Dynamic Orchestration & Operation of Chained Network Services

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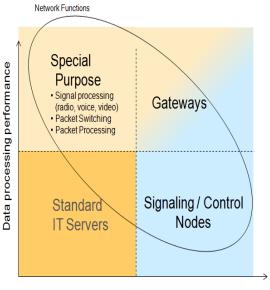


Agenda

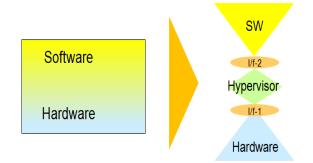
- SFC
- Orchestration and Operation
- Architecture & Solution
- Summary



Key challenges in Network Function Virtualization



Real-time signaling for massively parallel sessions



Performance & Reliability Vs Hardware Costs

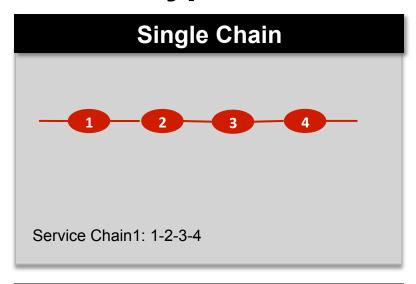
- General Purpose Processor vs Special-purpose HW
- Parallel Processing, Hyper Threading, CPU cores
- Packet processing and RAM Architecture

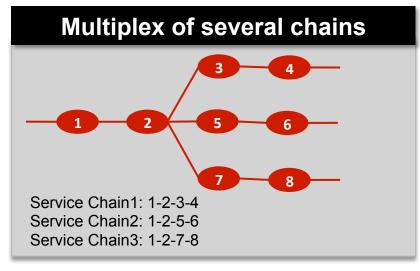
Eco System Integration

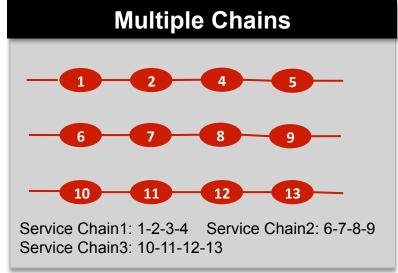
- Verification, Validation, Testing & Integration
- Responsibility?

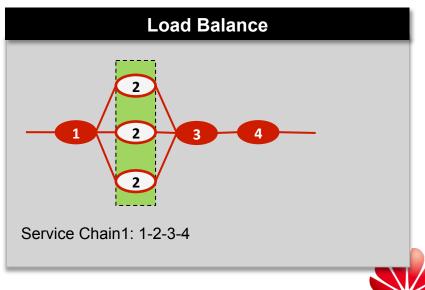


Rich types & On-demand Use of Resources

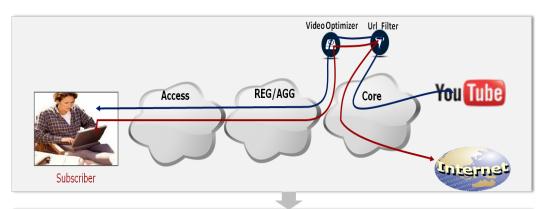


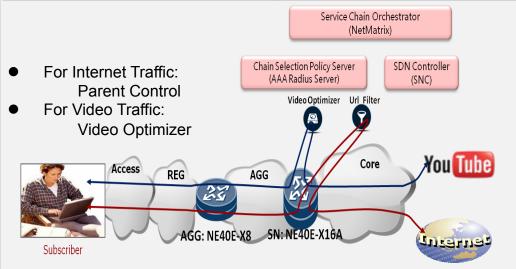






Service Chaining





Features:

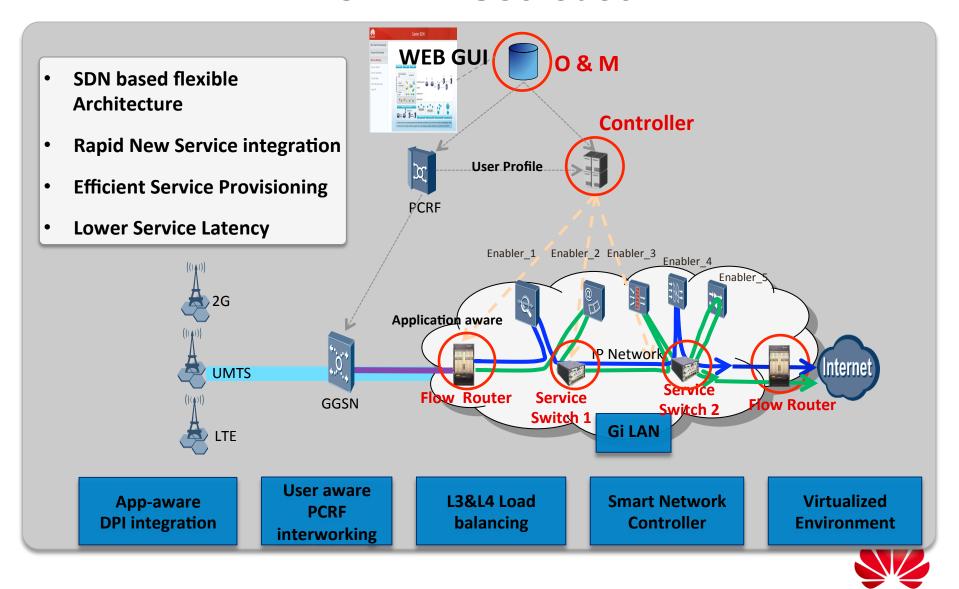
- Virtualized Network Functions
- Dynamic addition / deletion
 - New Service Functions
- Programmable Traffic Steering
- Integration with SDN
- Policy driven service delivery
- Interoperable and standards-based
- Integration with existing infrastructure

Challenges

- Visibility into use of VAS resources.
- Complex orchestration & manageability



Gi LAN Use Case



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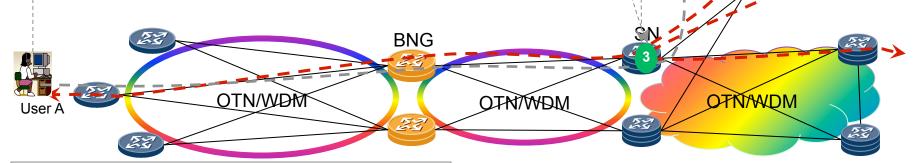
Service Chaining: Illustration

• **NetMatrix**: Decoupling the logical service chain.

Policy Server: Mapping of Service Chains

 SDN Controller (SNC): Logical service to physical resource association.

 Service Node(SN): Classification of flows and tagging chain ID/NSH to the flow packets;



- Service information to Policy Server and SDN controller
 - Policy Server: User _A = Chain ID 1
 - SDN Controller: Chain ID 1 = VAS FW + Cache
- Policy Server: User_A + Chain ID1 to Service Router(DPI)
- SDN Controller: Flow tables to service switches.

