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# 5G Cloud Native Packet Core and Network Slicing Automation

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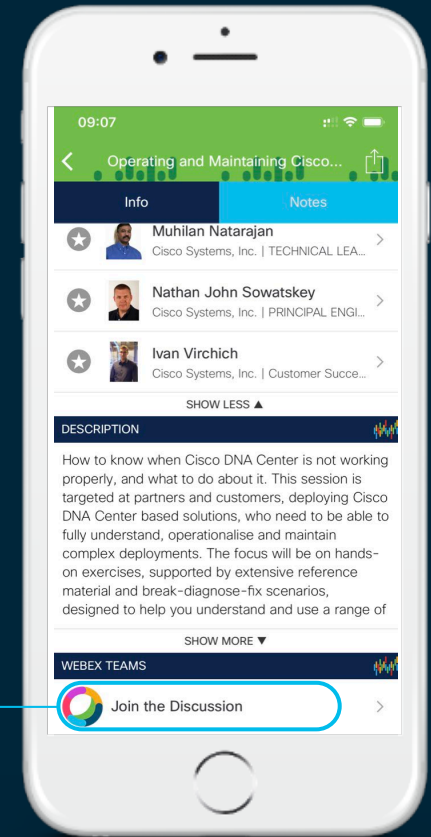
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# Session Abstract

## 5G Cloud Native Packet Core and Network Slicing Automation

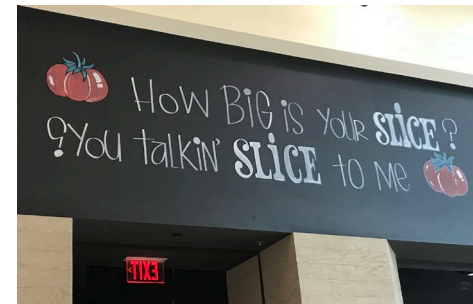
- 5G packet core are evolving to cloud native VNF for more better agility and Scaling. This session will focus on the new automation and operational requirements associated to the Cisco 5G Cloud Native in the context of 5G Network Slicing and we will introduce the Cisco solution to address this evolution.
- During the session the attendees will learn about:
  - The Operational impact & challenges associate to the cloud native VNF insertion.
  - The Cloud Native Packet Network Function Instantiation requirements (Container & Micro Services)
  - The Cloud Native Packet Network Function scaling requirements
  - The Cloud Native Packet Network Function Monitoring requirements
  - The Cloud Native Packet Network Function fault & Impact Analyze requirements
  - The Cisco Solution and approach to address those requirements and challenges in the context of end to end slicing automation

# Agenda

- Introduction - 5G Slicing Automation, SLA & Operation
- 5G Packet Core Slice and Cloud Native
- 5G Core Slice- Instantiation and configuration
- 5G Core Slice - Service Assurance and SLA
- Cisco 5G Core Slice- Orchestration & Service Assurance solution
- Summary



All the industry & customers are speaking about 5G e2e network slicing. Does it mean the same to each of us?



# Introduction – 5G Slicing Automation, SLA & Operation

# 5G Slicing Automation, SLA & Operation

Standards bodies and open source projects involved in 5G

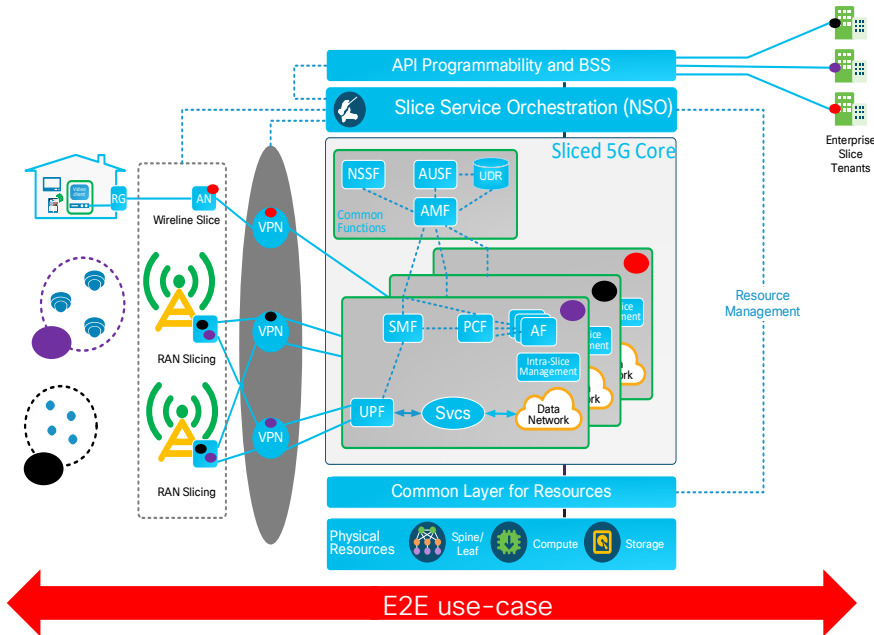




# Customer 5G Perspective of Network Slicing

It's an End-to-End Business Service!

Network Slicing is fundamentally an end-to-end **partitioning of the network resources and network functions** so that selected applications/services/connections may **run in isolation** from each other and for a **specific business purpose**



## Benefits

- Each separable business operation can be efficiently and reliably run on a network slice
  - Alternate policy and charging structure
  - Unique service assurance characteristics
  - Increased service security
- Infrastructure orchestration manages the complexity driven by the requirements of each slice
  - Leverages the SP distributed DCs and Footprint
  - Each slice can have its own MANO/OSS environments
- New service introductions are quicker
  - Slicing has a significant reduction in regression testing cycles
  - Isolation eliminates effects of rogue applications (E.g. M2M)
  - Smaller failure groups imply no single “too big to fail” node

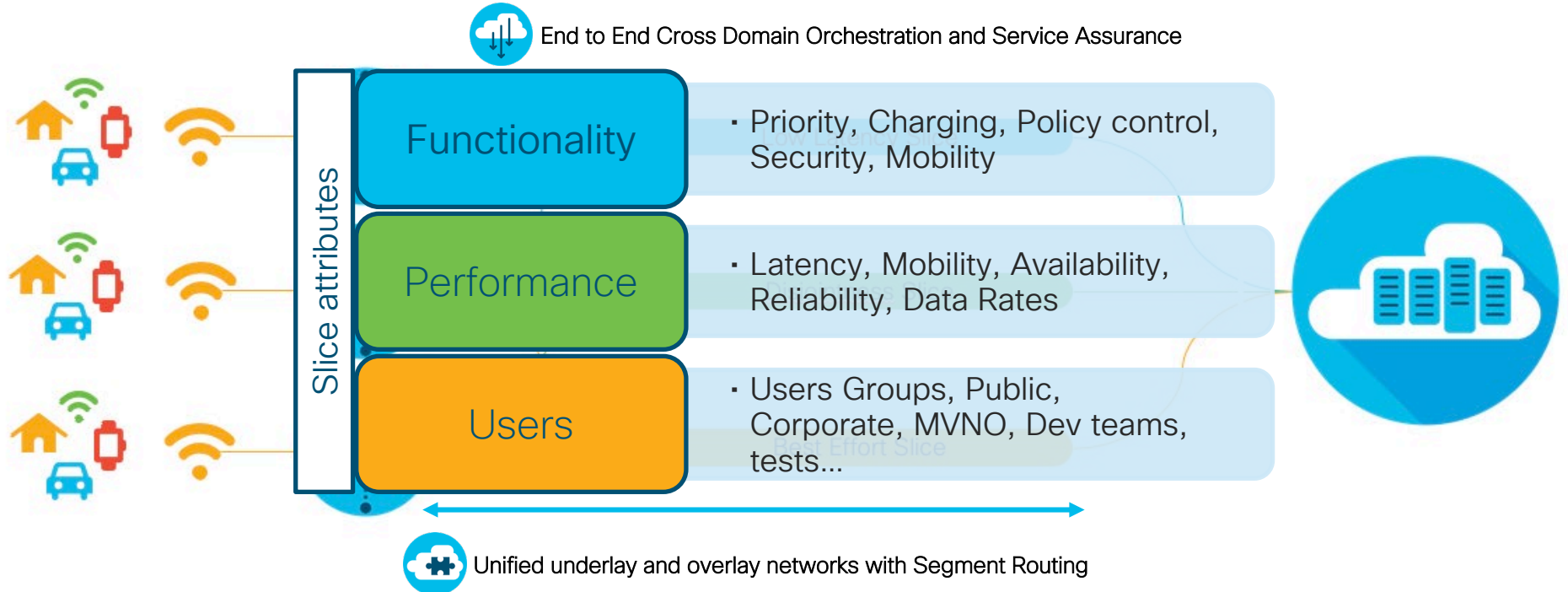
# 5G Slicing Automation & SLA – *Communality from the Various Standards*

Fundamental Requirements :

- **Intent Based Management** *for Instantiation and SLA/OLA monitoring*
- **Closed Control Loop (CCL)** *for Dynamic/real time Slice adjustment to warranty SLA*
- **Hybrid and Multi- domain Infrastructure Management** *impose segmentation in Sub-Slice /Domain for scale and abstraction*
- **Common or compatible CFS & RFS Modelling** *for Flexibility agility and End to End Slice intent definition .*

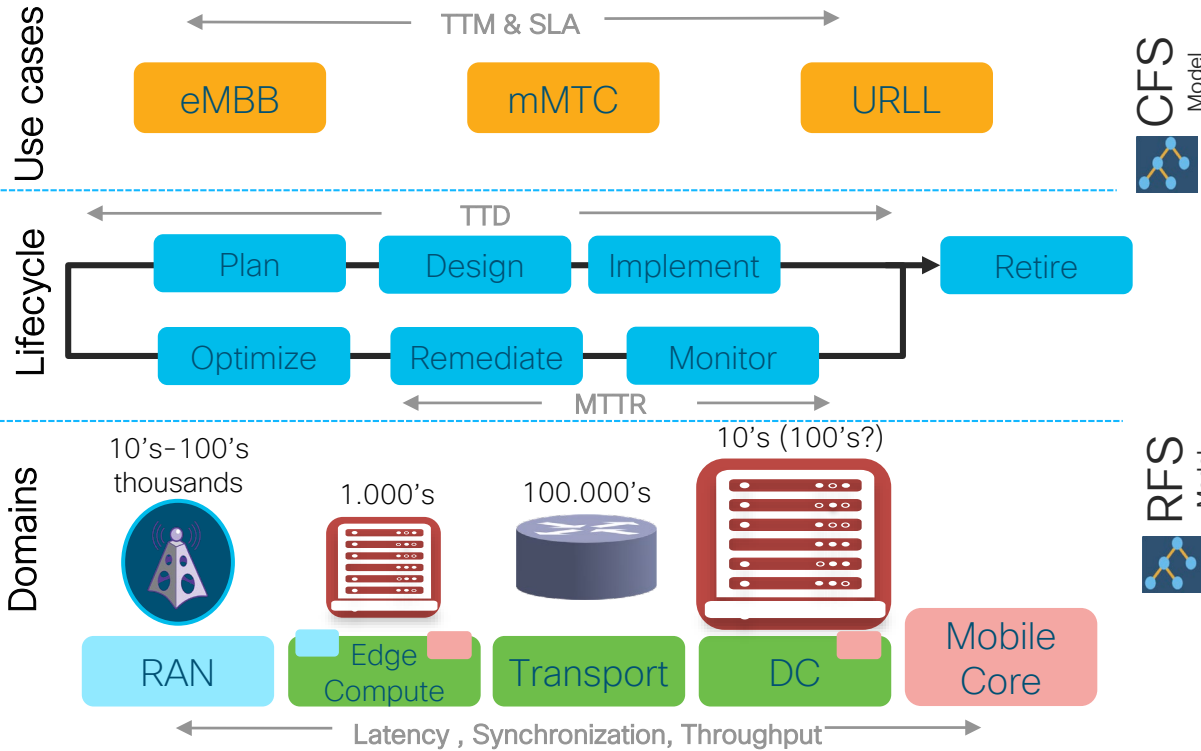
# End to end slicing – high level Requirement

It is a E2E logical constructs different network resources & functions that serves business purpose



Its about offering a Service Level Agreement (SLA)  
Slicing solution must be affordable to make sense

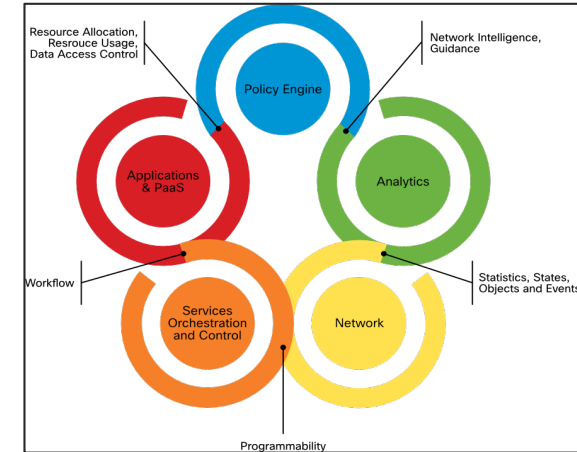
# 5G Slicing Automation, SLA & Operation- from Cisco perspective



## Requirements

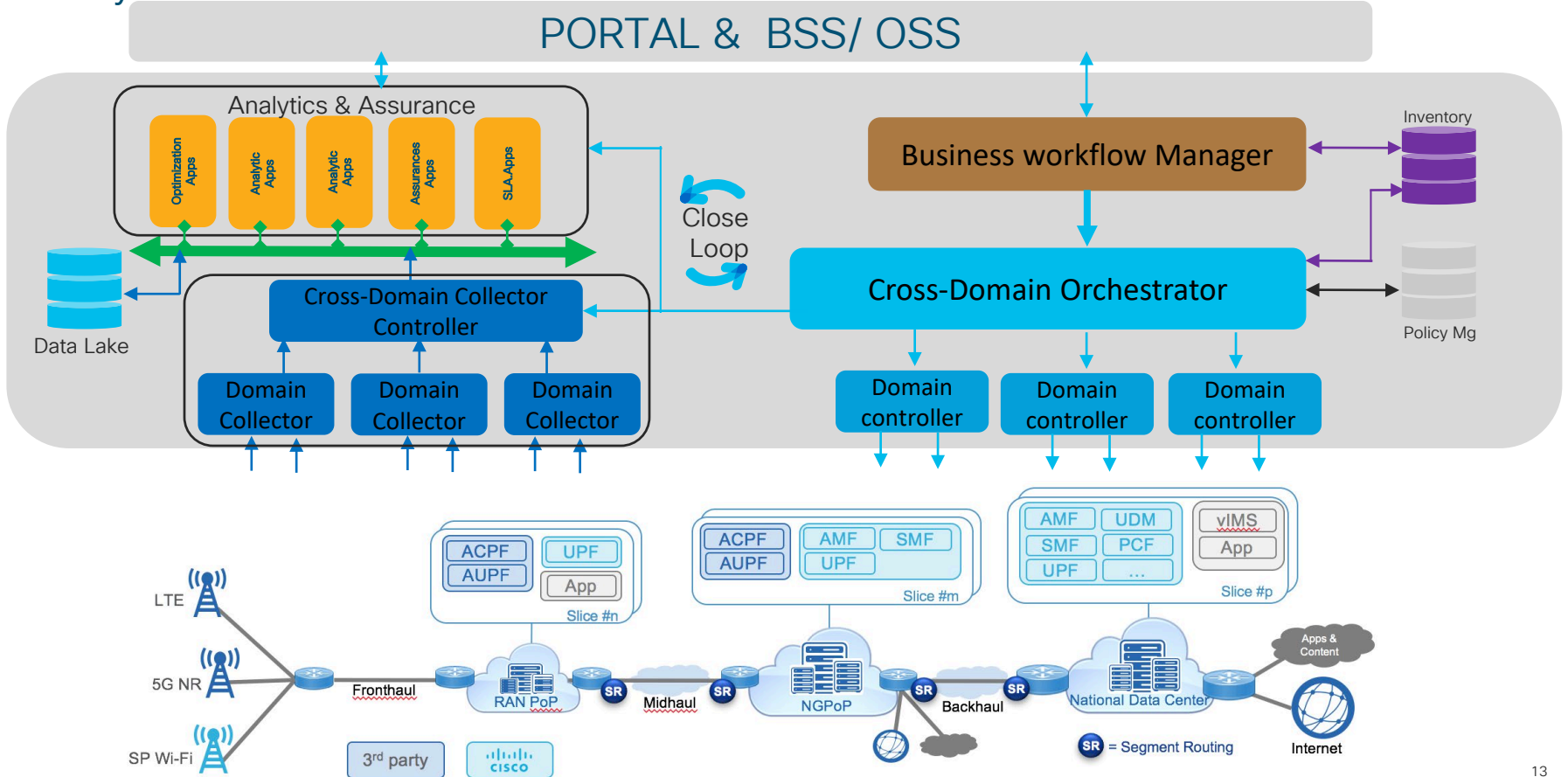
- Service Intent Base Orchestration
- RFS CFS Intent based Modelling
- Close Loop Service Assurance
- Cross Domain Orchestration, SLA & operation

