. For example, it is possible to push the `hdlc(4)` module onto a CHS user Stream and result with a High-Level Data Link Control (HDLC) Stream that provides raw HDLC framing as specified in ISO/IEC 3309 described in reference ⟨undefined⟩ [⟨undefined⟩], page ⟨undefined⟩. As another example, it is possible to push a conversion module onto a CHS user Stream correspondin to a mu-law compressed voice channel and convert the media stream to an A-law compressed voice channel.

B.2.1 Modules that convert CHI

The modules (described in the subsections that follow) convert between a CHI interface at the lower service boundary and a CHI interface at the upper service boundary. Conversion is performed on the media stream rather than between service interfaces.

B.2.1.1 Compression Conversion—`ch-conv`

The `ch-conv` module converts one CHI interface to another CHI interface, performing conversion on the media stream in the process. The module is capable of converting between 14-bit signed or unsigned linear, G.711 A-law compressed PCM and G.711 mu-law compressed PCM.

B.2.2 Modules that convert from CHI

The modules (described in the subsections that follow) conver between a CHI interface at the lower service boundary and another interface at the upper service boundary. Conversion is performed between the service interfaces and might or might not include conversion of the bit stream.

B.2.2.1 High-Level Data Link Control Module—`hdlc`

The `hdlc` module converst from a CHI Stream to a Stream supporting the High-Level Data Link Control procedures and the Communications Device Interface (CDI) for use with SS7, ISDN, X.25, Frame Relay and ISO 3309.

B.2.2.2 Signalling Data Link Module—`sdl`

The `sdl` module converts from a CHI Stream to a Stream supporting the Signalling Data Link Interface (SDLI) for SS7.

B.2.3 Modules that convert to CHI

The modules (described in the subsections that follow) conver between another interface at the lower service boundary and the CHI interface at the upper service boundary. Conversion is performed between the service interfaces and might or might not include conversion of the bit stream.

B.2.3.1 Real-Time Protocol Module—`rtp`

Appendix C CHI Applications

The channel interface is a rather important lowest layer component of a number of *OpenSS7 Project* protocol stacks.

C.1 CHI in Switch Matrix

As illustrated in Figure C.1, the CHI interface provides support for access to the *OpenSS7* soft switching matrix.[1]

