

AMARI Callbox Classic User guide



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1 Introduction

AMARI Callbox Classic is a 3GPP compliant eNodeB, gNodeB EPC and 5GC allowing functional and performance testing of LTE, LTE-M and NB-IoT devices. It also includes an integrated IMS server as well as an eMBMS gateway for VoLTE and eMBMs testing.



The callbox Classic is a turnkey solution running on Fedora 39 operating system. It embeds three SDR cards and all software components and licenses required to emulate your LTE network.

This document describes the first steps to start and configure your Amarisoft LTE Callbox. For advanced configurations and testing, please refer to the application notes and other documents available under extranet.amarisoft.com or under the /root/<components>/doc/ folders of your callbox.

2 Hardware setup

2.1 Power supply

Plug the external power cable provided with the callbox in the AC-in Connector located in the rear panel and press the Power on button on the top left corner of the front panel to turn it on. The led will light up blue once callbox is powered ON .

Power adapter specifications: Input: 100~240 V AC, 50~60 Hz

2.2 Sim card

The callbox is delivered with a test sim card that is already provisioned in the EPC database. No additional configuration is required for authenticating devices using this SIM card.

SIM card specifications:

• IMSI: 001010123456789

• K: 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff

• sim_algo: XOR

• Non programmable USIM card

• Support both 1.8V and 3V voltage

Note: It is possible to use other SIM cards for your testing. In that case please See [Provisioning of new SIM cards], page 13, for more details.

2.3 Wireless RF connection

When tests are run in wireless condition, RF connection just consists in connecting the twelve LTE antennas provided to the SMA connectors (TX1, RX1, TX2, RX2) located on the rear panel of the callbox.



2.4 Wired RF connection

When tests are run in wired condition, three important points have to be taken into account:

- The selection and combination of the SDR card(s) (among the three available)
- The RF cabling
- The setting of TX and RX gains to avoid saturation or Bler

Each SDR card has two RX and two TX SMA connectors plus one GPS connector.

- Rx1 is the main receive antenna port.
- Rx2 is the diversity receive antenna port.
- Tx1 is the main transmit antenna port.
- Tx2 is the diversity transmit antenna port.
- GPS is used for connecting an external GPS clock. See trx_sdr.pdf document for more details.

Note: When using RF combiners, unused ports of the combiners must be terminated with RF terminator or absorber especially when using frequency above 2.5Ghz. Otherwise big insertionlosses may happen and downgrade the RF performances.

The following sections describes how to connect and configure your callbox when device is connected using RF cables.

2.4.1 Selection and combination of SDR cards

The callbox Classic is delivered with three SDR cards supporting 20Mhz MIMO 2x2 each.

For basic scenarios running one cell 2x2 MIMO only, the eNodeB will only use one SDR card (in that case, it's not required to connect all SMA connectors to your device)

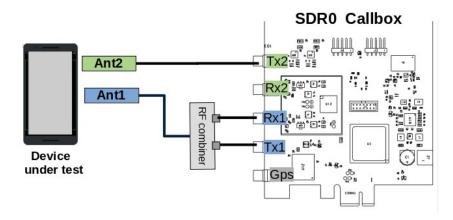
Otherwise, by combining multiple cards, it possible to run test scenarios such as Multi cells, Carrier aggregation, 4x4 mimo or interfrequency handover.

The selection of the SDR card is made in the eNodeB configuration file, per cell, using the parameter "rf_port". See [Cell and SDR mapping], page 10, for more details.

Note: the default ${\tt rf_port}$ used when only one cell is configured is 0, which corresponds to the SDR#0 card

Examples of SDR card combination and RF cabling are provided in the following section.

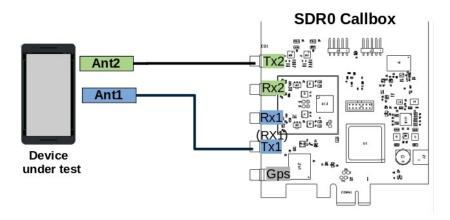
2.4.2 RF connection for one cell 2x2 MIMO in FDD mode



One cell FDD MIMO 2x2

Note: For SISO test, connection between DUT antenna2 and Callbox Tx2 is not required

2.4.3 RF connection for one cell 2x2 MIMO in TDD mode



One cell TDD MIMO 2x2

Note: in TDD mode, as both TX and RX are sent on the same channel, only TX1 and TX2 ports are needed.

