## Approval of Deliverables from the 3G AMR-NB testing laboratories

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## Content of the document:

This document contains the Deliverables from the 3G AMR-NB testing laboratories.
All Deliverables have been already agreed by TSG-SA WG4\#14 Plenary Meeting.
The approval of the Deliverables related to the 3G AMR-NB exercise, is requested to TSG-SA\#10 Plenary, being a necessary step (approval to be minuted in the TSG-SA\#10 Plenary Report), to start the procedure of payment, c/o of ETSI, of the laboratories that performed the work, for a total budget of 60 kEURO (project funded by 3GPP PCG in 1999, now completed).

TSG-SA WG4 will include the main results in TR 26.975.

## List of Deliverables:

TD S4-000628 AMR-NB 3G Characterisation - Host Laboratory Report (ARCON)
TD S4-000587 AMR-NB 3G Characterization - Experiment 1A Results, (Dynastat Inc.)
TD S4-000561 AMR-NB 3G Characterization - Experiment 1B Results (LMGT)
TD S4-000645 AMR-NB 3G Characterization - Experiment 1C Results (NTT-AT)
TD S4-000627 AMR-NB 3G Characterisation - Experiment 2A Results (ARCON)
TD S4-000629R AMR-NB 3G Characterisation - Global Analysis (revised, ARCON)

## Title:

Source*: ARCON Corp.

## Summary

This document provides an overview of the Host Laboratory effort undertaken by ARCON Corp. for the AMR-NB 3G Characterization Test effort. Issues concerning the test plan [1] or processing documentation [2] and problems that affected the overall schedule are discussed.

## 1. Introduction

ARCON Corporation was the Host Laboratory for the AMR-NB 3G Characterization Test effort. ARCON processed source material for two experiments through the TS 26.073 V.3.1.0 AMR-NB speech codec as well as reference coders and calibration systems. The Host Laboratory function was defined in the AMR-NB 3G Characterization Test Plan [1]. ARCON performed the Host Laboratory function in full compliance to the latest version of this document. Host Lab activity was organized in 3 phases: pre-processing, processing, and post processing.
Table 1 summarizes materials received by ARCON. Table 2 summarizes materials delivered by ARCON.

Table 1: Deliverables provided to ARCON as input for the Host Laboratory function

| Source | Transfer <br> Method | Received | Purpose/Comments |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Pre-processing phase |  |  |  |
| ARCON | FTP | $05-$ Oct | Preprocessed English Input Material - Exp_2 |
| Dynastat | Passwd <br> email | 06 -Oct | Preprocessed English Input Material - Exp_1A |
| LMGT | FTP | $05-$ Oct | Preprocessed Korean Input Material - Exp_1B |
| NTT-AT | FTP | $15-$ Oct | Japanese Input Material - Exp_1C |
| Other materials | FTP | $10-$ Oct |  |
| AMR NB Codec <br> $-3 G P P ~$ |  |  | Same Files as used in AMR-NB Characterization |
| Noise files - ETSI |  | Same Files as used in AMR-NB Characterization |  |
| EFR Error Patterns - <br> ETSI | FTP \& | 05-Oct |  |
| Error Patterns and EID <br> - NTT DoCoMo | FTPail <br> ema |  <br> email | 09-Oct |
| Error Patterns - Nortel |  |  |  |

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Table 2: Materials delivered by ARCON as part of the Host Laboratory function

| Destination | Transfer <br> Method | Sent | Purpose |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Listening Labs |  |  |  |
| ARCON | CD-R | 20-Oct | Processed English Test Material - Exp_2 |
| Dynastat | CD-R | 20-Oct | Processed English Test Material - Exp_1A |
| LMGT | CD-R | 20-Oct | Processed Korean Test Material - Exp_1B |
| NTT-AT | CD-R | 20-Oct | Processed Japanese Test Material -Exp_1C |

## 2. Pre-Processing and Input Deliverables

Pre-processed speech and noise material was received as 16 kHz sampled, 16 bit, PCM format files in Intel/PC byte order. Noise material for Experiment 2 was preprocessed and added to the speech. All pre-processing took place on an Intel/PC platform under MS-DOS. 8Khz sampled pre-processed files were produced.
The Host Lab performed the preprocessing of the Japanese material.

## 3. Processing Effort

Processing scripts for the main processing were based on the Test Plan [1]. Ambiguities were resolved between the Host Lab and the test plan editors throughout the Host Lab process. These resolutions included but were not limited to:
Preliminary Stimulus and Conditions - The MNRU preliminary conditions were changed to using noisy input for Exp_2 to be consistent with the MNRU test conditions. Talker/Stimulus assignments were modified to ensure the use of all talker and stimuli assigned to preliminary conditions. The EFR coder with an EP7 error pattern replaced the FR coder that was in the preliminary list but not contained in the body of the test.
Noise File Mapping - The assignment of noise files to talkers
Test Conditions - A duplicate test condition number was found for Exp_2. In order to keep presentation orders and the correct number of test conditions, the G726 coder was removed from the test.
Processing calls - A redundant scaling call (scaldemo) was removed from the Processing functions document.
All processing took place on a Win98/PC platform. A systematic approach was taken to develop scripts that accomplished all processing steps. Systems were continually backed-up to assure that no data would be lost. The scripts produced output logs that could be referenced.

### 3.1 Error Conditions

The majority of this host Lab effort involved the application of channel error patterns to the various AMR modes. Tables 3-6 show the type of error patterns and the source by Experiment. These error patterns were supplied for the various rates of the AMR codec. Table 7 shows the mapping of error patterns to the AMR codec rates. The use of two different labs to produce the error patterns resulted in a slightly different naming convention for the Exp_2 error patterns (ECxD_aaa.ep and Ecx2_aaa.ep). Fortunately, both file-naming conventions were unique and it was a simple matter to determine the files that were appropriate for a given condition.

Table 3: Error conditions for Experiment 1, sub-experiment A

| EC | Direction | Path Profile | Speed | Target | Source |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EC1A | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC2A | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC3A | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC4A | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC5A | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC6A | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC7A | Uplink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC8A | Uplink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC9A | Uplink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |

Table 4: Error conditions for Experiment 1, sub-experiment B

| EC | Direction | Path Profile | Speed | Target | Source |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EC1B | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC2B | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC3B | Downlink | Vehicular-B | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC4B | Uplink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC5B | Uplink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC6B | Uplink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC7B | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC8B | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC9B | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |

Table 5: Error conditions for Experiment 1, sub-experiment C

| EC | Direction | Path Profile | Speed | Target | Source |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EC1C | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC2C | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC3C | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC4C | Downlink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC5C | Downlink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC6C | Downlink | Indoor-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC7C | Uplink | Pedestrian-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC8C | Uplink | Pedestrian-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC9C | Uplink | Pedestrian-A | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $3 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |

Table 6: Error conditions for Experiment 2

| EC | Direction | Path Profile | Speed | Target | Source |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EC1D | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC2D | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC32 | Uplink | Vehicular-A | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC42 | Uplink | Vehicular-A | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC52 | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC62 | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |

Table 7: Patterns to produce for each AMR mode

|  | Direction | 12.2 | 10.2 | 7.95 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.15 | 4.75 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EC0 | both | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| EC1A | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC2A | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC3A | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC4A | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC5A | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC6A | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC7A | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC8A | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC9A | Upink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC1B | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC2B | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC3B | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC4B | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC5B | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC6B | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC7B | Downlink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC8B | Downlink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC9B | Downlink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC1C | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC2C | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC3C | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC4C | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC5C | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC6C | Downlink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC7C | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC8C | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC9C | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC1D | Downlink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC2D | Downlink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |
| EC32 | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC42 | Uplink | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |
| EC52 | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |  |
| EC62 | Uplink |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  | $\times$ |  |  |

Table 8 shows the two additional error patterns used for the GSM-EFR reference codec. These patterns are the same as those used during the AMR-NB characterization.

Table 8: File mapping for static $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{I}$ conditions.

| Condition | Error pattern <br> file | C/I estimate <br> file |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EP7 | tu3ifh07 | tu3ifh07.ci |
| EP10 | tu3ifh10 | tu3ifh10.ci |

Table 9 shows the mapping of car noise files to talkers as used for Exp_2. These are the same noise files as those used during the AMR-NB characterization.

Table 9: Mapping of noise files to talkers in Experiment 2

| Noise Segment | Talker | File name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\# 1$ | M01 | car1_msin_8-41.16k |
| $\# 2$ | M02 | car2_msin_8-41.16k |
| $\# 3$ | F01 | car3_msin_8-41.16k |
| $\# 4$ | F02 | car4_msin_8-41.16k |

## 4. Post Processing and Output Deliverables

Post-processed material was delivered overnight on CD-R. Listening laboratories were requested to review their processed material and report any problems.

## 5. Conclusions, Observations and Future Recommendations

ARCON performed the Host Laboratory processing function for the AMR-NB 3G Characterization Test effort in full compliance with the latest versions of the test [1] and processing functions [2] documents. All issues that arose during the host lab process were resolved with the cooperation of the document editors.

## References

[1] 3GPP TSG-SA WG4, "Test Plan for the 3G AMR-NB Characterization",Tdoc S4-(00)0472.
[2] 3GPP TSG-SA WG4, "Processing Functions for AMR 3G Characterization Tests", Tdoc S4(00)0473.

# $\quad$ 3G AMR-NB Characterization Experiment 1A - Dynastat Results <br> Source ${ }^{*}$ : Dynastat, Inc. 

## Summary

This document presents a summary of the results for the ETSI/AMR NB 3G Characterization Experiment 1A conducted by Dynastat, Inc. Dynastat performed the experiment according to the AMR NB Test Plan [1]. There were no deviations from or exceptions to the listening test procedures and specifications described in the test plan.

## 1. Introduction

Dynastat conducted one listening test for the ETSI/AMR-NB Characterization Phase. The experimental design and test procedures for Experiment 1A were specified in the ETSI/AMR NB Characterization Test Plan [1]. The listening test was performed using the Absolute Category Rating (ACR) method in North American English (NAE).

## 2. Source Material

Dynastat provided new quiet-background recordings of Harvard Sentences for use as source speech materials for the ETSI/AMR NB tests. Six sentence-pairs were provided for each of four native NAE talkers, two males and two females. The source speech materials were recorded according to specifications detailed in the AMR NB Processing Plan [2]. They were down-sampled from 48 kHz to 16 kHz and filtered by the appropriate weighting filter as specified in the processing plan. The source speech materials were level-adjusted (SV56) and delivered to the Host Laboratory via email.

## 3. Experiment Design

Experimental design and test procedures for the experiment were specified in the test plan [1]. Dynastat complied with all specified experimental design procedures. These procedures included:

- 24 naive listeners - 6 panels, four listeners per panel
- partially-blocked experimental design
- use of specific presentation sequences (i.e., randomizations) listed in the test plan, one randomization per listening panel
- 96 votes per test condition (i.e., 24 listeners x 4 talkers).


## 4. Processed Material

The host laboratory delivered the processed test materials to Dynastat via Internet FTP.

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## 5. Listening Sessions

### 5.1 Presentation Sequences

For each experiment, Dynastat used the presentation sequences (i.e., randomizations) specified in the test plan.

### 5.2 Listeners

For this experiment, 24 naïve listeners, six panels of four listeners each were used. There were equal numbers of male and female listeners

### 5.3 Audio Presentation

The processed speech materials were presented to listeners seated at separate, visually screened listening stations contained within a Tracoustics soundproof room. Speech materials were presented monaurally via Sennheiser HD25 headsets with a single headphone on the listener's preferred listening ear. The listener's non-preferred ear was open. A constant background ambient noise level of 30 dBA (Hoth noise) was maintained in the soundproof room as specified in the test plan. Headphones were driven by a distribution amplifier set to deliver monophonic wideband speech to the listeners at an active level of $-15 \mathrm{dBPa}(79 \mathrm{~dB}$ SPL). The calibration was made using a B\&K 4153 Artificial Ear with circumaural headphone adapter, 4134 Microphone element and 2609 Measurement Amplifier.

