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# FTTH/B in a Virtualized & Software Defined Network

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# Outline

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- What are SDN and NFV?
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# Motivation

## Sustaining the unrelenting data growth is not the only challenge anymore

- Broadband service offerings and customer broadband behavior are becoming increasingly sophisticated.
- The key question is how to grow networks and at that same time achieve **business agility** and **operational automation** to keep costs in control.
- Business models are unsustainable in the present market situation, where customer bandwidth demand is growing faster than revenues.
- Tackle network and service complexity in fixed access networks by leveraging **SDN/NFV** principles.



# Motivation

Disruptive competition  
Regulations  
Aggressive pricing



## Business transformation

Slow time-to-market and increasing investment required

Ability to scale

Become more agile



## Technology transformation

Deploying vertically integrated network elements in too long development cycles

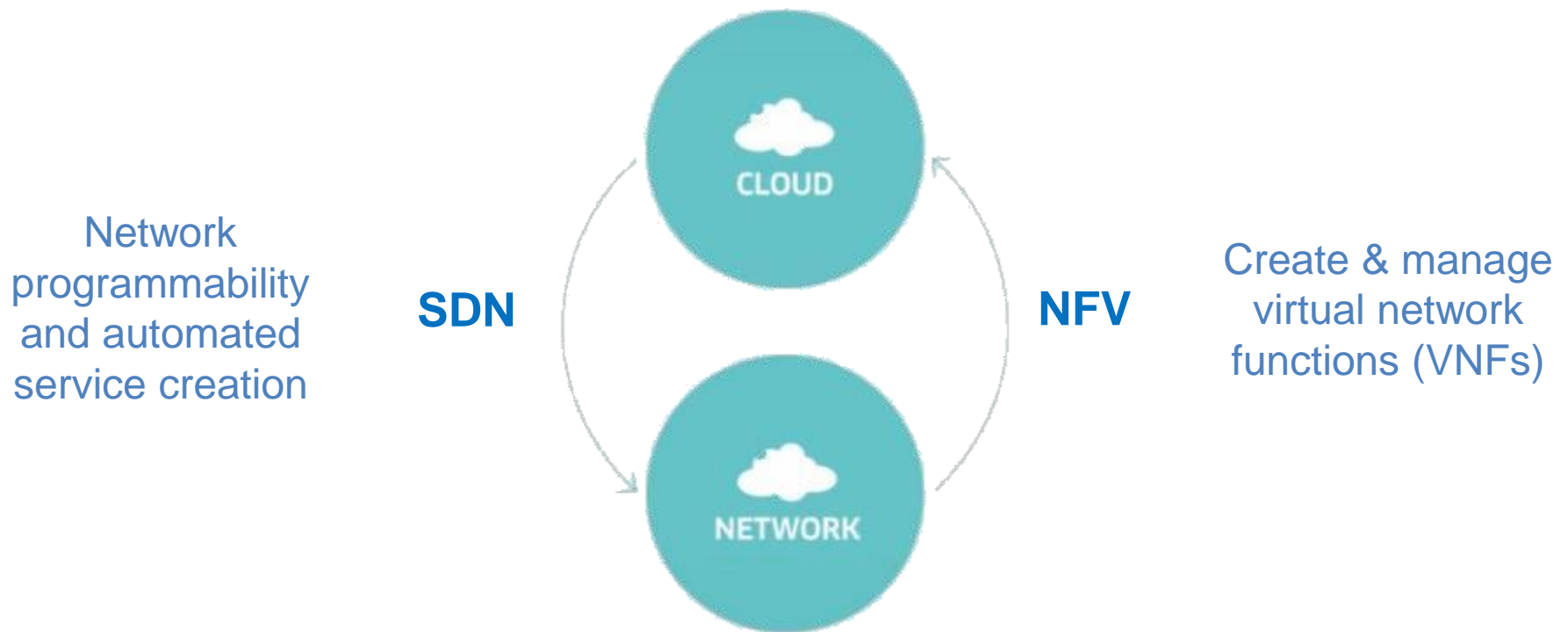
Increase efficiency

## Organizational transformation

Operational inefficiencies and overly complex lifecycle management practices

# What are SDN and NFV?

SDN and NFV are complementary technologies

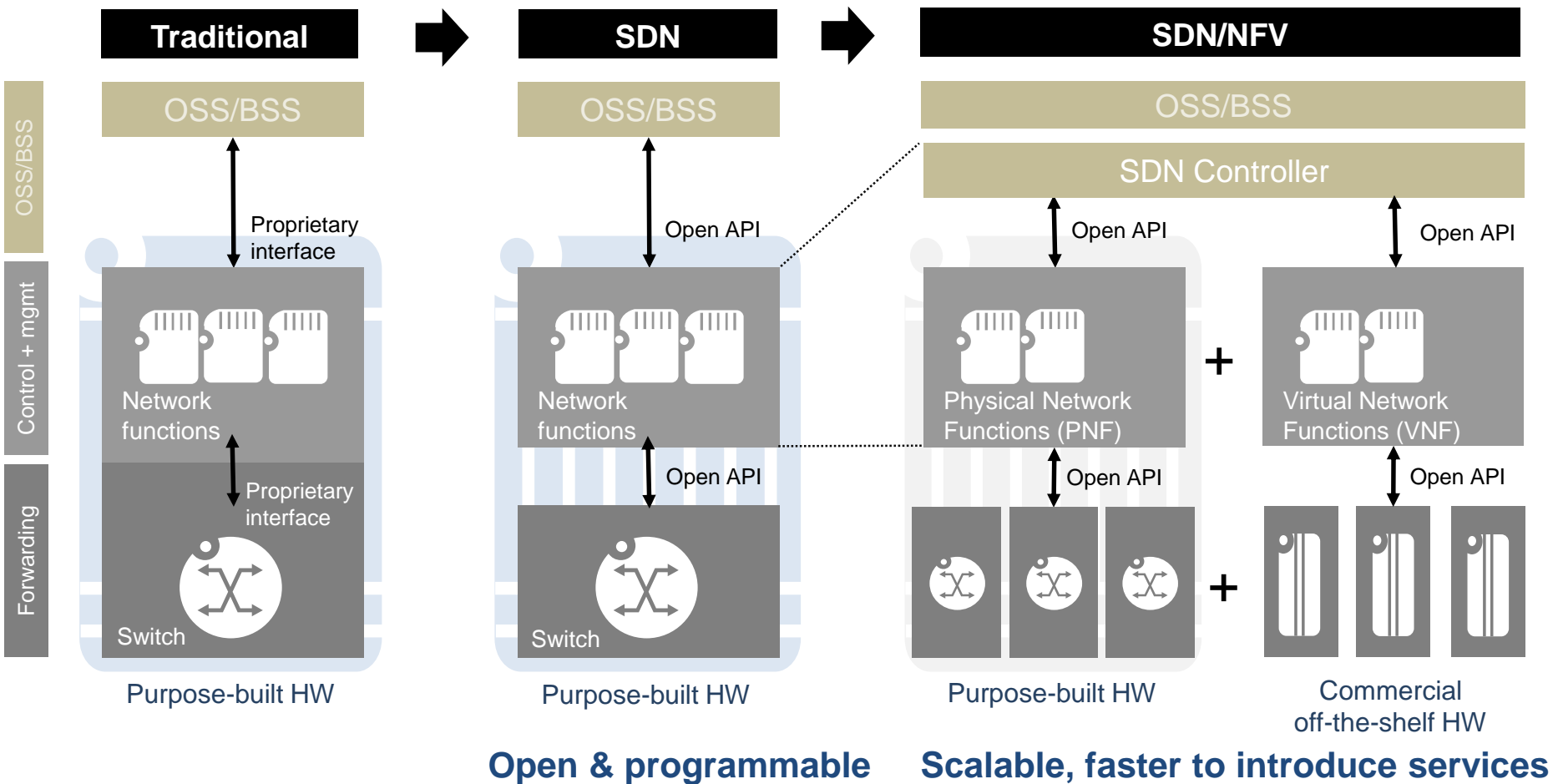


Scale your network and scale your business

# The SDN/NFV Ingredients

- SDN/NFV is embracing next generation architectures that borrow heavily from web scale data centers and cloud providers.
- **Decoupling SW from HW** – SW and HW cycles can evolve independently of each other.
- **Flexible programmable networks** – Supporting centralized and distributed architectures to fit a wider range of deployment models.
- **SDN-enabled applications** communicate their intent to an **SDN controller**, and put them into action through programming of each **network element**.
