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Topic: Future Networks: IP 2020, 5/6G and Slicing Cohabitation



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- **Topics to be discussed in this panel**
 - **Why IP 2020? What novel feature it offers?**
 - **4G towards 5G evolution- current status and perspectives**
 - **6G – next step after 5G? (global extension of 5G)**
 - **Network slicing (e.g. in 5G) – challenges and solutions**
 - **Network resource allocation**
 - **Management and control tools (SDN)**
 - **Virtualization (NFV,..)**
 - **Cloud-like techniques and networking (5G, IoT, V2X,)**
 - **Centralized data centers, Fog, MEC, VCC, ...**



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- **Thanks !**
- **Floor for the speakers.....**



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SDN, NFV, Fog in 5G/Internet of Vehicles (IoV) Environment

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Facts:

- *5G – strong candidate to support IoT (including IoV)*

- *Supporting technologies*
 - *Cloud Computing*
 - *Fog/Edge Computing /Mobile Edge Computing /Cloudlets*
 - *Software Defined Networks (SDN)*
 - *Network Function Virtualization (NFV)*



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- **Software Defined Networking (SDN)**
 - SDN – applicable in Clouds, WANs, IoT, vehicular, 5G
- **SDN concepts and advantages:**
 - **Control Plane (CPI) and Data Plane (DPI) separation**
 - **centralized logical control and view** of the network
 - underlying network infrastructure is abstracted to applications
 - common APIs (northbound I/F)
 - Open I/Fs Southbound I/F CPI (controllers - DPI elements)
 - E.g. OpenFlow
 - **Network programmability**: by external applications, including network management and control
 - **Independency of operators** w.r.t. network equipment vendors



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- **Network Function Virtualization (NFV)**
 - Using COTS computing HW to provide **Virtualized Network Functions (VNFs)**
 - Sharing of HW and reducing the number of different HW arch.
 - **High flexibility in assigning VNFs to HW**
 - better scalability (hope)
 - decouples functionality from location
 - enables time of day reuse
 - **Virtualization- (VMs)** → flexibility and resource sharing
 - **Rapid service innovation** through SW -based service deployment
 - Higher **operational efficiencies**
 - **Reduced power consumption**
 - (VNF migration, instantiation, ...)
 - **Standardized and open I/Fs:** between VNFs infrastructure and mgmt. entities



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- **Fog computing and networking**

- **Fog: decentralized** computing infrastructure

- computing resources and appl. services are distributed in the most logical, efficient places, **at any point along the continuum from the data source to the cloud**

- Higher efficiency: lower amount of data to be transported to the cloud for data processing, analysis and storage, faster real time response, local context awareness

- Attractive for IoT, 5G (e.g Cloud -Fog- terminals hierarchy)

- **Management**, control and configuration, can be performed at or near the end-user

- **SDN, NFV can be used to control FC**



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- **Internet of Vehicles (IoV) (~ special case of IoT)**
- **Main objectives**
 - **extended business models and the range of applications** w.r.t current vehicular networks and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
 - **extension of VANETs**, while re-using framework of ITS
 - **communications, processing, storage, intelligence, learning and strong security** capabilities
 - **distributed transport fabric**
 - **to be integrated in IoT** framework and smart cities technologies
 - to support **heterogeneous networking and peripheral devices access**



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- **Example of: Five layer IoV functional architecture**
 - similar to IoT architecture- high level view
 - **Architectural planes: Operational, Management, Security**

Business : Graphs, Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts

Application : Applications for vehicles and vehicular dynamics

Artificial Intelligence: Cloud computing, big data analysis, expert systems

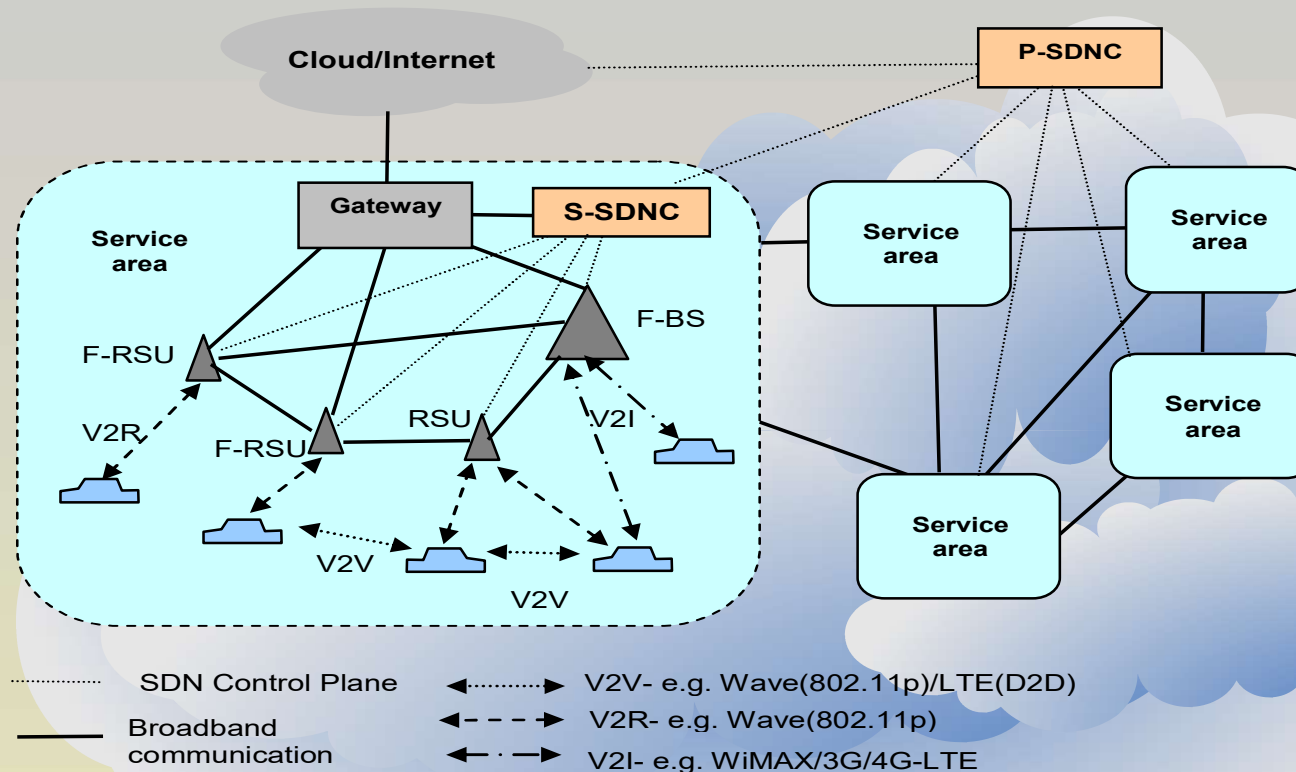
Coordination: Heterogeneous networks-WAVE, WiFi, LTE, etc.

