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Executive Summary

The deliverable presents the eNB, UE developed by EURECOM.

The document presents the deployment scenarios of the E-UTRAN, its configuration, installation and running.

1 Introduction

The EURECOM eNB is a bundle of software components that provides the eNB functions of the LTE on both radio interface (i.e. Uu) and core network interfaces (i.e. S1-C and S1-U).

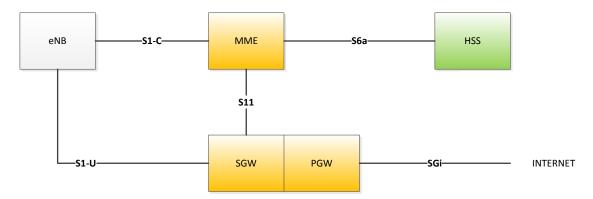


Figure 1 LTE overview

1.1 Deployment scenarios

Different deployment scenarios can be considered with the EURECOM eNB and UE as follows [1]:

- Commercial UE <-> OAI eNB + Commercial EPC
- Commercial UE <-> OAI eNB + OAI EPC
- Commercial UE <-> Commercial eNB + OAI EPC
- OAI UE <-> Commercial eNB + OAI EPC (experimental)
- OAI UE <-> Commercial eNB + Commercial EPC (experimental)
- OAI UE <-> OAI eNB + Commercial EPC (experimental)
- OAI UE <-> OAI eNB + OAI EPC
- OAI UE <-> OAI eNB

Below we present few of them.

1.2 eNB without S1 interface

In this deployment, S1AP and GTP protocols are bypassed, and thus eNB exchange the IP packets with the upper layer through the OAI network device driver called nasmesh.

To setup a radio link, you require OAI UE with the network device driver and without the NAS protocol.

One example scenario here is LTE-u.

1.3 ENB with S1 Interface

In this deployment, eNB is built with the S1AP and GTP protocols and interacts with EPC. Different EPC may be connected to the OAI eNB in addition to the OAI EPC.

Below, we provide few examples with OAI EPC.

1.3.1 eNB with all-in-one OAI EPC platform

The following picture depicts a EURECOM eNB and EPC providing MME and GW functions, and interact with the EURECOM HSS. In this deployment scenario, the S11 interface is virtual in the sense that S11 messages do not go through the network layer but through an inter-task interface message passing middleware (ITTI).

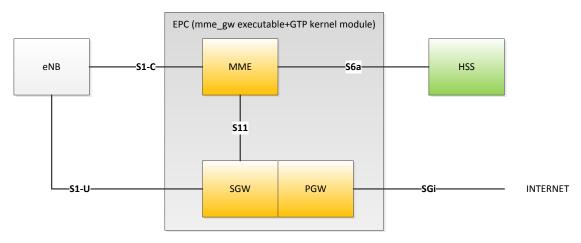
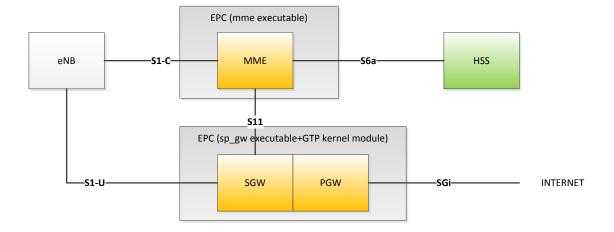


Figure 2 OAI eNB with all-in-one OAI EPC

The EPC can be deployed on the same host as OAI eNB host or on its own host.

1.3.2 eNB with separate EPC platform

Actually this deployment scenario is under development and cannot be demonstrated yet.



1.4 eNB on virtualized environments

TBC: See [2].

1.4.1 Containers (LXC and Dockers)

1.4.2 KVM

2 eNB Installation

The eNB and UE software have only been tested on UBUNTU 14.04x64, and UBUNTU 14.10x64 LINUX distributions on Intel x86 64 bits platforms, and to less extend on Debian.

In addition, low latency kernel is required. For kernel installation, please refer to [3].

