



# Media Delivery in Future Wireless Systems

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Future networks will be *multimedia* 

#### Multimedia Delivery

Will be a leading service in the future mobile Internet



Number of Multimedia Streaming End-points World-Wide

Source: Ovum, Streaming Media: Commercial Opportunities, Forecast, 2002



# **Motivation**

#### Future networks will be *heterogeneous*

#### Network Access Technologies

Modem, ISDN, xDSL, Ethernet, ATM, GSM/GPRS, UMTS, WLAN, etc. Different characteristics for loss rate, bandwidth, etc.

#### Devices

Varying Screen Sizes, Processors, Memory, Power Supplies, Interfaces, etc.

#### Applications

Interactive/non-interactive, realtime/non-realtime, unicast/multicast, adaptive/non-adaptive

E.g. IP Telephony needs low delay, Video-on-Demand needs bandwidth

#### Users

Different technology background and QoS requirements



,Normal User'

likes to have an ,on/off' button



#### ,Cyborgʻ

wants to specify the importance of certain parameters











#### Future networks will be Mobile

#### Terminal Mobility

support physically moving the device and eventually connecting to a foreign network

### User Mobility

supports to change the device and to have access on personal set of services in foreign networks

## Session Mobility

supports to maintain ongoing multimedia sessions during user and terminal movements





## **The Challenge**







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#### Ambient Multimedia Delivery Network

- □ Hiding the complexity of the underlying heterogeneous transport networks and enddevice environments to multimedia service providers and operators.
- Enabling efficient and high-quality multimedia delivery to large heterogeneous user groups.
- Providing common architectural support of communication- as well as consumptionoriented services.
- □ Access and terminal transparency for providers of services and content
- Support of multi-provider, multi-domain scenarios using different business models
- Control of media delivery needs to be possible not only for the recipients but also for the content providers





### Ambient Multimedia Routing Strategies

- Selecting optimal path(s) through the 'wireless world' regarding resources and preferences from users and operators.
- Disjoint path delivery for individual media streams
- □ Optimal selection of delivery means (broadcast, multicast, unicast, anycast)

#### Ambient Multimedia Adaptation Strategies

- Optimizing the transmission parameters during a running session regarding resources and preferences of content providers and recipients.
- Optimization of the mix of available adaptation means
  - □ Codec/Content related
  - Protocol related
- □ Support of adaptive network nodes and adaptive end-systems





# **Expected Results**

### Designing an Ambient Media Delivery Network supporting

- a concept for abstracting network and content characteristics
- the provision of ,perfect' mix of media adaptation means considering the imposed quality impacts with objective and subjective criteria
- specifications of protocols and APIs for
  - internal communication purpose
  - information exchange with the network and application/service layer
- the description and evaluation of routing strategies as well as adaptation strategies within the media delivery system
- □ communication- as well as consumption-oriented services in a common manner
- efficient use of resources independent of concentration of users both in time and space
- multi-provider, multi-domain scenarios using different business models
- □ configuration of media delivery by providers and recipients of content