Perception: Sensors and actuators of vehicles, RSU, personal devices

Source: O. Kaiwartya, et.al., "Internet of Vehicles: Motivation, Layered Architecture, Network Model, Challenges, and Future Aspects" IEEE Access, Special Section on Future Networks, Architectures, Protocols and Applications, Vol. 4, pp.5536-5372, September 2016

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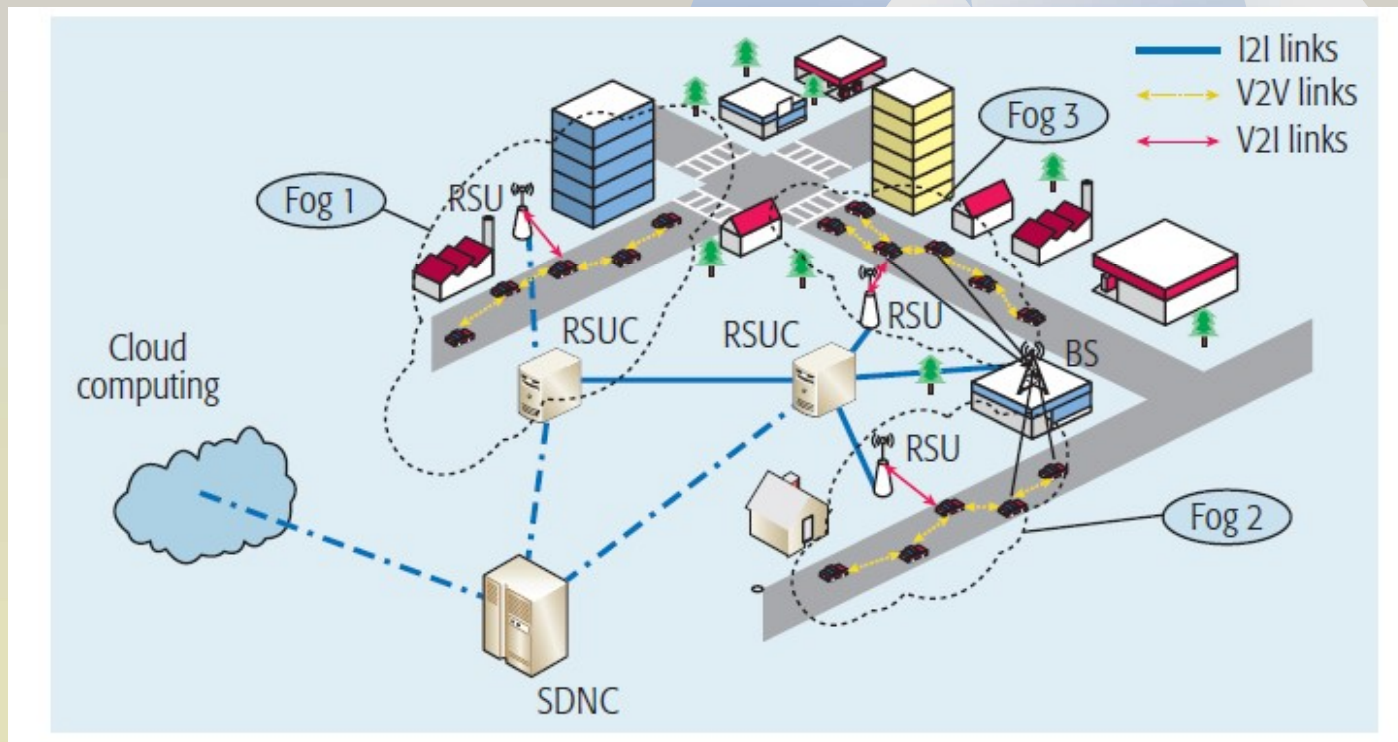
Example 1: SDN-FOG architecture for IoV



Source: E.Borcoci, et al., "Internet of Vehicles Functional Architectures - Comparative Critical Study", AFIN 2017, The Ninth International Conference on Advances in Future Internet

Extension of Source: N.N.Truong et al., "Software defined networking-based vehicular ad hoc network with fog Computing", Proceedings of the 2015 IFIP/IEEE International Symposium on Integrated Network Management (IM'15), May 2015

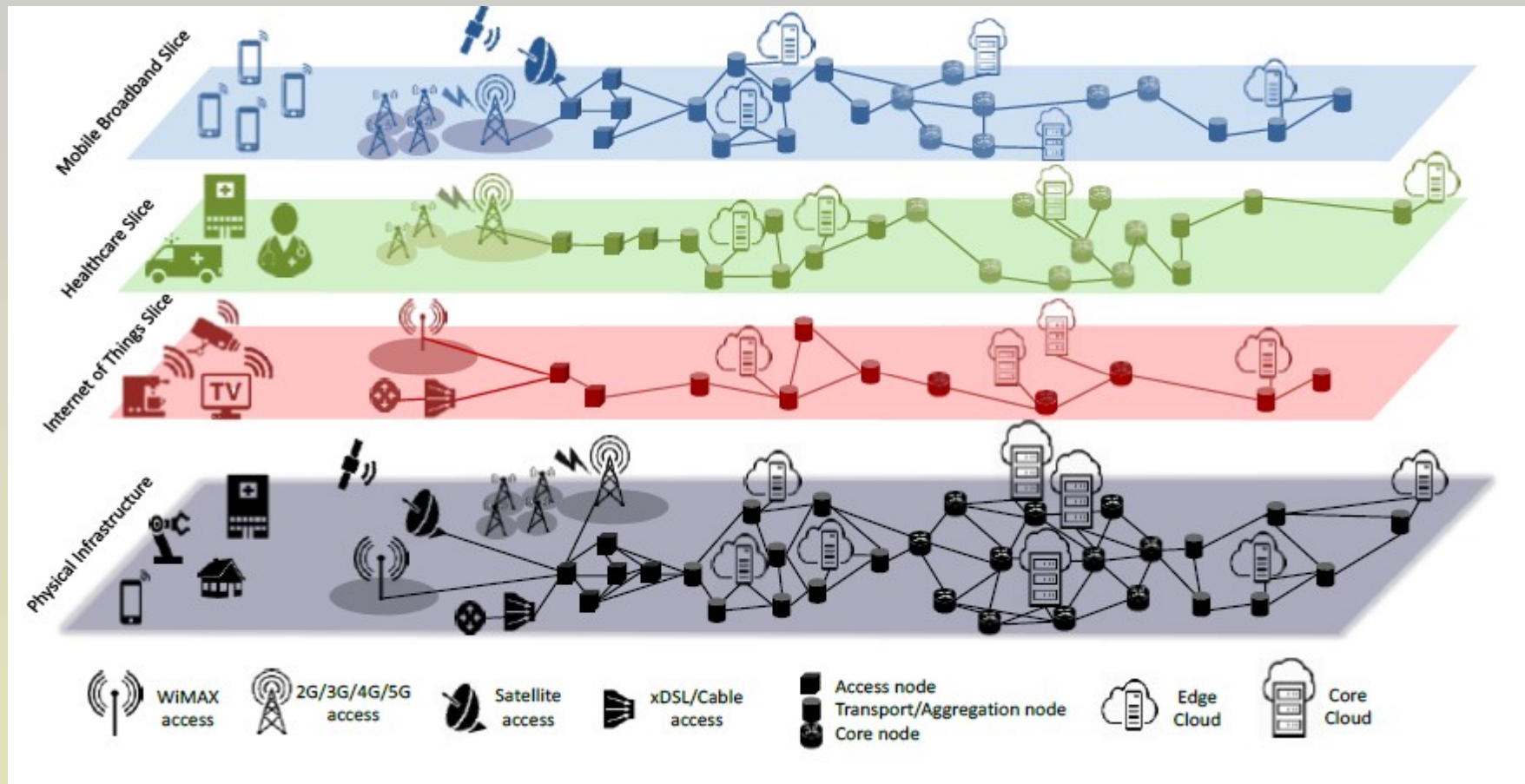
- **Example 2 5G Software Defined Vehicular Networks (SDVN) + Fog**
- IoV architecture based on 5G technology
 - **fog cells** are proposed to flexibly cover vehicles and avoid frequently handover between vehicles and road side units (RSUs)



Source: Xiaohu Ge¹, et al., 5G Software Defined Vehicular Networks, IEEE Communications Magazine, July 2017, <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7981531/>

