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Abstract

It is envisioned in the future that not only smartphones will connect to cellular networks, but also all kinds of different wearable devices, sensors, vehicles, home appliances, VR headsets, and robots etc. However, since the characteristics of these different devices differ largely, people argue that future 5G communication systems should be designed to elastically accommodate these different scenarios. We propose a reconfigurable core network called RECO that demonstrates how to implement customized virtual network entities efficiently to suit for different types of users with different characteristics. We then implement a reconfigurable MME called RECO MME which verifies our proposed RECO architecture. Besides, we particularly focuses on the dynamic linking framework used in our RECO MME.

1. Introduction

1.1. Architecture Overview

Reconfigurable Core (RECO)

Figure 1 shows the architecture to build a flexible 5G core efficiently, and we call it **Reconfigurable Core (RECO)**. RECO has three key components:

Modularized virtual network entities (VNFs) designed by object-oriented programming language:

Inside each virtual network entity or so-called virtual network function (VNF), we split the code into modules and compile them into shared libraries (.so). We then separate the modules into two groups: (i) ***common modules*** which are the same among different types of users, and (ii) ***customized modules*** which differ between different types of users. As shown in Figure 1, the MME common libraries are the common modules and GTP.so, NAS.so, S1AP.so, and S6A.so are the customized modules. The common modules can be implemented in any programming language since they are only treated as libraries for customized modules. Also, different types of customized VNFs share the same copy of common modules. For example, the human MME VNF, the IOT MME VNF and the vehicle MME VNF all use the same copy of common modules stored inside memory and disk. On the other hand, customized modules differ between different user types and should be implemented in object-oriented programming languages. The major benefit of implementing customized modules like this is that it can highly reuse already written code and enhance the process of creating a new customized VNF. For example, suppose we have already implemented a human MME VNF. To implement a high-mobility vehicle MME VNF, we can directly inherit most of the classes within the human MME VNF and just override particular mobility related member functions to build a high-mobility vehicle MME VNF.

Dynamic linking framework which links customized modules during run-time:

For each virtual network entity, there is a dynamic linking framework inside it. The framework's major job is to link customized modules during run-time according to the configuration file the identifier provides to form a customized virtual network entity. The reason we choose to use dynamic linking is because it highly increases the flexibility to create a new network slice. When needing to

form a new virtual network entity, all we need to do is to create new corresponding customized modules for the particular type of user and the dynamic linking framework will then compose everything together to form a new network entity. This is somewhat similar to adding a plugin into the Chrome browser to generate a customized browser.

An identifier which generates a configuration file for a particular network slice:

When a new user first tries to attach to the core network, the identifier inside the load balancer will try to identify the user's type by parsing some "user type tag" in the attach request packet. If this kind of user type has never attached to the core network before, the identifier will generate a *configuration file* including information about what customized modules it needs to form a particular network slice and pass it to the dynamic linking framework. Then the dynamic linking framework will compose these modules together and form customized virtual network entities to serve the user. The identifier also records a *hash table* with user types as the key and which VNFs are for that particular user type as the value. In this way, subsequent packets of the same user type can go through the hash table and find out which VNFs it should route its packets to.

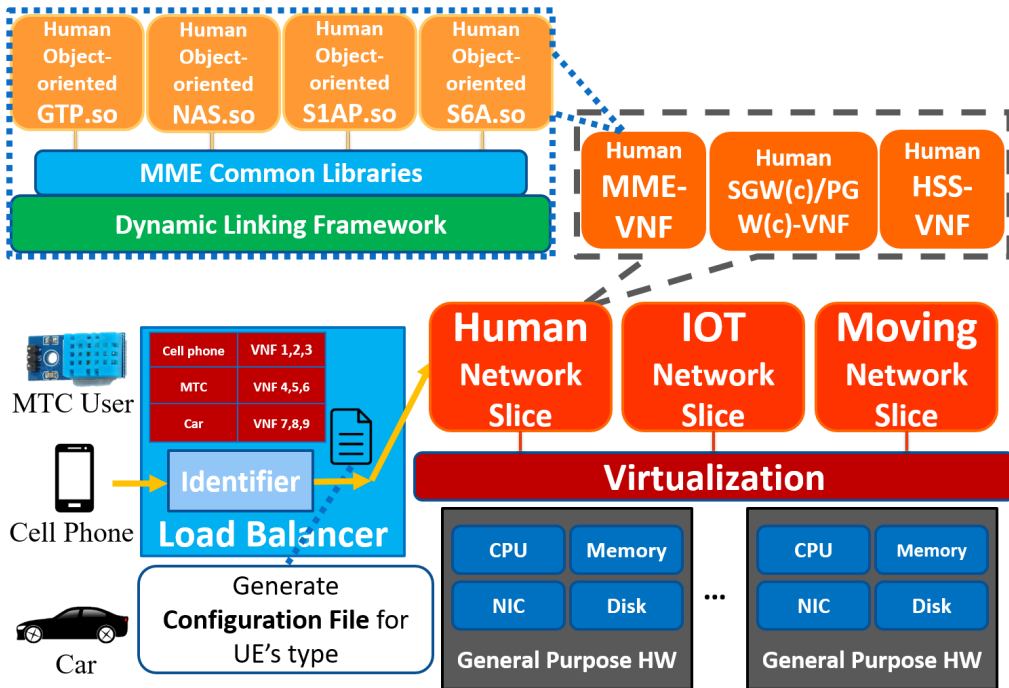


Figure 1. Reconfigurable Core

1.2. Dynamic Linking Framework for RECO MME

We choose first to implement the MME entity so that we can verify that our reconfigurable architecture is feasible and has the benefits we expect. In the following subsections, we first give an overview of our reconfigurable virtual MME (RECO MME) and show its architecture, then we focus on how the dynamic linking framework is implemented in RECO MME.

1.2.1. RECO MME

We built a reconfigurable virtual MME to demonstrate the proposed reconfigurable architecture. It is mainly modified from the MME inside

openair-cn, a simple core network developed by EURECOM. We followed the code architecture of openair-cn but to separate the highly bundled mme executable linked with many static libraries into a dynamic linking framework linked with shared libraries. Figure 3 shows the architecture of our RECO MME. It is composed of four main components listed below:

Common modules

We recompiled the static libraries used in openair-cn's MME into two kinds of shared libraries: (i) *load-time dynamic linking shared libraries* which share among different types of users, and (ii) *run-time dynamic linking shared libraries* which differ between different types of users. The *load-time dynamic linking shared libraries* are common modules which can be shared among different customized MME. When the mme executable (the dynamic linking framework) is executed and loaded into memory, these common modules will also be loaded into memory. We purposely built these common modules into *load-time dynamic linking shared libraries* because when there are tons of different customized MMEs (human MME, eHealth MME, high mobility MME etc.) serving different types of users simultaneously on a machine, the storage and memory device will only need to store one copy of these common modules. This highly reduces disk space and memory usage.

In practice, we compiled the static libraries (.a) 3GPP_TYPES, BSTR, CN_UTILS, HASHTABLE, SECU_CN, UDP_SERVER, SCTP_SERVER, GTPV2C, ITTI inside openair-cn into *load-time dynamic linking shared libraries* for our RECO MME to get the benefits of saving storage and memory space.