The processed speech files were channeled through a Townshend Computer Tools DAT-Link+ and recorded on Digital Audio Tape (DAT) in the presentation sequence specified in the test plan. The DAT's provide a permanent record of the specific processed speech materials and presentation sequences presented to each listening panel.

### 5.4 Scoring

In the ACR Experiment 1 A conducted by Dynastat, listeners' ratings of the speech materials were recorded using the Mean Opinion Score (MOS). In the ACR, listeners rate the overall speech quality of each sample (i.e., processed sentence-pair) using the five-point MOS scale:

| 5 | Excellent |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4 | Good |
| 3 | Fair |
| 2 | Poor |
| 1 | Bad |

In each listening station the appropriate rating scale was presented on a PC monitor and listeners entered their ratings using a PC keyboard. Upon completion of the listening sessions, raw ratings were scored and delivered to the Global Analysis Laboratory (GAL) using the Excel spreadsheet provided by the GAL. Raw listener ratings were also delivered to the GAL using a second Excel spreadsheet provided for that purpose.

## 6. Results

The test plan specified the results to be reported by the listening laboratories for each experiment. Those analyses included computation of Means and Standard Deviations for each Condition for the average of All Talkers (4), Male Talkers (2), and Female Talkers (2). Table 1 presents the results of the ACR listening test Experiment 1A conducted by Dynastat. Statistical analyses and conclusions are deferred to the GAL.

Table 1: Test Conditions for Experiment 1A

| Cond. | Codec | Error | MOS(M) | SD(M) | MOS(F) | SD(F) | MOS(A) | SD(A) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Direct | - | 4.688 | 0.589 | 4.375 | 0.640 | 4.531 | 0.632 |
| 2 | MNRU | 33 dBQ | 4.583 | 0.613 | 4.042 | 0.944 | 4.313 | 0.837 |
| 3 | MNRU | 24 dBQ | 3.792 | 0.850 | 2.896 | 1.036 | 3.344 | 1.045 |
| 4 | MNRU | 15 dBQ | 1.750 | 0.700 | 1.500 | 0.684 | 1.625 | 0.700 |
| 5 | MNRU | 06 dBQ | 1.167 | 0.429 | 1.125 | 0.606 | 1.146 | 0.523 |
| 6 | G. 72632 | EC0 | 4.083 | 0.739 | 3.896 | 0.881 | 3.990 | 0.814 |
| 7 | G.723.16.3 | EC0 | 4.021 | 0.758 | 3.292 | 0.988 | 3.656 | 0.950 |
| 8 | G. 7298 | EC0 | 4.063 | 0.727 | 3.583 | 0.919 | 3.823 | 0.858 |
| 9 | IS-127 | EC0 | 4.167 | 0.953 | 3.542 | 0.898 | 3.854 | 0.973 |
| 10 | GSM FR | EC0 | 3.375 | 0.841 | 3.333 | 0.883 | 3.354 | 0.858 |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7A | 3.188 | 1.045 | 2.479 | 0.825 | 2.833 | 1.002 |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10A | 4.063 | 0.836 | 3.000 | 0.989 | 3.531 | 1.056 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | EC0 | 4.500 | 0.652 | 3.792 | 0.798 | 4.146 | 0.808 |
| 14 | AMR 12.2 | EC1A | 4.042 | 0.743 | 3.313 | 0.949 | 3.677 | 0.923 |
| 15 | AMR 12.2 | EC2A | 4.104 | 0.692 | 3.146 | 0.967 | 3.625 | 0.965 |
| 16 | AMR 12.2 | EC3A | 3.146 | 0.922 | 2.708 | 0.944 | 2.927 | 0.954 |
| 17 | AMR 12.2 | EC4A | 4.063 | 0.861 | 3.604 | 0.917 | 3.833 | 0.914 |
| 18 | AMR 12.2 | EC5A | 4.125 | 0.789 | 3.333 | 0.834 | 3.729 | 0.900 |
| 19 | AMR 12.2 | EC6A | 3.604 | 1.047 | 2.854 | 0.850 | 3.229 | 1.021 |
| 20 | AMR 10.2 | EC0 | 4.146 | 0.744 | 3.896 | 0.905 | 4.021 | 0.833 |
| 21 | AMR 10.2 | EC7A | 4.146 | 0.744 | 3.438 | 0.943 | 3.792 | 0.917 |
| 22 | AMR 10.2 | EC8A | 3.646 | 0.863 | 3.458 | 0.850 | 3.552 | 0.857 |
| 23 | AMR 10.2 | EC9A | 3.458 | 0.922 | 3.146 | 1.031 | 3.302 | 0.985 |
| 24 | AMR 7.95 | EC0 | 4.125 | 0.815 | 3.438 | 0.920 | 3.781 | 0.931 |
| 25 | AMR 7.95 | EC1A | 4.313 | 0.719 | 3.417 | 1.049 | 3.865 | 1.001 |
| 26 | AMR 7.95 | EC2A | 3.938 | 0.755 | 3.208 | 1.110 | 3.573 | 1.013 |
| 27 | AMR 7.95 | EC3A | 3.500 | 0.851 | 2.583 | 0.846 | 3.042 | 0.962 |
| 28 | AMR 7.95 | EC4A | 3.896 | 0.857 | 3.208 | 0.898 | 3.552 | 0.939 |
| 29 | AMR 7.95 | EC5A | 4.063 | 0.783 | 3.417 | 0.871 | 3.740 | 0.886 |
| 30 | AMR 7.95 | EC6A | 3.146 | 0.967 | 2.708 | 0.967 | 2.927 | 0.987 |
| 31 | AMR 7.40 | EC0 | 3.979 | 0.812 | 3.500 | 0.744 | 3.740 | 0.811 |
| 32 | AMR 7.40 | EC7A | 3.771 | 0.805 | 3.271 | 0.844 | 3.521 | 0.858 |
| 33 | AMR 7.40 | EC8A | 3.958 | 0.850 | 3.042 | 0.771 | 3.500 | 0.929 |
| 34 | AMR 7.40 | EC9A | 3.625 | 0.959 | 2.854 | 0.922 | 3.240 | 1.013 |
| 35 | AMR 6.70 | EC0 | 4.042 | 0.798 | 3.208 | 0.944 | 3.625 | 0.965 |
| 36 | AMR 6.70 | EC1A | 3.917 | 0.846 | 3.125 | 0.815 | 3.521 | 0.917 |
| 37 | AMR 6.70 | EC2A | 3.938 | 0.755 | 3.375 | 0.959 | 3.656 | 0.904 |
| 38 | AMR 6.70 | EC3A | 3.396 | 1.144 | 2.958 | 0.922 | 3.177 | 1.056 |
| 39 | AMR 6,70 | EC4A | 4.042 | 0.798 | 3.042 | 0.850 | 3.542 | 0.962 |
| 40 | AMR 6.70 | EC5A | 3.813 | 0.842 | 3.313 | 0.903 | 3.563 | 0.904 |
| 41 | AMR 6.70 | EC6A | 3.458 | 1.031 | 2.583 | 1.127 | 3.021 | 1.161 |
| 42 | AMR 5.90 | EC0 | 3.875 | 0.815 | 3.104 | 0.751 | 3.490 | 0.871 |
| 43 | AMR 5.90 | EC7A | 3.729 | 0.869 | 3.167 | 0.834 | 3.448 | 0.893 |
| 44 | AMR 5.90 | EC8A | 3.563 | 0.769 | 2.667 | 0.907 | 3.115 | 0.950 |
| 45 | AMR 5.90 | EC9A | 3.021 | 0.934 | 2.396 | 0.818 | 2.708 | 0.928 |
| 46 | AMR 5.15 | EC0 | 3.542 | 0.771 | 3.000 | 0.799 | 3.271 | 0.827 |
| 47 | AMR 5.15 | EC1A | 3.354 | 0.758 | 2.667 | 0.907 | 3.010 | 0.900 |
| 48 | AMR 5.15 | EC2A | 3.417 | 0.739 | 2.583 | 0.895 | 3.000 | 0.918 |
| 49 | AMR 5.15 | EC3A | 3.208 | 0.898 | 2.708 | 0.798 | 2.958 | 0.882 |
| 50 | AMR 5.15 | EC4A | 3.583 | 0.795 | 2.813 | 0.867 | 3.198 | 0.913 |
| 51 | AMR 5.15 | EC5A | 3.500 | 0.715 | 2.708 | 0.922 | 3.104 | 0.912 |
| 52 | AMR 5.15 | EC6A | 3.208 | 0.988 | 2.167 | 0.808 | 2.688 | 1.039 |
| 53 | AMR 4.75 | EC0 | 3.708 | 0.824 | 2.875 | 0.841 | 3.292 | 0.928 |
| 54 | AMR 4.75 | EC7A | 3.417 | 0.942 | 2.958 | 0.771 | 3.188 | 0.886 |
| 55 | AMR 4.75 | EC8A | 3.417 | 0.739 | 2.563 | 0.897 | 2.990 | 0.923 |
| 56 | AMR 4.75 | EC9A | 2.979 | 1.062 | 2.313 | 0.854 | 2.646 | 1.016 |

Legend: Cond: condition number; Codec: Reference/Coder; Error: error rate for a given condition; MOS: Mean Opinion Score; SD: Standard Deviation; (M): male talkers, (F): female talkers, (A): all talkers

## References

[1] 3GPP SA4, "Test Plan for the 3G AMR-NB Characterization (V.2.0.1)"; Tdoc S4 (00) 0472R1.
[2] 3GPP SA4, "Processing Functions for AMR 3G Characterization Tests(V.2.0)"; Tdoc S4 (00) 0473.

# Title: <br> AMR-NB 3G Characterization Experiment 1B Results <br> Source*: <br> LMGT 

## Summary

This report describes the results obtained for the AMR-NB 3G Characterization Experiment 1B in Korean. Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications (LMGT) performed Experiment 1B in compliance with the 3GPPdefined Test Plans [1,2]. This experiment was designed to evaluate the performance of the AMR-NB codec under a variety of 3 G channel error conditions with a quiet noise background. Experiment 1 used the Absolute Category Rating (ACR) method. Overall, the AMR-NB performance was more dependent on the 3 G error profile than on the AMR-NB mode (bit-rate). Additionally, the different error patterns resulted in groups of similar degradation: error profiles $0 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{~B}, 7 \mathrm{~B}$ (together in most cases with error profiles 5 B and 8 B ); error profiles 6 B and 9 B ; and error profiles $0,1 \mathrm{~B}$, and 2B. In general, error profile 3B resulted in a significantly lower performance.

## 1. Introduction

LMGT performed listening Experiment 1B for the AMR-NB 3G Characterization exercise in the Korean language. The experiment used six different sentence-pairs for two male and two female talkers extracted from the speech material available in the NTT-AT speech database (plus two samples per talker for the practice material).

This experiment was designed using the Absolute Category Rating (ACR) method and aimed at evaluating the performance of the AMR-NB codec under a variety of 3 G channel error conditions with a quiet noise background.

## 2. Source Material

LMGT performed Experiment 1B using a subset of the speech material available in the NTT-AT Speech Database for the Korean language. For the main test, six sentence-pairs were selected for two male and two female talkers from the NTT Speech Database. Two additional samples per talker were also provided for processing through the practice conditions. This database contains quiet background speech sampled at 16 kHz , for a bandwidth of 8 kHz .

The quiet background sentence pairs were filtered by the specified weighting filter (FLAT1) and level-equalized, in compliance with the specifications in the Processing Plan [2]. This material was then provided to the Host Laboratory, performed by ARCON. The Host Laboratory was responsible for the processing of the speech material.

## 3. Experiment Design

The experiment design for Experiment 1B is defined in Section 5 of the Subjective Test Plan [1], and is summarized in Table 1. A total of 96 votes were cast per test condition for male and female talkers combined, or 48 for each gender.

