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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide the standardised list of attributes that can characterise a type of network slice. Network slicing is the key feature of the 5G networks and enables to build dedicated logical networks on a shared infrastructure. These dedicated networks would permit the implementation of tailor-made functionality and network operation specific to the needs of each slice customer, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach as witnessed in the current and previous mobile generations which would not be economically viable.

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1.2 Relationship to existing standards

3GPP

Unless otherwise stated, the attributes listed in this document are based on the open and published 3GPP specifications as listed in the Section 1.6. 3GPP Release 16 is taken as the basis.

1.3 Scope

The scope of this document is to provide the description of:

- Generic network Slice Template (GST); attributes that can characterise a type of network slice.
- Examples of Network Slice Types (NESTs) with a recommended minimum set of attributes and their suitable values.

The GST attributes apply to any access unless they are defined to apply to a specific access only. If a NEST includes attributes specific to an access network, those apply only to that access network.

The GST attributes apply for a Network Slice whether it is accesses in the HPMN or in a VPMN, unless otherwise specified.

1.4 Definitions

| Term | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Network Slice | A logical network that provides specific network capabilities and network characteristics [1] |
| Network Slice Instance | A set of Network Function instances and the required resources (e.g. compute, storage and networking resources) which form a deployed Network Slice as defined in section 3.1 of [1] |
| Network Slice Subnet | A representation of the management aspects of a set of Managed Functions and the required resources (e.g. compute, storage and networking resources) [25] |
| Network Slice Subnet Instance | An instance of Network Slice Subnet representing the management aspects of a set of Managed Function instances and the used resources (e.g. compute, storage and networking resources) [25] |

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| Term | Description |
|------------|---|
| Service | The uninterrupted user experience of a service, including the cases of IP |
| Continuity | address and/or anchoring point change [1] |

1.5 Abbreviations

| Term | Description | | |
|---------|--|--|--|
| 5GAA | 5G Automotive Association | | |
| 5GS | 5G System | | |
| 5QI | 5G QoS identifier | | |
| AECID | Adaptive Enhanced Cell Identity | | |
| AN | Access Network | | |
| AoA | Angle of Arrival | | |
| API | Application programming interface | | |
| APN | Access Point Name | | |
| BS | Base Station | | |
| CID | Cell ID | | |
| CN | Core Network | | |
| CPE | Customer premises equipment | | |
| CSC | Communication Service Customer | | |
| CSP | Communication Service Provider | | |
| CUPS | Control and User Plane Separation | | |
| DL | Down Link | | |
| DN | Data Network | | |
| DNN | Data Network Name | | |
| DSL | Digital Subscriber Line | | |
| DV | Data Volume | | |
| E2E | End to End | | |
| EC | Energy Consumption | | |
| ECID | Enhanced Cell ID | | |
| EPC | Evolved Packet Core | | |
| EPS | Evolved Packet System | | |
| E-UTRAN | Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network | | |
| FFS | For Further Study | | |
| FGML5G | Machine Learning for Future Networks including 5G | | |
| GBR | Guaranteed Bit Rate | | |
| GERAN | GSM/Edge Radio Access Network | | |
| GFBR | Guaranteed Flow Bit Rate | | |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite Systems | | |
| GPS | Global Positioning System | | |

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| Term | Description | |
|---------|--|--|
| GRE | Generic Routing Encapsulation | |
| GST | Generic Slice Template | |
| HARQ | Hybrid automatic repeat request | |
| IMS | IP Multimedia System | |
| IOPS | Isolated E-UTRAN Operation for Public Safety | |
| loT | Internet of Things | |
| KPI | Key Performance Indicators | |
| KQI | Key Quality Indicators | |
| L2TP | Layer 2 Tunnelling Protocol | |
| LTE-M | Long Term Evolution for Machines | |
| MDBV | Maximum Data Burst Volume | |
| MC | Mission-Critical | |
| MCC | Mobile Country Code | |
| MCD | Mission-Critical Data | |
| MCI | Mission-Critical Interworking | |
| MCPTT | Mission-Critical Push-To-Talk | |
| MCVideo | Mission-Critical Video | |
| MEC | Multi-access Edge Computing | |
| MFBR | Maximum Flow Bit Rate | |
| MIoT | Massive IoT | |
| MMTel | Multimedia Telephony Service | |
| MNC | Mobile Network Code | |
| MNO | Mobile Network Operator | |
| MPS | Multimedia Priority Service | |
| MTU | Maximum Transmission Unit | |
| NB-IoT | Narrowband IoT | |
| NEF | Network Exposure Function | |
| NEST | NEtwork Slice Type | |
| NF | Network Function | |
| NOP | Network Operator | |
| NR | New Radio | |
| NSC | Network Slice Customer | |
| NSI | Network Slice Instance | |
| NSP | Network Slice Provider | |
| NSS | Network Slice Subnet | |
| NSSI | Network Slice Subnet Instance | |
| NSST | Network Slice Subnet Template | |
| OTDOA | Observed Time Difference of Arrival | |

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| Term | Description | | |
|--------|--|--|--|
| PDB | Packet Delay budget | | |
| PER | Packet Error Rate | | |
| PDU | Protocol Data Unit | | |
| QoS | Quality of Service | | |
| RAN | Radio Access Network | | |
| RAT | Radio Access Type | | |
| RF | Radio Frequency | | |
| RSTD | Reference Signal Time Difference | | |
| SC-PTM | Single Cell Point to Multipoint | | |
| SDO | Standards developing organizations | | |
| SLA | Service Level Agreement | | |
| SMF | Session Management Function | | |
| SSC | Session Service Continuity | | |
| SST | Slice/Service Type | | |
| TN | Transmission Network | | |
| TRxP | Transmission Reception Point | | |
| TSN | Time-Sensitive Networking | | |
| UE | User Equipment | | |
| UDM | User Data Management | | |
| UL | Uplink | | |
| UDR | User Data Register | | |
| UL | Up Link | | |
| UPF | User Plan Function | | |
| URLLC | Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communication | | |
| UTRAN | Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network | | |
| VM | Virtual Machine | | |
| VPN | Virtual Private Network | | |

1.6 References

| Ref | Doc Number | Title |
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| 1 | 3GPP TS 23.501 | System Architecture for the 5G System; Stage 2 (Rel-15) |
| 2 | RFC2119 | "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", S. Bradner, March 1997. Available at http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt |
| 3 | 3GPP TR 22.804 | Study on Communication for Automation in Vertical domains (CAV) |
| 4 | 3GPP TS 38.101 | NR; User Equipment (UE) radio transmission and reception; Part 1: Range 1 Standalone |
| 5 | 3GPP TS 36.104 | Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception |
| 6 | 3GPP TR 22.904 | Study on user centric identifiers and authentication |

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| Ref | Doc Number | Title |
|-----|-------------------------|---|
| 7 | IEEE 1588 | Precision Time Protocol |
| 8 | IEEE 802.1 | TSN |
| 9 | ETSI GS MEC 016 | Mobile Edge Computing (MEC); UE application interface |
| 10 | 3GPP TS 23.214 | Architecture enhancements for control and user plane separation of EPC nodes |
| 11 | 3GPP TS 29.244 | Interface between the Control Plane and the User Plane nodes |
| 12 | 3GPP TS 29.561 | 5G System; Interworking between 5G Network and external Data Networks; Stage 3 |
| 13 | 3GPP TS 23.032 | Universal Geographical Area Description (GAD) |
| 14 | 3GPP TS 33.501 | Security architecture and procedures for 5G System |
| 15 | 3GPP TS 23.379 | Functional architecture and information flows to support Mission Critical Push To Talk (MCPTT); Stage 2 |
| 16 | 3GPP TS 23.282 | Functional architecture and information flows to support Mission Critical Data (MCData); Stage 2 |
| 17 | 3GPP TS 23.281 | Functional architecture and information flows to support Mission Critical Video (MCVideo); Stage 2 |
| 18 | 3GPP TS 23.401 | General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) enhancements for Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) access |
| 19 | 3GPP TS 33.401 | 3GPP System Architecture Evolution (SAE); Security architecture |
| 20 | 3GPP TS 23.283 | Mission Critical Communication Interworking with Land Mobile Radio Systems |
| 21 | ETSI EN 302 636- 4-1 | Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 4: Geographical addressing and forwarding for point-to-point and point-to-multipoint communications; Sub-part 1: Media-Independent Functionality |
| 22 | GSMA NG.114 | IMS Profile for Voice, Video and Messaging over 5GS |
| 23 | 3GPP TS 38.101-1 | NR; User Equipment (UE) radio transmission and reception; Part 1: Range 1 Standalone |
| 24 | 3GPP TR 23.799 | Study on Architecture for Next Generation System |
| 25 | 3GPP TS 28.530 | Aspects; Management and orchestration; Concepts, use cases and requirements |
| 26 | ETSI ES 203 228 | Environmental Engineering (EE); Assessment of mobile network energy efficiency |
| 27 | 3GPP TS 22.261 | Service requirements for the 5G system; Stage 1 |
| 28 | 3GPP TS 22.104 | Service requirements for cyber-physical control applications in vertical domains |
| 29 | 3GPP TS 28.541 | 5G Network Resource Model (NRM); Stage 2 and stage 3 |
| 30 | GSMA PRD NG.113 | 5GS Roaming Guidelines |
| 31 | 3GPP TS 22.153 | Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Multimedia priority service |
| 32 | 3GPP TS 28.554 | Management and orchestration; |

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| Ref | Doc Number | Title |
|-----|------------|--|
| | | 5G end to end Key Performance Indicators (KPI) |

1.7 Conventions

If the document includes binding material, this section shall contain the following statement, and RFC 2119 shall be included as a reference:

"The key words "must", "must not", "required", "shall", "shall not", "should", "should not", "recommended", "may", and "optional" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC2119 [2]."

