



Introduction to Network Function Virtualization

About Me



Brayan Perera



BICT(UCSC)



Systems Architect at **hMS**



brayan@hsenidmobile.com



Purpose

- To provide high level understanding on NFV architecture and applications.





**Traditional Service
to
NFV**

Wedding @ House

Venue : Preparation

Table Arrangements

Decorations

Food and Beverages

Wedding Cakes

Photographers/Videographers

Ashtaka and Jayamangalagatha

Dancers and DJ/Music

Wedding Ceremony

Wedding @ Event Hall

Venue

Table Arrangements

Food and Beverages

Decorations

Wedding Cakes

Photographers/Videographers

Ashtaka and Jayamangalagatha

Dancers and DJ/Music

Wedding Ceremony

Wedding @ Event Hall Orchestrated By An Event Planner

Venue

Table Arrangements

Food and Beverages

Decorations

Wedding Cakes

Photographers/Videographers

Ashtaka and Jayamangalagatha

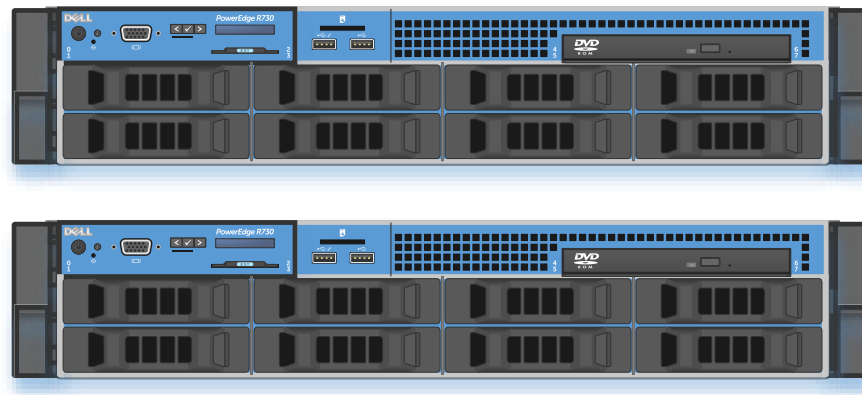
Dancers and DJ/Music

Wedding Ceremony

Managed By You

Managed By Vendor

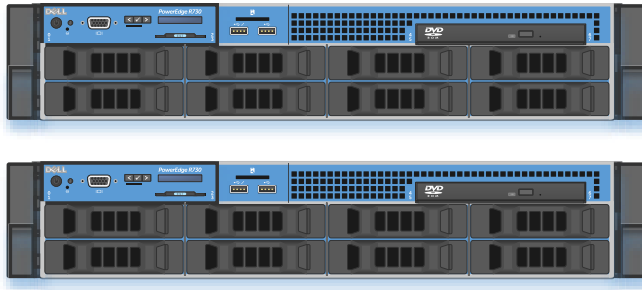




Baremetal Servers



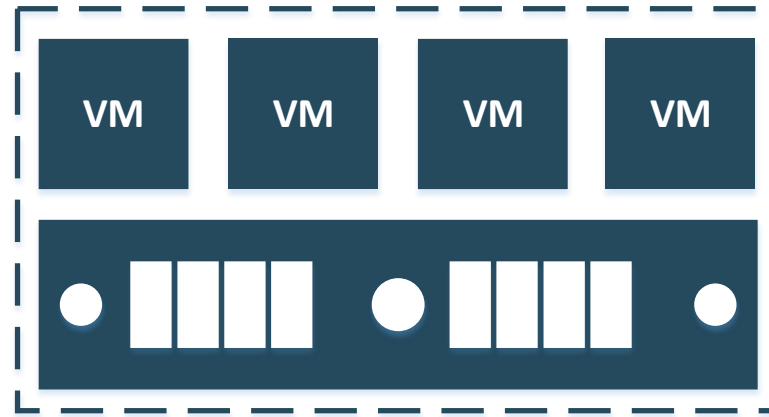
Application runs on Baremetal



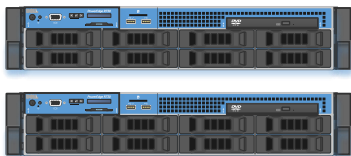
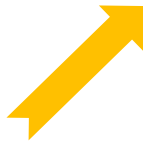
Baremetal Servers

- Under Utilized
- Redundant resources
 - High Availability
- Project/Product based Deployments
- Fragmented deployments
 - Network
 - Hardware





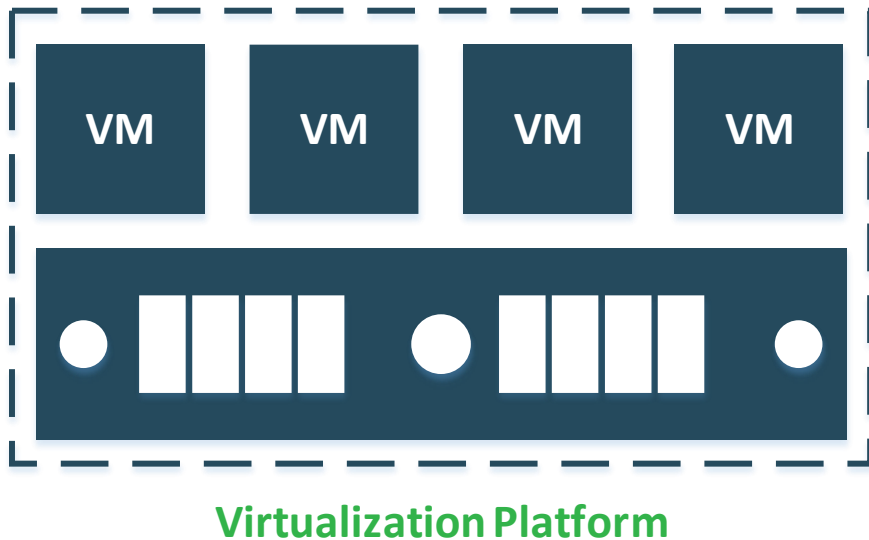
Virtualization Platform



Baremetal Servers

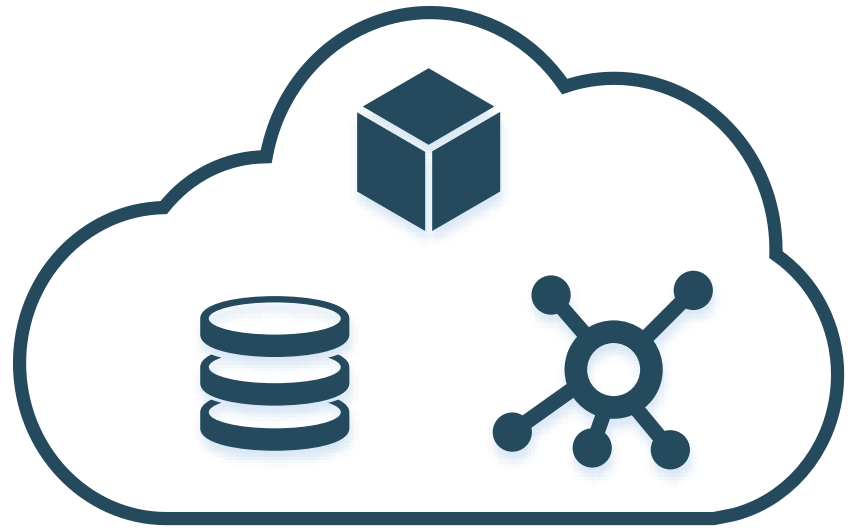


Migrated to Virtualization Platform

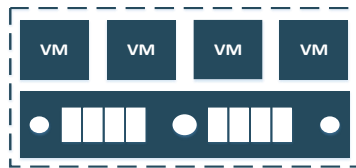


- Small virtual machines to host applications
- No changes on application functionality
- Easy placement and manage of VMs
 - Backup / Restore





