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#### **Evolution of the Mobile Core**

Softwarization in 5G MCN

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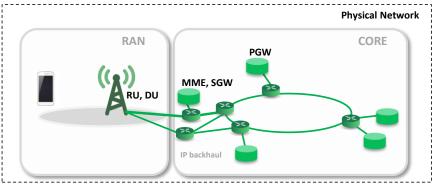
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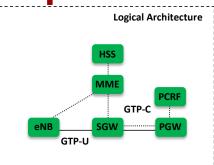
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# LTE EPC: Limitations wrt 5G expectations

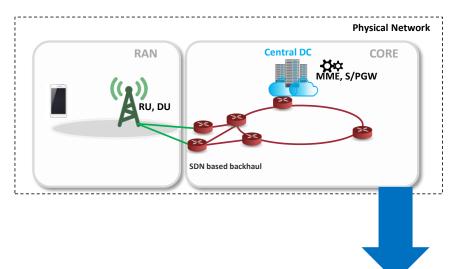


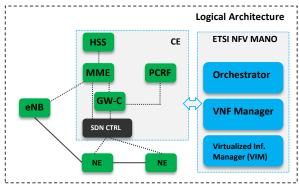


LTE EPC	5G
<ul> <li>Unique, fixed architecture for all needs</li> <li>The same C-Plane and D-Plane pipelines for all requests</li> <li>MME and PGW often overloaded as single anchoring point</li> <li>"Always on" principle creates too much network state and signaling messages</li> <li>Carrier grade, secure and reliable elements</li> </ul>	New device types  Massive cheap and low power Giant critical (V2V, M2M)  Structural dynamics Multi-tenant Small cells, green net
<ul><li>Limited extensibility</li><li>Introduction of new elements is difficult</li></ul>	<ul><li>Flexible for unknown</li><li>Support of vertical services</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Overlay over the transport infrastructure</li> <li>Non-native usage of the infrastructure, indirect routing</li> <li>TCP/IP over GTP over TCP/IP</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Smart, low latency</li><li>Rapid offloading, breakout</li><li>Augmented data plane</li><li>No-tunneling protocols</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Bearer concept</li> <li>a single pipe or bearer split from the UE to the gateway</li> </ul>	<ul><li>MultiRAT Network</li><li>Multi-bearer support</li><li>Access agnostic</li></ul>

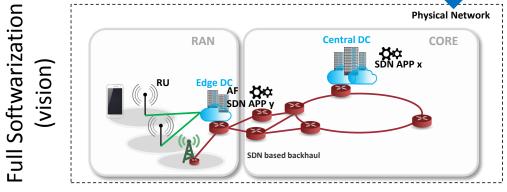
#### **Softwarization of Mobile Core Networks**

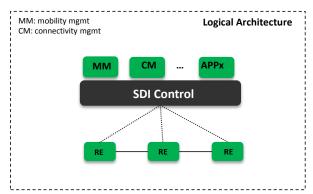
State of the art (research)





CE: Computation Element NE: Network Element





RE: Resource Element

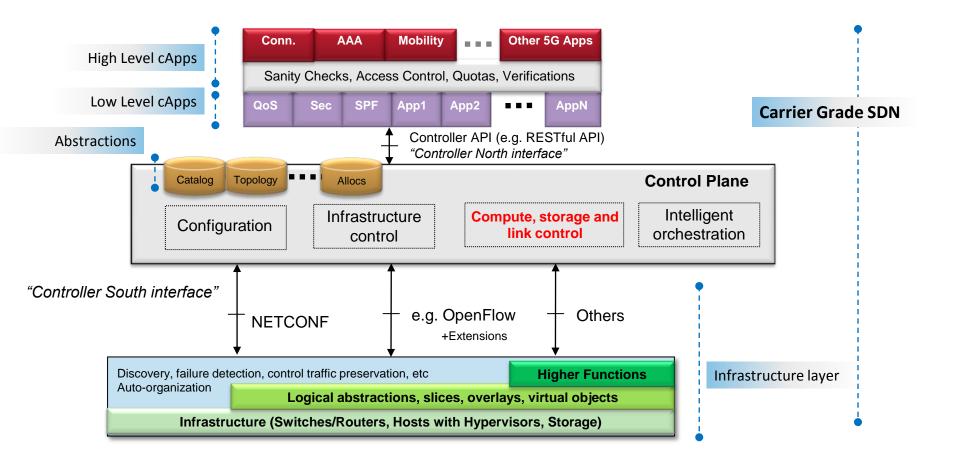
## Challenges to the enabling technologies

