

Orchestration Framework for SDN/VNF Service Chaining in Low-Latency 5G Telco Clouds

Profile – Expertise:

Our department in the Institute of Computer and Communication Systems (ICCS) of NTUA has profound expertise in the following domains:

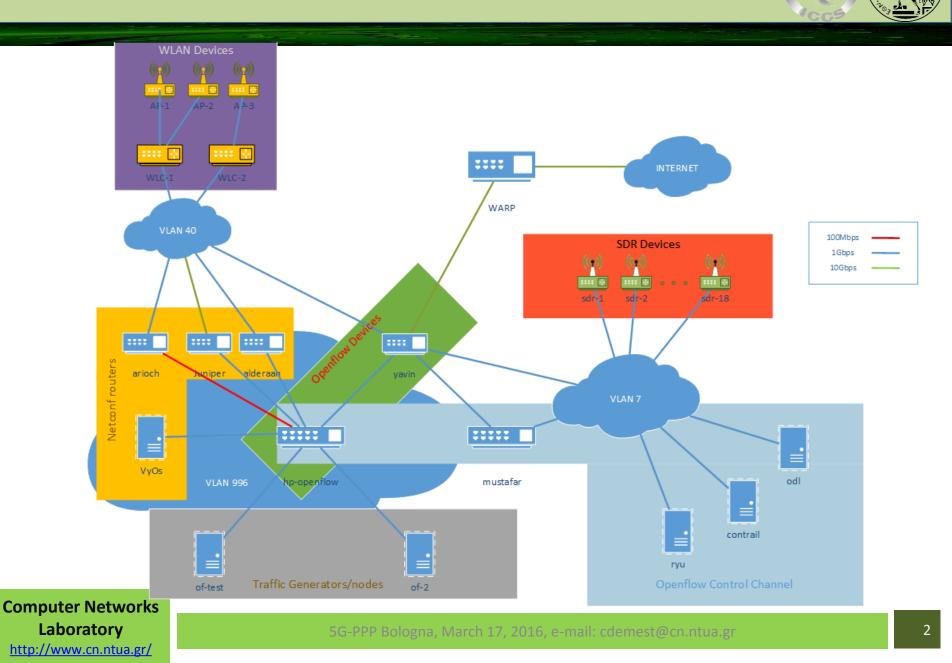
- 5G Networks and Communications SDR/SDN
- Pervasive Computing Ambient Intelligence
- Smart & Green Mobility, incl. electro-mobility
- Data Analytics Machine Learning

in addition to excellent proposal writing, coordination and management skills

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Our Testbed Topology



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Key Concepts and Challenges

- "Zero latency" concept is a main driver of 5G architecture
- Migration to the Cloud
 - Key network building blocks and functionalities will be
 - decoupled from sophisticated hardware
 - residing in a cloud execution environment
 - "5G" Telco Cloud *vs.* Traditional cloud approach:
 - highly **distributed** cloud environment
 - many small-scale data centers positioned as **close** to the edge as possible

• <u>Challenges:</u>

- *Interconnecting* all-IP mobile networks at such scale and complexity is not feasible through legacy approaches!
- Harvesting the high programmable capabilities of SDN is crucial for 5G
- *Managing* this vast infrastructure will require a high level of *automation*
- Simplifying the wireless part of the network puts extra complexity on the backend controller
- *Reusing* infrastructure building blocks (Datacenters, Radio Resources, Backhauling Links) is important



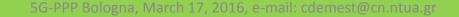
Our Proposal Addresses Challenges in Management & Orchestration (MANO)

Network Slicing is the proposed 5G architectural approach for: Optimal resource utilization/ Larger flexibility/ Increased security/Tailor-made customer solutions

Orchestration Middleware NFV Orchestrator VNF EMS VNF Manager NFV Virtual Infrastructure NFVI Manager SDN Controller **Physical Networking**

Network Slicing implementation requires (i) end-to-end orchestration between Telco Cloud and Backhaul/Fronthaul, (ii) co-ordination between the SDN Controller inside the Datacenter Infrastructure and the Backhaul

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Backhaul

Our proposal:

Overlay networks

cross-layer

5G Fronthaul

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Development

Orchestration Middleware Layer

optimization

Backhaul network/ Telco Cloud (VNF

affinity and anti-affinity rules)/ SDN and