Cloud Platform



Virtualization Platform



Baremetal Servers



Migrated to Cloud Platform



Cloud Platform

- Application design
 - Cloud Native app
- Orchestration of instances.
 - On demand
 - Time based
 - Metric based

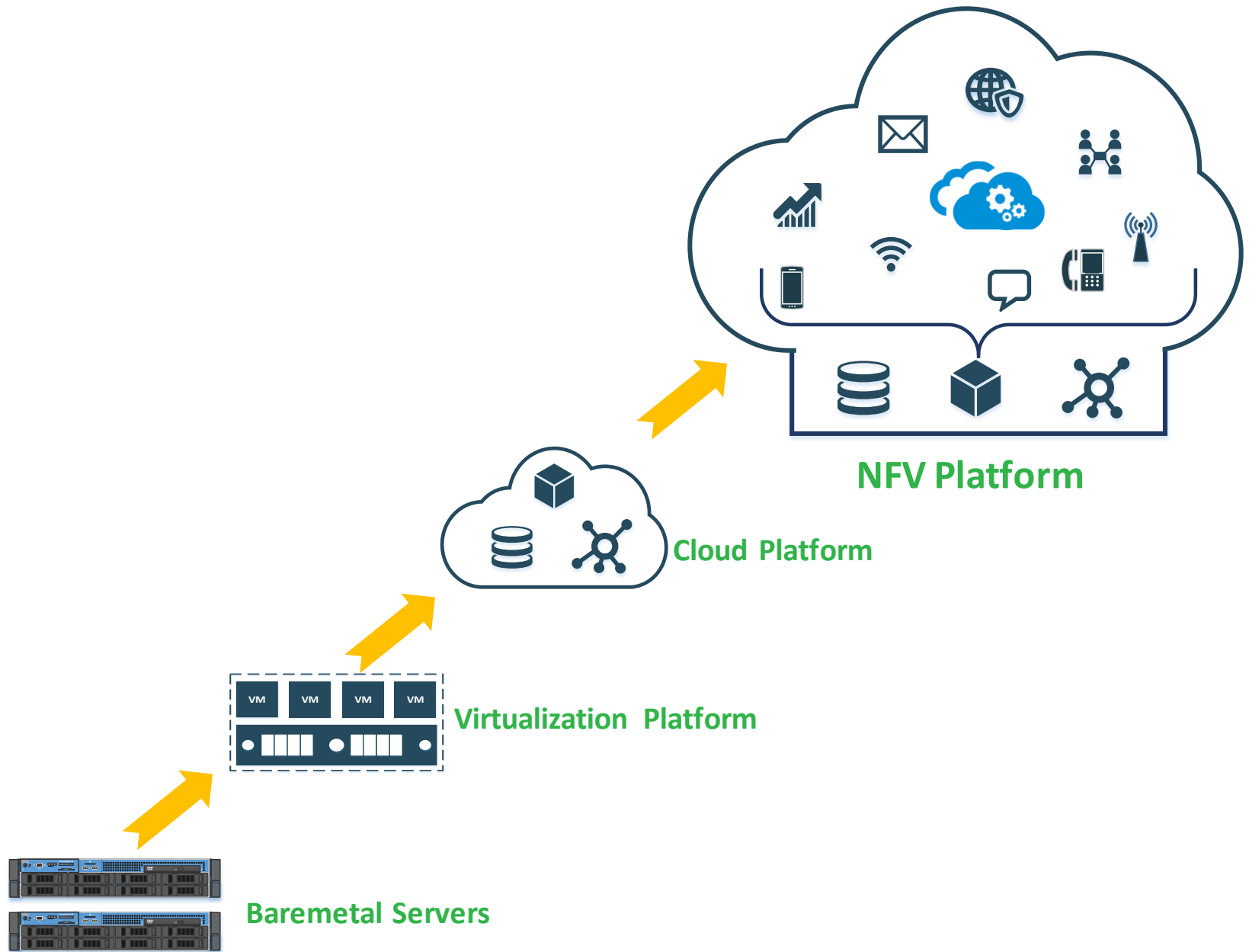
EaaS/XaaS :

SaaS

PaaS

IaaS





Migrated to NFV



NFV Platform

- ➡ Optimized for Communication services.
- ➡ Workloads considered as Virtual Network Functions
- ➡ Horizontal scaling without interruption to workloads.
- ➡ Fast time to deployment.
- ➡ Better hardware utilization.



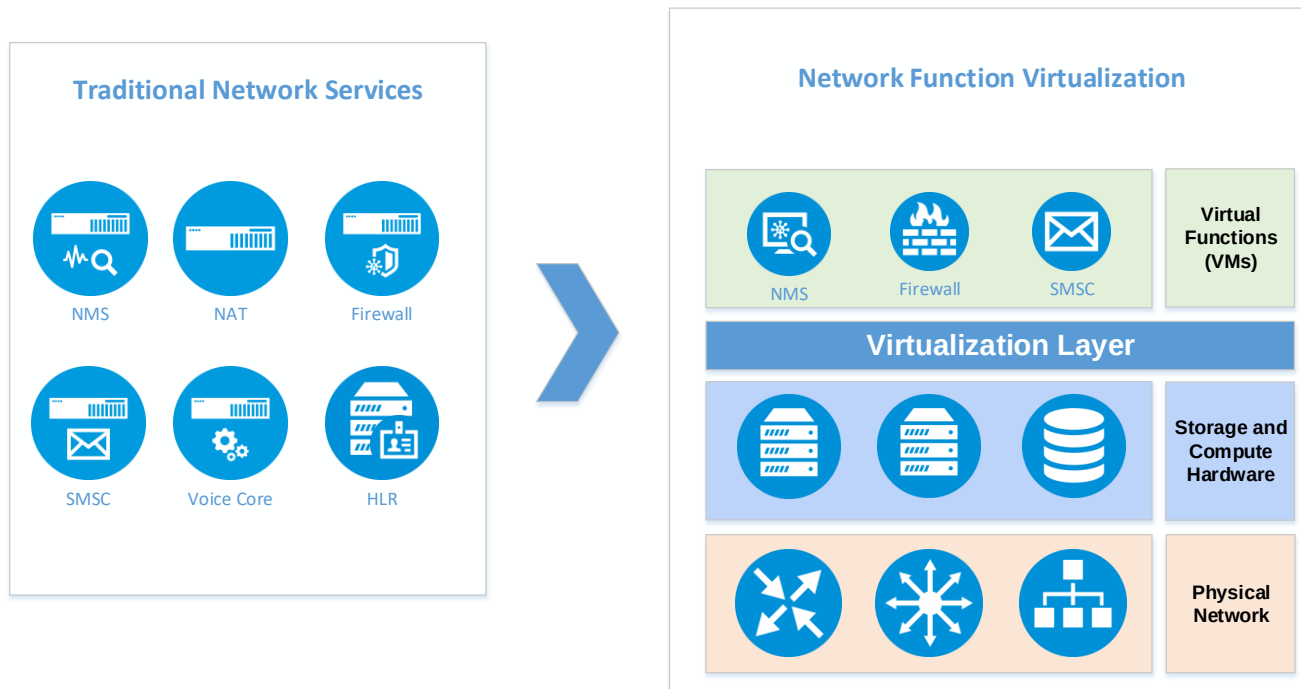


Network Function Virtualization

What is NFV ?

Definition :-

Network architecture concept that propose to virtualize traditional network services to network node functions, which will be building blocks that may be connected or chained together to create a communication service.