## 4. Processed Material

The host laboratory delivered the test material on a CD-ROM containing a total of 1792 files. These files corresponded to 1344 files for use in the main experiment (samples S01 though S06 for each talker), 8 files for the practice sessions, and 440 excess files (by-product of the processing of the practice conditions).

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## 5. Listening Sessions

### 5.1 Presentation Sequence Material

LMGT used the grouping and randomization sequences specified in the Test Plan for Experiment 1B.

### 5.2 Listeners

The subjective assessment was performed using 24 listeners (nominally balanced between male and female subjects), divided into six groups of four listeners each.

The listener selection criterion was compliant with the Test Plan, noting that audiometric testing was not performed on the listeners, for legal reasons. Test subjects were selected from an existing pool of Korean listeners, for which past assessment performance data exists indicating their general hearing integrity. Subject performance within this experiment was compared to the overall performance of all listeners used in each experiment as a check on the hearing integrity of each listener at the time of testing. The pre-test listener orientation used by LMGT conformed to that specified in the Test Plan.

### 5.3 Audio Presentation

The processed speech material was presented to groups of listeners, seated at separate, visually screened listening stations contained within an acoustically conditioned sound room meeting the requirements for an NC 20 acoustic facility. Presentation was made monaurally using an AKG K240DF open-back studio monitor headphone. The headphone was driven by a distribution amplifier set to deliver monophonic wideband speech to the listener's preferred listening ear at an active level of $-15 \mathrm{dBPa}(79 \mathrm{~dB} \mathrm{SPL}$ ). The calibration was made using a B\&K 4153 Artificial Ear with circumaural headphone adapter, 4134 Microphone element and 2610 Measurement Amplifier.

The processed speech files were stored within the main facility computer and presented to the listeners under program control as 16 kHz samples through a 16-bit D/A coupled to the input of the distribution amplifier through a Frequency Devices 9002 Eight-pole Elliptic Filter (set for a bandpass of $200-\mathrm{Hz}$ to $3.4-\mathrm{kHz}$ ). Auxiliary analog filtering was performed to achieve an overall modified-IRS receive characteristic.

### 5.4 Scoring

Within experiments using a Mean-Opinion-Score (MOS) method of assessment, the presented sentence-pairs were scored by the listeners using a five-point perceived quality scale as either Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Bad. The quality designations were presented on the screen of the voting terminals and selected through the use of a pointing device. The voting screen was rendered neutral during the presentation of each new stimulus.

The listener responses were registered on auxiliary computers. Each voting station contains one of these voting terminals. The voting screen was rendered neutral during the presentation of each new stimulus and voting was only permitted following the completed presentation of each voting stimulus (in this experiment, one sentence-pair). All seated listeners were required to register responses prior to the subsequent presentation of a new stimulus. Once a group of listeners was conditioned to the dynamics of the voting procedure, the voting response time for each presented stimulus was nominally four seconds for each presented stimulus.

As all seated listeners completed their voting, the votes for all stations were transferred to the main facility computer prior to the presentation of subsequent new material. The votes of each group of listeners for each presentation set of speech material were stored as ASCII files within the main facility computer for subsequent analysis and presentation.

Upon completion of the listening sessions, all raw data were de-scrambled and consolidated into a single ASCII file, which was used to generate the raw vote file provided to the Global Analysis Laboratory (ARCON) and for the statistical analysis presented in this report.

## 6. Statistical Analysis

The raw data collected were used to derive combined-gender MOS, standard deviation, $95 \%$ confidence intervals, and equivalent-Q values for each sub-experiment. These data are presented in Table 1. Additionally, rank-order analyses were performed for different groupings of the data and are presented in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 1 contains the basic statistical analysis data produced by LMGT for AMR-NB 3G Characterization Experiment 1B. Each test condition received a total of 96 votes for combined talkers, or 48 votes per talker for gender-wise statistics. In the tables, Condition represents the test condition number, $Y$ is the Mean Opinion Score, and $S D$ is the standard deviation. The upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence intervals are denoted as $+95 \%$ and $-95 \%$, respectively, in the table. Finally, the column label $Q e q v$ contains the equivalent-Q values obtained using a nonlinear fit of each experiment's data to a modified logistic function (the Q curve and parameters are given in Annex A). The error performance of the codecs is also illustrated in Figure 1.

Tables 2, 3 and 4 contain supplementary statistical analysis and data presentation. Tables 2 and 3 contain a rankordered presentation of the combined talker data in Table 1 with a different grouping: Table 2 groups the data by error pattern, and Table 3 groups the data by the different AMR-NB modes. The tables also contain the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence intervals, as well as a classification of the grouped conditions in terms of their statistical equivalency (using two different criteria). Statistically equivalent test conditions are indicated using Student's t-test Least Significant Difference (LSD) criterion and Tukey-Kramer's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) Criterion. In the table, Condition represents the test condition number, $Y$ is the Mean Opinion Score, and the $+95 \%$ and $-95 \%$ columns represent the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence interval, respectively. The $L S D$ column shows which test conditions can be considered equivalent under the LSD criterion (indicated by contiguous vertical lines within each grouping) for a given impairment. The $H S D$ column indicates which test conditions can be considered equivalent by the HSD criterion (indicated by contiguous vertical lines within each grouping). The LSD criterion is used to compare a pair of conditions, while the HSD criterion is used to determine groups of equivalency within a set of samples. Tables 2 and 3 provide the most convenient presentation of the test data for statistical comparisons, in particular using the HSD criterion.

It can be seen from Table 2 that for most cases no significant differences were observed for different AMR-NB modes with a given error profile. In Table 3, it can be seen that performance for a given AMR-NB mode degrades with increasingly worse error profiles. Hence, error profiles were a dominant factor in the Experiment when contrasted to the different codec modes, i.e. that codec performance was more significantly a function of the error profile than the mode in which the codec operated under each of the error profiles.

The data in Table 3 also reveals that error profiles $0,4 B, 7 B$, and in most cases, 5 B and 8 B , resulted in equivalent performance (on the higher end) for a given codec mode, as did error profiles 6 B and 9 B (on the lower end). Similarly, error profiles $0,1 \mathrm{~B}$, and 2 B resulted in equivalent performance for a given codec mode (on the higher end), while error profile 3B usually resulted in a significantly lower performance.

Finally, Table 4 presents the rank order of the error patterns for each AMR-NB mode, together with the GSM-EFR conditions tested. This table summarizes (without statistical significant assertions) how, for each of the AMR-NB modes, the AMR-NB performance ranks relative to the GSM-EFR performance with EP10 and EP7, as the different 3G error profiles are encountered.

## 7. Conclusion

LMGT performed Experiment 1B in compliance with the test plans [1,2] and used a subset of the speech material available in the NTT Speech Database for the Korean language. This experiment was designed using the Absolute Category Rating (ACR) method and aimed at evaluating the performance of the AMR-NB codec under a variety of 3G channel error conditions with a quiet noise background.

Overall, the AMR-NB performance was more dependent on the 3G error profile than on the AMR-NB mode (bitrate). Additionally, the different error patterns resulted in groups of similar degradation: error profiles $0 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{~B}, 7 \mathrm{~B}$ (together in most cases with error profiles 5B and 8B); error profiles 6B and 9B; and error profiles 0 , 1B, and 2B. In general, error profile 3B resulted in a significantly lower performance.

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[1] 3GPP SA4, "Test plan for the 3G AMR-NB Characterization (V.2.0.1)"; Tdoc S4 (00) 0472R1.
[2] 3GPP SA4, "Processing Functions for AMR 3G Characterization Tests (V.2.0)"; Tdoc S4 (00) 0473.
[3] ITU Rec.P.800, "Methods for Subjective Determination of Transmission Quality"; Geneva, August 1996.

Table 1: Test Conditions for Experiment 1B

| Condition | Codec | Error | Votes | Y(all) | SD(all) | +95\% | -95\% | Qeqv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Direct | - | 96 | 4.521 | 0.649 | 4.651 | 4.391 | 40.869 |
| 2 | MNRU 33 dBQ | - | 96 | 4.021 | 0.940 | 4.209 | 3.833 | 33.000 |
| 3 | MNRU 24 dBQ | - | 96 | 2.750 | 0.858 | 2.922 | 2.578 | 24.000 |
| 4 | MNRU 15 dBQ | - | 96 | 1.594 | 0.625 | 1.719 | 1.469 | 15.000 |
| 5 | MNRU 06 dBQ | - | 96 | 1.167 | 0.474 | 1.261 | 1.072 | 6.000 |
| 6 | G. 72632 | EC0 | 96 | 3.677 | 0.935 | 3.864 | 3.490 | 30.052 |
| 7 | G.723.1 6.3 | EC0 | 96 | 3.510 | 0.754 | 3.661 | 3.360 | 28.845 |
| 8 | G. 7298 | EC0 | 96 | 3.688 | 0.799 | 3.847 | 3.528 | 30.131 |
| 9 | IS-127 | EC0 | 96 | 3.573 | 0.880 | 3.749 | 3.397 | 29.286 |
| 10 | GSM FR | EC0 | 96 | 3.135 | 0.829 | 3.301 | 2.970 | 26.385 |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 0.837 | 2.855 | 2.520 | 23.612 |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 0.778 | 3.395 | 3.084 | 27.044 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | EC0 | 96 | 3.625 | 0.757 | 3.777 | 3.473 | 29.664 |
| 14 | AMR 12.2 | EC1B | 96 | 3.323 | 0.761 | 3.475 | 3.171 | 27.583 |
| 15 | AMR 12.2 | EC2B | 96 | 3.365 | 0.822 | 3.529 | 3.200 | 27.857 |
| 16 | AMR 12.2 | EC3B | 96 | 2.854 | 0.951 | 3.044 | 2.664 | 24.643 |
| 17 | AMR 10.2 | EC0 | 96 | 3.542 | 0.753 | 3.692 | 3.391 | 29.064 |
| 18 | AMR 10.2 | EC4B | 96 | 3.396 | 0.761 | 3.548 | 3.244 | 28.064 |
| 19 | AMR 10.2 | EC5B | 96 | 3.417 | 0.816 | 3.580 | 3.253 | 28.204 |
| 20 | AMR 10.2 | EC6B | 96 | 2.698 | 0.884 | 2.875 | 2.521 | 23.677 |
| 21 | AMR 10.2 | EC7B | 96 | 3.260 | 0.837 | 3.428 | 3.093 | 27.178 |
| 22 | AMR 10.2 | EC8B | 96 | 3.208 | 0.767 | 3.362 | 3.055 | 26.845 |
| 23 | AMR 10.2 | EC9B | 96 | 2.448 | 0.928 | 2.633 | 2.262 | 22.090 |
| 24 | AMR 7.95 | EC0 | 96 | 3.438 | 0.805 | 3.599 | 3.276 | 28.344 |
| 25 | AMR 7.95 | EC1B | 96 | 3.438 | 0.805 | 3.599 | 3.276 | 28.344 |
| 26 | AMR 7.95 | EC2B | 96 | 3.354 | 0.962 | 3.547 | 3.162 | 27.788 |
| 27 | AMR 7.95 | EC3B | 96 | 2.729 | 0.946 | 2.918 | 2.540 | 23.871 |
| 28 | AMR 7.40 | EC0 | 96 | 3.573 | 0.830 | 3.739 | 3.407 | 29.286 |
| 29 | AMR 7.40 | EC4B | 96 | 3.469 | 0.894 | 3.648 | 3.290 | 28.557 |
| 30 | AMR 7.40 | EC5B | 96 | 3.198 | 0.958 | 3.390 | 3.006 | 26.779 |
| 31 | AMR 7.40 | EC6B | 96 | 2.490 | 0.906 | 2.671 | 2.308 | 22.360 |
| 32 | AMR 7.40 | EC7B | 96 | 3.458 | 0.928 | 3.644 | 3.273 | 28.486 |
| 33 | AMR 7.40 | EC8B | 96 | 3.167 | 0.777 | 3.322 | 3.011 | 26.581 |
| 34 | AMR 7.40 | EC9B | 96 | 2.833 | 0.991 | 3.032 | 2.635 | 24.514 |
| 35 | AMR 6.70 | EC0 | 96 | 3.583 | 0.691 | 3.722 | 3.445 | 29.361 |
| 36 | AMR 6.70 | EC1B | 96 | 3.333 | 0.842 | 3.502 | 3.165 | 27.651 |
| 37 | AMR 6.70 | EC2B | 96 | 3.250 | 0.846 | 3.419 | 3.081 | 27.111 |
| 38 | AMR 6.70 | EC3B | 96 | 2.750 | 0.906 | 2.931 | 2.569 | 24.000 |
| 39 | AMR 5.90 | EC0 | 96 | 3.406 | 0.776 | 3.561 | 3.251 | 28.134 |
| 40 | AMR 5.90 | EC4B | 96 | 3.302 | 0.783 | 3.459 | 3.145 | 27.447 |
| 41 | AMR 5.90 | EC5B | 96 | 3.156 | 0.898 | 3.336 | 2.977 | 26.516 |
| 42 | AMR 5.90 | EC6B | 96 | 2.667 | 0.948 | 2.856 | 2.477 | 23.482 |
| 43 | AMR 5.90 | EC7B | 96 | 3.313 | 0.744 | 3.461 | 3.164 | 27.515 |
| 44 | AMR 5.90 | EC8B | 96 | 3.188 | 0.898 | 3.367 | 3.008 | 26.713 |
| 45 | AMR 5.90 | EC9B | 96 | 2.823 | 0.858 | 2.995 | 2.651 | 24.450 |
| 46 | AMR 5.15 | EC0 | 96 | 3.208 | 0.753 | 3.359 | 3.058 | 26.845 |
| 47 | AMR 5.15 | EC1B | 96 | 3.115 | 0.832 | 3.281 | 2.948 | 26.254 |
| 48 | AMR 5.15 | EC2B | 96 | 3.021 | 0.821 | 3.185 | 2.857 | 25.671 |
| 49 | AMR 5.15 | EC3B | 96 | 2.646 | 0.808 | 2.807 | 2.484 | 23.352 |
| 50 | AMR 4.75 | EC0 | 96 | 3.198 | 0.816 | 3.361 | 3.035 | 26.779 |
| 51 | AMR 4.75 | EC4B | 96 | 3.052 | 0.800 | 3.212 | 2.892 | 25.865 |
| 52 | AMR 4.75 | EC5B | 96 | 3.042 | 0.807 | 3.203 | 2.880 | 25.800 |
| 53 | AMR 4.75 | EC6B | 96 | 2.667 | 0.867 | 2.840 | 2.493 | 23.482 |
| 54 | AMR 4.75 | EC7B | 96 | 3.156 | 0.799 | 3.316 | 2.996 | 26.516 |
| 55 | AMR 4.75 | EC8B | 96 | 3.021 | 0.754 | 3.172 | 2.870 | 25.671 |
| 56 | AMR 4.75 | EC9B | 96 | 2.427 | 0.880 | 2.603 | 2.251 | 21.954 |

