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Foreword

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- can** indicates that something is possible
- cannot** indicates that something is impossible

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- will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document
- will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document
- might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

might not indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

is (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

is not (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

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Introduction

The present document is part of a TS-family covering the 3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Telecommunication management, as identified below:

TS 28.404: "Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection; Concepts, use cases and requirements";

TS 28.405: "Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection; Control and configuration";

TS 28.406: "Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection; Information definition and transport".

One main motivation of mobile network evolution is to improve the user experience, which is why the evaluation of the user experience at the UE side is vital to network operators. This is especially true when the operators provide high bit rate real-time services like streaming services (typically video services), where even intermittent quality degradation is very annoying. Many of these streaming services are a significant part of the commercial traffic growth rate, therefore the focus is on the end users' experience.

Quality of Experience (QoE) information collection provides detailed information at session level on a number of UEs.

The capability to log information within a UE, and in particular the QoE of an end user service, initiated by an operator, provides the operator with QoE information. The collected information (specified in 3GPP TS 26.247 [6]) cannot be deduced from performance measurements in the mobile network.

The QoE information is information collected by the end user application in the UE.

The QoE information is collected by the management system for analysis and/or KPI calculations.

1 Scope

The present document addresses the mechanisms used for the function Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection in UMTS and LTE. The measurements that are collected are DASH [6] and MTSI [7] measurements.

The function includes collecting QoE information from UEs frequenting a specified area or an individual UE for a specified end user service/end user service type. The document describes the activation and deactivation of a network request session, UE request session and recording session and also the reporting of recorded information [2].

2 References

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 28.404: "Telecommunication management;Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection; Concepts, use cases and requirements".
- [3] 3GPP TS 28.308: "Management of Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection Integration Reference Point (IRP); Information Service (IS)".
- [4] 3GPP TS 25.331: "Radio Resource Control (RRC) protocol specification".
- [5] 3GPP TS 27.007: "AT command set for User Equipment (UE)".
- [6] 3GPP TS 26.247: "Transparent end-to-end Packet-switched Streaming Service (PSS); Progressive Download and Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP (3GP-DASH)".
- [7] 3GPP TS 26.114: "IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS); Multimedia Telephony; Media handling and interaction".
- [8] 3GPP TS 36.331: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Radio Resource Control (RRC) protocol specification".
- [9] 3GPP TS 36.413: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 Application Protocol (S1AP)".
- [10] 3GPP TS 25.413: "UTRAN Iu interface Radio Access Network Application Part (RANAP) signalling".

3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

3.2 Symbols

Void.

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

DM	Domain Manager
MCE	Measurement Collector Entity
NB	Node B
QMC	QoE Measurement Collection
QoE	Quality of Experience

4 Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement collection

4.1 Management based activation in UTRAN

4.1.1 Activation of measurement collection job and reporting of collected information in UTRAN

The parameters for the network request session are sent from the management system to the RNCs that host the cells that are included in the collection job request in the `activateAreaQMCJob` operation [3]. The RNC starts a network request session, with the `Network request session id` [3] given in `activateAreaQMCJob` operation [3]. For the duration of the network request session, the RNC(s) checks for connections where the UE has the `UE Application Layer Measurement Capability` [10]. The `UE Application Layer Measurement Capability` is sent from the UE to RNC (via the core network) in message `INITIAL UE MESSAGE` [10].

When a session is found that has a UE with the `UE Application Layer Measurement Capability`, the RNC starts a UE request session by sending a `MEASUREMENT CONTROL` message [4] to the UE via the NB.

The AT command `+CAPPLEVMC` [5] activates provisioning of measurement reporting from the lower layers to the application within the UE by an unsolicited result code `+CAPPLEVMC`. When information about a measurement report is received in the UE from the network, the unsolicited result code `+CAPPLEVMC` contains the relevant parameters (`service_type`, `start_stop-indication` and `config-file & config-file length` if applicable) that are provided from the lower layers in the UE to the application.

