Media-Independent Pre-Authentication

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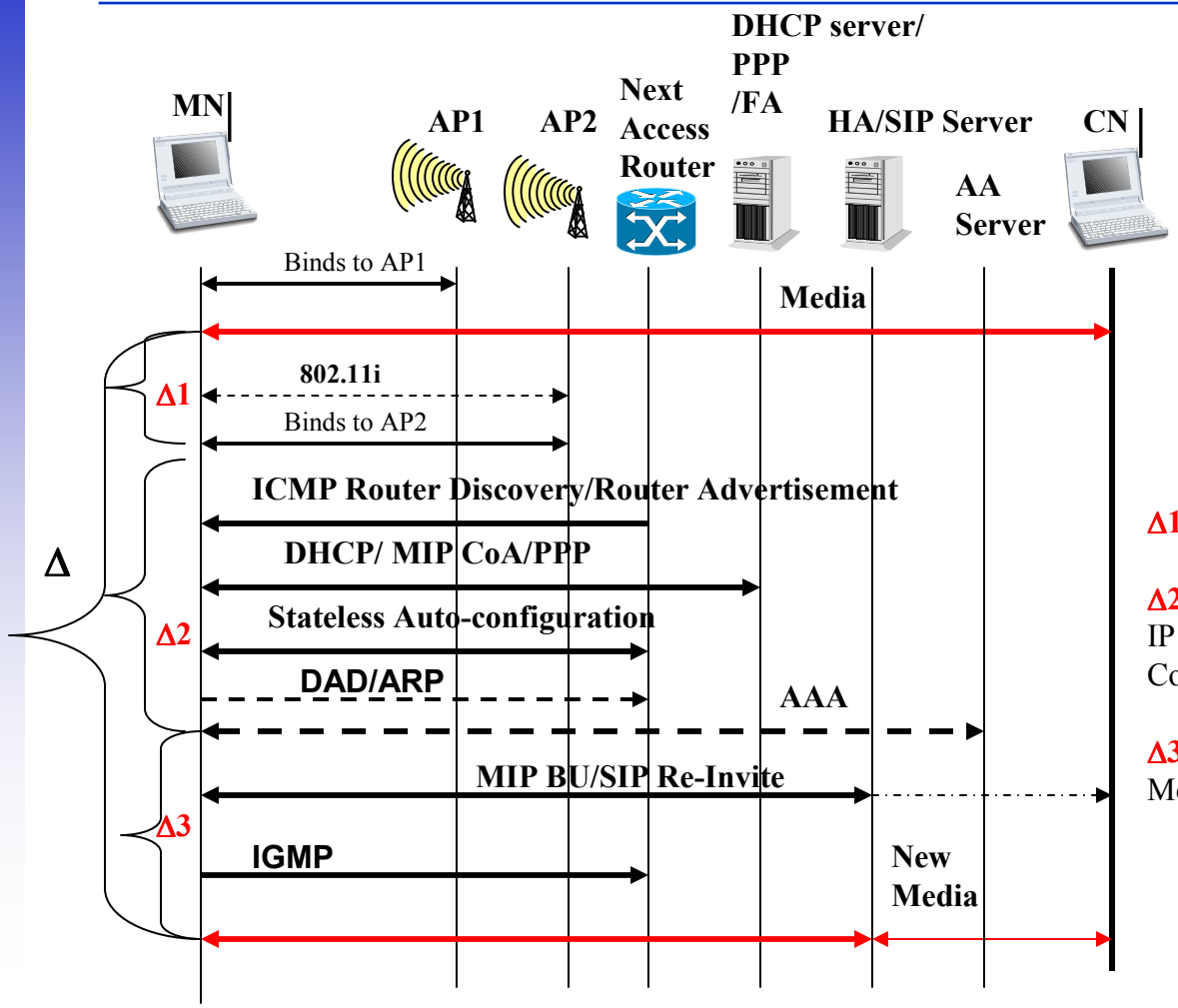
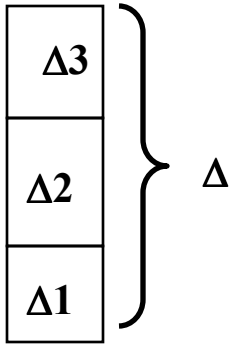
Motivation

- It is desirable to limit the jitter, delay and packet loss for real-time and non-real-time traffic
  - e.g.,150 ms end-to-end delay for interactive traffic such as VoIP, 2% packet loss is allowed
- Delay due to handoff takes place at several layers
  - Layer 2 (handoff between AP)
  - Layer 3 (IP address acquisition, Configuration, Authentication, Authorization)
  - Binding Update, Media Redirection
- Rapid handoff will contribute to overall delay and packet loss
- Thus it is essential to reduce the handoff delay introduced at different layers
- We propose a fast-handoff mechanism to reduce the handoff-delay and packet loss

Handoff Latency





Δ1- L2 Hand-over Latency Delay

Δ2 – Delay due to
IP Address Acquisition and
Configuration, authentication, authorization

Δ3 – Binding update and
Media Redirection delay

Problem in Mobility Management Protocols

- Problem 1 (performance): Operations for updating higher-layer context (i.e., IP address acquisition, mobility binding update, authentication etc.) occur after link-layer handover
  - Processing and/or signaling delay for each operation accumulates
  - Longer packet loss period due to handoff delay
  - No solutions exist for single-interface host
- Problem 2 (security): Existing mobility optimization mechanisms do not provide secure handover signaling especially for roaming cases
  - A secure mobility optimization mechanism that is tied with AAA (Authentication, Authorization and Accounting) and can deal with inter-subnet and inter-domain handover is needed
- Problem 3 (applicability): Existing mobility optimization mechanisms are tightly coupled with particular mobility management protocols
  - FMIPv6 and HMIP are defined for Mobile IPv6 only
  - A mobility optimization mechanism that is applicable to any mobility management protocol is needed

Mobility Optimization - Related Work

- Cellular IP, HAWAII - Micro Mobility
- MIP-Regional Registration, Mobile-IP low latency, IDMP
- HMIPv6, FMIPv6 (IPv6)
- Yokota et al - Link Layer Assisted handoff
- Shin et al, Velayos et al - Layer 2 delay reduction
- Gwon et al, - Tunneling between FAs, Enhanced Forwarding PAR
- SIP-Fast Handoff - Application layer mobility optimization
- DHCP Rapid-Commit, Optimized DAD - Faster IP address acquisition

Media-independent Pre-Authentication (MPA)

- MPA is:
  - a mobile-assisted higher-layer authentication, authorization and handover scheme that is performed prior to establishing L2 connectivity to a network where mobile may move in near future
- MPA provides a secure and seamless mobility optimization that works for
  - Inter-subnet handoff
  - Inter-domain handoff
  - Inter-technology handoff
    - Use of multiple interfaces
- MPA works with any mobility management protocol
  - MIP(v4,v6), SIPMM etc.

Functional Components of MPA

1) Pre-authentication/authorization

- Used for establishing a security association (SA) between the mobile and a network to which the mobile **may** move
- L2 pre-authentication can also be enabled based on the established SA