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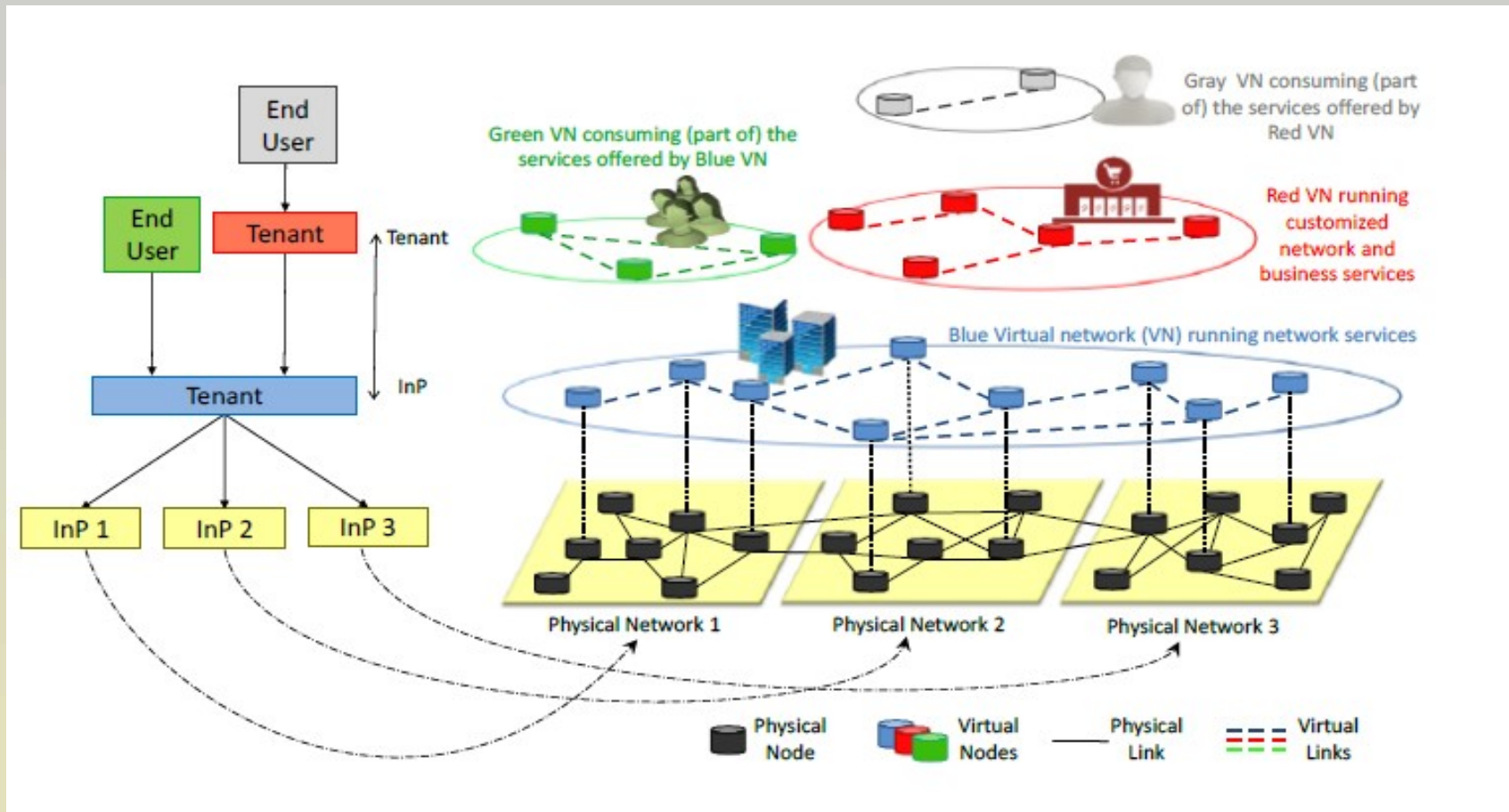
- **Network slicing - example**



Source: J. Ordonez-Lucena et. al., , *Network Slicing for 5G with SDN/NFV: Concepts, Architectures and Challenges* " IEEE Comm. Magazine, 2017

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- Network slices: recursive model



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■ Conclusions

- 5G can efficiently support IoV
- SDN, NFV, Fog technology can be integrated
- **Different functional and business aspects- still open issues**
 - Management and control
 - Virtualization and slicing and
 - Security, privacy
 - Scalability (horizontal, vertical)
 - Interoperability
 - Seamless deployment characteristics
 - Support for apps and services



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■ Backup slides

Features/Advantages of 6G Technology:

- Ultra fast access of Internet.
- Data rates will be up to 10-11 Gbps.
- Home automation and other related applications.
- Smart Homes, Cities and Villages.
- May be used in the production of Energy from galactic world.
- Space technology, Defense applications will be modified with 6G networks.
- Home based ATM systems.
- Satellite to Satellite Communication for the development of mankind.
- Natural Calamities will be controlled with 6G networks.
- Sea to Space Communication.
- Mind to Mind Communication may be possible
- Standards :- The Global Position System(GPS) by USA, the Galileo by Europe, the COMPASS by China and the GLONASS by Russia.
- If 6G integrates with 5G with these satellite networks, it would have four different standards. So handoff and roaming will be can be a big issue in 6G

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List of Acronyms

- BS Base Station
- BSS Business Support System
- CC Cloud Computing
- COTS Commercial-off-the-Shelf
- EC Edge Computing
- ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute
- FC Fog Computing
- FCN Fog Computing Node
- IoT Internet of Things
- LTE Long Term Evolution
- MEC Mobile Edge Computing
- M&O Management and Orchestration
- MME Mobility Management Entity
- NF Network Function
- NFV Network Functions Virtualization
- NFVI Network Functions Virtualization Infrastructure
- NO Network Operator
- NP Network Provider
- NS Network Service
- OSS Operations Support System
- SDN Software Defined Network
- SLA Service Level Agreement
- SP Service Provider

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Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks

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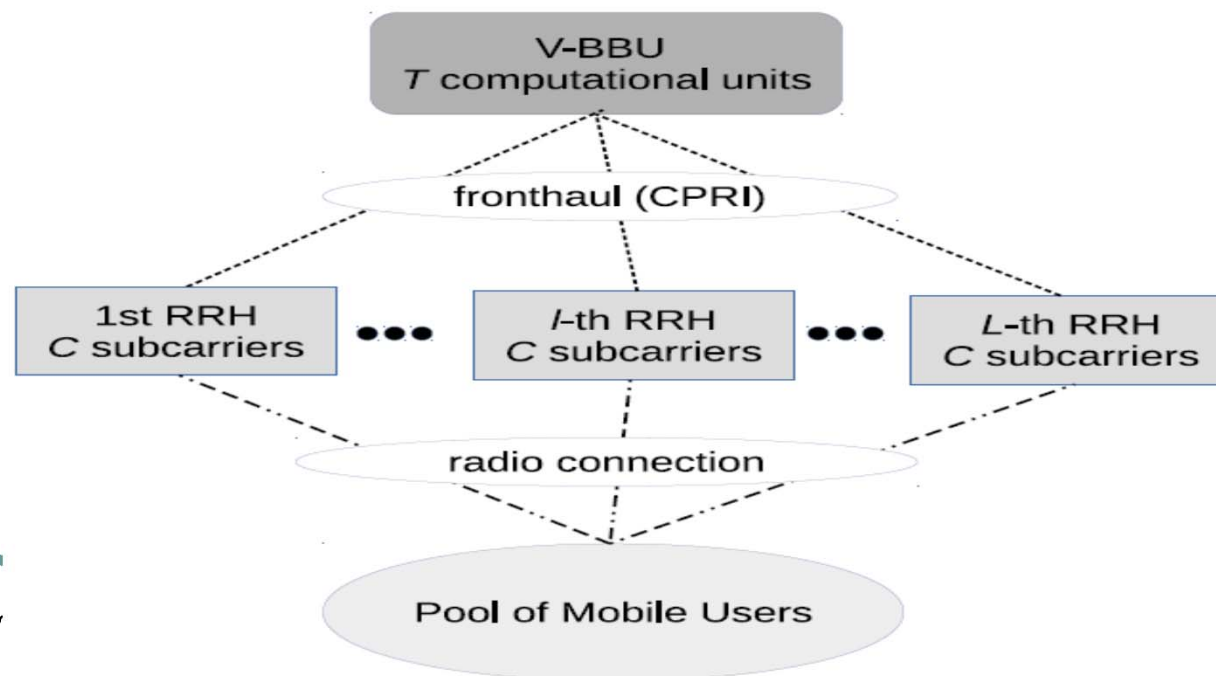
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Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (1)

Consider the C-RAN model of the Fig where the RRHs are separated from the V-BBU, which performs the centralized baseband processing (of accepted calls).