Legend: Condition is the Condition number; Y is the Mean Opinion Score, SD is standard deviation, $+95 \%$ and $-95 \%$ are respectively the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence interval; Qeqv is the MNRU equivalent-Q value.

(a) Error-free performance of the AMR-NB and reference codecs

(b) Performance of the AMR modes tested with error profiles EC 1B, 2B, and 3B

(c) Performance of the AMR modes tested with error profiles EC 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, and 9B

Figure 1: Performance plots for the AMR modes and error patterns (GSM-EFR EP10 and EP7 are shown as reference points)

Table 2: Rank-ordered Test Conditions grouped by Error Pattern


Legend: Condition is the Condition number; Y is the Mean Opinion Score, $+95 \%$ and $-95 \%$ are respectively the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence interval; LSD is Student's t-test Least Significant Difference; HSD is Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference.

Table 3: Rank-ordered Test Conditions grouped by AMR mode (only AMR conditions shown)

| Condition | Codec | Error | Votes | Y(all) | +95\% | -95\% | LSD | HSD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | EC0 | 96 | 3.625 | 3.777 | 3.473 |  |  |
| 15 | AMR 12.2 | EC2B | 96 | 3.365 | 3.529 | 3.200 |  |  |
| 14 | AMR 12.2 | EC1B | 96 | 3.323 | 3.475 | 3.171 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 16 | AMR 12.2 | EC3B | 96 | 2.854 | 3.044 | 2.664 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 17 | AMR 10.2 | EC0 | 96 | 3.542 | 3.692 | 3.391 |  |  |
| 19 | AMR 10.2 | EC5B | 96 | 3.417 | 3.580 | 3.253 |  |  |
| 18 | AMR 10.2 | EC4B | 96 | 3.396 | 3.548 | 3.244 |  |  |
| 21 | AMR 10.2 | EC7B | 96 | 3.260 | 3.428 | 3.093 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 22 | AMR 10.2 | EC8B | 96 | 3.208 | 3.362 | 3.055 |  |  |
| 20 | AMR 10.2 | EC6B | 96 | 2.698 | 2.875 | 2.521 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 23 | AMR 10.2 | EC9B | 96 | 2.448 | 2.633 | 2.262 |  |  |
| 24 | AMR 7.95 | EC0 | 96 | 3.438 | 3.599 | 3.276 | I |  |
| 25 | AMR 7.95 | EC1B | 96 | 3.438 | 3.599 | 3.276 |  |  |
| 26 | AMR 7.95 | EC2B | 96 | 3.354 | 3.547 | 3.162 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 27 | AMR 7.95 | EC3B | 96 | 2.729 | 2.918 | 2.540 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 28 | AMR 7.40 | EC0 | 96 | 3.573 | 3.739 | 3.407 |  |  |
| 29 | AMR 7.40 | EC4B | 96 | 3.469 | 3.648 | 3.290 |  |  |
| 32 | AMR 7.40 | EC7B | 96 | 3.458 | 3.644 | 3.273 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 30 | AMR 7.40 | EC5B | 96 | 3.198 | 3.390 | 3.006 |  |  |
| 33 | AMR 7.40 | EC8B | 96 | 3.167 | 3.322 | 3.011 |  |  |
| 34 | AMR 7.40 | EC9B | 96 | 2.833 | 3.032 | 2.635 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 31 | AMR 7.40 | EC6B | 96 | 2.490 | 2.671 | 2.308 |  |  |
| 35 | AMR 6.70 | EC0 | 96 | 3.583 | 3.722 | 3.445 |  |  |
| 36 | AMR 6.70 | EC1B | 96 | 3.333 | 3.502 | 3.165 |  |  |
| 37 | AMR 6.70 | EC2B | 96 | 3.250 | 3.419 | 3.081 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 38 | AMR 6.70 | EC3B | 96 | 2.750 | 2.931 | 2.569 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 39 | AMR 5.90 | EC0 | 96 | 3.406 | 3.561 | 3.251 |  |  |
| 43 | AMR 5.90 | EC7B | 96 | 3.313 | 3.461 | 3.164 |  |  |
| 40 | AMR 5.90 | EC4B | 96 | 3.302 | 3.459 | 3.145 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 44 | AMR 5.90 | EC8B | 96 | 3.188 | 3.367 | 3.008 |  |  |
| 41 | AMR 5.90 | EC5B | 96 | 3.156 | 3.336 | 2.977 |  |  |
| 45 | AMR 5.90 | EC9B | 96 | 2.823 | 2.995 | 2.651 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 42 | AMR 5.90 | EC6B | 96 | 2.667 | 2.856 | 2.477 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  | , |
| 46 | AMR 5.15 | EC0 | 96 | 3.208 | 3.359 | 3.058 |  |  |
| 47 | AMR 5.15 | EC1B | 96 | 3.115 | 3.281 | 2.948 |  |  |
| 48 | AMR 5.15 | EC2B | 96 | 3.021 | 3.185 | 2.857 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 49 | AMR 5.15 | EC3B | 96 | 2.646 | 2.807 | 2.484 |  |  |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 96 | 3.240 | 3.395 | 3.084 |  |  |
| 50 | AMR 4.75 | EC0 | 96 | 3.198 | 3.361 | 3.035 |  |  |
| 54 | AMR 4.75 | EC7B | 96 | 3.156 | 3.316 | 2.996 |  |  |
| 51 | AMR 4.75 | EC4B | 96 | 3.052 | 3.212 | 2.892 |  |  |
| 52 | AMR 4.75 | EC5B | 96 | 3.042 | 3.203 | 2.880 |  |  |
| 55 | AMR 4.75 | EC8B | 96 | 3.021 | 3.172 | 2.870 |  |  |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 96 | 2.688 | 2.855 | 2.520 |  |  |
| 53 | AMR 4.75 | EC6B | 96 | 2.667 | 2.840 | 2.493 |  |  |
| 56 | AMR 4.75 | EC9B | 96 | 2.427 | 2.603 | 2.251 |  |  |

Legend: Condition is the Condition number; Y is the Mean Opinion Score, $+95 \%$ and $-95 \%$ are respectively the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence interval; LSD is Student's t-test Least Significant Difference; HSD is Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference.

Table 4: Rank order of 3G error patterns for each AMR mode (referenced to GSM-EFR EP7 and EP10)

| AMR 12.2 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 12.2 | EC2B |
| AMR 12.2 | EC1B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 12.2 | EC3B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |


| AMR 7.95 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 7.95 | EC1B |
| AMR 7.95 | EC2B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 7.95 | EC3B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |


| AMR 6.70 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 6.70 | EC1B |
| AMR 6.70 | EC2B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 6.70 | EC3B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |


| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 5.15 | EC0 |
| AMR 5.15 | EC1B |
| AMR 5.15 | EC2B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |
| AMR 5.15 | EC3B |


| AMR 10.2 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 10.2 | EC5B |
| AMR 10.2 | EC4B |
| AMR 10.2 | EC7B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 10.2 | EC8B |
| AMR 10.2 | EC6B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |
| AMR 10.2 | EC9B |


| AMR 7.40 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 7.40 | EC4B |
| AMR 7.40 | EC7B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 7.40 | EC5B |
| AMR 7.40 | EC8B |
| AMR 7.40 | EC9B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |
| AMR 7.40 | EC6B |


| AMR 5.90 | EC0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 5.90 | EC7B |
| AMR 5.90 | EC4B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| AMR 5.90 | EC8B |
| AMR 5.90 | EC5B |
| AMR 5.90 | EC9B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |
| AMR 5.90 | EC6B |


| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 10$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| AMR 4.75 | EC0 |
| AMR 4.75 | EC7B |
| AMR 4.75 | EC4B |
| AMR 4.75 | EC5B |
| AMR 4.75 | EC8B |
| $G S M E F R$ | $E P 7$ |
| AMR 4.75 | EC6B |
| AMR 4.75 | EC9B |

## Annex A Equivalent-Q calculations

It should be noted that the MNRU, which is derived by contaminating a speech signal nonlinearly with multiplicative band-limited white noise, is a reference system used to map opinions to the equivalent Q scale (measured in dB ) in such a way that comparisons between experiments becomes feasible. It is particularly important to note that the numeric value of both MOS and DMOS varies from experiment to experiment for the same condition. This is not the case with the equivalent Q value, because they tend to be both experiment- and language- independent, when the same speech spectral weighting is used. The MOS-to-equivalent Q value mapping is performed by subjectively assessing both MNRU conditions and the test conditions of interest within the same experiment, then computing the MNRU conditions' MOS (or DMOS) scores, and then using the computed relationship to map each test condition's MOS (or DMOS) value to an MNRU (or equivalent Q) value.

