

## OsmoBSC - Bug #2719

### OsmoBSC doesn't send BCCH filling after RSL connection unless BTS sends unsolicited message

12/06/2017 06:42 PM - laforge

<b>Status:</b> Resolved	<b>Start date:</b> 12/06/2017
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>Due date:</b>
<b>Assignee:</b> stsp	<b>% Done:</b> 50%
<b>Category:</b> A-bis RSL	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Spec Reference:</b>	
<b>Description</b> The S_L_INP_TEI_UP signal is generated for Abis/IP in OsmoBSC only after the first RSL message is received from the BTS, see <code>bts_ipaccess_nanobts:ipaccess_sign_link()</code>  Usually this works as the known BTS models are sending something like an RF RESOURCE indication, but this is quite ugly	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Related to libosmo-abis - Bug #2718: <code>ipaccess_bts_handle_ccm()</code> gets ID_REQ/ID...	<b>Resolved</b> 12/06/2017
Has duplicate OsmoBTS - Bug #3030: <code>sysinfo.c:157 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determ...</code>	<b>Resolved</b> 03/02/2018

#### History

##### #1 - 12/06/2017 06:42 PM - laforge

- Related to Bug #2718: `ipaccess_bts_handle_ccm()` gets ID\_REQ/ID\_RESP/ID\_ACK wrong added

##### #2 - 12/10/2017 03:35 PM - laforge

##### #3 - 12/10/2017 07:56 PM - laforge

- Project changed from OpenBSC to OsmoBSC  
- Category deleted (`libbsc`)

##### #4 - 12/10/2017 08:15 PM - laforge

- Category set to A-bis RSL

##### #5 - 01/11/2018 05:08 PM - laforge

- Assignee changed from laforge to stsp

##### #6 - 02/12/2018 03:32 PM - stsp

- Status changed from New to In Progress

Initial patch proposed in <https://gerrit.osmocom.org/#/c/6387/>

##### #7 - 02/19/2018 01:57 PM - stsp

This issue is waiting for a test of above patch with a real BTS setup, which I don't have ready at the moment. I will look into testing this change in a real BTS setup eventually if nobody else beats me to it.

##### #8 - 02/28/2018 05:18 PM - stsp

- File `sysmobts-os2719-without-patch.pcapng` added  
- File `sysmobts-os2719-with-patch.pcapng` added

A sysmobts seems to work fine with this change.

I'm attaching two pcap files: One with stock osmo-bsc from master, and one with the patch applied to osmo-bsc. Both show messages exchanged between osmo-bsc and the sysmobts while it is booting up. The RF active LED on the sysmobts turned itself on in both cases.

**#9 - 03/01/2018 04:25 PM - laforge**

- Status changed from In Progress to Resolved

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

**#10 - 03/02/2018 02:03 PM - laforge**

- Status changed from Resolved to New

- % Done changed from 100 to 50

Unfortunately the proposed patch breaks RSL establishment completely.

With osmo-bts-virtual and osmo-bts master, On BTS connect, I get:

```
DOML <0001> oml.c:441 Sending FOM ACK.
DOML <0001> oml.c:1025 OC=RADIO-CARRIER(02) INST=(00,00,ff) Rx CHG ADM STATE
DOML <0001> oml.c:1051 ADM state already was Unlocked
DOML <0001> oml.c:997 OC=RADIO-CARRIER(02) INST=(00,00,ff) Rx OPSTART
DOML <0001> oml.c:1008 ... automatic ACK, OP state already was Enabled
DOML <0001> oml.c:1025 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER(04) INST=(00,00,ff) Rx CHG ADM STATE
DOML <0001> oml.c:997 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER(04) INST=(00,00,ff) Rx OPSTART
DOML <0001> oml.c:344 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER INST=(00,00,ff) AVAIL STATE OK -> OK
DOML <0001> oml.c:351 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER INST=(00,00,ff) OPER STATE NULL -> Enabled
DOML <0001> oml.c:312 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER INST=(00,00,ff) Tx STATE CHG REP
DOML <0001> oml.c:1408 OC=BASEBAND-TRANSCEIVER(04) INST=(00,00,ff) Rx IPACCESS(0xe0): DOML <0001> oml.c:1365 R
x IPA RSL CONNECT IP=127.0.0.1 PORT=3003 STREAM=0x00
DOML <0001> oml.c:441 Sending FOM ACK.
DLINP <0012> input/ipa.c:131 127.0.0.1:3003 connection done
DLINP <0012> input/ipaccess.c:708 received ID get from 1234/0/0
DABIS <000d> abis.c:113 RSL Signalling link for TRX0 up
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:271 Tx RSL RF RESource INDication
DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:157 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKs_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
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DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:157 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKs_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
```

