

# LTE Core Network

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# 1 Introduction

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 can easily be used with the Amarisoft LTE eNodeB to build a highly configurable LTE test network.

# 2 Features

- LTE release 14 compliant.
- Implements one MME with built-in SGW, PGW, PCRF, HSS and EIR.
- Supports several eNodeBs with standard S1 interface (S1AP and GTP-U protocols).
- NAS integrity check and encryption using the AES, Snow3G and ZUC algorithms. Ciphering support is now subject to export rules for your country.
- Support of USIM cards using the XOR, Milenage or TUAK authentication algorithm.
- Handling of UE procedures: attach, authentication, security configuration, detach, tracking area update, service access, radio bearer establishment, paging.
- Multi-PDN support and built-in dynamic ERAB setup for easy VoLTE/IMS testing.
- Transparent access to the IP network (no external Serving Gateway or PDN Gateway is necessary).
- Configurable access point name, IP range, DNS and E-RAB QoS.
- Support sending of Public Warning System messages (ETWS/CMAS).
- IPv6 support.
- Configurable logging system for all channels with built-in text decoders.
- Remote API using WebSocket.
- Command line monitor.
- PSM and eDRX support.
- Supports several IMS servers with Rx interface.
- Support of NB-IoT RAT and control plane CIoT optimization.
- Non-IP data delivery CIoT feature.
- Attach without PDN connectivity CIoT feature.
- User management via internal database without any external HSS.
- Support of optional S6a interface with external HSS.
- Support of optional S13 interface with external EIR.
- Support of optional SGsAP interface with external VLR/MSC.
- Support of broadcast and multicast PDN options.

# 3 Requirements

# 3.1 Hardware requirements

- LTEMME can run on the same PC as the Amarisoft eNodeB if a simple and compact solution is needed. Otherwise, any reasonnably recent PC with at least one Gigabit Ethernet port is acceptable.
- A test USIM card should be plugged into the UE. Test USIM cards from Anritsu are supported by the default configuration. Other test USIM cards should work as well provided they implement the dummy XOR authentication algorithm and that their IMSI and secret key are known. USIM cards using the Milenage or TUAK algorithm are also supported.

# 3.2 Software requirements

- A 64 bit Linux distribution. Fedora 26 is the officially supported distribution. The following distributions are known as compatible:
  - Fedora 17 to 27
  - Cent OS 7
  - Ubuntu 12 to 16

# 4 Installation

[Quick installation instructions are also given in the Amarisoft eNodeB documentation in case LTEMME is installed on the same PC as the eNodeB].

The network access thru the Gigabit Ethernet port must be correctly configured.

LTEMME can be run directly from the directory when it was unpacked. No need for explicit installation.

# 4.1 Local network configuration

LTEMME will set up a new virtual network interface tun0 where each UE has a specific IP address. If you want them to connect to your local network (and Internet), you need to set up IP forwarding and masquerading.

An example is found in the lte\_init.sh: Syntax:

```
sudo ./lte_init.sh [-6] <ifname>
sudo ./lte_init.sh default
sudo ./lte_init.sh -6 eth1
```

# 4.2 Linux setup

LTEMME uses the SCTP protocol for which the necessary packages are not usually installed. In order to install them, do as root user:

• Fedora

```
yum install lksctp-tools kernel-modules-extra
```

As openssl libraries have no standard naming in Fedora and Cent OS, you need to create the following symbolic links on those distributions:

```
ln -s /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.10 /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.1.0.0
```

```
ln -s /usr/lib64/libssl.so.10 /usr/lib64/libssl.so.1.0.0
```

On recent Fedora distributions you might have to install the compat-openssl10 package: sudo dnf install compat-openssl10

• Ubuntu

```
sudo apt-get install lksctp-tools linux-image-extra-3.13.0-24-generic and reboot the PC in case the Linux kernel was upgraded too.
```

# 4.3 License key installation

LTEMME needs a license key file to run. It is associated to your PC, so if you replace it or change its hardware configuration you must contact Amarisoft to get a new license key.

The following steps are needed to get this license file:

• Run LTEMME:

```
./ltemme config/mme.cfg
```

It says that the license key is not present and prints a 16 digit hexadecimal code.

• Send by mail to delivery@amarisoft.com this hexadecimal code to your contact at Amarisoft. You will get back the ltemme.key license key file.

• Copy the ltemme.key file to the \${HOME}/.amarisoft/ directory (\${HOME} is the home directory of the root user). You can use the shell variable AMARISOFT\_PATH to change this path.

Once the license key is installed, ltemme should start normally.

# 4.4 Initial testing

- Edit the file config/mme.cfg to set the bind address of the GTP-U interface. Normally it is the address of the default Ethernet of the PC (you can see it with ifconfig). You can also set the address of the DNS (dns\_addr property). You don't need to change the other parameters for an initial test.
- LTEMME creates one virtual network interface where the UE traffic is redirected. A modification of the default routing rules and iptables is usually needed if you want to redirect the UE traffic to the local network and Internet. The script lte\_init.sh in the Amarisoft LTEMME package gives an example of setup to configure a NAT to access the Internet.
- Start the program as root with:
  - ./ltemme config/mme.cfg

[The root access is only needed to set up the Linux virtual interface.]

- The command line interface is used to monitor the operation of LTEMME and to change the logging options. Use help to get the list of commands and quit to stop the program.
- Use enb to list the connected eNodeBs.
- In addition to using the log file, you can monitor the traffic between LTEMME and the eNodeBs with Wireshark. The LTE specific traffic is filtered by putting slap || gtp in the filter input area.
- For optimal performance, it is better to avoid fragmenting the GTP-U packets. So the Ethernet interfaces used between the eNodeBs and LTEMME should be configured to have a MTU of at least 1564 (assuming the UEs use the standard MTU of 1500). You can verify with Wireshark whether the GTP-U packets are fragmented.

# 5 Configuration reference

# 5.1 Configuration file syntax

The main configuration file uses a syntax very similar to the Javascript Object Notation (JSON) with few extensions.

- 1. Supported types:
  - Numbers (64 bit floating point). Notation: 13.4
  - Complex numbers. Notation: 1.2+3\*I
  - Strings. Notation: "string"
  - Booleans. Notation: true or false.
  - Objects. Notation: { field1: value1, field2: value2, .... }
  - Arrays. Notation: [value1, value2, ....]
- 2. The basic operations +, -, \* and / are supported with numbers and complex numbers. + also concatenates strings. The operators !, | |, &&, ==, !=, <, <=, >=, > are supported too.
- 3. The numbers 0 and 1 are accepted as synonyms for the boolean values false and true.
- 4. {} at top level are optional.
- 5. " for property names are optional.
- 6. Properties can be duplicated.

Merge will be done by recursively overriding values considering reading direction.

```
₹
    value: "foo",
    value: "bar",
    sub: {
        value: "foo"
    },
    sub: {
        value: "bar"
    }
}
Will be equivalent to:
{
    value: "bar",
    sub: {
        value: "bar"
}
```

7. Files can be included using *include* keyword (must not be quoted) followed by a string (without:) representing the file to include (path is relative to current file) and terminating by a comma.

Arrays can't be included.

Merge will be done as for duplicate properties.

If file1.cfg is:

```
value: "foo",
  include "file2.cfg",
  foo: "foo"
And file2.cfg is:
  value: "bar",
```

```
foo: "bar"
Final config will be:
{
   value: "bar",
   foo: "foo"
}
```

8. A C like preprocessor is supported. The following preprocessor commands are available:

## #define var expr

Define a new variable with value expr. expr must be a valid JSON expression. Note that unlike the standard C preprocessor, expr is evaluated by the preprocessor.

#undef var

Undefine the variable var.

#include expr

Include the file whose filename is the evaluation of the string expression expr.

#if expr Consider the following text if expr is true.

#else Alternative of #if block.

#elif Composition of #else and #if.

#endif End of #if block.

#ifdef var

Shortcut for #if defined(var)

#ifndef var

Shortcut for #if !defined(var)

In the JSON source, every occurrence of a defined preprocessor variable is replaced by its value.

9. Backquote strings: JSON expression can be inserted in backquote delimited strings with the \${expr} syntax. Example: 'abc\${1+2}d' is evaluated as the string "abc3d". Preprocessor variables can be used inside the expression.

The System Information Blocks use the ASN.1 GSER syntax defined in RFC 3641 (Generic String Encoding Rules for ASN.1 Types). The description of the exact content of the System Information Blocks can be found in 3GPP TS 36.331 (RRC).

# 5.2 Properties

## log\_filename

String. Set the log filename. If no leading /, it is relative to the configuration file path. See [Log file format], page 43.

#### log\_options

String. Set the logging options as a comma separated list of assignments.

