

# Updates: Information Distribution in Autonomic Networking

*(draft-liu-anima-grasp-distribution-06)*

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# Reminder

- Information distribution is a function to handle different patterns of information exchange between autonomic nodes
  - using GRASP as bearing protocol
- In IETF101, we mainly discussed general patterns and requirements of information distribution mechanism
  - Instant distribution (Synchronous)
    - Point-to-Point
    - Flooding
    - Selective Flooding
  - Asynchronous distribution
    - Sub/Pub
    - Event Queue (mostly handled within a node)
    - Distributed Storage (mostly handled within a node)

# Changes since IETF101

- 06 version made some essential changes
  - Including some real use cases where advanced information distribution mechanisms are needed (from 3GPP and 5GAA)
  - Extending GRASP to achieve the distribution mechanisms

# Use case 1: Network Function entity communications in 5G

- Mode 1: “An NF can directly communicate with another NF”
  - Mapping to: P2P Instant Negotiation/Synchronization between ASAs
- Mode 2: “An NF can subscribe events from another NF”
  - Mapping to: Sub/Pub between ASAs
- Examples: NF Service Status Subscribe/Notify

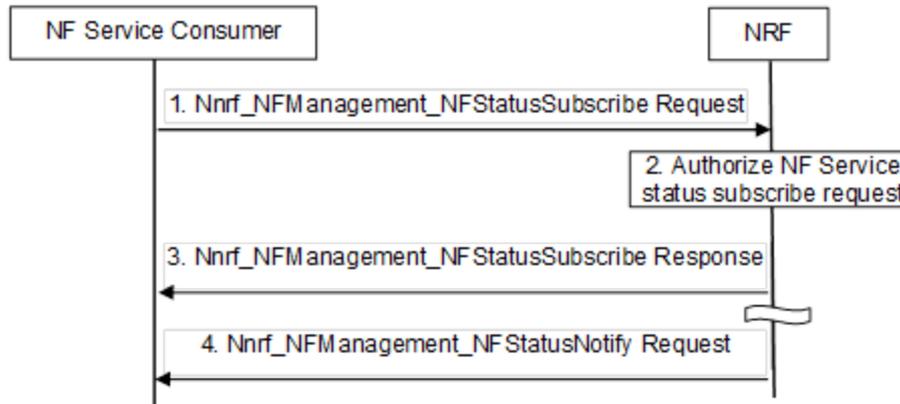
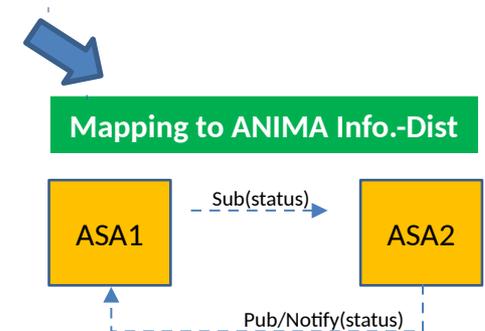


Fig. Procedures of an NF subscribing status from NRF  
(Fig. 4.17.7.1 in TS23.502)



# Use Case 2: Network Exposure Function (NEF) in 5G

- The network capability exposure comprises [Ref: 3GPP TS23.502, Sec. 4.15]:
  - Exposure of network events externally as well as internally towards core network NFs;
  - Exposure of provisioning capability towards external functions;
  - Exposure of policy and charging capabilities towards external functions;
  - Exposure of core network internal capabilities for analytics.

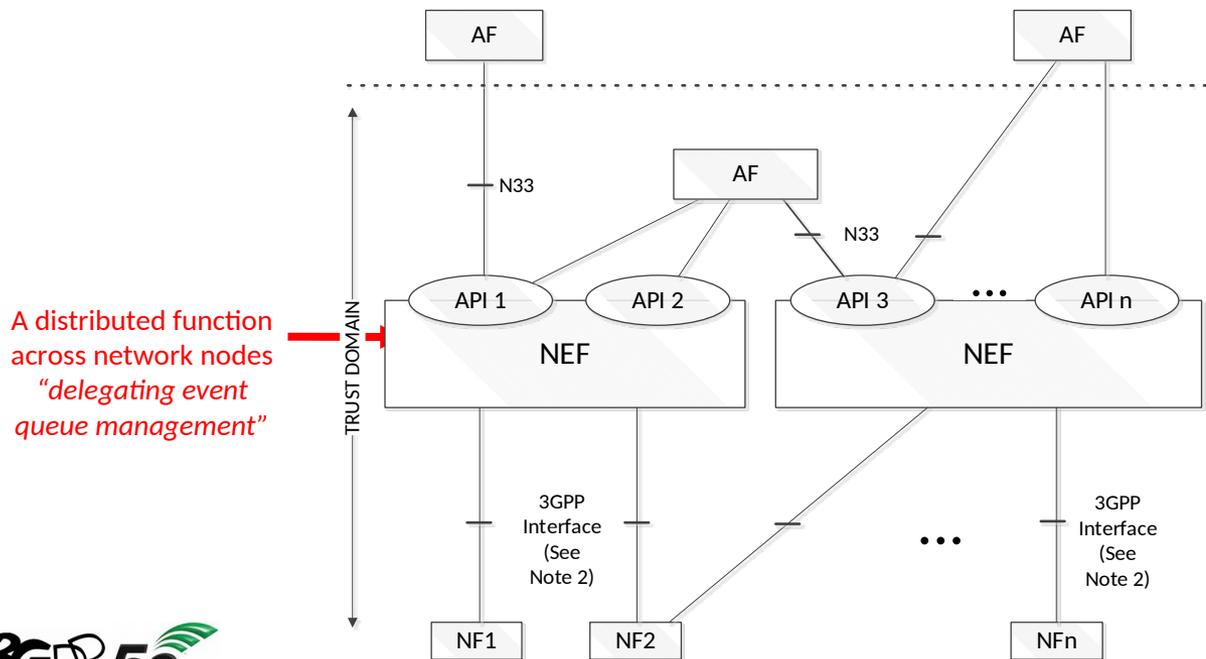
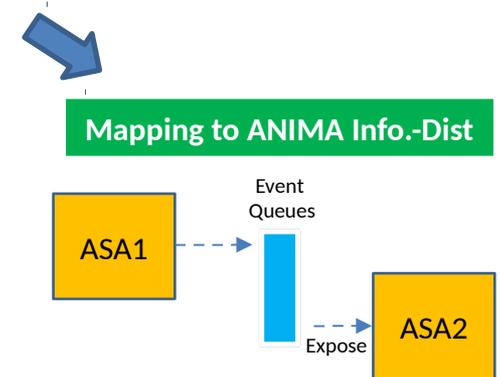
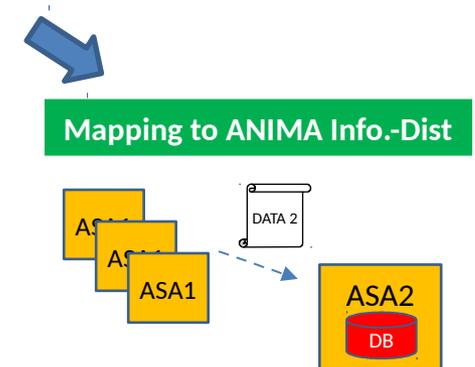