## Capabilities



# 5G Slicing Automation & Operation

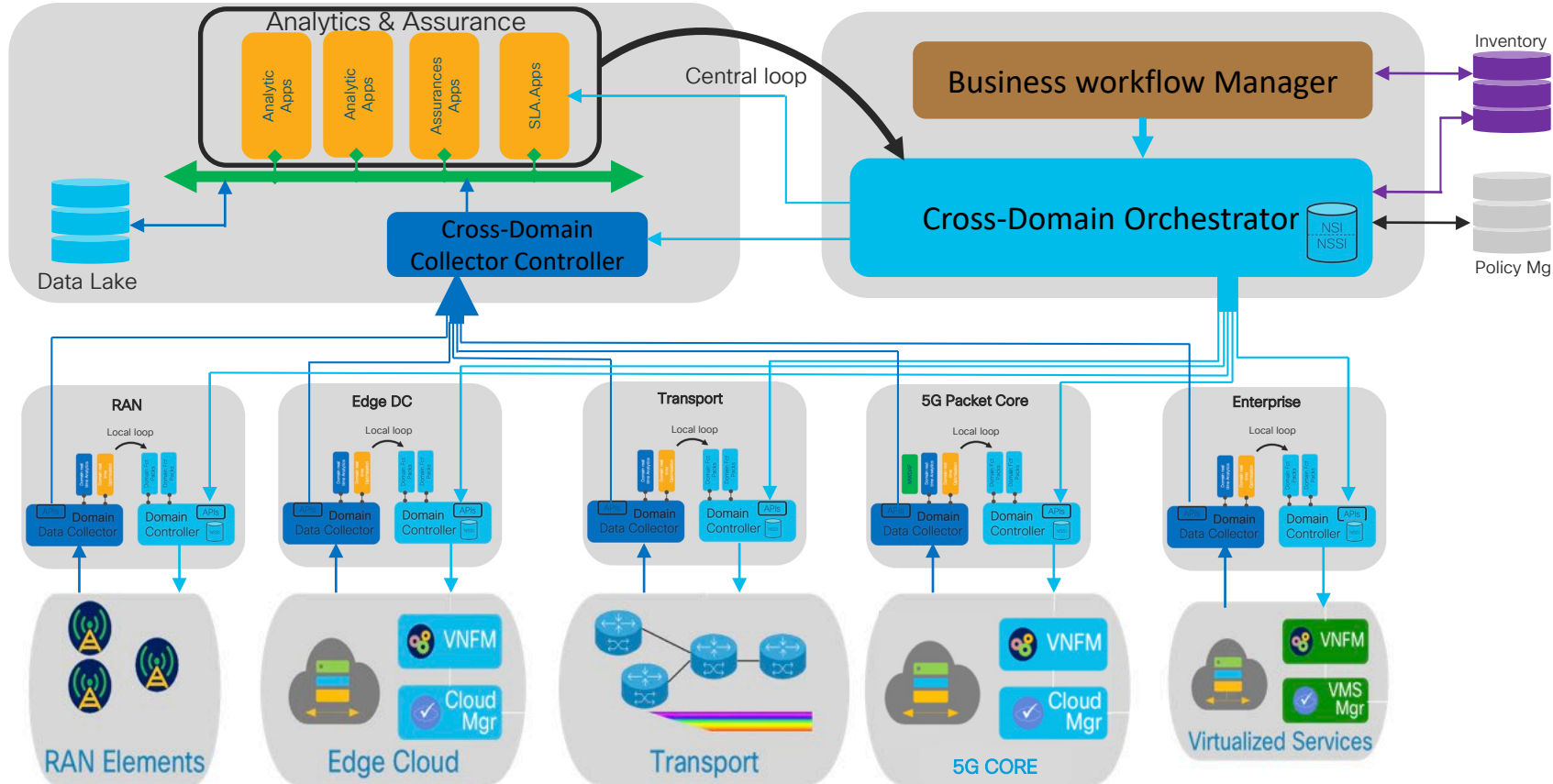
## Key Functions Blocks



# 5G Slicing Automation & Operation

## Cisco high level Architecture & Vision

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# 5G Packet Core Slice and Cloud Native

# 5G Core slicing

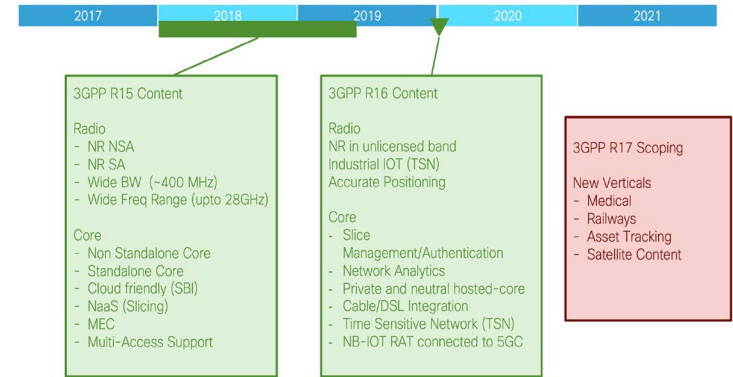
## Who is defining it?

**3GPP** : A network slice is viewed as a logical end-to-end network that can be dynamically created. A given User Equipment (UE) may access to multiple slices over the same Access Network (e.g. over the same radio interface). Each slice may serve a particular service type with agreed upon Service-level Agreement (SLA). In this article we provide highlights of 3GPP Network Slicing as being defined in TS 23.501 in SA2. A Network Slice is defined within a Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) and includes the Core Network Control Plane and User Plane Network Functions as well as the 5G Access Network (AN).

**Other** SDOs publishing articles and studies on network slicing, such as IEEE, ITU-T, NGMN, GSMA, BBF, O-RAN

At date, 3GPP defines slicing procedures for the core network and directives for the access network and suggestions for the transport network.

### 3GPP 5G Timelines



Normative work still ongoing



# 3GPP Network Slicing Model

- E2E Concept:

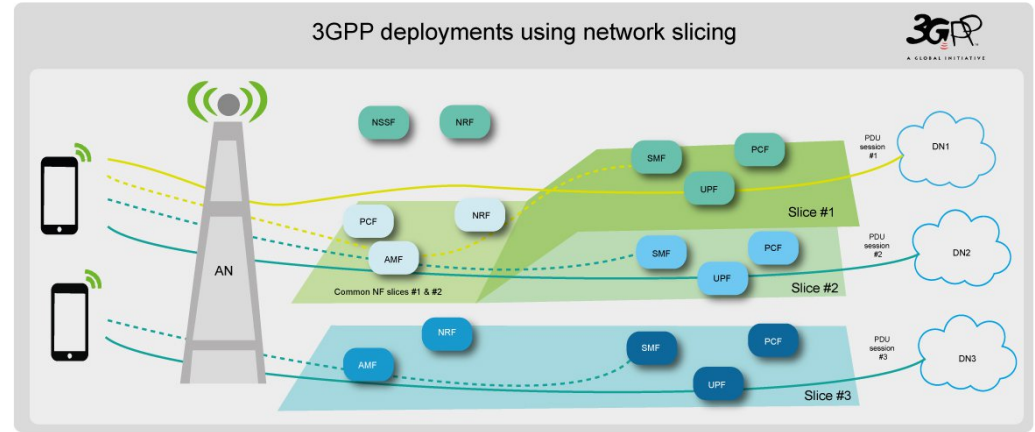
- UE, RAN, 5GC
- Transport and Datacenter
- Multi-domain Orchestration and Automation

- Key 5GC Operations

- Slice identifications
- Binding Application to Slice
- Selection of AMF, PCF, SMF
- Use of NSSF

- Reference Standards

- TS 23.501 Section 5.15 (Network Slicing)
- TS 23.503 Section 6.1.2.2 (URSP, NSSP)
- TS 38.300 Section 16.3 (Network Slicing)



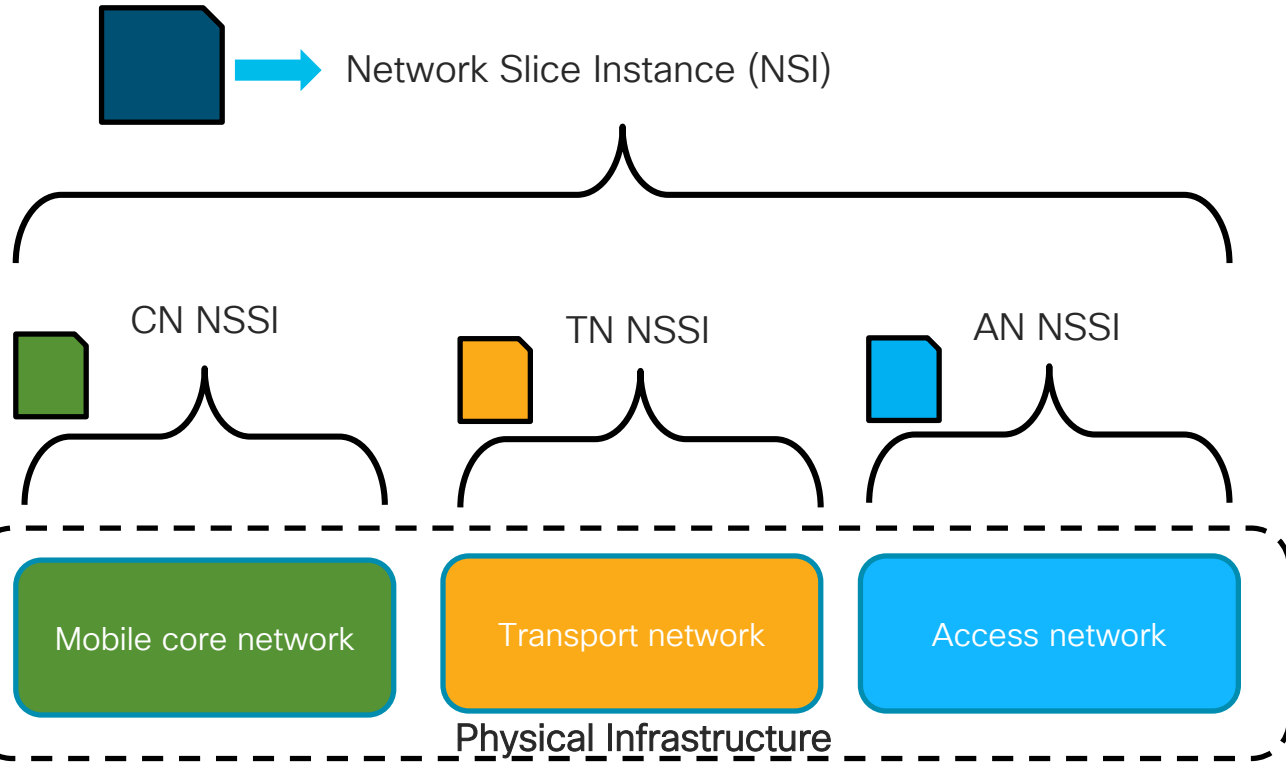
Slices are logically separated core-networks

- Dedicated networks
- Multiple slices per UE (max 8)
  - AMF/NSSF per UE
  - NF per slice (i.e.: SMF/UPF/PCF)

# Key Concept & Slice Terminology defined by 3GPP

## Network Slice Instance, Network Slice template, Network Slice Subnet Instance

A slice can be:  
1:1:1 (Radio/Core/Transport)  
1:n:m (Radio/Core/Transport)



Network Slice Template (NST)

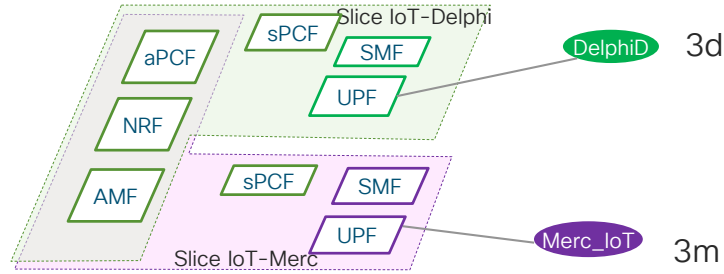
Network Subnet Slice Templates (NSST)

Multiple NSSIs per NSI  
NSSI CAN BE CASCADED

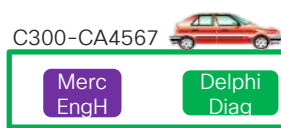
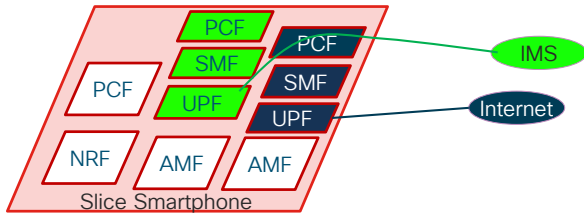
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## Slice Topology and Slice IDs

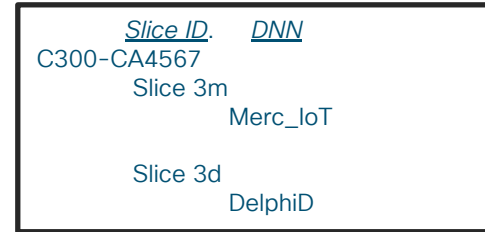
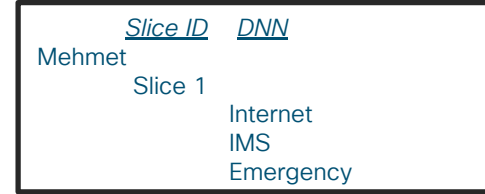
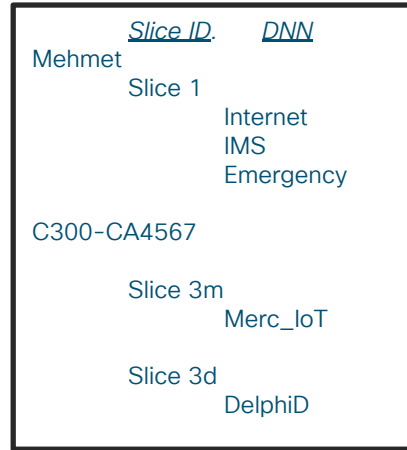
IoT



