



ONAP PNF Plug and Play

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PNF Plug and Play Stages

Design Time

A



PNF Modeling

Resources Definition/Services Definition
SDC: PNF (physical element) Modeling
Distribution of types



B



PNF Instance Declaration

PNF Infrastructure Service Declaration
First part of PNF instantiation
DCAE & AAI Entry with PNF ID (e.g. MAC address)

C



PNF Boot-strapping

PNF Powers up and Boot-straps
PNF performs a “Plug and Play” procedure
Equipment vendor proprietary steps

D



PNF Contacts ONAP

PNF connects to ONAP via a VES Event
PNF recognized by ONAP
Generic (not vendor proprietary)

E



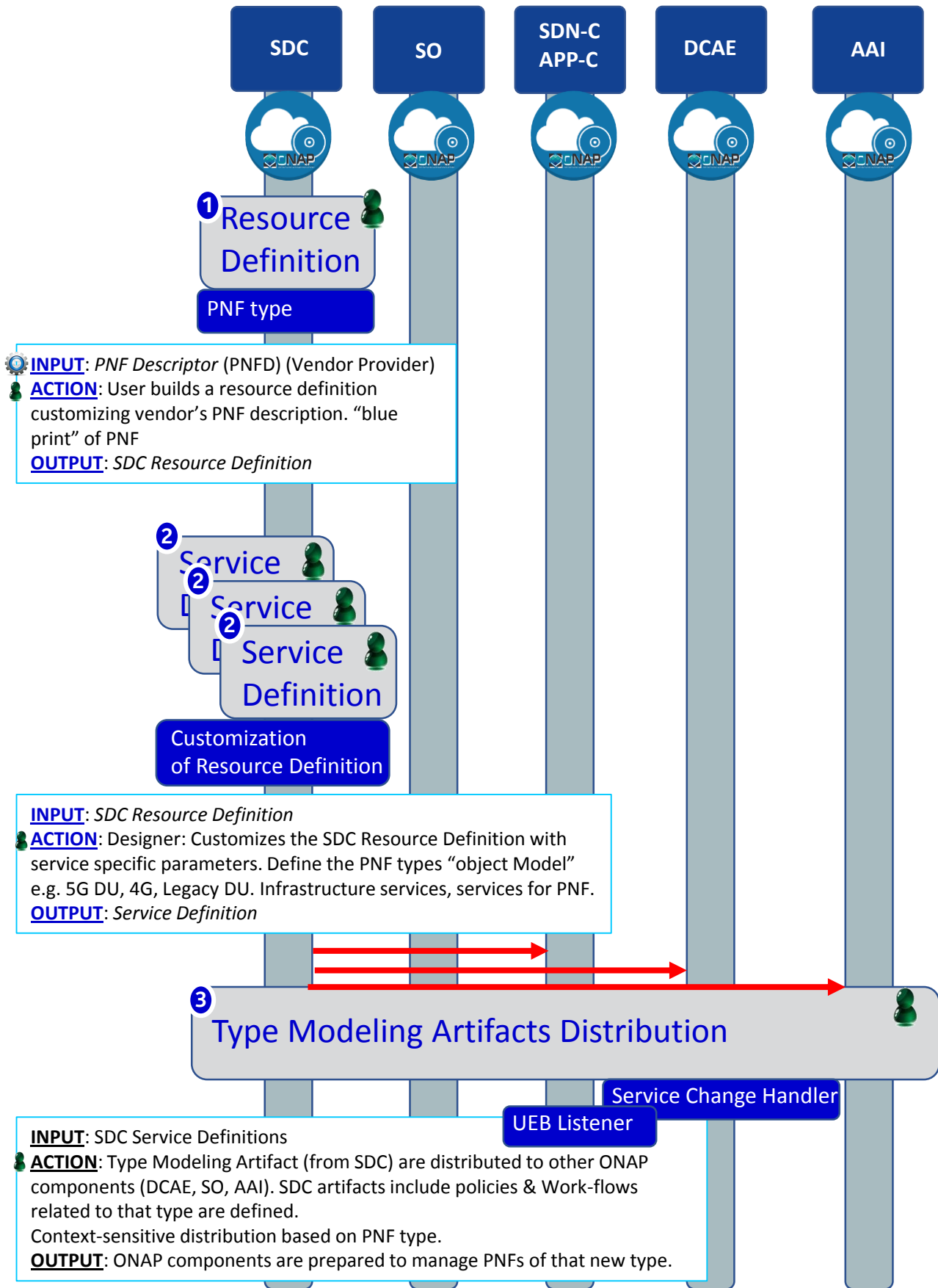
PNF Activation

Connection points configured
Second part of PNF instantiation
Software is downloaded to PNF.
PNF configured and ready to provide service

