



# NFV: motivations & history

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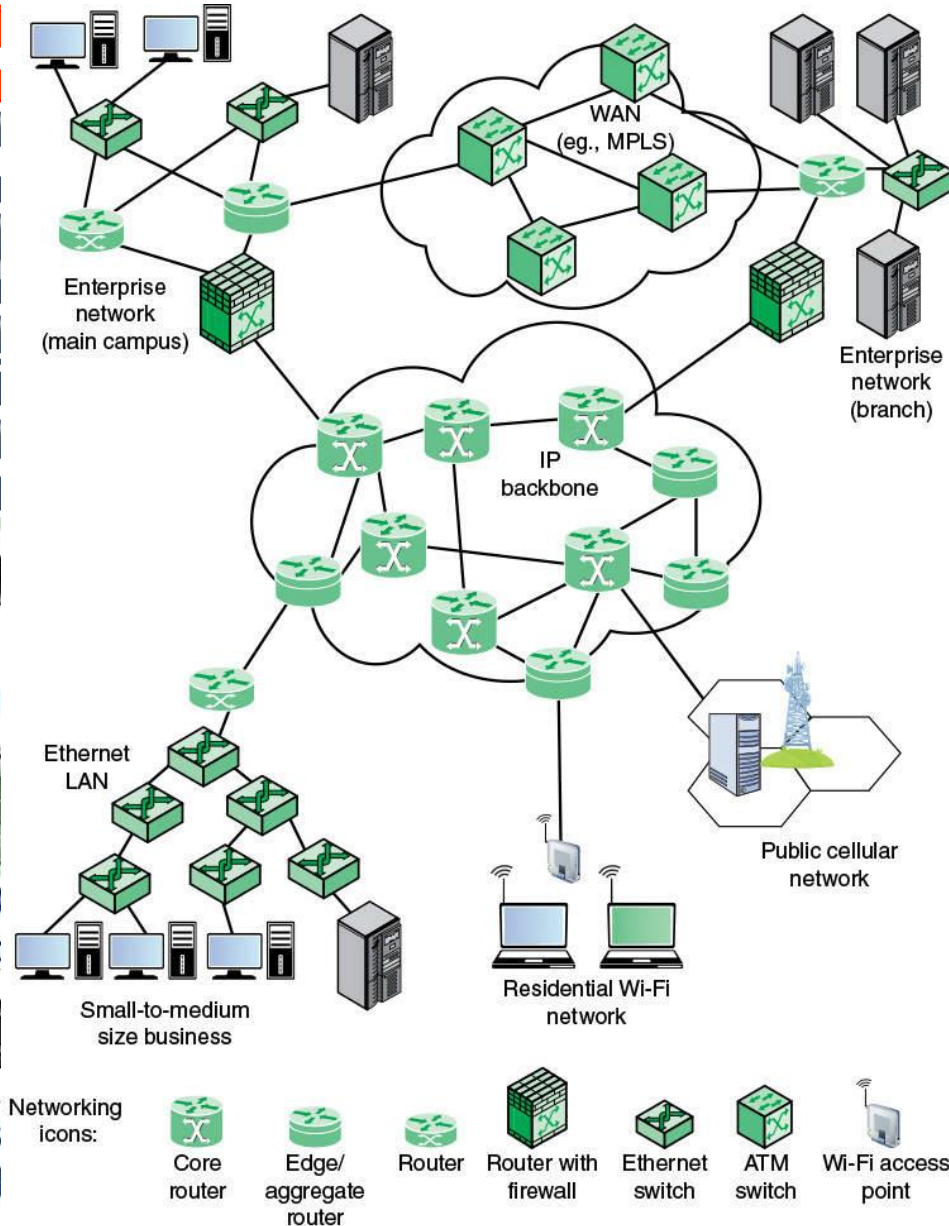
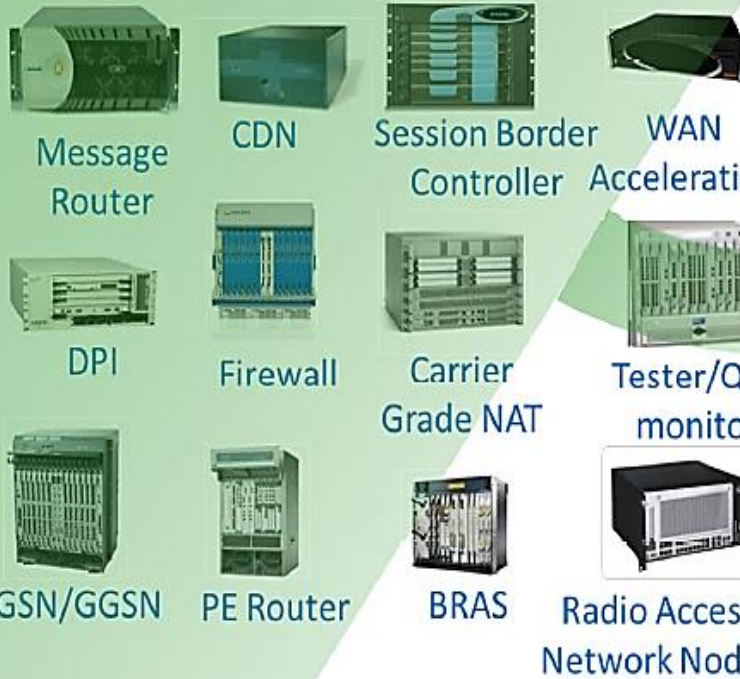
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Proprietary Software: Designed for

