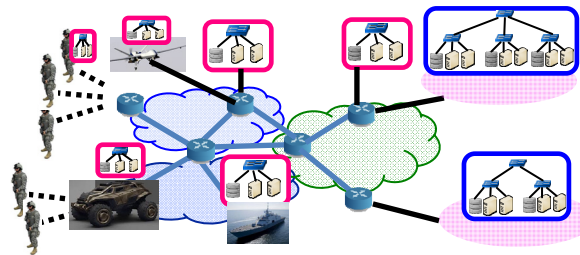


# Software Defined Networking at the Tactical Edge



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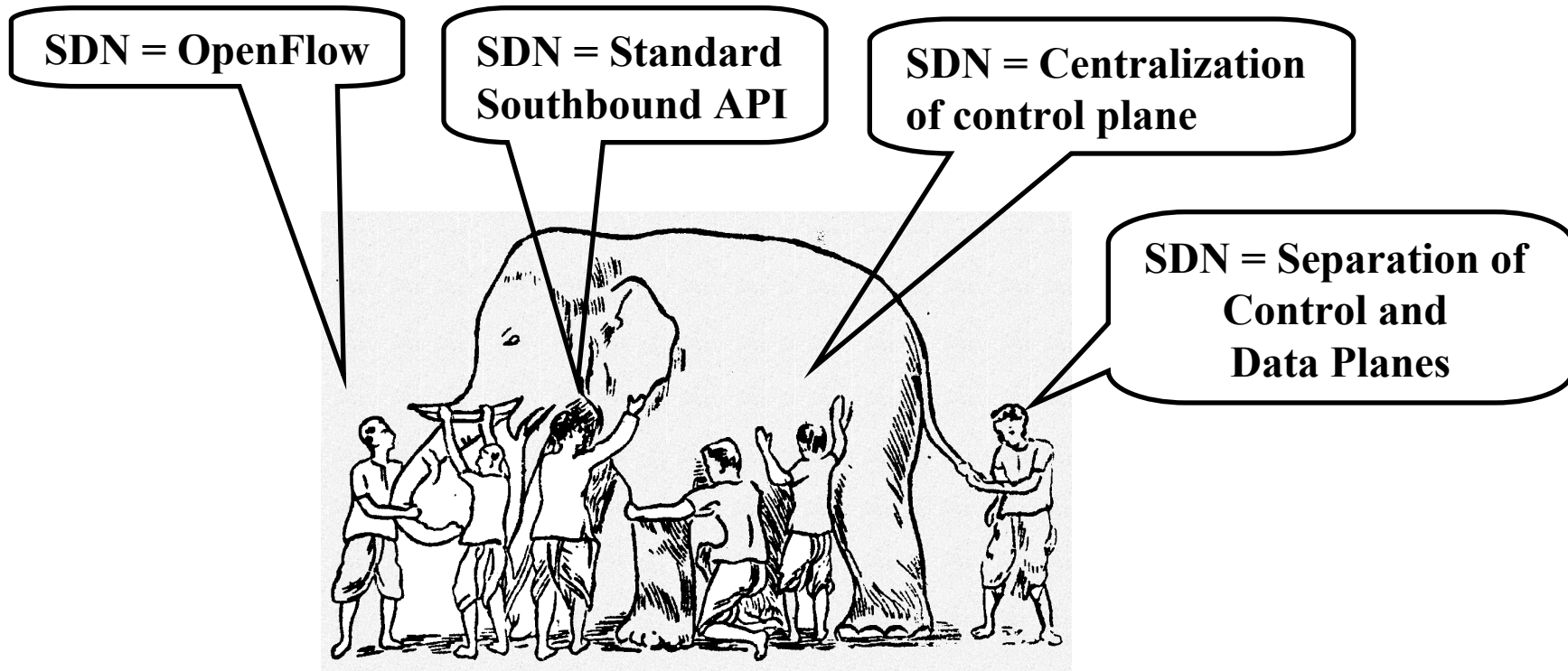
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- 1. What is SDN and What it is not?**
- 2. Recent Trends in Networking**
- 3. Software Defined Inter-Cloud**
- 4. Inter-Cloud Use Cases**

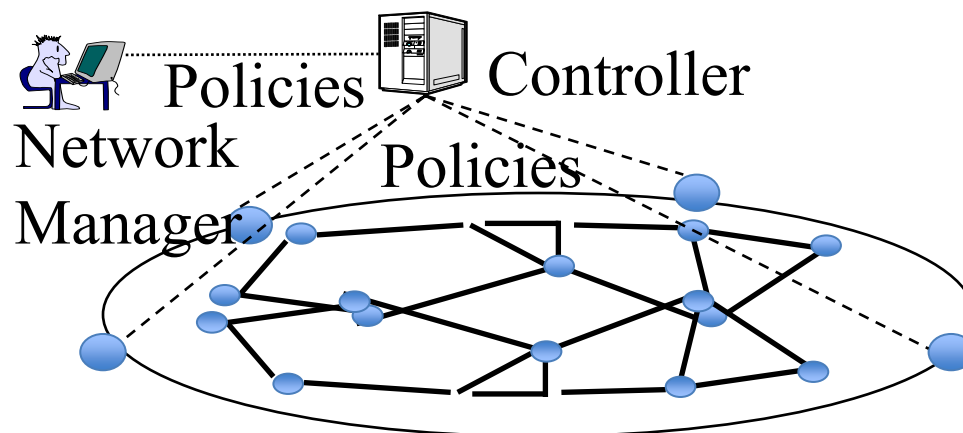
## What SDN is Not?



