

Introduction to Network Function Virtualization (NFV)

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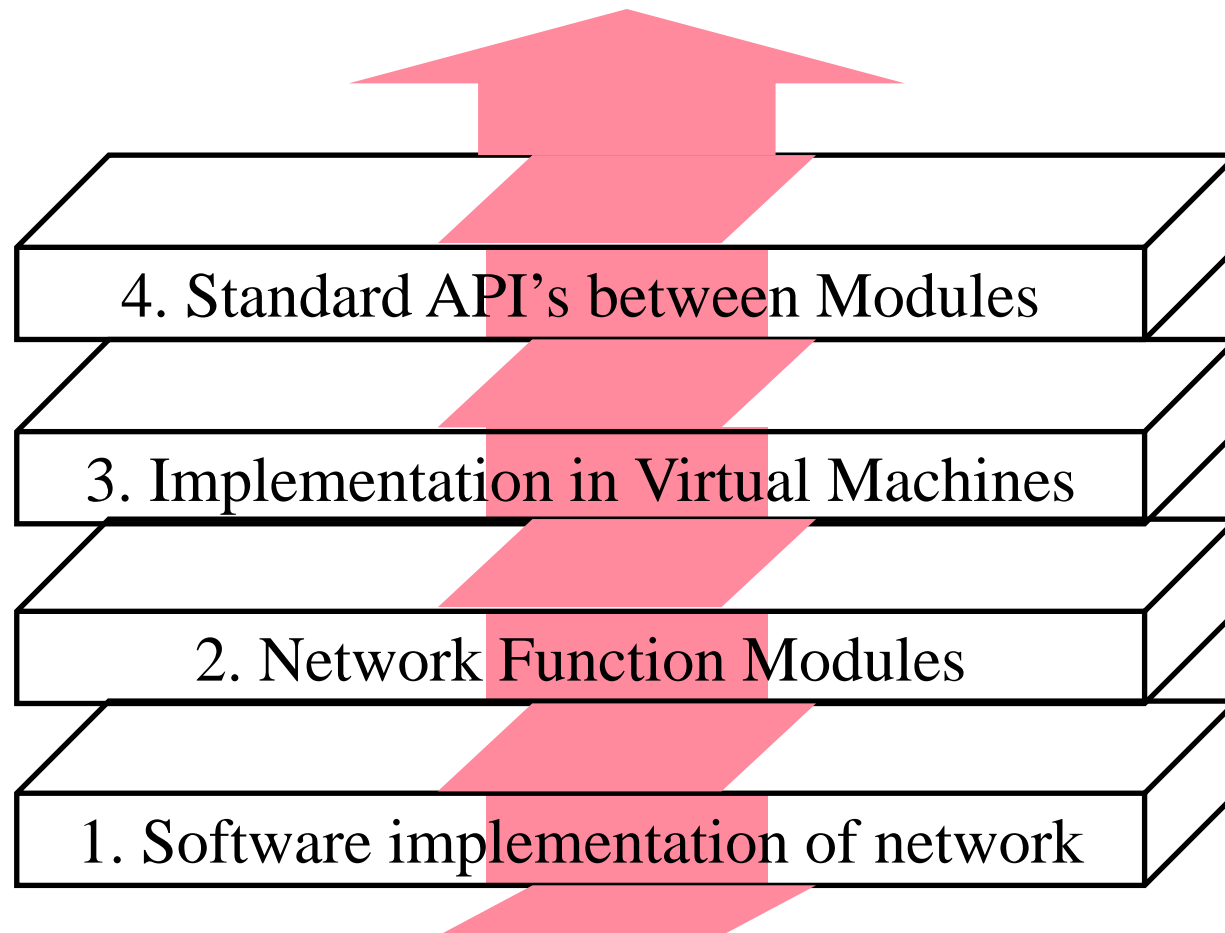


1. What is NFV?
2. NFV and SDN Relationship
3. ETSI NFV ISG Specifications
4. Concepts, Architecture, Requirements, Use cases
5. Proof of Concepts and Timeline

Note: This module is the 3rd in a series of modules on OpenFlow, SDN, and NFV in this course.

Student Questions

Four Innovations of NFV



Student Questions

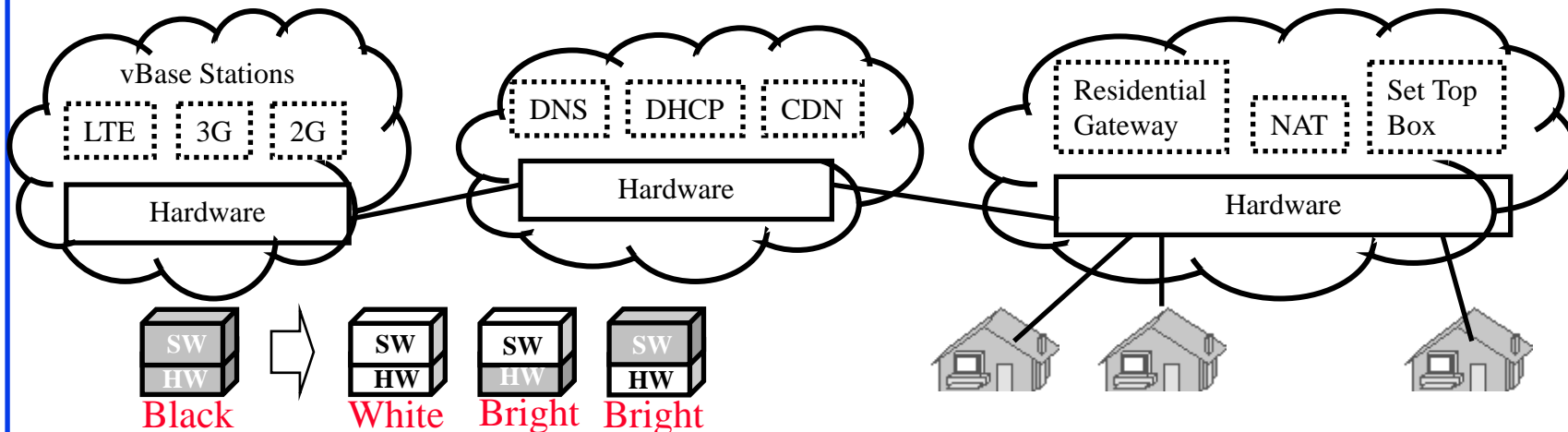
Network Function Virtualization (NFV)

1. Fast standard hardware \Rightarrow **Software based devices**

Routers, Firewalls, Broadband Remote Access Server (BRAS)
 \Rightarrow A.k.a., *white box* implementation

2. **Function Modules** (Both data plane and control plane)

\Rightarrow DHCP (Dynamic Host Control Protocol), NAT (Network Address Translation), Rate Limiting,



Ref: ETSI, "NFV – Update White Paper V3," Oct 2014, http://portal.etsi.org/NFV/NFV_White_Paper3.pdf (Must read)
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Student Questions

- What do you mean by white box implementation?

White Box = Open source software and open source hardware.

See Bright Box, too.

- What is the difference between SDN and NFV?

See Slide 16.7

- What does black box mean in this slide?

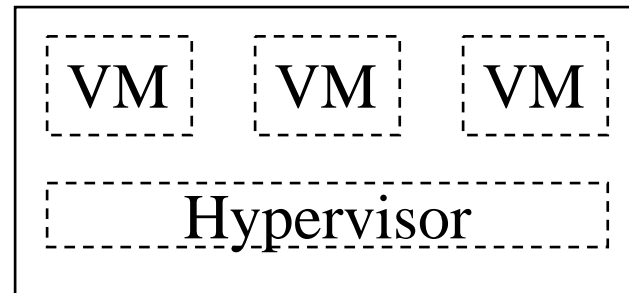
Black box = Opaque

NFV (Cont)

3. Virtual Machine implementation

⇒ Virtual appliances

⇒ All advantages of virtualization (quick provisioning, scalability, mobility, Reduced CapEx, Reduced OpEx, etc.)



Partitioning

4. **Standard APIs:** New ISG (Industry Specification Group) in ETSI (European Telecom Standards Institute) set up in November 2012

Student Questions

Why do We need NFV?

