5G: Accelerating Smart Aviation (Phase IV):

Intent-driven Business Outcomes for Enterprises

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The Challenge laid down by our Champions ...



Milind Bhagwat Principal Enterprise Architect Platforms, Applications & Software



"We are exploring how CSPs can offer enterprises configurable 5G connectivity together with the ability to express and modify the business intent that should govern such connectivity.

Using their own data and applications, enterprises need to be able to adjust the business intent, manifested perhaps as simple policy parameter changes, that then drives changes to the 5G connectivity for reasons of business optimization, customer experience, regulatory compliance, etc."

The Challenge laid down by our Champions ...



David Traynor, Head of Operations



"Enterprises are seeking guaranteed connectivity services that they can fully control.

To capitalize on the 5G enterprise opportunity and to differentiate themselves from private network alternatives, CSPs must empower enterprises with cost-effective 5G propositions in concert with the appropriate level of control over such connectivity.

For enterprises it is their data, their applications, their employees and their regulators to whom they are accountable."

A Message from the Aviation Industry

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Stuart Birrell Former CIO London Heathrow Airport



"Service providers must take every measure to ensure the security of data travelling over their 5G (and earlier) networks and further must assure that data stays within agreed jurisdictions.

Perhaps the most important ingredient for success is simply imagination.

A massive change is ahead, and service providers have a great weapon in their hands with 5G. They just need the creativity and imagination to use it."

Moving beyond connectivity with 5G: Lessons from the aviation industry, TMF Inform, 2020



5G Network Slice Design



Designing and Exposing Differentiated 5G services

Hierarchical Information Model

- Catalyst CFS
 - Represents overall service
- Slice RFS
 - Technical implementation
- Slice Subnet RFSes
 - Core Slice Subnets
 - RAN Slice Subnets
 - Transport Slice Subnets
- Resources
 - Slice Subnet VNF Components



Designing and Exposing Differentiated 5G services

- Model Driven fully automated solution
- Exposing 5G Network Slice as a Service
- Service Orders create slice instances for business verticals
- Assurance of differentiated Services
- Dynamic 5G Charging based on user's actual experience





Enterprise Ordering of 5G Network Slices



Leveraging GSMA NEST / GST

Building Dedicated Logical Networks on a Shared Infrastructure



The NEtwork Slice Type (NEST) is a GST filled with values. The values are assigned to express a given set of requirements to support a network slice customer









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Orchestrating 5G Network Slice Services

- BSS or Closed Loop: Initiates Service Orders
- Service Orders: Initiate automated Slice Design
- Inventory: Manages Life cycle of the Slice and subnets
 - Synchronizes service topology with ETSI & Assurance
- Orchestration: Directs
 ETSI MANO to configure
 virtual network functions



Closed Loop Automation



Closed Loop Automation

- Predictive Closed Loop Orchestration to guarantee SLAs and optimize network resources according to the industry intent
- AI-based predictive assurance triggering remediation automation loops
- Traffic congestion address through
 - Tactical loop prescriptive resource re-allocation recommendation
 - Strategic loop recommends service modification based on business intent



Enterprise Controls LCM of 5G Slices & Charging Policies based on Business Intent



Enterprise Controls LCM of 5G Slices & Charging Policies based on Business Intent: Key Catalyst Use Cases

UC #	Use Case	Airport Business Objective	Airport Business Owner
1.	Customer Loyalty in Case of Delay	An airport / airline rewards the loyalty of delayed VIP passengers by explicitly adjusting / enhancing their 5G communications experience	VP Passenger Journey, VP Passenger Experience, etc.
2.	Connectivity Revenue Optimization	An airport optimizes revenues and profitability through the network traffic analysis driving the safe and automatic rebalancing of 5G connectivity to slices supporting revenue generating services versus ones supporting internal operations	VP Business Development, VP Commercial Operations, etc.

Solution Architecture



UC1: Customer Loyalty in Case of Delay: Analytics Flow



UC1: Customer Loyalty in Case of Delay: Policy Propagation Flow



UC1: Updating Business Intent through change in Policy Parameter

Model Configuration 🥑	Total: \$710.00		Update Start Over	Create Transaction Pipeline Viewer
5G Slice Configuration	Policy setup	t policy		
Policy Details		Policy Action		Specify policy
Name	LHR FF Platinum Complimentary	Re-Allocate Space Capacity t	to Upgraded Slice	ctions – charging
Target Elastic Slice	N/A ×	Value: 0	th	nreshold from 60
Target Upgraded Slice	N/A ×			to 80
		Upgrade Premium Data Plan	Threshold (%)	
Policy Condition		Value: 0		
	Specif	y policy		
1 X	cond	Complimentary Service Modi	lify Charging Threshold	ctivate the policy
Target Slice	eMBB-4k			
Threshold	Loyalty Mode Check 🛛 🔻	Value: 80		
Comparator	= •	Notify Customer ungrade ave		ive
Value	On		Active Mact	IVE

