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1 Overview

Global Roaming Quality (GRQ) provides a neutral, objective and proportionate framework for pro-active and reactive monitoring and assuring end-to-end roaming services quality, thus enabling GSMA members to get a global perspective on roaming quality.

By reducing roaming quality issues, reasonable quality levels can be assured and customer satisfaction improved. The costs associated with customer complaints and fault resolution will also reduce.

1.1 About this document

This document describes the implementation procedures for measuring the quality of SMS, voice, and data roaming services end-to-end both in the bilateral and in the roaming hubbing scenario. The document consists of four main sections.

The first section details common Quality of Service (QoS) monitoring methods for use with the GRQ monitoring framework

The second section provides an overview of the quality parameters used with the GRQ monitoring framework. These parameters are defined with details of calculations in [PRD IR.42](#).

The third section contains three tables indicating which monitoring methods are appropriate for each monitoring parameter, and the necessary conditions for consistent monitoring results.

The fourth section provides detailed testing conditions for each parameter, method, and Visited Public Mobile Network/ Home Public Mobile Network (VPMN/HPMN) perspective.

As each section builds on the previous one, it is recommended to read all the sections in the given order.

1.1.1 Scope

This permanent reference document (PRD) provides the parameters, methods, and conditions necessary to perform end-to-end monitoring of roaming services according to the GRQ framework.

Other parameters may complement GRQ monitoring and other methods may be added in the future.

1.1.2 Purpose

This document is intended for mobile operators, roaming Hubbing Providers and vendors.

Operators will find information about the most important QoS parameters and common monitoring methods for end-to-end roaming QoS monitoring.

Roaming Hubbing Providers will find information about the most important QoS parameters and common monitoring methods that can be natively measured/performed by roaming Hubbing Providers themselves.

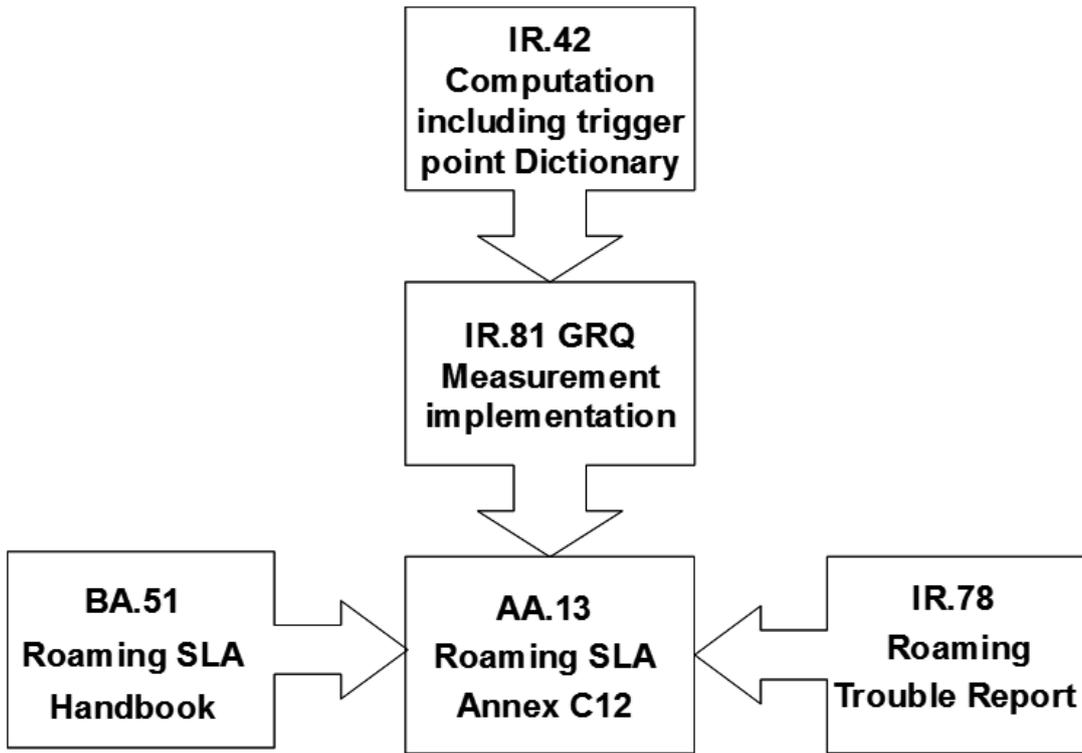


Figure 1: Roaming Hub related documents

Vendors will find information about the most important QoS parameters and the necessary testing conditions providing for comparable monitoring results irrespective of the methods, vendors, and mobile operators involved.

1.1.3 Definition of Terms

Term	Description
ACD	Average Call Duration
ASR	Answer-Seize Ratio
CAMEL	Customized Applications for Mobile networks Enhanced Logic
GTP	GPRS Tunneling Protocol
HPMN	Home Public Mobile Network
IMSI	International Mobile Subscriber Identity
ISUP	ISDN User Part
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
MAP	Mobile Application Part
MSC	Mobile Switching Centre
PDD	Post-Dial Delay
QoS	Quality of Service
STP	Signaling Transfer Point
VPMN	Visited Public Mobile Network

2 Overview of roaming QoS monitoring methods

Monitoring is a continuous method to measure the QoS on an on-going basis. It provides a statistical representation of end-user experience based on a sample of the roaming services provided. This in contrast to ad-hoc tests, which are only giving a snap-shot of the QoS. Ad-hoc tests are typically more complicated, and are not standardized. These are used for troubleshooting.

There are two general approaches to monitoring roaming QoS end-to-end.

The first approach generates test calls in the visited network using test subscriber identity module (SIM) cards from stationery or a moving test rig. This is referred to as 'active monitoring'.

The second approach monitors live roaming traffic signaling and IP traffic resulting from roaming subscriber activities in the visited network. This is referred to as 'passive monitoring', because this approach is non-intrusive. Roaming Hubbing Providers can natively perform some of these methods.

This document includes both approaches and contains details of the following common methods:

1. End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring
2. Drive Testing and Monitoring
3. Passive Monitoring
4. CAMEL Monitoring

One or more methods can be combined to perform end-to-end GRQ monitoring. Other methods may be added in the future.

2.1 End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring

The End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring method deploys one or more stationary test rigs in the roaming destination. Each test rig contains one or more active Radio Frequency (RF) probes programmed to emulate subscriber behavior. Test calls are generated on the visited or on the home network using test SIM cards.

The active test probes typically support automated scheduled testing for on-going roaming service quality monitoring, as well as real-time testing for troubleshooting. An IP network is used to remotely control the probes and receive test results from the test rig. The test rigs often incorporate SIM multiplexing to centrally manage SIM resources and dynamically assign them to the active test probes.

2.2 Drive Testing and Monitoring

The Drive Testing and Monitoring method is similar to the End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring method with the exception that the active probes are installed in vehicles (for example taxis or buses).

Given that monitoring is performed in different locations and potentially from a moving location, this method will give different results than stationary test rigs.

As Drive Testing and Monitoring was not included in the GRQ trial, no test conditions nor comparison factors could be included in this document. Once we have the framework ready and working for End-to-end active testing, we will further look into this mobile variant.

2.3 Passive Monitoring

Passive Monitoring method uses non-intrusive high-impedance Signaling System number 7 (SS7) signaling probes to record selected protocol messages for further analysis for example with an SS7 data analysis and reporting tool.

It is noted that some Signal Transfer Points (STP)s enable the replication of signaling messages. They can send the replicates towards a network monitoring application. Such approach is also considered as a “passive monitoring” method.

The SS7 data analysis provides a real-time view of the network and service performance experienced by the roamers.

It is important to note that only monitoring of basic and mandatory protocols for GSM/GPRS roaming services have been considered, that is Mobile Application Part (MAP), Integrated Services Digital Network User Part (ISUP).

Similarly, Passive Monitoring may be applied on the IP traffic for monitoring the GPRS Tunneling Protocol (GTP) flows, as required for evaluating the QoS of the PS-domain. The approach taken may consist of implementing high-impedance probes or to apply a port mirroring on a network switch. In the later case, it forces the switch to send a copy of all [network packets](#) seen on one switch port (or an entire Virtual LAN (VLAN)) to a network monitoring connection on another switch port. This is commonly used for network appliances that require monitoring of network traffic.

CAMEL is the embodiment of the Intelligent Networks (IN) concept for mobile networks. CAMEL is bilaterally and specifically enabled across networks by roaming partners. It is supported by the CAP protocol.

In this document, CAMEL Monitoring refers to passive probes monitoring CAP signaling. This monitoring brings additional visibility on the activity of the roamer, so it is described separately from passive Monitoring, in a specific section – see below.

2.4 CAMEL Monitoring

The Customized Applications for Mobile networks Enhanced Logic (CAMEL) Monitoring method uses a similar set up to SS7 Monitoring, whereby non-intrusive CAMEL signaling probes record selected protocol messages for further analysis and reporting.

Once a CAMEL relationship is established between a HPMN and a VPMN, an exchange of CAMEL Application Part (CAP) protocol messages takes places. This enables both the HPMN and the VPMN to monitor roaming QoS using passive signaling probes (subject to appropriate protocol stack library for decoding messages).

The CAMEL Phase enabled between the roaming partners will determine the scope of parameters available for GRQ monitoring:

- Phase 1: Applies to Mobile Originated (MO) and Mobile Terminated (MT) (at Gateway mobile switching center (GMSC)) calls related activities.
- Phase 2: Phase 1 plus Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) control, call duration, and so on.