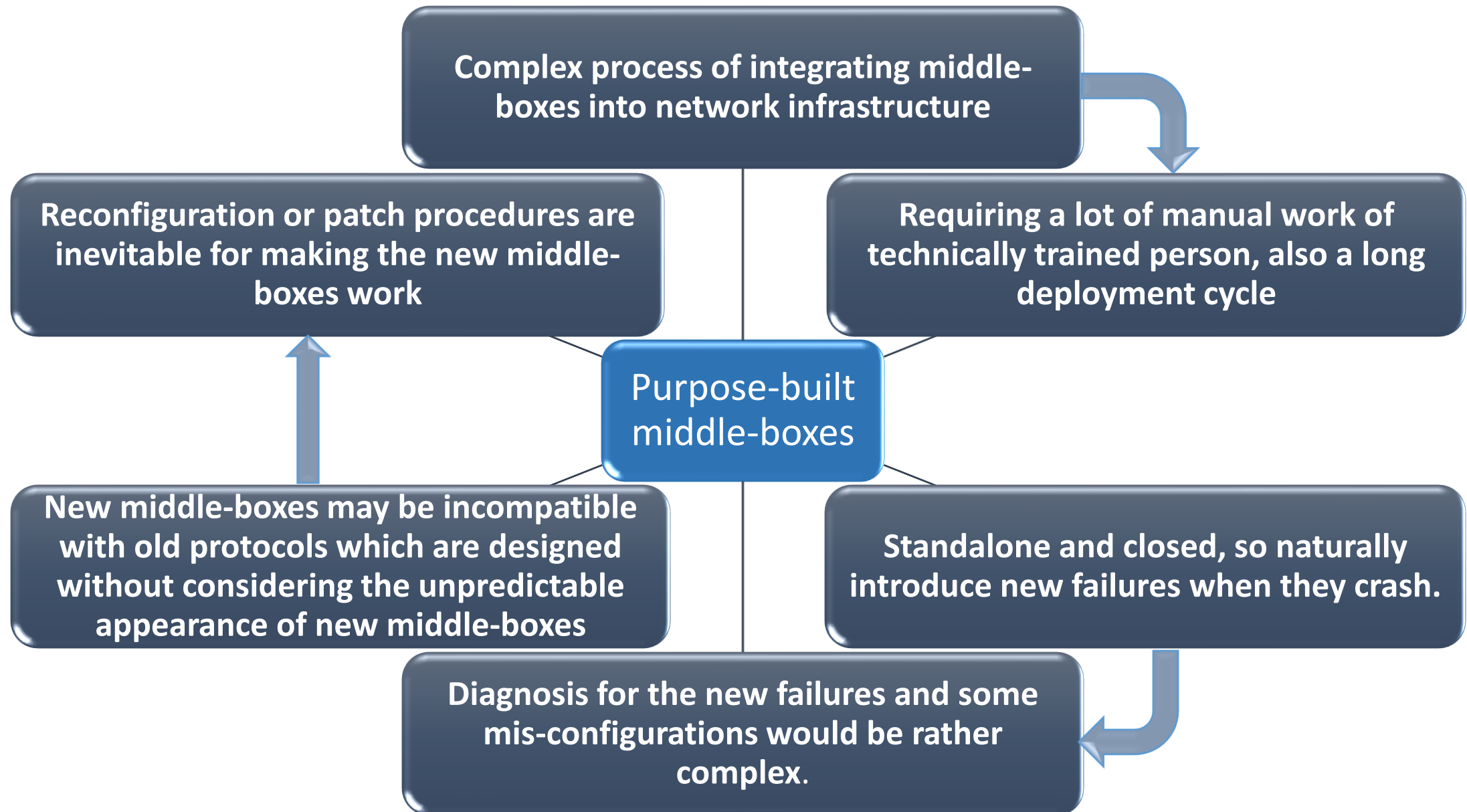
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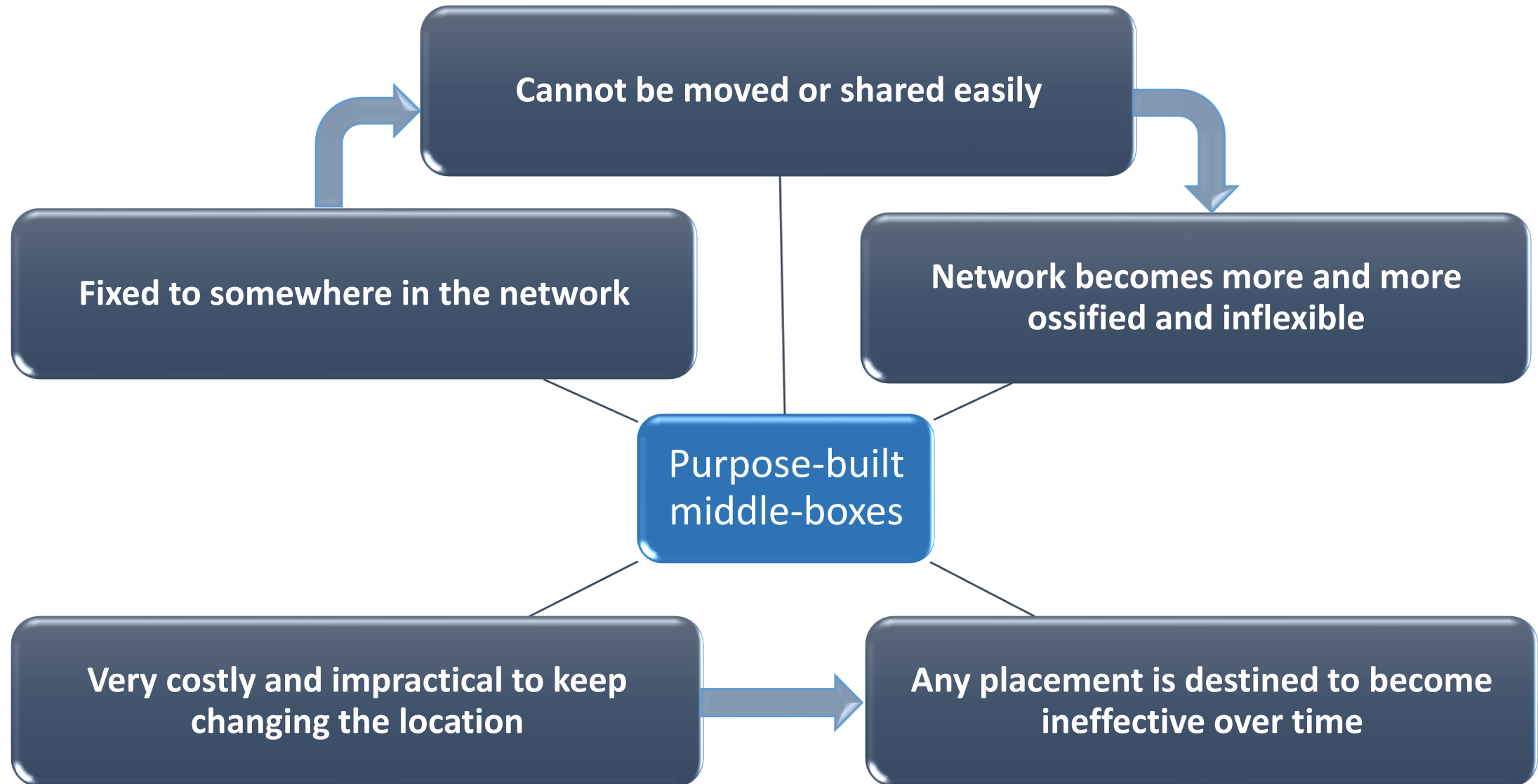
