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# Agentic AI for Intent-Based Network Management

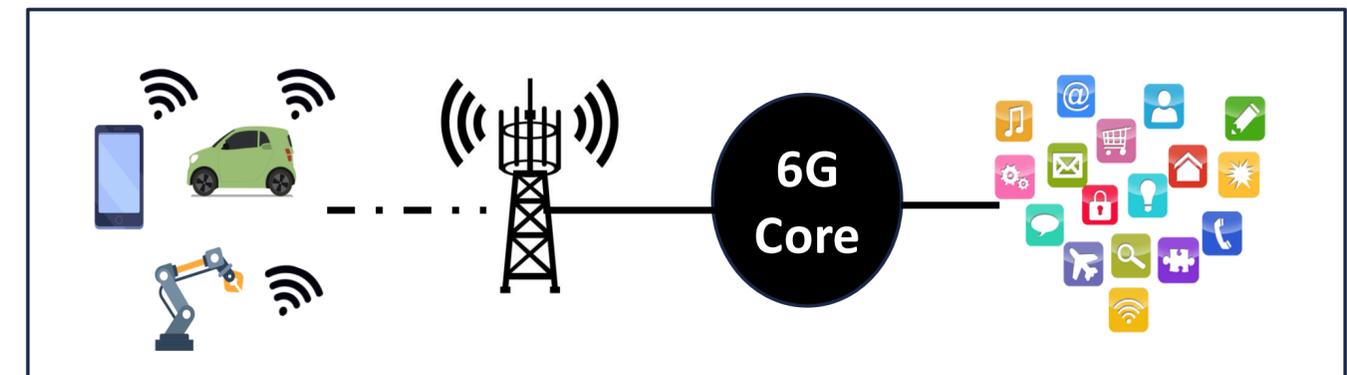
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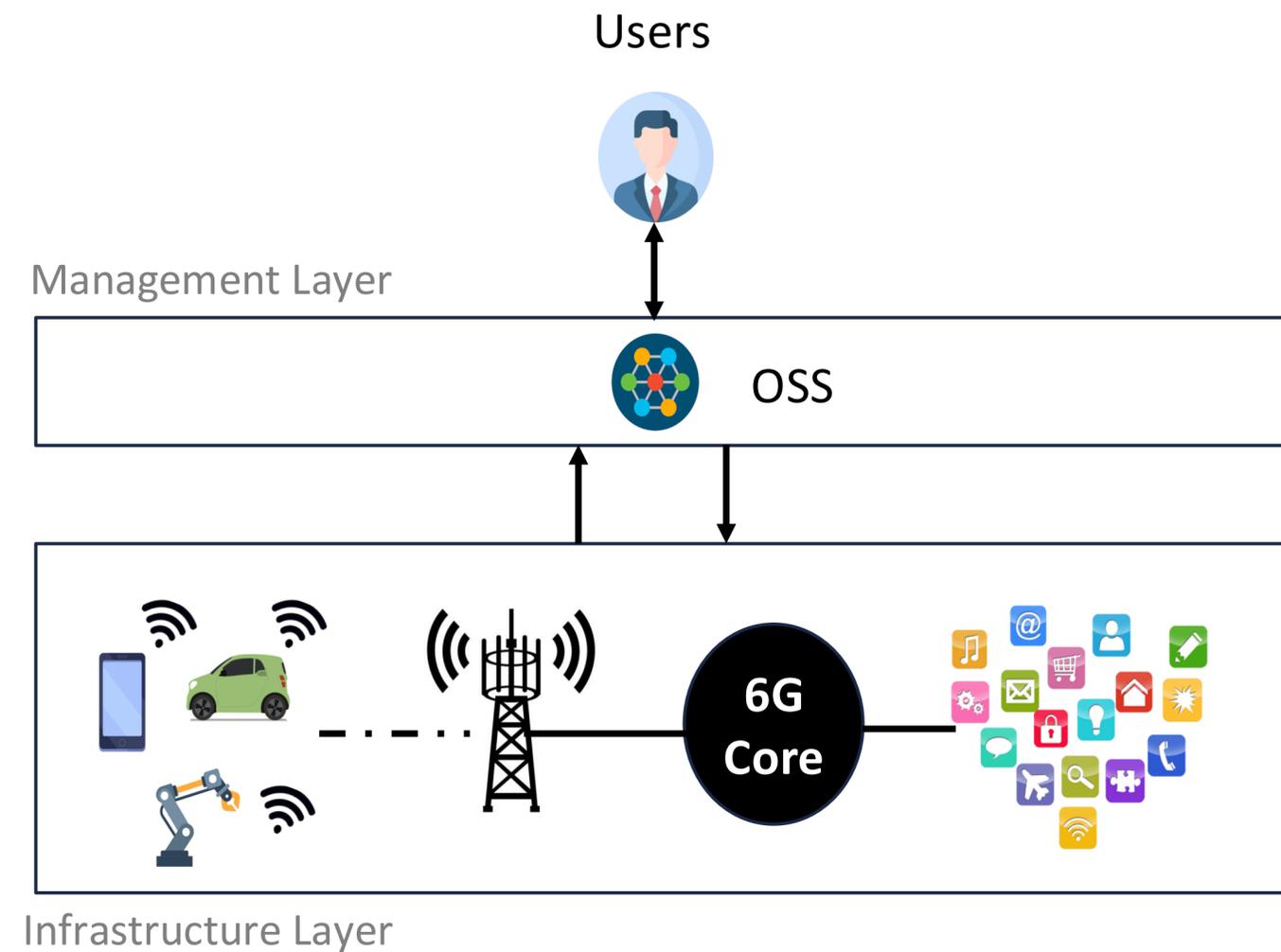
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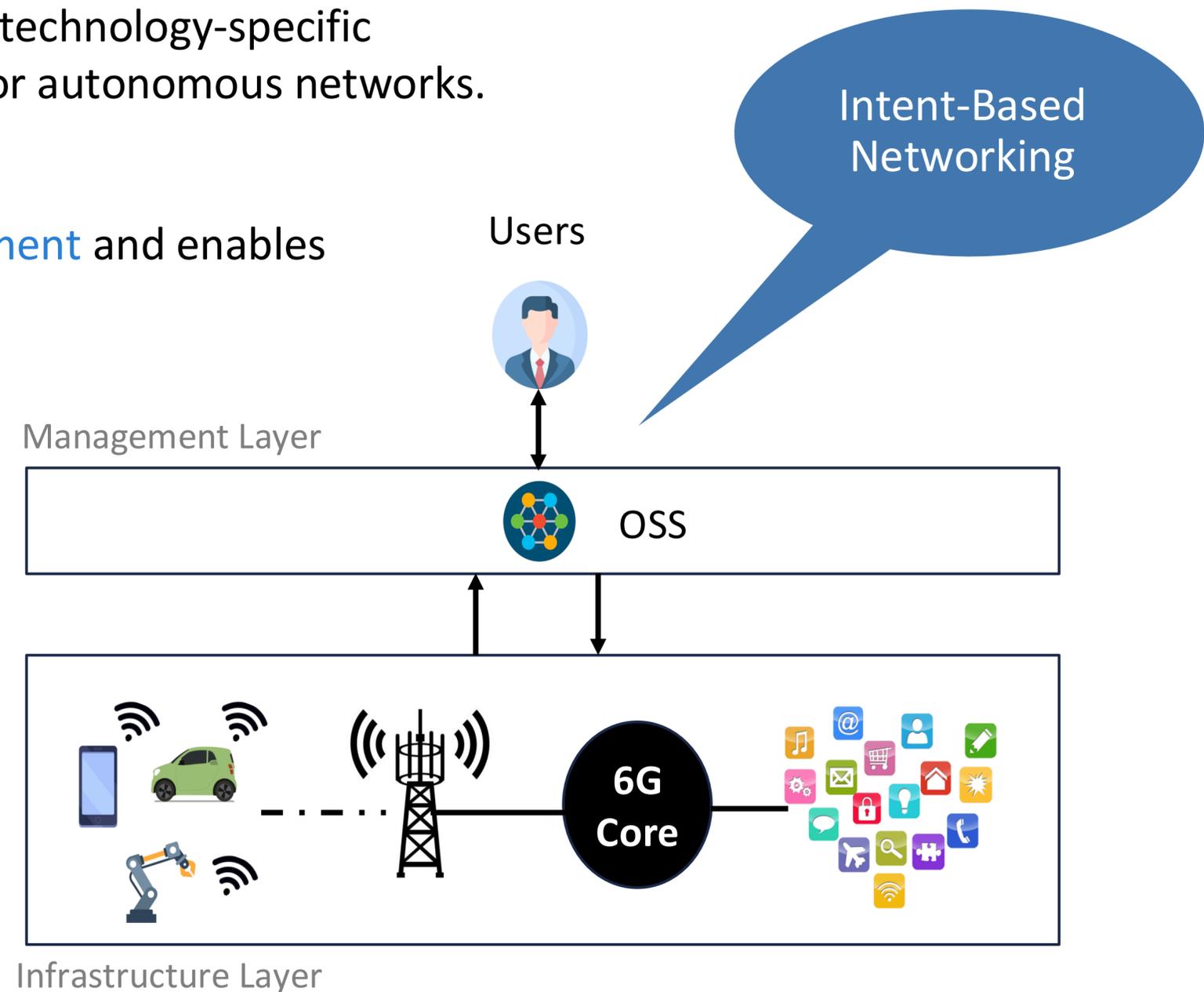


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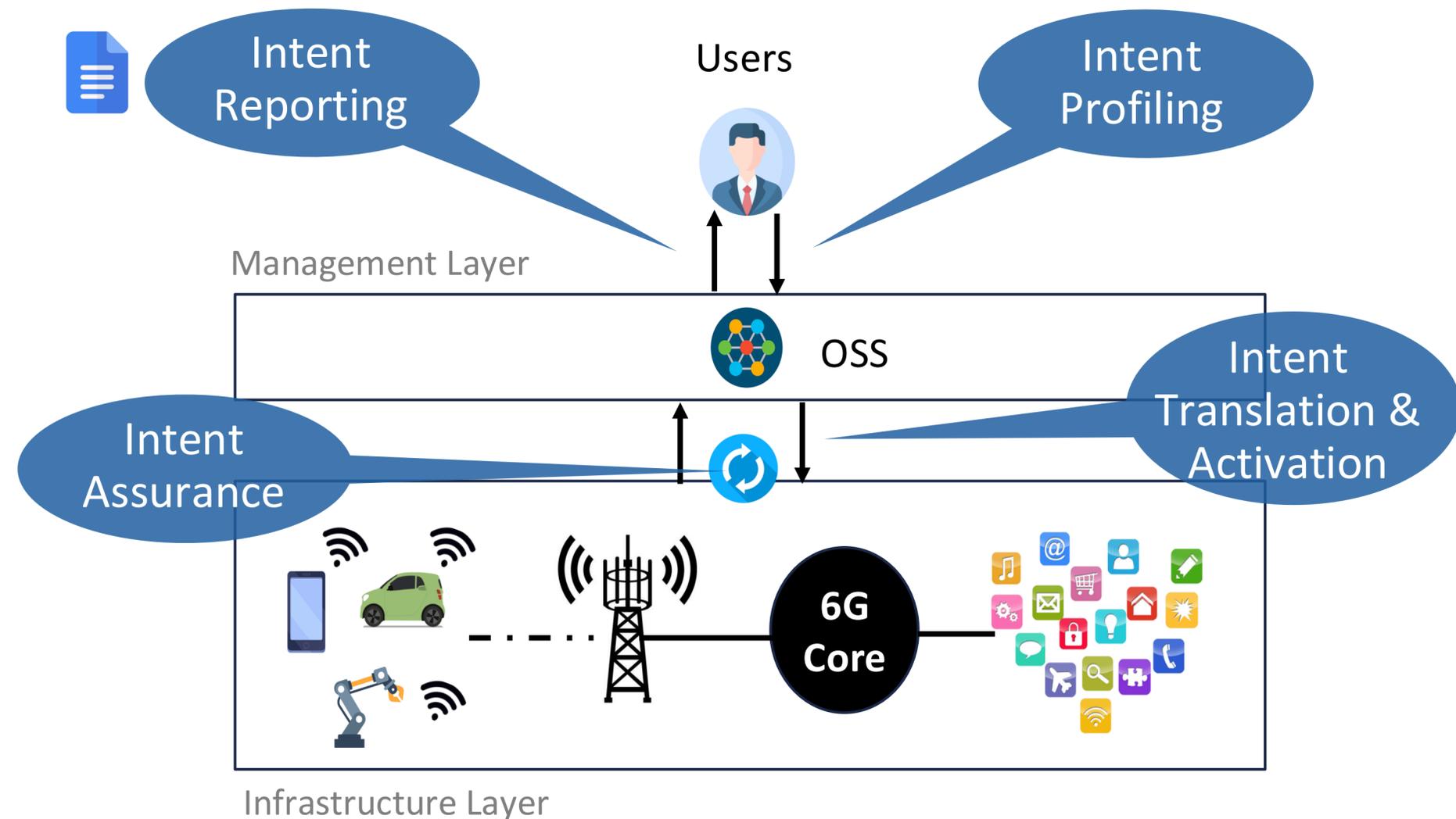
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✓ Intent-based Networking (IBN) **simplifies network management** and enables the evolution toward **autonomous networks**

- Intent abstracts complexity by allowing users to express *what they want*, not *how to implement it*.
- It supports closed-loop control allowing systems to continuously adapt service objectives without manual intervention.



- Intent Profiling, declare the intent using a declarative structure.
- Intent Translation, translate high-level intents into low-level configurations.
- Intent Activation, activate the intents within the infrastructure.
- Intent Assurance, ensure the intents respect the specified requirements.
- Intent reporting, provide feedback to users about the status of the intent.