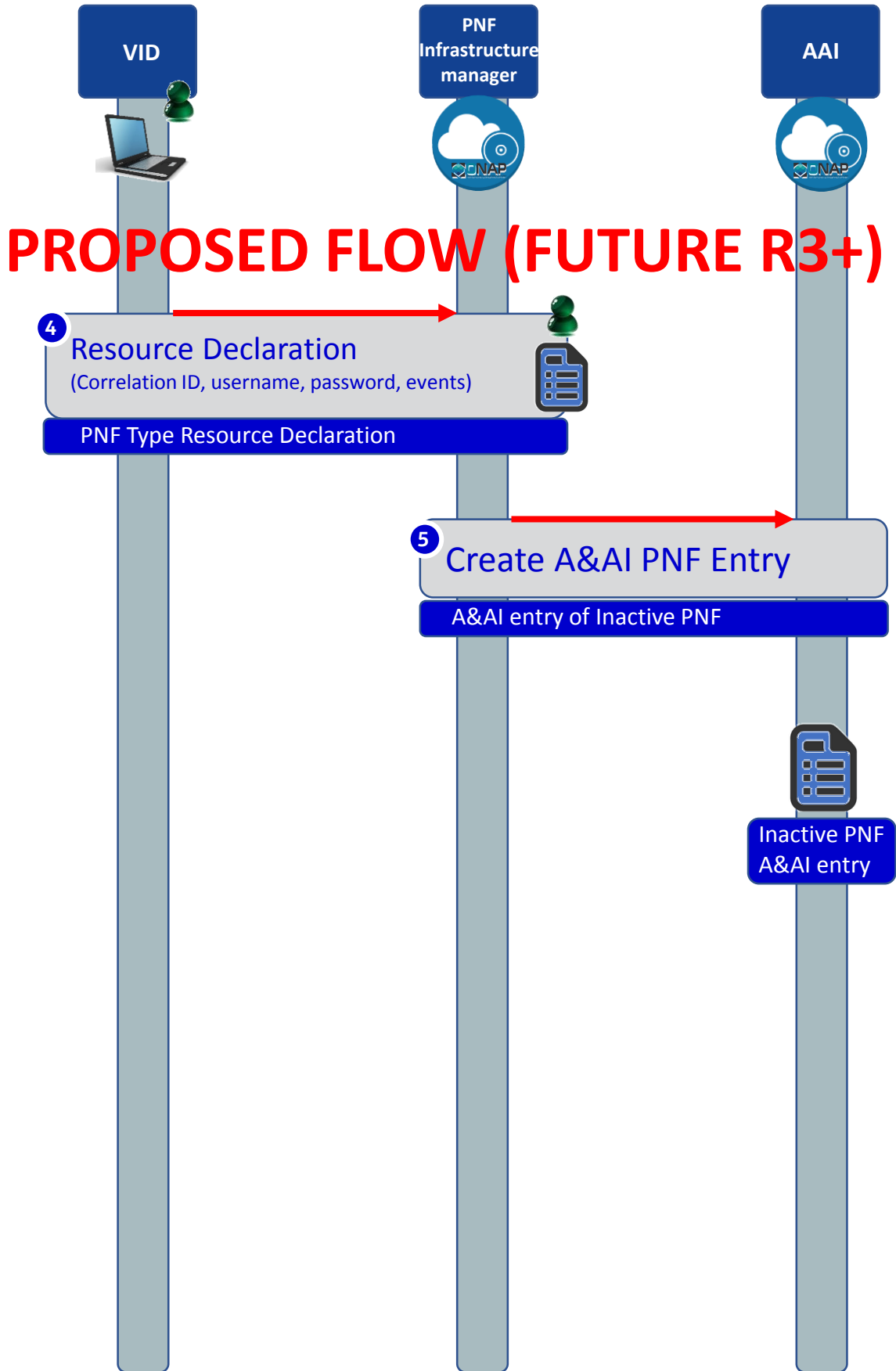
Run-Time (Instances)

ACTORS	DESCRIPTION
PNF	PHYSICAL NETWORK FUNCTION (PNF) – The Distributed Unit (DU) or Network Hardware device that provides service to an end-user.
DHCP	DYNAMIC HOST CONFIGURATION PROTOCOL (DHCP) – Protocol to assign IP addresses to a network element (NE). The IP address can be dynamically assigned or static based on MAC address of PNF.
SEGW	SECURITY GATEWAY – Used to set up IPSec tunnels to protects against unsecured traffic entering an internal network of a operator; used by enterprises to protect their users from accessing and being infected by malicious traffic.
CA/RA	CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY / REGISTRATION AUTHORITY – Used to generate a service provider certificate for the PNF.
Initial EM	INITIAL EM – Provides basic configuration and software download services to the PNF. This might be a equipment vendor specific solution. Also, responsible for identifying a PNF.
vDHCP	vDHCP – An entity that exists outside of ONAP, it can assign and manage IP Addresses. Defined in the vCPE Use Case.
vAAA	vAAA (AUTHENTICATION, AUTHORIZATION, ACCOUNTING) – Authentication for a PNF to controlling access to the system, enforcing policies, auditing usage. An entity that exists outside of ONAP; defined in the vCPE Use Case.
SDN-C	SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORK CONTROLLER (SDN-C) – A controller for Layer 0 to 3 devices. Manages transport and network connections.
DCA&E	DATA COLLECTION, ANALYTICS AND EVENTS (DCAE) – Gathers performance, usage, and configuration data from the managed environment. Collect, store data and provides a basis for analytics within ONAP. For PNF Plug and Play can potentially perform analytics on the Plug and Play process, statistics, logs.
A&AI	ACTIVE & AVAILABLE INVENTORY – The PNF is identified as available inventory and tracked through a key which is the PNF ID. When onboarded the PNF gets an entry in A&AI and can then be tracked, requested, and seen by the ONAP components for service requests or other queries.
SO	SERVICE ORCHESTRATOR – Serves as a mediator and coordinator of service requests.
APP-C	APPLICATION CONTROLLER (APP-C) - A controller for Layer 4 to 7 applications. Manages the life cycle of virtual applications, virtual network functions (VNFs), and components. APP-C manages the 5G DU & 4G DU.
PNF Discovery Manager	PNF Infrastructure Manager – is a Micro-Service used during the PNF Plug and Play process to receive and process the DMaaP topic (for the PNF VES event)

