Elasticity VNF

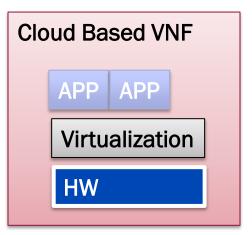
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AN NFV transformation has started

Yesterday

Today





Lower costs for running and deploying existing products

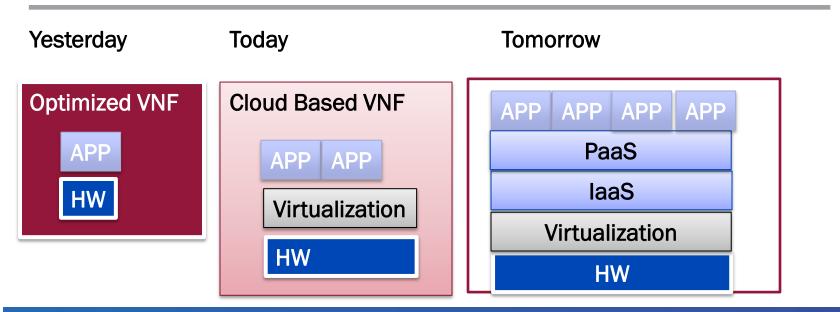
Networks and cloud separated

Mostly OTT Services

Telco vendors starts to port legacy applications onto DC Clouds

Scale: 10-1000 nodes

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Real time, low latency and high reliability application capabilities. Mission Critical Applications on cloud.

Pervasive computing – the network is the computer and everything, down to end user devices, participate.

Scale: 1M+ nodes, 500B devices

Private/Public clouds for industry automation and real-time control Cloud and Network interacting as one platform for service innovation

Telecom Network Functions Migration

- Moving the control plane, data plane and service network into a cloud based network
- Using cloud based protocol to control the data plane.
- Service continuity, network security, service availability, resiliency, SLA in both control plane and data plane must be ensured at this migration
- However, moving the legacy telecom applications into a cloud network is not virtualization.

Are we ready yet?

Most of the NFV functions are

- Larger size stateful function
- running on either specific hardware or a big VM
- not designed to tolerate any system failure in many VMs.
- very difficult in term of configuration, scale updating, etc.

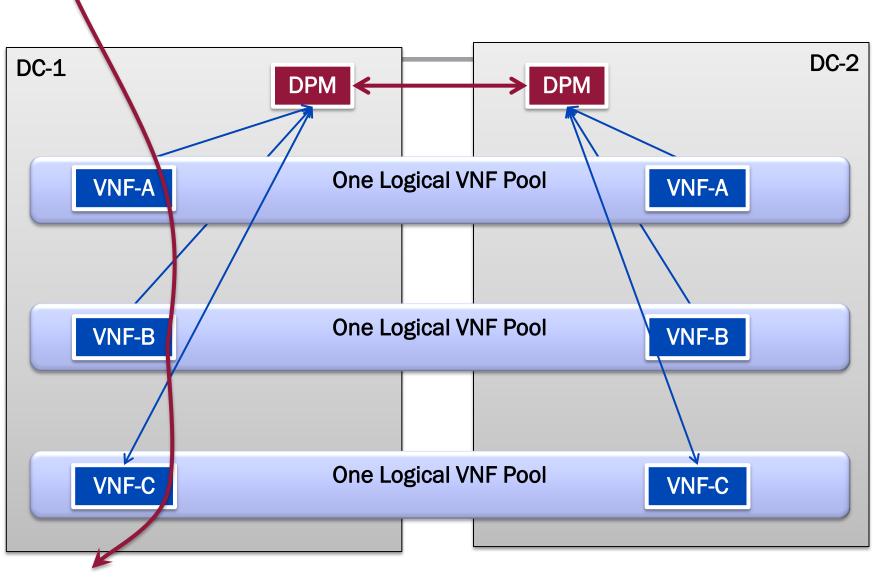
Re-engineering may be needed

- Adaption for software and hardware decoupling.
- Smaller size stateless function
- running on small VMs with multiple instances which can provide higher application availability.
- Dynamic scaling can be achieved by adding more VMs into the system.

