LTE Radio Resource Management Conformance Testing: Exploration and Implementation

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Abstract --- LTE is an evolution of 3G technology which possesses 100Mb/s data downloading capability. The technology of LTE is progressive and puts forward stricter requirements for terminals. All the LTE wireless terminals must pass the Radio resource Management (RRM) conformance testing before entering into the market. This paper first dissected TTCN-3 test system and RRM testing structure for the purpose of designing RRM testing model. The testing model proposed in this paper realized the equal data exchange between test system (TS) and system under test (SUT) in application layer, and thus solved a big problem in constructing test platform of RRM testcases. Then comes the most difficult tasks: develop RRM testcases, system adapter (SA) and codec (CD). Among the tasks, RRM testcases are developed based on the test suite released by European Telecommunication Standards Institute (ETSI). Important runtime testing processes including Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) process, preamble transfer process and cell reselection process are dissected in detail for the purpose of programming. SA is developed according to TRI specification using socket programming. CD is developed according to TCI specification.. On the basis of massive practical work, the implementation of RRM conformance testing is shown.

Index Terms—Radio resource management, LTE, TTCN-3, AKA, Conformance testing

I. INTRODUCTION

3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) started the research of LTE in November 2004. LTE system can provide higher transmission rate and lower transmission delay compared with 3G mobile communication technology. In order to realize the truly commercial operation of LTE, the terminal conformance testing must be done to check whether the produced LTE terminals satisfy the requirements for technology, signaling and performance. Terminal conformance testing contains RF and protocol conformance testing as well as other conformance testing. RF conformance testing includes RF characteristics testing and RRM conformance testing. RRM conformance testing has not been accomplished so far. This paper focuses on making contributions to the completion of LTE RRM conformance testing.

RRM aims at providing the guarantee of service quality and improving radio spectrum utilization as much

as possible to prevent network congestion and reduce signaling load. RRM conformance testing is to check whether the RRM capability of LTE wireless terminals conforms to the description of LTE standards. Global Certification Forum (GCF) designates TTCN-3 language as the only conformance testing criterion, so RRM conformance testing must be implemented based on TTCN-3 to achieve its global acceptance.

The implementation of RRM conformance testing is a tough task since the execution of RRM testcases needs the support of all the lower-layer protocols such as RRC (Radio Resource Control). PDCP (Packet Data Converage Protocol), RLC (Radio Link Control), MAC (Medium Access Control) and PHY (Physical layer). The authors have done a lot of work about it. Based on our experience, this paper first introduces the framework of RRM conformance testing including TTCN-3 test system and RRM testing structure. Then, a feasible RRM testing model is proposed for simulating RRM testing. After that, the development of SA, CD and SUT (System Under Test) is shown in detail. TTworkbench is chosen as our integrated development environment (IDE), and the whole implementation process of RRM conformance testing including setting testing environment, configuring testing parameters, running testcases and getting verdict result is shown in the final section.

II. OVERALL FRAMEWORK

A. TTCN-3 Test System

TTCN-3 is a powerful and flexible test language widely used in computer and communication fields, and ETSI chooses TTCN-3 as the new generation protocol and software test standard. To achieve the global promotion of LTE, RRM conformance testing must be implemented based on TTCN-3.

Templates, data types, constants, timers, altsteps, components, ports, functions and testcases are defined in the definitions part of a TTCN-3 module, and the control part of a TTCN-3 module is responsible for calling testcases and controlling their running. A TTCN-3 module can also import definitions from other modules using the keyword "import from" [1], [2].

TTCN-3 core language not only contains the features of other high-level languages, but also includes its dedicated structures and objects such as codec module,

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matching mechanism and testing verdict. TTCN-3 core language can also be transformed into GFT (Graphical representation format) to clearly show the execution sequence of TTCN-3 code.