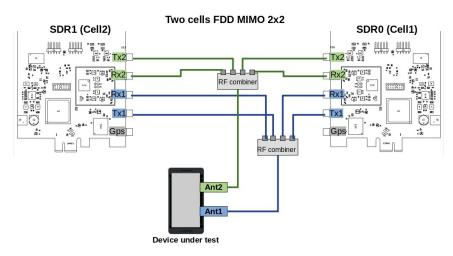
However, with Amarisoft SDR card, it's possible to force the DL signal reception on RX port and Uplink signal transmission on TX port when rx_antenna: "rx" is set in the RF driver configuration file.

This improves the performance of the SDR card as we don't have to switch the RF several times per radio frame.

When rx_antenna: "rx" is set, RF connection is the same as for FDD.

2.4.4 RF connection for two cells 2x2 MIMO in FDD mode

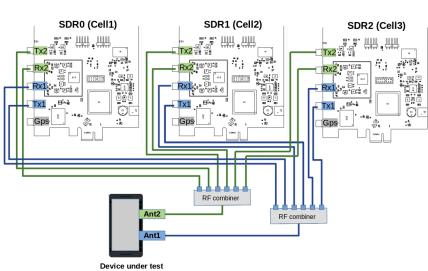
This RF cabling corresponds to a Carrier aggregation scenario (2CC) or 2 interfreq/interBand neighbor cells as instance



Note: RX2 port connection is optional as Uplink MIMO is not supported in this software version

2.4.5 RF connection for three cells 2x2 MIMO in FDD mode

This RF cabling corresponds to a Carrier aggregation scenario (3CC) or 3 interfreq/interBand neighbor cells as instance



Three cells FDD MIMO 2x2

Note: RX2 port connection is optional as Uplink MIMO is not supported in this software version

2.4.6 RF connection for one cell 4x4 MIMO in FDD mode

As described above, it's possible to combine two sdr cards to setup a MIMO 4x4 cell. In that case, eNodeB will use automatically two consecutive SDR cards and only the first rf_port must be defined.

Device under test

One cell FDD MIMO 4x4

Note: RX2 port connexion is optional as Uplink MIMO is not supported on this software version

2.4.7 RF Antenna gain

In conducted mode, TX and RX gains must be adjusted according to your setup. See [TX/RX gain setting], page 11, for more details.

3 Connection to AMARI callbox

3.1 Locally

You can connect locally to your callbox by connecting a monitor and a keyboard to the PC. To login as root, please use root / toor as login / password.

There is also a user account with user/resu as login/password.

Note: The Amarisoft software suit is installed and executed under root account.

3.2 Remotely

The Ethernet interface of the callbox is configured with DHCP. If you know the IP address allocated to your callbox, you can directly make a SSH connection in Linux by typing

```
ssh root@<IP address>
```

or by using PuTTY on Windows.

If you don't know the IP address of the callbox, then you need to access the PC locally first (see above) and type the following command to retrieve the IP address of the PC.

ifconfig

3.3 Web GUI

The web GUI to display logs is available through web access at the following URL: http://<IP address>/

3.3.1 Set a password

To add authentication to the web portal:

Edit /etc/httpd/conf/httpd/conf and look for <Directory "/var/www/html"> section. Inside it, add AuthConfig to AllowOverride directive so that it becomes AllowOverride None AuthConfig.

Then restart HTTP daemon:

```
service httpd restart
```

Create /var/www/html/lte/.htaccess file with following content:

AuthType Basic

AuthName "Amarisoft Web GUI"

AuthUserFile /etc/httpd/.htpasswd

Require valid-user

To add a user and its password, type the following command:

htpasswd -c /etc/httpd/.htpasswd <username>

4 LTE service

Callbox is configured to provide an automatic LTE service. At each reboot of the PC, LTE network is turned on automatically.

Note that even if the service is named "LTE" it actually serves both Radio access technologies: $4G\ LTE$ and $5G\ NR$

The default configuration is: one cell, LTE band 7, 20 MHz bandwidth and MIMO 2x2.