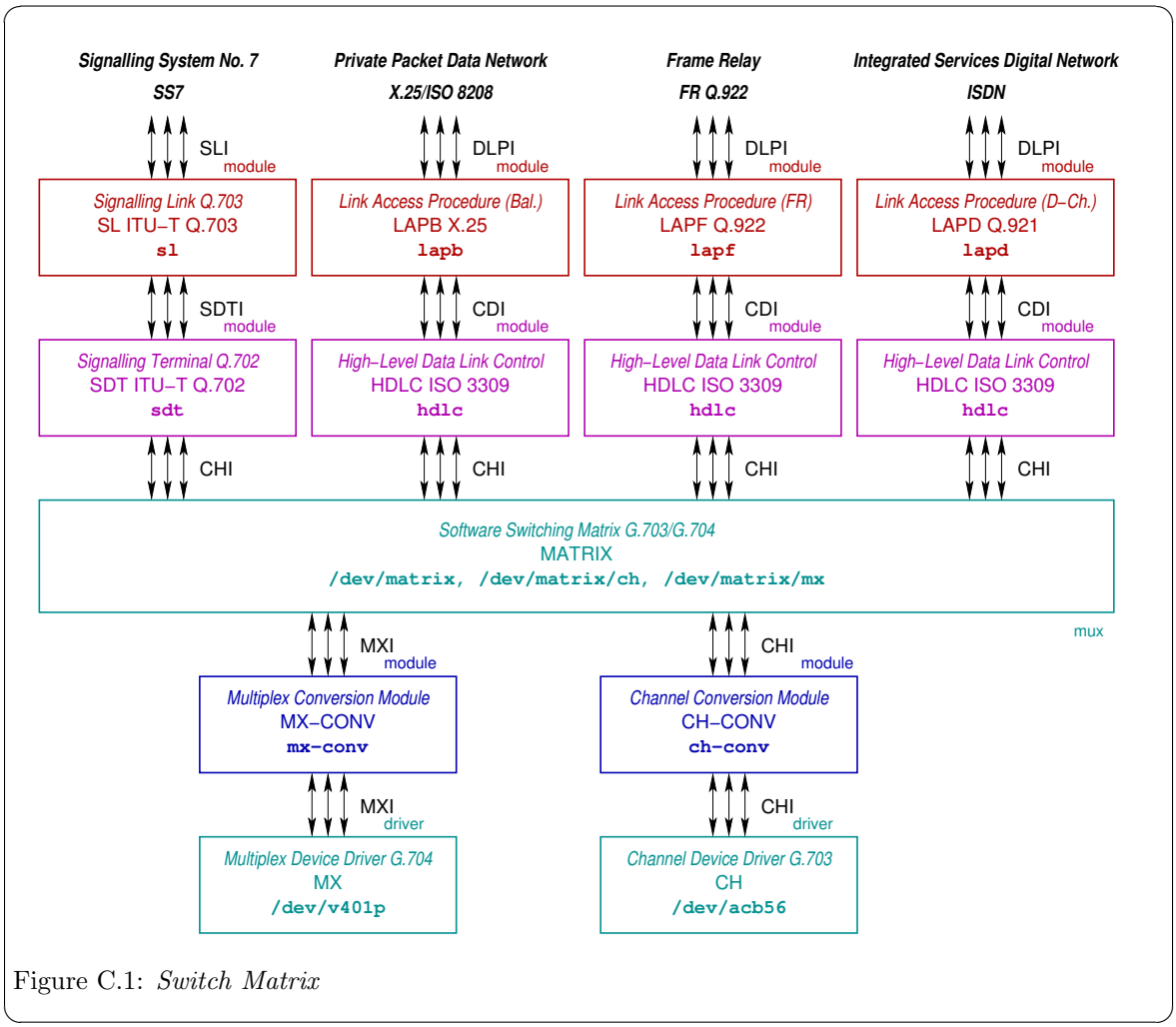

Figure C.1: *Switch Matrix*

The CHI interface is responsible for providing access to communications channels (single-rate, multi-rate and full-rate) necessary for implementing the synchronous communications channels necessaary for implementing data communications links. Use of the *OpenSS7* software switch matrix at the

[1] A interesting observation is that in Figure C.1, any of the channels that are used for SS7 signalling links, X.25 or OSI links, Frame Relay links or ISDN D-Channel links, can themselves be ISDN B-Channels, E-Channels, H-Channels, or ISUP single-rate or multi-rate IMTs, or even Frame Relay PVCs.

lowest level, as illustrated in Figure C.1, provides a mechanism whereby any synchronous communications channel available to the host can be used as a data communications link, or directly as a voice (or other media) channel.

The switching matrix supports syncrhonous channels using the CHI interface that are one of: single-rate channels, multi-rate channels (statistically multiplexed fractional spans), or full-rate channels (statistically multiplexed full spans). It provides a central point for management of facilities and switching within an *OpenSS7* host and provides for SNMP configuration, monitoring, operational measurements, alarms, events, maintenance access, and other OAM&P functions.

Note also that the CHI interface has the capability of passing synchronous modem lead information to applications as well as Circuit Associated Signalling (A and B bit) and group carrier alarms (Blue, Yellow, Red) for those applications that require them.[2]

C.2 CHI in SS7 Stack

Figure C.2 illustrates the use of the CHI interface specification in the formation of the SS7 (Signalling System No. 7) protocol stack.

The CHI interface is responsible for providing access to communications channels necessary for implementing signalling data link, signalling terminals and signalling links in accordance with Q.702 and Q.703 as well as similar national standards.

Use of the *OpenSS7* softswitch matrix at the lowest level, as illustrated in Figure C.2, provides a mechanism whereby any communications channel available to the host can be used as an SS7 link.

The major difficulties experienced with such an integrated driver were as follows:

- Because the driver is so closely integrated, it is difficult to use the driver for anything other than SS7 signalling.
- The driver becomes too specific to SS7.
- It becomes difficult to use the devices under this driver approach for voice and switching.
- It becomes difficult to share the device with other applications.
- The SDLI interface does not support fractional (E1/T1) spans.