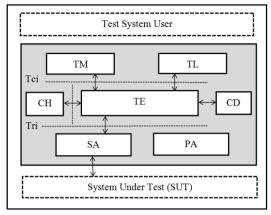


Fig. 1.The structure of TTCN-3 test system

TTCN-3 code is concise and easy to understand, but the execution of TTCN-3 code needs a lot of tools to provide support. In C++ or java language, data transmission can be realized by socket and stream, but TTCN-3 language defines communication ports in an abstract way like "port EUTRA_SYSTEM_PORT SYS" and there are no concepts of socket and stream in TTCN-3 language. We must develop SA to indicate how and where the data or signaling should be sent and develop codec to transform TTCN-3 or ASN.1 data into binary bit-stream. So, compared with C++ or java, TTCN-3 brings more difficulties for RRM testing. Figure 1 shows the structure of TTCN-3 test system.

Test management (TM) is responsible for managing the whole test system, such as loading test suites, controlling compiler and executor. Test Log (TL) is a record entity which keeps track of TTCN-3 real-time logs and outputs the recorded TTCN-3 real-time logs to console. Components Handler (CH) handles and coordinates all components, we can take advantage of CH to achieve distributed testing. Test Executable (TE) is the executable code compiled from original TTCN-3 script files. TE is responsible for the interpretive execution of TTCN-3 modules.

SA, CD and PA constitute the TTCN-3 test adapter. SA is responsible for establishing and maintaining the connection to SUT. CD encodes and decodes data and signaling according to specific rules such as BER, PER and UPER. PA adapts test system to the given platform, such as calling external functions. Testers need to develop SA and CD before executing RRM testcases and this means a mass of work [3]-[5].

B. RRM Testing Structure

There are about 42 testcases in TD_LTE RRM conformance testing. The structure of these testcases conforms to the following testing structure as shown in Fig. 2.

According to the RRM testing structure, it's obvious that RRM testing instrument can be logically divided into

user plane protocol stack, control plane protocol stack, NAS emulation, RAT (Radio Access Technology) emulation, IP_PTC emulation and cell emulation. Functions of NAS (Non-Access Stratum) and RRC, such as NAS security, radio bearer management and mobility management, are simulated by NAS emulation. RAT emulation is used for simulating radio access technologies, such as EUTRAN (Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network) and GERAN (GSM EDGE Radio Access Network). Two or more RATs are needed for testing the handover performance of UE. Cell emulation can produce several simulated cells for UE to camp on. For example, in cell reselection testcases, all the cells that can be detected by UE will be measured and UE will choose the best cell to camp on. There are many ports in RRM testing such as SRB, DRB, IP SOCK and EUTRA_CTRL. All these ports should have the information of port number and IP address to indicate where the messages should be sent, so IP_PTC emulation is needed. IP PTC emulation handles sockets and routing information to ensure the sending and receiving in order. In one word, we must understand well the below RRM testing structure in order to implement RRM testing [6]-[8].

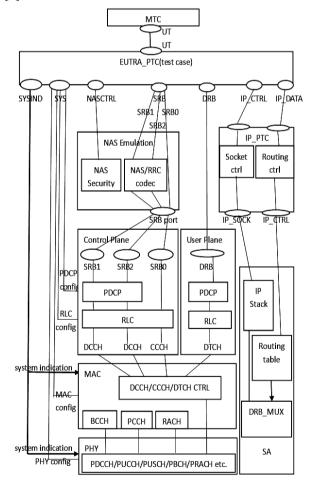


Fig. 2. RRM testing structure of LTE

SYS port of EUTRA is responsible for nearly all configurations including security configuration, radio bearer configuration, channel configuration, and so on.

The SYSIND port transfers indication information to MAC and Physical layer. NASCTRL port and SRB port interact with NAS emulation. The DRB port carries user data to the user plane. IP_CTRL and IP_DATA are ports of IP_PTC. IP_PTC is responsible for interacting with SA.