4.1 Manage LTE automatic service

4.1.1 Status

You can check the LTE service status this way:

```
service lte status
```

The command will return "active (running)" status if service is running

4.1.2 Stop

You can stop all LTE components this way:

```
service lte stop
```

4.1.3 Start

You can start them again this way:

```
service lte start
```

4.1.4 Disable

You may also prevent them to start at boot time:

```
systemctl disable lte
```

NB: lte service remains enable until next reboot

NB2: this command is not available on Ubuntu version <= 14

4.1.5 **Enable**

You may enable service at boot time this way:

```
systemctl enable lte
```

NB: lte service remains disable until next reboot

NB2: this command is not available on Ubuntu version <= 14

5 eNodeB/gNodeB configuration

5.1 Selection of eNodeB/gNodeB configuration file

The default file used by the lte automatic service for configuring the eNodeB and gNodeB is enb.cfg (available under /root/enb/config directory).

This file aims to set eNodeB and gNodeB parameters such as frequency, cell bandwidth, number of layer and others.

Note: Both eNodeB and gNodeB are built in the same component named enb (for legacy reason).

Please note that this file is a symbolic link to real configuration file as depicted below

```
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 6643 Jul 4 16:24 enb-ca.cfg
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 6675 Jul 4 16:24 enb-catm1.cfg
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 17 Jul 4 16:37 enb.cfg -> mimo-2x2-5mhz.cfg
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 5500 Jul 4 16:24 enb.default.cfg
```

Some examples of configuration file (for Carrier aggregation with 2CC or 3CC and multi-cell as instance) are provided in Amarisoft releases as a starting point.

To change the eNodeB configuration and select one of these files, update the enb.cfg symbolic link using the "ln-sfn <config file> enb.cfg" command

Default cell configuration is one Cell, LTE band 7, 20MHz bandwidth, MIMO mode

5.2 Customization of eNodeB/gNodeB parameters

Once enb.cfg configuration file has been selected (as a starting point), you can now edit it and customize key parameters such as:

- \bullet Frequency : dl_earfcn
- Cell bandwidth : n_rb_dl
- Number of layer : n_antenna_dl
- Others..

All parameters available are described in the lteenb.pdf document.

You will also find a generic enb.default.cfg file that can be easily tuned using the #defines in the header

For example, to configure a 20mhz MIMO TDD cell, just set the #defines this way:

```
#define TDD 1
#define N_RB_DL 100
#define N_ANTENNA_DL 2
#define N_ANTENNA_UL 1
#define CHANNEL_SIM 0
```

5.3 Cell and SDR mapping

As described in the Hardware setup section, it's possible to declare multiple cells on different bands by using up to three SDR cards.

In the enb.cfg file, for each cell declared in the cell_list array, rf_port field must be set to select the SDR card(s) that will broadcast the cell signal.

Note: an rf_port is composed of N consecutive SDR card(s) depending of the number of downlink antenna configured for the cell.

- in SISO (n_dl_antenna: 1), RF port is composed of N=1 SDR card
- in 2x2 MIMO (n_dl_antenna: 2), RF port is composed of N=1 SDR card
- in 4x4 MIMO (n_dl_antenna: 4), RF port is composed of N=2 consecutive SDR cards

This means that for an eNodeB configuration using 3 cells 2x2 MIMO, we will have :

- $rf_port0 \rightarrow SDR0$
- $rf_port1 \rightarrow SDR1$
- $rf_port2 \rightarrow SDR2$

However, if the first cell is 4x4 MIMO and second cell is 2x2 MIMO, we will have

- $rf_{-port0} \rightarrow SDR0 + SDR1$
- $rf_port1 \rightarrow SDR2$

Example of cell configuration (from enb-2cc.cfg reference file) where cell#1 (band2) and cell#2 (band4) use the SDR0 and SDR1 respectively.

```
/* list of cells */
cell_list: [
  {
   rf_port: 0, /* SDRO */
    cell_id: 0x01, /* low 8 bits of SIB1.cellIdentifier */
    tac: 0x0001, /* SIB1.trackingAreaCode */
   n_id_cell: 1,
   root_sequence_index: 204, /* PRACH root sequence index */
   dl_earfcn: 900, /* DL center frequency: 1960 MHz (Band 2) */
    /* carrier aggregation configuration (for rel 10 UEs) */
    /* list of secondary available cells */
    scell_list: [
      {
        cell_id: 0x02,
        cross_carrier_scheduling: false,
      },
   ],
 },
   rf_port: 1, /* SDR1 */
    cell_id: 0x02, /* low 8 bits of SIB1.cellIdentifier */
   tac: 0x0001, /* SIB1.trackingAreaCode */
   n_id_cell: 2,
   root_sequence_index: 28, /* PRACH root sequence index */
```

