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Software Defined Networking & Network Functions Virtualization (Redes controladas por software)

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SDN in 2010
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SDN in 2011 – 2012

SDN in 2013 - 2014

Academia

Start-up 1

Start-up 2

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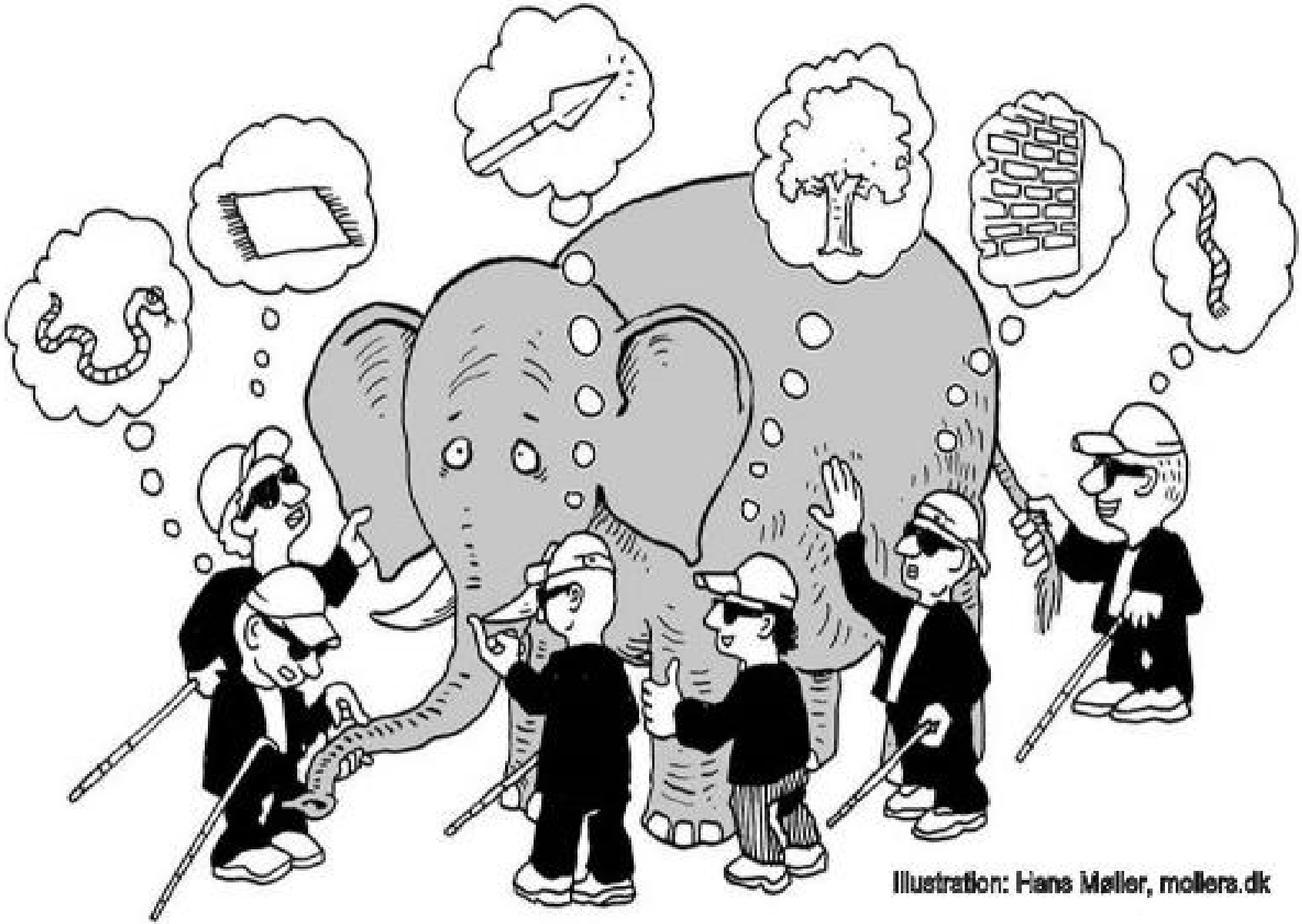
Start-up n

Vendor A

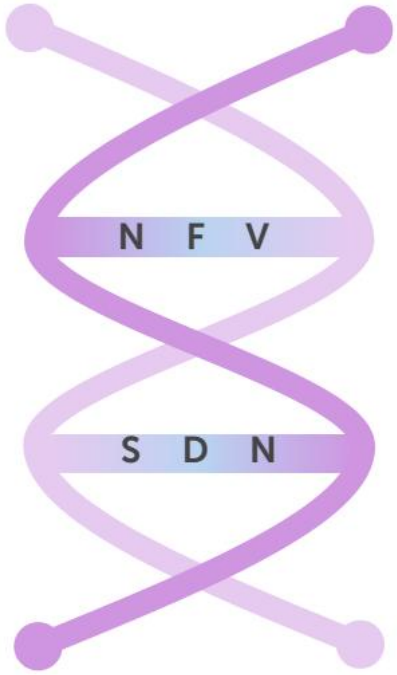
Vendor B

Vendor C

SDN in 2014+ ?

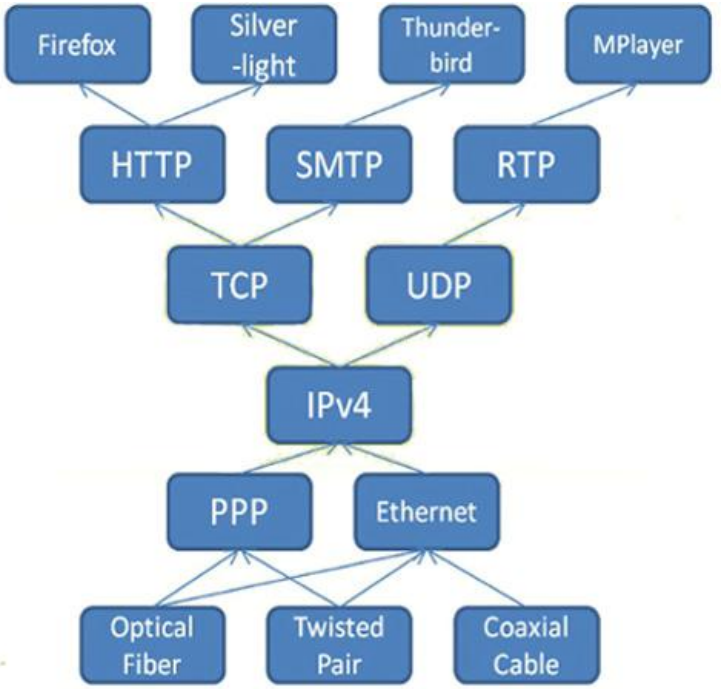


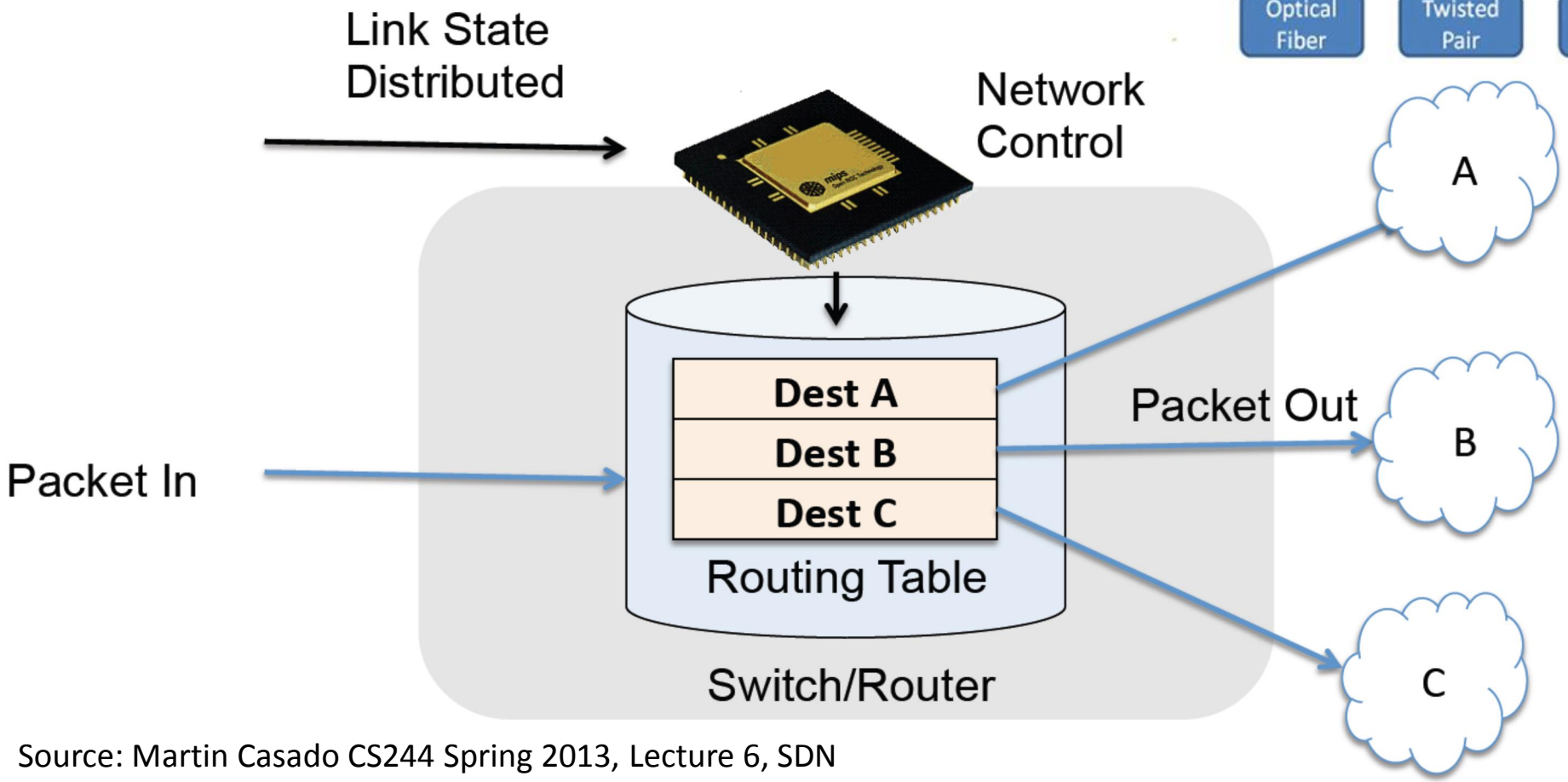
Agenda



- SDN (Software-Defined Networking)
  - Why? What? How?
- NFV (Network Functions Virtualization)
  - Why? What? How?
- SDS (Software-Defined Storage)
- Interlude: Layering of Abstractions & Open Source
- Conclusion

Networking as Learned in School (text books)





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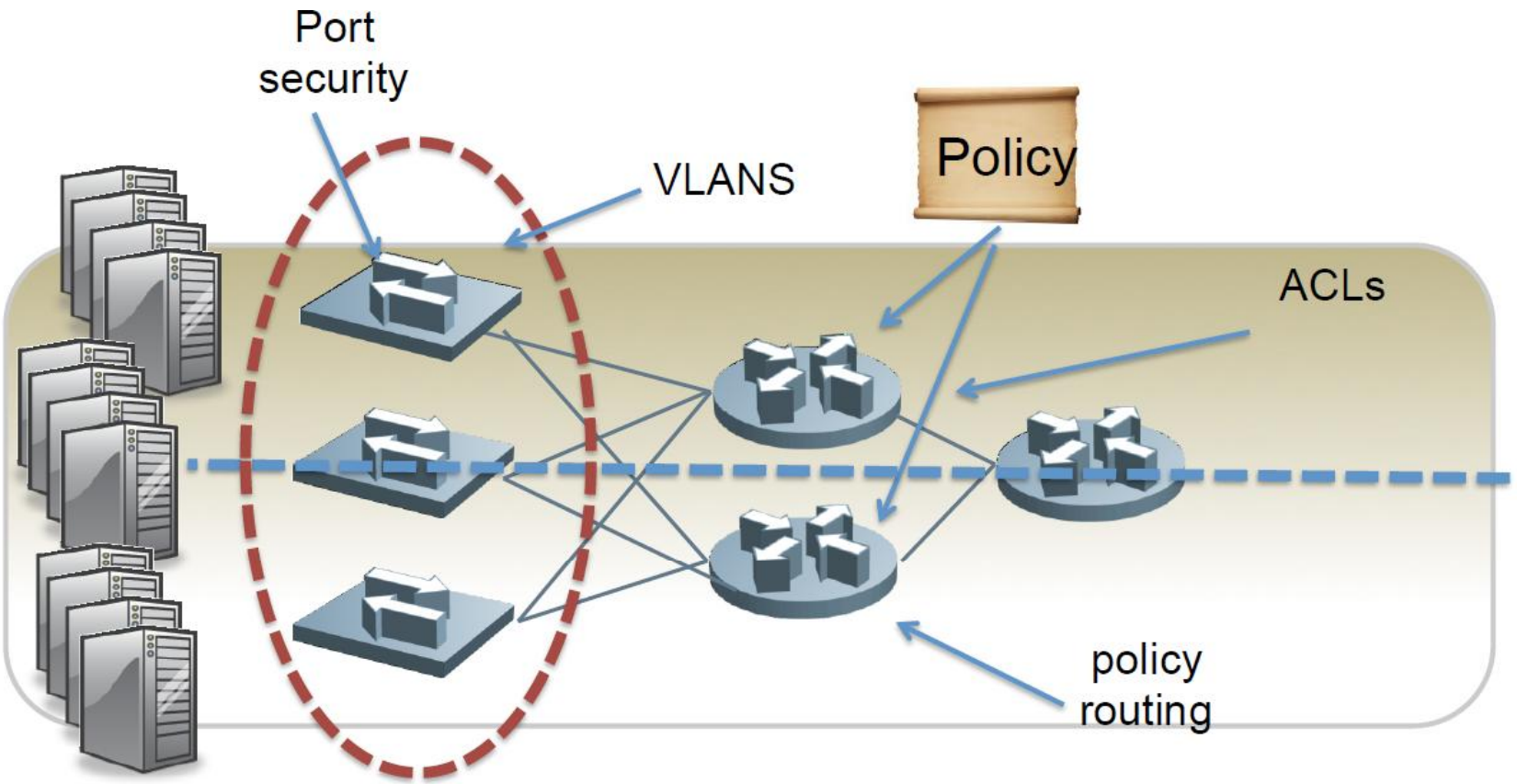
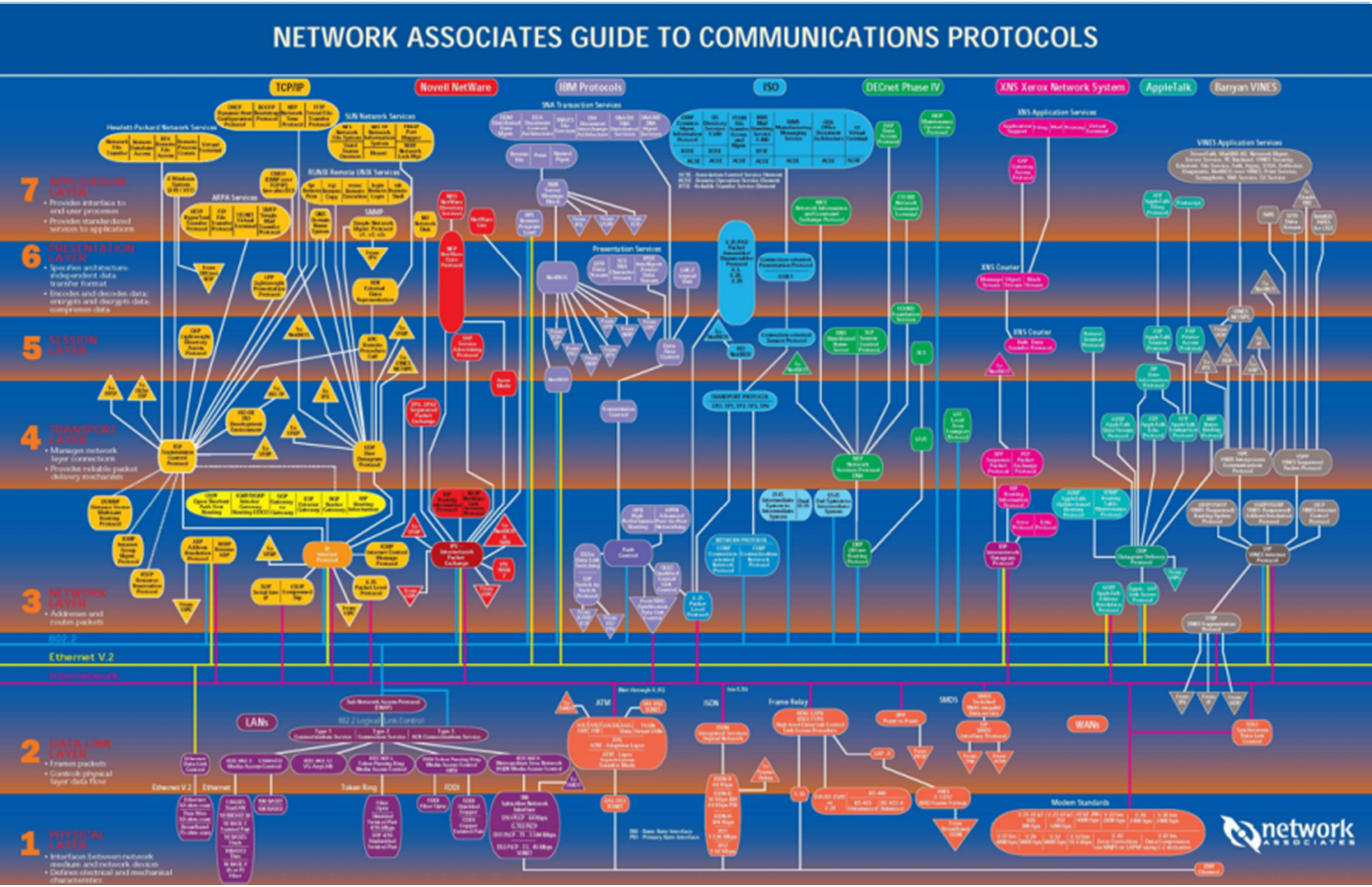
Networks in Practice



- Limited redundancy
- Constrained topology
- Poor response to dynamic events
- Scaling limited by operational complexity

Source: Martin Casado

Where are we today in networking?