Importance of NFV

↻ Openness

- Reduce vendor lock-in

↻ Multi Tenancy

- Multiple vendors in same physical environment.

↻ Service Velocity

- Reduce time-to-market of new network services.

↻ Operational Efficiency

- Elasticity, Standardizing the operational environment.
- Common operational and management tools.

↻ Improved Network economics

- Optimize network resources



Importance of NFV

Telcos moving to 5G

- NFV is a key enabler of 5G
 - Decouple Software and Hardware
 - On-demand automated network service deployment
 - Network Services on Distributed Cloud
 - Enhanced Network Slicing with SDN.



NFV Use Cases

- PCRF (Policy and Charging Rules Function) Systems
- Load Balancers
- CDN (Content Delivery Network) Platforms
- Firewalls
- Signaling Plane Applications
 - STP (Signal Transfer Point)
 - SMSC
- IP telephony
- Voice Core
- IDS – Intrusion Detection Systems



Challenges on migrating to NFV

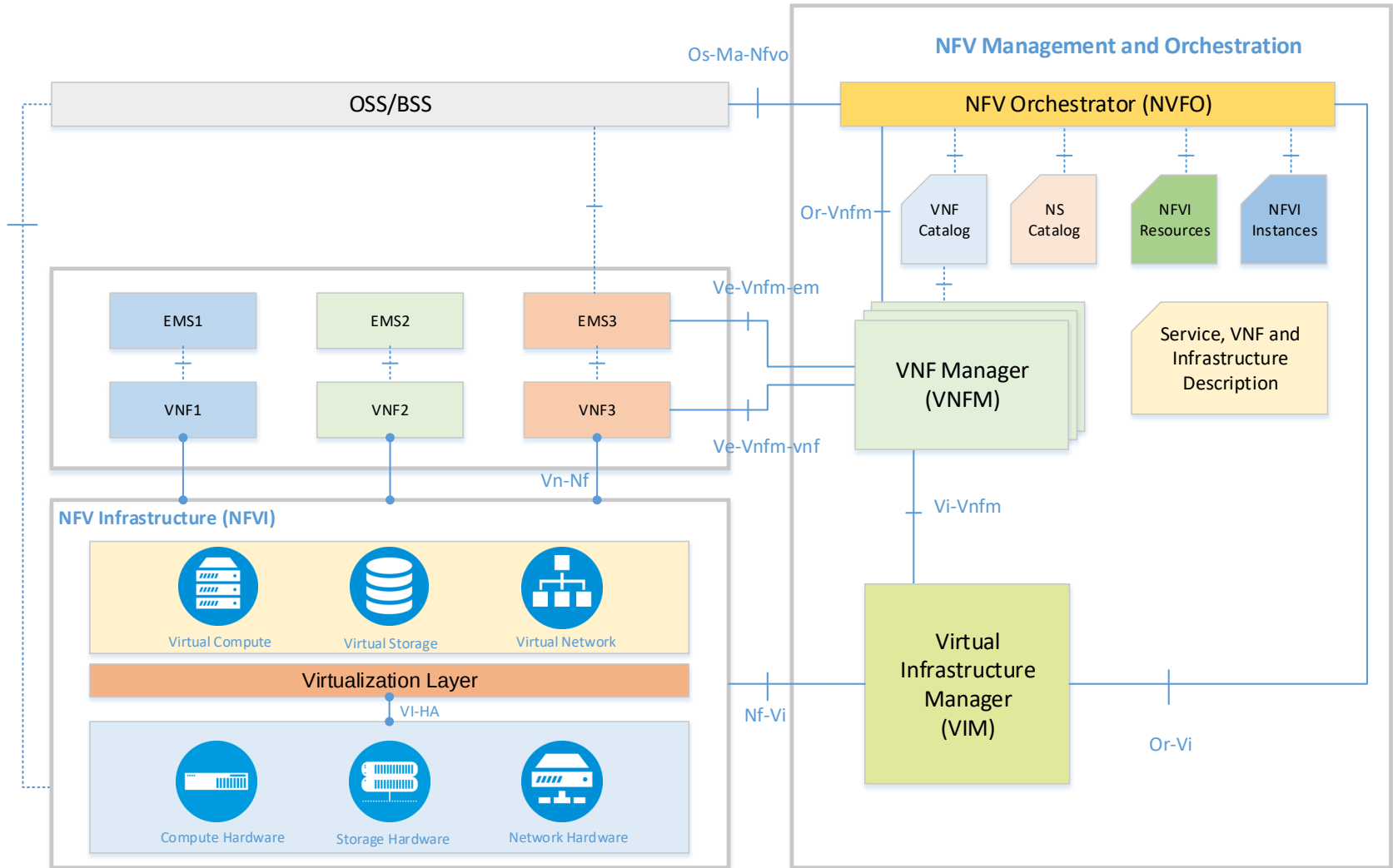
- ↻ Some Services are not cloud optimized.
 - Updates, Scaling, load-balancing
- ↻ Addressing all 'Application' requirements from common hardware.
 - Each vendor specifies different requirements than others.
- ↻ Licensing of VNF
 - Differ than hardware-equivalent
 - Scale out/in, dynamic workloads
- ↻ Learning curve.





ETSI NFV Architecture

ETSI NFV Architecture



● — ● Execution Reference Points

— Main NFV Reference Points

····· Other Reference Points

NFV MANO

🔗 NFV MANO – Management and Orchestration

- Comprises three functional blocks
 - NFV Orchestrator (NFVO)
 - VNF Manager (VNFM)
 - Virtualized Infrastructure Manager (VIM)

