# Event Service in Autonomic Networking

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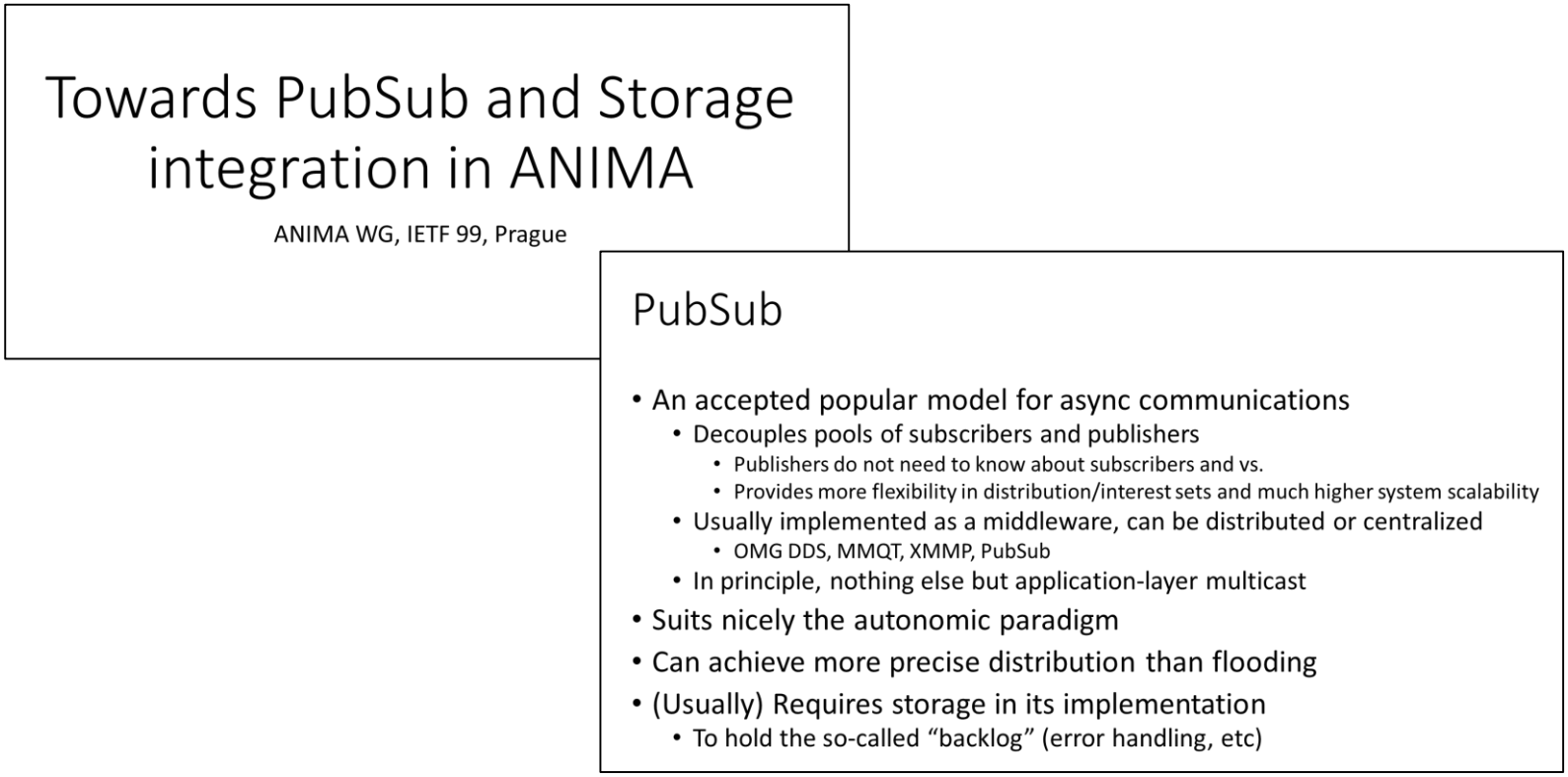
# Call for new ideas

- Leveraging the Current ANI (GRASP, ACP and BRISK)
- **ANI extension & other reusable components for AN**
- Autonomic Service Agents over ANI and other reusable components