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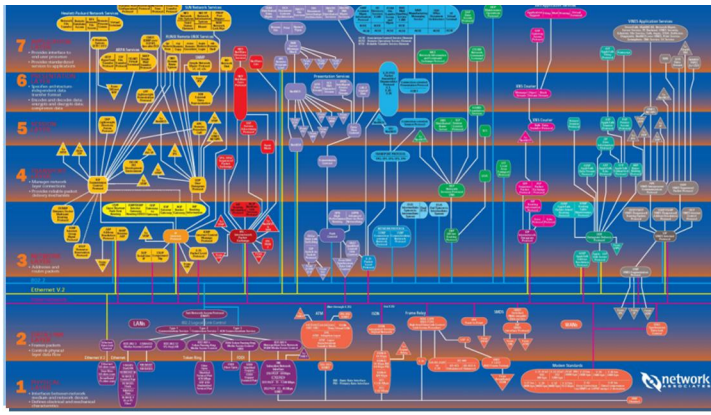
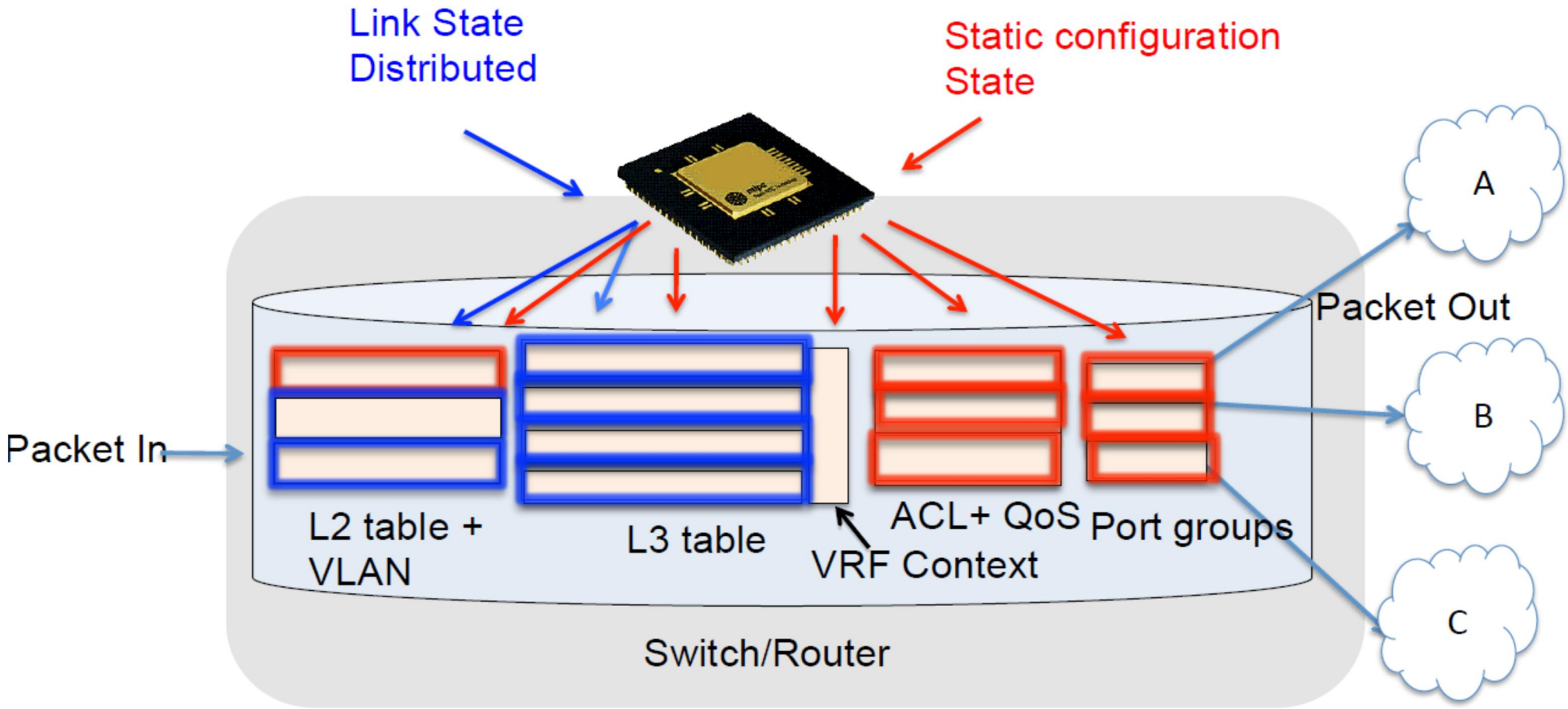


"in theory, theory and practice are the same; in practice they are not…"



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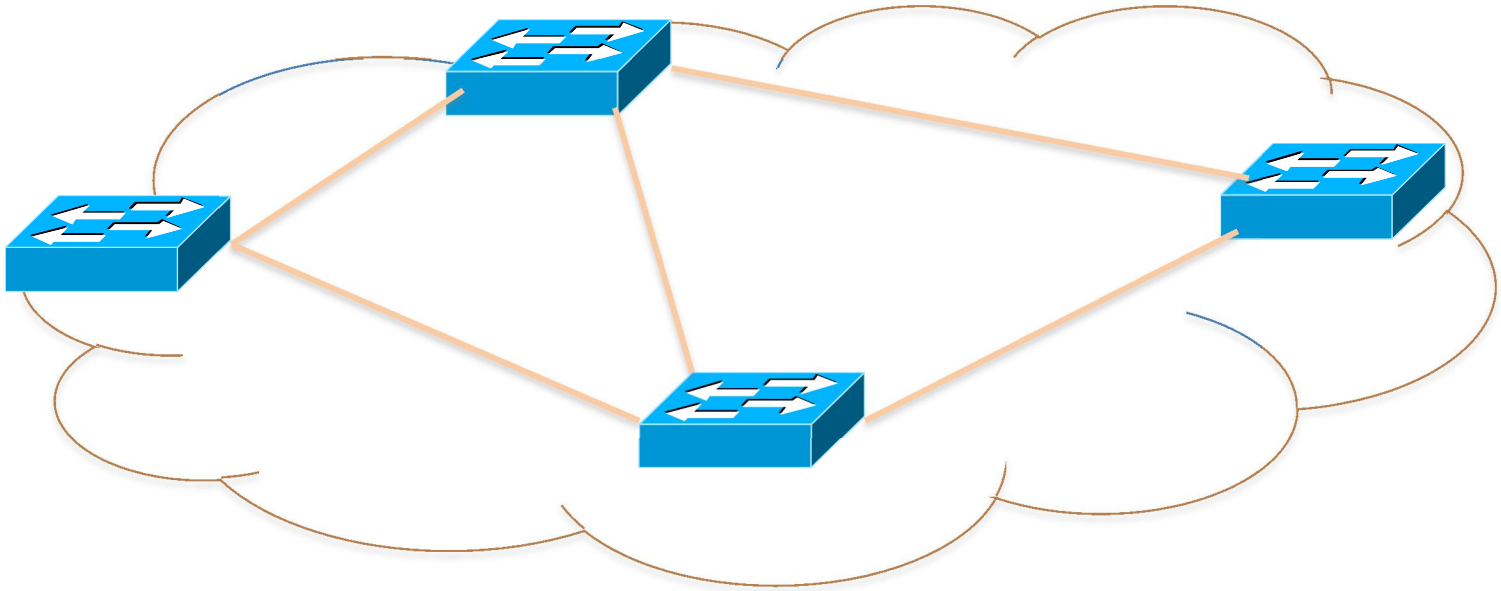
OpenFlow/SDN to the rescue!

Source: packetpushers.net

Rethinking the "Division of Labor"
Traditional Computer Networks

Data plane:
Packet streaming



Forward, filter, buffer, mark, rate-limit, and measure packets

Source: Adapted from J. Rexford

Rethinking the "Division of Labor"
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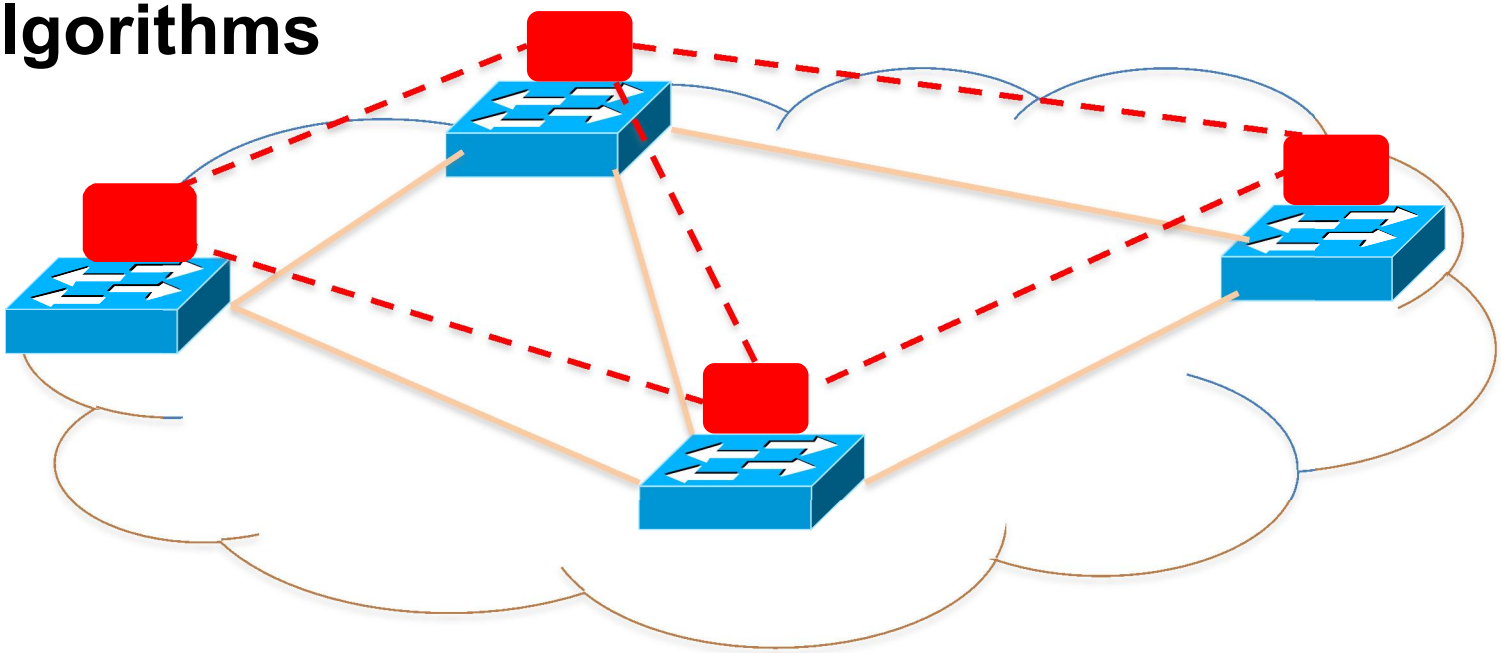
Control plane:
Distributed algorithms



Track topology changes, compute routes, install forwarding rules

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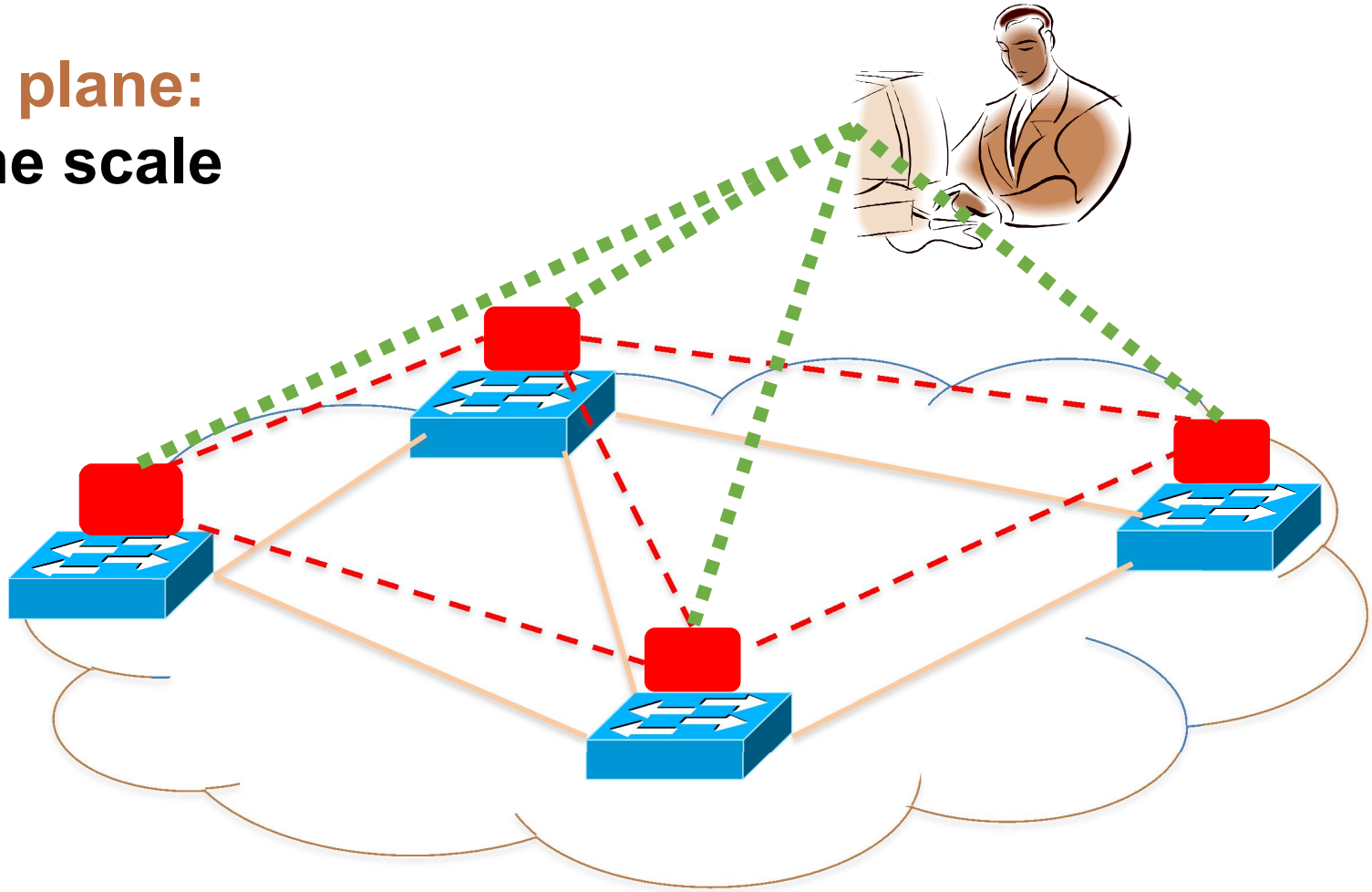
Management plane:

Human time scale



Collect measurements and configure the equipment

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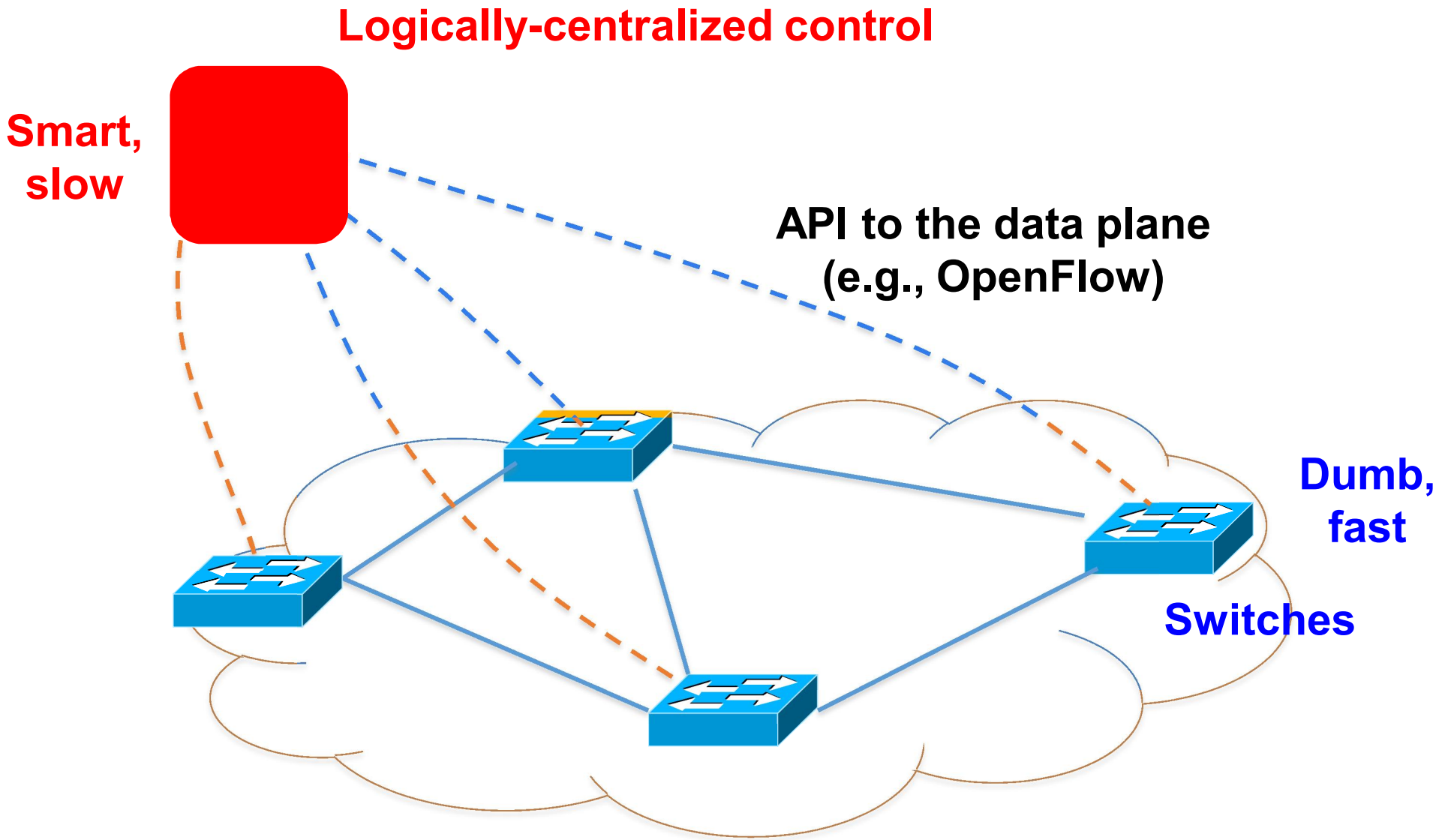
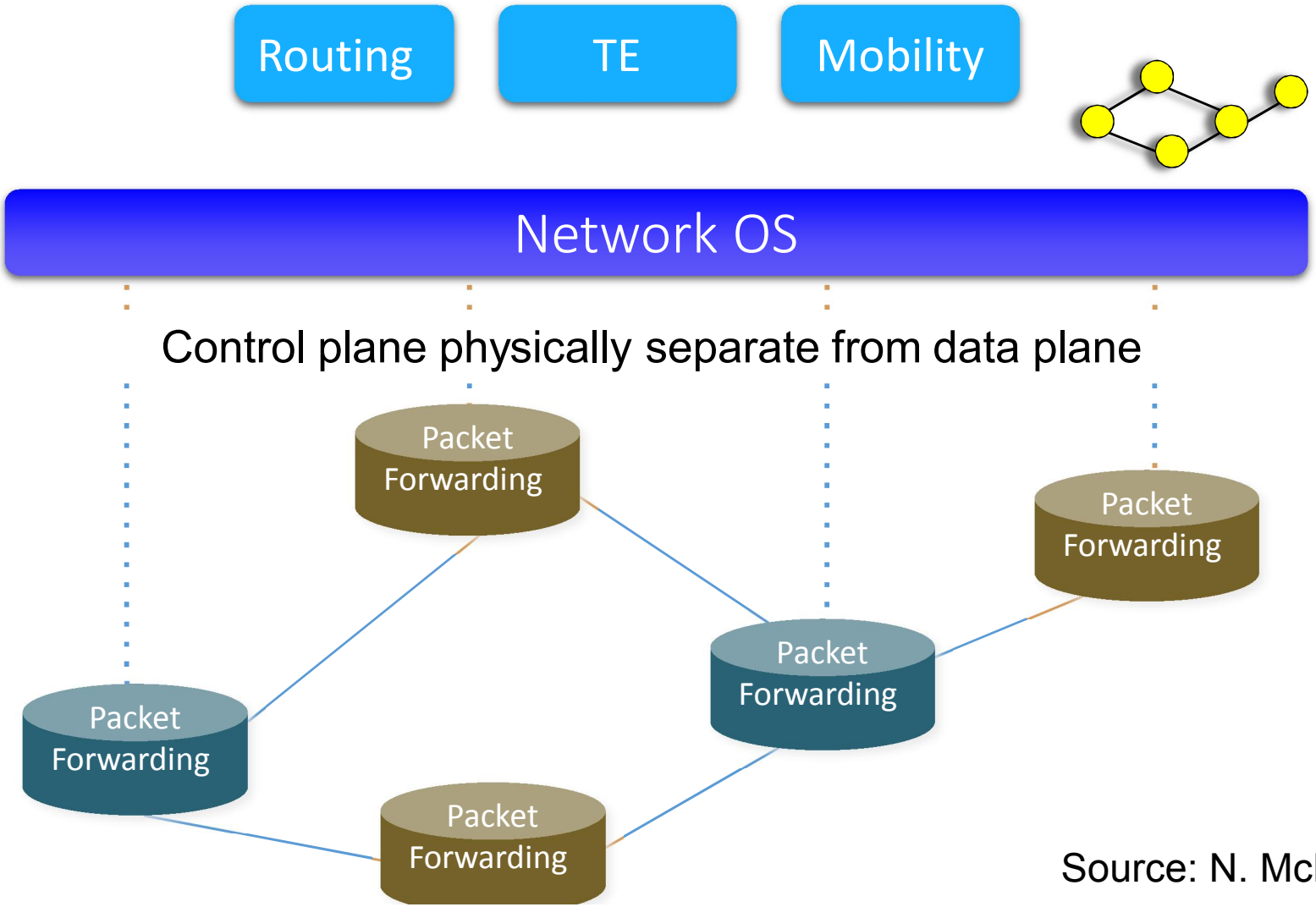
Software Defined Networking (SDN)