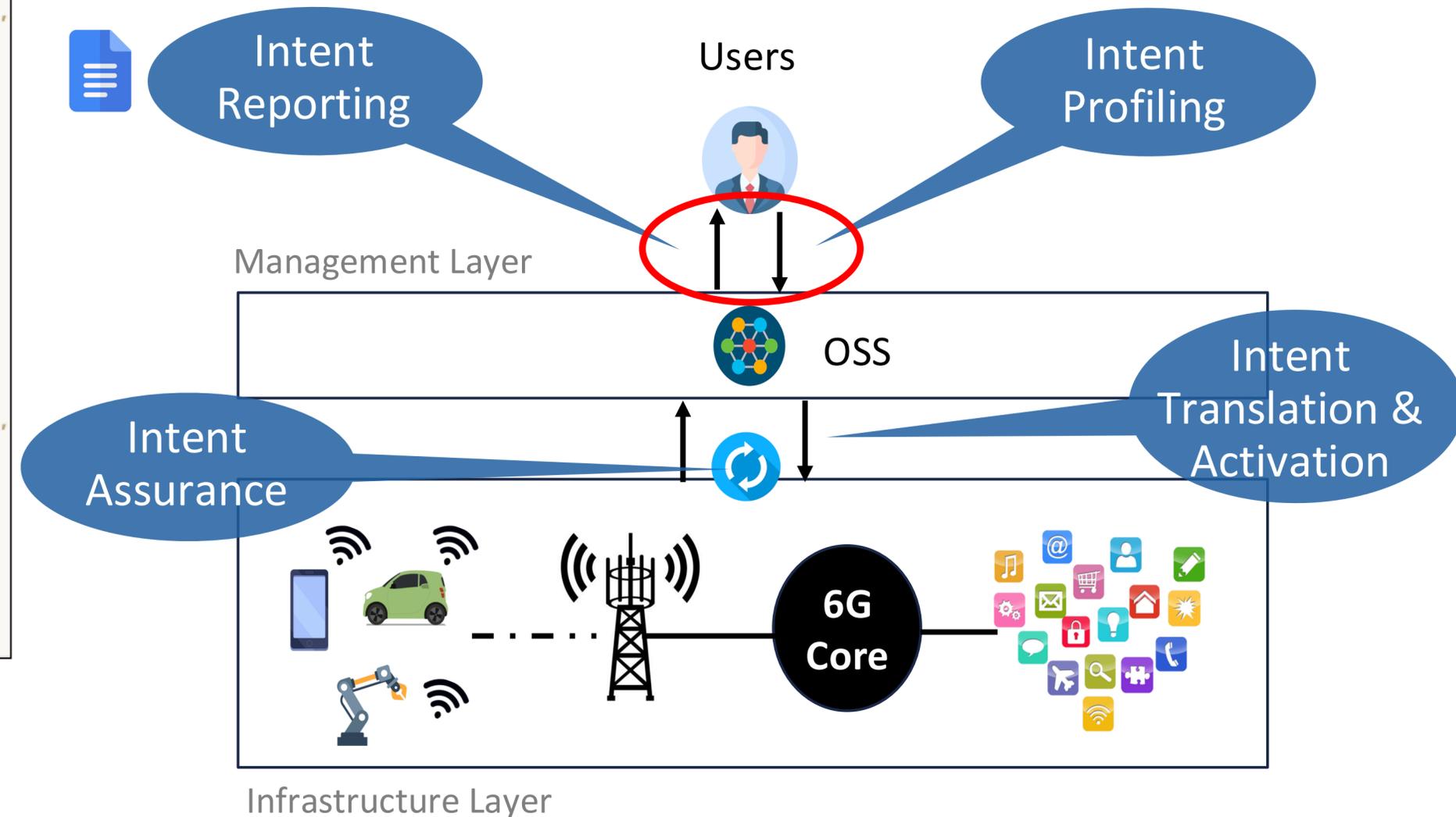


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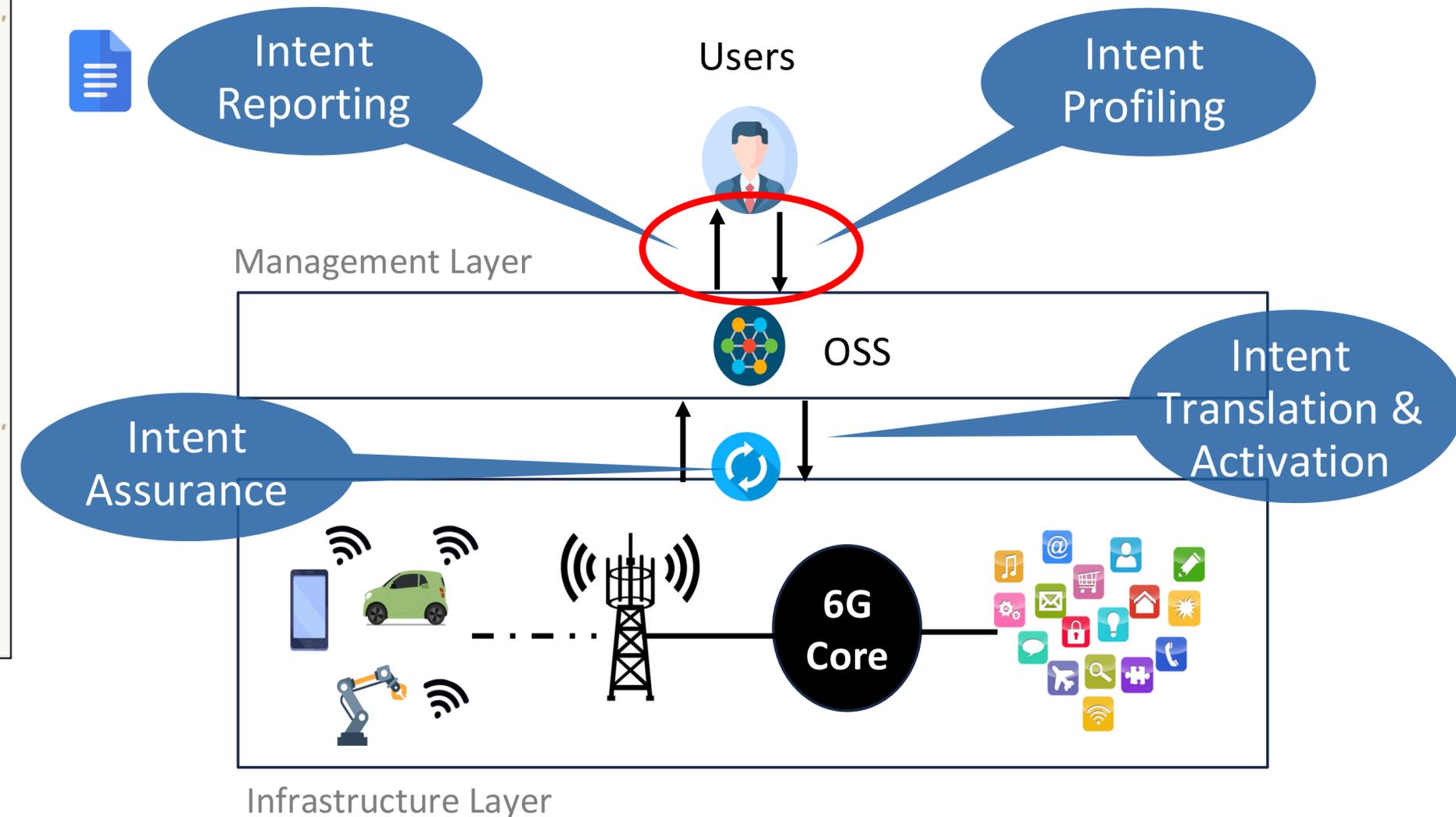


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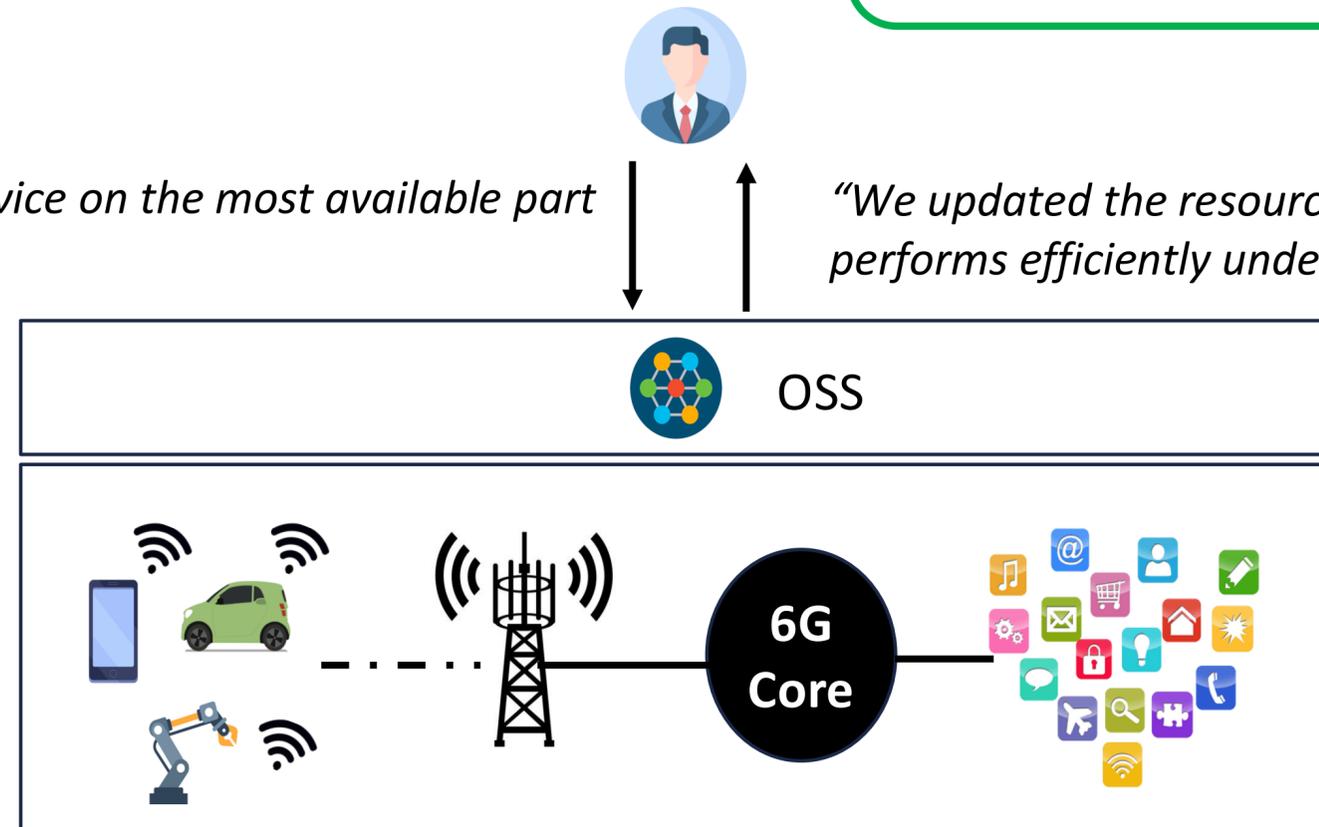


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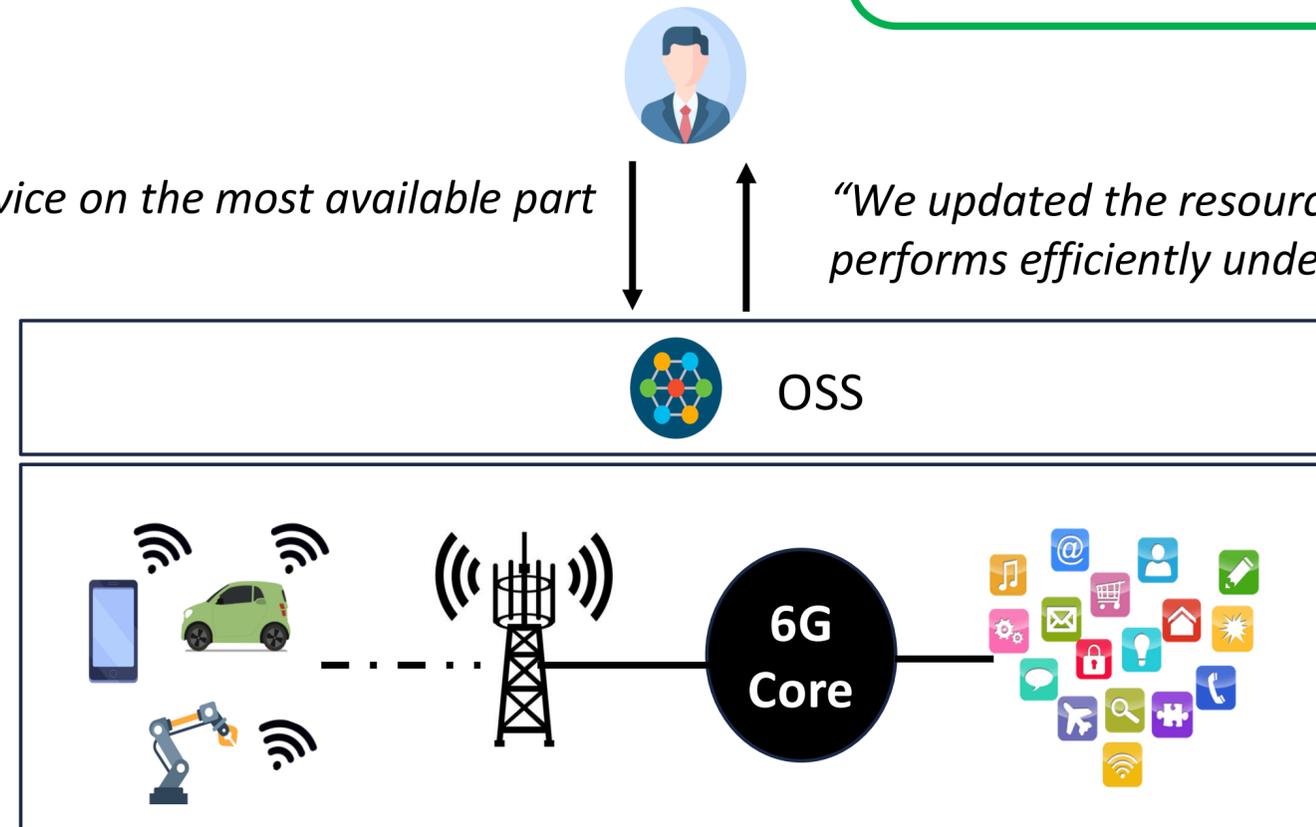


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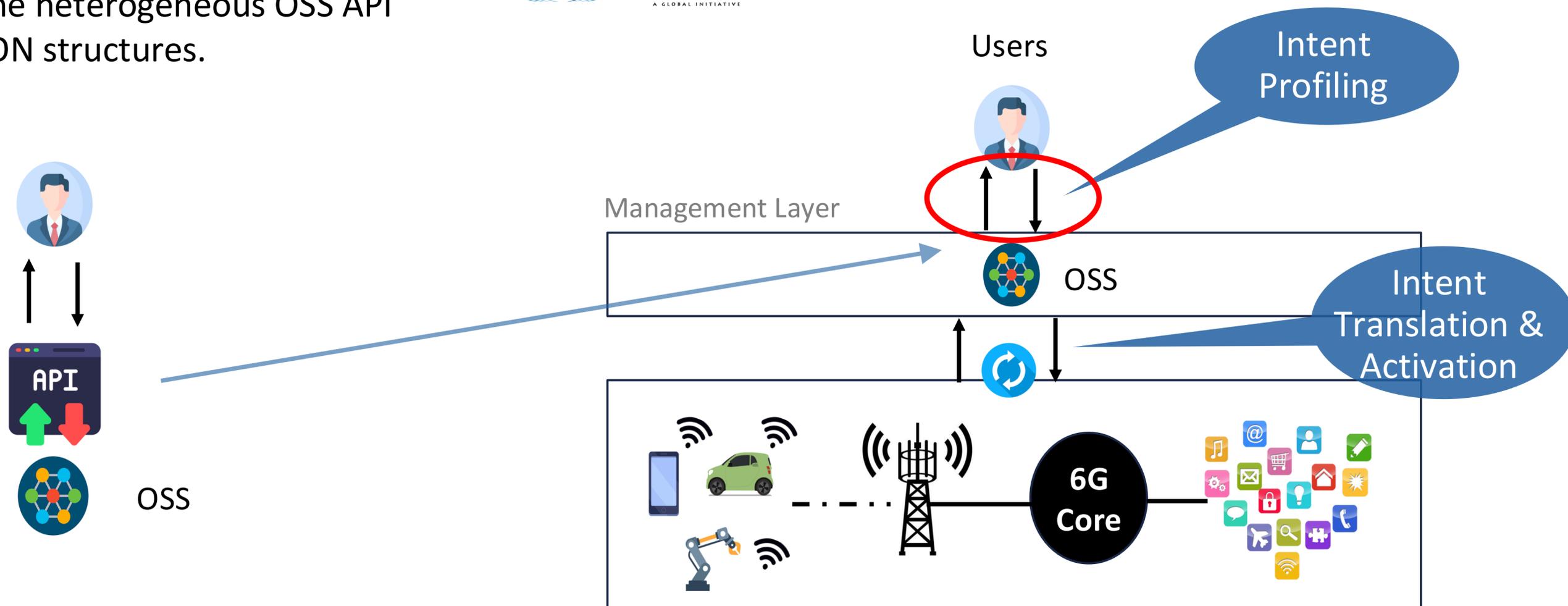


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OSS API endpoints

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OSS “Create Service” endpoint with the Network Service Descriptor (NSD) as the JSON body

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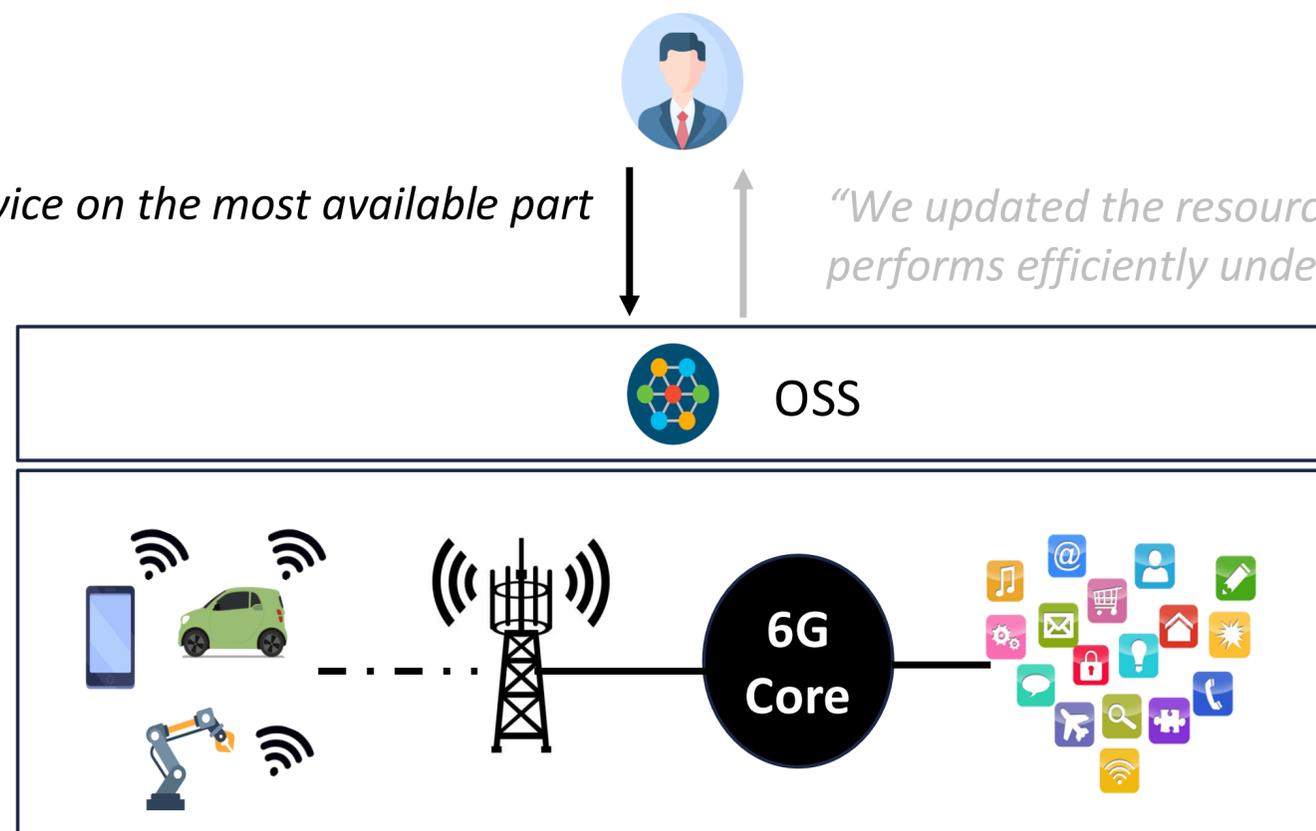
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Moving towards using **natural language** to express intents