2 Network Slicing

Network slicing is a mandatory feature of the 5G System (5GS). As defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [1], a network slice as a logical network that provides specific network capabilities and network characteristics. The network slice can be tailored based on the specific requirements agreed between Network Slice Customer (NSC) and Network Slice Provider (NSP), see also below.

A network slice could span across multiple network domains used by a NSP (e.g. access network, core network and transport network). A network slice is comprised of dedicated and/or shared resources, e.g. in terms of functionality, processing power, storage, and bandwidth. Dedicated resources can be isolated from other network slices. A network slice available in the HPMN to their own subscribers, may also be available when the UE is roaming.

2.1 Roles in network slicing

Multiple roles related to network slicing are displayed in Figure 1 and specified in 3GPP TS 28.530 [25]. In this document the following roles are used:

- Communication Service Customer (CSC): Uses communication services, e.g. end user, tenant, vertical.
- Communication Service Provider (CSP): Provides communication services.
 Designs, builds and operates its communication services. The CSP provided communication service can be built with or without network slice.
- **Network Operator (NOP)**: Provides network services. Designs, builds and operates its networks to offer such services.
- **Network Slice Customer (NSC)**: The Communication Service Provider (CSP) or Communication Service Customer (CSC) who uses Network Slice as a Service.
- **Network Slice Provider (NSP)**: The Communication Service Provider (CSP) or Network Operator (NOP) who provides Network Slice as a Service.

Depending on actual scenarios an organisation can play one or several roles simultaneously, e.g.:

CSP only provided by NOP

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- One company is CSP, NOP, and NSP, and
- One company is CSC and NSC, or
- CSP only provided by CSC
 - One company is CSC, CSP and NSC and
 - One company is NOP and NSP.
- Both NOP and CSC are CSP for different services:
 - One company is CSC, CSP (Service B) and NSC, and
 - One company is CSP (Service A), NOP and NSP.

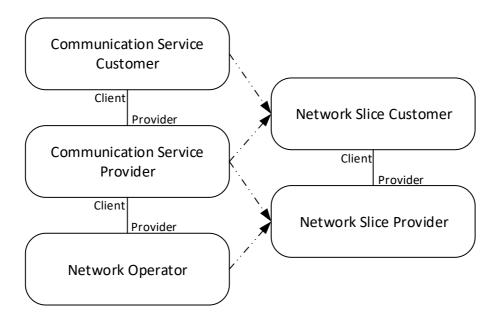


Figure 1: Model roles in network slicing

2.2 Generic network Slice Template (GST)

The Generic Network Slice Template (GST) is a set of attributes that can characterise a type of network slice/service. GST is generic and is not tied to any specific network deployment.

The NEtwork Slice Type (NEST) is a GST filled with values. The values are assigned to express a given set of requirements to support a network slice customer use case. The NEST is an input to the network slice preparation performed by the Network Slice Provider (NSP). All of this is depicted in Figure 2.

A UE can use a network slice when the related S-NSSAI, together with any applicable information mapping to the NEST-related attributes and parameter values, is included in the subscription information for the UE. NEST-related attributes can be differentiated by a Service Category. For instance, when an attribute of a NEST includes a Service Category parameter and the UE subscription information includes a parameter value associated with

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that Service Category, then the UE will be subject to the differentiated service associated with the Service Category in the network slice.

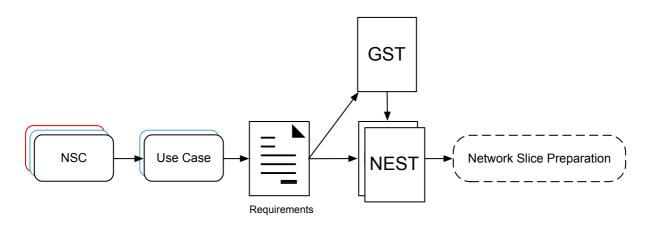


Figure 2: GST and NEST in context of the network slice lifecycle

2.3 Network slices and roaming

Every NSP deploying 5GS will deploy network slices fitting its business. These may be network slices based on NESTs defined in clause 4 or NSP-defined NEST.

In order for NSP to ensure that the service requirements for the service are met while roaming, a roaming agreement to support network slicing between NSP A and NSP B must be in place that covers the related network functionality and required services.

Guidance on roaming architecture, Inter-PMN security deployment models and general technical roaming guidelines are found in GSMA PRD NG.113 [30].

3 GST Attributes

3.1 Attribute presence

Each attribute has a defined presence in the GST:

- Mandatory the attribute's value must be present
- Conditional the attribute's value is mandatory if a certain condition exists
- Optional the attribute's value doesn't need to be present

3.2 Attribute categories and tagging

In general, attributes can be categorised into character attributes and scalability attributes. An attribute can be either a character or a scalability attribute but not both:

 Character attributes - characterise a slice (e.g. throughput, latency, Application Program Interfaces (APIs), etc.) and are independent of the Network Slice Customer (NSC) and the Network Slice Provider (NSP).

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Scalability attributes - provide information about the scalability of the slice (e.g. number of UEs, etc.) and are specific for the NSC and the NSP.

Note:

Different use cases and network slice designs could result in some attributes being a character or a scalability attribute (e.g. area of service), but never both at the same time.

Character attributes can be further tagged. Tags are used as labels attached to the attributes to give additional information about the nature of each attribute. Each attribute could have multiple tags. The following tags apply to the character attributes:

- **Performance related** specify the KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) supported by a slice (e.g. throughput, latencies, etc.). Performance related attributes are relevant before the slice is instantiated.
- Function related specify functionality provided by the slice (e.g. positioning, prediction, etc.). Function related attributes are relevant before the slice is instantiated.
- Control and management related specify which methods are provided to the NSC in order to control and manage the slice. These attributes are relevant after the slice is instantiated.

Exposure Attributes

The way the attributes interact with the NSC can be used for tagging:

- API these attributes provide an API to the NSC in order to get access to the slice capabilities. Many of the functional- and operational related attributes provide APIs to the NSC.
- **KPI** these attributes provide certain performance capabilities (e.g. throughput and delay).

3.2.1 Access Type considerations in Attributes

Some attributes may include an access type (e.g. 3GPP, Non 3GPP) applied to them in the attribute description. When an access type is specified for the attribute, it implies that the attribute is only considered for SLA enforcement when this access type is used to access the network.

When no specific access type is specified for an attribute, it implies that SLA enforcement applies when any access is used to access the network.

3.3 Void

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3.4 Attributes

3.4.1 Availability

(Communication service) availability: percentage value of the amount of time the end-to-end communication service is delivered according to an agreed QoS, divided by the amount of time the system is expected to deliver the end-to-end service according to the specification in a specific area, see also 3GPP TS 22.261 [27].

Typical values:

• Low: <90%

Medium: 90-95%High: >95-99.999%Very high: >99.999%

| Availability | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | percent |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 1 Availability Table

3.4.2 Area of service

This attribute specifies the area where the UEs can access a particular network slice.

Therefore, the attribute specifies the list of the countries where the service will be provided. The list is specific to NSPs and their roaming agreements.

In case the list comprises more than one entry, roaming agreements between the HPMN and the VPMNs are required.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

| Area of service | |
|------------------|----|
| Measurement unit | NA |

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| Area of service | |
|-----------------|---|
| Allowed Values | All ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 country codes (two letter country codes) |
| | Character Attribute/ Operation |
| Tags | Scalability Attribute* |
| | KPI |

^{*}Depends on the use case, this attribute can be also scalability attribute.

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 2 Area of Service Table

Region specification

For every single country listed in the area of service attribute it needs to be indicated if the service will be provided in the whole country or just in part of the country.

If the NSC requires a specific location, this parameter can be used to specify the regions of the country where the service will be provided. It needs to be completed for every country listed in the Area of service attribute.