- 1. Virtualization:** Use network resources without worrying about where it is physically located, how much it is, how it is organized, etc.
- 2. Orchestration:** Manage thousands of devices
- 3. Programmable:** Should be able to change behavior on the fly.
- 4. Dynamic Scaling:** Should be able to change the size, quantity
- 5. Automation**
- 6. Visibility:** Monitor resources, connectivity
- 7. Performance:** Optimize network device utilization
- 8. Multi-tenancy**
- 9. Service Integration**
- 10. Openness:** Full choice of Modular plug-ins

Note: These are precisely the same reasons why we need SDN.

Student Questions

- ❑ There is still a need to worry about the physical location because something takes that site down, and the network needs to be shifted, right?

Much less worry. Virtual resources can be moved easily to a different location. It would be best if you repaired the physical equipment.

NFV and SDN Relationship

- ❑ The concept of NFV originated from SDN
 - ⇒ The first ETSI white paper showed an overlapping Venn diagram.
 - ⇒ It was removed in the second version of the white paper
- ❑ NFV and SDN are complementary. One is not strictly dependent upon the other. You can do SDN only, NFV only, or SDN and NFV.
- ❑ Both have similar goals, but approaches are very different.
- ❑ Management/virtualization of large networks becomes easier with SDN
- ❑ SDN needs new interfaces, control modules, and applications. NFV requires moving network applications from dedicated hardware to virtual containers on commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) hardware.
- ❑ NFV is present. SDN is the future.
- ❑ Multiple flavors of SDN resulted in a debate. Not much debate about NFV.

Student Questions

- ❑ What challenges will telecom operators face in deploying NFV?

What to do with their current expensive equipment and people?

- ❑ So compared to SDN, NFV is also software-based (to do hardware virtualization) but does not necessarily have the disaggregation feature.

It is an application and superset of SDN.

Disaggregation of HW and SW is a part of NFV, too.

- ❑ It says that FDV originated from SDN. So why is NFV present? SDN is the future, not the other way around.

The statement was made in 2013. At that time, SDN was there, but it still needed to be finalized.

- ❑ Is there any benefit to using both SDN and NFV today?

They are both in extensive use today.

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Student Questions

- ❑ What is commercial-off-the-shelf hardware?

COTS=You can buy in the open market.

- ❑ Why NFV is present and SDN the future? Aren't they both used now?

Yes, they are both used now. At the time NFV was designed, it was to fill the immediate gap, but it now continues.

Mobile Network Functions

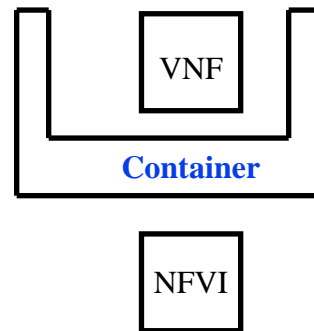
- Switches, e.g., Open vSwitch
- Routers, e.g., Click
- Home Location Register (HLR),
- Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN),
- Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN),
- Combined GPRS Support Node (CGSN),
- Radio Network Controller (RNC),
- Serving Gateway (SGW),
- Packet Data Network Gateway (PGW),
- Residential Gateway (RGW),
- Broadband Remote Access Server (BRAS),
- Carrier Grade Network Address Translator (CGNAT),
- Deep Packet Inspection (DPI),
- Provider Edge (PE) Router,
- Mobility Management Entity (MME),
- Element Management System (EMS)

Student Questions

- What is the Click mean?
Click is a router brand, like Cisco.

VNF

- ❑ **NFV Infrastructure (NFVI):** Hardware and software required to deploy, manage and execute VNFs
- ❑ **Network Function (NF):** Functional building block with well-defined interfaces and well-defined functional behavior
- ❑ **Virtualized Network Function (VNF):** Software implementation of NF that can be deployed in a virtualized infrastructure
- ❑ **Container:** VNF is independent of NFVI but needs a container software on NFVI to be able to run on different hardware



Student Questions

- ❑ Is the container a kind of hypervisor?
Kind of. It is a complete virtual machine. It is taught in the latest software classes.
- ❑ If we want to deploy the same VNF to different machines, such as from Mac to Windows, do we only need to deploy the container without modifying the VNF?

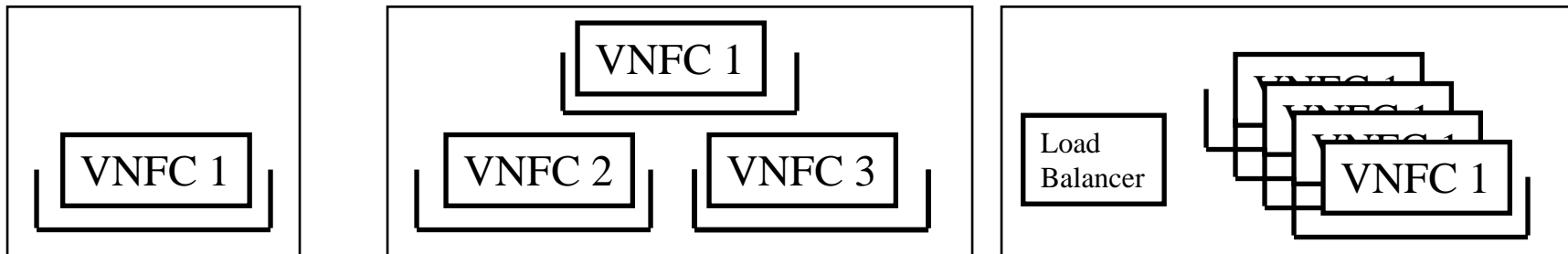
The containers mainly specify the interfaces/requirements; if the hardware does not satisfy them, it may not run.

- ❑ So, VNF is made up of these four components?
No. These are four terms used in this context.
- ❑ Is the container mentioned here something similar to Docker?

Yes.

NFV Concepts

- ❑ **Containers Types:** Related to Computation, Networking, Storage
- ❑ **VNF Components (VNFC):** A VNF may have one or more components
- ❑ **VNF Set:** Connectivity between VNFs is not specified, e.g., residential gateways
- ❑ **VNF Forwarding Graph:** Service chain when network connectivity order is essential, e.g., firewall, NAT, load balancer



Ref: ETSI, "Architectural Framework," 2015 , https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_gs/NFV/001_099/002/01.02.01_60/gs_NFV002v010201p.pdf

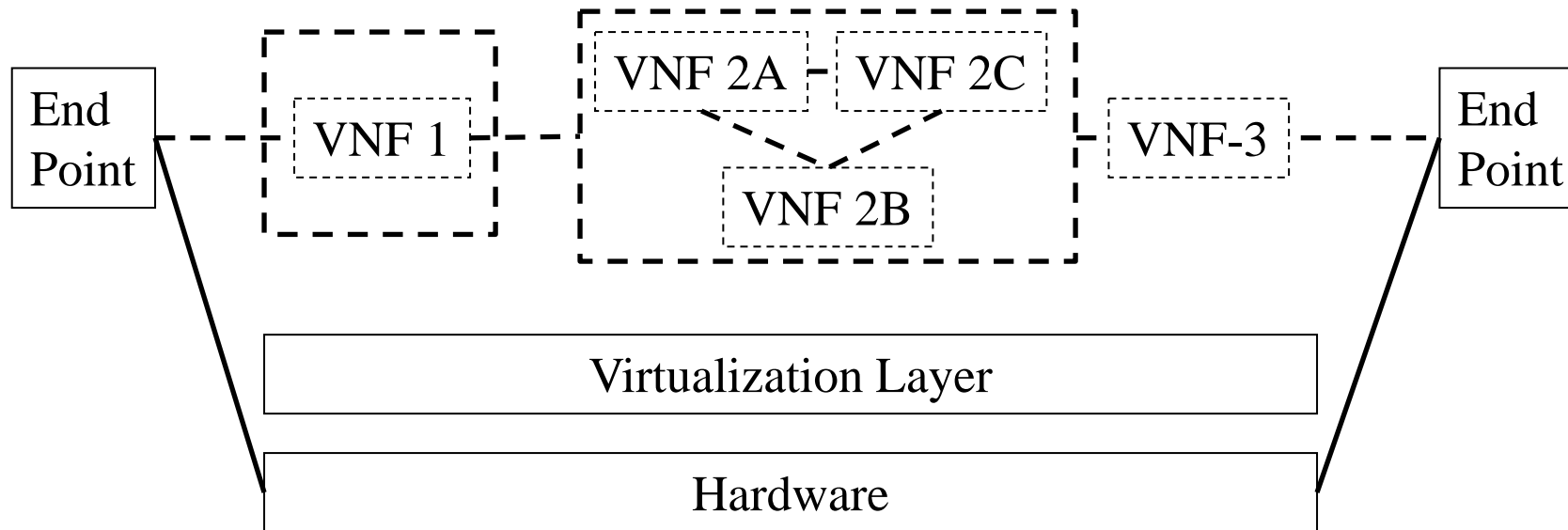
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Student Questions

Network Forwarding Graph

- An end-to-end service may include nested forwarding graphs



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NFV Concepts (Cont)

- ❑ **NFVI Point of Presence (PoP):** Location of NFVI
- ❑ **NFVI-PoP Network:** Internal network
- ❑ **Transport Network:** Network connecting a PoP to other PoPs or external networks
- ❑ **VNF Manager:** VNF lifecycle management, e.g., instantiation, update, scaling, query, monitoring, fault diagnosis, healing, termination
- ❑ **Virtualized Infrastructure Manager:** Management of computing, storage, network, and software resources
- ❑ **Network Service:** A composition of network functions defined by its functional and behavioral specification
- ❑ **NFV Service:** A network service using NFs with at least one VNF.