Customized Object-oriented modules

We refactored MME_APP, NAS, S1AP, S11_MME and S6A inside openair-cn from C-based static libraries into C++ based *run-time dynamic linking shared libraries*. Building these customized modules into *run-time dynamic linking shared libraries* enables the MME to load and unload shared libraries during run-time. By doing so, the dynamic linking framework can load different customized modules according to a configuration file and form a customized MME. For example, to form a high-security MME that serves eHealth users, the dynamic linking framework would load customized high-security modules according to the configuration file during run-time and link them into a customized high-security MME used particularly by eHealth users.

In addition, the source code inside these five modules (MME_APP, NAS, S1AP, S11_MME and S6A) are all refactored by C++ object-oriented programming language. This was done by composing related functions and variables inside each module into classes. By doing so, when a programmer wants to customize an already written module (base module) into a totally new module (such as a high-security module or a high-mobility module), he/she does not need to rewrite the whole module again. Instead, he/she can inherit classes inside the base module and override particular member functions with new functionalities into a new customized module. This highly reuses already written code and increases the development process.

Pseudo Identifier

Currently, we simply implemented a checkbox list shown in Figure 3. The checkbox list enables the programmer to manually choose particular modules for a type of user and then generate the corresponding configuration file and pass it to the dynamic linking framework.

The configuration file generated by the pseudo identifier is shown in Figure 2. We can see that for a human user, we should choose MME_APP, NAS, S11_MME, S1AP and S6A as the customized modules to be loaded by the dynamic linking framework. And for a high-mobility user such as a user taking the high-speed rail, we should choose high-mobility modules HMB_MME_APP, HMB_NAS and HMB_S11_MME with customized high mobility classes implemented inside these modules and S1AP and S6A which are the same modules as the human users since these modules do not differ from a human user. As for an eHealth user which requires special high-security authentication methods, we should choose high-security modules HS_NAS and HS_S6A which are implemented with new security algorithms and the other three modules the same as a human user.

```
/* Module list for human users */
MOD_LIST :
{
    MODNAME = ["MME_APP", "NAS", "S11_MME", "S1AP", "S6A"];
};
/* Module list for high-mobility required users */
MOD_LIST :
{
    MODNAME = ["HMB_MME_APP", "HMB_NAS", "HMB_S11_MME", "S1AP", "S6A"];
};
/* Module list for high-security required users */
MOD_LIST :
{
    MODNAME = ["MME_APP", "HS_NAS", "S11_MME", "S1AP", "HS_S6A"];
};
```

Figure 2. Configuration file for RECO MME

Dynamic linking framework

The dynamic linking framework is used for linking customized modules at run-time according to the configuration file the pseudo identifier provides to form a customized MME. Its main functionalities include provide an interface for customized modules, parse the configuration file, load and initialize corresponding modules according to the configuration file, and help resolve dependency relationships among customized modules. We will describe each of these functionalities clearly in the next subsection.

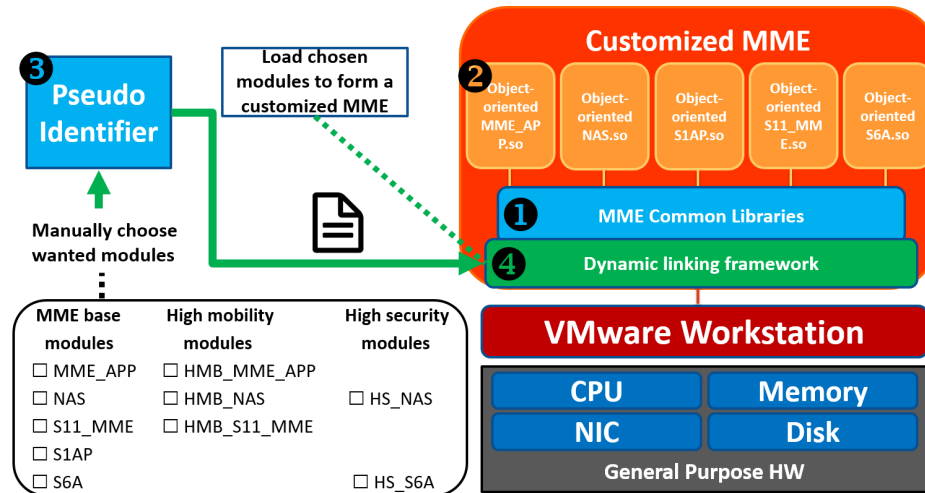


Figure 3. RECO MME Architecture

Figure 4 illustrates an example to form a high-speed rail (HSR) high-mobility MME inside our RECO MME. (1) We manually choose the high mobility modules HMB_MME_APP, HMB_NAS and HMB_S11_MME and base modules S1AP and S6A. (2) The pseudo identifier will generate a corresponding configuration file for the dynamic linking framework. (3) The framework will load and initialize the corresponding modules to form a customized MME for HSR. (4) The MME for HSR along with other core network entities form a HSR network slice.

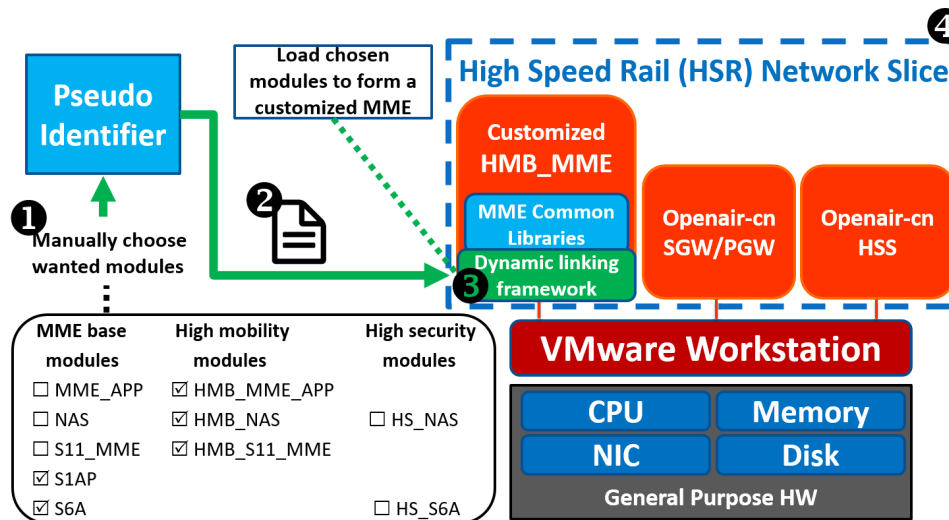


Figure 4. High mobility MME example

1.2.2. Dynamic Linking Framework

In this subsection, we describe how the dynamic linking framework is implemented in our RECO MME. The framework has four main functionalities, (1) provide an interface for customized modules (2) parse the configuration file (3) load and initialize corresponding modules according to the configuration file, and

¹ Note that we did not modify the source code for mobility related modules. We just renamed these modules' names to HMB_MME_APP, HMB_NAS and HMB_S11_MME to demonstrate our reconfigurable concept. The same is for high security modules.