SDN: Fundamental Elements

Single control plane controls several forwarding devices



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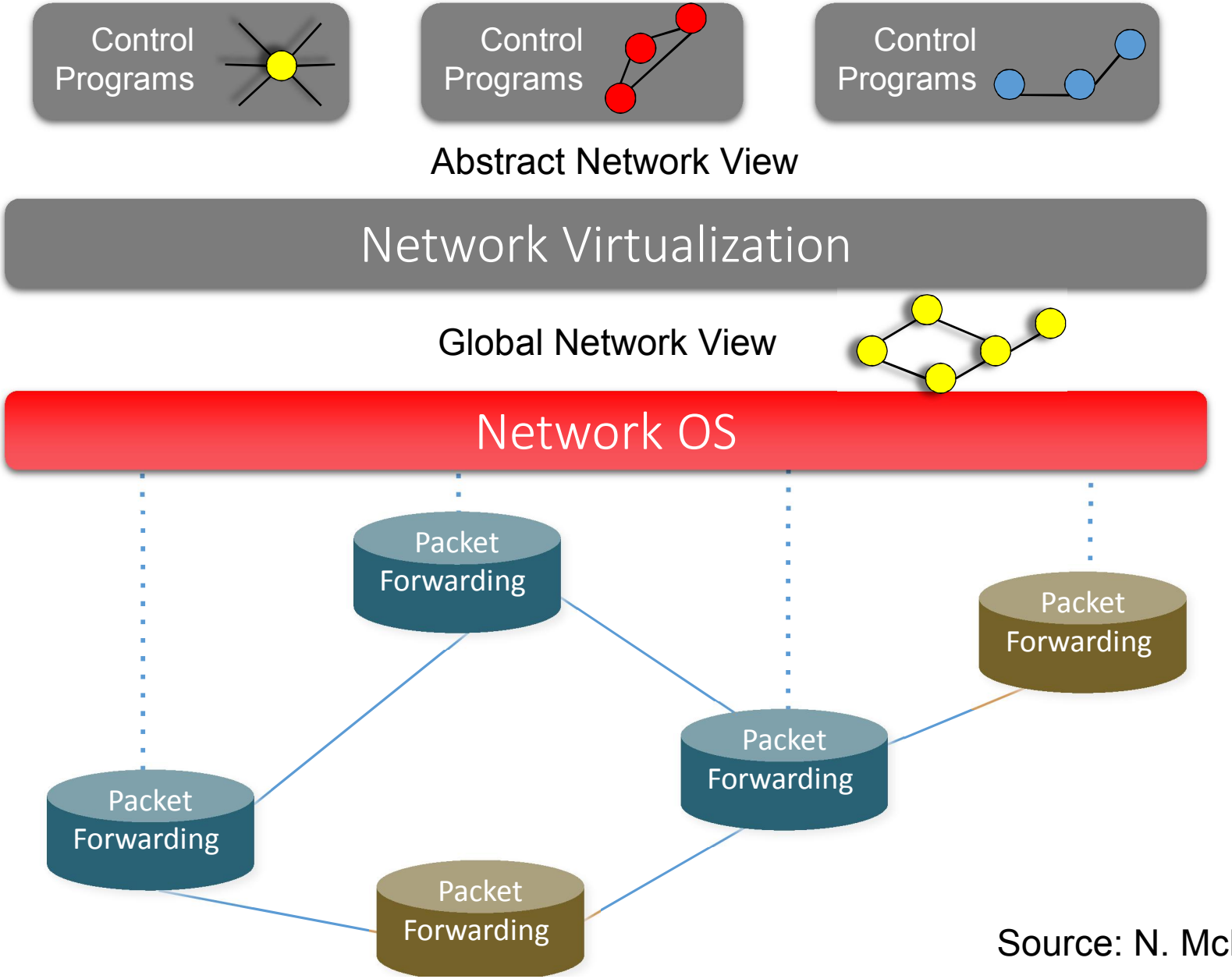
SDN: Virtualization



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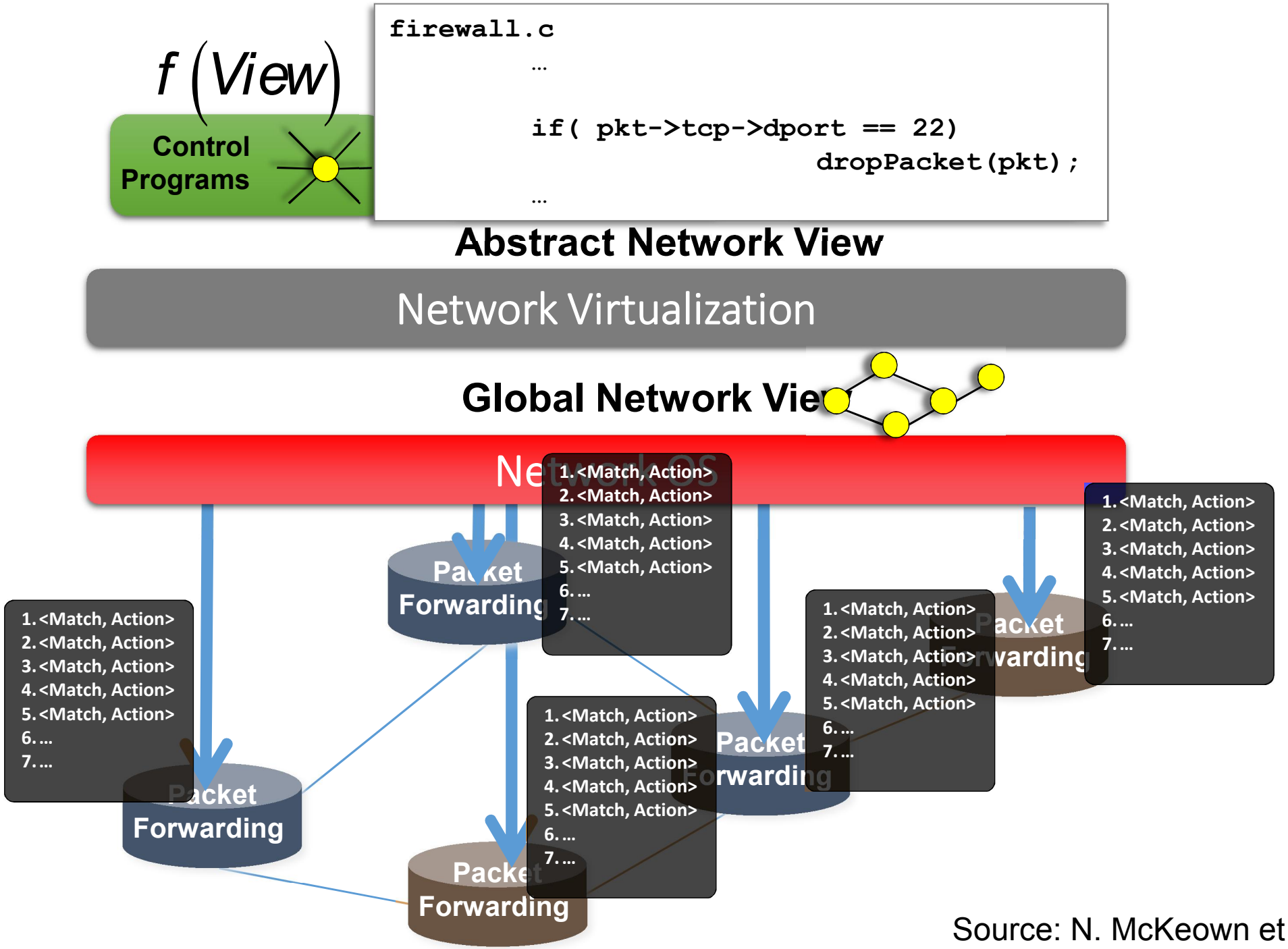

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Trend

"Mainframe"

Computer Industry

App | App | App

Windows (OS) | Linux | Mac OS

Virtualization layer

x86 (Computer)

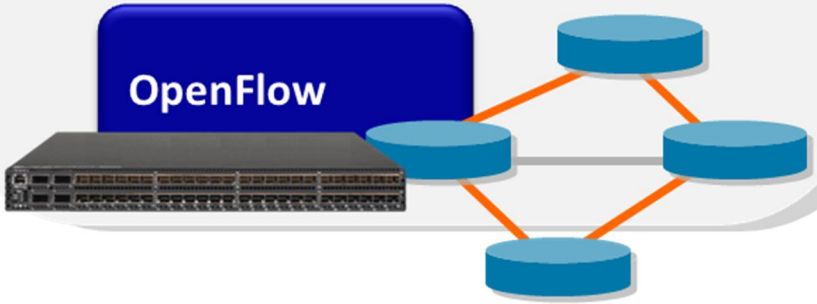
Network Industry

App | App | App

NOX (Network OS) | Network OS

Virtualization or "Slicing"

OpenFlow



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Vision: Bare Metal SDN

WHAT'S INSIDE A SWITCH?

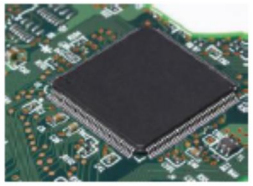
Application

Network OS

Hardware Driver

Box

Silicon



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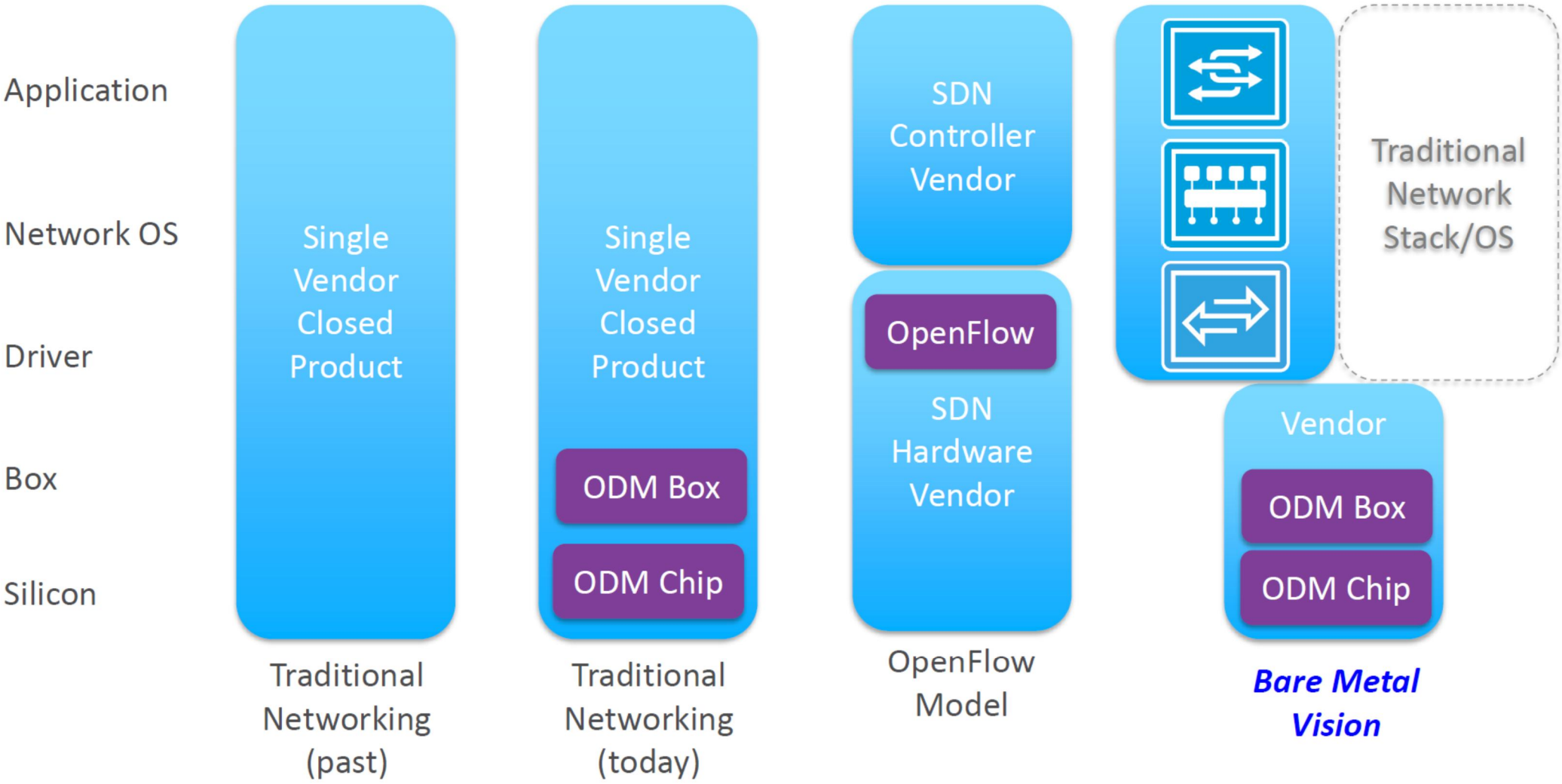

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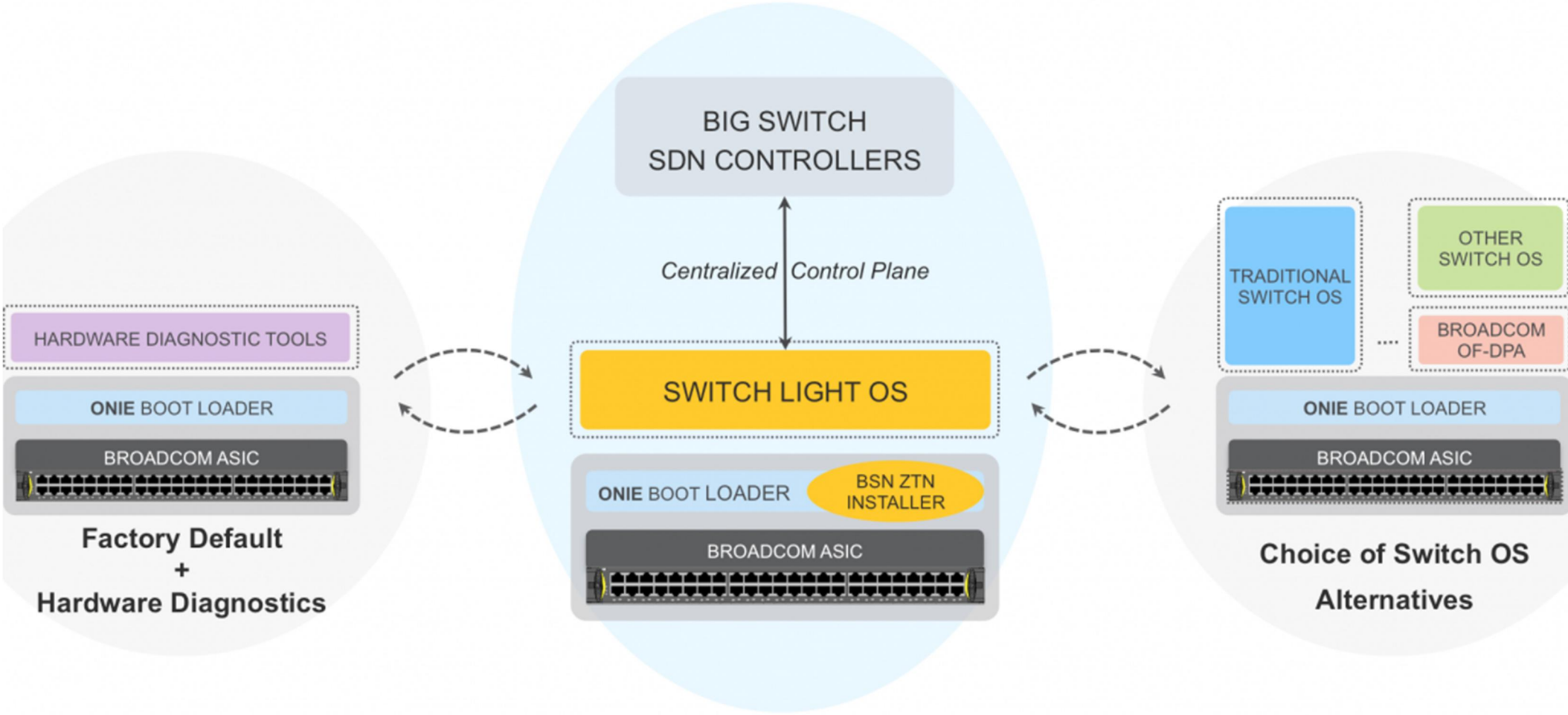
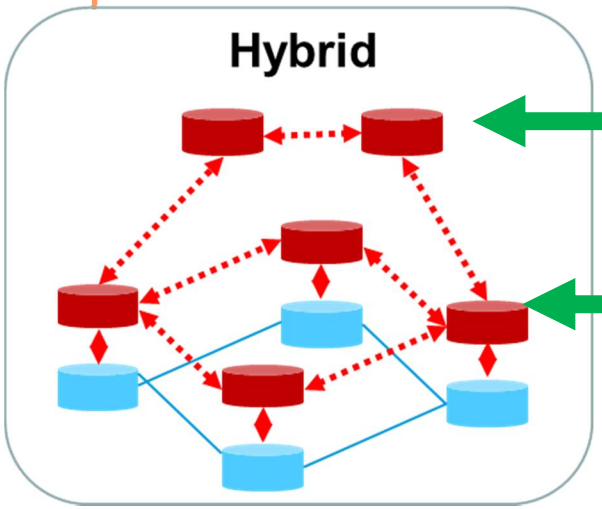
Bare Metal Switches: Choice of Switch OS



Big Switch SDN Fabric Deployment Mode

Source: Rob Sherwood, Big Switch Networks

Bare Metal Switching and Programming
Blows Up the SDN Blob!



