



The Pan-European IPv6 IX Backbone Towards deployment of IPv6 in Telcos / ISPs



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Euro6IX: The Concept

- How to pronounce it: forget IX and read 6 (“SIX”)
- Build a large, scalable and native IPv6 Backbone of Traffic Exchanges, with connectivity across Europe and other IPv4/v6 Exchangers
- In order to promote and allow other players to trial v6 and port/develop key applications and services
- In order to break the chicken and egg issue !
- Gain REAL IPv6 experience, in a real world with not just research users, involving Telcos/ISPs/ASPs, among others: Allow new players into our trials
- Bring IPv6 into a production transit service

Euro6IX Goal

- Support the fast introduction of IPv6 in Europe.
- Main Steps:
 - Network design & deployment
 - Research on network advanced services
 - Development of applications validated by user groups & international trials
 - Active dissemination:
 - participation in events/conferences/papers
 - contributions to standards
 - project web site

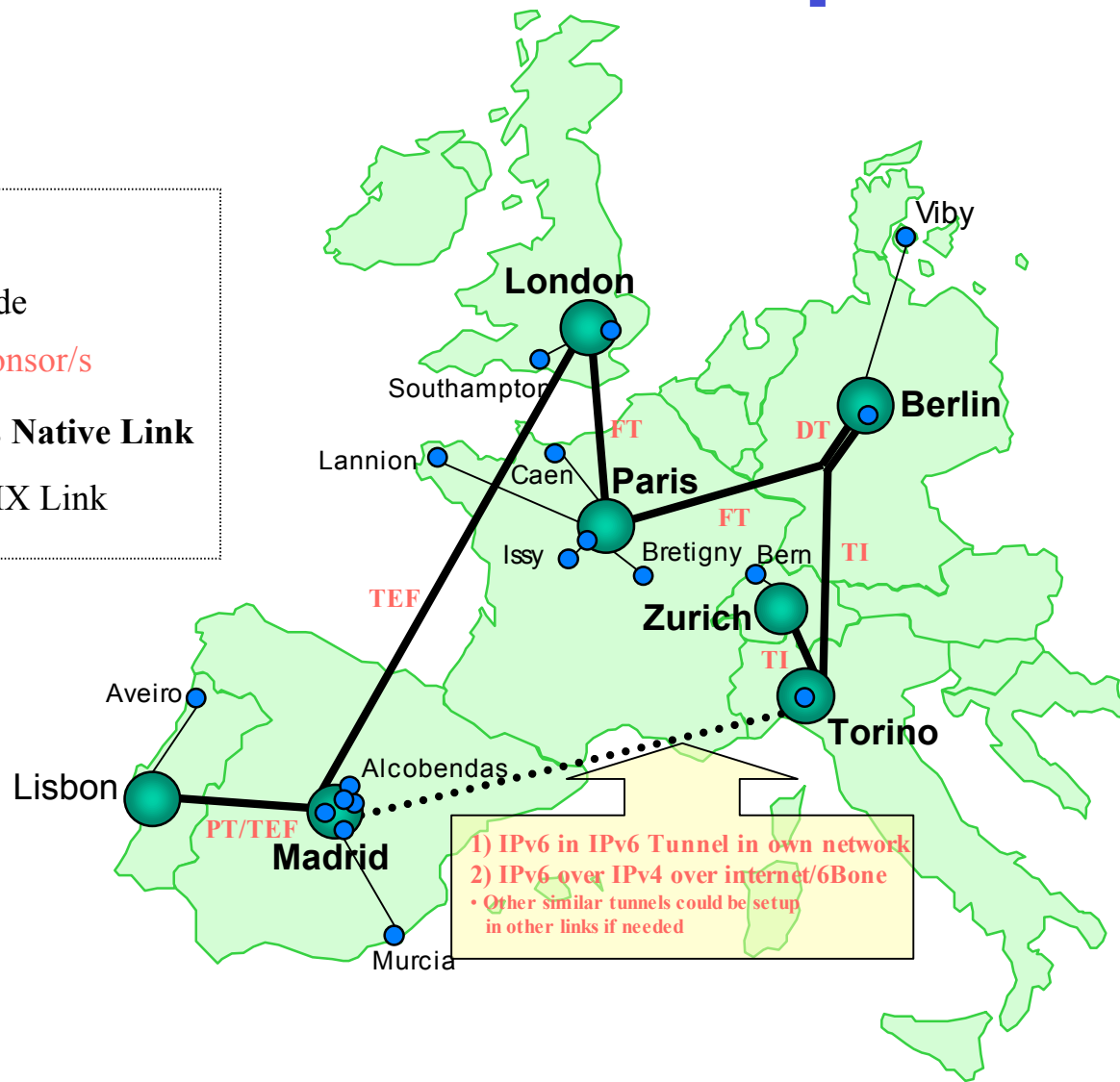
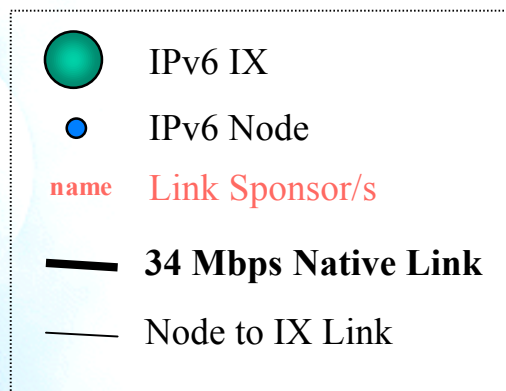
Objectives

1. Research an appropriate architecture, to design and deploy the first Pan-European non-commercial IPv6 Internet Exchange Network.
2. Use this infrastructure to research, test and validate IPv6-based applications & services.
3. Open the network to specific User Groups for its validation in trials.
4. Dissemination, liaison and coordination with clusters, fora, standards organizations (e.g. IETF, RIPE) and third parties.