UC2: Connectivity Revenue Optimization: Analytics Flow



UC2: Connectivity Revenue Optimization: Policy Propagation Flow



UC2: Updating Business Intent through change in Policy Parameter

Model Configuration 5G Slice Configuration	Total: \$710.00 Policy setup	Select policy and impacted network slices	Update Start Over Create Transaction Pipeline Viewer
▲ Policy Details Name Target Elastic Slice Target Upgraded Slice	Elastic Upgrade Service eMBB-10G × eMBB-4k ×		Policy Action Re-Allocate Space Capacity to Upgraded Slice Value: 100 Value: 100 Value: 100 Value: 100
Policy Condition		Specify policy conditions	Value: 80
Target Slice Threshold Comparator	eMBB-10G UE-Threshold >=	v v v	Complimentary Service Modify Charging Threshold Value: 80
Value	8		Notify Customer upgrade available Active Inactive

TMF Artefacts & Proposed Contributions



Catalyst Context in ODA



Leveraged and Extended APIs

SDO / API ID	API Name	DTWS 20 Use Case Usage	DTWS 21 Use Case Usage	New CR /Contribution
TM Forum Open API 641	Service Ordering API	UC1 / UC2 / UC4 (CR)	UC2	
TM Forum Open API 633	Service Catalog API	UC1		
ETSI SOL-5 NSD API	Network Slice Descriptor Management	UC1	UC2	
TM Forum Open API 638	Service Inventory API	UC2	UC2	
TM Forum Open API 635	Usage Management API	UC3 (CR)		
TM Forum Open API 628	Performance Management Collection	UC3		
TM Forum Open API 664	Resource Fulfilment API	UC4 (CR)		
ETSI SOL-5 NS LCM API	Network Slice Lifecycle Management	UC 4		
New TM Forum Proposed Policy API	Policy Information & Events Exchange		UC1 / UC2	Х

Catalyst contribution: Propesed new TMF Open API for policy management and propagation

Aviator & TMF Autonomous Framework



Proposed Contributions to TMF Standards

- The existing TMF TIP Policy Information Exchange SOAP APIs implement the key policy continuum notion expressed above: it is proposed to evolve to Open API modern REST profile with defined example of calls + we believe new requirements for policy triggering through a policy broker are necessary
- The Intent based Approach as defined in the TMF Autonomous Framework assumed adoption of AI/ML based autonomy where we believe policy rules-based automation will still exist for some time to come and actually be an intermediary step towards adopting automation approached while creating trust and visibility on the rules in a human readable and controllable fashion. This being said the policy-based approach mentioned above and the Intent Handling need to be consolidated, their co-existence, synergy and overlap needs to be defined
- We see multiple domain-specific APIs being defined such as the TMF 649, TMF 657, TMF 623 for setting Threshold, SLO or SLAs monitoring setting-up specialized policies on monitoring systems. The industry could benefit from using a single multi-context, polymorphic API increasing chances of interoperability and overall cost of implementation

Overall policy design: Framework, entities & APIs



- Polity Entities
 - Policy Enforcement Point (PEP)
 - Policy Decision Point (PDP)
 - Policy Execution Point (PXP)

Policy Server Existing TMF Policy Framework Policy Policy Domain Domain Policy CRUD API Policy CRUD Policy Server **Policy Broker** Policy Server API PXP PXP PXP PEP PEP PDP PDP Policy Policy Policv Domain Domain Domain Extension of Existing Non Policy API **Policy Framework** Policy Domain PXP **Policy Server** PEP PDP

External Policy Domain

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SDO Context: Aviator & ETSI ZSM

Other policy frameworks are very much targeted to network behaviour and not as much on the management systems ...

ZSM: Definition of Autonomous domains and service layer having their own independent assurance stack decomposed in collection, analytics, intelligence, orchestration layer

ZSM architecture feature: Enabling automation based on closed loops



SDO Context: ETSI ENI & Policy Management

4.5.3.4.4 Policy Management Functional Block

The purpose of the Policy Management Functional Block is to provide decisions to ensure that the system goals and objectives are met (see clause 6.3.9 for more information on how decisions are made). Policies are used to provide scalable and consistent decision-making. Policies are generated from data and information received by the Knowledge Management and Processing set of Functional Blocks. Formally, according to [i.4], the definition of policy is:

"Policy is a set of rules that is used to manage and control the changing and/or maintaining of the state of one or more managed objects", see [i.17], [7] and [8].