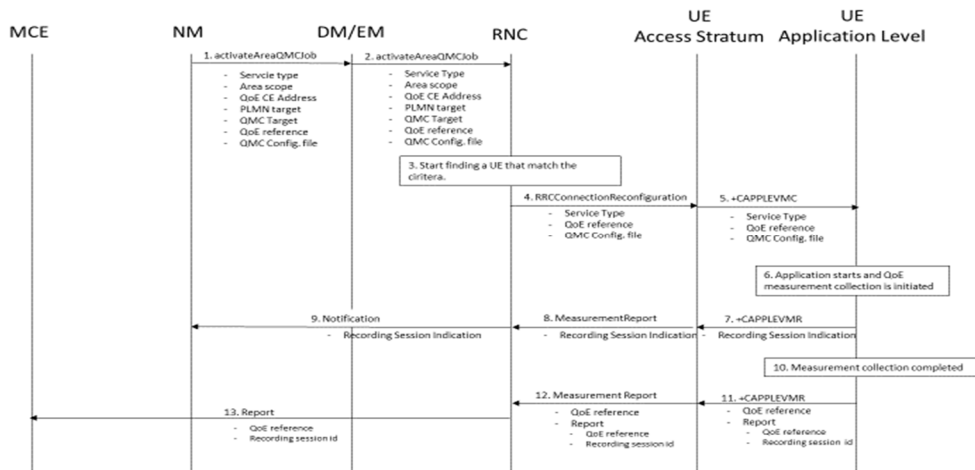


Figure 4.1.1-1: QMC activation and reporting in UTRAN

1. The NM sends `activateAreaQMCJob` to DM/EM that controls the impacted RNC(s), and includes the parameters: `serviceType`, `areaScope`, `qoECollectionEntityAddress`, `pLMNTarget`, `qMCTarget`, `qoEReference` and QMC configuration file.
2. The DM/EM forwards `activateAreaQMCJob` to impacted RNC(s), and includes the parameters: `serviceType`, `areaScope`, `qoECollectionEntityAddress`, `pLMNTarget`, `qMCTarget`, `qoEReference` and QMC configuration file.
3. The RNC checks for connections where the UE has the UE Application Layer Measurement Capability [10] that match the criteria for `serviceType` in the `activateAreaQMCJob`.
4. When a connection is found that has the UE Application Layer Measurement Capability [10], the RNC start a UE request session and stores the associated `QoECollectionEntityAddress`, sends the message `RRConnectionReconfiguration` to the UE, and includes the following: `serviceType`, `qoEReference` and QMC configuration file.
5. The access stratum in the UE sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMC` to application level and includes the following: `serviceType`, `qoEReference` and QMC configuration file.
6. When the application in the `serviceType` starts, the QMC is initiated.
7. The application layer sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMR` including a recording session indication that a session has started to the access stratum.
8. The UE sends the message `MeasurementReport` including the recording session indication to the RNC.
9. The RNC sends a notification including the recording session indication to the NM.
10. When the QMC is completed, the recorded information is collected in a QMC report [6], [7], including `qoEReference` and `recordingSessionId`. The `qoEReference`, Client Id [6], [7] in the reporting container (that represent the UE request session), and `recordingSessionId` are needed in the QMC collection entity for post processing purposes.
11. The application layer sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMR` including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the access stratum.
12. The UE sends the message `MeasurementReport` including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the RNC.
13. The RNC sends the QMC report to the MCE associated to the `qoEReference`.

4.1.2 Handling of measurement collection at handover in UTRAN

4.1.2.1 Handover between cells within an RNC

When handover is made, the measurement area is checked.

- If the mobile is inside the measurement area after the handover, the RNC sends in an indication that the UE is inside the measurement area in the `RRConnectionReconfiguration` message [4] to the UE. The UE send the `+CAPPLEVMC` AT command [5] to the application to inform that recording shall start if the application becomes active (when the UE moves into the measurement area).
- If the mobile has moved outside the measurement area, there is no indication that the UE is inside the measurement area in the `RRConnectionReconfiguration` message [4] from the RNC to the UE. The UE sends the `+CAPPLEVMC` AT command [5] to the application to inform that recording shall not be started even if the application becomes active.