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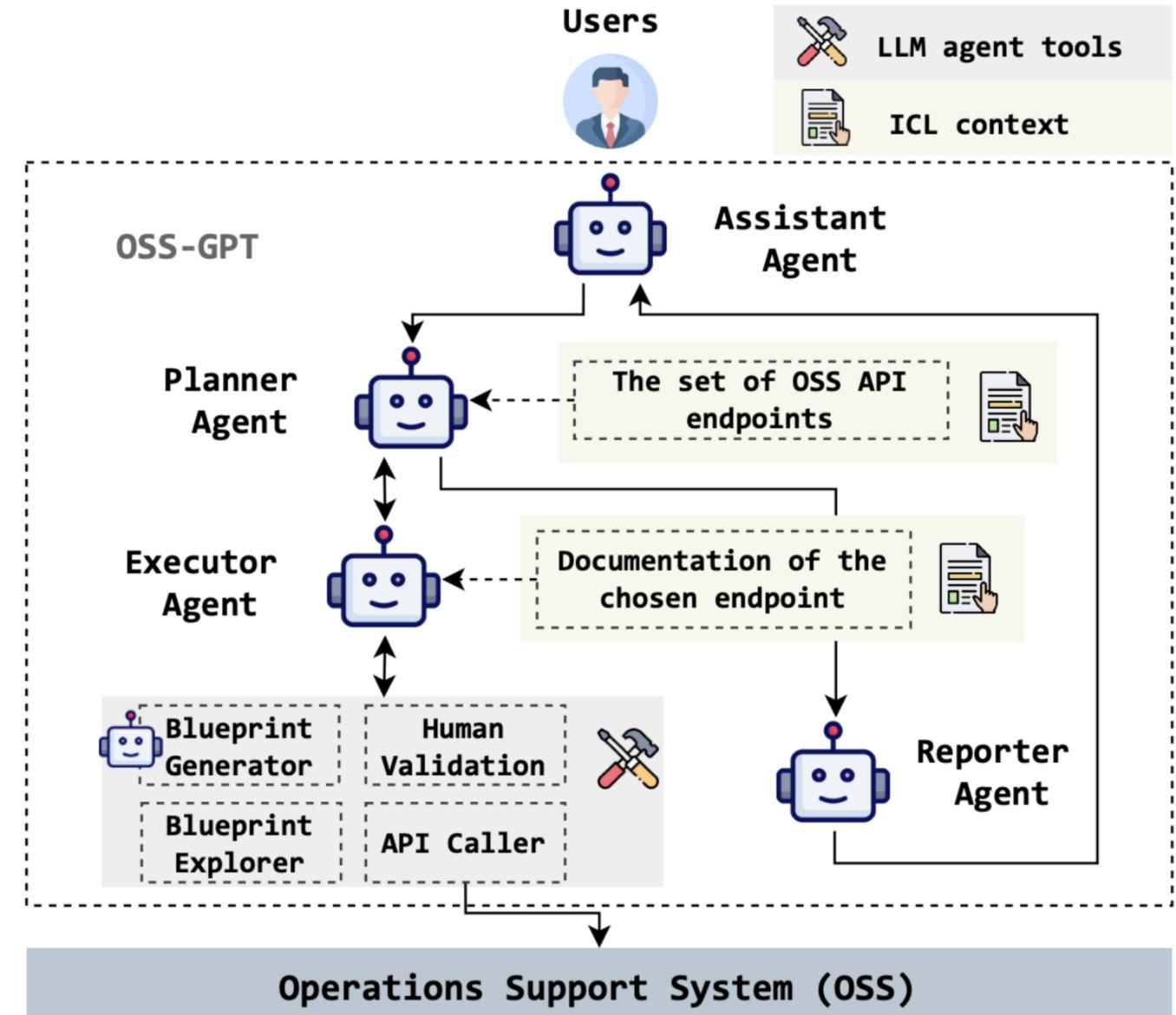
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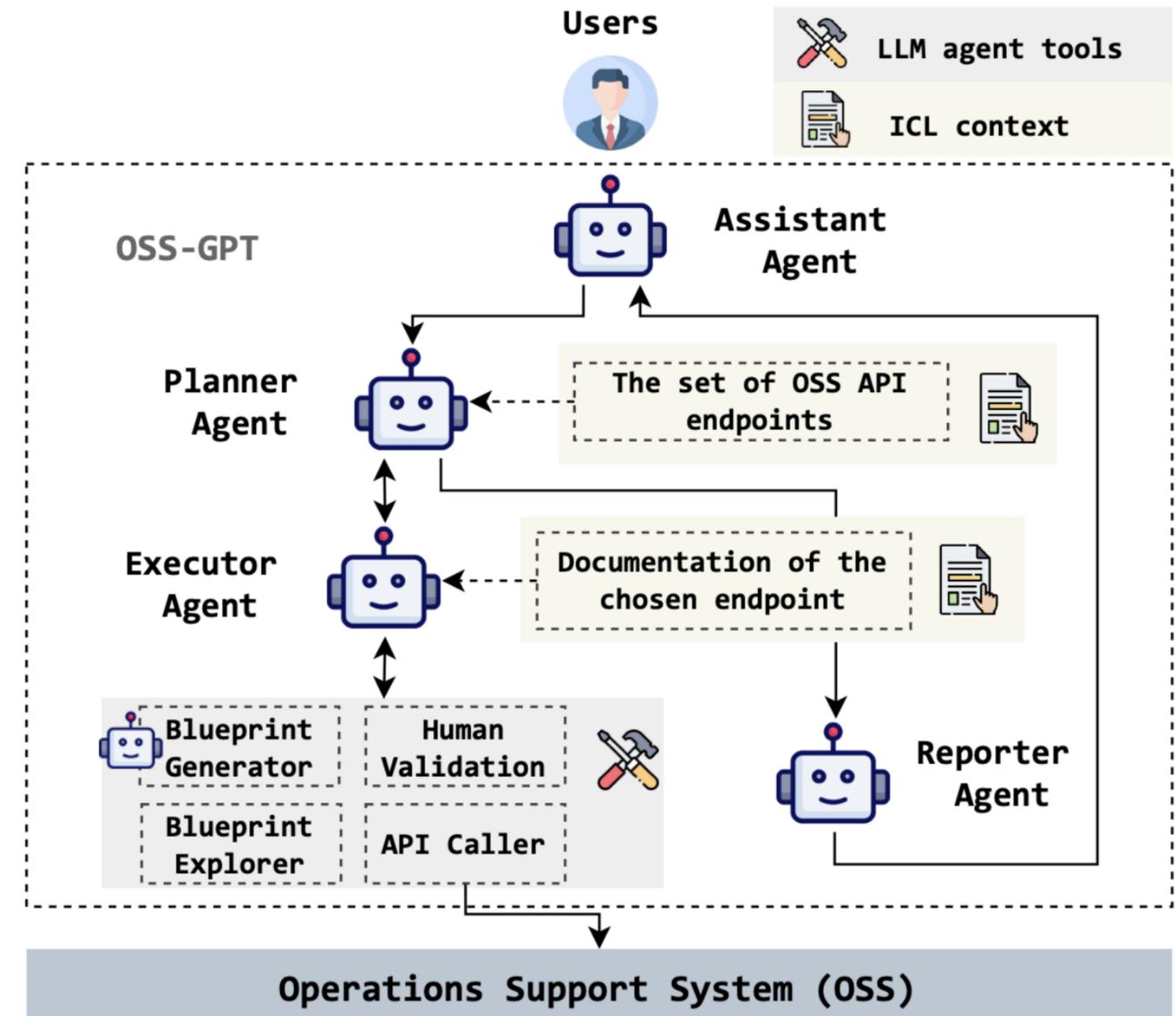
- An agentic AI framework that translates natural language intents into multiple API calls.
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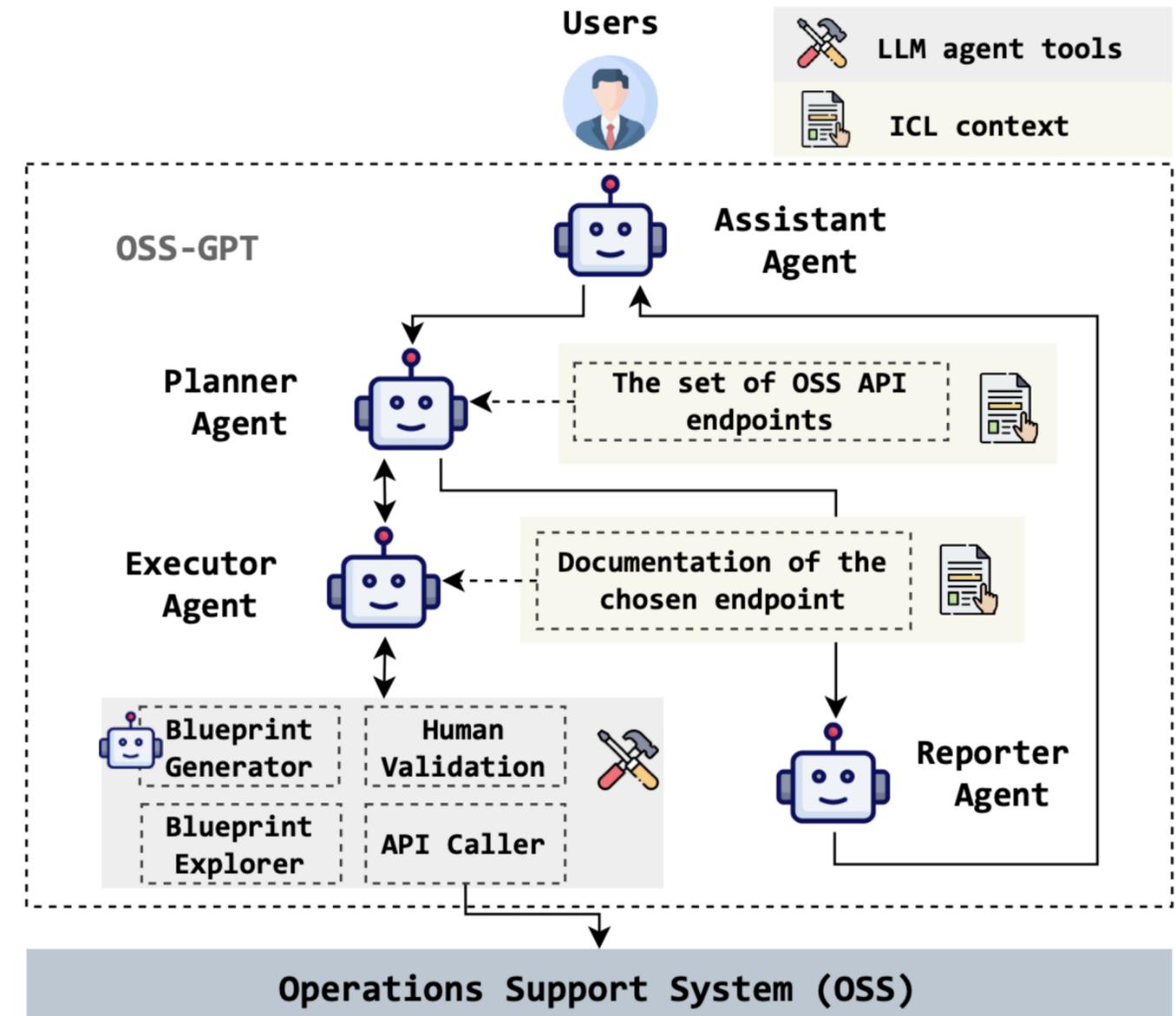
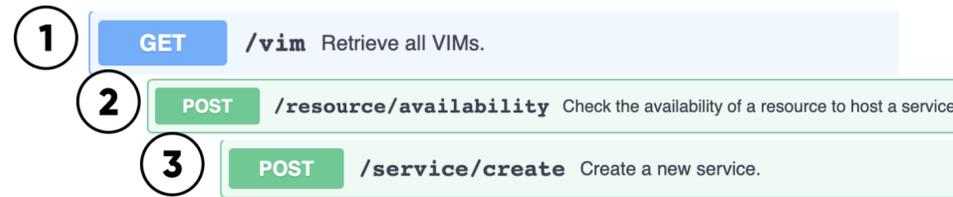
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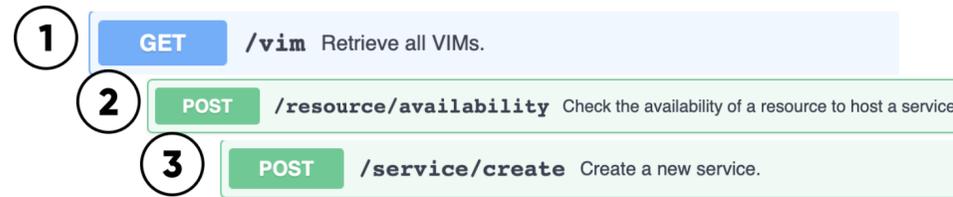
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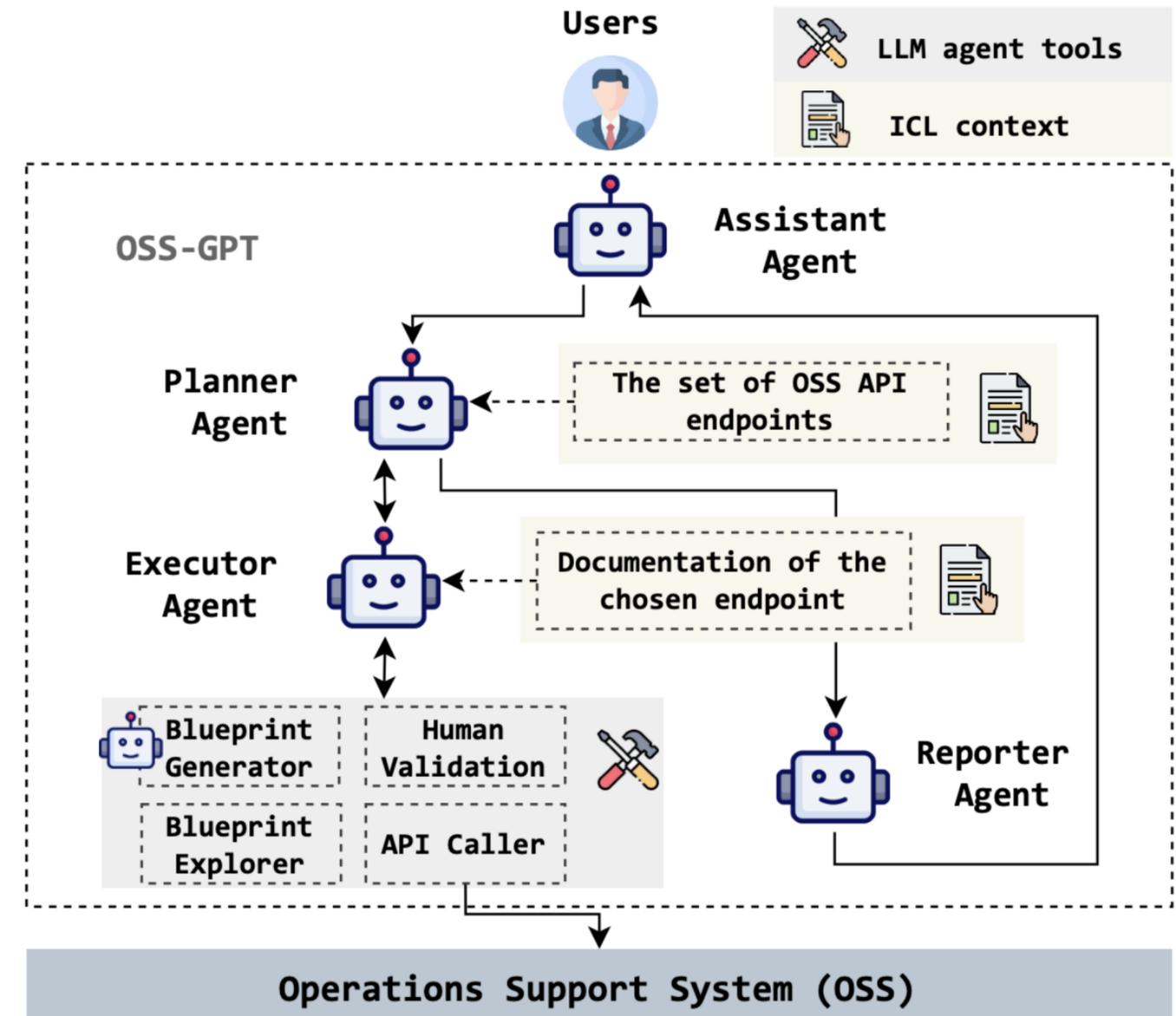
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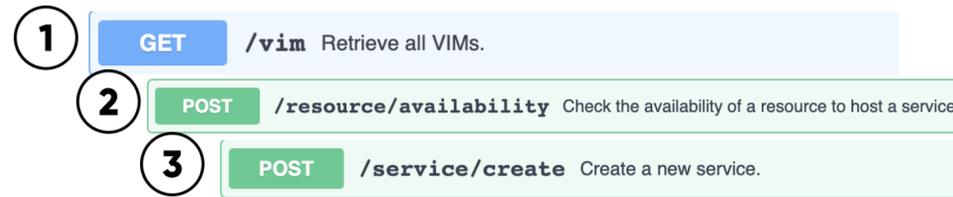
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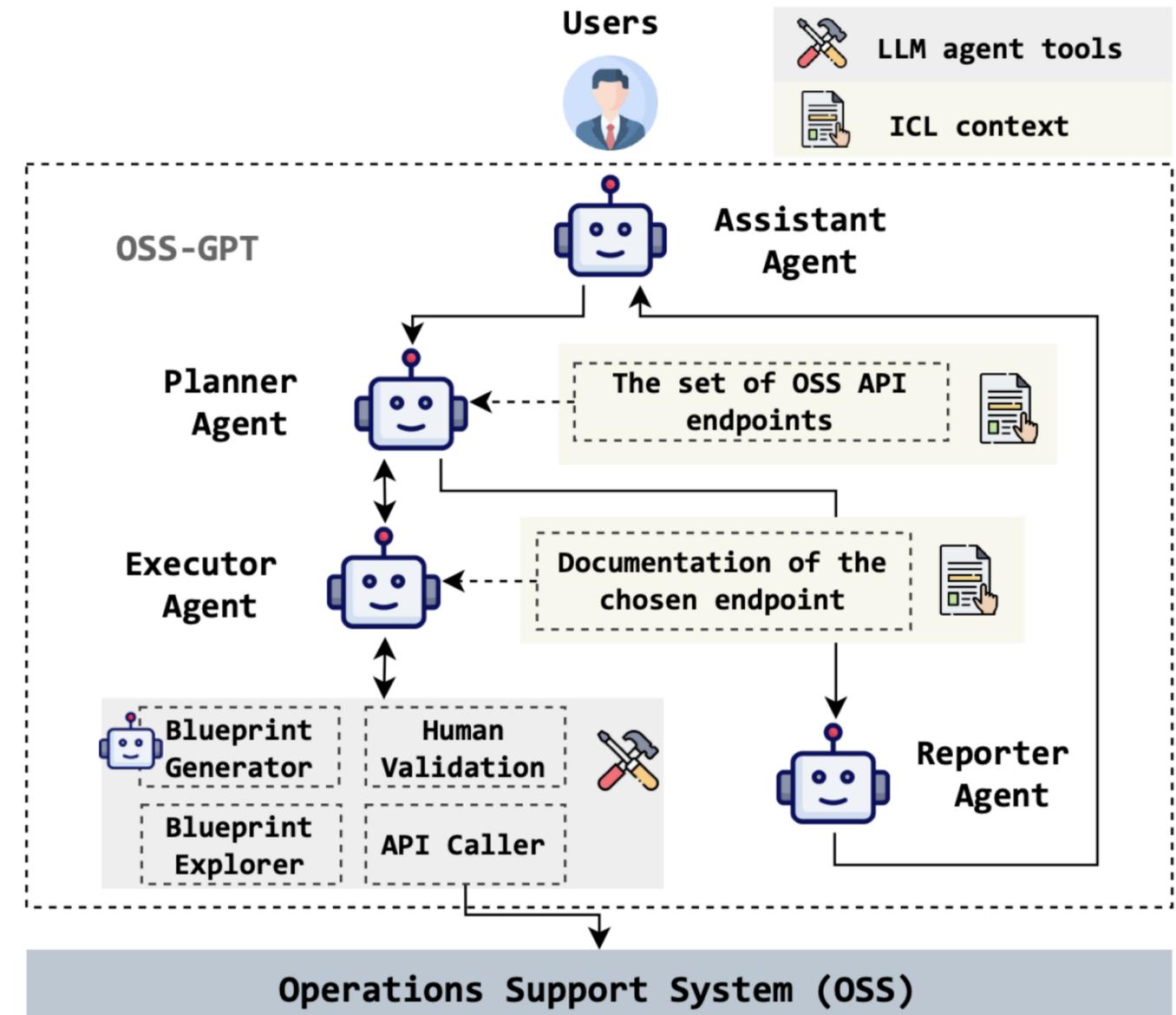
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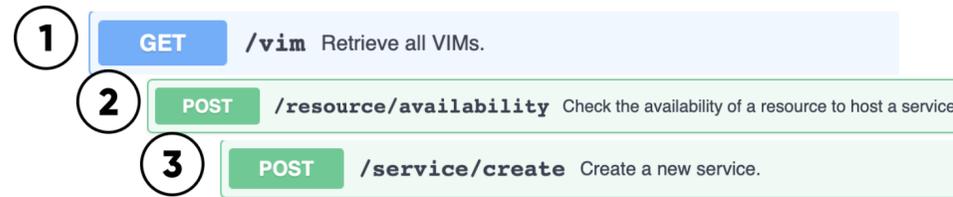
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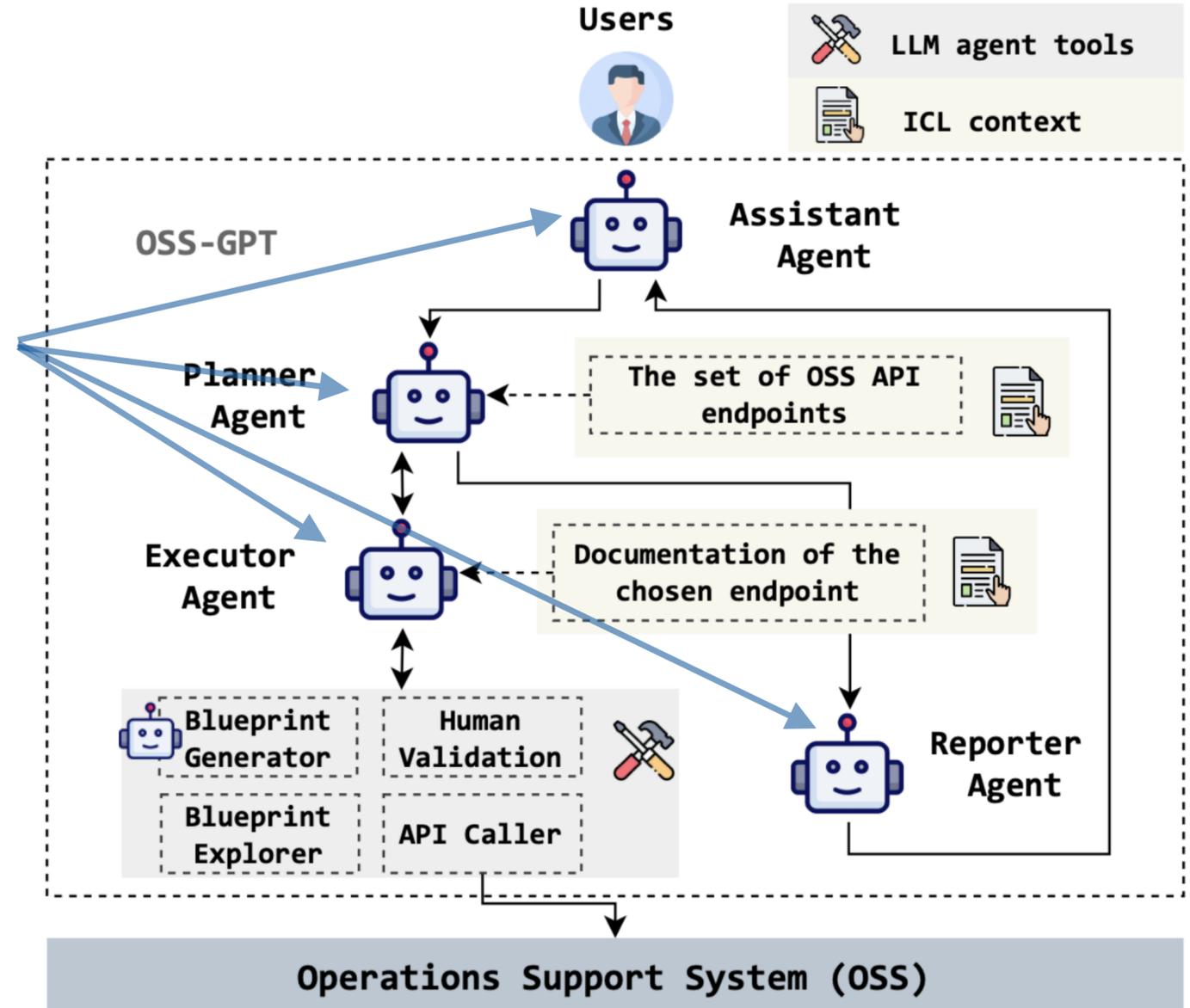
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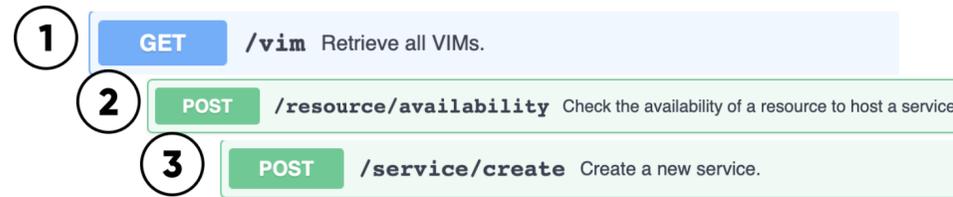
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# Approach

