

China Mobile's Cloud Native Progress

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NFV: From Concept to Reality



Since 2012, taken the next generation network transformation as the goal, China Mobile has seized the opportunity of ICT integration and been in continuous innovation and revolution. After ten years of efforts, the NFV/SDN network with super-large scale, full functions been developped, which has become one of the best reference practices for the network transformation of telecom operators.



Concept and PoC

- 2012.10 ETSI NFV Whitepaper
- 2015.9 1st NFV Pilot, continuously guide next 9 years' business realization
- 2016.5 NovoNet Tesing, to verify NFV/SDN



Key Task Focus and large Scale Deployment

- 2018.12 vEPC\vIMS deployment
- 2019.10 Cloud Network 2.0, deployment in 5G
- 2023.8 Cloud Network 3.0, computing force
 resources pool development kick-off



Continuous Evolution

- 2023.6 Contribute to ETSI <NFV: towards Next Decade >
- Cloud Native Network Development and intelligent evolution

NFV: From Concept to Reality





NFV Development and Trending



Next-Gen Network

Fully Cloudification

SaaS/PaaS of Network Functions promote even fully cloudificaton of Network, to realize integrated and collaborated architecture

Higher Quality

More refined Network design under cloud native concept. Higher management efficiency, quicker inovation and more openness

Better Integration

More technology integration to support more diversified services

NFV Trends

Multi-layer+super-distributed cloud network

Network Cloudification: from center——>Center +Edge——> Center + Edge + Access 3layer architecture

cloud network Practice

- atomized , fully decoupled network service needs lighter Container infrastructure and micro-service design
- Quick development and flexible deployment through PaaS
- continuous optimization of CI-CT-CD workflow

Cloud Native Evolution(1/4)



Cloud native is not a single technology, but a full set of concepts on technology architecture, organization and workflow ,etc.



Cloud Native Evolution(2/4)



Optimization based on Container and micro-service, promote more standardized infrastructure, more openned service architecture.



CIM:container infrastructure manager(like k8s)

CCM :Container Cluster manager

PIM: physical infrastructure manager(already adopted in current NFV)

CIE: container Infrastructure engine(like docker, containerd)

CNF: contained network functions (like VNF)

Cloud Native Evolution(3/4)



CI-CT-CD optimization



improvement of testing efficiency /R&D workflow/FOA

Cloud Native Evolution(4/4)



China Mobile's Cloud Native Evolution reference plan:

- From OSS to NF
- From Core to RAN
- Business side: From 2B to 2C

Phase III

Commercial Deployment+Evolution

- commercial deployment of cloud network 2B cloud native resource pool
- promotion of cloud network 2C cloud native resource pool according to need
- 6G NF cloud native realization
- kick-off of container RAN business deployment

PoC

Commercial deployment pilot

Phase II

- container solution of RAN pilot application
- micro-service+PaaS 5G NF pilot application
- 2B pilot application

Phase I

PoC

- CLoud Native capabilities development based on existing virtualization technology
- Cloud native solution exploration towards Telecom NF

Commercial deployment pilot

 Container+DPU telecom cloud native solution pilot in OSS resource pool

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