The list of regions is specific for each country and the way to define these regions is the decision of the NSC and NSP. Examples of how the regions could be specified is provided in the clause on "Additional information" here below.

| Region specification | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Full country |
| | List of regions |
| Tags | Character Attribute/ Operation |
| | Scalability Attribute* |
| | KPI |

^{*}Depending on the use case, this parameter can also be scalability attribute.

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 3 Region Specification Table

Additional Information

The regions specification, which is defined based on agreement between NSC and NSP, specifies per county the area of service. This can be done for example by:

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Geodetic shapes (defining 2D or 3D shapes of coverage) as defined in 3GPP TS 23.032: "Universal Geographical Area Description (GAD)" [13].

Civic addresses or identification of known locations (e.g. name of a stadium, or location of a certain enterprise site etc.)

Specification of a geographic region/location by means of string of text which defines it univocally (e.g. a city, a Postcode or list of postcodes, a county, a state)

3.4.3 Delay tolerance

Provide the NSC with service delivery flexibility, especially for the vertical services that are not chasing a high system performance. For instance, the service will be delivered once the mobile system has sufficient resources or during the off-peak hours. For this type of traffic, it is not too critical how long it takes to deliver the amount of data, e.g. within hours, days, weeks, etc.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

| Delay tolerance | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 4 Delay Tolerance Table

Additional information

In principle, relevant mechanisms are available for Application Function (AF). For instance, this type of traffic could be scheduled for transmission to the UE in dedicated times of the day when the traffic load is low or this traffic could get an own traffic class which is deprioritized over all other traffic.

Certain traffic flows, should reach the end user within certain latency boundary. At the same time, there are use cases that are less sensitive to delay variations, giving AF some level of flexibility in scheduling downlink traffic. For instance, in automotive industry, (non-critical) software/firmware update could be deprioritised and delivered when traffic is low such as during off-peak hours.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

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3.4.4 Deterministic communication

This attribute defines if the network slice supports deterministic communication for periodic UE traffic. Periodic traffic refers to the type of traffic with periodic transmissions.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

Availability

This parameter describes if the network slice supports deterministic communication.

Note: Not including this parameter is equal to setting it to Not supported.

| Availability | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Performance KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 5 Deterministic Communication Table

Periodicity

This parameter provides a list of periodicities supported by the network slice.

This parameter must be present when the "Availability" is set to Supported.

Examples:

- 200s motion control printing machine
- 600s temperature sensors
- 1*10⁻³s motion control machine tool

| Periodicity | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | Seconds |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attributes / Performance KPI |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 6 Periodicity Table

Additional information

Periodic traffic has a transmission interval (in which a single packet is transmitted) that is repeated. For example, a transmission occurs every 15 ms. Reasons for a periodic uplink transmission can be the periodic update of a position or the repeated monitoring of a characteristic parameter.

Note: Transmission of a temperature every 15 minutes is a periodical

transmission. However, most periodic intervals in communication for automation are rather short. The transmission is started once and continues

unless a stop command is provided [3].

Determinism refers to whether the delay between transmission of a packet and receipt of the packet at the destination address is stable (within bounds). Usually, communication is called deterministic if it is bounded by a given threshold for the latency/transit time [3].

It should be noted that multiple periodicities could be supported. It is then a matter of resource scheduling and the identification of the different packets in order to treat them in a way to not disturb their periodicity.

This attribute should not be mixed up with periodic communication demand in which periodically a specific amount of data (not only a single packet) needs to be transmitted. Hence, there is no periodicity between individual data packets but there is a periodicity between activities of a customer or device.

(R)AN/TN/CN (Radio Access Network/Transport Network/Core Network) may use this attribute to optimize the scheduling and performance.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3.4.5 Downlink throughput per network slice

This attribute relates to the aggregated data rate in downlink for all UEs together in the network slice (this is not per UE).

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS.

Guaranteed downlink throughput quota

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This parameter describes the guaranteed throughput/data rate supported by the network slice for the aggregate of all GBR QoS flows in downlink belonging to the set of all UEs using the network slice.

Not including this parameter or if the value is 0, best effort traffic is expected where no minimum throughput is guaranteed.

Examples:

- 0 (best effort)
- 10 000 kbps
- 1 000 000 kbps

| Guaranteed downlink throughput quota | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 7 Guaranteed Downlink Throughput Table

Additional downlink GBR QoS flows

| Additional downlink GBR QoS flows | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | No additional downlink GBR QoS flows allowed Additional downlink GBR QoS flows allowed |
| Tags | Scalability attribute KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

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Table 8 Additional downlink GBR QoS flows Table

Maximum downlink throughput

This parameter defines the maximum data rate supported by the network slice for all UEs together in downlink.

Examples:

- 100 000 kbps
- 20 000 000 kbps

Note: The sum of all data rates in downlink for all UEs does not exceed this value.

| Maximum downlink throughput | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attributes KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 9 Maximum Downlink Throughput Table

3.4.6 Downlink maximum throughput per UE

This attribute describes the maximum data rate supported by the network slice per UE in downlink.

The attribute is comprised of a list of Service Category parameters with the associated Maximum Downlink Throughput per UE value.

If no Service Category parameter is present all devices in the network slice, experience the same Maximum Downlink Throughput per UE value. If Service Category parameters are present, then the UEs will be associated with a specific Maximum Downlink Throughput per UE parameter value depending on which Service Category the UE is associated with for the network slice. In this case, different UEs within a network slice can experience a different maximum data rate.

Examples:

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- 50 000 (Service Category 1)
- 400 000 (Service Category 2)
- 1 000 000 (Service Category 3)

Maximum downlink throughput per UE value

This parameter defines the Maximum Downlink Throughput per UE value. This may be associated with a Service Category parameter.

| Maximum downlink throughput per UE value | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute /Performance KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 10 Maximum Downlink Throughput per UE Table

Service category

This parameter defines a service category which may be assigned to certain groups of devices using the network slice. If present, it shall be associated with a Maximum Downlink Throughput Value parameter.

| Service category | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any text identifying the Service Category |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 11 Downlink Maximum Rate Service Category Table

Additional information

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Maximum throughput can be used to offer different service categories which have different maximum throughput values.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only, across GBR and Non-GBR QoS flows.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3.4.7 Energy efficiency

This attribute describes whether the network slice supports the energy efficiency KPI.

The energy efficiency is evaluated only when the network is running.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

Network slice energy efficiency KPI

Network slice energy efficiency KPI is defined in 3GPP Release 17 TS 28.554 Section 6.7 [32]. It is defined as a ratio between the performance of a network slice and its energy consumption.

Note: Not including this parameter is equal to setting it to Not supported.

| Energy efficiency | |
|-------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not Supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attributes / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 12 Energy Efficiency Table

3.4.8 Group communication support

This attribute describes which type of group communication is provided by the network slice. This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

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Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

| 3Group communication support | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported |
| | Single Cell Point to Multipoint (SC- |
| | PTM) |
| | Broadcast/Multicast |
| | Broadcast/Multicast + SC-PTM |
| | Unicast |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 13 Group Communication Support Table

3.4.9 Isolation level

Isolation is one of the key expectations of network slicing. A network slice instance may be fully or partly, logically and/or physically, isolated from another network slice instance [24]. This attribute describes different types of isolation:

- Physical network slices are physically separated (e.g. different rack, different hardware, different location, etc.)
 - Process and threads isolation
 - · Physical memory isolation
 - Physical storage isolation
 - Physical network isolation

Note: For physical isolation, "memory" here refers to RAM only and "storage" here refers to the system for a relatively long-term data storage.

- Logical network slices are logically separated.
 - Virtual resources isolation a network slice has access to specific range of resources that do not overlap with other network slices (e.g. VM isolation)
 - Network functions isolation NF (Network Function) is dedicated to the NSC, but virtual resources are shared
 - Tenant/Service Isolation NSC data are isolated from other NSCs, but virtual resources and NFs are shared

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Note: How to convey a slice with a mix of physical and logical isolation levels in different slice subnets is for FFS.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

Isolation

Note: Not including this parameter is equal to setting it to No Isolation.

| Isolation | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | No Isolation |
| | Physical Isolation |
| | Logical Isolation |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 14 Isolation Level Table

Physical Isolation

This parameter must be present when Isolation is set to Physical Isolation.

| Physical isolation | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Process and threads Isolation |
| | Physical memory Isolation |
| | Physical network isolation |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | X |
| Optional | |

Table 15 Physical Isolation Table

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Logical Isolation

This parameter must be present when Isolation is set to Logical Isolation.

| Logical isolation | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Virtual resource isolation |
| | Network Function isolation |
| | Tenant/Service isolation |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 16 Logical Isolation Table

Additional Information

Weak network slice isolation and connection may compromise the entire 5G security, e.g. sensitive data, managed inside a network slice, could be exposed to applications running in other network slices services, through side channel attacks. This risk is even higher since isolation is distributed over each of the security domains of the underlying 5G security architecture. An additional complexity comes from the fact that monitoring and management of such a chain of connections among each of the security domains might not be properly handled.

