

Service Chaining for NFV and Delivery of other Applications in a Global Multi-Cloud Environment

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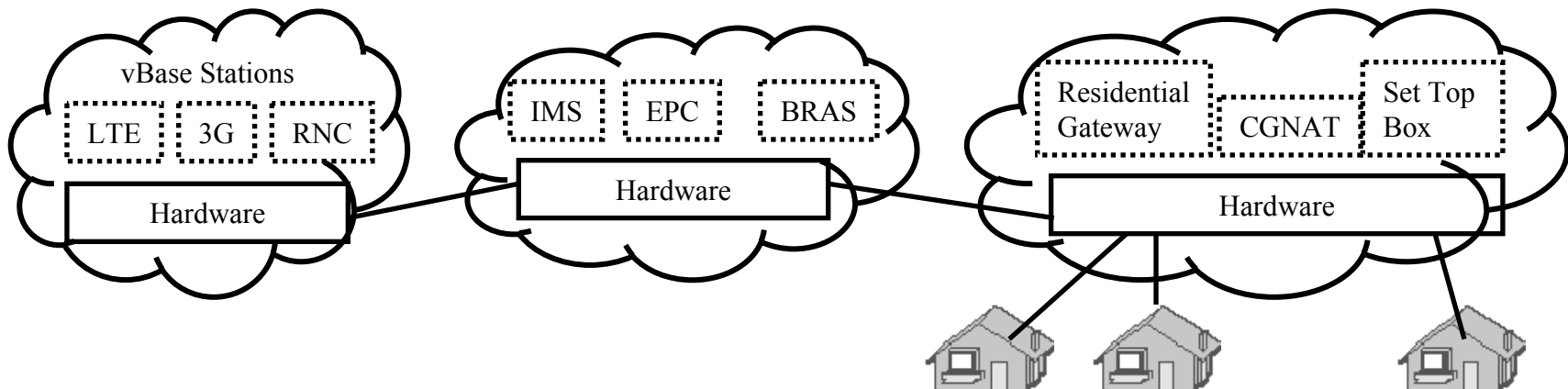


1. Network Function Virtualization and Service Chaining
2. Function Virtualization and Service Chaining
3. OpenADN – How to do it with no content visibility

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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. **Virtual Machine implementation**
 \Rightarrow Virtual appliances
 \Rightarrow All advantages of virtualization (quick provisioning, scalability, mobility, Reduced CapEx, Reduced OpEx, ...)