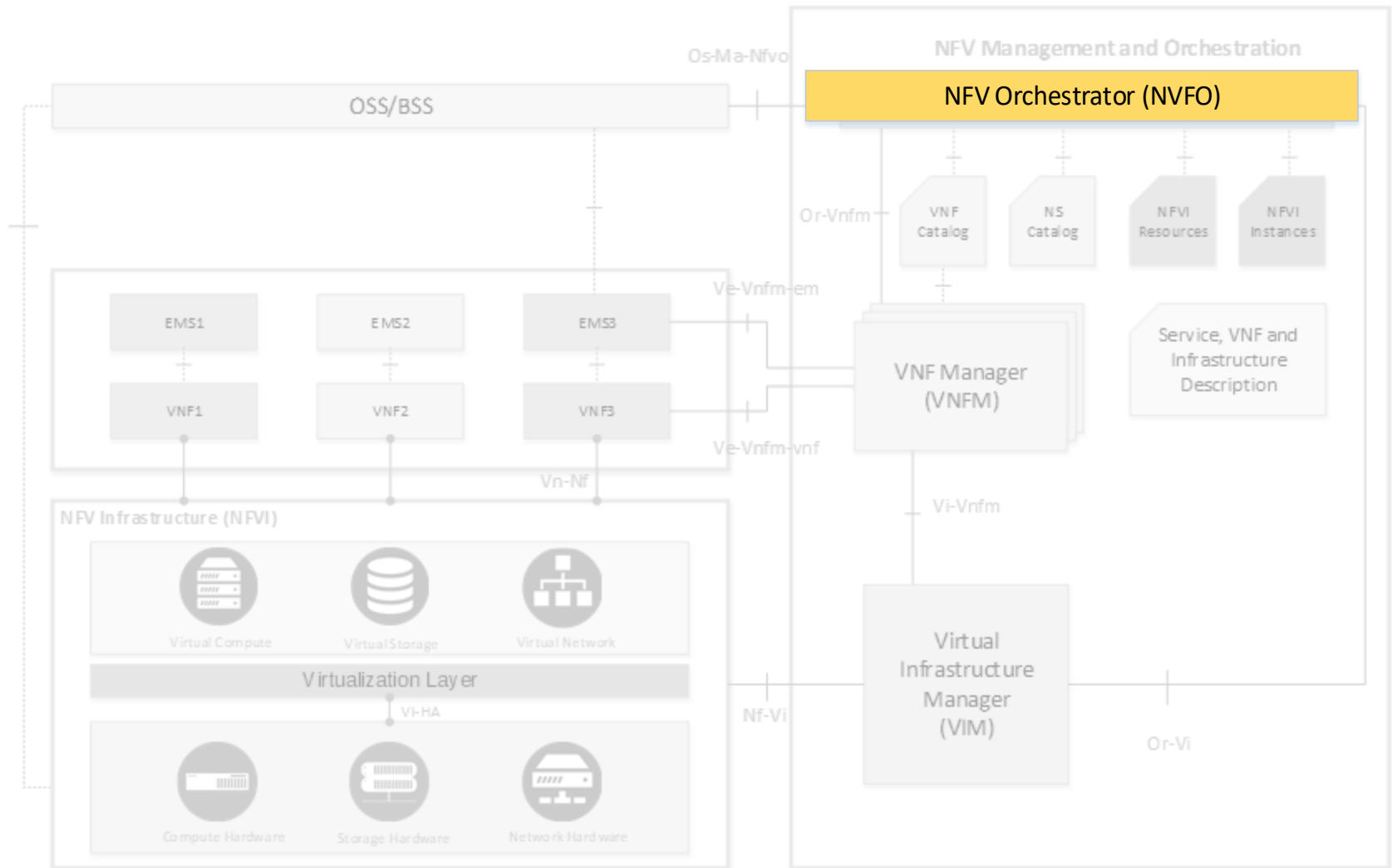
**NFV
Orchestrator
(NFVO)**

**VNF Manager
(VNFM)**

**Virtualized
Infrastructure
Manager (VIM)**



ETSI NFV Architecture



● — ● Execution Reference Points

—|— Main NFV Reference Points

·····|····· Other Reference Points

www.hSenidMobile.com

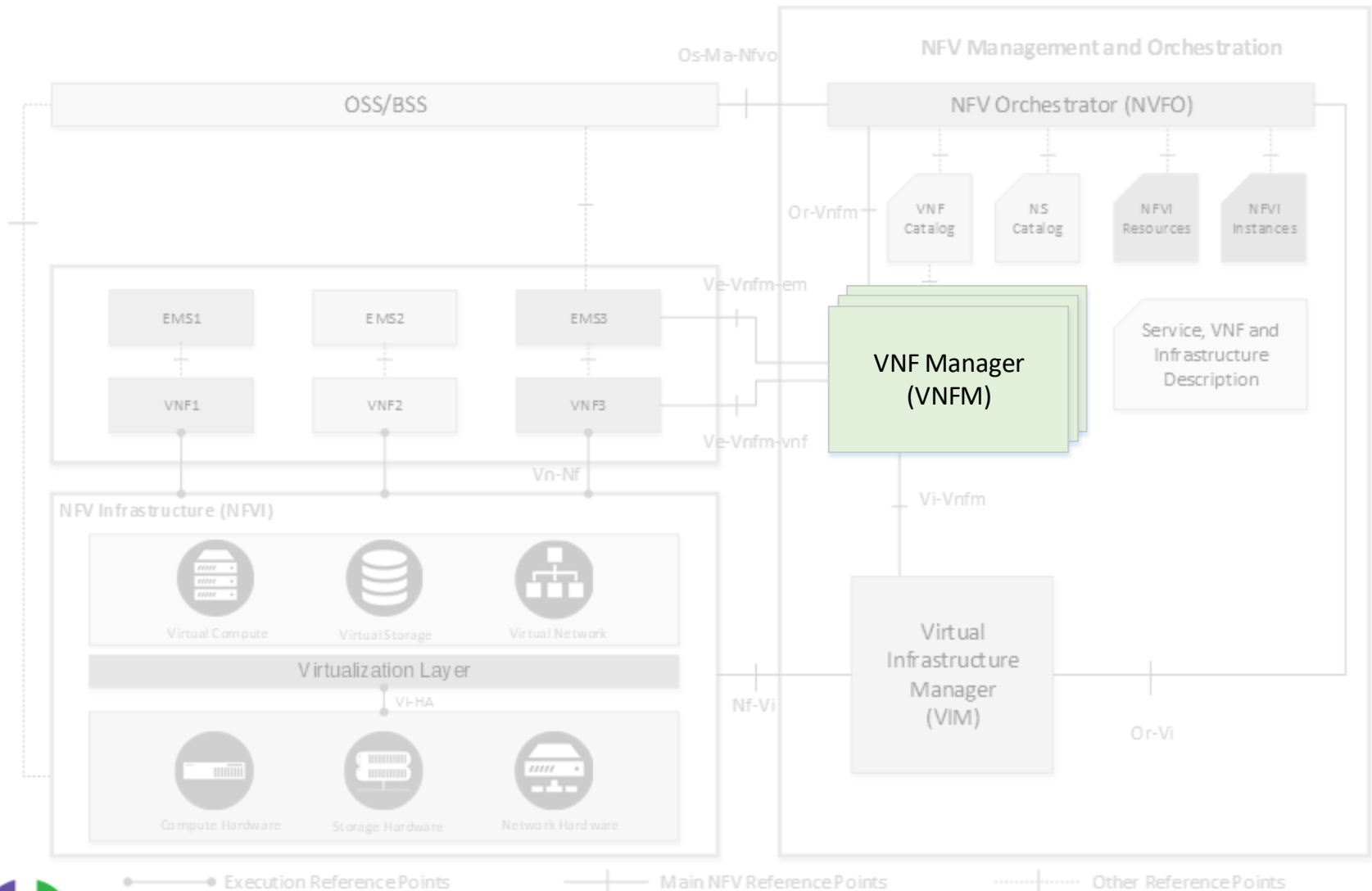
NFV MANO

NFV Orchestrator (NFVO)

- On-boarding of new Network Service (NS) and VNF Packages
- NS lifecycle management
- Resource management
- Policy management for NS instances