(4) help resolve dependency relationships among customized modules.

Module-framework interface

First, we provide an interface class named *module* inside the dynamic linking framework shown in Figure 5. This interface class includes a pure virtual function named *init* which forces every class that inherits *module* to implement its own initialization function.

```
1 class module {
2 public:
3     virtual int init(mme_config_t *) = 0;
4 };
5
6 /* type definition of the class factory functions */
7 typedef module* create_t();
8 typedef void destroy_t(module*);
```

Figure 5. Interface class “module” in the dynamic linking framework

Next, in every customized module, we implement a class named after its module name and inherits the “module” interface class. Besides, we create two *class factory functions* which helps the module to create/destroy an instance of its own. For example, Figure 6 shows the implementation of a class named *nas* inside the NAS.so module. We can see that class *nas* inherits interface *module* and implements the *init* virtual function. In addition, it implements two class factory functions named *create* and *destroy*. Function *create* helps create a *nas* instance, and function *destroy* frees the created *nas* instance. The dynamic linking framework will use *dlsym* to access the symbol address of *create* and *destroy* and use these addresses to create or destroy the *nas* instance.

```
1 #include "module.hpp"
2
3 class nas : public module {
4 public:
5     //call nas_init to create a nas module thread
6     virtual int init(mme_config_t * mme_config_p) {
7         return nas_init (mme_config_p);
8     }
9 };
10
11 /* the class factory functions */
12 extern "C" module* create() {
13     return new nas;
14 }
15 extern "C" void destroy(module* p) {
16     delete p;
17 }
```

Figure 6. nas.cpp

Parse configuration file

The dynamic linking framework is also responsible for parsing the configuration file for the MME. The configuration file includes a module list which lists the customized modules that the framework should load and link during run-time as listed in Figure 2. Line 10 in Figure 7 shows the function called to parse the configuration file. After parsing the configuration file, the framework will store the list of customized modules in a global variable named *mod_list* shown in line 5 in Figure 7. This variable will be used later for loading and initializing customized modules.

Load and initialize customized modules

We can see in line 18 ~ line 34 in Figure 7 that how the dynamic linking framework loads and initializes customized modules. It uses a *for* loop to iterate through the *mod_list*. Moreover, for every customized module, the framework uses *dlopen* to load the customized modules into memory and then uses *dlsym* to access the symbol address of the class factory function *create* and calls it to create an instance of that module. Later in line 32, it calls the *init* function of every module to initialize that module.

Resolve dependency relationships among customized modules

Note that in line 20 in Figure 7, we set the *RTLD_GLOBAL* flag in *dlopen*. This flag tells the dynamic linker to merge the symbol table of each module into a global symbol table which enables subsequently loaded shared libraries to access symbols defined in previously loaded shared libraries. In other words, by setting *RTLD_GLOBAL*, customized modules can access symbols defined in other modules easily as if they were defined in their own module.

```

1 #include "module.hpp"
2
3 /* The list of modules to load while executing mme
4    same list as the MOD_LIST in mme's configuration file */
5 std::vector<std::string> mod_list;
6
7 int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
8
9     /* Parse mme's configuration file and store the attributes in
10    mme_config structure */
11    mme_config_parse_opt_line (argc, argv, &mme_config);
12
13    /* Array of pointers pointing to the address of the modules
14    loaded by dlopen() */
15    void *handle[mod_list.size()];
16
17    /* Array of pointers pointing to the address of the created
18    module's instance */
19    module *mod[mod_list.size()];
20
21    /* Load mme modules according to MOD_LIST in mme's configuration
22    file */
23    for (int i = 0; i < mod_list.size(); i++) {
24        // open the module's shared library
25        handle[i] = dlopen(mod_list[i].c_str(), RTLD_LAZY|RTLD_GLOBAL);
26
27        //load the "create" class factory symbol
28        create_t* create_mod =
29            reinterpret_cast<create_t*> (dlsym(handle[i], "create"));
30
31        //create an instance of the class
32        mod[i] = create_mod();
33    }
34
35    /* Initialize and start all modules */
36    for (int i = 0; i < mod_list.size(); i++) {
37        mod[i]->init(&mme_config);
38    }
39
40    }

```

```

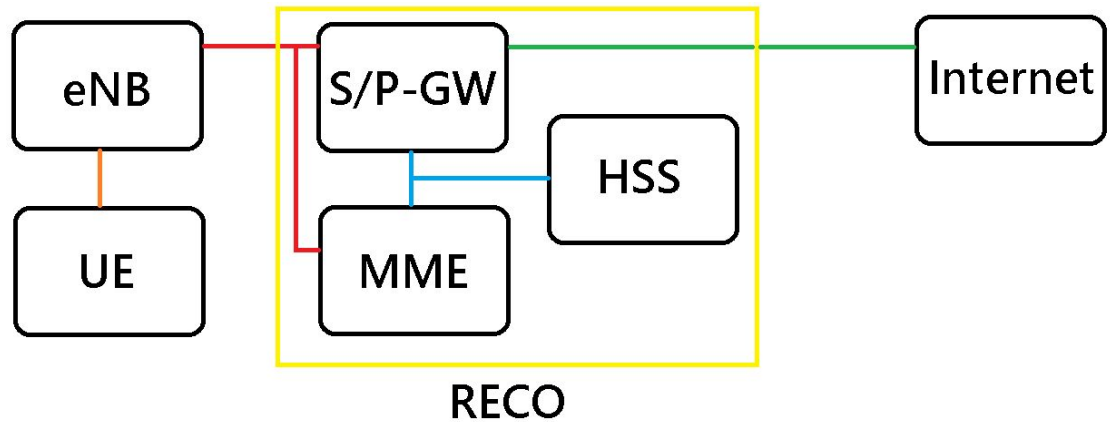
35  /** wait for created threads to exit */
36
37  /* Destroy(free) each module's instance */
38  for (int i = 0; i < mod_list.size(); i++) {
39      //load the "destroy" class factory symbol
40      destroy_t* destroy_mod =
41          reinterpret_cast<destroy_t*> (dlsym(handle[i], "destroy"));
42      //destroy instance of the class
43      destroy_mod(mod[i]);
44  }
45
46  /* Close(unload) shared libraries */
47  for (int i = 0; i < mod_list.size(); i++) {
48      dlclose(handle[i]);
49  }
50}

```

Figure 7. “main” function for the dynamic linking framework

2. Environment Setup

The example of network architecture is like the picture below. We can follow it when setting IP addresses to run the RECO. And there is an example of how to set IP addresses in chapter 2.1.4.



Notice that:

HSS and MME still need the Internet when installing some application tools.

And there are some particular colors to show different meanings:

Commands

Items need to be set

Important points

2.1. Core Network

Notice that:

The S/P-GW require a linux kernel version equal to 3.19 or greater than 4.7.

2.1.1. MME

2.1.1.1. Update

```
$ sudo apt-get update  
$ sudo apt-get upgrade
```

2.1.1.2. Download RECO and Other Tools

Download RECO source code from 'github'.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/RECONet/RECO.git
```

Download some tools will be used later.

