



Blockchain-based Zero Touch Service Assurance in Cross-domain Network Slicing

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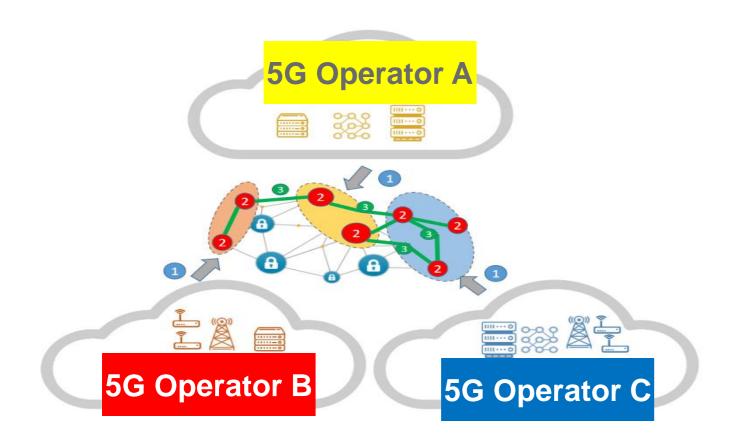
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- Multi-stakeholder Network Slicing
- Smart Contracts for SLA Management
- AlOps Zero-touch Automation Architecture
- Evaluation
- Discussion



Multi-domain Network Services & VNF Marketplaces



Multi-domain Network Slicing

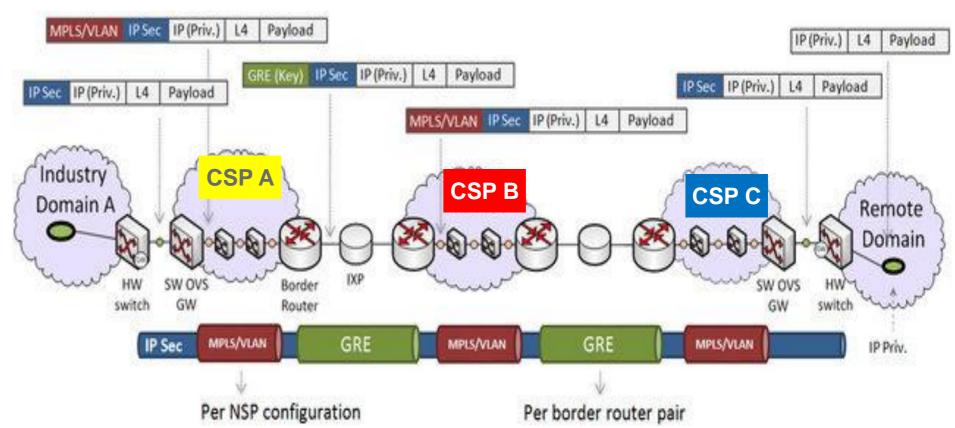
Network resources & services shared/exchanged among different Communication Service Providers (CSPs)

Optimally utilize underlying infrastructures for versatile requirements of 5G apps

Management & Orchestration (MANO) schemes to support seamless integration or federation of resources

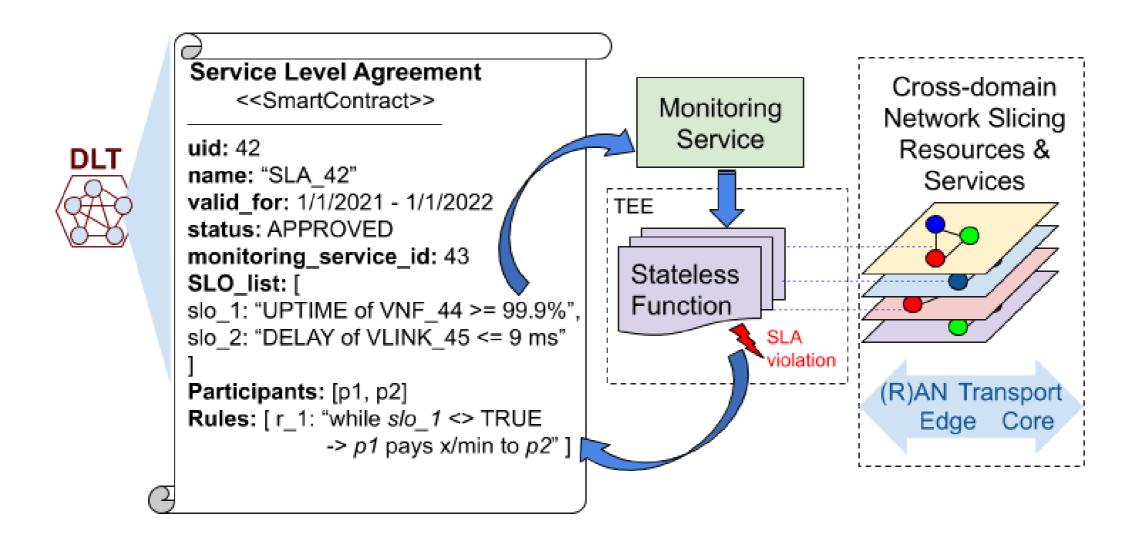
► Enhanced Services & Marketplaces

- New revenue streams & market openness
- Need secure, robust, trustworthy mechanisms for service lifecycle management
 - Registration, discovery, instantiation, binding...
- ► (Enterprise) Blockchain technologies
 - Smart contracts, authorized transactions, provenance