# Following what we proposed in IETF99'



Towards PubSub and Storage integration in ANIMA

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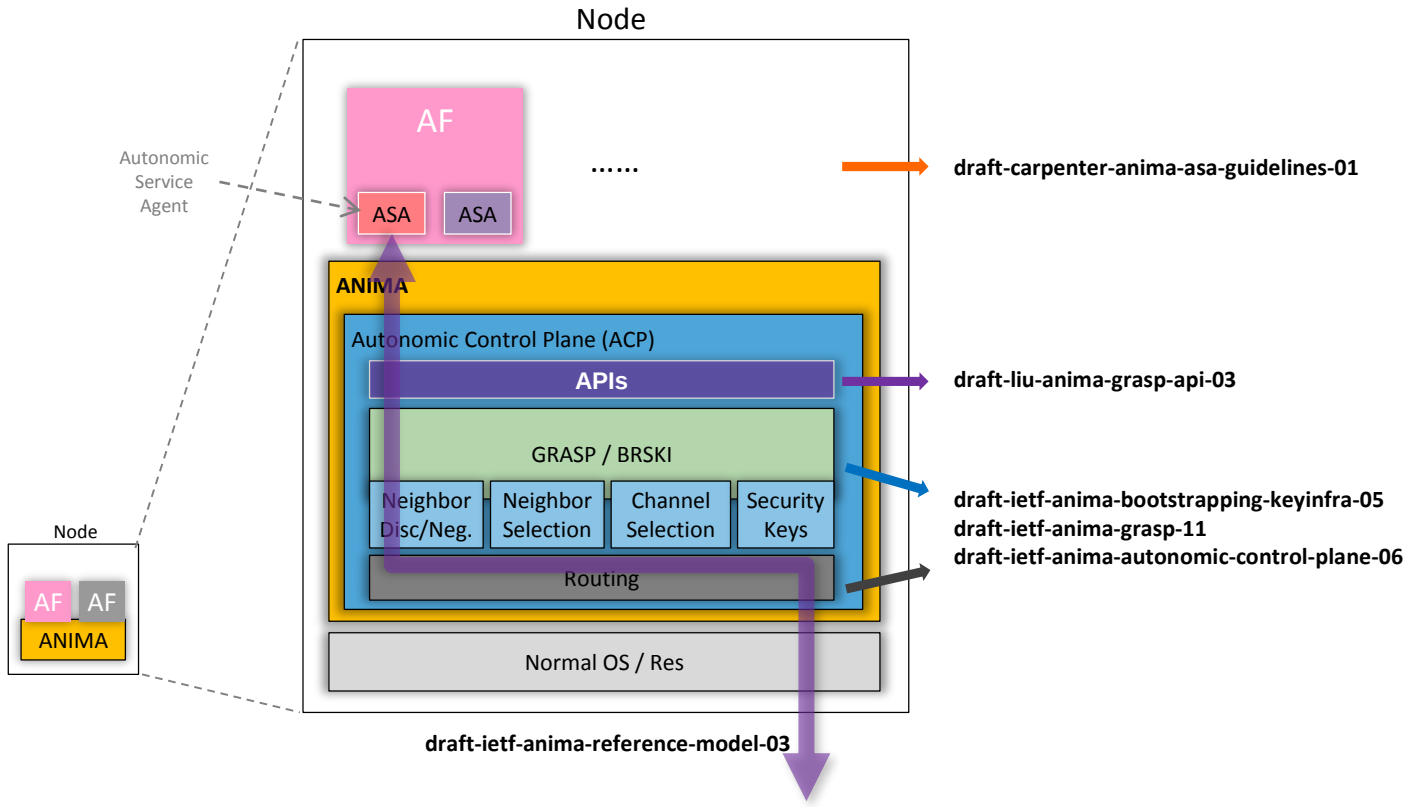
PubSub

- An accepted popular model for async communications
  - Decouples pools of subscribers and publishers
    - Publishers do not need to know about subscribers and vs.
    - Provides more flexibility in distribution/interest sets and much higher system scalability
  - Usually implemented as a middleware, can be distributed or centralized
    - OMG DDS, MMQT, XMMP, PubSub
  - In principle, nothing else but application-layer multicast
- Suits nicely the autonomic paradigm
- Can achieve more precise distribution than flooding
- (Usually) Requires storage in its implementation
  - To hold the so-called "backlog" (error handling, etc)

- We propose to include event service (ES) into ANI as an extension and reusable component.