Out-of-the-box

Programmable Control SW

In-the-box

app app app

operating system

hardware

Single Vendor Blob

app app app

operating system

hardware

Multi Vendor Ecosystem

route monitor

operating system

hardware

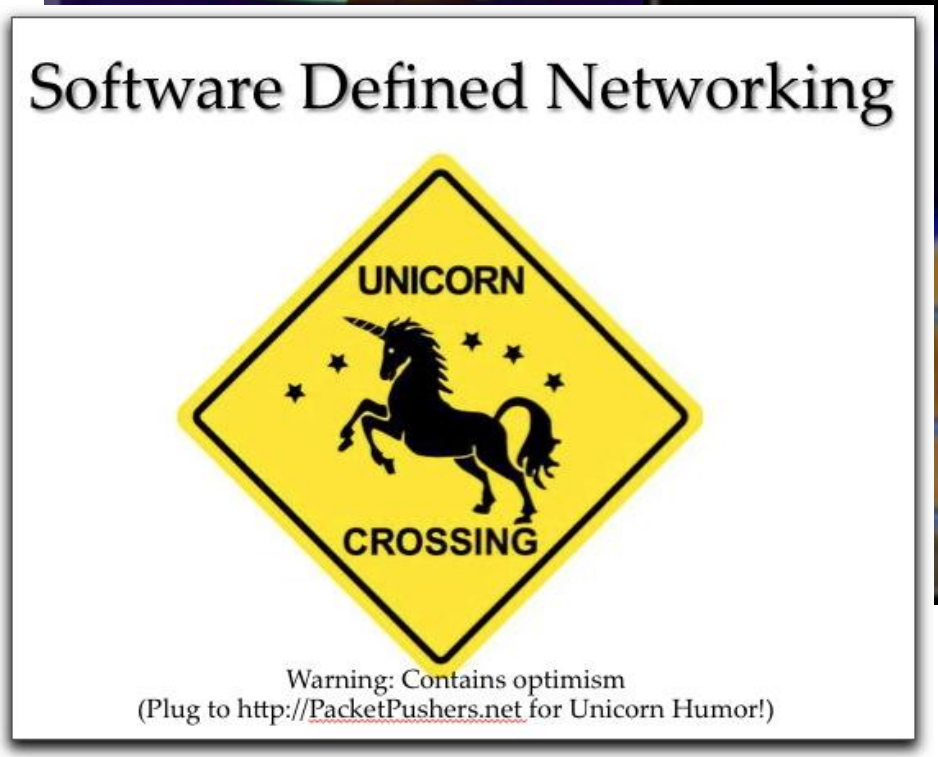
Openflow Agent

Minimal OS

hardware

Source: Adapted from Shrijeet Mukherjee, Cumulus Networks

SDN to the rescue!



What is SDN?

OpenFlow is SDN, but SDN is not OpenFlow

-- Networking community

(Does not say much about SDN)

Don't let humans do machines' work

-- Networking Professional

Let's call whatever we can ship today SDN

-- Vendor X

SDN is the magic buzzword that will bring us VC funding

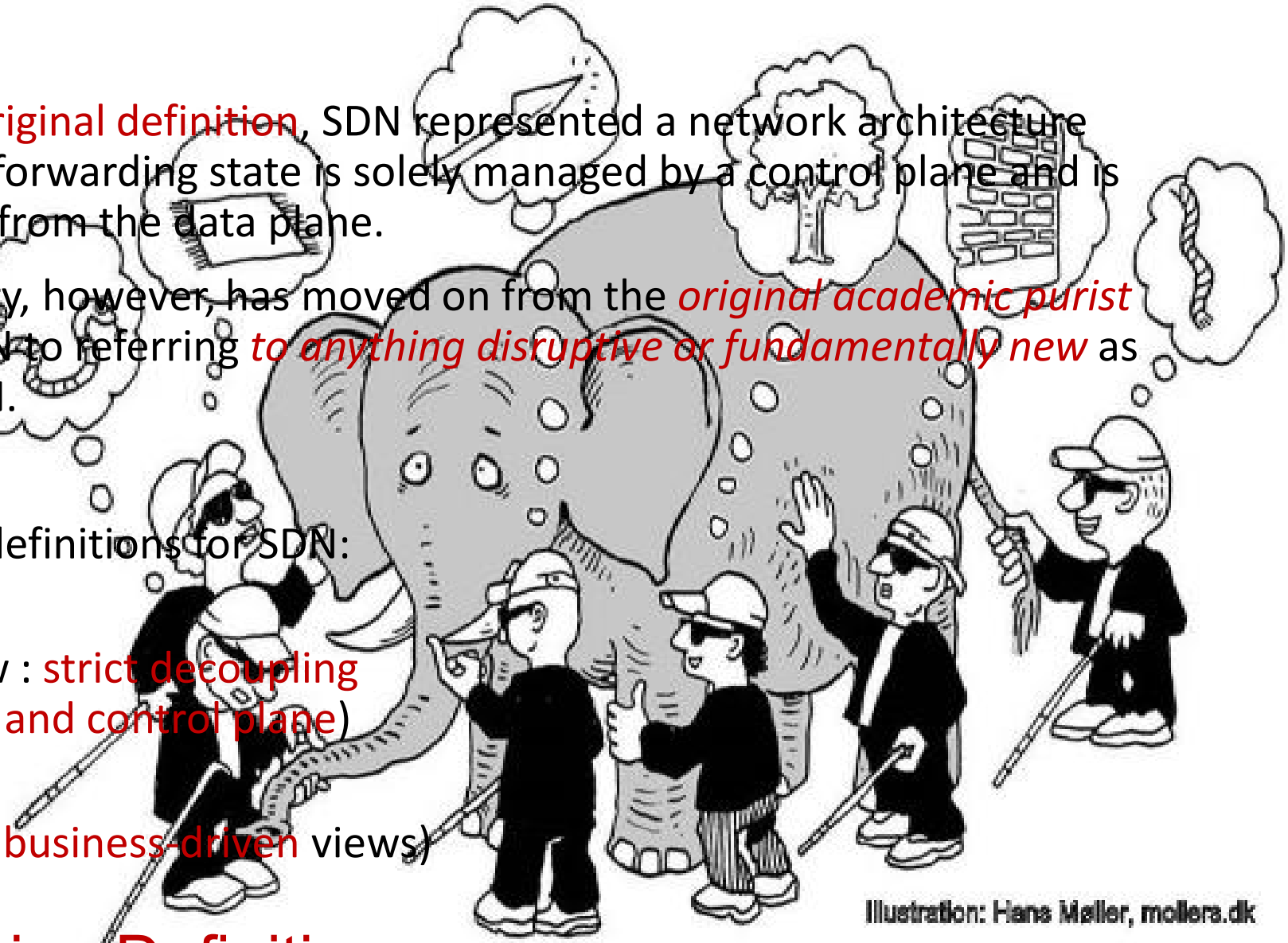
-- Startup Y

SDN is the magic that will get my paper/grant accepted

-- Researcher Z

SDN definitions

- With the original definition, SDN represented a network architecture where the forwarding state is solely managed by a control plane and is decoupled from the data plane.
- The industry, however, has moved on from the *original academic purist view* of SDN to referring *to anything disruptive or fundamentally new* as part of SDN.



At least two definitions for SDN:

1. **academic**
   (purist view : strict decoupling of the data and control plane)
2. **industry**
   (many-fold business-driven views)

SDN – Evolving Definition

What is SDN?

In the SDN architecture, the control and data planes are decoupled, network intelligence and state are logically centralized, and the underlying network infrastructure is abstracted from the applications.

-- Open Networking Foundation white paper

Software Defined Networking (SDN) refactors the relationship between network devices and the software that controls them. Open interfaces to network switches enable more flexible and predictable network control, and they make it easier to extend network function.

-- HotSDN CFP

The “origins” of the SDN term

MIT Technology Review

10 BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES 2009

TR10: Software-Defined Networking

Nick McKeown believes that remotely controlling network hardware with software can bring the Internet up to speed.

4 comments

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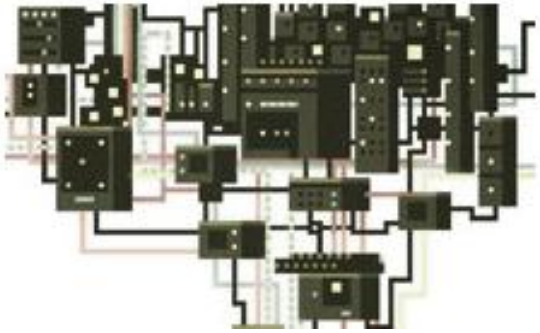
March/April 2009



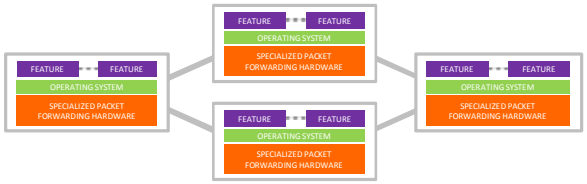
For years, computer scientists have dreamed up ways to improve networks' speed, reliability, energy efficiency, and security. But their schemes have generally remained lab projects, because it's been impossible to test them on a large enough scale to see if they'd work: the routers and switches at the core of the Internet are locked down, their software the intellectual property of companies such as Cisco and Hewlett-Packard.

Software Defined Networking

Network equipment as Black boxes

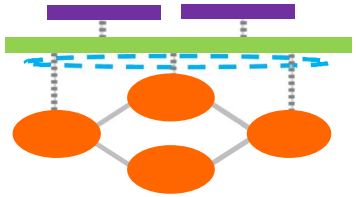
SDN

Open interfaces (OpenFlow) for instructing the boxes what to do

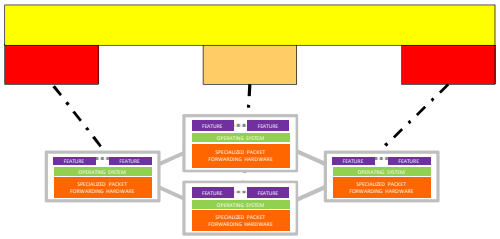


Boxes with autonomous behaviour

SDN

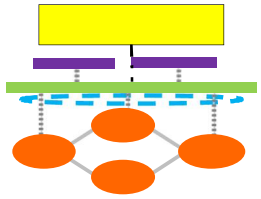


Decisions are taken out of the box



Adapting OSS to manage black boxes

SDN



Simpler OSS to manage the SDN controller

Source: Adapted from D. Lopez Telefonica I+D, NFV

SDS – Software-Defined Storage

Definição

- Existem muitas definições para SDS
- Muitas empresas estão aproveitando a atenção gerada para chamar seus produtos de SDS.
- A maioria são apenas soluções de virtualização de Storage antigas.

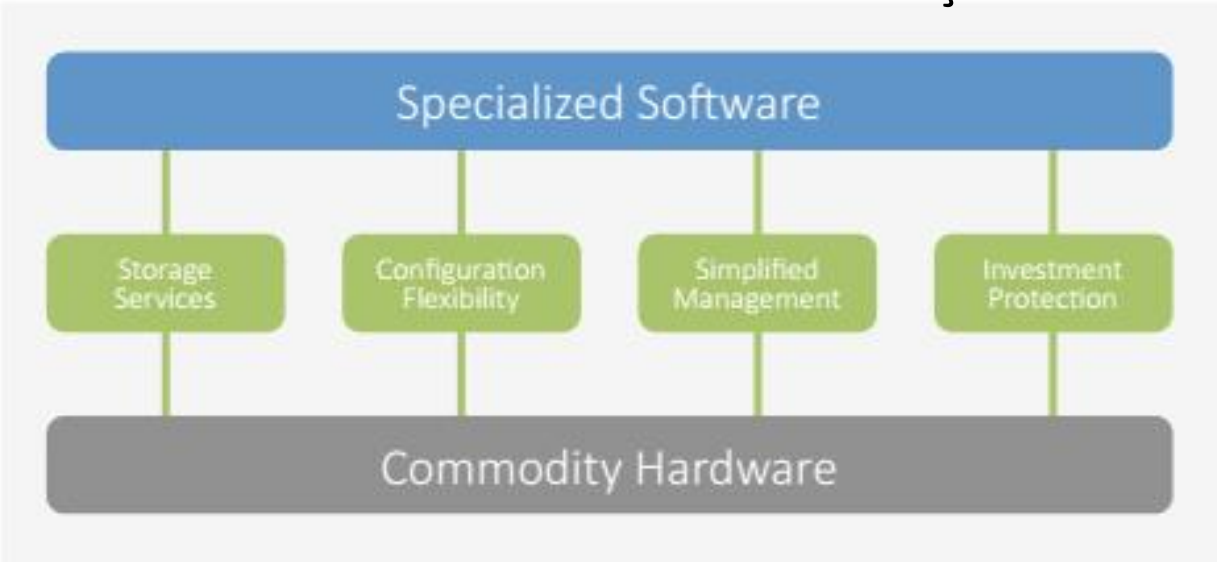
Uma definição abrangente

- “Software-Defined Storage abstrai a camada de controle dos equipamentos de storage do hardware para uma camada, separada, de software. Essa camada, acima do plano de dados, controla centralizadamente todos os recursos de storage e é responsável pelo provisionamento, otimização e monitoramento dos recursos e dados ”

Características | Vantagens

1. Storage Orientada à políticas (IOPS, latency, reliability, Fault tolerance, Provisioning, QoS)
2. Arquitetura Scale-out
3. “Storage as a Seamless pool of resource”
4. Programabilidade
5. HW commodity

- Data centers sem vendor lock-in
- Gerenciamento centralizado e simplificado
- Implementação de políticas de performance para diferentes tipos de dados e aplicações
- Melhoria na qualidade dos serviços
- Storage Tiering automático
- Diminuição de custos



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Alguns Tópicos de Interesse de Pesquisa

- Gerenciamento
- Monitoramento
- Arquitetura
  - Tolerancia à falhas
  - Escalabilidade
  - Alta disponibilidade
  - Eficiência Energética

- Interesse em pesquisa de serviços para SDS
  - Deduplicação
  - Técnicas eficientes de replicação e proteção dos dados
  - Compression
  - Snapshots

Scale and Virtualization in the Timeline

Early twentieth century

- Manual Switching
- Very intensive in human resources
- Era **dominated by hardware**

Mid-twentieth century

- Electromechanical Switching
- Less intensive in human resources
- Era **dominated by complex hardware**

Virtualization technologies enables overcoming physical constraints and generating multiplexing gains…

- Digital Switching
- Much less intensive in human resources
- Era **dominated by complex and specific hardware. Software appears and is important**
- Services defined by telco

Second half of the twentieth century

- Internet connectivity opens the door to the development of OTT services (without operator)
- **Software becomes a differentiation asset**

Early twenty-first century

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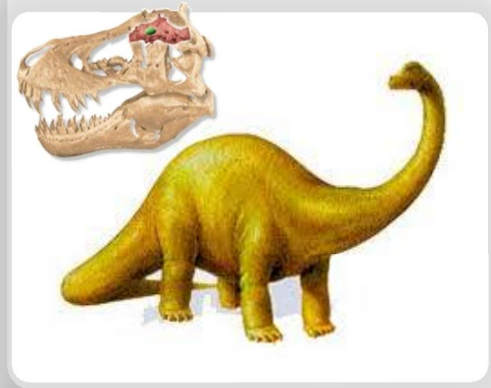
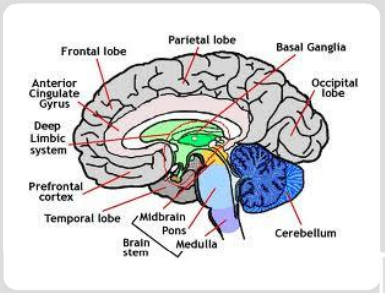
Enter the Software-Defined Era