- Phase 3: Phase 1 and Phase 2 plus control of dialed services (actual number dialed), mobility events, GPRS session and SMS-MO.
- Phase 4: All of the above plus IMS control and SMS-MT.

Most operators with CAMEL-enabled limit its support to CAMEL Phase 2.

The CAMEL Monitoring was not tested in the trial due to lack of CAMEL agreements between the participating operators and the CAMEL/CAP monitoring modules being inactive at the trial participants. However, due to widespread use of CAMEL for critical services (pre-paid roaming, VPN, and so on.), it was decided to include CAMEL Monitoring in this document. It is recommended that operators check the results from the calibration process if the CAMEL Monitoring method is to be used with GRQ.

3 Overview of Roaming QoS Parameters

This section gives an overview of the basic parameters that enable monitoring of roaming quality of services end-to-end under the GRQ framework. These parameters were selected on the basis that they cover the five QoS aspects defined in PRD [IR42](#), and represents the customer experience.

The five QoS aspects are:

1. **Network Accessibility:** Probability that the user performs a successful registration on the PLMN. The customer is registering to the network (either the circuit switched network for voice or the packet switched network for data). (For Global Roaming QoS monitoring, it is assumed that the network is available where the customer is located.). Some of these parameters can be natively monitored by a roaming Hubbing Provider
2. **Service Accessibility:** If a customer wants to use a service, the network operator will provide access to the service as quickly as possible. (The end-to-end bearer connection is provided to the customer. For voice services, the customer hears the ring tone; for data services, the end-to-end packet data protocol (PDP) context is activated; for SMS, the connection is established between the end-user terminal and the Short Message Service Centre (SMSC).)
3. **Connection Establishment:** For voice services, this describes the call setup end-to-end (even in case of call forward to voicemail). For data services, this describes the connection establishment for MultiMedia Service (MMS) or accesses to a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) portal or web server and so on.
4. **Service Retain-ability:** Service Retain-ability describes the termination of services (in accordance with or against the will of the user), for example the customer terminates his voice call or data connection without cut-off.
5. **Connection Quality:** This describes the Quality of Service during service use. The connection is not impaired by quality problems, such as speech quality for voice or data rate for data services.

For Packet Switched services, only bearer level measures are included as most data services (for example MMS, HTTP) are delivered using the HPMN's infrastructure and the VPMN's data bearer (that is 'bit pipe'). The GRQ framework may consider service or class-based QoS monitoring (cf. IP Exchange (IPX) QoS) in the future to reflect end-user applications more closely.

Unless explicitly specified, the following parameters are for Mobile Originated (MO) activities from the VPMN.

3.1 Voice QoS Parameters

QoS Aspects	QoS Parameters
1. Network Accessibility (customer being able to register on the network)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Circuit Switched LU success rate (*) • 2. Circuit Switched LU delay (*)
2. Service accessibility (from customer hitting the send bottom until hearing a ring tone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3. NER-MO or SAT-MO (success ratio) • 4. NER-MT or SAT-MT (success ratio) • 5. PDD-MO or STT-MO (duration) • 6. PDD-MT or STT-MT (duration)
3. Connection establishment (from customer hitting the send bottom until a successful establishment of the call)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7. CSSR-MO (success ratio) • 8. CSSR-MT (success ratio) • 9. REL (ISUPv2) • 10. OCN and RDN (ISUPv2)
4. Connection retain-ability (from a successful establishment of the call until service is terminated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11. CCR (success ratio) • 12. ALOC (duration)¹
5. Connection quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13. CLI transparency • 14. SpQ (Speech Quality)

(*) Natively supported by roaming Hubbing Providers; other parameters may be supported through CAMEL.

¹ Not relevant for a roaming QoS SLA.

3.2 SMS QoS Parameters

QoS Aspects	QoS Parameters
1. Network Accessibility (customer being able to register on the network)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No QoS Parameter (as not SMS specific)
2. Service accessibility (MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Service Accessibility for SMS-MO (*) 22. Service Accessibility for SMS-MT (*) 23. Access Delay for SMS-MO (*) 24. Access Delay for SMS-MT (*)
3. Connection establishment (from customer hitting the send button until a successful delivery of the SMS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25. End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO(*)¹ 26. End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT(*)¹
4. Connection retain-ability (from a successful establishment of the service until service is terminated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No QoS Parameter (Store and Forward Mechanism)
5. Connection quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No QoS Parameter (Store and Forward Mechanism)

(*) Natively supported by a roaming Hubbing Provider only in the case where the SMS traffic is controlled by the roaming HUB.

3.3 Data QoS Parameters

GRQ monitoring involves testing of MMS, WAP and internet, all with their specific Access Point Name (APN)s.

QoS Aspects	QoS Parameters
1. Network Accessibility (customer being able to register on the network)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31. Packet Switched Location Update success rate (*) 32. Packet Switched Location Update Delay (*)
2. Service accessibility (from customer hitting the send / connection bottom until accessing the data bearer)	33. PDP Context Activation success rate 34. PDP Context Activation time
3. Connection establishment (from customer hitting the send bottom until a successful establishment of the service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No QoS Parameter defined (service specific parameters may be defined in the future).
4. Connection retain ability (from a successful establishment of the service until service is terminated)	35. PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio 36. PDP Context Average Session Time ¹ .
5. Connection quality	37. Throughput (Kbit/sec) ² 38. Goodput (Kbit/sec) 39. Roundtrip time (expressed in milliseconds) ³ 40. Packet loss ⁴

(*) Natively supported by a roaming Hubbing Provider; other parameters may be supported through CAMEL.

Various opinions exist⁵ on how to measure throughput/goodput. It is acknowledged that the application used for measuring these parameters may even influence the measure itself. Therefore it is recommended that the calibration process at the initial stage of the implementation of a GRQ framework between two operators scrutinizes these measures.

For the sake of clarity, it is noted that active probes may measure roundtrip and packet loss in different ways for example based on the PING application or based on analysis of TCP packet processing. It is also

² Because a 'bearer level' approach adopted for the data services QoS monitoring, these parameters have to be measured at the 'bit pipe' level and not at the User Application level (for example HTTP).

³ See 'Delay' in section 8 of [PRD IR.34](#) 'Inter-Service Provider IP Backbone Guidelines'.

⁴ See 'Packet Loss Rate' in section 8 of [PRD IR.34](#) 'Inter-Service Provider IP Backbone Guidelines'

⁵ See RFC 5166 Metrics for the Evaluation of Congestion Control Mechanisms (<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5166>)

acknowledged that PING is not always trusted by IP experts for achieving accurate measure for the real customer experience. Indeed, PING is part of Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) while the data transfer is done in User Datagram Protocol (UDP) or Transmission Control Protocol (TCP). Therefore, it is recommended that both operators involved in the GRQ measurements agree on the chosen method and perform calibration tests.

A high-level definition of throughput is the ratio between the global data volume by unit of time; goodput is the ratio between the useful data volume by unit of time.

3.4 IPX QoS Monitoring

Roaming interconnection is an integral part of roaming services. A new interconnection framework for IP ([PRD IR.34](#)) also provides for network level QoS monitoring of IP traffic between mobile operators and interconnection providers. Where IPX interconnections replace GRX interconnections, it may be possible to utilise packet switched QoS parameters from the IPX QoS Monitoring scheme with the GRQ Framework in the future.

4 QoS Parameter-Method Grid

The following tables summarize the feasibility of each test method against each QoS parameter when measured by the HPMN or the VPMN.

The objective of the table is to identify whether a network acting as HPMN or as VPMN is able to measure a parameter. Parameters are measured independently (that is there is no coordination needed between the 2 roaming partners) and results are aggregated over the agreed monitoring period.

Drive Testing and Monitoring was not evaluated for this version.

Each GRQ test is referenced by a GRQ Test Code. For example, '21BH' refers to test parameter 21 (Service Accessibility SMS MO) measured by the HPMN using the SS7 Monitoring method.

4.1 Circuit Switched

	Methods:	Monitoring by Roaming Hubbing Provider (R)			Monitoring by HPMN (H)		
		End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring (CS11)	End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring
Qos Parameter	GRQ Test Code	A	B	C	A	B	C
Circuit Switched LU Success Rate (CS LU – SR)	1	N Not applicable	Y (CS2)	N Not applicable	Y	Y (CS2)	N Not applicable
Circuit Switched Location Update Delay	2	N Not applicable	Y (CS3)	N Not applicable	Y (CS1)	Y (CS3)	N Not applicable
Service Accessibility Telephony – MO (SA-T-MO)	3	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y (CS10)	Y	N (CS4)	Y (CS1)
Service Accessibility Telephony – MT (SA-T-MT)	4	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N	Y	Y	Y
Setup Time Telephony – MO (ST-T-MO)	5	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y (CS10)	Y	N (CS5)	Y (CS1)
Setup Time Telephony – MO (ST-T-MT)	6	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N	Y	Y	Y (CS1)
Call Setup Success Ratio (CSSR – MO)	7	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y (CS10)	Y	N (CS5)	Y
Call Setup Success Ratio (CSSR – MT)	8	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N	Y	Y (CS6)	Y (CS1)
ISUP signalling transparency (REL)	9	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N	Y (CS20)	N (CS7)	Y (CS1)
ISUPv2 signalling transparency (OCN and RDN)	10	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N	N	N (CS8)	Y.(CS10 S13)

Call Completion Rate Circuit Switched Telephony (CCR-CS-T)	11	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y (CS12)	Y	N (CS5)	Y
Average Length of a Call (ALOC)	12	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y (CS12, CS19)	N	N (CS4)	Y
CLI Transparency	13	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y	N (CS4)	Y (CS1, CS13)
Speech Quality (SpQ)	14	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	N Not applicable	Y	N (CS9)	N (CS1)