eMBB



UDM

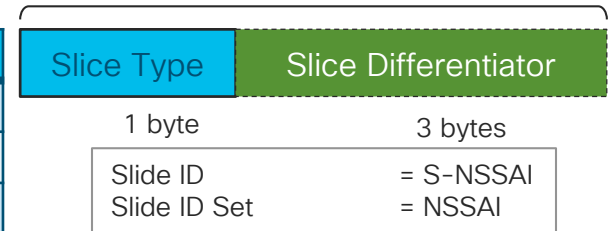


Subscribed Slice IDs

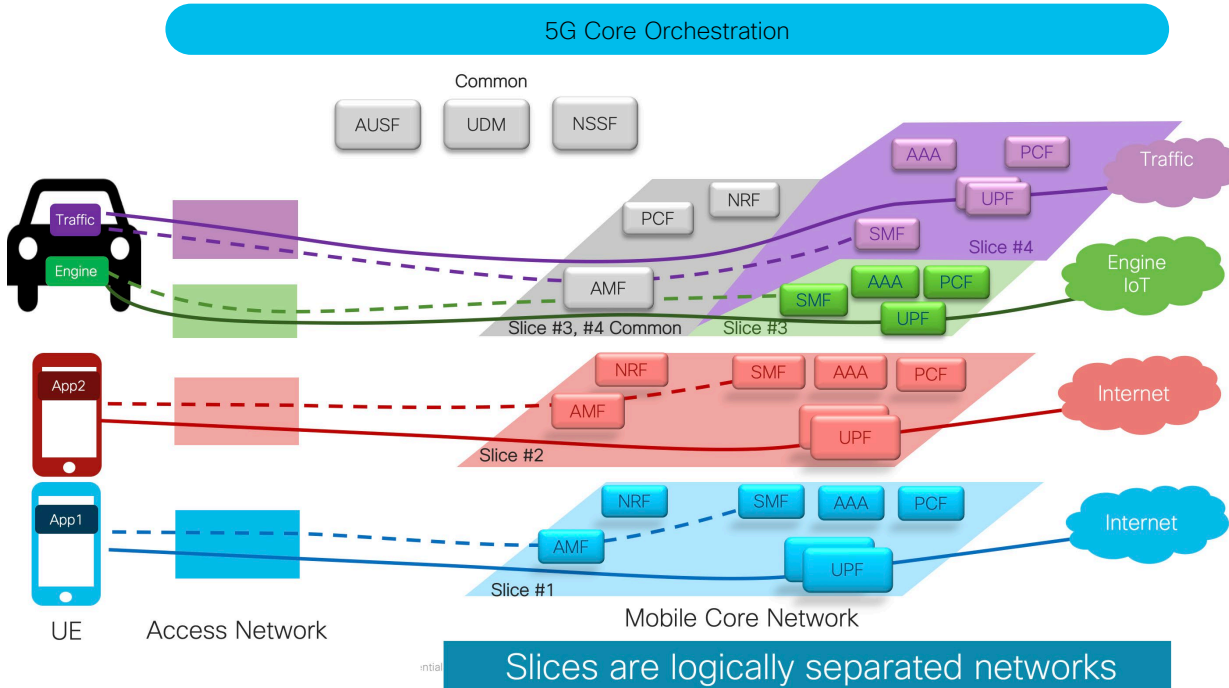
Configured Slice IDs

1

Slice Type	Value
eMBB	1
URLLC	2
mIoT	3



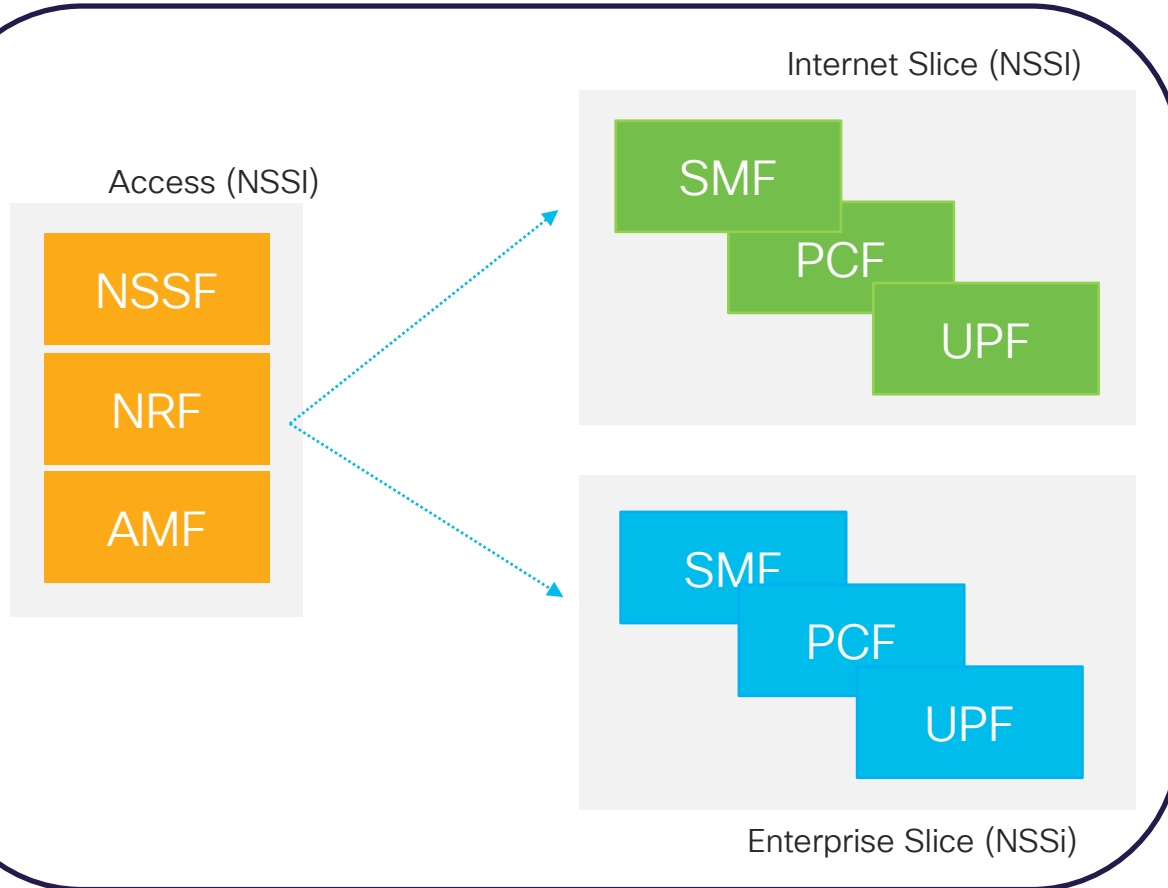
# Cisco Network Slicing for 5G core Network



- Leverage VNF and CNF to disaggregate Control Plan from User Plan to distribute and Scale 5 Core Functions.
- Implement the NSI, NSSI for Slice isolation.
- Use the NSSAI in conjunction with the AMF and NSSF for the slice selection ( 8 slices per UE )
- Slice Management Authentication
- Dedicated UPFs per slice
- An Orchestration Layer to create, deploy, configure, modify, scale delete Slices

# Slice - Associating Internet, Enterprise & IMS

Slice (NSI)



Slice-1 (1,1), Slice-2 (2,2), Slice-3 (3,3)



SST = 1, SD = 1



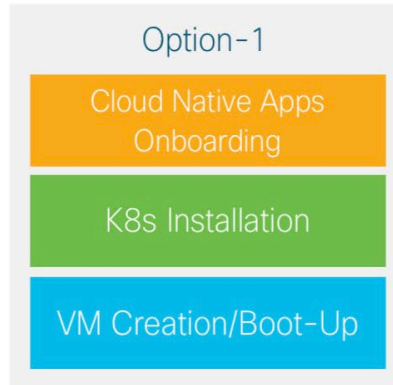
SST = 2, SD = 2

NRF at this point has NF's from different slices registered in its database and can route calls based on the slice type and slice differentiator

# Cloud Native Applications

## - deployment Models

### Virtual Machines



#### Option-1 (Virtual Machines)

- NSO can deploy VM's
- Convert them into a K8s Cluster
- Onboard Cloud Native Apps

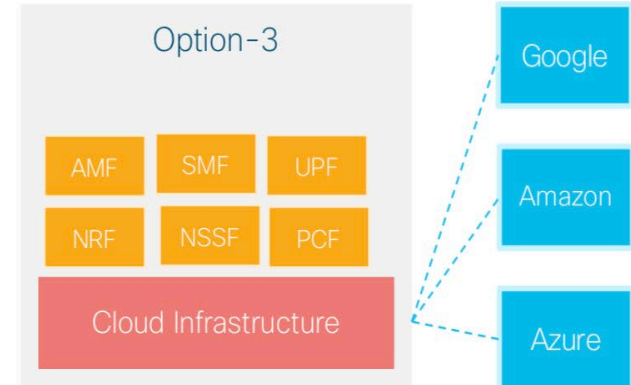
### Bare Metal



#### Option-2 (Bare Metal)

- Infrastructure available already
- Onboard Cloud Native Apps

### Public Cloud

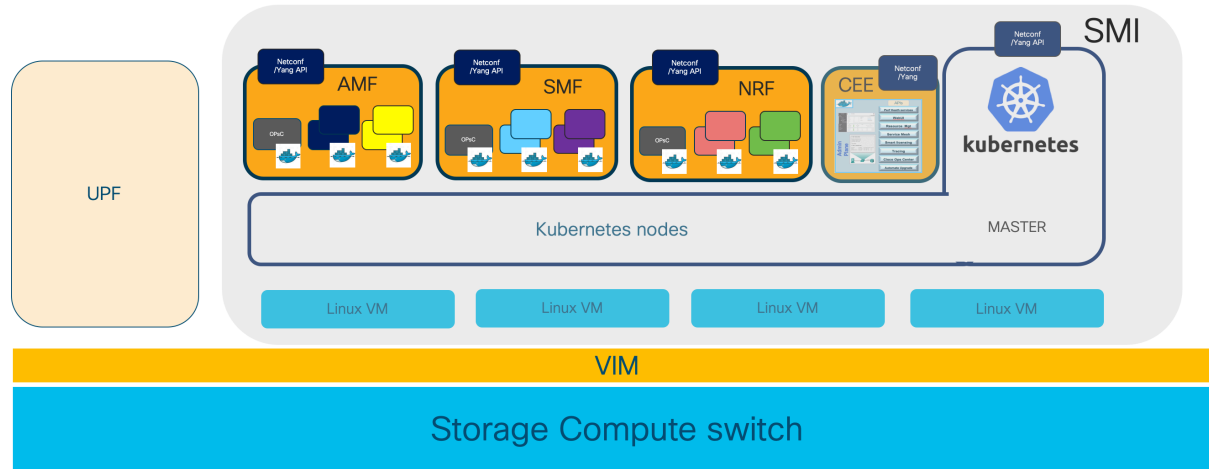


#### Option-3 (Cloud)

- Infrastructure available already
- Onboard Cloud Native Apps

# Cisco 5G Ultra Cloud Platform

## Components and Cloud Native model



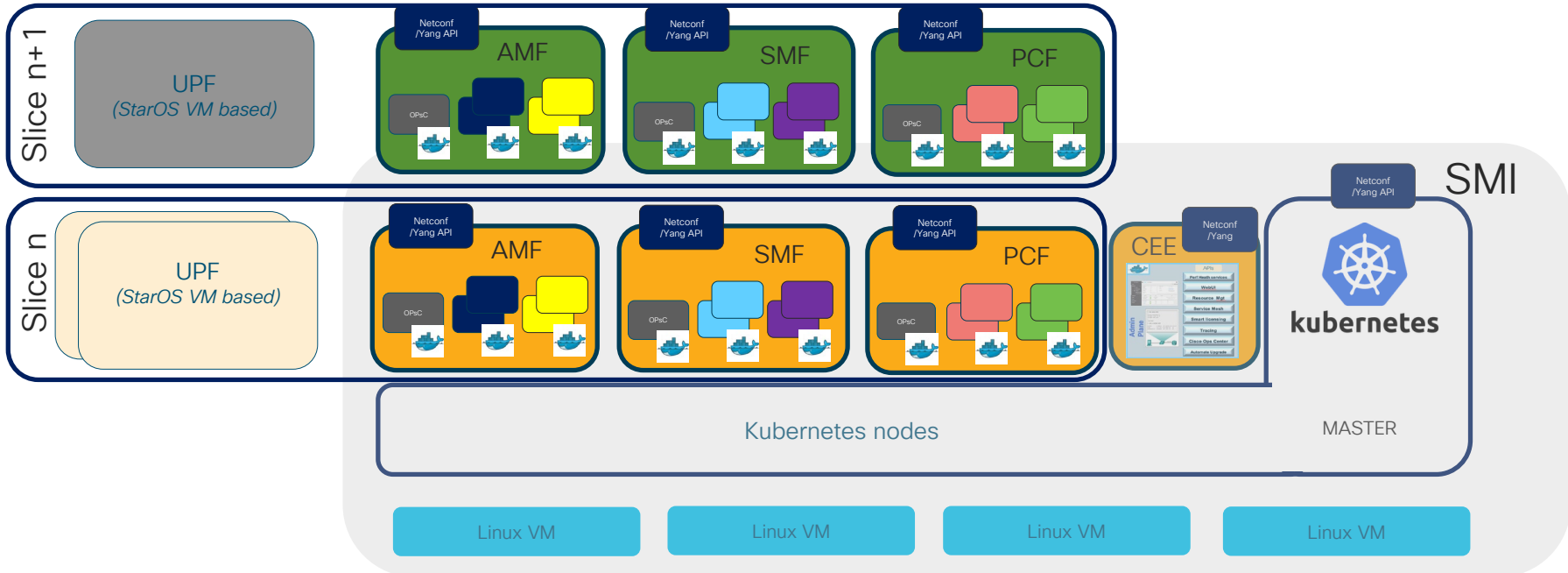
*A cloud native NF is set of container define in  
Microservice with lifecycle Managed by K8*

## Cisco 5G Ultra Cloud Platform

- Run on a Vm  
(Openstack/Vmware)
- Offer a Cloud infra based on K8 name SMI with a common Execution engine to operate the cisco 5G NFs
- An optimized UPF based on VM leveraging the \$G CUPs Model

# Cisco 5G Ultra Cloud Platform

## Slicing sample



VIM

Storage Compute switch



# 5G Core Slice- Instantiation and configuration

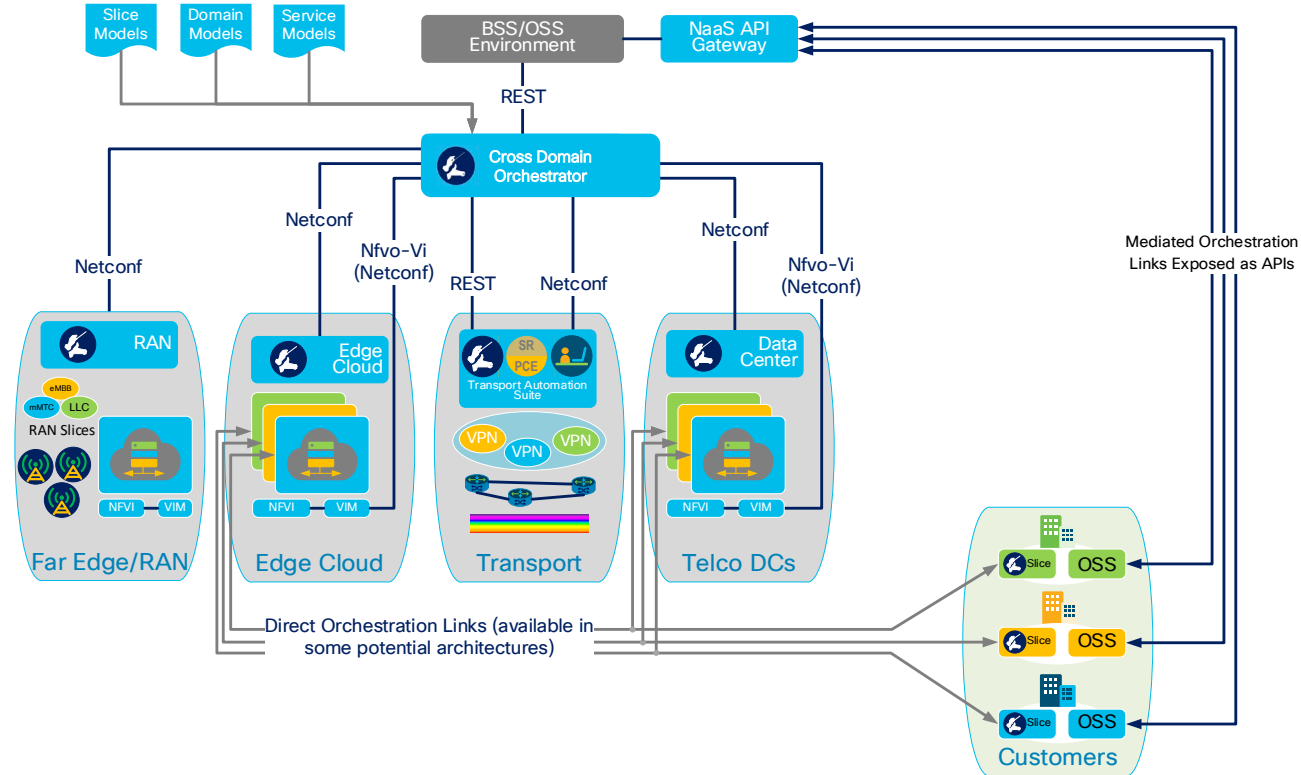
# Cisco 5G Slicing automation

## End to End Automation a Multi-Domain challenge

Efficient E2E orchestrator need to consumes:

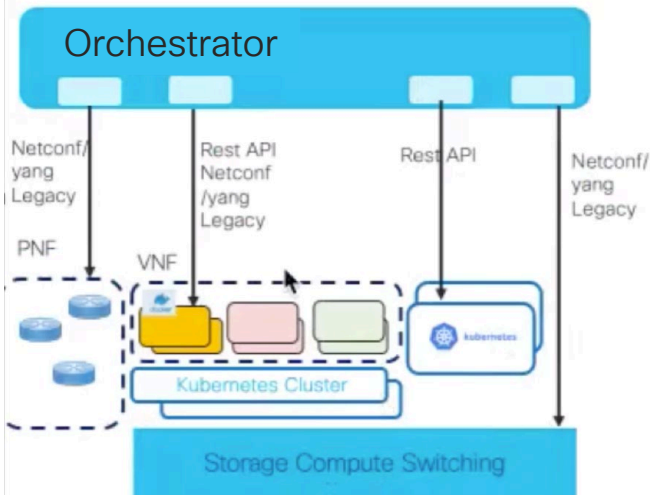
- Abstracted models of multiple domains
- Flexible Slice & Sub-Slice definition & models
- Slice/Service Intent that can be instantiated, updated, deleted on demand

Efficient E2E orchestrator need to orchestrate multiple domain and separating the CFS from the RFS using a unique modeling language.

