PNF and Hybrid Services Support in ONAP

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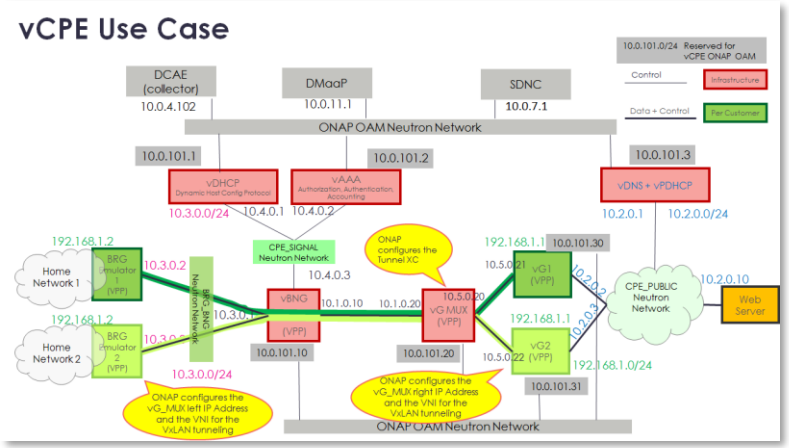
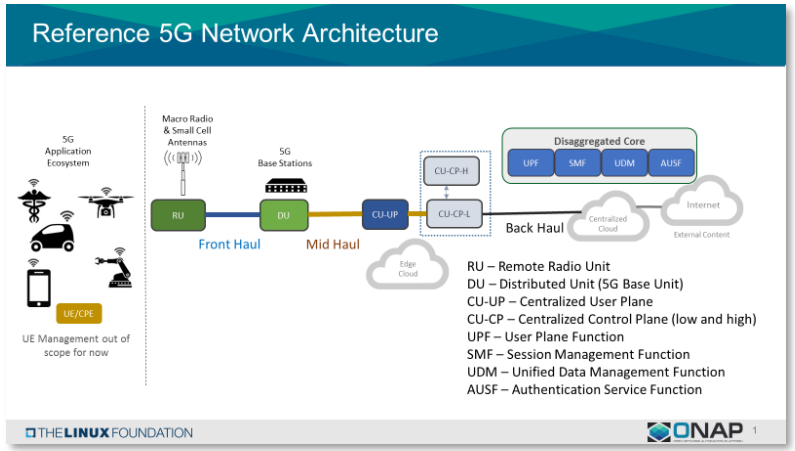
Introduction

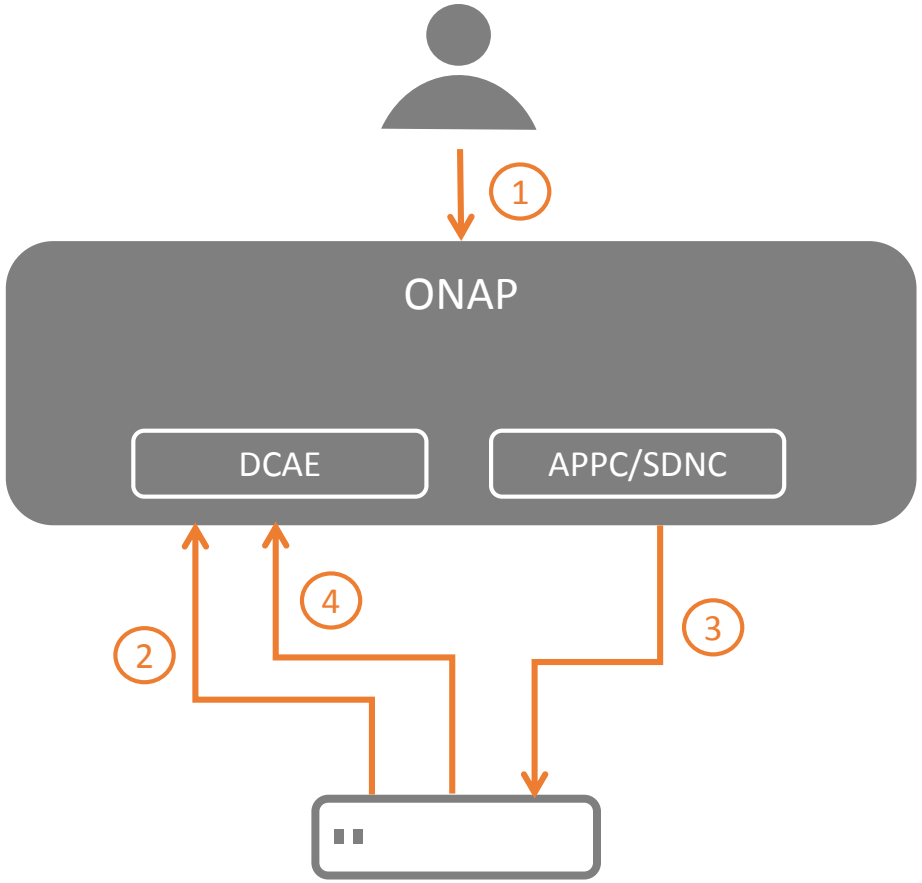
- Introduction of NFV means that VNFs deployed on shared infrastructure is quickly replacing dedicated physical equipment for many applications
- But some use cases still include PNFs as part of the E2E service, typically at the network edge
  - vCPE UC in ONAP R1
  - 5G RAN UC proposed for ONAP R2
- To achieve the full benefits of unified management and automation capabilities, native support for PNFs should be added in ONAP
  - Some support already exists today in R1
  - This presentation proposes some principles and highlights areas that need further discussion





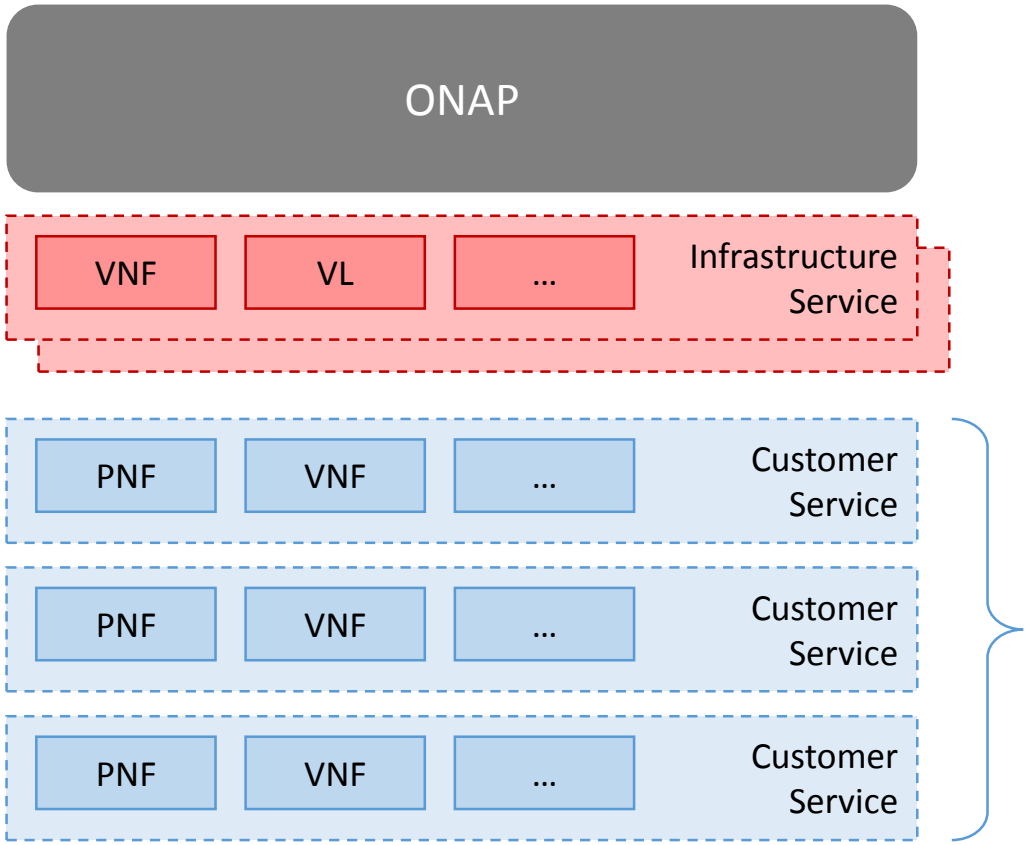