- Many **network applications** traditionally mandated by specialized hardware can instead **run on x86 hardware** platforms
- **Dynamic operation** - Instantiation, distribution and management of network functions, including instantiation and interaction of VNFs across server resources without significant increase in operational expenditure

# SDN and NFV combined



# Standardization Organizations



Evolution of broadband network systems towards the NFV/SDN paradigm in transport and fixed access networks

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Create a living blueprint for a new generation of NFV/SDN based service provider support systems

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Design principles and the high-level functional decomposition of NFV and MEC architectures

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Evolution of 3GPP mobile network architecture towards 5G goals, which encompass widespread utilization of NFV/SDN paradigm

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Study Group 13 (SG13) is the lead study group of SDN in ITU-T, and develops the SDN framework, including SDN terminology, as the baseline for all ITU-T SDN std. activities

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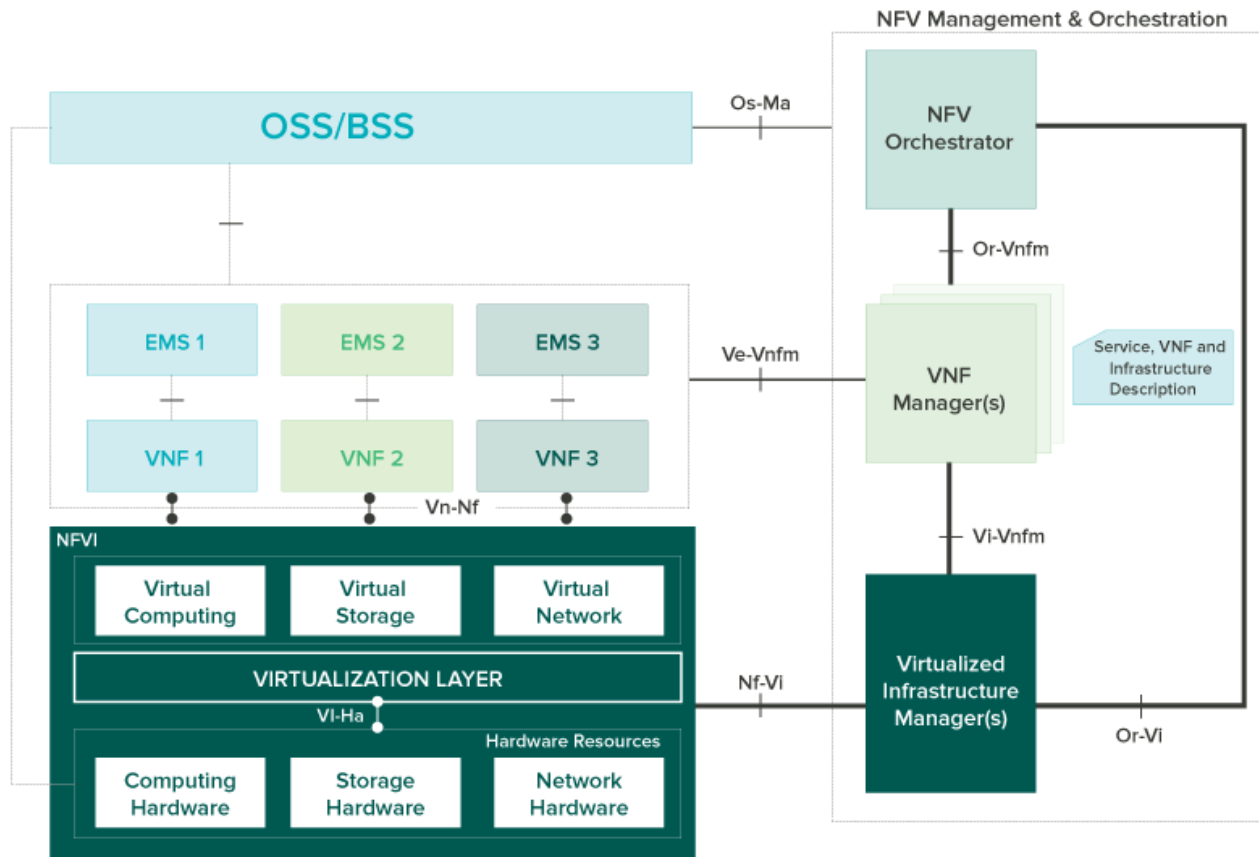
Multiple activities: service function chaining (SFC), NFV Research Group (NFVRG), SDN Research Group (SDNRG), NETCONF, YANG.

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The IEEE P1903 WG (NGSON) is currently working on the specification of service-enabling functions which can be provided as VNFs to support NFV applications.

# ETSI NFV Reference Architecture by OPNFV



- Modular and layered architecture, adopting the “separation-of-concern” principle
- Orchestration systems, SDN controllers, NFVI, NFV MANO & NFV hardware resources
- Orchestration layers are cornerstone pieces to go from POCs & technical trials to production deployments.
- Increasing abstraction towards the cross-domain & higher levels

# Open Source Initiatives



Open standards development through the SDN; Introduces the OpenFlow std.



