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Monitoring and Analysis of Quality of Experience in Mobile Broadband Networks

MOTIVATION

Mobile network traffic explosion

- ▶ In 2016, the average smartphone usage grew 38 %
- ▶ Global mobile data traffic reached 7.2 exabytes per month at the end of 2016
- ▶ Mobile video traffic accounted for 60 % of total mobile data traffic in 2016



Requirements for the network providers are significantly changing
How to manage customers' traffic in order to maintain high user satisfaction?

QoE MEASUREMENTS

- ▶ Quality of Experience (QoE) as a measure for evaluating user satisfaction
- ▶ Input criterion for optimizations

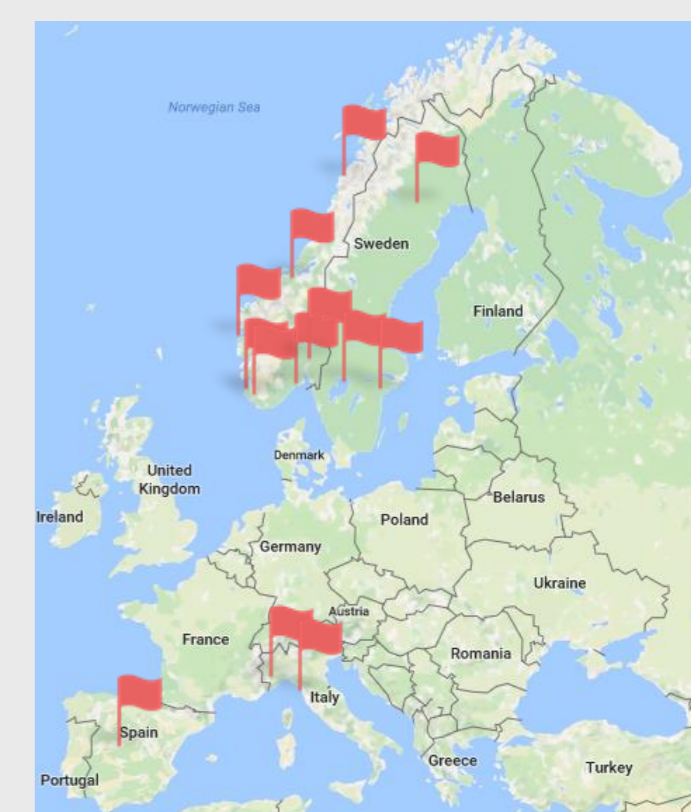
Quality of Experience Measurement Tool

- ▶ Run YouTube videos on headless Firefox
- ▶ Monitor QoE-related performance indicators on application, network, and metadata layer

