

# IP Multimedia Subsystem

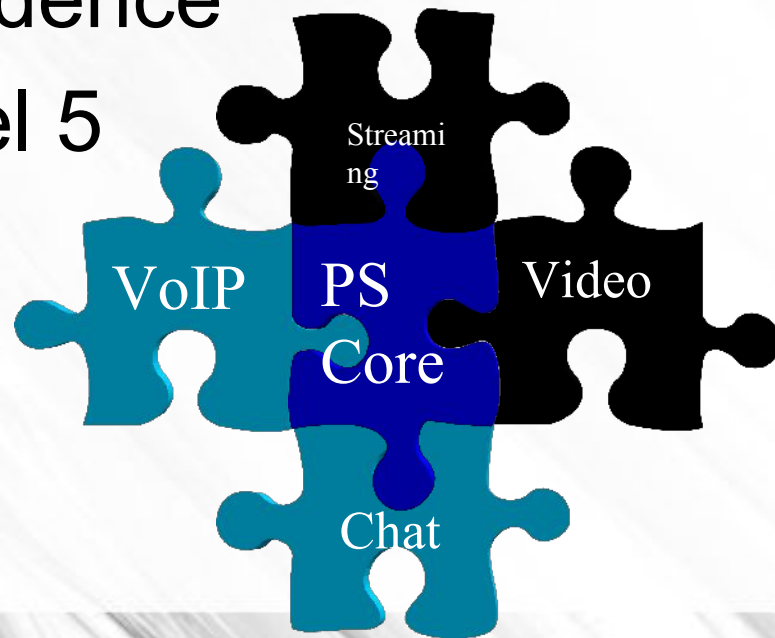
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# Introduction

- Release 5 ->
- IMS is an IP based core network infrastructure enabling advanced service features involving rich multimedia content
- It is a move towards an all-packet-switched infrastructure

# Overview

- IP connectivity & service control architecture for multimedia
- Access independence
- Introduced in Rel 5



# Example Services

- VoIP (including PoC/PTT)
- Multiplayer Games
- Session-based peer-to-peer services
- Session-based content services (e.g. streaming)
- Event-based services (e.g. Email)

# IPv6 and IPv4

- Interworking supported by 3GPP standards

# QoS

- UE can negotiate:
  - Media type
  - Bit rate
  - Packet size

# Charging/Billing

- Entities involved:
  - GGSN
  - IMS
  - Application Server

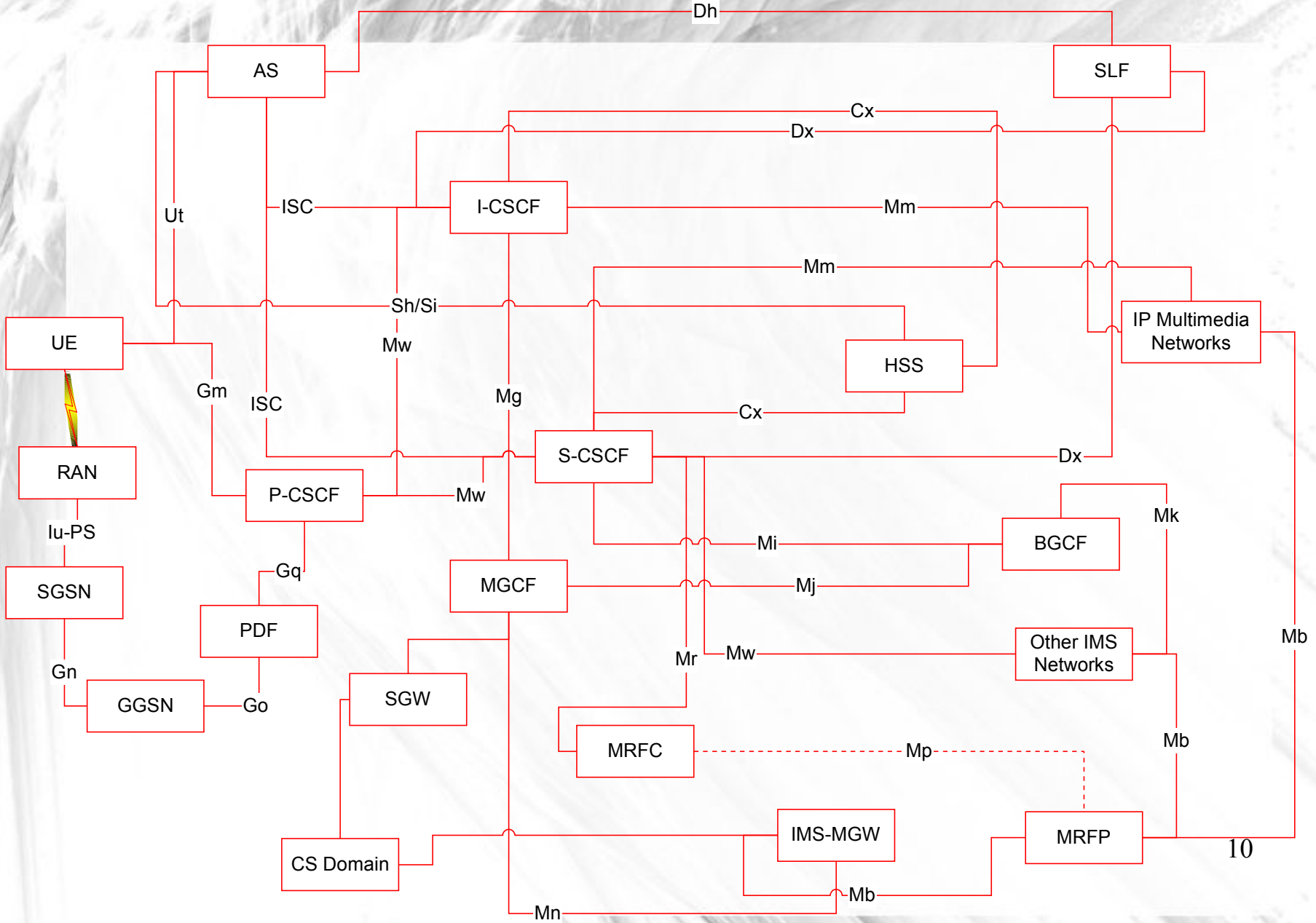
# Service Control Model

- Home-based service control model
- Service development model based on standardising service capabilities, not actual services



# Entities in the IMS Architecture

- The next few slides summarise the roles each entity plays in the IMS



# Session Management & Routing

P-CSCF	Proxy Call Session Control Function
I-CSCF	Interrogating Call Session Control Function
S-CSCF	Serving Call Session Control Function

# Databases

HSS	Home Subscriber Server
SLF	Subscription Locator Function

# Services

AS	Application Server
MRFC	Media Resource Function Controller
MRFP	Media Resource Function Processor

# Interworking

BGCF	Breakout Gateway Control Function
MGCF	Media Gateway Control Function
IMS-MGW	IMS Media Gateway
SGW	Signalling Gateway

# Policy Support

PDF	Policy Decision Function
SEG	Security Gateway
THIG	Topology Hiding Inter-network Gateway

# Charging/Billing

OCS	Online Charging System
CDF	Charging Data Function
CGF	Charging Gateway Function
CTF	Charging Triggering Function
CRF	Charging Rule Function



# P-CSCF

- First point of contact for the user of originating traffic
- Last point of contact before the user for terminating traffic
- Functions of P-CSCF:
  - Compression
  - IP Security Associations
  - Policy enforcement
  - Emergency call detection (ongoing in Rel. 7)

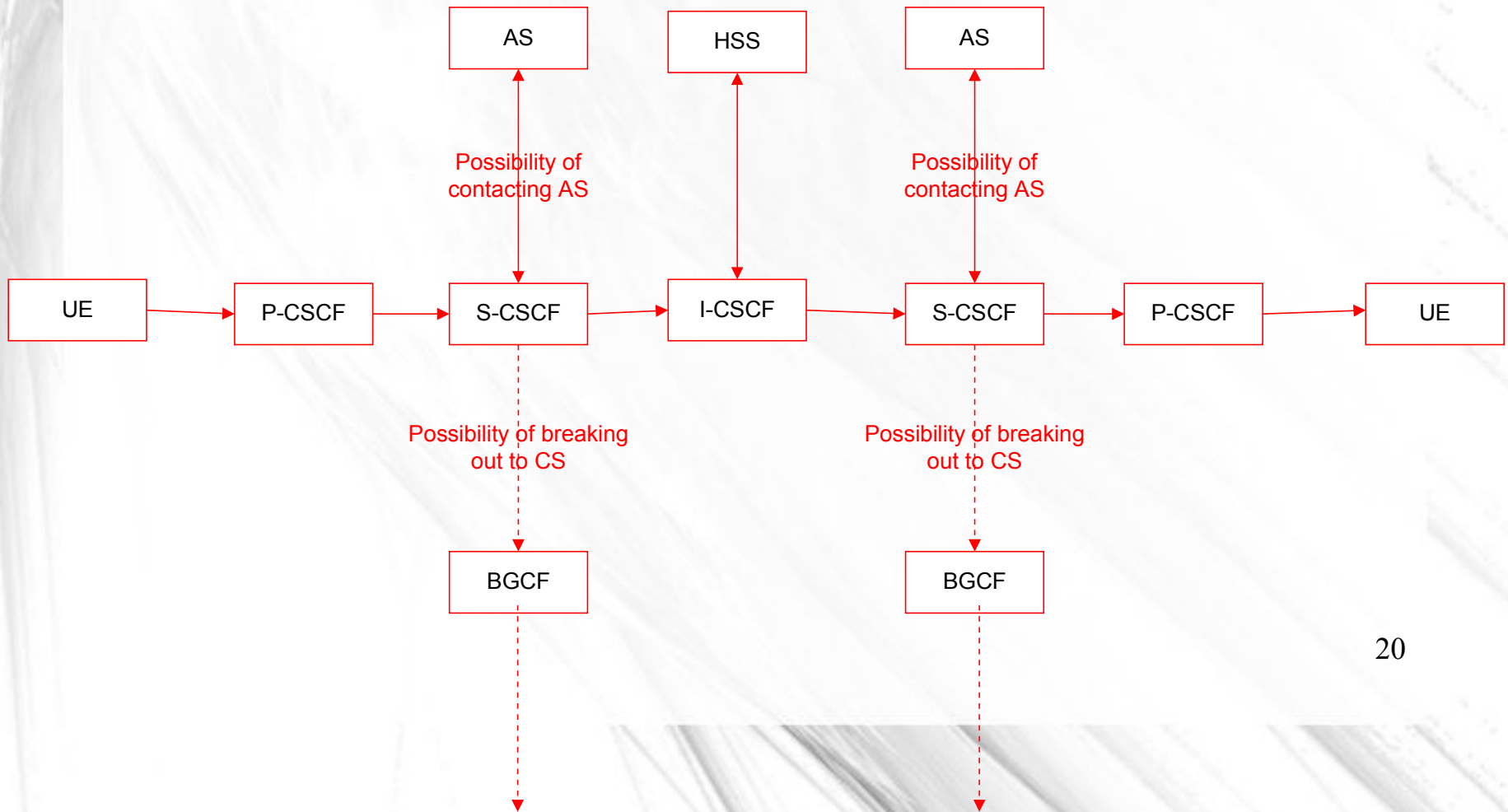
# I-CSCF

- Contact point within an operator network for connections targeted to its subscribers
- Functions of I-CSCF:
  - Querying HSS for routing information
  - Assigning a S-CSCF
  - Routing incoming requests
  - THIG functionality (optional)

# S-CSCF

- Handles registration
- Maintains session states
- Routing decisions
- Stores service profile
- Downloads security vectors from HSS
- Authenticates users
- Converts Tel URIs to SIP URIs when necessary

# Basic CSCF Routing



# HSS

- Release 5/6 HLR
- Storage of IMS Access Parameters
- User requirements for S-CSCF capabilities
- Functionality for CS, PS & IP Multimedia