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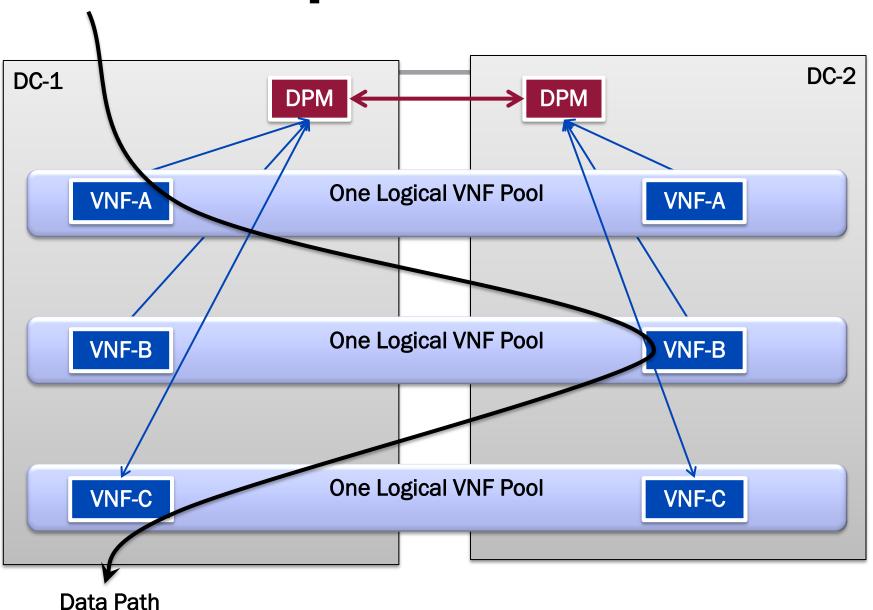
- A service session may traverse multiple stateful and stateless VNF functions
- Predictable performance with low-latency VNF is expected
- Reliability: a must requirement for NFV network. some kind high availability solutions may be needed, which has the potential to minimize the service downtime at failure
- Security is also critical

Predictable performance

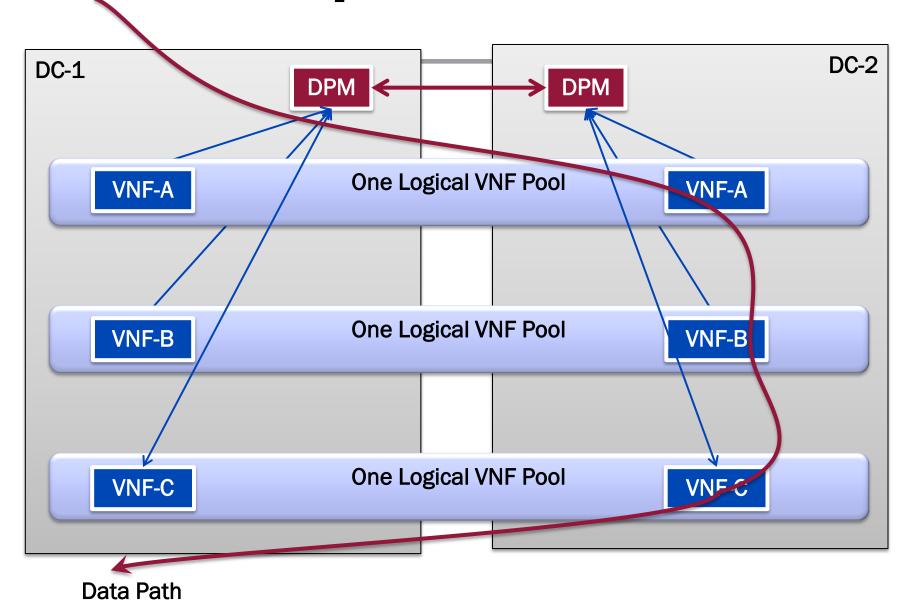


Data Path

Predictable performance



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Next Step

 More details on what is needed for elasticity VNF

Thanks