

# Communicating Prefix Cost to Mobile Nodes

(draft-mccann-dmm-prefixcost-02)

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# Introduction

When an MN moves from one IP attachment point to another, it does not know about:

- amount of state in network on behalf of this prefix
- amount of transport resources to tunnel/route packets

The network does not know:

- the state of the connection flow (e.g., middle of download?)

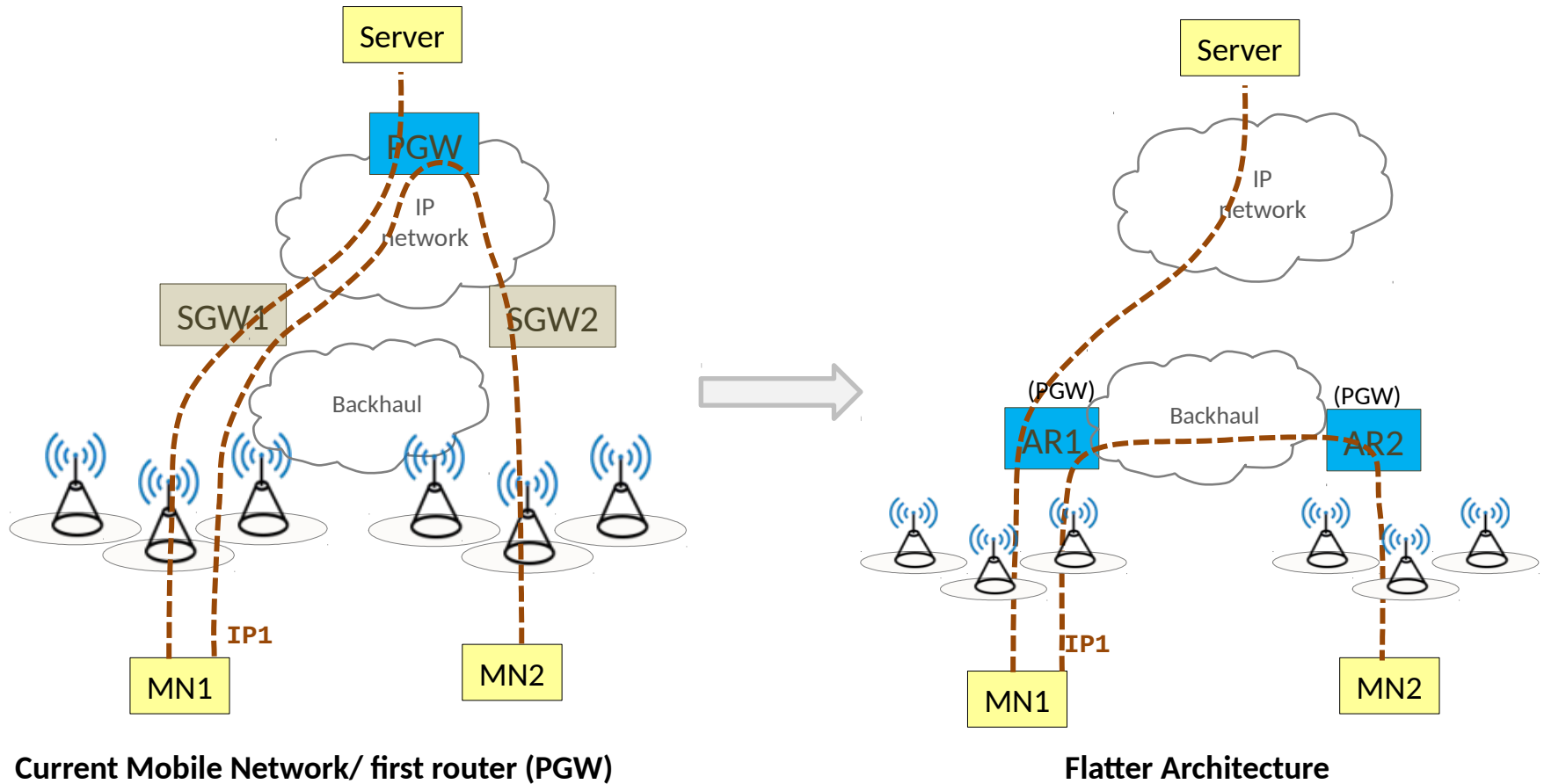
Proposal in this draft:

Network provides the “cost” of maintaining IP prefixes to the MN.