- All of these are mechanisms.
- SDN is *not* about a mechanism.
- It is a framework  $\Rightarrow$  Many solutions

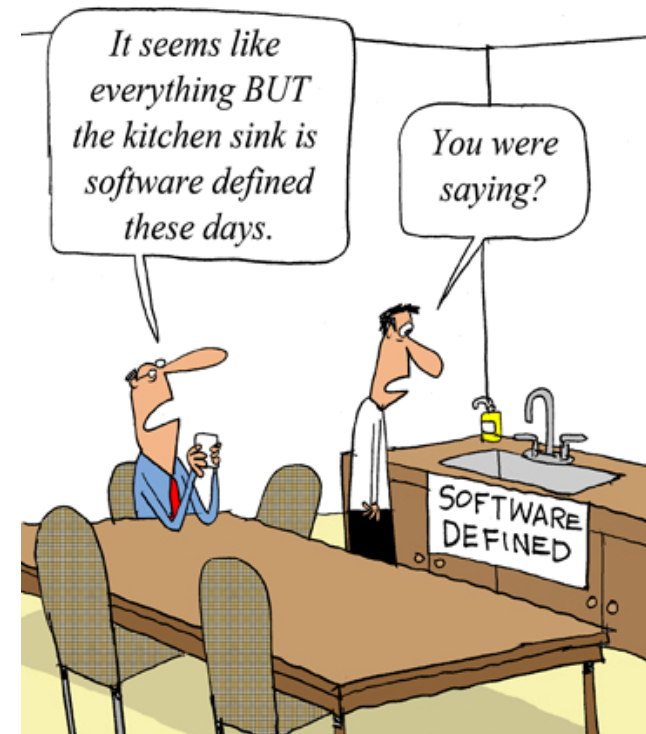
## Three Features that Define SDN

1. **Abstract the Hardware:** No dependence on physical infrastructure. Software API.
2. **Programmable:** Shift away from static manual operation to fully configurable and dynamic
3. **Centralized Control of Policies:** Policy delegation and management



# Software Defined Anything (SDx)

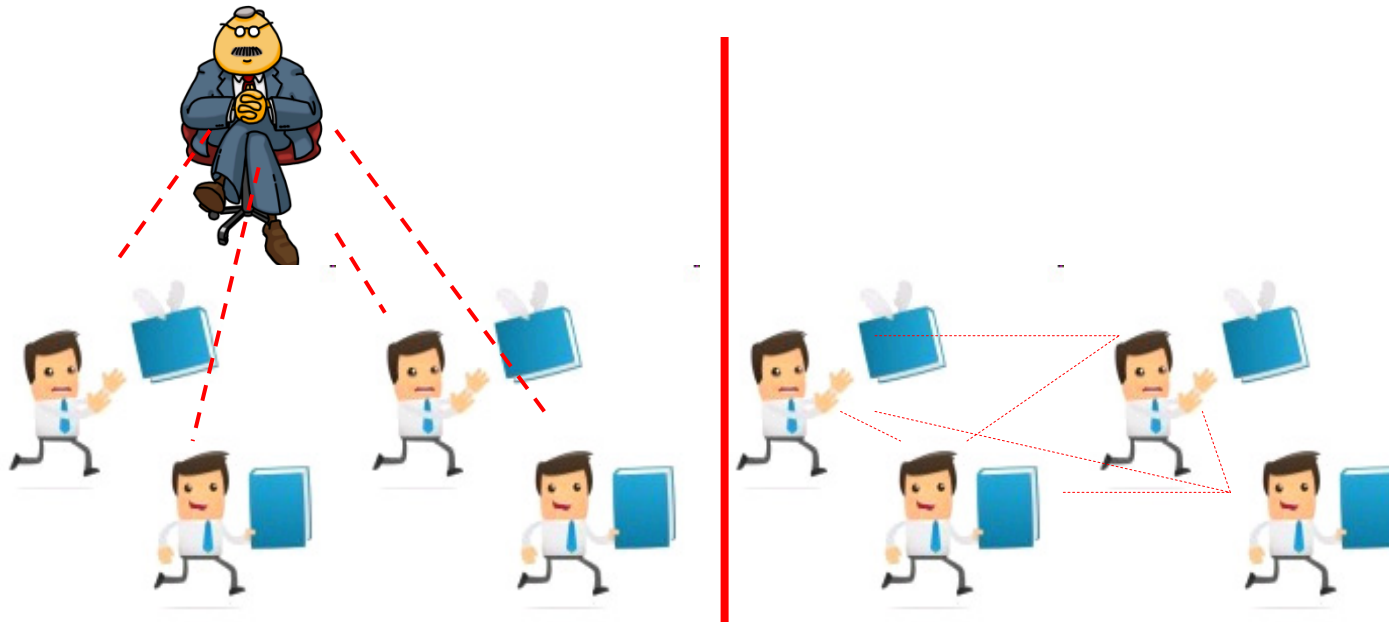
- **Tsunami of software defined things**
  - Software Defined Networking (SDN)
  - Software Defined Datacenter (SDDC)
  - Software Defined Storage (SDS)
  - Software Defined Compute (SDC)
  - Software Defined Infrastructure (SDI)



## Ten Benefits of SDN

1. **Programmability:** Can change behavior on the fly.
2. **Automation**
3. **Orchestration:** Manage thousands of devices
4. **Visibility:** Centralized monitoring of state
5. **Performance:** Optimize network device utilization
6. **Virtualization:** Use resources without worrying about location, size, etc.
7. **Dynamic Scaling:** Can change size, quantity
8. **Multi-tenancy**
9. **Service Integration**
10. **Openness:** Full choice of Modular plug-ins

## Centralized vs. Distributed



- **Fast Response to changes**
- **Fast Consistency**
- **Less overhead  $\Rightarrow$  Scalable**
- **Single Point of Failure**

- **Time to converge**
- **Slow consistency**
- **Not scalable**
- **Fault Tolerant**

## Four Confusions About SDN

### 1. Policies vs. Control:

Control = All bits and messages not sent by the user  
In IP control includes all headers and all routing messages.