With the advent of the high-performance *Linux Fast-STREAMS* as well as extremely powerful COTS processors, it is easily possible to separate the protocol levels.[3] Thus, the drivers can provide the generic Multiplex Interface (MXI) that provides direct access to multiplexed spans, or the generic Channel Interface (CHI) to provide direct access to non-multiplexed discrete channel devices, and these generic driver interfaces can be linked under the switching matrix multiplexing driver so that a single upper CHI user Stream can provide access to any channel, span, or fractional span within the entire host.

[2] Note that detection of local alarm conditions on carrier facilities is normally required for CAS, ISDN and SS7 ISUP applications where intermediate digital multiplex equipment (i.e. DCCS) can cause distrupt the transparent passing of carrier alarm information between endpoints.

[3] As it turns out, *Linux Fast-STREAMS* has such high performance that higher levels of performance can be acheived by splitting functions into narrowly defined modules that can use STREAMS flow control to keep code path scortching hot.

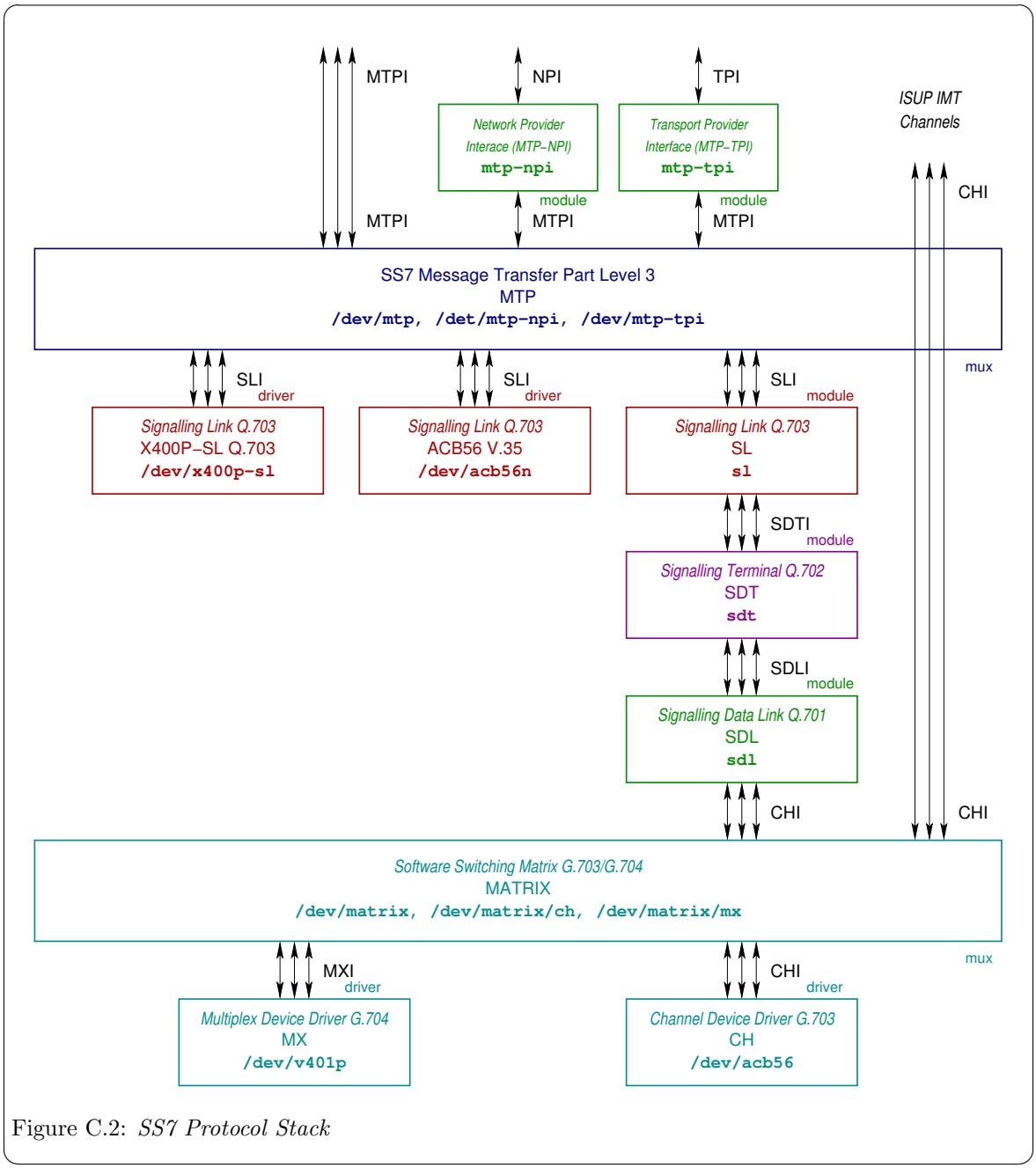

Figure C.2: *SS7 Protocol Stack*

In previous arrangements, the MTP manager opened a Stream on the X400P-SL driver and attached it to a PPA corresponding to either a single-rate channel (Q.703) or a full-rate span (Q.703 Annex B) and linked it beneath the MTP multiplexing driver. This management is not disrupted by the shift to the Software Switching Matrix. A minor device number on the software switching matrix is defined with an autopush specification for the `sdl`, `sdt` and `sl` modules. Opening this minor device number, as before, results in an unattached SL Stream. The MTP manager attaches the Stream as before and links it under the MTP multiplexing driver. This is illustrated in Figure C.2.