Consortium Members (17)

- Telcos/ISPs (7):
 - Telecom Italia LAB (WP2 leader), Telefónica I+D (WP3 leader and project coordinator), Airtel-Vodafone, British Telecom Exact, T-Nova (Deutsche Telecom), France Telecom RD, Portugal Telecom Inovação
- Industrial (2):
 - 6WIND, Ericsson Telebit
- Universities (3):
 - Technical University of Madrid (WP4 leader), University of Southampton, University of Murcia
- Research, System Integrators and Consultancy (3):
 - Consulintel (WP1 leader and project coordinator), Telscom (WP5 leader), novaGnet systems
- Others (2):
 - Écija & Asociados Abogados, Eurocontrol

Updated Network Map



1) IPv6 in IPv6 Tunnel in own network
2) IPv6 over IPv4 over internet/6Bone
• Other similar tunnels could be setup in other links if needed



Euro6IX QoS Activities

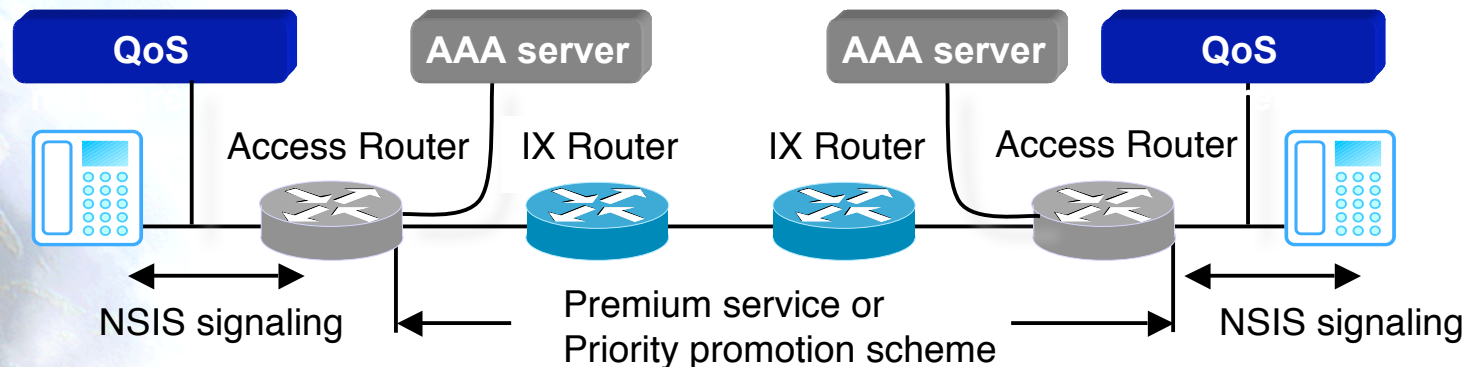
- Different QoS activities are done within WP4
 - QoS Premium Service Deployment
 - End-system based admission control enhanced SIP

Euro6IX Premium Service

- Several partners implemented Premium QoS Service
 - LON6IX
 - LIS6IX
 - MAD6IX
 - BER6IX
- Premium service support recommended for SIP VoIP tests and other real-time communications
- Premium QoS service is Diffserv based
 - Best-effort traffic (DSCP = 0)
 - Premium traffic (DSCP = 46)

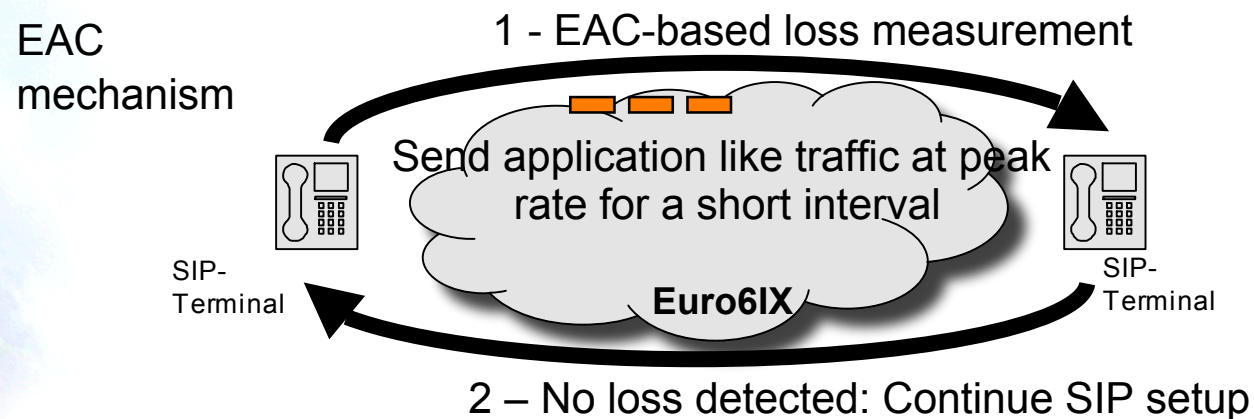
End-system based admission control enhanced SIP

- EAC activity is done under WP4 with the following goals:
 - Roll out the Euro6IX Premium service
 - Specify and test a SIP client using Euro6IX Premium service and end-system based admission control
 - Specify & test Euro6IX bandwidth on demand service
 - Enhance the bandwidth on demand service by AAA
 - Setup operational Euro6IX QoS measurement system