### 2. Separation of Control Plane:

Elements have only data plane and have no brains

### 3. SDN vs. OpenFlow:

OpenFlow is the father of SDN but not SDN.

### 4. Need OpenFlow: OpenFlow is micro-management.

It is not scalable.

For large infrastructure, need scalable solutions.



## Separation vs. Centralization

Separation of  
Control Plane



Centralization of  
Policies



**Micromanagement is not scalable**

## How to SDN?



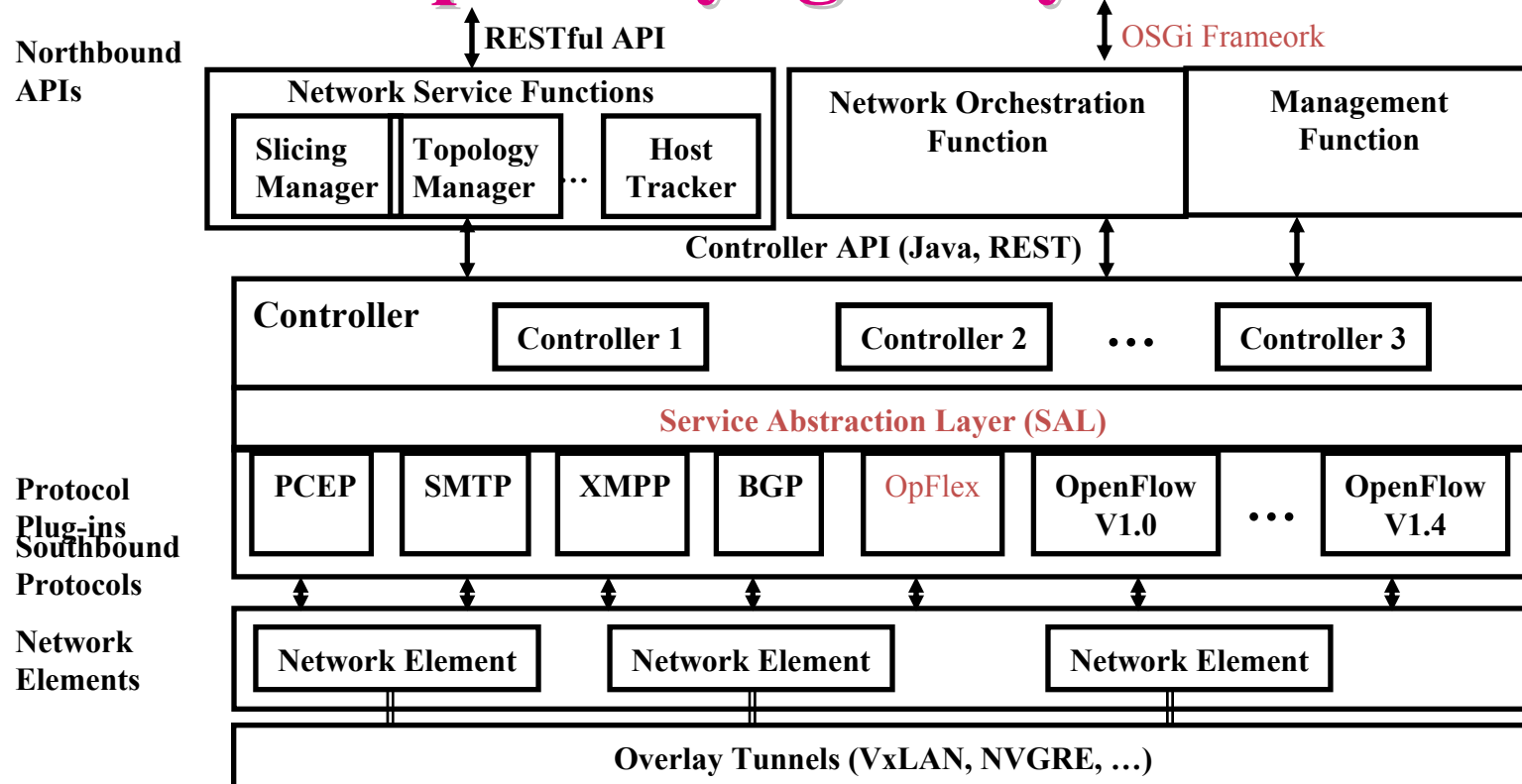
## Current SDN Debate: What vs. How?

1. **SDN is easy if control is centralized but not necessary. Distributed/hierarchical solutions may be required for fail-safe operation.**
2. **Complete removal of control plane may be harmful. Exact division of control plane between centralized controller and distributed forwarders is yet to be worked out**

## Current SDN Debate: What vs. How? (Cont)

3. **SDN is easy with a standard southbound protocol like OpenFlow but one protocol may not work/scale in all cases**
  1. Diversity of protocols is a fact of life.
  2. There are no standard operating systems, processors, routers, or Ethernet switches.
4. **If industry finds an easier way to solve the same problems by another method, that method may win. E.g., ATM vs. MPLS.**

## SDN 2.0: OpenDaylight Style SDN



- **NO-OpenFlow (Not Only OpenFlow) Multi-Protocol**
- **New work in IETF XMPP, ALTO, I2RS, PCEP, ....**
- **Linux Foundation**