Smart Contracts for SLA Management



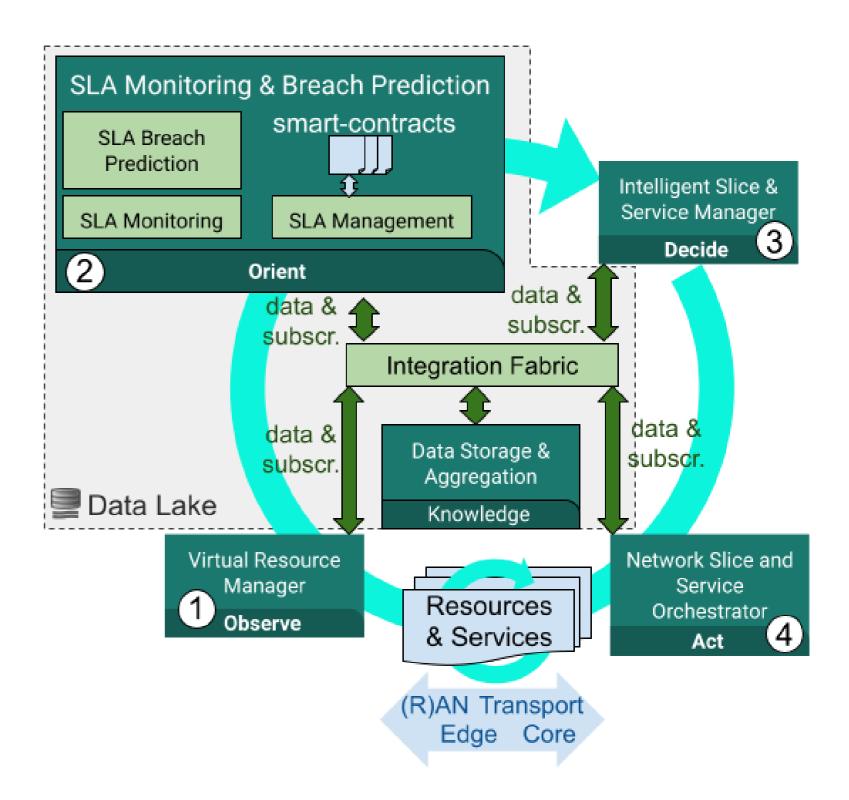
- ▶ Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) to streamline network service marketplace interactions AND Service Assurance
 - Enterprise Blockchain technologies (Smart Contracts) naturally mapping to Service Level Agreement (SLA) models
 - Blockchain transactions for transparency and traceability of authenticated/authorized interactions
 - Smart Contract logic for secure, proactive and streamlined MANO-based mitigation of SLA violations