- layer.level=verbosity. For each layer, the log verbosity can be set to none, error, info or debug. In debug level, the content of the transmitted data is logged.
- layer.max\_size=n. When dumping data content, at most n bytes are shown in hexa. For ASN.1, NAS or Diameter content, show the full content of the message if n > 0.

- layer.payload=[0|1]. Dump ASN.1, NAS, SGsAP or Diameter payload in hexadecimal.
- layer.key=[0|1]. Dump security keys (NAS and RRC layers).
- layer.crypto=[0|1]. Dump plain and ciphered data (NAS, RRC and PCDP layers).
- time=[sec|short|full]. Display the time as seconds, time only or full date and time (default = time only).
- file=cut. Close current file log and open a new one.
- file.rotate=now. Rename current log with timestamp and open new one.
- file.rotate=size. Rename current log every time it reaches size bytes open new one. Size is an integer and can be followed by K, M or G.
- file.path=path. When log rotation is enabled, move current log to this path instead of initial log path.
- append=[0|1]. (default=0). If 0, truncate the log file when opening it. Otherwise, append to it.

Available layers are: nas, ip, s1ap, gtpu, rx, s6, cx, s13, sgsap

## gtp\_addr

String. Set the IP address (and an optional port) on which the GTP-U packets are received. The default port is 2152. It is normally the IP address of the network interface connected to the core network.

## Syntax:

- "1.2.3.4" (use default port)
- "1.2.3.4:5678" (use explicit port)
- "2001:db8:0:85a3::ac1f:8001" (IPv6 address and default port)
- "[2001:db8:0:85a3::ac1f:8001]:5678" (IPv6 address and explicit port)

## gtp\_ext\_addr

Optional string. Set the IP address on which the eNodeB should transmit the GTP-U packets. It is the same as gtp\_addr by default. It can be different if LTEMME is behind a NAT.

## gtp\_payload\_mtu

Optional integer (range 68 to 16384, default = 1500). MTU in bytes for the GTP-U payload. Do not forget to update the network interface MTU accordingly for optimal performance. See [Initial testing], page 5.

## s1ap\_bind\_addr

Optional string. IP address and optional port on which the S1AP SCTP connection is bound.

plmn String. PLMN identity of the MME (5 or 6 digits). It should match one of the PLMN identities broadcasted by the eNodeB.

## mme\_group\_id

Range: 0 to 65535. Set the MME group ID.

#### mme\_code

Range: 0 to 255. Set the MME code.

## relative\_capacity

Optional integer. Range: 0 to 255. Default: 50. Set the MME relative capacity value used for MME load balancing in S1AP S1 Setup Response and MME Configuration Update messages.

#### nas\_cipher\_algo\_pref

Array of integers. Set the preferred algorithms for NAS encryption in decreasing order of preference. If none match the UE capabilities, then EEA0 (no encryption) is selected

List of supported algorithms:

- 1 EEA1 (Snow 3G)
- 2 EEA2 (128 bit AES)
- 3 EEA3 (ZUC)

If encryption is necessary, for best performance use AES (EEA2) as first choice if your CPU supports the AES NI Intel instruction set (available starting from Sandy bridge CPUs). Otherwise use Snow3G (EEA1) or ZUC (EEA3).

Note that ciphering is subject to export rules depending on your country.

## nas\_integ\_algo\_pref

Array of integers. Set the preferred algorithms for NAS integrity check in decreasing order of preference. If none match the UE capabilities, then EIAO (no integrity check) is selected.

List of supported algorithms:

- 1 EIA1 (Snow 3G)
- 2 EIA2 (128 bit AES)
- 3 EIA3 (ZUC)

For best performance, use AES (EIA2) as first choice if your CPU supports the AES NI Intel instruction set (available starting from Sandy bridge CPUs). Otherwise use Snow3G (EIA1) or ZUC (EIA3).

#### tun\_setup\_script

String. Set the path of the shell script to set up the virtual network interface. Script is called for each PDN with following parameters:

- 1. Interface name
- 2. PDN index
- 3. Access Point Name
- 4. IP version: 'ipv4' or 'ipv6'
- 5. IP address: first IP address for ipv4 and link local address for IPv6
- 6. First IP address
- 7. Last IP address

If no script is given, no virtual network interface is created.

Note: when using several PDNs, they all share the same virtual network interface. So the IP configuration of this interface must be compatible with the IP address ranges of the PDNs.

Take a look at config/mme-ifup file as an example.

#### ue\_to\_ue\_forwarding

Optional boolean (default = false). If true, enable UE to UE IP packet forwarding.

Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3402 timer. -1 means that the timer value is not transmitted in attach accept or TAU accept so that the UE uses the default value (12 minutes).

Optional integer (default = 1800). Value in seconds of the T3412 (TAU update) timer. -1 means that the timer is deactivated. This is the value sent to the UE in NAS signalling, unless UE is requesting the use of a longer timeout with T3412 extended value information element.

## t3412\_low\_priority

Optional integer (default = t3412 value). Value in seconds of the T3412 (TAU update) timer if the UE indicates NAS signalling low priority. -1 means that the timer is deactivated. This is the value sent to the UE in NAS signalling, unless UE is requesting the use of a longer timeout with T3412 extended value information element.

psm Option boolean (default = true). If set to false, MME will ignore the PSM request sent by the UE.

### t3412\_extended\_forced

Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3412 extended timer if UE uses PSM. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

#### t3324\_forced

Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3324 timer if UE uses PSM. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

- Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3346 timer. The timer is transmitted in the reject messages if the EMM cause is #22 (congestion) and the value is not -1.
- Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3448 timer. The timer is transmitted if the value is different from -1 and the UE indicates its support in the UE network capability information element.
- t3460 Optional integer (default = 6). Value in seconds of the T3460 timer.
- edrx Option boolean (default = true). If set to false, MME will ignore the eDRX request sent by the UE.

## edrx\_ptw\_wb\_s1

Optional integer (0 to 15, default = 3). 4 bits Paging Time Window length for WB-S1 UEs as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32.

## edrx\_ptw\_nb\_s1

Optional integer (0 to 15, default = 3). 4 bits Paging Time Window length for NB-S1 UEs as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32.

#### edrx\_cycle\_forced

Optional integer (-1 to 15, default = -1). 4 bits E-UTRAN eDRX cycle length duration as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

ims\_list Optional array. Each entry is an object defining connection to Amarisoft IMS server. This is useful for SMS over SG or 3GPP mode of IMS server when Rx interface is not used.

Each entry has following members:

ims\_addr IP address of Amarisoft IMS server.

bind\_addr

IP address of network interface to use for IMS connection.

ims\_vops Optional boolean (default = false). Set the IMS voice over PS session in S1 mode supported bit of the EPS network feature support field in the NAS attach accept message (VoLTE).

emc\_bs Optional boolean (default = false). Set the emergency bearer services in S1 mode supported bit of the EPS network feature support field in the NAS attach accept message (VoLTE, Release 9).

#### emergency\_number\_list

Optional array or objects. Defines a list of emergency numbers to be sent to the UE in the NAS Attach Accept and Tracking Area Update Accept messages.

Each object must contain the following parameters:

category Integer. Bitmask of the category bits as defined in 3GPP TS 24.008 table 10.5.135d (bit 1: police, bit 2: ambulance, bit 3: fire brigade, bit 4: marine guard, bit 5: mountain rescue).

digits String. Emergency number.

#### cp\_ciot\_opt

Optional boolean (default = false). If true, enable control plane CIoT optimization (if supported by the UE).

#### attach\_without\_pdn

Optional boolean (default = false). If true, enable attach without PDN functionality (if supported by the UE).

#### network\_name

Optional string (default = empty). Set the network name in the EMM information message.

#### network\_short\_name

Optional string (default = empty). Set the network short name in the EMM information message.

#### emm\_information\_time\_enable

Optional boolean (default = true). Include the time and time zone in the EMM information message.

#### emm\_information\_enable

Optional boolean. Default = true if network\_name or network\_short\_name are not empty. If true, send the EMM information message after the NAS attach complete message.

#### attach\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of EMM reject cause in NAS attach reject message.

#### tracking\_area\_update\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of EMM reject cause in NAS tracking area update reject message.

#### service\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of EMM reject cause in NAS service reject message.

#### pdn\_connect\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of ESM reject cause in NAS pdn connectivity reject message.

#### pdn\_disconnect\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of ESM reject cause in NAS pdn disconnect reject message.

## bearer\_resource\_allocation\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of ESM reject cause in NAS bearer resource allocation reject message.

## bearer\_resource\_modification\_reject\_error

Optional integer (default depending on scenario). Force value of ESM reject cause in NAS bearer resource modification reject message.

## force\_eps\_only

Optional boolean (default = false). Deprecated, use attach\_result\_mode instead.

#### attach\_result\_mode

Optional string (default = auto). Set attach result of attach accept message. Can be:

auto This is standard LTE behavior.

eps\_only If set and UE is sending combined EPS/IMSI attach, the MME will answer with EPS only in attach accept message (EMM cause will be CS domain not available).

combined If set and UE is sending EPS only attach, the MME will answer with combined in attach accept message.