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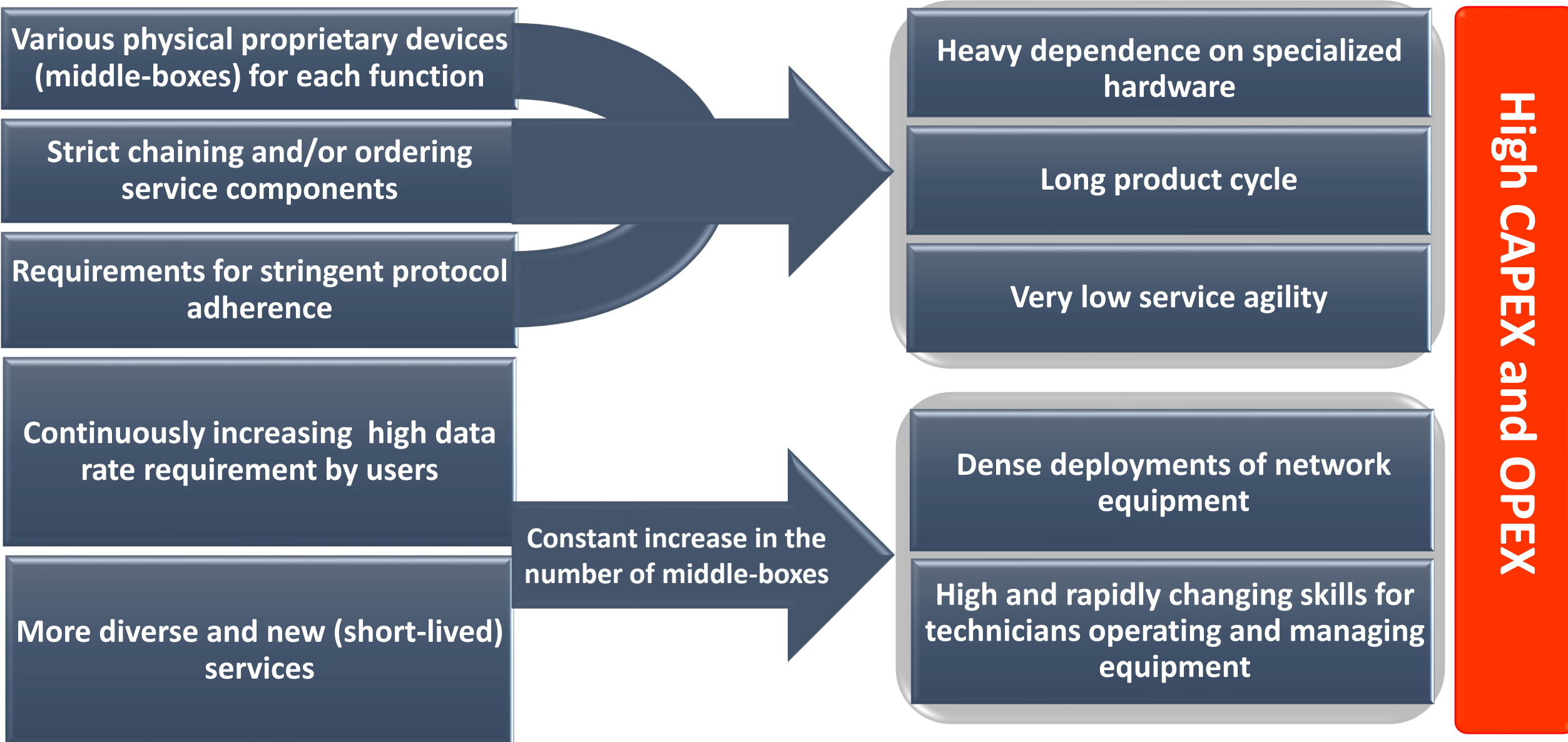
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