Design Time

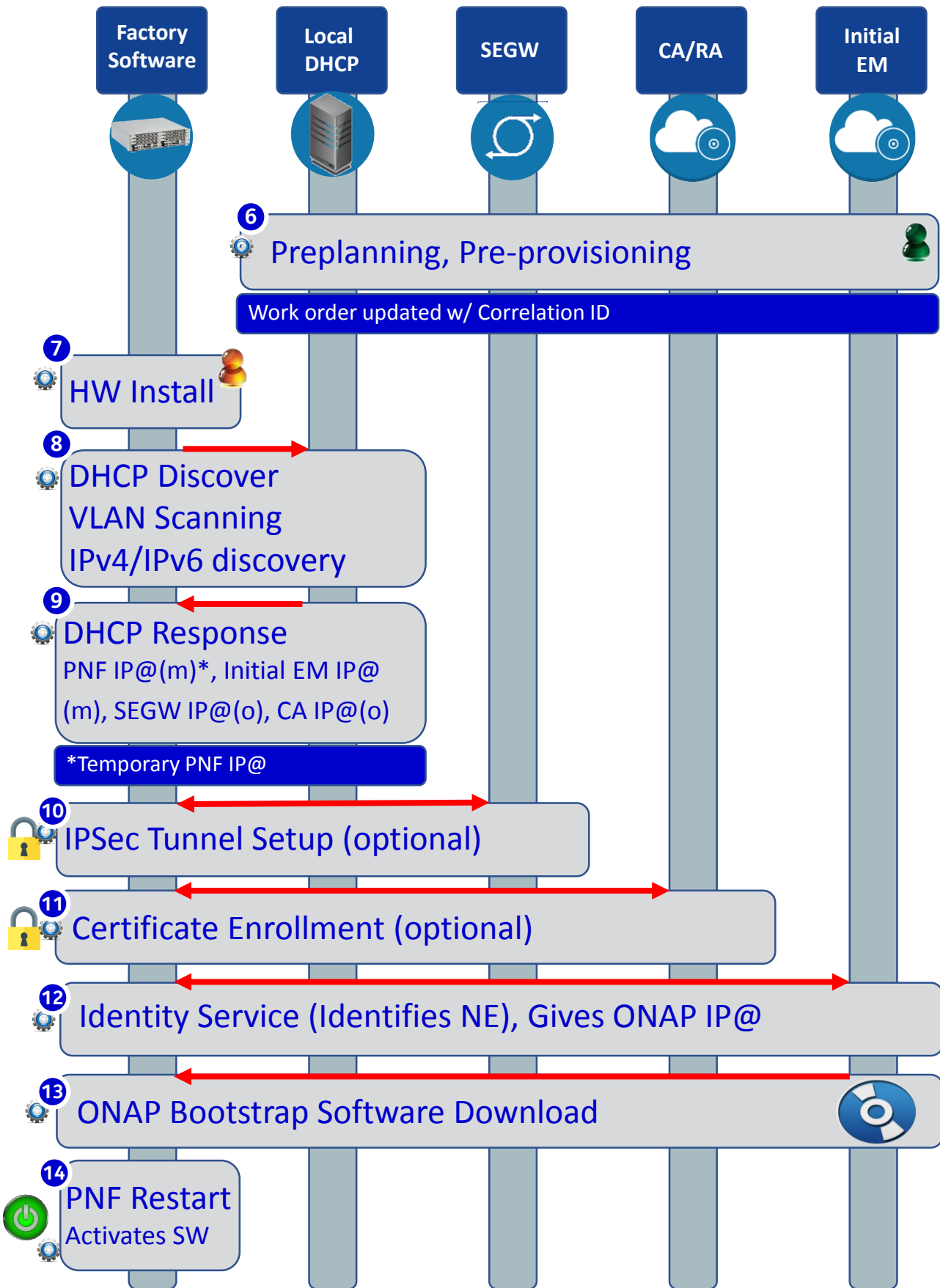


PNF Resource Declaration (future)



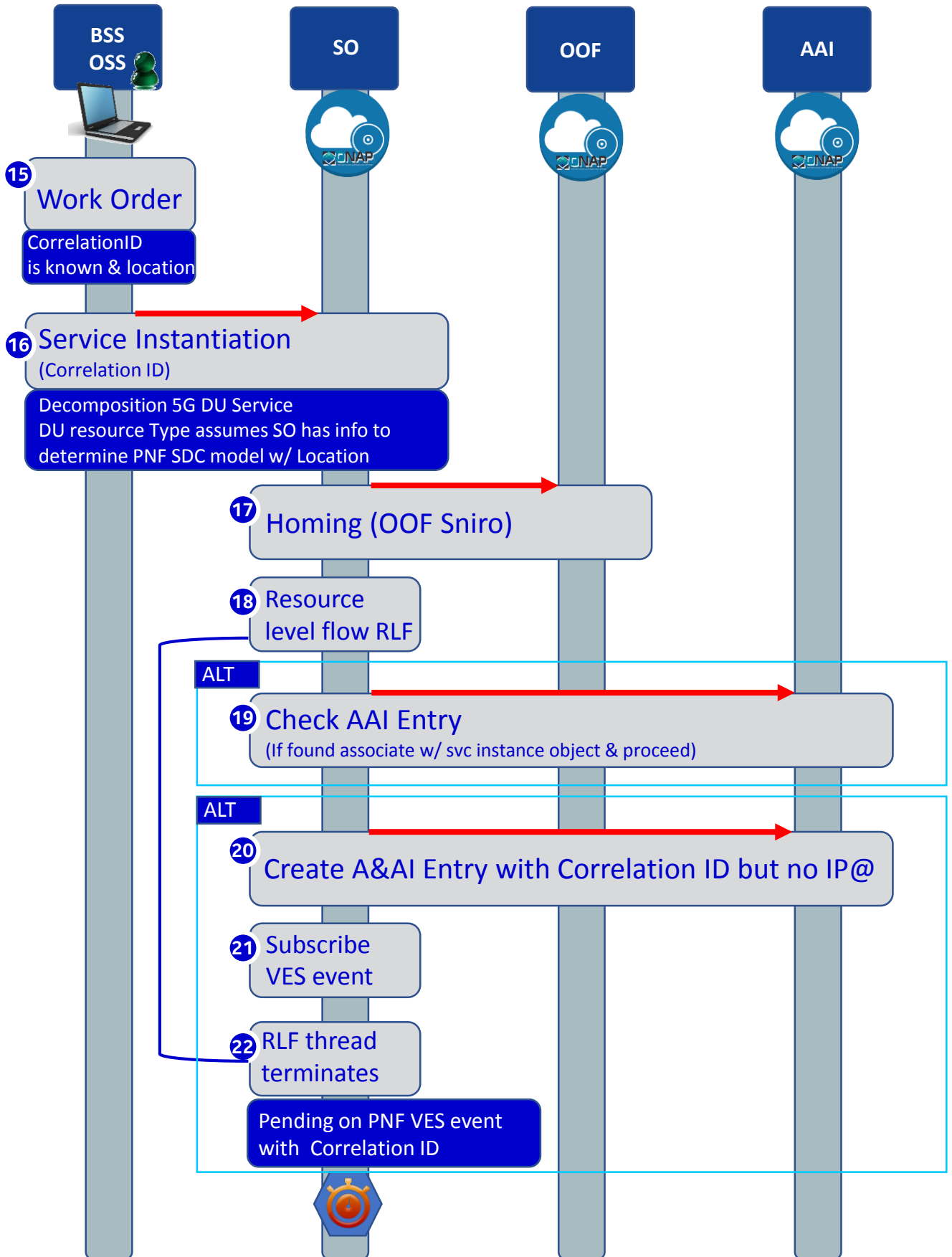
STEP	DESCRIPTION
4	<p>RESOURCE DECLARATION – A user on the VID performs a Resource Declaration. This uses the Service definition created in SDC. The user on the VID can define known information about the PNF. The user can (optional) provide the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Type – Type of Resource. NEW type: PNF PNF type – Functional type (e.g. DU). Valid types Defined in SDC. Correlation ID – Unique identifier of type Location – Location of PNF Vendor – PNF Vendor e.g. Nokia Model – PNF Make/Model e.g. Airscale PNF ID – The ID of the PNF e.g. MAC address, Serial number Config – Configuration information Username – Valid User name for the PNF Password – accompanying Password for the PNF Events – Event definitions <p>The correlation ID is universally unique identifier of the PNF within your organization. It is expected to be composed of the PNFID (e.g. MAC Address, Serial Number) and another Unique identifier. This correlation ID will be used in later steps to make contact & manage the A&AI entry for the PNF.</p> <p>Note: The user may provide whatever information in the above fields they know.</p> <p>Note: Consumer vs Enterprise deployments. Consumer systems pre-registered, distributed throughout a region. For a consumer deployment you might not know the MAC address/Serial number (PNF ID) until the PNF connects to ONAP.</p>
5	<p>CREATE A&AI PNF ENTRY – From the resource declaration information, a A&AI PNF entry is made. The A&AI entry uses the information provided on the VID such as the PNF ID, SW, Config, Username, Password and Events. This Resource declaration allows for a VES event coming from the PNF later to recognize the PNF and not drop the VES event “on the floor”.</p>