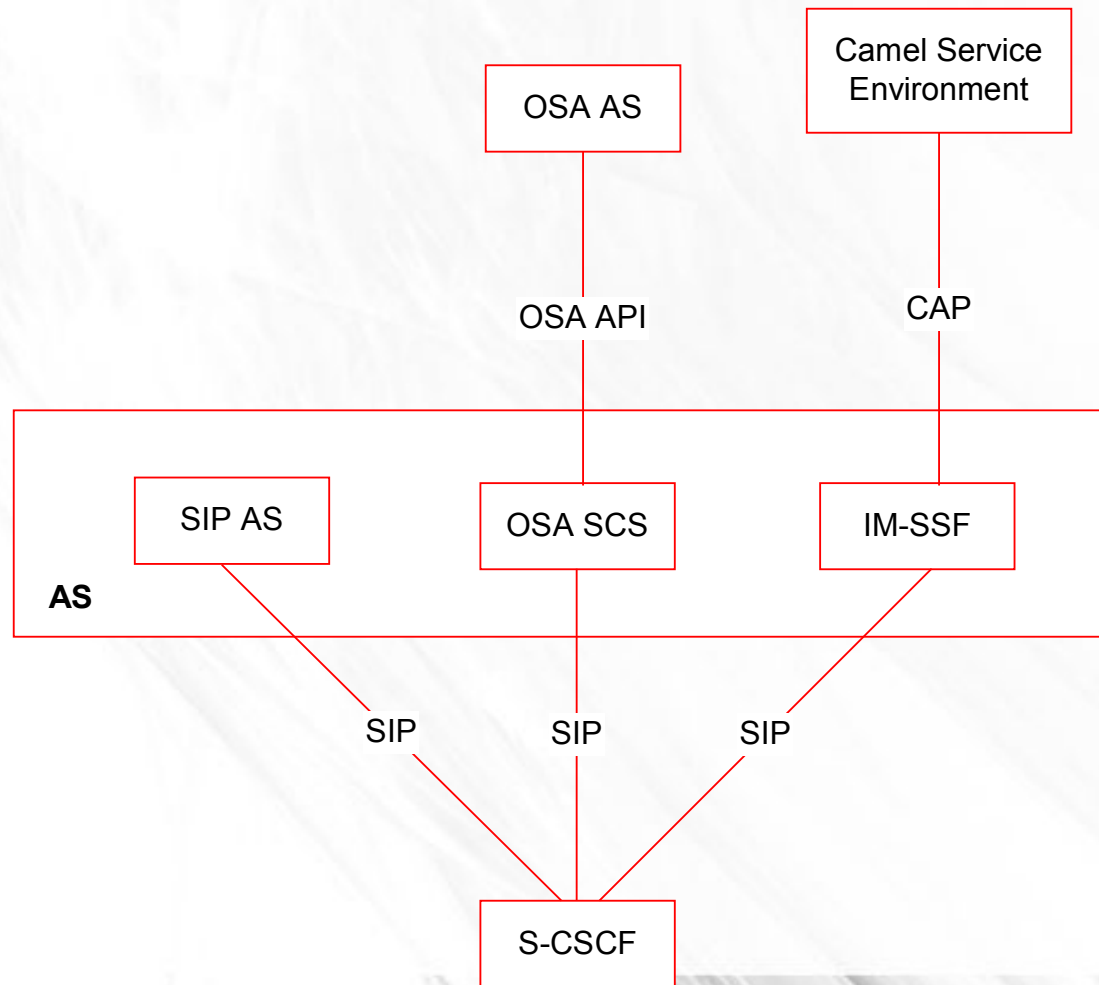
# SLF

- HSS Locator
- Used in the case of multiple HSS nodes deployed within one PLMN

# Application Servers

- Servers that host and execute services
  - e.g. Call Control, user interaction, etc
- Can be SIP-based
  - e.g. SIP App Servers used for PoC, streaming, etc

# AS Types





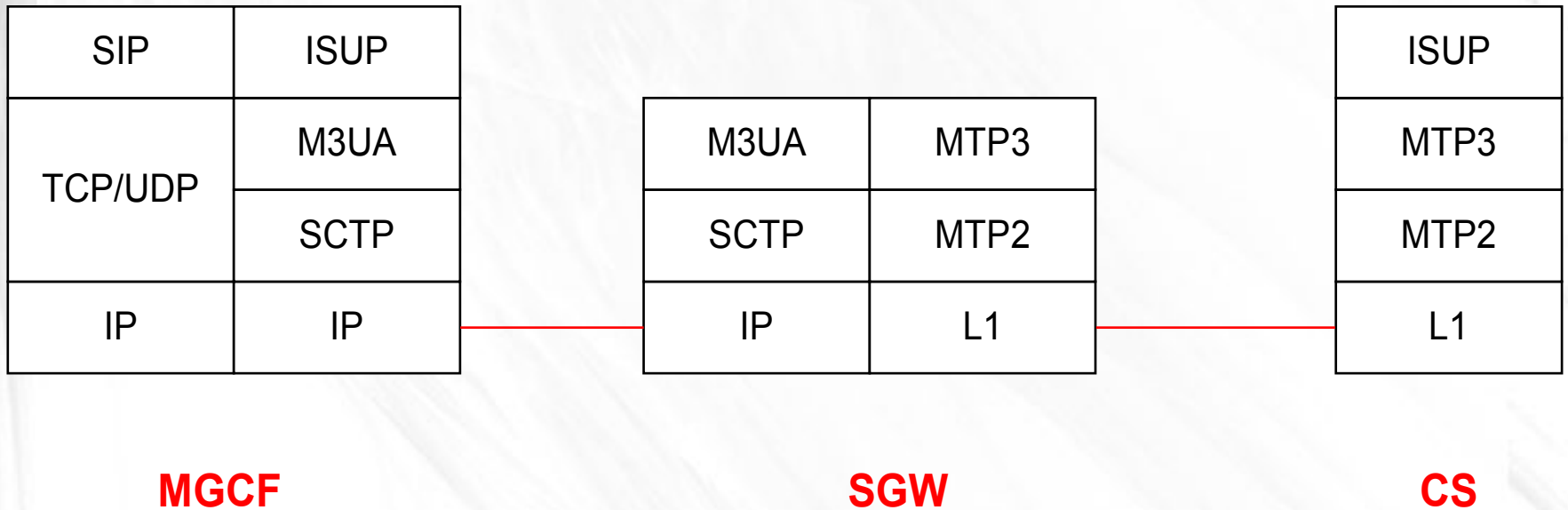
# MRFC & MRFP

- Transcoding
- Mixing of media streams
- Announcements

# BGCF

- This network entity is used where a SIP session is “broken out” to the Circuit-Switched domain
- Entails conversion between SIP and ISDN (ISUP) protocols
- Resulting ISUP request is then forwarded to the SGW

# VoIP ↔ ISDN Signalling Conversion



# IMS-MGW

- Controlled by MGCF
- Implements actual plane bearer switching functionality

# PDF

- Authorisation
- Admission Control
- Releases Authorisation Tokens
- Maps SDP parameters to a specific PDP Context QoS

# SEG

- Secures control-plane traffic between security domains
- Mandatory security features:
  - Confidentiality
  - Data Integrity
  - Authentication

# THIG

- Hides details of network beyond
- Must be placed in routing path if THIG features are desired
- Encrypts/decrypts headers which reveal topology information

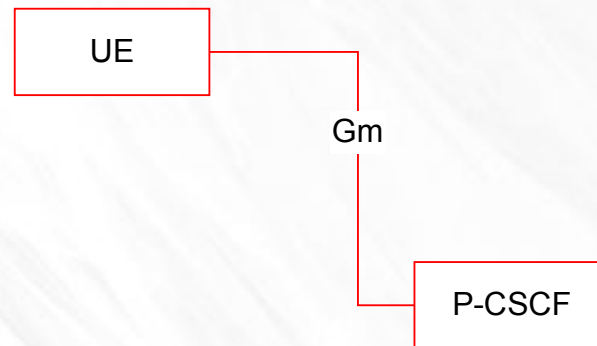
# IMS Reference Points

- The next few slides give a short summary of each of the IMS reference points
- Charging/billing is described separately



# Gm Interface

- Connects UE to IMS (via P-CSCF)



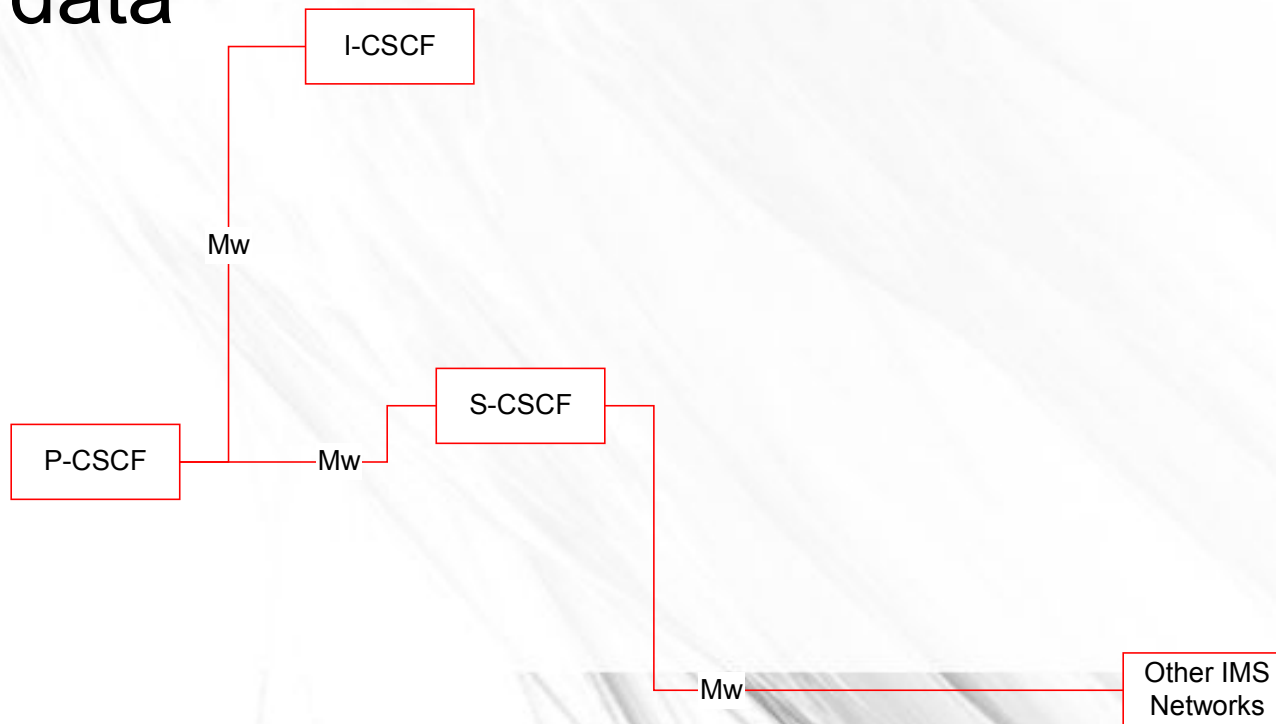
# Gm Interface

## □ Used by UE for:

- Sending of Registration Request with indication of supported security mechanisms
- Exchange of parameters enabling mutual authentication
- Negotiation of parameters for security association
- Initiation of SIP compression
- Reception of implicitly registered user identities
- Establishment of session control procedures (dialog-based) or transaction procedures (e.g. Message)

