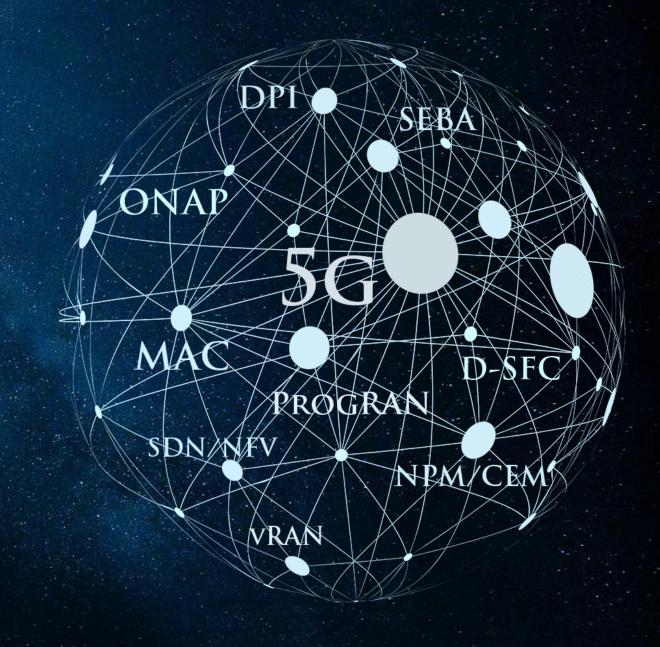


NWDAF in 5G SA Networks



# About Argela

- Global technology company focusing on R&D for 5G and beyond,
- Customized solutions for telecom operators
  - Network & Customer Analytics Suite
  - Multi Access Edge Cloud vRAN/RIC & SEBA (SDN Enabled Broadband Access)
  - Virtualization & Orchestration
- Open-source and standardization activities through Netsia (ONF, LNF, O-RAN, etc)
- R&D arm of Türk Telekom Group



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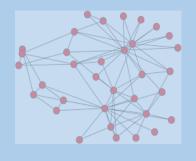
#### **5G SA Innovations**

- Cloud Network Infrastructure (Service Based Architecture)
- Edge Computing
- E2E Network Slicing (Core, Transport and RAN Slicing)
- New Verticals (Connected Cars, improved manufacturing, Smart Cities, AI/ML Gaming, etc.)



# **5G SA Challenges**

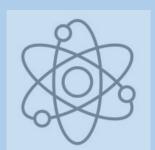
Cloud based architecture increases Complexity of the network



Difficulty of monitoring and automation of Edge Cloud



Need quick alignment of network and slices with the dynamically changing conditions



High and strict SLA requirements of the new business verticals





## **Key Drivers for NWDAF**



#### **Monitoring**

Need for continuous monitoring of 5G Network, Service Quality



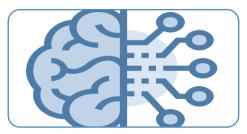
#### **Automation**

Need for self automation of network and services to adapt dynamically changing conditions



#### Scaling

- Need for auto-scaling of cloud based network infrastructure
- Need for quick alignment of the network and slices with the dynamically changing service/network/customer requirements and conditions

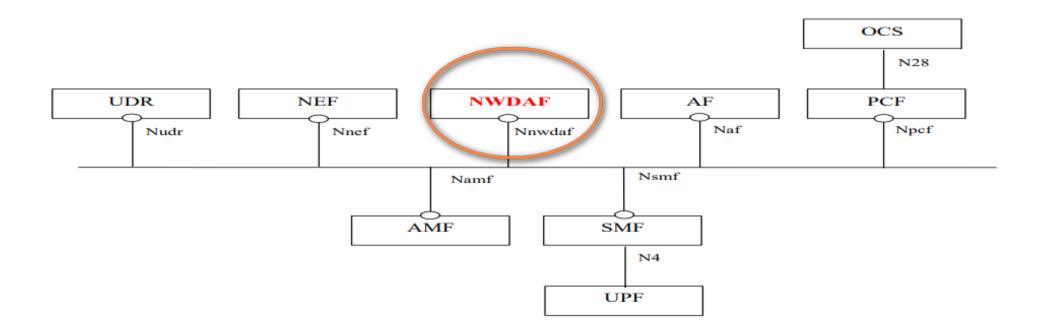


#### **Network Intelligence**

Need for prediction information in order to optimum utilization of the radio and network resources

#### What is NWDAF?

- Definition: NWDAF (NetWork Data Analytics Function) is a Virtual Network Function in 5G SA network. It is used to
  make performance, usage and quality analysis and predictions based on the real time collected data from the other
  nodes.
- NWDAF has been introduced in the 5G System Architecture in 3GPP SA2#119 meeting, FEB. 2017





# Objectives of NWDAF

 NWDAF aims to standardize the analytics, performance management and prediction use cases and procedures

**Standardization** 



 NWDAF aims to enable automation of network, infrastructure optimization and configuration with the performance and quality analytics and prediction information