Platform for programmable, SDN – under the stewardship of the Linux Foundation



Platform for programmable SDN. Under the scope of the Open Networking Lab



Cloud operating system controls large pools of compute, storage, resources



Open Platform facilitates the development and evolution of NFV components



Develop an Open Source NFV Management and Orchestration software stack aligned with ETSI NFV



Lightweight, stand-alone, executable package of software



Central Office Re-architected as a Datacenter



Multilayer virtual switch designed to enable massive network automation

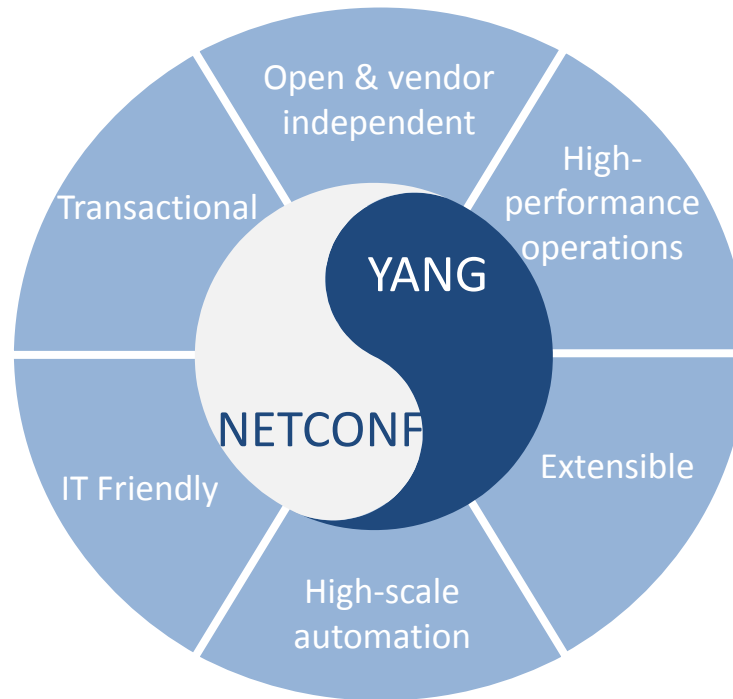


Collaborative space for open source, standards-based and vendor provided implementations

# NETCONF/YANG

## Programmability for software defined access networks

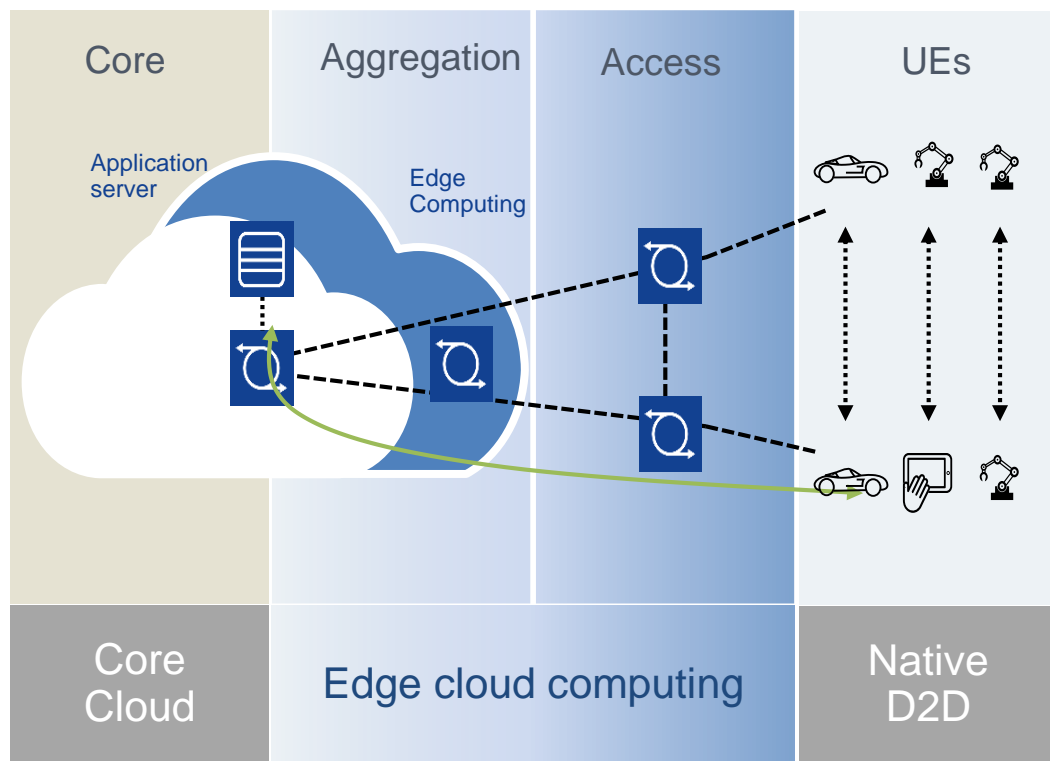
**NETCONF** is a proficient management protocol, alternative to labor-intensive CLI/SNMP



**YANG** is a optimized data modeling language for nodal integration & abstraction in management systems

YANG model standardization and open source best practices to accelerate adoption of software-defined access networks

# Edge cloud – Introducing Latency



Central cloud based	> 50 ms latency
Edge Cloud	≈ 10 ms
Access Edge	≈ 2 ms
D2D	≈ 1 ms



Moving  
virtual networks

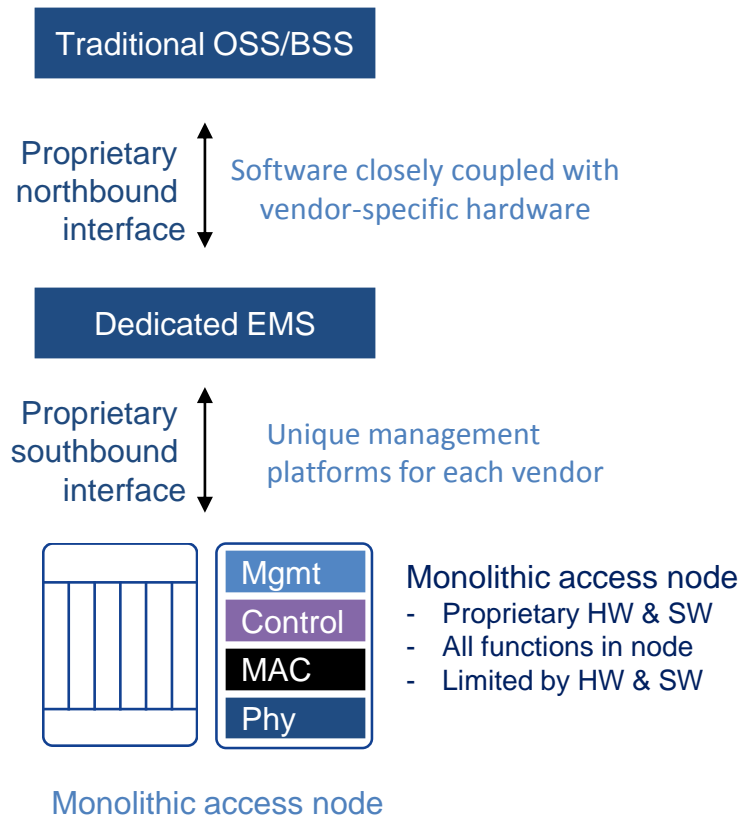


Mission-critical  
services, in V2X or  
industrial applications

**Application latency** enabling a new generation of latency critical services



# Today's network



## High integration effort

- New effort for every vendor, solution, and release

## Closed environment

- No direct access to functions or data
- Proprietary interfaces APIs and software

## Static architecture

- New features require equipment upgrade
- Limited flexibility

## Slow innovation

- Fixed release cycle
- Massive testing & validation
- Limited to vendor-specific HW & SW