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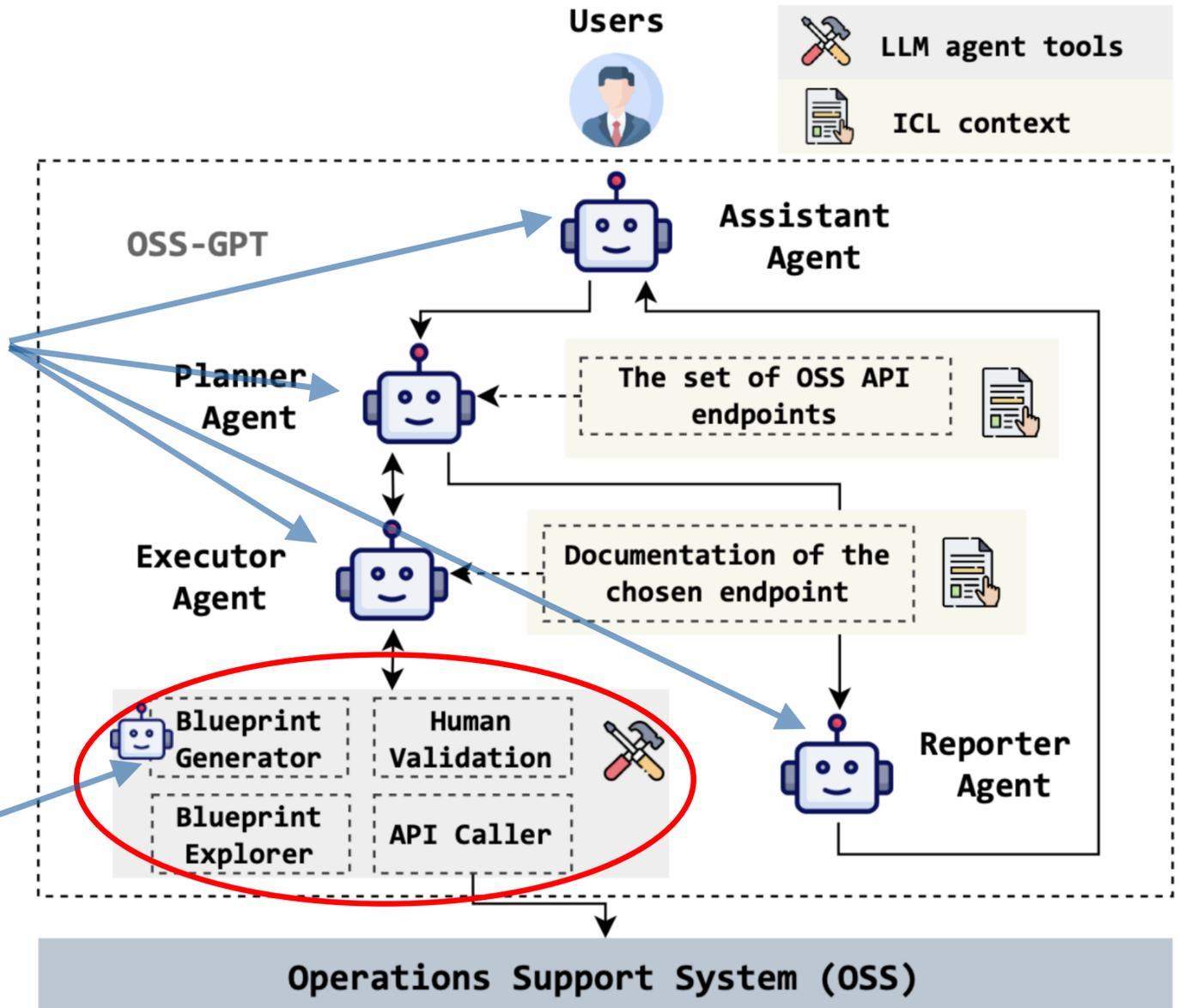
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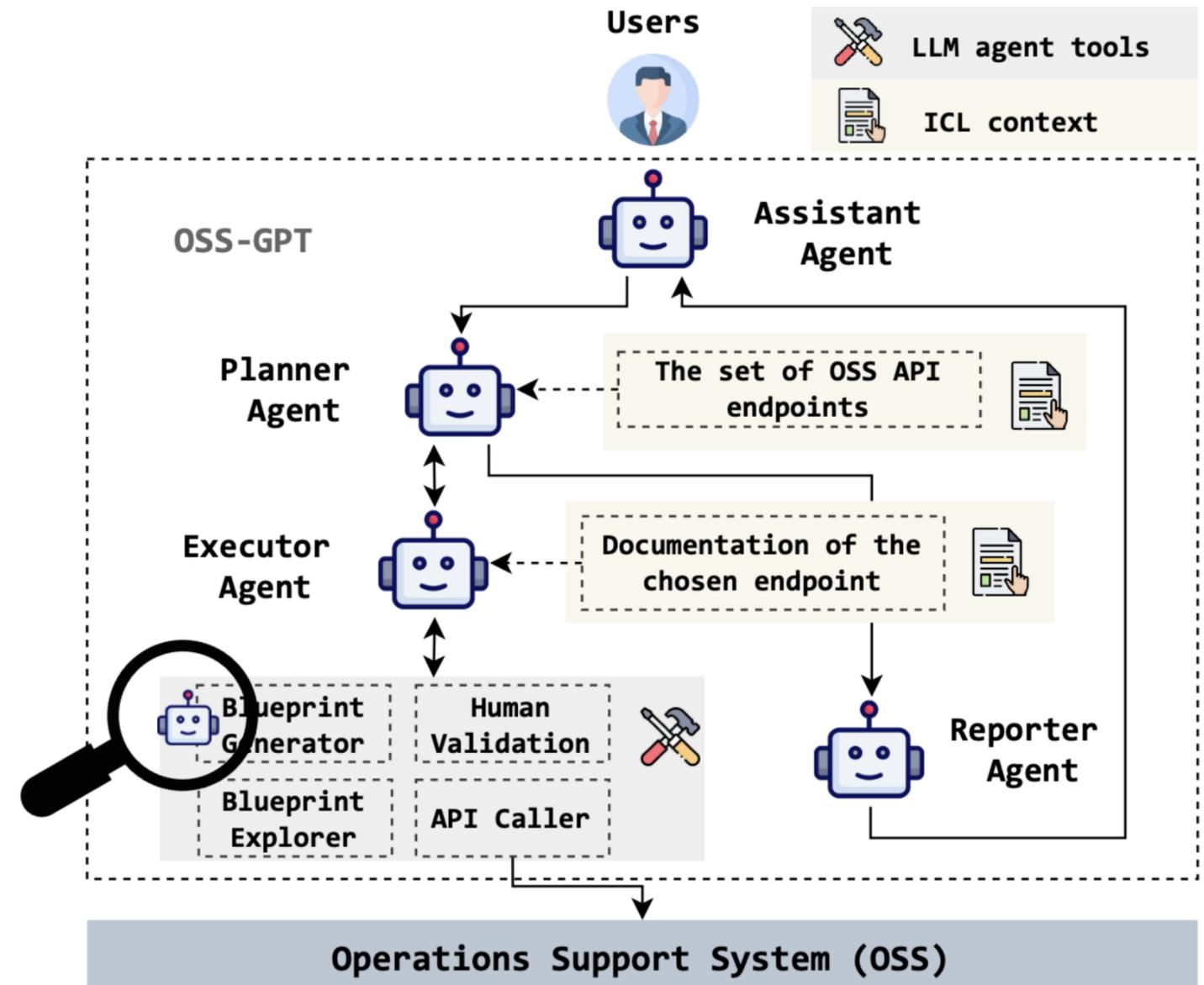


Generates the NSD (request body) from natural language.

