

ONAP – ETSI NFV ARCHITECTURE ALIGNEMENT

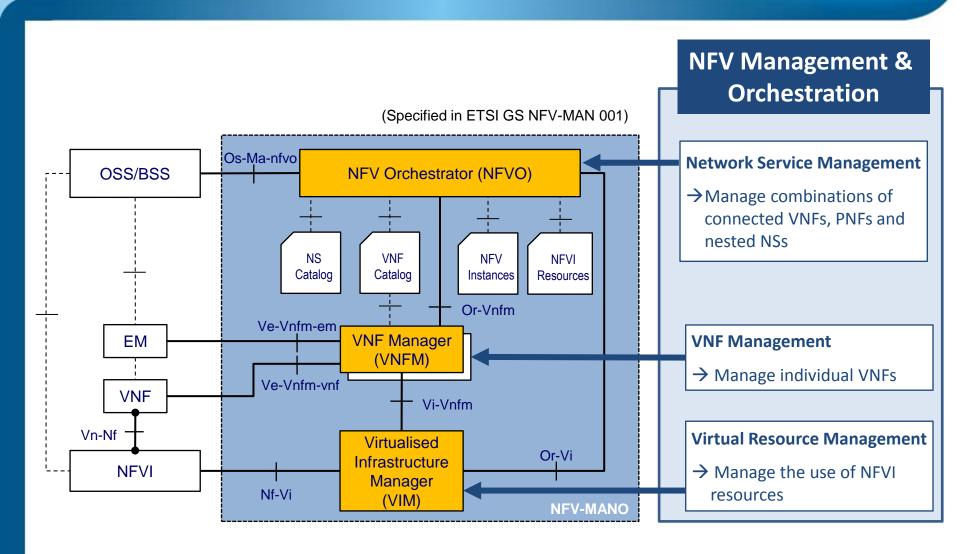
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PART 1 ETSI NFV CONCEPTS

ETSI NFV Architecture, and NFV-MANO





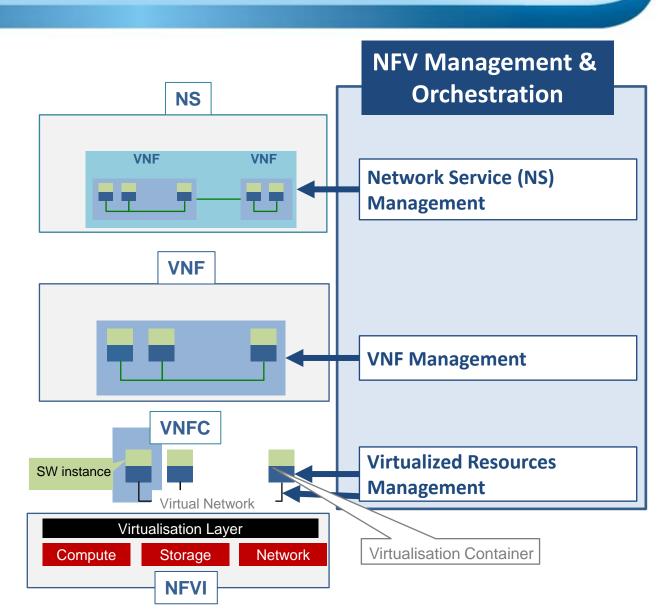
Network Functions Virtualisation: Management of NFV Components



Network Service (NS) built from interconnected VNFs and potentially Physical Network Functions (PNFs)

Virtualised Network Function (VNF) - built from interconnected VNFCs.

Virtualised Network
Function Component
(VNFC) - software
instantiated in a
virtualisation container on
virtual resources.



Scope of NFV Management and Orchestration **ETSI** (a.k.a. NFV-MANO)



- NFV-MANO focuses on resource management, each functional block acting at a different aggregation/abstraction level.
- NFV-MANO manages how the VNF or Network Service is realized (Virtualisation Containers, Virtual Links, Software images, ...).
- NFV-MANO is VNF "application" and Network Service function agnostic. If something relates directly to what a VNF application or Network Service does, then it is out of scope of ETSI NFV.
- Hence, ETSI NFV does not address:
 - Application-aware Network Service configuration and management.
 - VNF application layer configuration and management



"Application" refers to aspects that are not virtualisation-related and apply to both PNFs and VNFs, incl. Layer 1-2-3 NFs.