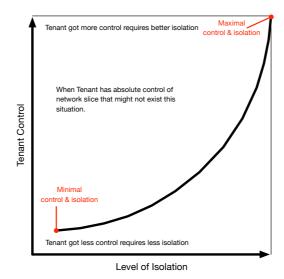


Figure 3 Relation between Tenant Control and Isolation

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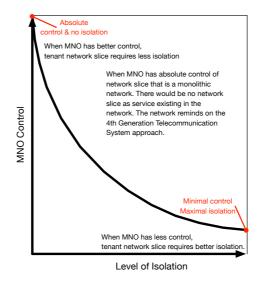


Figure 4 Relation between MNO Control and Isolation

Inter-tenant/Slice Isolation

Infrastructure sharing by multiple network operators will require strict isolation at multiple levels to ensure the expected security level. Various aspects of control-plane, data-plane and resource isolation must be guaranteed to ensure zero correlation among different slices/tenant operations. Tenant/slice isolation is important to ensure a reliable and warranted service assurance, together with data and communication integrity and confidentiality. Therefore, inter-tenant/slice isolation security of sensitive data, should at least be equal to physically separated networks.

3.4.10 Void

3.4.11 Maximum supported packet size

This attribute describes the maximum packet size supported by the network slice and may be important for URLLC (Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communication) and MIoT (Massive IoT), or to indicate a supported maximum transmission unit (MTU).

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to value 1500 Bytes.

Examples

- 40 Bytes IoT
- 160 Bytes URLLC for 5 ms latency
- 1 500 Bytes eMBB

| Maximum supported packet size | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | Bytes |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute /Performance |

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| Maximum supported packet size | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| | KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 17 Maximum Packet Size Table

Additional Information

This attribute might serve different purposes:

- Limitation of the packet size to achieve the required latencies for instance in Industry 4.0 or energy use cases
- To improve the radio performance in case many very small packets are transmitted by a large number of devices as like for MIoT use cases
- To indicate the MTU provided by the network slice

A UE or a server that uses this network slice needs to be aware of the limitation, which could be operational, or performance nature. For instance, the network does not guarantee the SLA if packets are bigger than the specified size or too large packets could be fragmented which will increase latency.

(R)AN/CN may use this attribute to optimize scheduling and performance, especially for URLLC case and very small packets. Transport of very small packets is very inefficient in some technologies. Knowledge about the maximum supported packet size might help to improve the efficiency, e.g. by scheduling resources more efficiently.

3.4.12 Mission critical support

Mission-critical (MC) leads to a priority of the network slice relative to others, for C-plane (Control Plane) and U-plane (User Plane) decisions. This is relative to a customer provider relationship and to a PMN (Public Mobile Network).

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Non-mission-critical.

| Mission critical support | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Non-mission-critical Mission-critical |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 18 Mission Critical Support Table

Mission-critical capability support

This parameter specifies what capabilities are available to support mission-critical services. More than one capability may be supported at once. This parameter must be present if Mission critical support is set to Mission-critical.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Mission-critical capability support | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Inter-user prioritization |
| | Pre-emption |
| | Local control |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 19 Mission Critical Capabilities Table

Inter-user prioritization capability provides admission and the scheduling of priorities for PS (Packet Service) users over non-PS users, and different priorities among PS users.

Pre-emption capability allows non-PS users to be pre-empted by PS users, and a PS user to be pre-empted by another PS user.

Local control capability allows dynamic and temporary assignment of inter-user prioritization and pre-emption levels to local PS users (e.g. local to an incident).

Mission-critical service support

This parameter specifies whether or not the network slice supports mission-critical push-to-talk (MCPTT) [15], mission-critical data (MCData) [16], mission-critical video (MCVideo) [17], or mission-critical interworking [20].

Editor's note: IOPS is FFS; MC interworking may need further study.

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This parameter is present when Mission critical support is set to Mission-critical.

This parameter applies to 3GPP access type only.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Mission-critical service support | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | MCPTT |
| | MCData |
| | MCVideo |
| | MC interworking |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 20 Mission Critical Service Support

3.4.13 MMTel support

This attribute describes whether the network slice supports IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) and Multimedia Telephony Service MMTel. This attribute describes whether the GSMA PRD NG.114 [22] compliant MMTel deployment is supported in the network slice.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to value Not Supported.

| MMTel support | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Example | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 21 MMTel Support Table

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3.4.14 NB-IoT Support

This attribute describes whether NB-IoT is supported in the RAN in the network slice.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to value Not supported.

| NB-IoT Support | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Example | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 22 NB-IoT Support Table

3.4.15 Network functions owned by Network Slice Customer

A NSC can own some network functions. This attribute provides a list of network functions to be provided by the NSC. If the list is empty, or this attribute is not included, the NSC is not providing any network function relevant for the network slice.

Examples:

- UDM
- AUSF
- AF

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| 3.4.15 Network functions owned by Network Slice Customer | |
|--|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any desired list of functions |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

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Table 23 Network Functions Table

Additional information

The NSC like a MVNO, who owns a unique Mobile Country Code (MCC) and a unique Mobile Network Code (MNC), stores all the subscriber information in its own User Data Management (UDM). This UDM can also be connected to multiple networks within the same country.

3.4.16 Maximum number of PDU sessions

This attribute describes the maximum number of concurrent PDU supported by the network slice as specified by the "Maximum number of PDU sessions" parameter. If the network slice also requires taking into account PDN connections that can be handed over to the 5GS while the UEs are in the EPS, this is specified in the optional attribute "EPS counting required". If the parameter " EPS counting required" is missing, then no counting happens of any PDN connections in EPS.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

Examples:

- 100 000 PDU sessions
- 10 000 000 PDU sessions

Maximum number of PDU sessions

This parameter specifies how many PDU sessions can simultaneously use the network slice.

| Maximum number of PDU sessions | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | PDU sessions |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 24 Number of PDU Session Table

EPS counting required

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If this parameter indicates that EPS counting is required, the PDU sessions counting shall also take into account the PDN connections in the EPS connected to an APN that maps to a DNN/S-NSSAI of the network slice.

| EPS counting required | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Yes No |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 25 EPS counting required Table

3.4.17 Maximum number of UEs

This attribute describes the maximum number of UEs that can use the network slice simultaneously as specified by the "Maximum number of UEs" parameter. If the network slice also requires taking into account UEs using PDN connections that can be handed over to the 5GS while they are in the EPS, this is specified in the optional attribute "EPS counting required". If the parameter "EPS counting required" is missing, then no counting of UEs happens while they are in EPS.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

Examples:

• 100 000 UEs

• 10 000 000 UEs

Maximum number of UEs

This parameter specifies how many UEs can simultaneously use the network slice.

| Maximum number of UEs | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 26 Number of UEs Table

EPS counting required

If this parameter indicates that EPS counting is required, the UE counting shall also take into account the UEs in the EPS with at least one PDN connection in the network slice, i.e. it is required to count the UEs that have at least one PDU session connected to an APN that maps to a DNN/S-NSSAI of the network slice.

| EPS counting required | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Yes |
| | No |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Attribute Presence | |
|--------------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 27 EPS counting required Table

3.4.18 Performance monitoring

This attribute provides the capability for NSC and NOP to monitor Key Quality Indicators (KQIs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). KQIs reflect the end-to-end service performance and quality while KPIs reflect the performance of the network.

Availability

This parameter contains a list of KQIs and KPIs available for monitoring. If the list is empty this parameter is not available in the network slice and the other parameters might be ignored.

| Availability | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Service Request Success Rate |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 28 Performance Availability Table

Monitoring sample frequency

This parameter describes how often the KQIs and KPIs are monitored.

Only the KQIs of communication services offered by the NSP can be monitored. For over the top services, the NSP is not able to access the KQIs.

| Monitoring sample frequency | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Per second Per minute Per-hour |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 29 Monitoring Frequency Table

Additional information

Only the KQIs of communication services offered by the network operator can be monitored. For over the top services, the network operator is not able to access the KQIs.

3.4.19 Performance prediction

This attribute defines the capability to allow the mobile system to predict the network and service status. Predictive QoS (Quality of Service) can be done for various Key Quality Indicators (KQIs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). KQIs reflect the end-to-end service performance and quality, while KPIs reflect the performance of the network. The prediction is done for a specific point of time in the future and for a specific geolocation.

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Only the KQIs of communication services offered by the NSP can be predicted. For over the top services, the NSP is not able to access the KQIs.

Availability

This parameter contains a list of KQIs and KPIs available for prediction. If the list is empty, the parameter is not available in the network slice and the other parameters might be ignored.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Availability | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Throughput Latency Service Request Success Rate |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 30 Performance Availability Table

Prediction frequency

This parameter describes how often KQIs and KPIs prediction values are provided.

| Prediction frequency | |
|----------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Per second Per minute Per hour |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 31 Performance Prediction Frequency Table

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Additional information

This attribute recently raised a lot of attention and different organisations as like 5GAA (5G Automotive Association) and ITU-T (Machine Learning for Future Networks including 5G (FG ML5G)) are looking at it. Towards the NSC; an API would be provided allowing the NSC to send a request (e.g. KPI prediction for a certain geo-location and a certain time in the future) and receiving the prediction.