✓ We developed an LLM (NSD-expert) Trained using fine-tuning.

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3   "name": "string",
4   "version": "string",
5   "provider": "string",
6   "checksum": "string",
7   "userDefinedData": {
8     "regionId": ["string"],
9     "appInstantiationOrder": ["string"]
10  },
11  "app": {
12    "appId": "string",
13    "appVersion": "string",
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20    },
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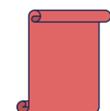
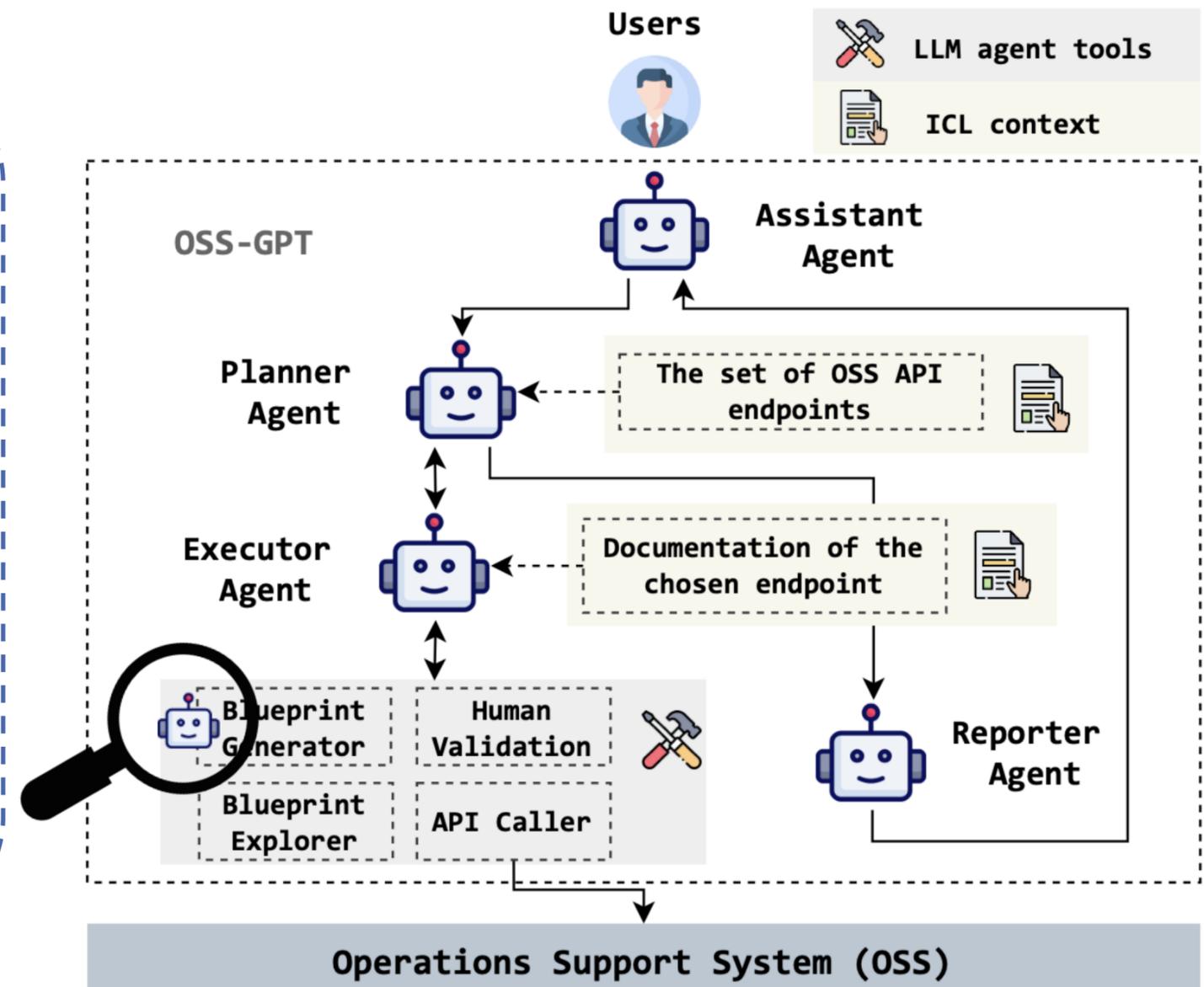
- Enable OSS-GPT to generate NSDs from natural language.

- Dataset Creation & Augmentation

- No public dataset available → dataset built from scratch.
- Initial dataset: 100 high-quality (intent, NSD) pairs.
- Augmentation via ICL: Used few-shot prompting

- Fine-Tuning with LoRA [1]

- LoRA (Low-Rank Adaptation): Efficient fine-tuning method
- Injects NSD expertise without retraining the entire model.



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# Approach

vRAM: video Random Access Memory

## ■ Machine 1: 6G Infrastructure (Kubernetes Cluster)

- Hosts single-node Kubernetes cluster with E2E 5G stack using OpenAirInterface [1]

## ■ Machine 2: 6G Management (OSS & OSS-GPT)

- OSS-GPT built using LangGraph [2]
- GPT-4 for the Assistant, Planner, Executor, and Reporter
- NSD-expert for the Blueprint Generator ( Ollama [3]).

## ■ NSD-expert was fine-tuned using NVIDIA A100 (40GB vRAM)

- Base: Llama 3.2 - 3B Instruct
- Framework: Unsloth [4] + LoRA [5]