## Flavors of SDN

1. **OpenDaylight**: Multi-Protocol Southbound
2. **Bare Metal Switches + Network Operating System**
  - a. Switches from Dell, Edgecore, HP, Penguin, QCT, Agema, Supermicro
  - b. Open Network Install Environment (ONIE)
  - c. Network operating system: Alcatel-Lucent, Arista, Big Switch, Broadcom, Brocade, Cisco, Cumulus, Dell, Ericsson, Extreme, HP, Juniper, OCP, Pica8, Pluribus
3. **Network Virtualization/Overlay**: VMWare's NSX
4. **ONF SDN**: OpenFlow southbound

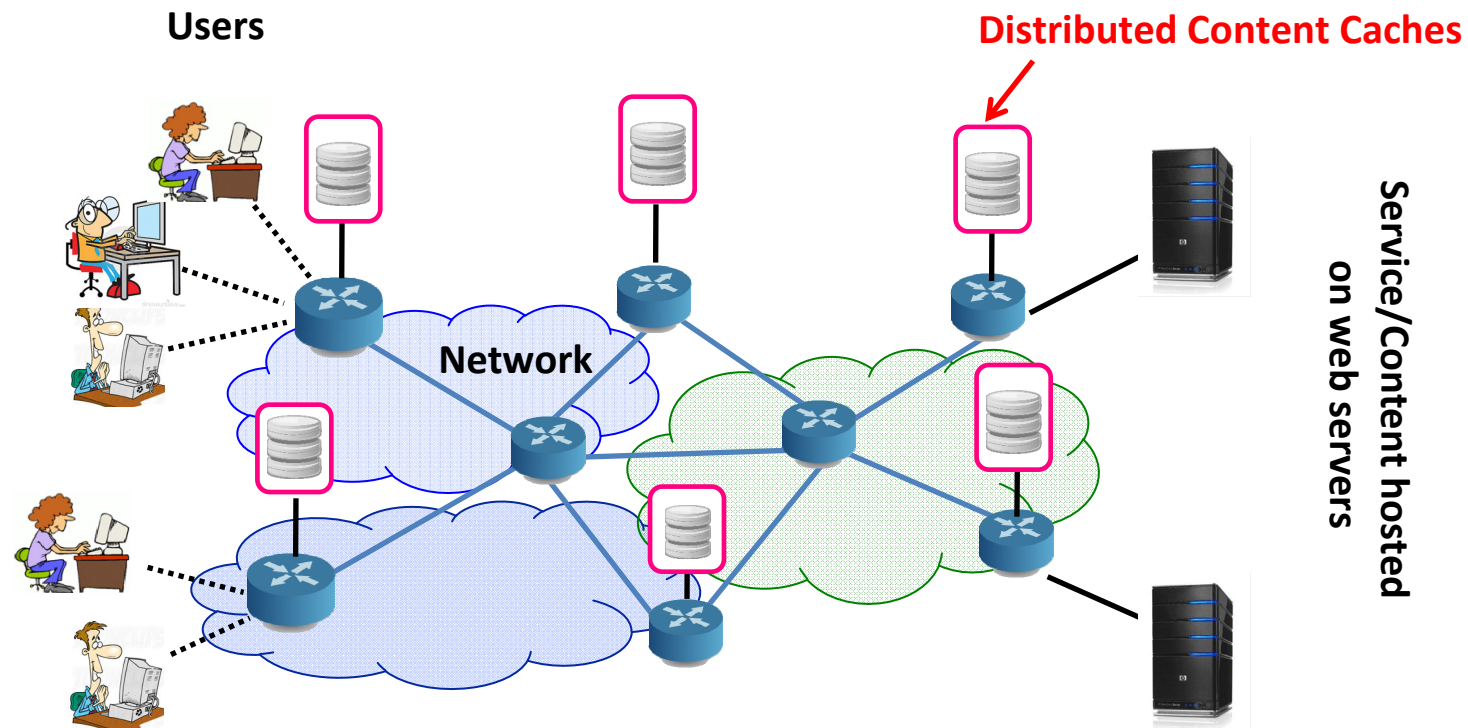
All provide: Abstraction, Programmability, and Centralization

Ref: <http://cumulusnetworks.com/support/linux-hardware-compatibility-list/> , <http://onie.org/>

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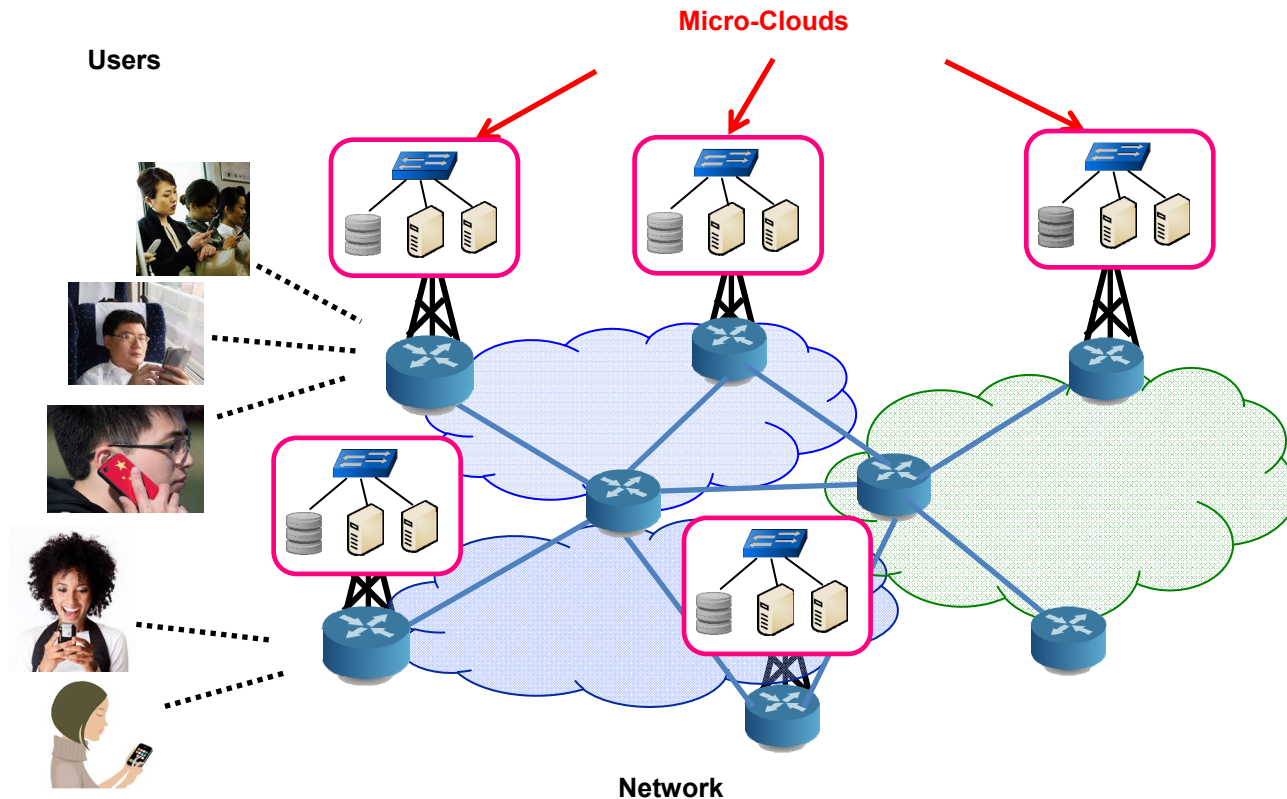
## Past: Data in the Edge (CDN)