R2 PNF requirements

- The following requirement candidates are derived from the 5G RAN UC
  - Support for PNF Onboarding
    - Design & Orchestration (1)
    - Plug and Play (2)
  - Support for PNF Configuration (3)
    - Needs PNF IP address from (2)
  - Support for PNF Data Collection (4)
    - Needs configuration support from (3)
- Some of the flows such as PnP may depend on additional network functions not shown in this figure



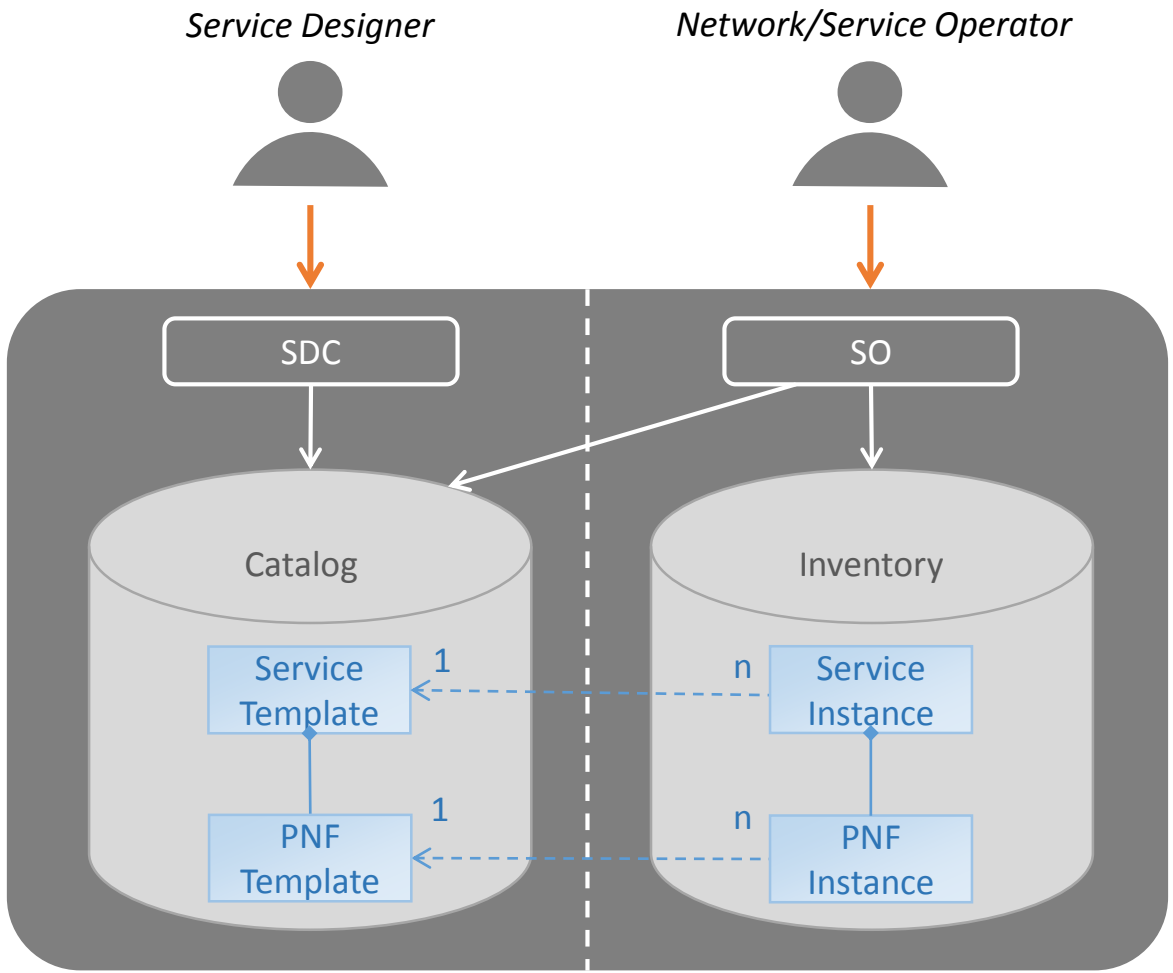
Use case service design pattern

- Two main classes of services
  - *Infrastructure services* provide resources for the UC supporting an entire network or area
  - *Customer services* are instantiated once per customer to allocate dedicated resources
    - These may include PNFs
- For the 5G RAN UC, all services are in principle infrastructure services