## additional\_update\_result

Optional integer (default = 2). Set the value of additional update result in NAS attach accept message.

If set to -1, the additional update result won't be set.

### imeisv\_request\_in\_smc

Optional boolean (default = true). Ask for the UE IMEISV in the NAS security mode command message. Must be enabled if multi\_sim is set to true. IMEISV will always be requested if a S13 connection is defined, or if me\_db object is defined.

## force\_nas\_authentication

Optional boolean (default = false). If set to true, MME will force a new NAS authentication procedure even if the Attach Request was already successfully authentified. Deprecated, use authentication\_mode instead.

## authentication\_mode

Optional string (default = auto). Set NAS authentication procedure behavior. Can be:

auto The MME performs authentication procedure unless the UE is already successfully authentified.

force MME forces a new NAS authentication procedure even if the Attach Request was already successfully authentified

The MME skips the NAS authentication procedure and uses EIA0/EEA0 algorithms. This needs to be supported on UE side also.

#### force\_guti\_in\_tau

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, GUTI IE will be systematically present in Tracking Area Update Accept message.

#### attach\_reject\_filter

Optional object. Represent UE to reject when trying to attach.

Each property name represent IMSI. If set to "\*", every UE will be redirected using this filter.

Each property value is an integer defining the redirection type as described in rrc\_redirect eNB configuration.

## Example:

```
attach_reject_filter: {
    "*": 0,
    "0010112345678": 1
}
```

Will reject UE with IMSI 0010112345678 using redirection configuration 1 and all other UEs using redirection configuration 0.

#### emm\_procedure\_filter

Optional object. Allows to define the MME behavior for a list of EMM procedures. Each property name represents an EMM procedure. The ones currently supported are attach, tracking\_area\_updating, detach, service\_request, identity, authentication, security\_mode\_control and nas\_transport.

Each property value is an enum: treat (UE message is processed), ignore (UE message is ignored) or reject (UE message is rejected). Network initiated procedures cannot be rejected.

By default all procedures are treated.

## Example:

```
emm_procedure_filter: {
   attach: "treat",
   service_request: "reject"
}
```

#### qci\_dscp\_mapping

Optional array of objects. Allows to define a specific IP differentiated services code point for a given QCI. QCI not explicitly configured use the default DSCP value 0. Each object must contain the following properties:

```
qci Integer (range 1 to 254). QCI value.
```

dscp Integer (range 0 to 63). DSCP value.

com\_addr Optional string. Address of the WebSocket server remote API. See [Remote API], page 26.

If set, the WebSocket server for remote API will be enabled and bound to this address.

Default port is 9000.

Setting IP address to 0.0.0.0 will make remote API reachable through all network interfaces.

com\_name Optional string. Sets server name. MME by default

## com\_ssl\_certificate

Optional string. If set, forces SSL for WebSockets. Defines CA certificate filename.

#### com\_ssl\_key

Optional string. Mandatory if *com\_ssl\_certificate* is set. Defines CA private key filename.

#### com\_ssl\_peer\_verify

Optional boolean (default is false). If true, server will check client certificate.

#### license\_server

Configuration of the Amarisoft license server to use.

Object with following properties:

#### server\_addr

String. IP address of the license server.

name Optional string.

Optional string. Text to be displayed inside server monitor or remote API.

tag Optional string. If set, server will only allow license with same tag.

Example:

```
license_server: {
    server_addr: "192.168.0.20"
}
```

## 5.2.1 PDN options

## ignore\_initial\_apn

Optional boolean (default = false). If false, UE will be rejected if its desired APN is unknown.

## pdn\_list

Array of objects. Configure the available Packet Data Networks. The first one is the one to which the UE accesses at the initial attach.

Each object contains the following properties:

#### access\_point\_name

String. Set the Access Point Name. Use dots (.) to separate the APN elements.

Array of string. You can use array to define aliases.

pdn\_type Optional enumeration: ipv4, ipv6, ipv4v6, non-ip (default = ipv4). Select the PDN type.

## first\_ip\_addr

String. First available IPv4 address.

## last\_ip\_addr

String. Last available IPv4 address.

gateway

Optional string. If set, forces the address of the gateway used for this PDN and passed to mme-ifup script. With default config, it will be used to provide a IP address to the tun interface.

If not set, the first IP of the subnet will be used.

## ip\_addr\_shift

Optional integer (default = 0). The allocated IPv4 addresses are allocated starting from first\_ip\_addr with a difference of 2^ip\_addr\_shift. Hence last\_ip\_addr - first\_ip\_addr must be a multiple of 2^ip\_addr\_shift. This option is useful in case of inter-UE communication to ensure that the IPv4 address of a given UE is the only one in its netmask.

#### first\_ipv6\_prefix

String. First available global IPv6 prefix used in Router Advertisement message sent to the UE (only the high 8 bytes of the IPv6 address are meaningful). Note that the selected prefix will also be used as the interface identifier sent in NAS signalling.

## last\_ipv6\_prefix

String. Last available global IPv6 prefix used in Router Advertisement message sent to the UE (only the high 8 bytes of the IPv6 address are meaningful). Note that the selected prefix will also be used as the interface identifier sent in NAS signalling.

## ipv6\_interface\_identifier

String. Interface identifier for the MME network interface of this PDN (only the low 8 bytes of the IPv6 address are meaningful).

## ipv6\_router\_lifetime

Optional integer (range 0 to 65535, default is 65535). IPv6 Router Advertisement router lifetime in seconds.

## ipv6\_valid\_lifetime

Optional integer (default is infinity - 0xffffffff). IPv6 Router Advertisement valid lifetime in seconds.

## ipv6\_pref\_lifetime

Optional integer (default is ipv6\_valid\_lifetime value). IPv6 Router Advertisement preferred lifetime in seconds.

Must not be greater than ipv6\_valid\_lifetime.

#### ipv6\_onlink\_flag

Optional boolean (default is true). Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement on-link flag state.

## ipv6\_managed\_addr\_config\_flag

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement managed address configuration flag state.

## ipv6\_other\_config\_flag

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement other configuration flag state.

## ipv6\_ra\_transmission\_interval

Optional integer (range -1 to 1800, default is 0). Time in seconds between 2 periodical multicast Router Advertisement transmission, once the initial 3 transmissions have been performed after opening the PDN. The value -1 means that no multicast transmission is done at all (including the 3 initial ones). The value 0 means that periodical transmission is deactivated.

## ipv6\_drop\_rs

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines whether the incoming Router Solicitation messages should be dropped by the MME or not.

## ipv6\_prefix\_delegation\_count

Optional integer (2, 4, 8, 16, 32). Defines the number of prefixes delegated by DHCPv6-PD (including the one allocated by the Router Advertisement message). Only the first IA\_PD option in the DHCPv6 Solicit message is considered.

dns\_addr String or Array of strings. IPv4 or IPv6 addresses of the DNS servers.

#### p\_cscf\_addr

Optional string or Array of strings. IPv4 or IPv6 addresses of the P-CSCF servers (VoLTE).

mtu\_ipv4 Optional integer. Set MTU size (0 means disabled).

#### mtu\_non\_ip

Optional integer. Set MTU size fo non-IP PDN (0 means disabled, the minimum valid value is 128).

operator Optional array of objects. Each element defines an operator reserved container in protocol configuration.

Properties of each element:

Integer. Container identifier, must be between 0xff00 and 0xffff as defined in TS 24.008.

plmn String. PLMN info of container.

value String. Value to send in hexadecimal string format.

force Optional boolean. If true, container will be sent event without request (false by default).

#### authentication

Optional enumeration: none, pap or chap (default set to none). Defines the authentication mechanism used for this APN.

username Optional string (up to 100 characters) containing the user name used for pap or chap authentication.

password Optional string (up to 100 characters) containing the password used for pap or chap authentication.

## apn\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_dl

Optional integer (default = -1). APN aggregate maximum bitrate for downlink (in bits/s). If set to -1, no APN-AMBR is configured and UE-AMBR is used instead.

## apn\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_ul

Optional integer (default = -1). APN aggregate maximum bitrate for uplink (in bits/s). If set to -1, no APN-AMBR is configured and UE-AMBR is used instead.

## emergency

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, PDN will be selected for emergency calls.

## serving\_plmn\_rate\_control

Optional integer (range 0 to 65535, default = 0). Defines the serving PLMN rate control IE content when PDN is used with control plane CIoT optimization only. If the value configured is less than 10, the IE is not transmitted.

#### apn\_rate\_control\_params

Optional object. If defined, and if the UE indicates APN rate control parameters support in its protocol configuration options, the following parameters will be sent in MME protocol configuration options:

## additional\_exception\_report

Boolean. Indicates if exception reports are allowed once the limit is reached.