Control plane employs "SCTP (Stream Control Transmission Protocol) over IP" to transport control signaling. Control plane protocol stack is shown in Fig. 3. NAS layer can bypass access network (E-UTRAN) to interact with core network (EPC, Evolved Packet Core) directly. NAS layer and RRC layer are simulated by NAS emulation.

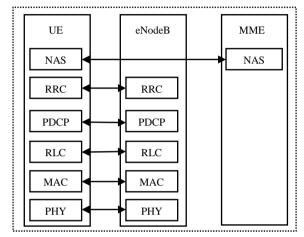


Fig. 3. Control plane protocol stack

User plane adopts UDP (User Datagram Protocol) to transport user data. Fig. 4 shows the user plane protocol stack. PDCP layer conducts header compression, ciphering and integrity protection for user data. RLC layer then segments the user data and adds a RLC header for each segment to form RLC PDUs (Protocol Data Units). MAC layer combines several RLC PDUs into a MAC data unit and adds a MAC header for each MAC data unit to form a transmission block. Physical layer adds a CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) field to the end of the transmission block and finally the transmission block will be encoded, modulated and sent to air interface.

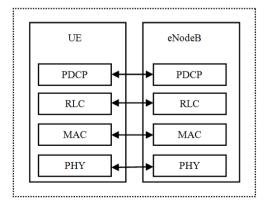
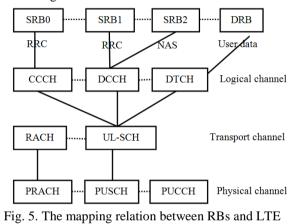


Fig. 4. User plane protocol stack

LTE channels are divided into physical channels, transport channels and logical channels. Logical channels classify messages, different types of messages are mapped to different logical channels. For example, control signaling corresponds to CCCH (Common Control Channel) and DCCH (Dedicated Control Channel), and user data is mapped to DTCH (Dedicated Traffic Channel). MAC layer then adds indication information to logical channel messages and maps them to transport channels. Transport channels make messages suit for transmission. Physical channels use specific carrier, scrambling or time slot to carry messages, so different message will correspond with different frequency, code or time slot.

LTE Radio Bearers (RBs) are used for realizing the connection between UE and eNodeB. SRBs carry controlling signaling to control plane and DRB carries user data to user plane. SRBs are divided into SRB0, SRB1 and SRB2. SRB0 and SRB1 transfer RRC signaling while SRB2 transfers NAS signaling. The mapping relations between RBs and LTE channels are shown in Fig. 5



channels

III. RELATED WORK

A. Design Testing Model

TTCN-3 test system shown in Figure 1 is quite complicated, but functions of CH, TL, TM and PA can be integrated into IDEs like TTworkbench. Therefore, TTCN-3 test system is simplified as Fig. 6.

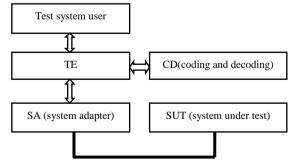


Fig. 6. Simplified TTCN-3 test system

On the basis of simplified TTCN-3 test system, RRM testing model is designed. RRM testing model consists of Host-PC, testing instrument and UE. Host-PC is connected to testing instrument with a network cable and testing instrument communicates with UE by air interface. Host-PC runs RRM testcases. Testing instrument handles

the received messages from Host-PC and returns acknowledgements to Host-PC to maintain the continuous running of Host-PC. So, from the view of Host-PC, testing instrument and UE can be seen as a black box, and the black box can be simulated by another computer called SUT. Fig. 7 shows the simulated RRM testing model.

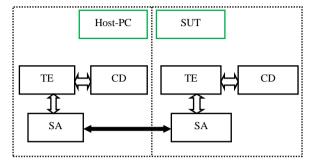


Fig. 7. RRM testing model

Firstly, the TTCN-3 or ASN.1 messages are obtained by CD and CD transforms them into binary bit-stream. Then, SA acquires the bit-stream and encapsulates the stream together with IP address and port number into data packets. Finally, the data packets are sent to SUT. As for SUT, SA first receives the data packets and transforms them into binary bit-stream, then CD decodes the stream into original TTCN-3 or ASN.1 message and sends the decoded message to TE for matching. If the decoded message successfully matches the decoding hypothesis, SUT will return specific messages to Host-PC to maintain its continuously running. So, developing SA, CD and testcases are the most important tasks which we should focus on.