Table 1: Circuit Switched Test Parameters

Remarks:

- (CS1) The measurement might vary depending on the handset integrated in the active probe.
- (CS2) It is assumed that the Location Update (LU) success rate is visible in the MAP signalling and can be monitored. In other words, it is assumed that the data-fill of the VLR is correct. The failures only happen at the HLR level and Steering of Roaming (SoR)-induced errors are filtered out.
- (CS3) Only for successful LU's and the measured duration is not the same as in VPMN
- (CS4) HPMN does not know when a call fails.
- (CS5) HPMN does not know when a call starts.
- (CS6) It is assumed that there is no cross talk.
- (CS7) HPMN cannot know which kind of release has been used.
- (CS8) HPMN cannot know which network was used for the call forwarding.
- (CS9) The method is non-intrusive.
- (CS10) It is assumed CAMEL works properly and the appropriate CAMEL capabilities are implemented/available.
- (CS11) Always in combination with a SS7 monitoring system
- (CS12) It is assumed the correct CAMEL parameters have been loaded for this call (that is BCSM Event Reports are in use).
- (CS13) Only in case of Home Routing.
- (CS14) CAMEL cannot measure voice quality.
- (CS15) The VPMN cannot know which release the B-party receives
- (CS16) The VPMN cannot know the OCN and RDN at the end of the call.
- (CS17) The VPMN cannot know the CLI of the B-Party
- (CS18) The SCP is at the HPMN side
- (CS19) Need to take into account the customer profile. Best to use only if HPMN customers are all CAMEL enabled.
- (CS20) The measurements are done on an interface (Um/Uu) or a protocol field (CAMEL), which is directly linked to what is observed on the ISUP interface.

4.2 SMS

Qos Parameter	Methods: GRQ Test Code	Monitoring by Roaming Hubbing Provider (R)			Monitoring by HPMN (H)			End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring
		End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring	End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring	
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A
Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	21	N Not applicable	N(SM1)	N (SM1)	Y	N (SM1)	Y	Y
Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	22	N Not applicable	N (SM1)	N (SM1)	Y	Y	Y (SM3)	Y
Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	23	N Not applicable	N (SM2)	N	Y	N (SM2)	Y	Y
Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	24	N Not applicable	N (SM1)	N (SM1)	Y	Y	Y (SM3)	Y
End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	25	N Not applicable	N (SM4)	N	Y (SM5)	Y (SM5)	Y (SM3)	Y
End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	26	N Not applicable	N (SM7)	N	Y (SM6)	Y (SM6)	Y (SM3)	Y

Table 2: SMS Test Parameters

Remarks:

- (SM1) Failed attempts will be missing
- (SM2) Actual Start time will be missing
- (SM3) Measurement may be based on standard SS7 procedure (MAP)
- (SM4) There is no knowledge beforehand to identify where the receiving side stands.
- (SM5) SM-MO from a roamer in a VPMN to a subscriber in the HPMN. Note a delivery time can only measure for complete and successful transactions.
- (SM6) SM-MT from a subscriber in the HPMN to the a roamer in the VPMN

- (SM7) There is no knowledge to identify when the message is sent from the HPMN.

4.3 Packet Switched

The HPMN decides which APNs are used for monitoring. For example, if there are 3 APN's for WEB, WAP and MMS, and they are specified in the IR.21, these may be used for measuring QoS for data. They may be specified in the "GPRS information - List of APN's available for testing and troubleshooting" section.

	Methods :	Monitoring by Roaming Hubbing Provider (R)			Monitoring by HPMN (H)			
		End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring (PS13)	End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring	SS7 Monitoring	CAMEL Monitoring	End-to-end Active Testing and Monitoring
Qos Parameter	GRQ Test Code	A	B	C	A	B	C	
Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	31	N/A	Y (PS2)	N/A	Y	Y (PS2)	N/A	
Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	32	N/A	Y	N/A	Y (PS1)	Y	N/A	Y (PS1)
Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	33	N/A	N/A	Y (PS8)	Y	Y (PS3)	Y (PS8)	
Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	34	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y (PS4)	Y	
PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio	35	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	N (PS5)	Y	
Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	36	N/A	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	
Throughput (Kbits/sec)	37	N/A	N/A	Y (PS9, PS15)	Y (PS6, PS14)	Y (PS15)	Y (PS9, PS15)	Y (PS6, PS14)
Goodput (Kbits/sec)	38	N/A	N/A	N (PS10)	Y (PS6, PS14)	Y (PS15)	N (PS10)	Y (PS6, PS14)

Roundtrip time	39	N/A	N/A	N (PS11)	Y (PS6, PS14)	Y (PS7, PS15)	N (PS11)	Y (F
Packet loss	40	N/A	N/A	N (PS12)	Y (PS6, PS14)	Y (PS7, PS15))	N (PS12)	Y (F

Table 3: Packet Switched Test Parameters

Remarks:

- (PS1) The measurement might vary depending on the handset integrated in the active probe.
- (PS2) It is assumed that the LU success rate is visible in the MAP signalling and can be monitored. In other words, it is assumed that the data-fill of the VLR is correct. The failures only happen at the HLR level and SoR-induced errors are filtered out.
- (PS3) If successful activation or failed in the Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) level
- (PS4) The time measurements will not be the same as in the VPMN.
- (PS5) No release cause provided in the MAP_DELETE_PDP_CONTEXT.
- (PS6) In order to limit the influence of the "internet" - not in control of the roaming partners - on the bearer-level measurements, it is recommended files/webpages accessed to measure the parameters are stored in a HPMN equipment.
- (PS7) Can be estimated at IP level (Gp interface).
- (PS8) Requires CAMEL ph3 GPRS-CSI.
- (PS9) Requires the CAMEL request (Charging Information).
- (PS10) Only the number of bytes sent and received are available – no distinction for retransmission.
- (PS11) Only the number of bytes sent and received are available and some timestamps. Not the roundtrip time.
- (PS12) The packets loss information is not transmitted in the CAMEL information. The CAMEL application may receive information about the volume transferred, but it does not know what the expected size of the transfer is. Therefore it cannot estimate the lost packets.
- (PS13) In combination with SS7 methods.
- (PS14) To make it relevant and cost effective, the default value proposed for exchanged files in the case of active is 100KB.
- (PS15) Similarly, it proposed to track session for which minimum size is greater or equal to 100KB.

5 Test Methodology

This section details the methodology for each of the monitoring methods included in the GRQ Framework, and describes the general and specific conditions for all tests methods.

Each GRQ test is referenced by a GRQ Test Code. For example, '21BH' refers to test parameter 21 (Service Accessibility SMS MO) measured by the HPMN using the SS7 Monitoring method.

5.1 End-To-End Active Testing and Monitoring

5.1.1 General Information

5.1.1.1 When to measure:

Minimum six (6) tests per day.

Recommended: one (1) test every two (2) hours from 8am to 8pm, one (1) test every four (4) hours from 8pm to 8am.

5.1.1.2 Where to measure:

If Roaming Partner decides to publish its network topology, it is preferred that a limited number of test probes are spread across various representative VPMN MSC areas.

Radio level recommended: RX Level > -80dbm.

However for some test cases, a RX Level > -70dbm is recommended in order to avoid any roaming issue reporting, while the service is only affected by only transient conditions (meteorological circumstances and so on)

5.1.1.3 Known Limitations

The testing is only performed at a limited number of locations. The measurement is limited in terms of number of geographic locations in the network that can be tested. This limitation has less influence when there are limited International Gateways used.

In case the PMN uses different core network vendors (MSC, Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN), and so on) and decides to publish it, it would be ideal to test the QoS delivery for each network elements. It results it is recommended the active probe vendor to install one (1) probe per MSC, SGSN vendor region. However, this requirement might be difficult to achieve as the use of different vendors and the associated coverage is not public information to active probe vendors. Furthermore it may lead to inefficient allocation of cost for installing probes. Example: in a country with three (3) operators, each having two (2) vendors, it might lead to the deployment up to four (4) probes in the worst case scenario.

5.1.1.4 GRQ Monitoring Pre-requisites

Steering of Roaming could influence some results: the cards used for testing will not be subject to steering (Blacklisting at the HPMN)

The receiving party is ready to receive SMS (no user errors like memory full, bad coverage, and so on)

For GPRS data transfer performance, the operator has to provide a file located in its GPRS network which can be transferred for the test. This file will be preferably on the GGSN in order to reduce the risk of packet loss independent of the roaming between the operators.