ETSI NFV Architecture



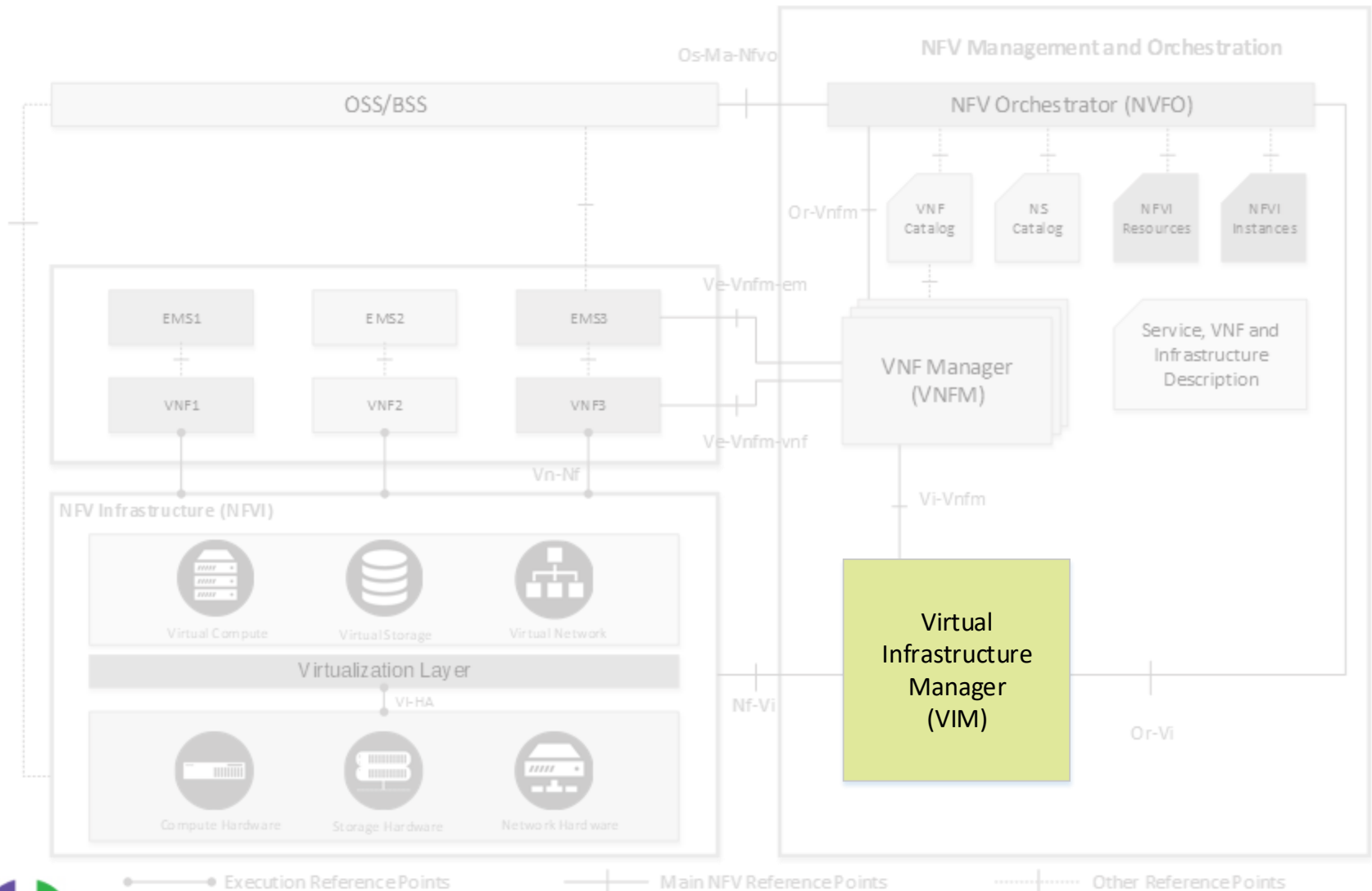
NFV MANO

VNF Manager (VNFM)

- Lifecycle management of VNF instances
- Coordination of configuration and event reporting between NFVI and the E/NMS



ETSI NFV Architecture



NFV MANO

Virtualized Infrastructure Manager (VIM)

- Controlling and managing the NFVI compute, storage and network resources
- Collection and forwarding of performance measurements and events



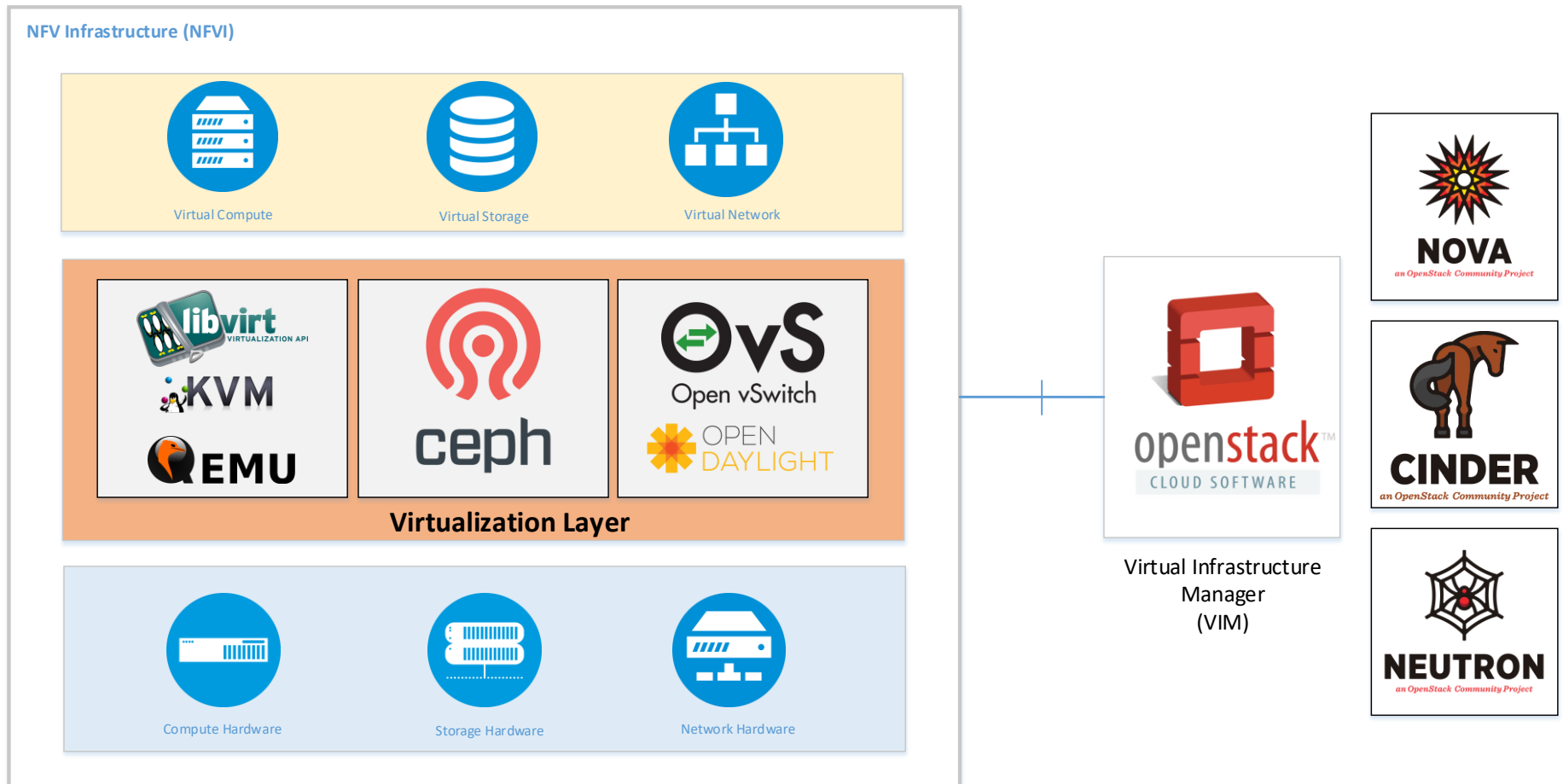
NFV MANO - NFVO

NFV Orchestrator (NFVO)