## ul\_time\_unit

Enumeration: unrestricted, minute, hour, day or week.

#### max\_ul\_rate

Integer (range from 0 to 16777215). Number of messages allowed to be sent per ul\_time\_unit.

## additional\_apn\_rate\_control\_exception\_data\_params

Optional object. If defined, and if the UE indicates additional APN rate control for exception data parameters support in its protocol configuration options, the following parameters will be sent in MME protocol configuration options:

## ul\_time\_unit

Enumeration: unrestricted, minute, hour, day or week.

## max\_ul\_rate

Integer (range from 0 to 65535). Number of messages allowed to be sent per ul\_time\_unit.

t3396

Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3396 timer. The timer is transmitted in the ESM reject messages if the value is not -1.

## esm\_procedure\_filter

Optional object. Allows to define the MME behavior for a list of ESM procedures.

Each property name represents an ESM procedure. The ones currently supported are pdn\_connectivity, pdn\_disconnect, bearer\_resource\_allocation and bearer\_resource\_modification.

Each property value is an enum: treat (UE message is processed), ignore (UE message is ignored) or reject (UE message is rejected). By default all procedures are treated.

## Example:

```
esm_procedure_filter: {
    pdn_connectivity: "treat",
    bearer_resource_allocation: "reject"
}
```

#### tun\_setup\_script

Overrides [tun\_setup\_script], page 9, for this PDN.

## tun\_ifname

Optional string. If set, use this tun device instead of creating it. Usefull when LTEMME has no root privileges.

#### erabs

Array of objects. Each element defines an E-RAB (E-UTRAN Radio Access Bearer) associated to the PDN. The first E-RAB is the default radio bearer and must always be present. The additional E-RABs are dedicated radio bearers and must include a Traffic Flow Template (TFT) unless they are defined as UE initiated.

Property of each element:

Range: 1 to 255. QoS Class Identifier of the E-RAB.

priority\_level

Range: 1 to 15. Priority level.

pre\_emption\_capability

Enumeration: shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption or may\_ trigger\_pre\_emption.

pre\_emption\_vulnerability

Enumeration: not\_pre\_emptable or pre\_emptable.

setup\_type

Optional enumeration: automatic, on\_demand, ue\_initiated (default = automatic).

- If set to automatic, the dedicated bearer is created with the default bearer.
- If set to on\_demand, the dedicated bearer is created when there is downlink traffic matching the TFT filters. This option is useful to automatically create a dedicated bearer for IMS RTP voice traffic.
- If set to ue\_initiated, the dedicated bearer is created when receiving a ESM bearer resource allocation request message. In that case, the gbr object defines the maximum values allowed (MME will use the minimum between configured values and the ones sent by the UE) and tft object is not required (MME will use the filters sent by the UE).

Optional object. Guaranted Bitrate information. List of properties:

maximum\_bitrate\_dl

Integer.

maximum\_bitrate\_ul

Integer.

guaranteed\_bitrate\_dl

Integer.

guaranteed\_bitrate\_ul

Integer.

List of TFT filters. filters Optional array of objects. Required for dedicated bearers with setup\_type different from ue\_initiated. Each filter has the following properties:

direction

Enumeration: dl, ul or both. Set the filter direction.

Range: 0 to 15. Set the filter identifier. id

precedence

Range: 0 to 255. Set the filter precedence. All the filters must have different precedence. 0 is the highest precedence.

gbr

#### components

Array of objects. Each component contains one of the following properties as described in 3GPP 23.060 chapter 15.3.2:

## $ipv4\_remote\_addr$

String. Match a remote (external network entity) IPv4 address with the additional mask property.

## ipv6\_remote\_addr

String. Match a remote (external network entity) IPv6 address with the additional mask property.

proto\_id Range: 0 to 255. Match against the IP protocol identifier.

## local\_port

Range: 0 to 65536. Match against the local (UE) port.

## local\_port\_range

Array of 2 integers. Match against a local (UE) port range.

## remote\_port

Range: 0 to 65536. Match against the remote (external network entity) port.

## remote\_port\_range

Array of 2 integers. Match against a remote (external network entity) port range.

## security\_parameter\_index

32 bit integer. Match the ESP or AH security parameter index.

## type\_of\_service

Range: 0 to 255. Match the type of service (IPv4) or the traffic class (IPv6) field. The additional mask property is the corresponding mask.

## mask Depends on TFT component.

If ipv4\_remote\_addr is set, string representing IPv4 address used as a mask to apply on packet remote address.

If ipv6\_remote\_addr is set, string representing IPv6 address used as a mask to apply on packet remote address.

If type\_of\_service is set, integer between 0 and 255 used as a mask to apply on packet tos.

## flow\_label

20 bit integer. Match the IPv6 flow label.

#### on\_demand\_timeout

Optional integer. When setup\_type is on\_demand, set the duration (in ms) after which the dedicated bearer is released when there is no downlink or uplink traffic.

#### on\_demand\_ul\_trigger

Optional boolean (default = false). When setup\_type is on\_demand, if set to true an UL packet matching one of the TFT filters triggers the dedicated E-RAB establishment.

#### transaction\_identifier

Optional integer (range 0 to 127). If present, the transaction identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

11c\_sapi Optional integer (range 0 to 15). If present, the LLC service access point identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

## radio\_priority

Optional integer (range 0 to 7). If present, the radio priority IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

## packet\_flow\_identifier

Optional integer (range 0 to 127). If present, the packet flow identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

sm\_qos Optional string. If present, the quality of service IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message. The string must contain the hexadecimal representation of the IE without its IEI and length.

## 5.2.2 User database options

ue\_db

Array of objects. Configure the user database. Each element is an entry for one user. The following properties are available:

imsi String. Set the IMSI.

msisdn Optional string. Set the MSISDN.

sim\_algo Optional enumeration. xor, milenage or tuak (default = xor). Set the SIM authentication algorithm. Note: test USIM cards use the XOR algorithm.

amf Range: 0 to 65535. Set the Authentication Management Field.

optional String (6 byte hexadecimal string). Default = "00000000000". Set the initial sequence number. For the XOR algorithm, the actual value does not matter. For the Milenage or TUAK algorithm, a sequence number resynchronization is initiated if the sequence number does not match the one stored in the USIM.

K String. Set the user secret key (as a 16 byte hexadecimal string).

op Optional string. Operator key (as a 16 byte hexadecimal string). When the Milenage authentication algorithm is used, either op or opc must be set.

opc Optional string. Operator key preprocessed with the user secret key (as a 16 byte hexadecimal string). When the Milenage authentication algorithm is used, either op or opc must be set.

r Optional array of 5 integers (range: 0 to 127). Allows to customize the r1 to r5 parameters when Milenage authentication algorithm is used. If the array is not present, the default values (as defined in 3GPP 35.206) are used.

c Optional array of 5 strings. Each value contains a 16 byte hexadecimal string. Allows to customize the c1 to c5 parameters when Milenage authentication algorithm is used. If the array is not present, the default values (as defined in 3GPP 35.206) are used.

Optional string. Operator key (as a 32 byte hexadecimal string). When the TUAK authentication algorithm is used, either top or topc must be set.

Optional string. Operator key preprocessed with the user secret key (as a 32 byte hexadecimal string). When the TUAK authentication algorithm is used, either top or topc must be set.

#### keccak\_iter

Optional integer (range: 1 to MAX\_INT). Allows to customize the number of Keccak permutations performed when using the TUAK authentication algorithm. If the item is not present, the default value 1 (as defined in 3GPP 35.231) is used.

res\_len Optional integer (default = 8). Defines length of response in bytes during authentication. For TUAK authentication algorithm, the value must be 4, 8 or 16 bytes long.

#### multi sim

Optional boolean (default = false). If true, allow several UEs to have the same IMSI (useful when using several identifical test SIM cards in different UEs at the same time). They are distinguished with their IMEI. Note: it is only allowed with the XOR authentication algorithm.

## ${\tt ue\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_dl}$

Optional integer (default = 1e9). UE aggregate maximum bitrate for downlink (in bits/s).

## ue\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_ul

Optional integer (default = 1e9). UE aggregate maximum bitrate for uplink (in bits/s).

Count Optional integer (default = 1). Create n user entries by incrementing the IMSI and K.

pdn\_list Optional array. Each entry will set specific parameters for a PDN as defined below:

# access\_point\_name

String. Used to define what PDN to configure.

default Optional boolean (default = false). If true and UE does not specify APN during Attach procedure, this PDN will be used.

## ipv4\_addr

Optional string. If set, the UE will always use this IPv4 address.

## ipv6\_prefix

Optional string. If set, the UE will always use this IPv6 prefix.

imeisv Optional string. If set, this configuration only applies to UE with matching IMEISV.

#### multicast

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, IPv4 multicast traffic will be forwarded to this PDN.