4.1.2.2 Handover between RNCs

The figure 4.1.2.2-1 and the text below describes the handling at handover between RNCs.

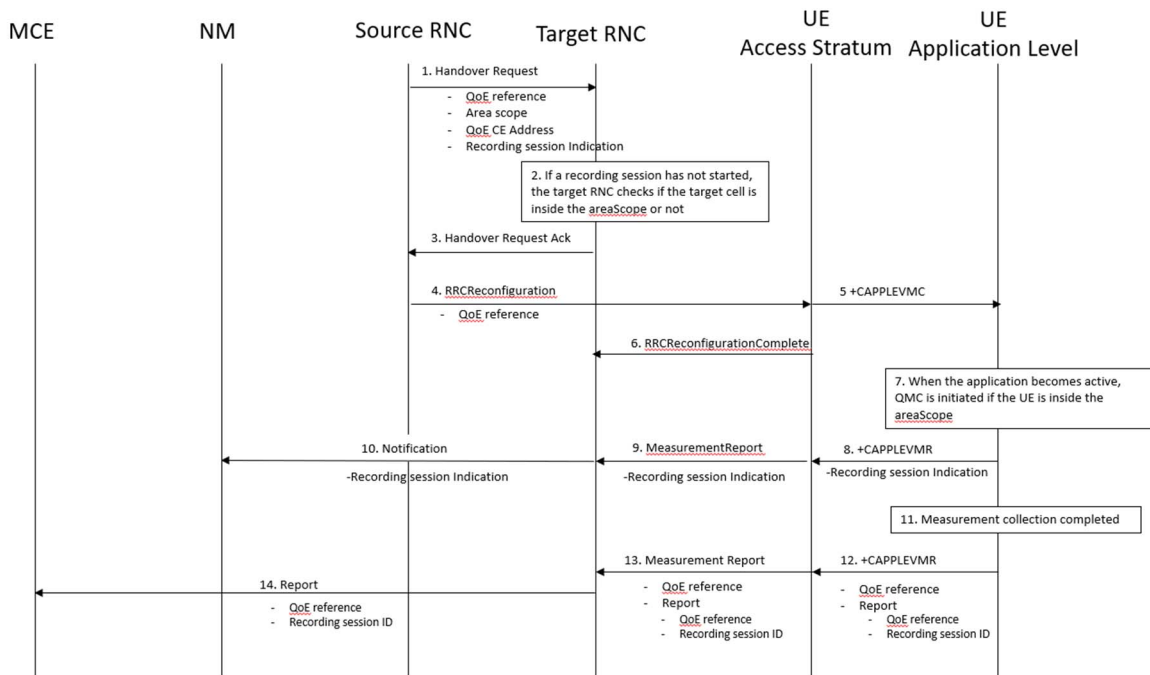


Figure 4.1.2.2-1: Handling of QMC activation in case of handover in UTRAN

1. Source RNC sends the message `HandoverRequest` to Target RNC and includes `areaScope`, `qoECollectionEntityAddress` and a recording session indication indicating whether a recording session has started.
2. If a recording session has not started, the target RNC checks if the target cell is inside the `areaScope` or not.
3. The target RNC sends the message `Handover Request Ack` to the source RNC.
4. The source RNC sends the message `RRCReconfiguration` to the UE.
5. The access stratum in the UE sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMC` to application level.
6. The UE sends the message `RRCReconfigurationComplete` to the RNC.
7. When the application becomes active, QMC is initiated if the UE is inside the `areaScope`.
8. The application layer sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMR` including a recording session indication to the access stratum.
9. The UE sends the message `MeasurementReport` including the recording session indication to the RNC.
10. The RNC sends a notification including the recording session indication to the NM.
11. When the QMC is completed, the recorded information is collected in a QMC report [6] and [7]. including `qoEReference` and `recordingSessionId`. The `qoEReference`, `Client Id` [6] and [7] in the reporting container (that represent the UE request session) and `recordingSessionId` are needed in the QoE collection entity for post processing purposes.
12. The application layer sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMR` including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the access stratum.
13. The UE sends the message `MeasurementReport` including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the RNC.
14. The RNC sends the QMC report to the MCE associated to the `qoEReference`.