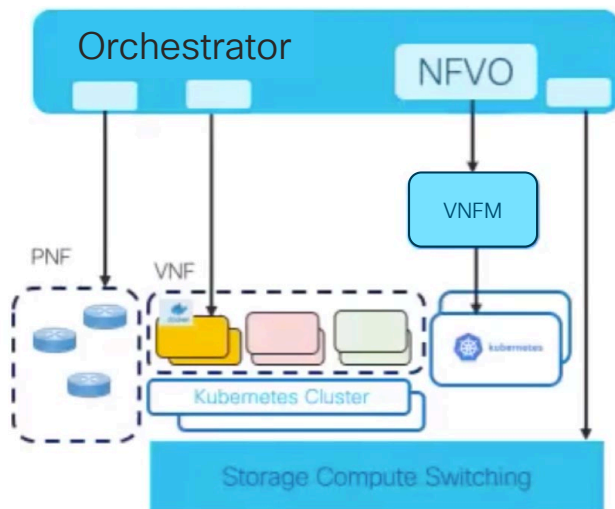


# Cloud Native VNF Orchestration Model with a Mano orchestration stack

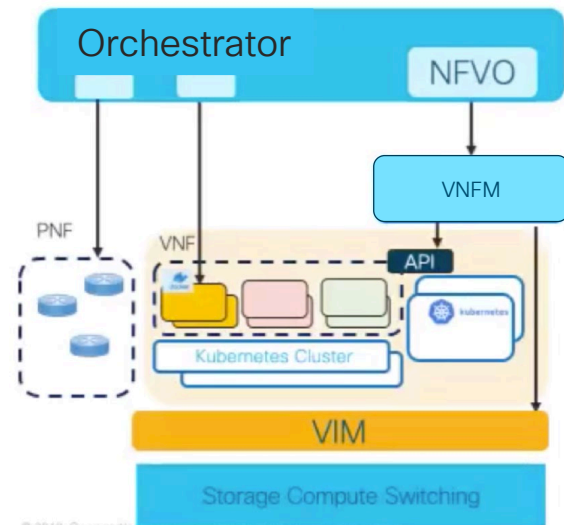
Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



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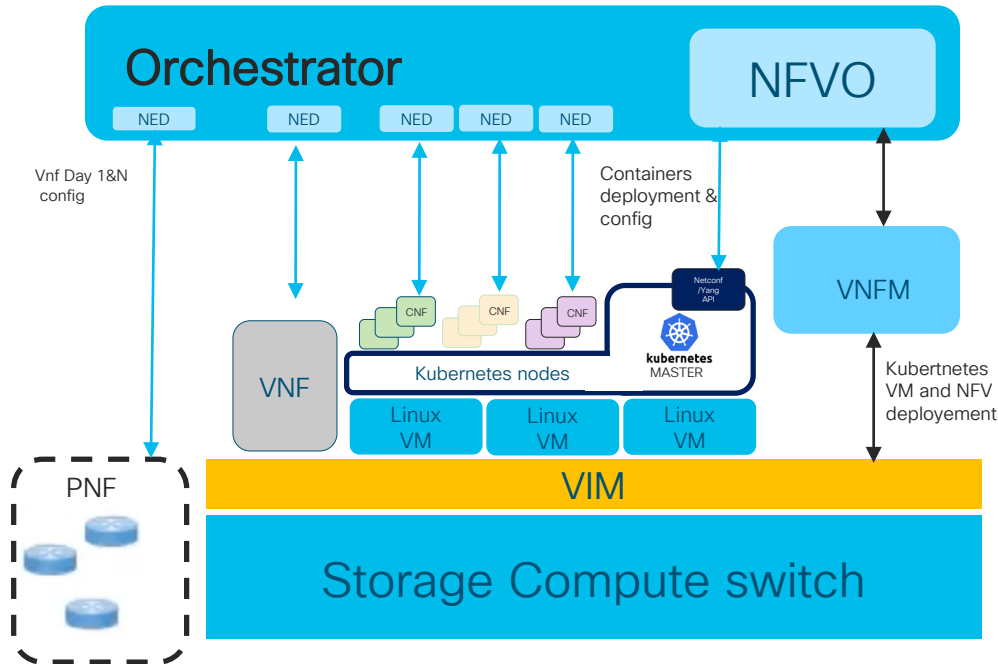
Bare Metal with direct integration between the NFVO and K8

Bare Metal with VNFM integration with K8

Hybrid cloud native and VM with NFVO integration to K8

# Cisco 5G Core configuration & deployment

## 5G Cloud Native & Virtual Packet core Domain Orchestration



### Service and VNF Design and Onboarding

- VNF Onboarding based on standard VNFD (Tosca/Yang)
- NSD Designer and Model driven SDN definition
- VNF and NSD Catalogue

### VNF Instantiation & Life Cycle Management

- Create & Manage VNF a NSD info
- Generic VNF for VNF life cycle Management ( Instantiate day0 config , scale in & out)

### Slice / Services/ VNFs configuration

- Day1 & N VNF Configuration
- Network transport Day1 & N Config
- Network transport optimization

### Automate Service Assurance

- Automate VNF Slice onboarding in the Assurance
- Enrich Assurance system with Slice and Service details
- Automate remediation based on Assurance trigger



# 5G Core NF and Slice Creation

- Deploy, Install, Configure and Execute

## Orchestrator flow

### Deploy VM's on Openstack

- VNFD Model Definition
  - VM image
  - VM Flavor
  - VM Networks
  - IP Design

### Install K8s cluster

- Cluster Model Definition
- Assign K8s Roles
- Master and Minions

### Instantiate 5G Slices/NF

Create NSI & NSSI For Each NF

NSSI is build and instantiate base on the VNFD build NSST

- Define repository for each application in the slice
- Define key parameters for to convert into working configuration
- Inject day-1 configuration into each application

### Configure 5G Slices/NF

Base on the NSD /NSI build the NF DAY 1/ DAY N config

- For each NF create Slice config and apply

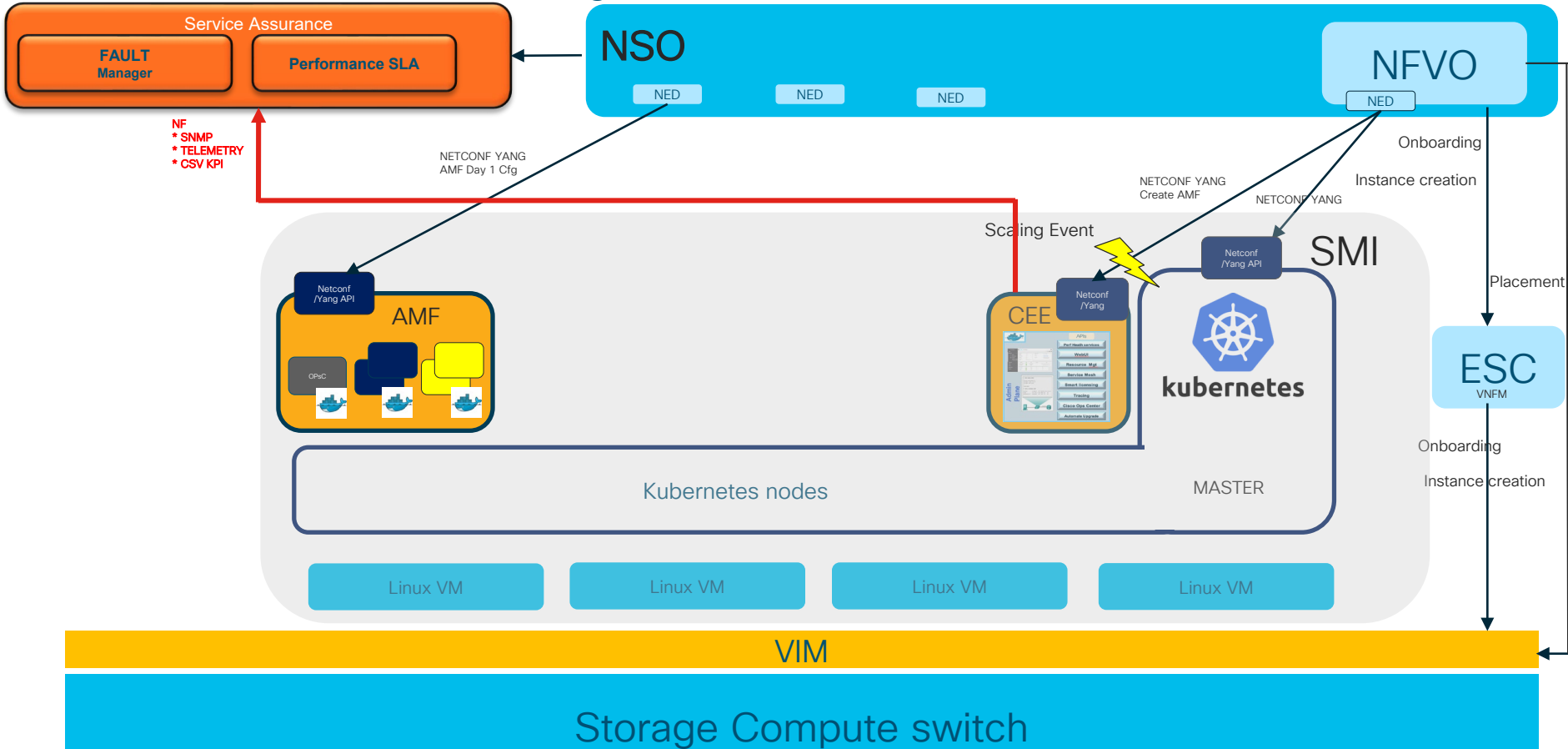
# Cisco 5G Ultra Cloud Core Cloud

-Infra Instantiation & onboarding



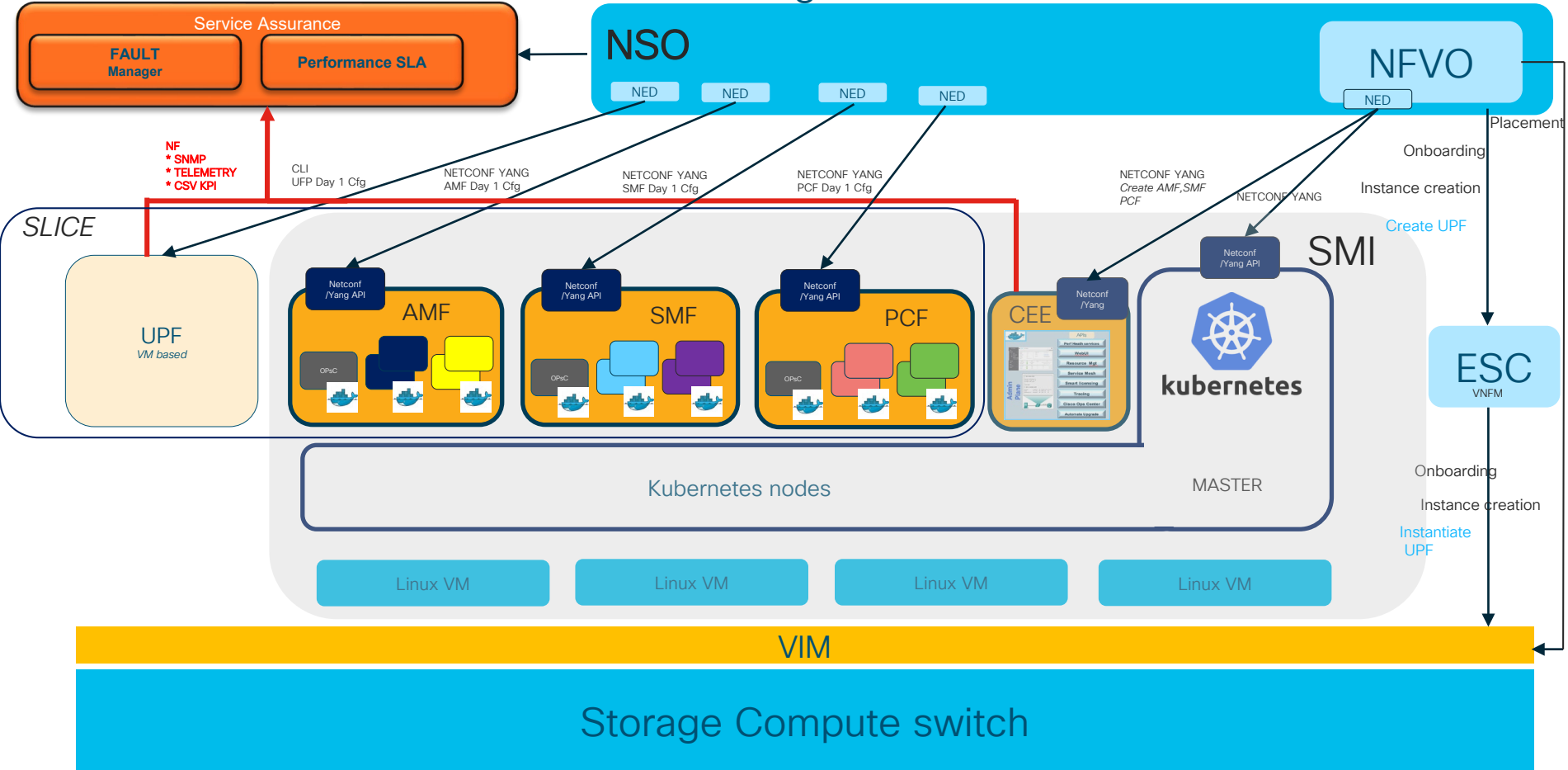
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-NF instantiation and Scaling