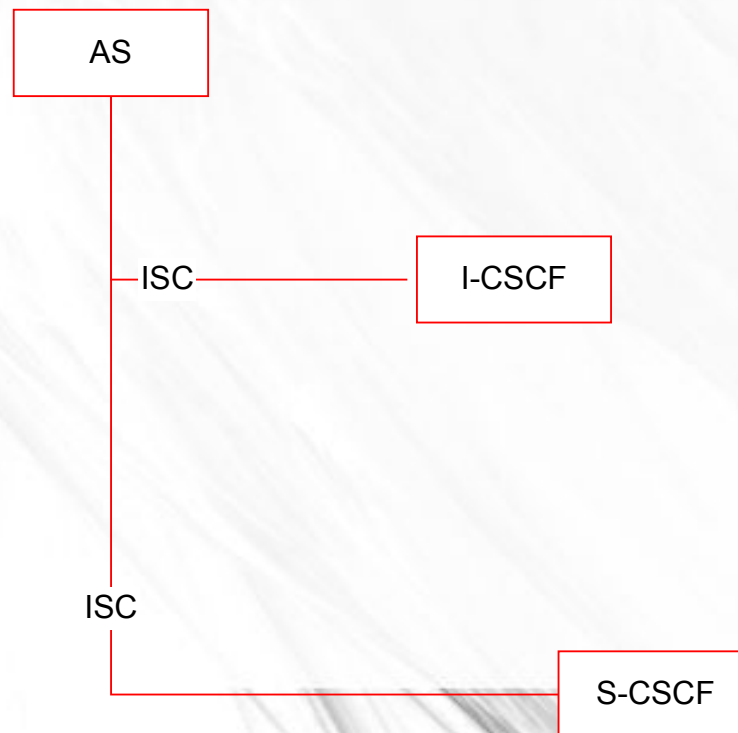
# Mw Interface

- Links the different CSCFs together
- Also used to relay charging related data



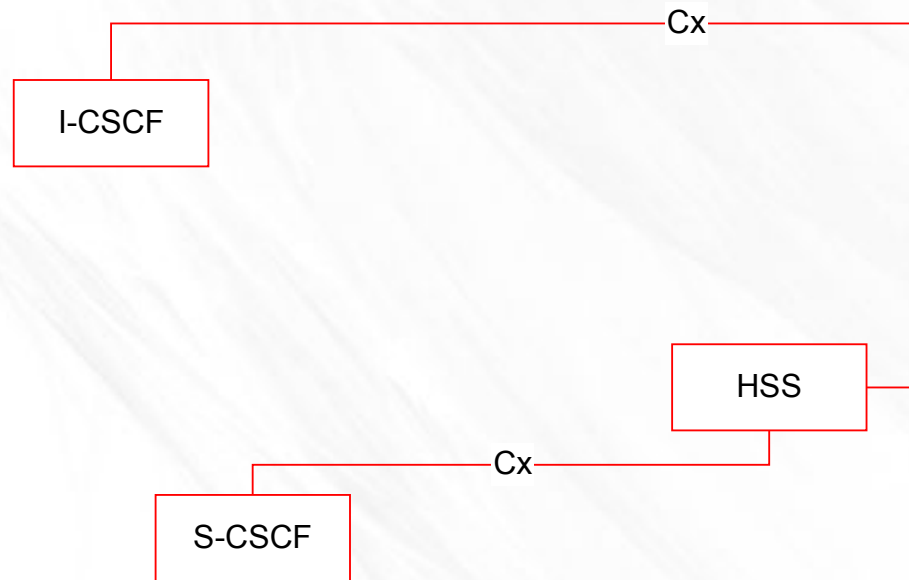
# ISC Interface

- IMS Service Control
- SIP-based
- Used for service control between CSCF & AS



# Cx Interface

- Links I-CSCF/S-CSCF to HSS



# Cx Interface

- DIAMETER protocol
  - Location management
  - User Data Handling
  - User Authentication
- The Cx Interface is described in more detail in the following slides...

# Location Management

- Includes Registration/de-registration
- Includes location retrieval

## ❖ Message Sequence Chart

- Registration Termination Request (RTR/RTA) is initiated by HSS for de-registration
- Location Information Request (LIR/LIA) is used to query HSS for assigned S-CSCF for methods other than registration

# User Profile Data Handling

- Push-Profile-Request (PPR/PPA) used by HSS to update S-CSCF with user profile data



# Authentication

- Multimedia-Auth-Request (MAR/MAA) sent by S-CSCF to HSS
- MAA contains an Authentication Vector (Scheme, RAND, AUTN, XRES, IK, CK)

# Dx Interface

- Interface between I-CSCF/S-CSCF & SLF
- ❖ Used with multiple HSS nodes deployed in one PLMN



# Sh & Si Interfaces

- Interface between HSS & AS



# Sh Interface

- Example messages:
  - User-Data-Request (UDR)
  - User-Data-Answer (UDA)
  - Profile-Update-Request (PUR)
  - Profile-Update-Answer (PUA)
- DIAMETER
- HSS contains list of ASs permitted to retrieve/store data

# Sh Interface

- Examples of data passed over Sh:
  - Name of S-CSCF serving user
  - Charging function addresses
  - Location data

# Sh Interface

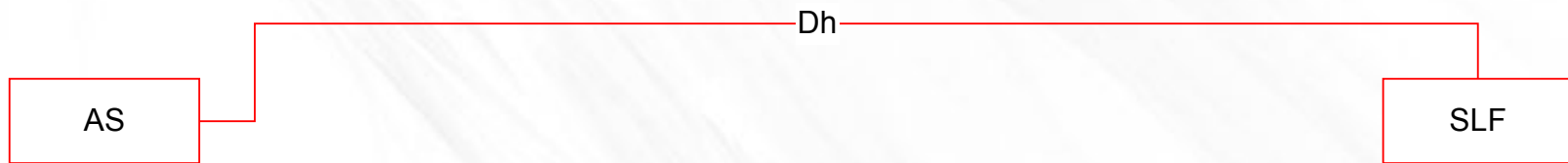
- Subscription/Notification:
  - Allows AS to receive notifications for changes to user data stored in the HSS
  - AS sends SNR (Subscribe-Notifications-Request)
  - HSS acknowledges subscription with SNA
  - HSS sends Push-Notification-Request (PNR) to AS to notify AS of changes (PNA acknowledges)

# Si Interface

- Used between CAMEL AS (IM-SSF) & HSS
- Used for transport of CAMEL subscription data including triggers from HSS to IM-SSF

# Dh Interface

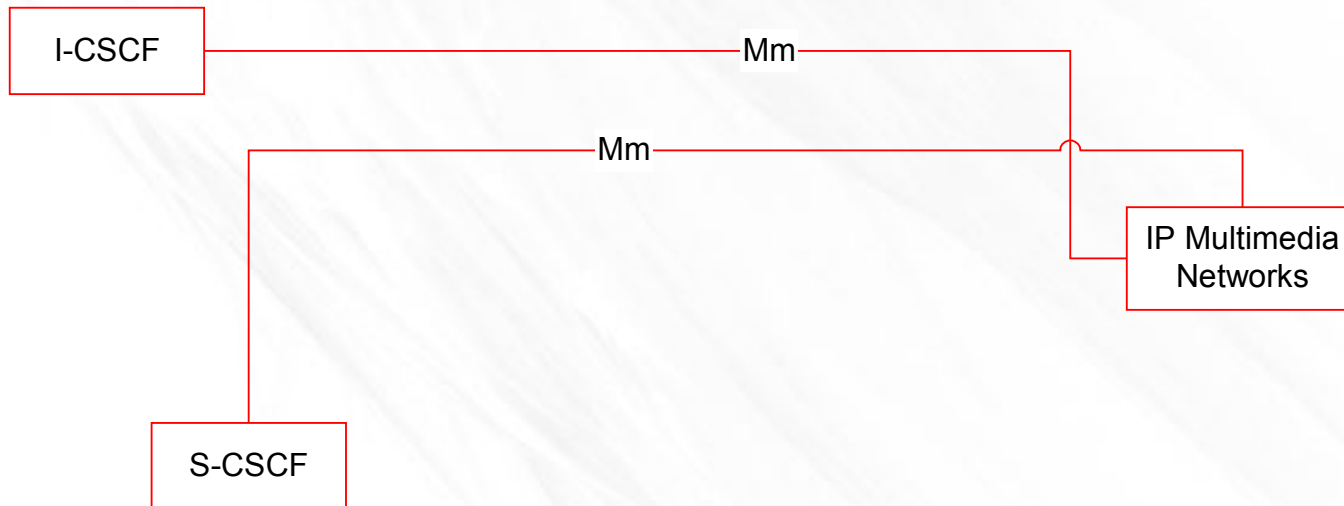
- Interface between AS & SLF
- Introduced in Rel 6
- Used in conjunction with Sh interface
- DIAMETER





# Mm Interface

- Interface between CSCFs and external IP multimedia networks

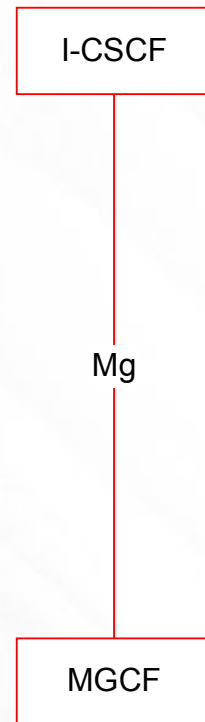


# Mm Interface

- Allows I-CSCF to receive a session request from an external SIP server or SIP terminal
- Allows S-CSCF to forward requests to external multimedia IP networks

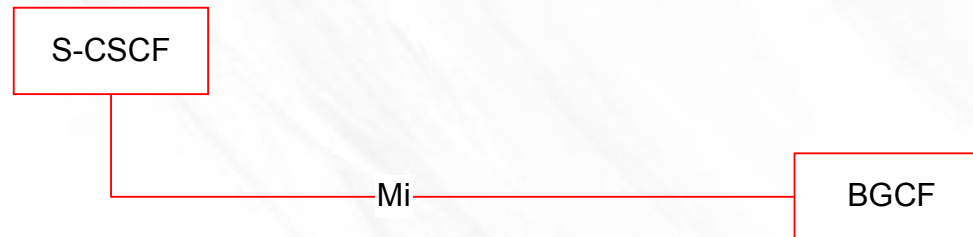
# Mg Interface

- Interfaces the CS edge function (MGCF) to I-CSCF
- SIP-based



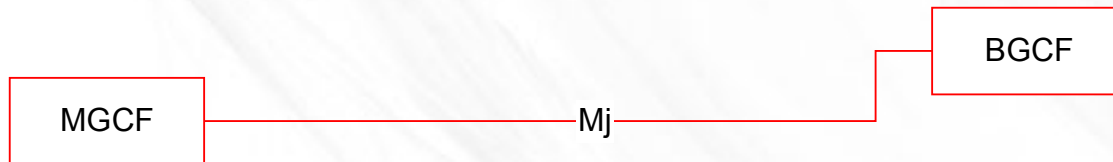
# Mi Interface

- Interface between S-CSCF & BGCF
- SIP-based
- Used when S-CSCF determines that a request needs to be routed to the CS domain



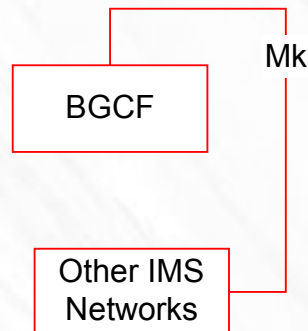
# Mj Interface

- Interface between MGCF & BGCF
- SIP-based
- If breakout to CS domain occurs in same PLMN, BGCF forwards the session to MGCF via this interface



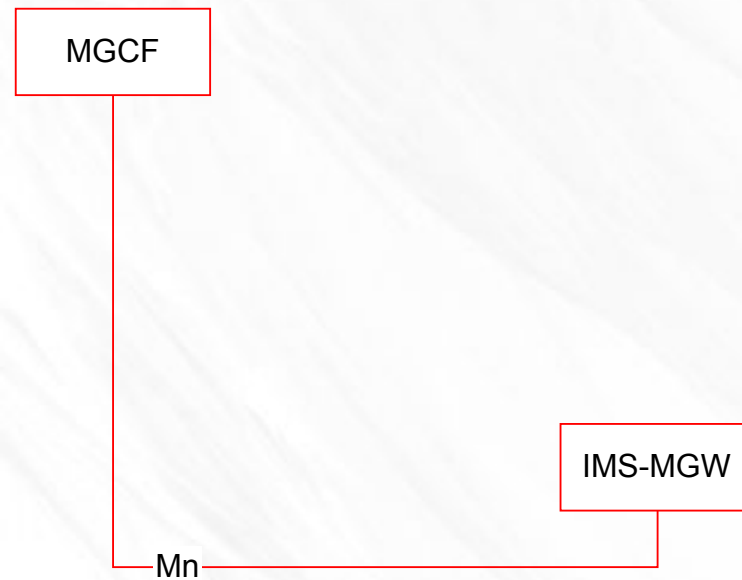
# Mk Interface

- Used by BGCF to interface with another network's BGCF for breakout to CS domain in another network