  - But gNBs share the same requirements as customer services for highly automated and large scale roll-out



Design-time and run-time entities

- Large scale roll-out requires template re-use
  - *Design once, instantiate multiple times*
- This principle must be supported also when service templates include PNFs
  - Corresponds to run-time binding of PNF nodes in the service topology to specific HW resource



Run-time binding using TOSCA

The service designer creates a service template where PNF serial number is an input parameter

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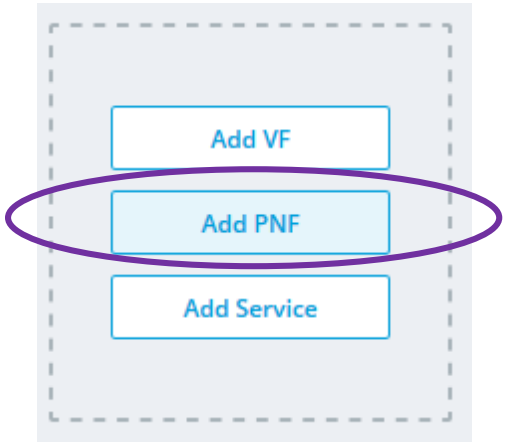
topology_template:
  inputs:
    serial_number:
      type: string
  node_templates:
    EdgeDevice:
      type: org.onap.resource.pnf.VendorAndModel
      properties:
        serial_number: { get_input: serial_number }
```