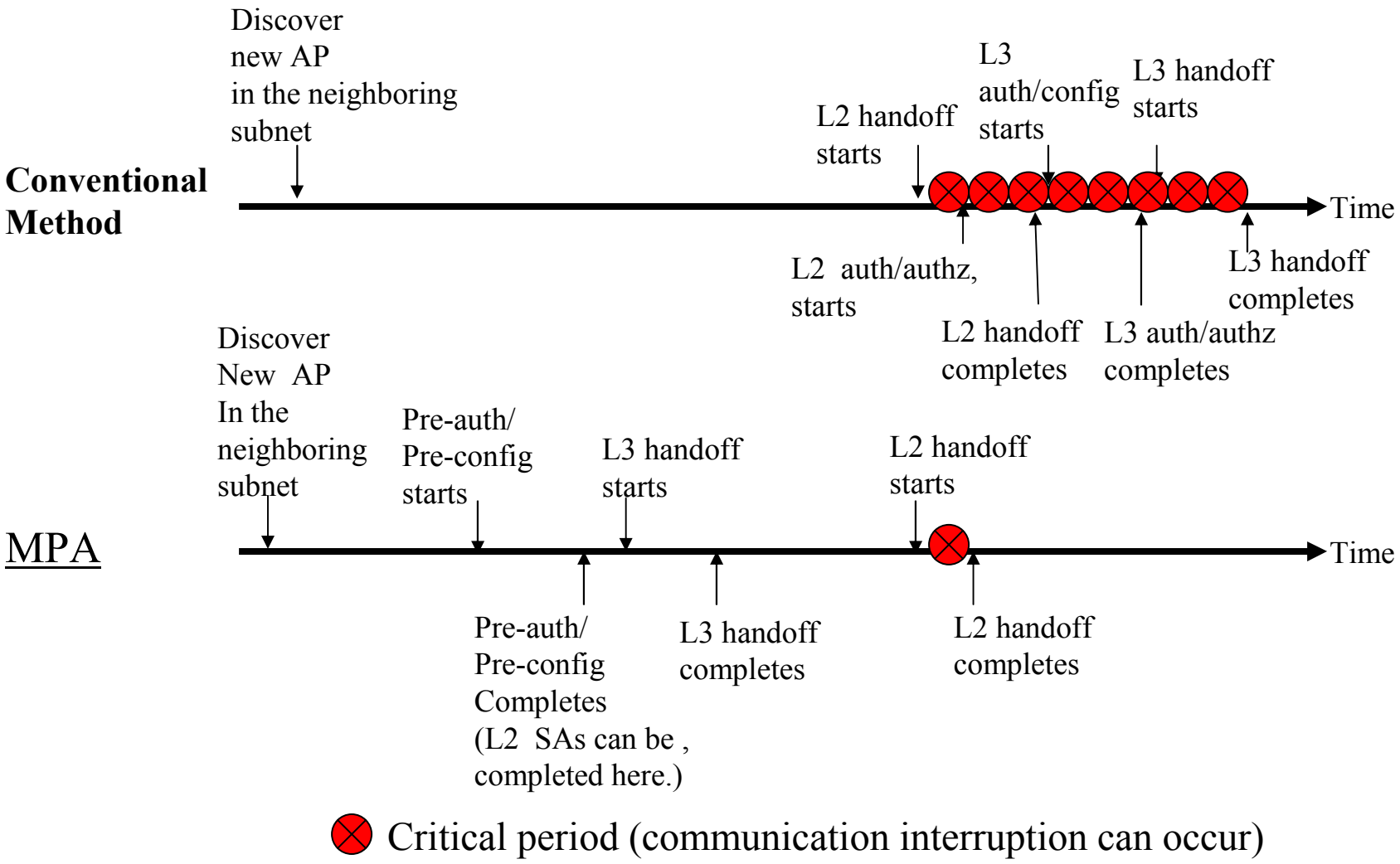
2) Pre-configuration

- Used for establishing contexts specific to the network to which the mobile **may** move (e.g., nCoA)
- The SA created in (1) are used to perform secured configuration procedure

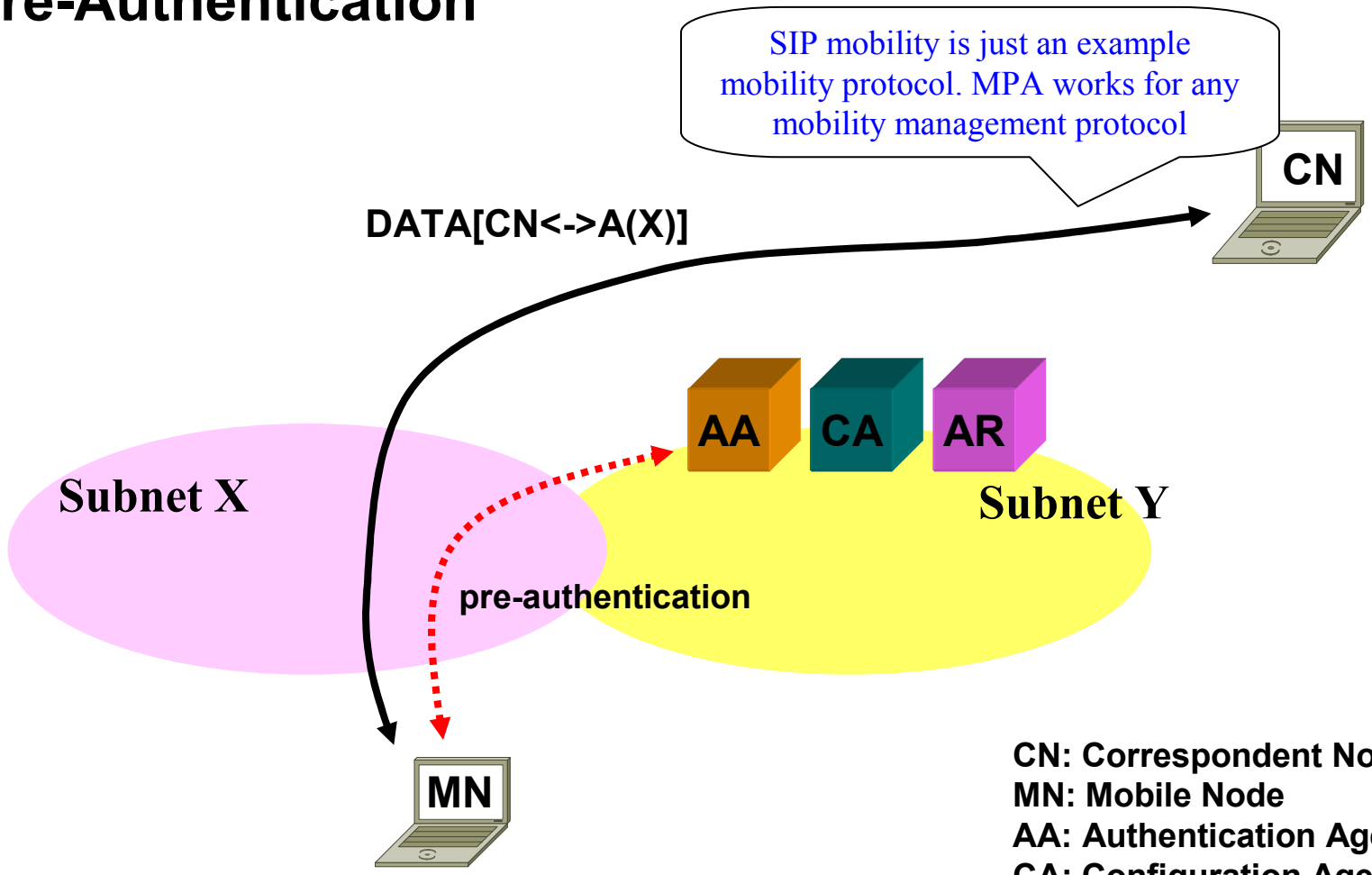
3) Secured Proactive Handover

- Used for sending/receiving IP packets based on the pre-authorized contexts by using the contexts of the current network

Expected Result during handoff



Pre-Authentication



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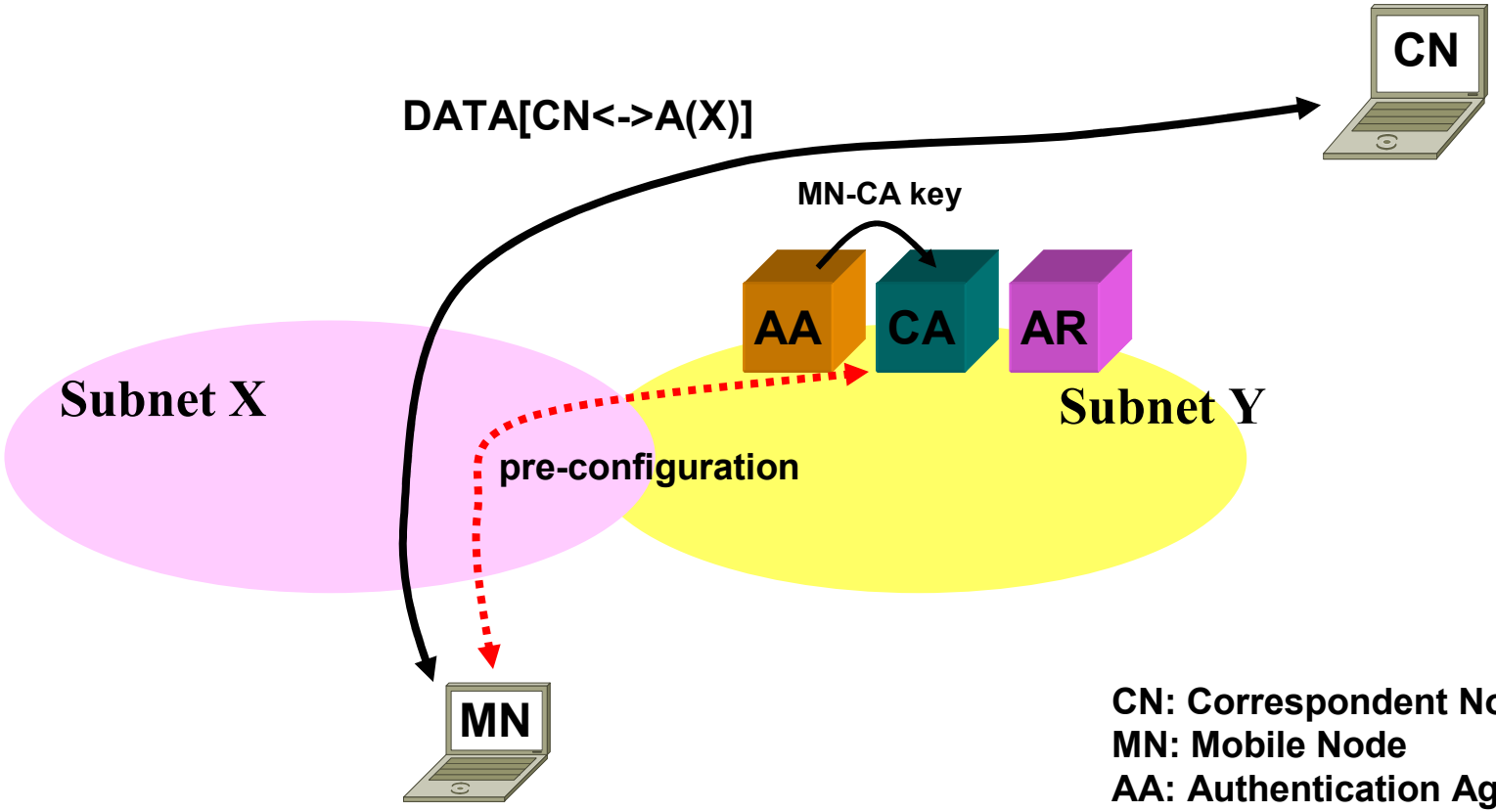
MN: Mobile Node
AA: Authentication Agent
CA: Configuration Agent
AR: Access Router