C.3 CHI in ISDN Stack

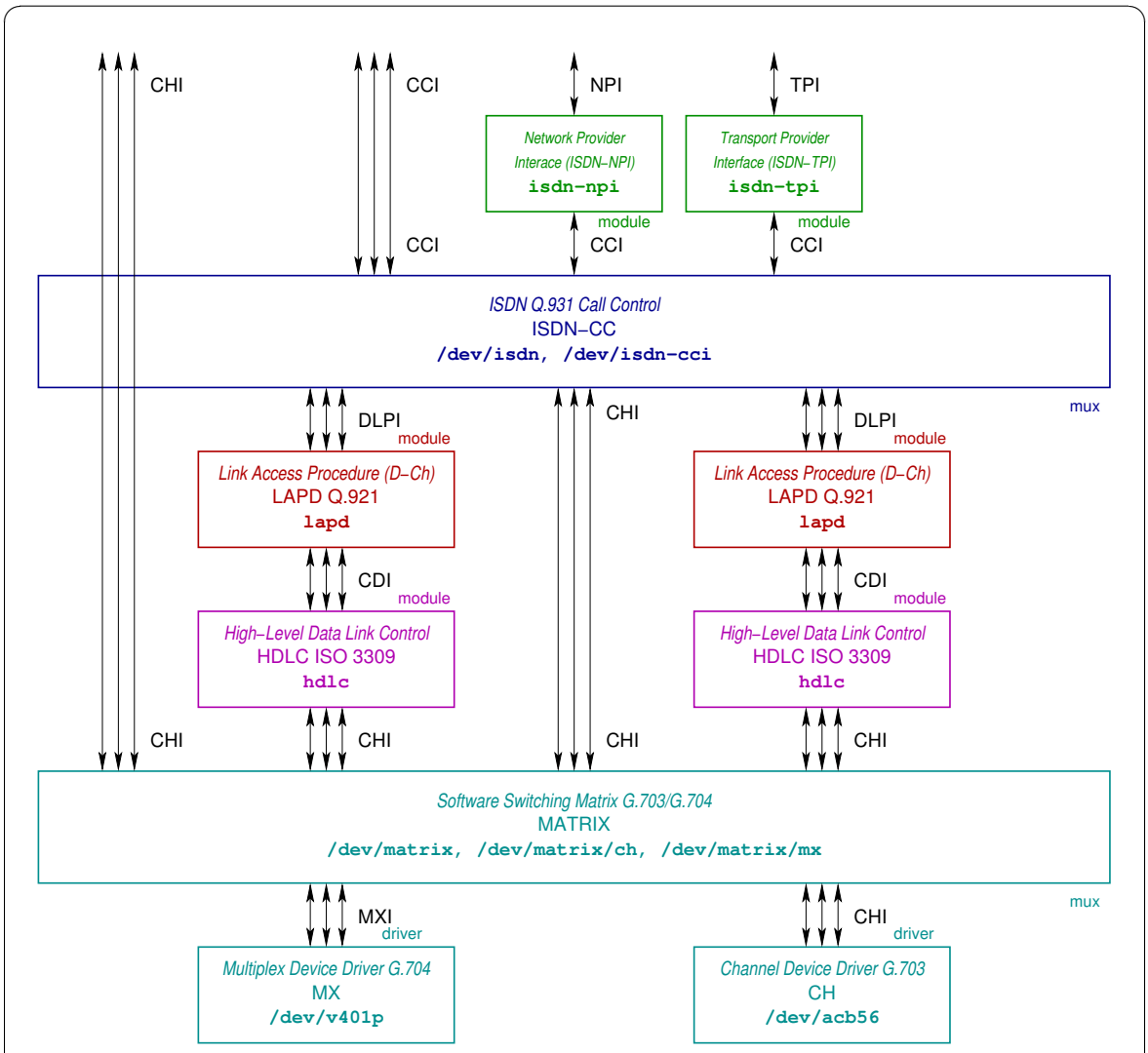

Figure C.3: *ISDN Protocol Stack*

Figure C.3 illustrates the use of the CHI interface specification in the formation of the ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) protocol stack. The CHI interface provides two primary categories of access necessary for the ISDN protocol stack:

– Access to multiplexed D channels on the physical medium (either BRI or PRI) for use with HDLC and LAPB protocol modules to form the ISDN signalling link.

– Access to multiplexed B channels on the physical medium (either BPI or PRI) for use with the software switchin matrix `matrix(4)` of media gateway `mg(4)` components. The CHI is also able to provide access to the B-channel provided by CAPI devices.

The CHI interface is responsible for providing switched and permanent access to communications channels necessary for implementing D-channels (HDLC and LAPD) and B-channels (direct access).

Use of the *OpenSS7* softswitch matrix at the lowest level, as illustrated in Figure C.3, provides a mechanism whereby any available communications channel available to the host can be used as a D-channel, and any communications channel available to the host can be used as a B-channel.