User A on line

Policy Server trigger DPI for User_A's traffic

Policy Server

SNC classifies the flow and tag Chain ID 1 to User A's traffic

Service Switches forward traffic based on flow tables

DataCenter

NetMatrix

vCache

SNC

vNFn

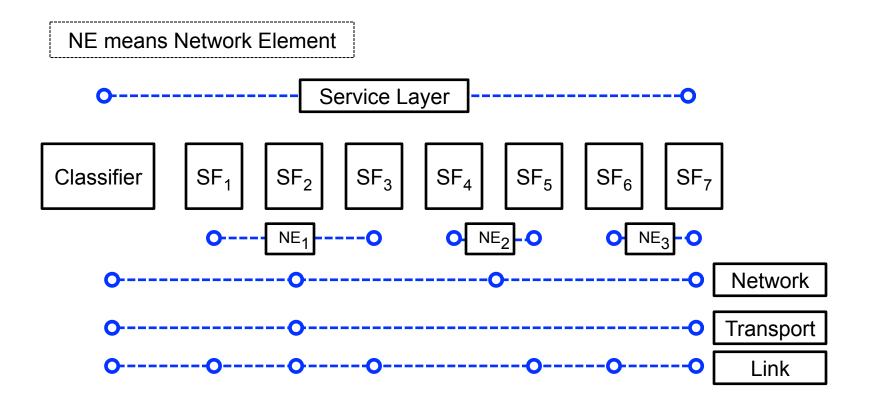


SFC OAM Architecture

- Features
 - Functionality
 - Resiliency and Reliability
 - Scalability and Security
 - Orchestration
- Provisioning and Configuration of SF, SFP, Policy etc
- Verification and Validation of SF and SFC
- Detection and Fault Identification
- Performance and Scale
- Notifications and Alarms



Example SFC Layering Model





SFC OAM components

- Service Function To test the service functions from any SFC aware network devices (i.e. classifiers, controllers, other service nodes)
- Service Function Chain To test the service function chains (SFC) and the service function paths (SFP)
- Classifier To test validity of the classifiers

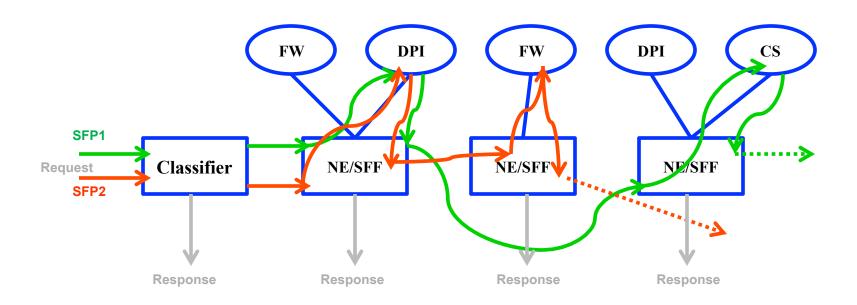


SFC OAM Functions

- Connectivity, Continuity & Trace
- Validation & Verification
- Performance Measurement
- Data Collection & Notifications
- Self Check, Proxy & End-to-End Operations.



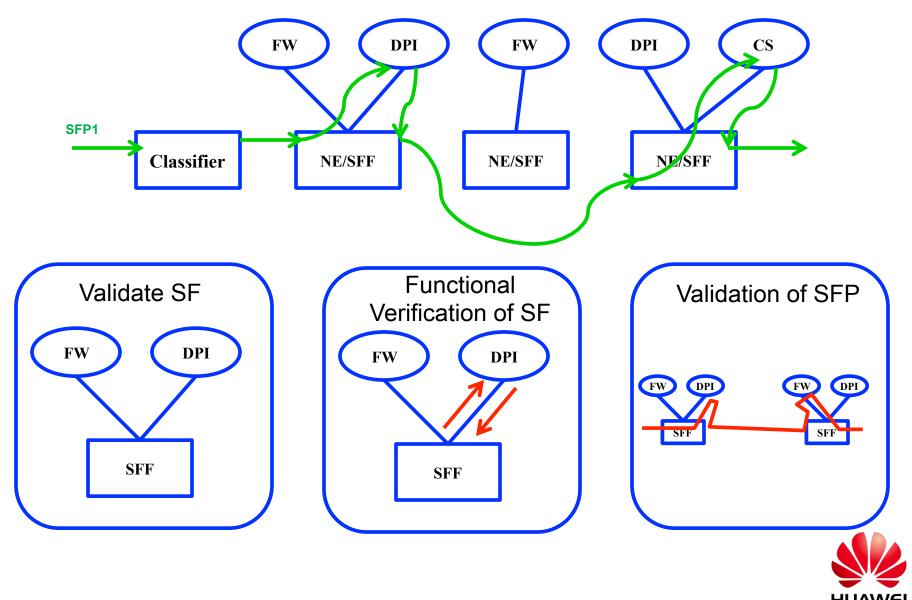
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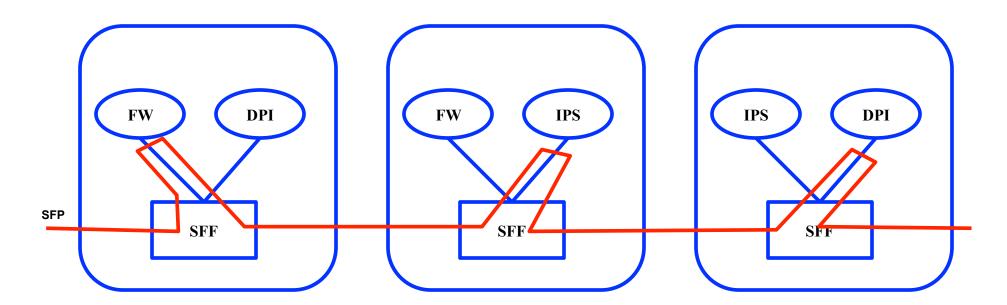
- Connectivity verification of an SFP
- ➤ Continuity check of an SFP
- > Trace the SFP and identify SF's and associated SFF