# Mn Interface

- Interface between MGCF & IMS-MGW



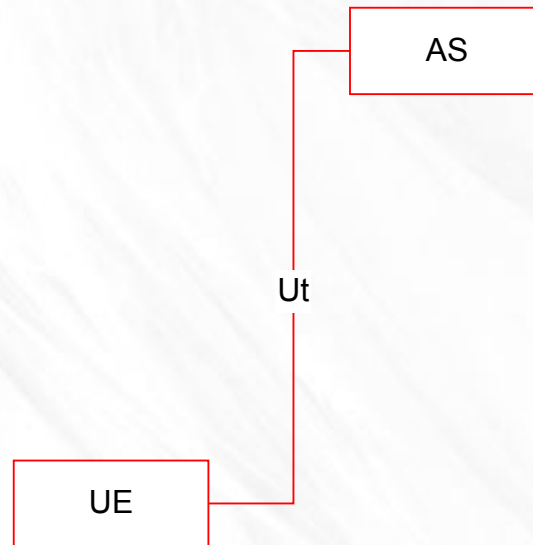
# Mn Interface

- Based on H.248
- Controls user plane for user plane functions. e.g:
  - User bearer IP media connections
  - Invocation of echo cancellers
  - DTMF tones
  - Announcements



# Ut Interface

- Interface between UE & AS

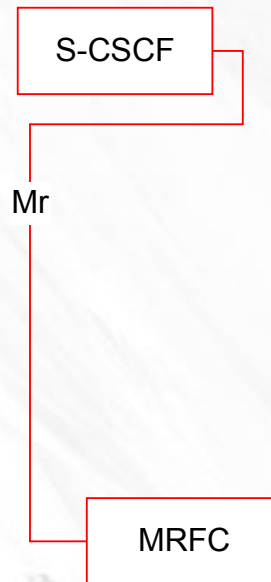


# Ut Interface

- Gives users HTTP access to web pages allowing them to configure profile & service options
- Standardized in Release 6

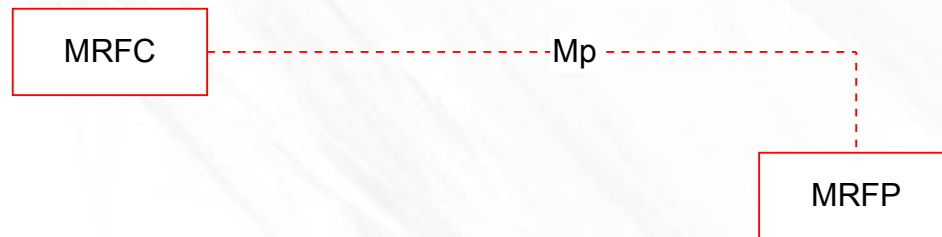
# Mr Interface

- Interface between S-CSCF & MRFC
- Used to activate bearer related services such as the playing of an announcement



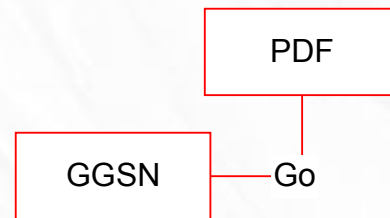
# Mp Interface

- Allows MRFC to control MRFP
- H.248-based
- For control of media streams, such as creating connections for conference media



# Go Interface

- Interface between GGSN & Policy Decision Function (PDF)

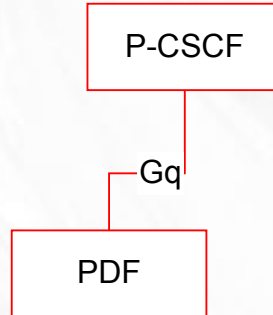


# Go Interface

- Based on COPS (Common Open Policy Service) protocol
- Allows GGSN to implement the QoS negotiated at the IMS level by querying the Policy Decision Function
- Also used for charging correlation between IMS & PS RAB domains

# Gq Interface

- Interface between P-CSCF & PDF



# Gq Interface

- Transports policy setup information to the PDF
- Used to also deliver:
  - Authorisation token
  - Charging IDs
  - GGSN IP addresses



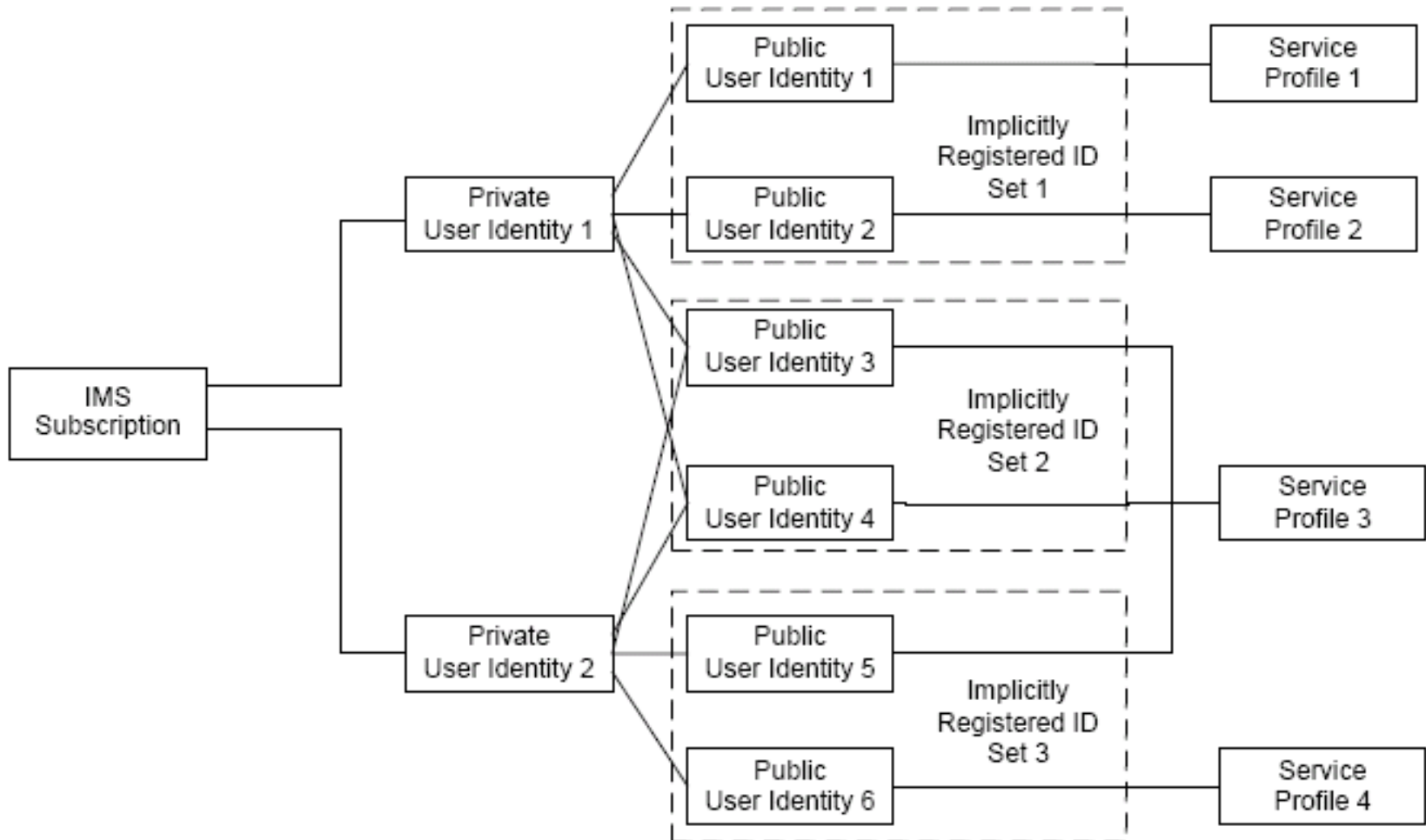
# IMS Registration

- ❖ **Message Sequence Chart Part1**
  - **Part2**
- UE must periodically refresh its registration
- S-CSCF will implicitly de-register UE when registration timer expires
- UE sets expiry timer to zero to de-register

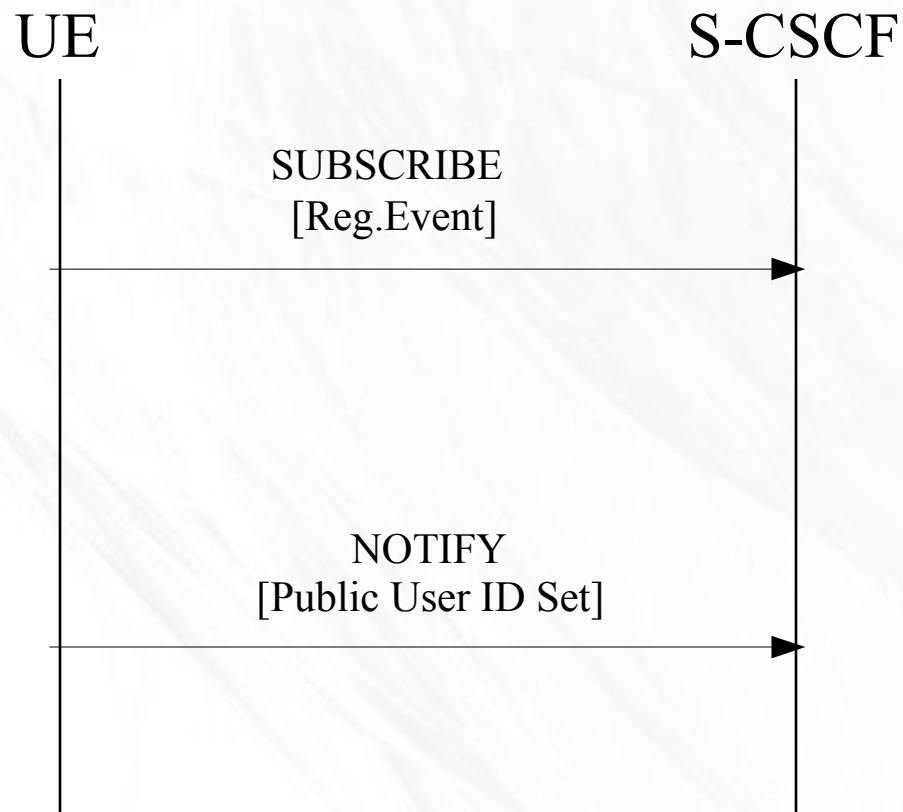
# Implicit Registration

- 3GPP extension
- Allows a group of public user identities to be registered after one single explicit registration request containing one of the public user identities
- Same thing can apply to de-registration
- User IDs in implicit registration request<sup>66</sup> can point to different service profiles

# User Profile



# User of SUBSCRIBE to fetch Public User ID Set



# Session Initiation

## ❖ IMS Session Establishment

- This message sequence chart gives the call flow for basic IMS session establishment

# User Identities: Private User Identity

- Defined by HPLMN and stored in ISIM application & HSS
- Identifies user subscription in Registration Request
- Sent within all registration requests and stored by S-CSCF
- Cannot be modified by the user
- NOT used for SIP message routing

# User Identities: Public User Identity

- Published and available to other users
- SIP-URI or tel-URI format
- At least one PuUID stored in ISIM
- Cannot be modified by UE
- Multiple PuUIDs can be registered
- Identifies an ID to be registered in a Registration Request and used for requesting contact with other parties

# URI Examples

- SIP-URI:

- ▶ sip:user@ims.com

- tel-URI:

- ▶ +4915151454704



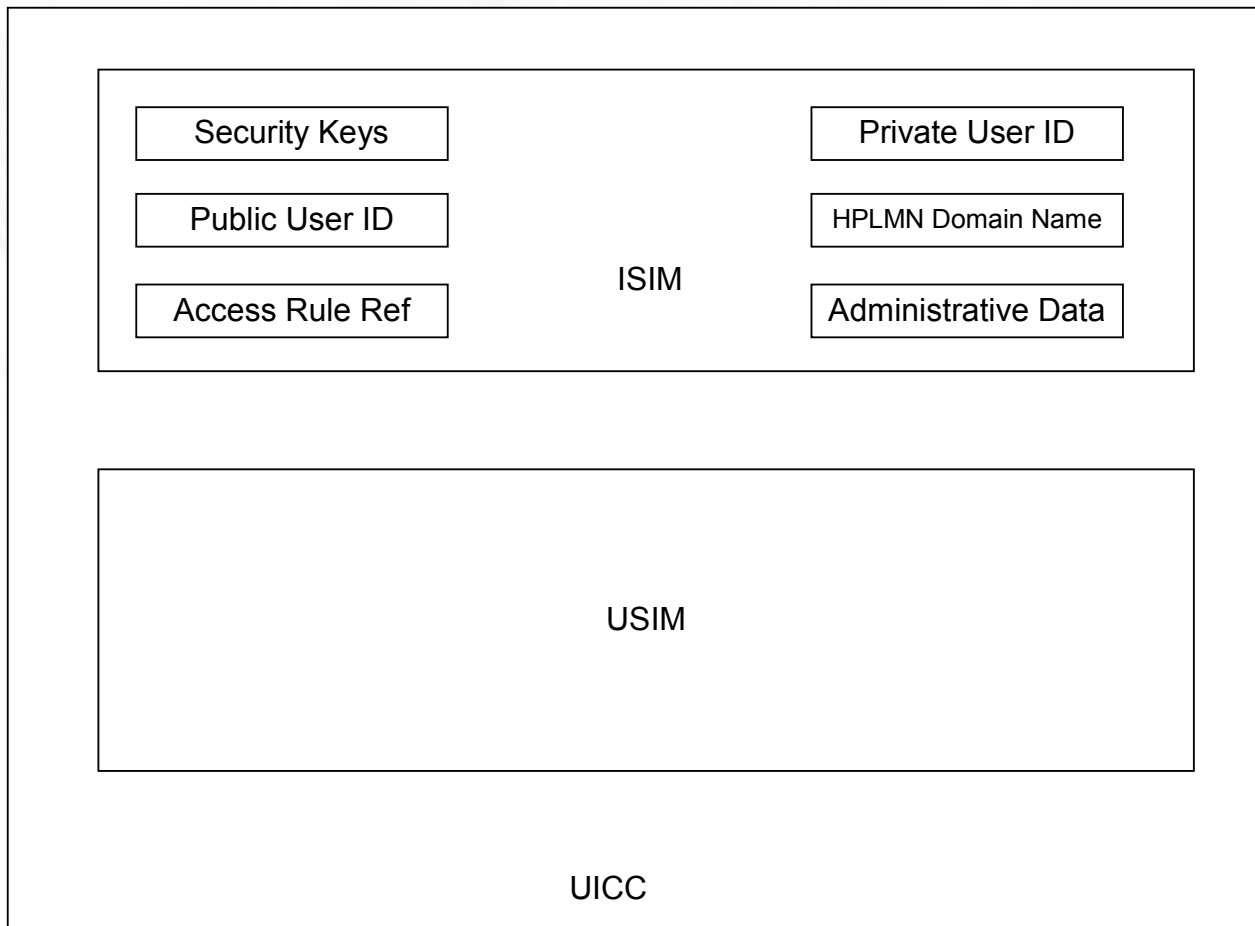
# Mechanism for Legacy USIMs

- Derived from IMSI
- PrUID:  
`<IMSI>@<MNC>.<MCC>.IMSI.3gppnetwork.org`
- Temporary PuUID:  
`sip:<IMSI>@<MNC>.<MCC>.IMSI.3gppnetwork.org`
  - Used only by CSCF & HSS elements
  - Should be set to “barred”
- Implicitly registered PuUIDs used after initial registration

# Public Service Identities

- Example: Used for a distribution list or conference
- Allows 1 SIP URI to identify a list or service
- SIP URIs can also be used for identifying network elements. e.g:  
sip:voda.scscf2@ims-network.com

# ISIM, USIM & UICC



# Sharing a Single User ID Between Multiple Devices



- Differentiation based on PrUID
- Note: IMS supports sequential forking & parallel forking

# Proxy CSCF Discovery

- There are two Standardized mechanisms specified in 3GPP:

## GPRS Procedure

- Data is contained in Protocol Configuration Options IE in PDP Context Messages
- Release 6 & later GGSNs only

## DHCP/DNS Procedure

- This is an access-independent method

# S-CSCF Assignment

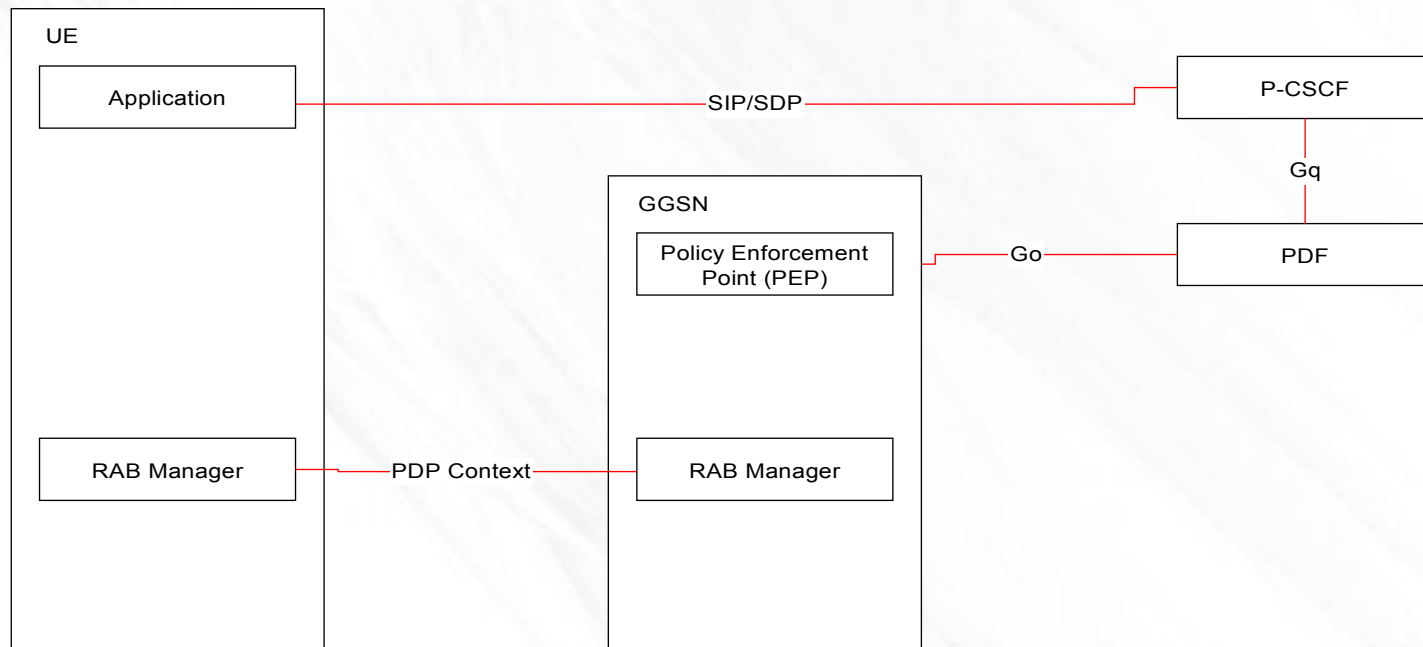
- Executed when a user registers
- Executed when an unregistered user receives a SIP request
- Executed during fault recovery
- I-CSCF receives S-CSCF capabilities from HSS for selection:
  - Server-Capabilities Attribute Value Pair (AVP)*
  - Selection algorithms are not standardized
- Note: S-CSCF has option to maintain user profile after de-registration for optimisation purposes

# AVP Types

- Mandatory
- Optional
- Server-Name (server SIP URI)

# Control of Bearer Traffic

- Interaction between IMS & GGSN known as “*Session Based Local Policy*” (SBLP) control





# PDF (Policy Decision Function)

- Fully integrated with P-CSCF in Release 5
- Allows and Provisions QoS attributes via the PDP Context

# Policy Enforcement Point (PEP)

- GGSN function
- Enforces decisions made by the PDF

# SBLP Functions

- ❑ Bearer Authorisation:
  - Involves PDF mapping SDP parameters to IP QoS parameters
- ❑ Authorisation Token:
  - Created in PDF
  - Delivered to UE, which then includes it in a PDP Context Activation Request
  - GGSN then uses this to identify authorising PDF
- Authorisation token & flow identifiers are inserted into TFT information element