Predictive QoS is an important feature allowing NSP to inform the service in advance about a quality drop. Predictive QoS can be applied to various KPIs, e.g. area of service, throughput, latency, etc. and KQIs.

Performance prediction could be implemented in different ways:

- Active prediction network actively informs the NSC and/or the UE proactively about the predicted values. Alternatively, the NSC and/or UE are only informed in case the predicted KPI or KQI value crossed a defined threshold.
- Passive prediction the NSC and/or UE requests prediction from the network via APIs provided by the network.

It should be noted that performance prediction is not a pure action between NSC and the mobile system, but between UE (like the car) and the mobile system.

A prediction (request as well as reply) is always associated with a point of time in the future and a geolocation. A prediction provided by the network slice to the UE and/or customer (prediction reply) should always be associated with a confidence interval to give an idea about how reliable the prediction is. The reliability depends on many parameters, e.g. which KPI to predict, look ahead of time, etc.

3.4.20 Positioning support

This attribute describes if the network slice provides geo-localization methods or supporting methods.

Availability

This parameter describes if this parameter is provided by the network slice and contains a list of positioning methods provided by the slice. If the list is empty this parameter is not available in the network slice and the other parameters might be ignored.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Availability | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| | CIDE-CID (LTE and NR) |
| | OTDOA (LTE and NR) |
| Allowed Values | RF fingerprinting |
| | AECID |
| | Hybrid positioning |

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| | NET-RTK |
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| Tags | Character attribute / Functional API |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 32 Positioning Support Table

Prediction frequency

This parameter describes how often location information is provided. This parameter simply defines how often the customer is allowed to request location information. This is not related to the time it takes to determine the location, which is a characteristic of the positioning method.

| Prediction frequency | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| | Per second |
| Allowed Values | Per minute |
| | Per-hour |
| Togo | Character attribute / Functional |
| Tags | API |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 33 Prediction Frequency Table

Accuracy

This parameter describes the accuracy of the location information. Accuracy depends on the respective positioning solution applied in the network slice.

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Examples:

- 1m
- -1m
- 0.01m
- -0.01m

| meter |
|--------------------------------------|
| Any desired value |
| Character attribute / Functional KPI |
| |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 34 Prediction Accuracy Table

Additional Information

Many use cases have a strong demand for the capability of positioning (geo-localisation) devices. Different NSC may have different requirements in terms of accuracy, energy efficiency, indoor/outdoor support, and cost, etc. For some of the use cases, positioning techniques will have to work reliably under challenging conditions, e.g. deep indoors.

It should be noted that either for some use cases, such as many IoT use cases, GPS (Global Positioning Service) or other Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) are not an option because of the high energy consumption or because simple devices are not equipped with the suitable receiver.

For other use cases, e.g. automotive, GNSS is a suitable positioning solution for most of the times although there are a number of situations where this is not accessible e.g. tunnels, indoors, etc. Hence, it is beneficial to combine the advantages of these systems with the positioning capabilities of 5G to provide a solution that meets the NSC scenarios.

In general, the different positioning methods can be categorized into precise positioning, cellular-based positioning and new radio (NR)-based positioning.

Cellular positioning refers to positioning methods in which the cellular network is determining the position of the UE. The following cellular positioning technologies can be used:

 Cell ID (CID) is the basic method which utilizes cellular system knowledge about the serving cell of a specific user; the user location area is thus associated with the serving CID.

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Enhanced Cell ID (E-CID) refers to a network-based method assisted by the UE. This
method utilizes CIDs, Radio Frequency RF measurements from multiple cells, timing
advance, and Angle of Arrival (AoA) measurements.

- Observed Time Difference of Arrival (OTDOA) is a UE-assisted method based on reference signal time difference (RSTD) measurements conducted on downlink positioning reference signals received from multiple locations, where the user location is calculated by multi-alteration.
- RF fingerprinting is a method of finding a user position by mapping RF measurements obtained from the UE onto an RF map, where the map is typically based on detailed RF predictions or site surveying results
- Adaptive Enhanced Cell Identity (AECID) is a method that enhances the performance
 of RF fingerprinting by extending the number of radio properties that are used, where
 at least CIDs, timing advance, RSTD, and AoA may be used in addition to received
 signal strengths, and where the corresponding databases are automatically built up
 by collecting high-precision OTDOA and A-GNSS positions, tagged with measured
 radio properties.

The following table provides an overview about the characteristics of the different cellular positioning methods.

| Positioni ng Method | Environme nt Limitations | UE Impa ct | Site Impa ct | Syste m Impac t | Respons e Time (RAN) | Horizonta I uncertain ty | Vertical Uncertain ty |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CID Proximity location | No | No | No | Small | Very low | High | NA |
| E-CID | No | Small | Small | Mediu m | Low | Medium | NA |
| E-CID/AoA | Rich multipath | Small | Large | Mediu m | Low | Medium | NA |
| RF fingerprintin g | Rural | Small | Small | Large | Low/mediu m | Low/mediu m | Medium |
| AECID | No | Small | Small | Mediu m | Low | Low/mediu m | Medium |
| UTDOA | Suburban/Ru ral | Small | Large | Large | Medium | <100m | Medium |
| OTDOA | Rural | Mediu m | Mediu m | Mediu m | Medium | <100m | Medium |
| A-GNSS | Indoor | Large | Small | Mediu m | Medium/hi gh | <5m | <20m |

Table 35 Characteristics of cellular positioning methods

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3.4.21 Radio spectrum

Defines the radio spectrum in which the network slice should be supported. This is important information, as

- some UEs of the NSC might be capable of using certain frequency bands only.
- The NSC may only own or have access to certain frequency bands.

Note:

This attribute does not limit the use of the listed frequency bands for other use cases, i.e., there is no exclusive use of the listed frequency bands for the network slice.

Examples of allowed values:

- n1
- n77

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Radio spectrum | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | See NR operating band identifiers in 3GPP TS 38.101-1 [4] |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 36 Radio Spectrum Table

Additional information

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

This attribute simply tells which frequency bandscan be used to access the network slice.

5G NR operating bands are defined in 3GPP TS 38.101-1 [4].

3.4.22 Void

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3.4.23 Root cause investigation

Root cause investigation is the capability provided to NSC to understand or investigate the root cause of network service performance degradation or failure.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

| Root cause investigation | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| | Not supported |
| Allowed Values | Passive investigation |
| | Active investigation |
| | Character attribute / Functional / |
| Tags | Operational |
| | API |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 37 Root Cause Investigation Table

Additional information

This attribute could be implemented in different facets: passive investigation or activate investigation.

In passive investigation, the NSC is informed about the root cause of the network service performance degradation or failure in case there is a problem with the network slice.

In active investigation, if something is wrong in the network, a NSC could perform investigation itself, for instance call for the log files of different technical domain, to understand where the problem is, then it is not just an API telling the NSC if there is a problem or not.

It should be clear that this attribute is only about the investigation of a problem. This attribute does not provide any means to solve the problem.

3.4.24 Session and Service Continuity support

The attribute defines the continuity of a Protocol Data Unit (PDU) session. The following three Session and Service Continuity (SSC) modes are specified [1]:

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 SSC mode 1 - the network preserves the connectivity service provided to the UE (for the case of IPv4, IPv6 or IPv4v6 type, the IP address is preserved)

- SSC mode 2 the network may release the connectivity service delivered to the UE
 and release the corresponding PDU Session. For the case of IPv4 or IPv6 or IPv4v6
 type, the release of the PDU Session induces the release of IP address(es) that had
 been allocated to the UE.
- SSC mode 3 changes to the user plane can be visible to the UE, while the network
 ensures that the UE suffers no loss of connectivity. A connection through new PDU
 Session Anchor point is established before the previous connection is terminated in
 order to allow for better service continuity. For the case of IPv4 or IPv6 or IPv4v6
 type, the IP address is not preserved in this mode when the PDU Session Anchor
 changes.

| Session and Service Continuity support | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Measurement unit | NA | | |
| | SSC mode 1 | | |
| Allowed Values | SSC mode 2 | | |
| | SSC mode 3 | | |
| Tage | Character attribute / Functional | | |
| Tags | KPI | | |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 38 Service Continuity Table

3.4.25 Simultaneous use of the network slice

This attribute describes whether a network slice can be simultaneously used by a UE together with other network slices and if so, with which other classes of network slices. The attribute is comprised of a list of Service Category Parameters with the associated Simultaneous Use Class parameter value.

If no Service Category parameters are present, all UEs in the network slice are associated with the same Simultaneous Use Class.