B. Develop SA

TABLE I: THE MAPPING BETWEEN LOGICAL PORTS AND PHYSICAL PORTS

ports	variable name	value
	TCP-LOCAL-PORT	5000
SYS	TCP-LOCAL-ADDRESS	169.254.112.31
515	TCP-REMOTE-PORT	5001
	TCP-REMOTE-ADDRESS	169.254.6.211
	TCP-LOCAL-PORT	5002
SRB	TCP-LOCAL-ADDRESS	169.254.112.31
	TCP-REMOTE-PORT	5003
	TCP-REMOTE-ADDRESS	169.254.6.211
	UDP-LOCAL-PORT	5004
DRB	UDP-LOCAL-ADDRESS	169.254.112.31
DKB	UDP-REMOTE-PORT	5005
	UDP-REMOTE-ADDRESS	169.254.6.211

SA is responsible for establishing the connection between Host-PC and SUT. Transport layer protocols including TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) and UDP should be realized in SA. RRM testing requires transferring signaling with TCP protocol and transferring user data with UDP protocol because TCP is more reliable while UDP is faster. Both TCP and UDP can be realized by rewriting interface functions of TRI using socket programming. The mapping between logical ports and physical ports should also be done in SA and Table I shows some of the mapping relations.

C. Develop CD

CD realizes the transformation from application layer messages to bit-stream. We need to realize encode and decode functions for each basic data types. But for complicated data types like record, set and union, encode and decode functions should be written in the way of recursive call, the lowest layer of any data type is basic data type. Different kinds of CD are needed for encoding and decoding different messages, so the statement "with{ encode "name of CD"}" should be written in appropriate place to indicate which CD is used there. Below are code segments to show how the CD is realized.

protected Value decodeValue(Value result) {

ected value decode value(value result) {
Value decodedValue = null;
try {
int typeClass = result.getType().getTypeClass();
switch (typeClass) {
case TciTypeClass.BITSTRING:
decodedValue = decodeBitstringValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.BOOLEAN:
decodedValue = decodeBooleanValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.CHARSTRING:
decodedValue = decodeCharstringValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.ENUMERATED:
decodedValue = decodeEnumeratedValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.FLOAT:
decodedValue = decodeFloatValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.HEXSTRING:
decodedValue = decodeHexstringValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.INTEGER:
if (isUsingBigInt()) {
decodedValue = decodeBigIntegerValue(result);
} else {
decodedValue = decodeIntegerValue(result);
}
break;
case TciTypeClass.OCTETSTRING:
decodedValue = decodeOctetstringValue(result);
break:
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case ExtendedTciTypeClass.RECORD:
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.SET:
decodedValue = decodeRecordValue(result);
break;
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.RECORD_OF:
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.SET_OF:
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.ARRAY:
decodedValue = decodeRecordOfValue(result);
break;
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.UNION:
decodedValue = decodeUnionValue(result);
break;
case TciTypeClass.UNIVERSAL_CHARSTRING:
decodedValue=
decodeUniversalCharstringValue(result);
break;
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.VOID:
// don't decode anything
decodedValue = new Void(getRB());
break;
case ExtendedTciTypeClass.VERDICT:
decodedValue = decodeVerdictValue(result);

```
break;
default:
    logError("AbstractBitBaseCodecPlugin:Unsupported
    type class: " + typeClass, getCurrentComponent());
        tciErrorReq("AbstractBitBaseCodecPlugin:
            Unsupported type: " + typeClass);
        }
    } catch (Throwable th) {
        logWarn("Error occured while decoding: " +
        Util.throwable2String(th), getCurrentComponent());
    return null;
    }
}
```

return decodedValue;

D. Construct SUT

As mentioned in section 3.1 (Design Testing Model), from the view of Host-PC, testing instrument and UE can be seen as a black box, and the black box can be simulated by another computer called SUT. So the problem is how to construct the SUT.