# Existing node architecture in ANIMA



# Communication models in existing ANI


- A tightly coupled client-service communication paradigm
  - A sender directly sends to a specified receiver
- Examples (from using GRASP):
  - Dynamic peer discovery (M_DISCOVERY, M_RESPONSE)
  - State synchronization (M_REQ_SYN, M_SYNCH, M_FLOOD)
  - Parameter settings negotiations (M_REQ_NEG, M_NEGOTIATE, M_WAIT, M_END)

- Observations:
  1. *NOT always known/available*.

     - Two interacting nodes (ASAs) are not always known to each other.

     - Two interacting nodes (ASAs) are not always available to each other.

     - e.g. churn, autonomic nodes may come and go in a dynamic way

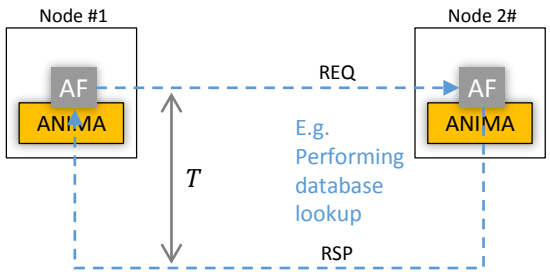
  2. *NOT always an instant reply*.

     - One node (an ASA) might be interested in some information, when certain criteria are satisfied / conditions are met.

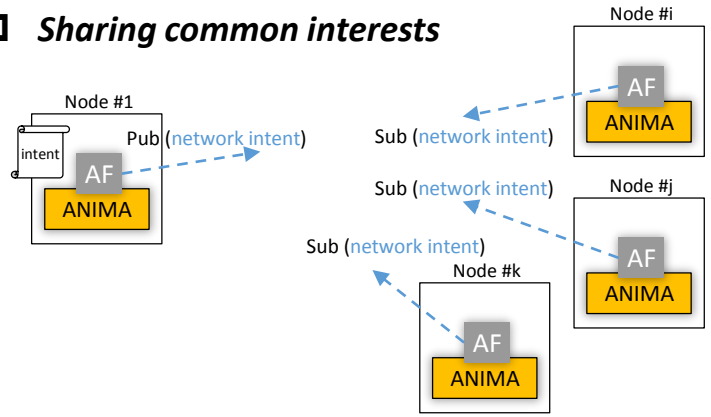
     - "When the average temperature is above x degrees, please let me know."
     - "When there is a new autonomic node joining in the ACP domain, please let me know."
     - …