5.4 TX/RX gain setting

TX and RX antenna gain values must be customized in order to avoid saturation when set too high or Bler when set too low. Those two values actually depend on your setup:

- Conducted vs wireless conditions
- Physical RF attenuator(s) used
- Combiner(s)/divider(s) used

TX and RX gain values are defined in RF configuration file located under /root/enb/config/rf_driver directory.

To know which files is used by LTE service, just look at enb.cfg file. Example:

include "rf_driver/config.cfg",

5.4.1 Wired test

When the device under test is connected to the callbox using RF cables, the recommended RX and TX antenna gain values are :

```
tx_gain: 60.0, /* TX gain (in dB) */
rx_gain: 0.0, /* RX gain (in dB) */
```

If physical RF attenuators (or RF combiners) are used, additional gain must be added to these default values equivalent to the path loss introduced

Note: max SDR input is -10 dBm, max SDR output is 5dBm (depending on the frequency).

5.4.2 Wireless test

In Wireless test conditions (i.e when LTE antennas are used), the recommended RX and TX antenna gain values are :

```
tx_gain: 90.0, /* TX gain (in dB) */
rx_gain: 60.0, /* RX gain (in dB) */
```

6 Core network configuration

LTEMME is a LTE MME (Mobility Management Entity) implementation. It has a built-in SGW (Serving Gateway), PGW (Packet Data Network Gateway), PCRF (Policy and Charging Rule Function), HSS (Home Subscriber Server) and EIR (Equipment Identity Register). It is used with the Amarisoft LTE eNodeB and NR gNodeB to build a highly configurable LTE/NR test network.

LTEMME also includes a NR 5GC (5G Core Network). It has a build-in AMF (Access and Mobility Management Function), AUSF (Authentication Server Function), SMF (Session Management Function), UPF (User Plane Function).

6.1 Selection of MME configuration file

The default file used by the lte automatic service for configuring the Core network is mme.cfg (available under /root/mme/config directory).

This file aims to set parameters such as PLMN ID, network name, PDN list, APN name and others.

Note: Both EPC and 5GC are built in the same component named mme (for legacy reason).

Please note that this file is a symbolic link to real configuration file as depicted below

```
-rw-r-r-- 1 33 tape 1655 Apr 2 17:36 ims.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4 Jun 24 22:46 lte_ue_ims.db
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 11 Jan 21 18:57 mme.cfg -> mme-ims.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 33 tape 4455 Oct 18 2018 mme-default.cfg
-rwxr-xr-x 1 33 tape 1155 Oct 18 2018 mme-ifup
-rw-r--r-- 1 33 tape 5707 Apr 2 17:25 mme-ims.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5698 Apr 2 17:25 mme-ims-old.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 33 tape 371 Oct 18 2018 mt_call_qos.sdp
-rw-r--r-- 1 33 tape 255 Oct 18 2018 mt_call_sdp
-rw-r--r-- 1 33 tape 3324 Apr 2 17:25 ue db-ims.cfg
```

6.2 Customization of MME parameters

6.2.1 PLMN ID

Default PLMN ID of callbox is 001 01.

If the test sim card provided with the AMARI callbox is used, you can skip this section. No customization is required

If your test SIM card has a different HPLMN, you can change the PLMN of the box.

in /root/mme/config/mme.cfg file, change plmn: "00101" value and replace 00101 by your MCC/MNC code .

Note: Same modification must be done at eNodeB/gNodeB side:

In /root/enb/config/enb.cfg file, modify or add a new MCC/MNC value in the plmn_list array.

6.2.2 Adding new SIM card to the database

If the test sim card provided with the AMARI callbox is used, you can skip this section. No customization is required.

Same if you want to connect multiple UE using the same sim card model (and same IMSI by consequence). The MME will allow each UE to attach with the same IMSI (001010123456789).UE are distinguished with their IMEI in that case.