Traditional telcos



- Very **intensive in hardware**
- Software not at the core

Internet players



- Very **intensive in software**
- Hardware is a necessary base

HARDWARE — SOFTWARE

AT&T, Telefonica, Telebras

Google, Facebook

Adapt to survive: Evolution focus shifting from hardware to software

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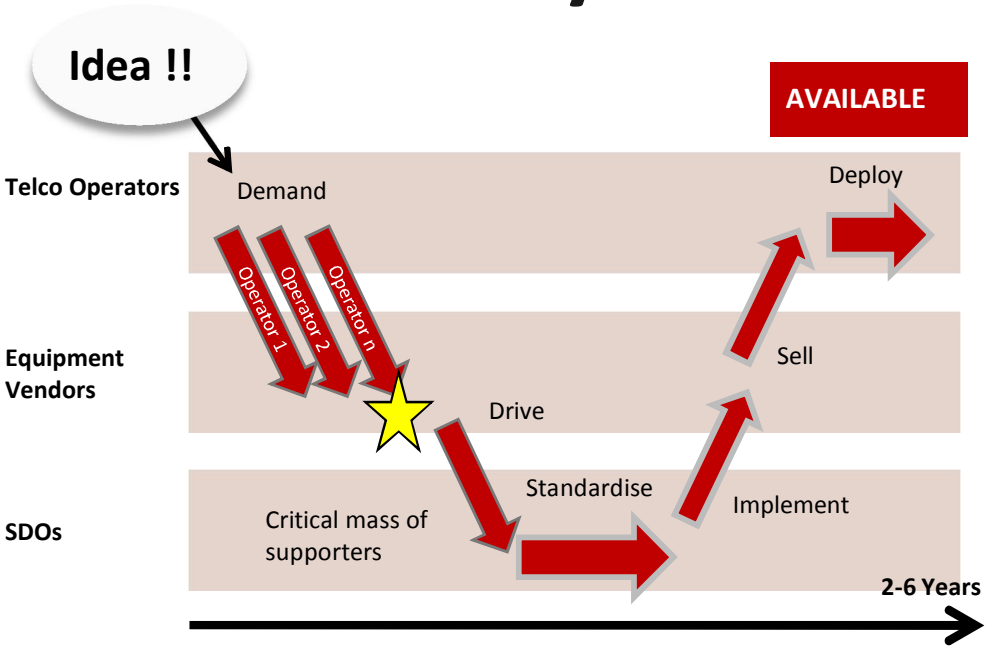
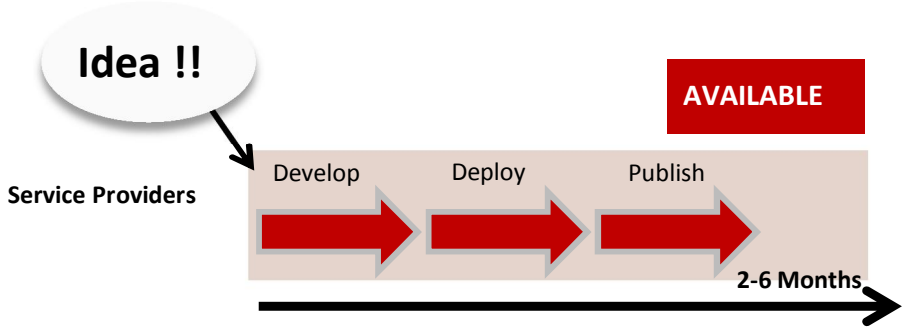
Sisyphus on Different Hills

Telco Cycle



2-6 years

Service Providers Cycle



2-6 months

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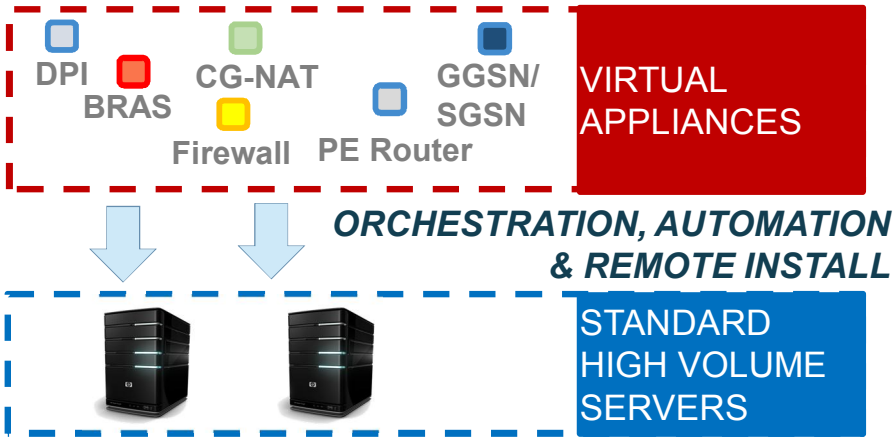
The NFV Concept

A means to make the network more flexible and simple by minimising dependence on HW constraints

Traditional Network Model:
APPLIANCE APPROACH

- Network Functions are **based on specific HW&SW**
- **One physical node per role**

Virtualised Network Model:
VIRTUAL APPLIANCE APPROACH



- Network Functions are **SW-based over well-known HW**
- **Multiple roles** over **same HW**

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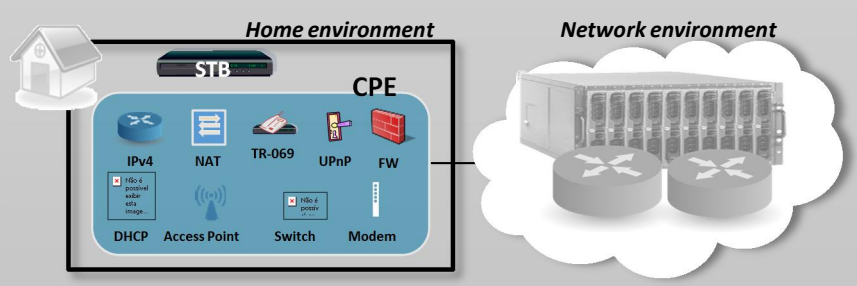
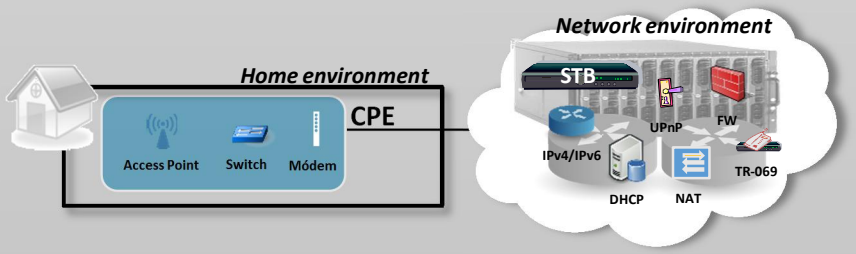
Some Drivers

Virtual CPE

Complex home environment



Home simplification



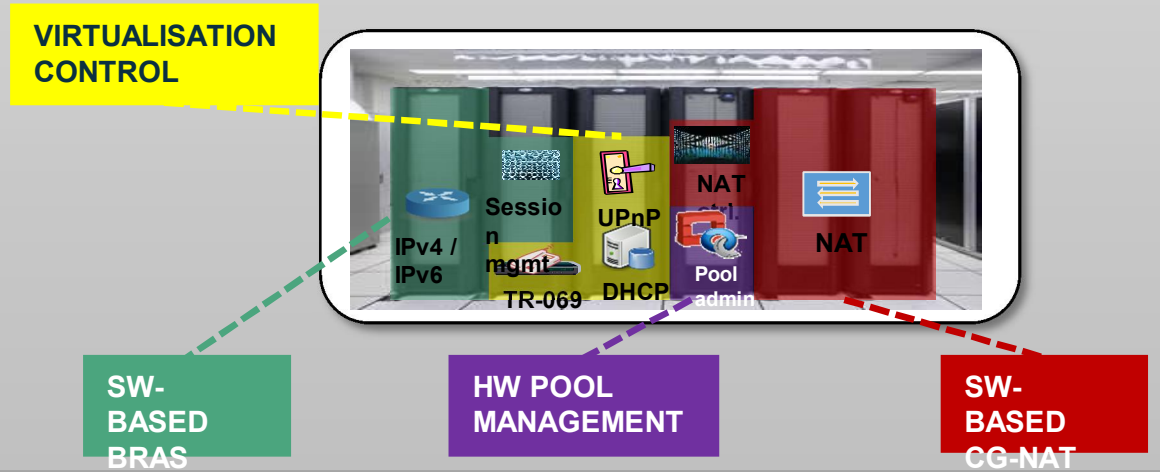
- Simplification or even supression (STB)
- No need for home router replacement as it is updated by configuration
- Fast deployment for new services
- Inexpensive IPv6 migration maintaining legacy home routers

Virtual IP Edge

Multiple IP Edges

- An IP Edge for each service (voice, video content, Internet)
- Scattered and not well integrated control functions (e.g. DPI, BRAS, PCRF)

A unified software IP Edge



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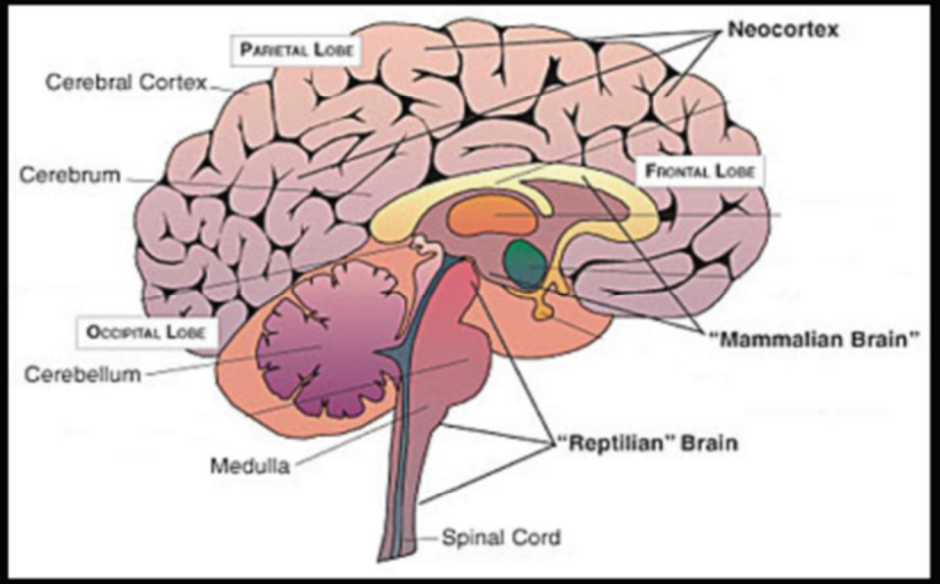
Interlude

On SDN architectural evolution, HW/SW and biology

Trend: The Evolution of Intelligence

Precambrian (Reptilian) Brain to Neocortex → Hardware to Software

HARDWARE	SOFTWARE
	

- Key Architectural Features of Scalable/Evolvable Systems
  - RYF-Complexity (behavior)
  - Layered Architecture
  - Bowties and Hourglasses
  - Horizontal Transfer (H*T)
  - Protocol Based Architectures

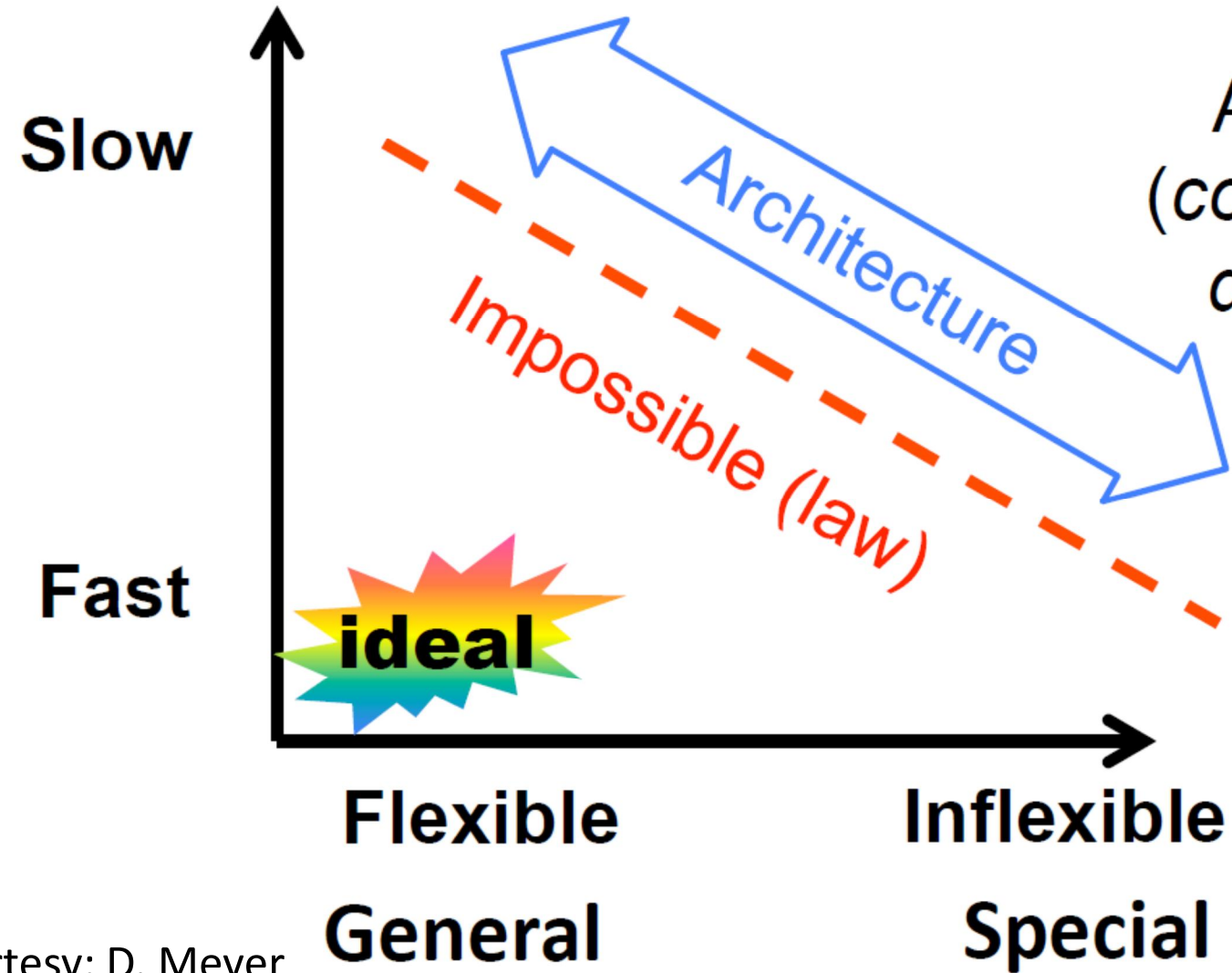
Once you have HW
its all about code[1]…

Slide courtesy: D. Meyer

1 http://www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/Biculturalism.ht

Universal Laws and Architectures (Turing)

Layering, Formal Systems, Hard Tradeoffs



Architecture (*constraints that deconstrain*)

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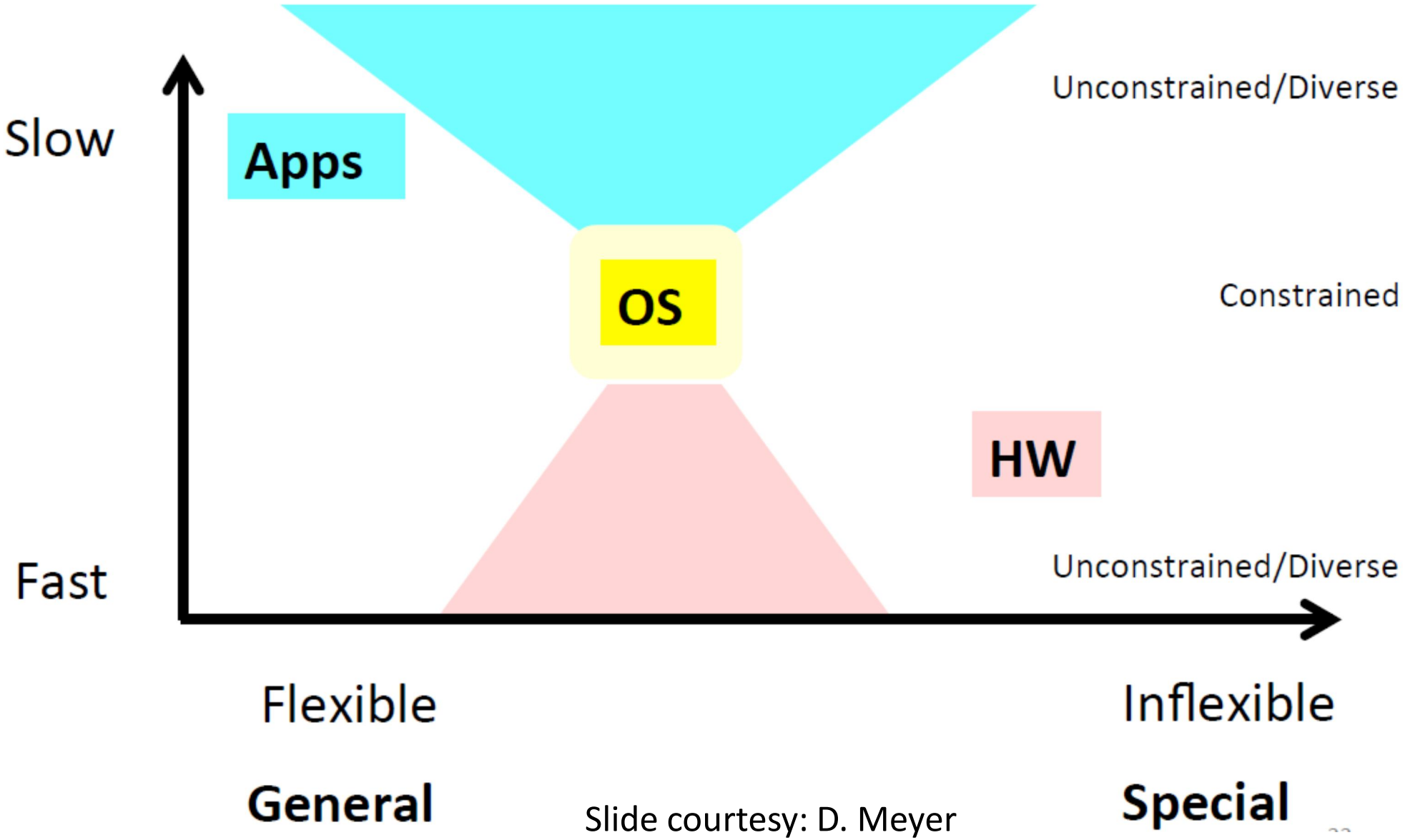
Original slide courtesy John Doyle

Overlaying Tradeoffs



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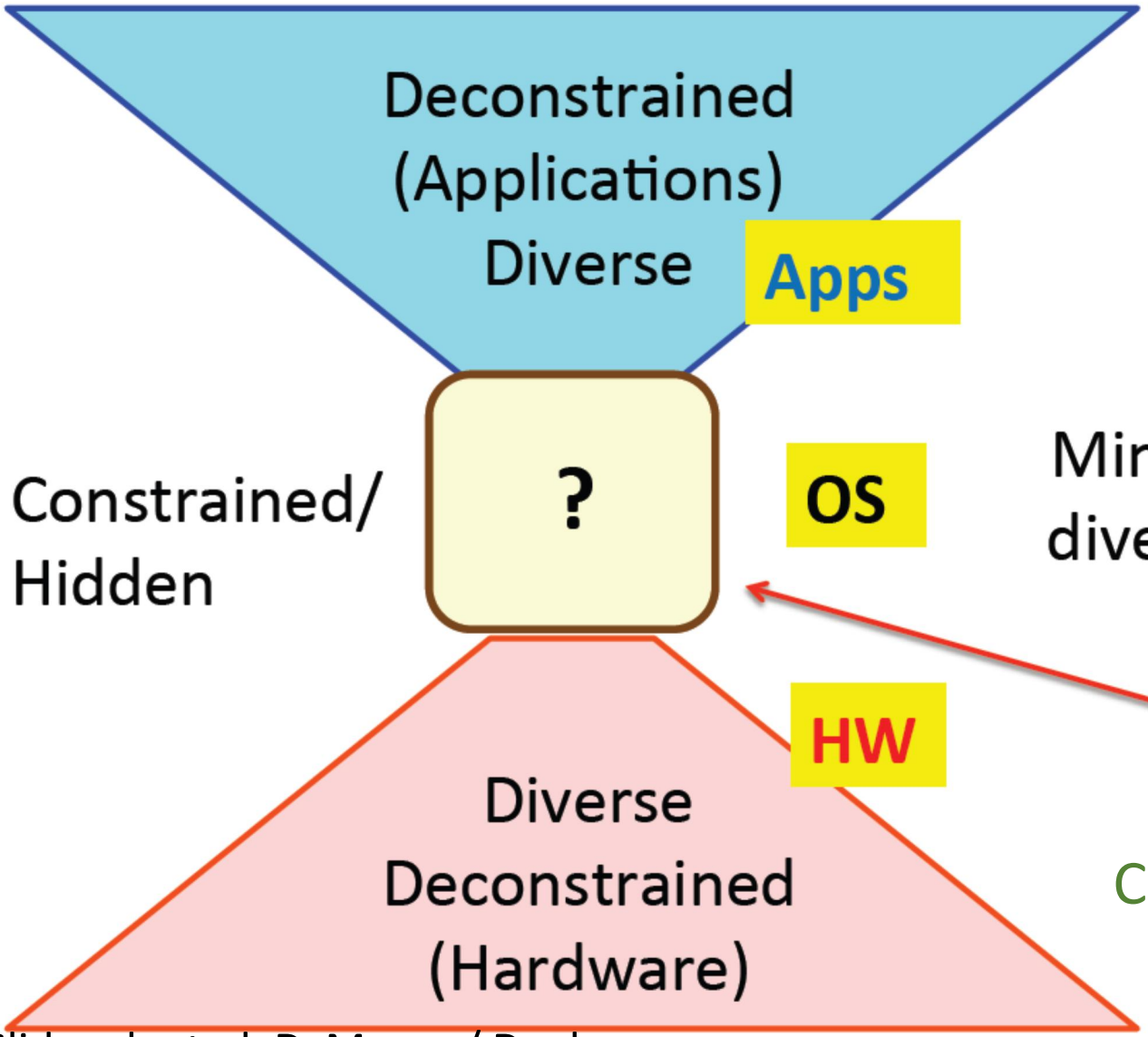
Layered architectures make Robustness and Evolvability *compatible*



Minimal diversity

Think OS Kernel + Libraries and Drivers

SDN Controller?