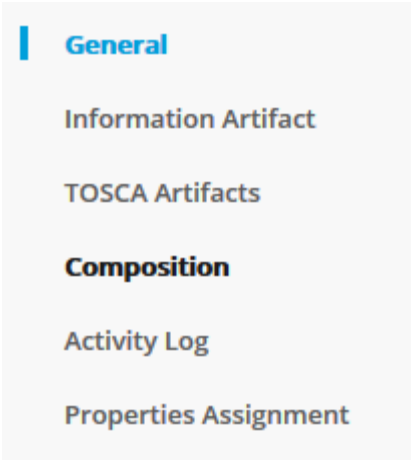
The network/service operator supplies the serial number when instantiating the service template

- There should be some flexibility when designing the service
  - Different parameters (serial number, MAC address etc) could be used depending on PNF type and the supported plug and play procedure
- Using an input parameter allows the service designer to declare what information must be provided when instantiating the service
  - But not fully in line with principle to avoid run-time attributes in the design-time model
    - Compare to VNF placement policies

PNF design model

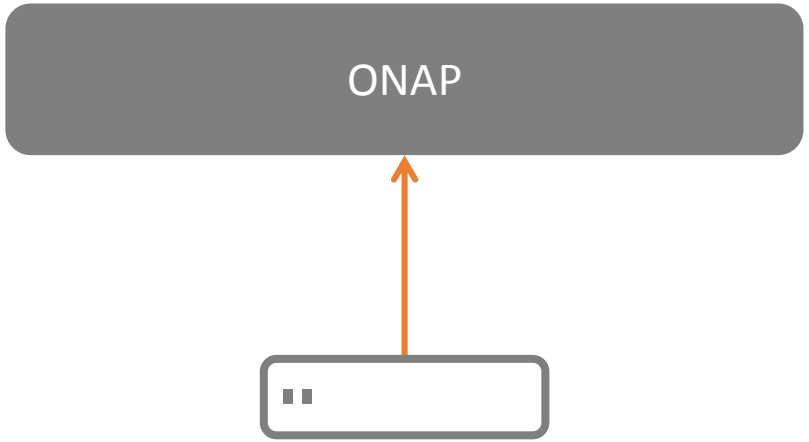
- New PNF types can be created in SDC, but what are catalog entries supposed to capture in their definition?
  - Do they have an internal composition, and what resources would be applicable for PNFs?