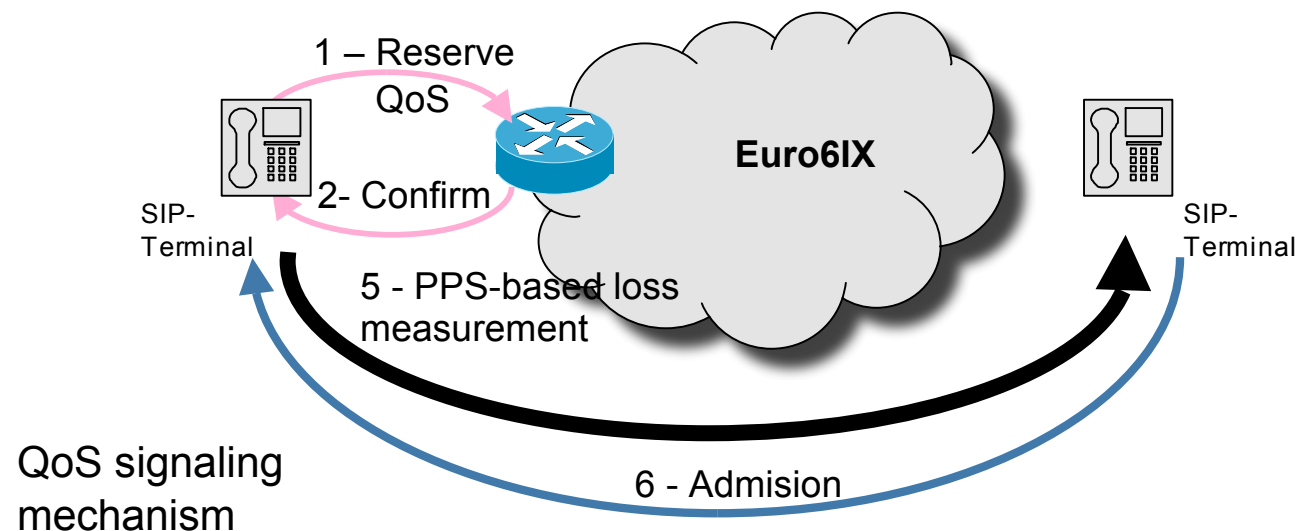
QoS specification: EAC

- End-system based admission control
 - Measure performance for an application like flow with highest sending rate of application
 - No loss detected: admit call
 - End-system support required only
 - Implemented for a SIP client
 - Tests between several partners



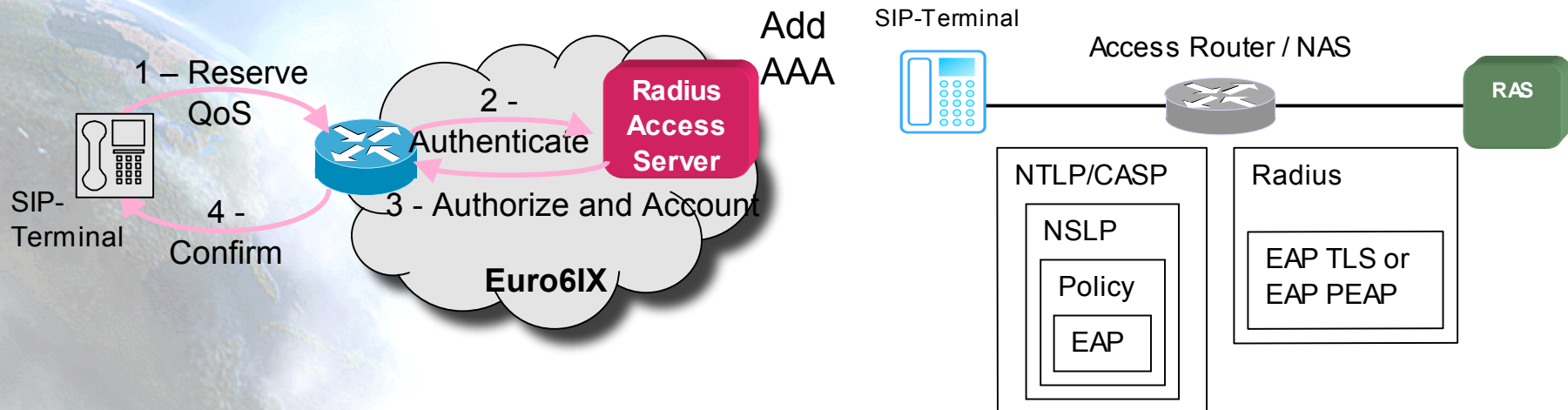
QoS specification: Signaling

- Protect against QoS misuse (I):
 - On demand QoS access only
 - Specify signaling for Access Router and SIP client
 - Uses latest IETF NSIS drafts – feedback from practice will be given