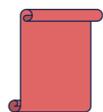
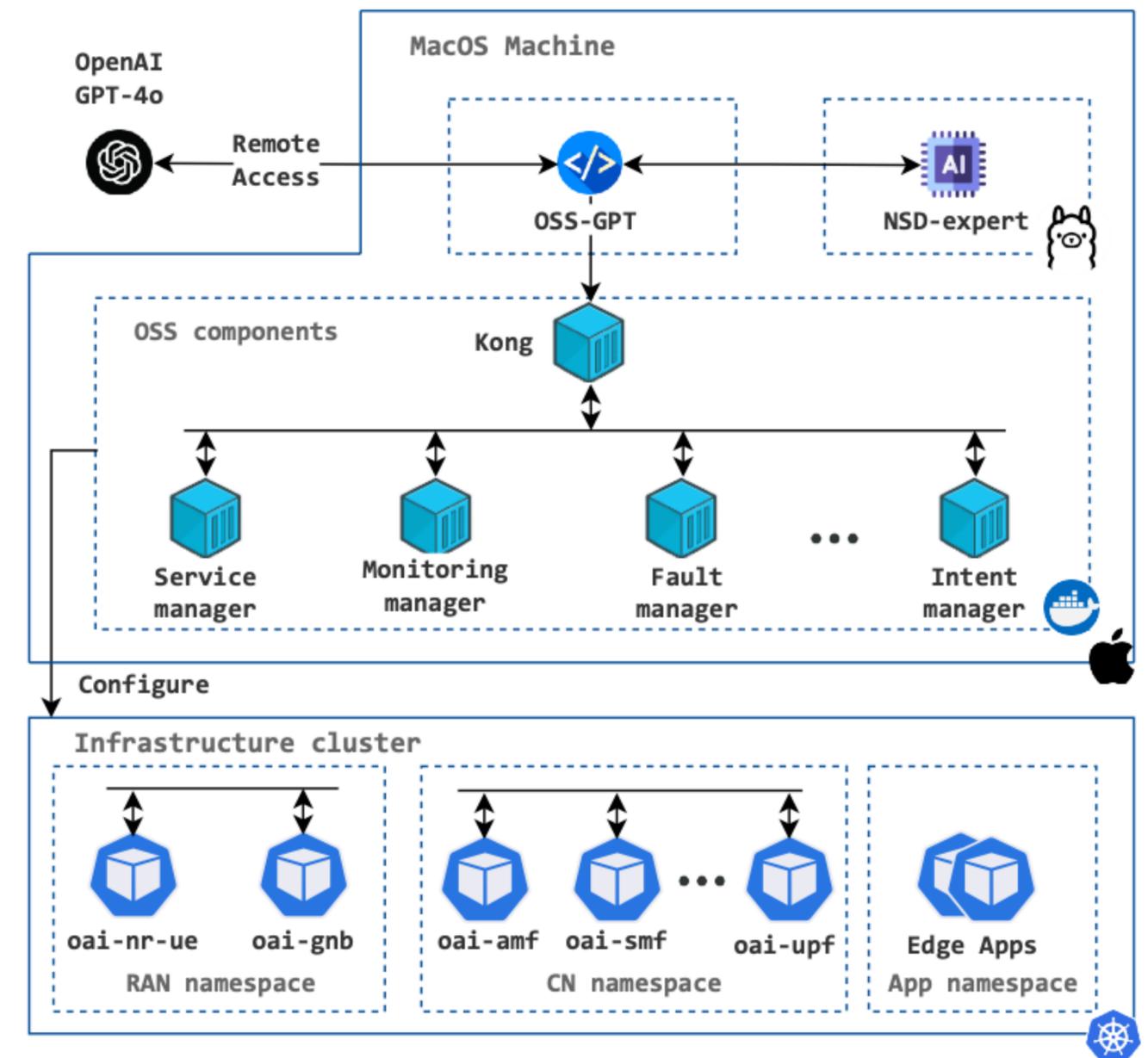
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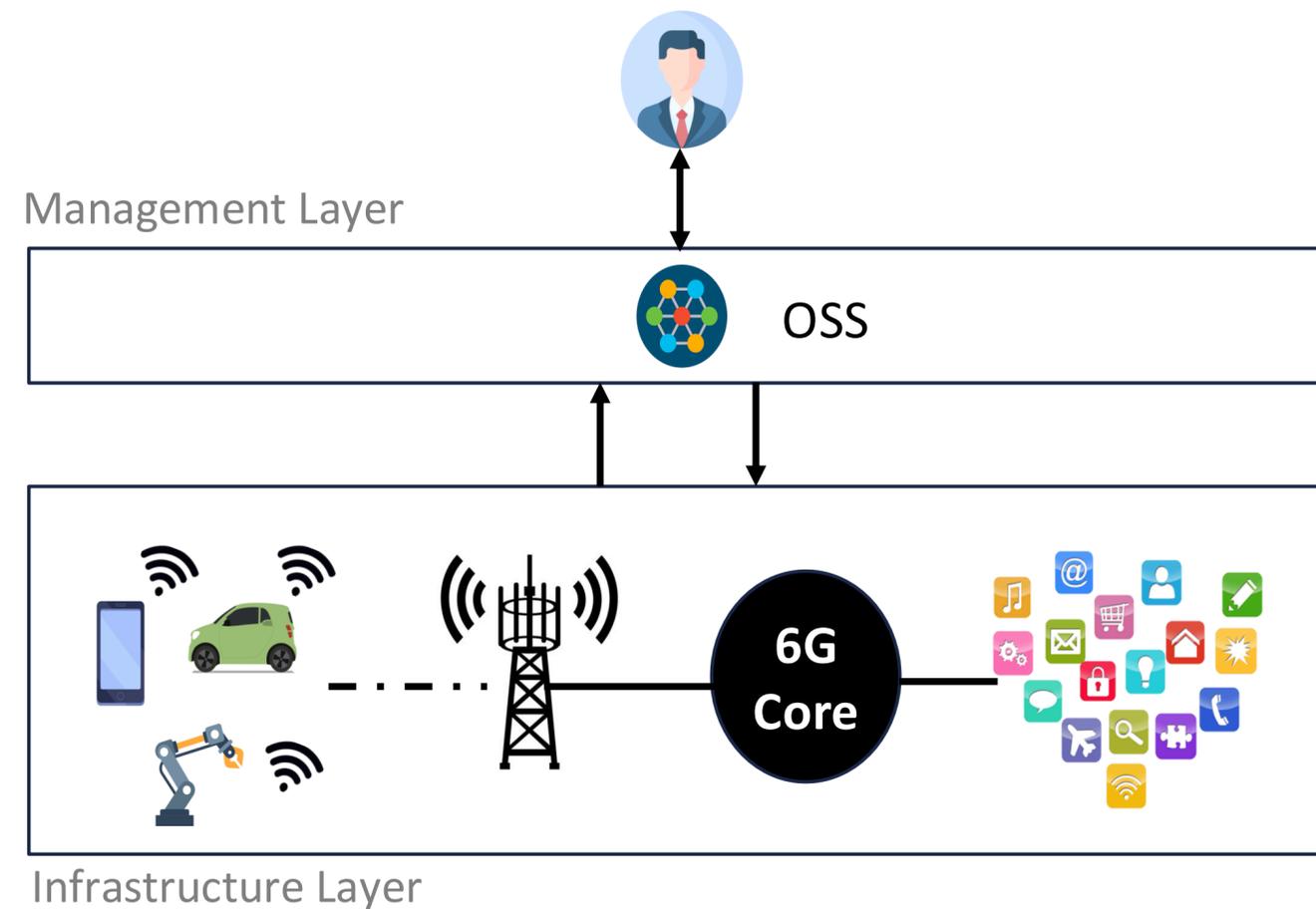
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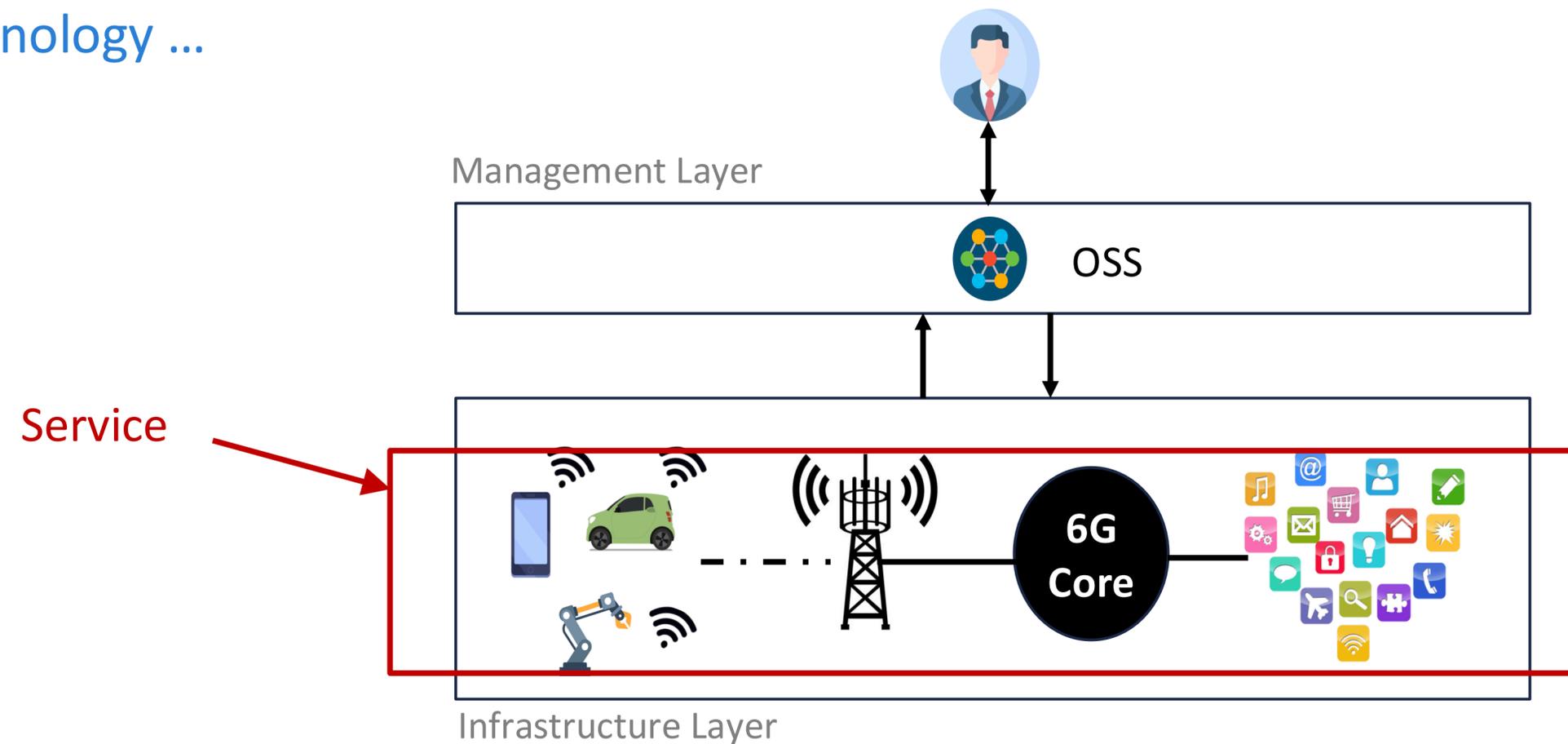
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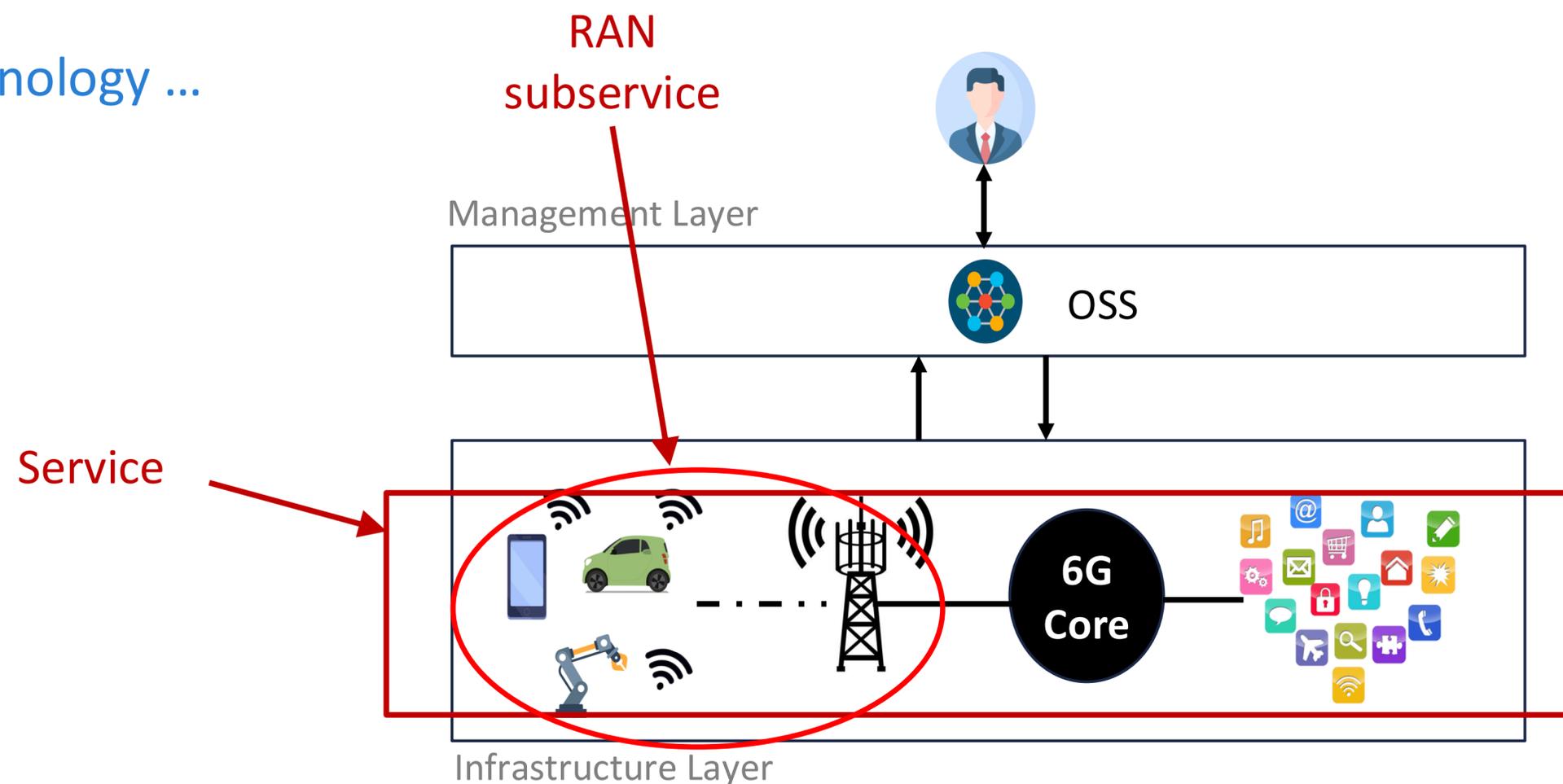
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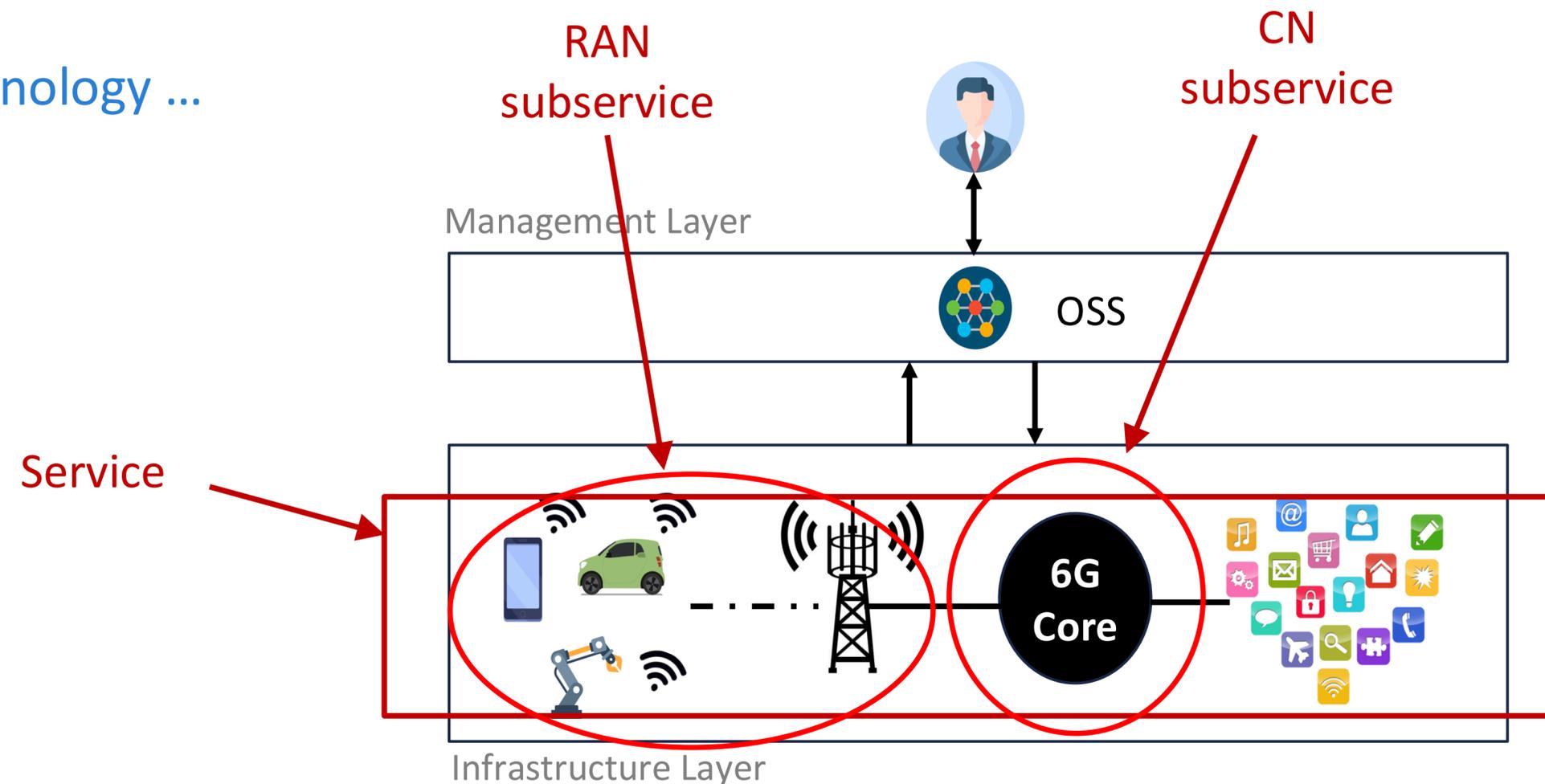
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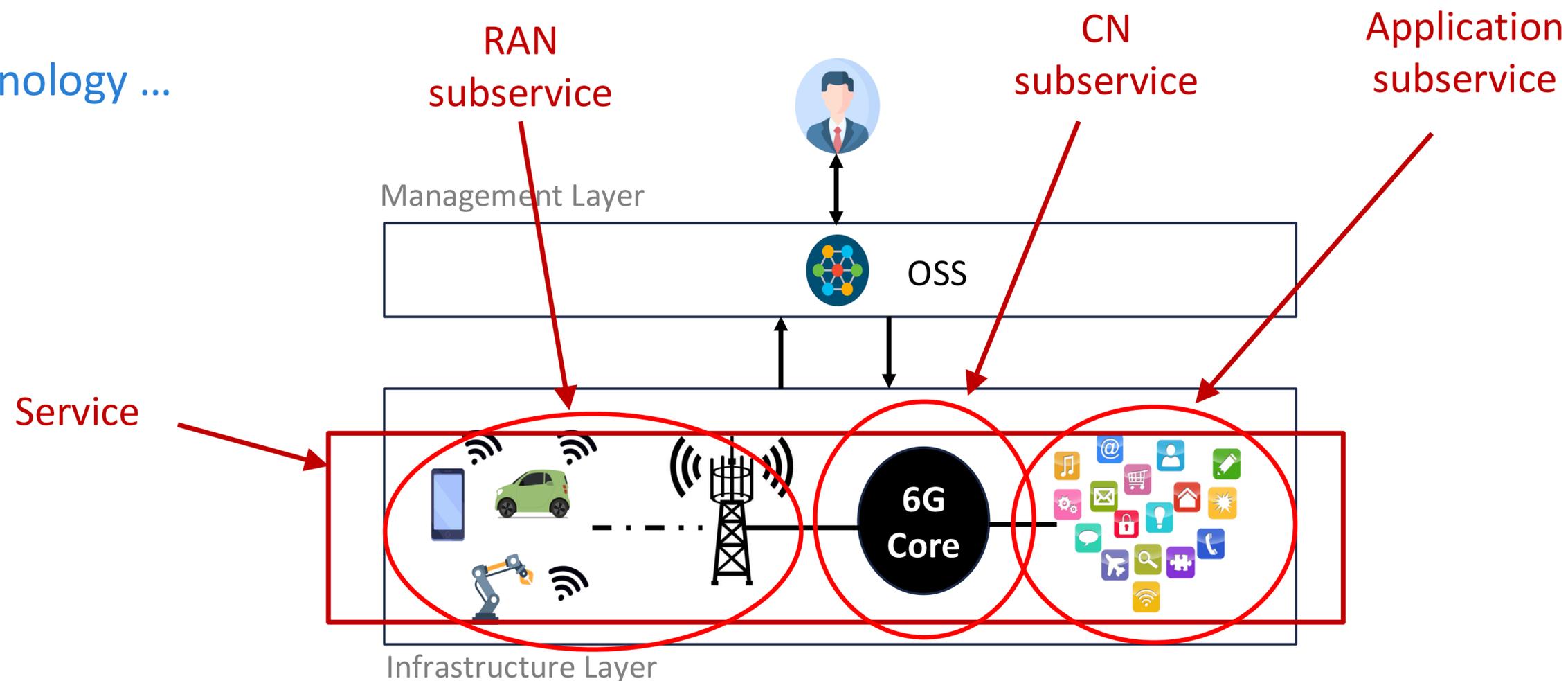
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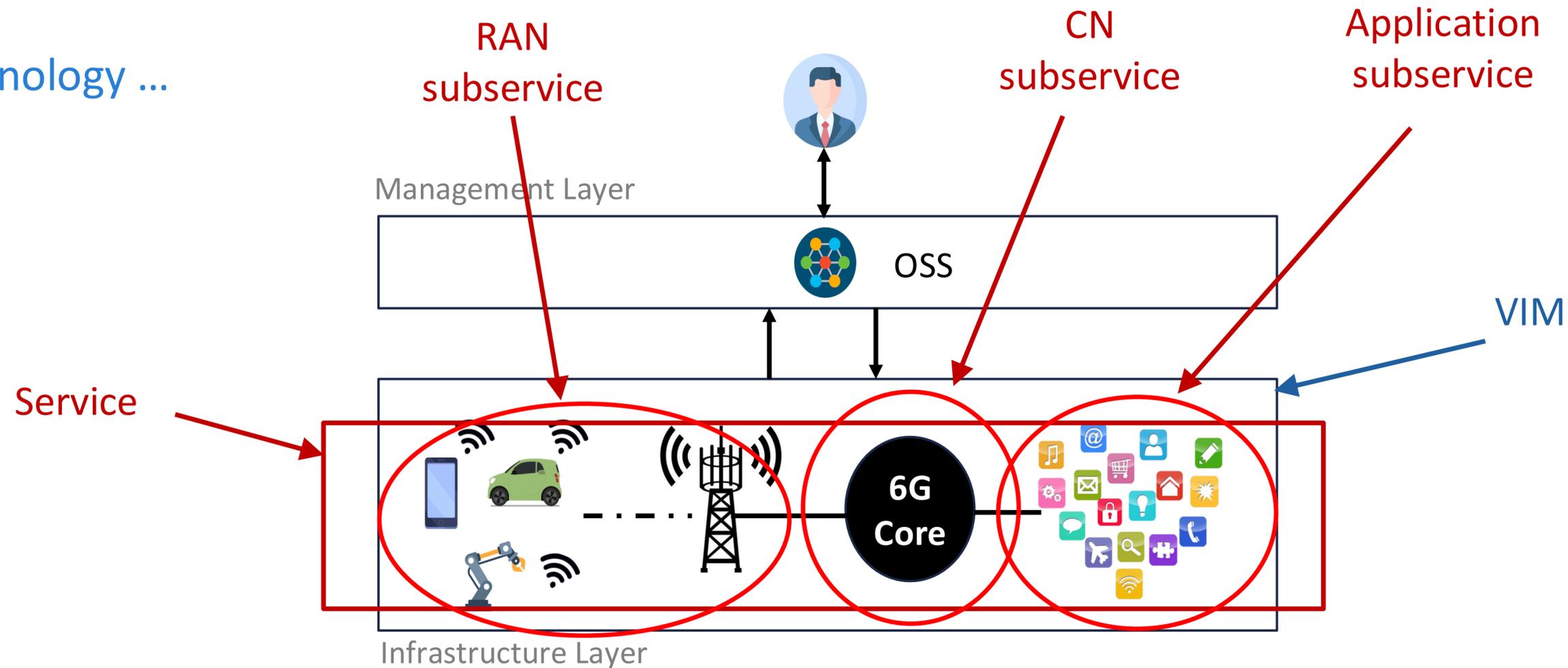
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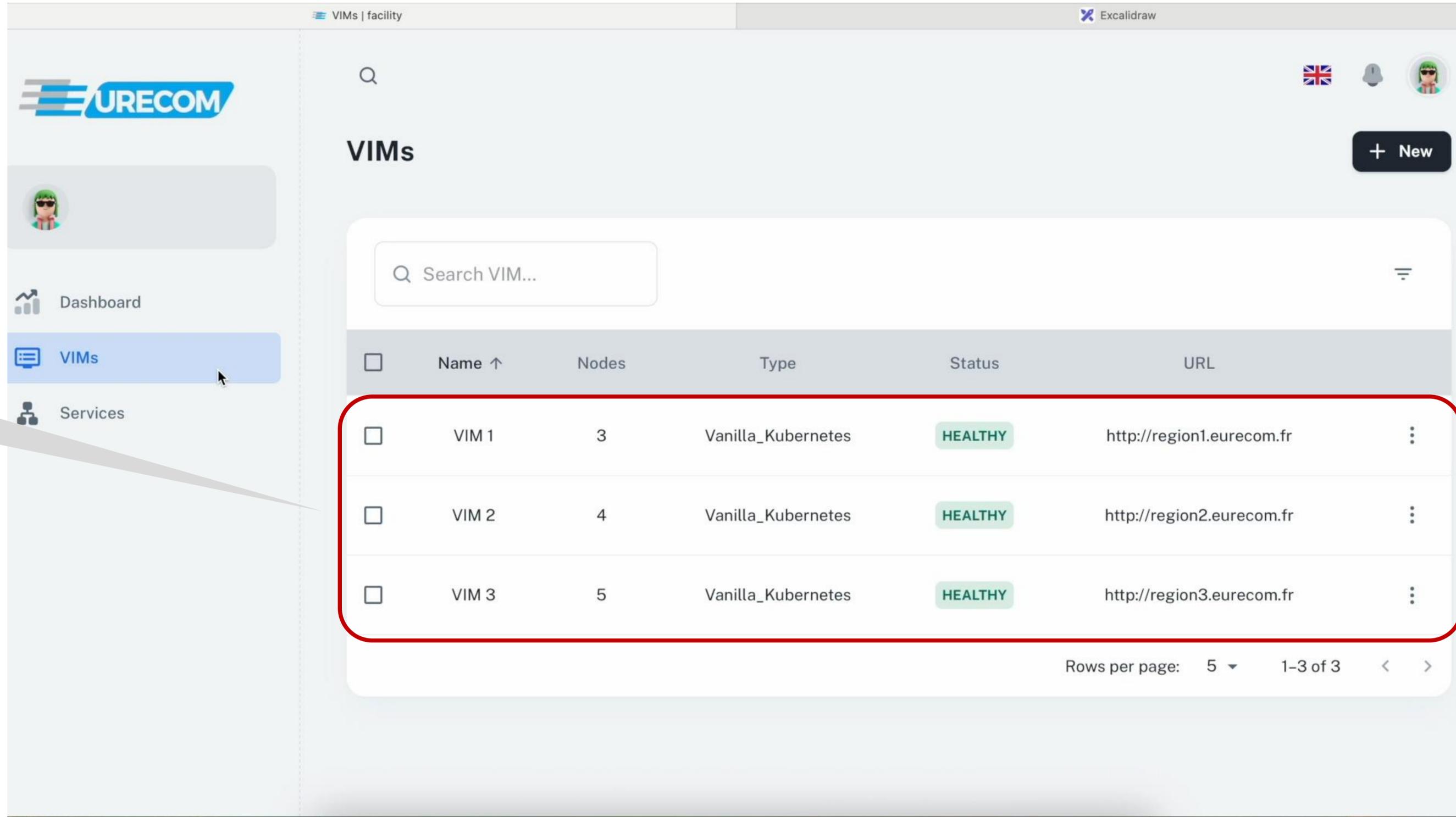
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Manage VIMs and Services