Pre-configuration



IP address: A(X)
Current subnet: X
Status: Pre-authentication done
Action: pre-configuration

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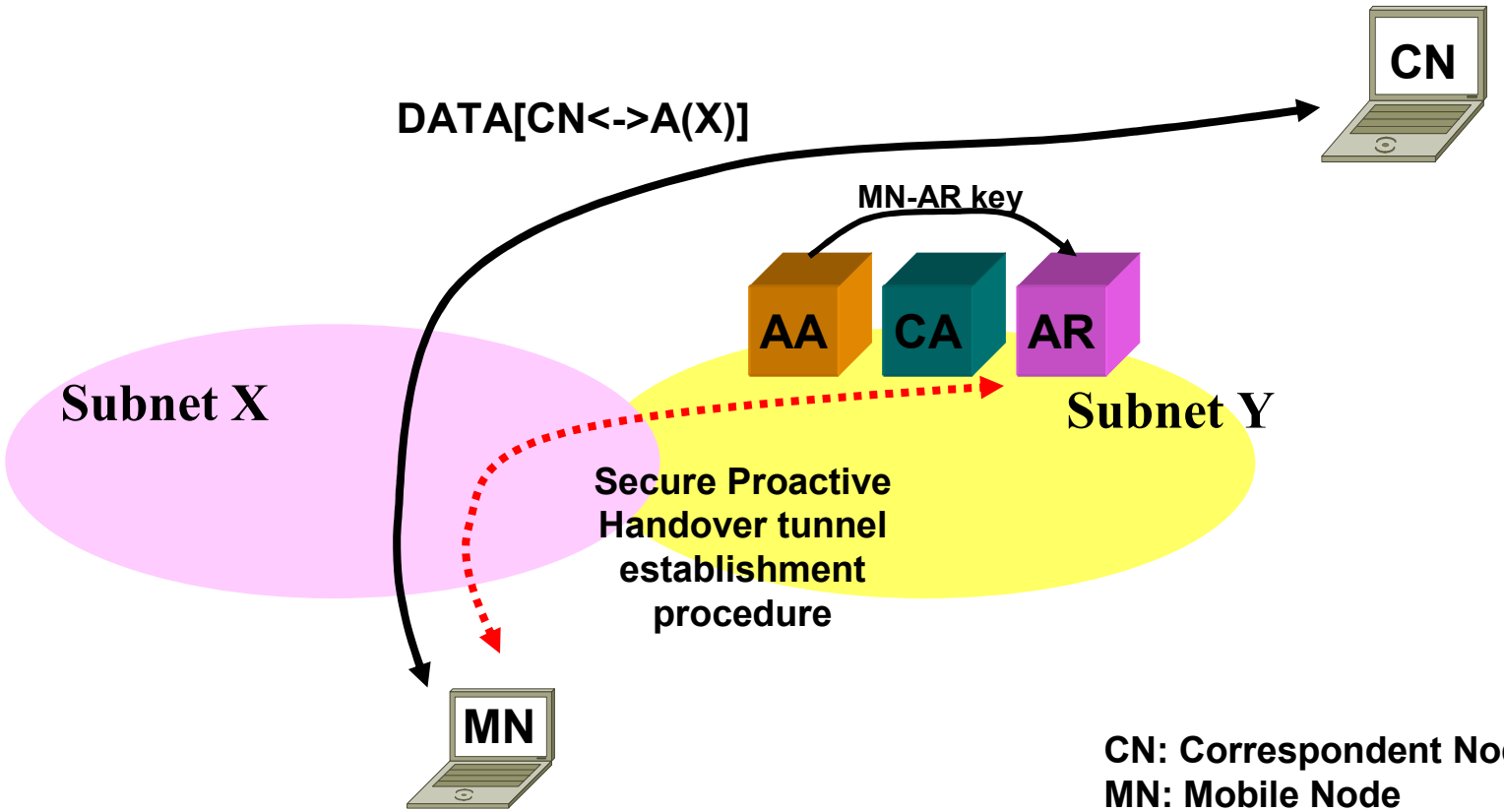
Pre-Configuration (Cont.)



IP address: A(X), A(Y)
Current subnet: X
Status: Pre-configuration done
Action: SPH Initiation

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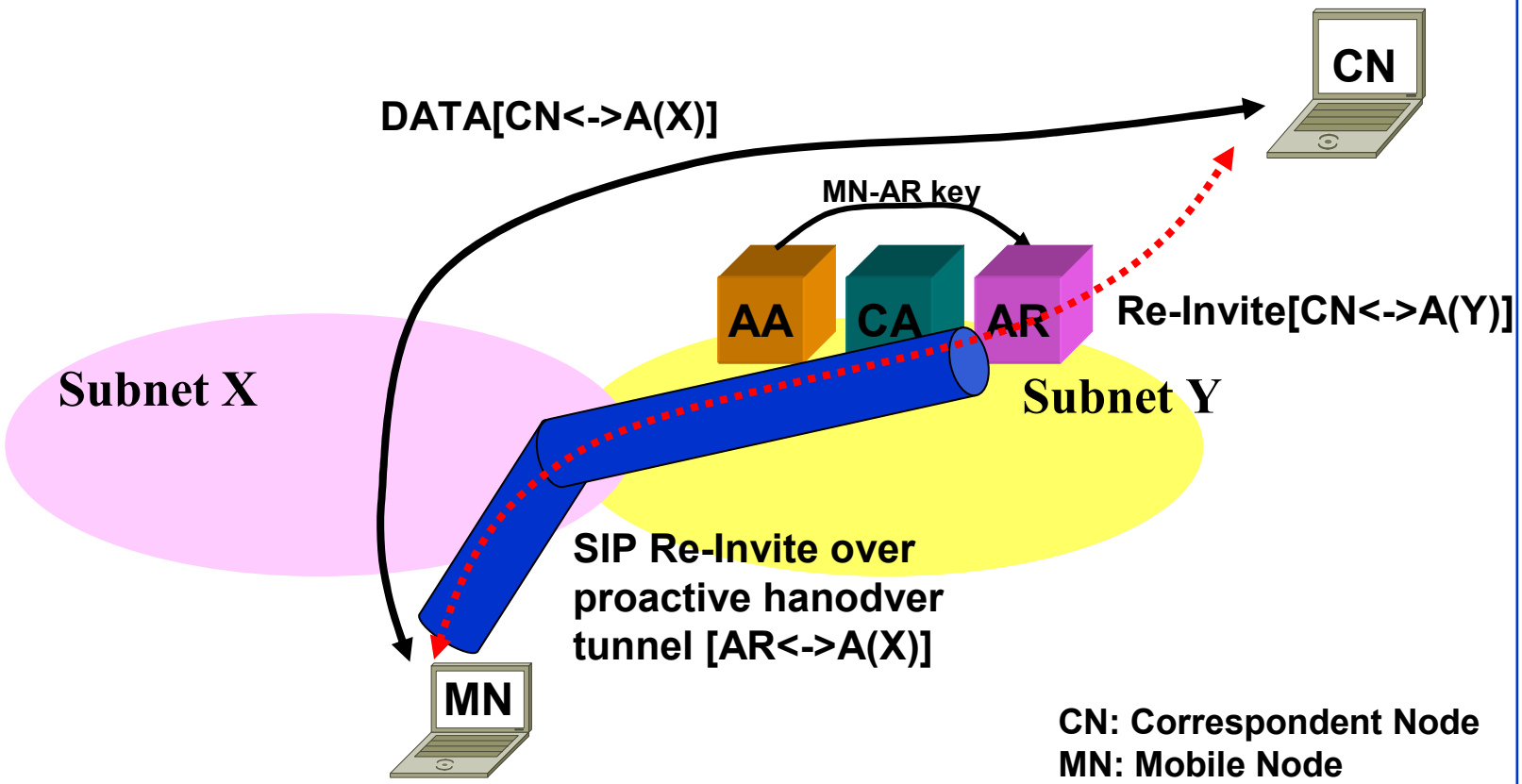
AR: Access Router