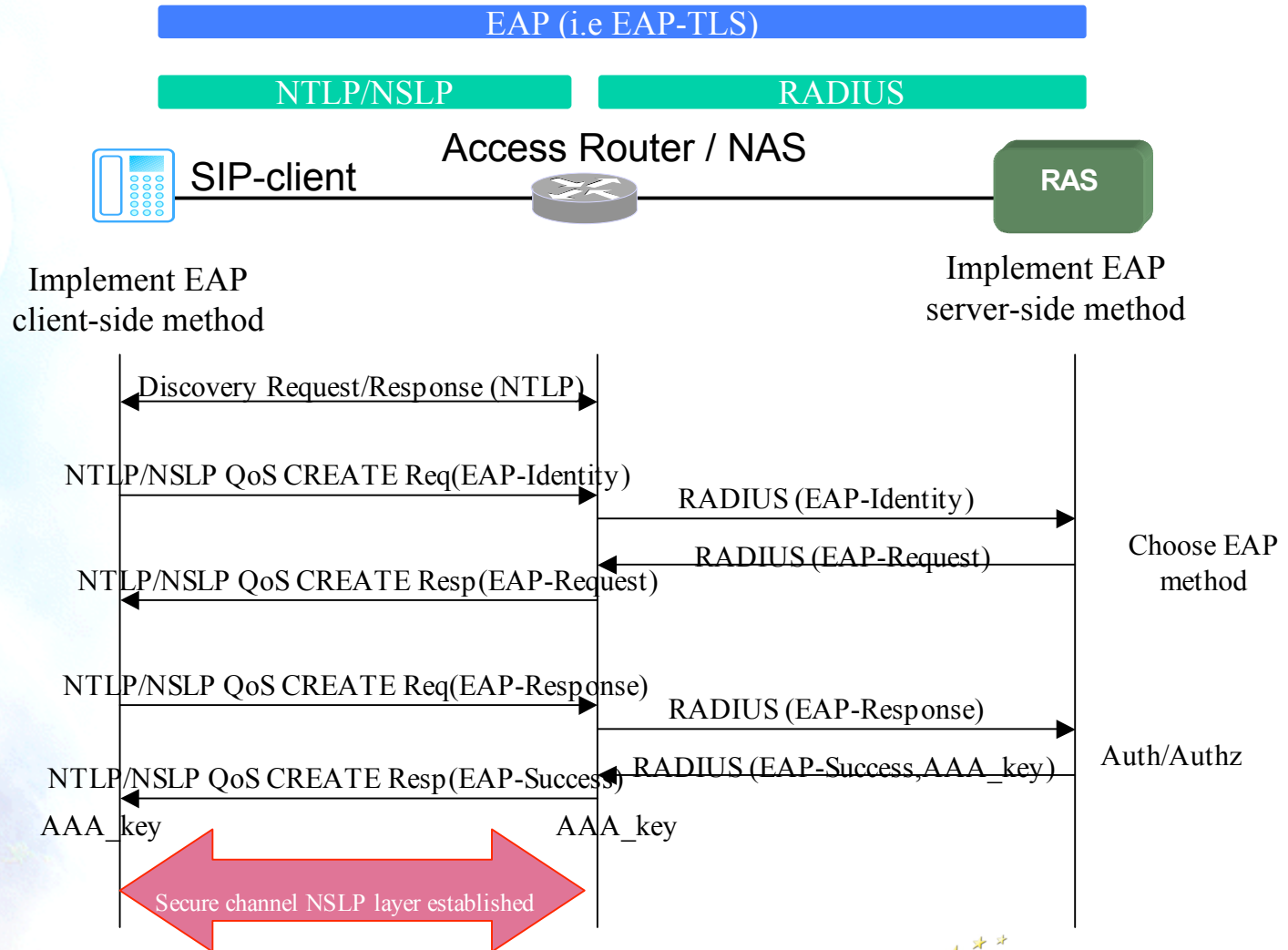


QoS specification: AAA (I)

- Protect against QoS misuse (II):
 - Introduce policy: only subscribers get access to the QoS service
 - Integrate QoS service access and AAA platform
 - Architecture agreed, specification pending



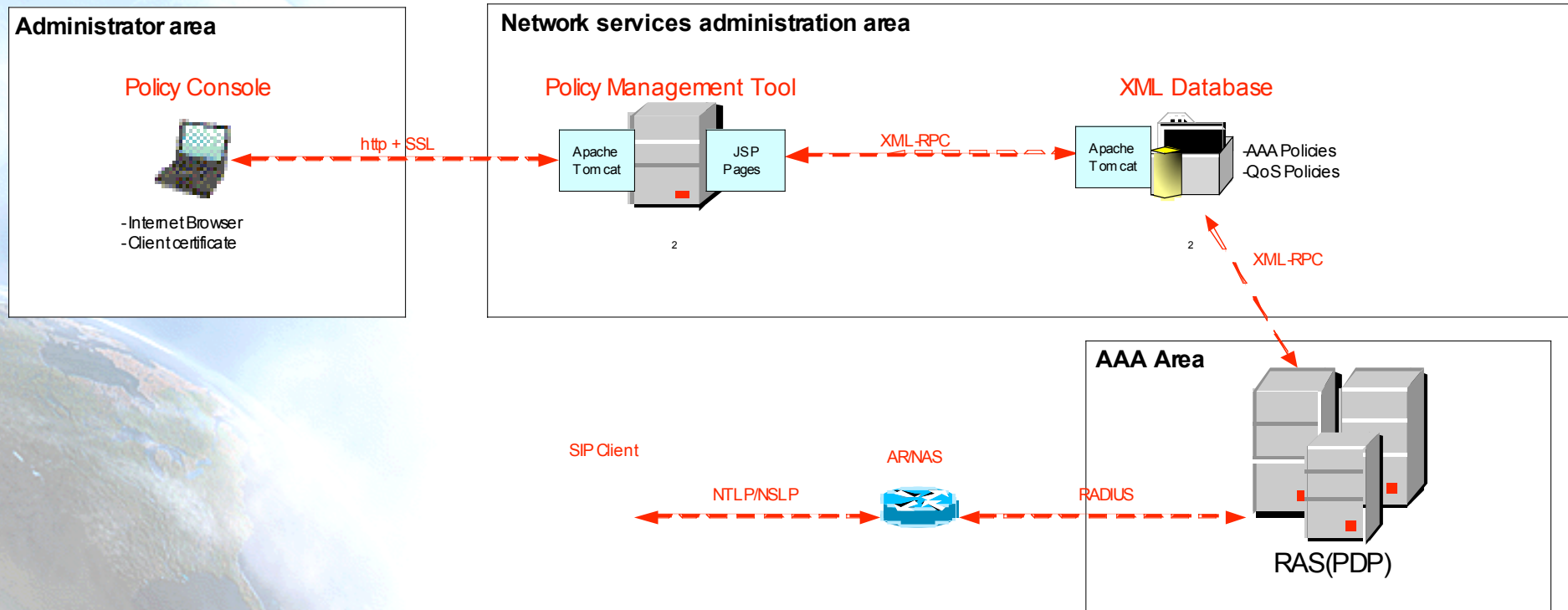
QoS specification: AAA (II)



QoS specification: AAA (III)

- SIP client implements EAP method (client side) for authentication
- RAS (free-RADIUS server) implement EAP method (server side)
- EAP packets are transported between SIP client and AR/NAS by using NTLP/NSLP
- EAP packets are transported between AR/NAS client and RAS by using NTLP/NSLP
- NSLP implementation in AR must recover EAP packets and include them a RADIUS packets (possible implementation by using a modified HostAP software)
- Authentication can be used initially by using EAP-TLS as EAP method.
- EAP-TLS method can use UMU PKIv6 certificates

QoS specification: AAA and Policies



Main relations to WP4 Goals

- Combines an application with a network service
- Interaction with other WP4 subactivities (AAA)
- Trials support
- IX relation:
 - QoS support for VoIP is an important feature of NGN networks
 - End-to-end support of a single QoS architecture is an important feature of NGN networks
 - Protection against misuse is crucial if value added services are to be introduced in a commercial NGN

Results and future work

- Y3 results / Y4 plans
 - Premium service is supported by PTIN, Telefónica, T-Systems and Consulintel. Tilab started tests
 - SIP client with end-system based admission control specified and tested across Euro6IX
 - End-to-end bandwidth on demand service specified, implementation pending
 - AAA architecture specified, detailed specification pending
 - Stepwise tests and improved demonstration of end-to-end QoS architecture with availability of new features