**Automation** 



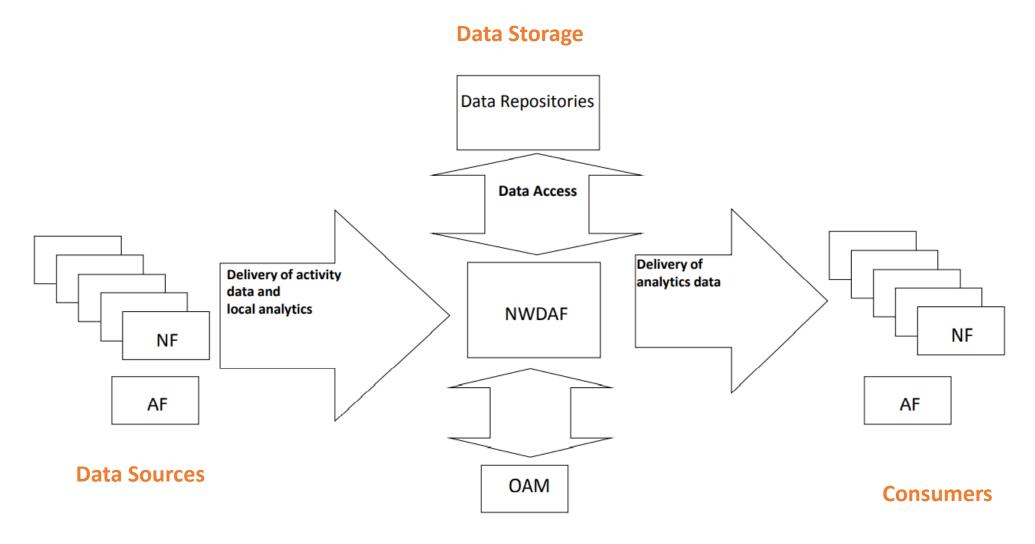
 NWDAF aims to provide visibility of the network, slices and services delivered over a complex IT based virtualized infrastructure of 5G SA and radio (MEC) network

Visibility





## **NWDAF Framework Architecture**

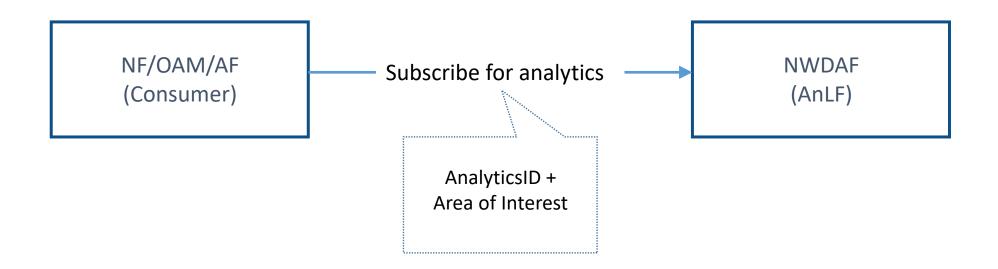


**Data Sources** 



### **NWDAF Services**

- Services offered by the NWDAF to other NFs
  - Subscription to offered analytic services
  - Retrieval of analytic service outputs
- Services offered by other NFs to NWDAF
  - Subscription to offered metrics provided by the related NF
  - Retrieval of metric info provided by the related NF



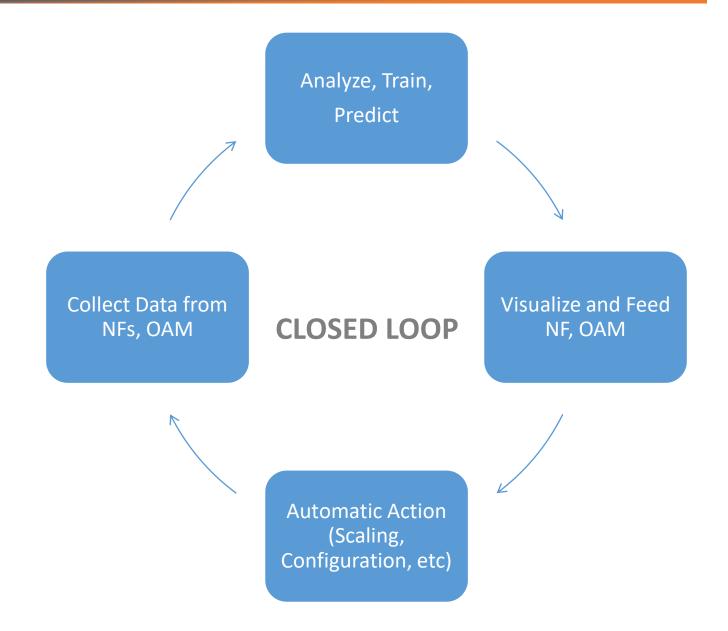


## NWDAF through 5G Releases

- Network Data Analytics Function (NWDAF) History in 3GPP
  - Release 15
    - Only definition of analytic service function (29.520) but no architectural proposal
    - Only presented for PCF and NSSF
  - Release 16
    - Uses cases (23.791) and architecture enhancements (23.288) come along
    - AMF, SMF, NEF, UDM, AF, OAM, CEF are added as the consumers of the service
    - No definition for coordination of data
  - Release 17
    - Machine Learning and Artifical Intelligence Model provisioning function is added to NWDAF
    - Data Management among services is defined but for now only as recommendation not mandatory
      - DCCF, ADRF, MFAF
      - And still workgroup is working on data management interfaces and methods it is not completed yet



# 5G Analytics and Automation Cycle with NWDAF





#### **Use Case Classification**

#### Network & Slice Performance Monitoring ------

- Load level computation & prediction
- Network performance current & prediction
- Congestion information current & prediction
- Anomaly detection

#### Service Quality Monitoring

- Service experience computation & prediction
- Mobility management optimization
- SLA measurement for MNOs

#### **Device Monitoring**

- Mobility analytics & behavior prediction
- Abnormal behaviour



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