The computational approach used to map MOS and DMOS to equivalent Q values consists of a nonlinear least squares fit of the MNRU (D)MOS, $Y_{k}$, to a modified logistic function defined by the equation

$$
Y(Q k)=D+\frac{M-1}{1+e^{-\left(\frac{Q_{k}-A}{B}\right)}},
$$

where $Q_{k}$ represents the theoretical (target) Q value for the MNRU condition $Y_{k}$ value, $k=1 . . N_{Q}$.
In the above equation, the parameters $A, B, M$, and $D$ are optimized to minimize the error function:

$$
\chi^{2}=\sum_{k=1}^{N_{Q}}\left[\frac{Y\left(Q_{k}\right)-Y_{k}}{\sigma_{k}}\right]^{2}
$$

Once the four parameters are defined, the MOS or DMOS calculated for each test condition is mapped to equivalent Q values using the equation:

$$
Q_{e q v, j}=A+B \ln \left(\frac{Y_{j}-D}{M-Y_{j}}\right)
$$

Parameter " $D$ " has been introduced here to provide a better fit of the function to the test results, and indicates the lower (low-Q values) asymptote. Parameter $A$ reflects the "average" (middle) Q value for the test. Parameter $B$ is related to the slope of the logistic function in the middle of the Q range, this being equal to $1 /(4 \mathrm{~B})$. Parameter $M$ indicates the upper (high-Q values) asymptote. These values can easily be used to diagnose the performance of subjective test designs.

This has been performed for the AMR-NB Experiment 1B, as shown in Figure A. 1 that follows.


Figure A.1(a)
Equivalent-Q Curve fitting and modified logistic curve parameters for Experiment 1B

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1. Introduction

NTT-AT has conducted listening testing as part of the characterization phase for adaptive multi-rate (AMR) Narrowband Codec. Experiments 1C was carried out in J apanese. The experiment was designed using Absolute Category Rating. The purpose of this experiment is as follows:

Experiment 1C: evaluating clean speech performance under static error conditions in J apanese

## 2. Source M aterial

NTT-AT sent speech samples spoken by two male and two female speakers to the host laboratory (ARCON). The speakers were chosen by taking age balance into account and no talkers who had recorded samples for NTT's commercial Multilingual Speech Database 1994 version were used. Some of the sentences used were also changed.

## 3. Experimental Design

The test was designed according to the specification in the AMR-NB Characterization Test Plan Ver.2.0.1.
4. Processed Material

The total amount of memory required for the samples meant that FTP via international line was not a suitable way to receive them. We thus requested that ARCON provide them on CD-ROM. Not only did this obviate the need for a long down-loads, but it eliminated the possibility of transmission errors. All of the data we used was taken from the CD-ROMs, so that it was unquestionably reliable.

## 5. Listening Sessions

### 5.1 Presentation sequence

The sentences were presented in a random order, and randomization was as specified in the Test Plan.

### 5.2 Listeners

[^2]All listeners were "naïve", that is, they had no experience of subjective testing within the previous six months.

There were 24 subjects in each set, and each set was divided into 6 groups of 4 subjects each. The subjects were recruited from outside our company and assigned to sets in such a way as to balance gender and age.

### 5.3 Audio presentation

Following the guideline of test plan, the subjects listened to the speech materials using Sony Circumaural headphones; model MDR-Z900, in monaural mode (one ear was open). An external equalizer was used with the listening system to realize a modified IRS receiving response.

### 5.4 Scoring

The subjects evaluated the quality of each sentence and input their scores to a PC by pressing a keys on a key pad. Listeners voted the overall speech quality of each sample using the five-point MOS scale. The expressions used to describe the rating scale were translated to the correspondingJ apanese words/phrases.

## 6. Results

The results are summarized in Table 1.

### 6.1 Reference condition

The mean opinion score for MNRU is shown in Fig. 1. The MOS changes according to the Q value. That there is no irregularity in the relationships between Q and MOS, ensures fairness of testing. The difference between the MOS given to male talker and female talker was small.

Table 1 MOS and its standard deviation for each condition

| Condition No. | Codec/ | Q/Error Pattern | Males Talkers |  | Females Talkers |  | All Talkers |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | MOS | $\sigma$ | MOS | $\sigma$ | MOS | $\sigma$ |
| 1 | Direct | - | 3.98 | 0.699 | 4.10 | 0.722 | 4.04 | 0.710 |
| 2 | MNRU | 33 dBQ | 3.71 | 0.771 | 3.77 | 0.881 | 3.74 | 0.824 |
| 3 | MNRU | 24 dBQ | 2.77 | 0.831 | 2.67 | 0.953 | 2.72 | 0.891 |
| 4 | MNRU | 15 dBQ | 1.56 | 0.542 | 1.50 | 0.583 | 1.53 | 0.561 |
| 5 | MNRU | 06 dBQ | 1.08 | 0.279 | 1.04 | 0.202 | 1.06 | 0.243 |
| 6 | G. 72632 | EC0 | 3.46 | 0.824 | 3.06 | 0.783 | 3.26 | 0.824 |
| 7 | G.723.16.3 | EC0 | 3.13 | 0.789 | 2.98 | 0.863 | 3.05 | 0.826 |
| 8 | G. 7298 | EC0 | 3.13 | 0.761 | 3.00 | 0.945 | 3.06 | 0.856 |
| 9 | IS-127 | EC0 | 3.23 | 0.831 | 3.17 | 0.907 | 3.20 | 0.866 |
| 10 | GSM FR | EC0 | 2.40 | 0.792 | 2.04 | 0.713 | 2.22 | 0.771 |
| 11 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 2.73 | 0.707 | 2.38 | 0.761 | 2.55 | 0.752 |
| 12 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 3.23 | 0.722 | 2.98 | 0.758 | 3.10 | 0.747 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | EC0 | 3.23 | 0.692 | 2.96 | 0.824 | 3.09 | 0.769 |
| 14 | AMR 12.2 | EC1C | 3.15 | 0.772 | 3.06 | 0.836 | 3.10 | 0.801 |
| 15 | AMR 12.2 | EC2C | 2.79 | 0.771 | 2.75 | 0.812 | 2.77 | 0.788 |
| 16 | AMR 12.2 | EC3C | 2.54 | 0.683 | 2.48 | 0.799 | 2.51 | 0.740 |
| 17 | AMR 12.2 | EC4C | 3.02 | 0.758 | 3.21 | 0.824 | 3.11 | 0.793 |
| 18 | AMR 12.2 | EC5C | 2.92 | 0.794 | 2.75 | 0.758 | 2.83 | 0.777 |
| 19 | AMR 12.2 | EC6C | 2.81 | 0.790 | 2.67 | 0.724 | 2.74 | 0.757 |
| 20 | AMR 10.2 | EC0 | 3.27 | 0.844 | 3.06 | 0.783 | 3.17 | 0.816 |
| 21 | AMR 10.2 | EC7C | 3.08 | 0.794 | 2.67 | 0.630 | 2.88 | 0.743 |
| 22 | AMR 10.2 | EC8C | 2.94 | 0.861 | 2.73 | 0.765 | 2.83 | 0.816 |
| 23 | AMR 10.2 | EC9C | 2.50 | 0.684 | 2.23 | 0.627 | 2.36 | 0.667 |
| 24 | AMR 7.95 | EC0 | 3.29 | 0.849 | 3.06 | 0.909 | 3.18 | 0.883 |
| 25 | AMR 7.95 | EC1C | 3.06 | 0.810 | 3.02 | 0.699 | 3.04 | 0.753 |
| 26 | AMR 7.95 | EC2C | 3.04 | 0.743 | 2.88 | 0.914 | 2.96 | 0.832 |
| 27 | AMR 7.95 | EC3C | 2.77 | 0.778 | 2.48 | 0.714 | 2.63 | 0.757 |
| 28 | AMR 7.95 | EC4C | 3.15 | 0.799 | 3.02 | 0.785 | 3.08 | 0.790 |
| 29 | AMR 7.95 | EC5C | 3.10 | 0.722 | 3.00 | 0.875 | 3.05 | 0.800 |
| 30 | AMR 7.95 | EC6C | 2.60 | 0.818 | 2.48 | 0.799 | 2.54 | 0.807 |
| 31 | AMR 7.40 | EC0 | 2.94 | 0.783 | 3.00 | 0.772 | 2.97 | 0.774 |
| 32 | AMR 7.40 | EC7C | 2.94 | 0.755 | 2.81 | 0.790 | 2.88 | 0.771 |
| 33 | AMR 7.40 | EC8C | 2.75 | 0.700 | 3.02 | 0.729 | 2.89 | 0.724 |
| 34 | AMR 7.40 | EC9C | 2.52 | 0.799 | 2.63 | 0.733 | 2.57 | 0.764 |
| 35 | AMR 6.70 | EC0 | 3.17 | 0.781 | 3.19 | 0.734 | 3.18 | 0.754 |
| 36 | AMR 6.70 | EC1C | 2.96 | 0.651 | 2.85 | 0.714 | 2.91 | 0.682 |
| 37 | AMR 6.70 | EC2C | 3.02 | 0.729 | 2.60 | 0.792 | 2.81 | 0.786 |
| 38 | AMR 6.70 | EC3C | 2.52 | 0.684 | 2.33 | 0.859 | 2.43 | 0.778 |
| 39 | AMR 6,70 | EC4C | 3.10 | 0.778 | 2.79 | 0.824 | 2.95 | 0.813 |
| 40 | AMR 6.70 | EC5C | 3.08 | 0.794 | 2.90 | 0.722 | 2.99 | 0.761 |
| 41 | AMR 6.70 | EC6C | 2.42 | 0.794 | 2.33 | 0.753 | 2.38 | 0.771 |
| 42 | AMR 5.90 | EC0 | 2.96 | 0.743 | 2.79 | 0.713 | 2.88 | 0.729 |
| 43 | AMR 5.90 | EC7C | 2.83 | 0.694 | 2.79 | 0.713 | 2.81 | 0.701 |
| 44 | AMR 5.90 | EC8C | 2.79 | 0.743 | 2.69 | 0.689 | 2.74 | 0.714 |
| 45 | AMR 5.90 | EC9C | 2.69 | 0.689 | 2.29 | 0.617 | 2.49 | 0.680 |
| 46 | AMR 5.15 | EC0 | 2.98 | 0.758 | 2.92 | 0.794 | 2.95 | 0.773 |
| 47 | AMR 5.15 | EC1C | 2.88 | 0.761 | 2.69 | 0.719 | 2.78 | 0.743 |
| 48 | AMR 5.15 | EC2C | 2.77 | 0.692 | 2.63 | 0.733 | 2.70 | 0.713 |
| 49 | AMR 5.15 | EC3C | 2.52 | 0.618 | 2.40 | 0.736 | 2.46 | 0.679 |
| 50 | AMR 5.15 | EC4C | 2.88 | 0.570 | 2.75 | 0.729 | 2.81 | 0.654 |
| 51 | AMR 5.15 | EC5C | 2.60 | 0.792 | 2.58 | 0.613 | 2.59 | 0.705 |
| 52 | AMR 5.15 | EC6C | 2.48 | 0.618 | 2.48 | 0.850 | 2.48 | 0.740 |
| 53 | AMR 4.75 | EC0 | 3.00 | 0.715 | 2.88 | 0.761 | 2.94 | 0.737 |
| 54 | AMR 4.75 | EC7C | 2.83 | 0.694 | 2.69 | 0.776 | 2.76 | 0.736 |
| 55 | AMR 4.75 | EC8C | 2.69 | 0.748 | 2.73 | 0.736 | 2.71 | 0.739 |
| 56 | AMR 4.75 | EC9C | 2.54 | 0.743 | 2.21 | 0.582 | 2.38 | 0.684 |



Fig. 1 MOS v.s. Q curve
For the reference codecs, the MOS values coincide with the reported values within subjective variance. Under almost all codec conditions, the MOS for male talkers was better than for female talkers.

### 6.2 Codec conditions

(1) Error-free conditions

The MOS for the codecs are plotted in Figs. 2, wich compares the MOS for G-Series Codecs. The performance of the AMR-NB codecs has a tendency to decrease along with the bit rate but a lower bit rate is not always rated as poorer as can be seen at $6.7 \mathrm{~kb} / \mathrm{s}$. The performance is a little lower than for a G. $72632 \mathrm{~kb} / \mathrm{s}$ codec, but is comparable to the performance of the other G-Series codecs.


