

# Evolution of the Internet Core and Edge IP Wireless Networking

USENIX Annual Technical Conference  
June 28, 2001  
Boston, MA

Jim Bound

Principle Member of Technical Staff

[Jim.Bound@compaq.com](mailto:Jim.Bound@compaq.com)

Charlie Perkins

Nokia Fellow

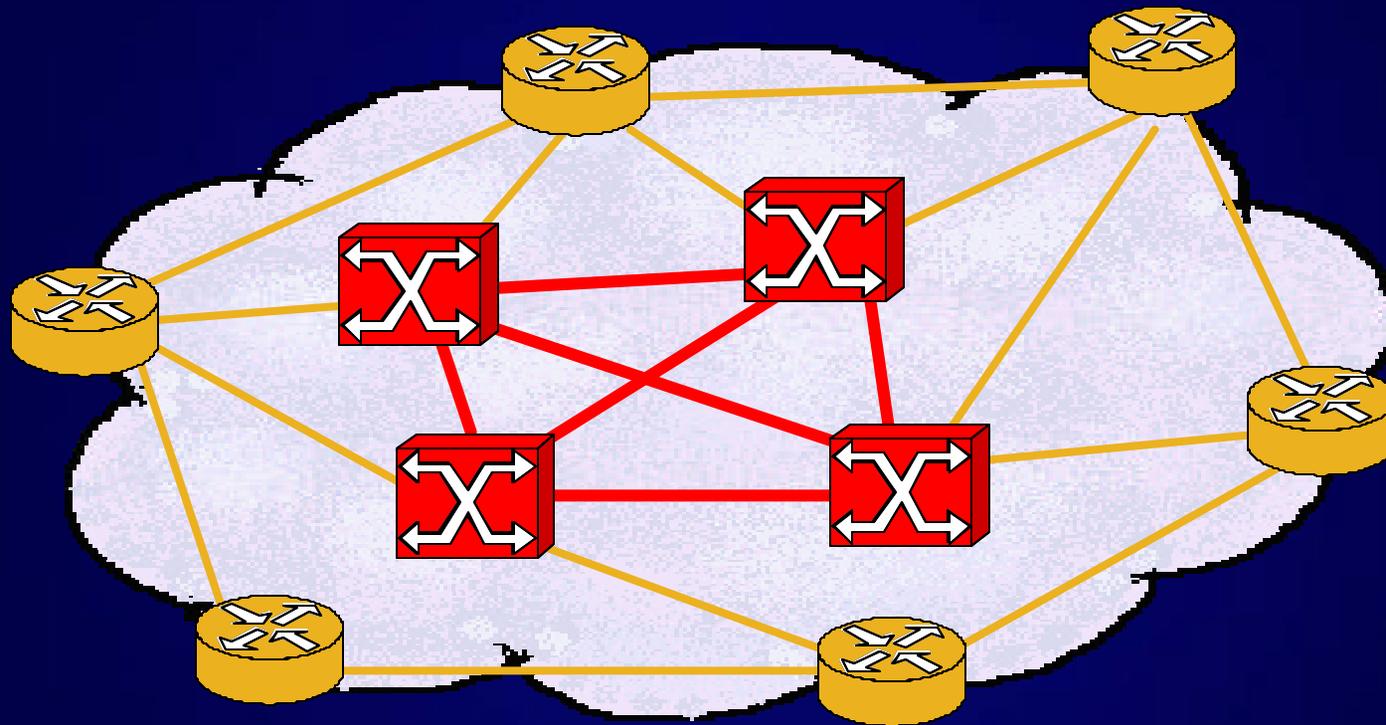
[charliep@iprg.nokia.com](mailto:charliep@iprg.nokia.com)

# Discussion

- Internet and Current Wireline IP Evolution
- Wireless Evolution
- IPv6 Evolution
- Mobile IP Evolution
- The Future: Wireless and Wireline Integrated

# Internet and Current Wireline IP Evolution

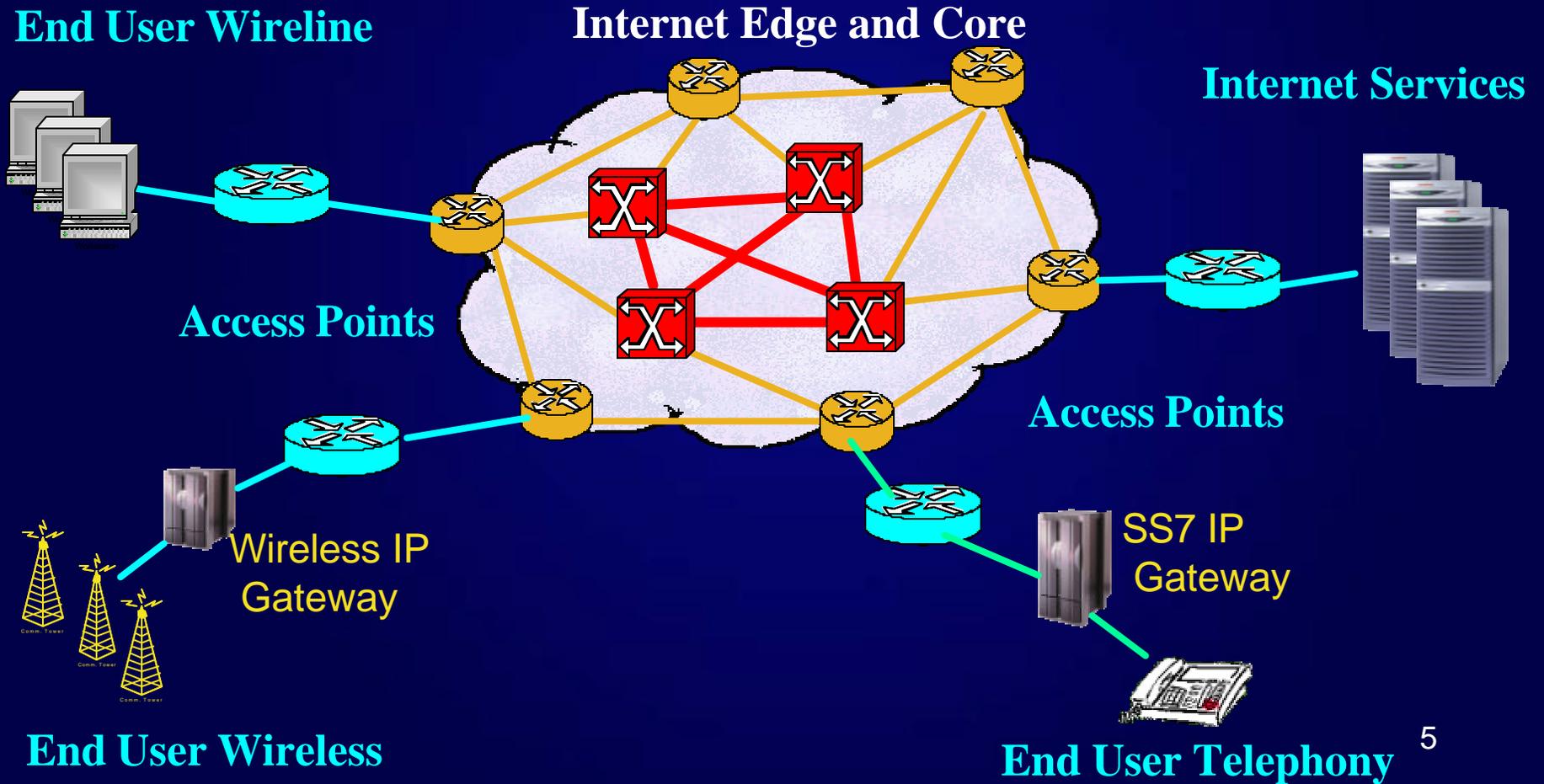
# Internet Core and Edge



————— Edge Communications

————— Core Communications

# Internet Access Point



# Internet Characterization Today

- Virtual Private Networks
  - Tunnels
  - Private Addresses
  - Secure at Edge or Access Only
- Network Address Translation (NAT) Required
- End-2-End Model is Lost
- Try getting a Globally Routable IPv4 Address in Europe or Asia; or a set of them for your business !!!
- These are not optimal conditions for the evolution of the Internet

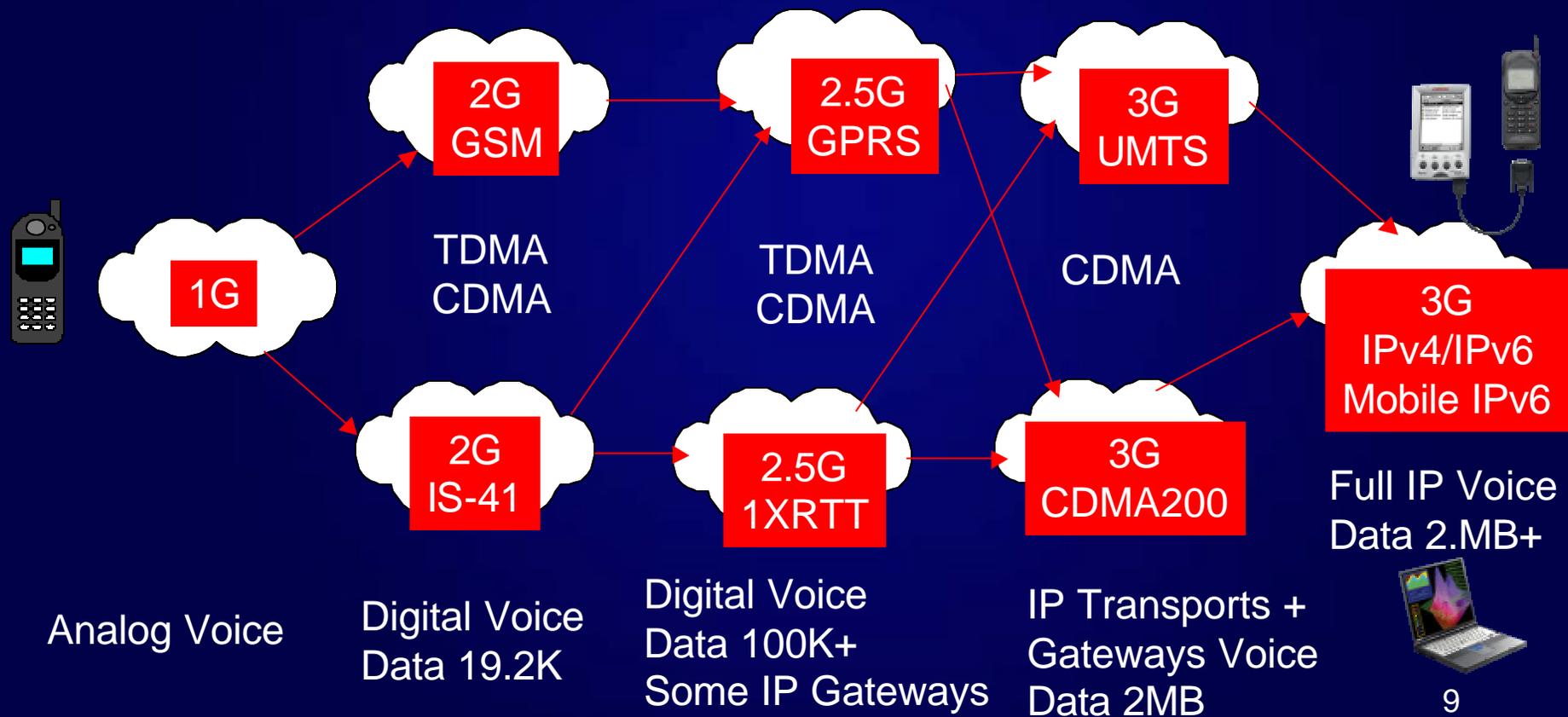
## **Internet engineers are working on it !!!**

- The Next Generation Internet Protocol is IPv6 and will restore the End-2-End model of the Internet
- 2.5G and 3G Wireless requires the End-2-End model as it moves its use model to the Internet.
- Mobile IP computing will revolutionize the Internet as the WEB did in the 90's.
- So lets discuss how this will happen!!!

