

# PMIPv6 based 3GPP/WLAN inter-working MAEMO support challenges

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# Overview: 3GPP PMIPv6 based service continuity when moving between cellular and WiFi



#### Main Tasks

- Develop N900 and/or Linux laptop PC device support for PMIPv6 based mobility between 3GPP/WiFi
- ANDSF + automatic switching between 3GPP/WiFi
  - Develop ANDSF (Access Network Discovery and Selection Function) type of functionality for Linux laptop PC
- We conducted preliminary research on offload in 3GPP/WLAN networks

- "How does PMIPv6 perform?"

### Research Goal

- Study offload in heterogeneous MANETs consisting of 3GPP and WLAN nodes
- Seamless: Connectivity → max (Offload time → min)
- Resource-friendly:
  - $\mbox{-} Extra bandwidth utilization <math display="inline">\rightarrow min$
  - Base stations' load  $\rightarrow$  min

## What Has Been Done

- There are various protocols. 3GPP supports MIPv4 in FA mode, PMIPv6, DSMIPv6
- We evaluated performance of PMIPv6 protocol in simulation
- *Crude* simplifications:
  - Only WLAN nodes
  - No base stations (flat routing)
  - UDP-based client-server

## How It Works: PMIPv6

MN

MAG

LMA

CN

Mobile Node: moves from one network to another. Connects to CN (Correspondent Node)

**Mobile Access Gateway**: provides network access to MN. Informs LMA of MN's position.

**Local Mobility Anchor**: keeps information about MN's location and its current MAG. Tunnels packets sent to MN through appropriate MAG.

**Correspondent Node**: Provides services MN connects to.

### Seamlessness

- In our simulation, we found offload time to be rather small (0.1..0.3 s)
- This could be improved by employing Smart Buffering[3] (detecting MAG switch, caching unsent packets to MN on the old MAG, and re-sending them to the new MAG when it has been established)
  - Possible area of research

## Simulation Setup: Tools

- Simulator: ns-2.33[1] patched to support PMIPv6 (patch[2] reworked from 2.29)
- Visualizer: iNSpect 4.0b3 [4]
- Grapher: xgraph

# Simulation Setup: Topology



# Simulation Setup: Timing & Movement

- Simulation lasts 100.0 s
- MN moves  $W \leftrightarrow E$ , v = 5 m/s
- Handoff takes place twice, at 50.0 s and 63.0 s
- We take samples of MN link throughput (Kbits sent to CN) every 0.1 s

# Simulation Setup: Traffic

- Correspondent Node was a UDP constant-bitrate server
- Bitrate: 1 Mbit/s
- Packet size: 1 KB
- Mobile Node was a UDP constant-bitrate client

## Simulation Results

- Performance of PMIPv6 is good
  - Reduces handoff times from 2..12 s to
     0.1..0.3 s
- Peak throughput of MN with PMIPv6 and without it is same (see next slide)
  - Implies effectiveness of PMIPv6 link-layer optimizations?

### Results: Bandwidth



### Further Research

- PMIPv6 + other handoff
   protocols (e.g. MIPv4)
- Introducing 3GPP nodes into the model

–Study effectiveness of 3GPP TS23.402 procedures for handover



### We are currently starting FRUCT project for PMIPv6 support on MAEMO

### Questions & Answers

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