Fig. 2 MOS for reference codecs and AMR codecs at several bit rates (Error free condition)
(2) Performance with error present The results are shown in Fig. 3.


Fig. 3 MOS variation with a variety of error patterns

The performance varies according to the different error patterns at given bit rates. The maximum difference in MOS for a variation in error pattern is greater than 0.5 .
7. Conclusion

Our experiments reveal that the AMR narrow-band codec has performance in terms of quality that is comparable with those of existing G. series and IS-127 codecs as long as its bit rate decreases up to $4.75 \mathrm{~kb} / \mathrm{s}$ under the error free condition.

When error is inserted, the performance as reflected in the MOS decreases about 0.5 in the worst case.

Regardless, with or without transmission error, the performance for male talkers was better than for female talkers.

# AMR-NB Characterization Experiment 2A Results <br> Source: ARCON Corp. 

## Summary

This document presents a summary for 3G AMR-NB Characterization Experiment 2 conducted by ARCON Corporation. Experiment 2 investigated the performance the AMR codec for 3G static error conditions in the presence of car background noise. Four uplink and two downlink channel scenarios were evaluated across 8 AMR rates.

### 1.0 Introduction

ARCON Corporation's Digital Speech Testing Laboratory performed listening assessments in 3G AMR-NB Characterization Phase. Experiment 2 was designed to evaluate the performance the AMR codec for 3 G static error conditions in the presence of car background noise.

The experiment design for Experiment 2 is described in Section 6 of the Test plan for the 3G AMR-NB Characterization [Ref. 1]. Over the whole experiment, each condition had 24 different speech samples passed through it. Each of these was voted once by the 4 subjects in each of 6 groups, 96 votes per condition

All processed material was received from the host Laboratory and had been processed according to the processing document [Ref. 2].

### 2.0 Experimental Design

The speech material for Experiment 2 consisted of a total of 6 sentence-pairs per talker used during the main experiment for two male and two female talkers. Additionally, two sentence-pairs per talker were used for the practice sessions. The noisy source material used in Experiment 2 was produced from the summation of clean speech material with noisy speech files at appropriate levels.

Tables 2.1 to 2.3 show the preliminary and main conditions for Experiment 2 as conducted by ARCON.

[^3]Table 2.1: Conditions and Factors for Experiment 2

| Main Codec Conditions |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Codec Under Test | 1 | AMR |
| Error patterns | 1 | EC0: error-free |
|  |  | EC1D,2D: Downlink |
|  | 4 | EC32,42,52,62: Uplink |
| Intra channel rates | $1 \times 8$ | EC0: 12.2, 10.2, 7.90, 7.40, 6.70, 5.90, 5.15 and $4.75 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ |
|  | $2 \times 4$ | EC[3,4]2: 12.2, 7.95, 6.7, 5.15 |
|  | 2 x 4 | EC[1,2]D: 10.2, 7.4, 5.90, 4.75 |
|  | $2 \times 3$ | EC[5,6]2: 10.2, 7.4, 5.90 |
| Input level | 1 | Nominal (-26dBov) |
| Tandeming | 1 | Single encoding |
| Background Noise | 1 | Car @ 15 dB SNR |
| VAD/CNG |  | VAD/CNG off |
| Input Characteristic | 1 | GSM Send Characteristics |
| Codec references |  |  |
| Codecs | 4 |  |
|  |  | G. 729 at $8 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ (no errors) |
|  |  | G. 723.1 at $6.3 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ (no errors) |
|  |  | GSM EFR at 10 dB C/I (EP10) and $7 \mathrm{~dB} \mathrm{C/I} \mathrm{(EP7)}$ |
| Input level | 1 | Nominal (-26dBov) |
| BER | 1 | No errors |
| Tandeming | 1 | Single encoding |
| Background Noise | 1 | Car @ 15 dB SNR |
| VAD/CNG |  | VAD/CNG off |
| Noise suppression |  | Deactivated (when available) |
| Input Characteristic | 1 | Flat, Linear PCM |
| Other references |  |  |
| Direct | 1 | Nominal level, Flat (Linear PCM, no A-Law) |
| MNRU | 5 | Nominal level, Flat (car background noise), $\mathrm{Q}=6,12,18,24$ and 30 dB |
| Common Conditions |  |  |
| 3GPP Channel | 1 | 3G FDD operation mode |
| Number of talkers | 4 | 2 male and 2 female (M01, M02, F01, F02) |
| Stimulus type |  | Sentence-pairs |
| No. of source samples per talker | 8 | 6 SP for main experiment, 2 SP for preliminaries |
| Listening Level | 1 | $-15 \mathrm{dBPa}(79 \mathrm{~dB} \mathrm{SPL})$ at ERP (Ear Reference Point), for the Nominal Speech Input Level |
| Listening Instrument |  | Telephone handset with a modified IRS (MIRS) receiving response or 1 channel headphones with appropriate filtering |
| Languages | 1 | English |
| Listeners | 24 | Naive Listeners |
| Randomizations | 24 | 6 groups of 4 listeners, 4 repeated measures per group of listeners |
| Rating Scale | 1 | Modified DCR, Degradation Quality scale |
| Total \# of presentations | 160 | $40 \times 4$ |
| Replications | 1 |  |

Table 2.2: Conditions for 3G AMR
Characterization Experiment 2 (Car noise, DCR)

| Cnd | Codec | Noise | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Direct | Car | EC0 |
| 2 | MNRU 30dBQ | Car | EC0 |
| 3 | MNRU 24dBQ | Car | EC0 |
| 4 | MNRU 18dBQ | Car | EC0 |
| 5 | MNRU 12dBQ | Car | EC0 |
| 6 | MNRU 06dBQ | Car | EC0 |
| 7 | G.729 8 | Car | EC0 |
| 8 | G.723.1 6.3 | Car | EC0 |
| 9 | GSM EFR | Car | EP7 |
| 10 | GSM EFR | Car | EP10 |
| 11 | AMR 12.2 | Car | EC0 |
| 12 | AMR 12.2 | Car | EC32 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | Car | EC42 |
| 14 | AMR 10.2 | Car | EC0 |
| 15 | AMR 10.2 | Car | EC1D |
| 16 | AMR 10.2 | Car | EC2D |
| 17 | AMR 10.2 | Car | EC52 |
| 18 | AMR 10.2 | Car | EC62 |
| 19 | AMR 7.95 | Car | EC0 |
| 20 | AMR 7.95 | Car | EC32 |
| 21 | AMR 7.95 | Car | EC42 |
| 22 | AMR 7.40 | Car | EC0 |
| 23 | AMR 7.40 | Car | EC1D |
| 24 | AMR 7.40 | Car | EC2D |
| 25 | AMR 7.40 | Car | EC52 |
| 26 | AMR 7.40 | Car | EC62 |
| 27 | AMR 6.70 | Car | EC0 |
| 28 | AMR 6.70 | Car | EC32 |
| 29 | AMR 6.70 | Car | EC42 |
| 30 | AMR 5.90 | Car | EC0 |
| 31 | AMR 5.90 | Car | EC1D |
| 32 | AMR 5.90 | Car | EC2D |
| 33 | AMR 5.90 | Car | EC52 |
| 34 | AMR 5.90 | Car | EC62 |
| 35 | AMR 5.15 | Car | EC0 |
| 36 | AMR 5.15 | Car | EC32 |
| 37 | AMR 5.15 | Car | EC42 |
| 38 | AMR 4.75 | Car | EC0 |
| 39 | AMR 4.75 | Car | EC1D |
| 40 | AMR 4.75 | Car | EC2D |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |

Table 2.3: Allocation of Preliminary Conditions

| Number of <br> Conditions | References <br> MNRU/Codec | Q [dB] | Errors | Background <br> Noise | Talker |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P1 | MNRU | 30 | - | Car | M1S07 |
| P2 | EFR | - | EP7 | Car | M2S08 |
| P3 | G.729 | - | No Errors | Car | F1S07 |
| P4 | MNRU | 6 | - | Car | F2S08 |
| P5 | DIRECT | - | - | Car | M2S07 |
| P6 | AMR 12.2 | - | EC4 | Car | M1S08 |
| P7 | AMR 12.2 | - | No Errors | Car | F2S07 |
| P8 | MNRU | 18 | - | Car | F1S08 |

### 3.0 Listening Environment

Listeners were placed an acoustic isolation room. The ambient sound pressure level within the room is 23.0 dB SPLA. The room dimensions are $20^{\prime}$ x $10^{\prime}$. Listener stations are along both long walls. Each listener position is
approximately $21 / 2$ ' long. One side has eight positions, the other has only six to allow for the doorway. The Hoth environmental noise [Ref. 2] was introduced through speakers placed in the drop ceiling. In this way, uniform noise coverage was provided to each station.

### 3.1 Environmental Noise

Environmental Noise was fed into the room with the required Hoth spectrum to represent typical room noise at the required 30 dBA level measured with a precision sound level meter, used with the "A" weighting and the "fast" meter characteristic. In order to obtain accurate measurement resolution, the spectrum was measured at an overall SPL of 40 dB SPL-A. Overall sound level was then reduced to 30 dBA .

Figure 3.1 Strip Recording of Room Noise: 1/3 Octave Spectra


### 3.2 Environmental Noise Generation and Measurement System

Noise Generation Equipment: The following equipment was used in the generation and measurement of the listening room noise field.

Noise Source
Stanford Research Systems Model DS335 Synthesized Function Generator
Band Limiting Filter Set
Precision Filter Set Model 636 Anti-Alias Filters
LP1-G-01-02 6 pole, 6 zero elliptic (Cauer) Cutoff Frequency: 10KHz
HP1-G-01-02 6 pole, 6 zero elliptic (Cauer) Cutoff Frequency: 90 Hz
Noise Shaping Filter Set
JBL Model 5547A Graphic Equalizer, 1/3 Octave
Amplification
Crown D-75 Power Amplifier (Mono)
Transducers:
CSI Model SP-6C Coaxial Speakers (4 units)
The cutoff frequencies of the band limiting filter set were chosen to diminish the effect of the filters' -3 dB attenuation at the cutoff frequency on the power of the uppermost and lowermost $1 / 3$ octave bands (i.e., 100 Hz and $8,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). The Noise Shaping Filter Set was used to adjust the spectra as actually measured in the room. Five speaker units were used to insure uniform coverage for all four listeners in the noise field.

Noise Measurement Equipment:
Microphone - Bruel \& Kjaer Type 4155 Electret Condenser Microphone
Sound Pressure Level Meter - Bruel \& Kjaer Type 2230
1/3 Octave Filter Set - Bruel \& Kjaer Type 1625
Strip Recorder - Bruel \& Kjaer Type 2317 Level Recorder
Linear SPL Measurements were performed in $1 / 3$ octave steps on $1 / 3$ octave bands in the range of $100-8 \mathrm{kHz}$.

### 4.0 Testing Procedures

The Test Plan for the 3G AMR-NB Characterization was followed for the Modified Degraded Category Rating(DCR) test procedures. Where not specific, the expertise of the ARCON Corporation test facility was used. Where clarification to instructions was needed the expertise of the ARCON Corporation testing personnel was used and is described in full. ARCON used the grouping and randomization sequences specified in the 3G AMR-NB Characterization Test Plan for Experiment 2. The test schedule was designed to maximize listener performance and minimize listener fatigue.

The subjective assessment was performed using 24 listeners (nominally balanced between male and female subjects). Each of the speech samples was presented to the listener, first the Direct (noisy, unprocessed) version and then through the test condition indicated in Table 2.1. In this adaptation of the DCR procedure, the listeners judged the degradation of the sample to be evaluated with regard to the preceding quality reference sample that was mixed with the same noise (Car noise). Each degradation judgment was collected on a 5-point degradation scale with regard to the quality reference, as follows:

## 5 Degradation is inaudible <br> 4 Degradation is audible but not annoying <br> 3 Degradation is slightly annoying <br> 2 Degradation is annoying <br> 1 Degradation is very annoying

It should be noted that the annex provided in the Test Plan presented sample instructions with a different scale. The scale indicated above (and in the body of the Test Plan) was used by ARCON.