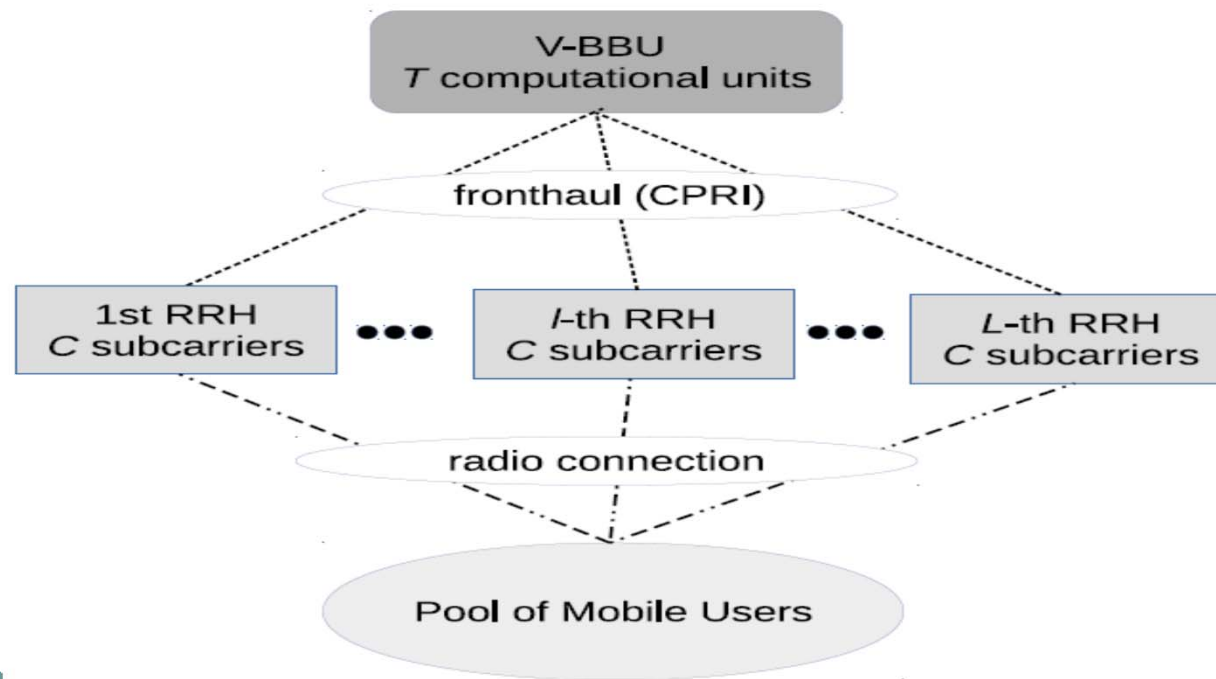
The total number of Remote Radio Heads (RRHs) is L and each RRH has C subcarriers, which essentially represent units of the radio resource and can be allocated to the accepted calls.

The V-BBU consists of T units (servers) of the computational resource, which are consumed for baseband processing.



Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (2)

Arriving calls follow a Poisson process with rate λ . An arriving call requires a subcarrier from the serving RRH and a unit of the computational resource. If these are available (**CS policy**), then the call is accepted and remains in the system for a generally distributed service time with mean μ^{-1} . Otherwise, the call is blocked and lost.



Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (3)

The model has a PFS

$$P(\mathbf{n}) = \frac{\prod_{l=1}^L \frac{a^{n_l}}{n_l!}}{\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \Omega} \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{a^{n_l}}{n_l!}}$$

$\mathbf{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_l, \dots, n_L)$ The number of in-service calls in all RRHs

$\alpha = \lambda/\mu$ the offered traffic-load

To calculate the total CBP, B_{tot} , we distinguish two types of blocking events: 1) those that are caused due to insufficient subcarriers and are represented by the probability, B_{sub} , and 2) those that are caused due to insufficient units of the computational resource and are represented by the probability, B_{res} :

$$B_{tot} = B_{sub} + B_{res}$$

Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (4)

$$B_{sub} = G \frac{a^C}{C!} \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \Omega_{<T}^{1,C}} \prod_{l=2}^L \frac{a^{n_l}}{n_l!} \quad G = \left(\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \Omega} \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{a^{n_l}}{n_l!} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Omega_{<T}^{1,C} = \left\{ \Omega^{1,C} \cap \Omega_{<T} \right\}, \quad \Omega^{1,C} = \left\{ \mathbf{n} : n_1 = C \right\}, \quad \Omega_{<T} = \left\{ \mathbf{n} : n_1 + \dots + n_L < T \right\}$$

$$B_{res} = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \Omega_{=T}} P(\mathbf{n}) \quad \Omega_{=T} = \left\{ \mathbf{n} : n_1 + \dots + n_L = T \right\}$$

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Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (5)

For an efficient calculation of B_{tot} , we can exploit the PFS and propose the following 3-step convolution algorithm:

Step 1) Determine the occupancy distribution of each of the L RRHs, $q_l(j)$, where $j=1, \dots, C$ and $l=1, \dots, L$:

$$q_l(j) = q_l(0) \frac{a^j}{j!}$$

Step 2) Determine the aggregated occupancy distribution $Q_{(-l)}$ based on the successive convolution of all RRHs apart from the l th RRH:

$$Q_{(-l)} = q_1 * q_2 * \dots * q_{l-1} * q_{l+1} * \dots * q_L$$

I. Moscholios, V. Vassilakis, M. Logothetis and A. Boucouvalas, "State-dependent Bandwidth Sharing Policies for Wireless Multirate Loss Networks", *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun.*, vol. 16, issue 8, pp. 5481-5497, August 2017.

Bandwidth Sharing Policies in 5G Networks (6)

Step 3) Calculate the total CBP, B_{tot} , based on the normalized values of the convolution operation of step 2, as follows:

$$B_{tot} = B_{sub} + B_{res} = q_1(C)Q_{(-1)}(0) + q(T)$$

$$q(T) = G^{-1} \sum_{x=0}^T Q_{(-1)}(x)q_1(T-x)$$

Based on the above, the model can be extended to include:

- a) multiple service-classes where calls have different subcarrier and computational resource requirements per service-class,
- b) different call arrival processes per RRH or group of RRHs, thus allowing for a mixture of arrival processes (e.g., random and quasi-random traffic) and
- c) different sharing policies (e.g. CS, BR, MFCR, PrTH) for the allocation of subcarriers in the RRHs or in the V-BBUs.