Otherwise, if other test SIM cards with different IMSI or secret key values are used, they must be declared in the EPC database (HSS)

For that, open the $/root/mme/config/ue_db-ims.cfg$ and add an entry for each sim card in the ue_db array . Example :

```
{
    sim algo: "milenage",
    imsi: "00101000000001",
    opc: "000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F",
    amf: 0x9001,
    sqn: "00000000000",
    K: "00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF",
},
```

Note: Secret key parameters are mandatory as both UE and Network need to authenticate each other .

6.2.3 Commercial SIM card

Any SIM card can be used with the AMARI callbox as long as it's been declared in the UE database as described in the section above.

However, it is very unlikely that you get the secret key parameters from the network operator required for the authentication and the security mechanism.

In that case, you can try to disable the authentication using one of the two methods described below (note that this no more complies with 3GPP specifications, so it requires an explicit support on the UE side also):

1) If the UE accepts the use of EIA0 (Null Integrity algorithm) in the NAS/RRC security mode control procedures outside of an emergency call without authentication, then set the following option in your MME configuration file:

```
authentication_mode: "skip",
```

2) If you know the command at UE side to skip both the authentication and security mode control procedures, then set the following options in your MME configuration file:

```
authentication_mode: "skip",
skip_smc_proc: true,
```

and set the following option in your eNB configuration file (eNB configuration object, not the cell configuration object)

```
skip_smc_proc: true,
```

6.2.4 APN configuration

MME is configured by default with four APN:

1. Default

- 2. Internet
- 3. IMS
- 4. SOS

For connecting your device to the callbox, one of these APN must be configured at UE side. See [UE configuration], page 15, for more details.

Otherwise, if for any reason, the device under test must use a specific APN, the modification can be done at MME side:

- 1. Open /root/mme/config/mme.cfg file.
- 2. Replace the preconfigured "internet" APN name as instance with the expected APN name or create a new entry in the pdn_list array.
- 3. Restart the system with "service lte restart" command

6.3 VolTE call

AMARI Callbox embeds an IMS server that can be used for running basic IMS tests such as VoLTE, ViLTE or SMS over IMS. For more information about the IMS functionality, please refer to appnote_ims.pdf document .

Also, See [VoLTE setting], page 15, for more details about UE configuration.

7 UE configuration

7.1 Internet setting

For connecting your device to internet, APN setting must be configured at UE side to match callbox setting.

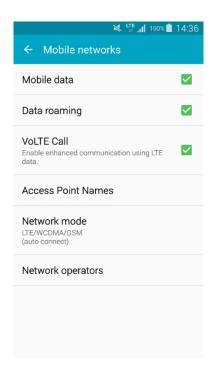
As described in previous section, the callbox is preconfigured with four APN:

- "Default": This APN name is frequently used by the UE when no specific APN is set. However, some UEs doesn't expose an internet connection when this generic APN is used. In that case, we recommend to create a "internet" apn as described below.
- "Internet": Second APN name preconfigured in order to route internet IP traffic.
- "IMS": APN for Volte call
- "SOS": APN for emergency services

AT UE side, go in setting menu to add a new APN:

Example on Samsung S5 device:

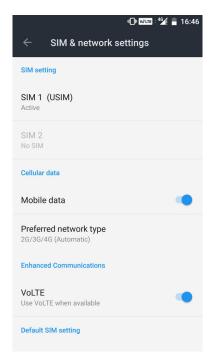
- Go to Settings/More networks/Mobile networks
- Turn on Data roaming
- Go back to Mobile network.
- Add the first APN with the following parameters:
 - Name = Internet
 - APN = internet
 - APN type = internet, default
- Save it and select it.



7.2 VolTE setting

If handset supports VoLTE, you just need to check VoLTE Call is ticked on your handset menu as depicted in the picture below.

However, most of the commercial devices are locked and behave differently. Some devices have a white list of authorized PLMN, some require that "UE operation mode" byte is set to "type approval operations" in USIM Elementary File Administrative Data(EFad). To overcome this issue, a reference UE can be provided by Amarisoft . Please contact support team for more details.



8 Monitoring

Once all eNodeb/gNodeB and MME parameters have been configured, you can restart the lte service with service lte restart command to reload the configuration files and connect your device(s).