C.4 CHI in X.25 Stack

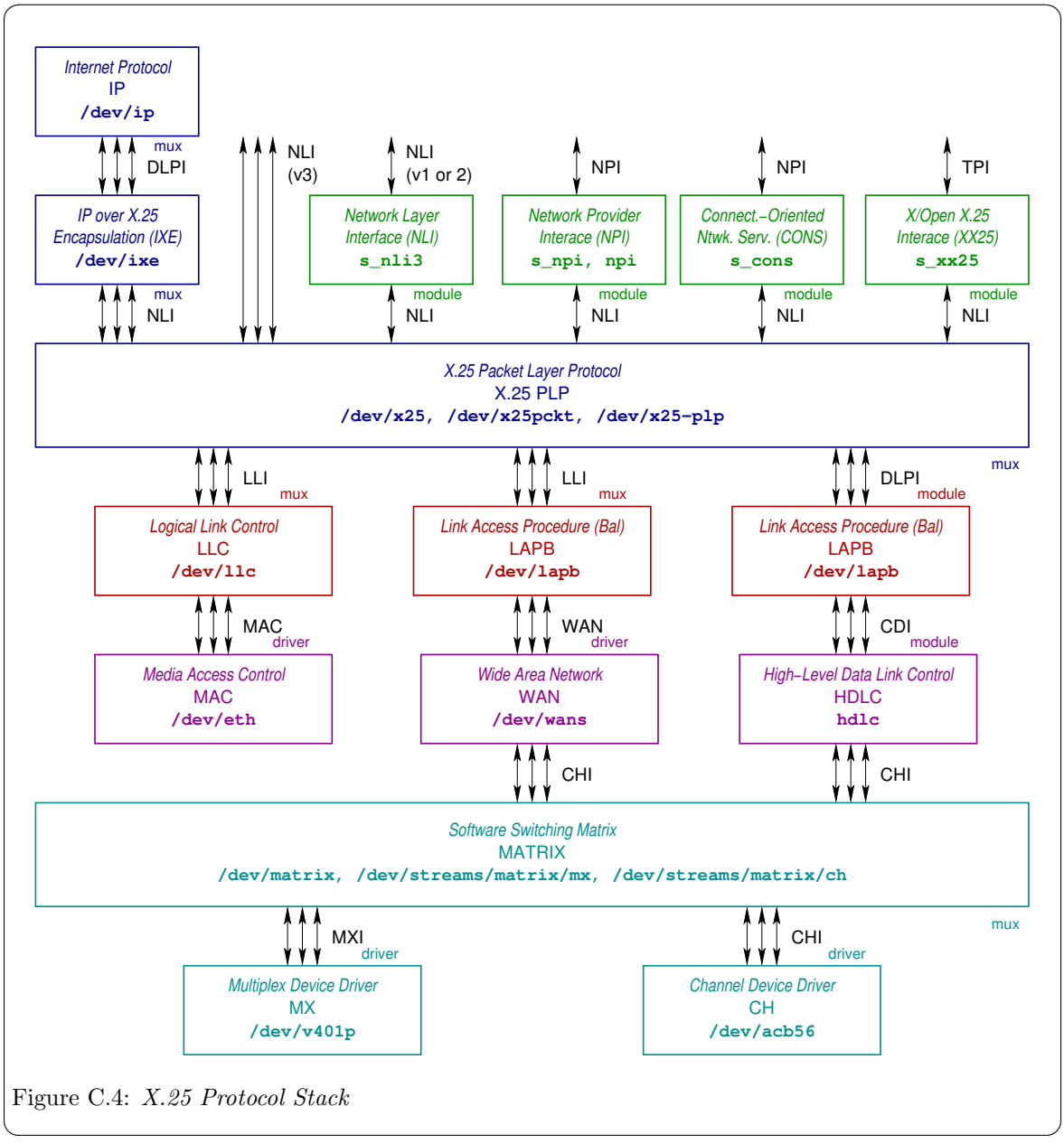

Figure C.4: *X.25 Protocol Stack*

Figure C.4 illustrates the use of the CHI interface specification in the ofrmation of the X.25 protocol stack. The CHI interface provides several primary categories of access necessary for the X.25 protocol stack:

- Access to asyncrhonous modems for dial access to X.25 public or private data networks.
- Access to syncrhonous modems for permanent connections to X.25 public or private data networks.
- Access to ISDN B-channels for switched connections to X.25 public or private data networks.
- Access to channelized, fractional and unchannelized carrier facilities.

The CHI interface is responsible for providing the full and fractional carrier access necessary to perform HDLC and LAPB protocol functions for X.25 and OSI.

Use of the *OpenSS7* softswitch matrix at the lowest level, as illustrated in Figure C.4, provides a mechanism whereby any available communications channel available to the host (including ISDN B-channels) can be used as a LAPB or ISO data link.

C.5 CHI in Frame Relay Stack

As illustrated in Figure C.4, the CHI interface provides support for access to transmission facilities in support of the *OpenSS7* Frame Relay Stack. The CHI interface is responsible for providing the full and fractional carrier access necessary to provide HDLC and LAPF protocol functions for Frame Relay.