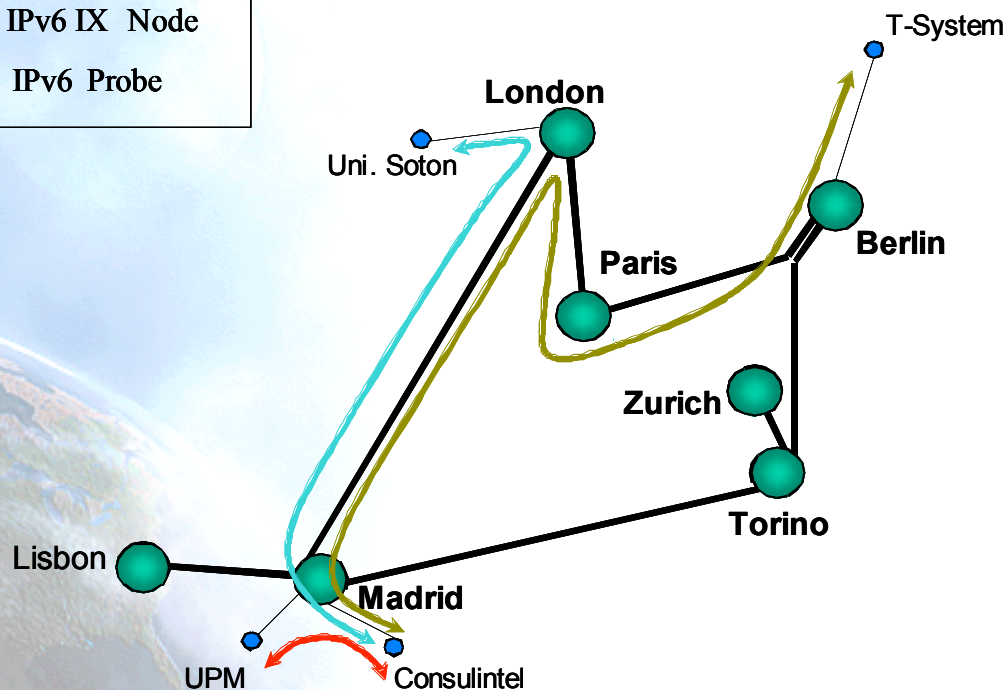
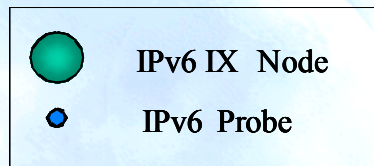
QoS Measurements Activity

- Activity carried out in collaborative work between Euro6IX and 6QM IST projects with the following objectives
- From Euro6IX side:
 - QoS Measurements sub-activity focuses on the verification of the QoS (Premium Service) deployed on the network
 - By using the OpenIMP IPv6 measurement system developed, the QoS on the network can be measured in order to obtain QoS objective results
- From 6QM side:
 - Test the OpenIMP system in a real scenario with different types of users in order to detect bugs on the system and to identify possible improvements

Partners involved

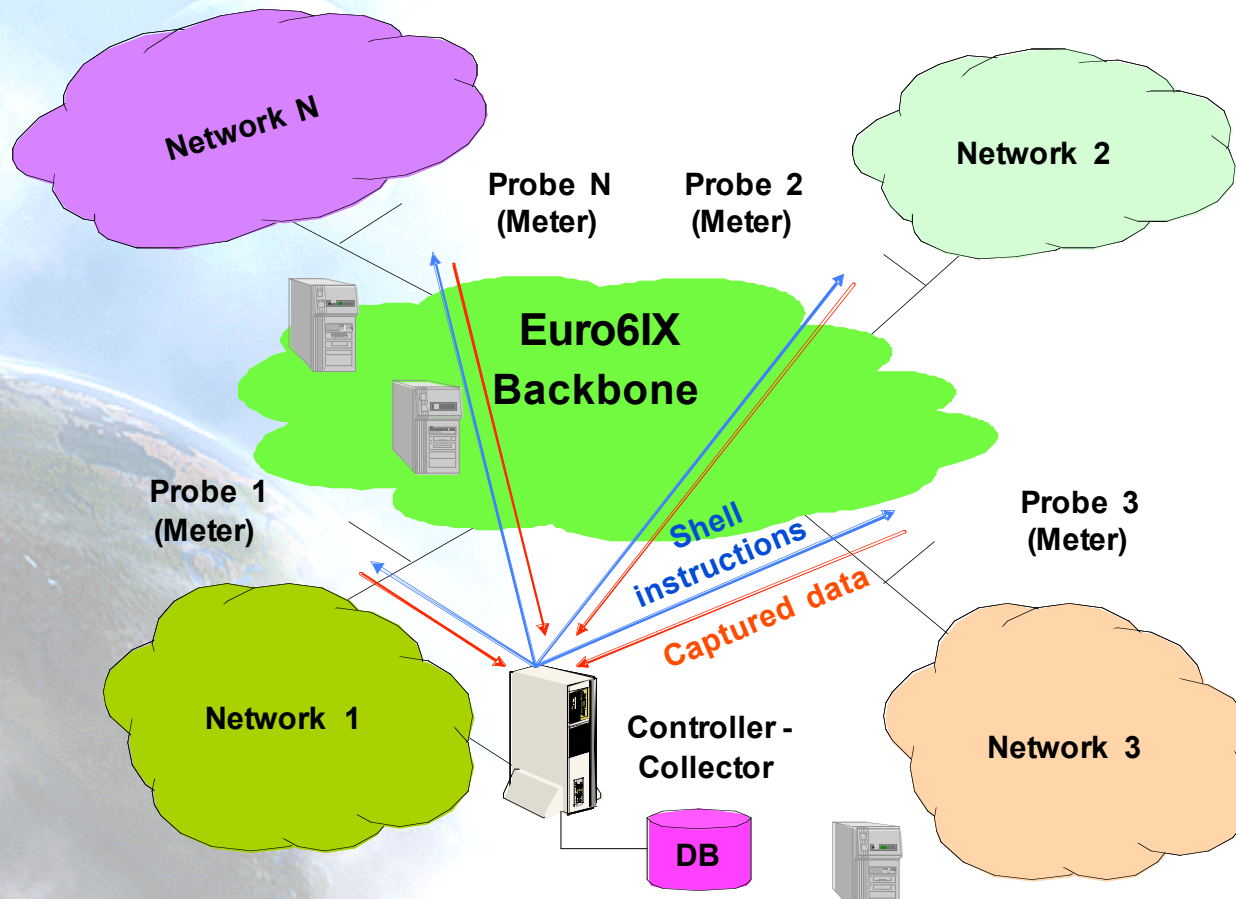
- From Euro6IX
 - University of Southampton (UK)
 - T-Systems located (Germany)
 - Univ. Politécnica de Madrid (Spain)
- From 6QM
 - Consulintel (Spain)