#### Challenges to specific technologies

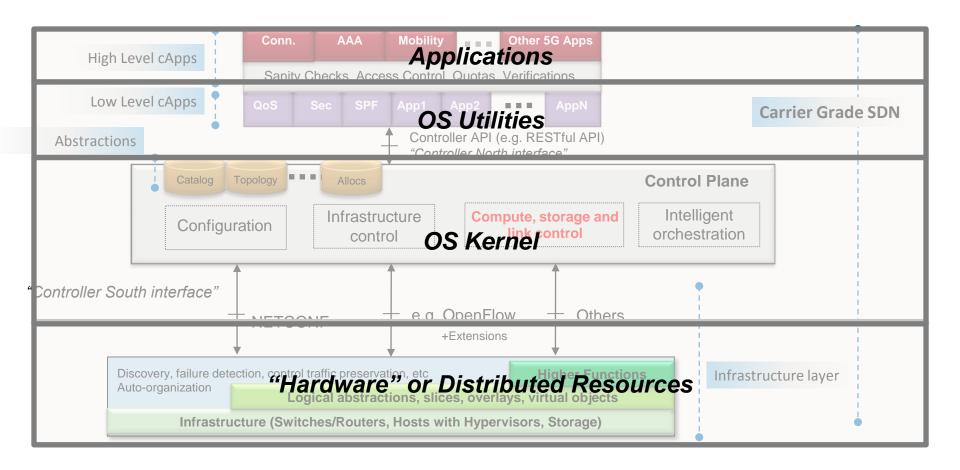
- SDN: scalability, flow aggregation, resilience, security
- NFV/MEC: performance, placement, orchestration
- Overall: flexibility, and dependability of dealing with dynamics
  - Both NFV and SDN were conceived for fixed/static environments
- Software Networks: OK, but what exactly is in software?
  - Network: 1. Topology 2. Protocol Stacks 3. Routing
    - 2: NFV, 3: SDN. What about 1?
  - SN: How to support structural dynamics, node and link churn
    - Expected 5G traits will bring such effects: small cells, front/backhaul integration, V2X, mobile BS, cloud integration, virtual nodes, etc.



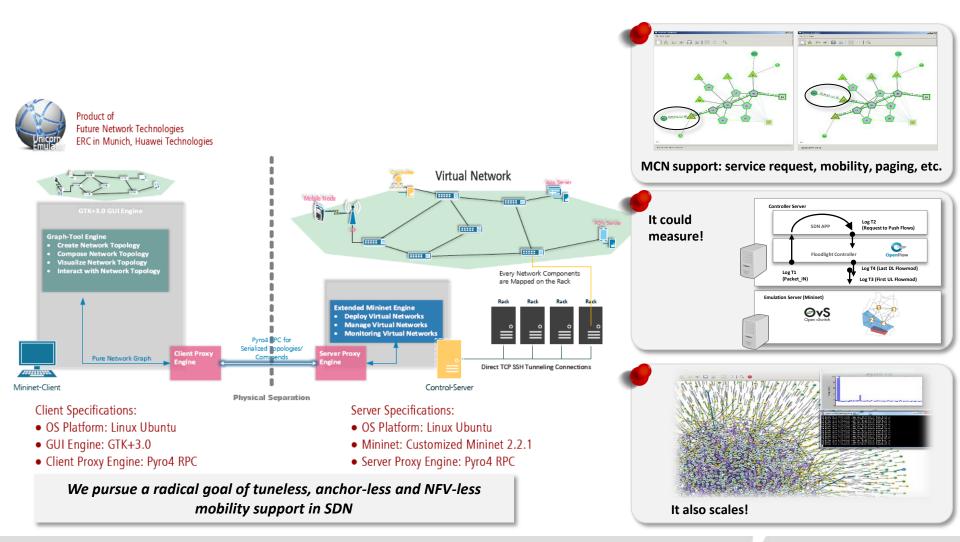
### **Vision and Technological Gaps**



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# From Theory to Practice: 5G Testbed



#### **Conclusions**

- We target a flexible, carrier grade, logical access core network that becomes a unified platform for different instantiations of connection, mobility, security and routing managements
  - Owned resources are dynamically integrated into a tenant control pool
  - These resources are usable over a layer cake of abstractions, starting with low level abstractions (laaS like) and going up to enriched APIs
  - Service, management and network applications run on the latter using standard interfaces
- We welcome partners and EC feedback to realize our vision and prove technical feasibility and business viability through tests and large scale trials in 5GPPP Phase II and, especially, Phase III (show cases in Europe)

# Thank you

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