Note: Not including this attribute in a NEST is equal to setting it to "Can be used simultaneously with any network slice".

Note: "use of a network slice" starts from the time a UE is successfully registered with a network slice.

Note: Simultaneous use of a network slice is not associated with physical or logical isolation requirements.

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Example:

{ Service Category = Service Category 1 , Simultaneous Use Class = " Can be used simultaneously with any network slice"}

{ Service Category = Service Category 2, Simultaneous Use Class = " Cannot be used simultaneously with any another network slice"}

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

Simultaneous Use Class

This parameter defines which class of simultaneous use applies. This may be associated with a Service Category parameter.

| Simultaneous Use Class | |
|------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| | Can be used simultaneously with any network slice |
| | Can be used simultaneously with any network slices with same SST value but different SD values |
| Allowed Values | Can be used simultaneously with any network slice with the same SD value but different SST value |
| | Cannot be used simultaneously with any another network slice |
| | Operator defined class |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 39 Simultaneous Use Class Table

Service category

This parameter defines a service category which may be assigned to a UE. If present, it shall be associated with a Simultaneous Use Class parameter value.

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| Service category | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any text identifying the service category |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Attribute Presence | |
|--------------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

3.4.26 Slice quality of service

This attribute defines all the QoS relevant parameters supported by the network slice. For some of these parameters, 3GPP has already defined standard values [1]. By preselecting a 5G QoS Identifier (5QI) these parameters will automatically be filled out with the standardised values. A list of available 5QIs and the standardised values can be found in Additional Information. For customized 5QIs, parameter values must be selected, as well as when non default values are used for Standardised 5QI.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3GPP 5QI

A 5QI is a scalar, used as a reference to 5G QoS characteristics defined in clause [1], i.e. access node-specific parameters that control QoS forwarding treatment for the QoS Flow (e.g. scheduling weights, admission thresholds, queue management thresholds, link layer protocol configuration, etc.).

Standardized 5QI values have one-to-one mapping to a standardized combination of 5G QoS characteristics as [1], see Additional Information. An operator may want to use non default values for the Standardised 5QIs which allow signalling of non-default values of QoS Characteristics, in which case the operator needs to specify the non-default values used for a standardised 5QI in this parameter.

The 5G QoS characteristics for pre-configured 5QI values are pre-configured in the Access Network (AN). The 5G QoS characteristics for QoS Flows with dynamically assigned 5QI are signalled as part of the QoS profile [1].

Examples:

- 1,2,3...: See 5QI value in the table below
- 100 200: Other (customised)

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

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| 3GPP 5QI | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | see 5QI values in Table 5.7.4-1 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1] |
| Allowed Values | See Error! Reference source not found. Customised |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 40 Slice Quality Table

Resource Type

The Resource Type determines if dedicated network resources related to the QoS Flow-level Guaranteed Flow Bit Rate (GFBR) value, are permanently allocated (see clause 5.7.3.2 of 3GPP TS 23.501[1]).

This value needs to be provided for each Customised 5QI value selected.

Examples:

- GBR Mission Critical Video user plane
- Delay critical GBR Intelligent Transport Systems
- Non-GBR Voice, AR

| Resource Type | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | GBR Delay critical GBR Non-GBR |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 41 Resource Type Table

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Priority Level

The Priority level associated with 5G QoS characteristics indicates a priority in scheduling resources among QoS Flows. The Priority level shall be used to differentiate between all QoS Flows of the same UE, and it also shall be used to differentiate between QoS Flows from different UEs. Once all QoS requirements up to GFBR are fulfilled for all the Guaranteed Bit Rate (GBR) QoS Flows, the Priority Level may also be used to distribute resources between GBR QoS Flows (for rates above GFBR up to MFBR, Maximum Flow Bit Rate) and non-GBR QoS Flows, in an implementation specific manner. The lowest Priority level value corresponds to the highest Priority (see clause 5.7.3.3 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1])..

This value needs to be provided for each Customised 5QI value selected.

Examples:

- 10 IMS signalling
- 30 Real time gaming

| Priority Level | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 42 Priority Level Table

Packet Delay Budget

The Packet Delay Budget (PDB) defines an upper bound for the time that a packet may be delayed between the UE and the UPF, and that terminates the N6 interface. For a certain 5QI the value of the PDB is the same for UL (Uplink) and DL (Downlink). In the case of 3GPP access, the PDB is used to support the configuration of scheduling and link layer functions (e.g. the setting of scheduling priority weights and HARQ (Hybrid Automatic Repeat request) target operating points) (see clause 5.7.3.4 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1])].

If the value is set to 0, no special measures are used to bring latency down to a minimum required by low-latency use cases.

This value needs to be provided for each Customised 5QI value selected.

Examples:

• 20*10⁻³ s - Cooperative driving

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• 30*10⁻³ s - Virtual reality

| Packet Delay Budget | |
|---------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | Seconds |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 43 Packet Delay Budget Table

Packet Error Rate

The Packet Error Rate (PER) defines an upper bound for the rate of the PDUs (e.g. IP packets) that have been processed by the sender but that are not successfully delivered by the corresponding receiver. The purpose of the PER is to allow for the appropriate link layer, protocol configurations (e.g. RLC and HARQ in RAN of a 3GPP access). For all 5QIs the value of the PER is the same in the UL and the DL. For the GBR QoS Flows with Delay critical GBR resource type, a packet which is delayed more than the PDB (but which complies with the GFBR and the MDBV (Maximum Data Burst Volume) requirements) is counted as lost, and included in the PER. Delayed packets are not included in the PER if a GBR QoS Flow with a Delay critical resource type is exceeding the GFBR and the Maximum Data Burst Volume (see clause 5.7.3.4 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1]).

This value needs to be provided for each Customised 5QI value selected.

Examples:

- 10⁻⁶ mission critical data
- 10⁻² V2X messaging

| Packet Error Rate | |
|-------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-----------|--|
| Mandatory | |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 44 Packet Error Rate Table

Averaging Window

Each GBR QoS Flow shall be associated with an Averaging window. The Averaging window represents the duration over which the GFBR and MFBR shall be calculated (e.g. in the (R)AN, UPF, UE). (see clause 5.7.3.6 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1]).

This value needs to be provided for each Customised 5QI value selected.

| Averaging Window | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | millisecond |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 45 Average Window Table

Maximum Data Burst Volume

Each GBR QoS Flow with Delay-critical resource type shall be associated with a Maximum Data Burst Volume (MDBV). MDBV denotes the largest amount of data that the 5G-AN is required to serve within a period of 5G-AN PDB (i.e. 5G-AN part of the PDB) (see clause 5.7.3.7 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1]).

This value needs to be provided for each customised 5QI value selected.

| Maximum Data Burst Volume | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | Bytes |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 46 Maximum Data Burst Volume Table

Maximum Packet Loss Rate

The Maximum Packet Loss Rate (UL, DL) indicates the maximum rate for lost packets of the QoS flow that can be tolerated in the uplink (UL) and downlink (DL) direction.

The Maximum Packet Loss Rate (UL, DL) can only be provided for a GBR QoS flow belonging to voice media.

This is a QoS parameter that may optionally be supported for a 5QI indicated in this parameter.

| Maximu Packet Loss Rate | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 47 Max Packet Loss Rate Table

Additional Information

3GPP has defined standardized 5QI to QoS characteristics mapping (see Table 5.7.4-1 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1]). As long as these classes are used, the 5G (or the 3GPP) system is able to support these requirements. For different combinations of QoS characteristics it needs to be checked if and how they can be supported.

The parameters of this attribute can be filled separately. However, by selecting an already specified standardized 5QI the relevant parameters might be filled automatically. For some QoS characteristics of these 5QIs default values apply as shown in Table 5.7.4-1 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1]. Non default value can be signalled if needed. Therefore, a NEST may include a non-default value to be signalled.

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3.4.27 Support for non-IP traffic

This attribute provides non-IP Session support (Ethernet session and forwarding support) of communication devices.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not Supported.

| Support for non-IP traffic | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 48 Non-IP traffic Support Table

Additional information

The most important case is to support packet exchange in the power deferential protection:

- Transmission between a mobile device, customer premises equipment (CPE) and UPF
- · Between adjacent UPF.

Core Network (UPF) may use Ethernet session and forwarding to transmit package as customized network slice ability to fully meet the communication requirement of some vertical industries application scenarios.

There are mechanisms for DNN (data network name) described in 3GPP TS 23.501 [1].

A DNN is equivalent to an APN and both identifiers have an equivalent meaning and carry the same information.

The DNN may be used e.g. to:

- Select a Session Management Function or SMF and UPF(s) for a PDU Session.
- Select N6 interface(s) for a PDU Session.
- Determine policies to apply to this PDU Session.

Today some scenarios of industries have requirements for which protocol transport between communications devices need to support Non-IP sessions, such as, power differential protection.