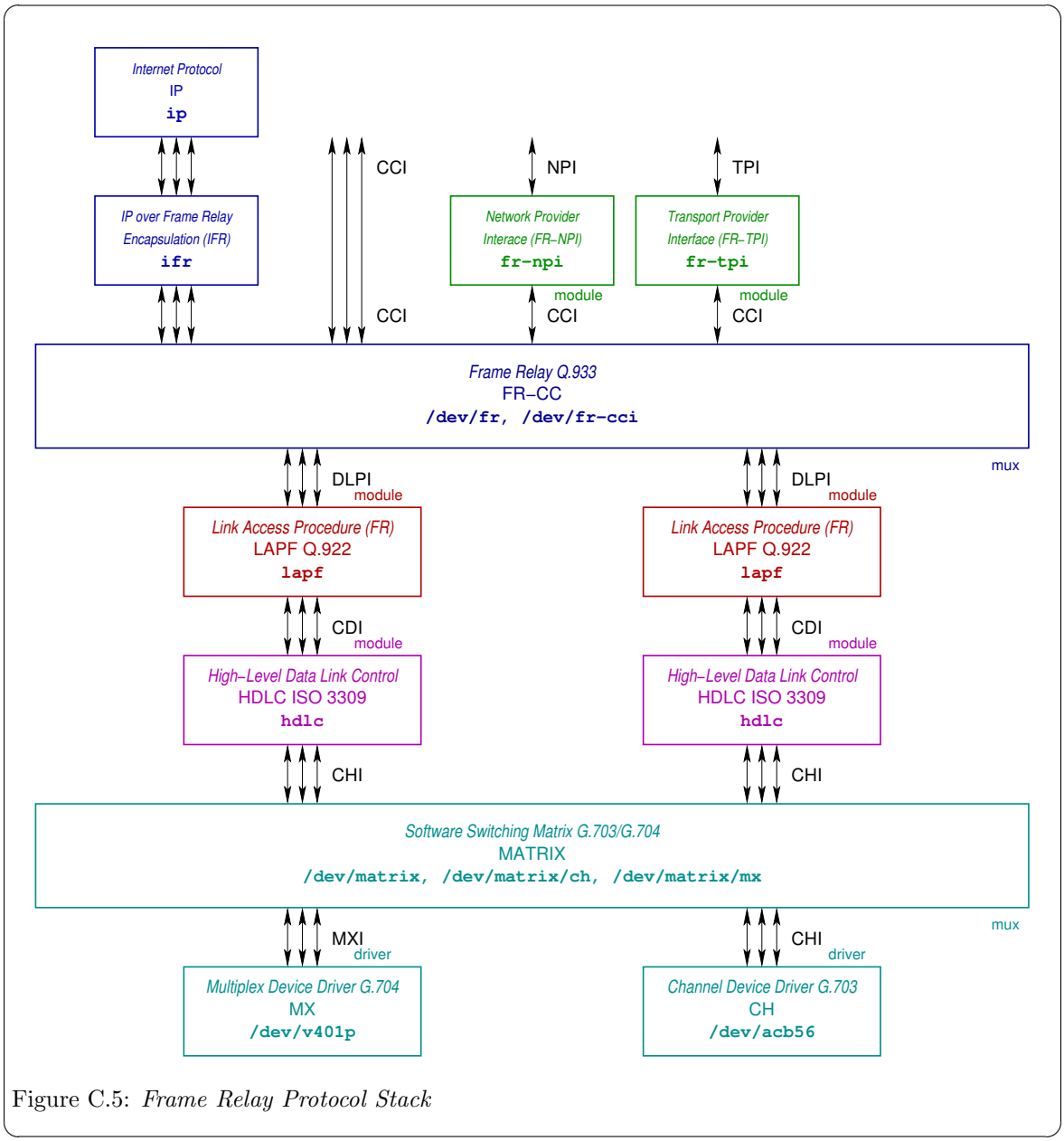

Figure C.5: *Frame Relay Protocol Stack*

Use of the *OpenSS7* softswitch matrix at the lowest level, as illustrated in Figure C.5, provides a mechanism whereby any available communications channel available to the host (including ISDN B-channels) can be used as a Frame Relay data link.