    - VNFs (VFs) are built up from VDUs, VLs, CPs etc
  - Is there any information that should be possible to import by onboarding vendor supplied data and artifacts?





PNF Plug and Play requirements

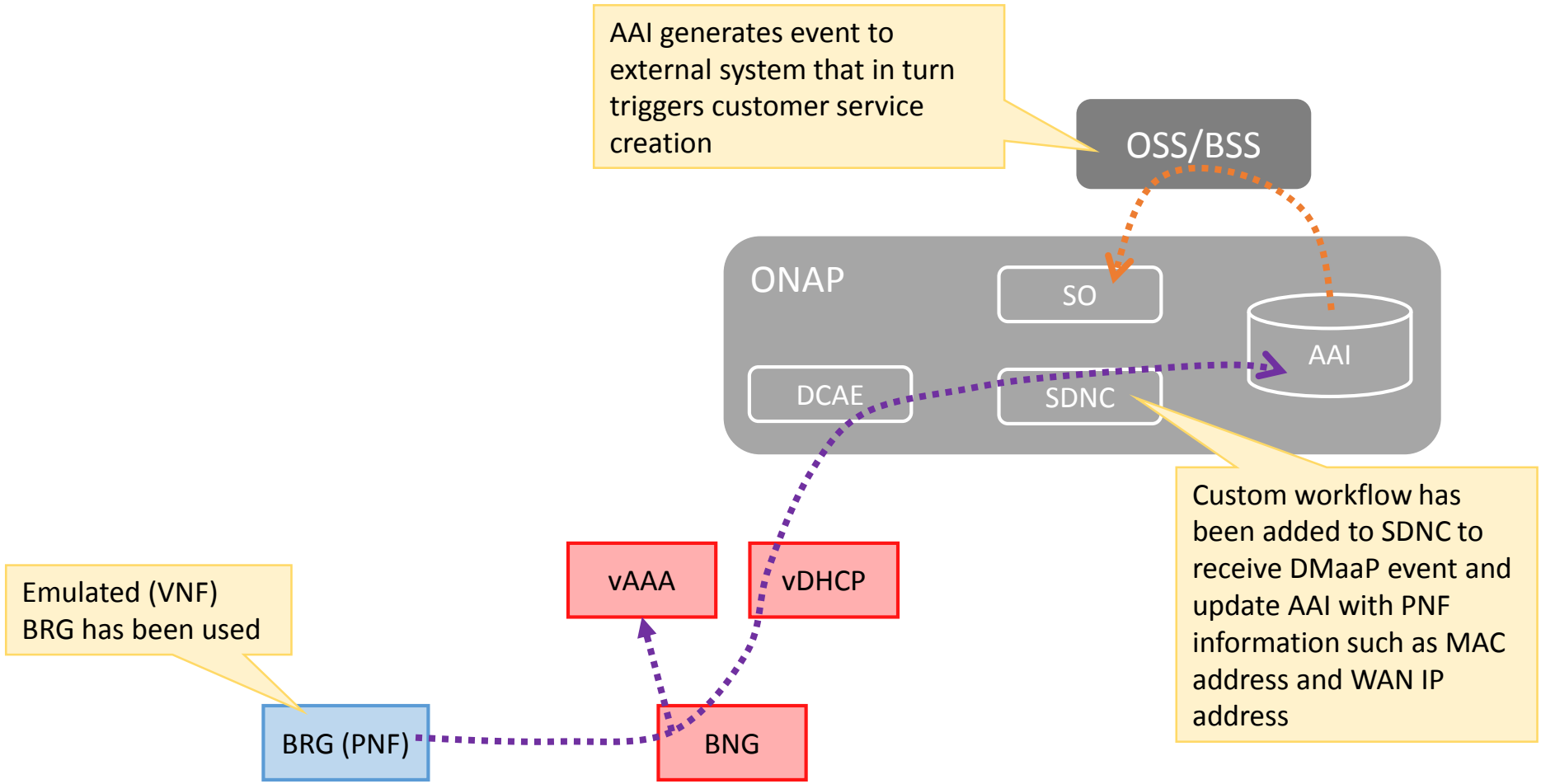
- ONAP Plug and Play for PNFs should support
  - Providing the PNF with initial configuration and SW image if required
  - Updating the PNF instance status in the inventory (AAI) when the PNF is detected
    - Register the PNF management IP address in case it is dynamically allocated from pool
    - There are two different scenarios since the PNF instance record may or may not already exist in the inventory