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End to End 5G network slicing needs to support the Ethernet session and forwarding to transmit package as customized network slice ability to fully meet the communication requirement of the power differential protection.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3.4.28 Supported device velocity

Maximum speed supported by the network slice at which a defined QoS and seamless transfer between TRxPs (Transmission Reception Point(s)), which may belong to different deployment layers and/or radio access technologies (multi-layer /-RAT), can be achieved.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

Examples:

- 0 km/h Stationary
- 10 km/h Pedestrian
- 120 km/h Vehicular
- 500 km/h High speed vehicular

| Supported device velocity | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | Kilometres per hour (km/h) |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Performance KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 49 Device Velocity Table

Additional information

For non-low latency requirements, the expected speeds might not be a problem. More important is the support of URLLC services under high mobility scenarios.

Orchestrator may use this attribute to orchestrate the resources and network functions. If value is set to 0 km/h, it means no mobility is supported (e.g., the UE is not moving).

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

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3.4.29 Synchronicity

This attribute provides synchronicity of communication devices. Two cases are most important in this context:

- Synchronicity between a base station and a mobile device and
- Synchronicity between mobile devices.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

Availability

The synchronicity between devices over PC5 in absence of the network is not in scope of this parameter.

Note: Not including this parameter is equal to setting it to Not supported.

| Availability | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported |
| | Between BS and UE |
| | Between BS and UE & UE and UE |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 50 Synchronicity Availability Table

Accuracy

This parameter describes the accuracy of the synchronicity.

Examples:

• 1*10⁻⁶(1µs)

| Accuracy | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | second |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 51 Synchronicity Accuracy Table

Additional Information

Today these requirements are met by the deploying cable connections/networks as like industrial Ethernet systems or fieldbuses. These networks are normally closed solutions by a single vendor in which all the equipment is perfectly aligned. Based on standards like IEEE 802.1 AS [9] or IEEE 1588 [8] very high synchronicity can be achieved in the networks.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3.4.30 UE density

This attribute describes the maximum number of connected and/or accessible devices per unit area (per km²) supported by the network slice.

Examples:

- 10 000 devices per km² industry 4.0
- 1 000 000 devices per km² MIoT

| UE density | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | Number per km2 |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 52 UE Density Table

Additional information

Most of the required densities can be supported with 5G. Most challenging is the MIoT use cases for which it is not sure if the required device densities can be fulfilled.

This attribute describes the maximum number of users/UEs supported per area. In case fewer users are present at moment, the network slice can be scaled down, e.g. resources can be released and for instance be used by other network slices.

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This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

3.4.31 Uplink throughput per network slice

This attribute relates to the aggregated data rate in uplink for all UEs together in the network slice (this is not per UE).

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

Guaranteed uplink throughput quota

Editor's note: This parameter is FFS in 3GPP Rel17.

This parameter describes the guaranteed throughput/data rate supported by the network slice for the aggregate of all GBR QoS flows in uplink belonging to the set of all UEs using the network slice.

Not including this parameter or if the value is 0, best effort traffic is expected where no minimum throughput is guaranteed.

Examples:

- 0 (best effort)
- 10 000 kbps
- 1 000 000 kbps

| Guaranteed uplink throughput quota | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 53 Guaranteed Uplink Throughput Table

Additional uplink GBR QoS flows

| Additional uplink GBR QoS flows | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | No additional uplink GBR QoS flows allowed |

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| Additional uplink GBR QoS flows | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| | Additional uplink GBR QoS flows allowed |
| Tags | Scalability attribute KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 54 Additional uplink GBR QoS flows Table

Maximum uplink throughput

This parameter describes the maximum data rate supported by the network slice for all UEs together in uplink.

Note: The sum of all data rates in uplink for all UEs does not exceed this value.

Examples:

- 100 000 kbps
- 10 000 000 kbps

| Maximum uplink throughput | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Scalability attribute |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 55 Maximum Uplink Throughput Table

3.4.32 Uplink maximum throughput per UE

This attribute describes the maximum data rate supported by the network slice per UE in uplink.

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The attribute is comprised of a list of Service Category parameters with the associated Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE value.

If no Service Category parameter is present, all devices in the network slice experience the same Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE value. If Service Category parameters are present, then the UEs will be associated with a specific Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE parameter value depending on which Service Category the UE is associated with for the network slice. In this case, different UEs within a network slice can experience a different maximum data rate.

Examples:

- 10 000 (Service Category 1)
- 100 000 (Service Category 2)
- 200 000 (Service Category 3)

Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE value

This parameter defines the Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE value. This may be associated with a Service Category parameter.

| Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE value | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | kbps |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 56 Maximum Uplink Throughput per UE Table

Service category

This parameter defines a service category which may be assigned to certain groups of devices using the network slice. If present, it shall be associated with a Maximum Uplink Throughput Value parameter.

| Service category | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any text identifying the Service Category |

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| Service category | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 57 Uplink Rate Service Category Table

Additional information

Maximum throughput can be used to offer different service categories which have different maximum throughput values.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only, across GBR and Non-GBR QoS flows.

3.4.33 User management openness

This attribute describes the capability for the NSC to manage their users or groups of users' network services and corresponding requirements. For instance, if NSC Y orders a network slice which is capable to support X users of Y, then Y should be capable to decide which X users could use this network slice. Hence, Y could manage the users, in terms of add, modify or delete users to receive network services provided by the specific network slice.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

Editor's note: This attribute is FFS in 3GPP.

| User management openness | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional / Operational API |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 58 User Management Table

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3.4.34 Data network access

For each Supported data network list value in the Supported data networks attribute (see clause 3.4.39). This attribute defines how the network slice supported data networks handle the user data.

Examples:

- Data Network access:
 - Data access per Data Network = { DataNetwork1, Termination in the private network}, { DataNetwork2, Internet}
 - Tunnelling mechanism per Data network = { DataNetwork1, L2TP}

Data access per data network

The options for a specific Supported data network are as follows:

- Direct access to the Internet
- Termination in a private network (e.g. via tunnelling mechanism such as L2TP, VPN Virtual Private Network, tunnel, etc.)
- All data traffic stays local to an operator network and the devices do not have access to the Internet or private network

| Data access per data network | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | List of { [Text identification of one data network], [one of "Direct internet access" or "Termination in the private network" or "Local traffic (no internet access)"]} |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | X |

Table 59 Data Access Table

Tunnelling mechanism

The parameter, if present, defines the tunnelling mechanism used to connect to a private data network. 3GPP TS 29.561 [12] lists the interworking with data networks and tunnelling mechanism used.

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This parameter must be present if Data access per data network is set to Termination in the private network.

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Parameters | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | List of { [Text identification of one data network], [one of "L2TP Tunnel" or "GRE Tunnel" or "VPN Tunnel" or "Label bases routing" or "Other"]} |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Parameter Presence | |
|--------------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 60 Tunnelling Mechanism Table

3.4.35 V2X communication mode

This attribute describes if the V2X communication mode is supported by the network slice.

This attribute applies to 3GPP access type only.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

| Parameters | |
|------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Not supported YES-EUTRA YES- NR YES -NR and E-UTRA |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Attribute Presence | |
|--------------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 61 V2X Communication Mode Table

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3.4.36 Latency from (last) UPF to Application Server

This optional attribute specifies maximum or worst case one-way latency between UPF and application server offered by the slice. This does not include latency introduced by the application server. In the case of chained UPFs, this refers to the last UPF (in the chain) towards the application server. This attribute extends what is covered by the 3GPP QoS PDB attribute (see GST QoS attribute) which is only between UE and UPF. This is an optional attribute for network slices that offer latency objectives between UPF and application server residing within the operator network.

Examples:

- 1.5.10⁻³ s
- 5.10⁻³ s

| Latency fromUPF to Application Server | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | second |
| Allowed Values | Any desired value |
| Tags | Character attribute / Performance KPI |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 62 Latency to Application Server Table

The boundary of the "application server" is defined by the application domain, which may simply be a server, or may for example be front-ended by a load balancer provided by the application. For example, if the application provides its own load balancer to front-end the server, then the latency is between UPF and the load balancer; on the other hand, if the slice provider (e.g. an operator) provides the load balancer, then the latency is between UPF and the application server.

3.4.37 Network Slice Specific Authentication and Authorization (NSSAA) Required

This attribute specifies whether for the Network Slice, devices need to be also authenticated and authorized by a AAA server using additional credentials different than the ones used for the primary authentication (see Rel-16 of 3GPP TS 23.501 [1] clause 5.15.10 for a definition of the Network Slice Specific Authentication and Authorization feature).

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Not supported.

| NSSAA required | |
|------------------|-----|
| Measurement unit | N/A |

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| NSSAA required | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Allowed Values | Not supported |
| | Supported |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 63: Network Slice-Specific Authentication and Authorization Required Table

3.4.38 Multimedia Priority Service

Multimedia Priority Service (MPS) leads to priority of traffic relative to other traffic.