Segments Tested



- Four probes were deployed
- Three backbone segments were measured
 - Madrid-Madrid
 - Madrid-London
 - Madrid-Berlin
- The objective was to know QoS parameters for best-effort traffic.
 - One-way delay (owd)
 - OWD standard deviation (jitter)
 - Packet loss rate
 - Bandwidth

Components Deployment

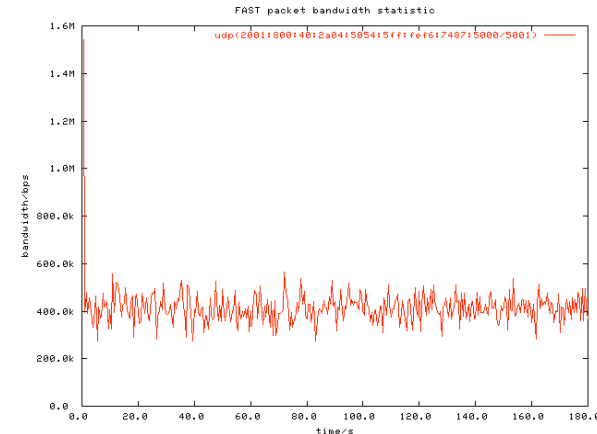
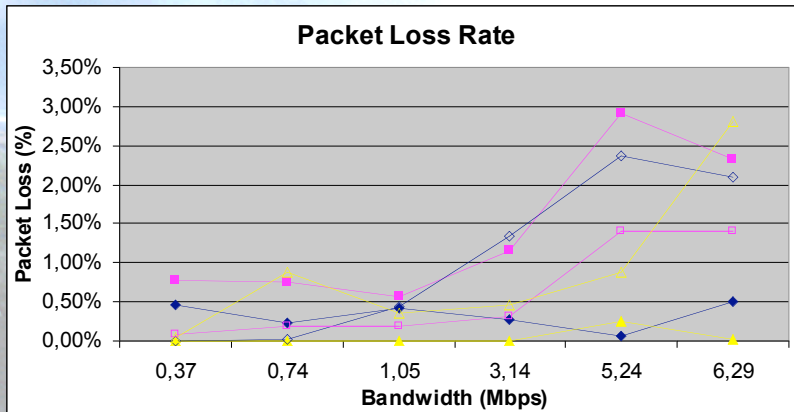
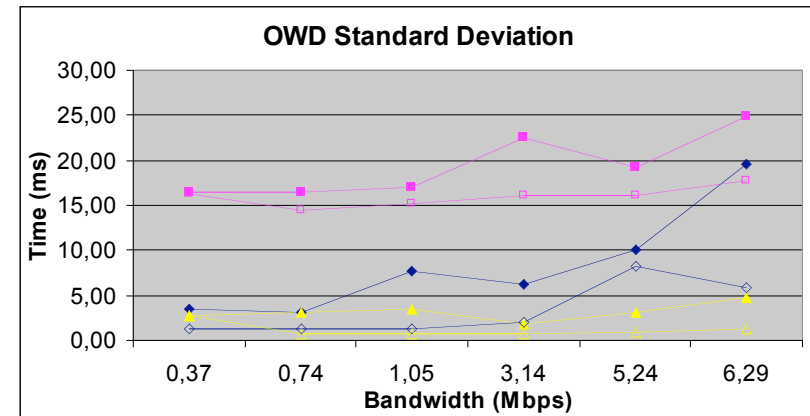
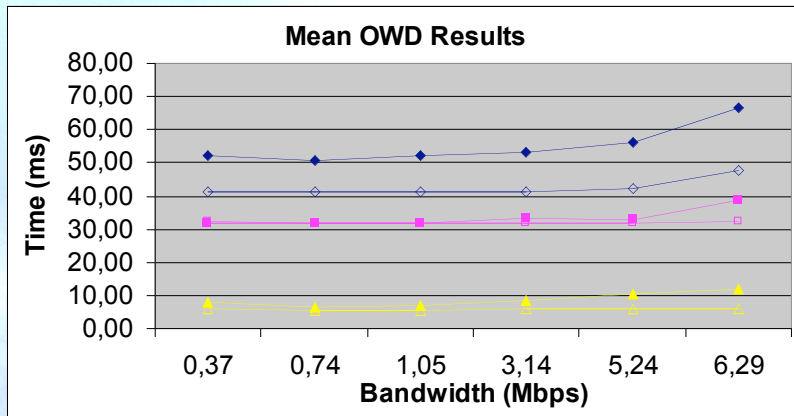


- The components were deployed as follows
- Probes
 - Consulintel
 - UPM
 - T-Systems
 - U. Southampton
- Controller
 - Consulintel

Traffic measured

- For each network segments the following set of traffic class has been evaluated:
 - Real traffic
 - Video streaming with no special DSCP. Usual QoS
 - VoIP traffic with special DSCP. QoS Premium Service
 - Artificial traffic:
 - Active UDP traffic at different bit rates generated by the probes involved in the measurements