To monitor your eNodeB/gNodeB/EPC or troubleshoot any issues, several tools and logs are available as described in the following sections.

8.1 Access to software monitors

Once you are logged on your callbox, you can access software components (eNB, MME, IMS or MBMSGW) using screen command:

```
screen -x lte
```

This will connect you to different component monitor.

Next sections show you basic methods. For more information please refer to screen documentation (https://www.gnu.org/software/screen/manual/screen.html).

8.1.1 Select component

Each component monitor is inside a window. You can switch from a window to another with the command:

```
ctrl+a <window index>
```

Where window index is:

- 0 MME
- 1 eNB
- 2 MBMSGW
- 3 IMS

Note: press simultaneously CTRL key and a key, release them, then press number key.

You can also switch to next window:

```
ctrl+a <space>
```

Each component screen offers a list of commands that can be used either to get status or trigger action. Each of them are documented in the component documentations (example lteenb.pdf) or inline with the "help" command

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
(ims) help
                        show available commands
help
log
                        change the log options
                       display event counters
show users
unregister binding
cevent
users
unregister
                       Show or flush ipsec contexts
show dialogs
stop dialog
show MME connections
 .psec
dialog
dialog_stop
                        show Cx connection
(re)connect to the HSS
cxconnect
                        disconnect from the HSS
cxdisconnect
                        show Rx connection
                       (re)connect to the PCRF
disconnect from the PCRF
 xconnect
rxdisconnect
                        send sms
                       Flush pending sms
Mobile terminating call
activate status display
    flush
nt_call
                        stop the ims and exit
                                       0s MME 1s ENB 2s MBMS (3*sIMS
```

8.1.2 Exit screen

ctrl+a d

8.2 Command line monitor

In eNB component, t command provides key logging information (See the list of parameter using t help command.

8.2.1 t command

t command (without argument) provides key information about the Uplink and downlink transfer

```
(enb) t
Press [return] to stop the trace
             ----DL-----
                                     -- ----UL-----
UE_ID CL RNTI C cqi ri mcs retx txok brate C snr puc1 nl mcs retx rxok brate
                                                                                     pl
                                                                             #its phr
   3 001 003f 1 15 2 28.0 0 202 151M 1 15.6 11.9 1.0 20.0 0 1 8.40k 1/1.0/1 40 59
   3 001 003f 1 15 2 28.0
                            0 4000
                                   149M 1 15.7 12.8 1.0 20.0
                                                             0 25 10.5k
                                                                         1/1.0/1 40
                                                                                     59
                   2 28.0
                            0 4000 150M 1 14.7 13.0 1.0 20.0 0 25 10.5k
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                                                           0 25 10.5k
   3 001 003f 1 15
                   2 28.0
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                                                                                 40
                                                                                     59
```

Where for downlink:

- UE ID is the identifier allocated by the eNodeb/gNodeB to each UE. Note: This value changes each time RRC connection is released.
- CL is the number of aggregated DL cells
- RNTI is the (c) RNTI of each UE
- C is the number of carriers used by the UE

- cqi is the last Channel Quality Indicator reported by the UE, between 0 (bad) and 15 (very good). If there are several aggregated DL cells, the minimum cqi is displayed.
- ri is the last Rank Indicator (number of layers for MIMO). If there are several aggregated DL cells, the minimum rank indicator is displayed.
- mcs (Modulation Coding Scheme) is the average MCS value used in downlink during the measurement interval period. More details about MCS range are available in 3GPP TS 36.213
- retx (retransmission) is the number of retransmission requested by the UE. This parameter gives indications about the channel quality.
- txok is the number of transmissions successfully acknowledged by the UE.
- brate is the average bitrate (at the MAC layer), in bits per second.

Where for uplink:

- C is the number of carriers used by the UE
- snr is the measured Signal to Noise Ratio for the uplink from the PUSCH reference signals and the SRS.
- puc1 is the measured Signal to Noise Ratio for the last PUCCH1.
- nl is the average number of layers used in uplink during the measurement interval period.
- mcs (Modulation Coding Scheme) is the average MCS value used in uplink during the measurement interval period. More details about MCS range are available in 3GPP TS 36.213
- retx (retransmission) is the number of retransmission requested by the eNB. This parameter gives indications about the channel quality.
- rxok is the number of received uplink transport blocks without CRC error.
- #its gives the minimum, average and maximum number of iterations of the turbo or LDPC decoder.
- phr is the content of the last Power Headroom MAC control element sent by the UE. It is expressed in dB. Negative values indicate that the UE could not transmit with the required power.
- pl is the Uplink Path Loss in dB. It is measured from the reported PHR and the measured uplink power level. It is meaningful only if the RF interface correctly reports the absolute received power level.
- ta is the average of the uplink timing advance measured for the UE in TA units.

8.2.2 t spl command

Once UE got attached to the cell, Uplink and Downlink signal levels have a direct impact on decoding performances. In order to reach full throughput in both ways, TX and RX antenna gain values must be set correctly (as described in section "TX/RX gain setting") in order to avoid saturation when set too high or Bler when set too low. The command t spl under eNB terminal helps to monitor the RX and TX signal power:

```
(enb) t spl
Press [return] to stop the trace
--PO/TX 1-- --P1/TX 2-- dBFS --PO/RX 1-- --P1/RX 2--
 R.M.S
       MAX
             RMS
                   MAX SAT
                               RMS
                                     MAX
                                           RMS
-24.6
      -7.7 - 24.6
                  -8.3
                           0 -42.7 -30.4 -42.7 -30.4
-24.6
      -7.7 -24.6 -8.4
                           0 -42.7 -30.5 -42.7 -29.7
-24.6 -7.7 -24.6 -7.9
                           0 -42.7 -30.2 -42.7 -29.8
-24.6 -7.7 -24.6 -8.4
                           0 -42.7 -30.4 -42.6 -29.7
```

```
-24.6 -7.7 -24.6 -8.4 0 -42.7 -30.8 -42.7 -30.2

-24.6 -7.7 -24.6 -8.4 0 -42.7 -30.4 -42.7 -30.5

-24.6 -7.2 -24.6 -8.3 0 -42.7 -30.7 -42.7 -30.5
```

TX columns provides information about transmitted signal power.

- TX RMS: stands for transmitted Root-Mean-Square. This is the mean value in dB FS (full Scale) will happen
- TX MAX: stands for Maximum. Displays the maximum sample value during the measurement interval period.
- TX SAT: stands for Saturation. Displays the number of saturation events during the measurement interval. If SAT value is different of 0, it means that the transmitted signal in Downlink is saturated. In this case, cell_gain should be decreased until SAT is equal to 0.

RX columns provides information about received signal power.

- RX RMS: stands for Received Root-Mean-Square. This is the mean value in dB FS (full Scale)
- RX MAX: stands for Maximum. Displays the maximum sample value during the measurement interval period. If RX MAX value equals to 0, it means that the received signal in UL is saturated. In this case, rx_gain should be decreased until RX MAX is below 0.

In Wireless test conditions, the recommended values for PCIe SDR cards are :

```
tx_gain: 90.0, /* TX gain (in dB) */
rx_gain: 60.0, /* RX gain (in dB) */
   In RF cables test conditions, the recommended values for PCIe SDR cards are:
tx_gain: 60.0, /* TX gain (in dB) */
rx_gain: 00.0, /* RX gain (in dB) */
```

Note: tx_gain and rx_gain commands can be used in eNB screen to decrease or increase the TX gain and RX gain respectively

8.2.3 t cpu command

t cpu command provides key information about the CPU load .This is useful for verifying that PC is not running out of CPU when expected KPI are not reached.