# SDP Example

```
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Length: (...)

v=0
o=- 2987933623 2987933623 IN IP6 5555::eee:fff:aaa:bbb
s=-
c=IN IP6 5555::eee:fff:aaa:bbb
t=0 0
m=video 10001 RTP/AVP 98
b=AS:75
a=curr:qos local none
a=curr:qos remote none
a=des:qos mandatory local sendrecv
a=des:qos mandatory remote sendrecv
a=inactive
a=conf:qos remote sendrecv
a=rtpmap:98 H263
a=fmtp:98 profile-level-id=0
m=audio 6544 RTP/AVP 97 96
b=AS:25.4
a=curr:qos local none
a=curr:qos remote none
a=des:qos mandatory local sendrecv
a=des:qos mandatory remote sendrecv
a=inactive
a=conf:qos remote sendrecv
a=rtpmap:97 AMR
a=fmtp:97 mode-set=0,2,5,7; maxframes=2
a=rtpmap:96 telephone-event
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# Media Grouping

- GGSN can force UE to use separate PDP contexts for different media
- SDP component called “Single Reservation Flow” (SFR) is use for this purpose
- Release 6 adds capability to charge on an IP flow basis

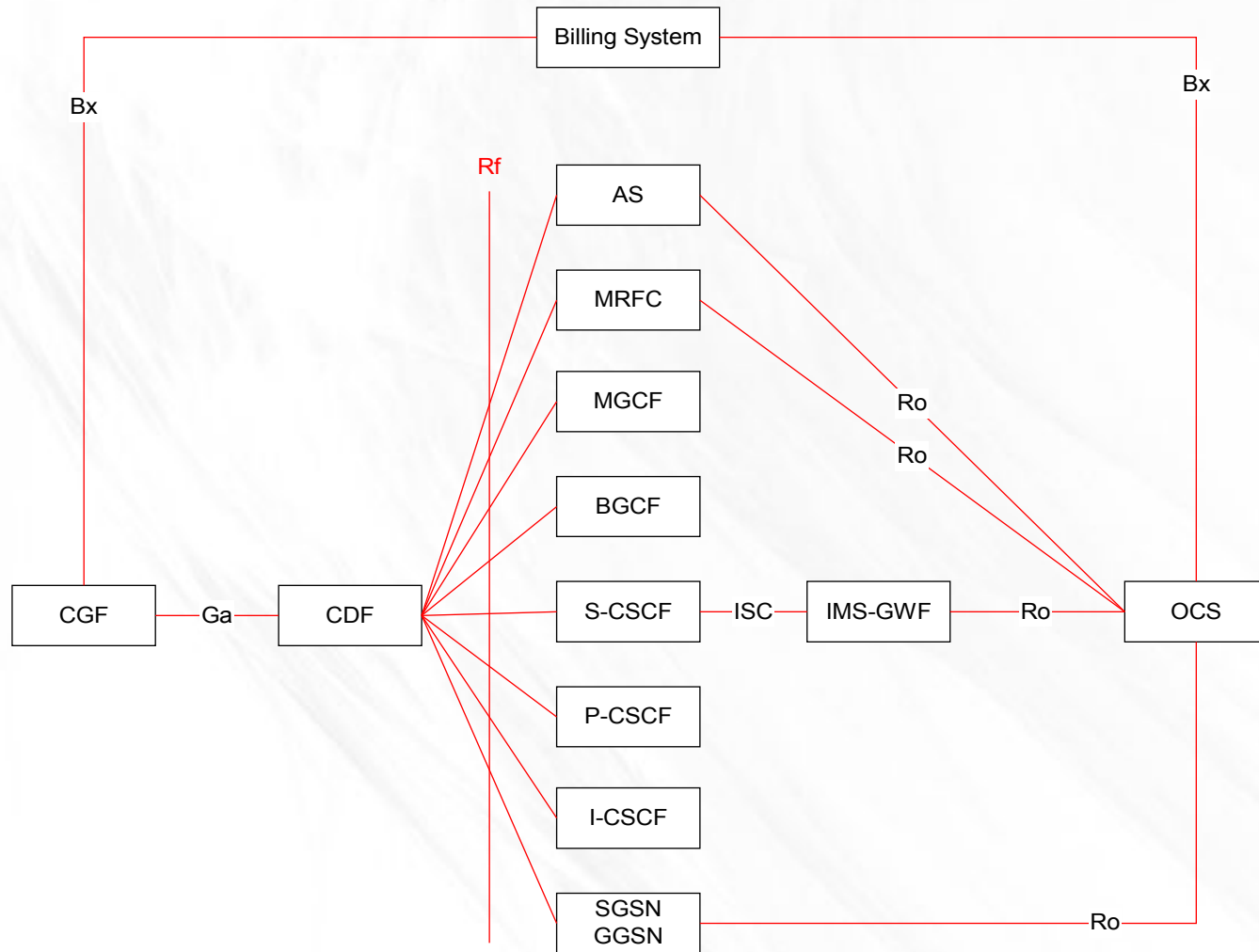
# QoS Parameter Types

Traffic Class	Max DL rate
Guaranteed DL rate	Max UL rate
Guaranteed UL rate	Max SDU size
SDU format data	BER
SDU error ratio	Traffic-handling Priority
Delivery of erroneous SDUs	Allocation/Retention Priority
Transfer Delay	Delivery Order
Source statistics descriptor	

# Maximum Allowed UMTS Traffic Class per Media Type

UMTS Traffic Class	Media Type (m-line in SDP)
Conversational	Bi-directional audio/video
Streaming	Uni-directional audio/video
Conversational	Application
Interactive	Data
Interactive	Control
Background	Others

# IMS Charging Architecture





# Offline Charging

- Based on trigger conditions, such as beginning and end of IMS sessions
- CDF is the central point in offline charging system
- DIAMETER Accounting Requests (ACRs) sent to CDF via Rf interface
- CGF is needed to consolidate data from (possibly) multiple CDFs
- **Message Sequence Chart**

# Offline Charging Functions

- Charging Triggering Function (CTF):
  - Monitors SIP signalling
  - Detects trigger conditions
  - Extracts data from SIP signalling & assembles charging data
  - Sends charging data to CDF
- Charging Data Function (CDF):
  - Constructs CDRs
  - Delivers CDRs to CGF

# Offline Charging Functions

- Charging Gateway Function (CGF):
  - Correlatation, consolidation, filtering functions & addition of operator-specific info
  - CDR error handling & storage
  - Processing of CDRs
  - Delivery of CDRs to billing system
- Billing System:
  - Creates the actual bill

# Online Charging

- Direct Debiting:
  - IMS entity sends request to OCS which finds correct tariff & checks subscriber's credit (known as “**Immediate Event Charging**” in 3GPP terminology)
- Unit Reservation:
  - OCS reserves an amount from the subscriber's account which is consolidated at regular intervals (3GPP: “**Session Charging**”)

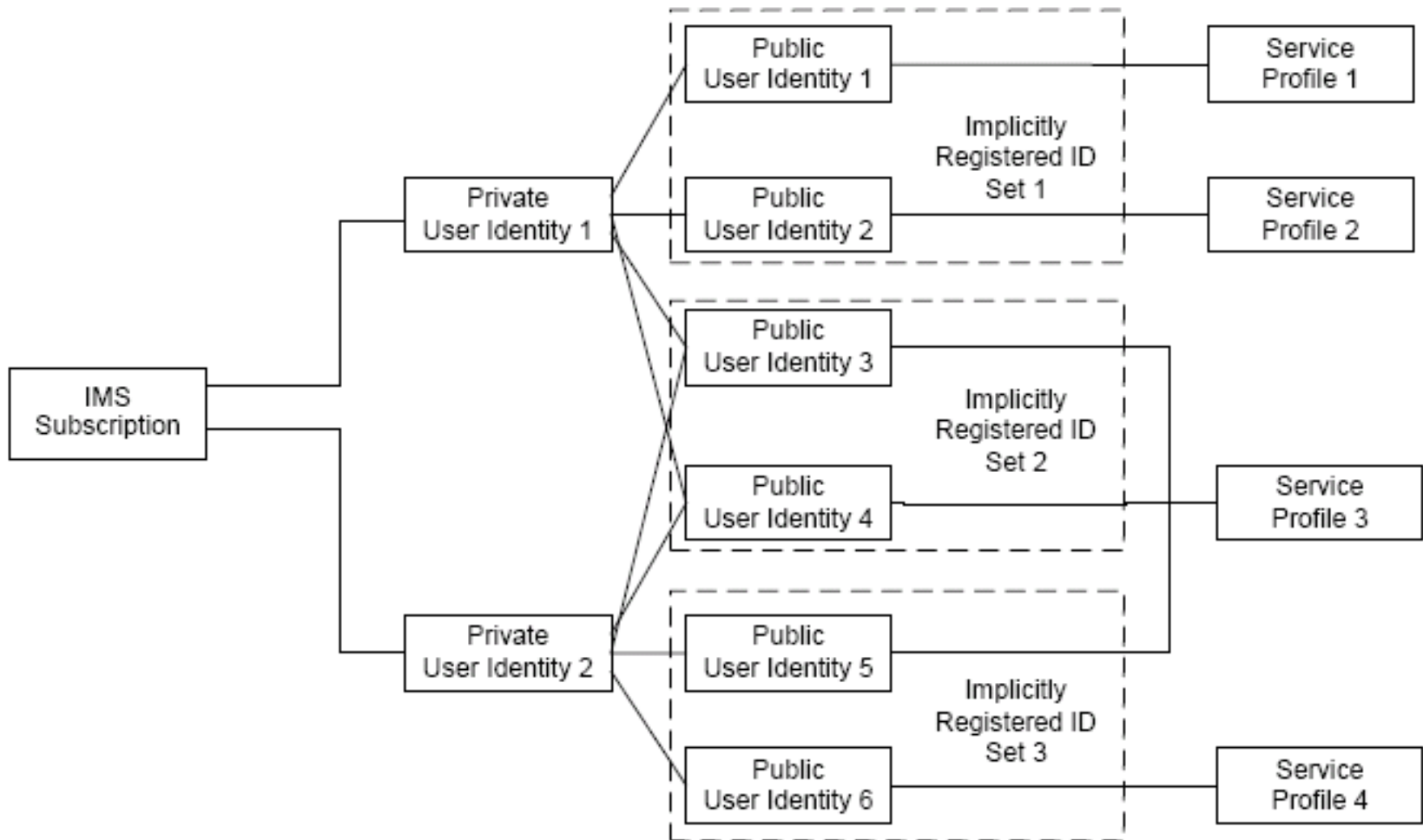
# Correlation of Charging Data

- IMS Charging Identifier (ICID)
- GPRS Charging Identifier (GCID)
  - Allows charging correlation between IMS & IP-CAN

# Distribution of Charging Data

- COPS: Common Open Policy Service
- COPS-PR: Common Open Policy Service Usage for Policy PRovisioning
- ❖ **Message Sequence Example**
  - Part1
  - Part2

# User Profile



# User (Agent) Profile

- Contains at least 1 PrUID
- Contains at least 1 Service Profile
- May contain more than 1 PrUID
- ❖ See example file [UserProfile.htm]



# Service Profile

- Sent from HSS to S-CSCF in SAA (Server Assignment Answer) & PPR (Push-Profile-Request)
- Carried in 1 DIAMETER AVP as an XML document
- Consists of 3 parts:
  - Public ID
  - Core network service authorisation (e.g. Permitted SDP parameters)
  - Initial Filter Criteria

# Initial Filter Criteria

- Triggers onward routing of SIP message to Application Server
- Contains Trigger Points
  - Absence of a trigger point can be used for unconditional routing to Application Server
- Trigger Point contains one or more Service Point Triggers

# Service Point Trigger

- Request URI (identifies a target resource)
- SIP Method (e.g. INVITE, MESSAGE)
- SIP Header
- Session Case
  - Originating, Terminating or Terminating-Unregistered
- Session Description
  - Can be used to match against SDP fields<sup>99</sup>

# Example of Initial Filter Criteria

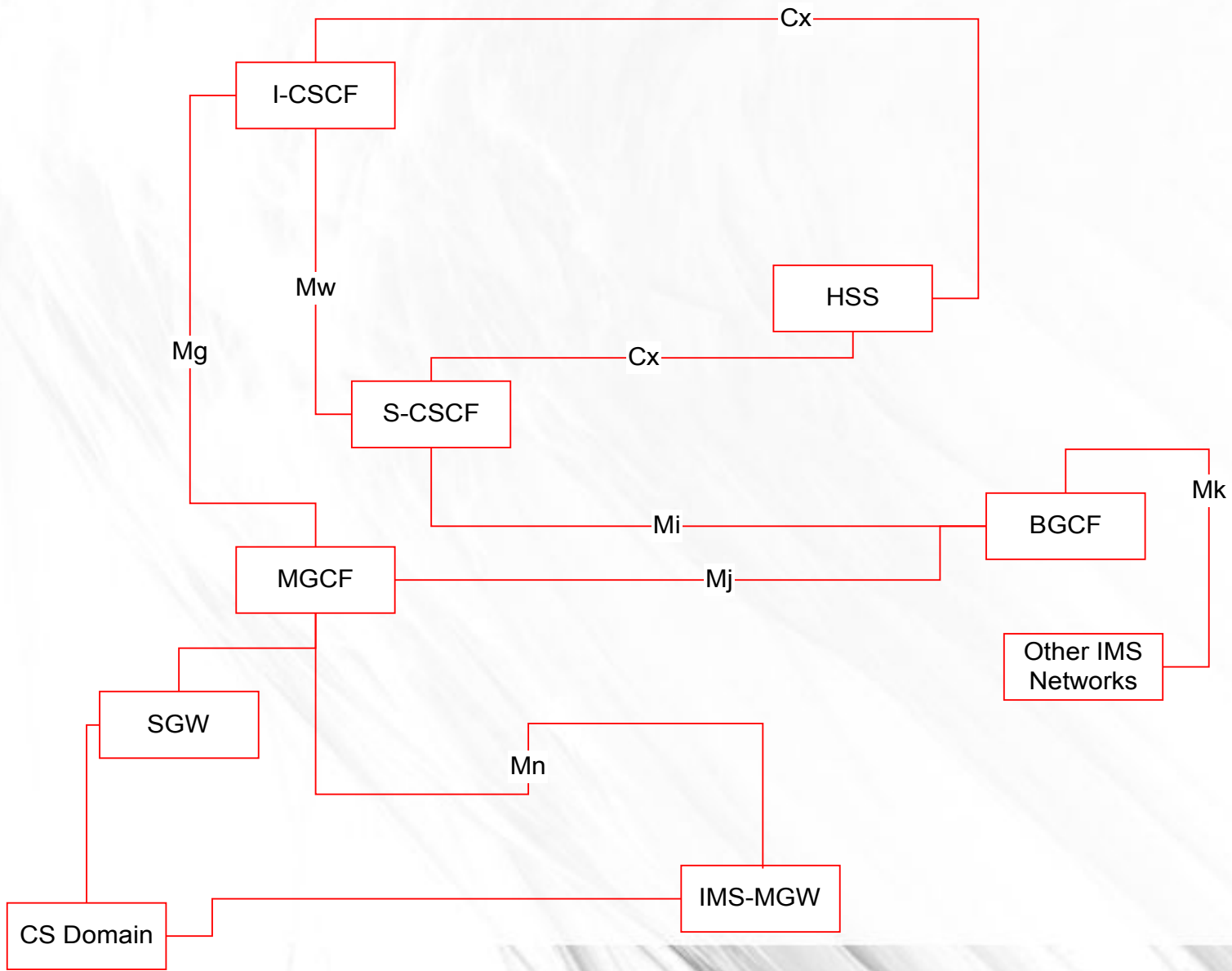
## Triggers for All Users

Del	RequestURI	Method	Header	Value	Session Case	Application Server URI
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	INVITE	Accept-Contact	+g.poc.talkburst	ORIGINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	PUBLISH	Event	poc-settings	TERMINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	SUBSCRIBE	Event	conference	ORIGINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	MESSAGE	Accept-Contact	+g.poc.talkburst	TERMINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	MESSAGE	Accept-Contact	+g.poc.groupad	ORIGINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	SUBSCRIBE	Event	presence.winfo	TERMINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	SUBSCRIBE	Event	presence	TERMINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	PUBLISH	Event	presence	TERMINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr
<input type="checkbox"/>	*	SUBSCRIBE	Event	presence	ORIGINATING	sip:164.48.178.152:5080;lr

Delete

# CS Interworking

- Control Plane Interworking: MGCF
- User Plane Interworking: IMS-MGW
- IMS → CS
  - MGCF converts between ISUP & SIP
- CS → IMS
  - E.164 number is routed to MGCF
  - MGCF converts E.164-formatted number to a SIP URI format



# Compression

- Support of SIP compression between the the UE & P-CSCF is mandatory

# IPv4 $\leftrightarrow$ Ipv6 Interworking

- The next few slides describe some of the issues and solutions for interworking between IP version 4 and IP version 6