5.1.2 Test Procedures

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
CIRCUIT-SWITCHED			
1AH	LU update success rate	Force a location update via the modem, if there is steering the end result has to be the last location update of maximum five (5) attempts.	
1AV	LU update success rate	Force a location update via the modem, if there is steering the end result has to be the last location update of maximum 5 attempts.	
2AH	LU delay	Force a location update via the modem, if there is steering the delay of the last location update has to be taken onto account. It is important that before starting the simcards is registered on a different LAC in order to have a full location update.	
2AV	LU delay	Force a location update via the modem, if there is steering the delay of the last location update has to be taken onto account. It is important that before starting the simcards is registered on a different LAC in order to have a full location update.	
3AH	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the VPMN detects a ringing signal for the call he has generated.	
3AV	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the VPMN detects a ringing signal for the call he has generated.	
4AH	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The test is successful if the	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
		probe on the HPMN detects a ringing signal for the call he has generated.	
4AV	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the HPMN detects a ringing signal for the call he has generated.	
5AH	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The delay is the time between the point where the call has been confirmed and the ringing has been detected on the VPMN.	
5AV	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The delay is the time between the point where the call has been confirmed and the ringing has been detected on the VPMN.	
6AH	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The delay is the time between the point where the call has been confirmed and the ringing has been detected on the HPMN.	
6AV	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The delay is the time between the point where the call has been confirmed and the ringing has been detected on the HPMN.	
7AH	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the HPMN detects the ringing and picked up the call.	
7AV	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the HPMN detects the ringing and picked up the call.	
8AH	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
	Terminated calls in the visited network)	simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the VPMN detects the ringing and picked up the call.	
8AV	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. The test is successful if the probe on the VPMN detects the ringing and picked up the call.	
9AH	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. At the end of the call, check if the release code is the same on both sides.	
9AV	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. At the end of the call, check if the release code is the same on both sides.	
10AH	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. Forward this call to the HPMN and check if the OCN and RDN is correct.	
10AV	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN. Forward this call to the HPMN and check if the OCN and RDN is correct.	
11AH	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. Answer the calls and after a time hang up the call again. If the call has not been interrupted, the call is successful. Recommended duration: 2 minutes.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
11AV	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. Answer the calls and after a time hang up the call again. If the call has not been interrupted, the call is successful. Recommended duration: 2 minutes.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
12AH	ALOC	N/A	
12AV	ALOC	N/A	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
13AH	CLI transparency	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. Check at the HPMN if the CLI is in a dialable format to call back the A-party	
13AV	CLI transparency	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN. Check at the HPMN if the CLI is in a dialable format to call back the A-party	
14AH	SpQ (Speech Quality)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN and answer the call. Uplink voice quality: play a standard file in the VPMN and record this file in the HPMN and calculate the voice quality. Downlink voice quality: play a standard file in the HPMN and record this file in the VPMN and calculate the voice quality. Recommended duration: 2 minutes. If the sample is played/analyzed multiple times, the end-result of the test is the average of the individual voice quality assessments. If the sample is played/analyzed multiple times, the end-result of the test is the average of the individual voice quality assessments.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
14AV	SpQ (Speech Quality)	Generate a call with a simcard from the probe located in the VPMN to a simcard from the probe located in the HPMN and answer the call. Uplink voice quality: play a standard file in the VPMN and record this file in the HPMN and calculate the voice quality. Downlink voice quality: play a standard file in the HPMN and record this file in the VPMN and calculate the voice quality. Recommended duration: 2 minutes. If the sample is played/analyzed multiple times, the end-result of the test is the average of the individual voice quality assessments.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
SMS			
21AH	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC, if	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
		the positive acknowledgement of the SMSC is received the tests is OK.	
21AV	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC, if the positive acknowledgement of the SMSC is received the tests is OK.	
22AH	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC, if the SMS is received the test is OK.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
22AV	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC, if the SMS is received the test is OK.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
23AH	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification from the SMSC that the message has been sent.	
23AV	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification from the SMSC that the message has been sent.	
24AH	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between the notification from the SMSC that the message has been sent and the notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
24AV	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between the notification from the SMSC that the message has been sent and the	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
		notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	
25AH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
25AV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the VPLMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the HPMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
26AH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
26AV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	Send and SMS from a subscriber from the HPMN located on the HPMN to a subscriber from the HPMN located in the VPLMN using the HPMN SMSC. Measure the time between sending the SMS and receiving the notification on the B-party that the message has arrived.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
PACKET-SWITCHED			
31AH	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	Start manually a GPRS attach on the VPLMN, after the GSM location has been performed. If the GPRS attached is confirmed, the test is OK.	
31AV	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	Start manually a GPRS attach on the VPLMN, after the GSM location has been performed. If the GPRS attached is confirmed, the test is OK.	
32AH	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	Start manually a GPRS attach on the VPLMN, after the GSM location has been performed. Measure the time between start and end of the GPRS attach.	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
32AV	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	Start manually a GPRS attach on the VPLMN, after the GSM location has been performed. Measure the time between start and end of the GPRS attach.	
33AH	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	Start the PDP context activation after the GPRS attach on the VPLMN. If the PDP context has been confirmed, the test is successful	
33AV	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	Start the PDP context activation after the GPRS attach on the VPLMN. If the PDP context has been confirmed, the test is successful	
34AH	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	Start the PDP context activation after the GPRS attach on the VPLMN. Measure the time between the start and the acknowledgement of the PDP context activation.	
34AV	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	Start the PDP context activation after the GPRS attach on the VPLMN. Measure the time between the start and the acknowledgement of the PDP context activation.	
35AH	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	Start a PDP context, keep it open during a certain time and close it again. If the session is still open the test is OK.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
35AV	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	Start a PDP context, keep it open during a certain time and close it again. If the session is still open the test is OK.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
36AH	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	N/A	
36AV	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	N/A	
37AH	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	Start downloading a reference file and measure the time from the start of the download till the end of file detection.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
37AV	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	Start downloading a reference file and measure the time from the start of the download till the end of file detection.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
38AH	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	Start downloading a reference file and measure the time from the start of the download till the end of file detection and count the used bytes	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
38AV	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	Start downloading a reference file and measure the time from the start of the download till the end of file detection and count the used bytes	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
39AH	Roundtrip time	Measure the time between sending and a TCP packet and receiving the acknowledgement of the pack.	
39AV	Roundtrip time	Measure the time between sending and a TCP packet and receiving the acknowledgement of the pack.	
40AH	Packet loss	Count the TCP packets sent and count the TCP packets received for a file transfer.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.
40AV	Packet loss	Count the TCP packets sent and count the TCP packets received for a file transfer.	Reasonable radio level required: RxLev > -70dbm.

Table 4: Test Procedures Table

5.2 Passive Monitoring

5.2.1 General Information

5.2.1.1 When to measure:

The measurement is made continuously that is as soon as live traffic generates relevant data. The KPI calculated over a daily time window and is aggregated for the Month.

Example – Day 1 – KPI = 90%, Day 2 – KPI = 95% and so on Day 3 – KPI = 88%

GRQ KPI is the average of the daily KPI.

A daily measurement is considered as valid if there is at least one (1) measure every four (4) hours (6/day or 180/Month) or according to a mutual agreement between the HPMN and VPMN.

5.2.1.2 Where to measure:

The passive monitoring occurs on the international links (SS7 links, voice interconnect links and IP/Gp links).

It is recommended operators to agree on the International Mobile Subscriber Identity/ Mobile Subscriber ISDN Number (MSI/MSISDN) being used by the active probes in order that the same IMSI/MSISDN is being used between roaming partner using passive probes. If one operator uses active probes and the other Operating Company (OpCo) uses passive probes, the MSISDN needs to be agreed in order to be able to compare the results.

Between passive probes address ranges they have to monitor: Country Code/ national destination code (CC/NDC) ranges, Mobile Station Roaming Number (MSRN) Ranges, IP Ranges of GPRS Nodes.

5.2.1.3 Known Limitations:

The measurements are done on live traffic. Therefore it can only bring information on node where the roaming service is correctly configured. Typically, Radio failure or Network configuration failure cannot be monitored by SS7 Monitoring alone.

Additionally, as it is linked to the actual usage on the network, the values observed may be vary from one operator under observation to another due to various 'normal' conditions:

- the prepaid/postpaid market share may have an impact on the Qos linked to chargeable events as credit exhaustion will prevent or stop the service abruptly. It may also influence the behaviour of the roamers (calls without answer (old-fashioned 2 rings and call me back), SMS oriented, and so on)
- the country may have an influence - numbering plan may be "closed" (known finite numbers of digits) or open. In the case of open numbering plans, the switch has to go through a wait period before deciding to connect the call
- the service provided to users (for example do the subscriber have a Voice Mail? The absence/presence of such service may the observed ASR (a Voice Mail system is supposed to always answer a call that is forwarded to it).

5.2.1.4 GRQ Monitoring Pre-requisites

Steering of Roaming could influence some results. Actually, the error messages generated by SoR system will be filtered out: the HPMN operator must provide information about its SoR configuration for enabling the parties to exclude the effect of the SoR on the measurements.

Filter out error that are non roaming related or do not affect the roaming service: MAP version fallback, User Error (Roaming Not Allowed),and so on

In the case the operators want to compare throughput/goodput across technologies (that is GPRS, EDGE, UMTS, HSDPA,and so on) the operators have, for the time being to identify the technology based on the involved core network element (SGSN). While the technology is not explicitly identified in the protocol, the node origin address may help operator distinguish 2G / 3G elements, if the VPMN use non-hybrid core network elements (2G-3G nodes).

It is noted that 3GPP TS 29.060 V6.18.0 (2007-09) specifies a new information element called "RAT Type" (radio access technology) that the SGSN may include in the signalling (it is an optional parameter) for facilitating the future measurements and their comparison. However, such release version is not implemented by SGSN vendors at the time of writing this document.