Ref: ETSI, "NFV – Update White Paper," Oct 2013, http://www.tid.es/es/Documents/NFV_White_PaperV2.pdf (Must read)
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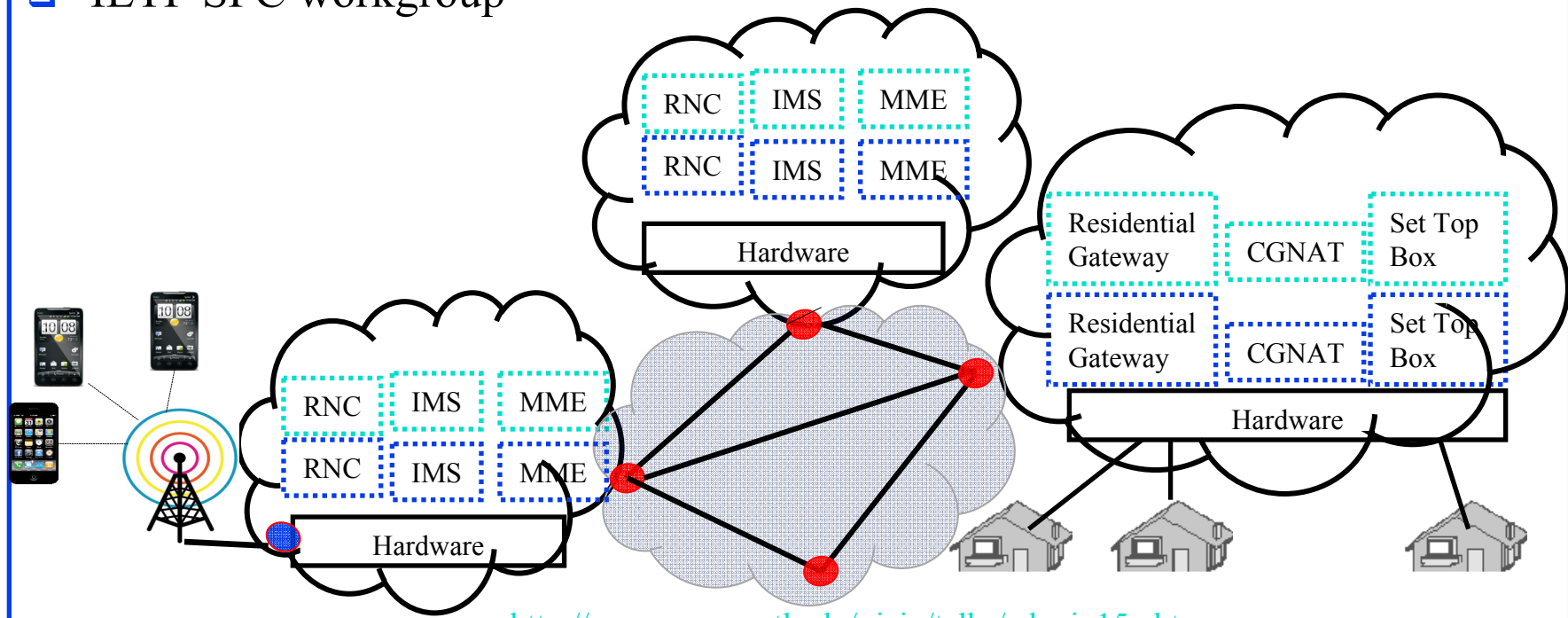
Why We need NFV?

1. **Virtualization**: Use network resource 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 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 exactly the same reasons why we need SDN.

Service Chaining in a Multi-Cloud Multi-Tenant Environment

- ❑ VNFs (Virtual network fns) 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
- ❑ IETF SFC workgroup



Challenges in Service Chaining

- ❑ **Dynamic:**
 - Forwarding changes with state of the servers, links, ...
- ❑ **Content sensitive:**
 - Different for different types of videos, read-writes, ...
- ❑ **Distributed Control:**
 - Equipment belongs to infrastructure provider
 - Data belongs to Tentants
- ❑ **Massive Scale:**
 - Billions of Users with different user context
- ❑ **Stateful Services:**
 - All packets of a flow should be sent to the same replica

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., financial industry, banks, stock brokers, retailers, mobile games, ...
- ❑ Everyone can benefit from:
 - Functional decomposition of there industry
 - Virtualization of those functions
 - Service chaining those virtual functions (VFs)
⇒ A service provided by the next gen ISPs