# Application Level Gateway (ALG)

- Translates IP addresses WITHIN SIP messages
- Advantages:
  - Allows interworking between IPv4 and IPv6
  - Also allows interworking with LANs behind NAT translators
- Disadvantages:
  - Can present security issues
  - Resource intensive

# Dual Stack Operation

- System whereby dual stack hosts are utilised
- Advantages:
  - Minimises need for ALGs
- Disadvantages:
  - Needs to support both ‘A’ & ‘AAAA’ DNS records for IPv4 & IPv6 respectively

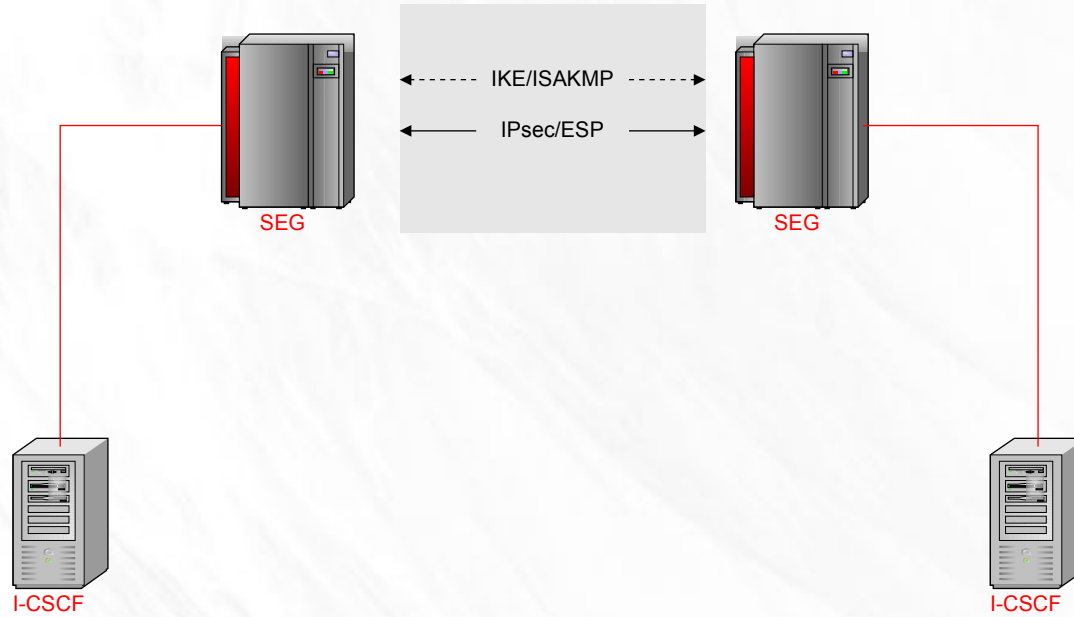
# Tunnelling

- IPv6 packet is fully encapsulated within an IPv6 packet

# IMS Security

- IMS security re-uses UMTS AKA parameters:
  - K
  - RAND
  - AUTN
  - SQN (Sequence Number)
  - AUTS (Synchronisation token generated by ISIM upon detection of sync failure)
  - RES
  - CK
  - IK

# Security Domains



# Security Domains

- IKE: Internet Key Exchange
- ISAKMP: Internet Security Association Key Management Protocol
- IPsec: IP Security
- ESP: Encapsulation Security Payload
  
- When defining Internet Security Domains, Confidentiality, Data Integrity & Authentication are mandatory features
- Security Protocols:
  - ESP, 3DES, MDS & SHA-1

# Authentication & Security Agreement

- Authentication is based on the AKA protocol
- UE & P-CSCF exchange lists of supported security mechanisms. Highest commonly supported one is then used
- “Replay” is a feature used to prevent tampering of security agreement during transit (“bidding-down attack”):
  - [Reponse contains same suggested security parameters as the original request]
- Allows extendability whereby new security mechanisms can be added later

# Confidentiality & Integrity Protection

- Mandatory in IMS access
- Ipsec
- AKA session keys are used as keys for ESP security associations
- IK is used as the Authentication Key
- CK is the derived Ciphering Key



# IMS Presence

- Mechanism to publish a user's availability to other interested and authorised parties
- SIP has been extended with a “presence” event package
  - SIP PUBLISH
  - SIP NOTIFY
- Presentity:
  - Entity providing information about its presence (to an Application Server)
- Watcher:
  - Entity requesting information on a Presentity
- Presentity can set authorisation levels (using XCAP)

# “winfo” Event Package

- Allows a user to subscribe to information regarding their “watchers”
- ❖ Successful subscription to presence
- ❖ Successful presence publication
- Note: Subscription can also be to a Resource List

# Messaging

## □ Messaging Types:

### Immediate (SIP Message)

- Can also be sent to a List URL on an AS

### Session-based

- Can include other media types in addition to text
- Uses “Message Session Relay Protocol” (MSRP)
- Emulation of IRC (multi-party session)

# Conferencing

- A Conferencing Server, after a SIP INVITE, can create a new instance of a conference & assign it a URI
- URI can then be globally published
- A SIP Event Package “conference” is used for notification of changes regarding participants
- A SIP SUBSCRIBE request can then be sent to the conference URI

# Inviting Users to the Conference

## □ Method 1:

- REFER request sent to server

- Refer-To header contains conference URI

## □ Method 2:

- *REFER* is sent to *Conference URI* & *User URI* is included in *Refer-To* header

- Causes the 'focal point' to generate an INVITE request for the invited user

# Example

- ❖ Referring a user to a conference
- ❖ Subscribing to a conference
- NOTIFY is a notification carrying the conference state at that point in time

# Group Management

- Example: “Buddy List”
- Enables group data to be stored in the network
- Synchronises multiple devices holding the group data

# Access Control List

- Mechanism to restrict contact and only allow contact from members of a specific group



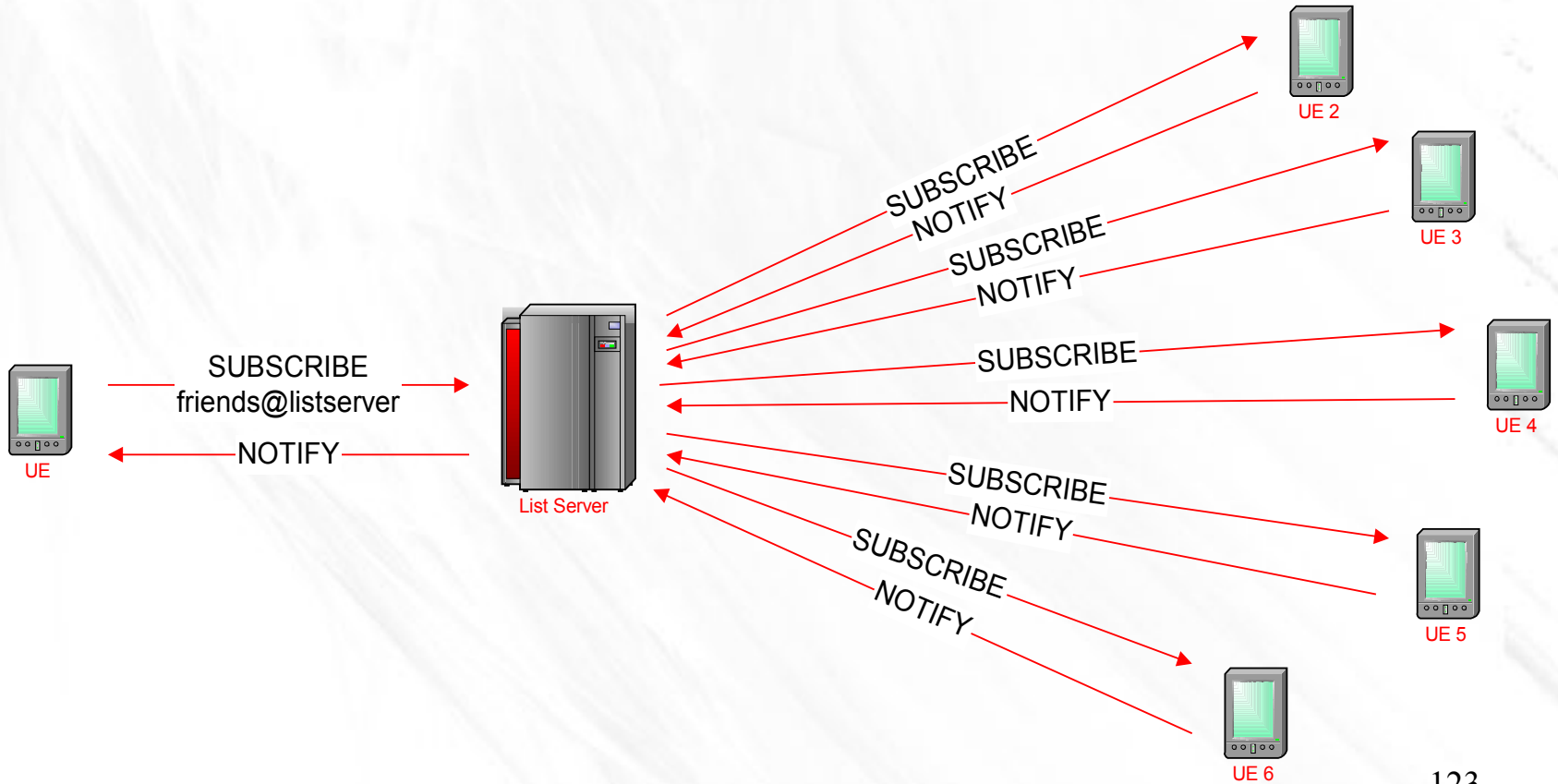
# XDM

- XML Document Management
- XCAP (XML Configuration Access Protocol) is the OMA protocol used to manipulate and access XML documents between client & server
- XML schemas have been defined by the OMA (see file [UserProfile.htm](#) for example)

# Aggregation of Group Data

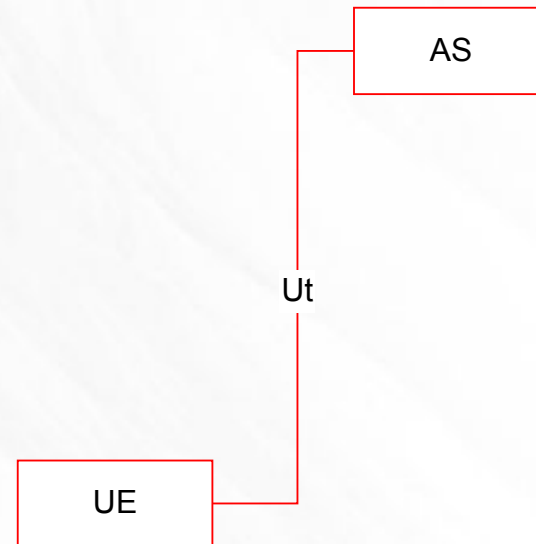
- Allows single SUBSCRIBE to deal with multiple resources
- URI points to a list of other URIs
- Uses “Resource List Server” (RLS)
- Tag “eventlist” is used

# Resource List Server



# Resource Lists

- The Ut interface is used to manipulate resource lists



# IMS Registration Example

## ❖ Registration across Visitor PLMN

- Message sequence chart Part 1
- Message sequence chart Part 2

# Transport Layer Protocols Used by SIP

- Default: UDP
- Greater than 1300 bytes: TCP

# Headers

## □ *Via*

An element adds its SIP Address to this header so that responses to the request are routed back to it

## □ *Route*

- Set to the SIP address of the next hop

## □ *Service-Route*

Used by the S-CSCF to give the UE routing information to be used from that point onwards

## □ *Path*

Used by the P-CSCF to store its address in an initial REGISTER request to ensure it remains in the routing path for future terminating requests

## □ *Record-Route*

- Used by CSCFs to remain in the routing path for future originating requests

# Examples: Register Request from UE to P-CSCF

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP
[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-
3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net",
realm="registrar.home1.net", nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response=""
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-
s=12345678; port-c=2468; ports=
1357
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 1 REGISTER
Supported: path
Content-Length: 0
```