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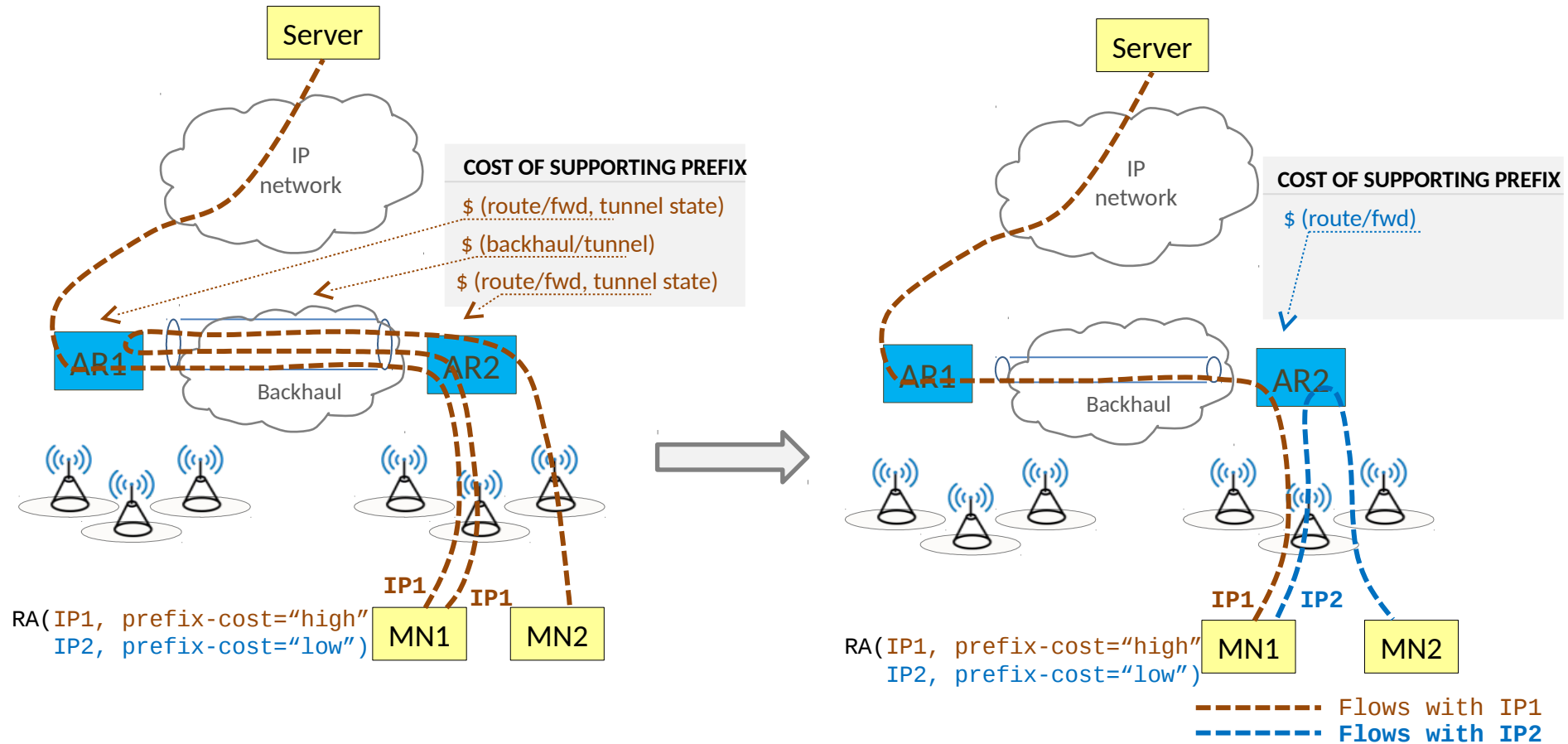
- (a) Prefix-cost is not about e2e jitter or latency.
- (b) Link layer changes do not affect prefix cost.

# Motivation (1)



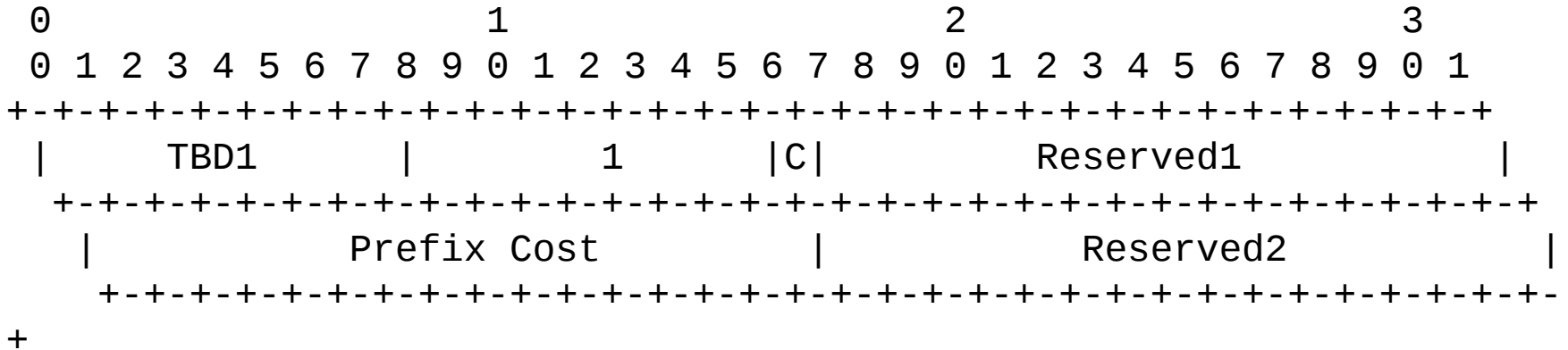
- (1) Sub-optimal route with centralized gateway/anchor (PGW).
  - (2) Routers located closer to MN's point of attachment are more optimal .
- When MN changes point of attachment, cost of the maintaining the prefix increases.  
(state in gateways, tunnels - and suboptimal route)

# Motivation (2)



Network provides the cost of maintaining IP prefixes.  
MN decides when to use new IP prefix.