# Use cases in ANIMA

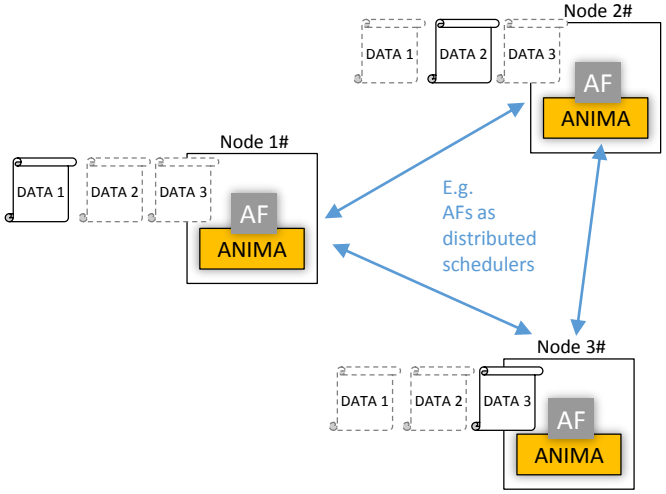
- ***Replying taking long time***



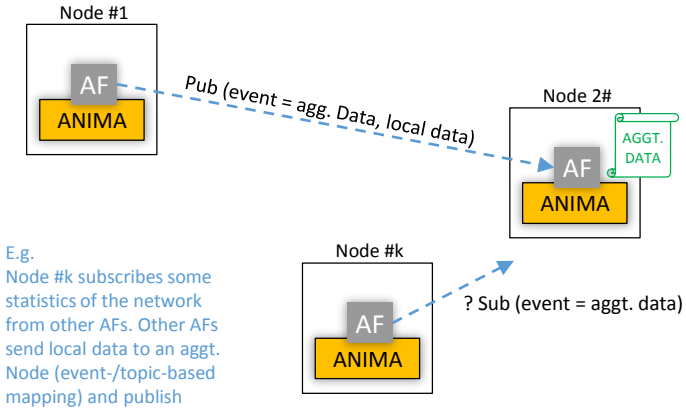

- ***Sharing common interests***



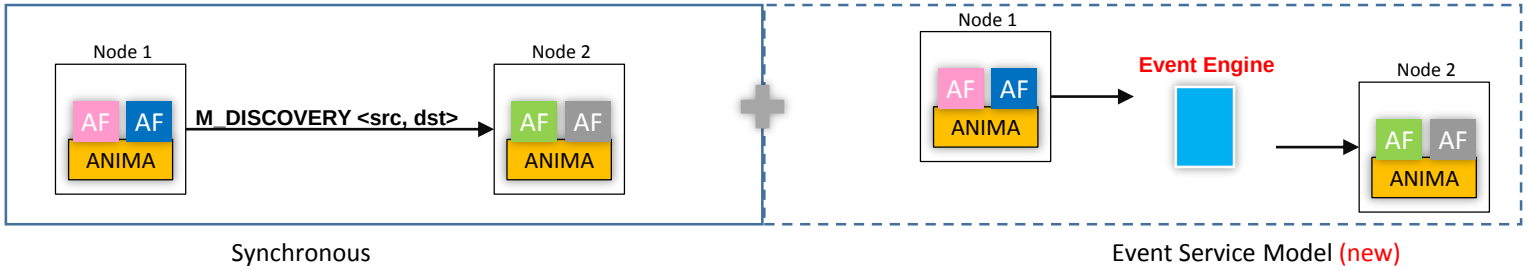

- ***Distributing data and build common views among AFs***




- ***Distributing synthetic/aggregated data***



# Proposal: Event Service for ANIMA Extension of comm. models in ANI




- In addition to the current synchronous communication model, we propose to extend ANI to support Event Service:
  - Two interacting parties are decoupled
  - Senders (Receivers) can publish (subscribe) information / request asynchronously
  - ANI is extended to be an information-driven system as well

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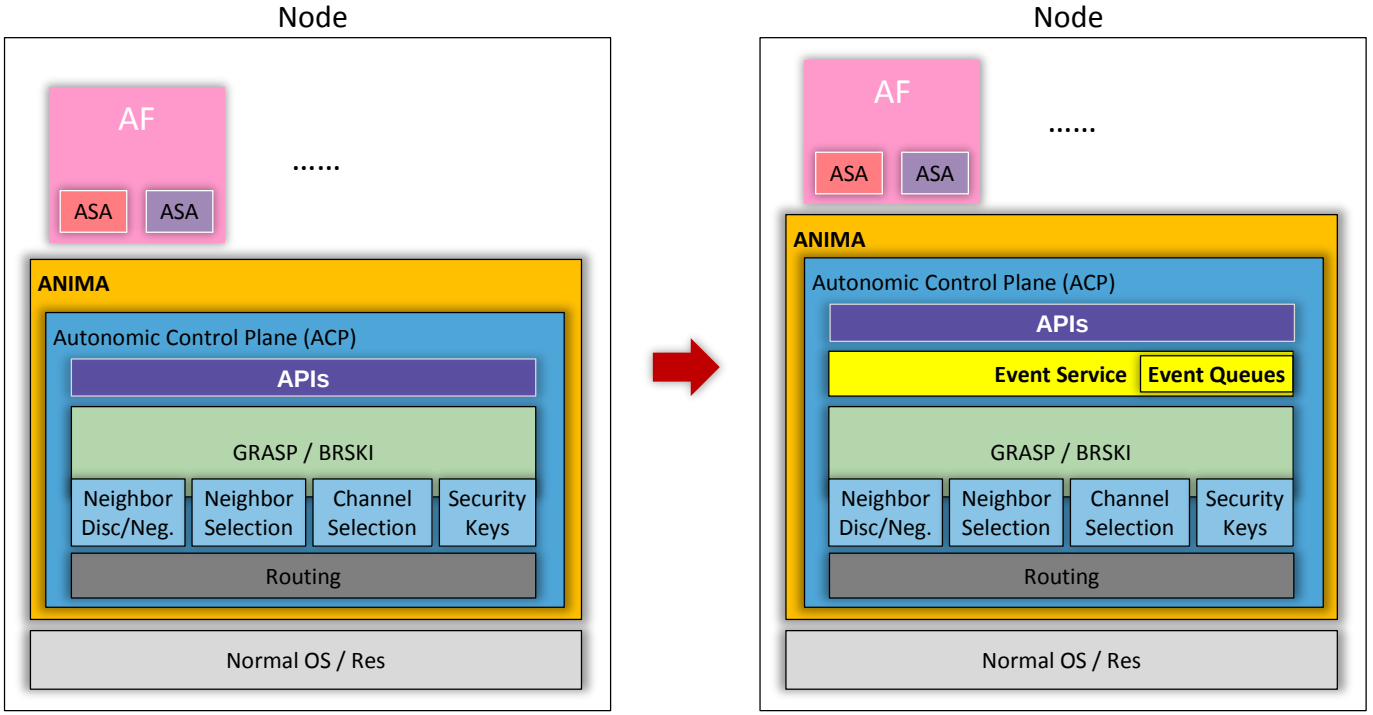
# Integration alternatives