Firstly, there are quite a lot ports needed by RRM testing and the same amount of ports should be defined in SUT to establish one-to-one correspondence between Host-PC and SUT.

```
type component mtcType {
            port myPort IP_SOCK:
            port myPort IP_CTRL;
            port myPort IPSEC_CTRL;
            port myPort E_DRB;
            port myPort Ut;
            port myPort E_SYS;
            port myPort E_SYSIND:
            port myPort E_SRB;
}
type component systemType {
            port myPort IP_SOCK;
            port myPort IP_CTRL;
            port myPort IPSEC_CTRL;
            port myPort DRB;
            port myPort Ut;
            port myPort SYS:
            port myPort SYSIND;
            port myPort SRB;
```

Then, the main body of SUT is constructed. Host-PC sends a message to SUT and SUT returns the message expected by Host-PC.

```
alt {
    [] receive(the message expected by SUT)
    {
        localtimer.stop;
        send (the message expected by Host-PC);
    }
    [] receive()
    {
        localtimer.stop;
        log("Unexpected message received")
    }
    [] localtimer.timeout{ }
```

E. Develop RRM Testcases

RRM testcases are described in the LTE specification "3GPP TS 36.521-3" and all these testcases need to be transformed into TTCN-3 code.

The lower layers of protocol conformance testing such as PDCP, RLC, MAC and PHY are the same as the lower layers of RRM conformance testing, so our testcases will be developed based on the test suite of protocol conformance testing released by ETSI.

EUTRA TDD intra frequency cell reselection testcase which corresponds to the specification "3GPP TS 36.521-3.4.2.2" will be used as the example to explain how to develop RRM testcases. The runtime processes of this testcase includes Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) process, preamble transfer process and cell reselection process.

When UE is switched on, the service network and the UE need to authenticate each other and negotiate necessary keys for security and integrity protection, this process is called AKA process [9].

There is a permanent key called K stored in USIM and Authentication Centre (AuC), all the other keys are derived from K. The key pair CK/IK derived from K is used for deducing KASME, and KASME is a total key for deducing all lower-layer keys. Lower-layer keys are ciphering and integrity protection keys for NAS, RRC and user plane.

TABLE II: SIGNALING OF PREAMBLE TRANSFER PROCESS

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Procedure	Direction (UE-SS)	Message			
SS transmits system information on BCCH	•	System Information			
UE transmits an RRCConnectionRequest message on CCCH		RRCConnectionRequest			
SS transmits an RRCConnectionSetup message on CCCH	←	RRCConnectionSetup			
The UE transmits an RRCConnectionSetupCo mplete message on DCCH		RRCConnectionSetup Complete			
The SS transmits an AUTHENTICATION REQUEST message on DCCH	↓	AUTHENTICATION REQUEST			
The UE transmits an AUTHENTICATION RESPONSE message on DCCH	→	AUTHENTICATION RESPONSE			
The SS transmits a NAS SECURITY MODE COMMAND message on DCCH	-	NAS SECURITY MODE COMMAND			
The UE transmits a NAS SECURITY MODE COMPLETE message	\rightarrow	SECURITY MODE COMPLETE			
The SS transmits an ACTIVATE TEST MODE message to activate UE radio bearer test mode procedure.	-	ACTIVATE TEST MODE			
The UE transmits an ACTIVATE TEST MODE COMPLETE message.		ACTIVATE TEST MODE COMPLETE			
The SS transmits a SecurityModeCommand message on DCCH to activate AS security.	-	SecurityModeCommand			