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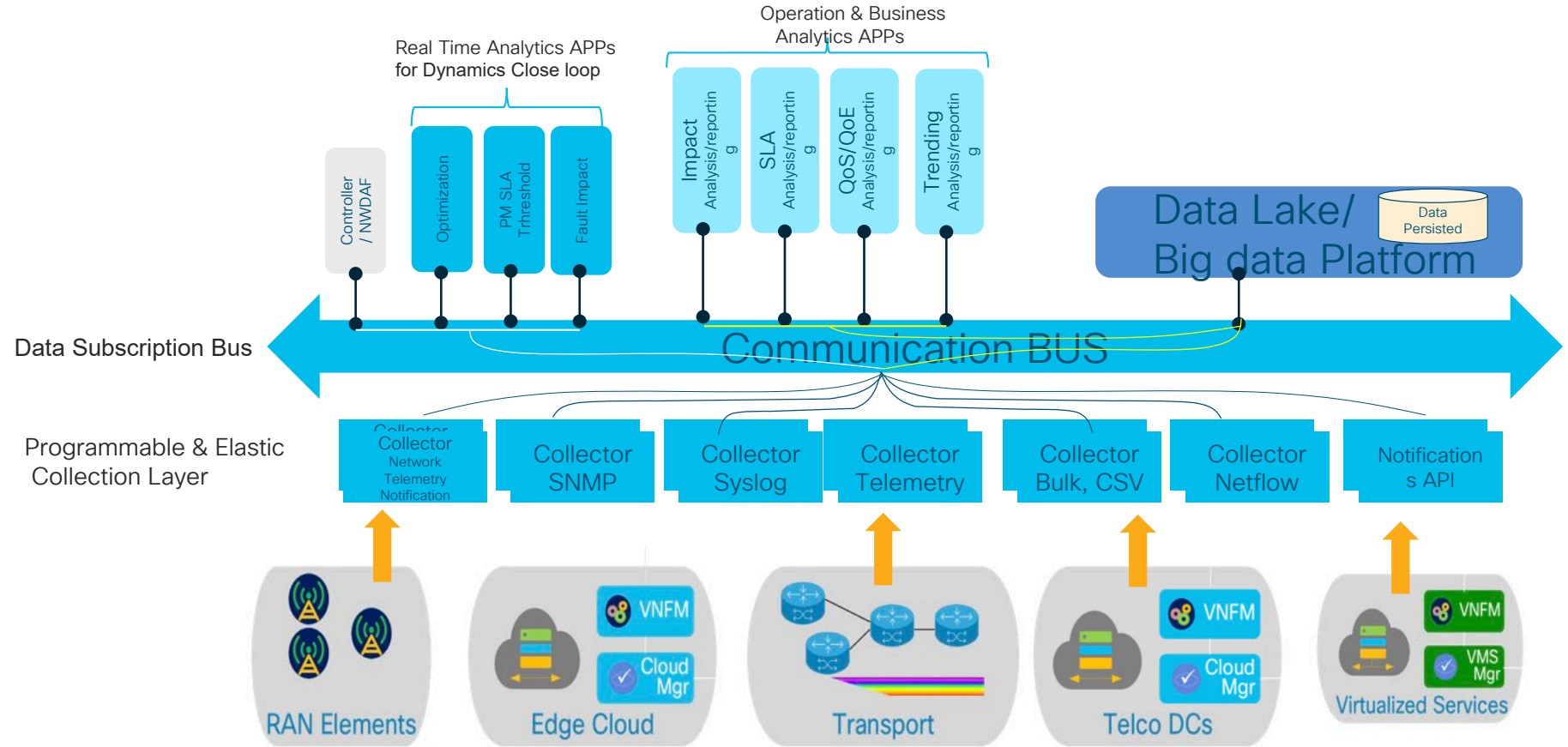
-5G Core Slice instantiation and Scaling





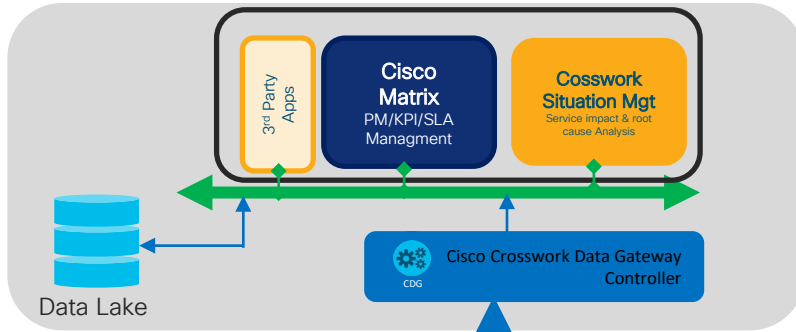
# 5G Core Slice - Service Assurance and SLA

# Cisco 5G Slicing SLA & Operation Service Assurance SLA Management Architecture

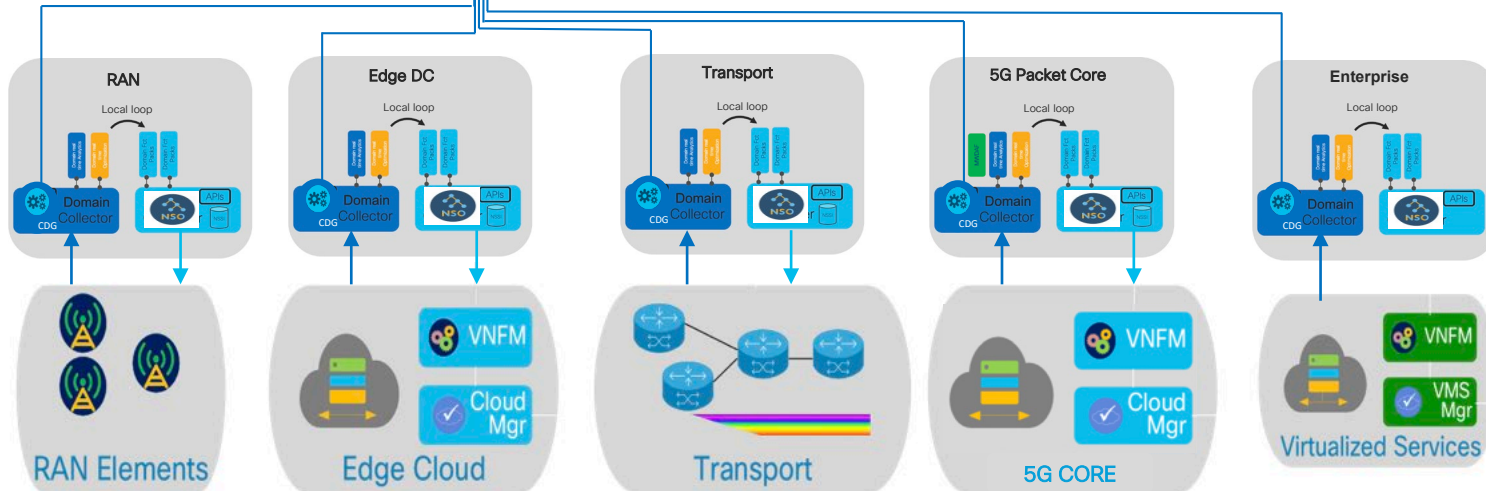


# 5G Slicing Automation & Operation

## Cisco Service Assurance SLA Management Blueprint Architecture & Products

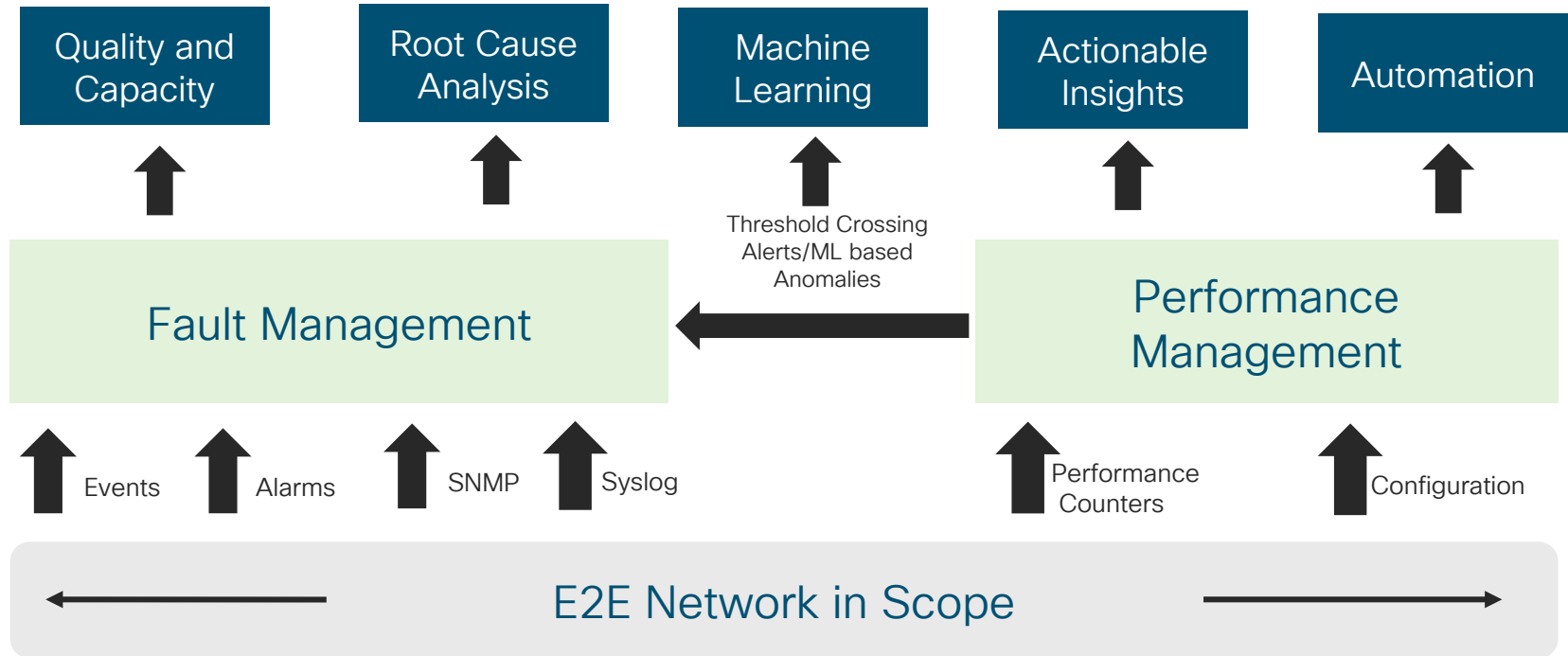


EtoE SLA Services  
Impact & Business  
Analytics APPs



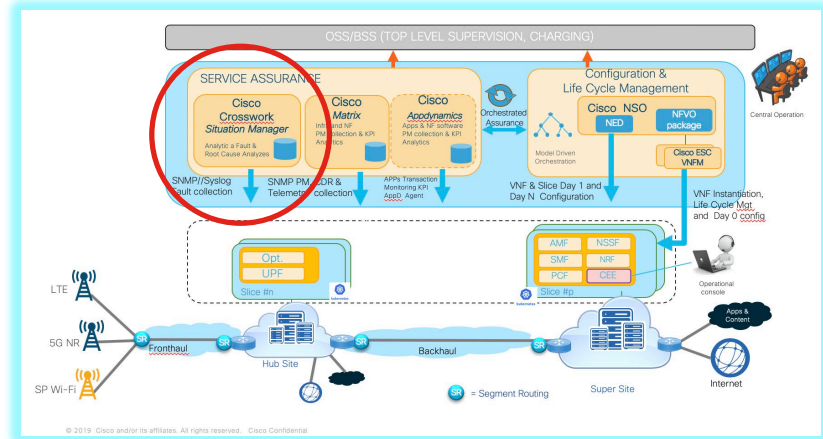
Real Time Assurance  
Analytics APPs  
for Dynamics Close loop

# Cisco Service Assurance Solution

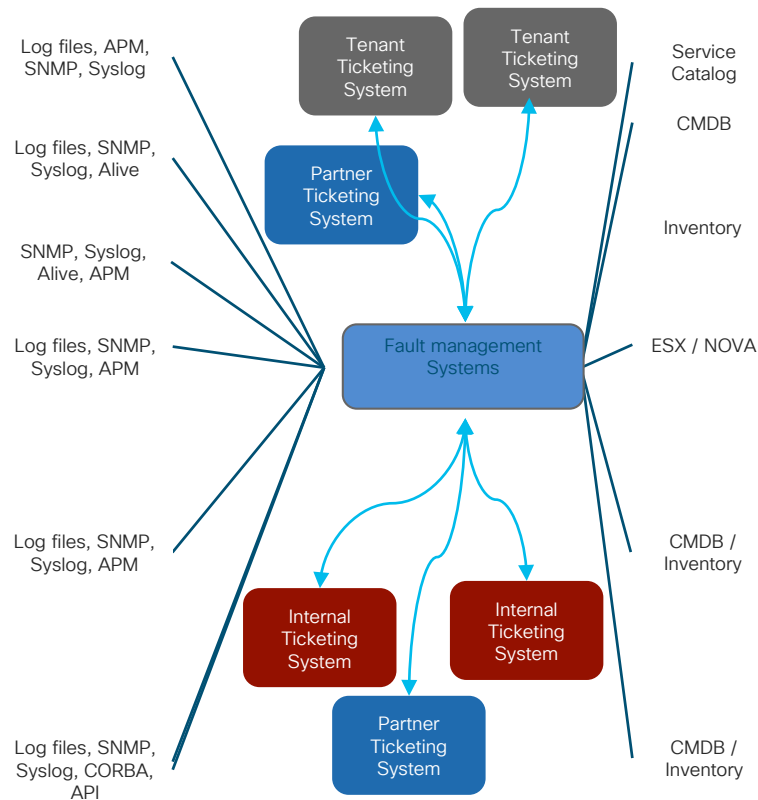
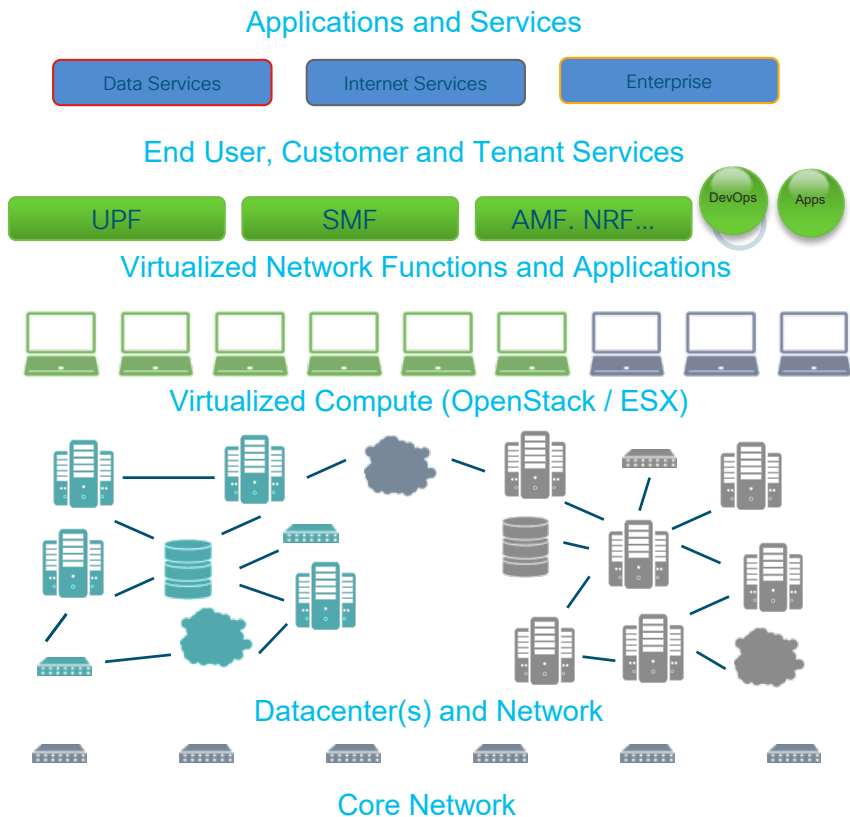