PNF Bootstrapping Steps (for 5G DU)



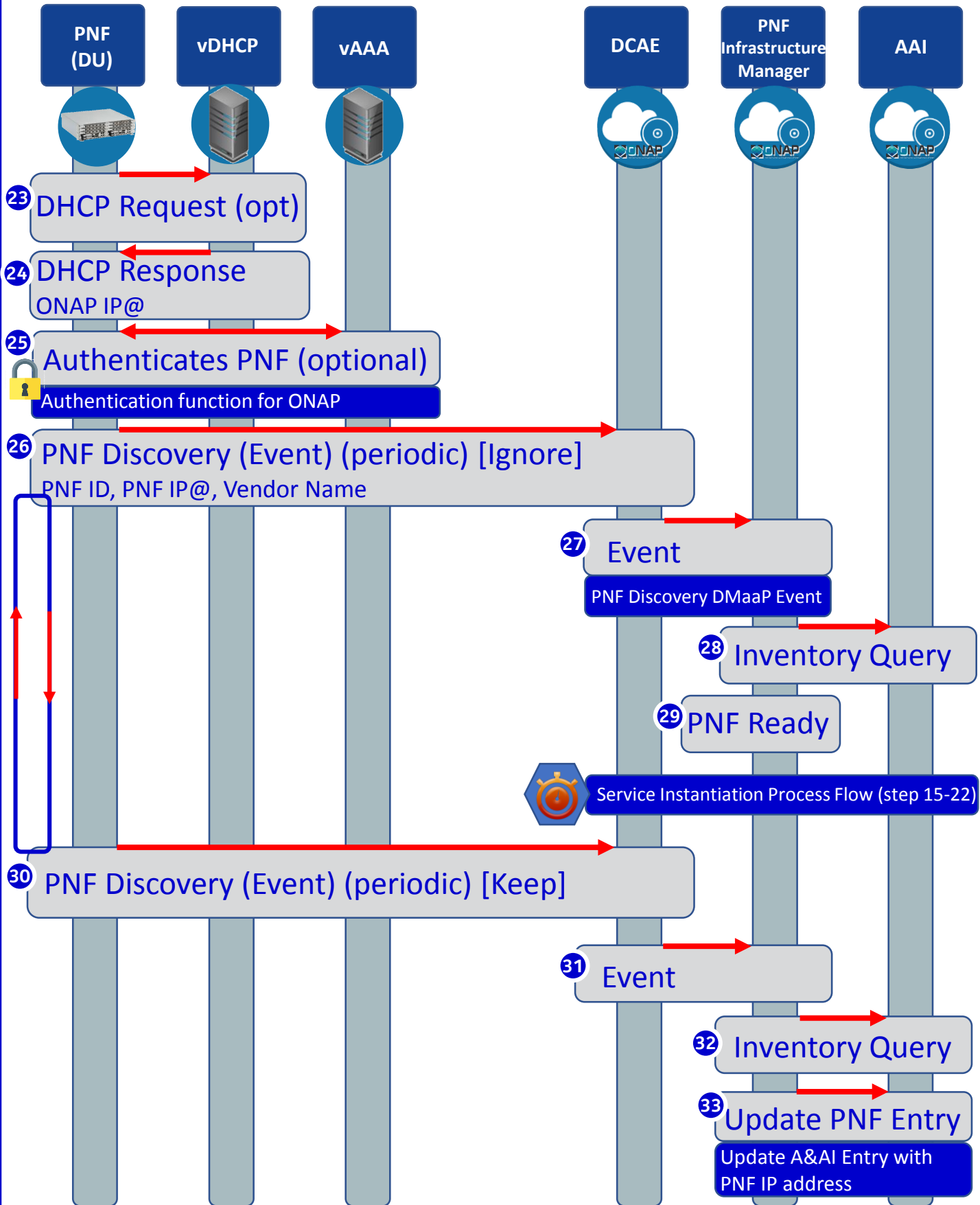
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6	<p>PRE-PLANNING, PRE-PROVISIONING – There is data which is programmed into the system for the PNF Plug and Play operation. The user programs the local DHCP IP address(@), the Security Gateway IP@, the CA/RA certificate information, the management plane IP address (the ONAP IP@), the software service IP@ for use by the PNF during the onboarding process.</p> <p><i>Note: The CU is instantiated ahead of time with the expected DUs that it should be connected to (that is outside the scope of this flow).</i></p>
7	<p>HW INSTALL – The physical hardware is installed at the site. Site licensing, real estate contacts, zoning, and physical hardware of the PNF is installed by technicians. Power, backhaul, and antennas are installed and connected.</p>
8	<p>INITIAL NETWORK ACCESS – A DHCP Discover procedure is executed when the PNF powers on, VLAN Scanning is performed, and IPv4/IPv6 discovery is done. The DHCP Discover message exchange provides an entryway into the network and is designed as an procedure for a network element to be able to find connection to the network from “scratch”. VLAN Scanning and IPv4 vs IPv6 discovery is done as well.</p>
9	<p>DHCP RESPONSE – The DHCP response returns a PNF IP address, the initial EM IP address, Security Gateway IP address (optional), and certificate authority IP address (opt). It is possible the PNF IP address is a temporary IP address used for initial connectivity purposes, and that a permanent PNF IP address will be granted later.</p>
10	<p>IPSEC TUNNEL – An IP Sec Tunnel is established which uses cryptography to provides a secure connection. IPSec has two security services: Authentication header and an encapsulating security payload with tunnel and transport modes.</p>
11	<p>CERTIFICATE ENROLLMENT – The process where the PNF gets a service provider certificate from the Certificate authority. The certificate is then used to authenticate and verify the PNF.</p>
12	<p>IDENTITY SERVICE – The identity service is there to identify the PNF. It also returns the ONAP (DCAE) IP address.</p>
13	<p>ONAP BOOTSTRAP SOFTWARE – The PNF contacts the initial EM and downloads the ONAP Bootstrap software. This is a software package that is meant to perform the remaining steps of PNF registration and activation onto ONAP</p>
14	<p>PNF RESET – The PNF is reset so that the downloaded ONAP Bootstrap software becomes activated and is then ready to continue to PNF registration</p>