The listener selection criterion was consistent with that used for other AMR evaluations and audiometric examinations demonstrated hearing within normal limits for frequencies between 250 and 8000 Hz .

After hearing screens and all paper work were completed, the appropriate DCR Introduction and Training was conducted. Listeners read along as scripted instructions were read aloud. The scripted instructions included information about use of the button boxes, headset placement, in addition to the specifics required by the AMR test plan Annex. ARCON experience has demonstrated the efficacy of emphasizing the direction of comparisons, and this was done by including the words "the second compared to the first" wherever relevant. After training was complete the DCR preliminary material block was run and testing then commenced.

Questions were answered as needed during training only in reference to the use of the button boxes and specifics regarding the conduct of the test such as breaks and overall length. No information was provided which might influence decision-making.

### 5.0 Audio Presentation

All processed audio files were filtered with the Modified IRS (MIRS) receive response filter available in the STL2000 toolkit. Files were byte swapped to big endian and transferred to a Sun Sparcstation. Files were output to DAT in presentation order with a DatLink digital processor. The DAT output was upsampled to 48 kHz with proper antialias filtering. A professional DAT playback unit under computer control presented the stimuli to the subjects. The presentation circuit consists of a Crown 75 power amplifier, a distribution network and to a single earcup of each listening station. Sony MDR-7506 circum-aural professional studio monitor headphones were used. Listeners placed the inactive earcup behind the ear.

### 6.0 Scoring

The categorical designations were presented at the top of the button box with each button appropriately labeled. Listener responses were collected and stored through the use of a single test administration computer. The button boxes were locked out from listener responce until the stimulus has been presented in its entirety, All listeners were required to register responses prior to the subsequent presentation of a new stimulus.

Upon completion of the listening sessions, individual test files were transferred to a single large file for the statistical analyses reported here and for presentation for global analyses.

### 7.0 Results

Average scores and standard deviations across all talkers, male talkers and female talkers for each condition of the are provided in Table 7.1. Details of the channel error conditions are presented in Table 7.2.

Table 7.1 Experiment 2 Results

Experiment 2A: 3G AMR-NB Test Results
Effect of Car Background Noise in Static C/l Conditions

| Organization: | ARCON |  | Language: English |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Conditions: | 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vote/Condition: | 4talkers*24subjects= | 96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Channel/ <br> Level | Males Talkers |  | Females Talkers |  | All Talkers |  |
| Condition | Codec/MNRU |  | MOS | $\sigma$ | MOS | $\sigma$ | MOS | $\sigma$ |
| 1 | Direct | - | 4.3750 | 0.7330 | 4.2917 | 0.8241 | 4.3333 | 0.7769 |
| 2 | MNRU | 30 dBQ | 4.3125 | 0.7761 | 4.0208 | 1.1011 | 4.1667 | 0.9588 |
| 3 | MNRU | 24 dBQ | 4.1667 | 0.9528 | 4.1458 | 1.0312 | 4.1563 | 0.9876 |
| 4 | MNRU | 18 dBQ | 3.4792 | 1.1107 | 3.0833 | 0.9857 | 3.2813 | 1.0633 |
| 5 | MNRU | 12 dBQ | 2.1875 | 1.1606 | 1.7917 | 0.9884 | 1.9896 | 1.0906 |
| 6 | MNRU | 06 dBQ | 1.5208 | 1.0516 | 1.5417 | 0.9884 | 1.5313 | 1.0152 |
| 7 | G. 7298 | EC0 | 3.6667 | 1.0383 | 3.3542 | 1.0816 | 3.5104 | 1.0662 |
| 8 | G.723.16.3 | EC0 | 3.4375 | 0.8729 | 3.2292 | 0.9280 | 3.3333 | 0.9022 |
| 9 | GSM EFR | EP7 | 2.8333 | 1.3101 | 2.2917 | 1.0097 | 2.5625 | 1.1948 |
| 10 | GSM EFR | EP10 | 3.7500 | 0.9565 | 3.2917 | 1.1291 | 3.5208 | 1.0660 |
| 11 | AMR 12.2 | EC0 | 3.9375 | 0.9319 | 3.9167 | 1.0485 | 3.9271 | 0.9867 |
| 12 | AMR 12.2 | EC32 | 3.8542 | 0.8749 | 3.6250 | 1.0644 | 3.7396 | 0.9760 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | EC42 | 3.8958 | 1.0364 | 3.7917 | 0.9216 | 3.8438 | 0.9769 |
| 14 | AMR 10.2 | EC0 | 4.2292 | 0.8313 | 3.8750 | 1.0027 | 4.0521 | 0.9332 |
| 15 | AMR 10.2 | EC1D | 3.8958 | 0.9507 | 3.5208 | 0.9673 | 3.7083 | 0.9724 |
| 16 | AMR 10.2 | EC2D | 3.6250 | 0.8660 | 3.6250 | 0.8154 | 3.6250 | 0.8367 |
| 17 | AMR 10.2 | EC52 | 3.7500 | 0.7579 | 3.6458 | 0.9338 | 3.6979 | 0.8475 |
| 18 | AMR 10.2 | EC62 | 3.5625 | 1.0897 | 3.4792 | 1.0516 | 3.5208 | 1.0660 |
| 19 | AMR 7.95 | EC0 | 3.5833 | 0.9187 | 3.7500 | 0.8873 | 3.6667 | 0.9022 |
| 20 | AMR 7.95 | EC32 | 3.6042 | 0.9837 | 3.5208 | 0.8749 | 3.5625 | 0.9269 |
| 21 | AMR 7.95 | EC42 | 3.8125 | 0.8419 | 3.4167 | 0.8711 | 3.6146 | 0.8750 |
| 22 | AMR 7.40 | EC0 | 3.7292 | 0.8440 | 3.5000 | 1.0106 | 3.6146 | 0.9332 |
| 23 | AMR 7.40 | EC1D | 3.5000 | 0.8992 | 3.3333 | 1.0176 | 3.4167 | 0.9588 |
| 24 | AMR 7.40 | EC2D | 3.5417 | 1.0306 | 3.1250 | 1.1416 | 3.3333 | 1.1018 |
| 25 | AMR 7.40 | EC52 | 3.4167 | 1.0280 | 3.2500 | 0.9109 | 3.3333 | 0.9697 |
| 26 | AMR 7.40 | EC62 | 3.2500 | 0.8873 | 2.9167 | 1.0071 | 3.0833 | 0.9588 |
| 27 | AMR 6.70 | EC0 | 3.8333 | 0.8588 | 3.6458 | 0.9563 | 3.7396 | 0.9090 |
| 28 | AMR 6.70 | EC32 | 3.7083 | 0.8495 | 3.6667 | 0.8337 | 3.6875 | 0.8374 |
| 29 | AMR 6.70 | EC42 | 3.6250 | 0.8660 | 3.3333 | 0.8833 | 3.4792 | 0.8823 |
| 30 | AMR 5.90 | EC0 | 3.3125 | 1.0346 | 3.2708 | 0.9165 | 3.2917 | 0.9724 |
| 31 | AMR 5.90 | EC1D | 3.2500 | 1.0000 | 3.1875 | 1.0848 | 3.2188 | 1.0382 |
| 32 | AMR 5.90 | EC2D | 3.1458 | 1.1848 | 3.1875 | 1.1043 | 3.1667 | 1.1394 |
| 33 | AMR 5.90 | EC52 | 3.3750 | 0.9593 | 3.0208 | 0.9563 | 3.1979 | 0.9692 |
| 34 | AMR 5.90 | EC62 | 3.0417 | 1.1101 | 2.9792 | 0.8870 | 3.0104 | 0.9999 |
| 35 | AMR 5.15 | EC0 | 3.0625 | 1.0600 | 3.1042 | 1.0962 | 3.0833 | 1.0728 |
| 36 | AMR 5.15 | EC32 | 2.8125 | 1.0848 | 3.1458 | 1.1297 | 2.9792 | 1.1143 |
| 37 | AMR 5.15 | EC42 | 2.8750 | 1.0644 | 2.8125 | 1.0650 | 2.8438 | 1.0596 |
| 38 | AMR 4.75 | EC0 | 3.1042 | 1.0567 | 2.7708 | 1.0766 | 2.9375 | 1.0742 |
| 39 | AMR 4.75 | EC1D | 2.9792 | 1.0208 | 2.8333 | 1.0176 | 2.9063 | 1.0165 |
| 40 | AMR 4.75 | EC2D | 2.3958 | 1.0667 | 2.5208 | 1.2546 | 2.4583 | 1.1600 |

Table 7.2 Experiment 2 Channel Condition Details

| EC | Direction | Path Profile | Speed | Target | Source |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EC1D | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC2D | Downlink | Pedestrian-B | $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | NTT DoCoMo |
| EC3D | Uplink | Vehicular-A | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC4D | Uplink | Vehicular-A | $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC5D | Ulink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $0.5 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |
| EC6D | Uplink | Vehicular-B | $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | $1 \%$ FER | Nortel Networks |

### 8.0 Conclusions

ARCON Corporation conducted 3G AMR-NB Characterization Experiment 2 as directed by the Test Plan.

## References

Ref. 1 3GPP SA4, "3G Characterization Tests Subjective Test Plan Version 2.0"; Tdoc S4-(00)0472
Ref. 2 3GPP-SA WG4 Processing Plan for 3G AMR Characterization

## Title: AMR-NB Characterization Global Analysis <br> Source*: ARCON Corporation

## Executive Summary

Arcon Corporation conducted a Global Analysis of the AMR Narrowband 3G Characterization Test results in compliance with previously accepted 3GPP and ETSI practices. This analysis resulted in the calculation of a number of comparative plots, gender comparisons, and $95 \%$ confidence interval calculations over a set of four (4) experiments conducted in three languages at four subjective listening laboratories.. Where appropriote, rank order equivalance groups are calculated using independent T-test calculations. This analysis is contained in the accompanying Excel spreadsheets.

## 1. Introduction.

Arcon Corp. has contracted with ETSI to be the global analysis laboratory (GAL) for the subjective test results of the four (4) experiments of the AMR Narrowband 3G Charaterization Test. Table 1.1 lists the listening Laboratories, languages and experiments involved in this effort. The languages involved are North American English (NAE), Korean (K) and Japanese (JP).

| Code | R | C | D | N |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Test Lab | ARCON | MGT -COMSA | Dynastat | NTT-AT |
| Exp1A ACR |  |  |  |  |
| Exp1B ACR <br> Exp1C ACR |  |  | NAE |  |
| Exp2A DCR | NAE |  |  | JP |

Table 1.1 AMR-NB 3G Listening Laboratory Assignments

### 1.1 Task

Arcon's task calls for:

1. providing the Listening laboratories with a detailed spreadsheet (the global analysis input form), containing the format for all raw data, to enable the Listening laboratories to enter and return their own raw data to the Global Analysis Laboratory.
2. performing the global analysis following the classic elaboration of subjective testing output data, including a statistical analysis.
3. producing appropriate tables and figures for the visual ranking of AMR-NB coder performance for each experiment.

The methods used for these calculations have been defined in earlier ETSI AMR efforts and are detailed in Annex D "Verification of Requirements" of the document AMR Speech Codec Development Project AMR-7b - Test plans for the Selection Phase (3). Annex E "Presentation of Results" provides a template for the format of reports. This format and the various analysis methods and tools have evolved during the various ETSI and 3GPP testing programs since 1998. All of these changes were taken into account in the design of the current GAL effort.

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## 2. Test Laboratory Raw Data

Recent GAL efforts of ETSI and 3GPP have required the LLs to provide the GAL with results in the form of averages and standard deviations (S.D.) for each condition of an experiment. The statistics were calculated over all subjects and talkers, all subjects and all male talkers, all talkers and female talkers. The current effort requires the LLs to provide the GAL with the raw subject response data and for the GAL to compute the average and S.D. values.