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Search VIM...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ↑	Nodes	Type	Status	URL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIM 1	3	Vanilla_Kubernetes	HEALTHY	http://region1.eurecom.fr	⋮
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List of VIMS

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 Dashboard

 VIMs

 **Services**

**Services** + New

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<input type="checkbox"/>	6gsunrise-service	1	1	0	⋮
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List of Services

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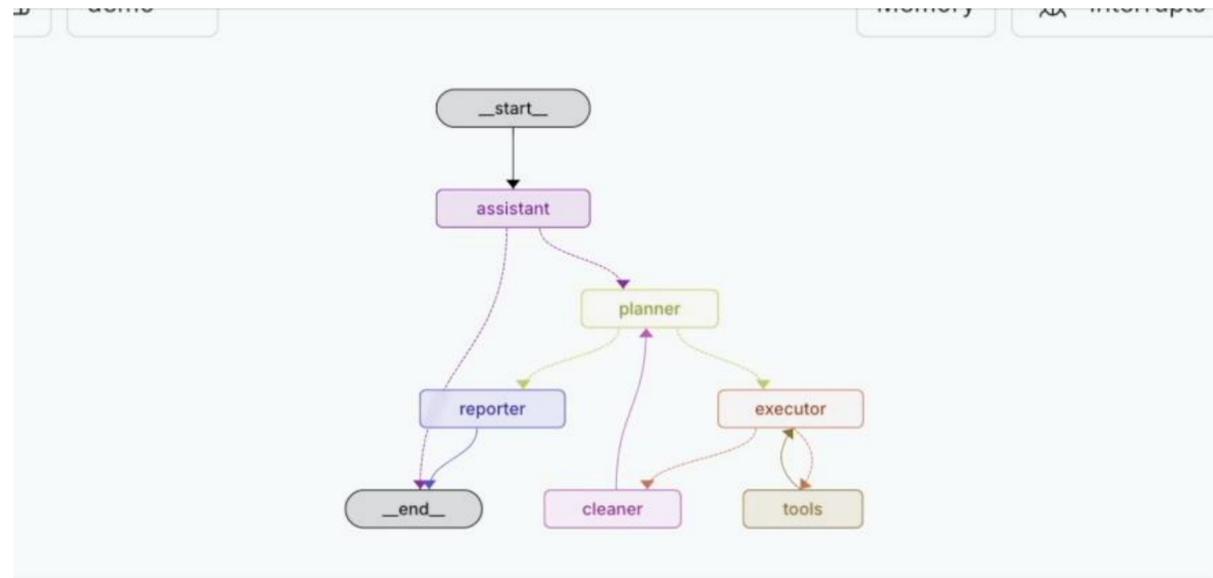
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- Core Network deployed on VIM 2
- RAN deployed on VIM 3



## Input

### Messages

+ Message

### User Messages

HUMAN

Create a new service with name demo-service containing one ran subservice. This latter contains one kpm-xapp using the image from production.imagehub/kpm-xapp:latest. This should be deployed on the second vim

+ Message

{ } Assistant Choice

{ } Planner Step

Manage Configuration

Submit

## TURN 4

2 minutes ago • View state • Re-run from here

### executor

call\_api ID

http\_method DELETE

url http://192.168.1.4:8000/vim/vim3

2 minutes ago • View state • Re-run from here

### tools

call\_api

## OUTPUT Values JSON

- > AI The VIM instance with ID "vim3" has been successfully del...
- > AI VIM 3 has been successfully deleted. There are now 2 VIM...

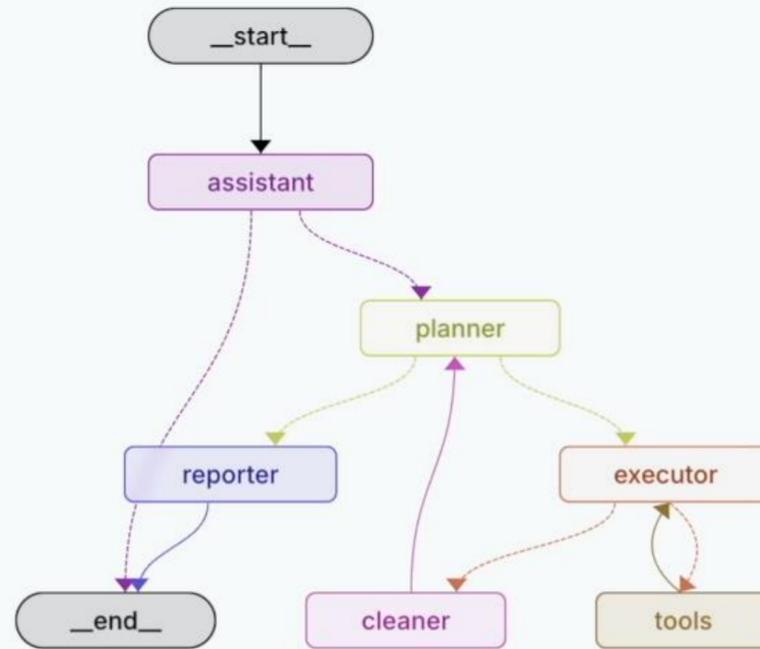
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null

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- > 4 How many vims are in the system ?...
- > 5 There are currently 3 VIM instances in the Eurecom testbed.
- > 6 Please delete the last one ...

User's Intent



## Input

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+ Message

User Messages

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Assistant Choice

Planner Step

Manage Configuration

Submit

## TURN 5

package using the image 'production.imagehub/kpm-xapp:latest'. The package is deployed on the second VIM instance available in the system.

### Planner Step

null

9 seconds ago • View state • Re-run from here

### reporter

#### User Messages

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OSS-GPT report

```
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.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:57:41] "GET /service/service-456/subservice HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
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.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:57:54] "GET /service/service-456/subservice HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:58:02] "GET /service/service-456/subservice HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:58:21] "GET /service/service-456/subservice HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:58:48] "GET /service/service-456/subservice HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:58:51] "GET /vim HTTP/1.1" 200 -
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.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:59:19] "GET /vim HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 11:59:41] "DELETE /vim/vim3 HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

List of OSS API endpoints used by OSS-GPT to fulfill the intent

```
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 12:00:32] "GET /vim HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 12:01:45] "POST /service/create HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
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.168.1.4 - - [19/May/2025 12:01:55] "GET /package HTTP/1.1" 200 -  
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Services | facility Excalidraw





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The new service is created

SubServices | facility Excalidraw





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The subservice is deployed on VIM 2

NFs | facility Excalidraw





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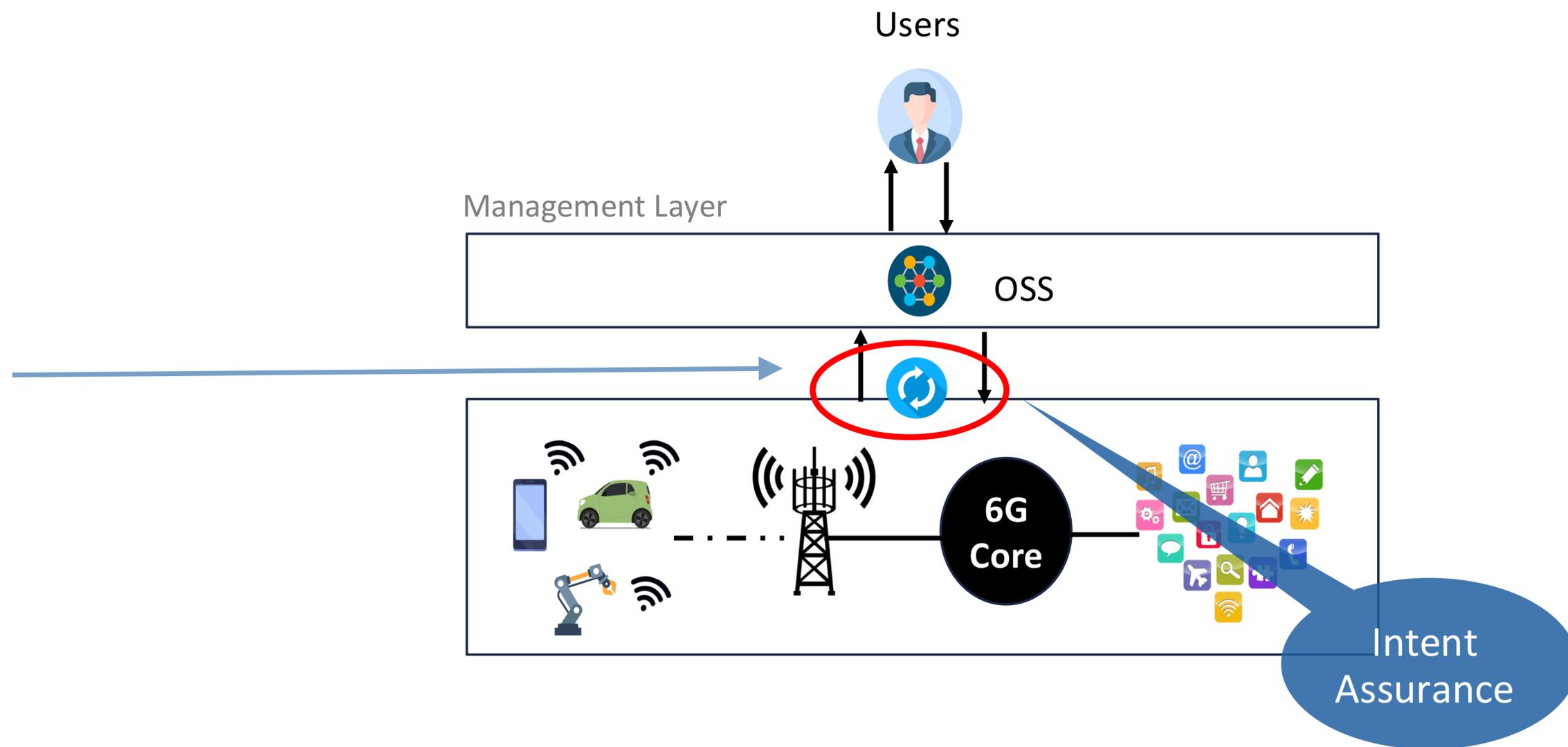
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The subservice contains 1 kpm-xapp

- Intent-Based Networking (IBN)
- Intent Translation with LLMs
- **Intent Assurance with LLMs**
- Conclusion

API: Application Programming Interface

Closed control loop to ensure intent requirements are satisfied throughout their lifecycle



XAI: eXplainable AI

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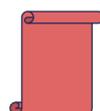
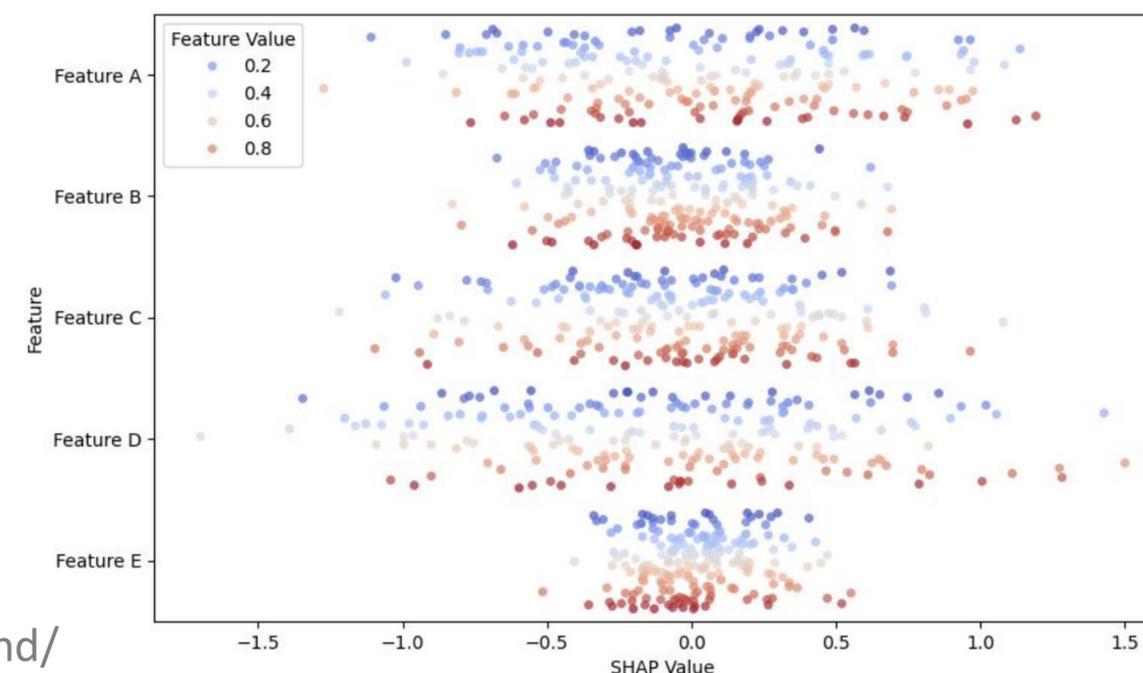
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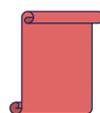
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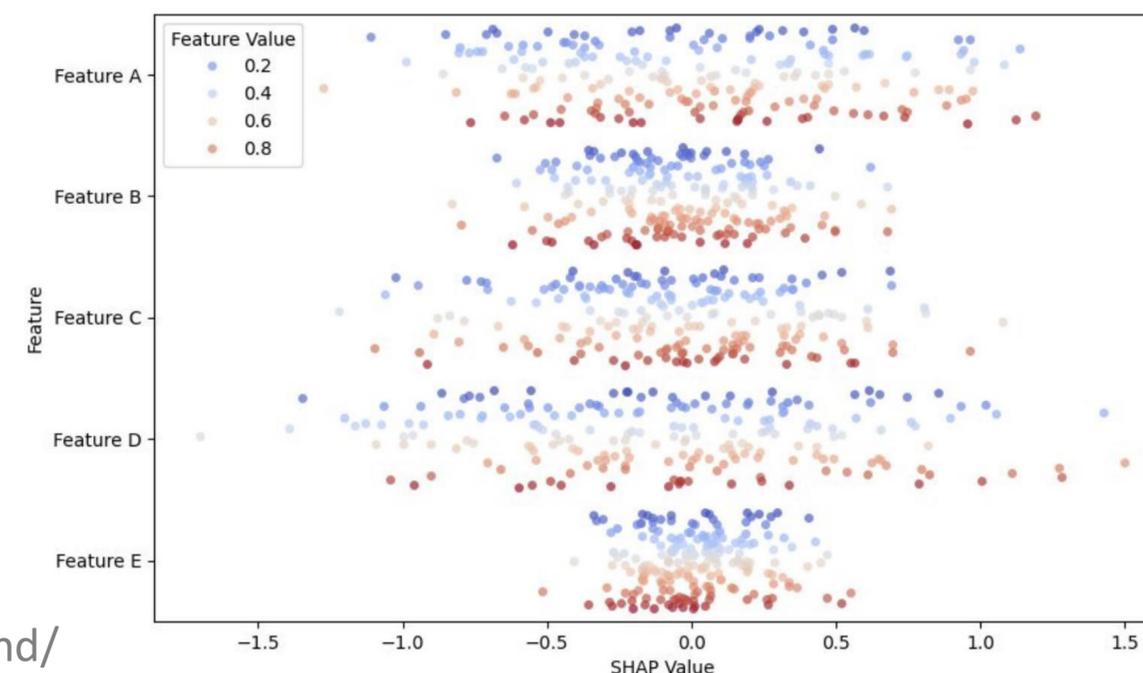
These XAI values are **difficult** for users with little domain knowledge to **understand**.