#### broadcast

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, IPv4 broadcast traffic will be forwarded to this PDN.

routes

Optional array. Each entry of array represent a list of filters. See [TFT components], page 18, for filters syntax except that remote refers to UE and local to network.

When a packet enters MME, if it matches one of the filter list, it will be sent to associated UE.

Ex:

Means that all packet addressed to 10.0.0.0/24 network will be sent to UE.

### ue\_db\_filename

Optional string. If present, store the current MME state in a persistent file. The MME state contains in particular the allocated TMSI, the associated security contexts and the allocated IP addresses.

# 5.2.3 Public Warning System (ETWS/CMAS) options

## pws\_msgs

Optional array of objects. Define a list of ETWS/CMAS messages which can be sent to the connected eNodeBs with the pws\_write monitor command. Check TS 23.041 to have the exact definition of each field. Each message contains the following properties:

#### local\_identifier

Range: 0 to 65535. Local message identifier. Used as argument to the monitor commands pws\_write or pws\_kill.

#### message\_identifier

Range: 0 to 65535. Message Identifier.

#### serial\_number

Range: 0 to 65535. Serial Number.

#### repetition\_period

Optional integer, range: 0 to 4095 (default = 10). Periodicity of the warning message to be broadcast.

## number\_of\_broadcasts\_requested

Optional integer, range: 0 to 65535 (default = 65535). Number of times a message is to be broadcast.

## warning\_type

Optional integer. Range: 0 to 65535. Warning type (ETWS only).

## warning\_security\_info

Optional 50 byte hexadecimal string. Warning security information (ETWS optional).

### warning\_message

Optional array of string. Message content (ETWS: optional, CMAS: mandatory). Each string is a message page and contains at most 93 characters. At most 15 pages are allowed.

#### data\_coding\_scheme

Optional integer. Range 0 to 255. Data coding scheme. Must be present if warning\_message is present.

## concurrent\_warning\_message\_ind

Optional boolean (default = false). Indicates to eNB that the received warning message is a new message to be scheduled for concurrent broadcast with any other ongoing broadcast of warning messages.

## 5.2.4 NAS special conformance testing options

The MME can automatically activate UE test mode during attachment and configure test loop mode A, B or G (see 3PP 36.509 for details). Once the loop is closed, the user can transmit downlink IP packets to the UE that will be loopbacked in UL.

## nas\_test\_procedure

Optional object allowing to configure the test procedure. It must contain the following objects:

## test\_loop\_mode

Enumeration: none, a, b, g. Defines which test loop will be activated.

#### lb\_setup\_list

Optional array used for test loop mode A if UL PDCP SDU scaling is required. Each element of the array must contain the following 2 objects:

## ul\_pdcp\_sdu\_size

Integer (range 0 to 1520). UL PDCP SDU size in bytes.

drb\_id Integer (range 1 to 32). Data Radio Bearer identity on which the UL PDCP SDU scaling is applied.

#### ip\_pdu\_delay

Integer (range 0 to 255). Transmission delay in seconds of the UL PDCP SDUs when operating in test loop mode B.

#### operation\_mode

Enumeration (upper or rlc). upper means that data is returned in uplink at the EMM entity. rlc means that data is returned in uplink at the RLC AM-SAP of SRB1bis for NB-IoT UE or at the RLC AM-SAP of SRB2 for E-UTRA UE. Used in test loop mode G.

#### repetitions

Integer (0 to 127). Number of repetitions of received content of received user data in downlink in uplink. Used in test loop mode G.

#### ul\_data\_delay

Integer (0 to 255). Uplink data delay in seconds. Used in test loop mode G.

## 5.2.5 Rx options

rx

Optional object allowing to configure the Rx options. It can contain the following objects:

## bind\_addr

Optional string. IP address and optional port on which the Rx SCTP connection is bound. The default address is the same as the S1AP SCTP connection and the default port is 3368.

Qci Optional object. It can contain five integer properties: audio, video, application, data and control that defines the QCI to use.

Default is 1 for audio, 2 for video and application, 6 for data and control.

## origin\_realm

Optional string. Defines the string sent in the Origin-Realm AVP for Rx messages. Default is set to mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

#### origin\_host

Optional string. Defines the string sent in the Origin-Host AVP for Rx messages. Default is set to epc.mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

## reservation\_priority

Optional array of 16 elements defining the S1AP ARP (Allocation and Retention Priority) parameters to be used for each Rx reservation priority level. If not present, priority\_level is set to 15 (no priority), pre\_emption\_capability is set shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption and pre\_emption\_vulnerability is set to not\_pre\_emptable. If present the array must be ordered by increasing Rx priority level (from 0 to 15) and must contain the following fields:

## priority\_level

Range: 1 to 15.

#### pre\_emption\_capability

Enumeration: shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption or may\_trigger\_pre\_emption.

## pre\_emption\_vulnerability

Enumeration: not\_pre\_emptable or pre\_emptable.

## **5.2.6 S6a** options

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Optional object allowing to configure the S6a options. It can contain the following objects:

#### server\_addr

String. IP address and optional port of the HSS used for S6a interface. The default port is 3368.

#### bind\_addr

Optional string. IP address and optional port on which the S6a SCTP connection is bound. The default address is the same as the S1AP SCTP connection.

### origin\_realm

Optional string. Defines the string sent in the Origin-Realm AVP for S6 messages. Default is set to mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

## origin\_host

Optional Defines string. the string sent in the AVP Default Origin-Host for S6messages. issetepc.mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

#### transaction\_timeout

Optional integer (range 1 to 15000, default = 2000). Defines the timeout in milliseconds for a transaction with the HSS.

# 5.2.7 EIR/S13 options

 $me_db$ 

Optional object allowing to define a list of IMEI (14 digits without the last Check Digit one) or IMEISV (16 digits), and their status (whitelisted, blacklisted, greylisted). If not present, all devices are considered as whitelisted. It can contain the following objects:

## default\_status

Enumeration (whitelisted, blacklisted, greylisted). Defines the default status for devices not explicitly defined in the next objects.

## whitelist

Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI or IMEISV whitelisted.

## blacklist

Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI or IMEISV blacklisted.

greylist Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI or IMEISV greylisted.

## Example:

```
me_db: {
   default_status: "blacklisted",
   whitelist: [
     "01234567100000",
     "0123456700000001"
   ]
}
```

Optional object allowing to configure the S13 options. It can contain the following objects:

## server\_addr

String. IP address and optional port of the EIR used for S13 interface. The default port is 3368.

#### bind\_addr

Optional string. IP address and optional port on which the S13 SCTP connection is bound. The default address is the same as the S1AP SCTP connection.

#### origin\_realm

Optional string. Defines the string sent in the Origin-Realm AVP for S13 messages. Default is set to mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

#### origin\_host

Optional string. Defines the string sent in the Origin-Host AVP for S13 messages. Default is set to epc.mnc<MNC>.mcc<MCC>.3gppnetwork.org.

#### transaction\_timeout

Optional integer (range 1 to 15000, default = 2000). Defines the timeout in milliseconds for a transaction with the EIR.

## 5.2.8 SGs options

sgs

Optional object allowing to configure the SGs options. It can contain the following objects:

## csfb\_allowed

Optional boolean (default = false). If set to true, Circuit Switched Fall back procedures are accepted, otherwise they are rejected.

Optional integer (default = 0x001). Defines the Location Area Identifier of the MSC/VLR to connect to.

#### server\_addr

String. IP address and optional port of the MSC/VLR used for SGs interface. The default port is 29118.

#### bind\_addr

Optional string. IP address and optional port on which the SGs SCTP connection is bound. The default address is the same as the S1AP SCTP connection.

# 6 Remote API

You can access LTEMME via a remote API.

Protocol used is WebSocket as defined in RFC 6455 (https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6455).

# 6.1 Messages

Messages exchanged between client and LTEMME server are in strict JSON format.

Each message is represented by an object. Multiple message can be sent to server using an array of message objects.

Time and delay values are floating number in seconds.

All messages have at least following definition:

String. Represent type of message. This parameter is mandatory and depending on its value, other parameters will apply.

If message is a response from server, response message will have same message member.

#### message\_id

message

Optional any type. If set response sent by the server to this message will have same message\_id. This is used to identify response as WebSocket does not provide such a concept.

## start\_time

Optional double. Represent the delay before executing the message.

If not set, the message is executed when received.

Note that some command (log\_get, log\_reset, config\_get, config\_set, stats) can't be executed in future.

#### absolute\_time

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, start\_time is interpreted as absolute. You can get current clock of system using time member of config\_get command.

## 6.2 Errors

If a message produces an error, response will have an error string field representing the error.

# 6.3 Sample nodejs program

You will find in this documentation a sample program: ws.js. This is a nodejs program that allow to send message to PROG.