```
---RX-----
-Proc-
                         ---TX-----
                                         ---- TX/RX diff (ms)
   CPU
          MS/s
                  CPU
                          MS/s
                                   CPU
                                          min/avg/max sigma
51.8%
        23.040
                 6.6%
                         23.040
                                  1.6%
                                         2.23/2.8/3.3 0.2
52.9%
        23.040
                 6.6%
                         23.039
                                  1.6%
                                         1.97/2.8/3.3 0.2
52.3%
        23.040
                 6.6%
                         23.041
                                  1.5%
                                         2.20/2.8/3.3 0.2
51.4%
        23.040
                 6.6%
                         23.040
                                  1.6%
                                         2.20/2.8/3.3 0.2
50.8%
        23.040
                 6.6%
                         23.039
                                  1.6%
                                         2.19/2.8/3.3 0.2
```

t cpu shows CPU consumption for the main LTE task (Proc), the reception chain (RX) or transmission chain (TX). Units are MS/s (Million of sample per second)

On top of that, t cpu command provides information on TX-RX delay: The min, average and max values are given in milliseconds.

In other words, in LTE FDD mode as instance, eNodeB receives data in Uplink and must acknowledge (or nack) them 4ms later to the UE. eNodeB has by consequence 4ms to decode the uplink samples and send the ack/nack answer in downlink. The RX/TX delay is the remaining time before data are processed and time they must be sent in downlink.

If this value decreases to zero, this means that PC is too slow and physical layer is running out

of CPU to process the data within this period. The higher is the TX/RX value is , the better it is.

8.3 logging

 $eNodeB/gNodeB \ and \ MME \ generate \ log \ files \ under \ /tmp/ \ directory \ (enb0.log/gnb0.log, \ ims.log \ and \ mme.log) \ that \ could \ be \ used \ for \ further \ analysis \ and \ debugging.$

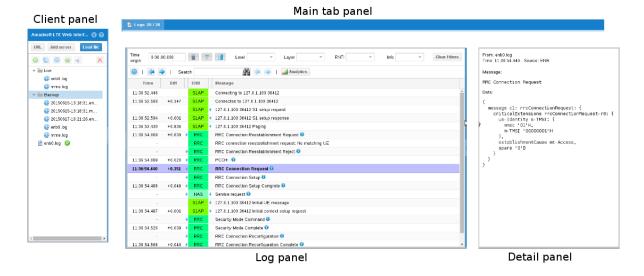
The verbosity if these logs can be customized by modifying the log_options field available in the enb.cfg and mme.cfg configuration files (See lteenb.pdf or ltemme.pdf for more details).

Note: We recommend to activate physical layer debug traces by adding phy.level=debug in your enb.cfg config file.

8.4 Real time logging

The LTE web interface allows to analyze Amarisoft LTE software logs and get real time information from the system.

For more details about the Graphical user interface please refer to ltewww.pdf document available under Extranet.



9 Troubleshooting

9.1 Amarisoft Wiki page

A wiki page is available under https://extranet.amarisoft.com/wiki. It aims to answer frequently asked questions and provide useful information regarding the configuration of the Callbox. Before raising a ticket or analysing logs, do not hesitate to have a look at this wiki page.

9.2 Amarisoft Support

If you encounter issues with your setup and can't find the root cause in the wiki page or after investigation of the logs, you can raise a ticket through our support web portal. See https://extranet.amarisoft.com/wiki/doku.php?id=info:redmine for more details.

10 Software Upgrade

To upgrade your callbox with the latest release, please follow the procedure:

- Download your release from Amarisoft Extranet at https://extranet.amarisoft.com/
 The downloaded file would be a tarball file: amarisoft.YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz where YYYY-MM-DD is the release date.
- Put this file on the PC at any place using the method you want (scp, http, USB key...)
- Log as root on your PC
- Extract it:

```
tar xzf amarisoft.YYYY-MM-DD.tar.gz
```

This would create a directory called YYYY-MM-DD.

• Go to the directory YYYY-MM-DD and execute the provided script install.sh as follows:

```
./install.sh <path> --default
```

- By default if no <path> is specified, components are installed under /root, you can choose other directories by specifying a new destination in <path>. Please note that www component will always be located under /var/www/html in Fedora or /var/www in Ubuntu.
- The --default option forces answer to default for all questions asked during install phase. The default answers for lteenb are depicted below:

Take a look at messages at the end of install phase, you may be requested to power on/off your PC. This would be the case if there is, for example, an FPGA upgrade of your PCIe SDR card.

If you would like to have a custom install, you can run the script without --default option

and answer each question separately. For lteenb product, this would typically be the case if you do not want to enable automatic LTE service or if you would like to install eNB and MME components on different PCs.

10.1 Rollback a release

It is possible to rollback or swap from different software releases easily.

If you go under /root folder and enter "11" command, you will see that each component (enb, mme, trx_sdr, etc..) is actually a symbolic link to a folder that correspond to a release. After each release installation, a new folder is created and the symbolic link is updated.

11 Throughput tests

For testing data throughput and reach the maximum uplink and downlink bitrate, please refer to the appnote_throughput.pdf document