```
$ cd ./RECO/SCRIPTS  
$ sudo ./build_hss -i  
$ sudo ./build_mme -i
```

Notice that:

If there is any asking during the process, choose 'yes' for safety.

2.1.1.3 Copy configuration files

Copy configuration files to the particular locations.

```
$ cd ..  
$ cd ./ETC  
$ sudo cp mme.conf /usr/local/etc/oai  
$ sudo cp mme_fd.conf /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter  
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/mme.conf  
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/mme_fd.conf
```

2.1.1.4 File settings

Modify the hostname to 'ubuntu'.

```
$ sudo vim /etc/hostname
```

Modify hosts as the picture below.

```
$ sudo vim /etc/hosts
```

```
127.0.0.1    localhost  
127.0.1.1    ubuntu.openair4G.eur ubuntu  
127.0.0.1    hss.openair4G.eur hss  
  
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts  
::1         ip6-localhost ip6-loopback  
fe00::0     ip6-localnet  
ff00::0     ip6-mcastprefix  
ff02::1     ip6-allnodes  
ff02::2     ip6-allrouters
```

Set the 'mme_fd.conf' file.

```
$ sudo vim /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/mme_fd.conf
```

Set 'ubuntu.openair4G.eur' to 'Identity'.

```
# ----- Local -----  
  
# Uncomment if the framework cannot resolve it.  
Identity = "ubuntu.openair4G.eur";  
Realm = "openair4G.eur";
```

Set '[ConnectTo](#)' as the IP of HSS.

```
ConnectPeer= "hss.openair4G.eur" { ConnectTo = "10.0.0.1";
```

Notice that:

If we have no idea about how to set the IP addresses, see the example in [chapter 2.1.4](#).

Set the 'mme.conf' file.

```
$ sudo vim ./mme.conf
```

Notice that:

This file will be copied to '/usr/local/etc/oai' by running 'pseudo_identifier.py'.

Set '[MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1_MME](#)', which is the network interface that MME used to connect to the eNB, and set '[MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1_MME](#)', which is the IP with the mask of the network interface.

Set '[MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11_MME](#)', which is the network interface that MME used to connect to the S/P-GW, and set '[MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11_MME](#)', which is the IP with the mask of the network interface.

```
NETWORK_INTERFACES :
{
    # MME binded interface for S1-C or S1-MME communication (S1AP),
    MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1_MME      = "ens33";
    MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1_MME        = "192.168.4.99/24";

    # MME binded interface for S11 communication (GTPV2-C)
    MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11_MME     = "ens38";
    MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11_MME       = "10.0.0.2/8";
    MME_PORT_FOR_S11_MME               = 2123;
};
```

Set '[SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11](#)', which is the IP with the mask of S/P-GW.

```
S-GW_LIST_SELECTION = (
    {ID="tac-lb01.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb02.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb03.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb04.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb05.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb06.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
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    {ID="tac-lb08.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb09.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0a.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0b.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0c.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0d.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0e.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";},
    {ID="tac-lb0f.tac-hb00.tac.epc.mnc093.ncc208.3gppnetwork.org" ; SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11="10.0.0.3/8";}
);
```

2.1.1.5 Install libgtpnl

```
$ cd ..
$ cd ..
$ sudo apt-get install libmnl-dev
$ git clone git://git.osmocom.org/libgtpnl
$ cd ./libgtpnl
$ autoreconf -fi
$ ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install
```

2.1.1.6 Build the MME

```
$ cd ..
$ cd ./RECO/SCRIPTS
$ sudo ./build_mme -c
```

2.1.1.7 Check the certification

```
$ sudo ./check_mme_s6a_certificate /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
ubuntu.openair4G.eur
```

```
wirelab@ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$ sudo ./check_mme_s6a_certificate /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/ ubuntu.openair4G.eur
1116 /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/mme.cert.pem not found
MME S6A: Did not find valid certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
MME S6A: generating new certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/...
Creating MME certificate for user 'ubuntu.openair4G.eur'
Generating a 1024 bit RSA private key
.....++++++
writing new private key to 'mme.cakey.pem'
-----
Generating RSA private key, 1024 bit long modulus
.....++++++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Using configuration from /usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
Certificate Details:
    Serial Number: 1 (0x1)
    Validity
        Not Before: Jul 13 08:15:59 2017 GMT
        Not After : Jul 13 08:15:59 2018 GMT
    Subject:
        countryName           = FR
        stateOrProvinceName   = PACA
        organizationName      = Eurecom
        organizationalUnitName = CM
        commonName            = ubuntu.openair4G.eur
    X509v3 extensions:
        X509v3 Basic Constraints:
            CA:FALSE
        Netscape Comment:
            OpenSSL Generated Certificate
        X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
            4B:EB:85:2B:91:C0:FB:6F:FB:20:15:C3:4A:CA:6D:1C:99:76:AD:38
        X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
            keyid:85:BA:19:F3:D0:3B:AA:24:A3:1E:D0:D4:2A:B7:AF:BD:49:9B:4E:D3

Certificate is to be certified until Jul 13 08:15:59 2018 GMT (365 days)

Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS
MME S6A: Found valid certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
wirelab@ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$
```

2.1.1.8 Install packet python-tk

```
$ sudo apt-get install python-tk
```

2.1.1.9 Run the MME

Run the script to simulate the identifier to perform dynamic linking.

```
$ sudo python ./pseudo_identifier.py
```




Notice that:

In the latest version, we suggest checking the items in the first column.

Click 'Run' to start the MME.

```
peer.cpp:0114 Diameter identity of HME: ubuntu.openair4G.eur with length: 20
peer.cpp:0179 50a peer state is 2
task.cpp:0083 'STATE_CLOSED' -> 'FDEVP_PSM_TIMEOUT' ((nil),0) 'hss.openair4G.eur'
task.cpp:0083 hss.openair4G.eur: Connecting...
task.cpp:0083 'STATE_CLOSED' -> 'STATE_WAITCNXACK' 'hss.openair4G.eur'
task.cpp:0083 Peer timeout reset to 10 seconds
task.cpp:0083 'hss.openair4G.eur' in state 'STATE_WAITCNXACK' waiting for next event.
task.cpp:0083 Prepared 1 sets of connection parameters to peer hss.openair4G.eur
task.cpp:0083 Connecting to TCP 10.0.0.1(3868)...
task.cpp:0083 TCP connection to 10.0.0.1(3868) failed: Connection refused
task.cpp:0083 Connection to 'hss.openair4G.eur' failed: All connection attempts failed, will retry later
task.cpp:0083 'STATE_WAITCNXACK' -> 'FDEVP_CNK_FAILED' ((nil),0) 'hss.openair4G.eur'
task.cpp:0083 Peer timeout reset to 30 seconds (+7- 2)
task.cpp:0083 'STATE_WAITCNXACK' -> 'STATE_CLOSED' 'hss.openair4G.eur'
task.cpp:0083 'hss.openair4G.eur' in state 'STATE_CLOSED' waiting for next event.
peer.cpp:0179 50a peer state is 2
peer.cpp:0179 50a peer state is 2
peer.cpp:0179 50a peer state is 2
```

When the MME connects to the HSS, there will be a log.