5.2.2 Test Information

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
VOICE			
1BH	LU update success rate	Measure MAP Update Location procedure. Can be measured on SCCP and TCAP level.	
1BV	LU update success rate	Measure MAP Update Location procedure. Can be measured on SCCP and TCAP level.	
1BR	LU update success rate	Measure MAP Update Location procedure. Can be measured on SCCP and TCAP level.	
2BH	LU delay	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	Only applicable for successful transaction
2BV	LU delay	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	Only applicable for successful transaction
2BR	LU delay	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	Only applicable for successful transaction
3BH	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
3BV	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ACM) and attempts (ISUP IAM)	For RP applying MNP, additional info to be extracted (IMSI/MSISDN in the loc.up) for assuring measurement on the roaming partner
4BH	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ACM for calls towards MSRN) and attempts (MAP PRN with MSRN)	The success of an MT depends on the combined success of MAP PRN operation and ISUP towards MSRN
4BV	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ACM for call towards MSRN) and attempts MAP PRN with MSRN)	The success of an MT depends on the combined success of MAP PRN operation and ISUP towards MSRN
5BH	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
5BV	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	Measure Time between reception of ISUP ACM and attempts (ISUP IAM)	For RP applying MNP, additional info to be extracted (IMSI/MSISDN in the loc.up) for assuring measurement on the roaming partner
6BH	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Measure time between successful calls (reception of ISUP ACM) and MT procedure start (MAP PRN with MSRN)	
6BV	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Measure time between successful calls (reception of ISUP ACM) and MT procedure start (MAP PRN with MSRN)	
7BH	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
	Originated calls in the visited network)		
7BV	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ANM) and attempts (ISUP IAM)	For RP applying MNP, additional info to be extracted (IMSI/MSISDN in the loc.up) for assuring measurement on the roaming partner. Takes into account destination behaviour (user busy, presence of VM, and so on) – risk of result bias
8BH	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ANM for call towards MSRN and attempts (MAP PRN with MSRN)	The success of an MT depends on the combined success of MAP PRN operation and ISUP towards MSRN
8BV	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Measure ratio between successful calls (reception of ISUP ANM for call towards MSRN) and attempts (MAP PRN with MSRN)	The success of an MT depends on the combined success of MAP PRN operation and ISUP towards MSRN
9BH	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
9BV	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	N/A	Visited network has no visibility on the actual release cause
10BH	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
10BV	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on RDN/OCN transparency at destination side
11BH	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
11BV	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	<p>Measure ratio between successfully released calls (reception of ISUP RLC) of dropped calls and answered (ISUP ANM).</p> <p>A drop call definition based on the release call that is if call is released because of network specific errors, then it will be counted as call dropped.</p> <p>For example if REL cause code is one of -</p> <p>(NO_ROUTE_TO_SPECIFIED_TRANSIT_NETWORK = 2, NO_ROUTE_TO_DESTINATION = 3, CHANNEL_UNACCEPTABLE = 6, EXCHANGE_ROUTING_ERROR = 25, DESTINATION_OUT_OF_ORDER = 27, NETWORK_OUT_OF_ORDER = 38, TEMPORARY_FAILURE = 41, RECOVERY_ON_TIMER_EXPIRY = 102), then count the call as Call Dropped.</p>	For RP applying MNP, additional info to be extracted (IMSI/MSISDN in the loc.up) for assuring measurement on the roaming partner

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
12BH	ALOC	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
12BV	ALOC	Measure Time between reception of call answer ISUP ANM and call release (ISUP REL)	For RP applying MNP, additional info to be extracted (IMSI/MSISDN in the loc.up) for assuring measurement on the roaming partner
13BH	CLI transparency	N/A	Home network has no visibility on Voice Call without CAMEL
13BV	CLI transparency	N/A	Home network has no visibility on CLI transparency at destination side
14BH	SpQ (Speech Quality)	N/A	SS7 monitoring is non intrusive. It only monitors signalling message.
14BV	SpQ (Speech Quality)	N/A	SS7 monitoring is non intrusive. It only monitors signalling message.
SMS			
21BH	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	N/A	
21BV	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	Measure ratio between successful SMS-SUBMIT and attempts	
21BR	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	Measure ratio between successful SMS-SUBMIT and attempts	
22BH	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	Measure ratio between successful SMS-DELIVER and attempts	
22BV	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	N/A	
23BH	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	N/A	
23BV	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	Measure time between SMS-SUBMIT and acknowledgement	
23BR	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	Measure time between SMS-SUBMIT and acknowledgement	
24BH	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	Measure time between successful SMS-DELIVER and acknowledgement	
24BV	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	N/A	
25BH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	Measure time stamp between MAP-FWD-SM (SMS-Submit) operation and MAP-FWD-SM (SMS-Deliver) operation acknowledgement	
25BV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	N/A	
26BH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	Measure time stamp between MAP-FWD-SM (SMS-Submit) operation and MAP-	

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
		FWD-SM (SMS-Deliver) operation acknowledgement	
26BV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	N/A	
PACKET-SWITCHED			
31BH	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	Measure MAP GPRS Update Location procedure. Can be measure on SCCP and TCAP level.	
31BV	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	Measure MAP GPRS Update Location procedure. Can be measure on SCCP and TCAP level.	
31BR	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU – SR)	Measure MAP GPRS Update Location procedure. Can be measure on SCCP and TCAP level.	
32BH	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	
32BV	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	
32BR	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU – D)	Measure the time between the MAP UL request until the MAP UL ACK	
33BH	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	Measure ratio between successful MAP_PDP_Context Activation and attempts	
33BV	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	Measure ratio between successful MAP_PDP_Context Activation and attempts	
34BH	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	Measure timing between successful MAP_PDP_Context Activation Request and Response	
34BV	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	Measure timing between successful MAP_PDP_Context Activation Request and Response	
35BH	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	N/A	
35BV	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	N/A	
36BH	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	Measure time between the MAP_PDP Activation and the MAP_PDP_Delete message	
36BV	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	Measure time between the MAP_PDP Activation and the MAP_PDP_Delete message	
37BH	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	Measure UDP Packet volume exchanged	
37BV	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	Measure UDP Packet volume exchanged	
38BH	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	Measure UDP Packet volume exchanged, corrected by filtering UDP containing TCP retransmission	only application based on TCP

GRQ Test Code	Parameter	How to Measure	Test Specifics
38BV	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	Measure UDP Packet volume exchanged, corrected by filtering UDP containing TCP retransmission	only application based on TCP
39BH	Roundtrip time	Measure UDP roundtrip based on encapsulated TCP acknowledgement mechanisms	only application based on TCP
39BV	Roundtrip time	Measure UDP roundtrip based on encapsulated TCP acknowledgement mechanisms	only application based on TCP
40BH	Packet loss	Measure UDP Packet Loss based on TCP retransmission mechanisms	only application based on TCP
40BV	Packet loss	Measure UDP Packet Loss based on TCP retransmission mechanisms	only application based on TCP

Table 5: Parameter measurement table

5.3 CAMEL Monitoring

5.3.1 General Information

Although CAMEL Monitoring was not trialled by GRQ project Jan-Apr 2008, this method is similar to SS7 Monitoring. The general information below is for information only.

5.3.1.1 When to measure:

The measurement is made continuously that is as soon as live traffic generates relevant data. The KPI calculated over a daily time window and is aggregated for the Month.

Example – Day 1 – KPI = 90%, Day 2 – KPI = 95% and so on Day 3 – KPI = 88%

GRQ KPI is the average of the daily KPI.

A daily measurement is considered as valid if there is at least 1 measure every 4 hours (6/day or 180/Month) or according to a mutual agreement between the HPMN and VPMN.

5.3.1.2 Where to measure:

The passive monitoring occurs on the operator’s and Hubbing Provider’s international links (SS7 links, voice interconnect links and IP/Gp links).

All parties have to agree on the address ranges they have to monitor CC/NDC ranges, MSRN Ranges, IP Ranges of GPRS Nodes.

5.3.1.3 Known Limitations:

The measurements are done on the live traffic. Therefore it brings information on node where the roaming service is correctly configured. Typically, Radio failure or Network configuration failure is not unambiguously detectable.

CAMEL is activated per subscriber. Therefore the kind of subscriber having a CAMEL mark may influence results (Prepaid, VPN, Postpaid, and so on)

5.3.1.4 GRQ Monitoring Pre-requisites

Requires SS7 monitoring capabilities for most of the tests. Requires CAMEL support from the Operators and the Hubbing Providers

5.3.2 Test Information

Test information will be appended at a later stage when this method has been tested against the GRQ Framework.

5.4 Call Flow

5.4.1 Location update

5.4.1.1 Bilateral case

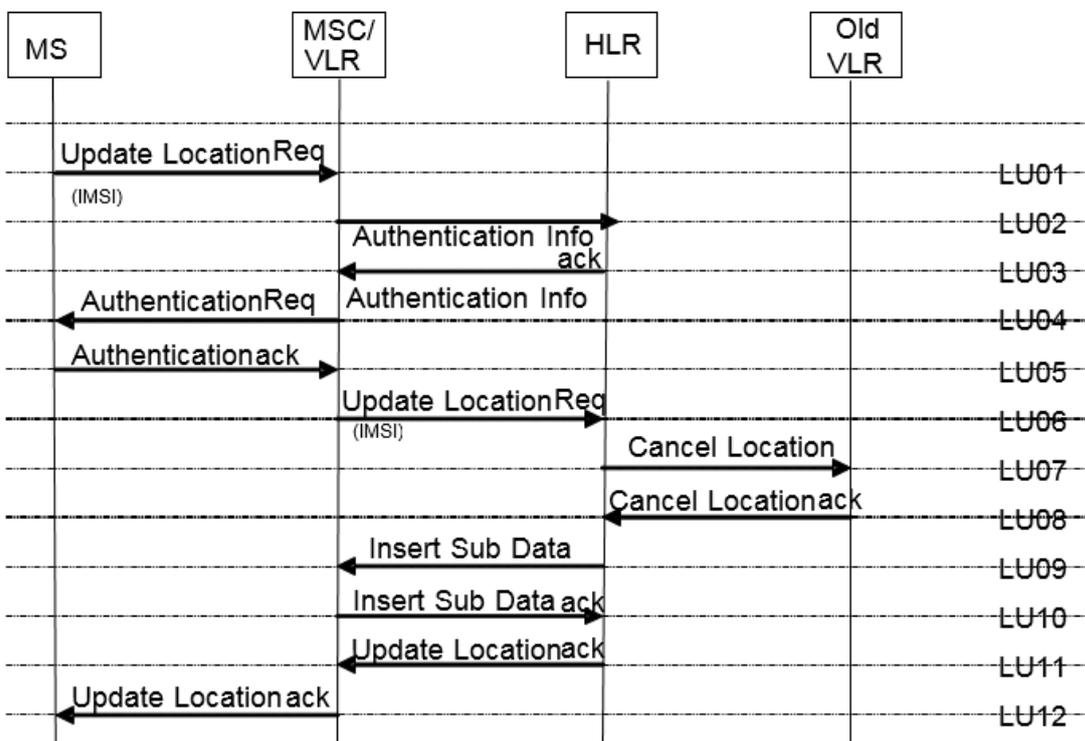


Figure 2: Loc Up message flow (Bilateral)