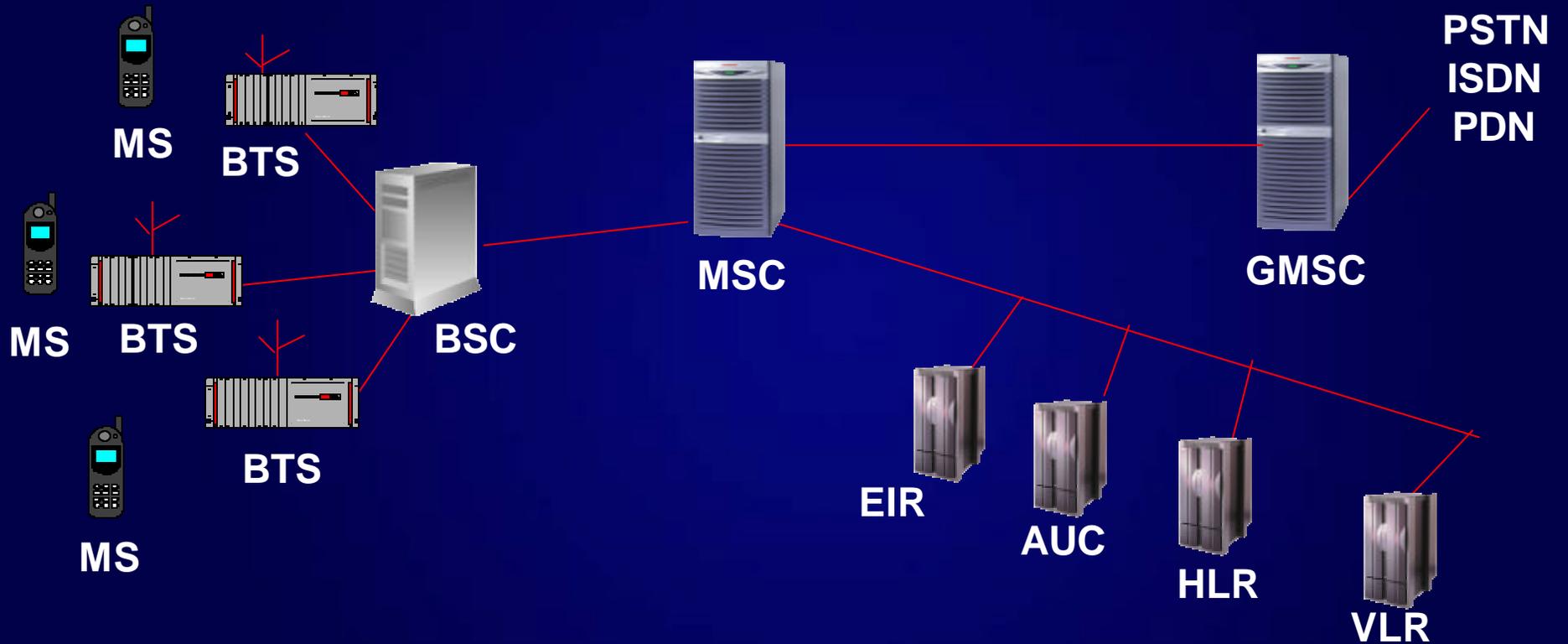
# Wireless Evolution

# Wireless Evolutionary Stages

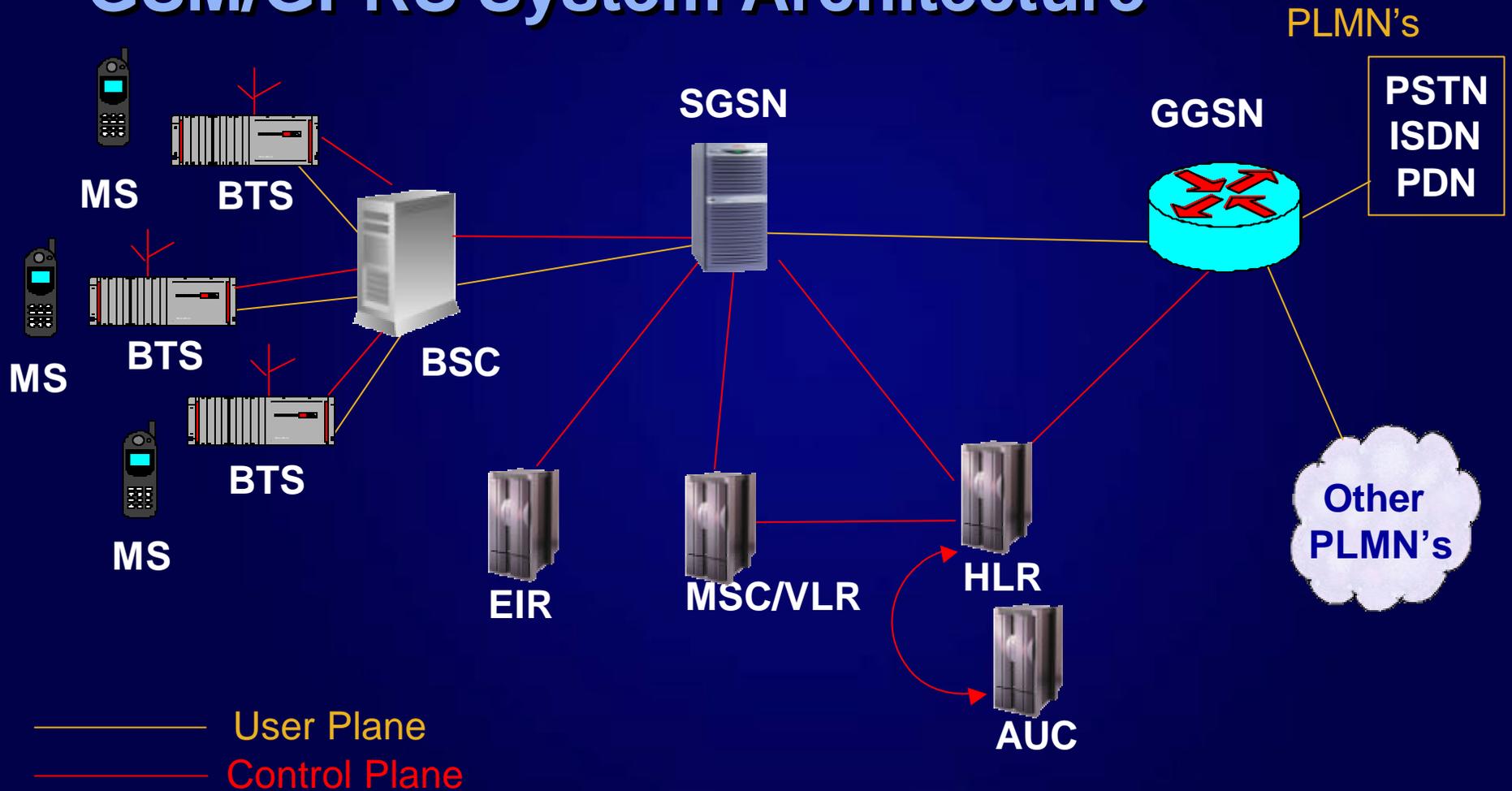
Timeline ----- Today ----- 2002-2003 ----- 2003+