Validation and Verification



Performance, Data Collection & Notifications



Performance Metrics

- CPU Load
- Packet Counters
- Resource Usage
- Jitter
- RTT

Data Collection

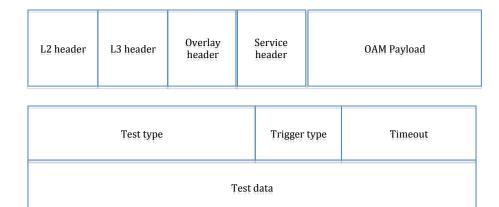
- Local data collection
- On Demand poll
- API

Notifications

- Pro active notification
- Errors and Alarms
- Configurable Thresholds



Packet Formats



Service function	SF Hop count
Test Request	Response code
Test request	Response code

Service Function	Overall response code
Service Function	Overall response code
Service Function	Overall response code

OAM Packet format

- OAM Packet as data packet
- Marked as OAM packet

Test Request Packet Format

- Contains more than one test request
- Self test or on-demand verification

SF test packet format

- Specifies type of test
- Response code to indicate the status

SF requests

- Multiple SF requests
- Test results as response codes



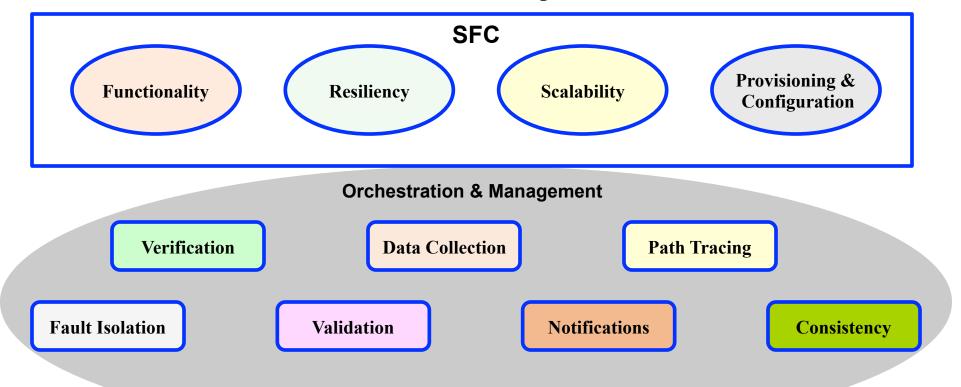
SFC OAM Framework draft

Published SFC OAM Framework draft

http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-aldrin-sfc-oam-framework/



Summary



- ➤ Orchestration and Management enables SFC
- ➤ Manageability is Key element of SFC Architecture
- > True potential of SFC realized with right tooling



Thank You