```
'hss.openair4G.eur' in state 'STATE_OPEN' waiting for next event.
```

Notice that:

The HSS must be active to connect to the MME.

Notice that:

If we want to run the MME again, type commands below to release sources.

Find the 'pid' of the process. It is '59457' in the picture below for example.

```
$ ps aux | grep python
```

```
pan@ubuntu:~/RECO/SCRIPTS$ ps aux | grep python
root      59457  0.0  0.3 61864 3744 pts/0    T   01:55   0:00 sudo python ./
pseudo identifier.py
```

Then kill the process with the pid we have found.

```
$ sudo kill -9 <pid>
```

2.1.2. HSS

2.1.2.1. Update

```
$ sudo apt-get update  
$ sudo apt-get upgrade
```

2.1.2.2. Download RECO and other tools

Download RECO source code from 'github'.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/RECONet/RECO.git
```

Download some tools will be used later.

```
$ cd ./RECO/SCRIPTS  
$ sudo ./build_hss -i
```

Notice that:

The password we set when running the 'build_hss -i' at the first time will be used to log in the MySQL database, and we set '123' to it for example.

Notice that:

If there is any asking during the process, choose 'yes' for safety.

2.1.2.3 Copy configuration files

Copy configuration files to the particular locations.

```
$ cd ..  
$ cd ./ETC  
$ sudo cp hss.conf /usr/local/etc/oai  
$ sudo cp hss_fd.conf /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter  
$ sudo cp acl.conf /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter  
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/hss.conf  
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/hss_fd.conf  
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/acl.conf
```

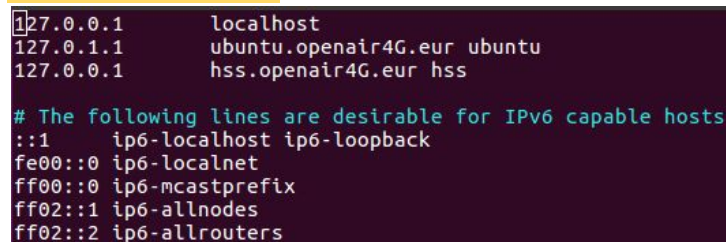
2.1.2.4 File settings

Modify the hostname to 'ubuntu'.

```
$ sudo vim /etc/hostname
```

Modify hosts as the picture below.

```
$ sudo vim /etc/hosts
```



```
127.0.0.1    localhost  
127.0.1.1    ubuntu.openair4G.eur ubuntu  
127.0.0.1    hss.openair4G.eur hss  
  
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts  
::1         ip6-localhost ip6-loopback  
fe00::0     ip6-localnet  
ff00::0     ip6-mcastprefix  
ff02::1     ip6-allnodes  
ff02::2     ip6-allrouters
```

Set the 'hss.conf' file.

```
$ sudo vim /usr/local/etc/oai/hss.conf
```


Set '**MYSQL_user**' and '**MYSQL_pass**' as same as the database.
Set serial '1's to '**OPERATOR_key**'.

```
HSS :
{
## MySQL mandatory options
MYSQL_server = "127.0.0.1";      # HSS S6a bind address
MYSQL_user   = "root";          # Database server login
MYSQL_pass   = "123";           # Database server password
MYSQL_db     = "oai_db";        # Your database name

## HSS options
#OPERATOR_key = "1006020f0a478bf6b699f15c062e42b3"; # OP key matching your database
OPERATOR_key = "11111111111111111111111111111111"; # OP key matching your database
```

Notice that:

The '**MYSQL_user**' is 'root', and the '**MYSQL_pass**' is the password we set in the previous step, for example is '123'.

2.1.2.5 Database import

Create database 'oai_db'.

```
$ mysql -u root -p
mysql > CREATE DATABASE oai_db;
mysql > exit
```

Notice that:

The password is the one we set in the previous step, for example is '123'.

Import data to 'oai_db'.

```
$ mysql -u root -p oai_db < ~/RECO/SRC/OAI_HSS/db/oai_db.sql
$ mysql -u root -p
mysql > USE oai_db;
mysql > select * from mmeidentity;
mysql > UPDATE mmeidentity SET mmehost = 'ubuntu.openair4G.eur'
WHERE idmmeidentity = '4';
mysql > exit
```

2.1.2.6 Check the certification

```
$ cd ..
$ cd ./SCRIPTS
$ sudo ./check_hss_s6a_certificate /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
hss.openair4G.eur
```

```

ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$ ./check_hss_s6a_certificate /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/ hss.openair4G.eur
: Did not find valid certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
: generating new certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/...
g HSS certificate for user 'hss.openair4G.eur'
ing a 1024 bit RSA private key
*****
****
new private key to 'hss.cakey.pem'

ing RSA private key, 1024 bit long modulus
.....+++++
.....+++++
537 (0x10001)
onfiguration from /usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf
hat the request matches the signature
re ok
ate Details:
Serial Number: 1 (0x1)
Validity
Not Before: Jul 13 06:53:12 2017 GMT
Not After : Jul 13 06:53:12 2018 GMT
Subject:
countryName = FR
stateOrProvinceName = PACA
organizationName = Eurecom
organizationalUnitName = CM
commonName = hss.openair4G.eur
X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 Basic Constraints:
CA:FALSE
Netscape Comment:
OpenSSL Generated Certificate
X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
85:6A:FC:9C:AB:AF:7B:26:04:7D:9F:7A:07:CC:C1:37:FC:F1:E1:24
X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
keyId:F6:30:7A:AD:55:C0:D0:5F:6F:13:A2:47:F8:0E:3D:94:B0:25:DF:06

ate is to be certified until Jul 13 06:53:12 2018 GMT (365 days)

ut database with 1 new entries
se Updated
irelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS
: Found valid certificate in /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$

```

2.1.2.7 Build the HSS

\$ sudo ./build_hss -c

```

Scanning dependencies of target hss_db
[ 82%] Building C object CMakeFiles/hss_db.dir/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SRC/OAI_HSS/db/db_epc_equipment.c.o
[ 86%] Building C object CMakeFiles/hss_db.dir/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SRC/OAI_HSS/db/db_connector.c.o
[ 89%] Building C object CMakeFiles/hss_db.dir/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SRC/OAI_HSS/db/db_subscription_data.c.o
[ 93%] Linking C static library libhss_db.a
[ 93%] Built target hss_db
Scanning dependencies of target oai_hss
[ 96%] Building C object CMakeFiles/oai_hss.dir/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SRC/OAI_HSS/hss_main.c.o
[100%] Linking C executable oai_hss
[100%] Built target oai_hss
/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/BUILD/HSS/BUILD/oai_hss -> /usr/local/bin/oai_hss
oai_hss installed
wirelabubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$