# Software-defined network

## Open eco-system

- Innovative, purpose-built applications
- Different vendors & open source
- Integrate easily across systems

## Programmable

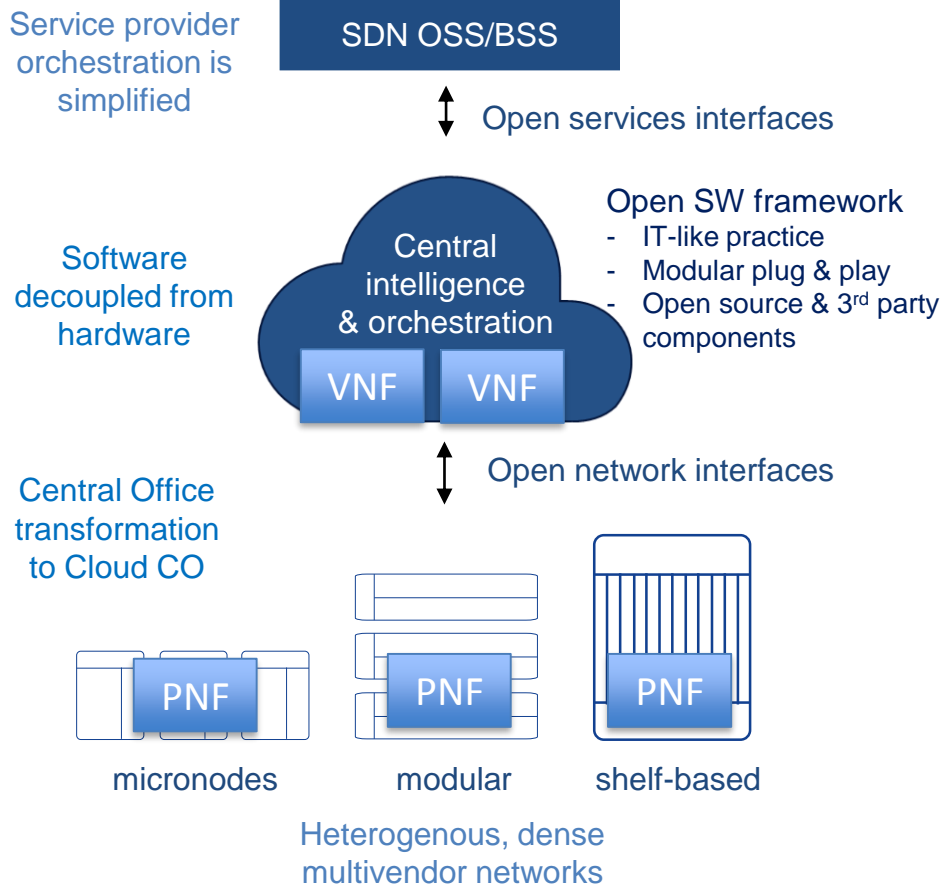
- Distributed architecture
- Open standardized interfaces
- Increase automation

## Scalable & flexible

- Scale physical and service layers separately
- Embedded, virtualized or in cloud

## IT-like practice

- Plug & play
- Dev Ops approach
- Continuous integration
- High upgradability



# Use cases in Fixed Access



**Software Defined Service Edge**  
Leverages modern hardware with Software Virtualisation.

## Disruption with Virtualisation!

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**SDN Case Study**  
**Power Savings with Wavelength Mobility**

Machine Learning and SDN orchestration allows for significant operational savings

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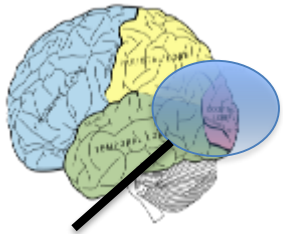
**SDN Analytics – Sample Use Cases for Realtime Traffic analysis**

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**vCPE – Leveraging Data Centre or micro server compute infrastructure for best in class service chains with NFV.**

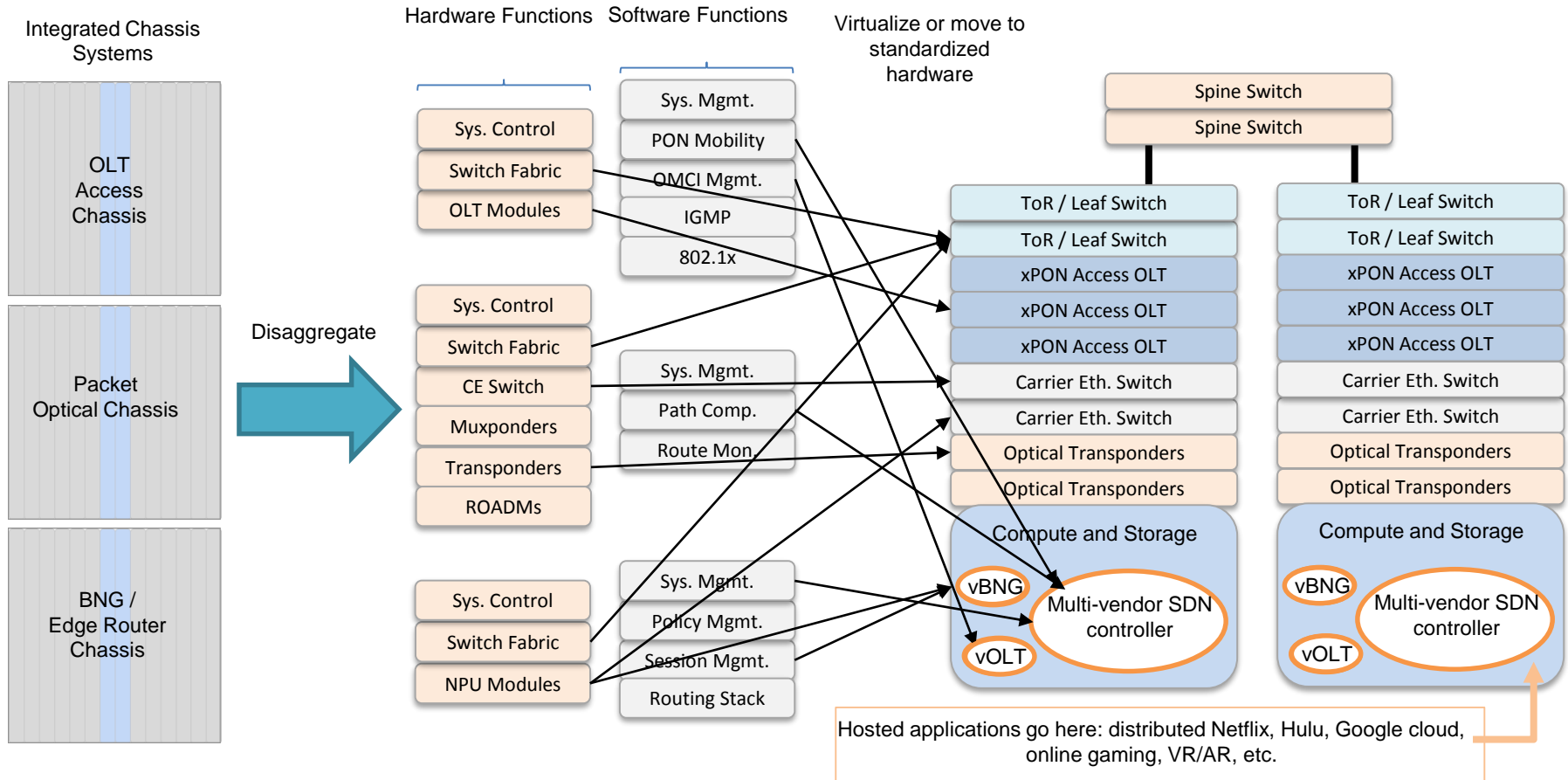
## Pushing Virtualisation Further.!