If you want to try another LINUX distribution, it is mandatory to have a 64 bits LINUX distribution.

2.1 eNB source code

The OpenAirInterface software can be obtained from our svn server. You will need an svn client to get the sources (on Ubuntu Linux the client can be install using the command "apt-get install subversion"). The openair4G repository is currently used for main developments. It can be accessed in read-only mode from the URL http://svn.eurecom.fr/openair4G. If you have full access to our SVN you should use the URL http://svn.eurecom.fr/openairsvn/openair4G.

Depending on what is recommended on the openair mailing list (openair4g-devel@eurecom.fr), you should use the trunk or the latest release.

If svn is not installed on your computer, execute in a shell the following command:

user@host:~ sudo apt-get install subversion

Then to retrieve the source code, if you have read-only access, execute in a shell the following command:

user@host:~ svn co http://svn.eurecom.fr/openair4G/trunk

If you have write access:

user@host:~ svn co http://svn.eurecom.fr/openairsvn/openair4G --username mysvnlogin

The source code in a release directory or in the trunk directory is organized as follow:

cmake_targets
 common
 common code to all layers
 openair1
 Physical layer source code

• openair2 : Layer 2(MAC, RLC, RRC, PDCP) source code

openair3 : Middleware code (mainly unused).openair-cn : Core network protocols source code.

• targets : Specific code for executables (may contains unsupported old build

system).

Important!

• In this document OPENAIR_DIR is the path to the openair working directory (may be trunk or rel_x.y_dd.mm.yyyy).

• OAI is now migrating to git, so please stay tuned to [3] for updates.

2.2 eNB additional software

Some software installations have to be done prior to build the EURECOM eNB/UE.

In OPENAIR_DIR/cmake_targets directory, execute the following command:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai -I

Optionaly add: --install-optional-packages --install-system-files

This command will update the software source list of your Ubuntu installation. It will install miscellaneous software packages.

2.3 eNB configuration

OpenAirInterface (OAI) offers configuration files for facilitating the determination of the parameters for each component.

The top level parameters configuration for multiple eNBs is divided in 6 main sections:1

- **Main parameters:** Configuration of the base station ID, tracking area code (TAC), and mobile country code (MCC) and mobile network code (MNC).
- **PHY parameters:** Configuration of the physical layer parameters (i.e., frequency, power control, tx/rx number of antennae, tx/rx gain, hopping etc.)

¹ An example of eNB config file is located at:

- **SRB parameters:** Configuration of special radio bearers parameters (i.e., poll retransmission timer, reordering timer etc.)
- **MME parameters:** Configuration of MME parameters (i.e., IPv4/IPv6 addressing etc.)
- **Network interfaces:** Configuration of network interfaces (i.e., eNB S1-U IPv4 address, eNB S1-MME IPv4 address etc.)
- **log config:** Configuration of logger's level and verbosity by taking into account all the layers and components of network (i.e., PHY, MAC,RLC, PDCP, HW etc.)

A detailed description of the parameters that are configured is given in **Error! Reference source not found.** (eNB configuration content). ²

Figure 3 shows the view of the build process of OAI eNB, and how configuration and binary files are generated

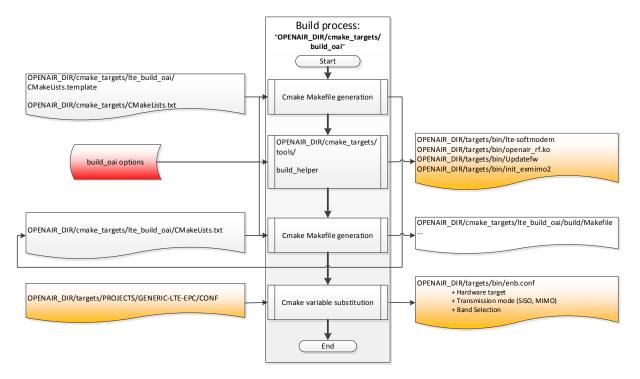


Figure 3 OAI eNB build process and configuration

Inputs files and parameters are on the left part of the figure, the build process is in the center part and output configuration files are on the right side of the figure.

eNB configuration file contents are detailed in Appendix A.