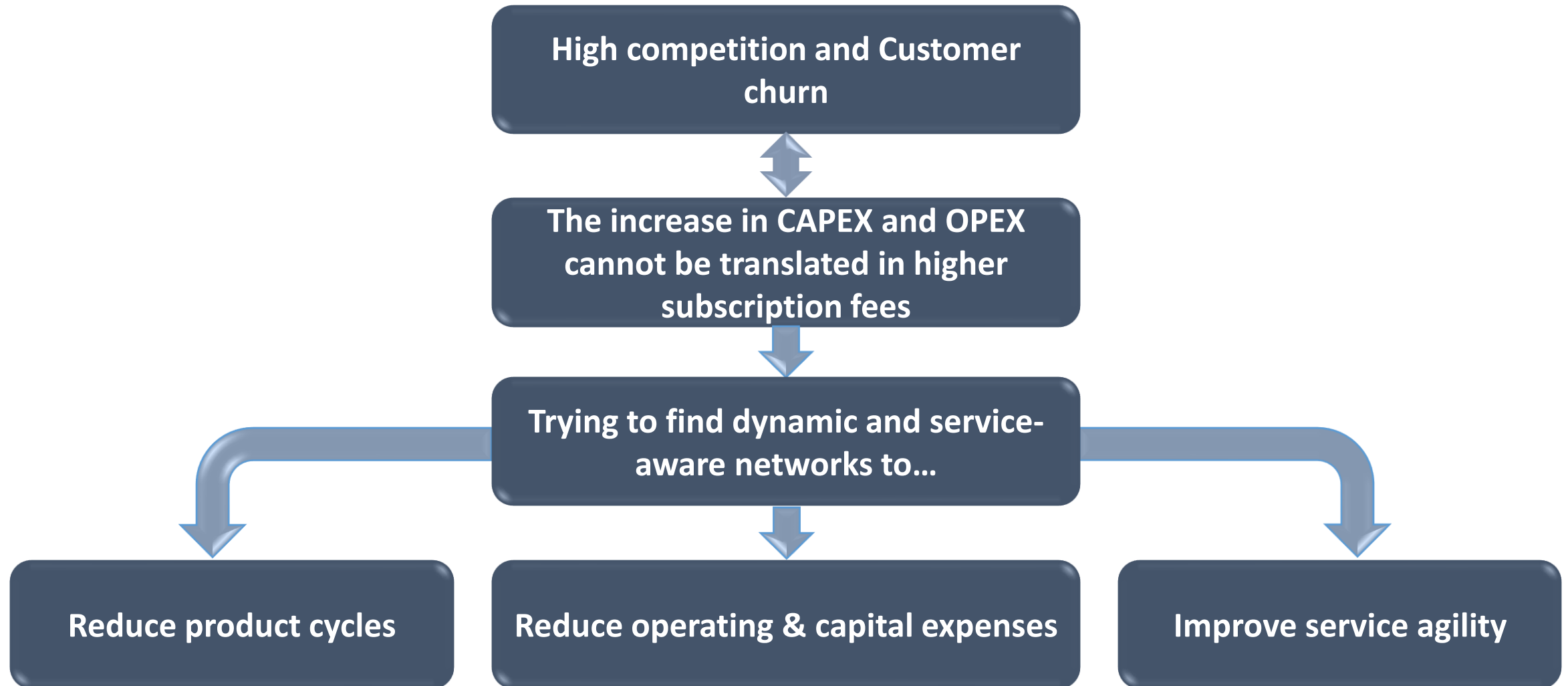
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# Challenges of traditional networking