Service Instantiation Process (Part 1)



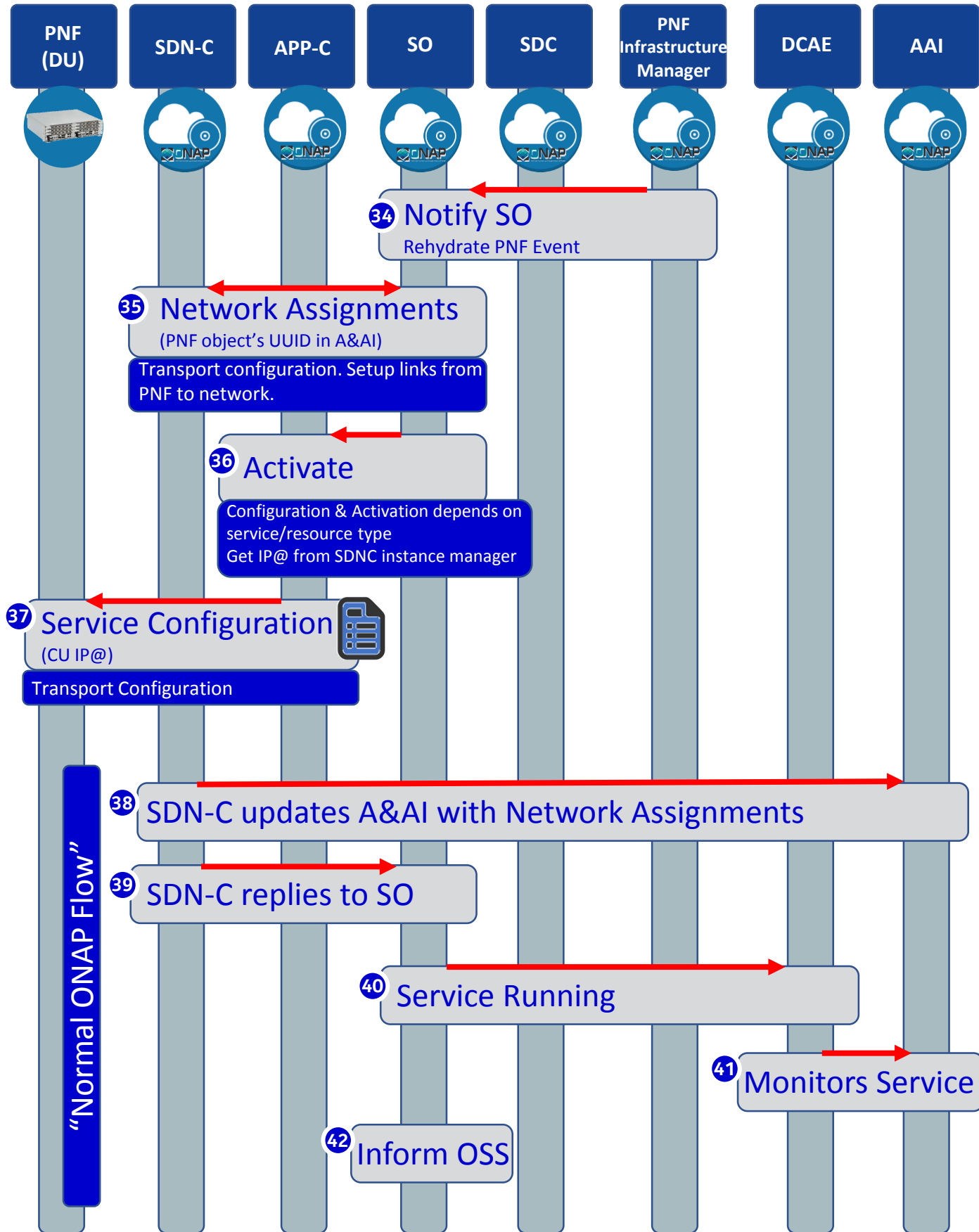
STEP	DESCRIPTION
15	WORK ORDER – The work order determines which PNF to use for this Service/work order. BSS is told the correlation ID. Typically, the PNF will be known before the PNF comes on-line. Orchestrated with a equipment order (to vendor) and location value for the PNF.
16	SERVICE INSTANTIATION – The user on the VID creates a service instantiation providing a correlation ID. The service is decomposed for a 5G DU PNF. The DU resource types assumes that there is enough information to determine the PNF SDC model. The CU IP@ is provided manually (as part of service instantiation data).
17	HOMING – The SO instantiation is homed with the OOF. Dependencies stated on PNF. The homing latency constraints are based on CPE address (location). As part of the service definition a latency needs to be less than [x]. This is a service constraint. Homing dependencies should come from SDC or VID. For PNF who provides this. Input for placement from VID / SDC; then pushed to OOF as homing recommendations.
18	RESOURCE LEVEL FLOW (RLF) - The resource level flow thread starts. This thread is responsible for carrying out the creation of an A&AI entry in the following steps (steps 18 through 21).
19	CHECK A&AI ENTRY – The RLF thread in SO checks the A&AI entry for the PNF. If SO discovers that there is an A&AI entry with both the correlationID and the PNF IP@ then it can continue. If found it can associate it with the service instance.
20	CREATE A&AI ENTRY – An A&AI entry is created by SO for the PNF using the available information and the correlation ID. This is done in anticipation of the PnP PNF VES event.
21	CREATE DMaaP TOPIC LISTENER – The RLF thread (process) subscribes to the DMaaP Topic that will complete the service instantiation. It allows ONAP to intercept the VES event that will eventually come from the PNF when it reaches a point in the PNF Plug and Play process that it is ready to contact ONAP. The RLF specific resource thread indicates that it cares about the VES event with this correlation ID. Essentially it activates a “listener” of the PNF VES event. DCAE is the normal VES event Listener which creates a DMaaP Topic. SO saves the state information looks and sees if it is one of the DMaaP topics it is waiting for.
22	RLF THREAD TERMINATES – The Resource Level Flow (RLF) thread in SO terminates. When the VES event is received at a later point in time, it can be processed accordingly. Additionally, these steps 15-22 prepare ONAP with the pre-requisite information so that when the VES event comes from the PNF it will not be discarded. This is denoted by stopwatch icon  . At a later step in the PNF Plug and Play this thread becomes relevant again at the other stopwatch icon. The RLF thread/process stops processing and wait for an asynchronous event (to avoid a long running event). Writes a process, kamunda handler for an event that rehydrates it. (this reuses the SO rainy day handling)