Configuration files have to be filled prior to compilation.

² The type and the declaration of the parameters as variables can be found in the corresponding C file:

2.4 eNB build and Run

open a shell, and run

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai -h

Different targets are available as follows:

2.4.1 EXMIMO Target

To build:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai-g -eNB -X

To run:

- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$./init_exmimo2
- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 –O ..
 ../PROJECTS/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.tm1.exmimo2.conf –S –d

for Help

- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo -E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 -h

2.4.2 USRP Target

To build:

- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai -g -eNB -X -w USRP

To run:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 –O ..
 ../PROJECTS/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.tm1.usrp210.conf –S –d

for Help:

- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo -E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 -h

2.5 UE build and Run

2.5.1 **EXMIMO**

To build:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai -g -UE -X

To run:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$./init_exmimo2

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 –U -C 2680000000
 -r25 --ue-scan-carrier -g7 -d

2.5.2 USRP

To build:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai -g -UE -X -w USRP

To run:

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./lte-softmodem.Rel10 –U -C 2680000000
 -r25 --ue-scan-carrier -g7 -d

2.6 OAISIM build and Run

To build:

- user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai-g --oaisim

to Run:

- With local S1: user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./oaisim.Rel10 –O
 ../PROJECTS/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.generic.oaisim.local_mme.conf
- Without S1: user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/targets/bin\$ sudo –E ./oaisim.Rel10 –O ../
 ../PROJECTS/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.generic.oaisim.local_no_mme.conf

2.7 Test OAI

user@host:~/openair4G/trunk/cmake_targets\$./build_oai-s

3 eNB Monitoring tools

OAI provides monitoring tools such as network protocol analyzers, loggers, performance profilers, timing analyzers and command line interfaces for performing the intended measurements and monitoring the network. Specifically, the supported monitoring tools are:

- OAI Soft Scope and Status can be read remotely.
- Wireshark / PCAP Interface:
 - o L2/L3 and S1 interface.
 - Localhost or remote host access.
 - o Example can be found at:
- OAI Logger and dissector (called itti_analyzer):
 - o Remote log file retrieval
- OpenAirInterface performance profiler: for processing time measurement.
- OpenAirInterface timing analyzer: build the VCD

- Convert the ascii variables and function calls output to vcd format (value change data) allowing to view the temporal function and variable changes in a vcd viewer, such as gtkwave.
- OAI message sequence chart (MSC): http://www.mcternan.me.uk/mscgen/.
- CLI interface.

The figures below depict the provided monitoring tools and their functionality via typical measurement and packet capture examples. In addition, MSC examples are illustrated.

OAI Soft Scope provides plots for received signal power, channel impulse response, channel frequency response, channel frequency response, LLRs, throughput and I/Q components (e.g., 4-QAM constellation). This tool offers a complete overview of the PHY layer characteristics, an example is shown in Figure 4.

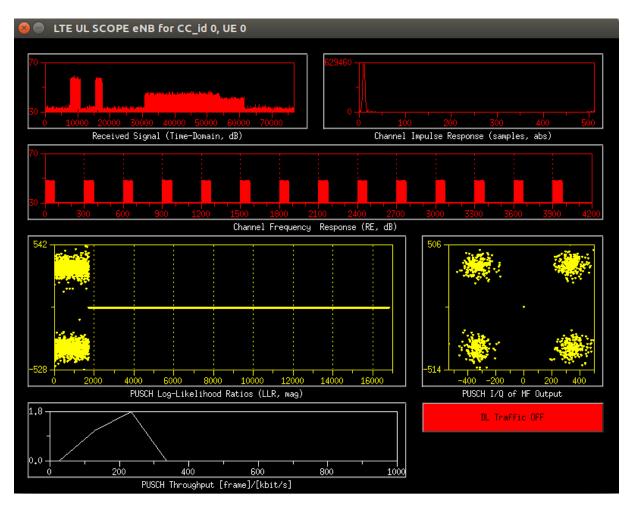


Figure 4: OAI Soft Scope: Received Signal, Channel Impulse Response, LLRs, I/Q and Throughput plots