# Need for a dynamic & service-aware





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## 2. Toward NFV-based network

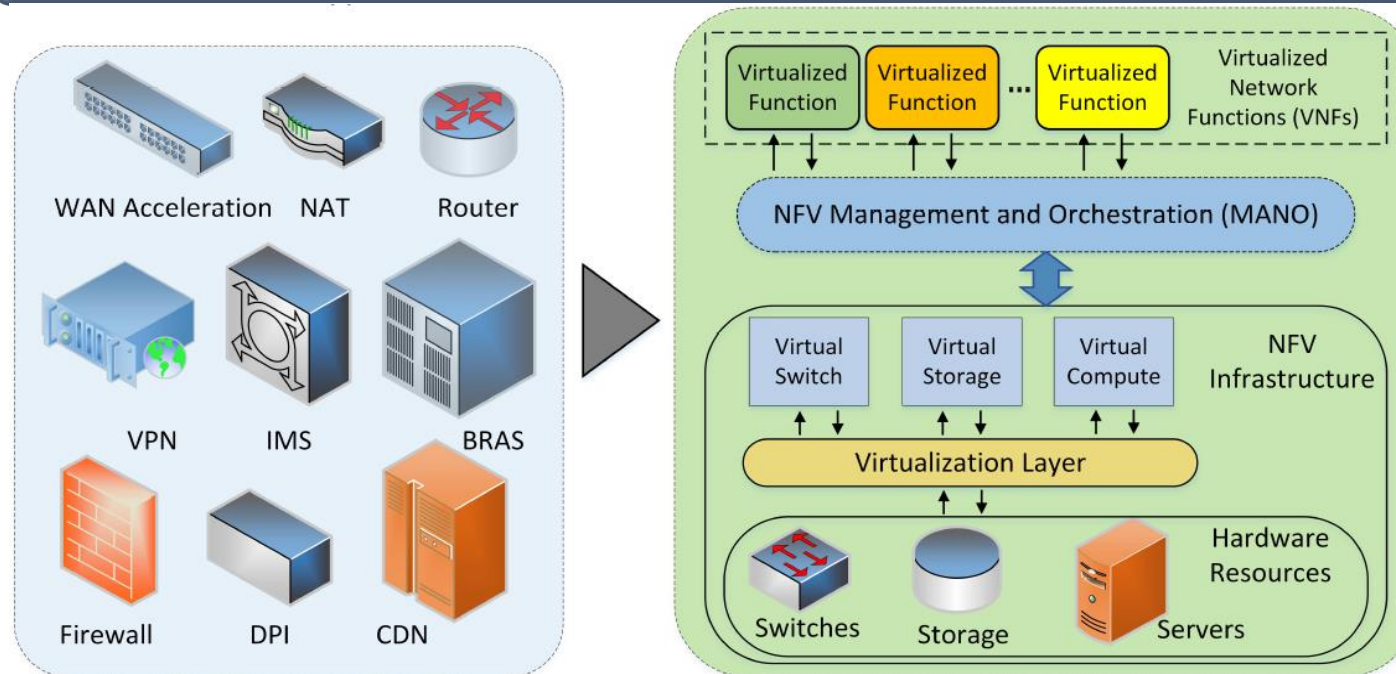
# Separating functionality from hardware

Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) network equipment

Providing far more capacities  
with less cost

Satisfy the needs of general use  
rather than customized purposes

Separate network functions from the purpose-built devices and  
implementing them as software on standard COTS hardware



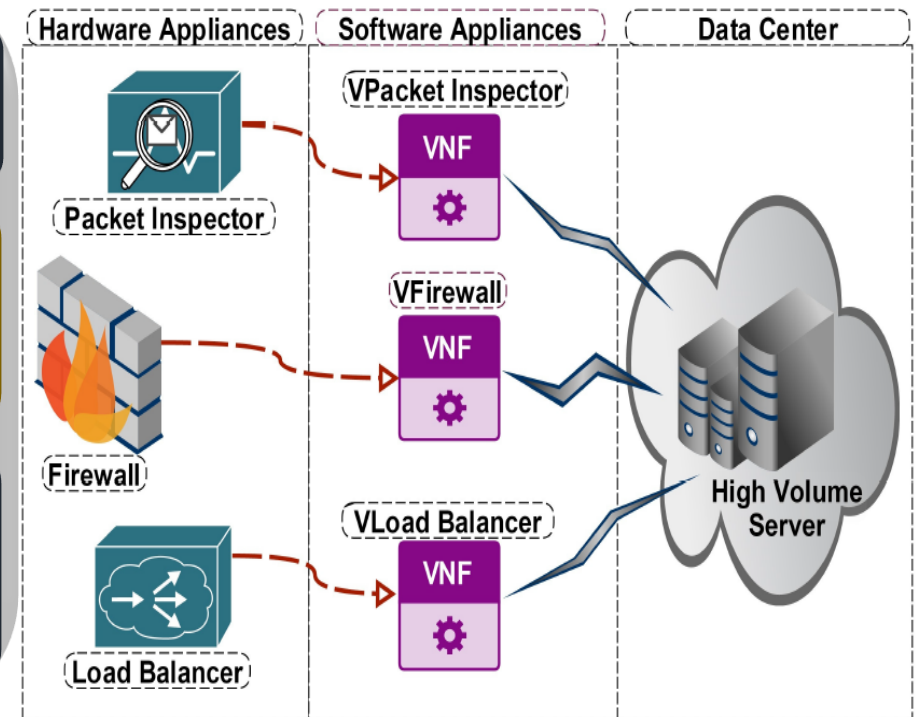
# NFV motivation and advantages

A virtualization technology offering a new way to design, deploy and manage networking services.