Student Questions

Is PoP a physical location?

Infrastructure is physical. Virtual infrastructure is virtual.

❑ Does it have to be permanent?

Physical infrastructure can be relocated with some difficulty. A virtual infrastructure can be moved easily.

NFV Concepts (Cont)

- ❑ **User Service:** Services offered to end users/customers/subscribers.
- ❑ **Deployment Behavior:** NFVI resources that a VNF requires, e.g., Number of VMs, memory, disk, images, bandwidth, latency
- ❑ **Operational Behavior:** VNF instance topology and lifecycle operations, e.g., start, stop, pause, migration, ...
- ❑ **VNF Descriptor:** Deployment behavior + Operational behavior
- ❑ **NFV Orchestrator:** Automates the deployment, operation, management, and coordination of VNFs and NFVI.
- ❑ **VNF Forwarding Graph:** Connection topology of various NFs, of which at least one is a VNF

Student Questions

NFV Reference Points

Reference Point: Points for inter-module specification

1. Virtualization Layer-Hardware Resources (**VI-Ha**)
2. VNF – NFVI (**Vn-Nf**)
3. Orchestrator – VNF Manager (**Or-Vnfm**)
4. Virtualized Infrastructure Manager – VNF Manager (**Vi-Vnfm**)
5. Orchestrator – Virtualized Infrastructure Manager (**Or-Vi**)
6. NFVI-Virtualized Infrastructure Manager (**Nf-Vi**)
7. Operation Support System (OSS)/Business Support Systems (BSS) – NFV Management and Orchestration (**Os-Ma**)
8. VNF/ Element Management System (EMS) – VNF Manager (**Ve-Vnfm**)
9. Service, VNF, and Infrastructure Description – NFV Management and Orchestration (**Se-Ma**): VNF Deployment template, VNF Forwarding Graph, service-related information, NFV infrastructure information

Ref: ETSI, “Architectural Framework,” 2015, https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_gs/NFV/001_099/002/01.02.01_60/gs_NFV002v010201p.pdf

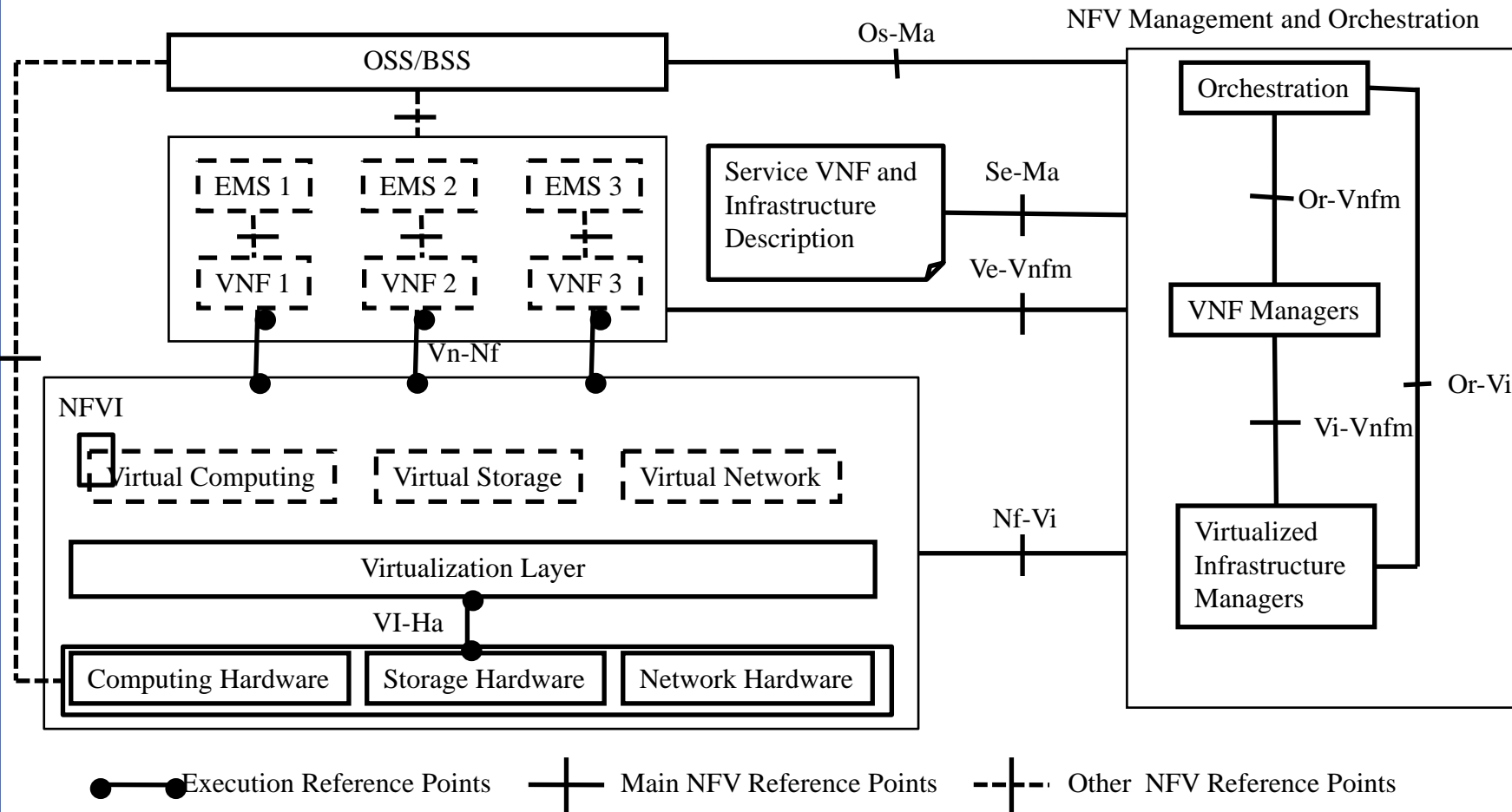
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NFV Architecture



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- ❑ Could you explain this architecture again in detail, please?

Sure.

- ❑ What exactly do the reference points describe in this architecture? Is it just for the conceptual organization of the framework?

Yes, it presents this diagram and explains each of these terms.

- ❑ What kind of responsibilities would other NFV reference points have?

Every reference point is standardized so that you can buy components from different sources, and they will interoperate.

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NFV Framework Requirements

1. **General**: Partial or complete Virtualization, Predictable performance
2. **Portability**: Decoupled from the underlying infrastructure
3. **Performance**: as described and facilities to monitor
4. **Elasticity**: Scalable to meet SLAs. Movable to other servers.
5. **Resiliency**: Be able to recreate after failure.
Specified packet loss rate, calls drops, time to recover, etc.
6. **Security**: Role-based authorization, authentication
7. **Service Continuity**: Seamless or non-seamless continuity after failures or migration

Ref: ETSI, "NFV Virtualization Requirements," 2015,

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Student Questions

- Can you explain again what brownfield means?

Greenfield = New Installation

Brownfield=Updating old installation

NFV Framework Requirements (Cont)

8. **Service Assurance:** Timestamp and forward copies of packets for Fault detection
9. **Energy Efficiency Requirements:** It should be possible to put a subset of VNF in a power-conserving sleep state
10. **Transition:** Coexistence with Legacy and Interoperability among multi-vendor implementations
11. **Service Models:** Operators may use NFV infrastructure operated by other operators

Student Questions

- ❑ If a fault is detected, what will NFV do to correct this fault?