5.4.1.2 Roaming Hubbing Provider case (only GRQ monitoring relevant procedures)

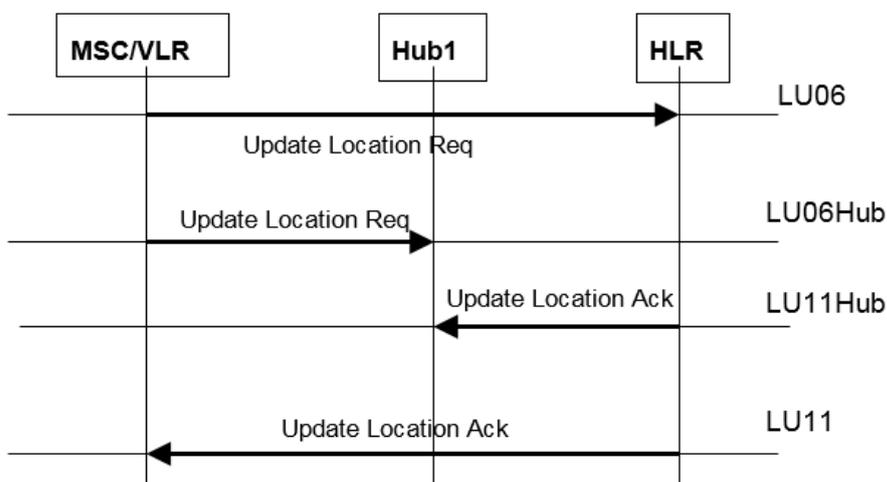


Figure 3: Loc Up message flow (Roaming Hub)

LU06 and LU11 are for reference only

5.4.2 Voice call MO

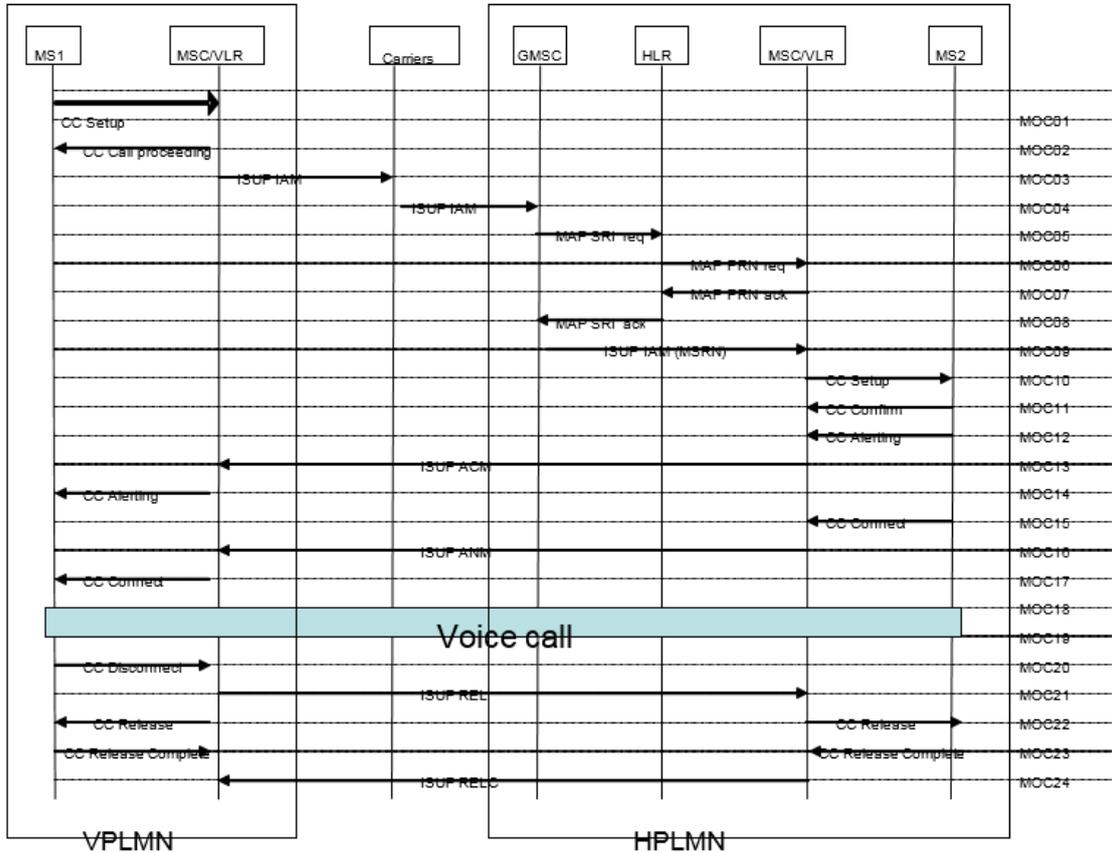


Figure 4: Call mobile originated flow

Note: Although some signalling may pass through the roaming Hubbing Provider the diagram only refers to the bilateral case.

5.4.3 Voice call MT

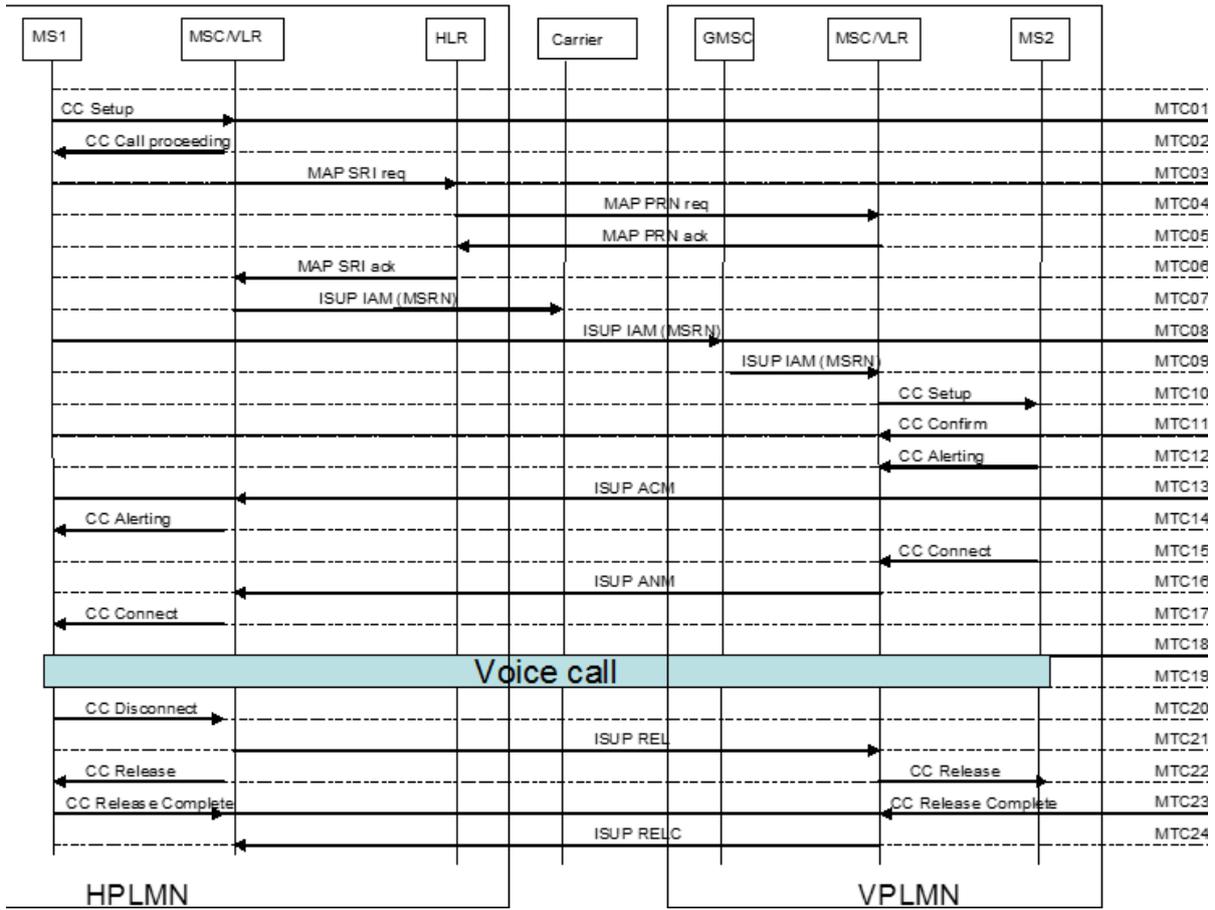


Figure 5: Terminated Call flow

Note: Although some signalling may pass through the roaming Hubbing Provider the diagram only refers to the bilateral case