Results



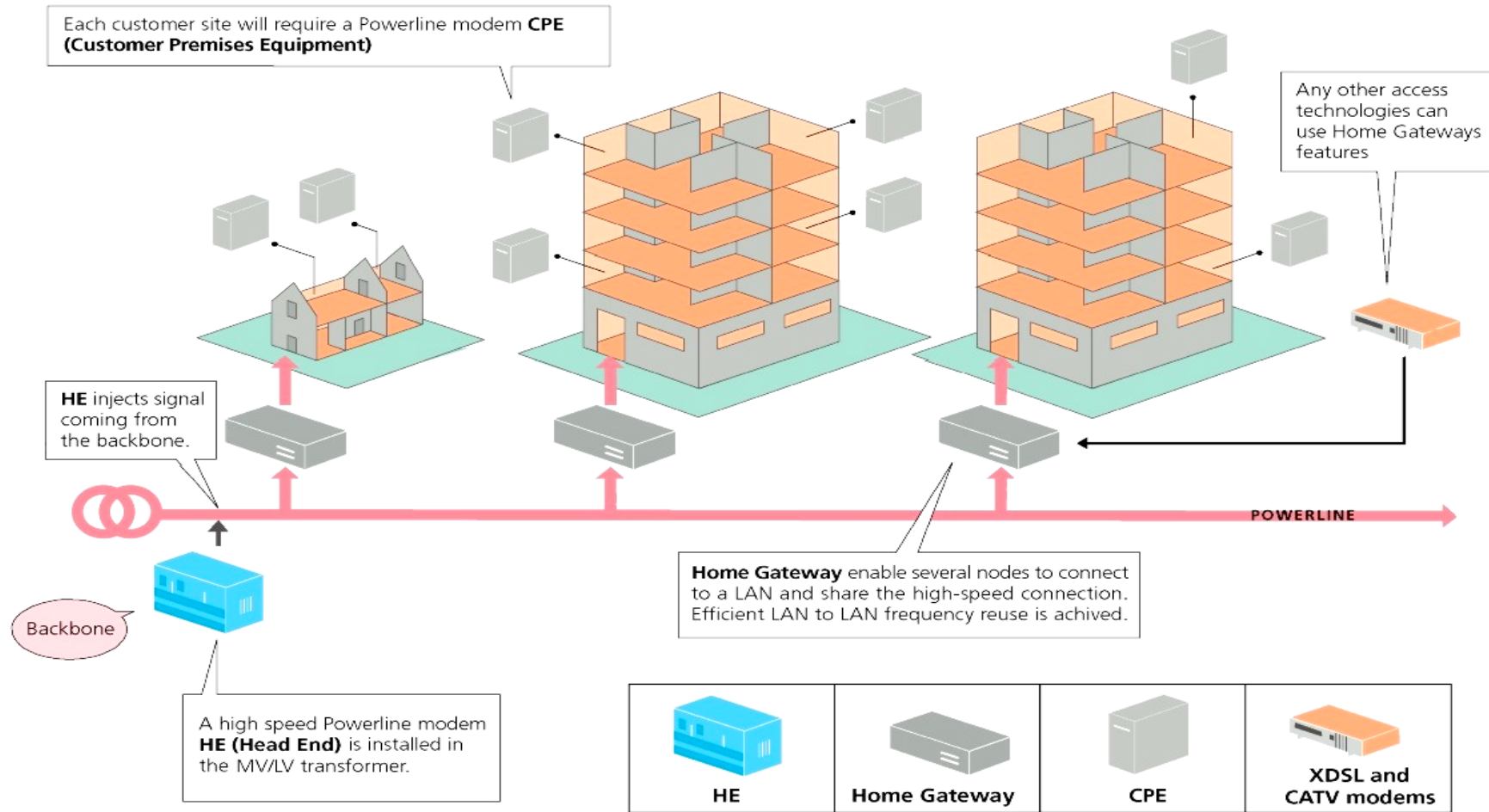
- From the Euro6IX side, very useful results have been obtained to know the real QoS deployment.
- They are not public, but some graphs can be presented



6QM-6POWER Collaborative Test-bed



Typical PLC Network Topology



Objectives

- Test-bed carried out during M25 (October 2004) and M26 (November 2004)
- From 6POWER side:
 - To characterize the general working of CPE/HE within the PLC network in terms of packet loss, delays, etc. when no 802.1P QoS is setup
 - To characterize the working of CPE/HE within the PLC network in terms of packet loss, delays, etc. when 802.1p QoS is setup
 - To check that the mapping between diffserv QoS and 802.1p has the expected behavior
- From 6QM side:
 - Test the OpenIMP system in a real access network. xDSL has not yet native IPv6 support, so PLC networks is a good alternative as access network