4.1.3 Deactivation of measurement collection job in UTRAN

4.1.3.1 Forced deactivation in UTRAN

If the operator technician or the management application wants to deactivate a measurement collection job before the pre-set time has expired, the management system sends the `deactivateQMCJob` operation [3] to the RNC. The RNC sets the network request session to ended, but does not delete the `UE request session id` and the `Collection Entity Address` parameters [3], as the UE still may send reports which shall be sent to the collection centre. For UE request sessions which have reported that a recording session is started, the RNC sends the `MeasurementControl` message [4] with the `DeactivateJob` request to relevant UEs. The Access stratum sends `+CAPPLEVMC` AT command [5] to the application with the `DeactivateJob` request. The application stops the recording session and stops recording of the requested information. The `UE request session id` and the `Collection Entity Address` parameters [3] in the RNC are deleted when the UE request session is ended.

4.1.3.2 Deactivation of recording session in UTRAN

Regardless of whether the pre-set time has elapsed or not, the recording session continues to be active until the session for the application is ended.

4.2 Management based activation in LTE

4.2.1 Activation of measurement collection job and reporting of collected information in LTE

The parameters for the network request session are sent from the management system to the eNBs that host the cells that are included in the collection job request in the `activateAreaQMCJob` operation [3]. The eNB starts a network request session, with the `Network request session id` [3] given in `activateAreaQMCJob` operation [3]. For the duration of the network request session, the eNB(s) checks for connections where the UE has the `QoE-MeasReport` capability [8] for collection of streaming services or the `QoE-MTSI-MeasReport` capability [8] for collection of MTSI services. The UE capability is sent from the UE to eNB via the core network in message `UE CAPABILITY INFO INDICATION` [9].

When a session is found that has a UE with the wanted UE capability, the eNB starts a UE request session and sends a `RRConnectionReconfiguration` [8] to the UE.

The AT command `+CAPPLEVMC` [5] activates provisioning of measurement reporting from the lower layers to the application within the UE by an unsolicited result code `+CAPPLEVMC`. When information about a measurement report is received in the UE from the network, the unsolicited result code `+CAPPLEVMC` contains the relevant parameters (`service_type`, `start_stop-indication` and `config-file & config-file length` if applicable) that are provided from the lower layers in the UE to the application.