```

2.1.2.8 Run the HSS

\$ sudo ./run_hss

```

7,00:10:30.020673 NOTI Flags : - IP ..... : Enabled
7,00:10:30.020691 NOTI - IPv6 ..... : DISABLED
7,00:10:30.020709 NOTI - Relay app .... : DISABLED
7,00:10:30.020727 NOTI - TCP ..... : Enabled
7,00:10:30.020745 NOTI - SCTP ..... : DISABLED
7,00:10:30.020763 NOTI - Pref. proto .. : TCP
7,00:10:30.020781 NOTI - TLS method ... : Separate port
7,00:10:30.020799 NOTI TLS : - Certificate .. : /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
7,00:10:30.020817 NOTI - Private key .. : /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
7,00:10:30.020835 NOTI - CA (trust) ... : /usr/local/etc/oai/freeDiameter/
7,00:10:30.020854 NOTI - CRL ..... : (none)
7,00:10:30.020872 NOTI - Priority ..... : (default: 'NORMAL')
7,00:10:30.020890 NOTI - DH bits ..... : 1024
7,00:10:30.020908 NOTI Origin-State-Id ..... : 1499929829
7,00:10:30.020928 NOTI Loaded extensions: '/usr/lib/freeDiameter/acl_wl.fdx'[/usr/lo
7,00:10:30.020947 NOTI Loaded extensions: '/usr/lib/freeDiameter/dict_nas_mlv6.fdx'
7,00:10:30.020965 NOTI Loaded extensions: '/usr/lib/freeDiameter/dict_s6a.fdx'[(no c
7,00:10:30.020991 DBG Core state: 1 -> 2
7,00:10:30.022719 NOTI Local server address(es): 10.0.0.1{---L-} 140.113.215.20
7,00:10:30.022776 DBG Core state: 2 -> 3
izing s6a layer: DONE

```

When the HSS connect to the MME, there will be a log.

```
'STATE_CLOSED' -> 'STATE_OPEN' 'ubuntu.openair4G.eur'
```

Notice that:

MME must be active to connect to HSS.

2.1.2.9 Phpmyadmin

It provides the GUI for database operations.

```
$ sudo apt-get install phpmyadmin  
$ sudo ln -s /etc/phpmyadmin/apache.conf  
/etc/apache2/conf-available/phpmyadmin.conf  
$ sudo a2enconf phpmyadmin  
$ sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 reload  
$ sudo reboot
```

We can operate data by accessing '<http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin>'.



Insert data of the SIM card into the database 'oai_db'.

Notice that:

If we do not insert SIM card data, we will fail to connect to the Internet.

2.1.3. S/P-GW

2.1.3.1. Update

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get upgrade
```

2.1.3.2. Download RECO and other tools

Download RECO source code from 'github'.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/RECONet/RECO.git
```

Download some tools will be used later.

```
$ cd ./RECO/SCRIPTS
$ sudo ./build_hss -i
$ sudo ./build_mme -i
$ sudo ./build_spgw -i
```

Notice that:

If there is any asking during the process, choose 'yes' for safety.

2.1.3.3 Copy configuration files

Copy configuration files to the particular locations.

```
$ cd ..
$ cd ./ETC
$ sudo cp spgw.conf /usr/local/etc/oai
$ sudo chmod 777 /usr/local/etc/oai/spgw.conf
```

2.1.3.4 File settings

Set the 'spgw.conf' file.

```
$ sudo vim /usr/local/etc/oai/spgw.conf
```

Set '[SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11](#)', which is the network interface S/P-GW used to connect to the MME and set

'[SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11](#)', which is the IP with the mask of the network interface.

Set '[SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP](#)', which is the network interface S/P-GW used to connect to the eNB and set

'[SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP](#)', which is the IP with the mask of the network interface.

```
NETWORK_INTERFACES :
{
    # S-GW binded interface for S11 communication (GTPV2-C), if none set
    SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11      = "ens38";
    SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11        = "10.0.0.3/8";

    # S-GW binded interface for S1-U communication (GTPV1-U) can be eth
    SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP = "ens33";
    SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP   = "192.168.4.98/24";
    SGW_IPV4_PORT_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP     = 2152;
```

Notice that:

If we have no idea about how to set the IP addresses, see the example in chapter 2.1.4.

Set '[PGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_SGI](#)', which is the network interface S/P-GW used to connect to the internet.

Set 'yes' to '[PGW_MASQUERADE_SGI](#)' and '[UE_TCP_MSS_CLAMPING](#)' to avoid failure.

```
# P-GW binded interface for SGI (egress/ingress internet traffic)
PGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_SGI      = "ens37";
PGW_MASQUERADE_SGI              = "yes";
UE_TCP_MSS_CLAMPING              = "yes";
```

Set '[IPV4_LIST](#)', which is a scope of IPs distributed to UEs connecting to the S/P-GW.

```
IP_ADDRESS_POOL :
{
    IPV4_LIST = (
        "172.16.0.0/12"
    );
};
```

2.1.3.5 Build the SPGW

```
$ cd ..
```

```
$ cd ./SCRIPTS
```

```
$ sudo ./build_spgw -c
```

```
wirelab@ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$ sudo ./build_spgw -c
Clean the build generated files (build from scratch)
mkdir: created directory 'BUILD'
Build type is Debug
Architecture is x86_64
git found: /usr/bin/git
NETTLE_VERSION_INSTALLED = 3.2
NETTLE_VERSION_MAJOR = 3
NETTLE_VERSION_MINOR = 2
spgw compiled
'/home/wirelab/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/BUILD/SPGW/BUILD/spgw' -> '/usr/local/bin/spgw'
spgw installed
wirelab@ubuntu:~/NctuReco_Demo_CXX/SCRIPTS$
```

2.1.3.6 Run the SPGW

```
$ sudo ./run_spgw
```

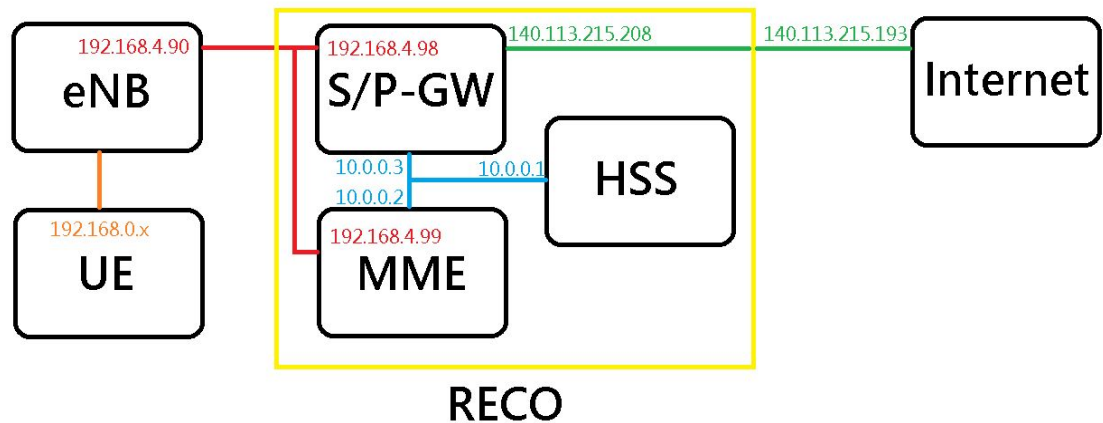
```
.....
*   nm-gtpv2c
*   GPRS Tunneling Protocol v2c Stack
*   .....
*   Copyright (c) 2010-2011 Anlt Chawre
*   All rights reserved.
*   .....
*   Redistribution and use in source and binary forms, with or without
*   modification, are permitted provided that the following conditions
*   are met:
*   .....
*   1. Redistributions of source code must retain the above copyright
*   notice, this list of conditions and the following disclaimer.
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*   notice, this list of conditions and the following disclaimer in the
*   documentation and/or other materials provided with the distribution.
*   3. The name of the author may not be used to endorse or promote products
*   derived from this software without specific prior written permission.
*   .....
*   THIS SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED BY THE AUTHOR "AS IS" AND ANY EXPRESS OR
*   IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES
*   OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE DISCLAIMED.
*   IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AUTHOR BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT,
*   INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT
*   NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE,
*   DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY
*   THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT
*   (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF
*   THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE.
*   .....

Tx UDP_INIT IP addr 10.0.0.3
Creating new listen socket on address 10.0.0.3 and port 2123
Inserting new descriptor for task 0, sd 31
Received 1 events
Initializing S11 interface: DONE
Initializing SPGW-APP task interface
Initializing GTPV2U interface

Using the GTP kernel mode (genl ID is 27)
Setting route to reach UE net 172.16.0.0 via gtp0
GTP kernel configured
Initializing GTPV2U interface: DONE
Initializing SPGW-APP task interface: DONE
```