AlOps Zero-touch Automation Architecture

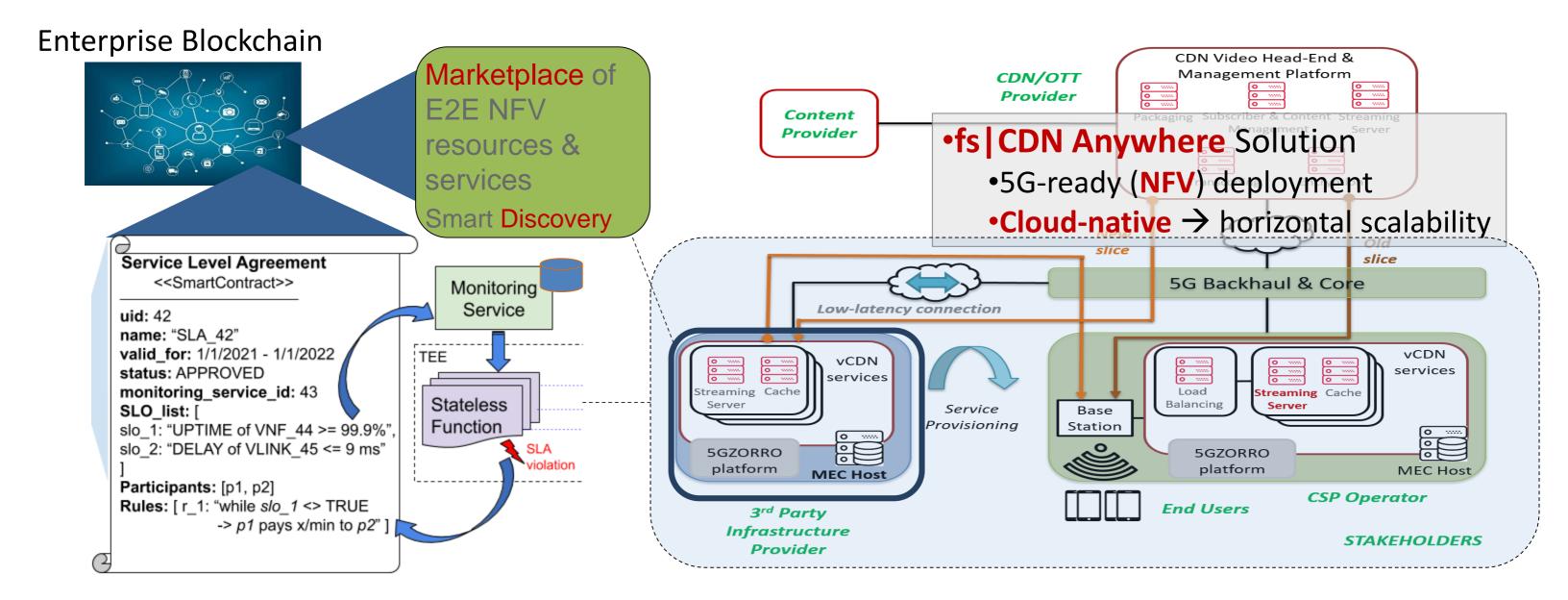
AlOps

- Exploit AI/ML techniques towards IT operations
 - Monitor & correlate data across different interdependent environments
 - Provide real-time, actionable insights & recommendations over system behaviors
- 5GZORRO AlOps: AlOps entangled with a Closed Loop Architecture inspired by ETSI ZSM





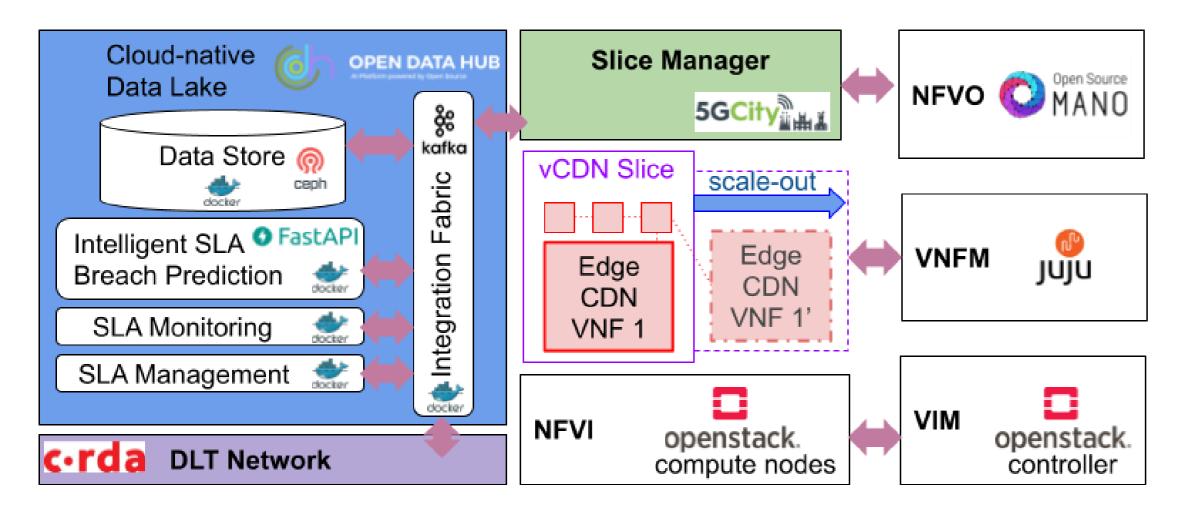
The vCDN Use Case



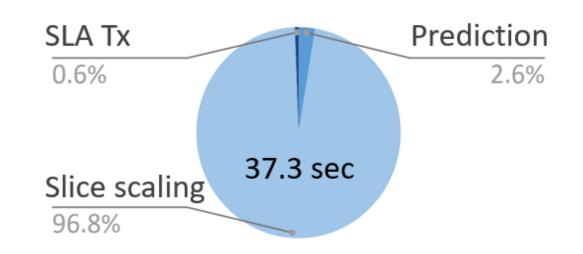
- •Extreme workload situations → CSP's edge infrastructure cannot satisfy SLA
- •5GZORRO auto-scaling mechanisms → (pro-/re-active) Al-based resource discovery process for slice extension over 3rd-party (spare) resources



Evaluation at 5GBarcelona Facility



Average duration of different phases



- Prototype solution using open-source technologies
- •Our mechanisms take only a fraction of the time necessary for MANO activities
 - •While producing accurate predictions on service performance



Zero-touch security and trust for ubiquitous computing and connectivity in 5G networks





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