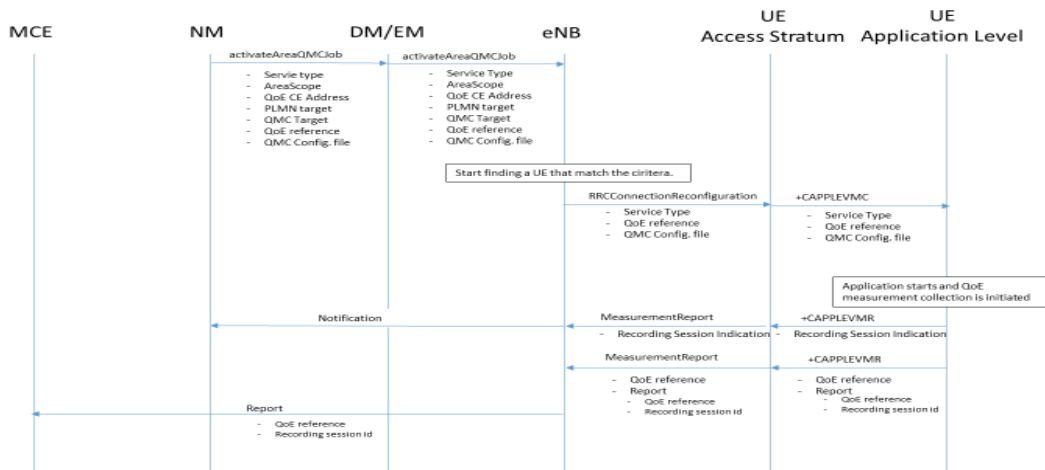


Figure 4.2.1-1: QMC activation and reporting in LTE

1. The NM sends activateAreaQMCJob to DM/EM that controls the impacted eNB(s), and includes the parameters: serviceType, areaScope, qoECollectionEntityAddress, pLMNTarget, qoETarget, qoEReference and QMC configuration file.
2. The DM/EM forwards activateAreaQMCJob to impacted eNB(s), and includes the parameters: serviceType, areaScope, qoECollectionEntityAddress, pLMNTarget, qoETarget, qoEReference and QMC configuration file.
3. The eNB checks for connections where the UE has the UE capability [9] that match the criteria for serviceType in the activateAreaQMCJob.
4. When a connection is found that has the wanted UE capability [9], the eNB starts a UE request session and stores the associated QoECollectionEntityAddress, sends the message RRCConnectionReconfiguration to the UE, and includes the following: serviceType, qoEReference and QMC configuration file.
5. The access stratum in the UE sends the AT command +CAPPLEVMC to application level and includes the following: serviceType, qoEReference and QMC configuration file.
6. When the application in the serviceType starts, the QMC is initiated.
7. The application layer sends the AT command +CAPPLEVMR including a recording session indication that indicates that a session is started to the access stratum.
8. The UE sends the message MeasReportAppLayer including the recording session indication to the eNB.
9. The eNB sends a notification including the recording session indication to the NM.
10. When the QMC is completed, the recorded information is collected in a QMC report [6], [7], including qoEReference and recordingSessionId. The qoEReference, Client Id [6] and [7] in the reporting container (that represent the UE request session), and recordingSessionId are needed in the QMC collection entity for post processing purposes.
11. The application layer sends the AT command +CAPPLEVMR including qoEReference and the QMC report to the access stratum.
12. The UE sends the message MeasReportAppLayer including qoEReference and the QMC report to the eNB.
13. The eNB sends the QMC report to the MCE associated to the qoEReference.

4.2.2 Handling of measurement collection at handover in LTE

4.2.2.1 Handover between cells within an eNB

When handover is made and no `Recording session id` is provided, the measurement area is checked.

- If the mobile is inside the measurement area after the handover, the eNB sends in an indication that the UE is inside the measurement area in the `RRConnectionReconfiguration` message [8] to the UE. The UE send the `+CAPPLEVMC` AT command [5] to the application to inform that recording shall start if the application becomes active (when the UE moves into the measurement area).
- If the mobile has moved outside the measurement area, there is no indication that the UE is inside the measurement area in the `RRConnectionReconfiguration` message [8] from the eNB to the UE. The UE sends the `+CAPPLEVMC` AT command [5] to the application to inform that recording shall not be started even if the application becomes active.

4.2.2.2 Handover between eNBs

The figure 4.2.2.2-1 and the text below describes the handling at handover between eNBs.