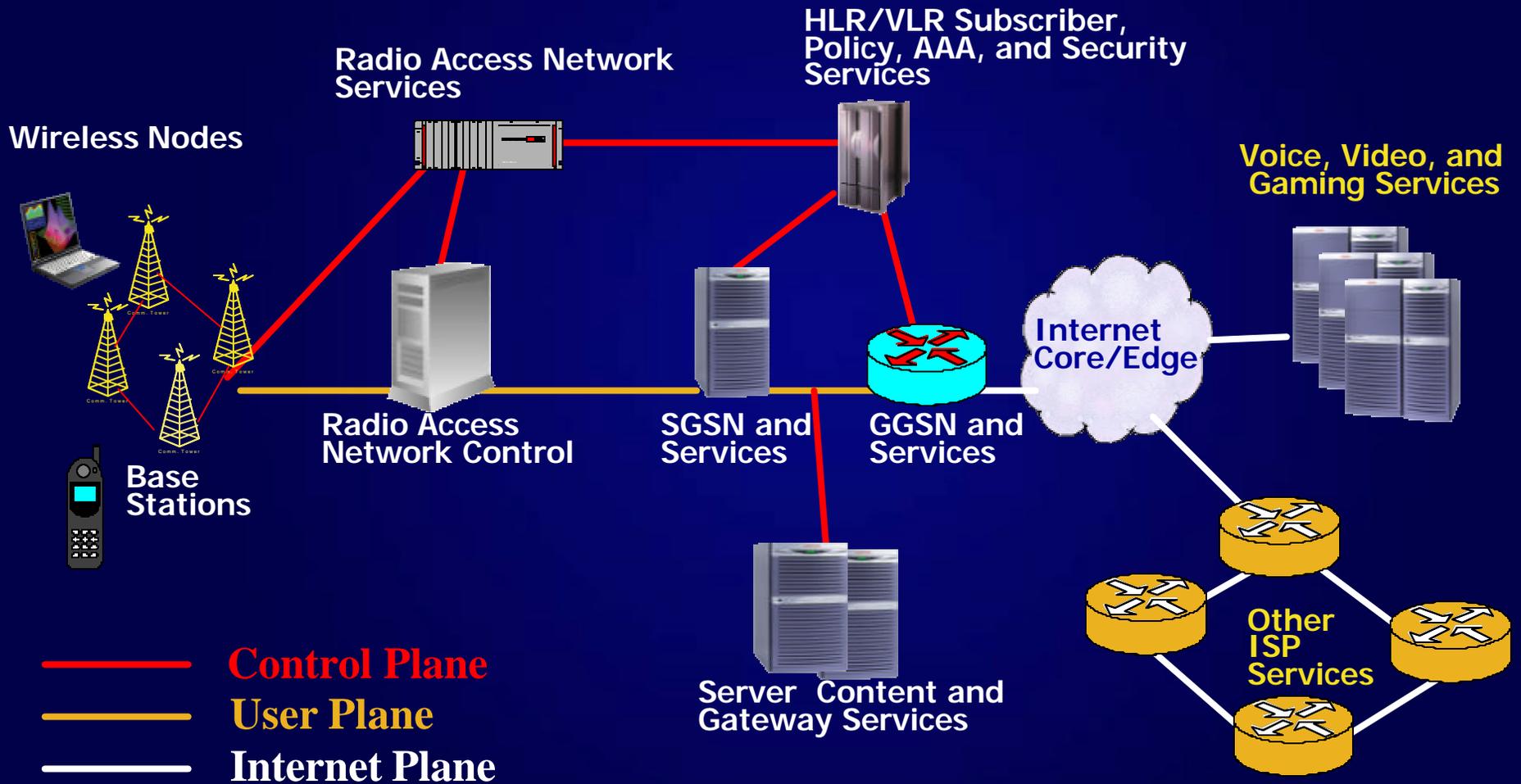
# GSM Architecture



# GSM/GPRS System Architecture



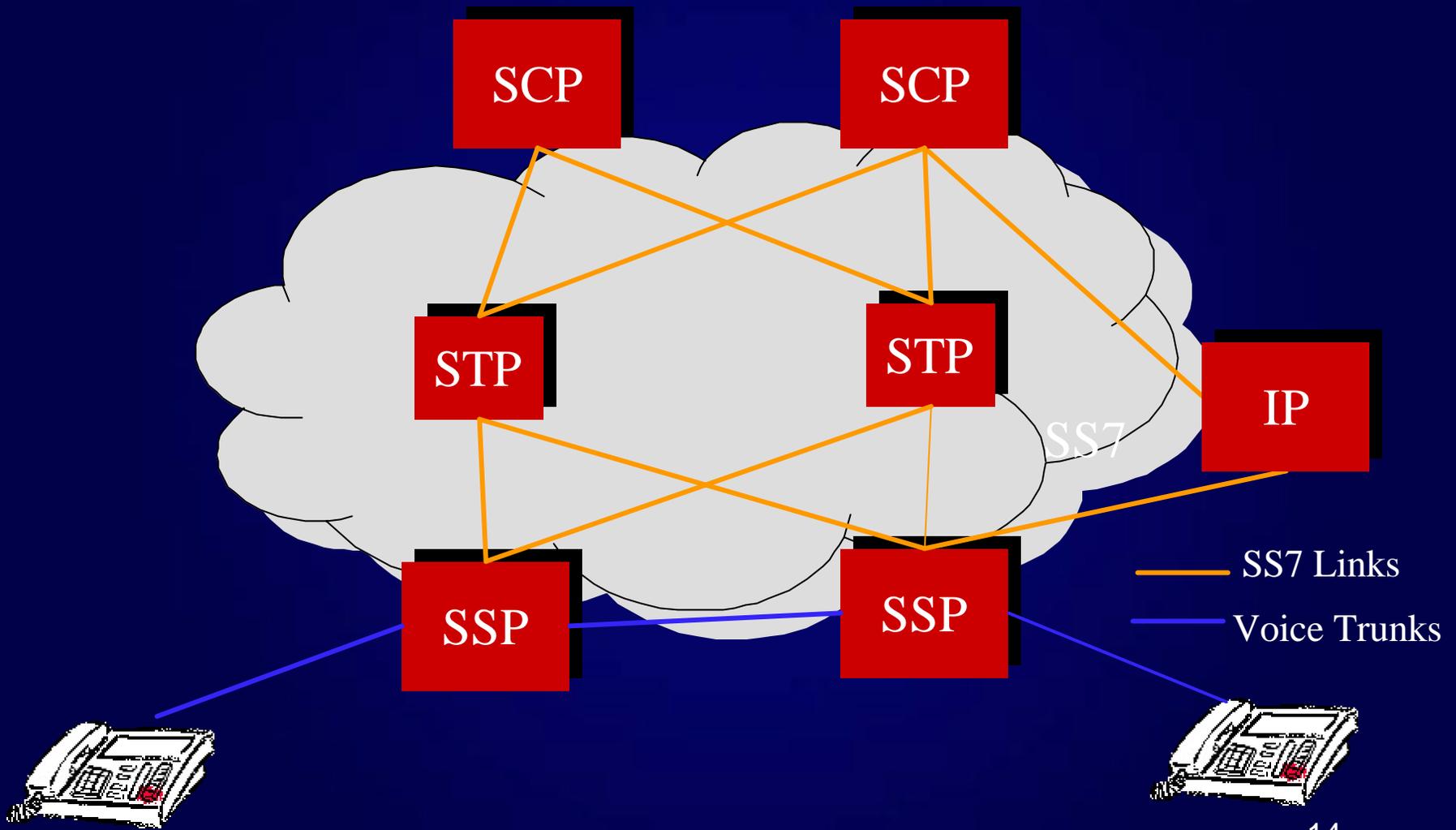
# 3G Wireless Architecture



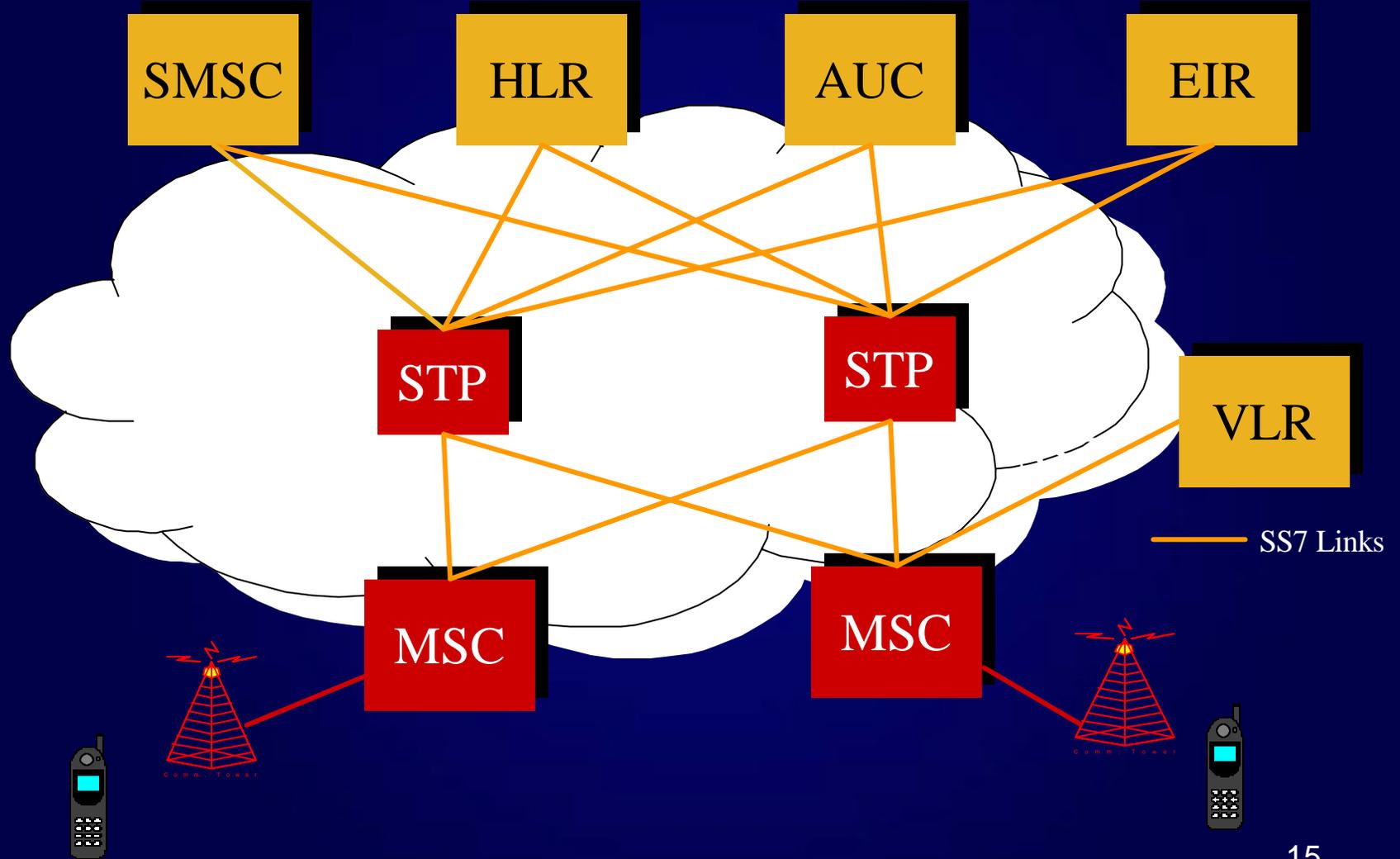
# What about the Telephone Network Today?