Wireshark is a powerful tool widely used for capturing packets, offering integrated sorting and filtering options. In addition to layer 3 protocol dissection, OpenAirInterface implements the Wireshark interface for the layer 2 protocol dissection for PDCP, RLC, and MAC layer³. In Figure 5, an example illustrates RRCConnectionReconfiguration message capture using Wireshark.

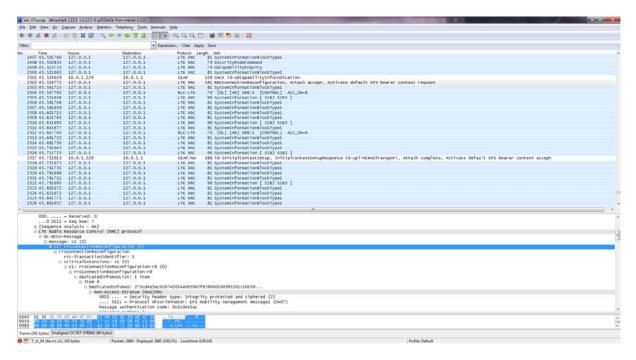


Figure 5: Wireshark: RRCConnectionReconfiguration message capture

The itti_analyzer tool can be used to analyze the exchanges between RRC<->S1AP, RRC<->PDCP, PDCP<->S1. In addition to the protocol information, the itti_analyzer analyses all the messages exchanged between different protocols. It allows message filtering on per time, channel (CCCH, DCCH, DTCH), sender, and receiver basis allowing to monitor and follow the protocol functionalities. Figure 6 depicts an example for RRCConnectionReconfiguration message capture using the itti_analyzer.

Example of the pcap file can be found at: https://twiki.eurecom.fr/twiki/pub/OpenAirInterface/IttiAnalyzer/oai I2I3.pcap. To view the messages, you need to enable UDP heuristics in the protocol preferences of Wireshark.

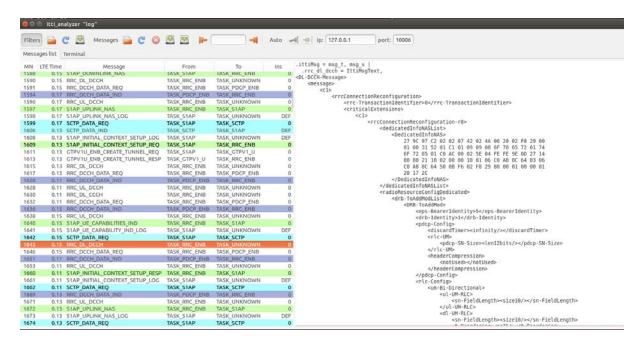


Figure 6: ITTI analyser: RRCConnectionReconfiguration message capture

OAI provides a logger exploited for code testing, debugging, checking protocols functionality and storing messages information. The OAI logger can be configured in the eNB configuration file. The logs have the following format:

[COMP][LOG LEVEL][FUNC][ID][FRAME NUM][CONTENT] as described below:

- COMP: represents the log component and can be S1AP, GTP, RRC, PDCP, RLC, MAC, PHY.
- LOG LEVEL: represents the level and verbosity of the logs, and can have the following values: Emerge, Alert, Critic, Error, War, Notice, Info, Debug, Trace.
- FUNC: represents the name of the function inside which the log is called (This is an optional block).
- ID: represents the eNB Identifier.
- FRAME NUM: represents the frame counter.
- CONTENT: shows the content of the log message.

Figure 7 shows an instance of messages exchange that is stored in OAI logger. This information is used for further study by the experimenters and code analysis/debugging for the developers.