Main idea is the decoupling of physical network equipment from the functions running on them.

- e.g. a firewall - can be dispatched to a TSP as an instance of plain software.

Allows for the consolidation of many network equipment types onto high volume servers, switches and storage (in data centers, distributed network nodes and at end user premises).



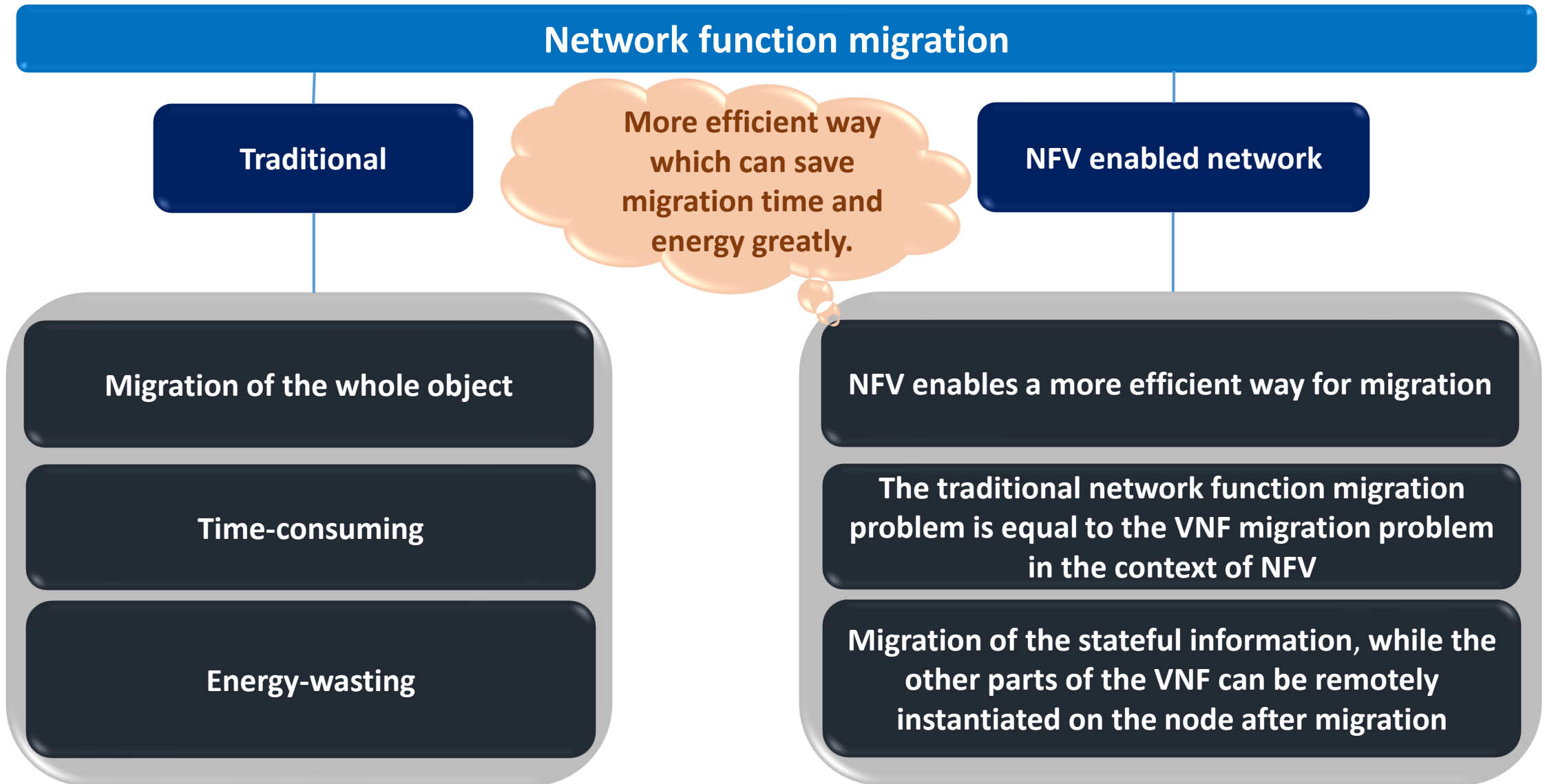
A given service can be decomposed into a set of Virtual Network Functions (VNFs).

VNFs can be implemented in software running on one or more industry standard physical servers.

VNFs may be relocated and instantiated at different network locations without necessarily requiring the purchase and installation of new hardware.

- e.g., aimed at introduction of a service targeting customers in a given geographical location.

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## Network service provisioning

### traditional

Network element is a composition of integrated hardware and software entities.

Resource allocation is done coarsely in a static way.

Software instantiation and deployment are mostly done manually.

Services are provided by ordering/chaining various middle-boxes in a particular sequence.

### NFV

The development and the maintenance of software and hardware accelerates in an independent way.