- Circuit Based *not Packet Based*
- Signal and Voice Channels for communications
- These networks are evolving to IP
- But IP will have to coexist with the Signaling System #7 Protocol for coexistence
- So we need to discuss in this Wireless model briefly too !!!
- Because it has Internet Engineering work in process too

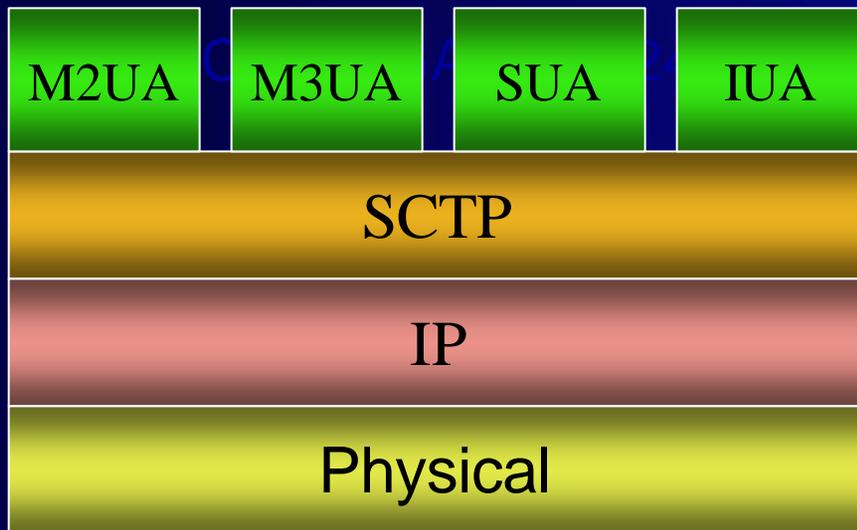
# SS7 and the Wireline Network



# SS7 and the Wireless Network



# IETF SIGTRAN protocols suite

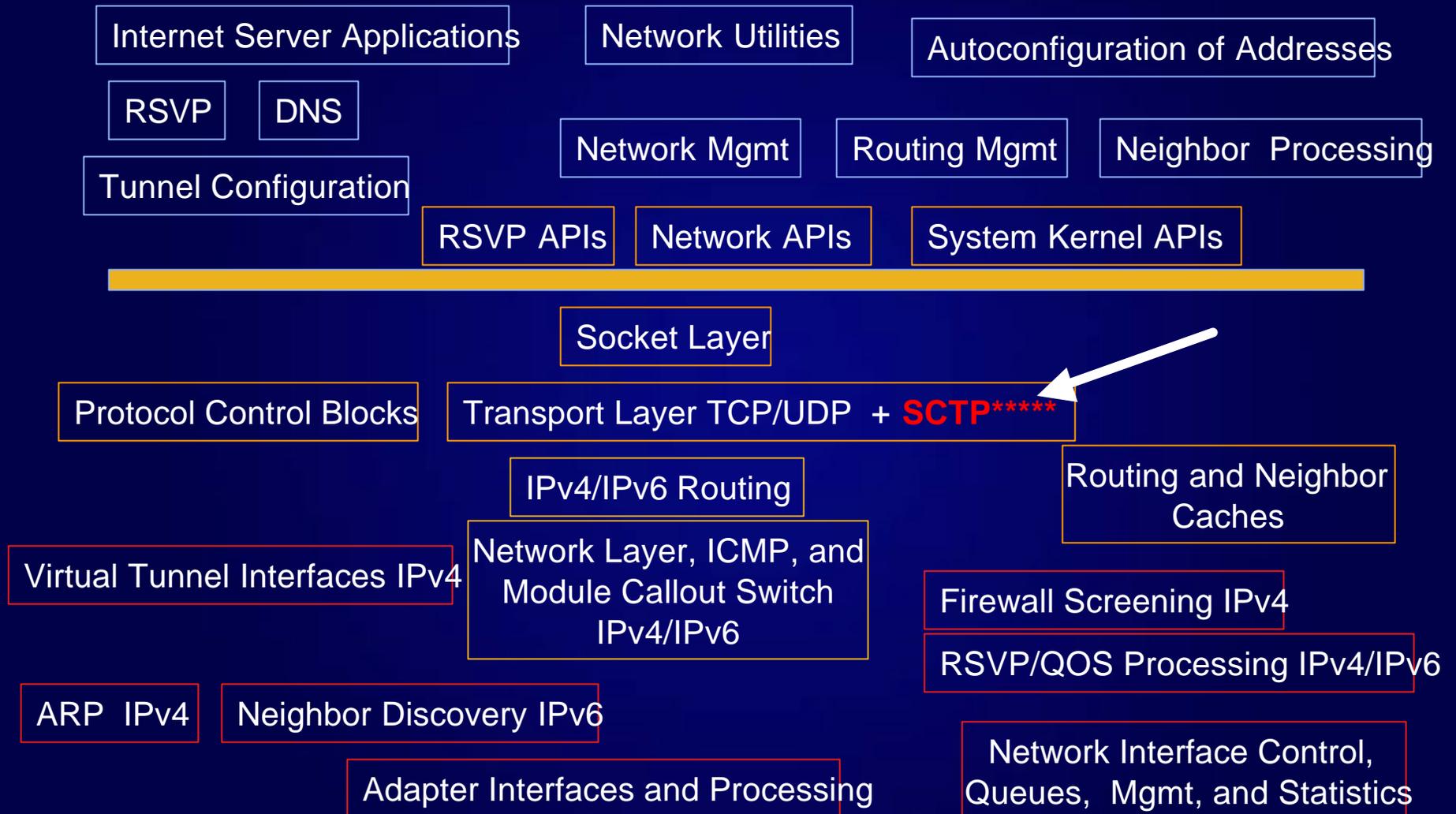


- **SCTP**
  - *Set of functions for reliable signaling transport*
- **M2UA**
  - *transport the MTP2 user (MTP3) over IP*
- **M3UA**
  - *transport the MTP3 users (SCCP, ISUP) over IP*
- **SUA**
  - *transport the SCCP user (TCAP) over IP*
- **IUA**
  - *transport the ISDN signaling (Q.931) over IP*

# SCTP What is it?

- **New Transport Protocol and architectural peer component to TCP and UDP above the IP network Layer**
- **It is NOT an application protocol or replacement for UDP or TCP**
- **Architected to be transparent to IPv4 or IPv6 network layer component**
- **IETF recommendations RFC 2960**

# Where SCTP will be added to a typical IP stack



# IPv6 Evolution

## IPv4... A victim of its own success

- 1990
  - IPv4 addresses being consumed at an alarming rate, projections show:
    - Class B address space exhausted by 1994
    - All IPv4 address space exhausted between 2005 - 2011
  - Internet routing tables suffering explosive growth
  - Efforts started to address these problems

## Interim measures

- CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing)
  - Eased routing table growth for awhile
  - Multihoming punching holes in CIDR today
- Private addresses
  - Reduced pressure on address space, but...
  - Necessitated NAT, ALGs
  - Obstacle to renumbering
    - Example: merger of 2 companies using net 10
  - Additional management burden

# NAT (Network Address Translation)

- Single point of failure
- Performance penalty
- Breaks applications that rely on End-2-End IP addressing (FTP, DNS, others)
  - Use ALGs
- Prevents End-2-End IPsec

# ALGs (Application Layer Gateways)

- Example: www proxy servers
- Single point of failure
- Performance penalty
- Requires detailed knowledge of each application
  - Barrier to deployment of new applications
    - Barrier to growth

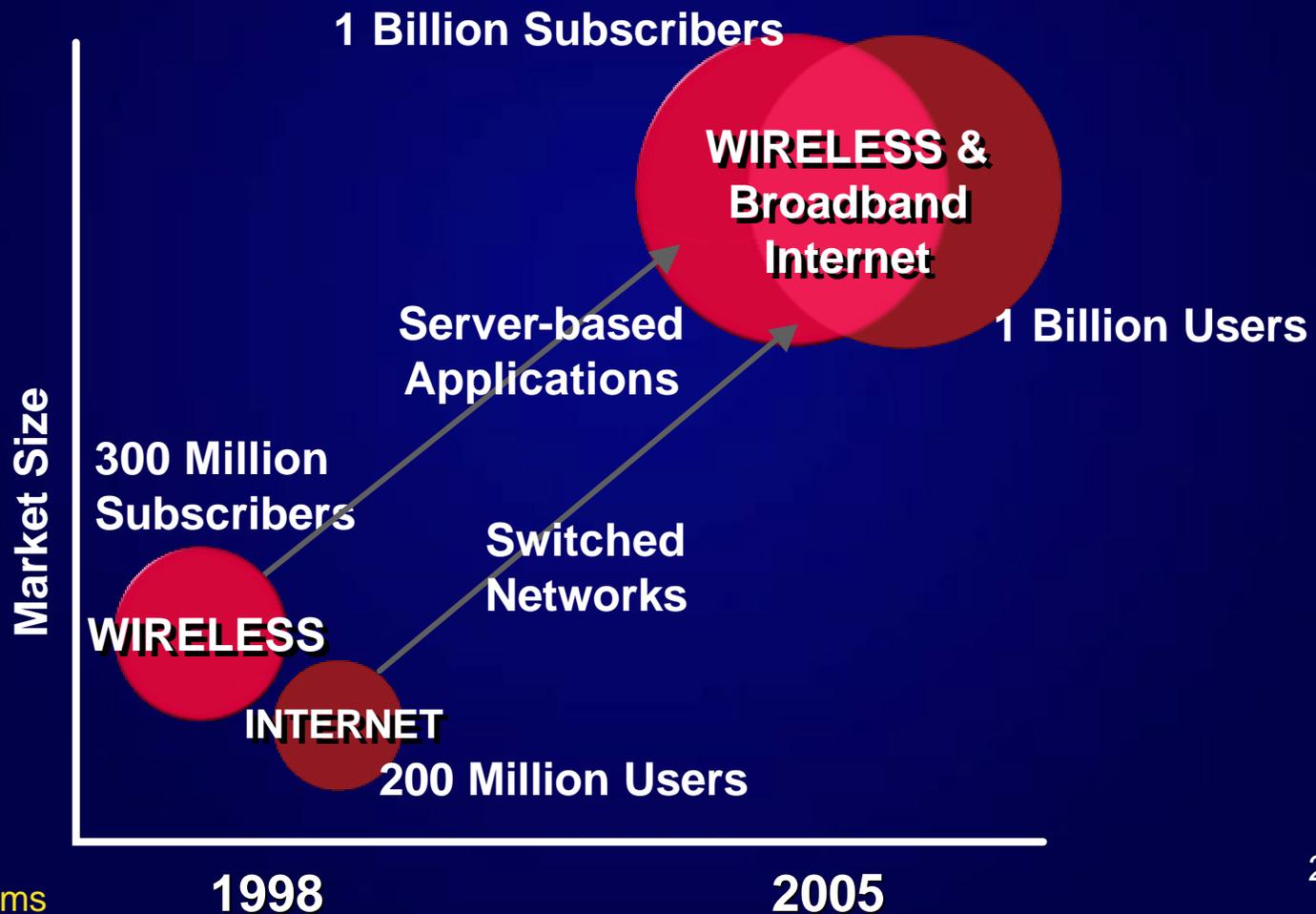
## Interim measures helped, but...