Ring an alarm. Recovery can be automated, but that will be standardized slowly. Researchers are working on intelligent (AI-based) network management.

- ❑ Please can you explain the difference between Transition and Service Models?

*Transition=Moving from one to another
Service model = who serves whom*

NFV Use Cases

- ❑ **Home Environment:** Virtualization of the Home environment
- ❑ **CDNS:** Virtualization of Content Distribution Networks
- ❑ **Fixed Access Network:** Fixed Access NFV
- ❑ **NFVIaaS:** NFVI as a service like IaaS
- ❑ **VNFaaS:** VNFs as a service like SaaS
- ❑ **VNPaaS:** Virtual Network Platform as a Service like PaaS
- ❑ **VNF Forwarding Graph:** VNF forwarding graphs (Service Chains)
- ❑ **Mobile Core and IMS:** Virtualization of the Mobile Core Network and IP Multimedia System
- ❑ **Mobile Base Station:** Virtualization of Mobile Base Station

Student Questions

- ❑ Can you explain what is the IaaS.
Infrastructure as a Service = provide resources

- ❑ What is the difference between VNFaaS and VNPaaS? Doesn't the software version run on the platform?

*F=Function, e.g., Operating Sys
P=Platform, e.g., X86 CPU*

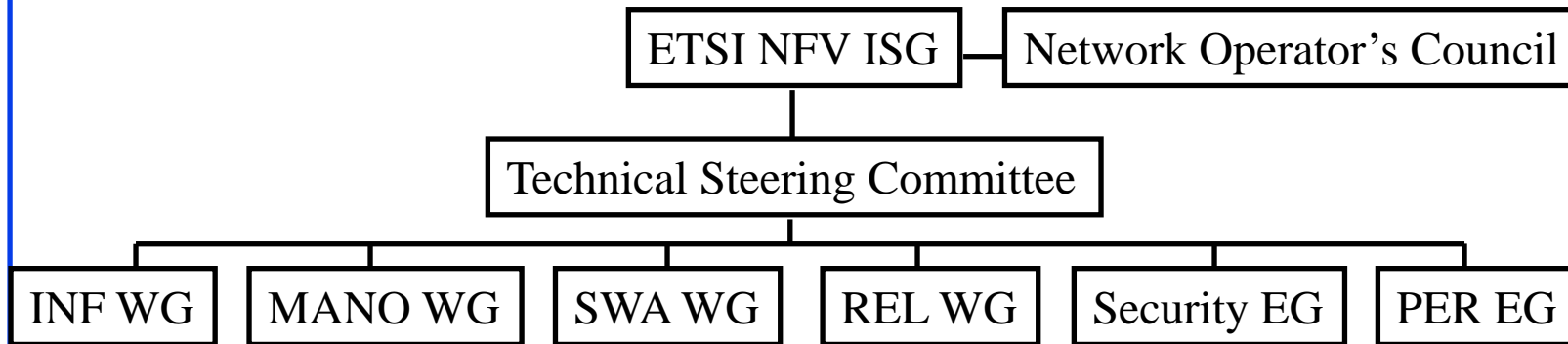
- ❑ Can you give an example of the home environment use case?

You may be able to move functions from one device to another. It is not here yet.

- ❑ What is an IPS?

IMS=IP Multimedia System is a component of 4G/5G that allows sending video over IP

ETSI NFV ISG



- ❑ The Industry Specification Group (ISG) aims to define the requirements.
- ❑ Four Working Groups:
 - **INF**: Architecture for the Virtualization Infrastructure
 - **MANO**: Management and orchestration
 - **SWA**: Software architecture
 - **REL**: Reliability and Availability, resilience and fault tolerance

Ref: M. Cohn, "NFV, An Insider's Perspective: Part 1: Goals, History, and Promise," Sep 2013,

<http://www.sdncentral.com/education/nfv-insiders-perspective-part-1-goals-history-promise/2013/09/>

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ETSI NFV ISG (Cont)

□ Two Expert Groups:

- **Security** Expert Group: Security
- **Performance and Portability** Expert Group: Scalability, efficiency, and performance VNFs relative to current dedicated hardware

Student Questions

ETSI NFV Release 2.0

- ❑ 2015-2016. INF, SWA disbanded. Several new groups.
- ❑ IFA: Interfaces and Architecture
 - Fault, performance, and lifecycle management of virtualized resources, VNFs, and network services
 - Package and software image management
 - Capacity management, Policy Management
 - Information models
- ❑ REL: Reliability and Availability, resilience and fault tolerance
- ❑ SEC: Security analysis and management
- ❑ EVE: Evolution and Ecosystem working group
 - Charging, Billing, Accounting, License Management
- ❑ TST: Testing, DevOps, Continuous Integration

Ref: <https://www.etsi.org/technologies-clusters/technologies/689-network-functions-virtualisation>
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Student Questions

- ❑ This slide is marked as "release 2.0."
Should we consider slides 16-19 and 16-20
as release 1.0?

Yes.

ETSI NFV Release 3

- ❑ 2017-2018
- ❑ IFA, EVE, REL, SEC, and TST continue

Student Questions

NFV Proof of Concepts (PoCs)

ETSI has formed and NFV ISG PoC Forum.

The following modules have been demoed:

1. Virtual Broadband Remote Access Server (BRAS) by British Telecom
2. Virtual IP Multimedia System (IMS) by Deutsche Telekom
3. Virtual Evolved Packet Core (vEPC) by Orange Silicon Valley
4. Carrier-Grade Network Address Translator (CGNAT) and Deep Packet Inspection (DPI), Home Gateway by Telefonica
5. Perimeta Session Border Controller (SBC) from Metaswitch
6. Deep packet inspection from Procera

Most of these are based on Cloud technologies, e.g., OpenStack

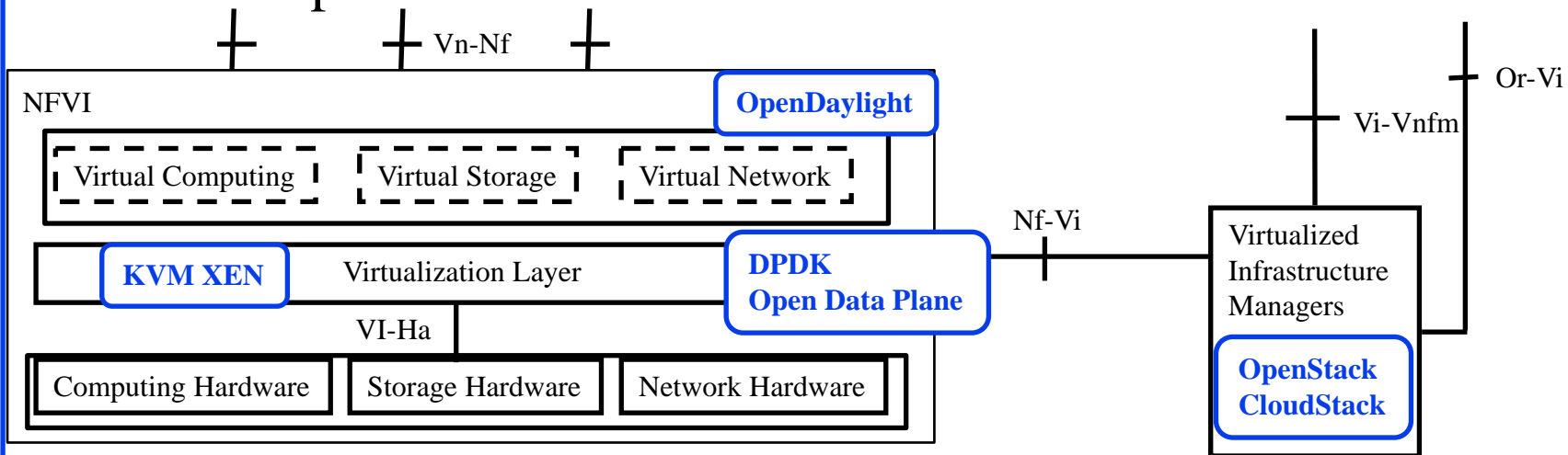
Ref: M. Cohn, "NFV Group Flocks to Proof-of-Concept Demos," Aug 2013,

<http://www.sdncentral.com/technology/nfv-group-flocks-to-proof-of-concept-models/2013/08/>

Student Questions

OPNFV

- ❑ Open Source NFV implementation project under Linux Foundation (Similar to OpenDaylight)
- ❑ Founded September 2014
- ❑ The initial goal is to integrate KVM, OpenStack, and OpenDaylight
- ❑ The integrated project will be run through software testing labs at service providers



Ref: K. Gray and T. Dadeau, "Network Function Virtualization," Morgan Kaufmann, July 2016, 270 pp., ISBN:0128021195
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Student Questions

- ❑ Was this move to Open Source inspired by the same transition in SDN? Or were they both natural progressions on their own?

