



Cloud Computing and 5G Network Technologies' Advancements driving Advanced SLAs

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Main Topics

- 5G Network Architectures Main Principles
- 5G Network Services & Service Provisioning Aspects
- SLAs defining 5G Network Services Provisioning
- SLAs negotiation and maintenance over 5G Network and Cloud Infrastructures
- Two EU funded projects focusing on this direction are:



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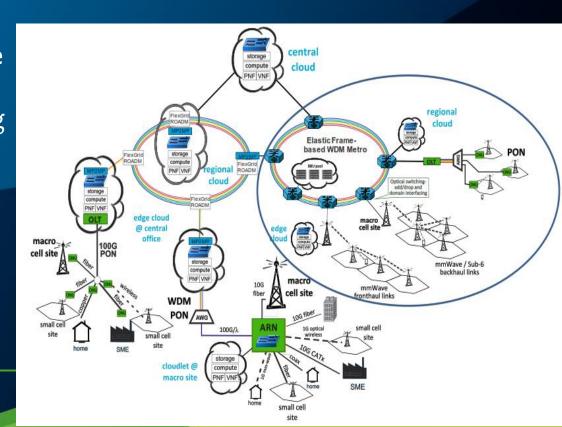
5G Networks Overview

5G Networks target at shifting from current, statically configured network and cloud infrastructures to flexibly configured infrastructures able to provide 5G network services upon request.

- 5G-PICTURE and CloudPerfect are two EU funded projects aiming at delivering advancements in network and cloud resources management:
- CloudPerfect will enable laaS/Cloud providers to enhance the stability and performance of their infrastructures, and optimise cloud resources allocation especially for application deployment.
- 5G-PICTURE introduces the concept of network and compute resources disaggregation by defining flexible 5G architectures based on distributed pools of network & compute resources.

5G Network Architecture - Main Principles

- Distributed compute/storage resources (cloud/edge datacenters) are used for hosting apps and/or network services.
- Network/Cloud nodes enable resources virtualisation (via H/W programmability & S/W definition at various layers)
- Network/cloud resources are orchestrated to provide a service abstraction layer over multiple domains for services provisioning
- Various wireless/optical techs coexist at access and transport network level.



5G Network Services

5G Networks' highlights related to network services provisioning:

- 5G Networks' architectures and technologies will provide the means to move from the current service models of provisioning connectivity or cloud services separately, to more complex network service provisioning models incl. a mix of infrastructure resources and network connectivity services, tailored to stakeholders' specific requirements.
- 5G Network infrastructure ownership can be distributed between various stakeholders/ technology domains. → A Single interface for resources provisioning- service deployment is needed over the different domains.
- The service provisioning of 5G Network Services needs to be defined by new, enhanced Service Level Agreements (SLAs) the Service Targets of which shall be measurable by the 5G Network Infrastructures.

Service Offerings over 5G Infrastructures

- Type A: Transport Network Services
 - Users: MNOs (Mobile Network Operators) or other tenants owning an access & core network but lacking a transport network.
- Type B: Transport Network Services & Cloud Services
 - Users: MNOs or other tenants owning an access network but lacking a transport network & cloud infrastructure.
- Type C: End-to-End Telecom Services & Cloud Services
 - Users: MVNOs or other tenants /verticals with no infrastructure, requiring end-to-end telecom services and possibly compute (cloud) resources for hosting applications.
 - Includes network service provisioning for hosting/supporting applications comprising of more than one (distributed) application modules (e.g. service function chaining).

5G Infrastructure Services Provisioning Aspects

- Various resources/services can be provided (depending on the type) such as:
 - Backhaul (BH) and/or Fronthaul (FH) network connectivity services.
 - Access network connectivity services.
 - Auxiliary services such as synchronization.
 - Cloud services, e.g. for Cloud-RAN (vBBUs hosting), core network elements hosting, etc.
 - In a dynamic, spatio-temporal varying context
 - Supporting dynamically (time) changing QoS for each service
 - Supporting scaling of resources based on specific triggering events (e.g. performance degradation, monitored events, external requests)
 - Allowing evaluation of service provisioning on the basis of a number of KPIs such as:
 - Performance (based on KPIs e.g.: Bit Rates, Latency, Jitter, Packet Loss, Compute Resources etc.).
 - Availability
 - Reliability

CloudPerfect Advancements in Cloud Domain

CloudPerfect focuses on delivering (for IaaS (Service) providers):

- A publicly accessible benchmarking tool/service of various Cloud Infrastructures/offerings.
 - Can be used by IaaS/NaaS for self assessment purposes as well as to optimise (manually or automatically) the placement/deployment of apps/app components/VNFs.
 - Can be tailored to specific SLA objectives as benchmarking is based on various performance parameters.
- An efficient, infrastructure agnostic, resource allocation/ application deployment tool.
 - To be used to deploy apps/app components/network virtual functions on multiple clouds –compute infrastructure domains.
 - Providing also autoscaling functionalities; which can be tailored to specific SLA objectives.
- CloudPerfect Advancements in the Cloud Domain can serve purposes in the 5G ICT domain.

5G-PICTURE Advancements related to SLAs

- 5G-PICTURE leverages on advancements in SDN and Cloud Orchestration and addresses among others the following:
 - A service management (SM) layer responsible for SLAs' initial definition, negotiation and maintenance from a single interface.
 - A network orchestrator -integrating SM processes or simply interfacing with them- for the deployment of network services on compute resources of various domains and for the network resources provisioning a disagreggated SW/HW infrastructure.
 - A Network Control Plane, orchestration hierarchy and configurable infrastructure for supporting the various types of services/SLAs as aforementioned (A,B,C).

Conclusions

- Enhanced service offerings over 5G Infrastructures have been identified reflecting the 5G networks disaggregated/flexible architecture.
- Services can range from Transport Services to E2E Telecom & Cloud Services.
- 5G Networks' service provisioning needs to be defined by new, enhanced SLAs.
- Advanced SLA mechanisms need to be supported by the underlying 5G (cloud and network) technologies.
- Projects from the IT domain (e.g. CloudPerfect) and from the 5G domain (e.g. 5G-PICTURE) address similar aspects of service provisioning & SLAs such as:
 - App deployment/resources allocation on multiple domains over a single interface.
 - Advanced SLA capabilities support e.g. runtime policies guarantees, autoscaling, etc.
 - High QoS guarantees via optimising resources provisioning over diverse networks/ cloud infrastructures.
 - Infrastructure configurability/programmability/disaggregation to enable the aforementioned targets.

Thank You!