- Address space consumption slowed, but Internet growth accelerated
- 1B mobile users by 2003
- 1B Internet users by 2005
- 90% of all new mobile phones will have internet access by 2003 (Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, May 2000)
- Projections of address space exhaustion by 2010, pain sooner (Europe and Asia)

## ... a longer term solution was sought

- 1991: Work starts on next generation Internet protocols
  - More than 6 different proposals were developed
- 1993: IETF forms IPng Directorate
  - To select the new protocol by consensus
- 1995: IPv6 selected
  - Evolutionary (not revolutionary) step from IPv4
- 1996: 6Bone started
- 1998: IPv6 standardized
- Today: Initial products and deployments

# Growth of wireless and broadband Internet



# IPv6 Immediate Benefits

- Increased Address Space
  - 128 bits
    - $2^{128}$  is a really big number
  - Efficient addressing and routing topology
  - NAT is not required
    - Restores End-2-End IP addressing
- And while we're at it, we might as well make a few other improvements...

## IPv6 Immediate Benefits (continued)

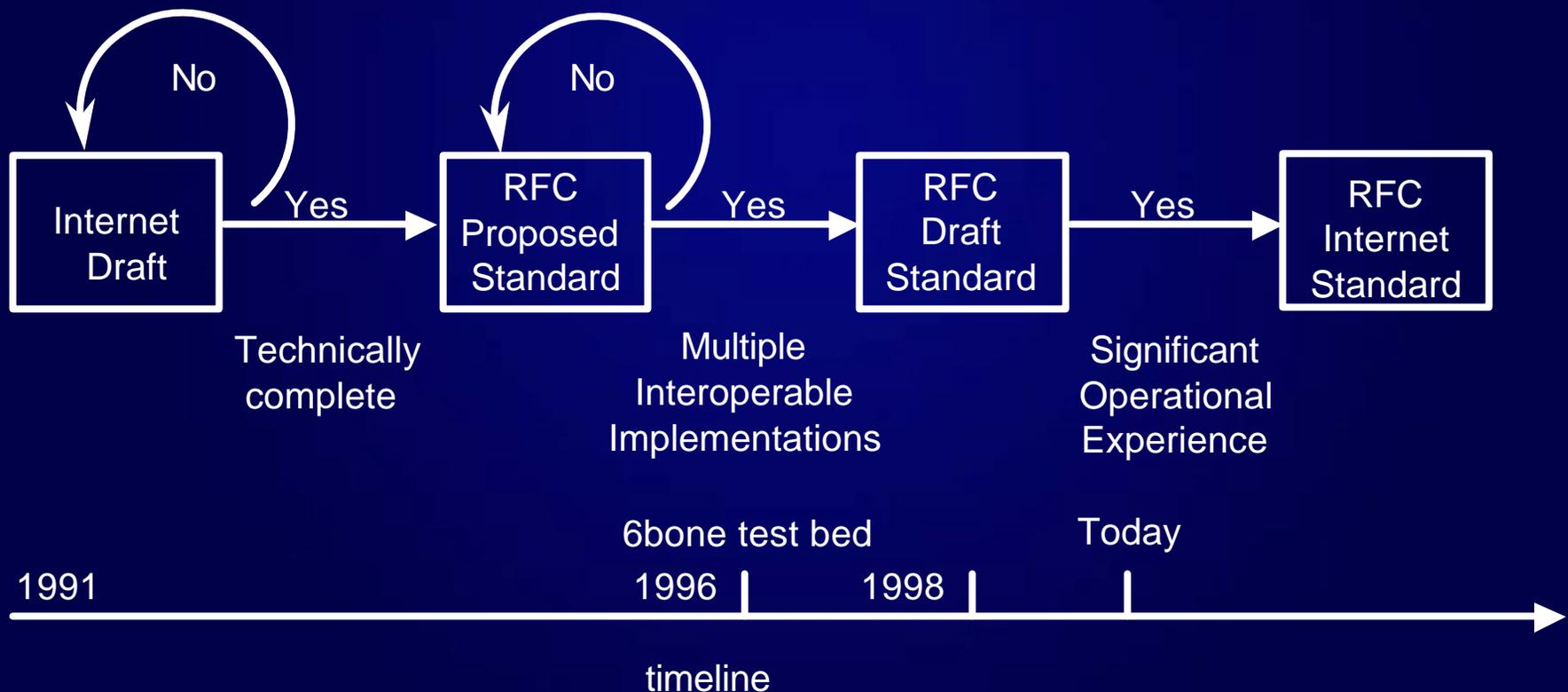
- Architecture
  - Simplified IP header
  - Optimized for 64 bit architecture
  - Efficient and extensible IP datagram
  - Improved host and router discovery
  - Improved multicast scalability
- Plug and Play
  - Dynamic Address Autoconfiguration (Stateless, Stateful)

## IPv6 Immediate Benefits (continued)

- Enhancements for dynamic renumbering of networks
- Improved Mobile IP support
- Mandatory network-layer authentication and privacy
- Coexists with IPv4
- Other functions still evolving from the extensibility of the architecture

# IETF Standardization status of IPv6

- Core specifications achieved Draft Standard status



## IPv6 Industry Deployment Status

- Many products and Early Adopters kits available
- Internet Registries are handing out IPv6 addresses.
- Internet Service Providers are starting to provide IPv6
- IPv6 Forum (<http://www.ipv6forum.com>)
  - World-wide consortium including vendors and research/education community, to promote IPv6 by raising market and user awareness

# IPv4 vs. IPv6 Header

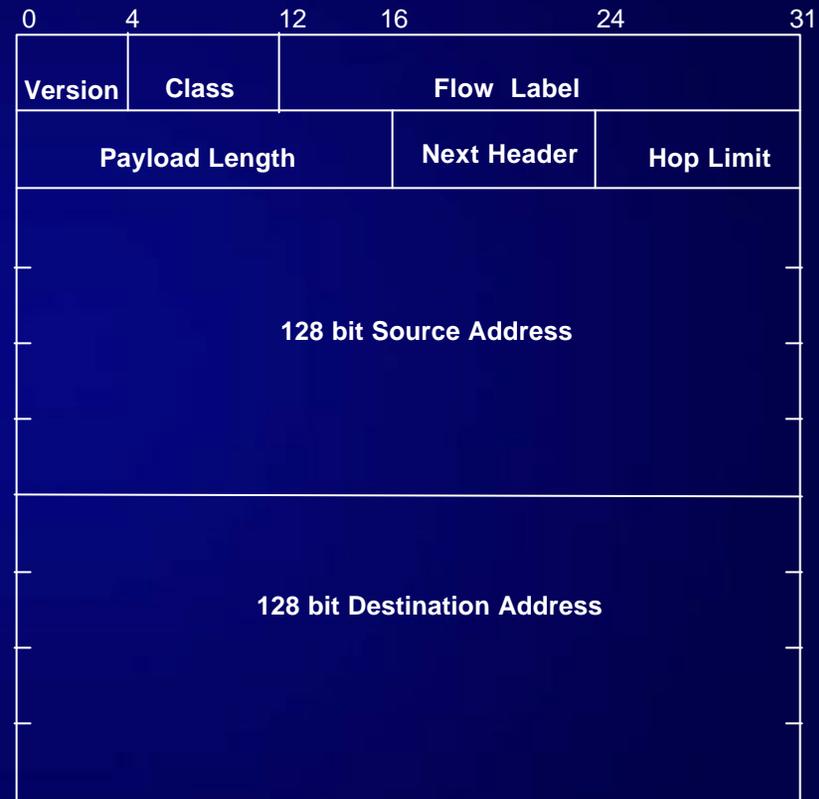


## IPv4 Header

20 octets, 12 fields, including 3 flag bits  
+ fixed max number of options

Changed

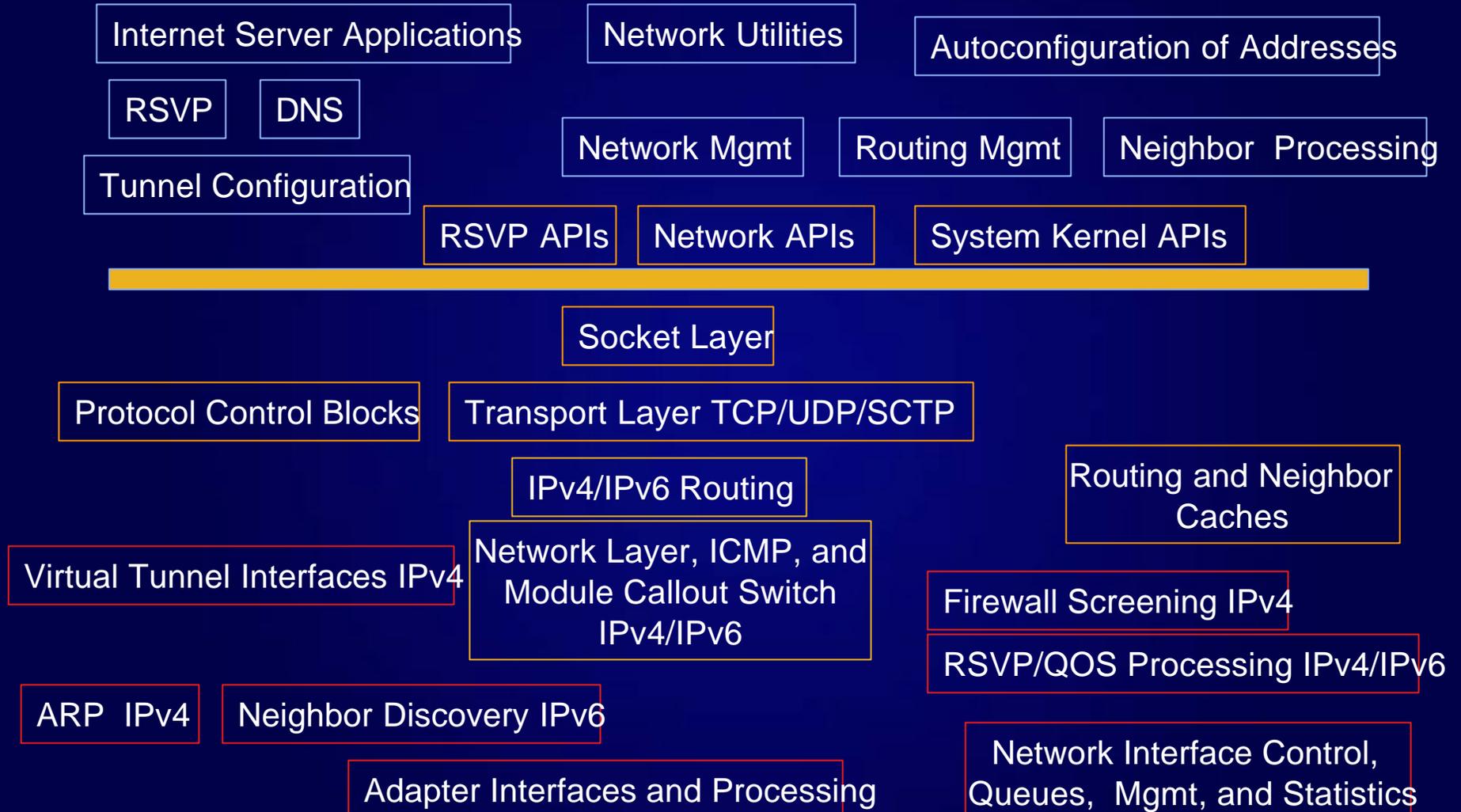
Removed



## IPv6 Header

40 octets, 8 fields  
+ Unlimited Chained Extension (options) Header

# What has happened to our beloved IP stack?



# IPv6 Wireless Advantages

- Extended Address Space
- Automatic Node Discovery on visited Network
- Stateless Address Configuration
- Extensions to support Mobile Networking, Routing, and Mobile Home Agent Router
- Dynamic Renumbering of Mobile Terminal on visited Network LAN
- Statefull Address and Parameters Configuration
- IPv6 in *shipping* Products today .....