- To serve world-wide users, latency was critical and so the data was replicated and brought to edge



# Trend 1: Computation in the Edge

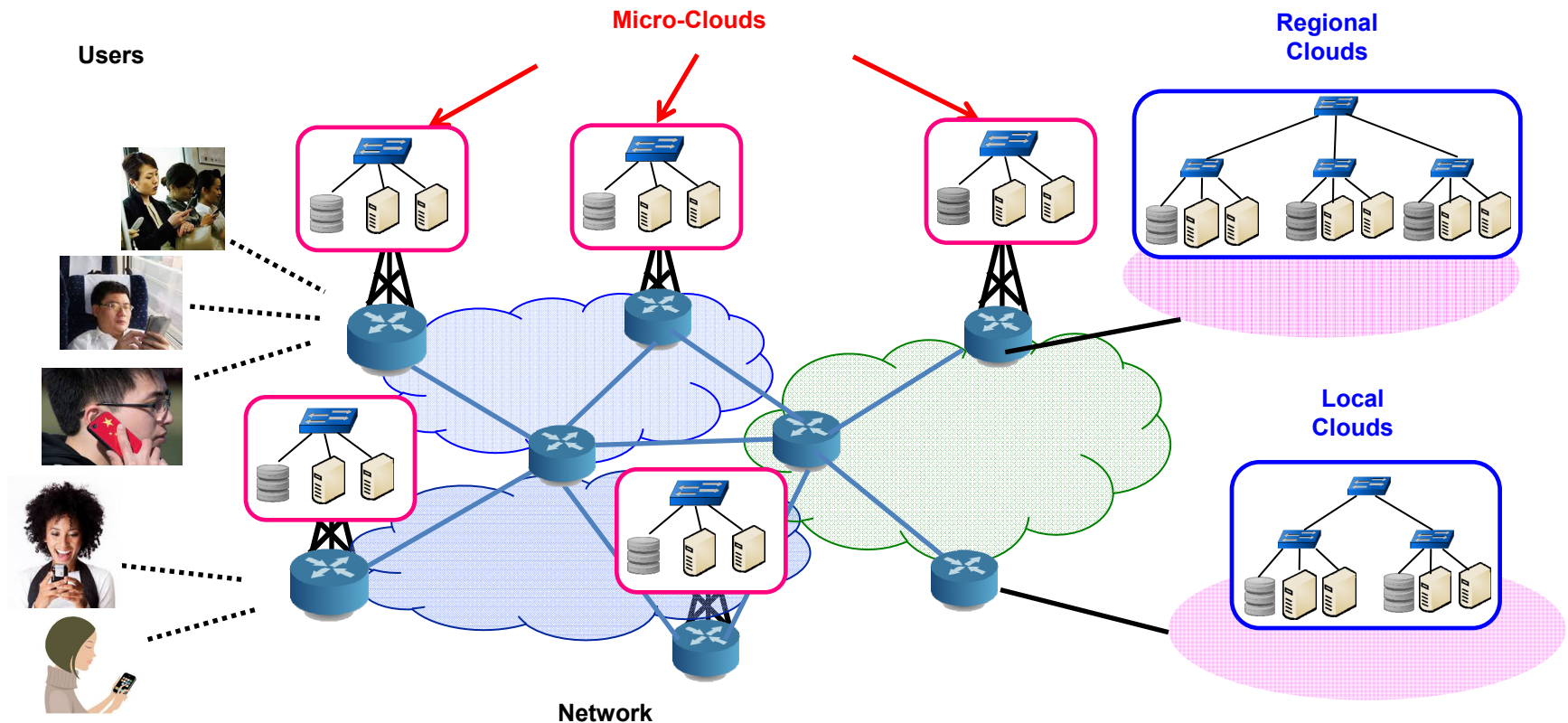
- To service mobile users, the computation needs to come to edge  $\Rightarrow$  Micro-cloud on the tower