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# Hardware Disaggregation Drives Virtualization (Recap)

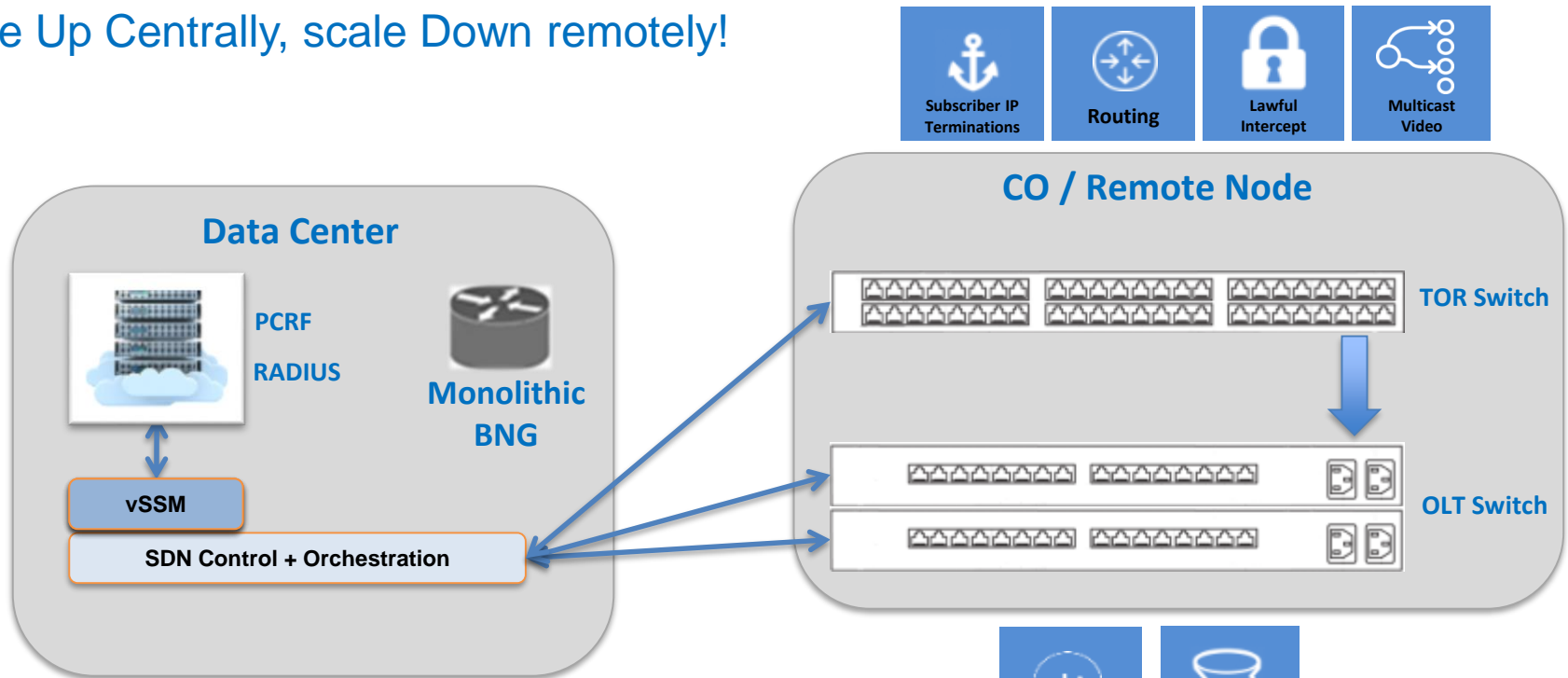
## Disaggregation in Hardware – leads to Software Virtualisation Opportunities



# Software Defined Service Edge

## Virtualizing the Network Gateway - BNG

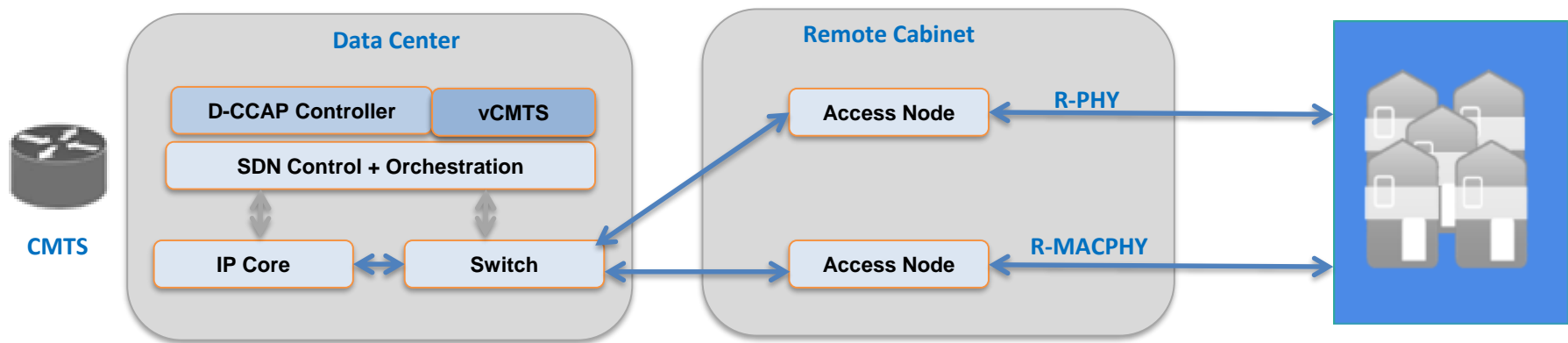
- Current BNG Hardware is expensive at scale
- vSSM (Subscriber Session Management) at the edge improves User Experience
- Leverage modern hardware and software more efficiently
- Scale Up Centrally, scale Down remotely!