2.1.4. Example of IP Settings

2.1.4.1. Architecture Overview with IPs



Notice that:

'140.113.215.193' is the IP address of the default gateway.

2.1.4.2. IP Settings of HSS

2.1.4.2.1. Network Interface Settings

Notice that:

We need at least one network interface card (NIC).

Find the name of the NIC.

```
$ ifconfig
```

Set IP Address to the NIC.

```
$ sudo ifconfig <name> 10.0.0.1
```

Notice that:

<name> is the name of the NIC.

2.1.4.3. IP Settings of MME

2.1.4.3.1. Network Interface Settings

Notice that:

We need at least two network interface cards (NICs).

Find the names of the NICs.

```
$ ifconfig
```

Set IP Addresses to the NICs.

```
$ sudo ifconfig <name_1> 10.0.0.2
```

```
$ sudo ifconfig <name_2> 192.168.4.99
```

Notice that:

<name_1> is the name of the first NIC.

<name_2> is the name of the second NIC.

2.1.4.3.2. Configuration File Settings

mme_fd.conf:

```
ConnectTo = "10.0.0.1"
```

mme.conf:

```
MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1_MME = "<name_2>"
MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1_MME = "192.168.4.99/24"
MME_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11_MME = "<name_1>"
MME_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11_MME = "10.0.0.2/8"
SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11 = "10.0.0.3/8"
```

Notice that:

Here we only set the part of IPs and NICs names. As for other settings, please follow the previous chapters.

2.1.4.4. IP Settings of S/P-GW

2.1.4.4.1. Network Interface Settings

Notice that:

We need at least three network interface cards (NICs).

Find the names of the NICs.

```
$ ifconfig
```

Set IP Addresses to the NICs.

```
$ sudo ifconfig <name_1> 10.0.0.3
$ sudo ifconfig <name_2> 192.168.4.98
$ sudo ifconfig <name_3> 140.113.215.208
```

Notice that:

<name_1> is the name of the first NIC.

<name_2> is the name of the second NIC.

<name_2> is the name of the third NIC.

Notice that:

If ping google.com failed, type commands below to connect to the Internet.

```
$ sudo route add -net 0.0.0.0 netmask 0.0.0.0 gw 140.113.215.193
$ sudo echo "nameserver 8.8.8.8" >> /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/base
$ sudo resolvconf -u
```

Notice that:

'140.113.215.193' is the IP address of the default gateway.

2.1.4.4.2. Configuration File Settings

spgw.conf:

```
SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S11 = "<name_1>"
SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S11 = "10.0.0.3/8"
SGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP = "<name_2>"
SGW_IPV4_ADDRESS_FOR_S1U_S12_S4_UP = "192.168.4.98/24"
```

```
PGW_INTERFACE_NAME_FOR_SGI = "<name_3>"
IPV4_LIST = "192.168.0.0/16"
```

Notice that:

Here we only set the part of IPs and NICs names. As for other settings, please follow the previous chapters.

2.2. Radio Access Network

2.2.1. SIM Card

The SIM card we use: **sysmoUSIM-SJS1 (with ADM keys)**

You can buy it at the following link:

<http://shop.sysmocom.de/products/sysmousim-sjs1>

We can use PySIM to program the SIM card.

Install packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get install pcscd pcsc-tools libccid python-dev swig
python-setuptools python-pip libpcsclite-dev
$ sudo pip install pycrypto
```

Download PySIM from git:

```
$ git clone git://git.osmocom.org/pysim.git
```

Also need Pyscard:

Download from

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/pyscard/files/pyscard/pyscard%201.9.5/pyscard-1.9.5.tar.gz/download>

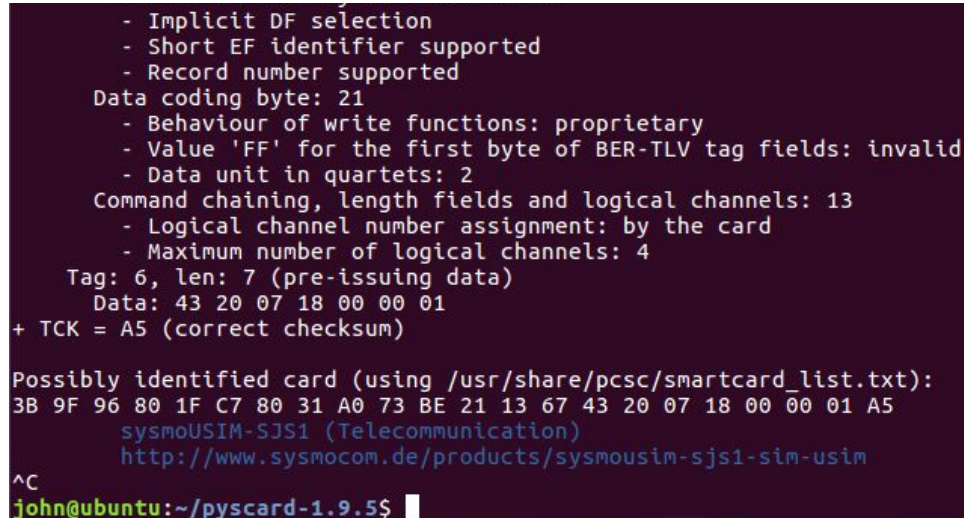
Install command:

```
$ cd <pyscard-path>
$ sudo /usr/bin/python setup.py build_ext install
```

Use the following command to check whether card reader is ready:

```
$ sudo pcsc_scan
```

If you see this picture, you are ready to program the SIM card:



```
- Implicit DF selection
- Short EF identifier supported
- Record number supported
Data coding byte: 21
- Behaviour of write functions: proprietary
- Value 'FF' for the first byte of BER-TLV tag fields: invalid
- Data unit in quartets: 2
Command chaining, length fields and logical channels: 13
- Logical channel number assignment: by the card
- Maximum number of logical channels: 4
Tag: 6, len: 7 (pre-issuing data)
Data: 43 20 07 18 00 00 01
+ TCK = A5 (correct checksum)

Possibly identified card (using /usr/share/pcsc/smartcard_list.txt):
3B 9F 96 80 1F C7 80 31 A0 73 BE 21 13 67 43 20 07 18 00 00 01 A5
    sysmoUSIM-SJS1 (Telecommunication)
    http://www.sysmocom.de/products/sysmousim-sjs1-sim-usim

^C
john@ubuntu:~/pyscard-1.9.5$
```



```
$ ./pySim-read.py -p 0
```

```
$ ./pySim-read.py -p 0
```

If the IMSI changed, done!