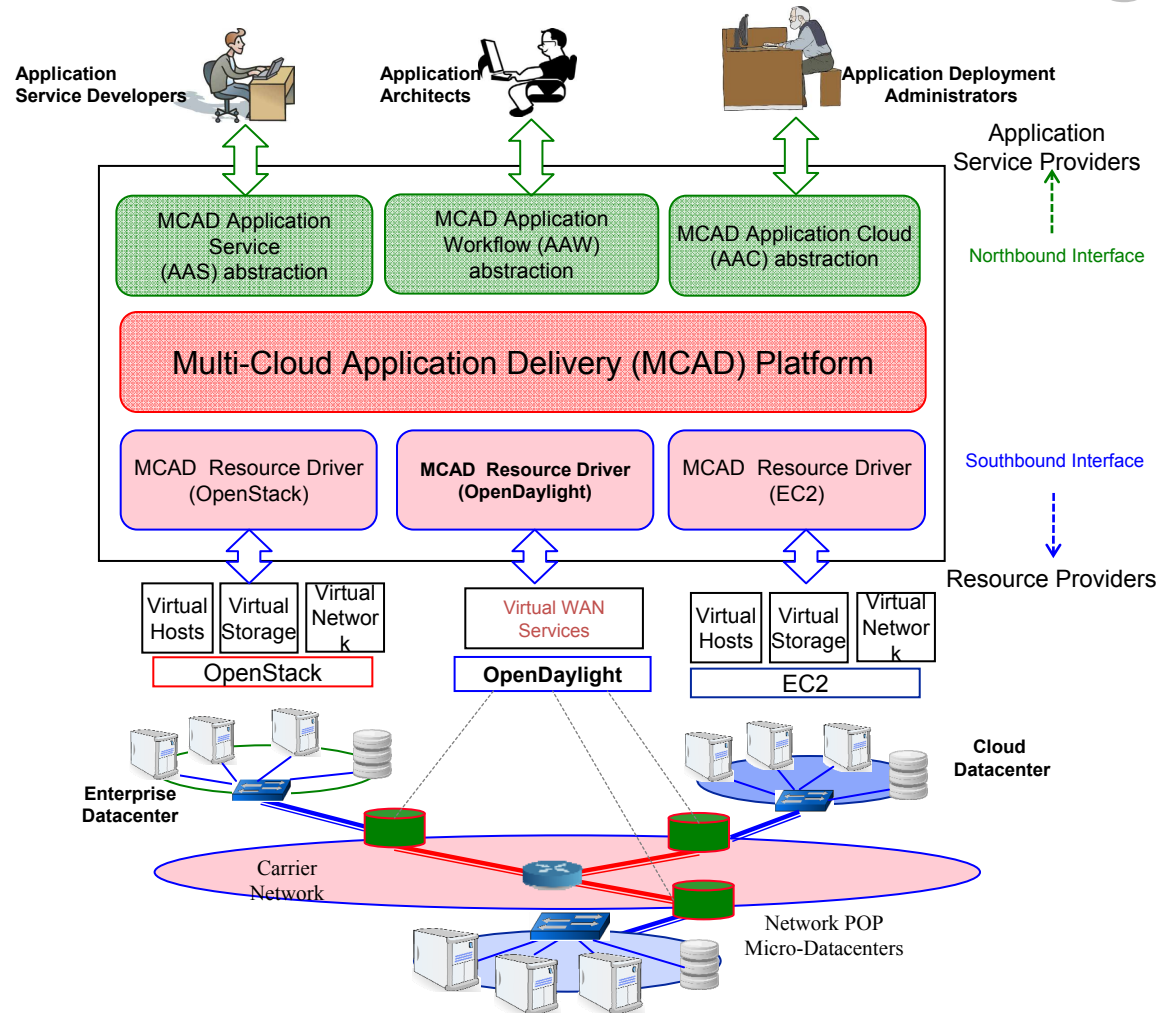


## Trend 2: Hierarchical Computation

- Larger and infrequent jobs serviced by local and regional clouds



## Software Defined Multi-Cloud Management



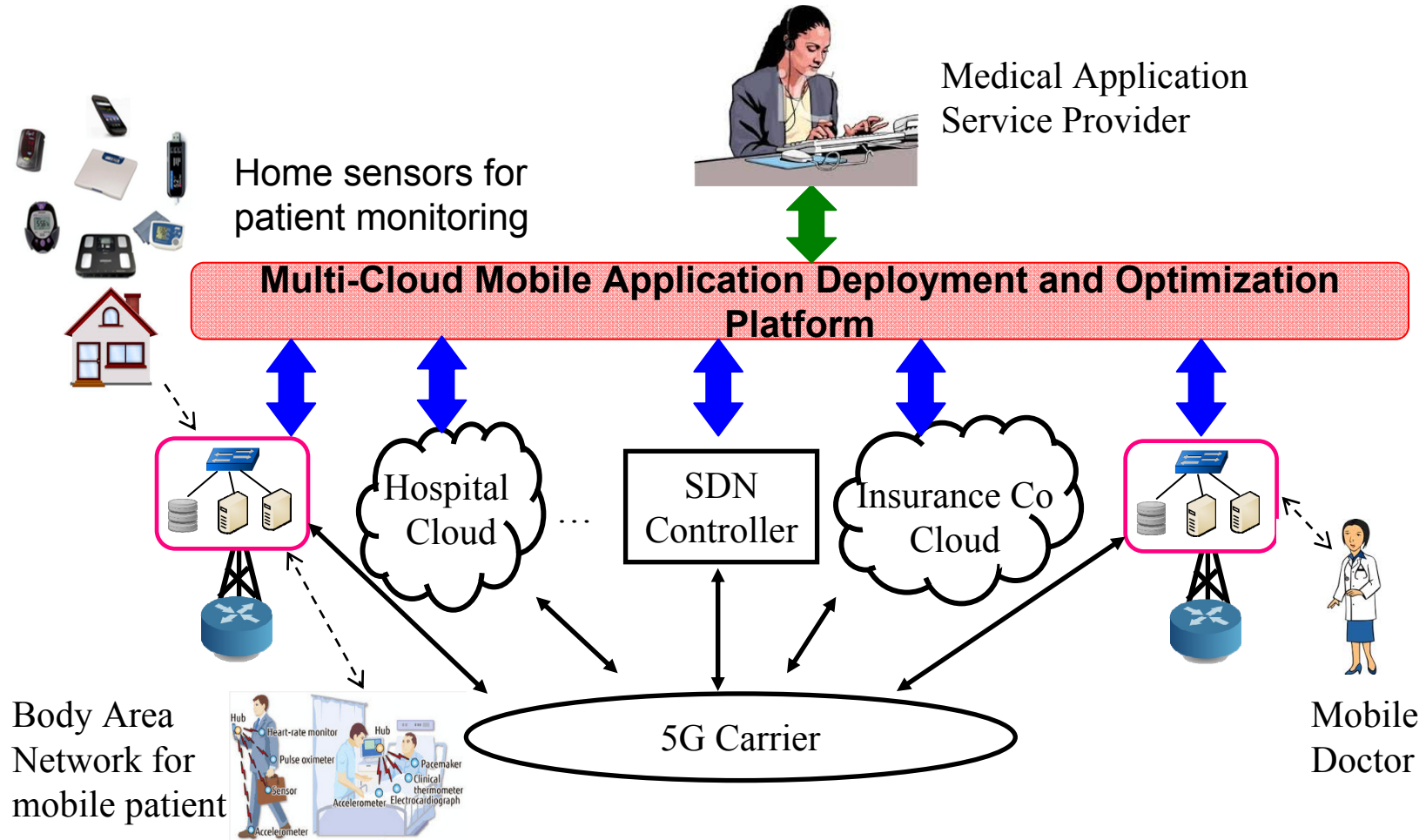
## AppFabric Features

1. Allows **application architects** to specify guidelines for new workflows including middleboxes
2. Allows **application developers** to specify their resource requirements and design their application without worrying about physical infrastructure
3. Allows **Deployment Administrators** to specify policies for location of resources in clouds.