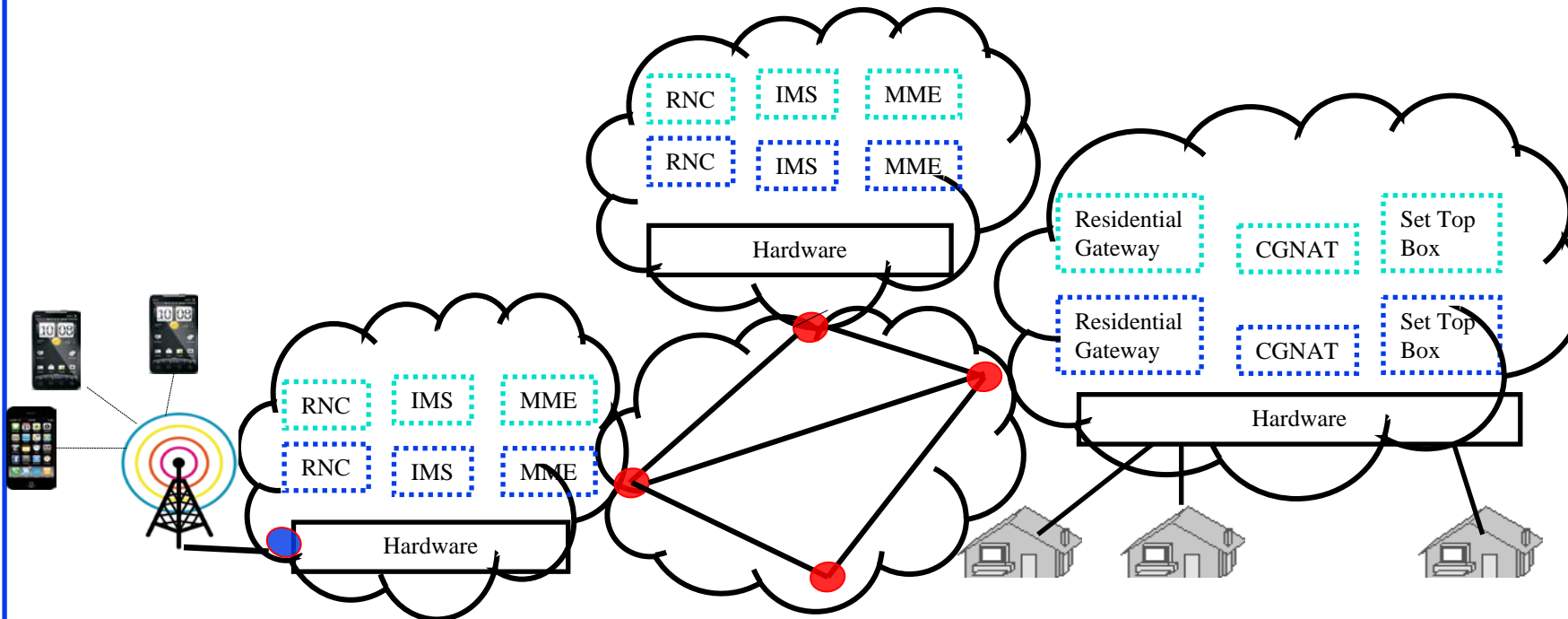
SDN inspired NFV. While SDN was being debated, carriers got together and thought of an interim solution and called it NFV.

- ❑ Is the DPDK Intel's open vSwitch?

No. DPDK has nothing to do with SDN or NFV. It is an open-source library for many data plane functions, such as managing a queue, paging, etc. It is under the Linux Foundation and works on many computers, including Intel.

Service Chaining in a Multi-Cloud Multi-Tenant Environment

- ❑ VNFs (Virtual network functions) belong to tenants. Multiple tenants.
- ❑ Each Cloud belongs to a different Cloud Service Provider (CSP)
- ❑ Internet infrastructure belongs to an NFVI service provider (NSP)
- ❑ Service chain = Workflow



Student Questions

- ❑ How do NFV and SDN complement each other?

SDN allows centralized control, and NFV results in standardized software modules that any carrier can use. This results in CapEx and OpEx savings.

Challenges in Service Chaining

□ **Dynamic:**

- Forwarding changes with the state of the servers, links, ...
- Independent of the physical topology

□ **Content sensitive:**

- Different for different types of videos, read-writes, ...

□ **Distributed Control:**

- The equipment belongs to the infrastructure provider
- Data belongs to Tenants

□ **Massive Scale:**

- Billions of users with different user contexts

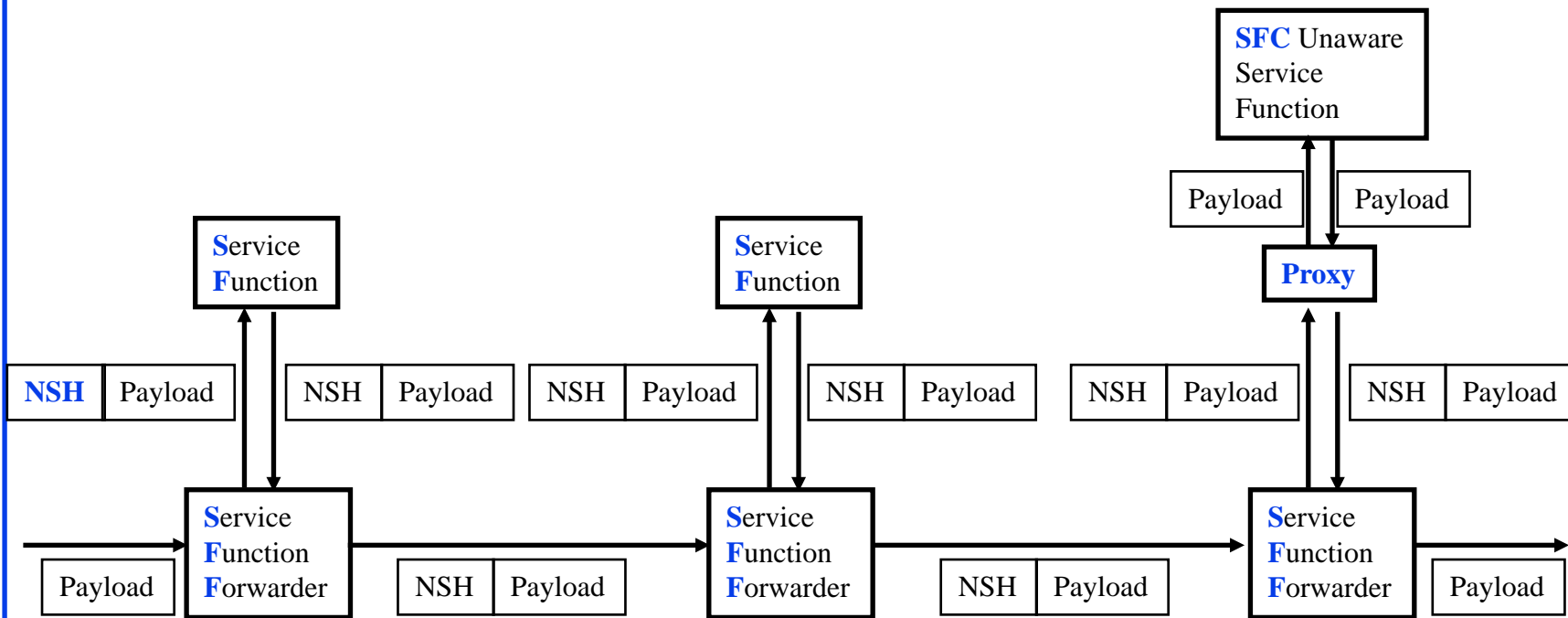
□ **Stateful Services:**

- All packets of a flow should be sent to the same replica
 - Message level services (firewalls),
 - Packet-level services (intrusion detection)

Student Questions

Service Function Chaining Terminology

- ❑ Defined by IETF SFC Working group
- ❑ **Service**: E.g., Video streaming. Consists of several functions.
- ❑ **Service Function**: E.g., Firewall, Compression, Video Translation



Ref: RFC 7498, "Problem Statement for Service Function Chaining," Nov. 2015, <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/pdf/rfc7498.txt.pdf>
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Student Questions

- ❑ Could you explain the picture again in detail, please? *Sure.*
- ❑ Can you please show where SFP is in this figure? Is the "proxy" a connection or translation between brownfield(old) and greenfield(new)?