Network slicing for 5G networks: Current status and open issues

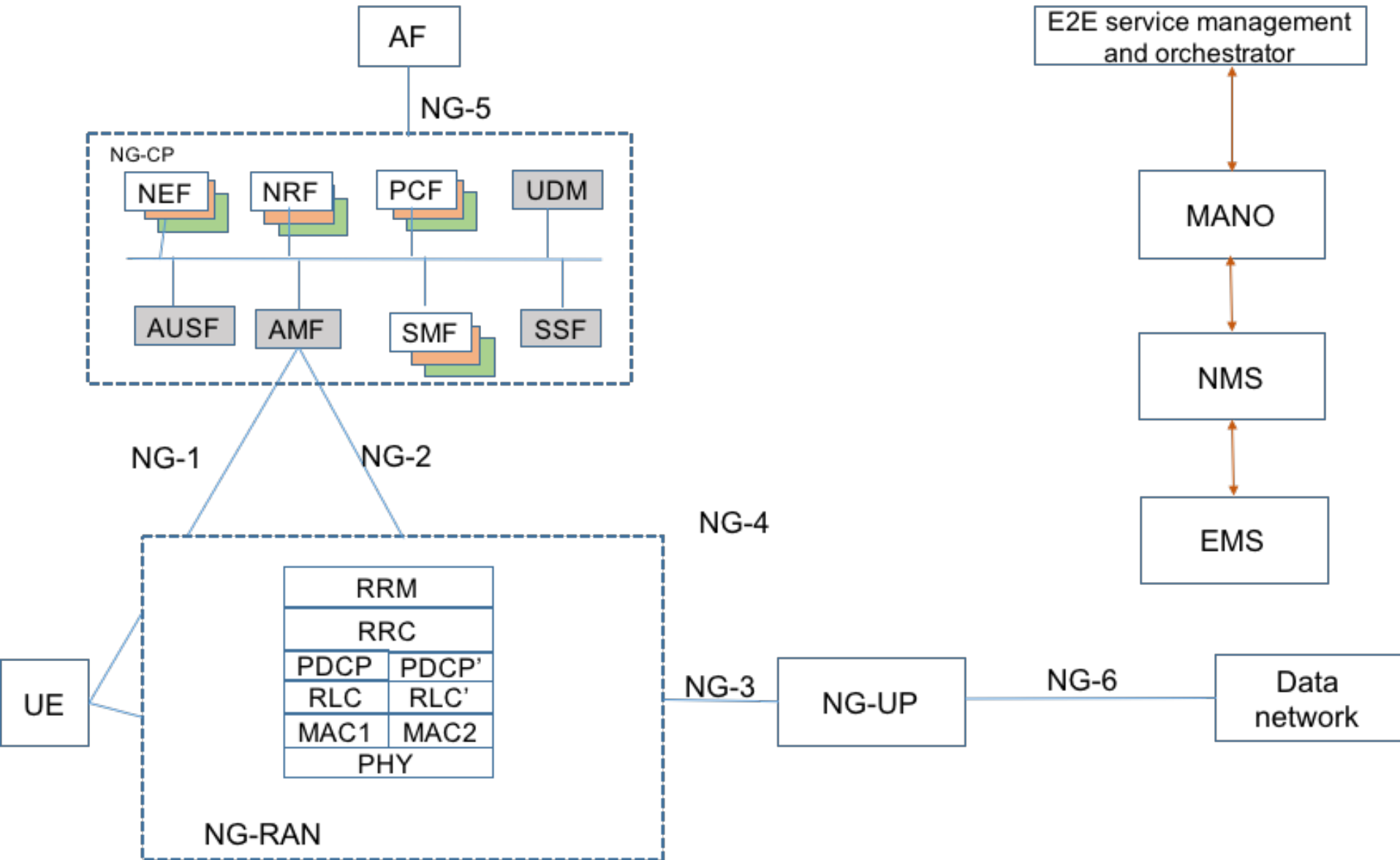
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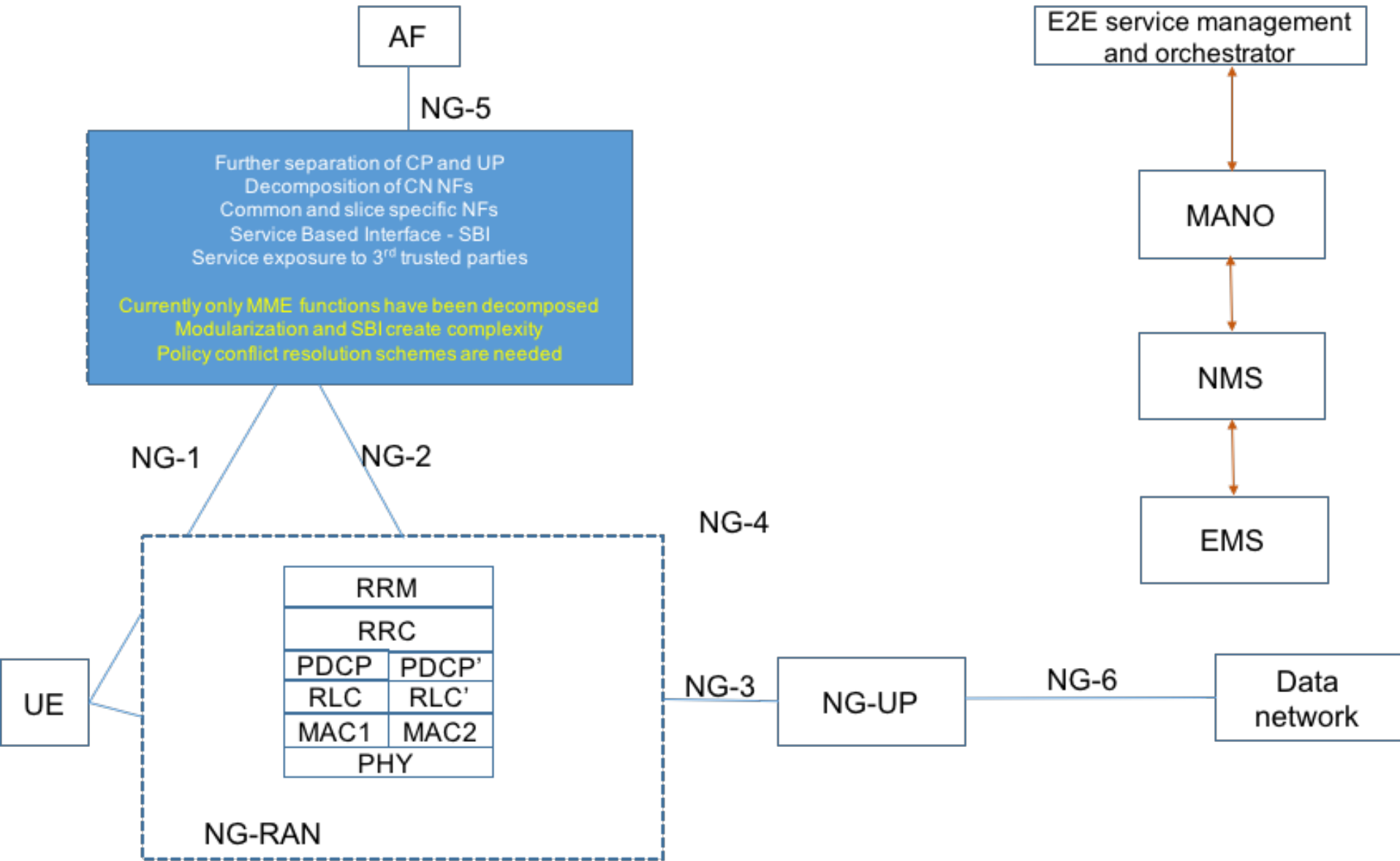
What is a network slice?

- A **logical network** that provides specific network capabilities and network characteristics”
- A “Network Slice” is implemented by a “**slice instance**”
- It is created by a “**network slice template**” that defines a complete logical network (NFs, interfaces and corresponding resources).
- With slicing an operator can deploy multiple logical networks over the same physical infrastructure.