No BCCH INFO and no SACCH FILL are sent on RSL establishment, rendering the cell completely unusable. Reverting the patch produces the expected output:

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yet, fallback to 1
DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:157 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKs_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI1, 23 bytes)
```

DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI2, 23 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:383 RX RSL Disabling BCCH INFO (SI2bis)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI2ter, 23 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:383 RX RSL Disabling BCCH INFO (SI2quater)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI3, 23 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DRSL <0000> bts.c:405 Updated AGCH max queue length to 12  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI4, 23 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2543 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH\_INFO  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI13, 23 bytes)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:565 Failed to send SI13 to PCU: -5  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:555 Rx RSL SACCH FILLING (SI5, 19 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:559 Rx RSL Disabling SACCH FILLING (SI5bis)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:555 Rx RSL SACCH FILLING (SI5ter, 19 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:555 Rx RSL SACCH FILLING (SI6, 13 bytes)  
DPAG <0005> paging.c:540 Paging SI update  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:123 Sending info  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:138 BTS is up  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:230 trx=0 ts=7: available (tsc=7 arfcn=871)  
DPCU <0009> pcu\_sock.c:689 PCU socket not connected, dropping message  
^Csignal 2 received

#### #11 - 03/02/2018 04:02 PM - fixeria

- Has duplicate Bug #3030: *sysinfo.c:157 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS\_AG\_BLKES\_RES value as SI3 is not available yet, fallback to 1 added*

#### #12 - 03/20/2018 01:15 PM - stsp

For the record, commit 383a059a123b1e0e5aab76423db47846e329f095 reverted the problematic patch from <https://gerrit.osmocom.org/#/c/6387/> (commit faf0982ae20001519cf20c5d6345dad490a135f2).

#### #13 - 03/22/2018 12:03 PM - stsp

- Status changed from New to In Progress

#### #14 - 03/22/2018 03:47 PM - stsp

It seems the problem with the reverted patch was that messages queued on the RSL link during `sign_link_up()` are never transmitted.

I can get the reverted patch to work as it was, if I add the patch below to libosmo-abis.

This doesn't seem like the right approach (it triggers Tx during Rx processing), but maybe someone could point me into the direction of a proper fix?

```
diff --git a/src/input/ipaccess.c b/src/input/ipaccess.c
index 5eee57e..3e74a9e 100644
--- a/src/input/ipaccess.c
+++ b/src/input/ipaccess.c
@@ -84,6 +84,8 @@ static int ipaccess_drop(struct osmo_fd *bfd, struct elinp_line *line)
     return ret;
 }

+static int handle_tsl_write(struct osmo_fd *bfd);
+
static int ipaccess_rcvmsg(struct elinp_line *line, struct msgb *msgb,
    struct osmo_fd *bfd)
{
@@ -204,6 +206,10 @@ static int ipaccess_rcvmsg(struct elinp_line *line, struct msgb *msgb,
    "could not register FD\n");
    goto err;
}
+    while (!l1list_empty(&sign_link->tx_list)) {
+        LOGP(DLINP, LOGL_NOTICE, "There is a message on sign_link->tx_list!\n");
+        handle_tsl_write(newbfd);
+    }
    /* now we can release the dummy RSL line. */
    elinp_line_put(line);
}
```

The osmo-bsc log then shows:

```
<0003> abis_rsl.c:277 sending SAACH filling to BTS0/TRX0
<0003> bsc_init.c:128 SI6: 2d 06 1e 00 00 09 f1 07 00 17 27 ff 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b 2b
<0003> abis_rsl.c:277 sending SAACH filling to BTS0/TRX0
<0015> osmo_bsc_ctrl.c:149 TEI_UP received
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:212 There is a message on sign_link->tx_list!
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:212 There is a message on sign_link->tx_list!
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<0013> input/ipaccess.c:212 There is a message on sign_link->tx_list!
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:212 There is a message on sign_link->tx_list!
<0008> a_reset.c:92 A-RESET(msc=0) [0x56493acd4850] {DISC}: (re) sending BSSMAP RESET message...
```

```
<0008> osmo_bsc_sigtran.c:92 Sending RESET to MSC: RI=SSN_PC,PC=0.23.1,SSN=BSSAP
<0008> osmo_bsc_bssap.c:201 RESET ACK from MSC: RI=SSN_PC,PC=0.23.1,SSN=BSSAP
<0008> a_reset.c:60 A-RESET(msc-0)[0x56493acd4850]{DISC}: SIGTRAN connection succeeded.
```

And an osmo-virtual-bts shows:

```
DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:158 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKES_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
DL1C <0006> scheduler.c:585 Configuring multiframe with TCH/F+SACCH trx=0 ts=5
DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:158 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKES_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
DL1P <0007> sysinfo.c:158 PH-RTS-IND: Unable to determine actual BS_AG_BLKES_RES value as SI3 is not available
yet, fallback to 1
DL1C <0006> scheduler.c:585 Configuring multiframe with PDCH trx=0 ts=6
DL1C <0006> scheduler.c:585 Configuring multiframe with PDCH trx=0 ts=7
DL1C <0006> bts_model.c:93 Unimplemented vbts_set_trx
DOML <0001> oml.c:1049 ADM state already was Unlocked
DLINP <0012> input/ipa.c:131 127.0.0.1:3003 connection done
DLINP <0012> input/ipaccess.c:716 received ID get from 6969/0/0
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:271 Tx RSL RF RESource INDication
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI1, 23 bytes)
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI2, 23 bytes)
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:383 RX RSL Disabling BCCH INFO (SI2bis)
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:383 RX RSL Disabling BCCH INFO (SI2ter)
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:383 RX RSL Disabling BCCH INFO (SI2quater)
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:2554 (bts=0,trx=0,ts=0,ss=0) Rx RSL BCCH_INFO
DRSL <0000> rsl.c:322 Rx RSL BCCH INFO (SI3, 23 bytes)
DRSL <0000> bts.c:400 Updated AGCH max queue length to 12
```

**#15 - 03/22/2018 05:40 PM - laforge**

Hi stsp,

I think you simply need to find the right place to set the BSC\_FD\_WRITE flag, at which time the socket will be marked in the select() readset, and the read-callback should drain the queue.

Where exactly to place that, I don't know without studying the details of the related code.

If it uses osmo\_wqueue\_enqueue(), this should take care of it?

Maybe we simply either

- a) simply forget/overwrite BSC\_FD\_WRITE when a new connection comes in, or
- b) never have encountered the case before that we have data pending for transmit before the connection arrives?

**#16 - 03/22/2018 06:03 PM - stsp**

Nice hint, thank you. This patch works as well, and I suppose this looks acceptable? If so, I'll submit it to Gerrit.

```
diff --git a/src/input/ipaccess.c b/src/input/ipaccess.c
index 5eee57e..9a1485c 100644
--- a/src/input/ipaccess.c
+++ b/src/input/ipaccess.c
@@ -206,6 +206,11 @@ static int ipaccess_rcvmsg(struct elinp_line *line, struct msgb *msg,
     }
     /* now we can release the dummy RSL line. */
     elinp_line_put(line);
+
+    /* sign_link_up() might already have queued outbound messages. */
+    if (!l1list_empty(&sign_link->tx_list))
+        newbfd->when |= BSC_FD_WRITE;
+
     }
     break;
 default:
```

**#17 - 03/22/2018 06:38 PM - laforge**

On Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 06:03:25PM +0000, stsp [REDMINE] wrote:

Nice hint, thank you. This patch works as well, and I suppose this looks acceptable? If so, I'll submit it to gerrit.

I still don't get why we do this in the receive/read path, and not when we enqueue the message?  
Or if we do it when enqueueing the message, why does it get lost?

**#18 - 03/22/2018 07:02 PM - stsp**

I have done some more digging and I think I have now figured out the root cause.

The underlying bug seems to be in this line of `ipaccess_rcvmsg()`:

```
/* get rid of our old temporary bfd */  
memcpy(newbfd, bfd, sizeof(*newbfd));
```

Before this `memcpy()` call `newbfd->when` equals `0x02` (`BSC_FD_WRITE`).  
But `bfd->when` is `0x01` (`BSC_FD_READ`), so `memcpy` clears the `FD_WRITE` flag in `newbfd->when`.

```
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:196 (before memcpy) bfd->when = 0x1  
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:197 (before memcpy) newbfd->when = 0x2  
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:213 (after memcpy) bfd->when = 0x1  
<0013> input/ipaccess.c:214 (after memcpy) newbfd->when = 0x1
```

It seems this code needs to be more careful about preserving information in `newbfd`. I'll try to write a patch for that.

**#19 - 03/22/2018 07:29 PM - stsp**

I have proposed a fix for `libomos-abis` in <https://gerrit.osmocom.org/7462>

**#20 - 03/26/2018 11:21 AM - stsp**

Above fix has been merged. Re-proposed the initial fix at <https://gerrit.osmocom.org/7503>

**#21 - 04/09/2018 09:19 AM - stsp**

- Status changed from In Progress to Resolved

Above fix has been merged.

**Files**

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sysmobts-os2719-without-patch.pcapng	21.6 KB	02/28/2018	stsp
sysmobts-os2719-with-patch.pcapng	21.1 KB	02/28/2018	stsp