Proxy, here, is legacy to SFC adapter.

- ❑ Is the service function meant to be a piece of software or specialized hardware integrated into a router or a separate centralized controller to which the service function forwarder sends packets?

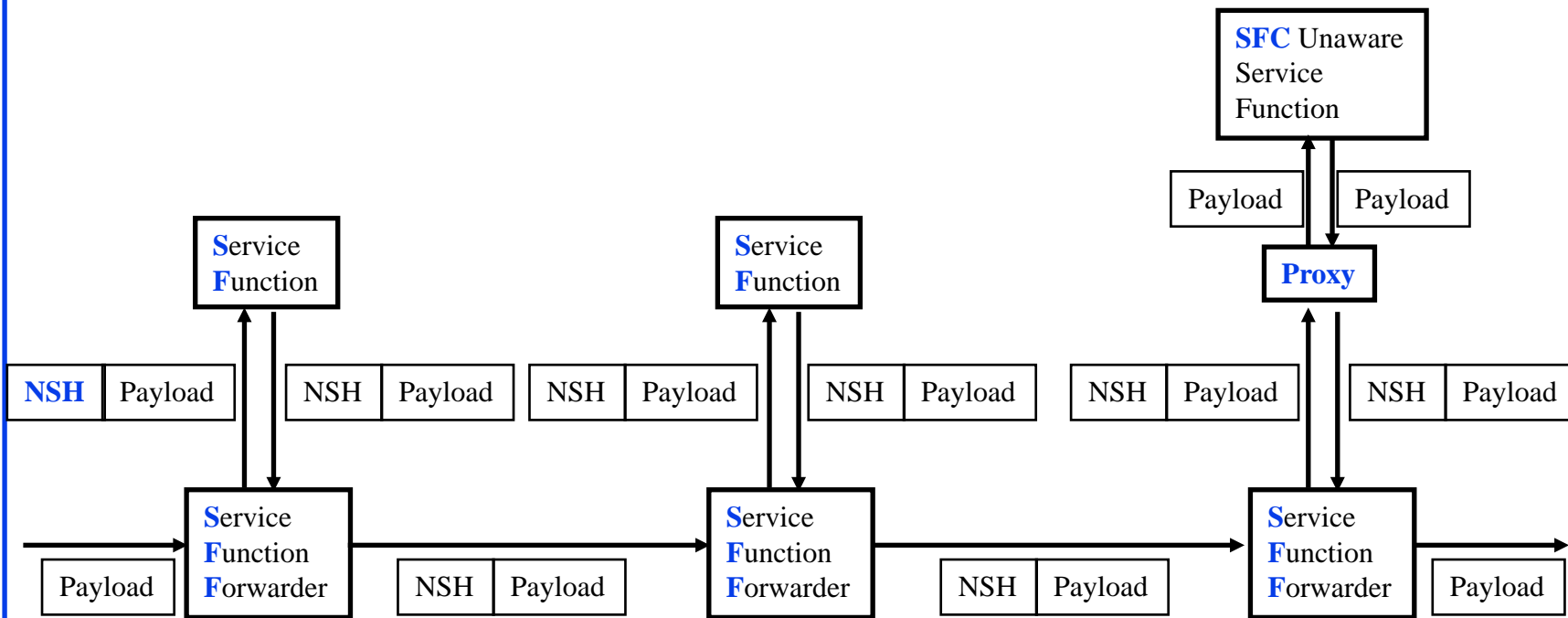
A service function is a "function" that can be implemented in s/w or h/w. Examples of SF are routing, firewall, load balancer, etc.

- ❑ What about SFF? Is it a specialized router or software running in a router?....

SFF is a "service function switch" that sends packets to the correct service function.

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Student Questions

- ❑ Can you provide a one-sentence definition of service function chaining?
Each function consists of a chain of service functions. See the bolded line in the figure.
- ❑ What format are SFC packets based on? IP format?
Yes, IETF NSH protocol as specified in the RFC referenced.

SFC Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ **Service Function Chain:** A forwarding graph
- ❑ A service function may have more than one instance.
- ❑ The number and location of instances change with time
- ❑ All packets of a flow should be forwarded to the same instance
- ❑ **Service Function Path (SFP):** A sequence of service functions for a particular service
- ❑ **Network Service Header (NSH):** Added to forward packets dynamically to correct instances of the service function
- ❑ **Service Function Forwarder (SFF):** Forwards the packets to the correct instance using NSH. May add/delete NSH if needed.
- ❑ **Proxy:** Helps use legacy functions. Removes/Adds NSH header before sending the packet to SFC unaware functions.

Ref: RFC 7665, "Service Function Chaining (SFC) Architecture," Nov. 2015, <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/pdf/rfc7665.txt.pdf>
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Student Questions

- ❑ Can an SFC have a loop?

No SFCs are manually designed.

- ❑ What is the benefit of having multiple instances of the same service function?

In any official task, you must sometimes return to the same desk (service) more than once.

- ❑ What are "SFC unaware functions"?

Legacy functions that cannot be broken into a chain of modular services.

- ❑ Are Apache and NGINX a sort of implementation of SFF?

Apache/NGINX are web servers. They are not related to carrier functions and predate SFC.

SFC Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ Transport: Between the SFFs, SFs, and Proxies. E.g., Ethernet, GRE, VXLAN, TCP, ...
- ❑ NSH encapsulated packet is sent to the next SFC element using the transport header.

Transport Header	NSH	Payload
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- ❑ **Metadata:** Data passed between SFC elements. Part of the NSH
- ❑ **Service Path Identifier (SPI):** A service function path may have many instances. Each instance has an SPI.
- ❑ **Service Index:** Each function on the SFP has a service index.

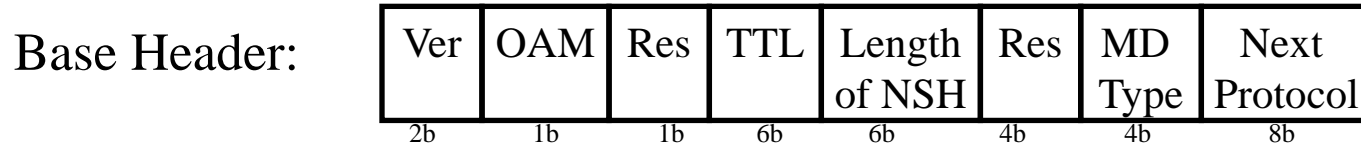
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- ❑ I didn't see SPI in the figure on slide 27. Could you please show me where SPI works?

SPI is a field in the header. It serves as a "Service function ID" (i.e., "Address")

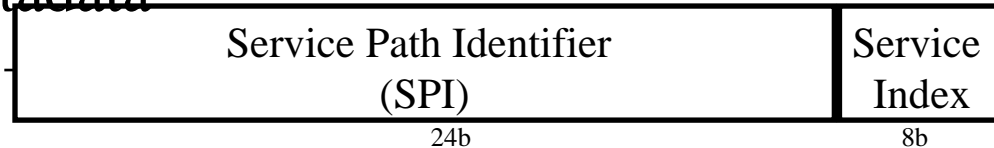
Network Service Header

- It consists of a “*base header*,” “*service path header*,” and zero or more “*context headers*.”



Metadata

Service Path Header:



Context Headers (Optional):



Multiples of 32b



Student Questions

- Can you please show the metadata field? The metadata type is already shown. Is it part of the payload?
Metadata follows the MD type.
- The service index field is 8b, yet the SPI field is 24b. In other words, how many services can be chained? 2 to the power of?

2^8

- Where does the information in the header get sent?
Protocol handling modules use the header information to work on the packet.

NSH (Cont)

- ❑ TTL: # of SFC hops to live
- ❑ Length: Total length of NSH header including base, service path, and context headers in bytes
- ❑ MD Type: Type of the metadata (context header)
 - 1 = Fixed length
 - 2 = Variable length

Student Questions

- ❑ Why do we have two Res fields in the base header?