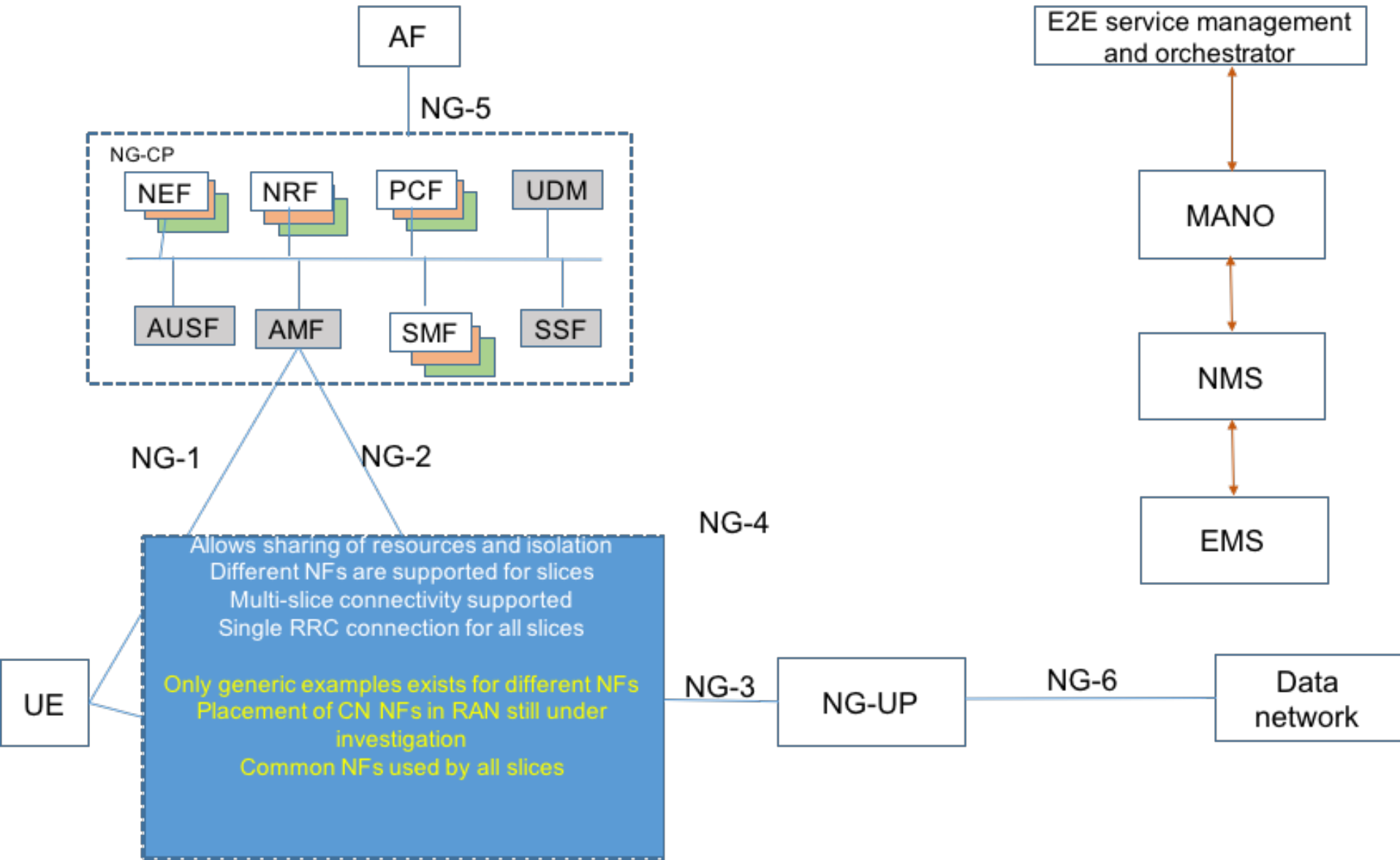
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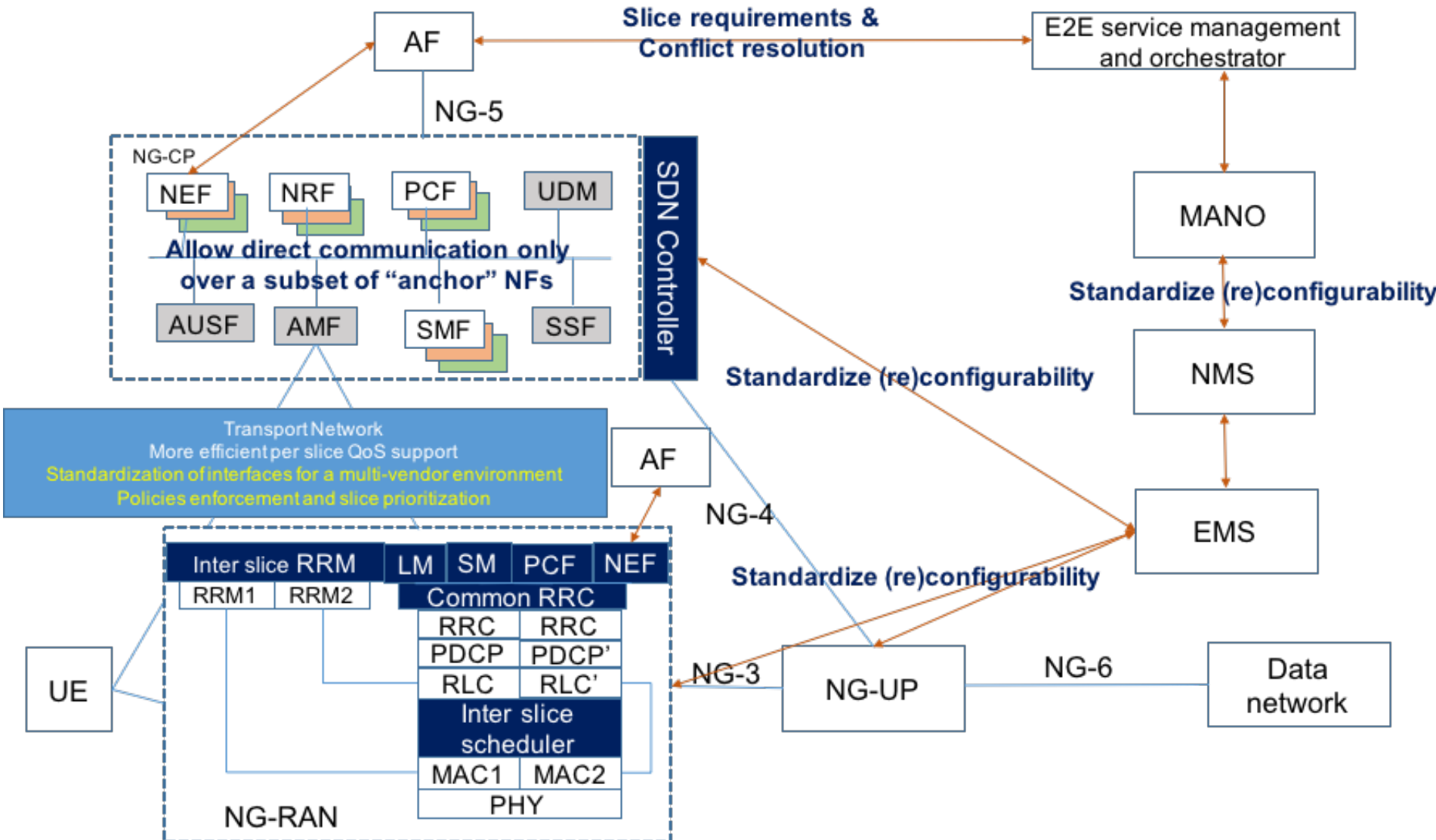
Current status and open issues



Current status and open issues



Next phase topics?