It requires node to be installed:

```
yum install nodejs npm
npm install nodejs-websocket
```

Then simply start it with server name and message you want to send:

```
./ws.js 127.0.0.1:9000 '{"message": "config_get"}'
```

# 6.4 Common messages

## config\_get

Retrieve current config.

Response definition:

type Always "MME"

name String representing server name.

time Number representing time in seconds.

Usefull to send command with absolute time.

logs Object representing log configuration.

With following elements:

layers Object. Each member of the object represent a log layer

configuration:

layer name

Object. The member name represent log layer

name and parameters are:

level See [log\_options], page 7,

max\_size See [log\_options], page 7,

count Number. Number of bufferizer logs.

## config\_set

Change current config.

Each member is optional.

Message definition:

logs Object. Represent logs configuration. Same structure as config\_get (See

[config\_get logs member], page 28).

All elements are optional.

relative\_capacity

Optional integer. Range: 0 to 255. Default: 50. Set the MME relative capacity value used for MME load balancing in S1AP S1 Setup Response

and MME Configuration Update messages.

attach\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces attach reject EMM cause.

tracking\_area\_update\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces tracking area update reject EMM cause.

service\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces value of EMM reject cause in NAS service reject message.

pdn\_connect\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces pdn connectivity reject ESM cause.

pdn\_disconnect\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces value of ESM reject cause in NAS pdn disconnect reject message.

#### bearer\_resource\_allocation\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces value of ESM reject cause in NAS bearer resource allocation reject message.

## bearer\_resource\_modification\_reject\_error

Optional integer. Forces value of ESM reject cause in NAS bearer resource modification reject message.

## attach\_reject\_filter

Optional Object. Represent UE to reject when trying to attach.

Each property name represent IMSI. If set tp "\*", every UE will be redirected using this filter.

Each property value may be:

null Removes redirection matching IMSI

integer Defines redirection type as described in rrc\_redirect eNB configuration.

string Defines PLMN to redirect to

Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3402 timer. -1 means that the timer value is not transmitted in attach accept or TAU accept so that the UE uses the default value (12 minutes).

t3412 Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3412 (TAU update) timer.
-1 means that the timer is deactivated.

#### t3412\_low\_priority

Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3412 (TAU update) timer if the UE indicates NAS signalling low priority. -1 means that the timer is deactivated.

Option boolean (default = true). If set to false, MME will ignore the PSM request sent by the UE.

## t3412\_extended\_forced

Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3412 extended timer if UE uses PSM. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

## t3324\_forced

Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3324 timer if UE uses PSM. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

t3346 Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3346 timer. The timer is transmitted in the reject messages if the EMM cause is #22 (congestion) and the value is not -1.

Optional integer (default = -1). Value in seconds of the T3448 timer. The timer is transmitted if the value is different from -1 and the UE indicates its support in the UE network capability information element.

t3460 Optional integer (default = 6). Value in seconds of the T3460 timer.

edrx Option boolean (default = true). If set to false, MME will ignore the eDRX request sent by the UE.

#### edrx\_ptw\_wb\_s1

Optional integer. 4 bits Paging Time Window length for WB-S1 UEs as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32.

## edrx\_ptw\_nb\_s1

Optional integer. 4 bits Paging Time Window length for NB-S1 UEs as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32.

## edrx\_cycle\_forced

Optional integer. 4 bits E-UTRAN eDRX cycle length duration as defined in 3GPP 24.008 chapter 10.5.5.32. If different from -1, the MME will ignore the value requested by the UE and will send this one instead.

ims\_vops Optional boolean. Set the IMS voice over PS session in S1 mode supported bit of the EPS network feature support field in the NAS attach accept message (VoLTE).

emc\_bs Optional boolean. Set the emergency bearer services in S1 mode supported bit of the EPS network feature support field in the NAS attach accept message (VoLTE, Release 9).

#### cp\_ciot\_opt

Optional boolean. If true, enable control plane CIoT optimization (if supported by the UE).

## attach\_without\_pdn

Optional boolean. If true, enable attach without PDN functionality (if supported by the UE).

#### attach\_result\_mode

Optional string. Set attach result of attach accept message. Can be:

auto This is standard LTE behavior.

eps\_only If set and UE is sending combined EPS/IMSI attach, the MME will answer with EPS only in attach accept message (EMM cause will be CS domain not available).

combined If set and UE is sending EPS only attach, the MME will answer with combined in attach accept message.

## additional\_update\_result

Optional integer. Set the value of additional update result in NAS attach accept message.

If set to -1, the additional update result won't be set.

## force\_nas\_authentication

Optional boolean. If set to true, MME will force a new NAS authentication procedure even if the Attach Request was already successfully authentified. Deprecated, use authentication\_mode instead.

## authentication\_mode

Optional string (default = auto). Set NAS authentication procedure behavior.

Can be:

auto The MME performs authentication procedure unless the UE is already successfully authentified.

force MME forces a new NAS authentication procedure even if the Attach Request was already successfully authentified

The MME skips the NAS authentication procedure and uses EIA0/EEA0 algorithms. This needs to be supported on UE

side also.

## force\_guti\_in\_tau

Optional boolean (default = false). If set, GUTI IE will be systematically present in Tracking Area Update Accept message.

## emm\_procedure\_filter

Optional object. Allows to define the MME behavior for a list of EMM procedures.

Each property name represents an EMM procedure. The ones currently supported are attach, tracking\_area\_updating, detach, service\_request, identity, authentication, security\_mode\_control and nas\_transport.

Each property value is an enum treat (UE message is processed), ignore (UE message is ignored) or reject (UE message is rejected). Network initiated procedures cannot be rejected.

## Example:

```
emm_procedure_filter: {
    attach: "treat",
    service_request: "reject"
}
```

pdn\_list Optional array of object. Each object can contain the following properties:

apn String. APN allowing to identify the PDN to be modified.

operator Optional array of objects. Each element defines an operator reserved container in protocol configuration.

Properties of each element:

id Integer. Container identifier, must be between 0xff00 and 0xffff as defined in TS 24.008.

plmn String. PLMN info of container.

value String. Value to send in hexadecimal string for-

mat.

force Optional boolean. If true, container will be sent

event without request (false by default).

#### serving\_plmn\_rate\_control

Optional integer (range 0 to 65535). Defines the serving PLMN rate control IE content when PDN is used with control plane CIoT optimization only. If the value configured is less than 10, the IE is not transmitted.

#### apn\_rate\_control\_params

Optional object. If defined, and if the UE indicates APN rate control parameters support in its protocol configura-

tion options, the following parameters will be sent in MME protocol configuration options:

## additional\_exception\_report

Boolean. Indicates if exception reports are allowed once the limit is reached.

#### ul\_time\_unit

Enumeration: unrestricted, minute, hour, day or week.

#### max\_ul\_rate

Integer (range from 0 to 16777215). Number of messages allowed to be sent per ul\_time\_unit.

## additional\_apn\_rate\_control\_exception\_data\_params

Optional object. If defined, and if the UE indicates additional APN rate control for exception data parameters support in its protocol configuration options, the following parameters will be sent in MME protocol configuration options:

#### ul\_time\_unit

Enumeration: unrestricted, minute, hour, day or week.

#### max\_ul\_rate

Integer (range from 0 to 65535). Number of messages allowed to be sent per ul\_time\_unit.

t3396

Optional integer. Value in seconds of the T3396 timer. The timer is transmitted in the ESM reject messages if the value is not -1.

## esm\_procedure\_filter

Optional object. Allows to define the MME behavior for a list of ESM procedures.

Each property name represents an ESM procedure. The ones currently supported are pdn\_connectivity, pdn\_disconnect, bearer\_resource\_allocation and bearer\_resource\_modification.

Each property value is an enum: treat (UE message is processed), ignore (UE message is ignored) or reject (UE message is rejected).

## Example:

```
esm_procedure_filter: {
    pdn_connectivity: "treat",
    bearer_resource_allocation: "reject"
}
```

## ipv6\_router\_lifetime

Optional integer (range 0 to 65535). IPv6 Router Advertisement router lifetime in seconds.

#### ipv6\_valid\_lifetime

Optional integer. IPv6 Router Advertisement valid lifetime in seconds.

#### ipv6\_pref\_lifetime

Optional integer (default is ipv6\_valid\_lifetime value). IPv6 Router Advertisement preferred lifetime in seconds. Must not be greater than ipv6\_valid\_lifetime.

#### ipv6\_onlink\_flag

Optional boolean. Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement onlink flag state.

## ipv6\_managed\_addr\_config\_flag

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement managed address configuration flag state.

## ipv6\_other\_config\_flag

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines IPv6 Router Advertisement other configuration flag state.

## ipv6\_ra\_transmission\_interval

Optional integer (range -1 to 1800, default is 0). Time in seconds between 2 periodical multicast Router Advertisement transmission, once the initial 3 transmissions have been performed after opening the PDN. The value -1 means that no multicast transmission is done at all (including the 3 initial ones). The value 0 means that periodical transmission is deactivated.