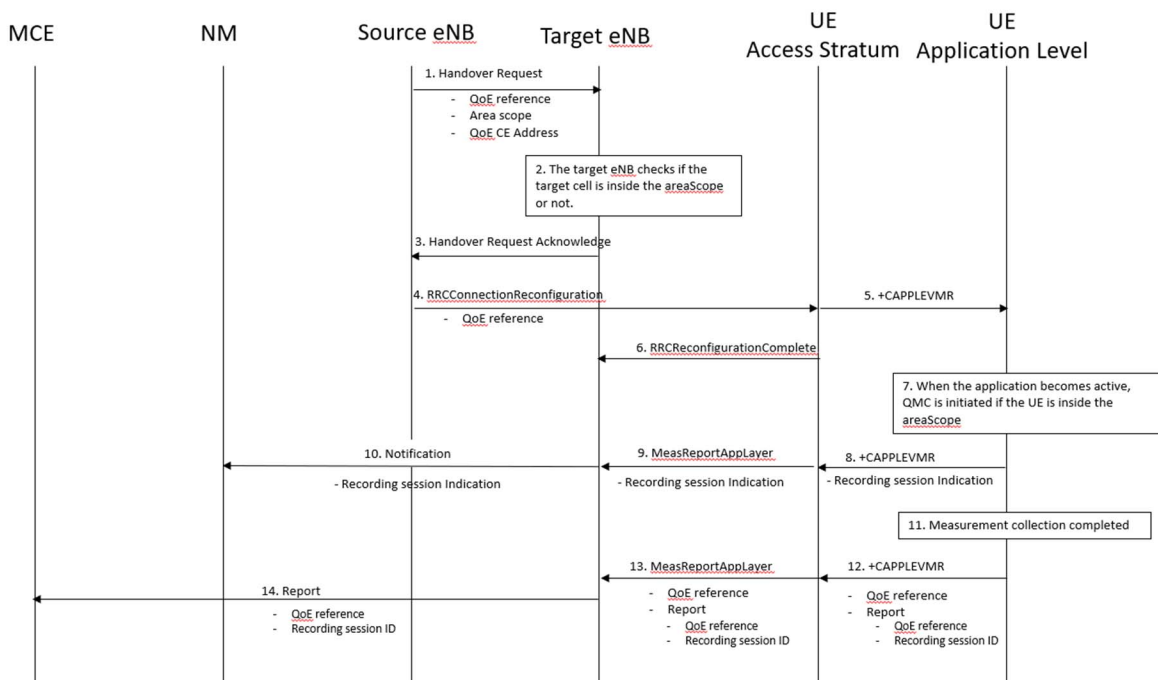


Figure 4.2.2.2-1: Handling of QMC activation in case of handover in LTE

1. Source eNB sends the message `HandoverRequest` to Target eNB and includes `areaScope` and `qoECollectionEntityAddress`.
2. The target eNB checks if the target cell is inside the `areaScope` or not.
3. The target eNB sends the message `HandoverRequestAcknowledge` to the source eNB.
4. The source eNB sends the message `RRConnectionReconfiguration` to the UE.
5. The access stratum in the UE sends the AT command `+CAPPLEVMC` to application level.
6. The UE sends the message `RRConnectionReconfigurationComplete` to the eNB.
7. When the application becomes active, QMC is initiated if the UE is inside the `areaScope`.

8. The application layer sends the AT command +CAPPLEV MR including a recording session indication indicating that a session has started to the access stratum.
9. The UE sends the message `MeasReportAppLayer` including the recording session indication to the eNB.
10. The eNB sends a notification including the recording session indication to the NM.
11. When the QMC is completed, the recorded information is collected in a QMC report [6], [7], including `qoEReference` and `recordingSessionId`. The `qoEReference`, Client Id [6] and [7] in the reporting container (that represent the UE request session) and `recordingSessionId` are needed in the QoE collection entity for post processing purposes.
12. The application layer sends the AT command +CAPPLEV MR including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the access stratum.
13. The UE sends the message `MeasReportAppLayer` including `qoEReference` and the QMC report to the eNB.
14. The eNB sends the QMC report to the MCE associated to the `qoEReference`.

