

OSM Hackfest – Session 9 Service Function Chaining

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What is Service Function Chaining?



SFC Status in OSM



- Available since OSM Release 3
- SFC only available using:

Openstack Queens (or higher) with Networking-SFC

- Only supports Asymmetrical Chains
- SFC Encapsulation using Network Service Headers (NSH)
- Traffic classification based in the following fields:

IP Protocol

Source IP Address
Source Port

Destination IP Address
Destination Port

What is OPNFV XCI?



OPNFV XCI (Cross Community Integration) is an initiative within OPNFV that **focuses on master branches** in order to:

- **shorten the time** it takes to introduce new features
- make it easier to identify and fix bugs
- ease the effort to develop, integrate, and test the reference platform
- establish additional feedback loops within OPNFV, towards the users and between the communities OPNFV works with
- increase the visibility regarding the state of things at all times



OPNFV XCI Integration



- OPNFV has integrated OSM installation into their pipeline.
- The first advanced use case they want to implement is Service Function Chaining (previously done with Tacker)
 - → Basic SFC has been integrated as of 31/Oct/2018
- Next step is to evolve OSM SFC features to achieve more use cases.

https://wiki.opnfv.org/display/sfc/OSM+guide

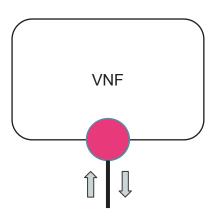


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Separate ingress and egress ports

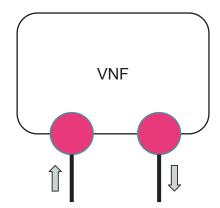


Modifying the Information Model and Resource Orchestrator







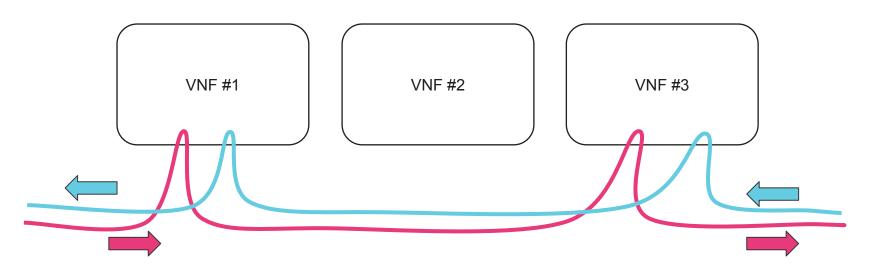


Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Chains



Currently only Asymmetrical Chains are supported.

Status: In development.

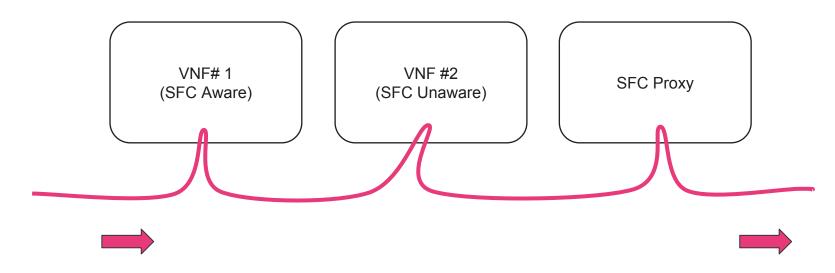


Non-Transparent Service Functions



Currently not supported.

Status: Research ongoing.



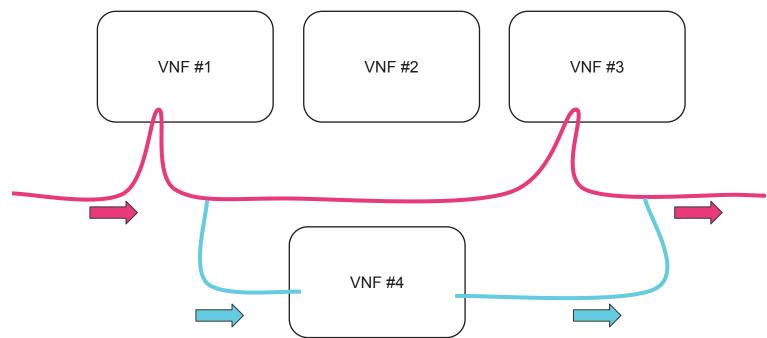
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Branching and Joining



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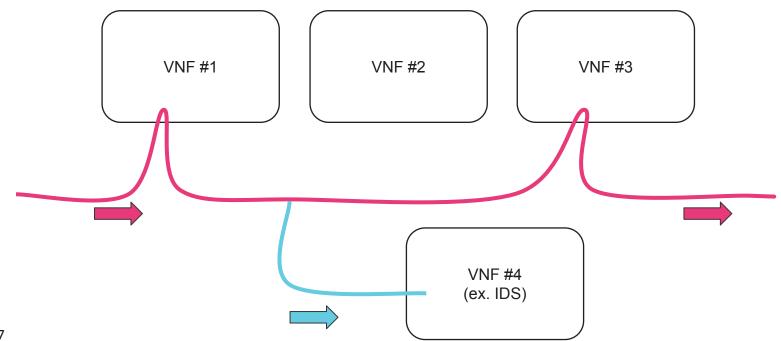


Service Function Tap



Currently not supported.

Status: Research ongoing.



SFC Management API (1)



«The current service function deployment models are <u>relatively</u> <u>static</u>, <u>coupled to network topology</u> and physical resources, greatly reducing or eliminating the ability of an operator to introduce new services or <u>dynamically create service function chains</u>.»

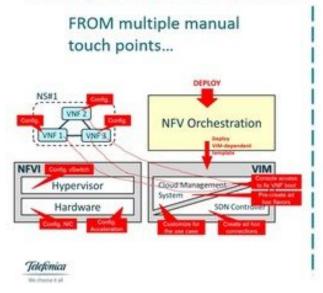
IETF - RFC 7665 - Service Function Chaining (SFC) Architecture

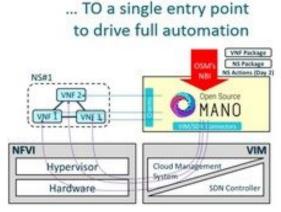
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SFC Management API (2)



Automating the deployment and operation of Network services is a challenge that OSM is able to solve





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SFC Management API (3)



Introducing an API to:

- Manage Rendered Service Paths (RSPs)
- Manage Flow Classifiers

Main problems:

- Loop detection and avoidance
- Scaling operations

Status: In development.



Hands-on



Demo: Original Network Service

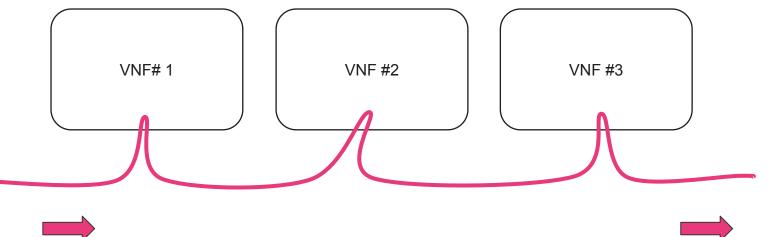


Flow Classifier #1:

IP Proto: TCPSrc IP: 10.0.0.3

Image:

ubuntu1604



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The End