## ipv6\_drop\_rs

Optional boolean (default is false). Defines whether the incoming Router Solicitation messages should be dropped by the MME or not.

#### log\_get Get logs.

Message definition:

Optional number (default = 1). Minimum amount of logs to retrieve. min

> Response won't be sent until this limit is reached (Unless timeout occurs).

Optionnal number (default = 4096). Maximum logs sent in a response. max

timeout Optional number (default = 1). If at least 1 log is available and no more

logs have been geen rated for this time, response will be sent.

Optional number. If set, send only logs matching rnti. rnti

Optional number. If set, send only logs with matching ue\_id. ue\_id

layers Optional Object. Each member name represents a log layer and values

> must be string representing maximum level. See [log\_options], page 7. If layers is not set, all layers level will be set to debug, else it will be set

to none.

Note also the logs is also limited by general log level. See [log\_options], page 7.

## Response definition:

Array. List of logs. Each item is a an object with following members: logs

> data Array. Each item is a string representing a line of log.

timestamp

Number. Number of seconds since start of session or start of day.

layer String. Log layer.

String. Log level: error, warn, info or debug. level

Optional string. Log direction: UL, DL, FROM or TO. dir

ue\_id Optional number. UE\_ID.

Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). Cell ID. cell

Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). RNTI. rnti

Optional number (only for PHY layer logs). Frame number frame

(Subframe is decimal part).

channel Optional string (only for PHY layer logs). Channel name.

String. Server name. src

idx Integer. Log index.

#### discontinuity

Optional number. If set, this means some logs have been discarded due to log buffer overflow.

Note that only one request can be sent by client.

If a request is sent before previous one has returned, previous one will be sent without matchine min/max/timeout conditions.

#### log\_reset

Resets logs buffer.

Terminates Itemme. quit

help Provides list of available messages in messages array of strings and events to register in events array of strings.

#### stats Provides statistics.

Every time this message is received by server, statistics are reset.

Response definition:

time Time in seconds since LTEMME starting.

Object. Each member name defines a type and its value cpu load in % cpu of one core.

#### instance\_id

Number. Constant over process lifetime. Changes on process restart.

Object. List of counters, with following sub members: counters

> messages Object. Each member name is the message name and its

> > value is its occurrence.

To get list of message, type cevent help msg in LTEMME

monitor.

Object. Each member name is the error name and its value errors

is its occurence.

To get list of message, type cevent help msg in LTEMME

monitor.

#### emm\_registered\_ue\_count

Integer. Number of UEs in EMM-REGISTERED state.

### s1\_connections

Array of objects. List of S1AP connection betweens eNBs and MME. Each object contains the following fields:

plmn String. PLMN of the Global eNB ID.

#### enb\_id\_type

String (macro, home, short\_macro or long\_macro). Type of identifier of the Global eNB ID.

enb\_id Integer. Identifier of the Global eNB ID.

ip\_addr String. IP address and port of the eNB.

ta\_list Array of objects. List of the Tracking Areas served by the eNB. Each object contains the following fields:

plmn String. PLMN of Tracking Area.

tac Integer. Tracking Area Code.

#### emm\_connected\_ue\_count

Integer. Number of UEs in EMM-CONNECTED state for this S1AP connection.

register Register client to message generated by server. Message definition:

register String or array of string. List of message to register to.
Can be erab end, non ip data, generic nas transport

#### unregister

String or array of string. List of message to unregister. Can be erab end, non ip data, generic nas transport

## 6.5 LTE messages

ue\_get Get UE informations.

Message definition:

imsi Optional string. If set, retrieve only information from UE with matching IMSI.

#### radio\_capabilities

Optional boolean. If set, provides radio\_capabilities in response.

Response definition:

ue\_list Array of current UEs.

Each element has following definition:

imsi String. IMSI.

imeisv String. IMEISV.

m\_tmsi String. M\_TMSI.

tac Integer. Current tracking area code.

tac\_plmn String. Current tracking area PLMN.

## ${\tt ue\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_dl}$

Number. UE aggregate maximum bitrate for downlink.

ue\_aggregate\_max\_bitrate\_ul

Number. UE aggregate maximum bitrate for uplink.

registered

Boolean. True if UE is currently registered to network.

enb\_ue\_id

Integer. eNB UE id. This field would only be present if the UE is still in connected mode.

mme\_ue\_id

Integer. MME UE id. This field would only be present if the UE is still in connected mode.

bearers Array. List of connected default bearers. Each bearer has following definition:

erab\_id Integer. Bearer ID.

ip String. IPv4 address.

ipv6 String. IPv6 address.

ul\_total\_bytes

Number. Total uplink transfered bytes.

dl\_total\_bytes

Number. Total downlink transfered bytes.

apn String. Access point name.

dedicated

Array of object. Each object represent a dedicated bearer defined as follow:

erab\_id Integer. Bearer ID.

ul\_total\_bytes

Number. Total uplink transfered bytes.

dl\_total\_bytes

Number. Total downlink transfered bytes.

radio\_capabilities

GSER string. UE radio access capabilities. Only present if radio\_capabilities is set to true in request.

ue\_add Add UE to UE database.

Message definition:

ue\_db Array. List of UE configuration. See [ue\_db], page 20,

ue\_del Remove UE from the UE database and force disconnect if necessary.

Message definition:

imsi String. IMSI of the UE to delete.

ue\_detach

Force a detach from network.

Message definition:

imsi String. IMSI of the UE to detach.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

type Optional number (default = 2 / re-attach not required). Set NAS detach request type.

request type

cause Optional number (default = 3 / illegal UE). Set EMM cause. The value -1 means that the EMM cause IE is not sent in the NAS Detach Request

message.

me\_add Add or update one or several devices in ME database.

Message definition:

default\_status

Optional enumeration (whitelisted, blacklisted, greylisted). Defines the default status for devices not explicitly defined in the next objects.

whitelist

Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI (14 digits) or IMEISV (16 digits) whitelisted.

blacklist

Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI (14 digits) or IMEISV (16 digits) blacklisted.

greylist Optional array. It contains a list of IMEI (14 digits) or IMEISV (16 digits) greylisted.

me\_del Remove one or several devices in ME database.

Message definition:

1 Array of strings. Each entry must be an IMEI (14 digits) or IMEISV (16 digits).

pws\_write

Start broadcasting Public Warning System message.

Message definition:

local\_id Number. ID of the message as defined by local\_identifier in MME configuration file

pws\_kill Stop broadcasting Public Warning System message.

Message definition:

local\_id Number. ID of the message as defined by local\_identifier in MME configuration file

enb Get list of eNB connections.

Response definition:

enb\_list Array of object. Each object represents an eNB connection:

plmn String. PLMN.

eNB\_ID\_type

String (macro, home, short\_macro or long\_macro). eNB type.

eNB\_ID Integer. eNB ID.

address String. eNB IP address and port.

ue\_ctx Number. Number of UE contexts.

Get information regarding the S6a connection.

Response definition:

state String. S6a connection state (disconnected, connecting, connected or

inactive).

address String. HSS address and port.

host Optional string. HSS Diameter host identifier retrieved during Capa-

bilities Exchange procedure.

realm Optional string. HSS Diameter realm identifier retrieved during Capa-

bilities Exchange procedure.

s6connect

Force S6a connection establishment.

Message definition:

addr Optional string. If not set, the MME will try to connect to the previ-

ously configured address

s6disconnect

Force S6a connection release.

s13 Get information regarding the S13 connection.

Response definition:

state String. S13 connection state (disconnected, connecting, connected or

inactive).

address String. EIR address and port.

host Optional string. EIR Diameter host identifier retrieved during Capabil-

ities Exchange procedure.

realm Optional string. EIR Diameter realm identifier retrieved during Capa-

bilities Exchange procedure.

s13connect

Force S13 connection establishment.

Message definition:

addr Optional string. If not set, the MME will try to connect to the previ-

ously configured address

s13disconnect

Force S13 connection release.

sgs Get information regarding the SGs connection.

Response definition:

state String. SGs connection state (disconnected, connecting, connected or

inactive).

address String. MSC/VLR address and port.

sgsconnect

Force SGs connection establishment.

Message definition:

addr Optional string. If not set, the MME will try to connect to the previ-

ously configured address

#### sgsdisconnect

Force SGs connection release.

#### ue\_activate\_dedicated\_bearer

Trigger a network initiated dedicated EPS bearer activation.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

apn String. APN of the default EPS bearer associated to the dedicated one.

qci Integer (range 1 to 255). QoS Class Identifier of the E-RAB.

#### priority\_level

Optional integer (1 to 15, default 15). Priority level.

#### pre\_emption\_capability

Optional enumeration (shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption or may\_trigger\_pre\_emption, default shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption).