```
john@ubuntu: ~/pysim
Generated card parameters :
> Name      : NCTU
> SMSP      : e1ffffffffffffffffffffffff0581005155f5ffffffffffff000000
> ICCID     : 89882110000000088347
> MCC/MNC   : 208/93
> IMSI      : 208930000009487
> Ki        : 8baf473f2f8fd09487cccbd7097c6862
> OPC       : 8e27b6af0e692e750f32667a3b14605d
> ACC       : None

Programming ...
Done !

john@ubuntu:~/pysim$ ./pySim-read.py -p 0
Reading ...
ICCID: 89882110000000088347
IMSI: 208930000009487
SMSP: ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
ACC: 0080
MSISDN: Not available
Done !

john@ubuntu:~/pysim$
```

2.2.2. eNodeB

2.2.2.1. Commercial eNodeB - Wistron NeWeb OSQ4G-01E2

First, connect to the eNB from the MME.

```
$ telnet <eNB IP>
```

Then log in the eNB as a root user.

```
$ root
```

Edit the configuration file. (Here are the examples)

```
$ vi /mnt/flash/etc/fsm/xml/provision.xml
```

```
S1-MME IP address:
<field name="s1SigLinkServerList" value="192.188.2.2"/>
PLMN:
<field name="plmnId" value="20893"/>
```

→ After rebooting the eNodeB, it can connect to MME through WAN port.

Notice that:

The 's1SigLinkServerList' is the IP of MME used to connect to the eNB.

Notice that:

The 'plmnId' is the same value as the PLMN ID of the SIM card.

2.2.2.2. OAI eNodeB

2.2.2.2.1. USRP B210

✕It is recommend to use the USB3.0 port.

2.2.2.2.1.1. USRP driver installation

⊙UHD binary installation

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ettusresearch/uhd
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install libuhd-dev libuhd003 uhd-host
```

⊙Building and Installing UHD from source

```
$ sudo apt-get install libboost-all-dev libusb-1.0-0-dev python-mako doxygen
python-docutils cmake build-essential
$ git clone --recursive git://github.com/EttusResearch/uhd.git
$ cd <uhd-repo-path>/host
$ mkdir build
$ cd build
$ cmake ../
$ make
$ make test
$ sudo make install
$ sudo ldconfig
```

2.2.2.2.1.2. Building OAI executables from source

```
$ git clone https://gitlab.eurecom.fr/oai/openairinterface5g.git
$ cd YOUR_openairinterface5g_DIRECTORY
$ source oaienv # Very important. It sets the correct environment variables
$ cd cmake_targets
$ ./build_oai -I -w USRP # Package installation + USRP Driver installation
$ ./build_oai --eNB -c -w USRP
```

2.2.2.2.1.3. Start the eNodeB with USRP B210

Here we use the configuration file: enb.band7.tm1.usrpb210.conf
(Remember to check the configuration of PLMN ID and the interface between MME and eNodeB.)

```
$ cd $OPENAIR_DIR/cmake_targets/lte_build_oai/build
$ sudo -E ./lte-softmodem -O
$OPENAIR_DIR/targets/PROJECT/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.t
m1.usrpb210.conf
```

You can see some messages of slap_setup on your MME machine after the connection established.

2.2.2.2.2. ExpressMimo2

2.2.2.2.2.1. ExpressMimo2 card setup

Initialize express MIMO card

```
$ cd openairinterface5g
$ . oaienv
$ cd cmake_targets/tools/
```

```
$ . init_exmimo2
```

You should see the following output on the console

```
loading openair_rf
Using firware version 10
```

Running “dmesg”, you should see something ending with

```
[782979.116663] [openair][IOCTL] ok asked Leon to set stack and start execution
(addr 0x40000000, stackptr 43ffff0)
[782979.116782] [LEON card0]: FWINIT: Will start execution @ 40000000, stack
@ 43ffff0
[782979.228844] [LEON card0]: pcie_initialize_interface_bot(): firmware_block_ptr
3200100, printk_buffer_ptr 3240100, pci_interface_ptr 3240500, exmimo_id_ptr
3240700
[782979.229321] [LEON card0]: System Info:
[782979.229464] [LEON card0]: Bitstream: SVN Revision: 5307, Build date
(GMT): Wed 2014-03-19 15:55:01, User ID: 0x0001
[782979.229600] [LEON card0]: Software: SVN Revision: 5541, Build date
(GMT): Wed 2014-03-19 08:45:08
[782979.229691] [LEON card0]: ExpressMIMO-2 SDR! (Built on Nov 7 2014
15:14:44)
[782979.229819] [LEON card0]: Initialized LIME.
[782979.229935] [LEON card0]: Initializing RF Front end chain0 (to TVWS_TDD).
[782979.230209] [LEON card0]: ready.
```

2.2.2.2.2.2. Building OAI executables from source

```
$ git clone https://gitlab.eurecom.fr/oai/openairinterface5g.git
$ cd YOUR_openairinterface5g_DIRECTORY
$ source oaienv # Very important. It sets the correct environment variables.
$ cd cmake_targets
$ ./build_oai -I # Package installation + EXMIMO Driver installation
$ ./build_oai --eNB -w EXMIMO -c -s # eNodeB + EXMIMO + test
```

2.2.2.2.2.3. Start the eNodeB with ExpressMimo2

Here we use the configuration file: enb.band7.tm1.exmimo2.conf
(Remember to check the configuration of PLMN ID and the interface between MME and eNodeB.)

```
$ cd $OPENAIR_DIR/cmake_targets/lte_build_oai/build
$ sudo -E ./lte-softmodem -O
$OPENAIR_DIR/targets/PROJECT/GENERIC-LTE-EPC/CONF/enb.band7.t
m1.exmimo2.conf
```

You can see some messages of slap_setup on your MME machine after the connection established.

3. Conclusion

We have presented a reconfigurable core network architecture called RECO to efficiently implement customized core network entities for a heterogeneous 5G environment. We also built a reconfigurable MME (RECO MME) to verify our RECO concept. We specifically introduced the implementation of how the dynamic linking framework is implemented in RECO MME and show that our RECO MME has the benefits of (1) reduce disk space and memory usage (2) easy to update and deploy (3) flexibility to link certain modules to form a customized MME (4) Object-oriented code structure which allows programmers to reuse code when forming a customized MME. Finally, we expect and hope the research community would like to join us in this research project.