# Cisco 5G Core - Operation & Management Service Assurance

## Fault, Impact Analyze & Root Cause

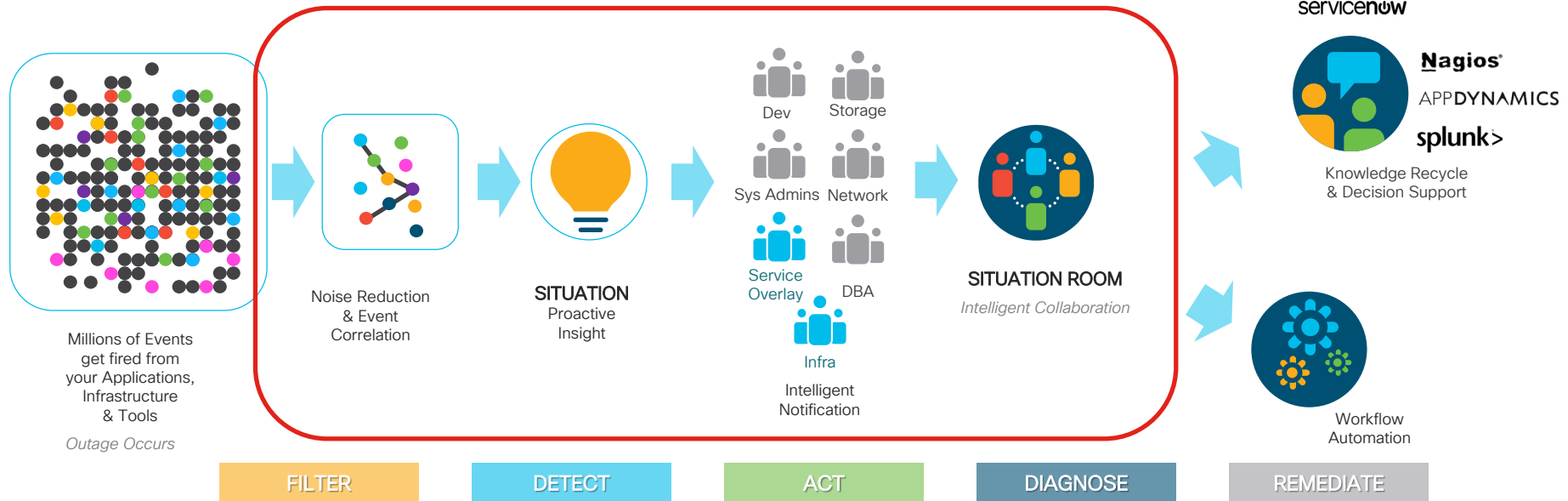
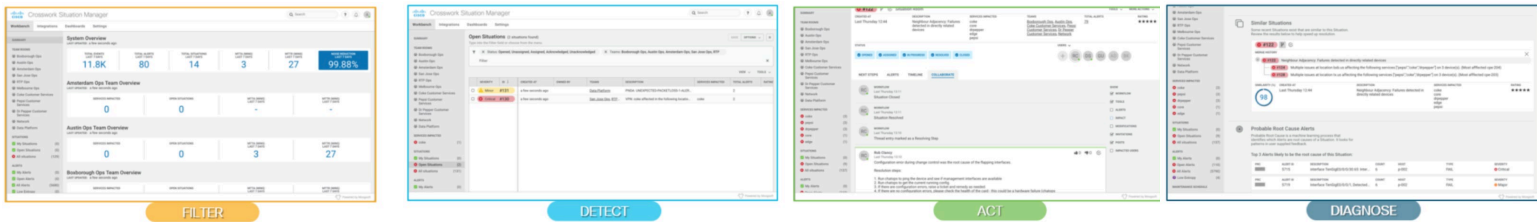


# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Fault Management Challenges and Requirements



# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Fault Management

## How Cisco is addressing it ?

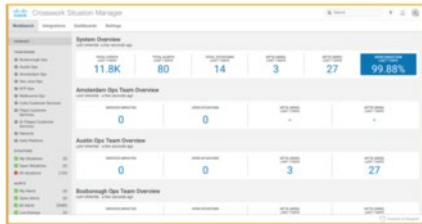


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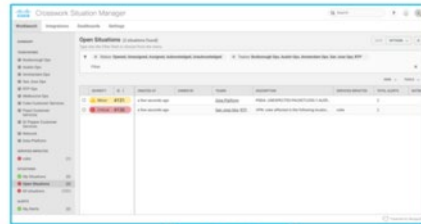
## Cisco Crosswork Situation Manager a way to address the challenge



FILTER
DETECT
ACT
DIAGNOSE
REMEDATE



FILTER



DETECT



ACT



DIAGNOSE

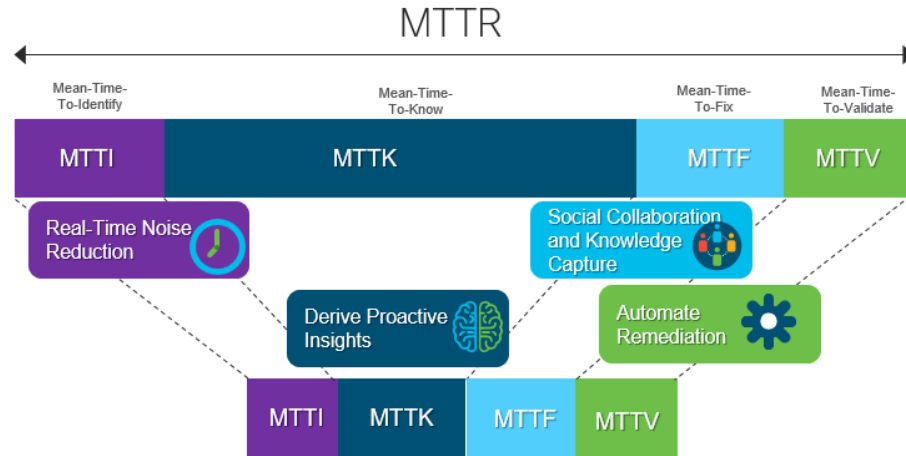
CrossWork Situation Manager is Analytic fault correlation and alarm impact Solution.

- Collect Faults form virtual Infra and Physical Network.
- Filter deduplicate alarms & define Situations/patents
- Enrichment Situation base on Operator experience & Knowledge
- Situation triggers automation or other APPs and healthcare systems



# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Fault Management

## Crosswork Situation Manager- Coverage & Key Function Benefits



### Real-Time Noise Reduction

- Compute significance rankings
- De-duplicate events from the event stream
- Identify events of interest and roll up alerts

### Derive Proactive Insight

- Real-time Situation Detection
- Add critical context to the event stream: Enrichment, Labeling, Timeline

### Social Collaboration & Knowledge Recycle

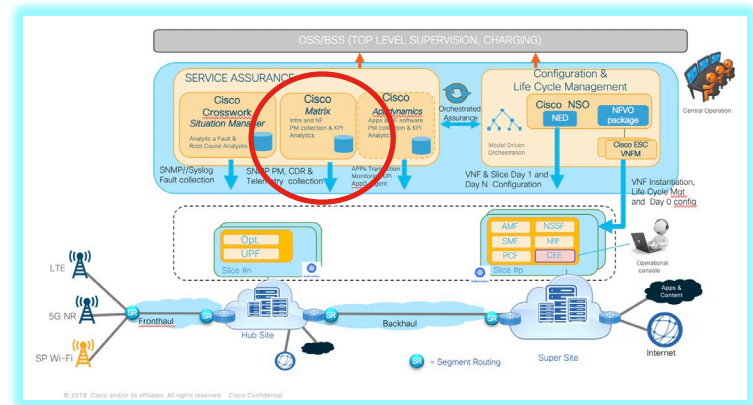
- Intelligent Notification
- Social Collaboration through Situation Room
- Knowledge Base Recycle for faster diagnose
- Neural Operator Feedback

### Automate Remediation

- Service Desk Automation
- Monitoring Automation
- Run Book Automation

# Cisco 5G Core - Operation & Management Service Assurance

## Performance and SLA



# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Performance Management Challenges and Requirements

- Need Packaged and Customizable analytics to report network quality, capacity utilization across fixed-line and mobility services SLA report
- Uses Data & Decision Science, leveraging network- enhanced data telemetry

Performance  
Analysis

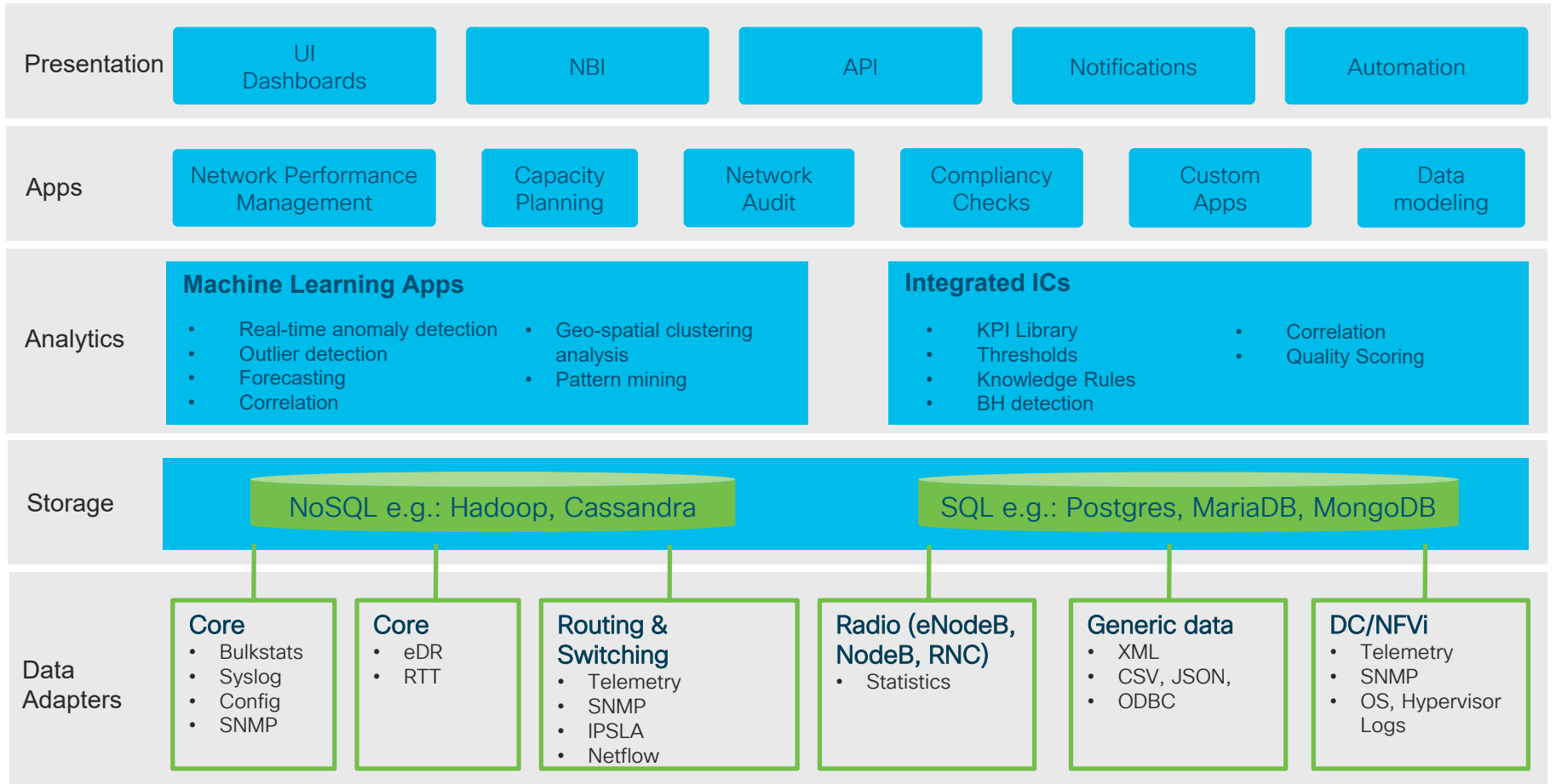
Capacity Analytics

Congestion Analysis

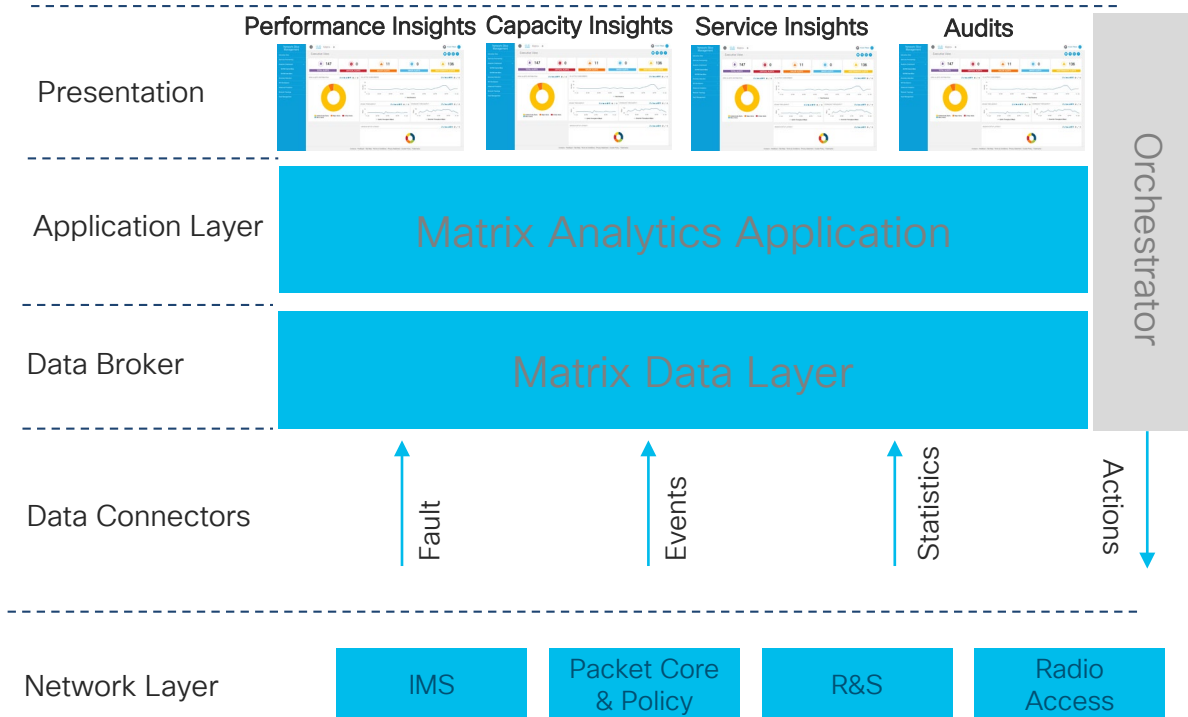


- Large Volume of Data and Data Source
- Telemetry streaming Bulkstats, Syslogs and SSDs from all StarOS VNFs

# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Performance Management – Analytics Framework



# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Performance Management – Cisco Matrix for Mobility Network Analytics



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## Solution

### Network Insight Package

- Top offenders /performer analysis by time frame
- Accessibility, Mobility, Integrity KPIs
- Network Health Scoring
- VoLTE, Data, Service Quality indicator
- Capacity Insights
- PCRF Application health analytics
- 4G/5G

### Audit Package

- Automated Network Performance Audit
- Automated Configuration Audit

### Machine Learning

- Anomaly Detection, Forecasting

### Automation/Orchestration integration

- Integrated with Cisco NSO .



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# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Performance Management – Cisco Matrix – *Technology Coverage & Key Features*

## Multi-data Source PM Collection

- Large set of Data Source: SNMP, Bulkstat, telemetry, netflow, API
- Multi-domain support; wifi, vPC, Switching, Compute, VIMs
- Vendor Agnostic and 3r party support

## Software Centric KPIs

- Catalogue of Pre-package KPIs list
- Flexible KPI Editor User defined KPIs operational in minutes

## Flexible GUI and Dashboard

- Real Time Monitoring
- KPIs reporting and Threshold Cross Alarming
- Network Traffic Pattern Anomaly visualization and detection
- Network Traffic Forecasting visualization

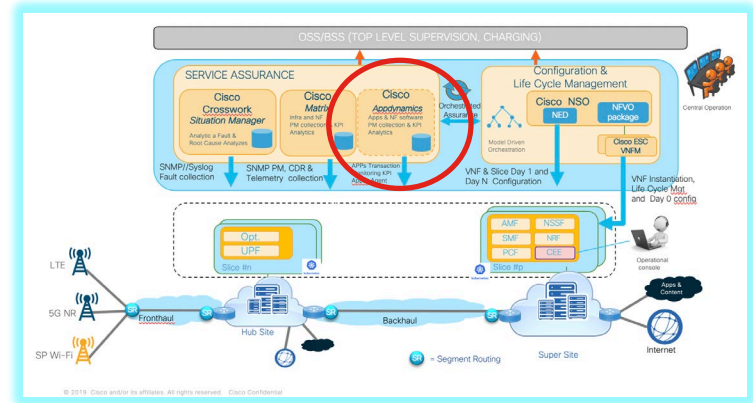
## Analytic & Machine Learning

- Network Traffic Pattern Anomaly modeling/definition
- Network Traffic Forecasting calculation
- Auto detect Incidents based on genuine faults.
- No false positives or duplicate faults.