Secured Proactive Handover: Main Phase



IP address: A(X), A(Y)
Current subnet: X
Status: PH tunnel established
Action: SIP Re-Invite

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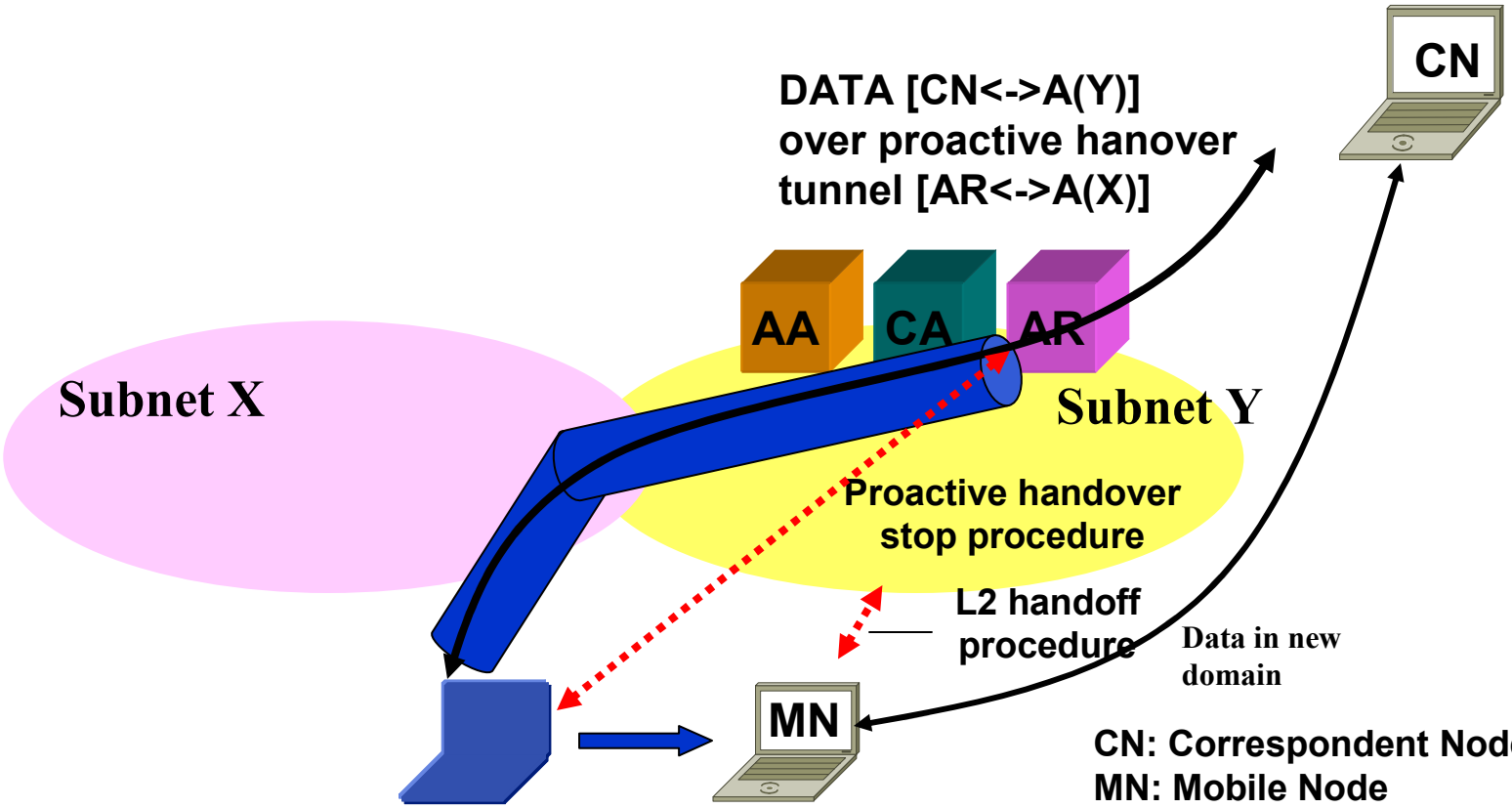
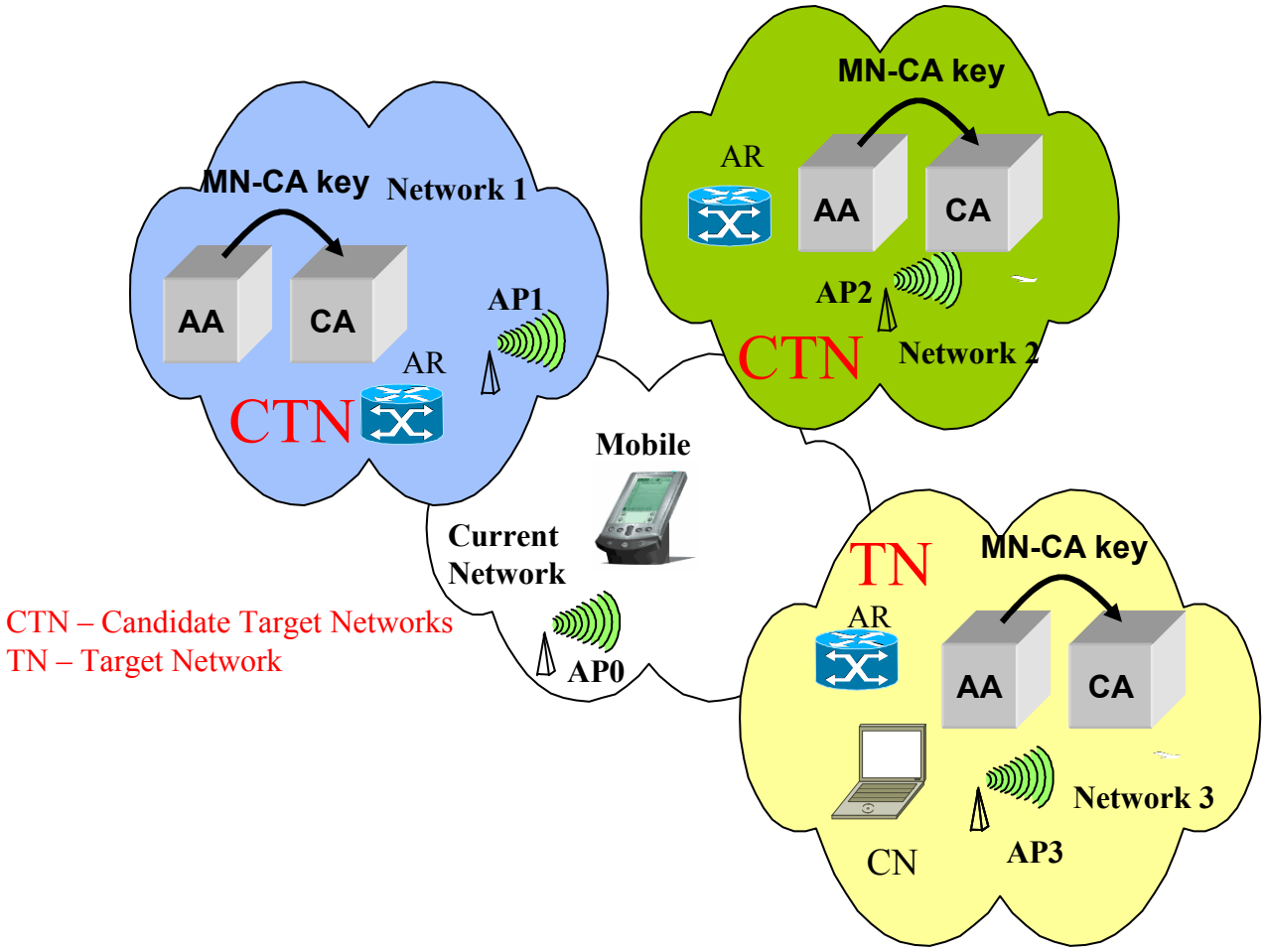
Secured Proactive Handover: Completion