# Mobile IP Evolution

# What's Driving IPv4 / IPv6 Mobility

- The Need
  - Continuous connectivity to moving systems
- Increasing numbers of systems are moving
  - Increasingly mobile work force
  - Increased need to remain “Connected”
  - Wireless communications technologies are becoming widely available
  - and many more...

Being Mobile is becoming NORMAL

# Today's World - Mobile IP Constraints

- The Internet world was designed for static connections
  - Mobile IP was designed with this reality
    - No modifications to existing routing infrastructure and protocols
    - Inter-operability with TCP/IP protocol suite
    - Good scaling properties

# Internet Principles

- IP address defines
  - “where the node is connected to”
- Established network session requires the following 4-tuple to be constant:
  - Source IP Address, Source Port Number, Destination IP Address and Destination Port Number

Changing any of these  
will cause the connection to be broken

# Mobile IP Challenge and Solution

- Mobile IP Challenge

- Host IP address must be retained regardless of “where the node is connected to”

BUT

- If the host moves retaining its IP address means routing will fail

- Mobile IP solves this problem by:

- Retaining its “home” IP address

AND

- Borrowing a “care-of address” on the subnet the node happens to be connected to.

# Mobile IP Terminology

“Care-of-Address”



“Mobile” Node  
“On the Road”

“Foreign network”

“Home Address”



“Mobile” Node  
“At Home”

“Home network”

- Mobile Node (MN)
  - Maybe “At Home” on “Home” network
    - Home Address when at home
  - Maybe “Away from Home” on a “Foreign” network
    - Care-of Address when connected to a “Foreign” link
- Correspondent Node (CN)
  - A node corresponding with Mobile Node



Correspondent  
Node

# Mobile IP Terminology - Agents, Bindings



“Foreign Agent” “Mobile” Node  
“On the Road”

“Foreign network”



“Home Agent” “Mobile” Node  
“At Home”

“Home network”

- Mobility Agents
  - Home Agent
  - Foreign Agent (v4 only)
- A “Binding”
  - Association (cached by other nodes) between
    - Home Address
    - Care-of Address

# Agents for Mobile IPv4



“Foreign Agent” “Mobile” Node  
“On the Road”

“Foreign network”



“Home Agent” “Mobile” Node  
“At Home”

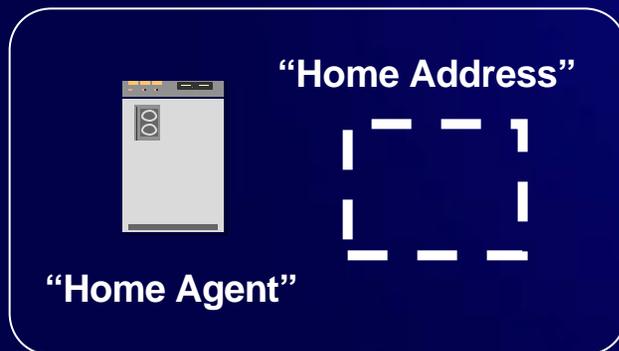
“Home network”

- Home Agent - A router on home network
  - Maintains current location information
    - Uses proxy and gratuitous ARP mechanisms
  - Tunnels packets to MN when not at home
- Foreign Agent – A router on Foreign network
  - Provides routing services to registered MN
  - De-capsulates and delivers packets to MN
- Agent Discovery (extension to ICMP router discovery)
  - Home Agents and Foreign Agents may advertise their availability
  - A newly arrived MN can send Agent Solicitation

# Obtaining an IPv4 Care-of-Address



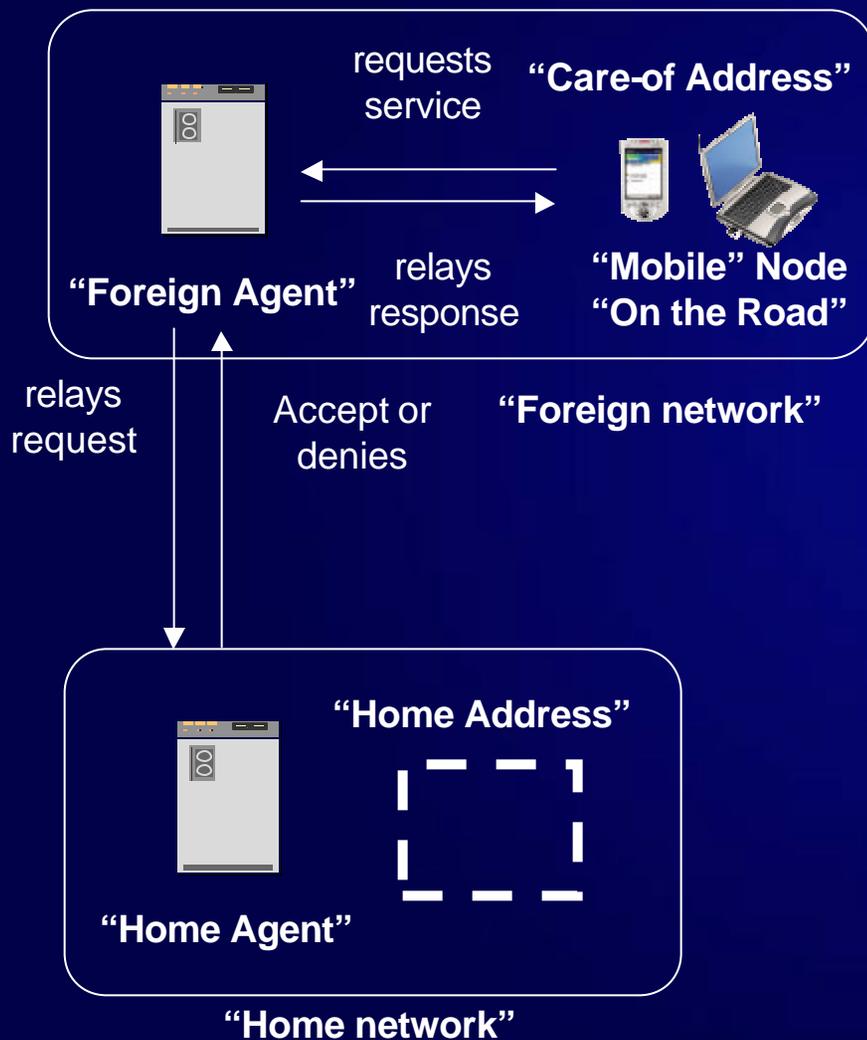
"Foreign network"



"Home network"

- Agents advertise their presence via Agent Advertisement messages
- MN receives Agent Advertisements and determines whether it is on its home network or a foreign network
- If on a foreign network, MN obtains a Care-of Address
  - Care-of Address can be determined from a foreign agent's advertisements (one of IP address of the Foreign Agent)
  - or by some external assignment such as DHCP

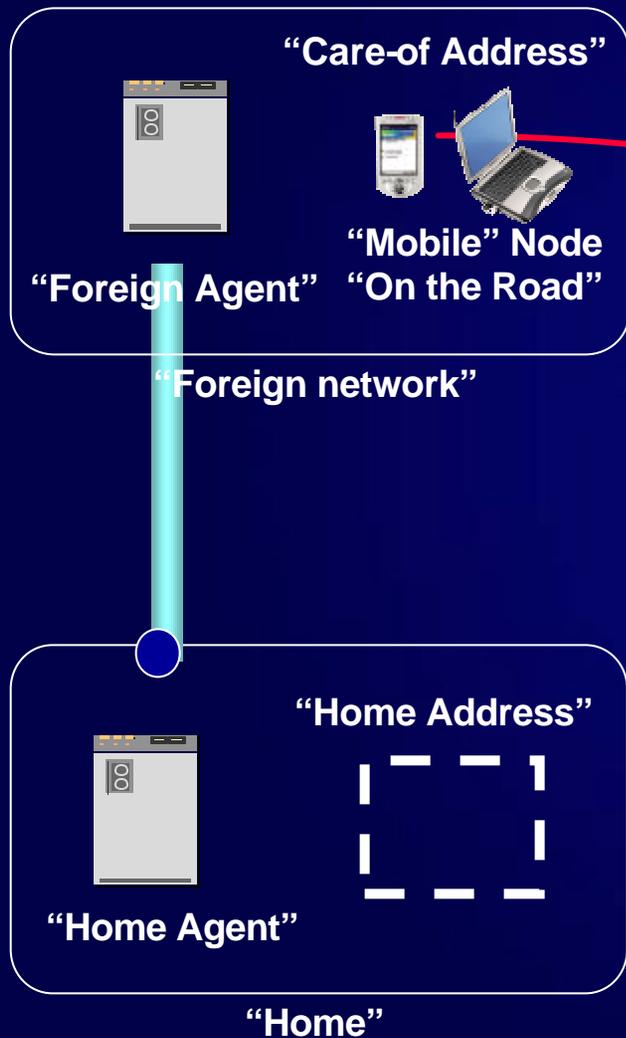
# Registration of an IPv4 Care-of Address



- MN registers its new Care-of Address with its Home Agent through exchange of a Registration Request and Registration Reply message

- Uses UDP (port 434)
- via (possibly) a Foreign Agent
- Authenticated with Mobile-Home Authentication Extension (statically configured mobility security association)