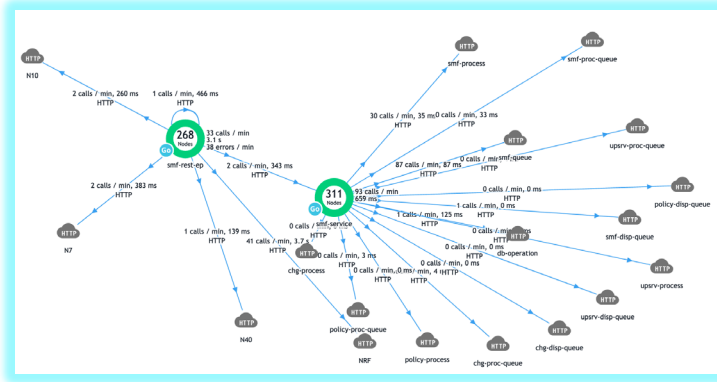
# Cisco 5G Core - Operation & Management Service Assurance

## Application & NF Monitoring



# 5G and Mobile Packet Core Cloud NF Monitoring

## Cisco Appdynamics – Coverage & Key Features



Application Transaction topology



KPIs Alarming Dashboard



Traffic Distribution Dashboard

### Application & Software Centric KPIs

- Catalogue of Pre-package KPIs list
- Graph and Monitor Application transaction
- Flexible KPI Editor User defined KPIs operational in minutes

### Flexible GUI and Dashboard for APPs Monitoring

- Applications, Microservice & container transaction topology view creation and PM monitoring
- Real Time Monitoring
- KPIs reporting and Threshold Cross Alarming
- Network Traffic Pattern Anomaly visualization and detection
- Network Traffic Forecasting visualization

### Analytic & Machine Learning

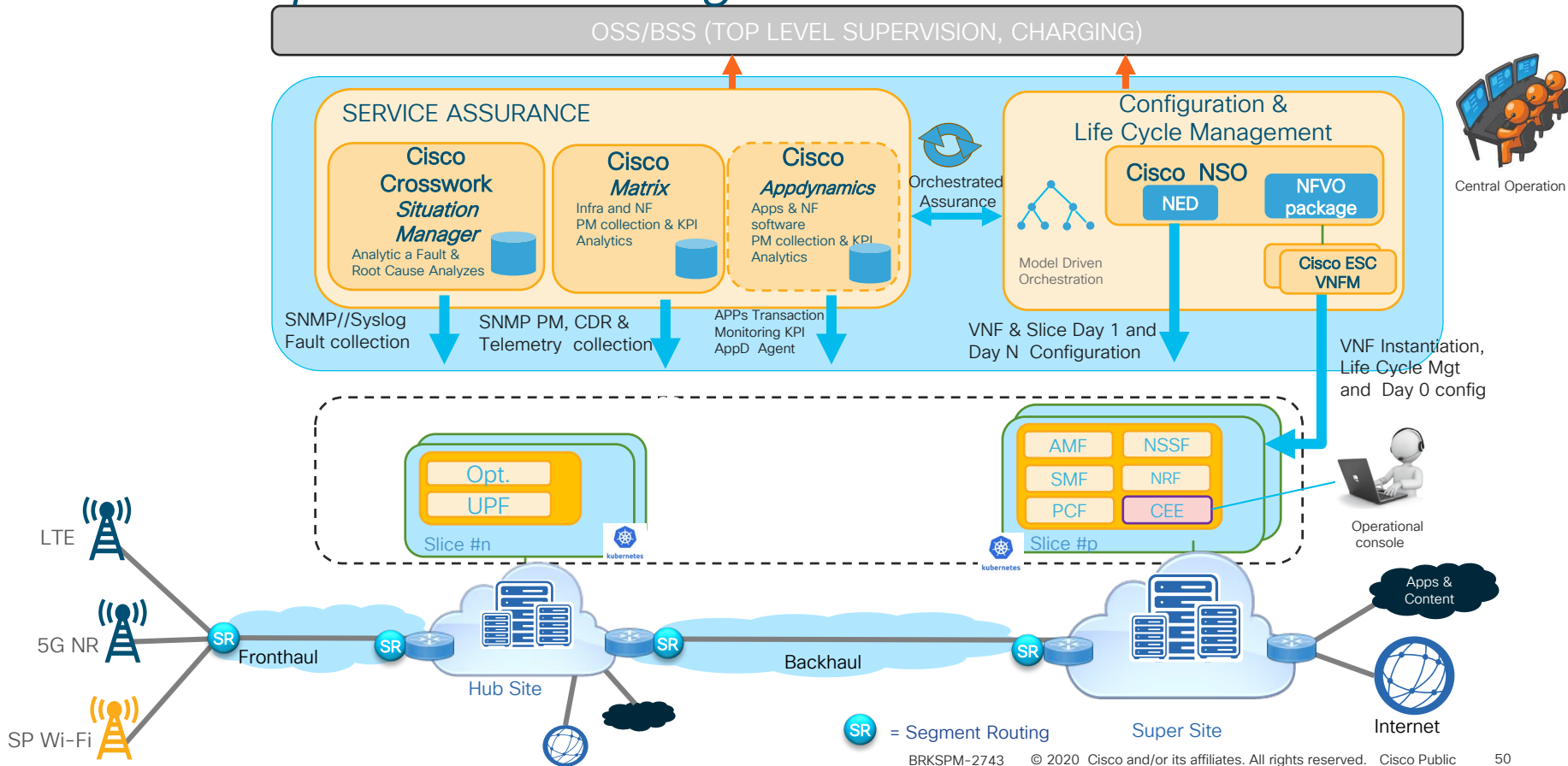
- Network Traffic Pattern Anomaly modeling/definition
- Auto detect Incidents based on genuine faults.
- No false positives or duplicate faults.



# Cisco 5G Core Slice- Orchestration & Service Assurance solution

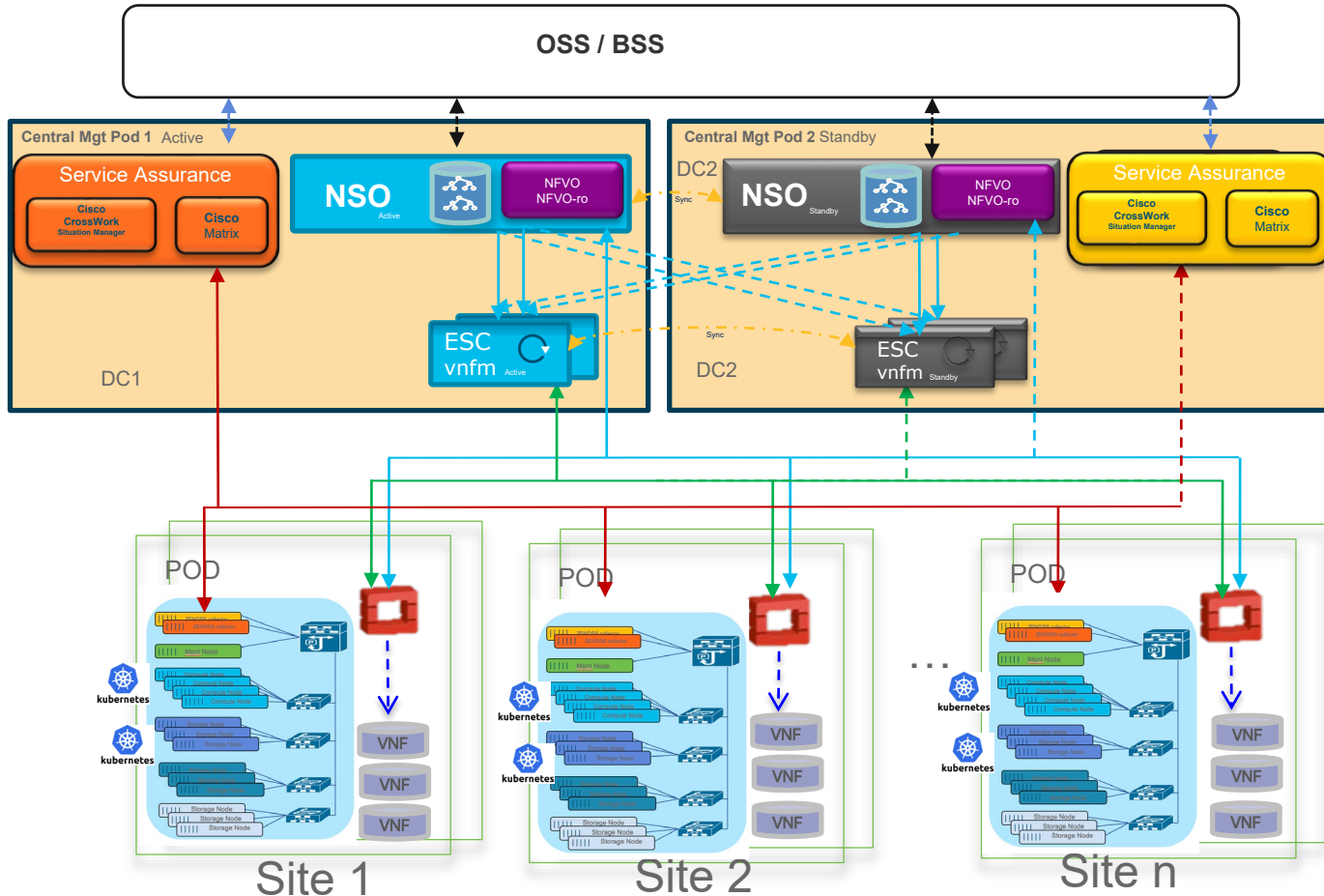
# Blueprint for 4-5G Mobile Core

## Central Operation & Management



# Cisco Management & Automation for Mobile Core

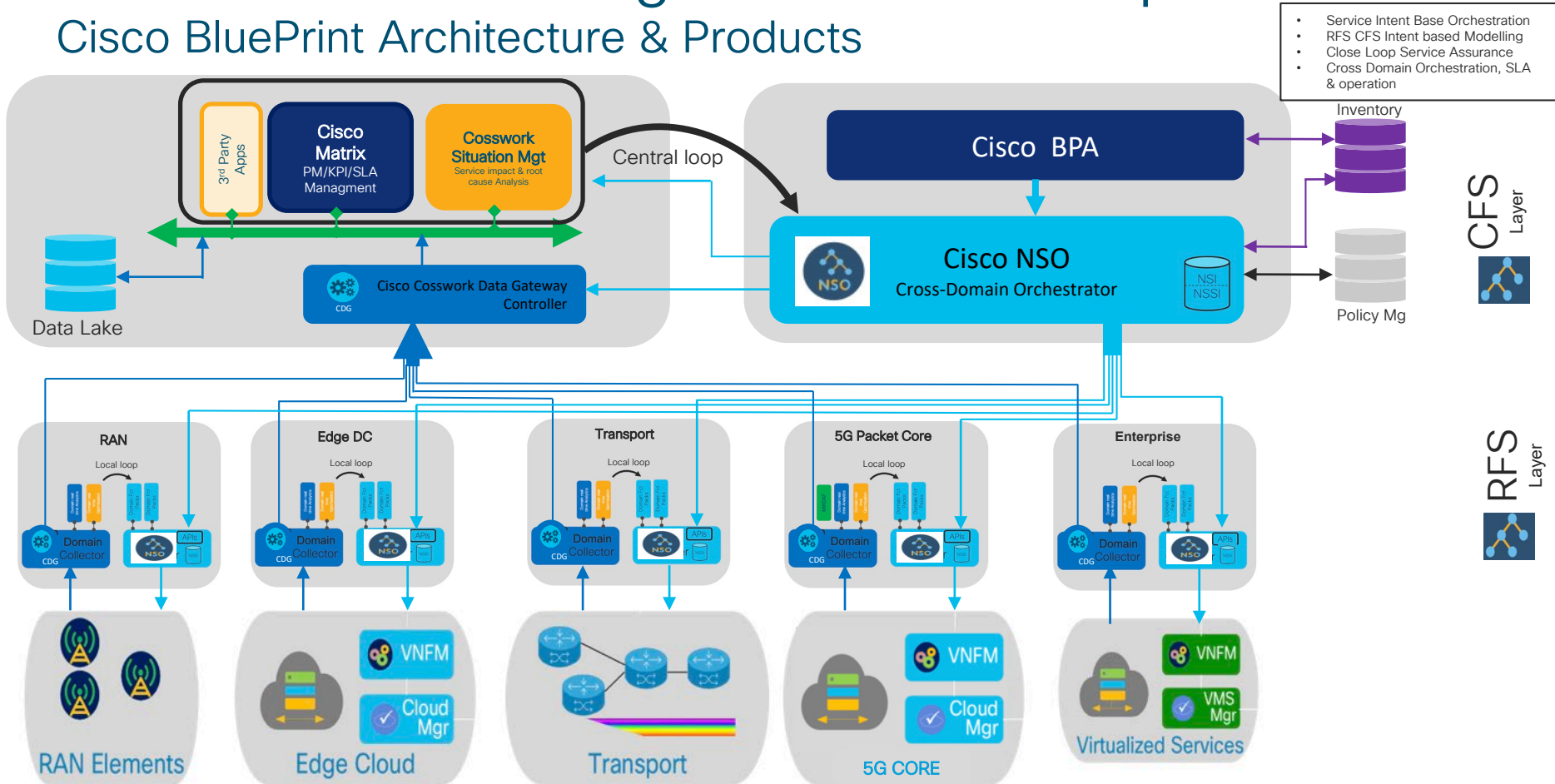
## deployment Architecture Blueprint



- Fully Redundant architecture for critical components
- Flexible Architecture - Can adapt Geo Deployment, Hierarchical split
- Inherent support for Massive horizontal Scale-out
- Replicable Building Blocks
- X86 based and Linux based
- Fully Virtualized Vmware Based

# 5G end to end Slicing Automation & Operation

## Cisco BluePrint Architecture & Products



# Cisco 5G Core NFV & Slice Orchestration

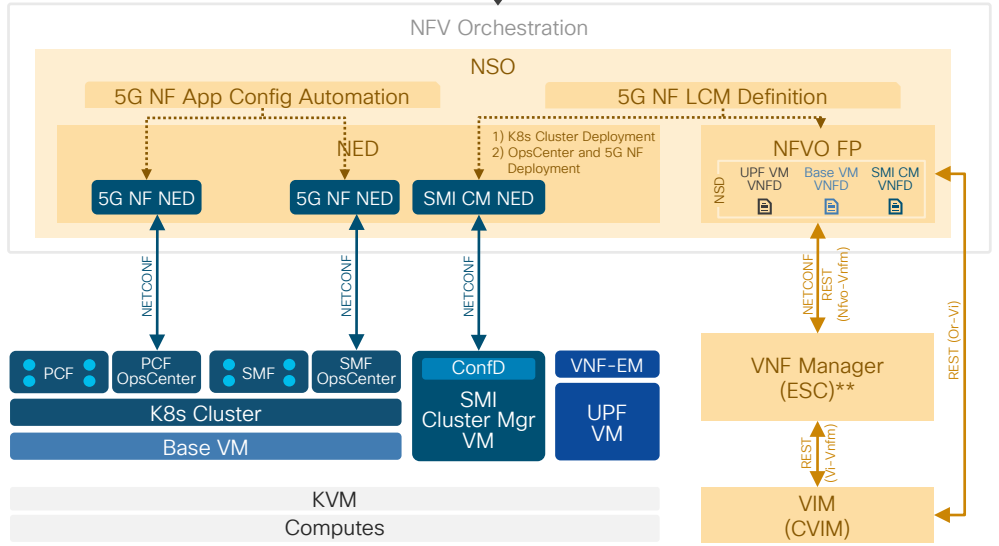
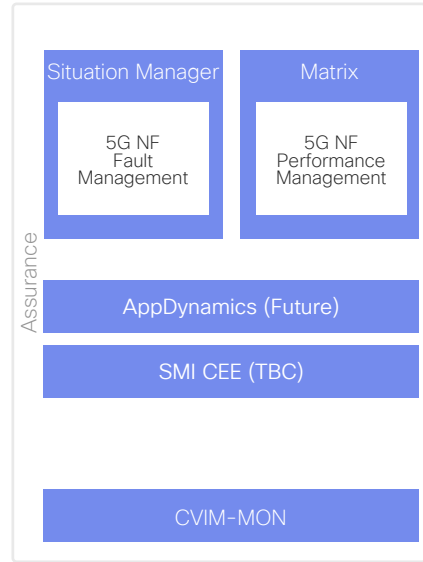
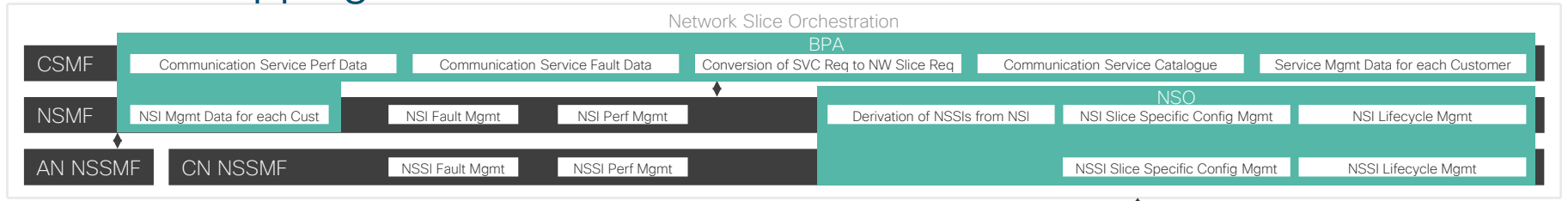
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3GPP-defined Network Slice Mgmt System

Cisco's 5G CNFs      Cisco's 5G VNF

Cisco's NFV Orch      Cisco's Assurance

Cisco's Mgmt and Orchestration Solution



\*\* ESC team is looking at ESC's abstracting CNF and VNF toward NFVO in Rakuten POC.