The UE transmits a SecurityModeComplete message and establishes the initial security configuration.	→	SecurityModeComplete
The SS transmits a UECapabilityEnquiry message	Ļ	UECapabilityEnquiry
The UE transmits a UECapabilityInformation message to transfer UE radio access capability.	→	UECapabilityInformation
The SS transmits an RRCConnectionReconfigu ration message to establish the default bearer	Ļ	RRCConnection Reconfiguration
The UE transmits an RRCConnection ReconfigurationComplete message	→	RRCConnection ReconfigurationComplete
This message includes the ATTACH COMPLETE message. The ACTIVATE DEFAULT EPS BEARER CONTEXT ACCEPT message is piggybacked in ATTACH COMPLETE.	→	NAS: ATTACH COMPLETE; NAS:ACTIVATE DEFAULT EPS BEARER CONTEXT ACCEPT
The SS transmits an RRCConnectionRelease message to release RRC connection and move to RRC_IDLE (State 2A).	—	RRCConnectionRelease

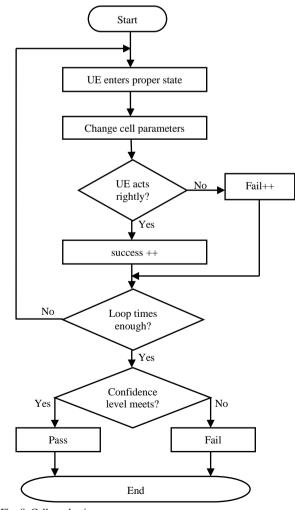


Fig. 8. Cell reselection process

Preamble transfer process completes the attach procedure and brings UE to state2A which represents the state of idle, registered and test mode activated. Table II shows the signaling of preamble transfer process [10].

Fig. 8 is the commonly used flowchart of RRM testcases.

IV. TESTING IMPLEMENTATION

A. Set Testing Environment

Numerous settings are required to make sure that the RRM testcases can be compiled and executed correctly. The most important and indispensable settings are as follows.

1) Physical memory: both the test suite and the RRM testcases (actually, the RRM testcases become a part of the test suite) should be loaded into our IDE. The test suite consists of hundreds of TTCN-3 script files, so the compiling and running of RRM testcases will consume huge physical memory. About 3GB physical memory should be allocated for RRM testing.

2) SA and CD: SA and CD can be sealed into jar packets and used in the form of plugins. Both Host-PC and SUT need the support of SA and CD.

3) Other settings: other settings include: set main module, set source folder, use arbitrarily large integer values, use javac compiler, and so on.

B. Configure Testing Parameters

1) Security parameters: security is extremely important in all communication networks including LTE network. Table III gives some of the security parameters.

parameters	data type	default value
px-NAS- IntegrityProtAlgorithm	3 bits binary	'001'B
px-NAS- CipheringAlgorithm	3 bits binary	'001'B
px-RRC- IntegrityProtAlgorithm	enumerated	eia1
px-RRC- CipheringAlgorithm	enumerated	eea0
px-eAuthRAND	128 bits binary	none
KSIasme	3 bits binary	'111'B
KSIsgsn	3 bits binary	'111'B
KASME	B256_Type	tsc-AuthUndefinedB256
СК	B128_Type	tsc-AuthUndefinedB128
IK	B128_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB128
Ks	B256_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB256
KDF	integer	1
KENB	B256_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB256
NH	B256_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB256
NCC	integer	0
NonceMME	B32_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB32
NonceUE	B32_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB32
AUTH	B128_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB128
XRES	B128_Type	tsc_AuthUndefinedB128
KeySeq	3 bits binary	'111'B