4.2.3 Deactivation of measurement collection job in LTE

4.2.3.1 Forced deactivation

When the operator technician or the management application wants to deactivate a measurement collection job, the management system sends the `deactivateQMCJob` operation [3] to the eNB. The eNB sets the network request session to ended, but does not delete the `UE request session id` and the `Collection Entity Address` parameters [3], as the UE still may send reports which shall be send to the collection centre. For UE request sessions which have reported that a recording session is started, the eNB sends the `RRCConnectionReconfiguration` message [8] to relevant UEs. The `RRCConnectionReconfiguration` message is including `measConfigAppLayer` set to discard application layer measurement report information in `otherConfig` [8]. The Access stratum sends +CAPPLEV MC AT command [5] to the application with the discard request. The application stops the recording session and stops recording of the requested information. The `UE request session id` and the `Collection Entity Address` parameters [3] in the eNB are deleted when the UE request session is ended.

4.2.3.2 Deactivation of recording session

Regardless of whether the pre-set time has elapsed or not, the recording session continues to be active until the session for the application is ended.

4.2.4 Void

5 Quality of Experience (QoE) measurement management parameters

5.1 QoE collection entity address (M)

This is a parameter which defines the IP address to which the QMC records shall be transferred. Ipv4 or Ipv6 address(es) may be used.

5.2 QoE reference (M)

The QoE reference parameter specify the network request session. The QoE reference shall be globally unique therefore it is composed as follows:

MCC+MNC+QMC ID, where the MCC and MNC are coming with the QMC activation request from the management system to identify one PLMN containing the management system, and QMC ID is a 3 byte Octet String.

The QMC ID is generated by the management system or the operator.

It is used to identify the QoE measurement collection job in the traffic nodes and in the measurement collection centre.

5.3 PLMN target (CM)

This parameter defines the PLMN for which sessions shall be selected in the network request session in case of area based QMC when several PLMNs are supported in the RAN (this means that shared cells and not shared cells are allowed for the specified PLMN. Furthermore, several PLMNs can be used for not shared RAN cases as well as for shared RAN cases.). Only the sessions may be selected where the PLMN that the UE reports as selected PLMN is the same as the PLMN Target.

Note that the PLMN Target might differ from the PLMN specified in the Network Request Session Id, as that specifies the PLMN that is containing the management system requesting the Network Request Session from the NE.

The parameter is mandatory if network sharing is deployed.

5.4 Area scope (CM)

The area scope parameter defines the area in terms of cells or Tracking Area/Routing Area/Location Area where the QMC shall take place. If the parameter is not present the QMC shall be done throughout the PLMN specified in PLMN target.

The area scope parameter in UMTS is either:

- List of cells, identified by CGI. Maximum 32 CGI can be defined.
- List of Routing Area, identified by RAI. Maximum of 8 RAIs can be defined.
- List of Location Area, identified by LAI. Maximum of 8 LAIs can be defined.

The area scope parameter in LTE is either:

- list of cells, identified by E-UTRAN-CGI. Maximum 32 CGI can be defined.
- List of Tracking Area, identified by TAC. Maximum of 8 TAC can be defined.

The parameter is mandatory if area based QMC is requested.

5.5 QMC configuration file (container) (M)

The QMC configuration file is a container that is specified in [6] or [7].

5.6 QMC target (M)

The QMC target parameter specifies if the QMC is area based or individual UE based.

- Area based QMC (0)

NOTE: Individual UE based QMC is not supported in this release.

5.7 Recording session id (M)

This parameter shall be a 2 byte octet string. The recording session id shall be the same for the whole session in the application, while for each different session in the application the recording session id shall be changed. The recording session id is generated by the application in the UE.

It is used in the measurement collection centre to identify which session within a UE has collected information in the application.

5.8 Service type (M)

Which kind of service that shall be recorded.

- DASH (0)
- MTSI (1)

DASH measurements are specified in [6]. MTSI measurements are specific in [7].

Annex A (informative): Change history

Change history							
Date	Meeting	TDoc	CR	Rev	Cat	Subject/Comment	New version
2020-07	SA#88e					Upgrade to version under change control	16.0.0
2021-09	SA#93e	SP-210883	0001	-	F	Aligning with RAN specifications 36.331 and 25.331	16.1.0
2021-12	SA#94e	SP-211454	0004	1	F	Corrent the description of QoE reference and PLMN target	16.2.0

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