| | Standard-relevant | Integration Complexity | ANIMA conformance |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. ES as a (must?) ASA | No *(as 3rd-party apps)* | *simple (handling events at the app layer)* | High *(Uses ANIMA w/o changes)* |
| **2. ES as an ANI extension** | Yes *(ACP will include the ES modules)* | *average (Adding new functions, but stand-alone)* | Average *(Follows model but extends it)* |

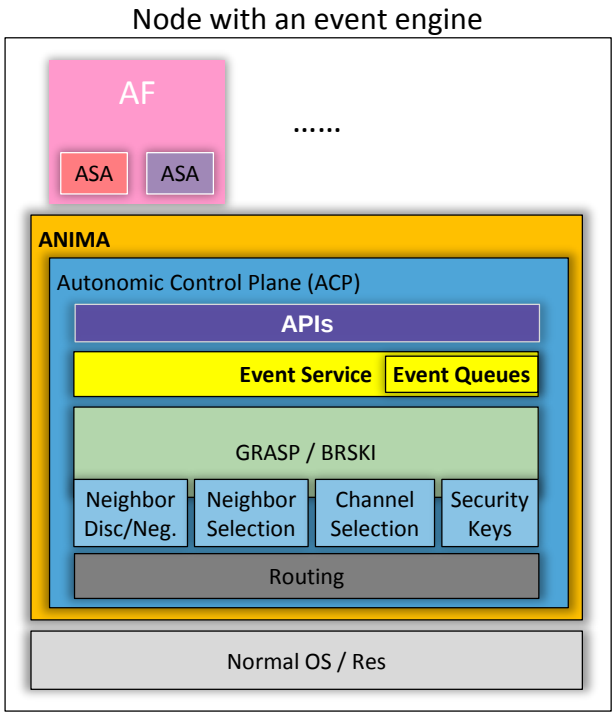
- Conclusion: we consider the 2nd option would be a proper way:
  - A clean design: will not introduce technical changes to existing ANI modules, an stand-alone extension;
  - Transparent to upper layers: only new interfaces will be added, don't care the technical details in ES;
  - Universal: every other modules follow the same interface / APIs

# Functionalities of the Event Service




- In the extended ANI, a new module is added on anima node, responsible for:
  - Listening to events from the ACP domain
  - Notifying other anima nodes when events occur
  - Handling local event subscription and publish
  - Storing information

# Impacted components




- ANIMA reference model:
  - A new module may have to be added in the reference model, functioning as an event engine middleware
- ANIMA GRASP:
  - New fields / functions may have to be added into GRASP so that it can support event-driven procedures, e.g.,
    - Fields: Event_id,
    - Messages: M_SUBSCRIBE, M_PUBLISH, M_NOTIFY, …
- Information distribution:
  - Can also call the extended APIs from GRASP for event-driven information distribution
- ANIMA GRASP – extended API library:
  - New APIs may have to be added so that enables upper layers ASAs (AFs) to have event-driven communications. For example:
    - Subscribe (Event_id, dst_id, … )
    - Publish (Event_id, dst_id, …)

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