TABLE III: SECURITY PARAMETERS

			Cell1		Cell2				
parameters	units	T1 T2 T3		T1	T2	T3			
E-UTRA			12	15		12	15		
RF channel		1			1				
number		1			1				
BW	MHZ		10		10				
OCNG		(DP.2 TDI)	OP.2 TDD				
PBCH-RA		01.2 100			01.2 100				
PBCH-RB									
PSS-RA									
SSS-RA									
PCFICH-									
RB									
PHICH-RA						0			
PHICH-RB	dB		0						
PDCCH-									
RA									
PDCCH-RB									
PDSCH-RA									
PDSCH-RB									
OCNG-RA									
OCNG-RB	ID	4.10			140				
Qrxlevmin	dBm		-140		-140				
Pcompensat ion	dB	0		0					
Qhysts	dB	0		0 0					
Qoffset	dB	0		0					
	uD	0 0							
Measureme n-t variable		RSRP		RSRP RSRP					
Es/Iot	dB	16. 00	-3.55	3.2 4	- ∞	3.24	- 3.5 5		
Noc	dBm/15	-98			-				
(AWGN)	KHZ			-9	0				
Es/ Noc	dB	16	13	16	- 8	16.4 5	13		
RSRP	dBm/15 KHZ	-82	-85	- 81. 55	- 8	-81.5	-85		
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Sintrasearch	dB	Not send Not send		l					
Propagation condition		AWGN							

TABLE IV: MAIN TESTING PARAMETERS

2) Main testing parameters:

Main testing parameters are parameters that must be configured for executing RRM testcases. TABLE IV shows the configuration of main testing parameters. OCNG represents the OFDM Channel Noise Generator, it is a method for simulating real testing environment. Noc represents Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) power spectral density. Es/Iot represents the ratio of the received energy per RE (Resource Element) to the received power spectral density of the total noise and interference for a certain RE. Es/Noc represents the signal to noise ratio. Qhysts is the cell reselection Hysteresis value which is used to avoid frequently cell reselection. Ohysts acts on service cell and the change of Ohysts value will influence the relations between service cell and all its neighbor cells. Qoffset describes the RSRP offset value between service cell and its neighbor cells. The larger the Qoffset value is, the harder the cell reselection actions can be carried out. Qoffset acts on neighbor cells, so it can be used more flexible. Sintrasearch is the intra frequency measurement trigger gate of cell reselection. *T*reselection is the time value of cell reselection timer. Only the cell which satisfies cell reselection criteria and lasts the time of *T*reselection can be selected as a new service cell.

3) Special parameters:

There are many special parameters that shared by most testcases such as pc_Attach, pc_Combined_Attach, pc_IPv4, px_AccessPointName, pc_SwitchOnOff and pc_eTDD. Some of these parameters are not necessary to be configured and we can just use their default values, but others must be configured according to concrete testcase. If you do not configure them, the testcase will be terminated at somewhere. It is strongly adviced that all the special parameters be configured so that you do not need to worry about abnormal terminations. The values of these parameters can be modified in the source file, but it is better to set the parameter values in the runtime GUI so that different parameter values are applied to different testcases. Table V gives some of the special parameters that should be configured.

special parameters	statement	data type
px-IPv4- Address1_NW	IPv4 Gateway Address in PDN1	charstring
px-IPv4- Address1-UE	IPv4 Address in UE connected to PDN1	charstring
px-IPv6- Address1-NW	IPv6 Gateway Address in PDN1	charstring
px-IPv6- Address1-UE	IPv6 Address in UE connected to PDN1	charstring
pc-IPv4	Support IPV4 in case of true and its default value is true	boolean
pc-Attach	Support EPS attach in case of true and its default value is false	boolean
pc-Combined- Attach	Support combined EPS/IMSI attach in case of true and its default value is false	boolean
pc-eTDD	UE support EUTRA TDD in case of true and its default value is false	boolean

TABLE V: SPECIAL PARAMETERS THAT MUST BE CONFIGURED

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RRM testcases are compiled after testing environment and testing parameters properly set. If compiling succeeds, an executable file "LTE_EPS_TS_Testcases.clf" will be generated and RRM testcases are executed by running the executable file.