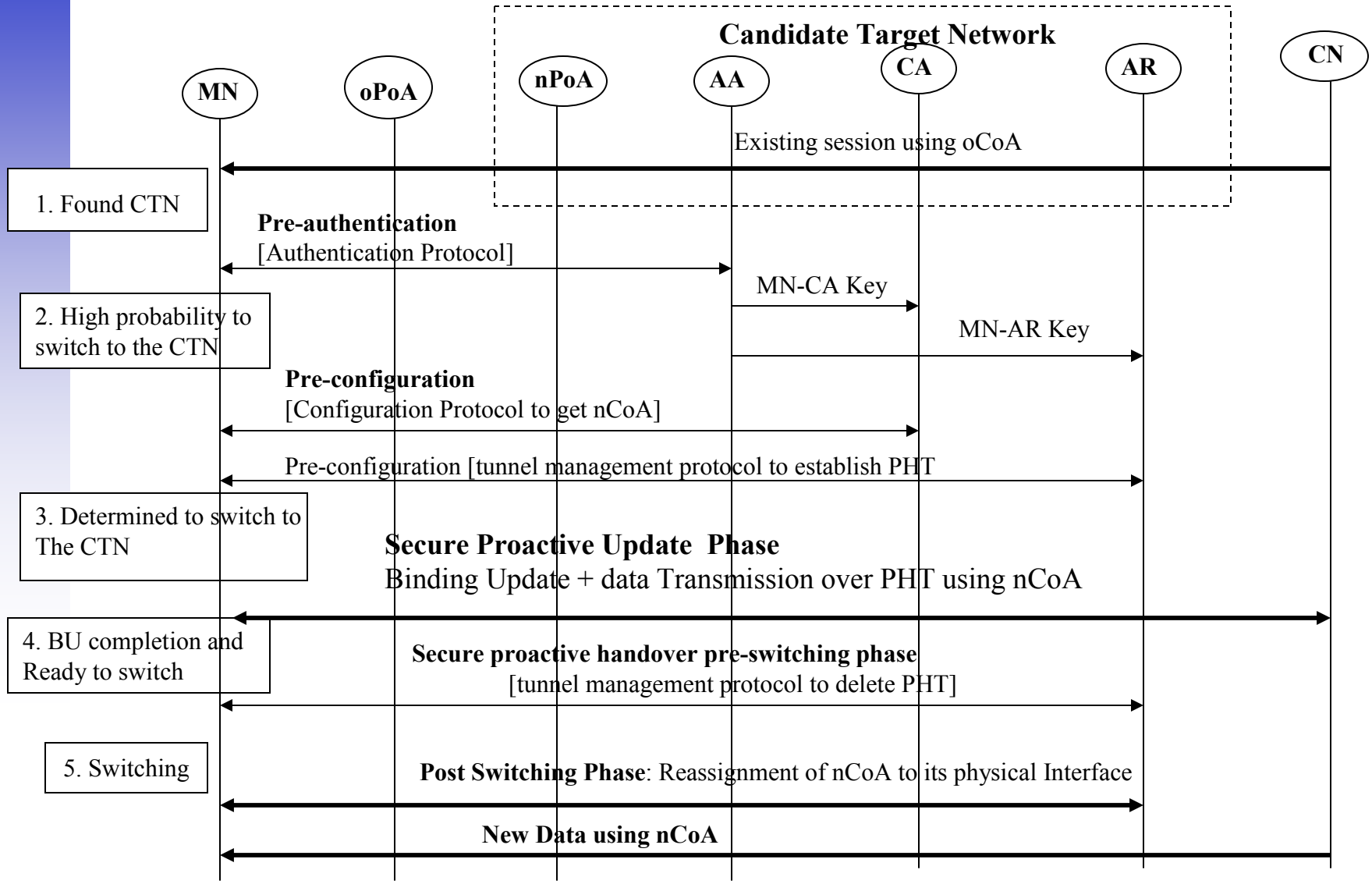
IP address: A(X), A(Y)
Current subnet: X
Status: SIP Re-Invite done
Action: PH Completion

Mobile-assisted Seamless Handoff (a scenario)



Information Service (e.g.,802.21) mechanism can help locate the neighboring network elements in the candidate target networks (CTN)

MPA Communication Flow



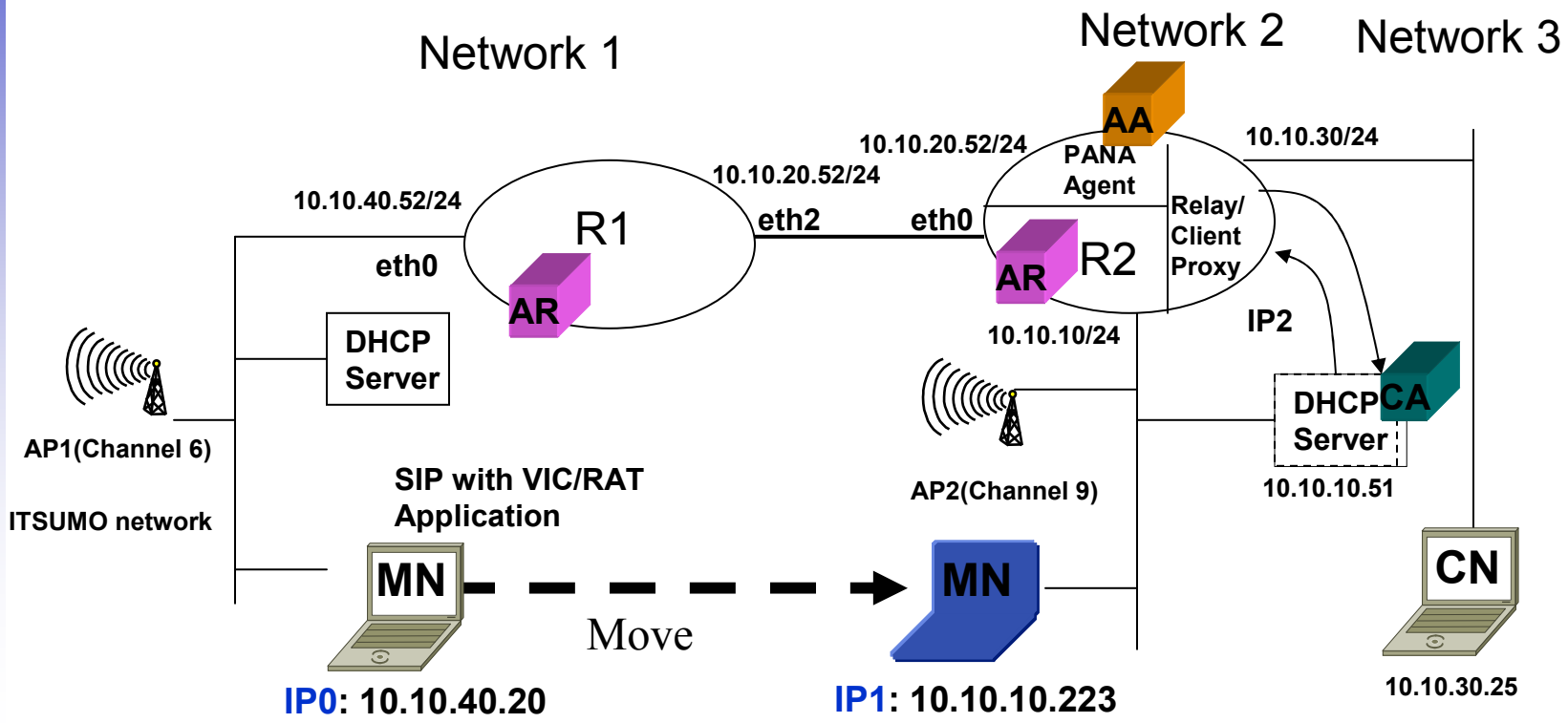
MPA Optimization Issues

- Network Discovery
  - Discover the neighboring network elements (e.g., Routers, APs, Authentication Agents)
  - 802.21 (Information Service), 802.11u, WIEN SG, CARD, DNS/SLP
- Proactive IP Address Acquisition
- Proactive Duplicate IP address Detection
- Proactive Address Resolution
- Proactive Tunnel Management
- Proactive Mobility Binding Update
- Bootstrap Link-layer Security in CTN using L3 Pre-authentication

