

# **3GPP Core Network migration towards the Evolved Packet Core**

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Outline



#### 3GPP Core Network, Rel-8 – Rel-10

#### Network optimised for IP traffic

#### Voice over both CS and PS

#### Future plans, Rel-11 and beyond



### **EPS** architecture







# Network Architecture Evolution





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# **EPS Core Network key-points**



- Flat Packet Switch (PS) only architecture, two network nodes for control plane
- Security mechanisms to facilitate various traffic cases
- GTP and PMIP roaming interfaces (S5/S8)
- Optimised interworking with legacy cellular systems
- Various ways to combine or split traffic off at various points
- Advanced policy-functions in network as well as in terminals
- Interworking with non-3GPP access technologies
- Facilitate mobile as well as fixed networks



# Network optimised for IP traffic



- Dual-stack IPv4/6 connectivity
- Terminals as well as network can influence the QoS
- Operators can influence the selection of access by ANDSF
- Various ways to combine or split traffic off at various points
  - Local IP Access (LIPA)
  - Selective IP Traffic Offloading (SIPTO)
  - WLAN offloading
  - Multiple PDN Connections to Same APN (MUPSAP)
- CS traffic is still supported ...



logical connection for mobile operator IP traffic scope of Local IP access

### Local IP Access (LIPA)



LIPA is primarily for end user's benefit, to allow access to local residential or corporate network through a 3GPP device



- LIPA provides access for IP capable UEs that are connected via a H(e)NB subsystem to other IP capable entities in the same residential/ enterprise IP network.
- Simultaneous access from a UE to the mobile operator's core network and Local IP Access to a residential/enterprise IP network will be supported.

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# Selective IP Traffic Offloading (SIPTO)



- Optimising "cost per bit" is becoming essential in the "flat rate" era
- SIPTO is a specific routing scenario within the operator's network, allowing selective offloading of the traffic away from the Evolved Packet Core network
- SIPTO benefits the cellular operator and it is transparent for the end user
- SIPTO is intended for allowing cost optimized handling of the internet traffic that is not intended for the operator's core network
- Local GW is selected for the traffic to be offloaded





## WLAN Offloading



- WLAN offloading refers to the dual radio scenario where part of the traffic is routed via WLAN access and part via 3GPP access
- WLAN offloading covers both the scenario where the traffic via WLAN radio is anchored in the EPC (i.e., seamless offloading) and the scenario where it is not anchored (i.e., non-seamless offloading)
- Access Network Discovery and Selection Function (ANDSF) is there to provide the UE with the access network discovery information and the policy on how to use the available access networks





Voice over both CS and PS the LTE voice solution



- CS and PS voice service capabilities
- CS and PS voice service architecture
- Multimedia telephony (MMTEL)
- ♠ CS FallBack (CSFB)
- Single Radio Voice Call Continuity (SRVCC)
- Emergency calls in LTE



# CS and PS voice service architecture







## CS Fallback in EPS



#### Application of CSFB:

- CS capable device camping on LTE cell can establish/receive CS services
- Reuse of existing CS infrastructure for voice service until IMS VoIP is deployed
- Provide voice roaming support with LTE
- Can support emergency calls using existing CS infrastructure
- SMS can be delivered to the UE without redirecting to CS Domain
- After CS service the UE returns to LTE, depending on coverage and policy





# Single Radio Voice Call Continuity



#### SRVCC use case: ล

- IMS call initiated in LTE can continue in CS domain after moving outside of LTE coverage area
- SRVCC is invoked if no other VoIP • capable PS system (HSPA/eHRPD) is available for VoIP PS-PS HO HSS
- Requires overlapping with GSM/WCDMA/1xRTT coverage

#### SRVCC improvements:

- Mid-call services (like HOLD & MPTY) ٠
- emergency calls ٠
- video calls





Future plans, Rel-11 and beyond thoughts & opportunities

Multiple accesses

- Multiple technologies
- Network sharing
- National roaming
- Deployment scenario aspects



# **Deployment scenario aspects**



ITE can co-exist alongside other technologies in multiple configurations

- Evolutionary approach to upgrade of networks and migration from 2G/3G networks
- LTE overlapping with 2G/3G, data only
  - Saturation of fixed internet subscriptions and growth of mobile subscriptions requires faster mobile connections
  - Decline of fixed subscribers and growth of mobile internet subscribers
- LTE with speech and multimedia support
  - Voice and Multimedia solution for LTE is IMS
  - Rel-9 supports full speech call service in IMS
  - GSMA has published a global solution for VoLTE
  - Regulatory emergency call and public warning system PWS support
  - Comprehensive set of supplementary services over IMS
- Re-farming of 2G/3G legacy frequencies for LTE use
  - Requires voice call continuity between 2G/3G and LTE in both directions
- Femto-cells implemented in 3GPP via Home Cells (NodeB and eNodeB)







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