E-UTRAN primary

Channel Bandwidth and

its default value is n25

E-UTRAN primary

frequency band and its

default value is 1

Dl-Bandwidth-

Type

FrequencyBand-

Type

The RRM testing is simulated by two computers. One computer runs the testcases and another simulates the testing instrument and UE. Certainly, the two computers must be of high performance because RRM testing

project is much too enormous. It costs nearly an hour to compile the testing code for once.

As for EUTRA TDD intra frequency cell reselection testcase, UE needs to measure all the detected cells and choose the best cell to camp on, so how does UE judge the best cell? Here comes the cell reselection criteria which guarantee that UE can reselect to the neighbor cell if Rn>Rs during the time of Treselection. Here, the following formulas are given [11], [12]. Rn and Rs represent the quality of neighbor cell and service cell.

$$Rs = Q_{\text{meas s}} + Q_{\text{hysts}} \tag{1}$$

$$Rn = Q_{meas_n} - Q_{offsets_n}$$
 (2)

If UE has successfully reselected to the proper cell according to the above cell reselection criteria, we count a success (success++), else we count a failure (failure ++). After many times of looping, the final verdict result of RRM testing will be given based on the success rate.

TABLE VI: ACTUAL SIGNALING INTERACTION OF RRM TESTING

Signaling	Statement
UT_SYSTEM_REQ	Sent by Ut port. Switch off UE before testing
UT_COMMON_CNF	The acknowledgement to the abve signaling
p_SYSTEM_CTRL_REQ	Sent by SYS port. Request to config all cells
car_CellConfig_CNF	The acknowledgement to the abve signaling
cas_CommonRadioBearer_REQ	Sent by SYS port. Request to config radio bearers
car_CommonRadioBearer_CNF	The acknowledgement to the abve signaling
cas_CellConfig_Power_REQ	Sent by SYS port. Request to config cell power
car_CellConfig_Power_CNF	The acknowledgement to the abve signaling
car_SRB0_RrcPdu_IND	Sent by SRB port to request for establishing RRC connection
cas_SRB0_RrcPdu_REQ	Sent by SRB port. Information of RRC connection setup
car_SRB1_RrcNasPdu_IND	Sent by SRB port. Information of RRC connection setup complete
cas_SRB_NasPdu_REQ	Sent by SRB port to request for NAS authentication
P_NAS_CTRL_REQ	Sent by NASCTRL port to request for NAS security configuration
cas_SRB1_NasPdu_REQ	Sent by SRB port. Test mode activation
cas_SRB1_RrcPdu_REQ	Sent by SRB port. UE capability enquiry
car_SRB2_NasPdu_IND	Sent by SRB port. The indication of attach complete

D. Get Verdict Result

Besides cell reselection criteria, the concept of confidence level which is used for getting the final verdict result of the whole testing must be imported. For RRM conformance testing, the confidence level is usually set to 95%, so x/n and y/n must be larger than 90% if we want to get the verdict of pass. x is the success times of event "*Re-select newly detected Cell 2*", y is the success times of event "*Re-select already detected Cell*

I" and n is the total looping times of cell reselection process [13].

A portion of RRM conformance testing has been implemented and the rest can be done in the same way. The concise signaling interaction of RRM testing is shown in Table VI and all the debug information has been omitted.

V. CONCLUSION

The progress of RRM conformance testing is obstructed by many problems and this paper focuses on solving them. All the important details in RRM conformance testing including testing framework, related work and testing implementation are introduced in this paper. Grasping testing framework is the precondition of conducting all the other work. Testing framework involves TTCN-3 test system and RRM testing structure. Related work includes testing model, SA, CD and SUT which supports the official execution of RRM testcases. On the basis of testing framework and related work, detailed implementation including setting testing environment, configuring testing parameters, executing testcases and getting verdict result is given.

In this paper, RRM conformance testing is simulated by two computers which use TTworkbench as integrated development environment. The simulated testing result is perhaps different from the actual result, but it can reflect the truly signaling interaction process. Besides, the testing model and testing method proposed in this paper can be applied to nearly all TTCN-3 testing fields.

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