Two key aspects to understand

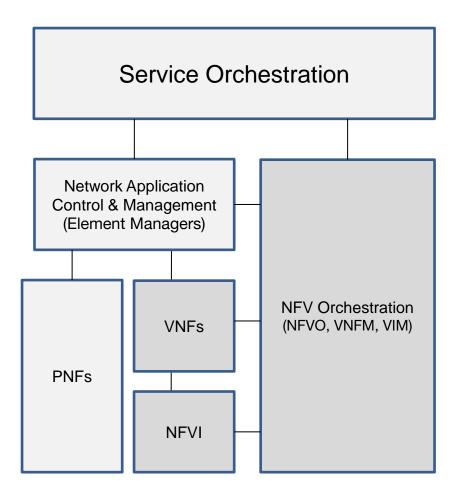


- NFV-MANO orchestration vs. Service Orchestration vs. Resource Orchestration
- VNFM vs EM role in VNF Lifecycle Management (LCM)



NFV Orchestration vs. Service Orchestration





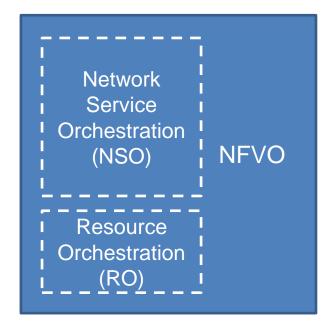
- Many organizations have augmented the NFV architecture with a Service Orchestration function that is aware of the network service semantics, and coordinates all management actions, including PNF/VNF application configuration.
- Orchestration (as performed by the NFVO) should not be confused with such type of Service Orchestration.

Disclaimer: This type of Service Orchestration is not currently addressed by ETSI NFV and falls in the OSS functional block of the NFV Architectural Framework

WARNING: NFVO vs. Resource Orchestration



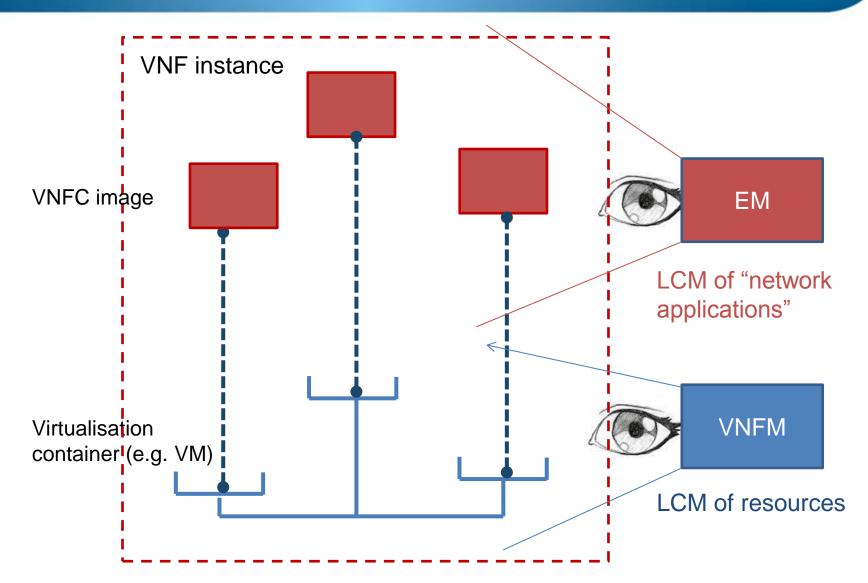
- ETSI GS MAN 001 states that the NFVO has two main responsibilities
 - Network Service Orchestration (NSO)
 - Resource Orchestration (RO)
- However, both NSO and RO are resource-oriented, application agnostic, management functions and are not intended to be implemented separately.