- Security aspects must also be considered



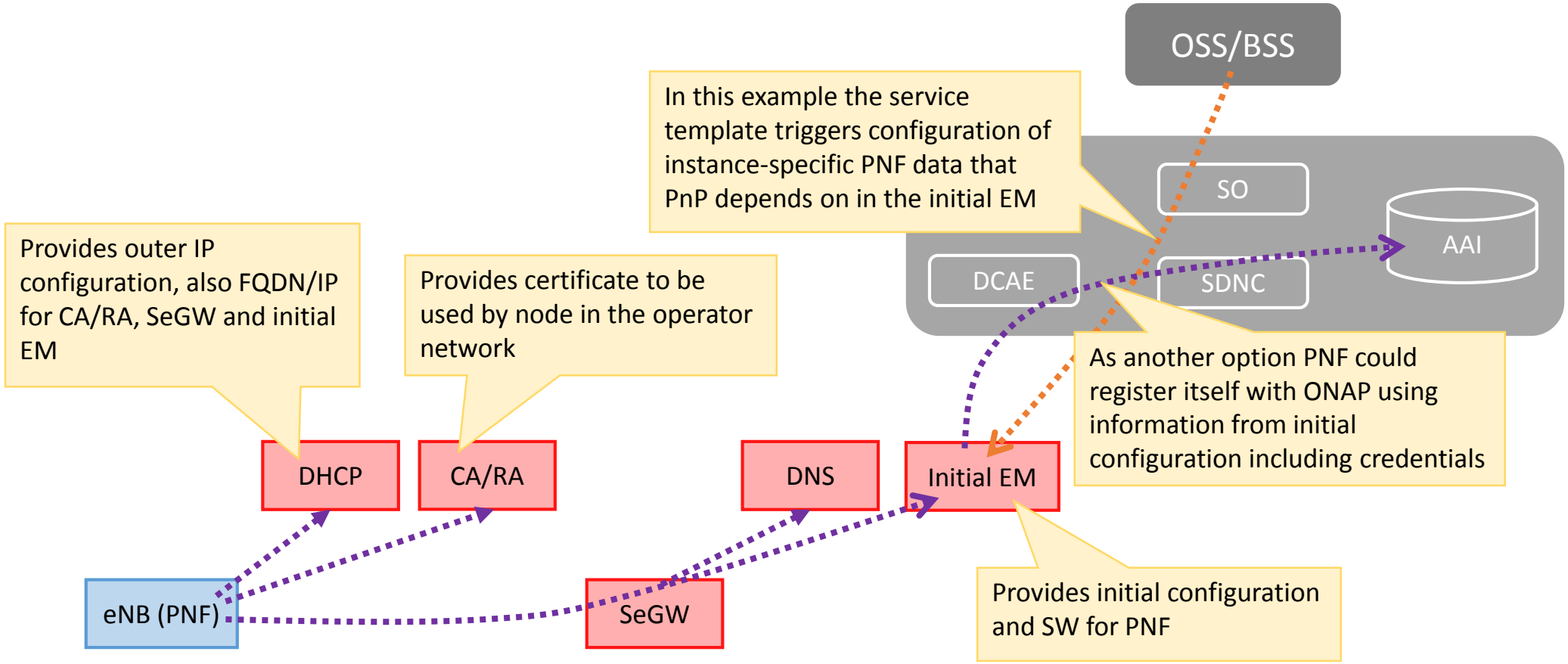
PNF Plug and Play procedures

- On the following slides two examples are shown
  - vCPE UC from R1
  - Network scenario based on 3GPP TS 32.508 (Procedure flows for multi-vendor PnP)
    - While used here as example, the alignment of the 3GPP management architecture and ONAP is currently not settled
- Another solution is draft-ietf-netconf-zerotouch mentioned in the proposed SD-WAN UC
- As a platform, ONAP should be able to support several different PnP procedures!