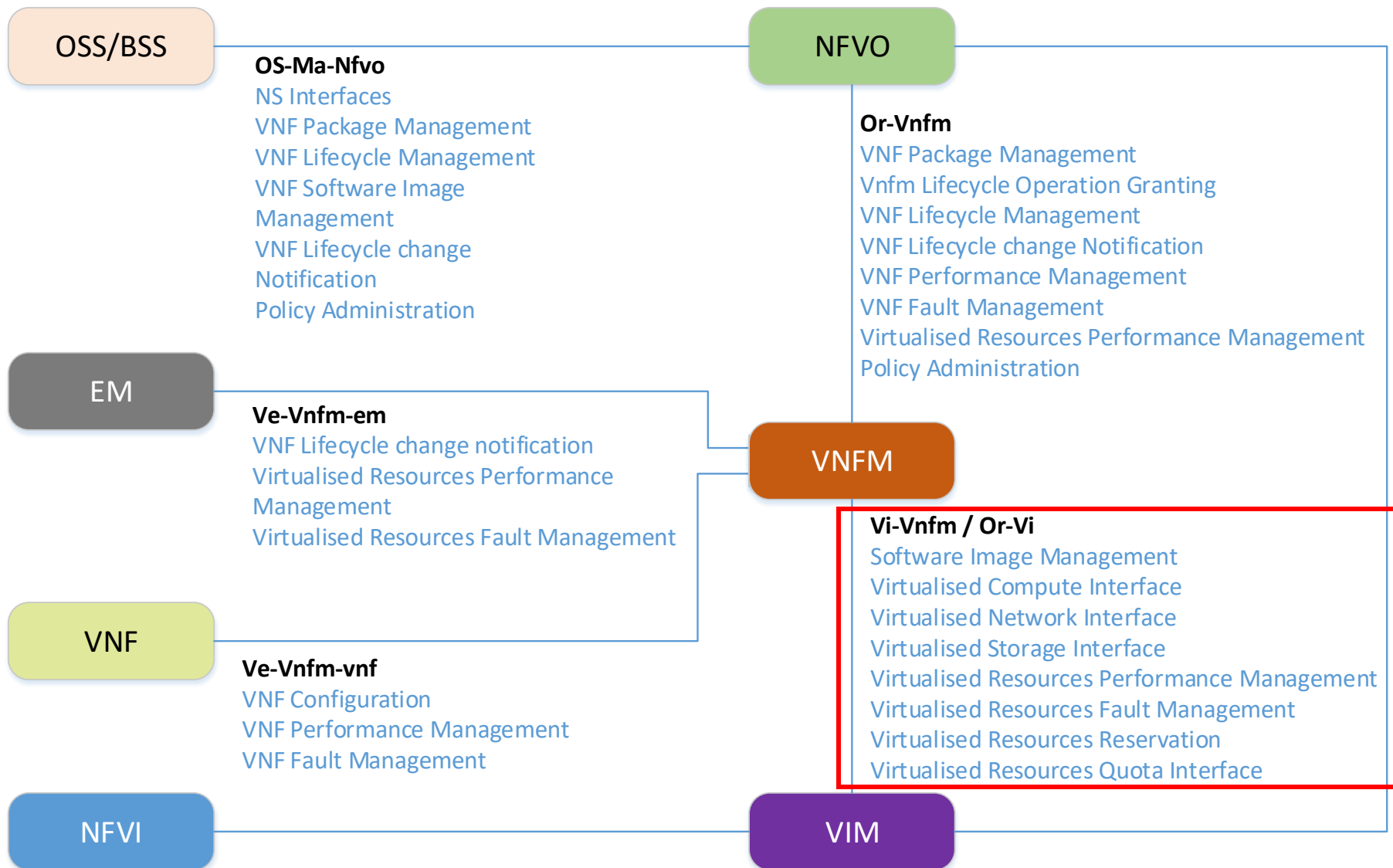
- Resource Orchestration
 - Manage and orchestrate resources from one or more NFVI-PoPs
 - Keep track of VNF instances mapped to different VIMs, VNFM and NFVIs.
 - Policy management and enforcement.
- Network Service Orchestration
 - Management of VNFs and Network Service Deployment templates.
 - Instantiation and lifecycle management of Network Services.



VIM / NFVI – Openstack as VIM



NFV MANO – API Interfaces





Virtual Network function

Virtual Network function

- VNF Overview
- VNF Architecture
- VNF Design
- VNF Lifecycle Management

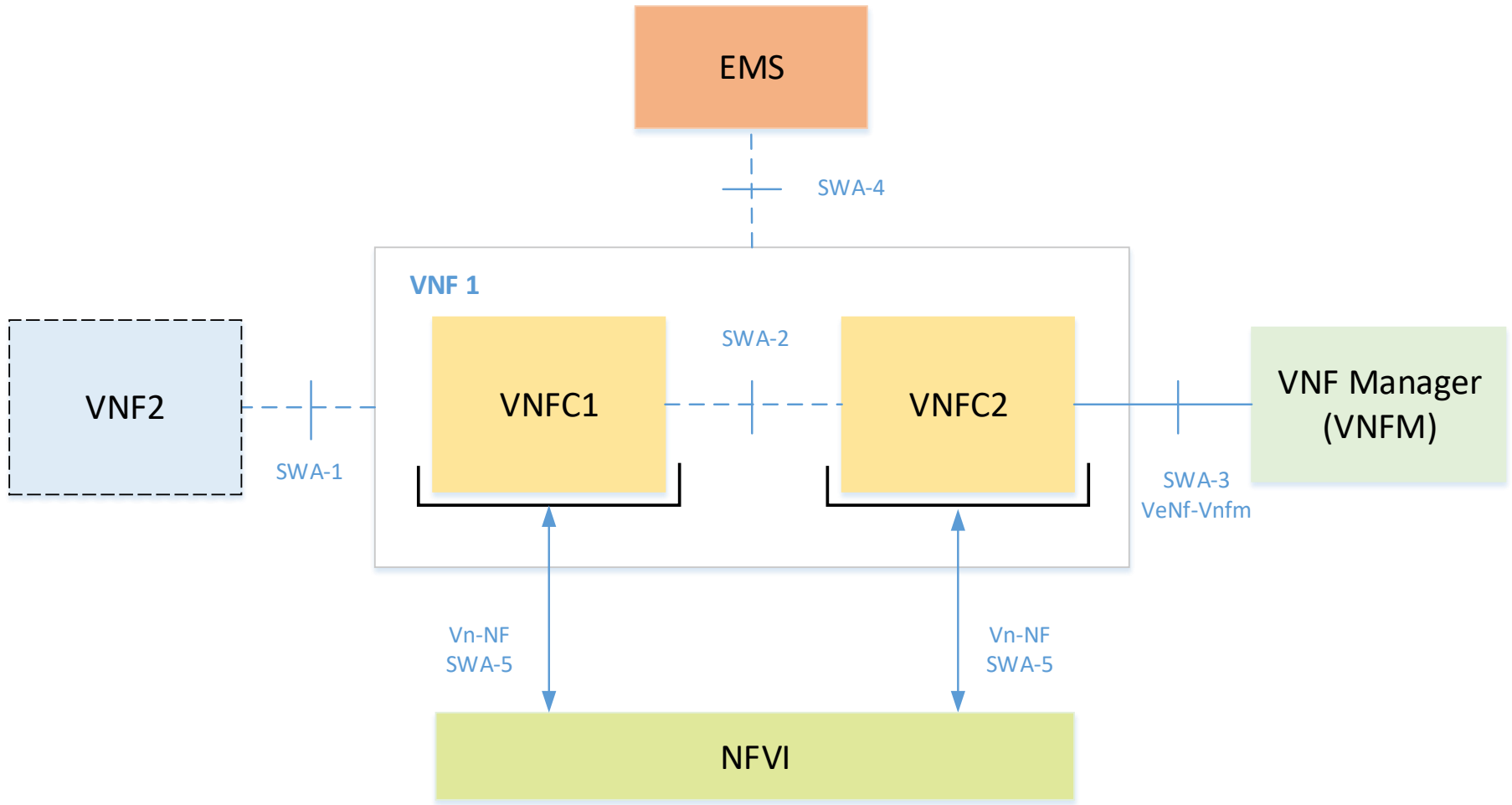


VNF Overview

- VNF is responsible for handling specific network function that runs on one or more virtual machines that runs on NFVI.
 - Multiple VMs or Single VM can act as VNF.
 - Component view of VNF is called VNFC
- VNF will be a part of Network Service, which will be instantiate by the NFVO.
 - Can be single VNF or multiple connected or combined VNFs
- VNF will be on boarded via VNFD (VNF Descriptor), which define the VNF and its scope.