VNF LCM: A twofold vision







PART 2 share and collect feedback. They are not intended to suggest a functional mapping at this stage. EVOLVING THE ONAP ARCHITECTURE

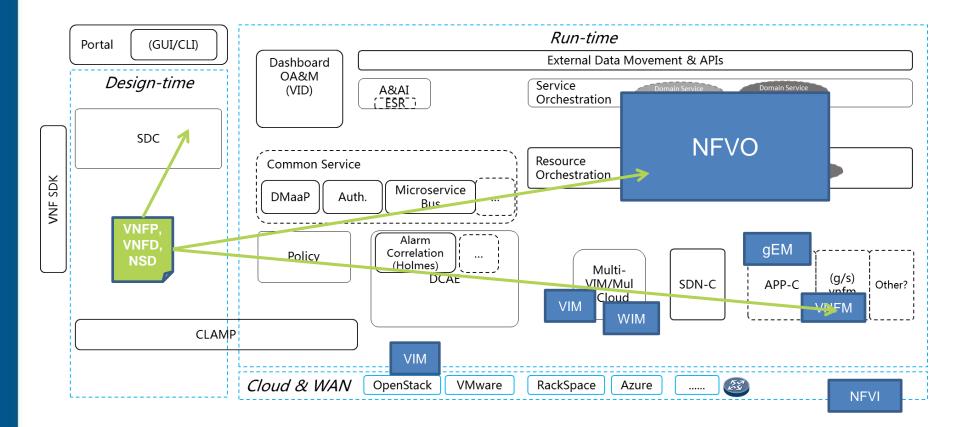
NFV-MANO vs. ONAP scope



- "Application"-Layer management and other Operations Support Systems (OSS) functions (incl. application-aware service orchestration) deliberately left out of the scope of NFV-MANO to enable
 - Re-use of already fielded components
 - Use of independently specified new components (e.g. service orchestrators)
- Many components of the ONAP architecture are outside the scope of NFV-MANO and can complement MANO functions to create an endto-end platform.
 - Roadblock: Reference points between ONAP components do not (seem) to match NFV-MANO reference points.



High level positioning of NFV functional blocks et s. on the ONAP R2 architecture – Option 1

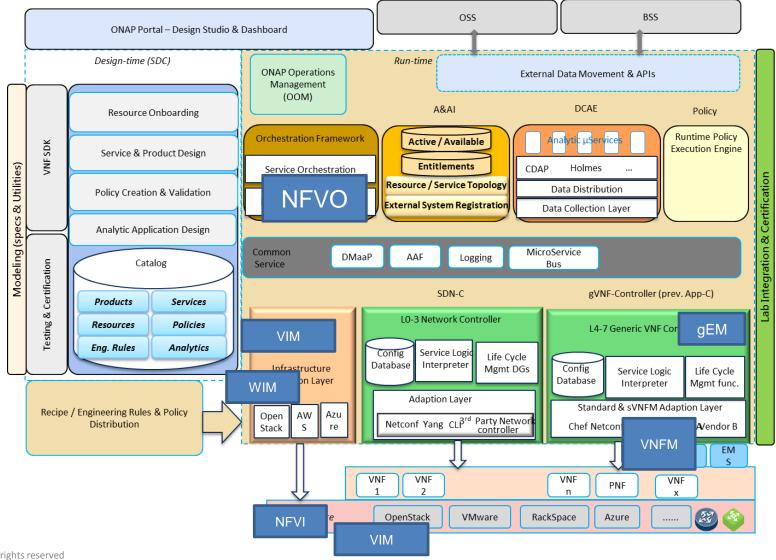


We understand that APP-C currently provides both

1/ generic "application" management functions that are under the responsibility of an EM in the NFV architectural model (e.g. restart)

2/ A small subset of the VNFM functionality (e.g. ability to terminate a VNF)

