MEF Service Orchestration of Complex Networks and Virtualized Services

MEF's activities in the context of 5G



MEF Created \$80B* Carrier Ethernet Market

The foundation for agile, assured and orchestrated services





~90 CE 2.0 SPs



5,000 MEF-CECPs



SPs Vendors Others

210+ Member Companies



NA EMEA APAC CALA

Global Contributions



*IHS Markit



Service Orchestration and LSO Framework



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Specs and Implementations



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5G and MEF Specs

- MEF 22.x.y Transport for 5G
 - 5G-oriented MEF Implementation Agreement
 - Enhanced mobile backhaul supporting
 - 5G use cases (e..g. Network slicing)
 - Cloud-based infrastructure and networking
 - Reduced latency and improved synchronization
 - Mobile fronthaul supporting
 - Mobile fronthaul interfaces (e.g. CPRI/eCPRI)
 - Based on existing MBH IA work

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- Uses MEF-defined services and attributes
- References work from ITU-T, IEEE 802, BBF, NGMN



5G and MEF Implementation

- Ensuring 5G-based services can be fully orchestrated through SDN controllers as part of
 - Heterogeneous connectivity service
 - Multi-Operator
 - Multi-Technology
 - Full service lifecycle
 - Network resource provisioning
 - Service OAM and SAT
 - Service assurance (e.g. Zero touch telemetry, closed loopback control)
- OpenCS 5G project

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- Defining use cases, epics and user stories
- Use case -> Information Model -> Data Model -> standardized open northbound APIs for 5G environments



MEFnet and Reference Implementations



EMS: Element Management System PNF: Physical Network Function SOF: Service Orchestration Function

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MEF and ITU-T Collaboration

• Frequent liaisons

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- ITU-T G.8011 series (SG15) uses set of MEF documents for definition and specification of Carrier Ethernet
- Shared active engagement (e.g. Ericsson)
- 5G is major opportunity to leverage work of ITU-T into implementation projects that touch LSO, SDN and NFV for L1-L3 connectivity services!



Next Steps

- Transport for 5G Implementation Agreement (MEF 22.x.y)
- Definition and integration of 5G BH & FH use cases into MEF Core Model and open APIs
- Integration of 5G experimental implementations into live collaborative MEFnet projects with service providers and vendors