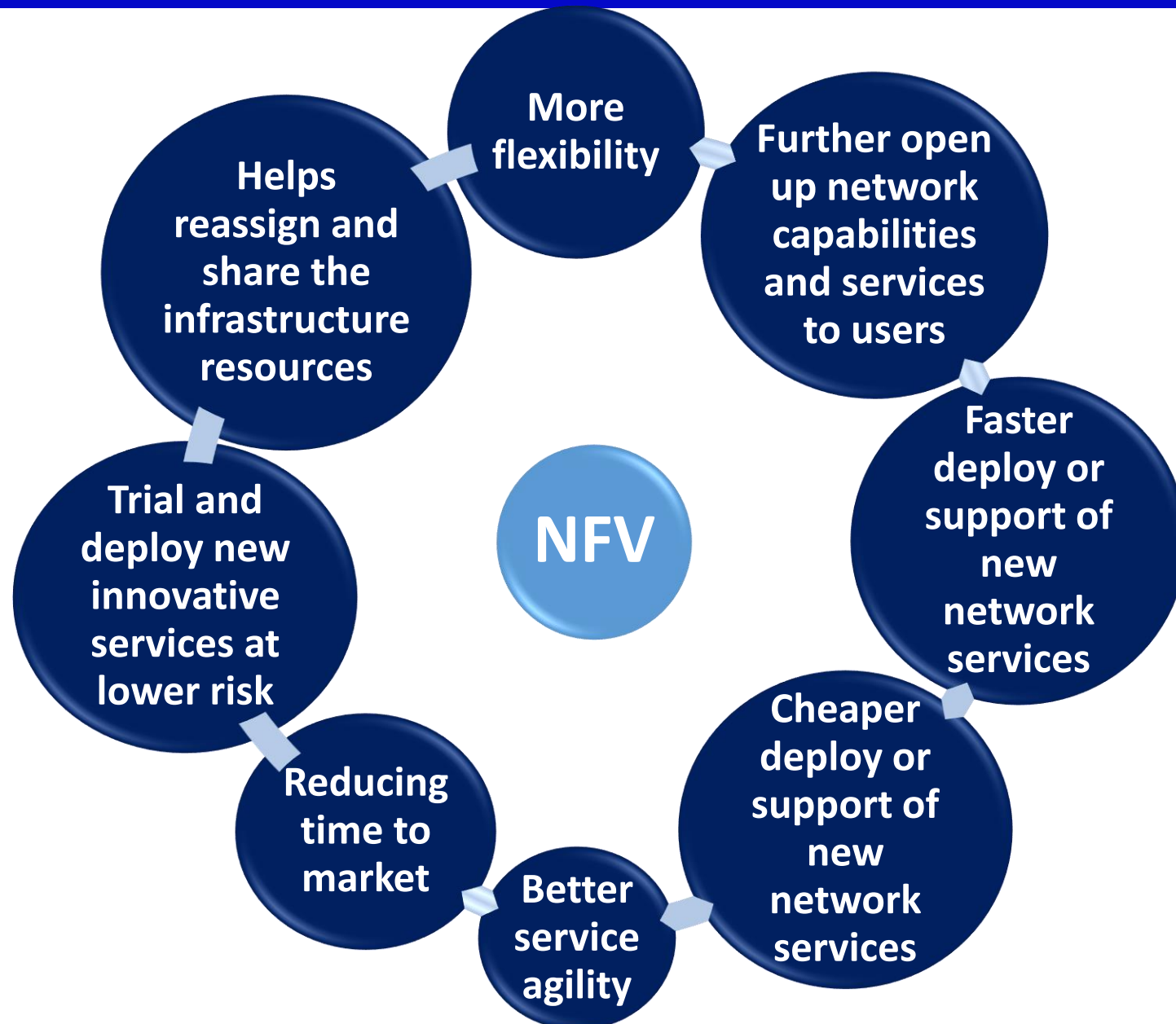
Resource allocation can be adjusted to the actual demands of traffic in a more dynamic way and with finer granularity.

Software instantiation and deployment can be automated as long as the related COTS hardware is ready at specific N-PoPs.

Services can be provided by orchestrating different VNFs, that is, placing VNFs (instead of middle-boxes) on the optimal N-PoPs and chaining them in a particular sequence.

N-PoP: Network Point of Presence

# Summary of NFV motivation and advantages



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### 3. NFV Use Cases

# NFV Use Cases

- ❖ **Use Case #1:** Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure as a Service (NFVlaaS)
  - NFVlaaS: NaaS + IaaS
- ❖ **Use Case #2:** VNF Forwarding Graphs
- ❖ **Use Case #3:** Virtualization of Mobile Core Network and IMS
- ❖ **Use Case #4:** Virtualization of Mobile base station
- ❖ **Use Case #5:** Virtualization of the Home Environment
- ❖ **Use Case #6:** Virtual Content Delivery Network (vCDN) – Fulfilment
- ❖ **Use Case #7:** Fixed Access Network Functions Virtualization
- ❖ **Use Case #8:** Crypto as a Service (CaaS)





# NFV Use Cases

- ❖ **Use Case #9:** Network Slicing
- ❖ **Use Case #10:** Virtualization of Internet of Things (IoT)
- ❖ **Use Case #11:** Rapid Service Deployment
- ❖ **Use Case #12:** DevOps/CI/CD
  - ❖ **DevOp:** software development (**Dev**) and information-technology operations (**Ops**)
  - ❖ Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery, (**CI/CD**)
- ❖ **Use Case #13:** A/B testing
- ❖ **Use Case #14:** VNF composition across multiple administrative domains
- ❖ **Use Case #15:** Security as a Service (SecaaS)