Protocol Set for the MPA demonstration

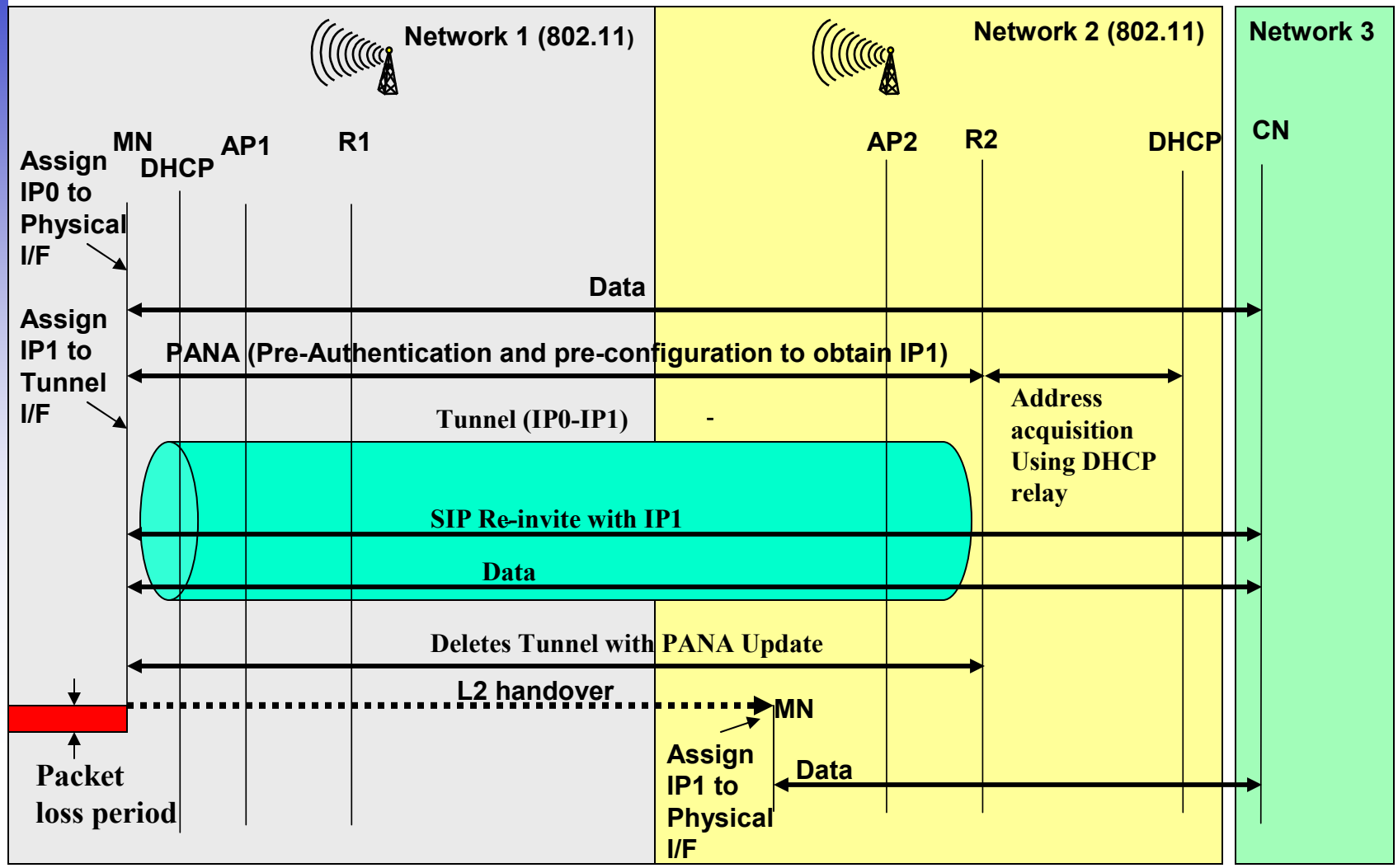
Pre-authentication protocol	PANA
Pre-configuration protocol	PANA, DHCP Relay
Proactive handover tunneling protocol	IP-in-IP
Proactive handover tunnel management protocol	PANA
Mobility management protocol	SIP Mobility
Link-layer security	None

Experimental Network in the Lab.

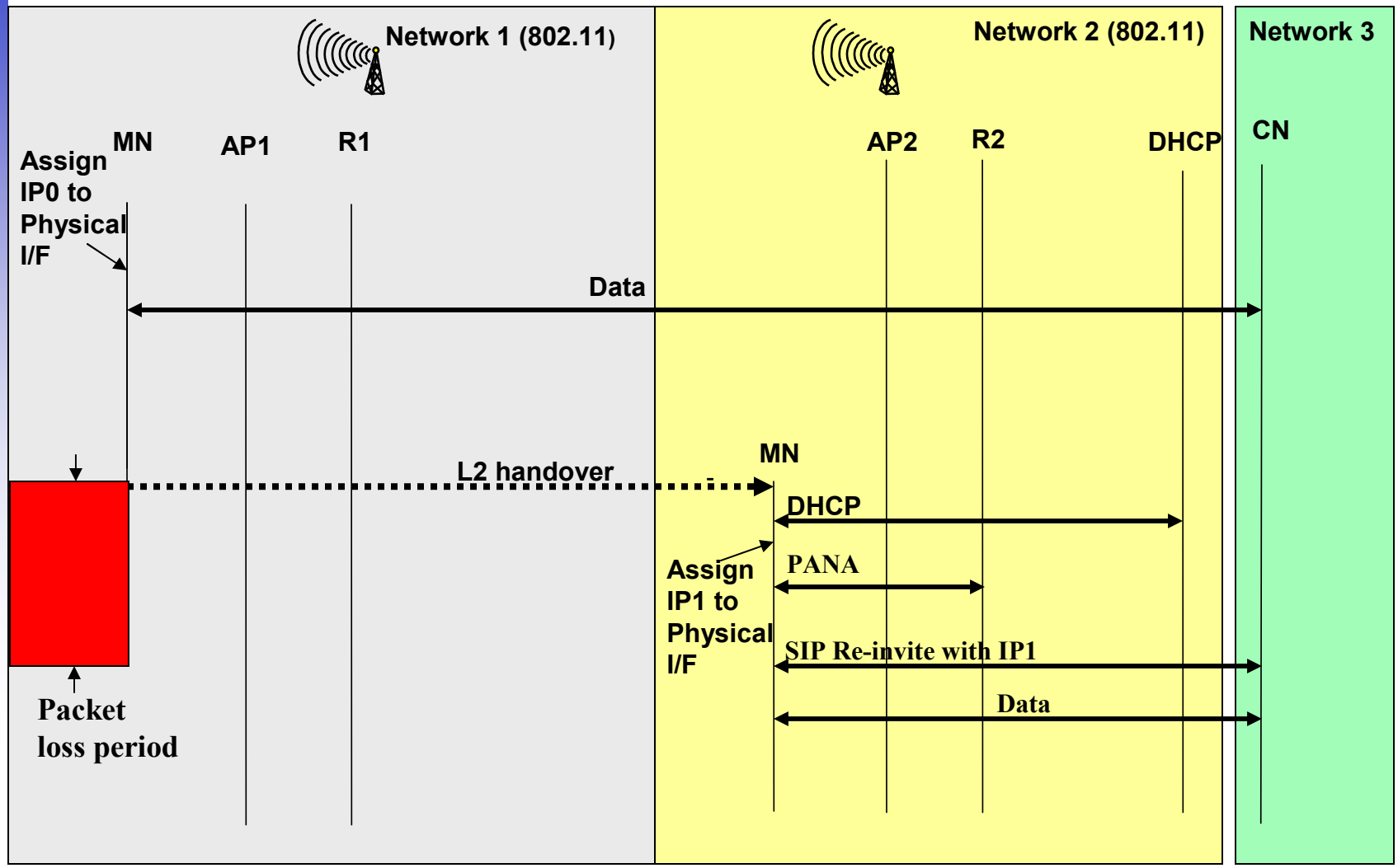


AP1, AP2: Access Point
R1, R2: Access Router
MN: Mobile Node
CN: Correspondent Node
IP0, IP1: IP address of MN

Protocol flow for MPA

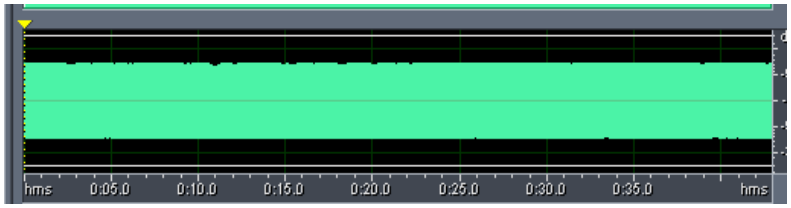


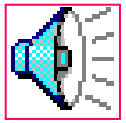
Protocol Flow for Non-MPA



Performance (MPA-Non-MPA)

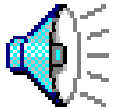
- MPA
  - No packet loss during pre-authentication, pre-configuration and pro-active handoff before L2 handoff
  - Only 1 packet loss, 14 ms delay during handoff mostly transient data
    - Includes delay due to layer 2, update to delete the tunnel on the router
    - We also reduced the layer 2 delay in hostap Driver
    - L2 delay depends upon driver and chipset





MPA Approach

- non-MPA
  - About 200 packets loss, ~ 4 s during handover
    - Includes standard delay due to layer 2, IP address acquisition, Re-Invite, Authentication/Authorization
  - Could be more if we have firewalls also set up