Figure 7: OAI logger: RRCConnectionReconfigurationComplete reception

OAI offers online statistics for the status of the network (e.g., successful transmissions, errors per HARQ per round, average throughput etc.). Figure 8 depicts the ULSCH/DLSCH errors per HARQ process (8 in LTE FDD) per round (4 is maximum). The provided statistics can be used in experimental measurements for performance evaluation of the system.

Figure 8: OAI online statistics

The timing analyser is a helpful tool that tracks the execution time of each function working as a common profiler for performance improvement. The tool is exploited for code optimization, bottleneck detection, and processing time measurements. In Figure 9, a detailed track of the execution time of the selected functions is depicted.

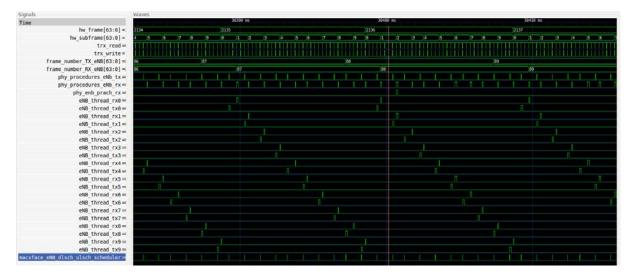


Figure 9: Timing analyser

OAI uses MSC for representing network entities/interfaces (i.e., eNB, UE, MME, HSS, S6A etc.) and their interactions in a diagrammatic form. Arrows direction defines the sender/receiver and explanatory comments are included. The examples in Figure 10 and Figure 11 show an instance of E_UTRAN and EPC messages exchange, respectively.

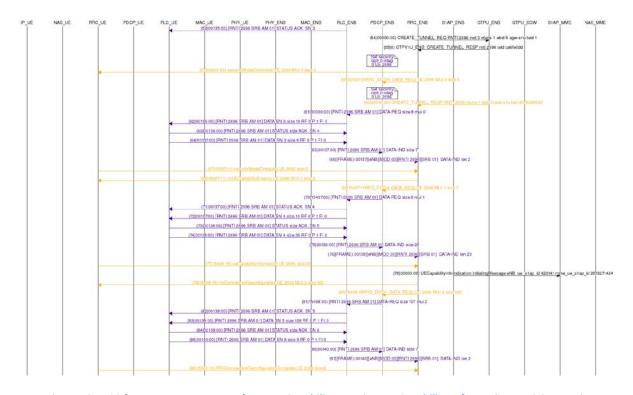


Figure 10: MSC for E_UTRAN messages (e.g., UE Capability Enquiry, UE Capability Information, RRC Connection Reconfiguration, RRC Connection Reconfiguration Complete etc.)

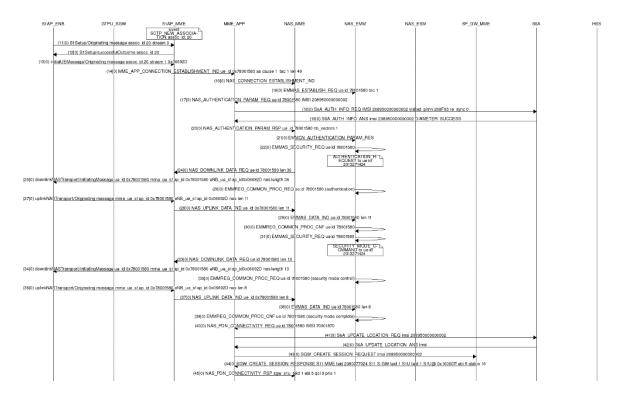


Figure 11: MSC for EPC messages (e.g., S1AP Initial UE Message [Attach Request + PDN Connectivity Request], Update location Request etc.)