PNF Registration Steps



STEP	DESCRIPTION
23	DHCP Request –ONAP Onboarding S/W performs a DHCP procedure with vDHCP
24	DHCP Response – DHCP response returns a ONAP IP address
25	Authenticate PNF – The PNF is authenticated through a vAAA.
26 & 30	PNF DISCOVERY – The PNF periodically generates a VES Event to DCAE which is the “triggering” event that tells ONAP that the PNF is trying to register. This VES event contains the Correlation ID (based on the PNF ID), which will serve as an identifying key within A&AI to seek for that particular PNF. The VES event also contains the PNF IP address and the vendor name amongst other things. PNF sends the VES Event over an HTTPS connection which must be authenticated with a username and password. The VES Event is “standardized” and is the same for all hardware (PNF) irrespective of equipment vendor, thus there needs to be ONAP bootstrapping software. The PNF must natively support or have an adapter to be ONAP capable. Note: The <i>PNF Infrastructure Manager</i> may evolve in the future to include other management functions, as there may be a need for an entity that owns the interactions with device interactions w.r.t. ONAP. Management of devices vs containers. I/F manages & consumes services. VIM/Multi-Cloud. Multi-VIM PNF plugin. Multi-VIM would call the PNF infrastructure manager.
27 & 31	DMaaP EVENT – When DCAE receives the VES event, DCAE generates a DMaaP event. This then publishes the VES event into the proper Kafka topic. PNF Discovery Manager subscribes for these types of events and so is notified when one is published. This VES event indicates that a new PNF has been identified.
28 & 32	INVENTORY QUERY – PNF Discovery Manager performs an inventory Query to A&AI using the Correlation ID (based on the PNF ID) as the key. The AAI instance for this PNF ID must have already been created. If it has, then this is a valid, expected PNF. If not, then this is not a valid, expected PNF. In Step 32, PNF A&AI entry is found.
33	PNF READY - PIM publishes a PNF Ready event on the DMaaP bus to which SO subscribes. SO receives the PNF Ready event, determines that it is an event it is waiting for and rehydrates the appropriate RLF to restart the Service Instantiation
(15-22)	SERVICE INSTANTIATION PROCESS (PART 1) – Steps 15-22, the Service Instantiation Process (part 1) occurs in parallel to these steps. When that process reaches the pending point (denoted by ) it rejoins the flow here. PNF previously declared.
33	UPDATE PNF ENTRY IN AAI – The PNF entry in AAI is updated with the PNF IP address. After this step, the PNF is considered to be active in ONAP and becomes available as an network element to fulfill service requests.

PNF Activation Steps (ONAP)



STEP	DESCRIPTION
34	SO NOTIFIED - PNF Infrastructure Manager Notifies SO. SO listens to the DMaaP hook. A trigger. Wait for PNF onboarded. Calls SDN-C.
35	NETWORK ASSIGNMENTS – SDN-C assigns an IP Address for SO. The IP @ assigned to the PNF is drawn either from the DHCP server, IP address Pool, or a Static IP@. Managing physical/virtual links to PNF. Between CU & DU. Transport connectivity setup. SDNC makes assignments, the resource model have external/internal connection points (named). For each point, attributes say L1/L2 connection. If L3 who assigns the IP address. Each point, SDNC knows if and what to assign. Set either through SDNC (L0-L3) or APP-C (L4-L7). Driven by TOSCA Model.
36	ACTIVATE – Configuration & Activation of the PNF Depends on the resource type. The controller requires input data based on PNF type. Either VF-C or APP-C orchestrate with SO. The IP@ is retrieved SDNC instance manager for PNF and the DHCP server may be updated.
37	SERVICE CONFIGURATION – APP-C calls Ansible to configure PNF’s CU IP@ (1) CU IP@ (mandatory) - VF-C/APP-C gives the Controller IP@ to the DU. In R2 for the 5G DU, this will also give the CU IP@ which will allow the DU to contact the CU to be configured for service. Eventually when the DU is managed directly from ONAP, this would be the APP-C, SDN-C or VF-C IP@ as appropriate. (2) OAM IP@ (optional) - The permanent OAM IP address is given to the PNF. The PNF would receive this IP address and use it. The IP address assigned from SDN-C may come from the vAAA, or it may draw from a local pool of IP addresses. SDN-C performs the IP address selection. It knows if a permanent IP address should be assigned to the PNF. Note: this IP@ assignment <i>optional</i> . (3) Transport configuration (optional) – Transport configuration is given to the PNF.
38	SDN-C Updates A&AI – SO updates A&AI with Network Assignments (from step 35)
39	SDN-C replies to SO – SDN-C replies to SO are the service configuration step.
40	Service Running – SO publishes a “Service running” event to which DCAE subscribes.
41	Monitors Service - DCAE reads A&AI entry and sets up monitoring for the new service. DCAE publishes “Service monitored” event to which SO subscribes.
42	OSS Inform - SO responds to User/BSS/OSS that the service is active.