These bits were left over due to the byte alignment of the next field.

- ❑ Since the context header is optional, does this mean the metadata is optional? If we don't have metadata, what to put in the MD type field?

Service index = 0

⇒ No metadata

SPRING

- ❑ Source Packet Routing in Networking – An IETF working group
- ❑ NSH requires maintaining state in all SFFs
- ❑ Source routing is an alternative in which no state is maintained in the intermediate nodes. The packet header contains the route.
- ❑ Source routing is limited to IP addresses
- ❑ Segment Routing = Generalization of source routing
 - MPLS Label = Segment
 - IP address = Segment
- ❑ Differentiate between elephant storage flows and mice compute flows
- ❑ Although the SPRING working group is not for NFV, Segment routing can be used for Service Function Chaining.

Ref: Source packet Routing in Networking (spring), <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/spring/about/>
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Student Questions

- ❑ Could the segments be equated to links?
- ❑ Is SPRING necessary if there already exist generalized routing protocols like GENEVE?

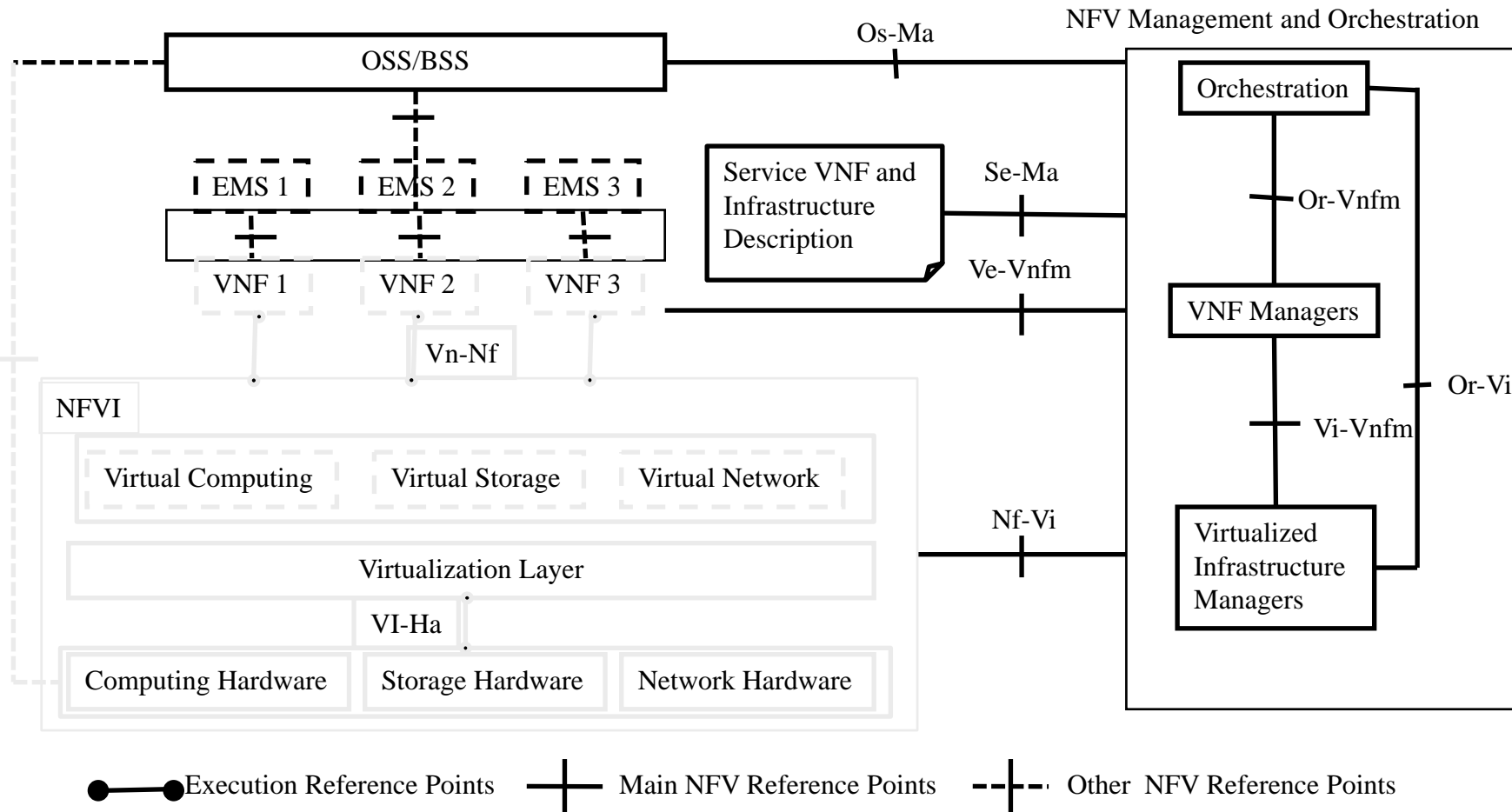
Segment=L4 Packet

GENEVE and source routing are orthogonal concepts – nothing to do with each other. GENEVE is for virtualization. Source routing is to pre-specify the routing path.

- ❑ Is segment routing layer 2.5 or layer 3?

Either one. IP or MPLS can route segments. MPLS can be implemented on Ethernet or IP.

Management and Orchestration (MANO)



Student Questions

- ❑ Can we delete all other NFV reference points since OSS and BSS need to go through Orchestration?

No, we cannot delete them. The reference points help make a large software consisting of smaller modules from different sources. OSS/BSS comes in only after the significant software is installed and working. There is nothing to delete.

Ref: ETSI, "Architectural Framework," 2015,

https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_gs/NFV/001_099/002/01.02.01_60/gs_NFV002v010201p.pdf

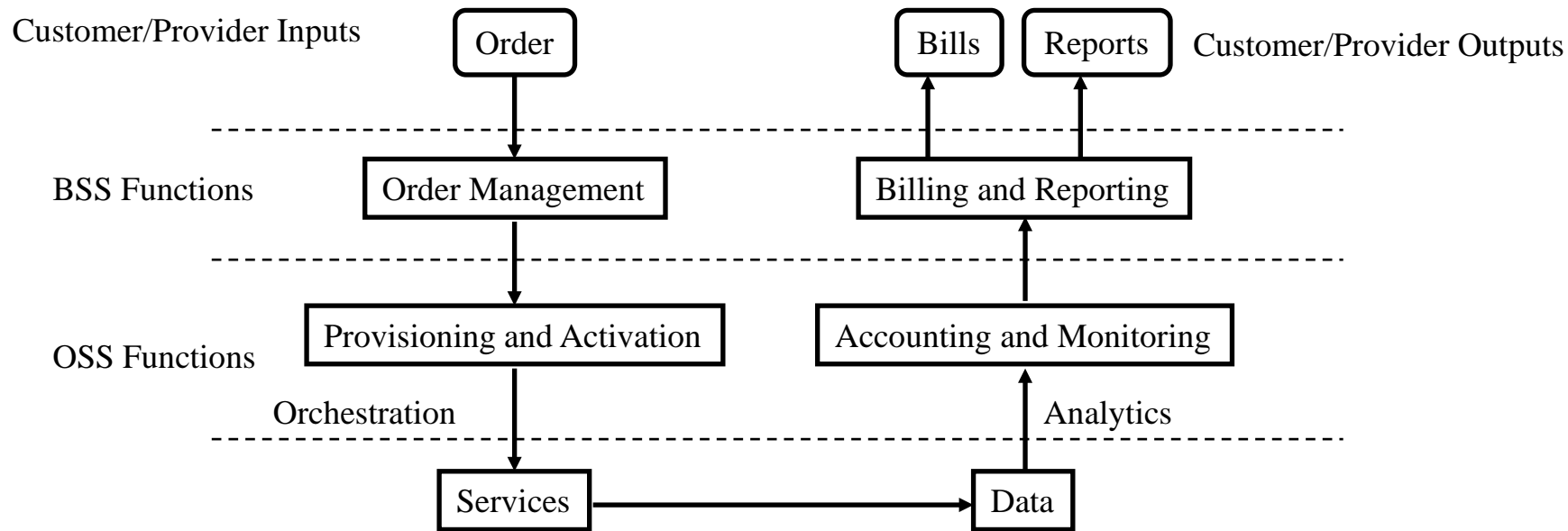
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MANO (Cont)