5.4.4 SMS

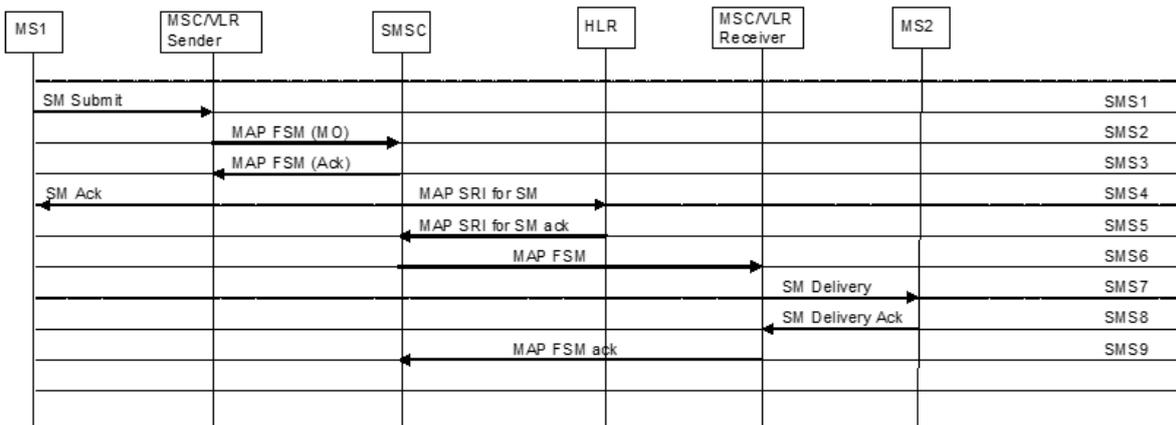


Figure 6: SMS flow

5.4.5 Packet Switched/GPRS

5.4.5.1 Bilateral case

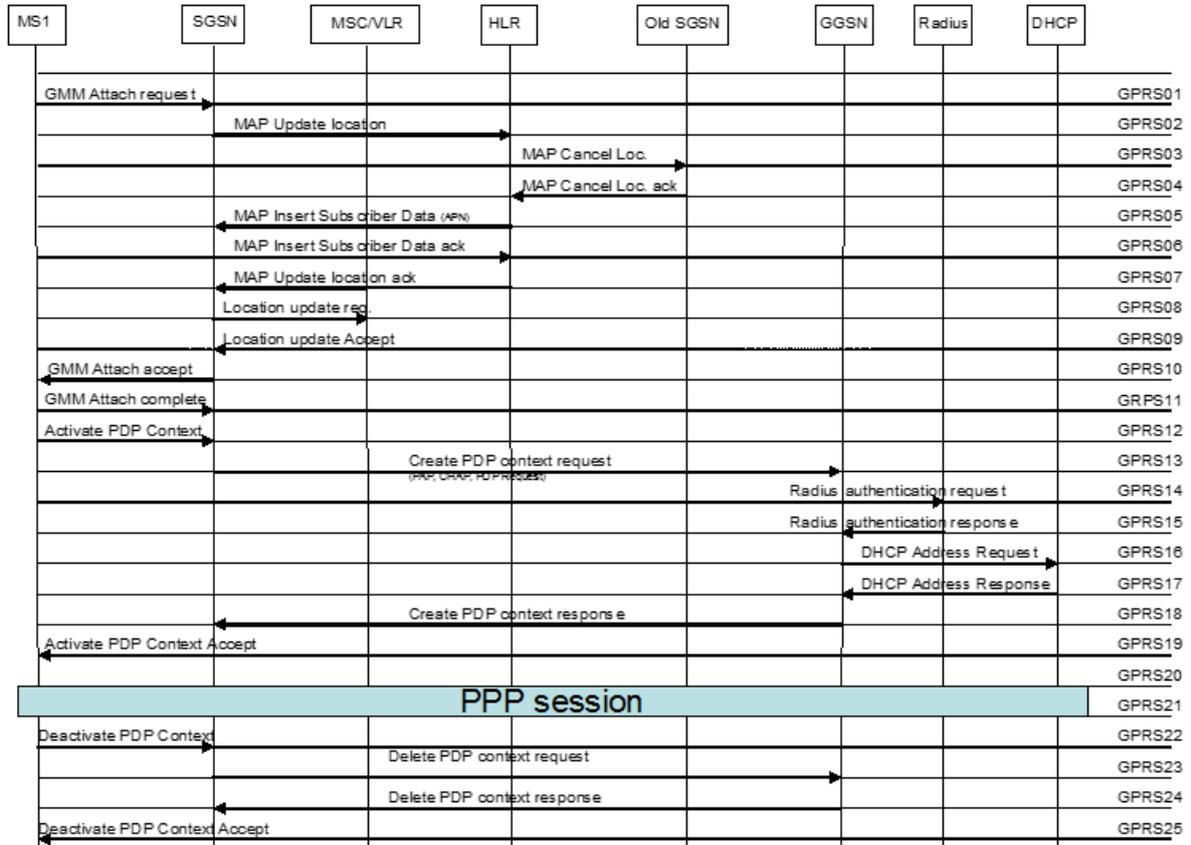


Figure 7: PDP context creation flow

5.4.5.2 Roaming Hubbing Provider Case (only relevant procedures)

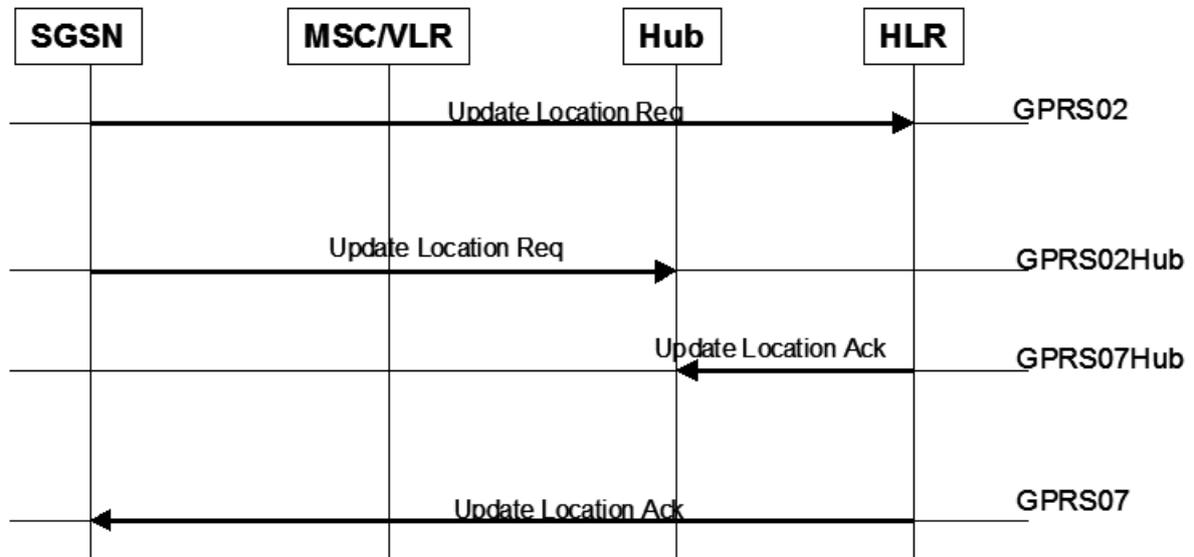


Figure 8: Attach (Hub provider)