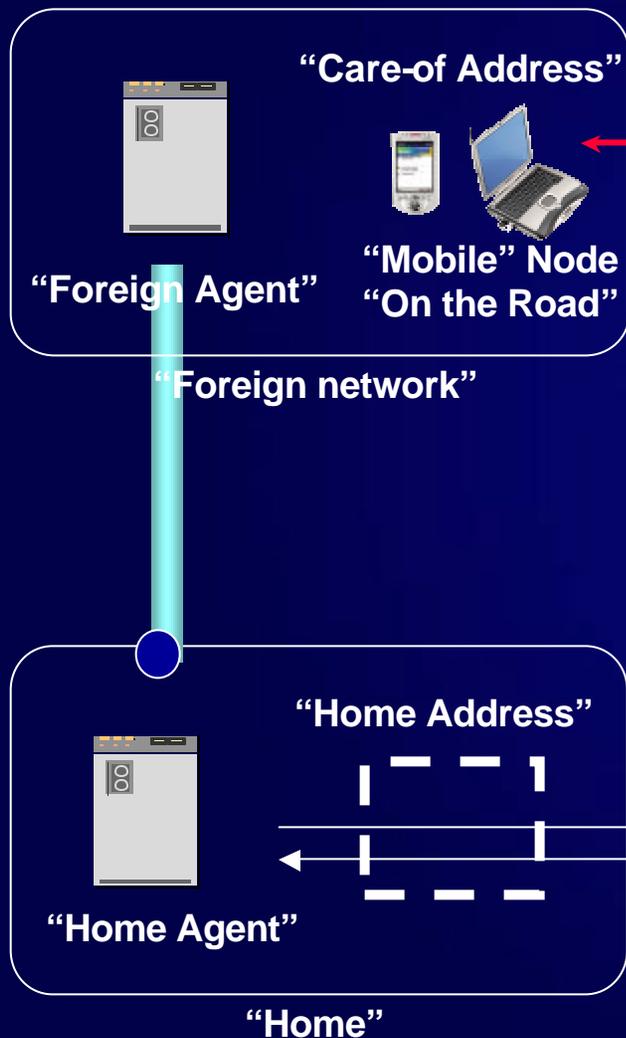
# Mobile IPv4 Communication with CN



- Packets sent to MN home address
  - Delivered to Home Network using standard IP routing
  - Intercepted by Home Agent
  - Encapsulated, delivered via tunnel to Care-of Address
- Packets sent from MN
  - Delivered to their destination using standard IP routing mechanisms
- Triangle (non-optimal) routing
  - Home Agent bottleneck
  - Increased network utilization



# Mobile IPv4 - Route Optimisation



- Allow correspondent hosts to know the care-of address of the mobile node
  - When a Home Agent intercepts a packet for a MN that is away, it sends a "binding update" message to the correspondent
- Correspondent then updates its binding cache and tunnels all future packets directly to the MN's Care-of Address



Requires modified correspondent, and security associations with home agents

## Mobile IPv4 issues

- Requires infrastructure deployment ahead of use
  - Home Agents, Foreign Agents
- Requires correspondents to be modified for route optimization
- Lack of sufficient number of IPv4 addresses to fully deploy necessary infrastructure

# Mobile IPv6

- Based on core features of IPv6
  - IPv6 was designed to support Mobility, not an “add-on”
    - IPv6 Header Structure
    - IPv6 Address Autoconfiguration
    - IPv6 Security
    - Tunnelling
  - All IPv6 networks are Mobile IPv6 ready
  - All IPv6 nodes are Mobile IPv6 ready

# Agent for Mobile IPv6



“Mobile” Node  
“On the Road”

“Foreign network”



“Home Agent”      “Mobile” Node  
                                 “At Home”

“Home network”

- Home Agent - A router on home network
  - Tunnels packets to MN when away from home
  - Maintains current location information for the MN
    - Uses Proxy and gratuitous neighbor discovery
- Dynamic Home Agent Discovery
  - Sends Home Agent Address Discovery Request message to the Mobile IPv6 Home Agent’s anycast address
  - One of the Home Agents responds to the MN with a Home Agent Address Discovery Reply message, giving a list of Home Agents

# Obtaining an IPv6 Care-of Address

“Care-of Address”



“Mobile” Node  
“On the Road”

“Foreign network”

“Home Address”



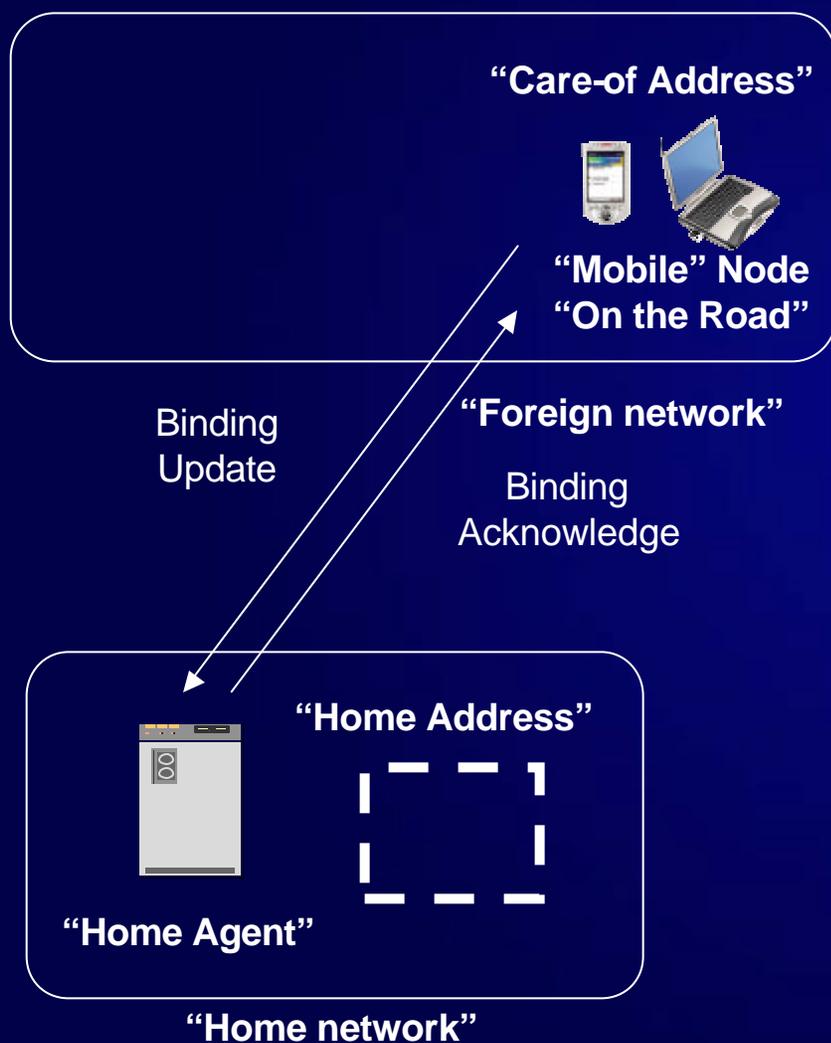
“Home Agent”



“Home network”

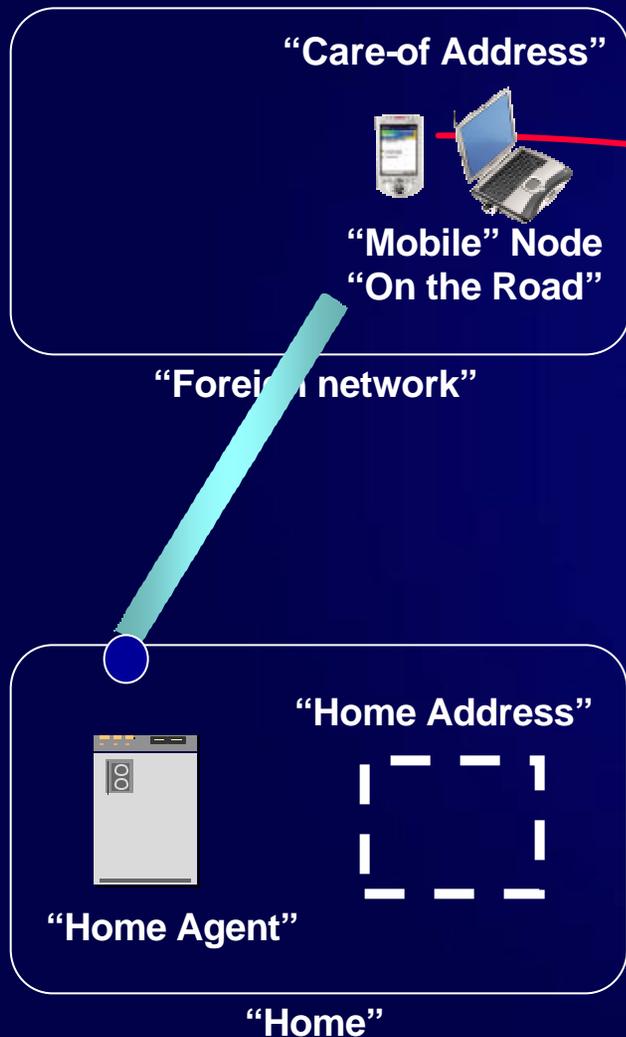
- When connected to a “Foreign Link”
  - A MN acquires its Care-of Address through normal IPv6 stateless or stateful Address Auto configuration and Neighbor Discovery
- No “Foreign Agent”
  - IPv6 Neighbor Discovery and Address Auto configuration allow hosts to operate in any location without any special support

# Registration of an IPv6 Care-of Address



- MN sends its new Care-of Address to its Home Agent (and others) through Binding Update messages
  - IPv6 options may be included in any IPv6 packet
  - Security via mechanism TBD

# Mobile IPv6 Communication with CN

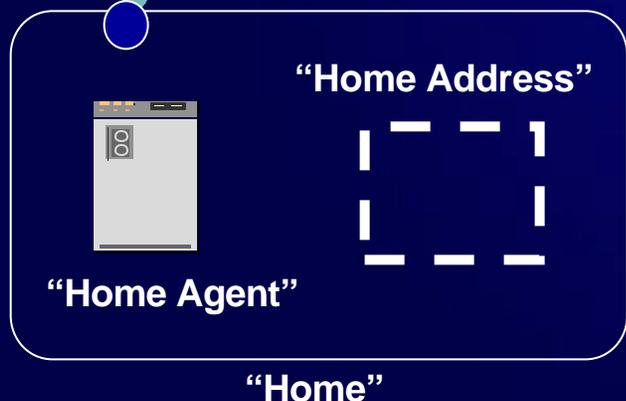
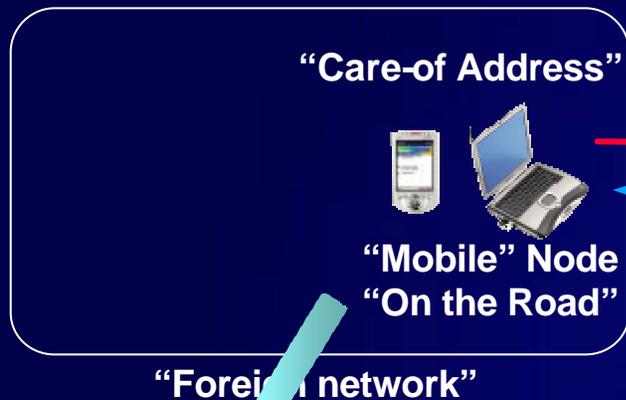