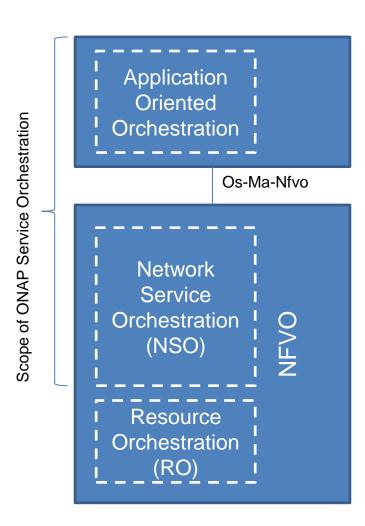
High level positioning of NFV functional blocks et al. Con the ONAP R2 architecture – Option 2



Assumptions on the ONAP R2 architecture evolution to make it ETSI-compatible



- Within the Orchestration Layers, Application-Oriented Service Orchestration is separated from NFVO / VNFM functionality.
 - Application-Oriented Service Orchestration coordinates resource-oriented lifecycle management procedures subcontracted to NFV-MANO with "application-oriented" lifecycle management subcontracted to other components (likely the APP-C and the SDN-C).
- The VNF LCM functionality performed by a VNFM is entirely performed by a single architectural component (APP-C or VFC or the Orchestration Layer)
- Depending on the configuration,
 - The APP-C behaves as a generic EM only or as a VNFM-only, or both.
 - The VFC behaves as an ETSI-compliant NFVO and/or VNFM



Assumptions on ONAP R2 interfaces evolution ETSI to make them ETSI-compatible

- Application-Oriented Service Orchestration in the Service Orchestration layer is able to consume ETSI-compliant APIs exposed by an NFVO (i.e. NFV-SOL 005 APIs).
- Application-Oriented Service Orchestration in the Service Orchestration layer do not directly consume the Open Stack APIs exposed by the infrastructure manager.
- If playing the VNFM role, the APP-C exposes ETSI compliant APIs (i.e. NFV-SOL 002 APIs).
- If playing the generic EM role, the APP-C can consume ETSI-compliant APIs exposed by a VNFM and exposes ETSI-compliant APIs to the VNFM (i.e. NFV-SOL 002 APIs)
- If playing the NFVO and/or VNFM role, the VFC exposes ETSI-compliant APIs



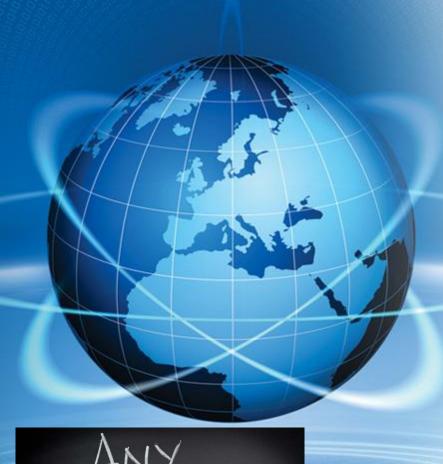


PART 3 CONCLUSION

Conclusion



- Many components of the ONAP architecture are outside the scope of NFV-MANO but can complement MANO functions.
 - Roadblock: Reference points between ONAP components do not (seem) to match NFV-MANO reference points.
- ONAP & ETSI NFV compatibility has room for improvement.
 - Compatibility would enable re-using and leveraging specifications developed in ETSI, based on industry consensus achieved over the past 4 years.
 - A loosely couple E2E architecture with minimum dependencies and standard APIs between components would provide a path to convergence.
 - The industry needs to agree on standard VNF package format and VNF descriptors, regardless of the architecture and implementation of the management system consuming them.







World Class Standards

More information:

NFV Technology Page (information) http://www.etsi.org/nfv

NFV Portal (working area) http://portal.etsi.org/nfv

NFV Proofs of Concept (information) http://www.etsi.org/nfv-poc

NFV Plugtest (information & registration) http://www.etsi.org/nfvplugtest

Open Area:

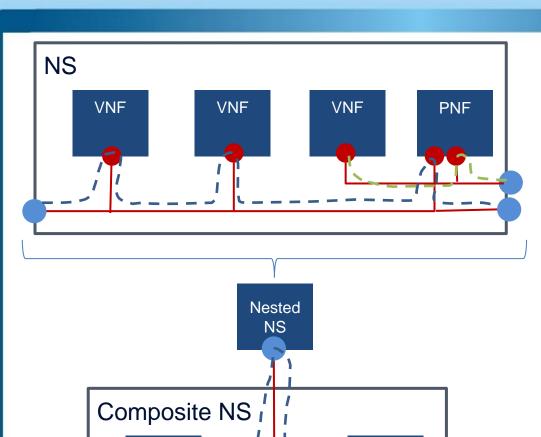
Drafts http://docbox.etsi.org/ISG/NFV/Open/Drafts/

Issue tracker http://nfvwiki.etsi.org/index.php?title=NFV Issue Tracker



What is a Network Service? A look inside





PNF



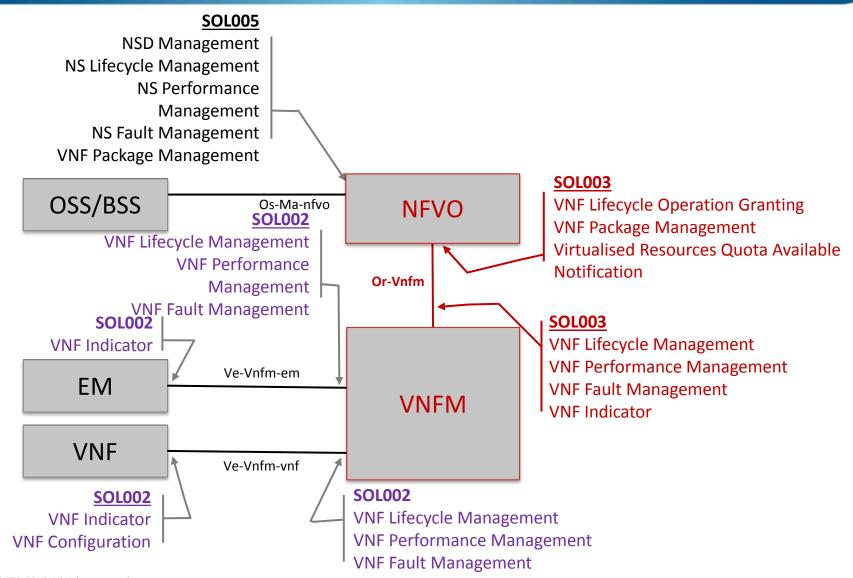
Connection Point

- Virtual Link (Virtual Network)VNF Forwarding Graph
- Physical Network Functions and Virtual Network Functions may be combined in the same network service.
- NFV Network Services may be built in a modular manner, then combined in Composite Network Services.
- NS has constituent VNFs and PNFs
- Composite NS can have nested NS included as reference
- Virtual Link (VL) provides the connectivity between constituent VNFs and PNFs
- VNF Forwarding Graph (VNFFG) is composed of Network Forwarding Paths (NFP), each one as a sequence of connection points and a classification and selection rule.
- A NS has Service Access Points (SAP) used to access the NS from the outside

VNF

ETSI NFV MANO architecture: interfaces & operations







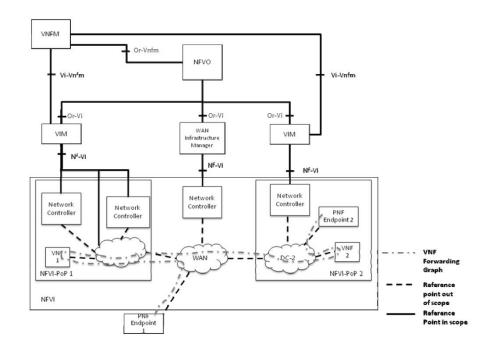
- Virtualisation is a well established technology.
- ETSI NFV Management and Orchestration (MANO) adds automated deployment of complex Virtualised Network Functions (VNFs).



Multi-site architectural framework



Architectural framework extended with a **WAN Infrastructure** Manager (WIM) managing network resources across multiple NFVI-POPs. Details under study in GR NFV-IFA 022.



Boundaries of ETSI NFV activity