Policies may be used in several ways in ENI:

- Policies are defined by ENI for managing, monitoring, controlling, and orchestrating behaviour of Functional Blocks in the Assisted System.
- Policies are defined by ENI to request changes in the Assisted System (e.g. for monitoring a new output).
- Policies that are input to ENI by an external entity (e.g. end-user or application) are subject to verification by ENI (e.g. they need to pass a parsing or compilation stage with no errors or warnings produced).

In each case, policies may represent goals, recommendations, or commands. Typically, any information to be conveyed to the Assisted System or its Designated Entity take the form of a set of policies. Each set of policies may be made up of one or more imperative, declarative, and/or intent policy. The details of policy definition, generation, and processing are defined in clause 6.3.9.

6.3.9.3 Function of the Policy Management Functional Block

As described in [i.17] and [i.2], there are three different types of policies that are defined for an ENI System:

Imperative policy: a type of policy that uses statements to explicitly change the state of a set of targeted objects. Hence, the order of statements that make up the policy is explicitly defined. An example of an imperative policy, using informal English, is:

WHEN an Alarm is received IF the severity of the Alarm is Critical THEN execute the CriticalAlarm Policy

In the present document, Imperative Policy will refer to policies that are made up of Event, Condition, and Action clauses.

Declarative policy: a type of policy that uses statements to describe a set of computations that need to be done without defining how to execute those computations. Hence, state is not explicitly manipulated, and the order of statements that make up the policy is irrelevant. An example of a declarative policy, using First Order Logic, is:

 $\exists x \exists y (Customer(x) \land SLA(y) \land have(x, y))$

The English equivalent is:

Some Customers have an SLA

In the present document, Declarative Policy will refer to policies that execute as theories of a formal logic. The syntax of a declarative policy typically uses some type of first order logic.

Intent policy: a type of policy that uses statements from a restricted natural language to express the goals of the policy, but not how to accomplish those goals. In particular, formal logic syntax is not used. Therefore, each statement in an Intent Policy may require the translation of one or more of its terms to a form that another managed functional entity can understand. An example of an intent policy is:

No processor shall run at more than 75 % utilization

In the present document, Intent Policy will refer to policies that do not execute as theories of a formal logic. They typically are expressed in a restricted natural language, and require a mapping to a form understandable by other managed functional entities.

6.3.9.4 Operation of the Policy Management Functional Block

Figure 6-13 illustrates a key concept of Policy, called the Policy Continuum [i.17], [7] and [8].



Figure 6-13: The Policy Continuum

The purpose of the Policy Continuum is to formally differentiate between the needs of different constituencies in defining and expressing policy. Each constituency is made up of a set of users that have similar business needs, and more importantly, use similar concepts and terminology. For example, business users and product managers use significantly different terminology than application developers or network administrators. The number of continua in the Policy Continuum shall be determined by the applications using it. There is no fixed number of continua. Figure 6-13 shows five, because this enables a set of much smaller translations of terms (e.g. from a representation without technology, to one with technology while being device, vendor, and technology independent, to successively lower levels that fix each of these three dimensions). However, Figure 6-13 is used to illustrate the principles of the Policy Continuum, not to define the type or number of continua used in ENI.

Figure 6-14 shows a simplified functional architecture of the Policy Management Functional Block. The functional block diagram shown in Figure 6-14 does not prescribe an implementation. Rather, it describes the high-level Functional Blocks that are needed to implement the needs of policy-based management in a given administrative domain. Different implementations may need to add other Functional Blocks to meet their particular operational requirements. An exemplary implementation is described in [i.12].

Summary

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- CSPs need to enable enterprises to flexibly and efficiently configure and control their use of CSP 5G connectivity
- Based on their business intent, enterprises want to specify how such 5G connectivity should be governed to support their business objectives & priorities
- This catalyst explores how CSPs can expose such mechanisms, manifested as business policies, to enterprises
- Proposing a new TMF Open API for policy mgmt. and propagation aligned with TMF and other SDOs in this area

Enterprise Ordering of Closed Loop Enterprise Controls LCM of 5G **5G Network Slice 5G Network Slices** Automation Slices based on Business Intent Design Service Service Orchestration Assurance Network Automation and Orchestration CSPs offer 5G network slices to Enterprise customers

Increasing Value of CSP's 5G proposition to Enterprises

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