- Packets sent to MN home address
  - Delivered to Home Network using standard IP routing
  - Intercepted by Home Agent
  - Encapsulated, delivered via tunnel to Care-of Address
- Packets sent from MN
  - Source address is Care-of Address, Home Address carried in Home Address destination option header
  - Delivered to their destination using standard IP routing mechanisms

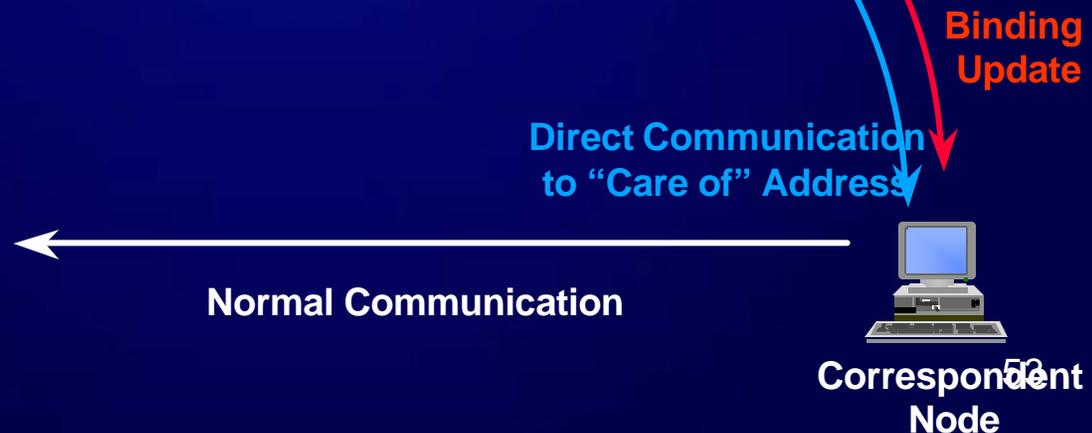


Correspondent Node

# Mobile IPv6 - Route Optimisation Built In



- Sends Binding Update to Correspondents
  - Packets may then be sent directly to Care-of Address using a Routing Header
  - Security IPsec/IKE and enhanced Key Management in Process
- Mobile Node has direct communication with Correspondent Nodes



## Mobile IPv6 vs. Mobile IPv4

- Fully integrated into the rest of IPv6
- Requires little infrastructure
  - No “Foreign Agent”
- No single point of failure (Home Agent)
- More Scalable : Better Performance
  - Less traffic through Home Link
  - Not dependent on one or two busy Home Agents
  - Traffic Optimisation - Less redirection / re-routing
- Relies on mandatory parts of the base protocols

# Mobile IP Node Handoff is the Complexity

- **Home Agent**
  - Acts as proxy for Mobile Node while away from Home
  - Tunnels packets from Correspondent Nodes to Mobile Node
  - Keeps location of Mobile Node as it moves
  - Forwards Home Network configuration to the Mobile Node
- **Correspondent Node**
  - Point of Services for the Mobile Node
  - Understands how to communicate to the Mobile Node
    - Directly through Route Optimizations
    - Indirectly through the Mobile Nodes' Home Agent
- **Mobile Node**
  - Usually a client that moves between Wireless Cells or Access Points
  - Maintain knowledge of Home Agent and Correspondent Nodes

# Macro and Localized Mobility Management

- **Macro Mobility**
  - **Communications from the Mobile Node to the Home Agent Node**
  - **Communications from the Mobile Node to the Correspondent Node**
  - **Communications from the Correspondent Node to Home Agent**
  - **Communications update for Mobile, Home Agent, and Correspondent**
- **Localized Mobility Management**
  - **Communications to address Mobile Terminal Movement**
    - **Fast Handoff (reduce packet delay)**
    - **Smooth Handoff (reduce packet loss)**
    - **Seamless Handoff == Fast+Smooth**
  - **Communications to handle Context Transfer**
    - **Buffer packets during movement detection**
    - **Forwarding packets after movement completed**

# Mobile IPv6 Advantages

- **Large Address Space**
  - Can support billions of Mobile Devices
  - Distributed hierarchy with NAT won't work and not deployed
- **Automatic Link Configuration**
  - Neighbor Discovery on home and visited networks
  - Stateless and Statefull Address Configuration
- **Destination Options removes need for signal and user plane**
  - Binding Updates to identify location
  - Registration Updates to identify movement
- **Routing is Optimized because of Binding Updates**

# Mobile IPv6 continued Evolution

- Seamless Handoffs
- Header Compression
- Authentication, Accounting, and Authorization (AAA)
- Enhancements to Transport Layer Protocols
- Quality of Service (QOS)
- Local Mobility Management
- Mobile Ad-Hoc Networking

# The Future: Wireless and Wireline Integrated

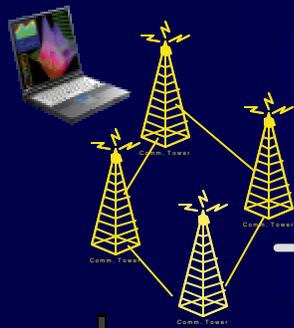
# Full Seamless IP Wireless to the Internet

- IPv6 will be Mandatory for full Evolution to the Internet
- Radio Access Network parts will become IP Access Routers and Gateways
- Mobile IPv6 will be the architecture for Handoffs and to access Location Based Services
- Local Mobility Agents will distribute the processing of Wireless Handoffs and Integration of Wireless to Wireline access
- AAA will become the prime security, billing, and subscriber database infrastructure

# Full Seamless IP Wireless Services

Subscriber, Policy, AAA,  
and Security Services

Wireless Nodes



Base Stations

Local Mobility Manager

Regional Mobility Access Manager/Router

IPv6 Access Router

Internet Core/Edge

Voice, Video, and Gaming Services

Server Content and Gateway Services

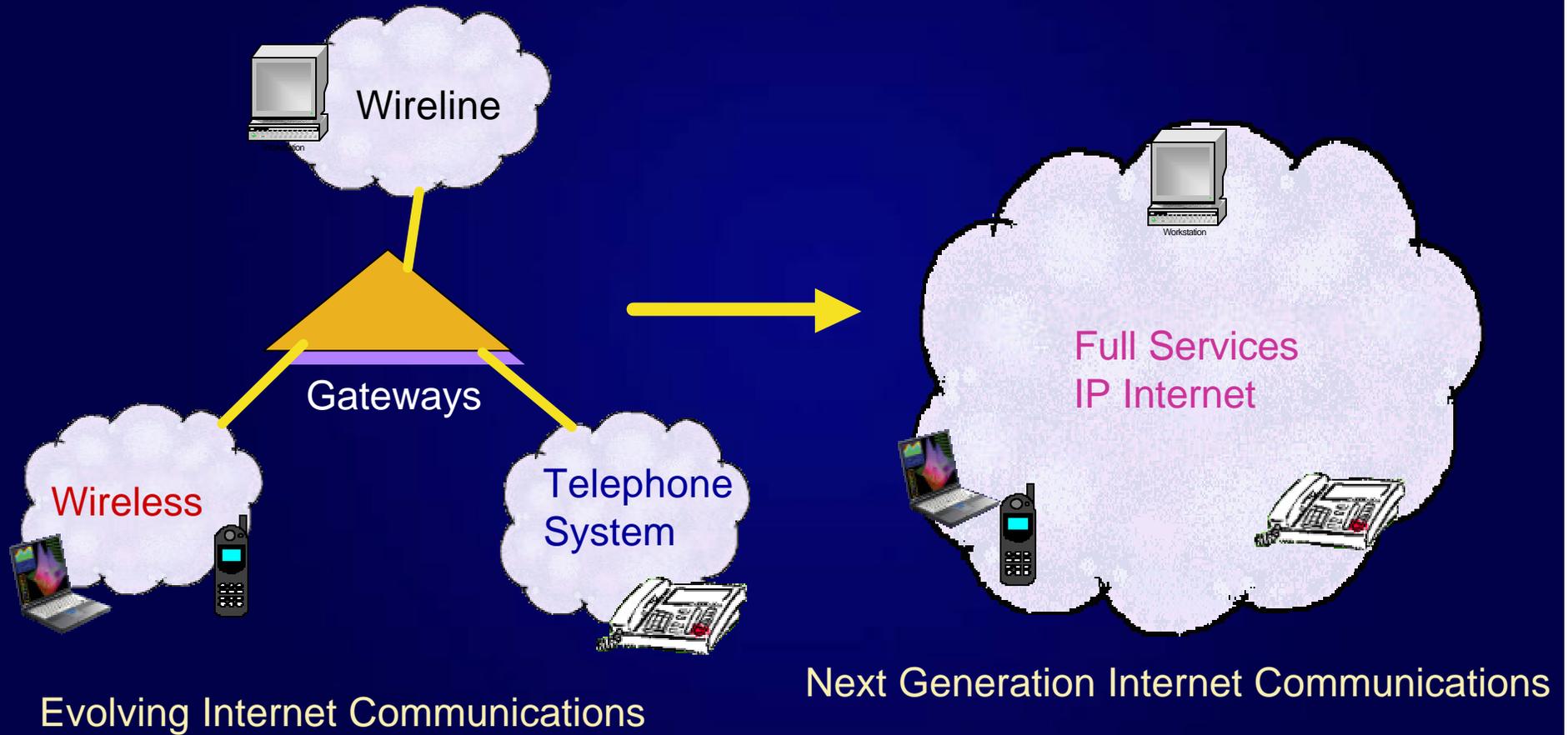
Other ISP Services

———— IPv6 Internet Plane

# The Benefits of this Evolution

- Internet End-2-End Model is restored
  - NAT is not required
  - Tunnels are not required
  - **\*\*New\*\*** End-2-End Applications can now evolve again
  - Internet Access will be pervasive and cheaper for underdeveloped nations and the have-nots in the world
- Internet End-2-End Security is restored
  - Security is between you and your ISP and your peer on the network
- Complexity is reduced by removing the signal planes from previous Wireless and Telephone network protocols
- Seamless mobile computing on the Internet is achieved because of IPv6 and Mobile IPv6 Routing
- Wireline, Wireless, and Telephone System is integrated and manageable as a single network domain

# The Internet Evolution



Thank You  
Questions??