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Annex A eNB configuration

The eNB configuration parameters are presented here. All the parameters are divided in the following 6 main sections:

A.1 Main section

Parameter	Type	
real_time	String	Real time compilation
eNB_ID	Integer	eNB identifier
cell_type	String	Type of the cell
eNB_name	String	Name of eNB
tracking_area_co	String	Tracking area code (TAC)
mobile_country_	String	Mobile country code (MCC)
mobile_network _code	String	Mobile network code (MNC)

Table 1 eNB configuration main section

A.2 Physical parameters section

Parameter	Туре	
frame_type	String	Type of the frame (e.g., FDD,TDD)
tdd_config	Integer	
timer_status_prohibit	Integer	
tdd_config_s	Integer	
prefix_type	String	Cyclic prefix
eutra_band	Integer	EUTRA band (e.g., 7, 13)
downlink_frequency	Double	Downlink frequency

uplink_frequency_offset	Integer	Uplink frequency offset
Nid_cell	Integer	Physical layer cell identity
N_RB_DL	Integer	Number of resource blocks (RBs) in Downlink
Nid_cell_mbsfn	Integer	
nb_antennas_tx	Integer	Number of Tx antennae
nb_antennas_rx	Integer	Number of Rx antennae
tx_gain	Integer	Tx gain
rx_gain	Integer	Rx gain
prach_root	Integer	
prach_config_index	Integer	Parameter that defines exactly when UE should send
		RACH in frequency/time grids (Details TS36.211 Table
		5.7.1-2)
prach_high_speed	String	
prach_zero_correlation	Integer	The zero correlation zone is used to
		guarantee orthogonality of generated sequences. The value
		depends on particular condition in the cell
prach_freq_offset	Integer	With this information, cell informs UE and other
		neighbor cells know about which PRB is available for
		RACH access
pucch_delta_shift	Integer	
pucch_nRB_CQI	Integer	Number of resource blocks for channel quality
		indicator (CQI) periodic reporting
pucch_nCS_AN	Integer	Cyclic shift used for PUCCH1
pucch_n1_AN	Integer	PUCCH to be used for HARQ (Rel 10)
pdsch_referenceSignalPower	Integer	This defines the energy per resource element for the
		reference signal using a range from -60 to 50 dBm
pdsch_p_b	Integer	It is used to calculate the power difference between

		PDSCH and Reference Signal. Value is from 0 to 3
pusch_n_SB	Integer	Number of subbands (range 1 to 4)
pusch_enable64QAM	String	64QAM (enable/disable)
pusch_hoppingMode	String	Hopping mode can be inter-subframe, intra or inter-
		subframe
pusch_hoppingOffset	Integer	Offset values range from 1 to 98
pusch_groupHoppingEnabled	String	Group hopping (enable/disable)
pusch_groupAssignment	Integer	Parameter that gives sequence shift pattern for group
		hopping (0 to 29)
pusch_sequenceHoppingEnabled	String	Sequence hopping (enable/disable)
pusch_nDMRS1	Integer	
phich_duration	String	
phich_resource	String	
srs_enable	String	
pusch_p0_Nominal	Integer	Impacts the calculation of PUSCH transmit power and
		applicable to non-persistent scheduling only (-126 to 24
		dBm)
pusch_alpha	String	Impacts the calculation of PUSCH transmit power and
		also scales the contribution of path loss. Possible values
		are 0, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9 and 1
pucch_p0_Nominal	Integer	Impacts the calculation of PUSCH transmit power and
		applicable to non-persistent scheduling only (-126 to 24
		dBm)
msg3_delta_Preamble	Integer	Impacts the transmit power of PUSCH when
		responding to random access response grant (-1 to 6dB)
pucch_deltaF_Format1	String	Uplink power control parameter
pucch_deltaF_Format1b	String	Idem above