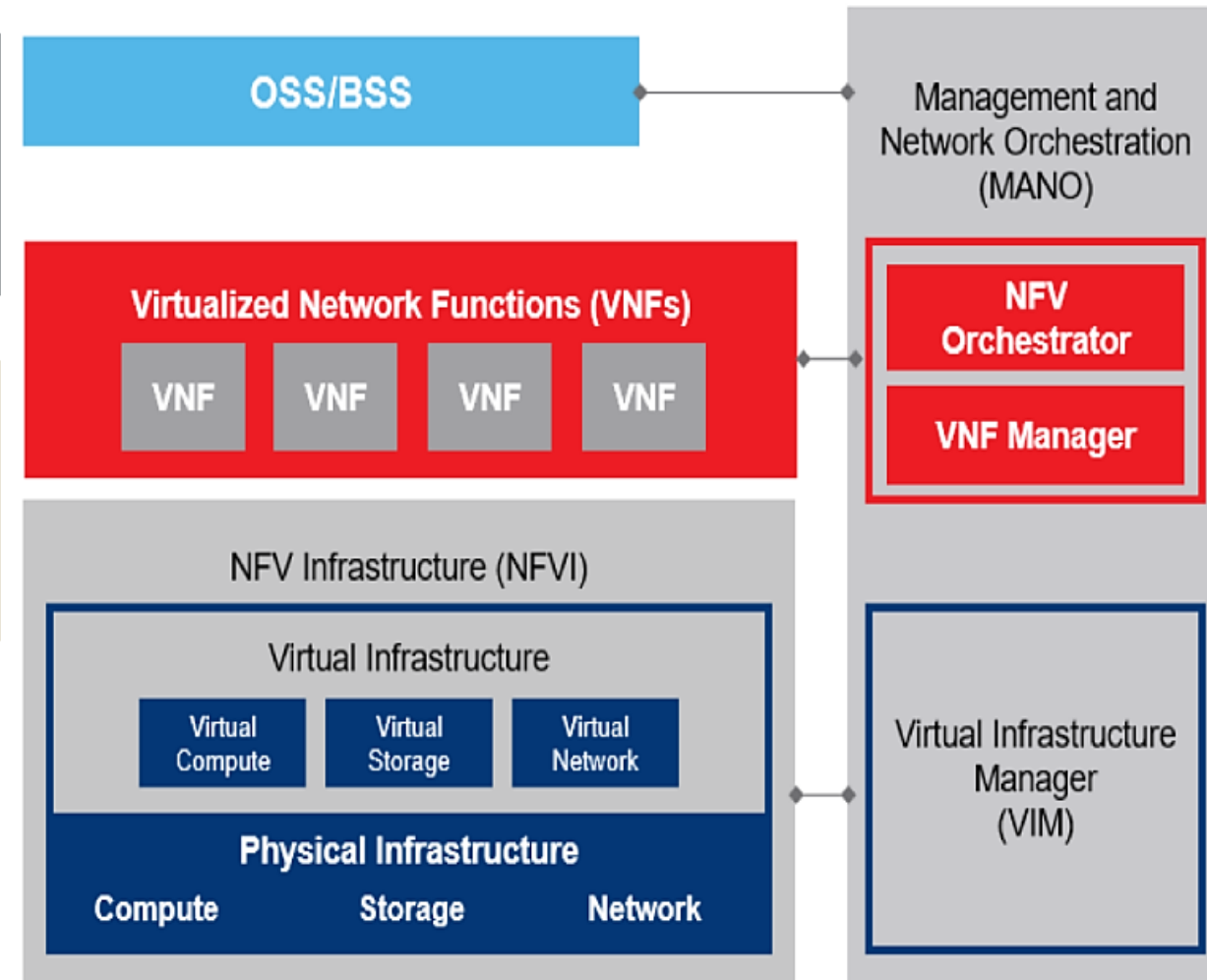
## 4. ETSI's Role

# Emergence of NFV

These efforts did not form a standard, but they fundamentally contributed to appearance of NFV

Under such background, the concept of NFV appeared in the white paper co-authored by over twenty of the world's largest TOs in October 2012

In November 2012 seven of operators (AT&T, BT, Deutsche Telekom, Orange, Telecom Italia, Telefonica and Verizon) selected ETSI to be the home of Industry Specification Group for NFV



# ETSI's role in developing NFV

Membership of ETSI has grown to over 245 individual companies including 37 of world's major service providers, representatives from both telecoms and IT vendors

In phase 1 of ETSI's work specifications of NFV are described and include:

infrastructure overview

Security, trust, resilience and service quality metrics

descriptions of compute, hypervisor and network domains of the infrastructure

Management and Orchestration (MANO)

updated architectural framework

# Formation of ETSI and its goal

**The ETSI NFV ISG currently has four working groups and two expert groups:**

1. Infrastructure Architecture,
2. Management and Orchestration,
3. Software Architecture,
4. Reliability & Availability,
5. Security,
6. Performance & Portability.