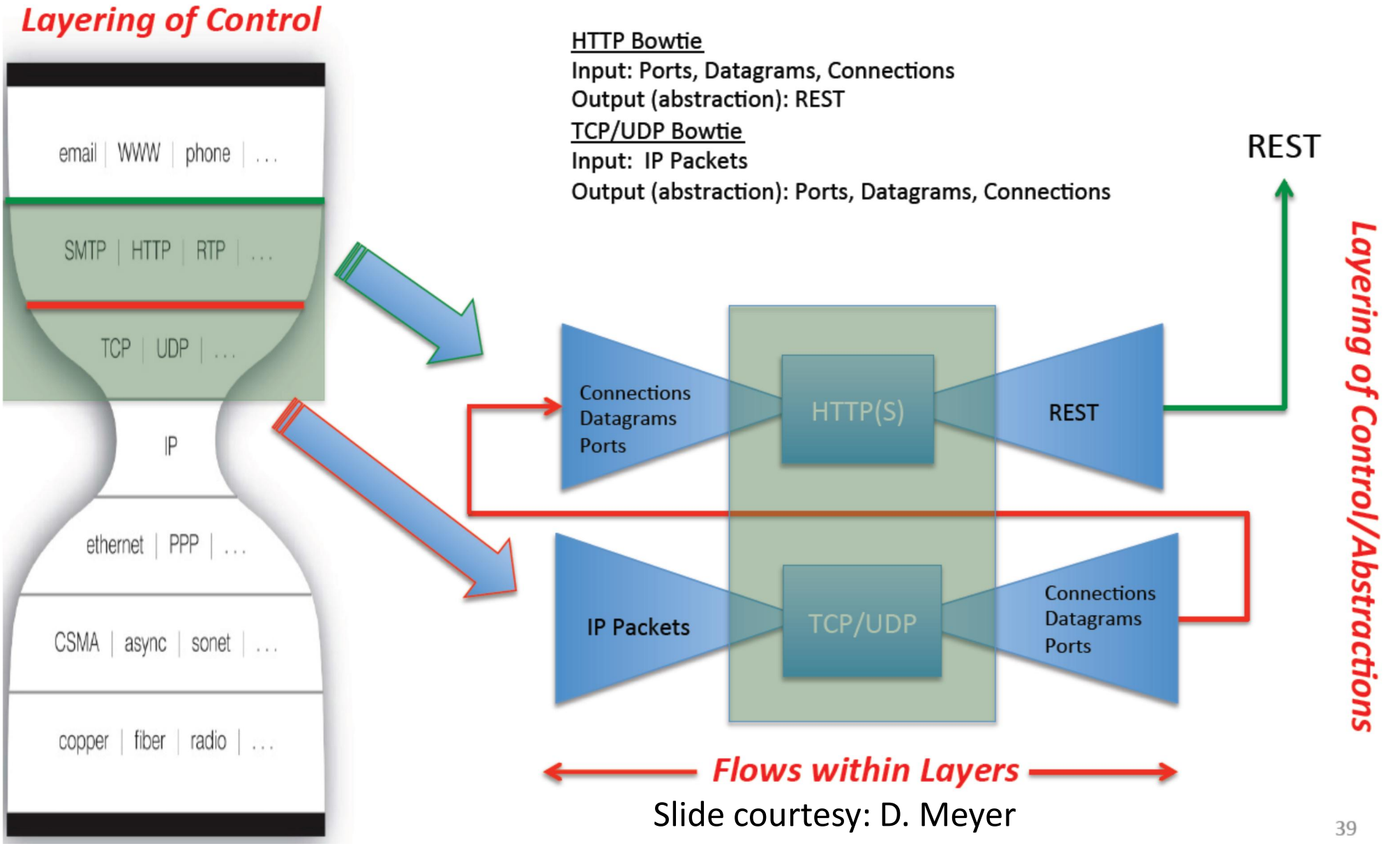
Plug-in Architectures

Control Plane Drivers + APIs

Model-Driven Everything

Slide adapted: D. Meyer / Doyle

The Nested Bowtie/Hourglass Architecture of the Internet



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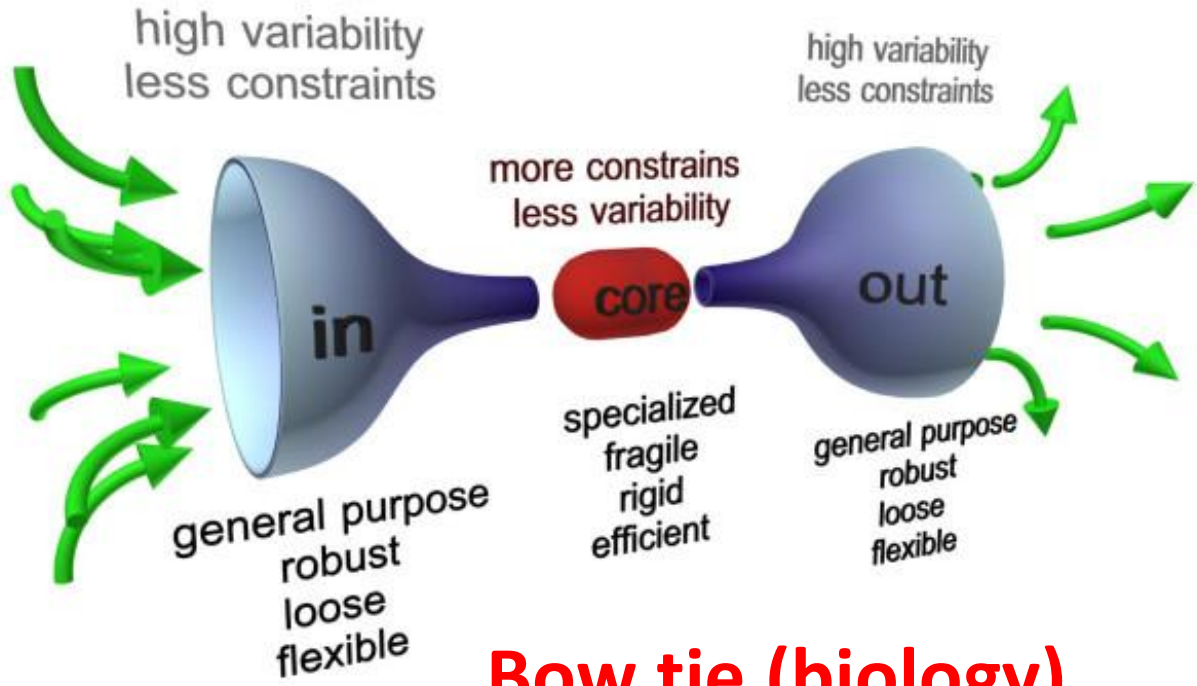
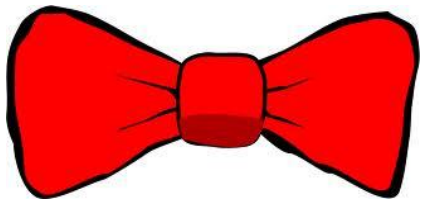
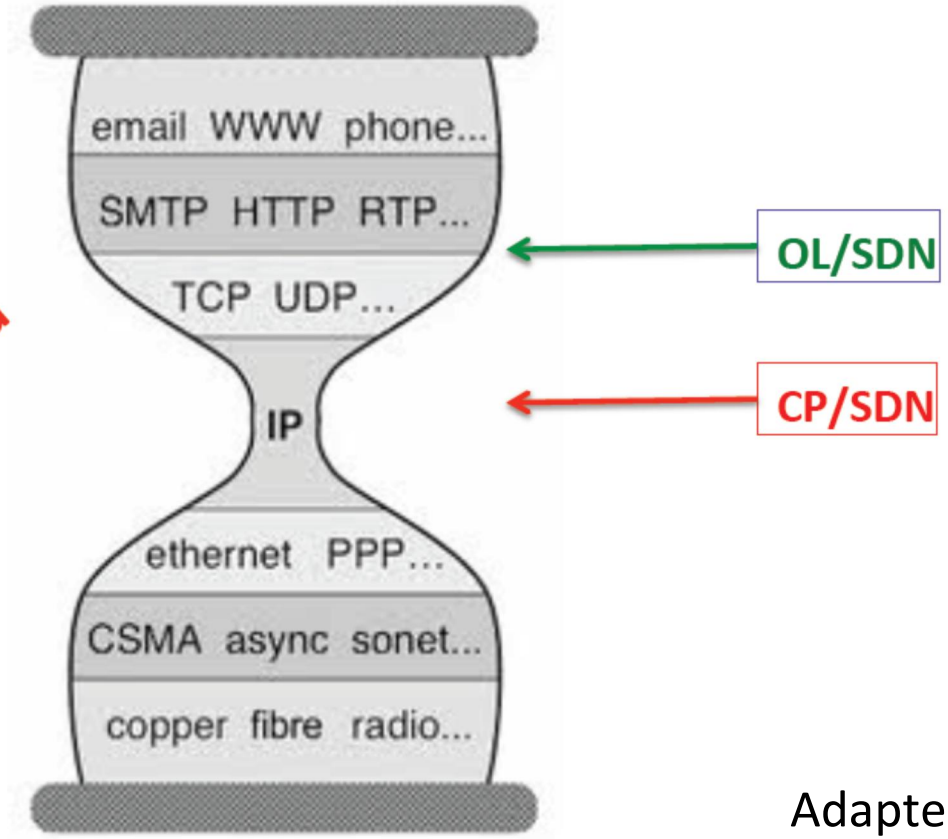
Bowties /Hourglasses?



Bow tie (biology)





Open Source is a wildcard

Adapted Slide courtesy: D. Meyer

Open Source & David vs. Goliaths

- In order for the little guy to compete,
  - As much a business challenge as a technology challenge
- Big companies have huge distribution channels
- How do you get the reach of a big company without the resources?

Open Source as a distribution model

- Barrier to entry is low
- Early adopters have more patience
- Community based development
- Features come quicker than going it along
- Easier to build partnerships and alliances

Why open SD(x) will prevail

- No one wants proprietary lock in

- Open is first class citizen in the infrastructure software world
  - OpenStack
  - Hadoop
  - OpenDayLight

openstack™

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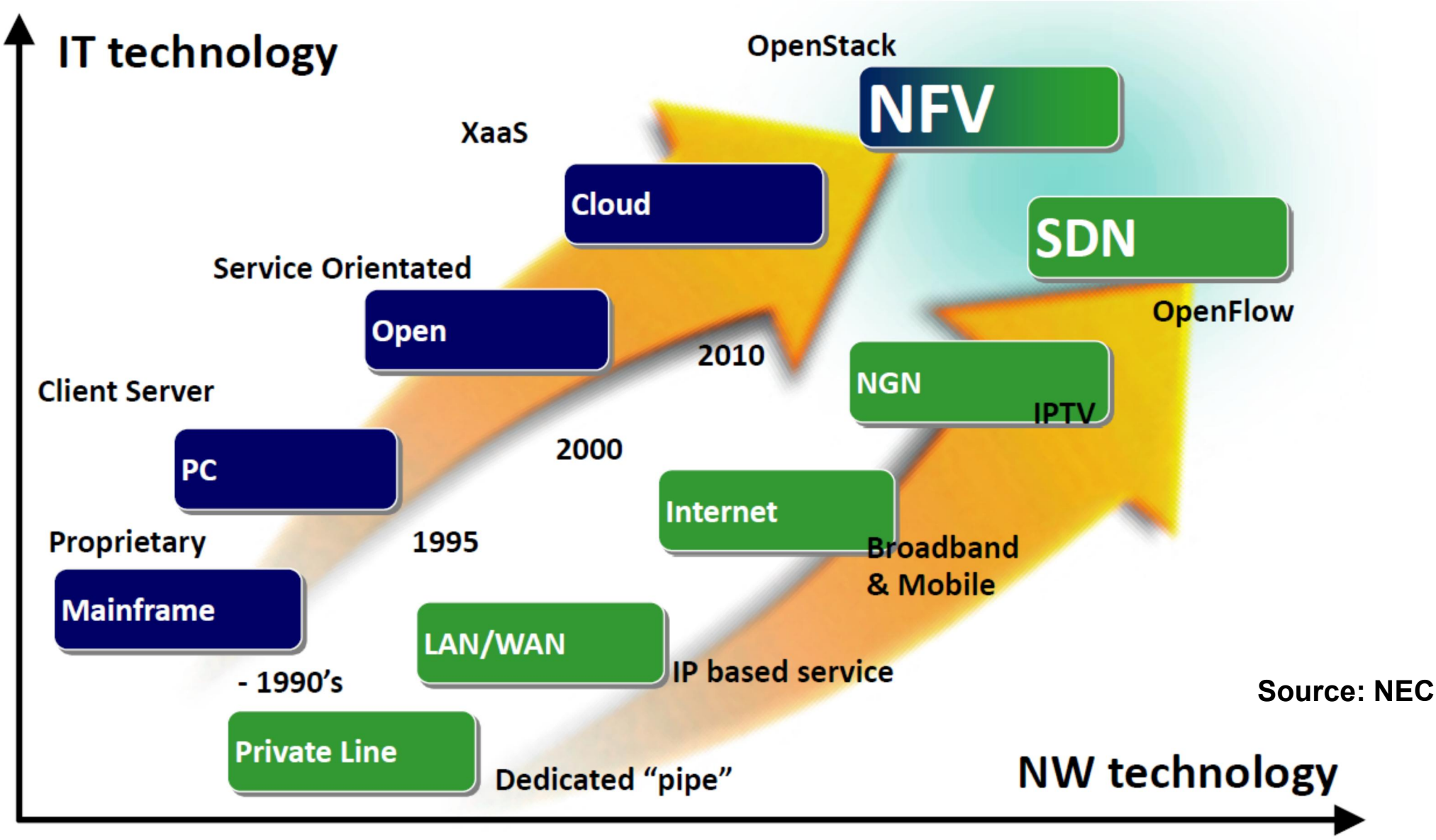
- Large companies now have policies on how to adopt open source
- Strength of partners

Concluding remarks

IT & Networking Growing Together



Source: NEC

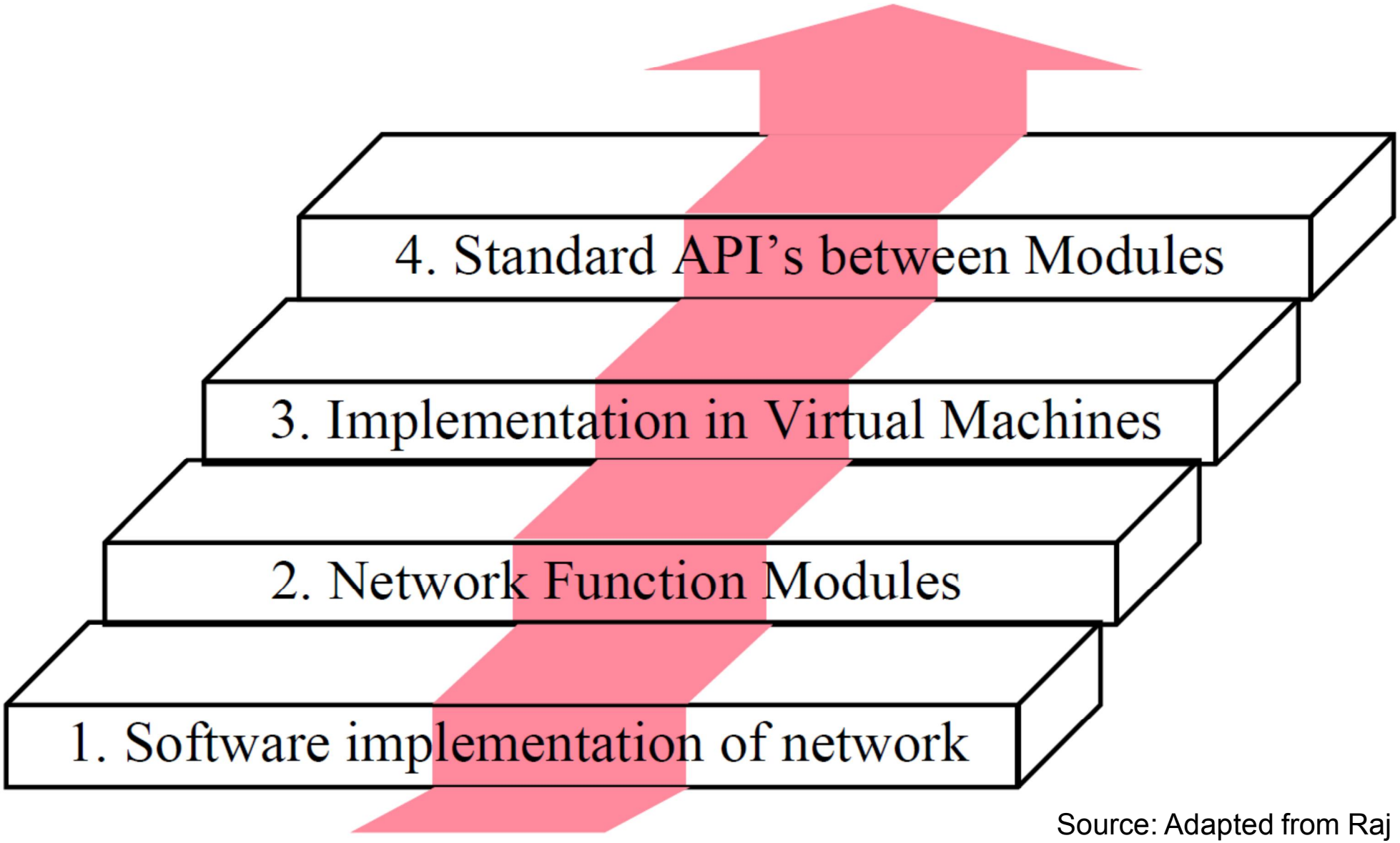
So, why we need/want NFV(/SDN)?