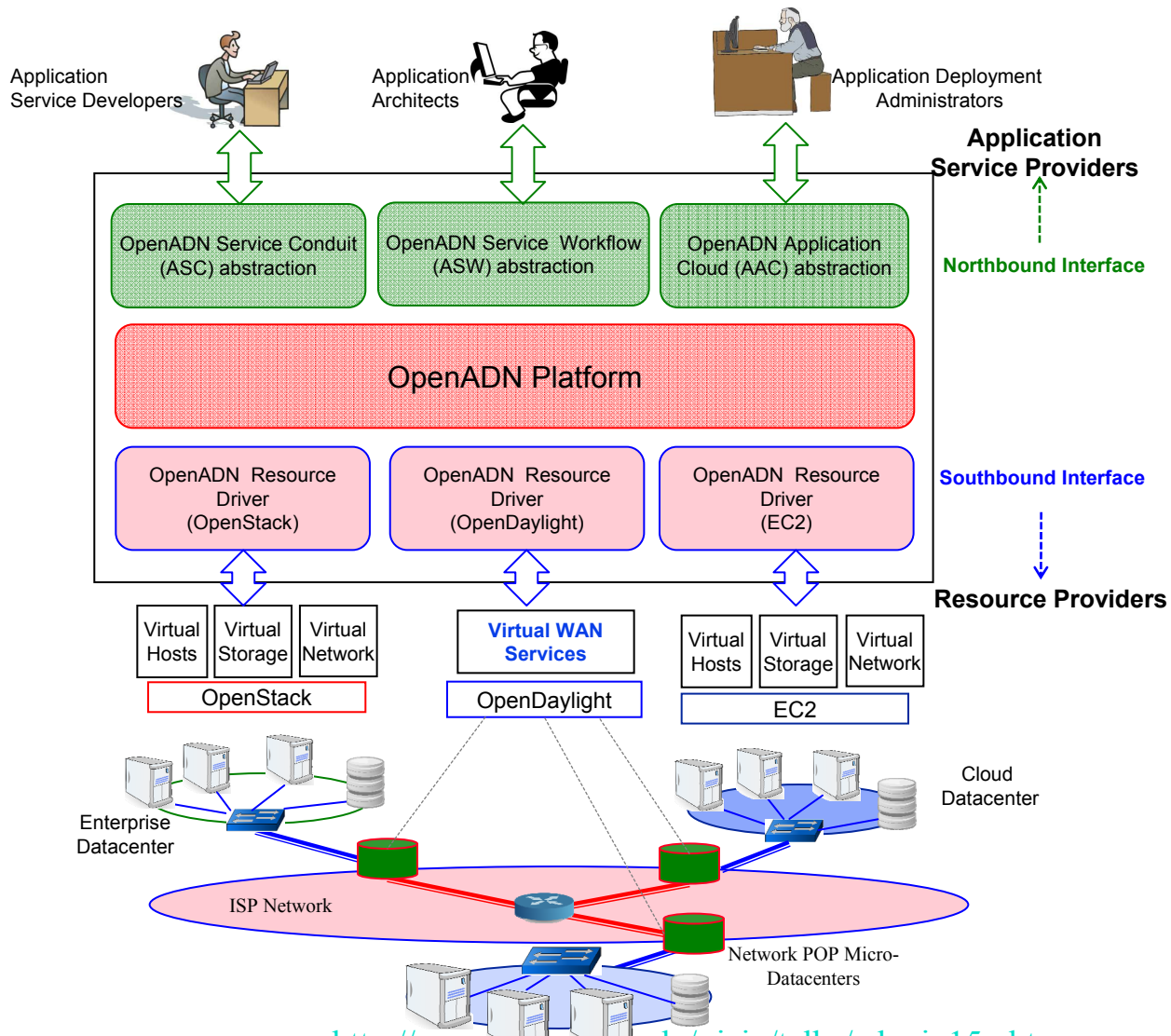
Enterprise App Market: Lower CapEx

Virtual IP
Multimedia
System

Available on the
App Store



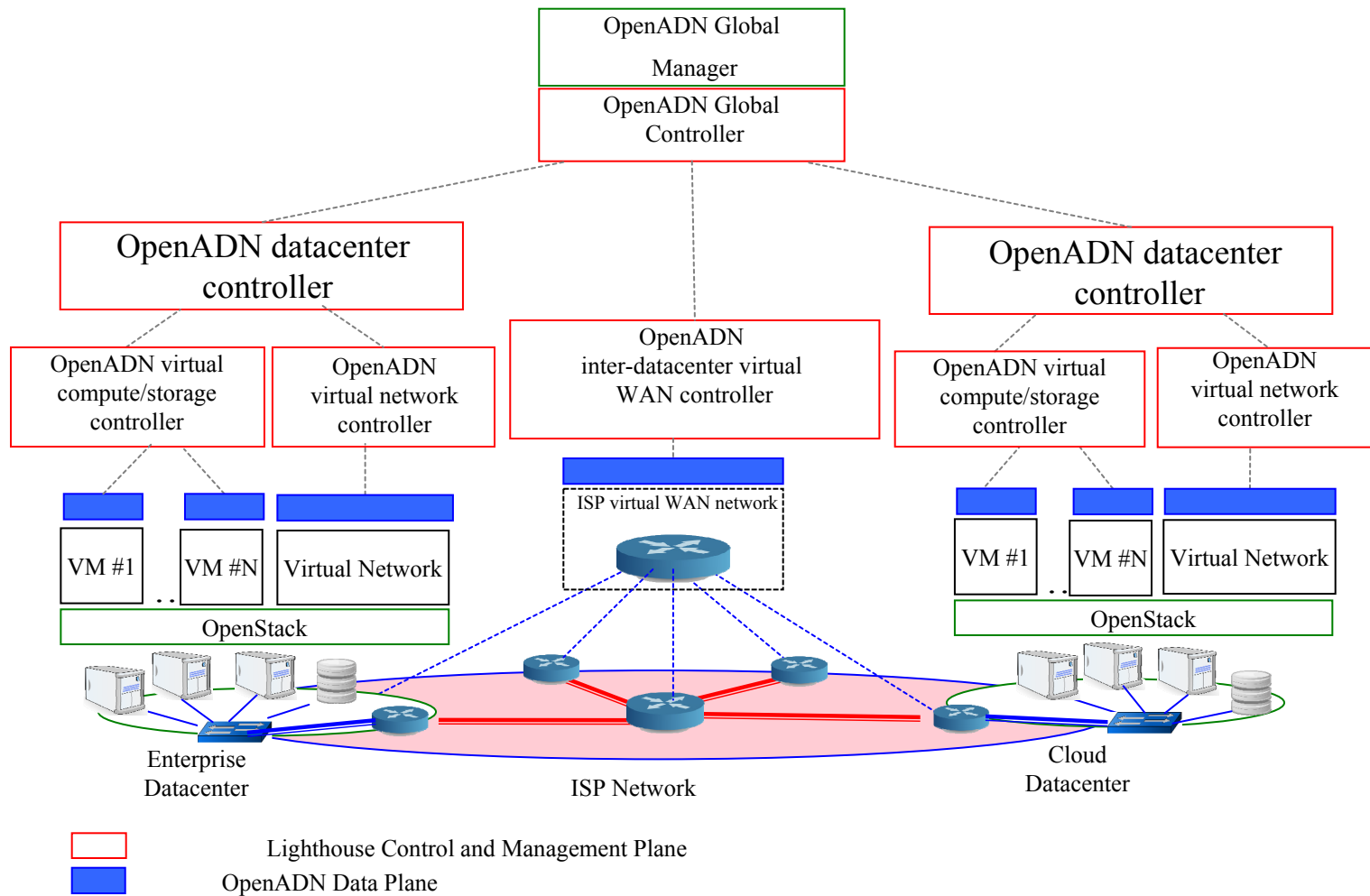
Our Solution: OpenADN Platform



Resource Control

- ❑ Tenants keep complete control of their data.
NSP does not have to look at the **application data** to enforce application level policies
- ❑ NSPs keep complete control of their equipment.
tenants communicate their policies to NSP's control plane
- ❑ **VFs and Middle boxes** can be located anywhere on the global Internet
(Of course, performance is best when they are close by)
- ❑ Tenants or NSPs can **own** OpenADN modules.
NSPs can offer “Service Chaining” **service**.
- ❑ **No changes** to the core Internet

Data Control Management Planes





Summary

1. Virtual Networking Functions (VNFs) will be replicated and deployed globally
⇒ Need **dynamic** service chaining based on user, network, and application context
2. Virtual functions useful not only for networking but also for **all other global enterprises** and games
⇒ New business opportunity for NFV Infrastructure service
3. **Tenants can share** wide area network infrastructure and specify their policies
4. NSPs keep complete **control** over their resources.
Tenants keep complete control over their traffic.
5. Can be implemented incrementally **now**.