PNF Final Download & Activation

PNF
(DU)



CU
(VNF)



42 Connection to Controller (DU contacts CU)

43 Target SW Software Download

44 DU Restart

45 CU configures DU with operational configuration

46 DU Restart

STEP	DESCRIPTION
42	<p>CONNECTION TO CONTROLLER – Using the CU IP@ from the previous step, the DU makes contact with the CU. If the CU cannot be reached, the DU shall periodically retry.</p> <p>Note: The CU has already been previously deployed and onboarded. This is outside the scope of this use case.</p>
43	<p>TARGET SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD - The new Target Software is downloaded which is the RAN specific software that will replace the ONAP Bootstrap software.</p>
44	<p>DU RESTART –After the software successfully reboots, the Target Software becomes activated, and the PNF truly becomes a 5G DU (Distributed Unit).</p>
45	<p>CU CONFIGURES DU – The configuration information is downloaded to the DU. This information provides operational configurations and settings which are vital for service. They would be pre-provisioned and allow the PNF to operate with specified configurations, optimizations, RF settings, connectivity, and L1/L2 algorithmic settings.</p>
46	<p>DU RESTART – The PNF (DU) is reset, which allows the new configuration parameters to take hold. And the DU is ready to provide service using the configuration provided to it. Typically, a test call is performed to verify service is working end-to-end.</p>

PNF Plug and Play Projects Impacts

ONAP Project	IMPACT
Modeling, SDC, VNF-SDK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOSCA Template for 5G DU and 4G DU • Service Definition for 5G DU and 4G DU • Resource Definition for DU HW • PNF Package for DU HW onboarding. Package would have configuration information of the PNF (common between VNF & PNF) • PNF artifacts (VES event for DCAE, Ansible API for SDN-R, username & password for vAAA) • VNF-SDK will need updates.
A&AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register PNF Service – may need new registration information in AA • (Step 20) INSTANTIATION an Instance has a “<i>pnf-name</i>” = Key in AAI. Could change it to the ID. E.g. “Name” = “abcd””ID#””#Code” (automated, NF naming code); <i>equip-type</i> (PNF Type). <i>equip-vendor</i> (optional); <i>equip-model</i> (optional); <i>pnf-id</i> (PNF ID) • (Step 33) ADDRESS UPDATE adds <i>ipaddress-v4-oam</i> ; <i>ipaddress-v6-oam</i> ; (FYI/ <i>ipaddress-v4-loopback-0</i>). (Step 27) QUERY A&AI query exists. (no new development) PNF?=PNFID • Add <i>mac-address</i> & <i>serial-number</i> • Flow testing and Integration
PNF Infrastructure Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New microservice to be implemented. • New DCAE Plug-in. • (Steps 27-34) (a) Subscribe to new PNF Discovery VES event, (b) update AAI, publish new PNF Ready DMaaP event (this is all we are asking of the PIM initially). OOM. (c) Notify SO • (Hosted by x) [DAMIAN Contact] w/ Lushen Ji
ONAP Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide CU IP@ to PNF as part of Service Instantiation • SOLVE: determine the ONAP Controller for this use case
VNF Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand VNF requirements to add PNF requirements needed for this use case.
OOF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNF Homing registration

PNF Plug and Play Projects Impacts

ONAP Project	IMPACT
SDN-C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Step 35) Network assignments for PNF and update AAI. (a) Pre-load data (b) DHCP used. In TOSCA model specify if DHCP methodology is used. SDN-C knows DHCP will assign. Ent IP@ manager.• (Step 35) SO to SDN-C API for PNF – what API for transport configuration? Need API or API adaptations will be needed for SDNC (no appropriate API for PNF configuration).• Extensions to Generic Resource API { 1...6 – VF-module activate (can reused), Assign, Configure, Deactivate }<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assign (Generic Resource API) – Try to reuse Generic Resource API for assign with parametric updates to adapt from VNF usage to PNF. SO queries SDN-C for network assignments. What does it return? Return null. <i>In release 2 we expect PNF IP@ will have already been assigned (and thus the assign query will return null; SO will gracefully accept as valid response)</i>• Configure (Generic Resource API) – Try to reuse Generic Resource API for assign with parametric updates to adapt from VNF usage to PNF. Device spun-up; configure the device (for L1-L3). [Not needed for PNF Plug and Play]• Deactivate (Generic Resource API) – Try to reuse Generic Resource API for assign with parametric updates to adapt from VNF usage to PNF. [Not needed for PNF Plug and Play]

2. SDNC must support a generic mechanism for discovering and assigning new PNFs as follows:

- SDNC must support a mechanism for detecting a non-time "plug and play" notification from a PNF instance and determine the "Completion ID" value for that PNF instance from that event.
- Upon receipt of a "plug and play" notification, SDNC query AAI to determine whether a PNF object with that "Completion ID" value already exists in AAI or not.
 - If no such PNF object is found in AAI (i.e., the "plug and play" event arrived before the "service instantiation" request), then SDNC will create such an object with the "Completion ID" value in AAI. SDNC will include any other data as appropriate (e.g., IP address of the PNF instance), but there will be no association with a Service Instance Object (SIO).
 - If a PNF object is found in AAI (i.e., the "service instantiation" request arrived before the "plug and play" event), then SDNC will update that object with any other data from the event as appropriate (e.g., IP address of the PNF instance).
- SDNC must support extensions to the generic API for "Assign" and "Configure/Deactivate" of PNF objects.