pucch_deltaF_Format2	String	Idem above
pucch_deltaF_Format2a	String	Idem above
pucch_deltaF_Format2b	String	Idem above
rach_numberOfRA_Preambles	Integer	Total number of random access preambles available
		for contention based random access. Since there are
		maximum 64 preambles sequences available, others could
		be reserved by eNB for Non-Contention based random
		access. Range of this parameter is 4 to 64
rach_preamblesGroupAConfig	String	
rach_powerRampingStep	Integer	Power ramping step size with possible values of 0, 2,
		4 or 6 dB
rach_preambleInitialReceivedTargetPower	Integer	Preamble initial received target power with values
		from -120 dBm to -90 dBm with step size of 2 dBm
rach_preambleTransMax	Integer	Maximum number of preambles transmissions.
		Possible values are 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200
rach_raResponseWindowSize	Integer	Duration of RA response window. RA response
		window size is in unit of subframes $(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 10)$
		subframes)
rach_macContentionResolutionTimer	Integer	Mac contention resolution timer in unit of subframes
rach_maxHARQ_Msg3Tx	Integer	Maximum number of HARQ retransmissions for
		message 3 of RACH process (contention-based Random
		access) with possible values from 1 to 8 in step of 1
pcch_default_PagingCycle	Integer	The default DRX cycle in idle mode in unit of radio
		frames
pcch_nB	String	Parameter used in finding the actual paging frames
		and paging occasions in RRC idle mode
bcch_modificationPeriodCoeff	Integer	The value (2,4,6,8) of this parameter is multiplied
		with default DRX cycle (e.g., 320ms, 640ms) to generate
		the BCCH modification period

ue_TimersAndConstants_t300	Integer	Starts at the RRC Connection REQ transmit
ue_TimersAndConstants_t301	Integer	Starts at the RRC Connection Re-establishment
		REQUEST
ue_TimersAndConstants_t310	Integer	Starts when UE detects PHY layer related problems
		(when it receives N310 consecutive out-of-sync INDs from
		lower layers)
ue_TimersAndConstants_t311	Integer	Starts while initiating Connection Re-establishment
		procedure

Table 2 eNB configuration subsection SRB1 parameters

A.3 SRB1 parameters section

Parameter	Type	
timer_poll_retra	Integer	Timer for poll retransmission
nsmit		
timer_reorderin	Integer	RLC AM reordering timer
g		
timer_status_pro	Integer	
hibit		
poll_pdu	Integer	
poll_byte	Integer	
max_retx_thresh	Integer	
old		

Table 3 eNB configuration subsection SRB1 parameters

A.4 MME parameters section

Parameter	Туре		
ipv4	String	IPv4 address	
ipv6	String	IPv6 address	

active	String	Activation (yes/no)	
preference	String	IPv4 or IPv6	

Table 4 eNB configuration subsection MME parameters

A.5 Network interfaces section

Parameter	Type	
ENB_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1_	String	Interface name for S1-MME (e.g., eth1)
мме		
ENB_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1_M	String	eNB IPv4 subnet for S1-MME
ME		
ENB_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1	String	Interface name for S1-U (e.g., eth1)
	ou mg	interface name for of o (e.g., early)
U		
ENB_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1U	String	eNB IPv4 subnet for S1-U
ENB_PORT_FOR_S1U	String	eNB port for S1-U

Table 5 eNB configuration subsection Network interfaces

A.6 Log config

	Parameter	Туре	
	global_log_level	String	Global logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
sity	global_log_verbo	String	Global logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
	hw_log_level	String	HW logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
y	hw_log_verbosit	String	HW logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
	phy_log_level	String	PHY logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
у	phy_log_verbosit	String	PHY logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)

	mac_log_level	String	MAC logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	mac_log_verbosi	String	MAC logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	rlc_log_level	String	RLC logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	rlc_log_verbosit	String	RLC logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	pdcp_log_level	String	PDCP logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	pdcp_log_verbos	String	PDCP logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	rrc_log_level	String	RRC logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	rrc_log_verbosit	String	RRC logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	gtpu_log_level	String	GTPU logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	gtpu_log_verbosi	String	GTPU logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	udp_log_level	String	UDP logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	udp_log_verbosi	String	UDP logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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	osa_log_level	String	OSA logger level (e.g., emerg, alert, crit, error, warn, notice, info, debug, trace)
	osa_log_verbosit	String	OSA logger verbosity level (e.g., none, low, medium, high, full)
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Table 6 eNB configuration subsection Log config