### pre\_emption\_vulnerability

Optional enumeration (not\_pre\_emptable or pre\_emptable, default not\_pre\_emptable).

filters Array. See [TFT], page 18.

gbr Optional object. See [GBR], page 18.

#### transaction\_identifier

Optional integer (range 0 to 127). If present, the transaction identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

11c\_sapi Optional integer (range 0 to 15). If present, the LLC service access point identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

#### radio\_priority

Optional integer (range 0 to 7). If present, the radio priority IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

#### packet\_flow\_identifier

Optional integer (range 0 to 127). If present, the packet flow identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

Sm\_qos Optional string. If present, the quality of service IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message. The string must contain the hexadecimal representation of the IE without its IEI and length.

#### Response definition:

erab\_id Integer. Allocated ERAB identity for this dedicated EPS bearer.

#### ue\_modify\_bearer

Trigger a network initiated EPS bearer modification.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

erab\_id Integer. ERAB identity of the bearer to be modified.

qos Optional objet. If present a QoS modification is done. It should contain the following objects:

qci Integer (range 1 to 255). QoS Class Identifier of the E-RAB.

priority\_level

Optional integer (1 to 15, default 15). Priority level.

pre\_emption\_capability

Optional enumeration (shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption or may\_trigger\_pre\_emption, default shall\_not\_trigger\_pre\_emption).

pre\_emption\_vulnerability

Optional enumeration (not\_pre\_emptable or pre\_emptable, default not\_pre\_emptable).

gbr Optional object. See [GBR], page 18.

filters Array. Contains the new TFT after modification. See [TFT], page 18.

11c\_sapi Optional integer (range 0 to 15). If present, the LLC service access point identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

radio\_priority

Optional integer (range 0 to 7). If present, the radio priority IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

packet\_flow\_identifier

Optional integer (range 0 to 127). If present, the packet flow identifier IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message.

Sm\_qos Optional string. If present, the quality of service IE is put in the EPS bearer activation message. The string must contain the hexadecimal representation of the IE without its IEI and length.

Response definition:

erab\_id Integer. ERAB identity of the EPS bearer.

ue\_deactivate\_bearer

Trigger a network initiated default or dedicated EPS bearer deactivation. Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

erab\_id Integer. ERAB identity of the bearer to be released.

esm\_cause

Optional integer (default = 36). ESM cause for the message.

non\_ip\_data

Send data over a non IP PDN.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

erab\_id Integer. ERAB identity of the non IP default bearer.

data String. ASCII representation of the data hexadecimal dump.

#### generic\_nas\_transport

Send a downlink generic NAS transport message.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

type Integer (range: 0 to 255). Generic message container type information

element.

payload String. ASCII representation of the generic message container hexadec-

imal dump.

add\_info Optional string. ASCII representation of the additional information

hexadecimal dump.

#### reset\_ue\_pos\_stored\_info

Send a test procedure reset UE positioning stored information message.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, required if multi\_sim is set to true.

techno Integer (range: 0 to 255). UE positioning technology as sepcified in

3GPP 36.509 chapter 6.9.

#### mt\_cs\_paging

Trigger a CS paging.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

## 6.6 LTE events

Following events are sent by MME if they have been registered on WebSocket.

#### non\_ip\_data

Generated by data reception over a non IP PDN.

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, sent if multi\_sim is set to true.

erab\_id Integer. ERAB identity of the non IP default bearer.

data String. ASCII representation of the data hexadecimal dump.

#### generic\_nas\_transport

Generated when receiving an uplink generic NAS transport message.

Message definition:

imsi String. UE IMSI.

imeisv Optional string. UE IMEISV, sent if multi\_sim is set to true.

type Integer. Generic message container type information element.

payload String. ASCII representation of the generic message container hexadec-

imal dump.

add\_info Optional string. ASCII representation of the additional information

hexadecimal dump.

# 6.7 Examples

```
1. Config
    1. Client sends
       {
           "message": "config_get",
           "message_id": "foo"
    2. Server replies
           "message_id": "foo",
           "message": "config_get",
           "name": "UE",
           "logs": {
               "phy": {
                    "level": "error",
                    "max_size": 0
               },
               "rrc": {
                    "level": "debug",
                    "max_size": 1
               }
           }
       }
2. Error
    1. Client sends
       {
           "message": "bar",
           "message_id": "foo"
    2. Server replies
       {
           "message_id": "foo",
           "message": "bar",
           "error": "Unknown message: bar"
       }
```

# 7 Command line monitor reference

The following commands are available:

help Display the help. Use help command to have a more detailed help about a command.

log [log\_options]

Display the current log state. If *log\_options* are given, change the log options. The syntax is the same as the *log\_options* configuration property.

enb List the connected eNodeBs.

ue [reg] List all the UE contexts (the UEs can be connected or not). If used with parameter reg, only registered UEs will be displayed.

uectx List all the active S1 UE contexts.

pws\_write local\_id

Start broadcasting the ETWS/CMAS message identified by  $local\_id$  on all connected eNodeBs.

pws\_kill local\_id

Stop broadcasting the ETWS/CMAS message identified by *local\_id* on all connected eNodeBs.

quit Stop the program and exit.

# 8 Log file format

## 8.1 NAS layer

```
When a NAS message is dumped, the format is:
     time layer - message
   When a NAS data PDU is dumped (debug level), the format is:
     time layer dir MME_UE_ID message_type
              long_content
           Time using the selected format
time
           Indicate the layer ([NAS] here).
layer
           UL (uplink) or DL (downlink).
dir
MME_UE_ID
           MME S1AP UE identifier (hexadecimal).
```

message\_type

NAS message type.

long\_content

Full content of the NAS message if nas.max\_size > 0.

# 8.2 IP layer

```
When a IP data PDU is dumped (debug level), the format is:
```

time layer dir short\_content long\_content

time Time using the selected format layer Indicate the layer ([IP] here). UL (uplink) or DL (downlink). dir

short\_content

Single line content (at least the IP protocol and the source and destination address).

long\_content

Optional hexadecimal dump of the PDU if ip.max\_size > 0.

# 8.3 S1AP and GTP-U layers

When a message is dumped, the format is:

time layer - message

When a data PDU is dumped (debug level), the format is:

time layer dir ip\_address short\_content long\_content

Time using the selected format. time

Indicate the layer ([S1AP] or [GTPU] here). layer

Direction: TO or FROM. dir

ip\_address

source or destination IP address, depending on the dir field.

## short\_content

Single line content.

## long\_content

- S1AP: full ASN.1 content of the S1AP message if layer.max\_size > 0.
- GTPU: hexadecimal dump of the message if layer.max\_size > 0.

# 9 FAQ

## 9.1 Traffic control

I want to generate errors, limit bandwidth, introduce latency...

Easiest and most powerful way is to do this at IP level using the tc Linux command. There are various tutorials on the internet but it is not a piece of cake so here are some common commands to handle simple case.

First, tc will operate at Linux interface level, which means that for LTE we will control the tun0 interface created by MME.

Note that this configuration will be dropped each time you restart the MME so if you want to set it automatically and keep it we recommand to place the commands inside *config/mme-ifup* (See [tun\_setup\_script], page 9).

- To limit overall bandwidth to 2mbps:
  - tc qdisc add dev tun0 root handle 1:0 htb default 1 tc class add dev tun0 parent 1:0 classid 1:1 htb rate 2000kbit
- To simulate 10% packet loss:
  - tc qdisc add dev tun0 root handle 1: netem loss 10%
- To change previous packet loss to 20%:
  - tc qdisc change dev tun0 root handle 1: netem loss 10%
- To add 100ms latency with more or less 10ms:
  - tc qdisc add dev tun0 root handle 1: netem delay 100ms 10ms
- Same as previous but with a normal distribution:
  - tc qdisc add dev tun0 root handle 1: netem delay 100ms 10ms distribution normal tc is very powerful and you may also chain filters (qdisc), apply them on specific traffic...

# 10 Known limitations

We present here the known limitations of LTEMME:

- $\bullet~$  A single PLMN is supported.
- $\bullet\,$  No interface with external SGW is implemented.

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# **Abbreviations**

APN Access Point Name

DL Downlink

E-RAB E-UTRAN Radio Access Bearer

E-UTRA Evolved UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access

E-UTRAN

Evolved UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network

EIR Equipment Identity Register

HSS Home Subscriber Server

IMEI International Mobile Equipment IdentityIMSI International Mobile Subscriber Identity

LTE Long Term Evolution

MME Mobility Management Entity

NAS Non Access Stratum

PCRF Policy and Charging Enforcement Function

PDN Packet Data Network

PDU Protocol Data Unit

PGW Packet Data Network Gateway

QCI Quality of Service (QoS) Class Identifier

QoS Quality of Service SDU Service Data Unit SGW Serving Gateway

TMSI Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity

UE User Equipment

UL Uplink

USIM Universal Subscriber Identity Module

VoLTE Voice over LTE