# Software Defined Service Edge Virtualizing the Network Gateway - CMTS

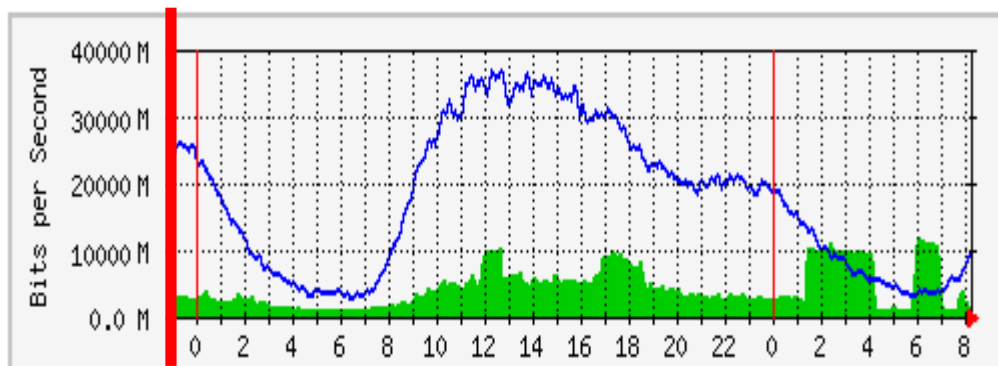
- DOCSIS World leveraging Distributed CCAP to Virtualize the CMTS
- Moves higher layer functions into the low cost Virtual Environment.
- SDN Controlled components allow removal of legacy CMTS equipment
- Micro Server capabilities allows for flexible placement of end user IP termination
  - Central Data Center location with R-PHY
  - Edge location with R-MACPHY

## Virtual CCAP



# Case Study

## Power Savings with NGPON2 λ-Mobility



- 17 Million Households
- FTTH via PON deployment
- Cost of Power €0.125 kWh
- Approximately 300,000 PONs using 1:64 Split



1.2 Million 10Gbps Transceivers For 40Gbps Capacity

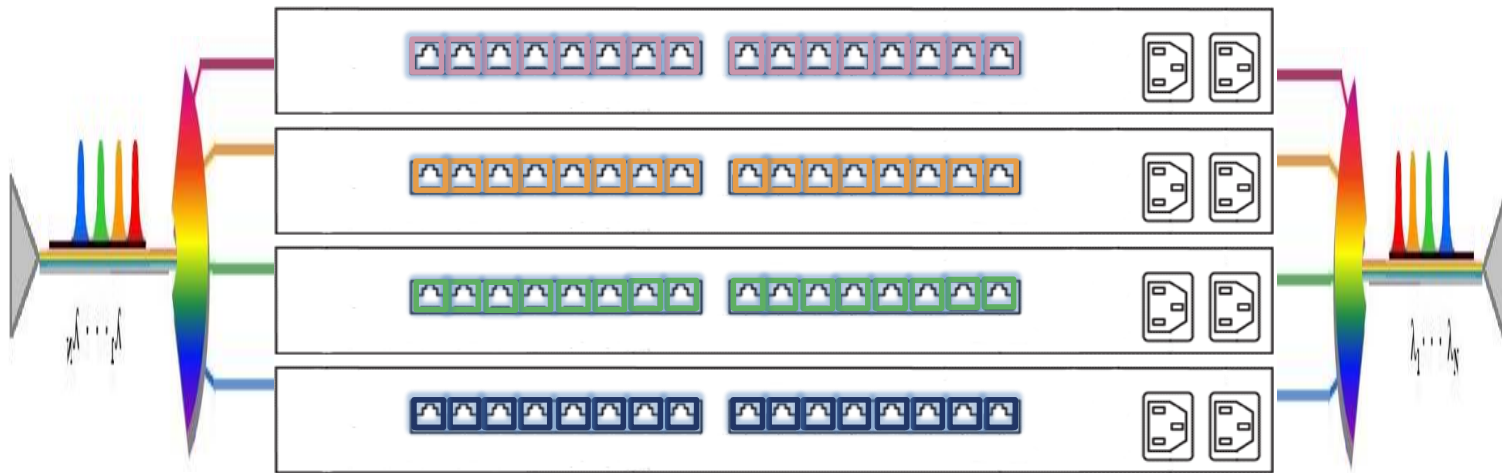
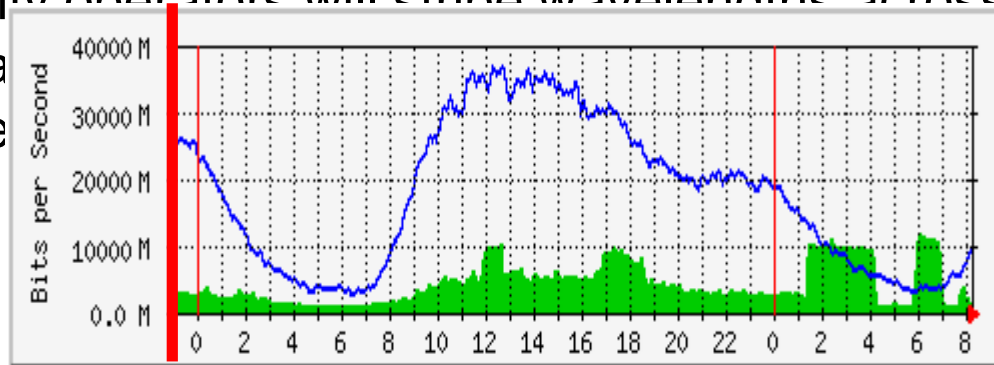
- 4W per Transceiver = 42M kWh PA
- €5.248M PA for Always on OLT Ports

**Up to €4.27M PA with AI SD-Access Power Saving**



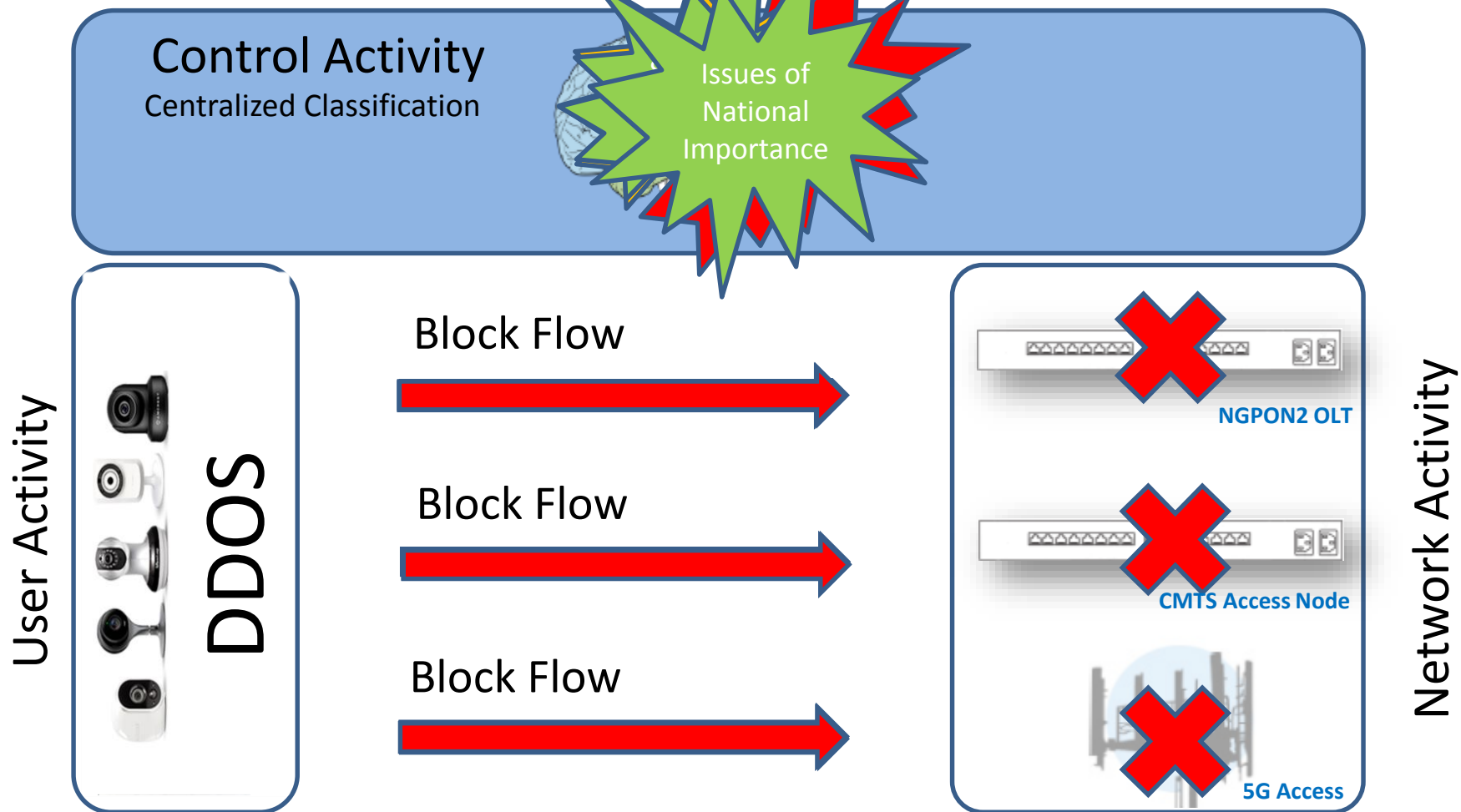
# Orchestrated SDN – Scale Power Saving Further