VNF Architecture





VNF Design

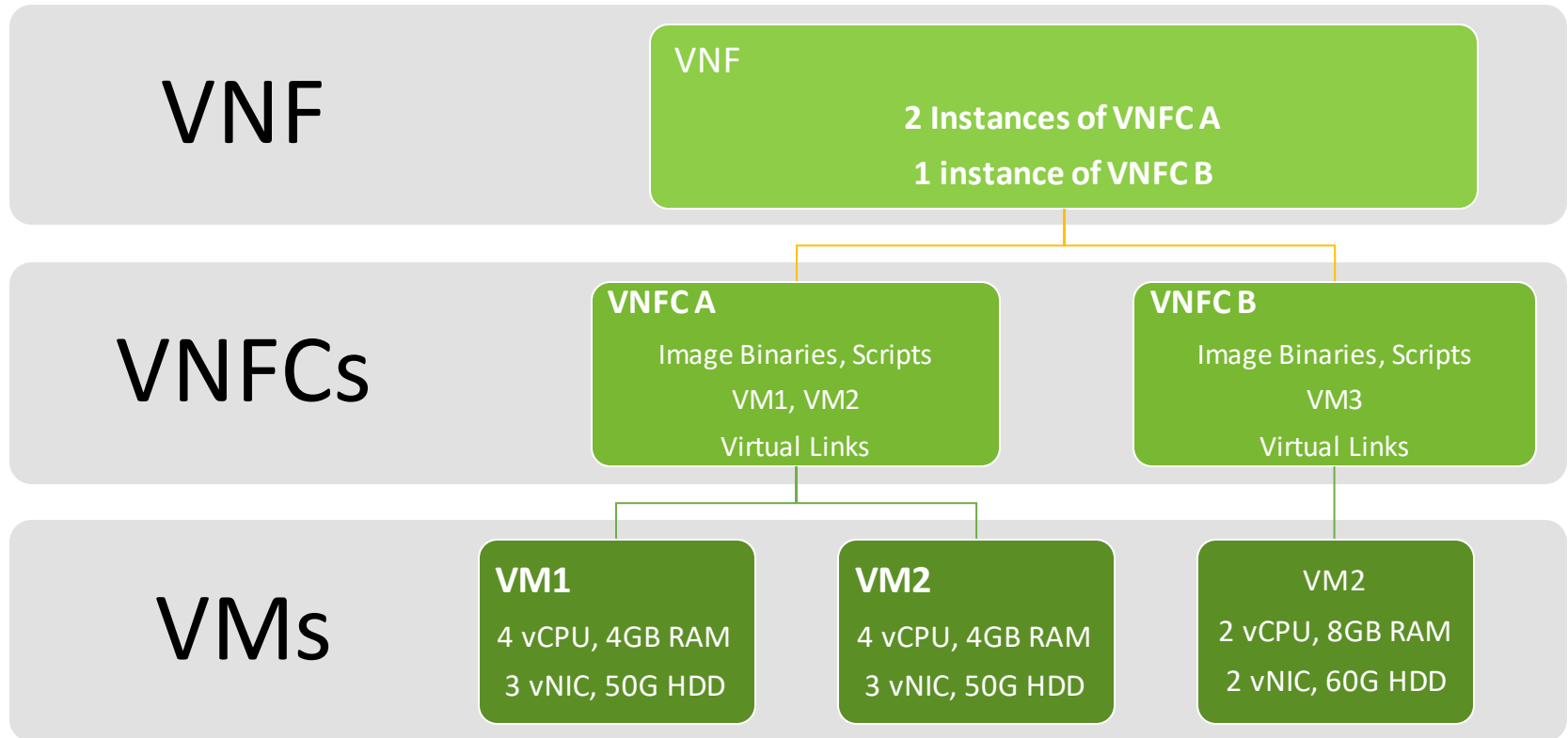
VNF Design

⌘ Components / Decision points of the VNF design

- VNF Internal Structure
- Load balancing mechanism
- VNF Scaling
- VNF Upgrade/Updates
- VNF Properties
- VNF Descriptor Design
- VNF Security