5G Network Slicing: A Transport Network View

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Why Network Slicing?

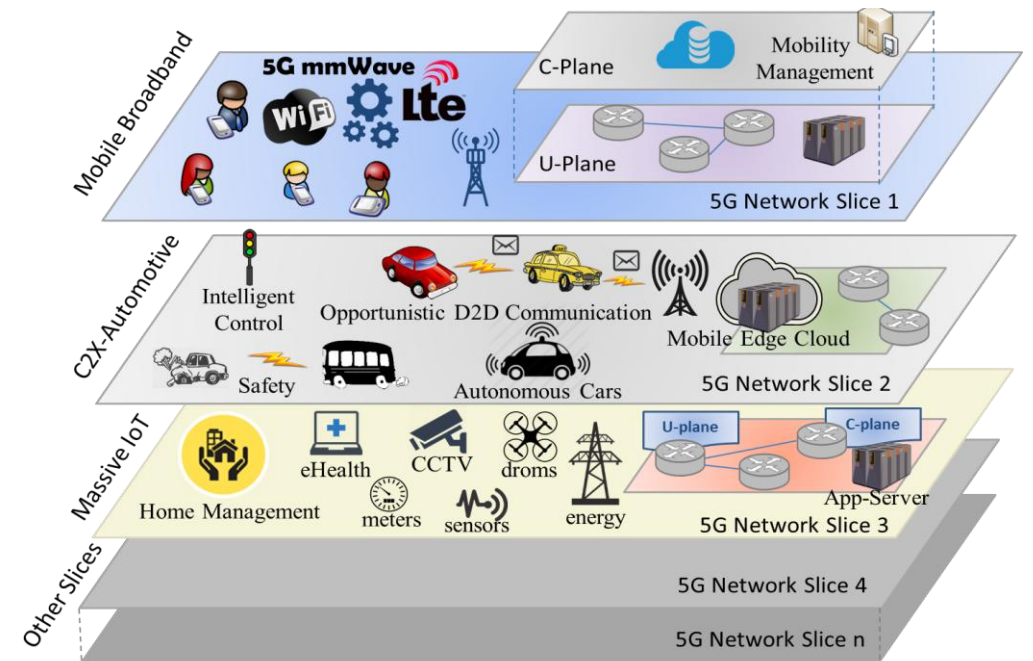
- Traditional voice/SMS business will eventually die
 - Footprint of data becomes significant with emerging APPs and 5G Services but how operators can monetize mobile data via the bit-pipe model?

- Monolithic "one-fit-all" 4G architecture cannot fulfill at the same time
 - The requirements of 5G diverse APPs and services

Create a Network of Capabilities

- Carriers are interest on creating profit
(NOT on CAPEX/OPEX reduction)

- Create a market for new applications (Verticals)
- Added value customer services (e.g. accelerators)
- Monetize edge-cloud services
 - Content, processing, storage closer to user
 - Bid data, RAN-awareness / APP-awareness



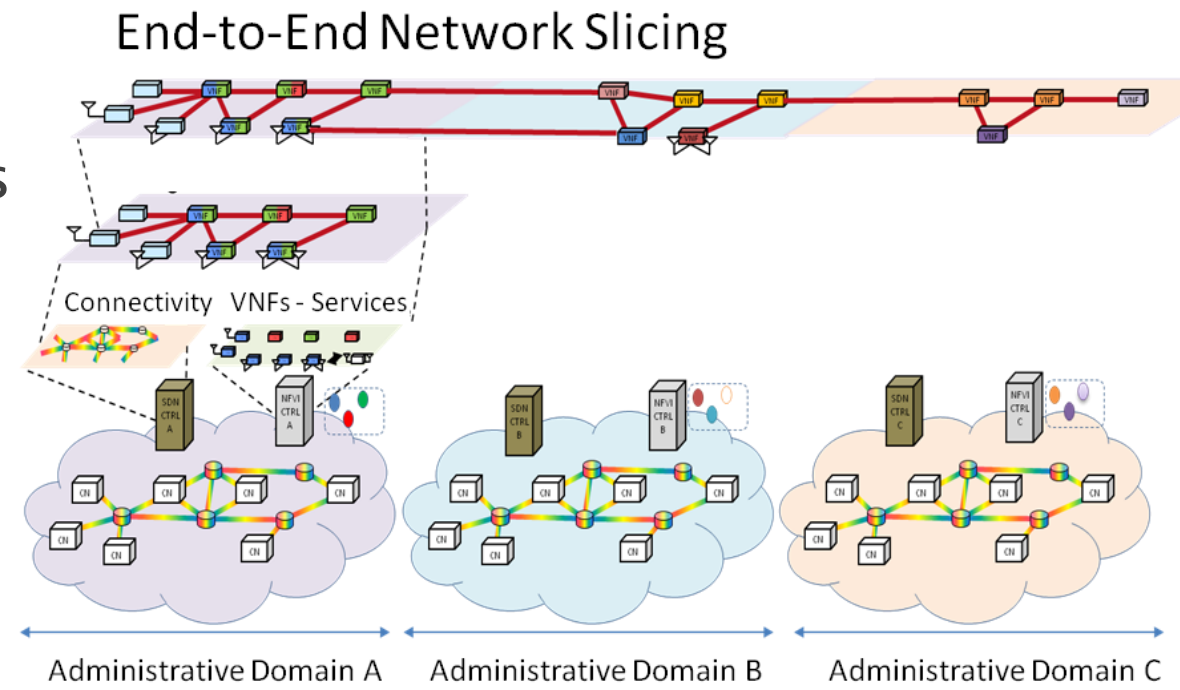
3GPP Related Use Cases for Network Slicing

- Support 3GPP 5G business requirements on transport network
 - Enhanced mobile broadband: High speed mobility, densely populated areas
 - Critical communications: Delay sensitive, interactive communications, safety
 - Massive IoT: Connecting many devices
 - Enhanced Vehicular-to-everything: Autonomous driving, driving assistance
- Fixed-Mobile Convergence
 - Unified access and services
- Mobile Backhaul/Fronthaul
 - Indoor Infrastructure provider (enterprise, stadium, etc.)
 - Outsource Backhaul/Fronthaul connectivity in specific areas
- Launch new Services – testing before wide adoption