4. **Automates** the entire process of creating new workflows and installing them, managing them during runtime, uninstalling them as necessary
5. Cloud API's are virtualized. Policies are defined at deployment time. Gives all the benefits of SDN.
6. **WAN bandwidth** and latency is the key to placement.

## Resource Control

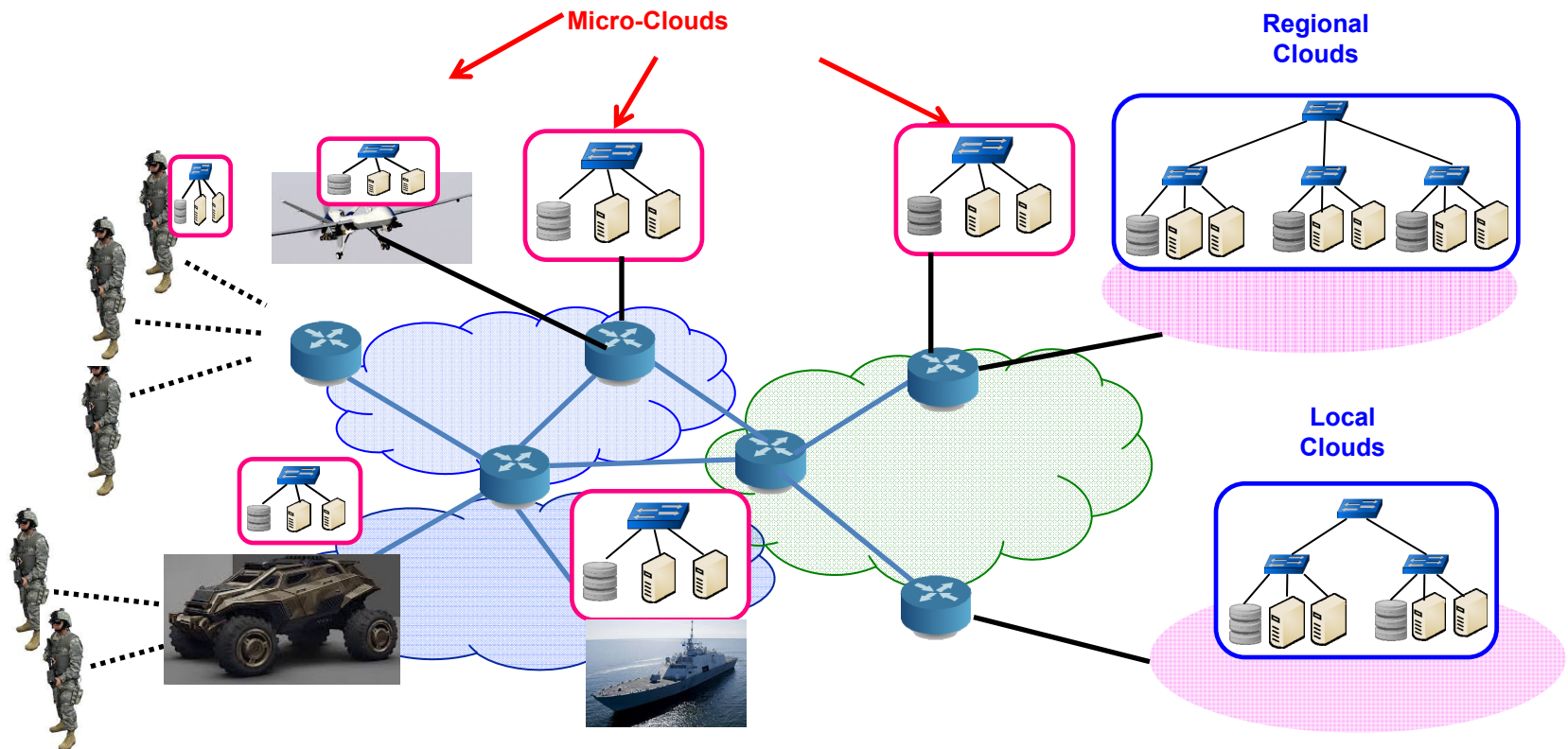
- Tenants keep complete control of their data.  
NSP does not have to look at the **application data** to enforce application level policies
- NSPs keep complete control of their equipment.  
tenants communicate their policies to NSP's control plane
- **VFs and Middle boxes** can be located anywhere 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**