# Examples: Register Request from P-CSCF to I-CSCF

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.homel.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP pcscf1.visited1.net;branch=z9hG4bK240f34.1, SIP/2.0/UDP
[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 69
P-Access-Network-Info:
Path: <sip:term@pcscf1.visited1.net;lr>
Require: path
P-Visited-Network-ID: "Visited Network Number 1"
P-Charging-Vector: icid-value="AyretyU0dm+6O2IrT5tAFrbHLso=023551024"
From:
To:
Contact:
Call-ID:
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@homel.net",
realm="registrar.homel.net", nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.homel.net", response="", integrity-protected="no"
CSeq:
Supported:
Content-Length:
```

# Examples: Register Request from I-CSCF to S-CSCF

REGISTER sip:scscf1.home1.net SIP/2.0

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP icscf1\_p.home1.net;branch=z9hG4bK351g45.1, SIP/2.0/UDP

pcscf1.visited1.net;branch=z9hG4bK240f34.1, SIP/2.0/UDP

[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

Max-Forwards: 68

P-Access-Network-Info:

Path:

Require:

P-Visited-Network-ID:

P-Charging-Vector:

From:

To:

Contact:

Call-ID:

Authorization:

CSeq:

Supported:

Content-Length:

# Unauthorised Response from S-CSCF to I-CSCF

SIP/2.0 401 Unauthorized

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP icscf1\_p.home1.net;branch=z9hG4bK351g45.1,  
SIP/2.0/UDP

pcscf1.visited1.net;branch=z9hG4bK240f34.1, SIP/2.0/UDP

[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

From: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3

To: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>; tag=5ef4

Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111

**WWW-Authenticate: Digest realm="registrar.home1.net",  
nonce=base64(RAND + AUTN + server specific data), algorithm=AKAv1-  
MD5, ik="00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff",**

**ck="ffeeddccbbaa11223344556677889900"**

CSeq: 1 REGISTER

Content-Length: 0

# Unauthorised Response from P-CSCF to UE

SIP/2.0 401 Unauthorized

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP

[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

From:

To:

Call-ID:

**WWW-Authenticate: Digest realm="registr.ar.home1.net",  
nonce=base64(RAND + AUTN + server specific data),  
algorithm=AKAv1-MD5**

Security-Server: ipsec-3gpp; q=0.1; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-  
c=98765432; spi-s=87654321; port-c=8642;

port-s=7531

CSeq:

Content-Length:

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Register Request from UE

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net", realm="registrar.home1.net",
nonce=base64(RAND + AUTN + server specific data), algorithm=AKAv1-MD5,
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response="6629fae49393a05397450978507c4ef1"
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-s=12345678; port-
c=2468; ports=
1357
Security-Verify: ipsec-3gpp; q=0.1; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=98765432; spi-s=87654321;
port-c=8642;
port-s=7531
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 2 REGISTER
Supported: path
```

# Authentication

- 3GPP AKA parameters are mapped to HTTP Digest Authentication
- Algorithm value “AKAv1-MDS” distinguishes 3GPP AKA mechanism from other HTTP digest mechanisms
- PrUID is used by the S-CSCF to obtain the correct authentication vector
- Security Associations are established between UE & P-CSCF

# Security Associations

- Characterised by:
  - Protected client ports
  - Protected server ports
- Ports are used as part of the address in SIP headers
- Default unprotected ports are used if protected ports have not been supplied
- When re-authentication takes place, UE & P-CSCF only change their protected client ports
- Server ports remain the same (otherwise, contact data would change, requiring re-authentication)

# TCP

- Response is routed to the same port that the request was received from
- Due to the connection-oriented nature of TCP (with TCP, connection is setup in advance and that connection is then re-used until the TCP session is terminated)



# SIP Security Agreement

- Provides extendability
- Currently only IPsec is used
- List of supported mechanisms in 401 Unauthorised message contains weighted preferences

# Security Negotiation Example

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net",
realm="registrar.home1.net", nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response=""
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-s=12345678;
port-c=2468; ports=
1357
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 1 REGISTER
Supported: path
Content-Length: 0
```

# Security Negotiation Example

SIP/2.0 401 Unauthorized

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP

[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

From:

To:

Call-ID:

WWW-Authenticate: Digest realm="registrar.home1.net", nonce=base64(RAND + AUTN + server specific data), algorithm=AKAv1-MD5

**Security-Server: ipsec-3gpp; q=0.1; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=98765432; spi-s=87654321; port-c=8642;**

port-s=7531

CSeq:

Content-Length:

# Compression

- Mandatory support but NOT mandatory use
- “comp” added to headers to indicate support

# Compression Header Example

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net",
realm="registrar.home1.net", nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response=""
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-s=12345678;
port-c=2468; ports=
1357
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 1 REGISTER
Supported: path
Content-Length: 0
```

# User IDs: Private

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net", realm="registrar.home1.net",
nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response=""
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-s=12345678; port-
c=2468; ports=
1357
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 1 REGISTER
Supported: path
Content-Length: 0
```

# User IDs: Public

```
REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7
Max-Forwards: 70
P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11
From: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3
To: <sip:user1_public1@home1.net>
Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd];comp=sigcomp>;expires=600000
Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111
Authorization: Digest username="user1_private@home1.net", realm="registrar.home1.net",
nonce="",
uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response=""
Security-Client: ipsec-3gpp; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=23456789; spi-s=12345678; port-
c=2468; ports=
1357
Require: sec-agree
Proxy-Require: sec-agree
CSeq: 1 REGISTER
Supported: path
Content-Length: 0
```

# Subscription to Registration State Info

- ***Event:*** This field is populated with the value "reg" to specify the use of the registration state package
- Registration state info is returned in an XML form in a NOTIFY message
- Examples follow



SUBSCRIBE sip:user1\_public1@home1.net SIP/2.0

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP [5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

Max-Forwards: 70

Route: <sip:pcscf1.visited1.net:7531;lr;comp=sigcomp>,  
<sip:orig@scscf1.home1.net;lr>

P-Preferred-Identity: "John Doe" <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>

P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11

Privacy: none

From: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>;tag=31415

To: <sip:user1\_public@home1.net>

Call-ID: b89rjhnedlrfjflslj40a222

Require: sec-agree

Proxy-Require: sec-agree

CSeq: 61 SUBSCRIBE

**Event: reg**

Expires: 600000

Accept: application/reginfo+xml

Security-Verify: ipsec-3gpp; q=0.1; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=98765432; spi-  
s=87654321; port-c=8642;

port-s=7531

Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp>

Content-Length: 0

NOTIFY sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp SIP/2.0  
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP scscf1.home1.net;branch=z9hG4bK332b23.1  
Max-Forwards: 70  
Route: <sip:pcscf1.home1.net;lr>  
From: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>;tag=31415  
To: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>;tag=151170  
Call-ID:  
CSeq: 42 NOTIFY  
Subscription-State: active;expires=600000  
Event: reg  
Content-Type: application/reginfo+xml  
Contact: <sip:scscf1.home1.net>  
Content-Length: (...)

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<reginfo xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:reginfo" version="1" state="full">
  <registration aor="sip:user1_public1@home1.net" id="a7" state="active">
    <contact id="76" state="active" event="registered">
      <uri>sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]</uri>
    </contact>
  </registration>
  <registration aor="sip:user1_public2@home1.net" id="a8" state="active">
    <contact id="77" state="active" event="created">
      <uri>sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]</uri>
    </contact>
  </registration>
  <registration aor="tel:+358504821437" id="a9" state="active">
    <contact id="78" state="active" event="created">
      <uri>sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]</uri>
    </contact>
  </registration>
</reginfo>
```

# Sending Partial State Change Info

- State parameter is set to “partial” when a NOTIFY message contains only change information

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<ns:reginfo xmlns:ns="http://www.xml:ns:reginfo" version="1.0"
  state="partial">
  <user id="1" email="user@public.howell.net" id="1"
  state="partial">
    <acct id="10" state="active" version="shortened"
    phone="+107">
      <ccid="1555" area="bbb">
        </ccid>
      </acct>
    </user>
  </reginfo>

```

# Network Initiated Re-Authentication

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<reginfo xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:reginfo" version="1"
state="partial">
  <registration aor="sip:user1_public1@home1.net" id="as9"
state="active">
    <contact id="76" state="active" event="shortened"
expires="600">
      <uri>sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]</uri>
    </contact>
  </registration>
</reginfo>
```

# De-registration

REGISTER sip:registrar.home1.net SIP/2.0

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP

[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp;branch=z9hG4bKnashds7

P-Access-Network-Info: 3GPP-UTRAN-TDD; utran-cell-id-3gpp=234151D0FCE11

Max-Forwards: 70

From: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>;tag=4fa3

To: <sip:user1\_public1@home1.net>

Contact: <sip:[5555::aaa:bbb:ccc:ddd]:1357;comp=sigcomp>;**expires=0**

Call-ID: apb03a0s09dkjdfglkj49111

Authorization: Digest username="user1\_private@home1.net",  
realm="registrar.home1.net",

nonce=base64(RAND + AUTN + server specific data), algorithm=AKAv1-MD5,

uri="sip:registrar.home1.net", response="6629fae49393a05397450978507c4ef1"

CSeq: 7 REGISTER

Security-Verify: ipsec-3gpp; q=0.1; alg=hmac-sha-1-96; spi-c=98765432; spi-  
s=87654321; port-c=8642;

port-s=7531

Require: sec-agree

Proxy-Require: sec-agree

Supported: path

Content-Length: 0

# Early IMS Security

- Where IDs have to be derived from USIM (not ISIM)
- Based on a simplified authentication mechanism involving MSISDN to IP Address checks done by the HSS

# Asserted Identities

- P-Asserted-Identity & P-Preferred-Identity
  - Originating P-CSCF replaces 'Preferred-ID' with 'Asserted-ID'
  - Asserted ID is guaranteed to be a registered & authenticated Public User ID of the originating party
  - S-CSCF can add an additional URI to 'P-Asserted-Identity' (e.g. tel URI)



# Privacy Header

- Set to 'ID' to indicate privacy
- If terminating network is not within originating network's trust domain, S-CSCF removes 'P-Asserted-Identity'
- Otherwise, destination P-CSCF is trusted to remove the 'P-Asserted-Identity' in order to retain the requested privacy

# P-Called-Party-ID

- Used to store a request URI after the original request URI is replaced by the S-CSCF with the actual IP address of the destination ('From:' & 'To:' can be set arbitrarily)
- Allows terminating party to determine which of their PuUIDs were used in the request

# Provisional Responses

- 'Supported: 100rel' indicates support of reliably sent provisional responses (RFC 3262)
  - Mechanism allowing provisional responses to be sent reliably
  - Support is mandatory for IMS
  - 'PRACK' must be sent by receiver of provisional response
  - 'Require: 100rel' is used to prompt receiving terminal for PRACK request
  - 'RSeq' is used to distinguish between multiple provisional responses
  - Acknowledged provisional response is identified in <sup>155</sup> 'RAck' header (includes RSeq & CSeq from provisional response)

# Resource Reservation

- Resource reservation can happen in the send & receive directions at the originating end and also the send & receive directions at the remote end
- ❖ **Message Sequence Chart**

# Preconditions

- SDP Preconditions Extension is specified in RFC 3312 (“qos” precondition type)
- Allows UE to delay completion of session establishment until resources have been reserved at both ends
- ❖ **Example: See** [[SDP\\_Preconditions\\_Example.html](#)]

# Media Authorisation

- Authorisation Token (*P-Media-Authorisation*):
  - Included in INVITE
  - Included in '183 Session Progress'
  - UE then includes it in Activate PDP Context Request
- Note that any CSCF in the routing path could reject certain media types

# IMS Session Setup Variations

- ❖ **IMS Session Setup Without Resource Reservation**
- Resource-based IMS Session Setup Without Preconditions:
  - 3GPP Rel 7
  - Optional simplified alternative to preconditions mechanism
  - Uses principle of setting media stream to “inactive” in SDP
  - re-INVITE is sent after resource reservation, now with media stream set to “active”

# Communication with non-IMS UEs

- ❖ IMS UE to non-IMS Terminal
- ❖ non-IMS Terminal to IMS UE