- High Density operators will stripe wavelengths across multiple disaggregated
- This creates opportunities for power saving and
- Virtualised network functions



# SDN Analytics

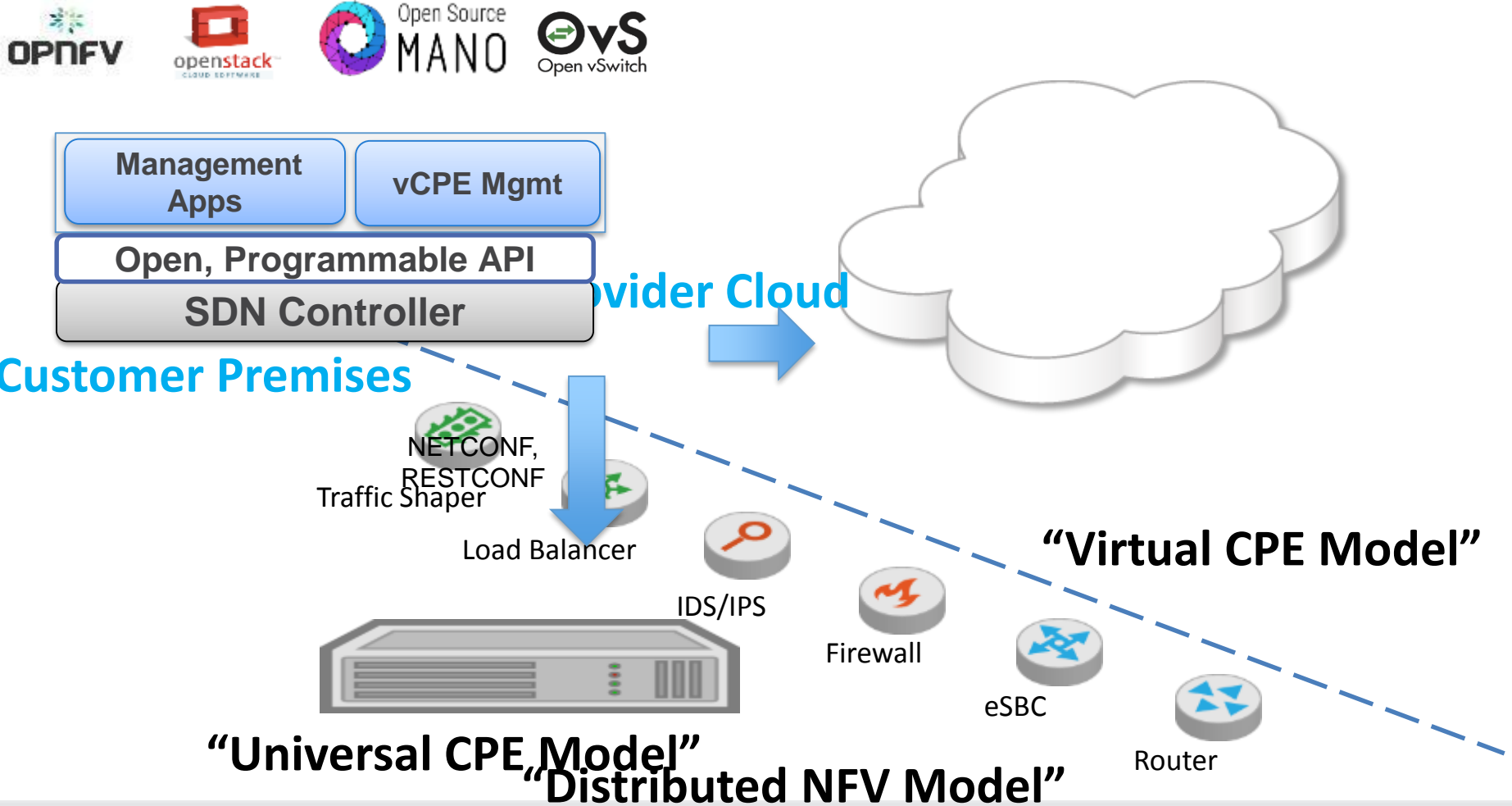
## Real Time Traffic Analysis Use Cases



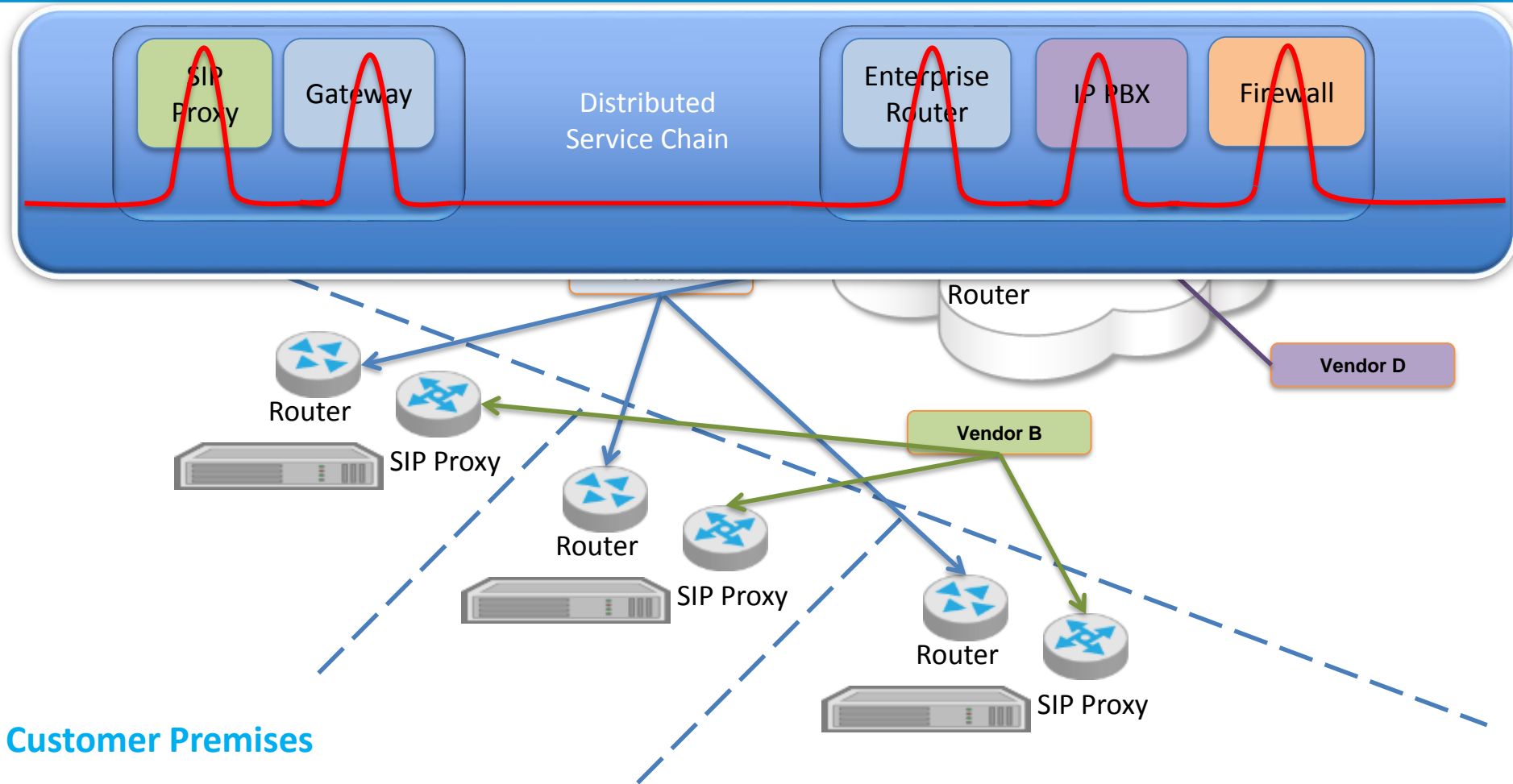
# vCPE – Pushing Virtualization Further

- SDN and Network Feature Virtualisation provides a coordinated platform for flexible service offerings.
- Virtual CPE Model
  - Allows for simpler, less expensive but higher performing CPE
  - Optimised for shifting traffic at **Gigabit** rates
  - Allows user-driven service choices applied to their internet connection.
- Distributed NFV
  - New chipsets allowing ever smaller (and more powerful!) compute modules
  - Allows virtualisation in the CPE for edge processing applications
  - Example: SIP Proxy NFV on site / IDS in the Data Center

# vCPE – Pushing Virtualisation Further



# vCPE – Enterprise Voice Use Case



**“Distributed NFV Model in the Enterprise”**

# Benefits of SDN/NFV Virtualization in Access

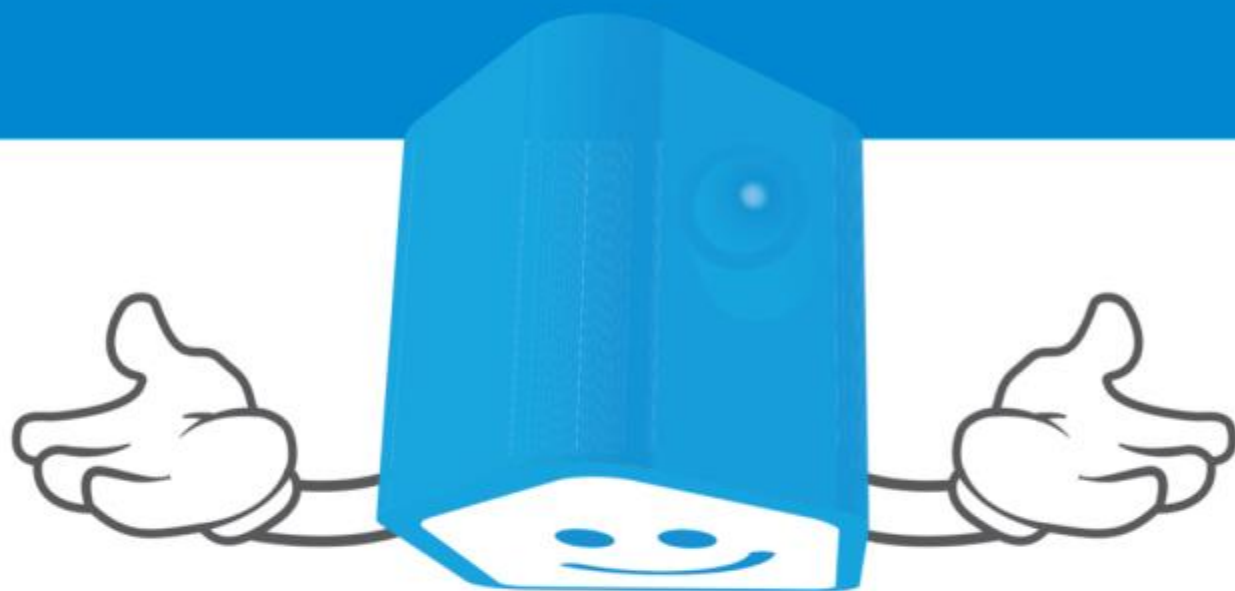
- **OPEN**
  - Collaboration between Vendors and Service Providers
  - Interoperability is key for all participants
  - Use best of breed SW and HW elements
  - Lower CapEx by leveraging increased competition
- **SCALABLE**
  - Up to 10-fold increase in managed Nodes
  - Elastic Scalability of Virtualisation platforms makes this work with flexible and affordable server hardware.
  - Newer protocols more resilient and less intensive to interrogate.
  - Lower starting CapEx through scaled Software Licensing Models
- **PROGRAMMABLE**
  - Accelerate new service delivery with a single management plane across the entire Access Network
  - Automation lowers OpEx up to 40%
  - Standardised API's will lead to more (and better!) applications
  - Network Flexibility increases dramatically with programmability

# Take Away

- **Virtualized & Software Defined Network** is a **key enabler** for future communications infrastructure
- It will enable network operators to **flexibly provide services** and **cost-effectively across** their fixed and mobile networks
- **FTTH/B-based networks** will also benefit from the technologies of SDN/NFV
- **Research and development** into use cases for SDN and NFV are ongoing
- The challenges for the industry will be to **coordinate fixed and mobile networks** based on SDN/NFV, and **migrate networks** from the current infrastructure to a virtualized platform.

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