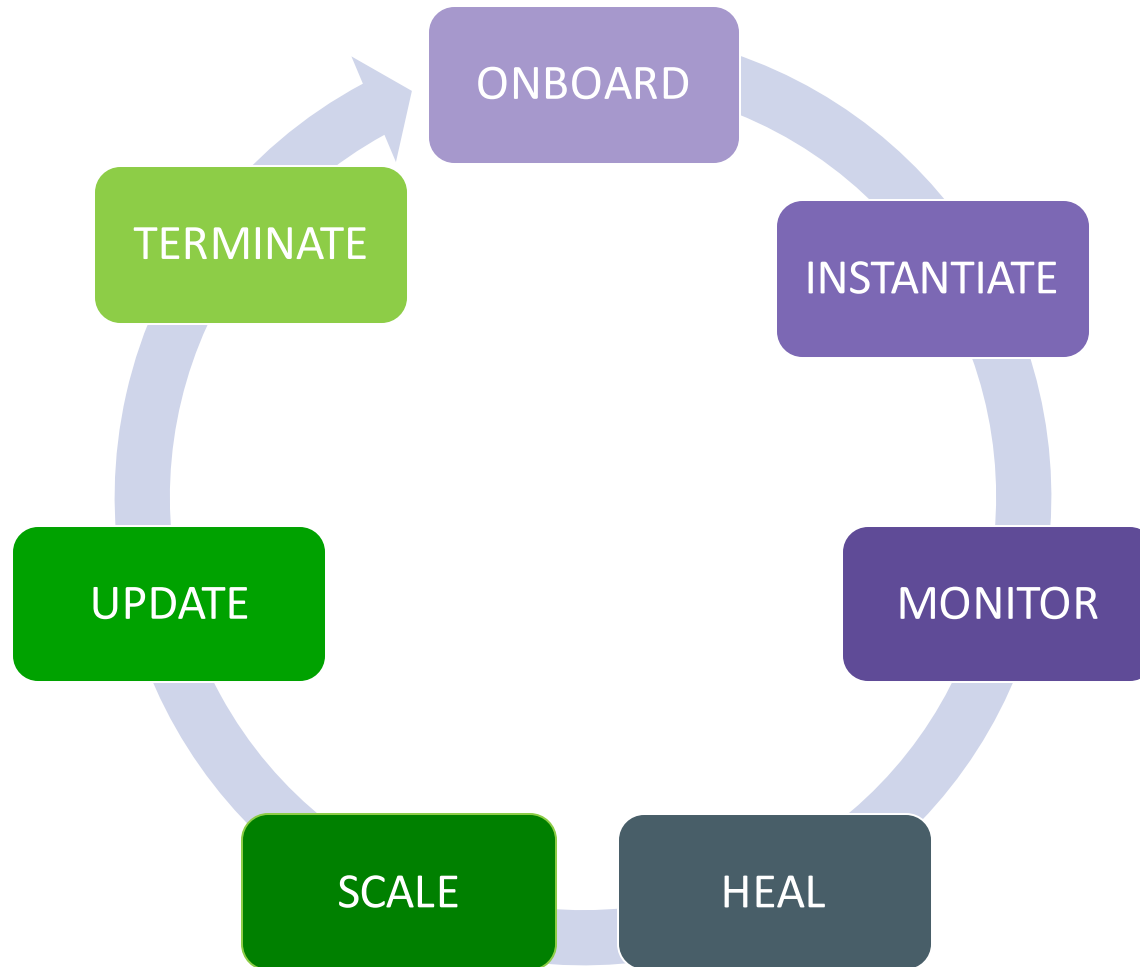
VNF Descriptor and Instantiation



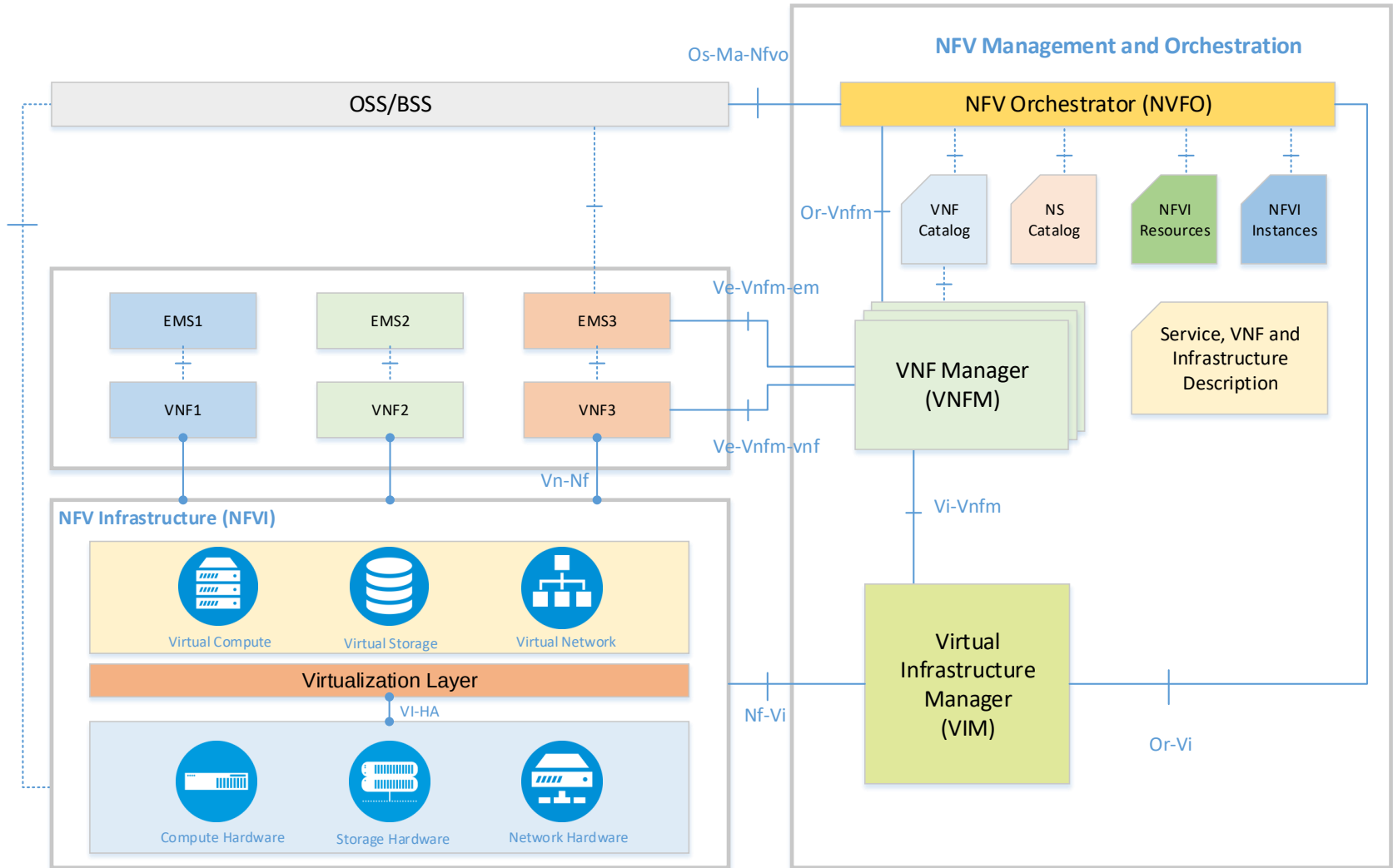


Lifecycle Management

VNF Lifecycle Management



ETSI NFV Architecture





NFV Products

MANO Offerings in Industry

➡ Most of the MANO Solutions provide both NFVO and VNFM.

- VIM offerings
 - Openstack
 - VMWare vCloud Director
 - OpenVIM
 - AWS
- Open source MANO offerings
 - Tacker – Openstack Project
 - OSM
 - OpenMANO
 - OpenBaton



MANO Offerings in Industry

Commercial MANO products



NOKIA

Nokia CloudBand-

- CloudBand Network Director (NFVO)
- CloudBand Application Manager (VNFM)
- CloudBand Infrastructure Software (NFVI,VIM)



ERICSSON

Ericsson Cloud Manager (NFVO, VNFM)



HUAWEI

Huawei CloudOpera Orchestrator (NFVO, VNFM)



Hewlett Packard Enterprise

HPE NFV Director (NFVO, VNFM)



ZTE

ZTE vManager (NFVO, VNFM)



RIFT.io

Rift.IO Rift.Ware MANO (NFVO, VNFM)



CLOUDIFY

Cloudify Manager (NFVO, VNFM)



VIM Offerings in Industry

- Openstack
 - Red Hat, Mirantis, Oracle and VMWare
- Cisco VIM
- Ericsson Cloud Execution Environment
- VMWare vSphere
- OpenVIM
- Amazon Public Cloud



VNF Offerings in Industry

- Many Commercial products
 - Ericsson, Nokia, MetaSwitch, CISCO, Juniper, F5 etc ...
- Sample Open Source VNFs
 - Clear Water IMS
 - OpenSIPS





NFV Opportunities

NFV Opportunities

- ➦ As NFV MANO Vendor - Developer / DevOps
- ➦ As VNF Vendor - Developer / DevOps
- ➦ As Telco User – Operations / Planning and Management
- ➦ Key Skills to gather
 - Networking and OS administration
 - Service Oriented application development
 - DevOps technologies including automation
 - Virtual Infrastructure technologies
 - PaaS technologies
 - Private and Public cloud technologies
 - SDN and SDS





Activity

Question 1

➡ Which of the following type of virtualization is also characteristic of cloud computing?

- A. Storage
- B. Application
- C. CPU
- D. All of the mentioned



Question 2

➡ The technology used to distribute service requests to resources referred to as ?

- A. Load performing
- B. Load scheduling
- C. Load balancing
- D. All of the mentioned



Question 3

🔄 Name two cloud service types and a one example for each type.

I.

II.



Question 4

- ⌂ Telco service provider uses cloud software in their Datacentres to provide virtual machines to the application vendors.
- ⌂ This deployment can be categorized as?
 - A. Virtualization Platform
 - B. Public Cloud Platform
 - C. Hybrid Cloud Platform
 - D. Private Cloud Platform



Question 5

🔄 Name two VIM (Virtual Infrastructure Manager) solutions in industry.

I.

II.



Q&A

Further Readings

- ➦ <https://www.telocloudbridge.com/blog/a-beginners-guide-to-nfv-management-orchestration-mano/>
- ➦ <https://www.telocloudbridge.com/blog/a-cheat-sheet-for-understanding-nfv-architecture/>
- ➦ <https://osm.etsi.org/images/OSM-Whitepaper-TechContent-ReleaseFOUR-FINAL.pdf>
- ➦ https://nfvwiki.etsi.org/index.php?title=API_specifications
- ➦ <https://www.ietf.org/proceedings/88/slides/slides-88-opsawg-6.pdf>





Thank You

For more information

General : info@hSenidMobile.com

Support : support@hSenidMobile.com