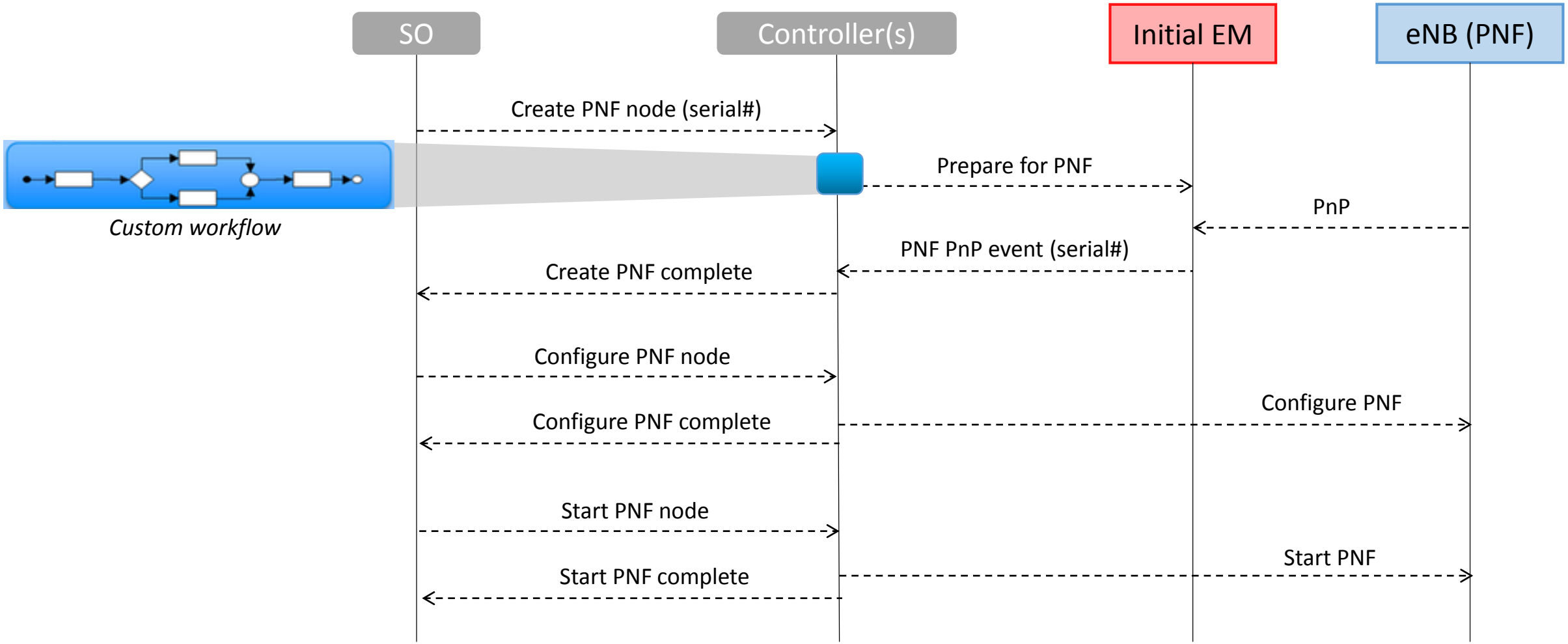
Plug and Play – vCPE UC



Plug and Play – Derived from TS 32.508 (example)



Example sequence



Example sequence issues

- What is the preferred work division between SO and controllers for the TOSCA standard lifecycle operations (create, configure, start)?
  - Execution of workflows
  - Update of inventory
- What controllers are involved in the different steps?
  - Orchestration
  - Handling PnP event from external system or node
- If orchestration is initiated before the PNF is available, the process will potentially block for a (very) long time in the PNF creation step
  - Will this be a problem?

Security aspects

- Both PnP examples send events to ONAP in order to update inventory with information about the PNF
- For vCPE, the event even triggers instantiation of the customer service
- For security reasons, it is important to ensure
  - The event source is authenticated
  - The inventory update is connected to policy deciding if operation is allowed for this event source
    - Prevents any VNF able to send events to ONAP from updating the inventory
- Other note: A standard VES event for PnP should perhaps be defined

Thank You