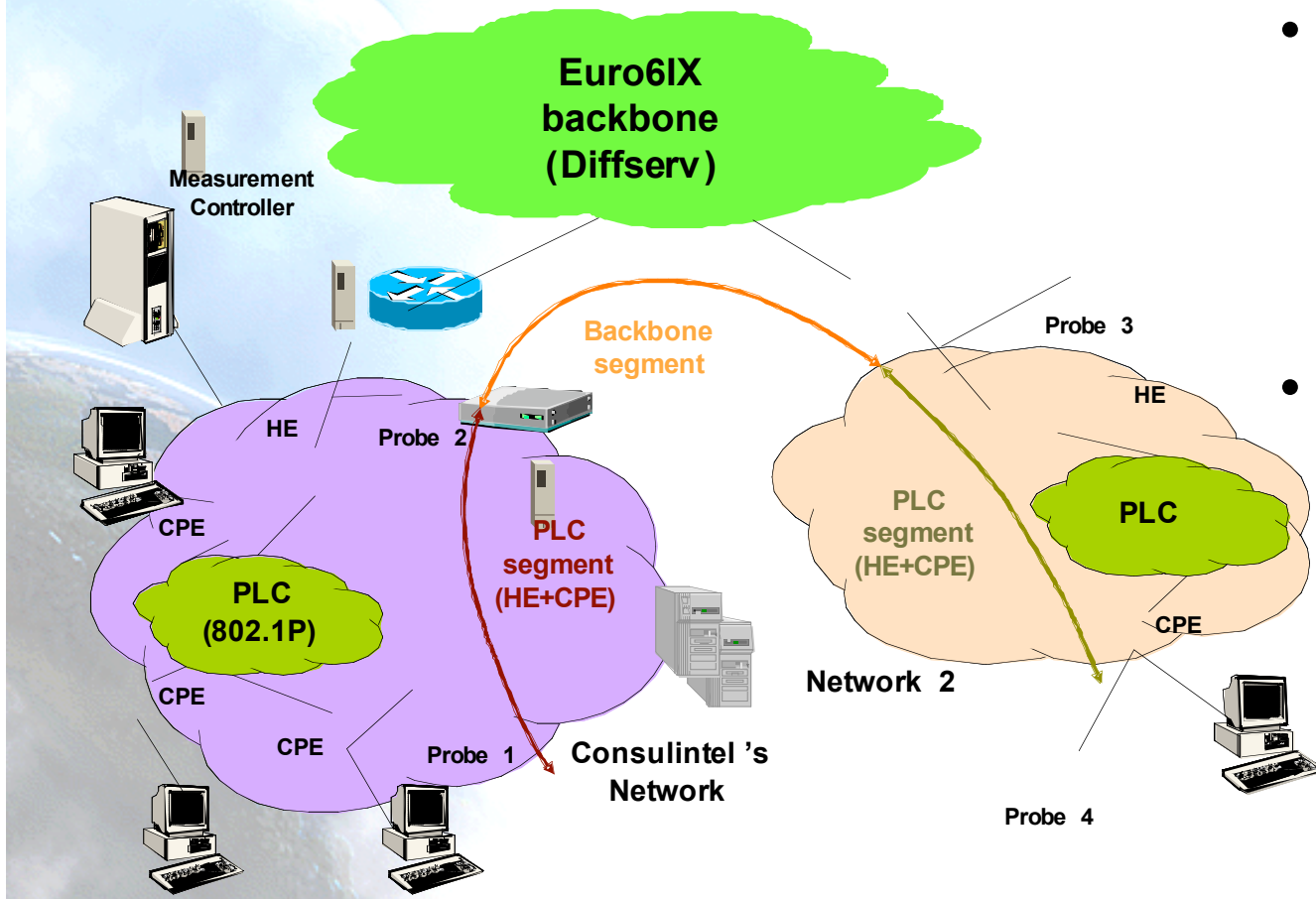


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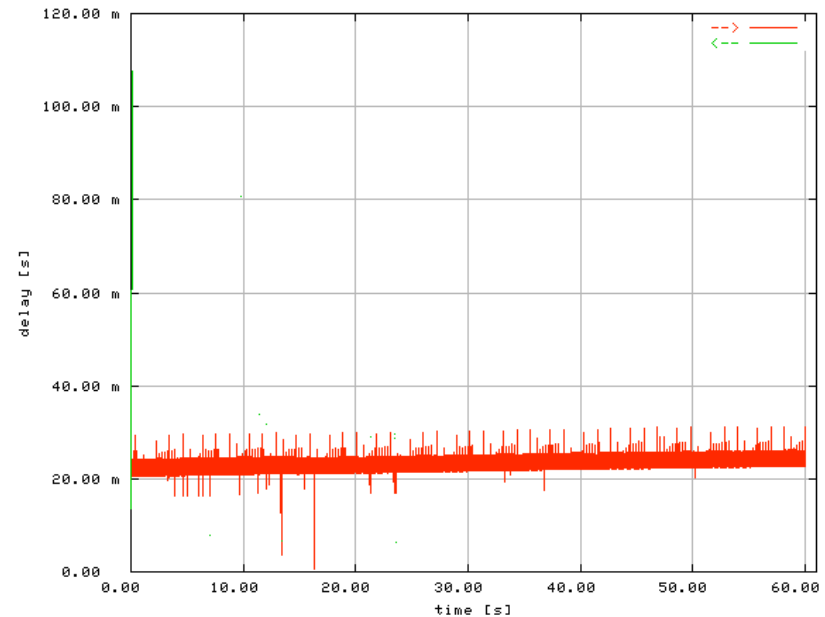
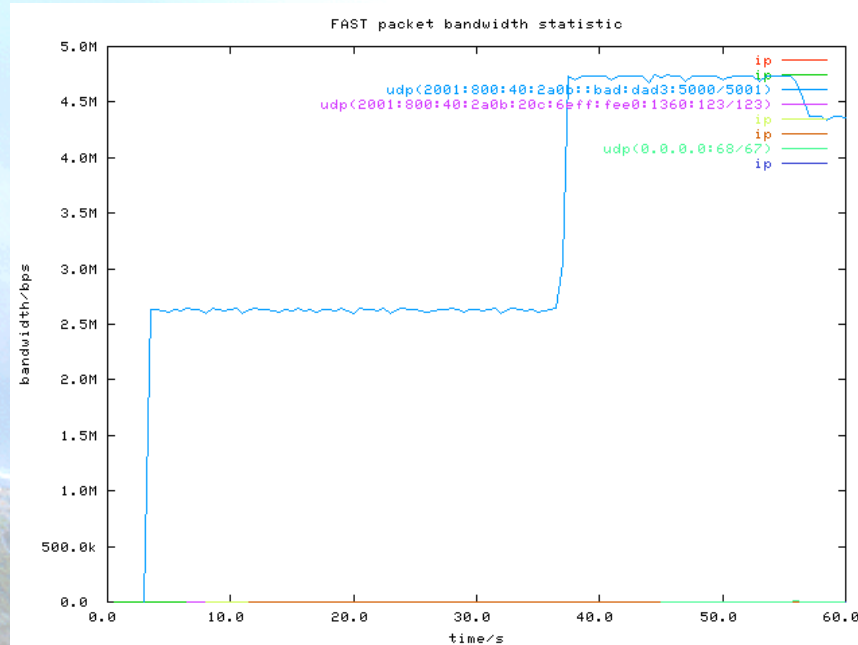


- Deployment to make measurements along different segments
- Measurements to know
 - owd
 - jitter
 - packet loss
 - Traffic shaping

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Results



- From the 6POWER side, very useful results have been obtained to know the behavior of PLC devices.
- Only measurements without QoS have been made. It is foreseen made during M28 measurements with QoS

Thanks !

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