PNF Plug and Play DCAE Projects Impacts

ONAP Project	IMPACT
DCAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Step 27 & 31) Subscribe to new PNF Discovery VES event and publish new PNF Discovery DMaaP event• <u>DEPLOYMENT HANDLER (DCAE needs to know PNF type)</u> (Step 27 & 31) - VES needs to know VNF type, type of network function and type of message; ID of the network function so that it can map to which DMaaP topic to publish to. CLAMP (Northbound entity) from deployment handler (e.g. CLAMP in R1). Says “this is the new VNF type to be deployed” CLAMP calls SO (LSJ) to “deploy” assets CLAMP tells DCAE “this blueprint ID has been deployed” Seshu “there is no interact between CLAMP & SO right now” Who instantiates the deployment of VNF. SO get requests (e.g. VID) DCAE needs a trigger/notification “this asset is in field, running” R1 Blueprints are Hard-coded. When DCAE starts assume assets in field. VES event has VNF type; based on type & what’s deployed VES collector know what DMaaP topc to forward this event to A&AI enrichment. DCAE gets additional info before policy. How is VES triggered? (A: Hardcoded) VES collector (x#) is started with all possible VES events <p>TIME</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) development time(2) distribution time SDC blueprint to DCAE [Hard-coded] R2 CLAMP needs to be updated (if other to be hardcoded)(3) deployment / instantiation time [TBD] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>REGISTRATION MESSAGE</u> – Alok Gupta (SME). Is it possible to reuse an existing registration message or create a new message. Service assurance flow Deployment handler - @ Service Instantiation. SDC when design is completed distributes. DCAE: Service change handler same SDC client other components use to receive. R2 Clamp Dashboard. GUI creates a service assurance flow for the VNF (human). Cloudify/deploy TOSCA blueprints

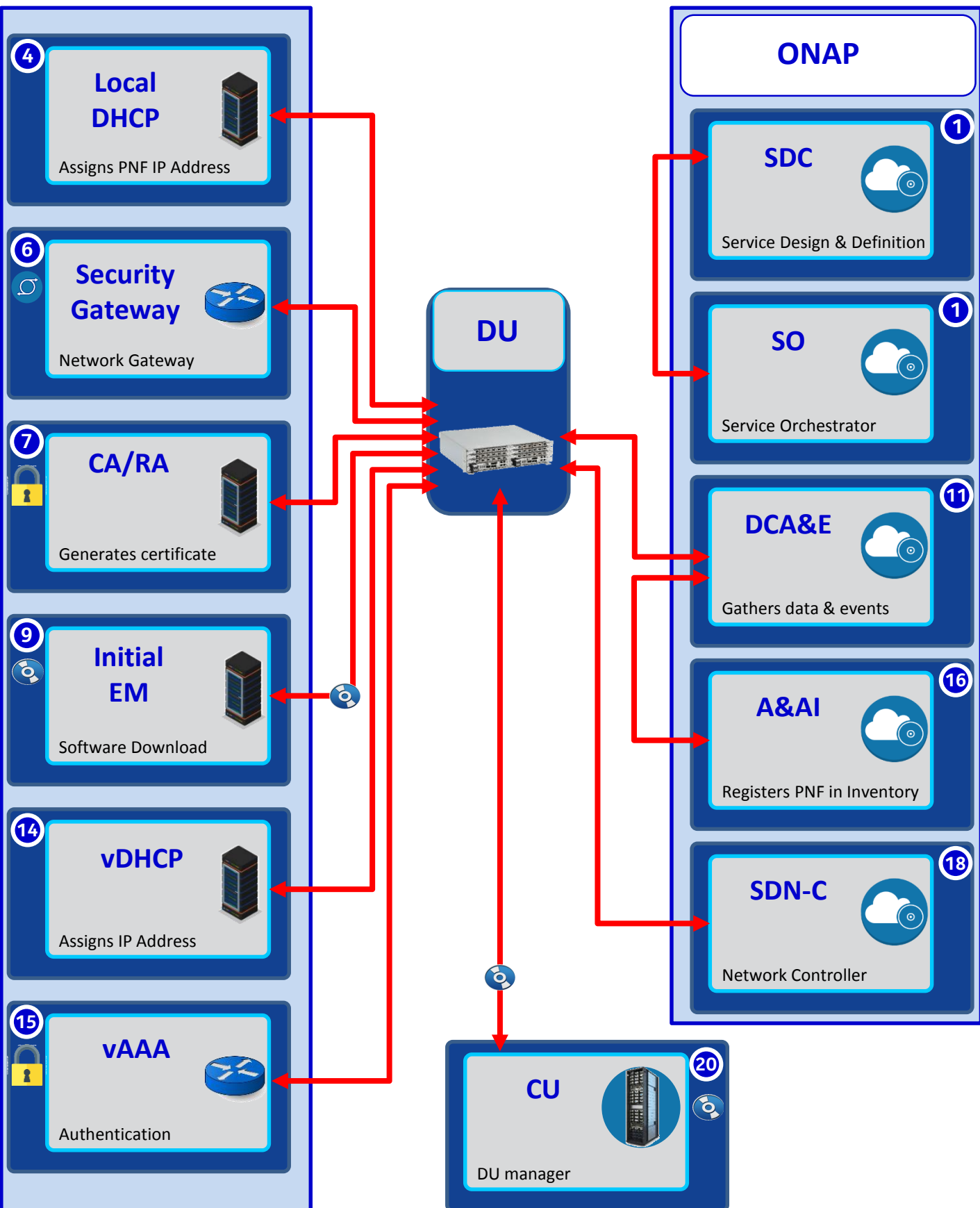
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SO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service Instantiation for services on PNFs; implement PNF specific behavior• (Step 34) <u>SO NOTIFICATION</u> – PIM notifies SO. SO Subscribe to new PNF Ready DMaaP event.• (Step 20) <u>A&AI ENTRY CREATE</u> – “SO will check & create the A&AI entry”. Seshu: I propose to have VID create A&AI entry on step 20 (instead of SO). This needs an A&AI I/F. Reason: this “kludge” incurs technical debt.• (Step 15-17) <u>HOMING</u> – SO expected to pass location attributes to OOF from Work order. The work order may come before PNF is physically present. SO gets the suggestion Homing from OOF based on capacity parameters/policies; SO gets info from OOF, SO calls SDN-C. In PNFD (“blueprint”):PNF location Who fills? WORK ORDER What matters is OOF will be able to do placement w.r.t PNF. Location information in format & meaning if that is a PNF vs VNF SO is a medium layer; gets info and pushes to OOF. Will OOF deal same way or expects something different VNF OOF gives recommendation, decides who has algorithm to do placement; give recommendation to SO for placement. Optimized way to place resource. <i>Would like SO interaction w/ OOF to be same to VNF & PNF.</i>• <u>SO & OOF</u> - interaction between SO & OOF• <u>SDC to SO</u> - Service instance request – where does SO get this from; all parameters should be defined in the model. Parameters SDC to SO interactions.

Backup Slides Meeting Notes & Email Exchanges



PNF Plug and Play (PnP) Overview (e.g.)



Deployment Handler