Fig. 4.2.3-5, 3GPP TS23.501



# Use Case 3: User Data Repository (UDR) in 5G

- 5G service-based architecture (SBA) requires 'stateless' NFs
  - All CP/UP data should be stored out of the NF
- UDR supports the following functions:
  - Storage and retrieval of subscription data by the UDM;
  - Storage and retrieval of policy data by the PCF;
  - Storage and retrieval of structured data for exposure;
  - Application data (including Packet Flow Descriptions (PFDs) for application detection, AF request information for multiple UEs), by the NEF;
- Multiple instances of UDR may be deployed, each one storing specific data or providing service to a specific set of NF consumers



# Use Case 4: 5GAA Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X)

- Sample use cases:

Use Case Name	Description	Mapping to ANIMA Info.-Dist
Software/Firmware Update	Provides mechanism for vehicles to receive the latest software updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pub/Sub</li><li>• Negotiation</li><li>• Bulk transfer (GRASP)</li><li>• Distributed Storage (@Edge)</li></ul>
Real-time HD Maps	Provides situational awareness for autonomous vehicles at critical road segments in cases of changing road conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negotiation/Synchronization</li><li>• Event Queue Prioritization</li><li>• Distributed Storage (@Edge)</li></ul>

# GRASP Extensions (1/5)

- Un-solicited Synchronization Message (A new GRASP Message)

unsolicited\_synch-message = [M\_UNSOLDSYNCH,  
session-id, objective]

*A node MAY actively send a unicast Un-solicited Synchronization message with the Synchronization data, to another node.*

# GRASP Extensions (2/5)

- Selective Flooding Option

selective-flood-option = [O\_SELECTIVE\_FLOOD, +O\_MATCH-CONDITION,  
match-object, action]

O\_MATCH-CONDITION = [O\_MATCH-CONDITION, Obj1, match-rule, Obj2]

Obj1 = text

match-rule = GREATER / LESS / WITHIN / CONTAIN

Obj2 = text

match-object = NEIGHBOR / SELF

action = FORWARD / DROP

*The selective flood option encapsulates a match-condition option which represents the conditions regarding to continue or discontinue flood the current message. For the match-condition option, the Obj1 and Obj2 are to objects that need to be compared.*

# GRASP Extensions (3/5)

- Subscription Objective Option

subscription-objection-option = [SUBSCRIPTION, 2, 2, subobj]

objective-name = SUBSCRIPTION

objective-flags = 2

loop-count = 2

subobj = text

*This option MAY be included in GRASP M\_Synchronization, when included, it means this message is for a subscription to a specific object.*

# GRASP Extensions (4/5)

- Un\_Subscription Objective Option

Unsubscribe-objection-option = [UNSUBSCRIB, 2, 2, unsubobj]

objective-name = SUBSCRIPTION

objective-flags = 2

loop-count = 2

unsubobj = text

*This option MAY be included in GRASP M\_Synchronization, when included, it means this message is for a un-subscription to a specific object.*

# GRASP Extensions (5/5)

- Publishing Objective Option

publish-objection-option = [PUBLISH, 2, 2, pubobj] objective-name  
= PUBLISH  
objective-flags = 2  
loop-count = 2  
pubobj = text

*This option MAY be included in GRASP M\_Synchronization, when included, it means this message is for a publish of a specific object data.*

*[Editor's Note]: Detailed node behavior and processing procedures of these new options will be introduced in the next version.*

Comments?  
Adopted as a new work?

Thank you!

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