1. Virtualization: Use network resource without worrying about where it is physically located, how much it is, how it is organized, etc.
2. Orchestration: Manage thousands of devices
3. Programmable: Should be able to change behavior on the fly.
4. Dynamic Scaling: Should be able to change size, quantity, as a F(load)
5. Automation: Let machines / software do humans' work
6. Visibility: Monitor resources, connectivity
7. Performance: Optimize network device utilization
8. Multi-tenancy: Slice the network for different customers (as-a-Service)
9. Service Integration: Let network management play nice with OSS/BSS
10. Openness: Full choice of modular plug-ins

Note: These are exactly the same reasons why we need/want SDN.

Source: Adapted from Raj Jain

Wrapping up: Innovations of NFV



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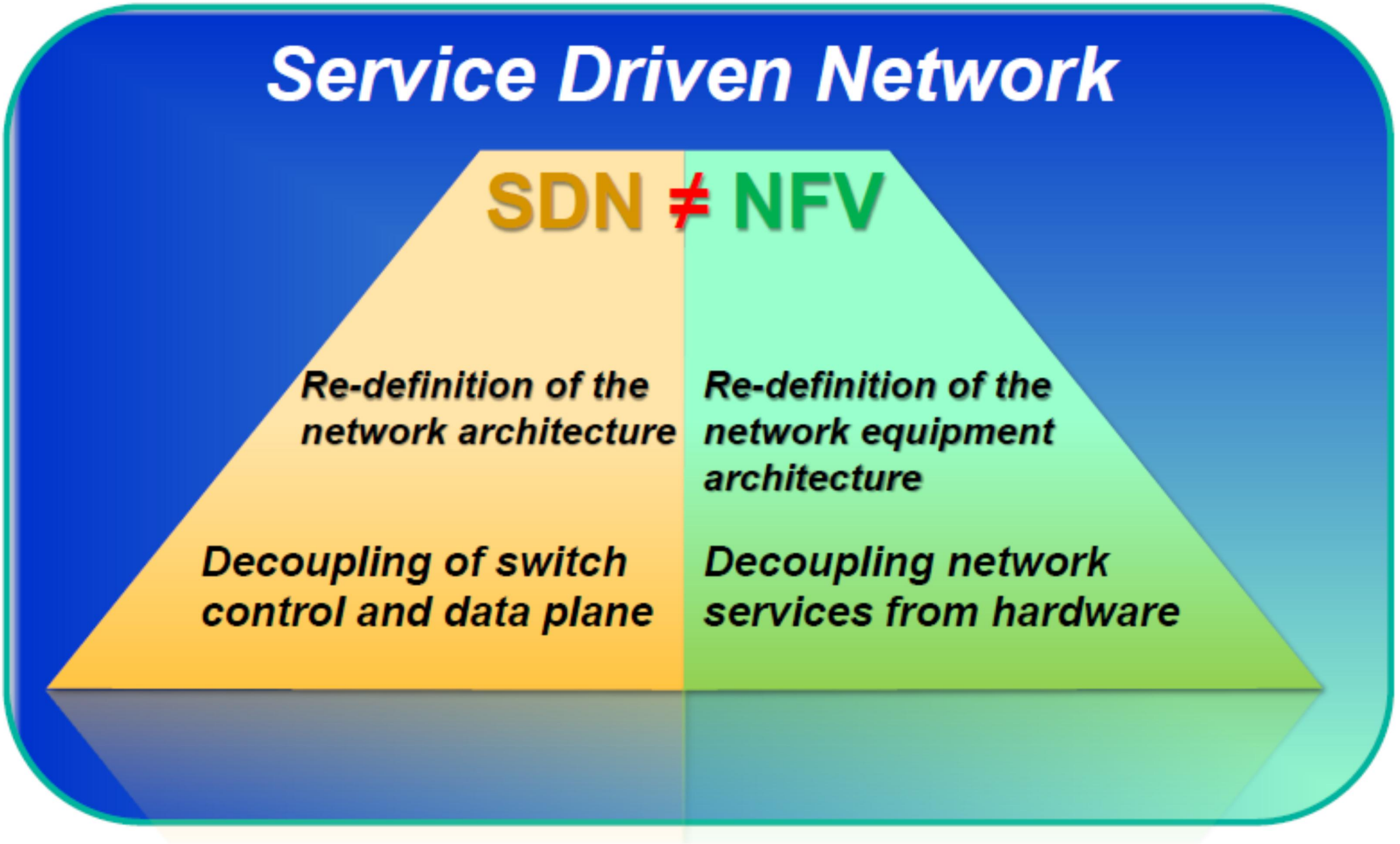
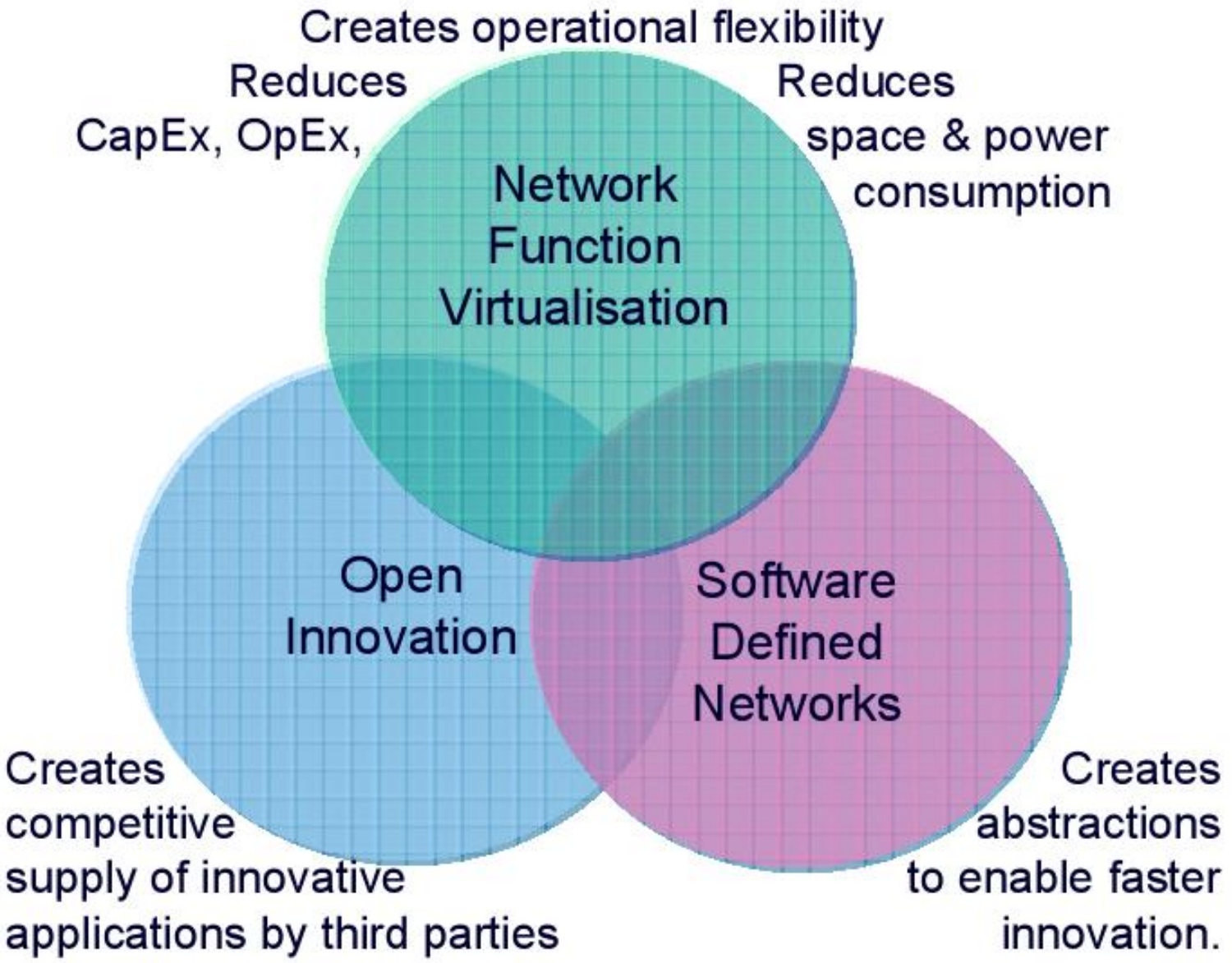

Service Driven Network
SDN ≠ NFV
Re-definition of the network architecture
Re-definition of the network equipment architecture
Decoupling of switch control and data plane
Decoupling network services from hardware

Source: NEC

SDN & NFV

Strategic Networking Paradigms for Network Operators



Source:NFV

The increasing role of software

- So, my network device should be cheaper over time. But where is the money going?
  - If the hardware needed to forward Terabits is actually commodity (from merchant silicon to merchant optics?)
- That means what you're actually buying is software.
  - Software is hard.
  - Routing protocols, CLIs, network management platforms, and feature after feature after feature after feature…
- Software is what you're actually buying.
  - The hardware is just a delivery vehicle, so you don't feel so bad for spending millions on invisible electrons.
  - But the software is what you actually care about.

Source (adapted from):
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SDN & NFV: The Frontier of Networking?

Open Networking USER GROUP

OPEN DAYLIGHT

openstack™

OPEN Compute Project

Existing

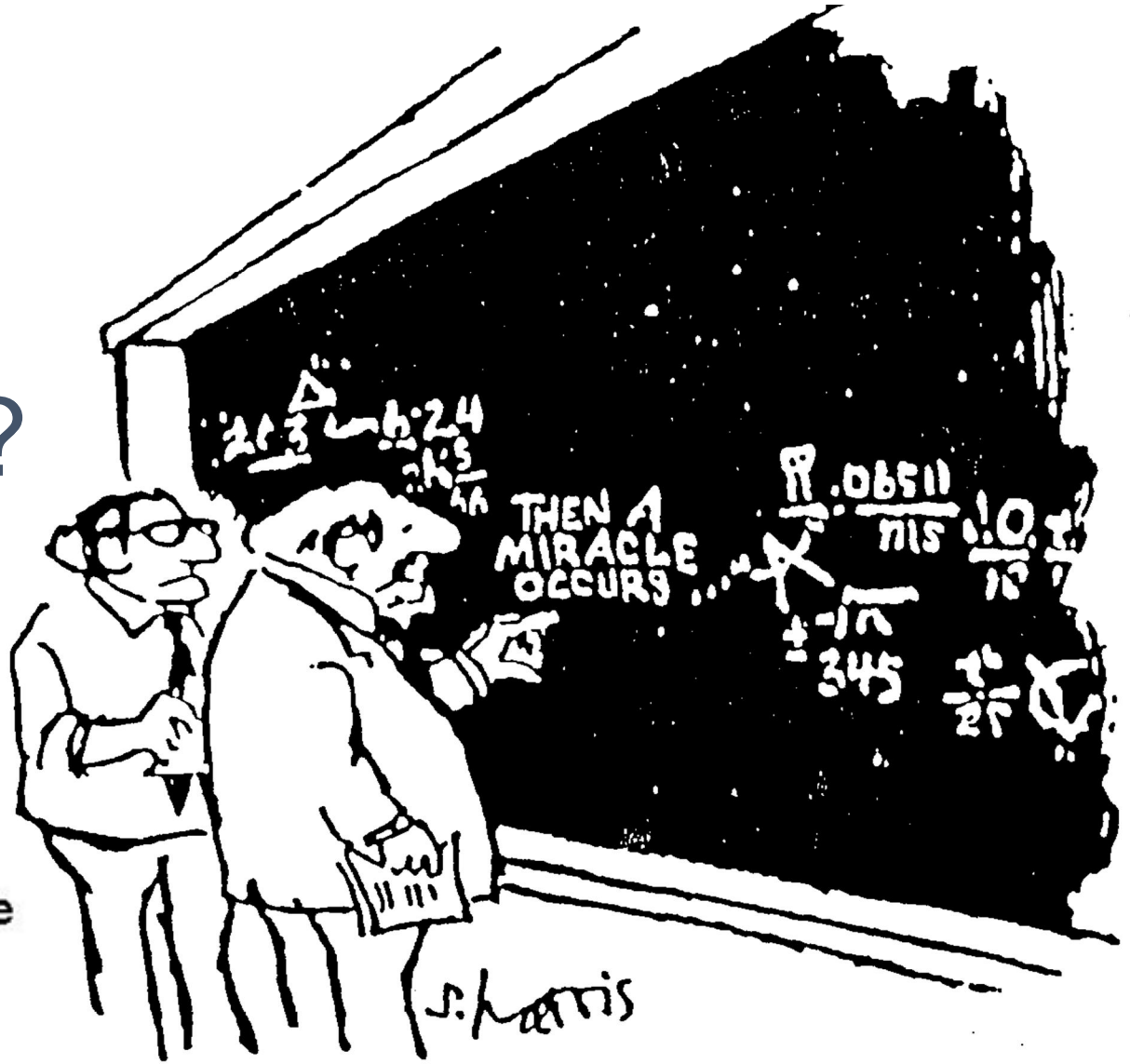
- CLIs
- Closed Source
- Vendor Lead
- Classic Network Appliances

New

- APIs
- Open Source
- Customer Lead
- Network Function Virtualization (NFV)

Adapted from: Kyle Mestery, Next Generation Network Developer Skills

Obrigado! (mais) Perguntas?



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two"

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Contributions welcome:
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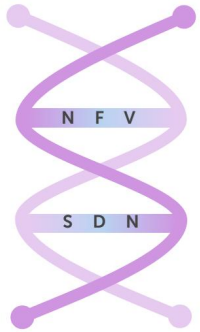

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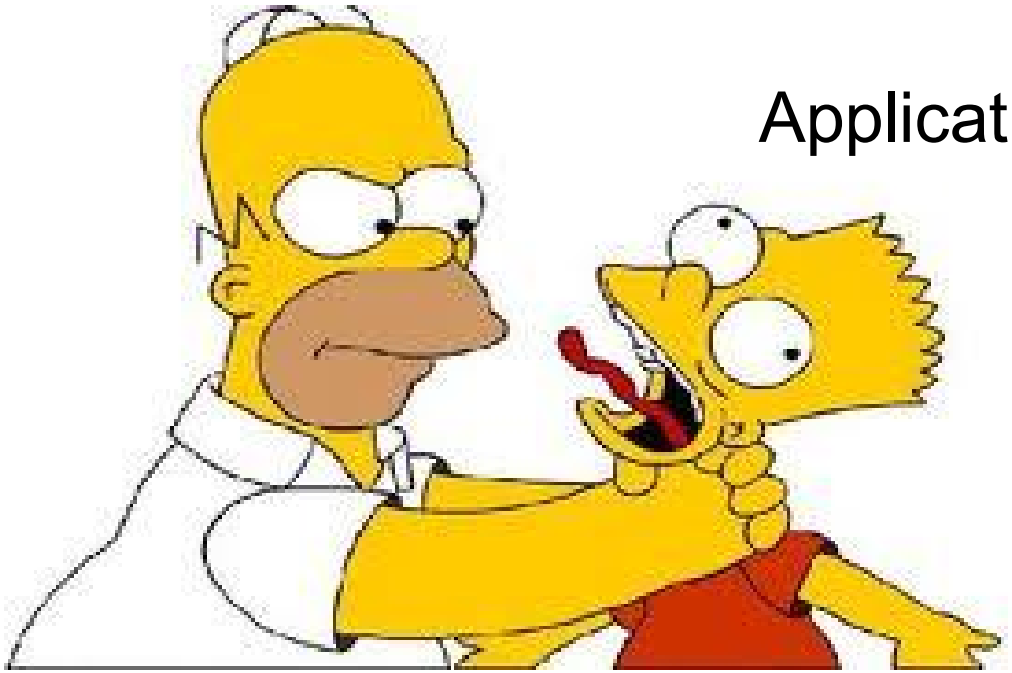
SDN & Single Throat to Choke

Who provides solution support in a decoupled SDN???

Switch Vendor?

Controller Provider?

Application Developer?