C.6 CHI in Media Gateway

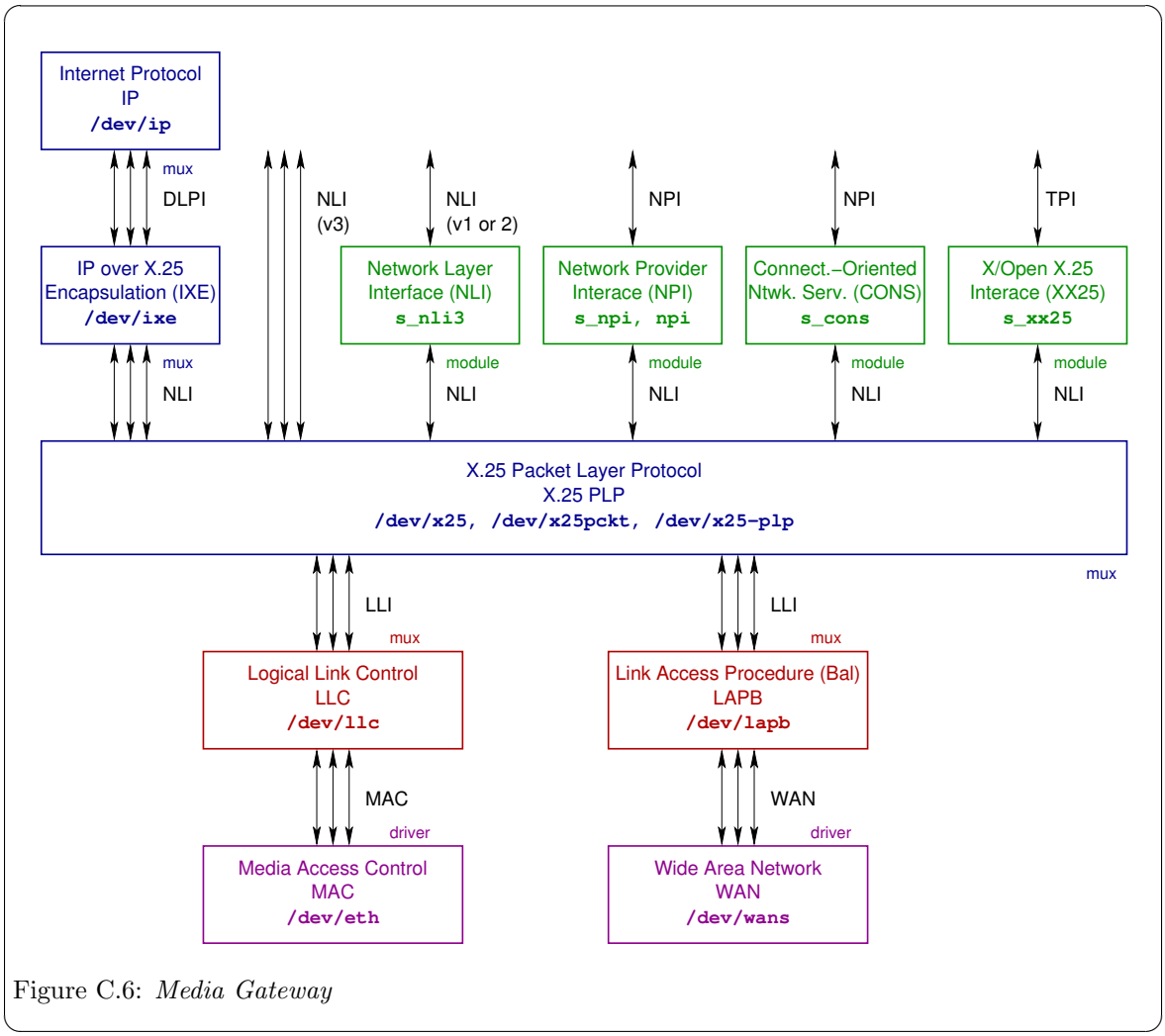

Figure C.6: *Media Gateway*

Appendix D CHI Utilities

Appendix E CHI File Formats

Appendix F CHI Compatibility and Porting

Glossary

Signalling Data Link Service Data Unit
: A grouping of SDL user data whose boundaries are preserved from one end of the signalling data link connection to the other.

Data transfer
: The phase in connection and connectionless modes that supports the transfer of data between to signalling data link users.

SDL provider
: The signalling data link layer protocol that provides the services of the signalling data link interface.

SDL user
: The user-level application or user-level or kernel-level protocol that accesses the services of the signalling data link layer.

Local management
: The phase in connection and connectionless modes in which a SDL user initializes a Stream and attaches a PPA address to the Stream. Primitives in this phase generate local operations only.

PPA
: The point at which a system attaches itself to a physical communications medium.

PPA identifier
: An identifier of a particular physical medium over which communication transpires.

Acronyms

AERM	Alignment Error Rate Monitor
CC	Congestion Control
DAEDR	Delimitation Alignment and Error Detection (Receive)
DAEDT	Delimitation Alignment and Error Detection (Transmit)
EIM	Errored Interval Monitor
IAC	Initial Alignment Control
ITU-T	International Telecommunications Union - Telecom Sector
LMS Provider	A provider of Local Management Services
LMS	Local Management Service
LMS User	A user of Local Management Services
LM	Local Management
LSC	Link State Control
PPA	Physical Point of Attachment
RC	Reception Control
SDLI	Signalling Data Link Interface
SDL SDU	Signalling Data Link Service Data Unit
SDLS	Signalling Data Link Service
SDL	Signalling Data Link
SDTI	Signalling Data Terminal Interface
SDTS	Signalling Data Terminal Service
SDT	Signalling Data Terminal
SLI	Signalling Link Interface
SLS	Signalling Link Service
SL	Signalling Link
SL	Signalling Link
SS7	Signalling System No. 7
TXC	Transmission Control

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