# Prefix Cost Sub-option (Router Advertisement)



The prefix cost is carried as a 16-bit, unsigned number in network byte order. A higher number indicates an increased cost.

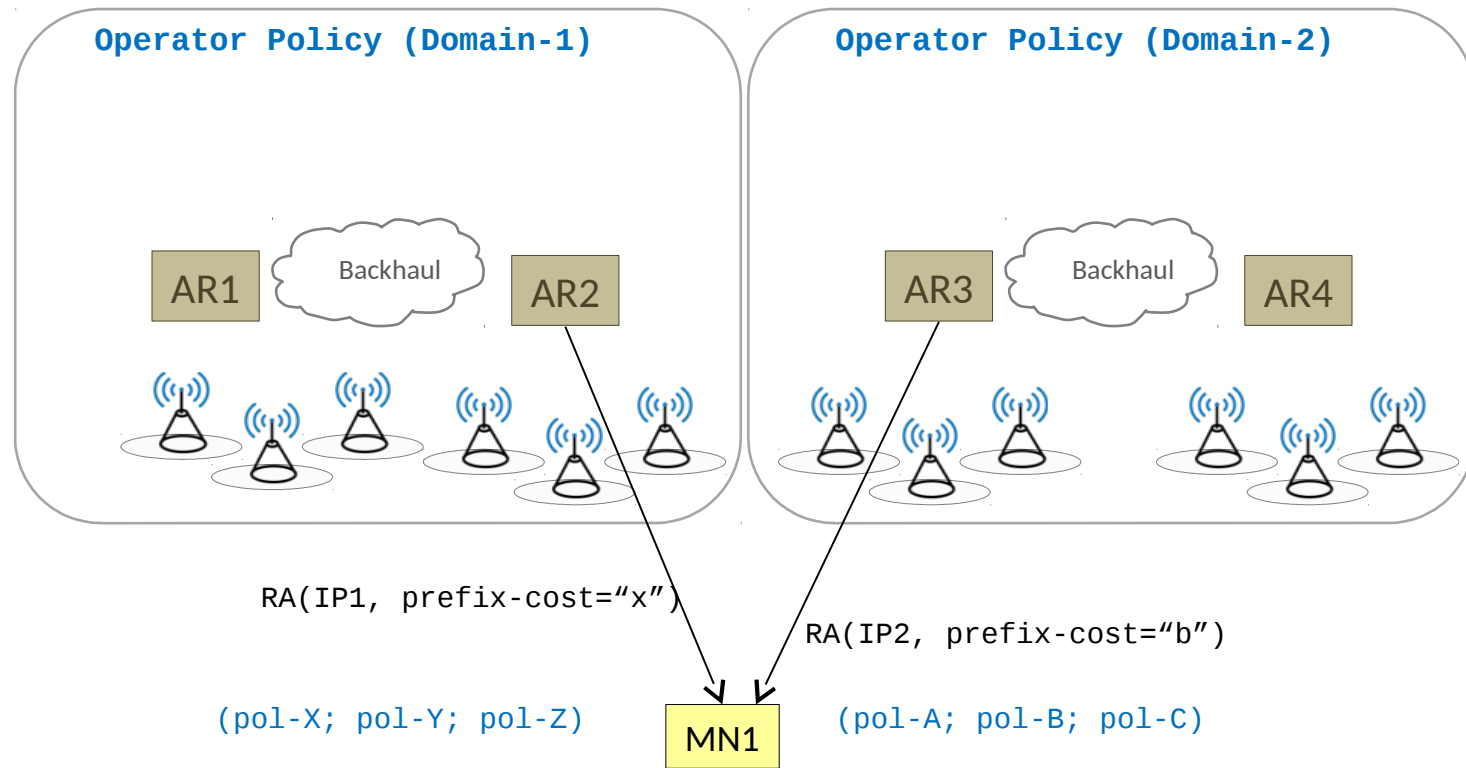
Uses: draft-korhonen-dmm-prefix-properties-04

# IETF next steps

Review with 6man, mif

Feedback?

# Backup - Policy, Source Address Selection



- Operator policy on “prefix cost” values.
- RFC 6724 source address selection rules should be factored in
  - Re-select IP address if current IP address exceeds [cost-ceiling].
  - If new-IP-address has [acceptable cost], present new addr to application.