Non-MPA Approach

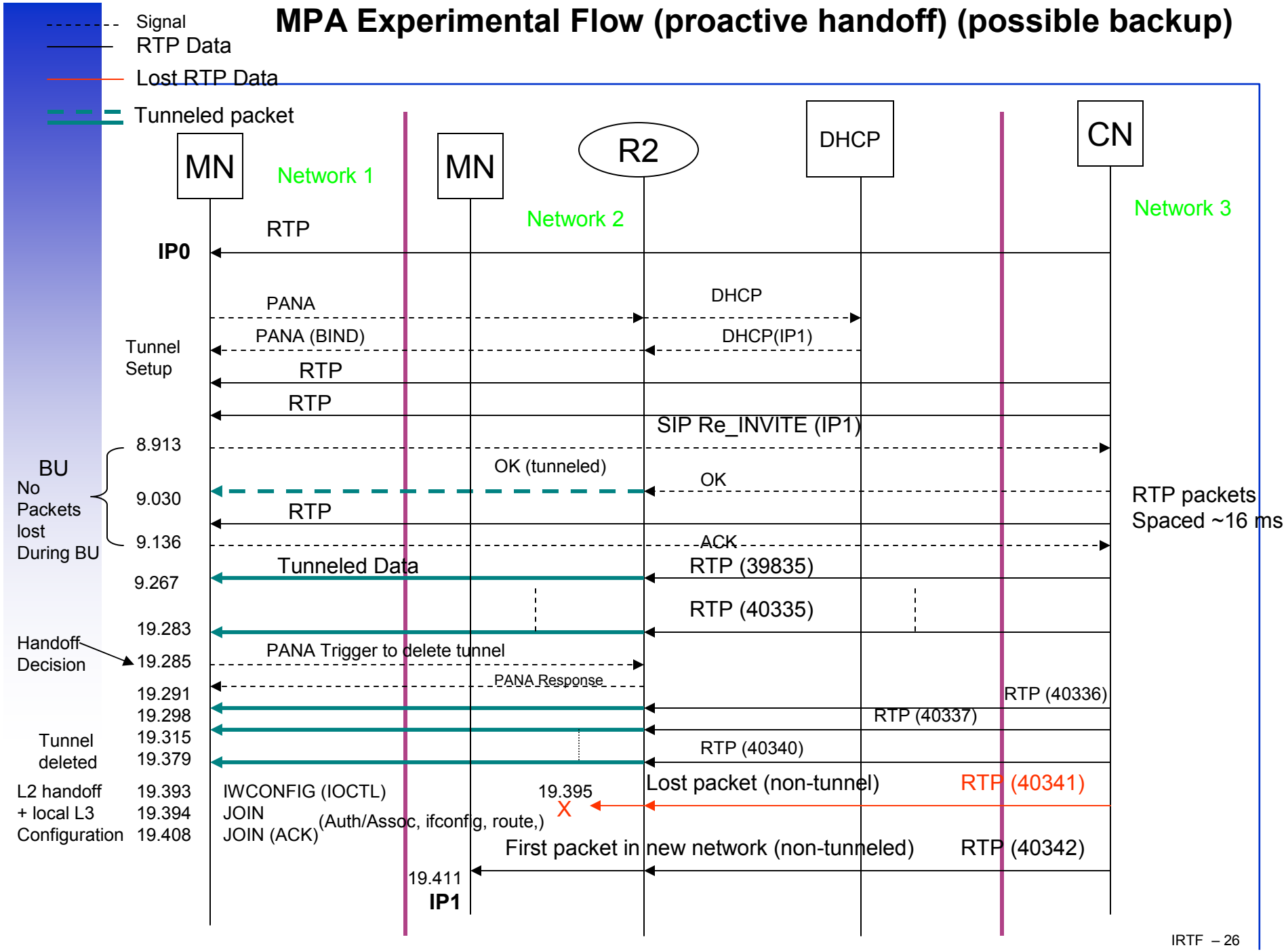
Conclusions/Future Work

- MPA framework provides an optimized mobility management solution independent of mobility protocol used
- We demonstrated an initial prototype implementation and results
- MPA works over single interface and multiple interfaces (e.g., 802.11, CDMA)
- Define a more integrated architecture that works in conjunction information discovery scheme (e.g.,802.21, 802.11u)
- Comments/Suggestions/Questions
- Next steps?

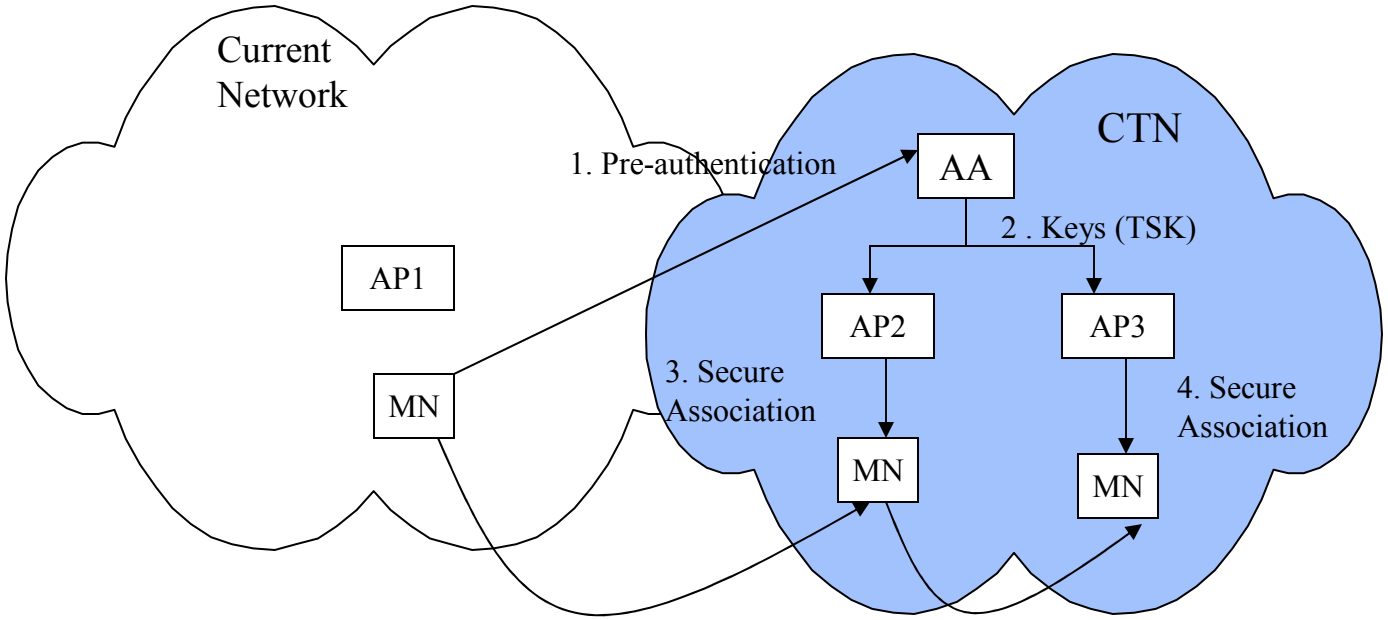
Thank you!

Backup Slides

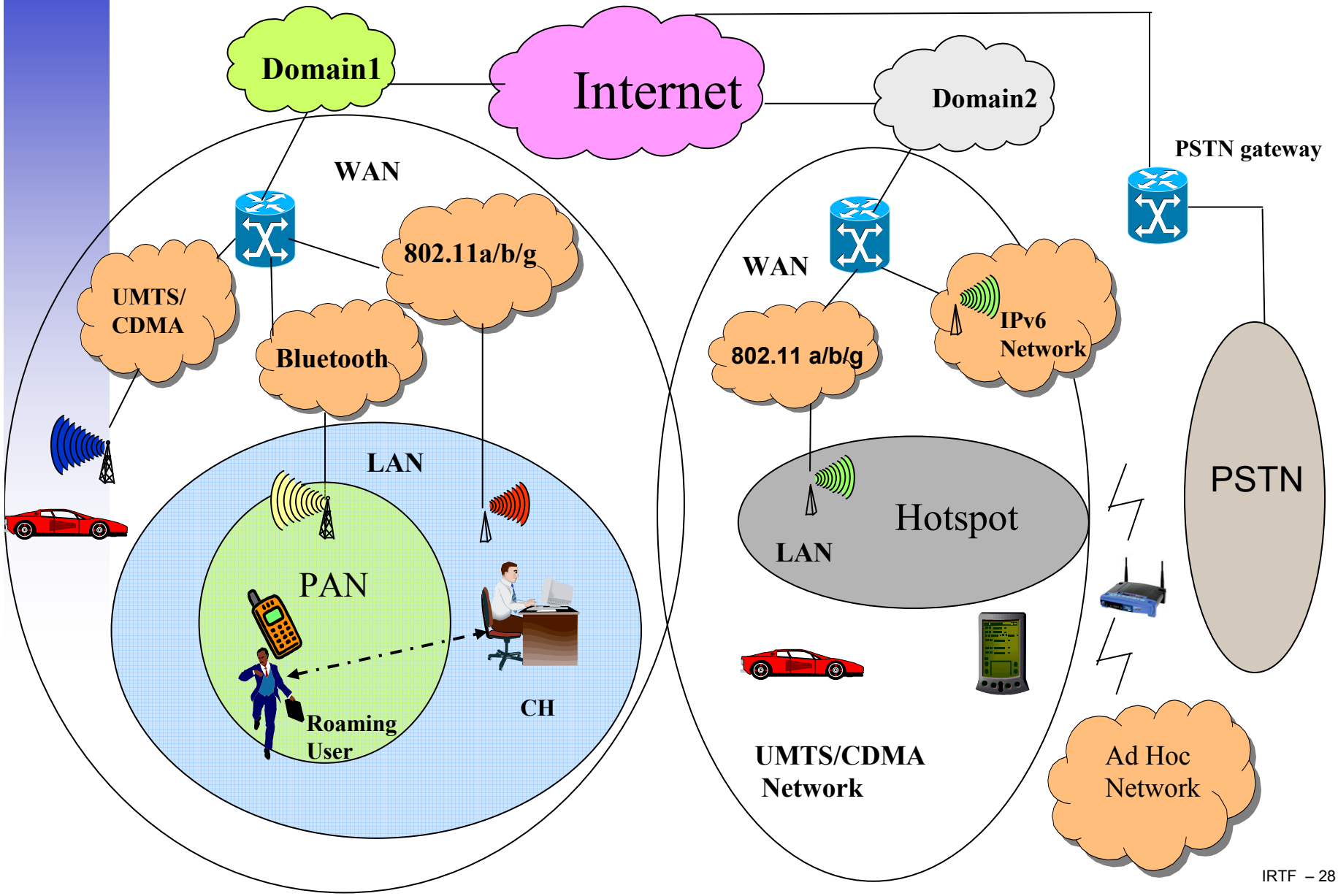
MPA Experimental Flow (proactive handoff) (possible backup)