### 2.1 Data Forms

Arcon provided each LL with a set of data entry Excel spreadsheets. The first ,"3GAMR_LabX_Raw_Data.xls", accepted all response data in for each subject in the order called for by each specific experiments group randomization. This spreadsheet could then be reordered with the Excel Data Sort command and calculated all required averages and S.D.s along with the individual talker values. The second spreadsheet,
"3GAMRNB_LabX_DataEntry.xls", allowed the LLs to input independently calculated averages and S.D.s. This spreadsheet was later modified to be linked with the corresponding raw data spreadsheet and verify the calculations of averages and S.D.s.

All LLs provided Arcon with their raw data results and their independently calculated averages and S.D.s. These values were calculated from the Raw_Data spreadsheets and cross-checked against the DataEntry spreadsheets.

The file "3GAMRNB_DataEntry.xls" contains all of the LL spreadsheets with the crosscheck function and has been provided as an attachment to this report. The file is in Excel form and is locked, protected and set to be "Read Only".

## 3. GAL Format

Arcon has provided a analysis spreadsheet, AMRNB_3G_GAL_R.xls, which provides the various statistical analises. The spreadsheet is linked to the "3GAMRNB_DataEntry.xls" spreadsheet. The analysis spreadsheet contains the following worksheets:

Experiment Analysis

| Exp1A | analysis of the Dynastat "Clean Speech Performance Under Static Error <br> Conditions" experiment in North American English |
| :--- | :--- |
| Exp1B | analysis of the LMGT "Clean Speech Performance Under Static Error <br> Conditions" experiment in Korean |
| Exp1C | analysis of the NTT-ATT "Clean Speech Performance Under Static Error <br> Conditions" experiment in Japanese |
| Exp1 | a set of plots providing comparisons of Exp1A, 1B and 1C <br> Exp2A |
|  | analysis of the ARCON "Effect of Car Background Noise in Static C/I <br> Conditions: experiment in North American English |

This spreadsheet is attached to this document. The spreadsheet has a revision update section in a worksheet named "ReadMe". The version distributed with this document is "version 1.2". The spreadsheet has been provided Locked, Protected and as Read Only file. One should be able to open the spreadsheet without reestablishing the link structure. The DataEntry spreadsheet is linked to the Raw_Data spreadsheets, Because of the size of the Raw_Data spreadsheets, they have not been included. They should not be needed. If there is a need to return to the Raw_Data, these files are available from the secretary of 3GPP TSG-SA WG4, Mr. Paolo Usai.

## 4. Results

All results for the Global Analysis are contained in the spreadsheet accompanying this document. Each individual experiment in each language is addressed separately The reader is referred to the spreadsheet for these results.

## References




## Experiment 1C：3G AMR－NB Test Results

Clean Speech Performance Under Static Error Conditions
ACR Test
Organization：


| Condition | Codec／MNRU | $\underset{\substack{\text { Channel } \\ \text { Level }}}{ }$ | Males Takers |  | Females Talkers |  | Mos ${ }^{\text {Allakers }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{\text { coiechnut }}{\text { Direct }}$ |  | ${ }^{3}$ 3，9792 | ${ }^{0.6992}$ | ${ }^{4.1042}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.7217}$ | ${ }^{4.0417}$ | ${ }^{\text {0，7096 }}$ |
| 2 | MNRU | 33 dBQ | ${ }_{3,7083}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.7707}$ | ${ }_{3,7708}$ | ${ }_{0.8810}$ | ${ }^{4,7396}$ | 0.8239 |
| 3 | MnRU | 24 dBQ | 2,7708 | 0.8331 | 2,6667 | 0.9528 | 2,7188 | 0．8909 |
|  | MNRU <br> MNRU | ${ }^{151880}$ | ${ }^{1,5625}$ | 0．5421 | ${ }^{1,5000}$ | 0，5835 | ${ }^{1,53313}$ | ${ }_{\substack{0.5611}}^{0.233}$ |
| ${ }_{6}$ | G．726 32 | O6\％ | ${ }^{1,0833}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0,2793}$ | ${ }^{1,0417}$ | 0，2019 | ${ }^{1,0625}$ | ${ }^{0.28233}$ |
| ${ }_{7}^{6}$ | G．723．16．3 | Eco | 3，4．4533 |  |  | 0．8627 | $\substack{3,2654 \\ 3,052}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.82395}$ |
| 8 | G．729 8 | ECO | cince | ${ }_{0}^{0,7684}$ | ${ }_{3}$ | 0.9453 | ${ }_{\substack{\text { 3，0625 }}}^{\text {3，022 }}$ | 0.8561 |
| 9 | 18．127 | ECO | 3.2292 | 0，8313 | 3，1667 | 0.9070 | 3，1979 | 0.866 |
| 10 | GSM FR | Eco | ${ }_{2}^{2,3958}$ | 0，7920 | 2，047） | 0，7133 | 2，2188 | 0，7706 |
| 12 | GSMEER | ${ }_{\text {EP7 }}$ EPT0 | ${ }^{2} 122222$ | 0.7068 | ${ }^{2,3759}$ | 0.7674 | ${ }^{2,5521}$ | 0.752 |
| 13 | AMR 12.2 | ECO | coire | ${ }_{0}^{0.6996}$ | ${ }_{2}^{2,953}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.8241}$ | cose | 0.7688 |
| 14 | AMR 12.2 | ECOC | 3.1458 | 0.7716 | 3，0625 | 0.8355 | 3，1042 | 0．8010 |
| 15 | AMR 12.2 | EC2C | 2,7917 | 0,7707 | 2，750 | 0．8121 | 2.778 | 0，7878 |
| 16 | AMR 12.2 | EС3С | 2.5417 | 0，6829 | 2.4792 | 0，7987 | 2.5104 | 398 |
| 17 | AMR 12.2 | ECAC | 3，0208 | 0，7576 | 3，2083 | 0．8241 | 3，1146 | 0，7930 |
| 18 | AMR 12.2 | EC5C | 2.9167 | 0，7995 | 2，7500 | 0，7579 | 2.833 | 0，7769 |
| 19 | AMR 12.2 | ECGC | 2.8125 | 0，7897 | ${ }^{2,6667}$ | 0，7244 | 2，7396 | 573 |
| 20 | AMR 10.2 | ECO | ${ }^{3,2,2788}$ | ${ }^{0.8740}$ | 边， 3.025 | 0,7830 | ， | ${ }^{0.8165}$ |
| ${ }_{22}^{21}$ | AMRF 10.2 | ECC7C | ${ }_{\text {3，}}$ | ${ }_{\substack{0 \\ 0.7895 \\ 0.756}}$ | ci， | 0，7646 | c．i．833］ | ${ }_{0}^{0,8165}$ |
| 23 24 24 | AMR 10．2 | ECaC | 2.5000 | 0.684 | ${ }_{2}^{2} 2222$ | 0.6270 | 2,3646 | 0．668 |
|  |  |  | 3，2997 | 9095 |  |  | 717 | ${ }^{0.8825}$ |
| ${ }_{26}^{26}$ | AMR7．95 | EC2C | ci．0049 | ${ }_{0}^{0.7426}$ | ${ }_{2} 2850$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.9138}$ | ${ }_{2}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.8325}$ |
| 27 | AMR 7．95 | EС3C | 2,7708 | 0，7744 | ${ }_{2}^{2} 4792$ | 0.7143 | ${ }_{2,6250}$ | 0,574 |
| ${ }^{28}$ | AMR 7.95 | EC4C | 3，1458 | 0，7987 | 3，0288 | 852 | ${ }^{3.0833}$ | 0，7903 |
| ${ }^{29}$ | AMR7．95 | EC5C | 3，1042 | 0，7217 | 3，0000 | 0．8752 | ${ }^{3,0521}$ | 996 |
| ${ }_{31}^{30}$ | AMR7．95 | EC6C | ${ }_{2}^{2,6042}$ | 0．8184 | 2，4792 | 0.7787 | ， 2.5497 | 0．8068 |
| 32 | AMP7．40 | ECTC | 2,9375 | 0，7553 | 2.8125 | 0,7897 | 2.8750 | 7712 |
| ${ }^{33}$ | AMR 7.40 | ECBC | 2，7500 | 0.6995 | 3，0208 | 0，7290 | 2.8854 | 0，7236 |
| ${ }^{34}$ | AMR 7.40 | ECC9C | ${ }^{2.52208}$ | 0，7987 | ${ }^{2,62505}$ | 0,7730 | ${ }^{2.5729}$ | 0.7643 |
| 35 <br> 36 | ${ }_{\text {AMR }}^{\text {AMR } 6.70}$ |  | ， | 员， 0.6510 | ci， | －0，7339 | ${ }_{\substack{3,9063}}^{\substack{3,77}}$ | ${ }^{0.7539}$ |
| 37 | AMR 6.70 | EC2C | ${ }_{3,0208}$ | 0,7290 | ${ }_{2,6042}^{2}$ | 0.7920 | ${ }_{2,8125}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.7856}$ |
| 38 39 | AMR 6.70 | EC3C | 2．5208 | 0．6838 | 2，333 | 0．8588 | ${ }^{2,4271}$ | 779 |
| 39 40 | AMR 6.70 | EC4C | 3，1042 | ${ }^{0.7784}$ | ${ }_{2}^{2} 2.7995$ | 0．8241 | 2，9979 | ${ }^{0.8127}$ |
| ${ }_{41}$ | AMR 6.70 | EC6C | ${ }_{2,4167}$ | 0,7945 | ${ }_{2,333}^{2,3}$ | 0.7532 | ${ }_{\text {2，350 }}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0.7772}$ |
| ${ }^{42}$ | AMR 5.90 | ECO | 2,9533 | 0，7426 | 2,797 | 0，7133 | 2.8750 | 291 |
|  | AMF5 5.90 |  | ${ }_{2}^{2,8333}$ | 0，6945 | ${ }^{2,7971}$ | 0,7133 | ${ }_{2}^{2,8125}$ | 0.7006 |
| 45 | AMF 5 590 |  | ${ }_{2,6875}^{2,19}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0,6890}$ | ${ }_{2,2917}^{2,2917}$ | 0.6174 | ${ }_{\text {2，886 }}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0,7684}$ |
| ${ }_{4}^{46}$ | AMR 5.15 | ECO | 2，9792 | 0，7576 | 2.9167 | 0.7945 | 2，9479 | ${ }_{0,7728}$ |
| ${ }_{48}^{47}$ | AMP 5.15 | EClC | 2,8750 <br> 27708 | ${ }^{0,7664}$ | 边， 2,675 | 0.7192 | ${ }^{2}, 7889$ | 5427 |
| 49 | AMP 5． 15 | EC3C | ${ }_{2}^{2,5208}$ | ${ }_{0.6185}^{0.096}$ | ${ }_{2,3958}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0,783}$ | ${ }_{2,4583}^{2,495}$ |  |
| 50 | AMRF． 515 | EC4C | 2,8750 2604 2 | 0．5596 | ${ }^{2}, 7500$ | 0，7293 | 2.8125 | ${ }_{0.6539}$ |
|  | ${ }_{\text {AMR }}$ AM．15 | ${ }_{\substack{\text { ECSCC } \\ \text { EC6C }}}$ | 2，4792 | ${ }_{0}^{0.61985}$ |  | 0．8533 |  | 045 |
| 53 | AMR 4.75 | ECO | 3，0000 | 0，7446 | 2.8750 | 0,7614 | ${ }_{2,9375}^{2,}$ | 边 |
| 54 55 5 | AMR 4.75 | EC7C | 2， 2 2，333 | ${ }^{0.6995}$ | 年， 2,675 | 0.7761 | 2,7604 | 0，7362 |
| ${ }_{56}$ | AMR 4．75 |  | ci， | coly | cele | c． | （e， | － |

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