Note: Not including this attribute is equal to setting it to Non-MPS.

| Multimedia Priority Service | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Non-MPS MPS |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 64 Multimedia Priority Service Support Table

As specified in 3GPP TS 22.153 [31] an MPS session is a session that has priority treatment applied for allocating and maintaining radio and network resources.

Priority treatment for MPS requires an appropriate ARP and 5QI (plus 5G QoS characteristics) for QoS Flows. The default values for standardized 5QIs described in clause 3.4.26 could be overridden according to the operator policy, as defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [1].

Multimedia Priority Service capability support

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This parameter specifies what capabilities are available to support MPS. More than one capability may be supported at once. This parameter must be present if Multimedia Priority Service support is set to "MPS".

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Multimedia Priority Service capability support | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | User prioritization Pre-emption |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 65 Multimedia Priority Service Capabilities Table

User prioritization is the admission and the scheduling of different priorities among MPS users.

Pre-emption allows for an established session to be pre-empted for admission of a higher-priority session.

Multimedia Priority Service support

This parameter specifies whether or not the network slice supports MPS for MMTel voice, MPS for MMTel video, and/or MPS for Data as specified in 3GPP TS 22.153 [31].

This parameter must be present if Multimedia Priority Service support is set to "MPS".

Note: Comma separated multiple values are allowed.

| Multimedia Priority Service support | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | MPS for MMTel voice |
| | MPS for MMTel video |
| | MPS for Data |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

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| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | Х |
| Optional | |

Table 66 Multimedia Priority Service Table

3.4.39 Supported data network

This attribute describes the data networks the network slice provides access to. The attribute is comprised of a list of Service category parameters with the associated network or networks list.

If no Service category parameters are present, all UEs in the network slice are associated with the same network or list of networks.

Example:

```
{ Service category = Service category 1 , Supported networks list = " DataNetwork1, DataNetwork2"} { Service category = Service category 2, Supported networks list = " DataNetwork1"}
```

Supported data networks list

This parameter defines which data networks the network slice provides access to. This may be associated with a Service Category parameter.

For every Supported data network, a Data network access (see clause 3.4.34) needs to be provided.

| Supported data network list | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Text identification of one data network or a list of data networks |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | х |

Table 67 Supported Networks Table

Service category

This parameter defines a service category which may be assigned to a UE. If present, it shall be associated with a Supported data networks list parameter.

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| Service categor | |
|------------------|---|
| Measurement unit | NA |
| Allowed Values | Any text identifying the service category |
| Tags | Character attribute / Functional |

| Presence | |
|-------------|---|
| Mandatory | |
| Conditional | |
| Optional | Х |

Table 68 Service Category Supported Networks Table

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4 NEST

Different requirements for the services to be supported result in different NESTs. This section defines NESTs that address common use cases in the industry, i.e. GSMA-defined NESTs, and, where applicable, a mapping to the standardised SST values defined in 3GPP TS 23.501[1]. The values defined here are to be assumed as "minimum requirements" for the Network Slice Type. A NSP may provide Network Slices that meet or exceed the requirements defined for a NEST in this clause.

4.1 NEST for enhanced Mobile Broadband with IMS support

Table 69 describes the NEST for enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB) SST defined in 3GPP TS 23.501[1], where IMS services (MMTel and RCS) are supported. To provide the seamless service continuity, N26 interface and SSC mode 1 must be used.

| Attribute | | Value |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Availability | | 99,999 |
| MMTel support | | Supported |
| Session and Service Continuity support | | SSC mode 1 |
| Slice quality of service | 3GPP 5QI | 1,2,5,6,7,8, 9 |

Table 69 List of attributes needed for NEST with IMS support

4.2 NEST for ultra-reliable and ultra-low latency communication

Table 70 describes the NEST for ultra-reliable low latency communication (URLLC) SST defined in 3GPP TS 23.501[1].

Bounded latency, ultra-reliable data delivery and ultra-low latency characterise this use case.

| Attribute | | Value |
|---|----------|--------|
| Availability | | 99.999 |
| Session and Service Continuity Support | | 1 |
| Slice quality of service | 3GPP 5QI | 82 |
| Supported device velocity | | 2 |

Table 70 List of attributes needed for NEST for URLLC SST

4.3 NEST for Massive IoT

Table 71 describes the NEST for Massive IoT (MIoT) SST defined in 3GPP TS 23.501[1].

Small data volumes per UE, high density of devices, and extreme coverage characterise this use case.

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| Attribute | | Value |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| Availability | | 99,9 |
| Slice quality of service | 3GPP 5QI | 9 |
| Supported device velocity | | 2 |
| UE density | | 100000 |

Table 71 List of attributes needed for NEST for MIoT SST

4.4 NEST for High-Performance Machine-Type Communications

Table 72 lists the minimum set of attributes needed for NEST for High-Performance Machine-Type Communications (HMTC) SST defined in 3GPP Release 17 TS 23.501[1].

IoT devices that require high throughput characterise this use case.

| Attribute | | Value |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Availability | | 99.999 |
| Device Velocity | | 0 |
| UE density (per km ²) | | 1000 |
| Mission critical support | | Mission critical |
| | Mission-critical capability support | Inter-user prioritization |
| | Mission-critical service support | MCData |
| Slice quality of service | 3GPP 5QI | 83 |

Table 72 List of attributes needed for HMTC

4.5 NEST for Public Safety

Table 73 describes NEST for Public Safety that supports highly complex use cases seen by police, fire, ambulance, disaster relief, customs, special forces, airborne units, sea and mountain rescue, armed forces. Yellow light units (gas, water, electric, etc.) may be considered as well in the future. These use cases require a high number of UEs with a high density together with the attributes listed below.

Editor's note: This is work in progress.

| Attribute | | Value |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Availability | | 99,999 |
| Delay tolerance | | Supported |
| Deterministic communication | Availability | Supported |
| | Periodicity | 2 sec |
| Group communication support | | Broadcast/Multicast + SC-PTM |

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| Attribute | | Value |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mission critical support | | Mission-critical |
| | Mission Critical Capability Support | Inter-user prioritization |
| | Mission Critical Service | MCPTT |
| | Support | MCData |
| | | MCVideo |
| MMTel support | | Supported |
| Performance monitoring | Availability | Service Request Success Rate |
| | Monitoring sample frequency | Per minute |
| Performance Prediction | Availability | Throughput |
| | | Latency |
| | | Service Request Success Rate |
| | Prediction Frequency | Per minute |
| Positioning support | Availability | CIDE-CID (LTE and NR) |
| | | OTDOA (LTE and NR) |
| | | AECID |
| | Prediction frequency | Per minute |
| Session and Service Continuity Support | | SSC mode 1 |
| Support for Non-IP traffic | | Supported |
| Supported device velocity | | 450 |
| Synchronisity | Availability | Between BS and UE & UE and UE |
| User Management Openness | | Supported |
| V2X communication mode | | YES -NR and E-UTRA |
| Multimedia Priority Service Support | | MPS |

Table 73 List of attributes needed for Public Safety

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Annex A Relation between GST and network slice NRM ServiceProfile

The GST defined by GSMA and the service performance requirements defined in 3GPP TS 22.261 [27] and 3GPP TS 22.104 [28] are all considered as input for the network slice related requirements.

Figure 5 shows how GST attributes are used by 3GPP as inputs to network slice Network Resource Model (NRM) ServiceProfle [29] and then further translated into relevant attributes of constituted network slice subnets SliceProfile (i.e. 5GC SliceProfile and NG-RAN SliceProfile) and TN requirements, and finally, being translated into different 5G domain configuration parameters (i.e. 5GC domain and NG-RAN domain).

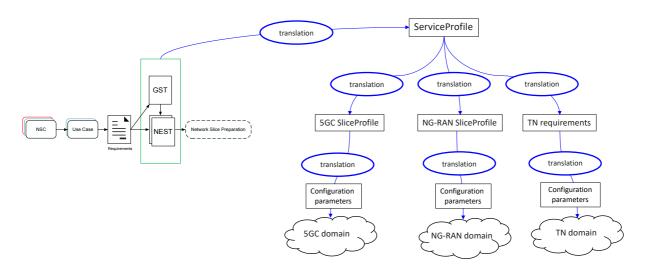


Figure 5: Relation between GST and network slice NRM ServiceProfile

Figure 6 shows 3GPP network slice information model NRM fragment relationship.

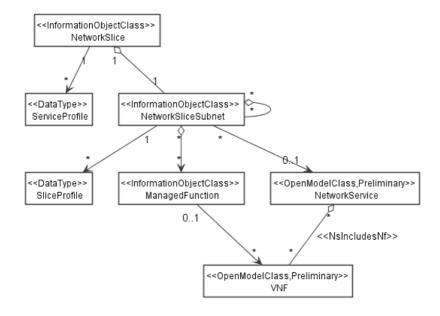


Figure 6: 3GPP network slice information model

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