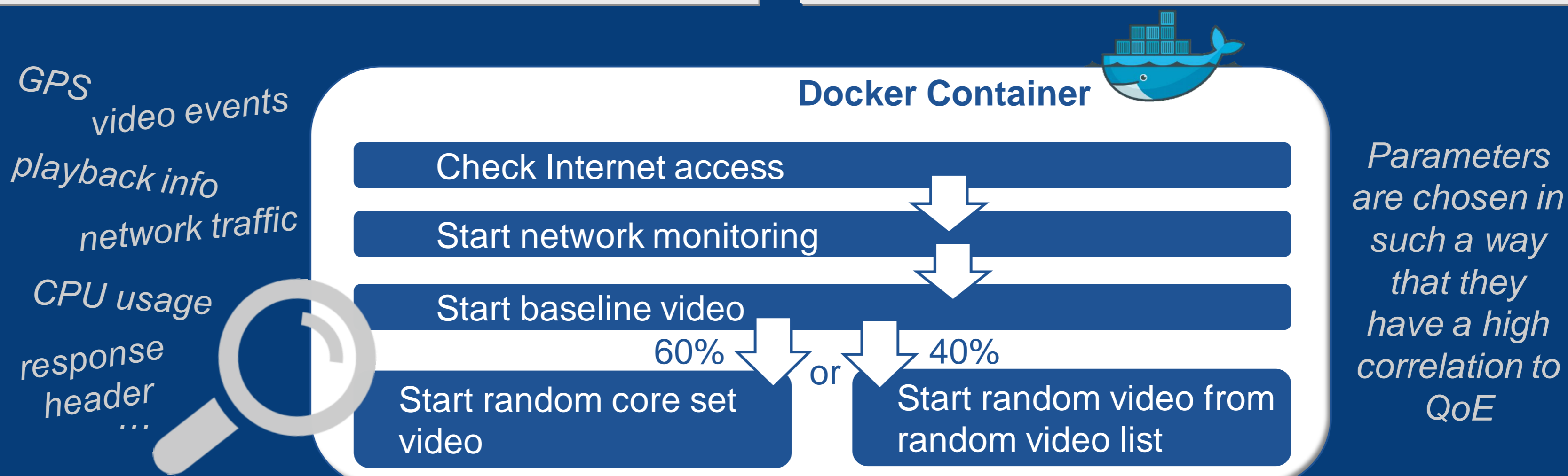
First measurements on MONROE platform

MOBILE NETWORK TESTBED

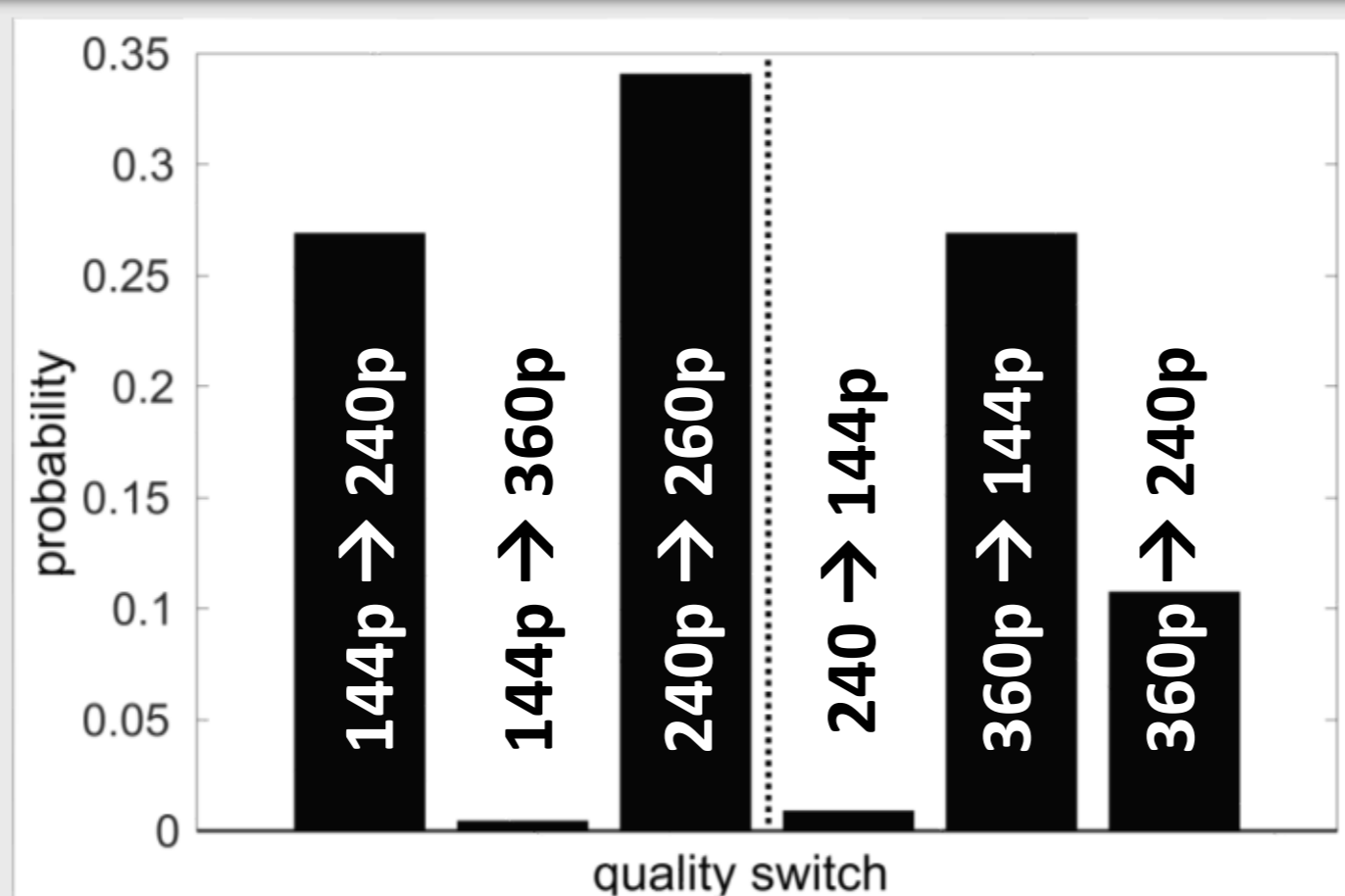
- ▶ Fixed and mobile LTE nodes distributed over Norway, Sweden, Spain and Italy



- ▶ Platform to run experiments in Docker containers in mobile networks



RESULTS: VIDEO PERFORMANCE



→ Study on the adaptive behavior of video streaming in mobile communications

OUTLOOK

- ▶ Extension of the measurement tool to monitor QoE factors of other applications like Facebook, Spotify, or usual web browsing
- ▶ Investigation of the impact of location, used network operator, and mobility on QoE factors
- ▶ Comparison to subjective user experiences received from field trials