# Cisco 5G Core NFV & Slice Orchestration

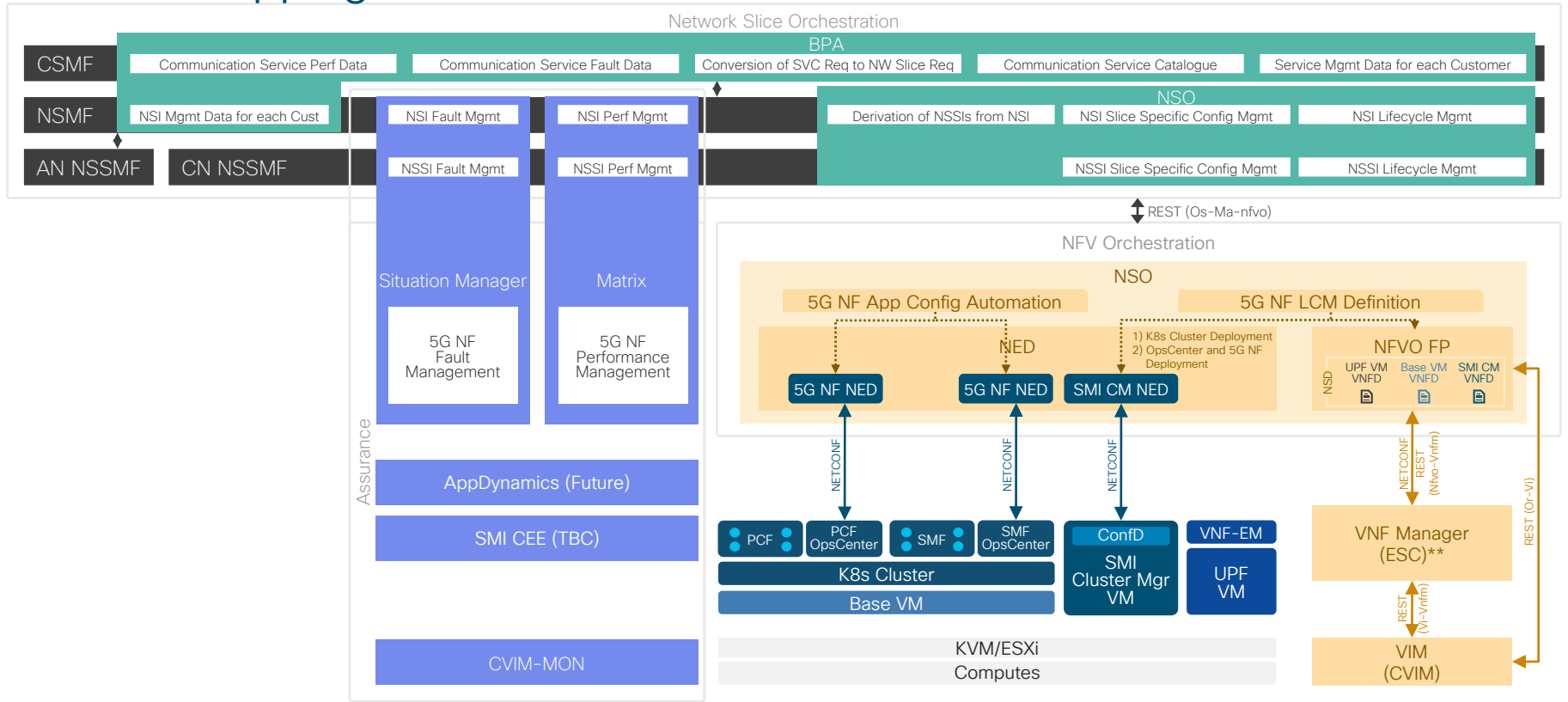
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# Conclusion

# 5G Network end to end Slicing

Network Slicing is fundamentally an end-to-end **partitioning of the network resources and network functions** so that selected applications/services/connections may **run in isolation** from each other **for a specific business purpose driven by the Orchestration capabilities**

End to End Orchestration

Ran Controller

Edge DC Controller

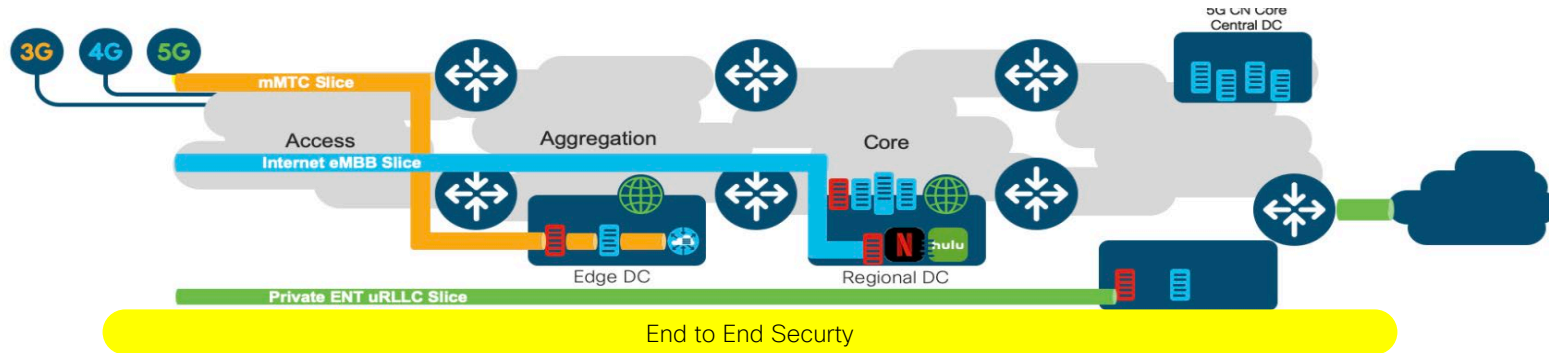
Transport Controller

Telco DC Controller

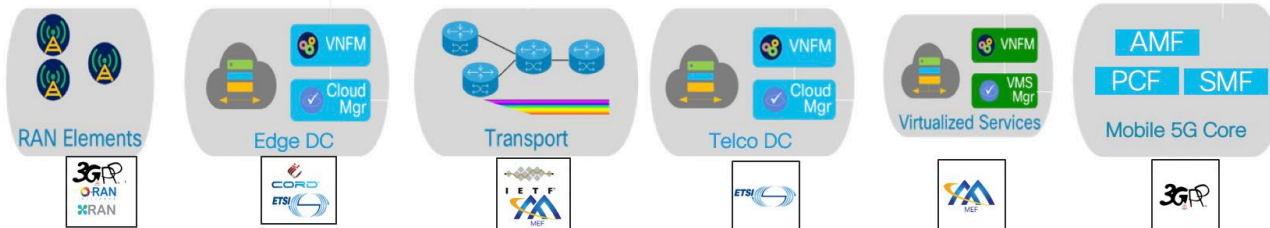
SD-Wan Controller

Mobile core Controller

Orchestration offering Network as a Service



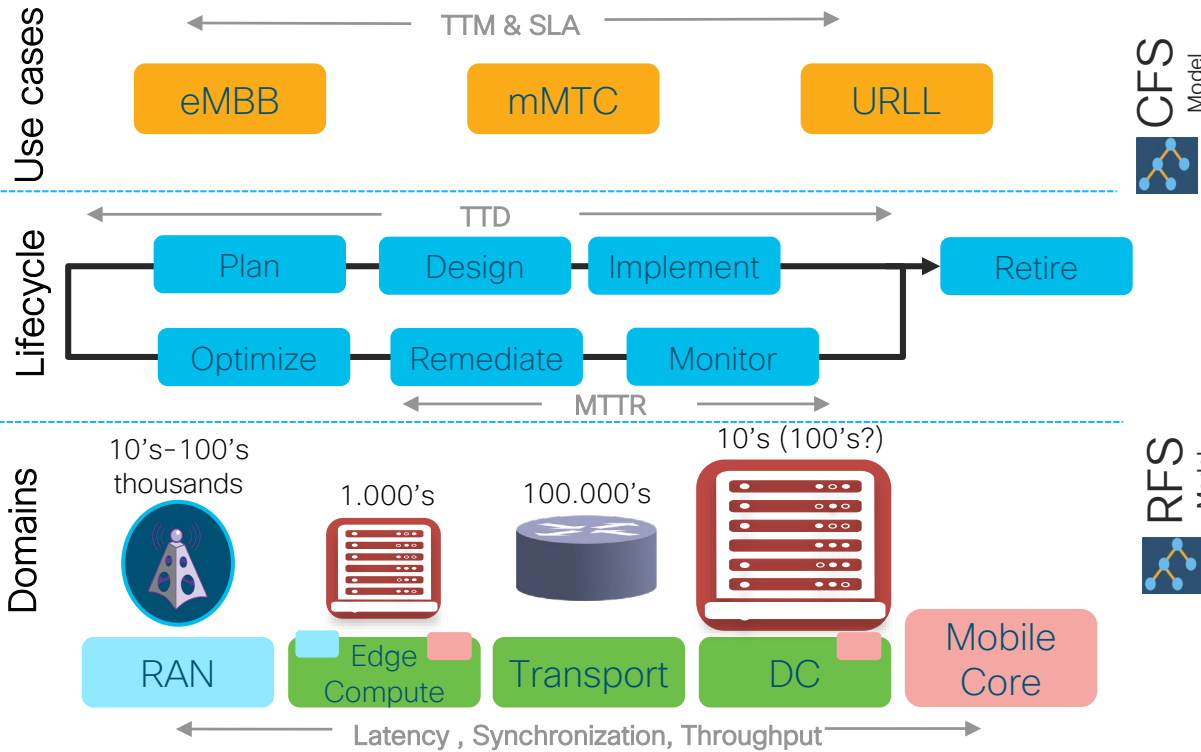
Control / User Plane Separation, Distributed physical & Virtual Fct Based on Slice attributes, Service isolation and security



Cross Domain Service based on Multiple standard

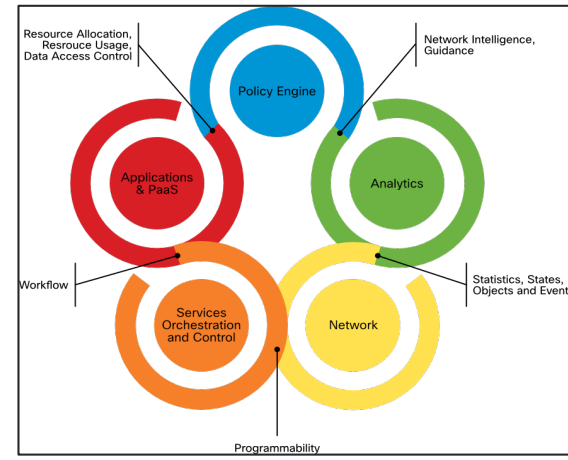


# 5G End to End and 5G core Slicing Orchestration Requirements

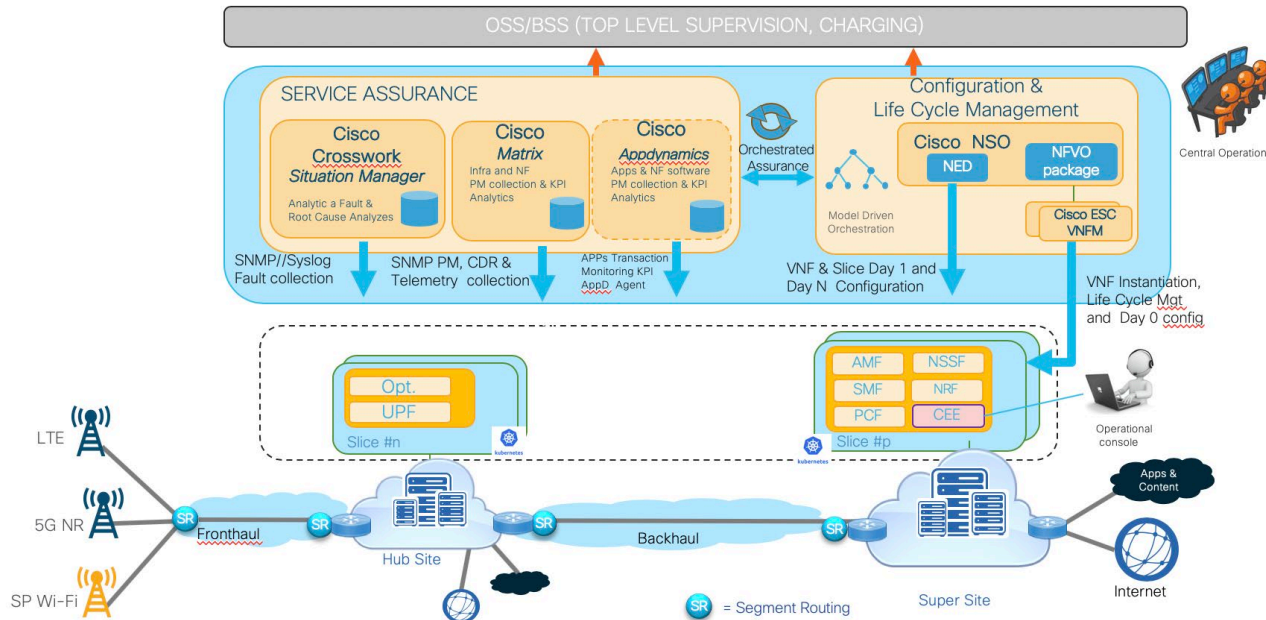


- Service Intent Base Orchestration
- RFS CFS Intent based Modelling
- Close Loop Service Assurance
- Cross Domain Orchestration, SLA & operation

## Capabilities



# Cisco Operation & Management for Mobile Core a modular Architecture design to cover the entire lifecycle



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- Modular architecture for Central, local and remote operation
- Model driven design for declarative NFV orchestration
- Supports VM and Cloud Native VNFs
- Design to support the Full VNFs life cycle including Upgrade
- Supports Cisco and 3rd party VNFs
- Supports Day 1-2 & Day N VNF Configuration
- Provides Performance and KPI Analytics for Mobile Packet core, Infra and Applications
- Integrates Fault analytic for a Mobile Packet core, Infra, application fault detection & correlation for VNF/CNF and PNF



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End to END 5G Slicing Demo  
5G packet Core demo



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