- ❑ Operation Support System (OSS)
- ❑ Business Support System (BSS)
- ❑ Element Management System, VNF Management, Infrastructure Management, Orchestration



Ref: Ken Gray and Thomas Nadeau, "Network Function Virtualization," Morgan Kaufmann, July 2016, 238 pp., ISBN: 978-0-12-802119-4, (Safari Book) Washington University in St. Louis

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Student Questions

- ❑ Could you explain briefly again those concepts of NFC and service chaining? It isn't apparent.
NFC=Network Function Components
SFC=Service Function Chaining
SFC may consist of many SFs.
Each SF may have many NFCs.
- ❑ Could you explain again how does MANO fit into the NFV architecture?
MANO is the management plane for NFV.
- ❑ Are OSS and BSS exclusive to each other? Can they be used together?
Each system needs both OSS and BSS. OSS operates the system (Boot, run, fault detection, shutdown). BSS is used for business (billing, etc.)
- ❑ Could you please explain this figure again? *Sure.*
- ❑ What exactly does BSS do?
BSS=Between the carrier and its customer, e.g., billing
OSS=Operations (internal to the carrier)

NGOSS

- ❑ Next-Generation OSS
- ❑ Service providers have many different OSSs
Mostly using polling/event monitoring.
All proprietary and often incompatible ⇒ High OpEx
- ❑ Next-Generation OSS (NGOSS) is being discussed in the TeleManagement Forum (TM Forum)
- ❑ Enhanced Telecom Operations Map (eTOM): Common language for service providers to describe business processes
- ❑ Shared Information/Data Model (SID): Common language for vendors to describe management information
- ❑ Technology Neutral Architecture (TNA) and Contract Interface
- ❑ NGOSS Compliance: A Suite of tests

Ref: “NGOSS (New Generation Operations Systems and Software),” <http://dpm.postech.ac.kr/NGOSS/NGOSS.html>

Student Questions

- ❑ NGOSS seems to be an excellent solution. What are the obstacles to implementing it?
No obstacles. It is being implemented.

Open Source MANO Implementations

- ❑ **Open-O**: Linux Foundation project for open orchestration
- ❑ **ECOMP**: Linux Foundation project for Enhanced Control, Orchestration, Management, and Policy (Led by AT&T)
- ❑ **ONAP**: Open Network Automation Platform
Open-O and ECOMP merged at the Linux Foundation
- ❑ **TACKER**: OpenStack project for NFV orchestration
- ❑ **Open Source MANO (OSM)**: ETSI effort started by Telefonica in 2015
- ❑ **Open Baton**: Closely follows ETSI MANO
- ❑ Most of these use TOSCA templates

Ref: <https://wiki.open-o.org/>, <https://about.att.com/content/dam/snrdocs/ecomp.pdf>, <https://www.onap.org/>,
<https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Tacker>, <https://www.etsi.org/technologies-clusters/technologies/nfv/open-source-mano>,
<https://openbaton.github.io/>

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- ❑ Should we remember all these Implementations?

Yes, just until the exam.

TOSCA

- ❑ Topology and Orchestration Specification for Cloud Applications
- ❑ TOSCA template for an application describes the resources required to run the application on a cloud
- ❑ Resources can be computing, network, storage, databases, etc.
- ❑ TOSCA template includes a graph modeling the relationships between various components and operations on them
- ❑ Orchestration engines can use the TOSCA template to create an application instance. Resources required are also created in the correct order. For example, a database will be created before the program needs it.

Ref: OASIS, "TOSCA Simple Profile in YAML Version 1.1," Jan 2018, 282 pp.,

<http://docs.oasis-open.org/tosca/TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML/v1.1/os/TOSCA-Simple-Profile-YAML-v1.1-os.pdf>

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- ❑ What does "Orchestration engines can create an instance of the application" mean?

Orchestration includes creating a new instance and then controlling it with the rest of the group.

- ❑ How is TOSCA similar (if at all) and different compared to Terraform/Ansible?

I don't know Terraform/Ansible.

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- ❑ How is TOSCA integrated into a business, and does it run in real-time alongside the company's network?

TOSCA doesn't run. It simply specifies what a software module needs to run on a cloud.

Any Function Virtualization (FV)

- ❑ Network function virtualization of interest to Network service providers
- ❑ But the same concept can be used by any other industry, e.g., the financial industry, banks, stock brokers, retailers, and mobile games...
- ❑ Everyone can benefit from:
 - Functional decomposition of their industry
 - Virtualization of those functions
 - Service chaining those virtual functions (VFs)
⇒ A service provided by the next-gen ISPs

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- ❑ For the bank application, Is the framework of each bank different? Is the NFV framework a universal framework for banks?

If there were a “Banking Function Virtualization (BFV),” then it would consist of protocols and functions used in banking, e.g., loans, payments, deposits, etc.

- ❑ In the last line, what service do you mean? SFC?

Yes, any service is composed of SFCs.

Enterprise App Market: Lower CapEx

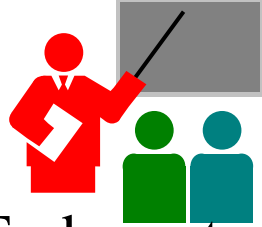
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System

Available on the
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Summary



1. NFV aims to reduce OpEx by automation and scalability provided by implementing network functions as virtual appliances
2. NFV allows all virtualization and cloud computing benefits, including orchestration, scaling, automation, hardware independence, pay-per-use, and fault tolerance...
3. NFV and SDN are independent and complementary. You can do either or both.
4. NFV requires standardization of reference points and interfaces to be able to mix and match VNFs from different sources
5. NFV can be done now. Carriers have already demonstrated several virtual functions.

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Acronyms

- ❑ API Application Programming Interface
- ❑ BRAS Broadband Remote Access Server
- ❑ BSS Business Support Systems
- ❑ CapEx Capital Expenditure
- ❑ CDN Content Distribution Network
- ❑ CGNAT Carrier-Grade Network Address Translator
- ❑ CGSN Combined GPRS Support Node
- ❑ COTS Commercial-off-the-shelf
- ❑ DDIO Data Direct I/O Technology
- ❑ DHCP Dynamic Host Control Protocol
- ❑ DPI Deep Packet Inspection
- ❑ EMS Element Management System
- ❑ ETSI European Telecom Standards Institute
- ❑ GGSN Gateway GPRS Support Node
- ❑ GPRS General Packet Radio Service
- ❑ HLR Home Location Register
- ❑ IaaS Infrastructure as a Service

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Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ IETF Internet Engineering Task Force
- ❑ IMS IP Multimedia System
- ❑ INF Architecture for the Virtualization Infrastructure
- ❑ IP Internet Protocol
- ❑ ISG Industry Specification Group
- ❑ LSP Label Switched Path
- ❑ MANO Management and orchestration
- ❑ MME Mobility Management Entity
- ❑ NAT Network Address Translation
- ❑ NF Network Function
- ❑ NFV Network Function Virtualization
- ❑ NFVI Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure
- ❑ NFVIaaS NFVI as a Service
- ❑ NIC Network Interface Card
- ❑ OpEx Operational Expenses
- ❑ OS Operating System

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Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ OSS Operation Support System
- ❑ PaaS Platform as a Service
- ❑ PE Provider Edge
- ❑ PGW Packet Data Network Gateway
- ❑ PoC Proof-of-Concept
- ❑ PoP Point of Presence
- ❑ PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network
- ❑ QoS Quality of Service
- ❑ REL Reliability, Availability, resilience, and fault tolerance group
- ❑ RGW Residential Gateway
- ❑ RNC Radio Network Controller
- ❑ SaaS Software as a Service
- ❑ SBC Session Border Controller
- ❑ SDN Software Defined Networking
- ❑ SGSN Serving GPRS Support Node
- ❑ SGW Serving Gateway

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Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ SIP Session Initiation Protocol
- ❑ SLA Service Level Agreement
- ❑ SWA Software architecture
- ❑ TAS Telephony Application Server
- ❑ TMF TM Forum
- ❑ vEPC Virtual Evolved Packet Core
- ❑ VM Virtual Machine
- ❑ VNF Virtual Network Function
- ❑ VNFaaS VNF as a Service
- ❑ vSwitch Virtual Switch
- ❑ VT-d Virtualization Technology for Direct IO
- ❑ VT-x Virtualization Technology

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