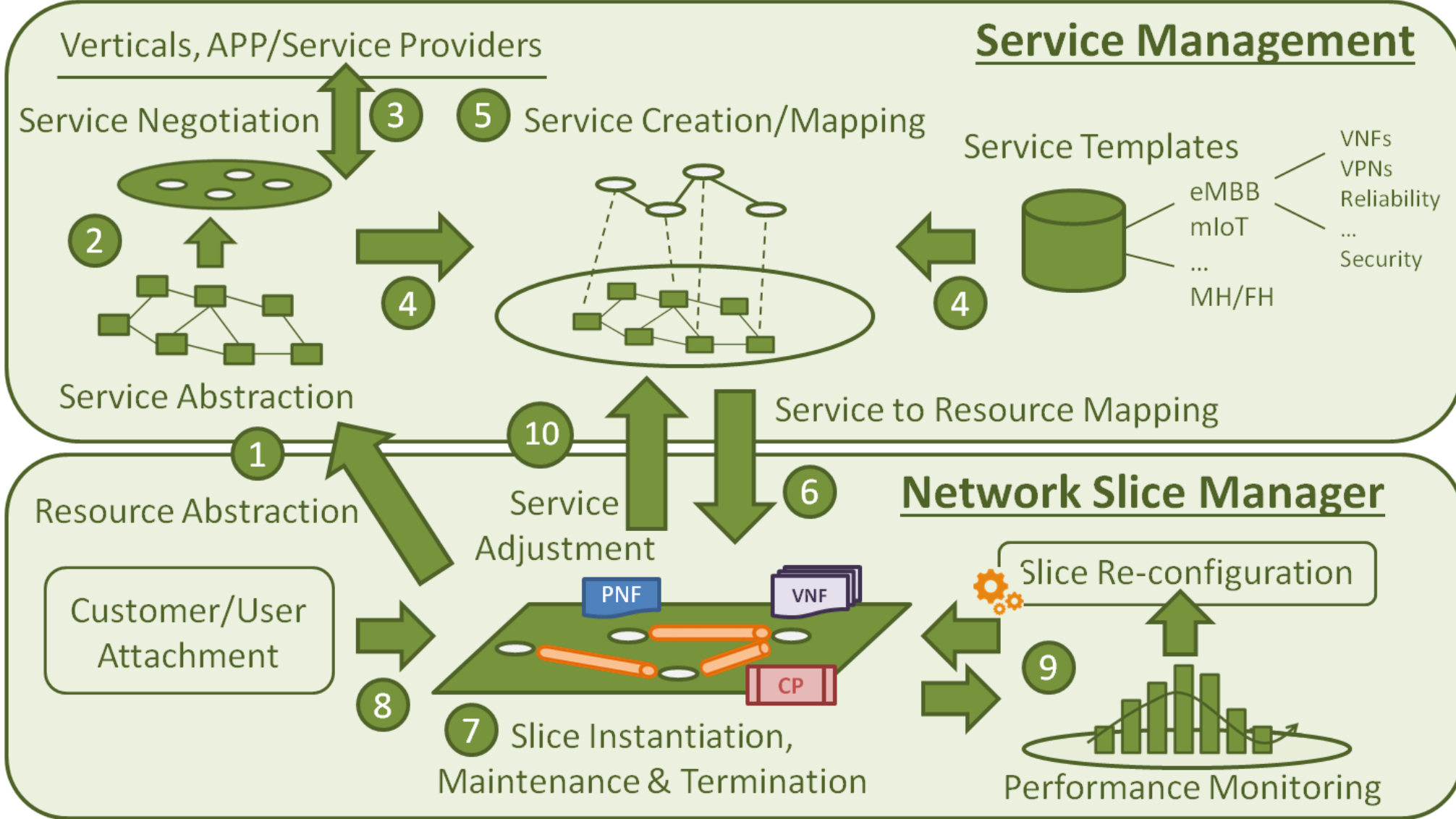


Network Slicing Principles / Service Requirements

- Network Slicing is End-to-End
 - Across different administrative domains and technologies (incl. Fixed - FMC)
 - Hierarchical recursive business nature
- Slicing is on-demand service
 - Automation and programmability:
 - Time flexibility – when it starts, duration
 - A signaling based solution from 3rd party
 - Isolation: Control/Data plane – Shared resources
 - Customization/Softwarization: VNFs, policy, protocols/services, CP/DP separation etc.



Overview of Slicing Operations



Service Capability Exposure

Service Capability Exposure Options:

- **No-control** restricts slice tenants from interacting with allocated slice resources, only monitoring information about KPIs is provided
- **Capabilities selection** allows the slice tenant to select functions, control/data plane protocols, etc. from a catalogue offered by the infrastructure provider.
- **Programmability** allows slice tenants to create and operate a slice, using their own software functions and resource configuration parameters by:
 - a) integrating a slice to own network and use own slice management
 - b) instantiate a network slice management as a VNF for allocated slice

Overview of Data Plane solutions for Slicing

- Layer 2 Solution: FlexE (Flexible Resource Isolation – Interface):
 - Enables a flexible data rate allocation by decoupling the MAC from PHY layer
 - Channelization that can be used to partition an interface into several independent interfaces
- Layer 3 Solutions: DetNet and VNP+
 - DetNet (Real-time Critical Communications – Queuing Solution):
 - Concentrates on worst-case bounds instead of the conventional mean used by priority queuing
 - VNP+ based-on Segment Routing (Resource Selection/Separation Solution):
 - Can be used to select VNF (service chaining), queues inside routers, links within a bundle, etc.
- Overlay networks (Best-effort/Soft Reservation):
 - VPN/VLAN services without control on network resource allocation for performance isolation

Router Virtualization

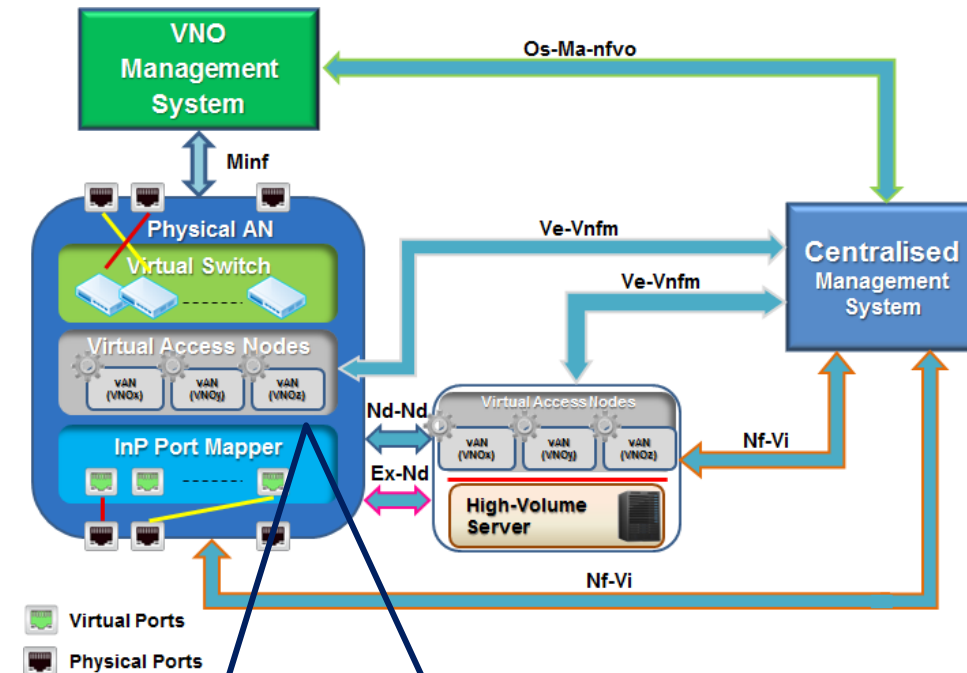
Two ways to virtualize resources of routers:

- Management System: policy-based
 - legacy approach in centralized manner
- Virtual Access Node: MANO-based
 - Physical equipment – introduce hypervisor to isolate resources
 - Data centre – introduce VM to host VNFs and hypervisor to manage resource allocation

Data/Control Plane multi-tenant ID enhancements:

- Tags/Labels/Encap. headers for indicating multi-tenants
- OAM related packets transferred over the appropriate slice
- Slice owners can select different protection degree

vAN in Physical Equipment & Data Centers



How virtualization is implemented is not clear, since the CPU in switching fabric is shared among slices

Conclusions

- On business value of network slicing
 - Providing programmability to slice tenant so that slice owner can operate it
 - Service isolation considering both data and control plane – Security/privacy and performance
 - Allow resource customization to accommodate SLA requirements
 - Customized VNFs, value added services and data/control plane protocols
 - Traffic steering considering physical condition of links and service requirements
 - Mapping from one technology into another, e.g. optical to IP
 - Combining cloud and network capacity resources
 - Slicing reflects a Service needs constant adjustments by orchestration
 - Dealing with shared/dedicated resources over a closed-loop service control

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