5.4.6 FTP

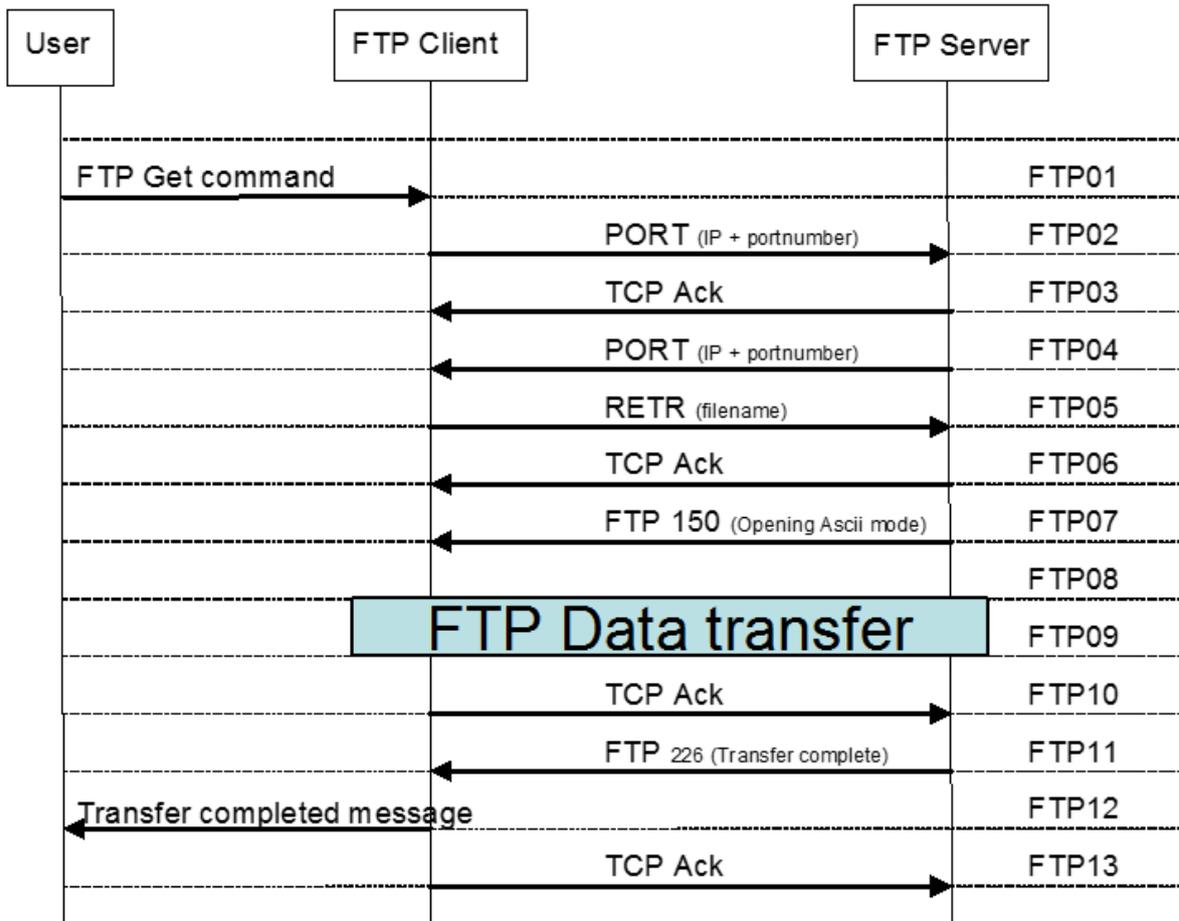


Figure 9: FTP operation flow

5.4.7 Ping

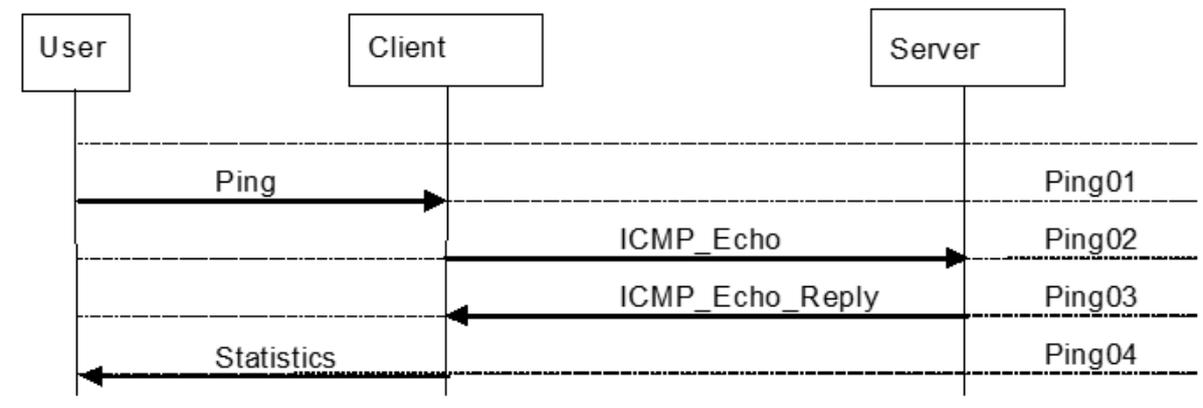


Figure 10: Ping operation flow

5.5 Trigger Table

Test	Parameter	Reference flow	Start point	End Point
CIRCUIT-SWITCHED				
1BH	LU update success rate	Location update	LU1 (Active) LU6 (Passive)	LU12 (Active) LU11(Passive)
1BV	LU update success rate	Location update	LU1 (Active) LU6 (Passive)	LU12 (Active) LU11(Passive)
1BR	LU update success rate	Location update	LU6HUB	LU11Hub
2BH	LU delay	Location update	LU1 (Active) LU6 (Passive)	LU12 (Active) LU11(Passive)
2BV	LU delay	Location update	LU1 (Active) LU6 (Passive)	LU12 (Active) LU11(Passive)
2BR	LU delay	Location update	LU6Hub	LU11Hub
3BH	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)
3BV	NER-MO (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)
4BH	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MTC14 (Active) MTC13 (Passive)
4BV	NER-MT (Network Effectiveness Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MTC14 (Active) MTC13 (Passive)
5BH	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)
5BV	PDD-MO (Post Dialling Delay)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)

Test	Parameter	Reference flow	Start point	End Point
6BH	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MTC14 (Active) MTC13 (Passive)
6BV	PDD-MT (Post Dialling Delay)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MTC14 (Active) MTC13 (Passive)
7BH	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC17 (Active) MOC16 (Passive)
7BV	CSSR-MO (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Originated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MO	MOC01 (Active) MOC03 (Passive)	MOC17 (Active) MOC16 (Passive)
8BH	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MOC17 (Active) MOC16 (Passive)
8BV	CSSR-MT (Call Setup Success Ratio on Mobile Terminated calls in the visited network)	Voice call MT	MTC01 (Active) MTC07 (Passive)	MTC17 (Active) MTC16 (Passive)
9BH	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Voice call MO	MOC20	MOC22
9BV	REL (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	Voice call MO	MOC20	MOC22
10BH	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	No flow available		
10BV	OCN and RDN (ISUPv2 signalling transparency)	No flow available		
11BH	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	Voice call MO	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)	MOC20 (Active) MOC21 (Passive)
11BV	CCR (Call Completion Rate Circuit)	Voice call MO	MOC14 (Active) MOC13 (Passive)	MOC20 (Active) MOC21 (Passive)
12BH	ALOC	Voice call MO	MOC03	MOC21
12BV	ALOC	Voice call MO	MOC03	MOC21
13BH	CLI transparency	Voice call MO	MOC02	MOC10

Test	Parameter	Reference flow	Start point	End Point
13BV	CLI transparency	Voice call MO	MOC02	MOC10
14BH	SpQ (Speech Quality)	Voice call MO	MOC18	MOC19
14BV	SpQ (Speech Quality)	Voice call MO	MOC18	MOC19
SMS				
21BH	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS04 (Active) SMS03(Passive)
21BV	Service Accessibility SMS MO (SA SMS MO)	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS04 (Active) SMS03(Passive)
22BH	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	SMS	SMS04 (Active) SMS06 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
22BV	Service Accessibility SMS MT (SA SMS MT)	SMS	SMS04 (Active) SMS06 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
23BH	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS04 (Active) SMS03(Passive)
23BV	Access Delay SMS MO (AD SMS-MO)	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS04 (Active) SMS03(Passive)
24BH	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	SMS	SMS04 (Active) SMS06 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
24BV	Access Delay SMS MT (AD SMS-MT)	SMS	SMS04 (Active) SMS06 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
25BH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
25BV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MO	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)

Test	Parameter	Reference flow	Start point	End Point
26BH	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
26BV	End-to-End Delivery Time for SMS-MT	SMS	SMS01 (Active) SMS02 (Passive)	SMS08 (Active) SMS09 (Passive)
PACKET-SWITCHED				
31BH	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU - SR)	GPRS	GPRS01 (Active) GPRS02 (Passive)	GPRS10 (Active) GPRS09 (Passive)
31BV	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU - SR)	GPRS	GPRS01 (Active) GPRS02 (Passive)	GPRS10 (Active) GPRS09 (Passive)
31BR	Packet Switched LU Success Rate (PS LU - SR)	GPRS	GPRS02Hub	GPRS07Hub
32BH	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU - D)	GPRS	GPRS01 (Active) GPRS02 (Passive)	GPRS10 (Active) GPRS09 (Passive)
32BV	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU - D)	GPRS	GPRS01 (Active) GPRS02 (Passive)	GPRS10 (Active) GPRS09 (Passive)
32BR	Packet Switched Location Update Delay (PS LU - D)	GPRS	GPRS02Hub	GPRS07Hub
33BH	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	GPRS	GPRS12 (Active) GPRS13 (Passive)	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)
33BV	Service accessibility for PSD (PDP-context activation success rate)	GPRS	GPRS12 (Active) GPRS13 (Passive)	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)
34BH	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	GPRS	GPRS12 (Active) GPRS13 (Passive)	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)
34BV	Set-up Delay (ST PSD)	GPRS	GPRS12 (Active) GPRS13 (Passive)	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)

Test	Parameter	Reference flow	Start point	End Point
35BH	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	GPRS	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)	GPRS25 (Active) GPRS24 (Passive)
35BV	PDP Context Cut-Off Ratio (session Stability measured at PDP context or PS level)	GPRS	GPRS19 (Active) GPRS18 (Passive)	GPRS25 (Active) GPRS24 (Passive)
36BH	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	GPRS	GPRS20	GPRS21
36BV	Average PDP Context Session Time (per APN)	GPRS	GPRS20	GPRS21
37BH	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	FTP / GPRS	FTP01 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)	FTP12 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)
37BV	Throughput (Kbits/sec)	FTP / GPRS	FTP01 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)	FTP12 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)
38BH	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	FTP / GPRS	FTP01 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)	FTP12 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)
38BV	Goodput (Kbits/sec)	FTP / GPRS	FTP01 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)	FTP12 (Active) GPRS21 (Passive)
39BH	Roundtrip time	Ping / GPRS	Ping 01 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)	Ping04 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)
39BV	Roundtrip time	Ping / GPRS	Ping 01 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)	Ping04 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)
40BH	Packet loss	Ping / GPRS	Ping 01 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)	Ping04 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)
40BV	Packet loss	Ping / GPRS	Ping 01 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)	Ping04 (Active) During TCP session (Passive)

5.6 Monitoring Values

The monitoring results and their median values were recorded during the GRQ trial Jan-Apr 2008. They are presented in the GRQ Handbook (BA.51) and are for guidance only.

Please refer to the GRQ Handbook (BA.51) for information on the GRQ trial observed measurements and how to define Service Level, trigger values

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