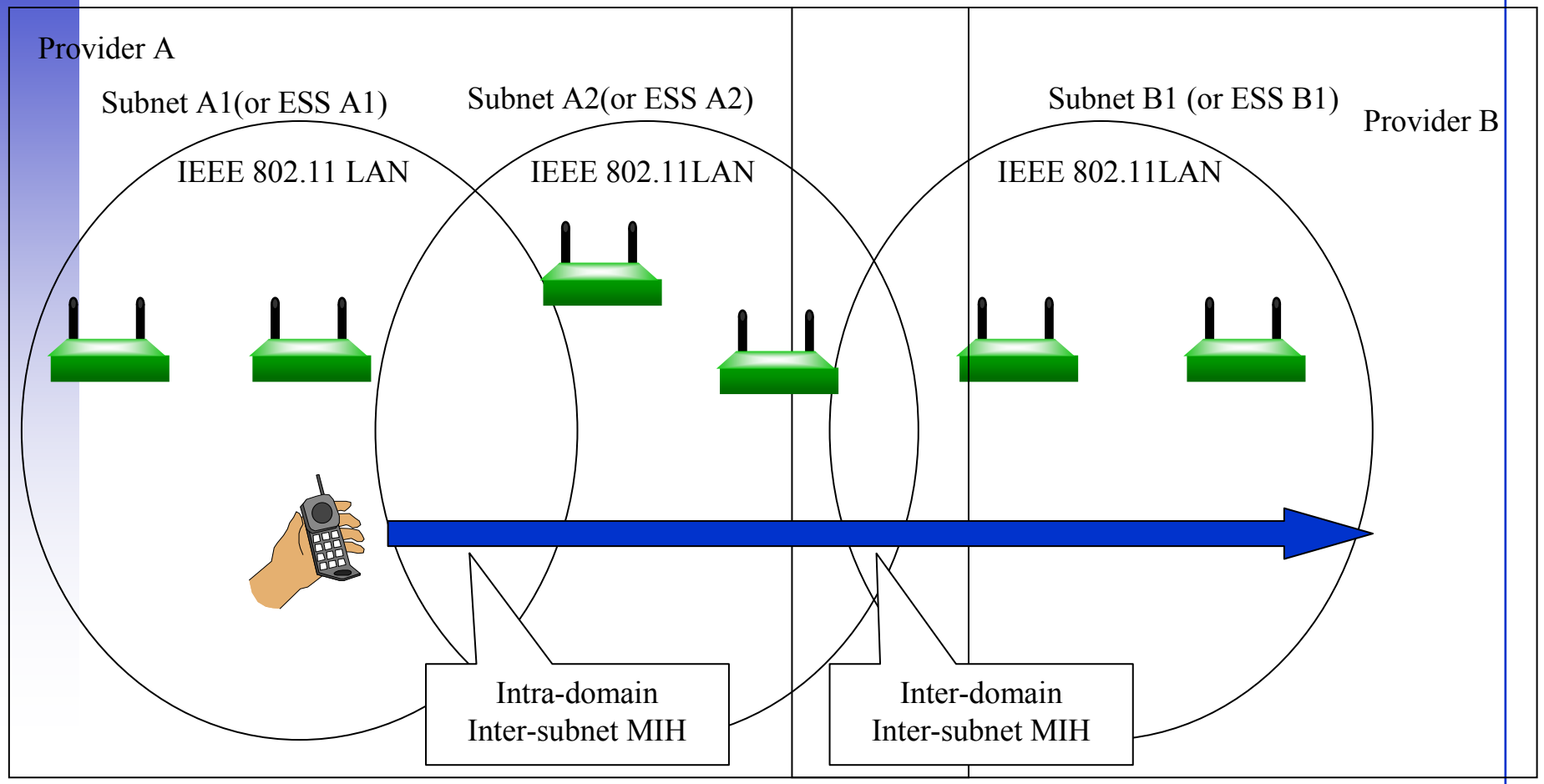
Bootstrapping Link-layer security using L3-Preauth



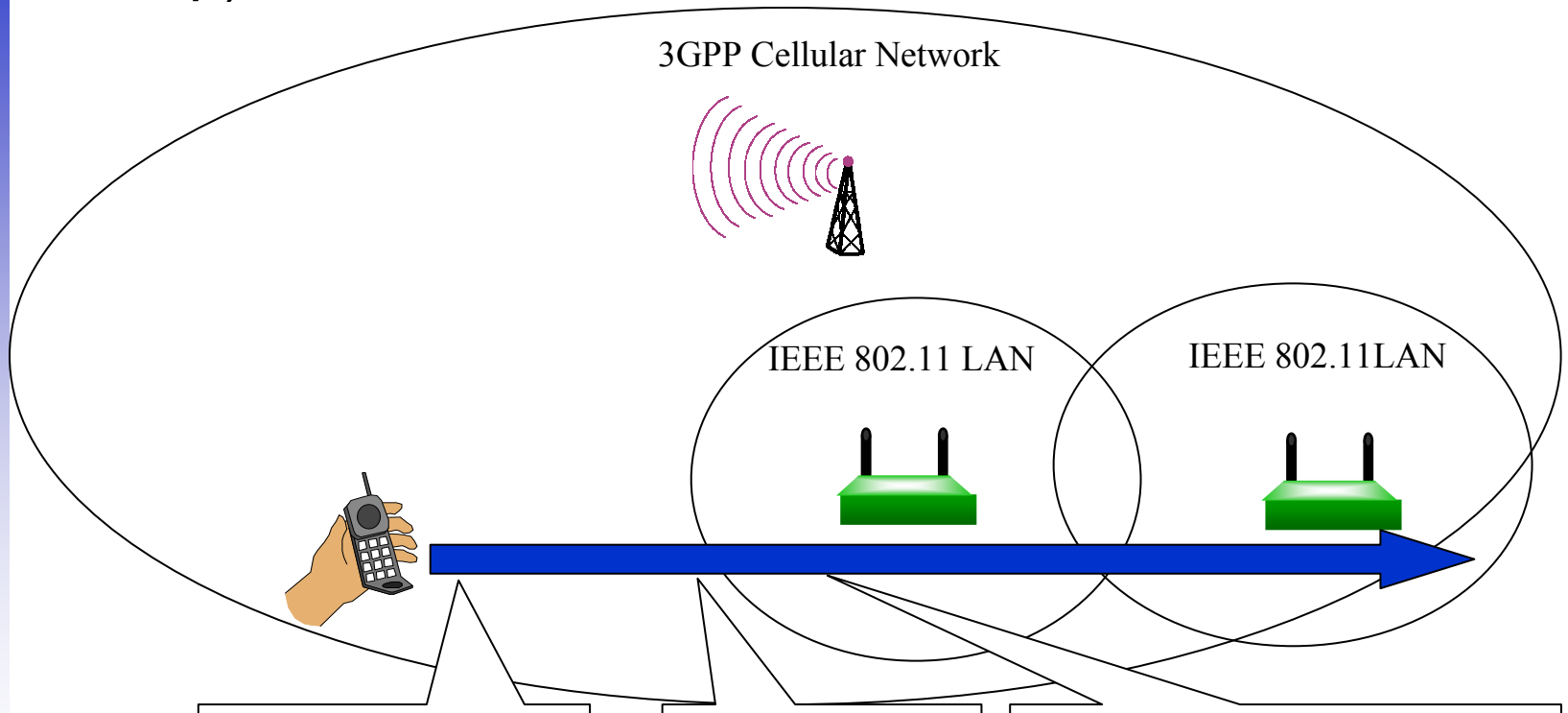
Mobile Wireless Internet: A Scenario (possible backup)



Single Radio Interface Roaming Scenario (possible backup)



Multiple Radio Interface Roaming Scenario (possible backup)



WLAN: deactivated
Cellular: activated

The mobile finds WLAN AP through information discovery over the activated I/F

The mobile quickly activates the WLAN I/F and switch to it. The mobile may deactivate the cellular I/F