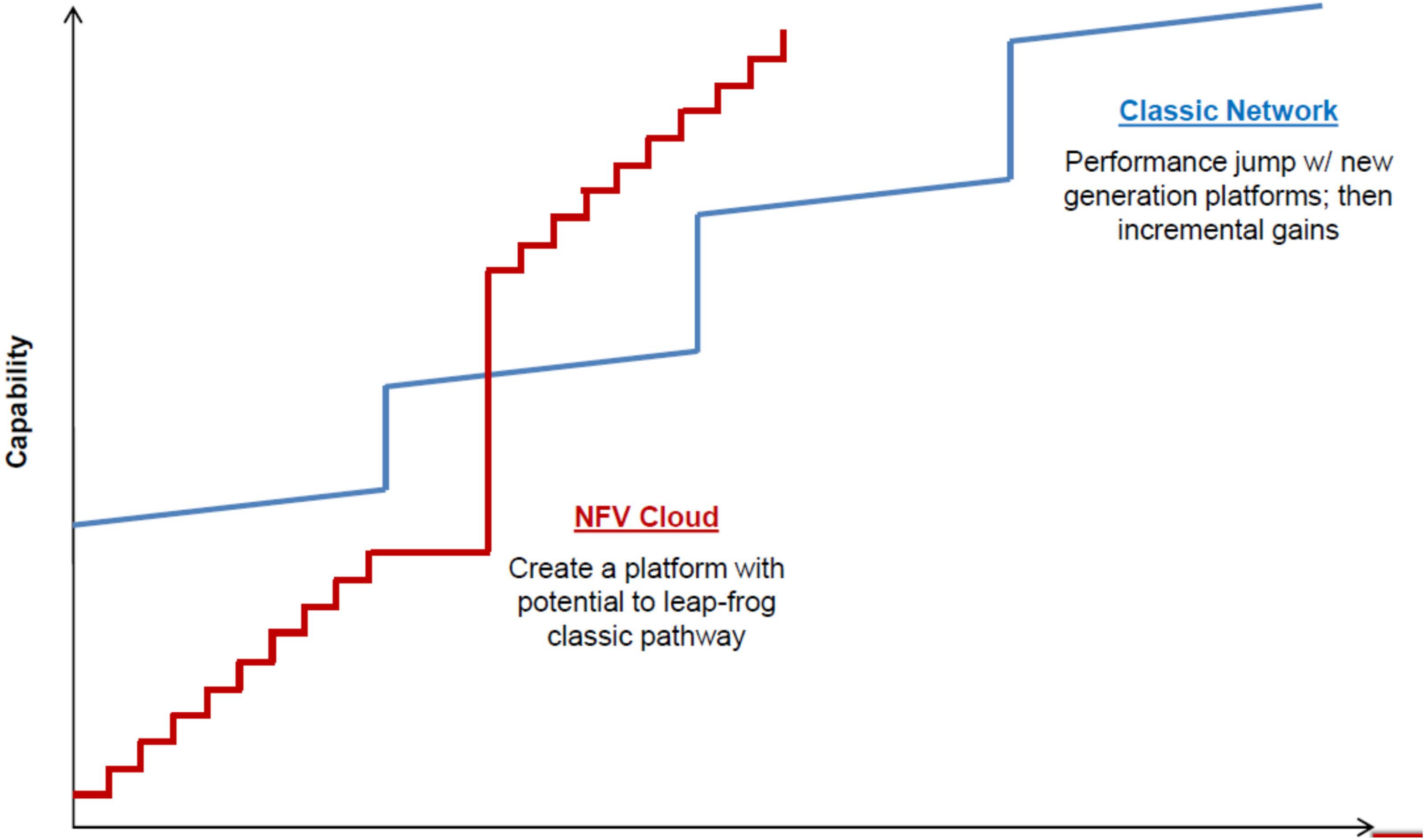


Cenário atual

- Não existe solução que traga todas as características de SDS
  - Porém há varios produtos com uma ou várias delas.

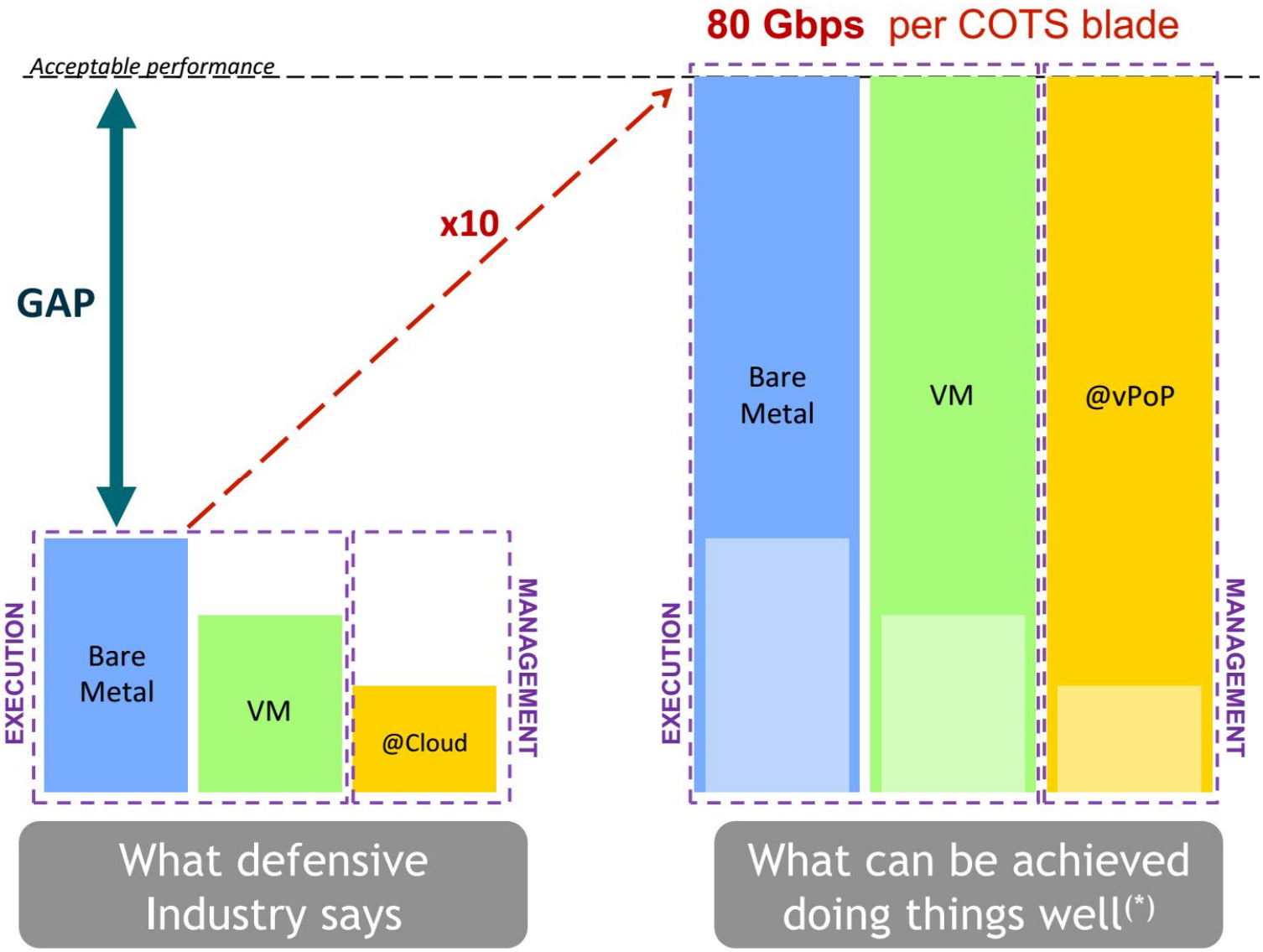
Produto	Característica
VMWare VSAN	Políticas, Storage Pool, Scale-out
StarWind	Data protection, reporting
VSANSymphony	Storage Pool, data protection
EMC's ViPR	Storage Pool, Scale-out, HW commodity

Is NFV Technology Good Enough?



Source: Gabriel Brown, Heavy Reading

High and Predictable Performance is Achievable



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Some Use Case Examples

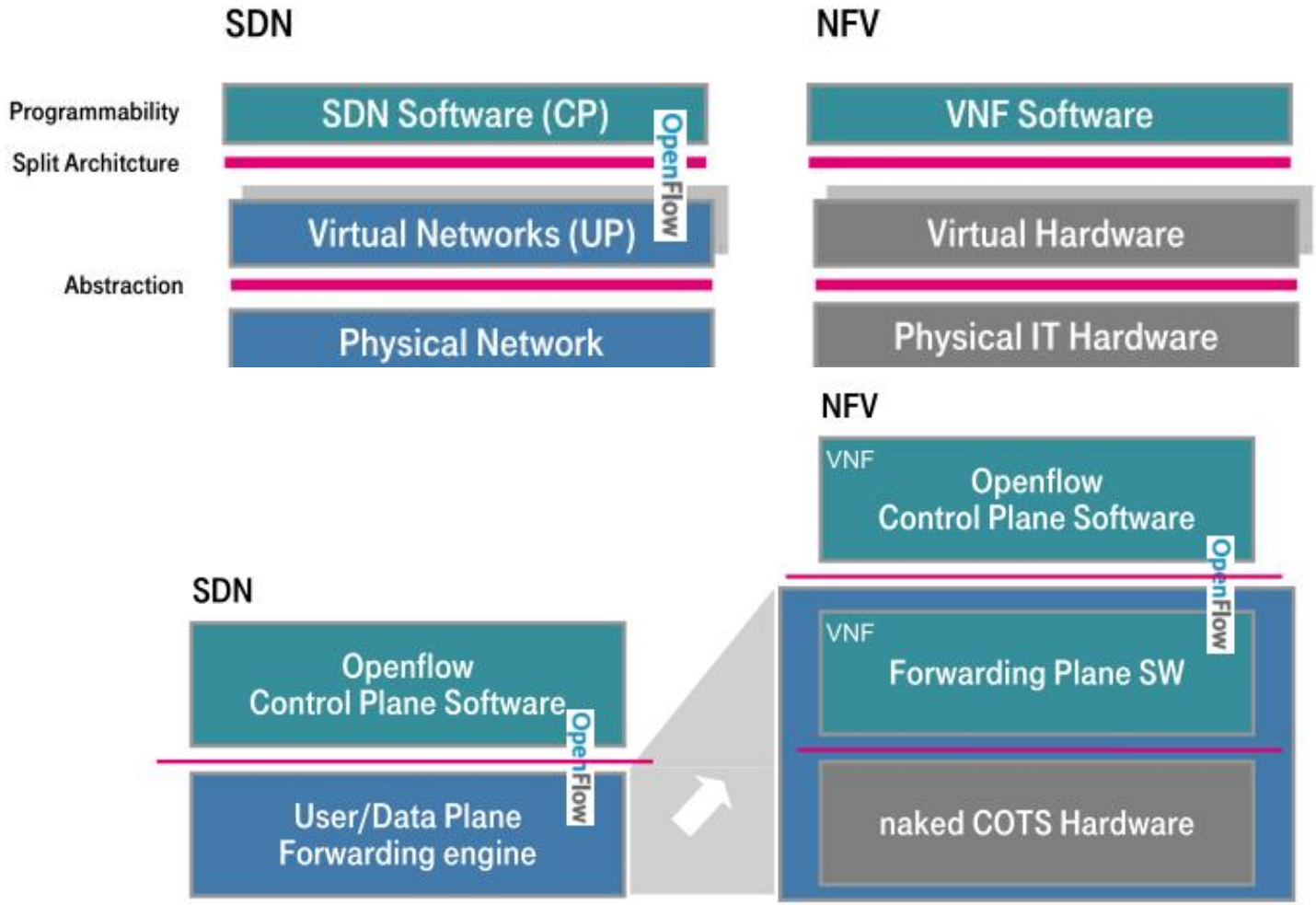
…not in any particular order

- Switching elements: BNG, CG-NAT, routers.
- Mobile network nodes: HLR/HSS, MME, SGSN, GGSN/PDN-GW.
- Home networks: Functions contained in home routers and set top boxes to create virtualised home environments.
- Tunnelling gateway elements: IPSec/SSL VPN gateways.
- Traffic analysis: DPI, QoE measurement.
- Service Assurance: SLA monitoring, Test and Diagnostics.
- NGN signalling: SBCs, IMS.
- Converged and network-wide functions: AAA servers, policy control and charging platforms.
- Application-level optimisation: CDNs, Cache Servers, Load Balancers, Application Accelerators.
- Security functions: Firewalls, virus scanners, intrusion detection systems, spam protection.

Source: NFV

SDN and NFV

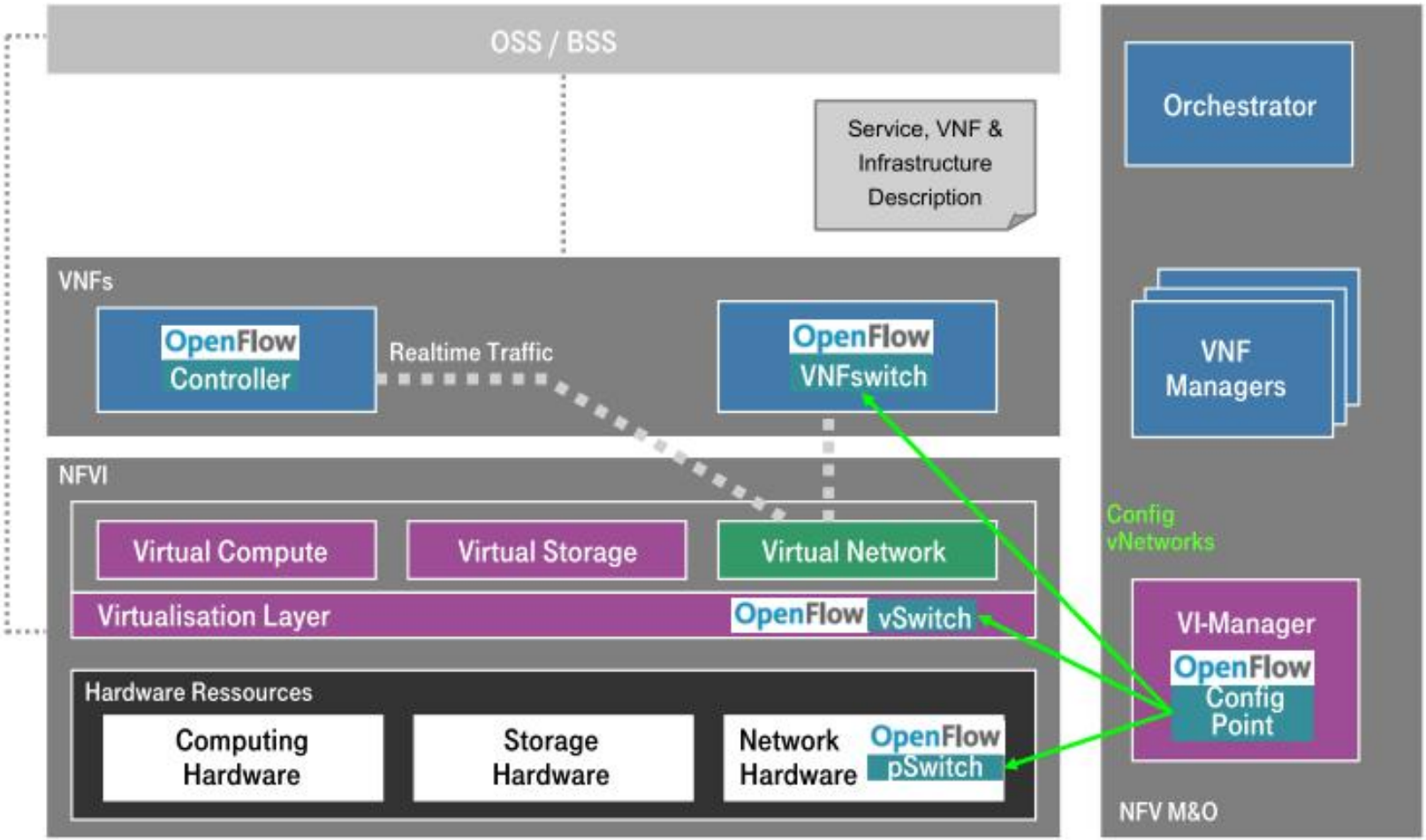
- SDN and NFV do NOT depend on each other



Source: Uwe Michel, T-Systems

SDN and NFV

- SDN poses to NFV:
  - Central point of contact / Orchestrate VNFs (NSC)



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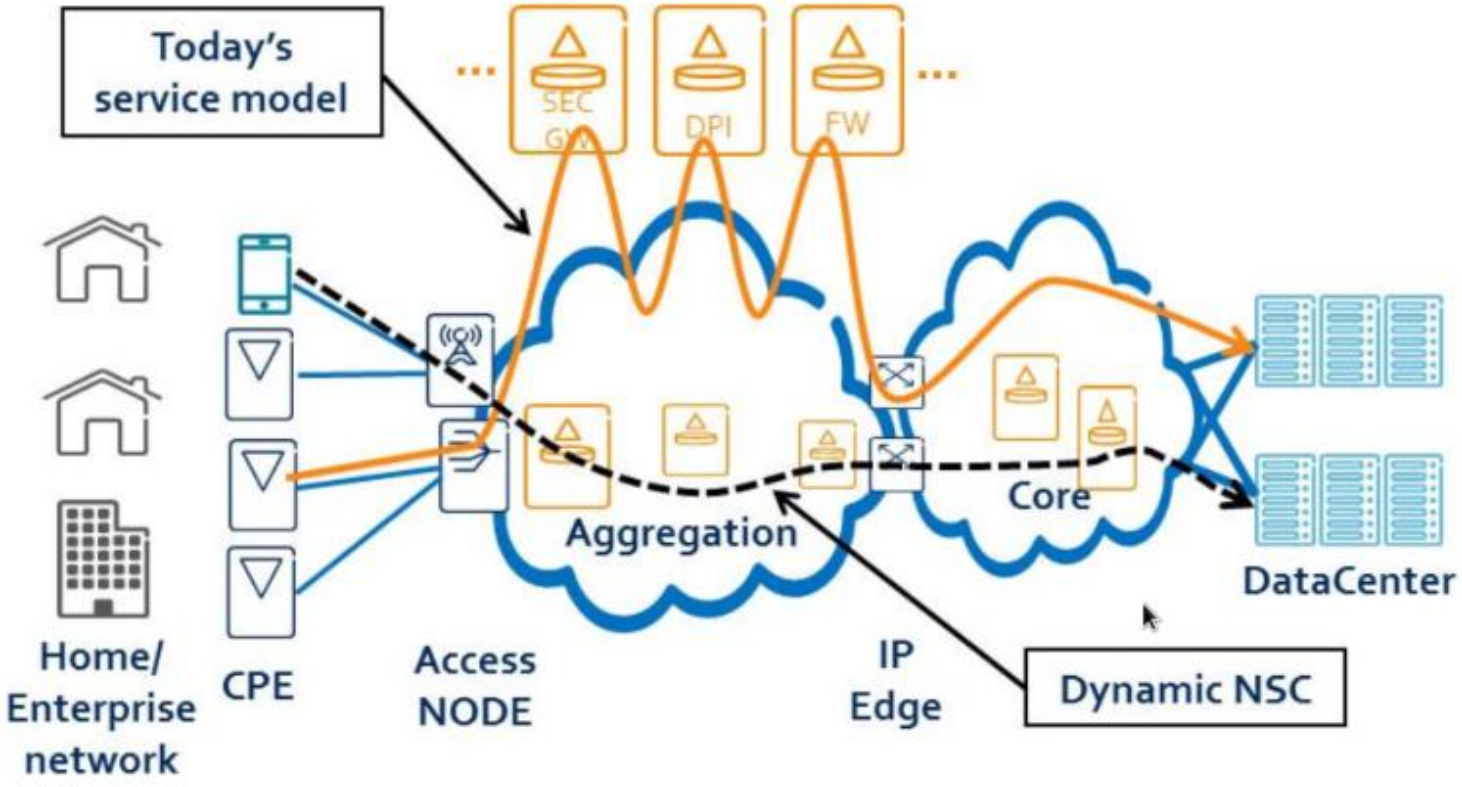
NFV Forwarding Graphs

- Network Service Chaining
  - Networks paths: old stratified vs. dynamic new



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