## Mobile Healthcare Use Case



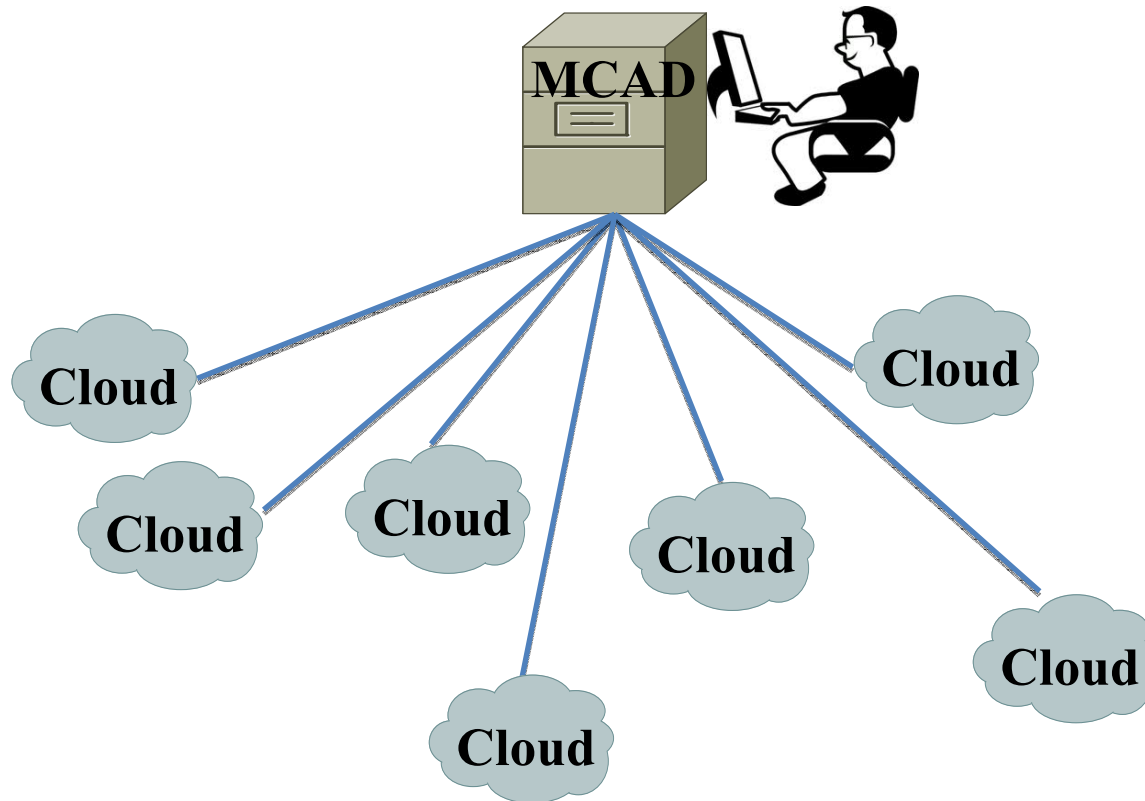
## Tactical Application

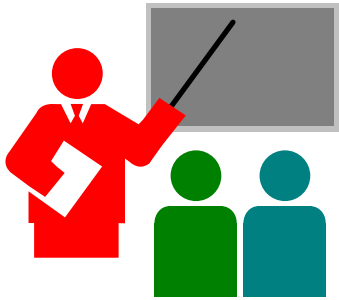
- Computation in the edge



## Multi-Cloud Security

- Can one cloud provider be trusted by another?  
Would Google trust Microsoft, Amazon, or Apple?





## Summary

1. SDN is about abstracting the hardware, providing programmability, and centralizing policy control
2. OpenFlow is micro-management. It is not scalable.
3. SDN in Data Centers is a solved problem.  
Need SDN for Multi-Cloud (or Inter-Cloud)
4. Our MCAD abstracts the cloud interfaces and allows automated management of multi-cloud applications
5. Multi-Cloud has important tactical applications



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## Acronyms

- **ATM** Asynchronous Transfer Mode
- **ECN** Explicit congestion notification
- **EFCI** Explicit Forward Congestion Indication
- **FECN** Forward Explicit Congestion Notification
- **GB** Gigabyte
- **IEEE** Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- **IETF** Internet Engineering Task Force
- **IoT** Internet of Things
- **IP** Internet Protocol
- **IRTF** Internet Research Task Force
- **ITU** International Telecommunications Union
- **LAN** Local Area Network
- **LTE** Long Term Evolution
- **MHz** Mega Hertz
- **OpenADN** Open Application Delivery Networking
- **SDN** Software Defined Networking

## Acronyms (Cont)

- **TCP**                      **Transmission Control Protocol**
- **TV**                        **Television**
- **VM**                        **Virtual Machine**
- **WAN**                      **Wide Area Network**
- **WiFi**                      **Wireless Fidelity**
- **WiMAX**                  **Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access**