This **removes trust** in the autonomous system, which is **mandatory** in IBN



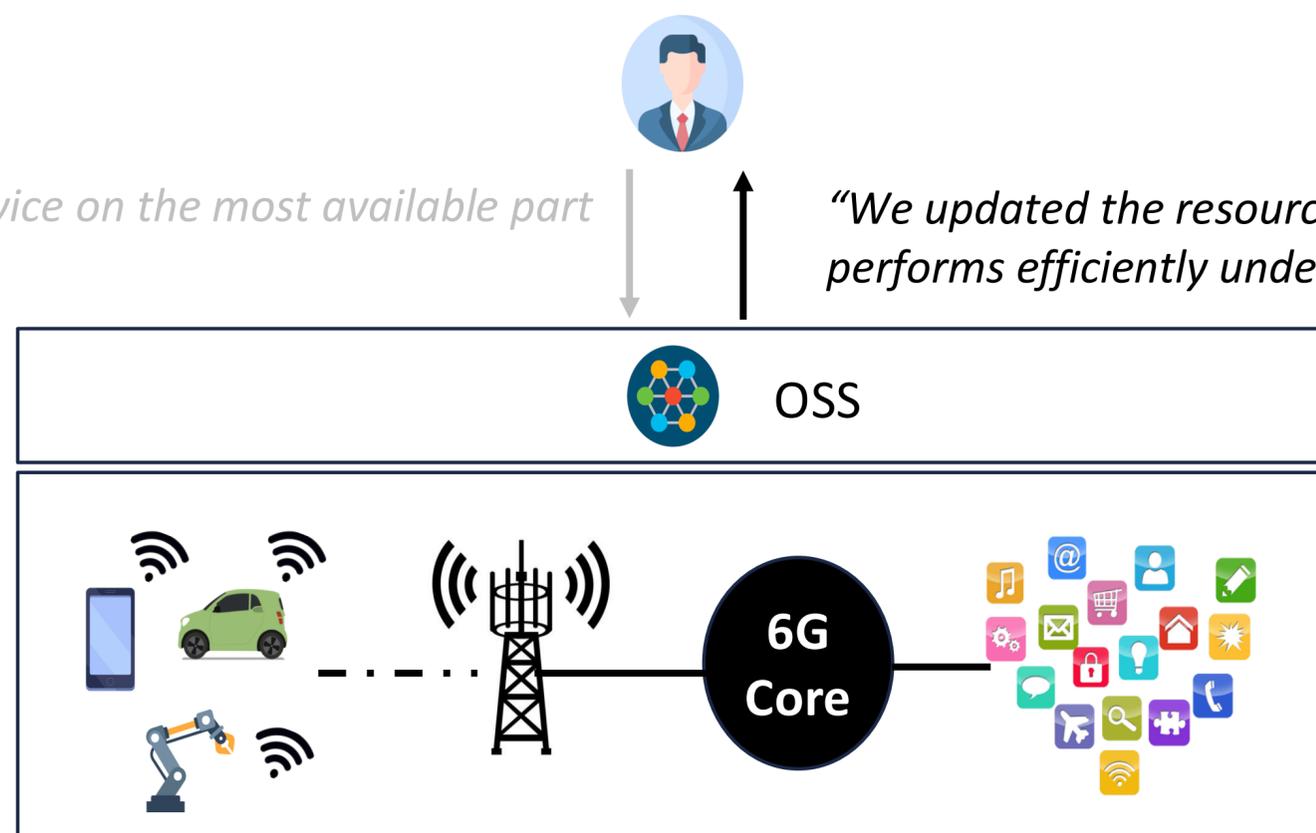
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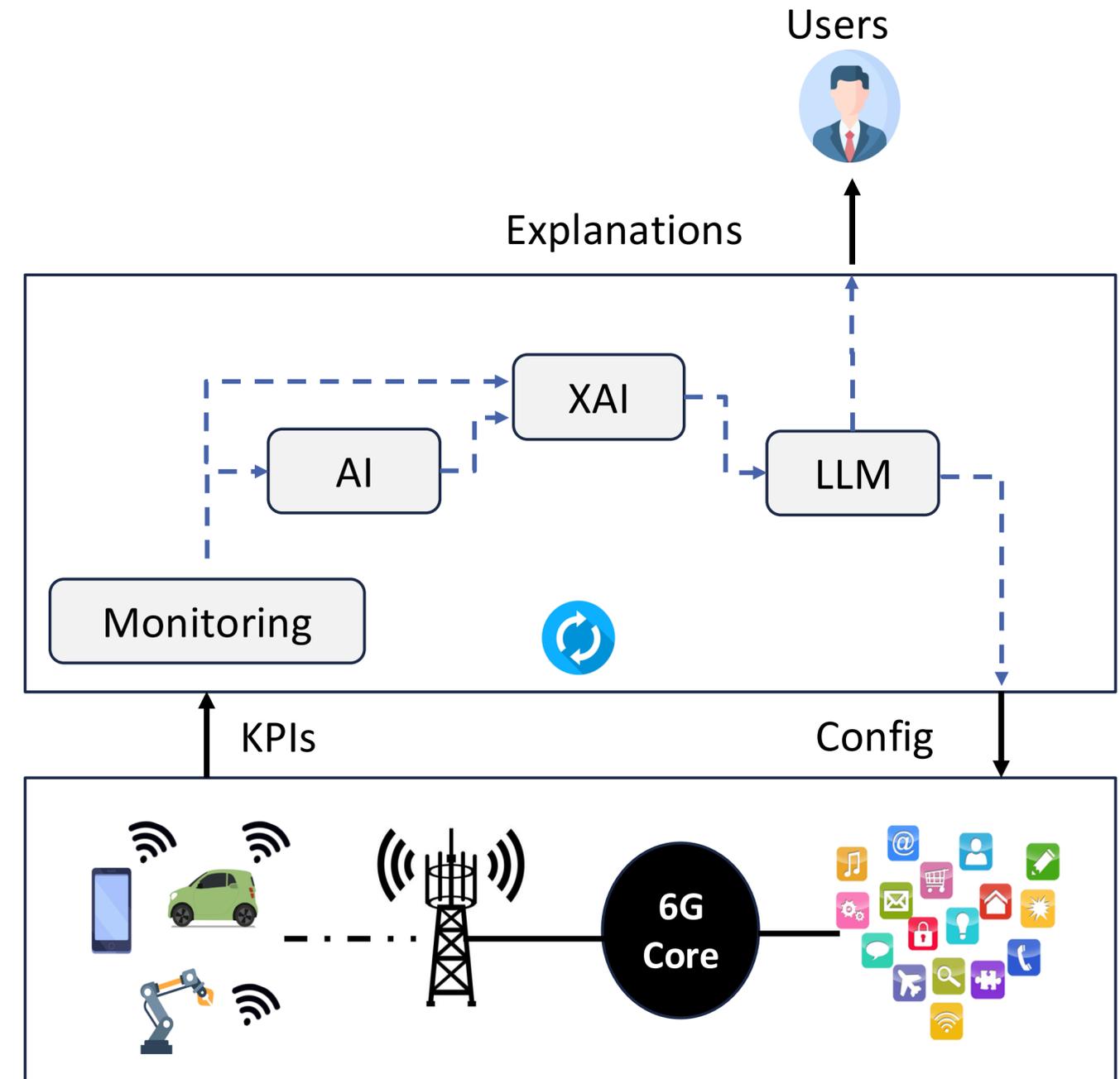
- ✓ Moving towards using **natural language** to report the status of intents

*“Deploy a 5G communication service on the most available part of the virtualized infrastructure”*

*“We updated the resources of your XR service to ensure it performs efficiently under high user load.”*

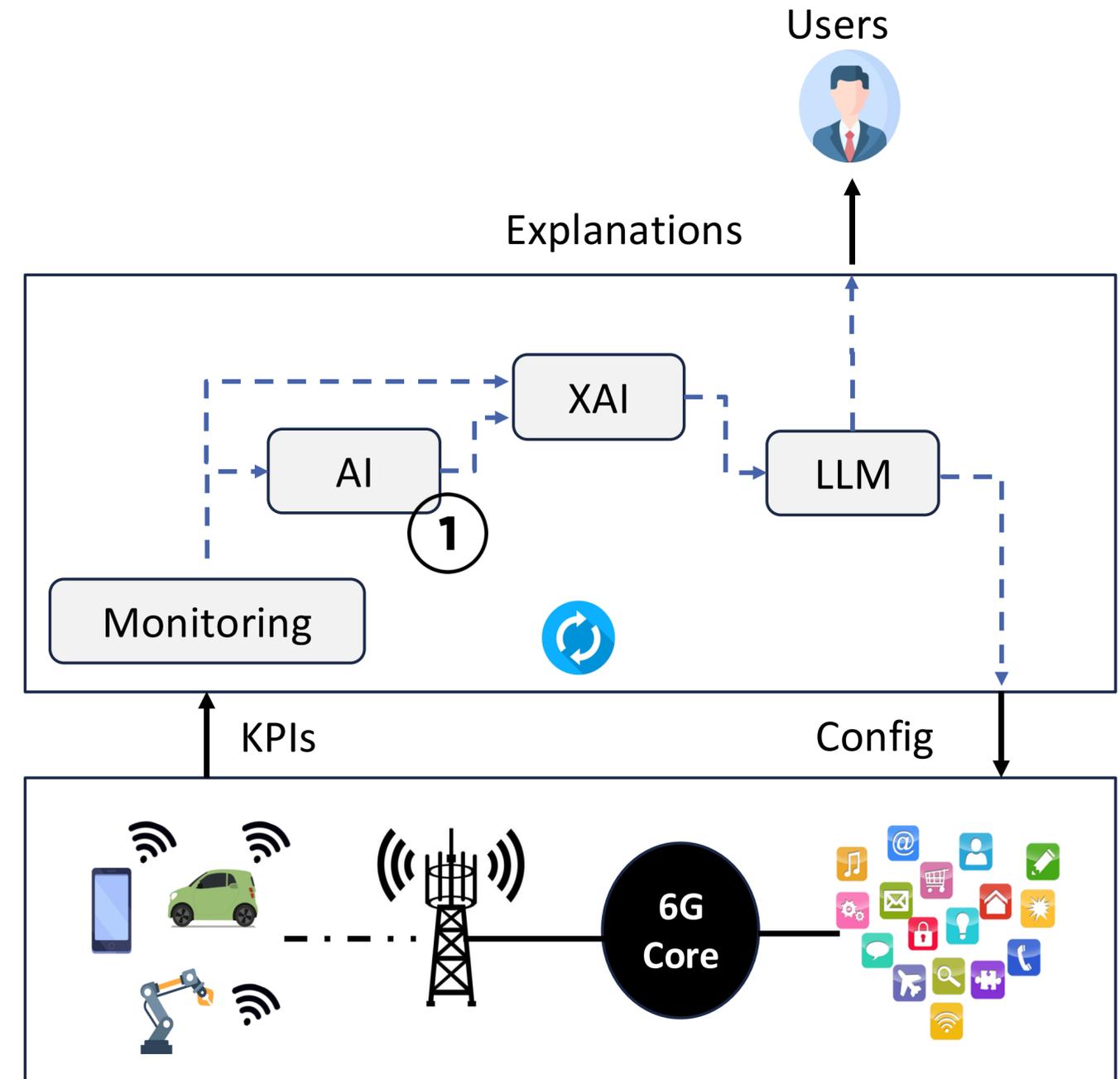


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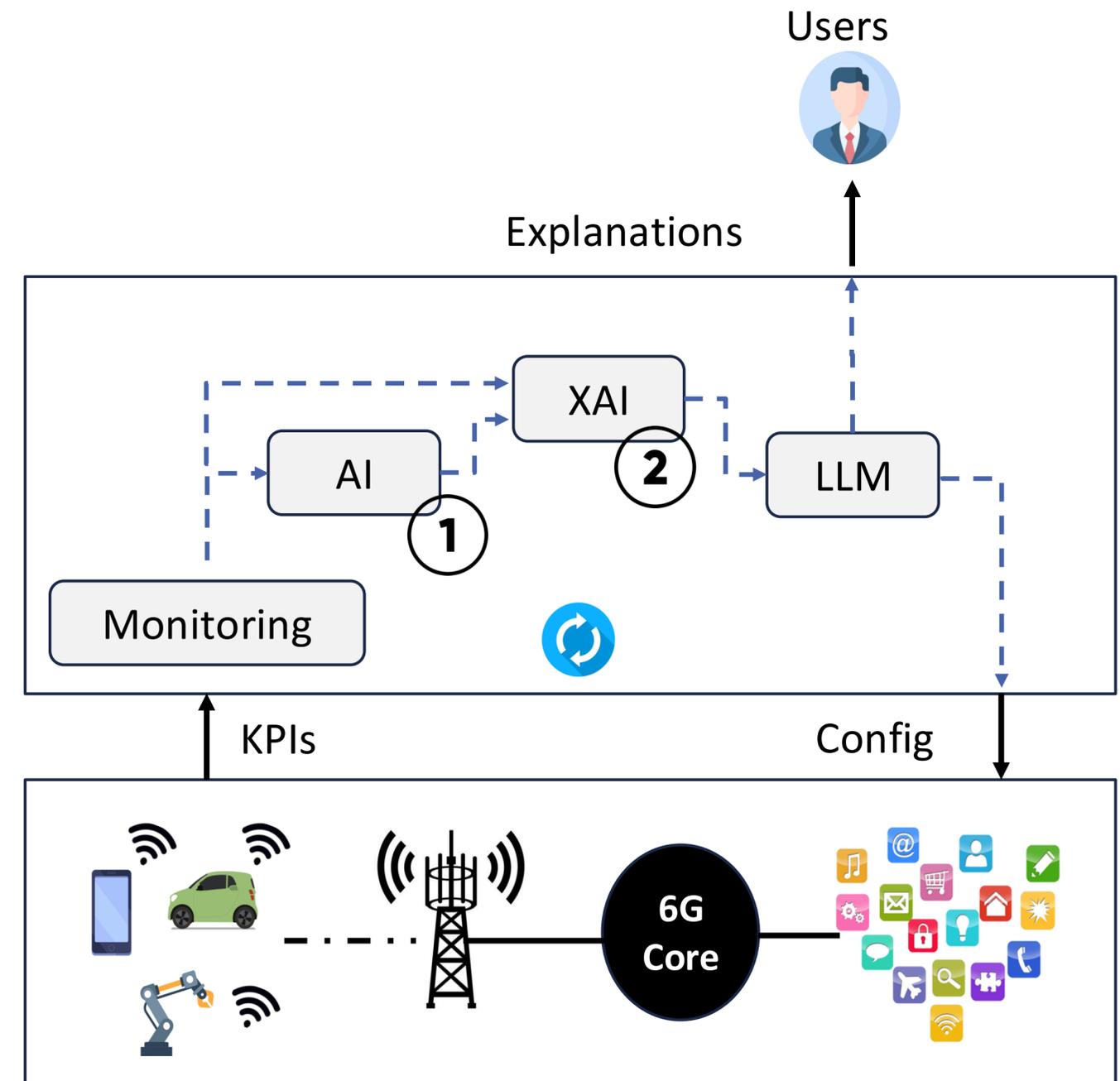
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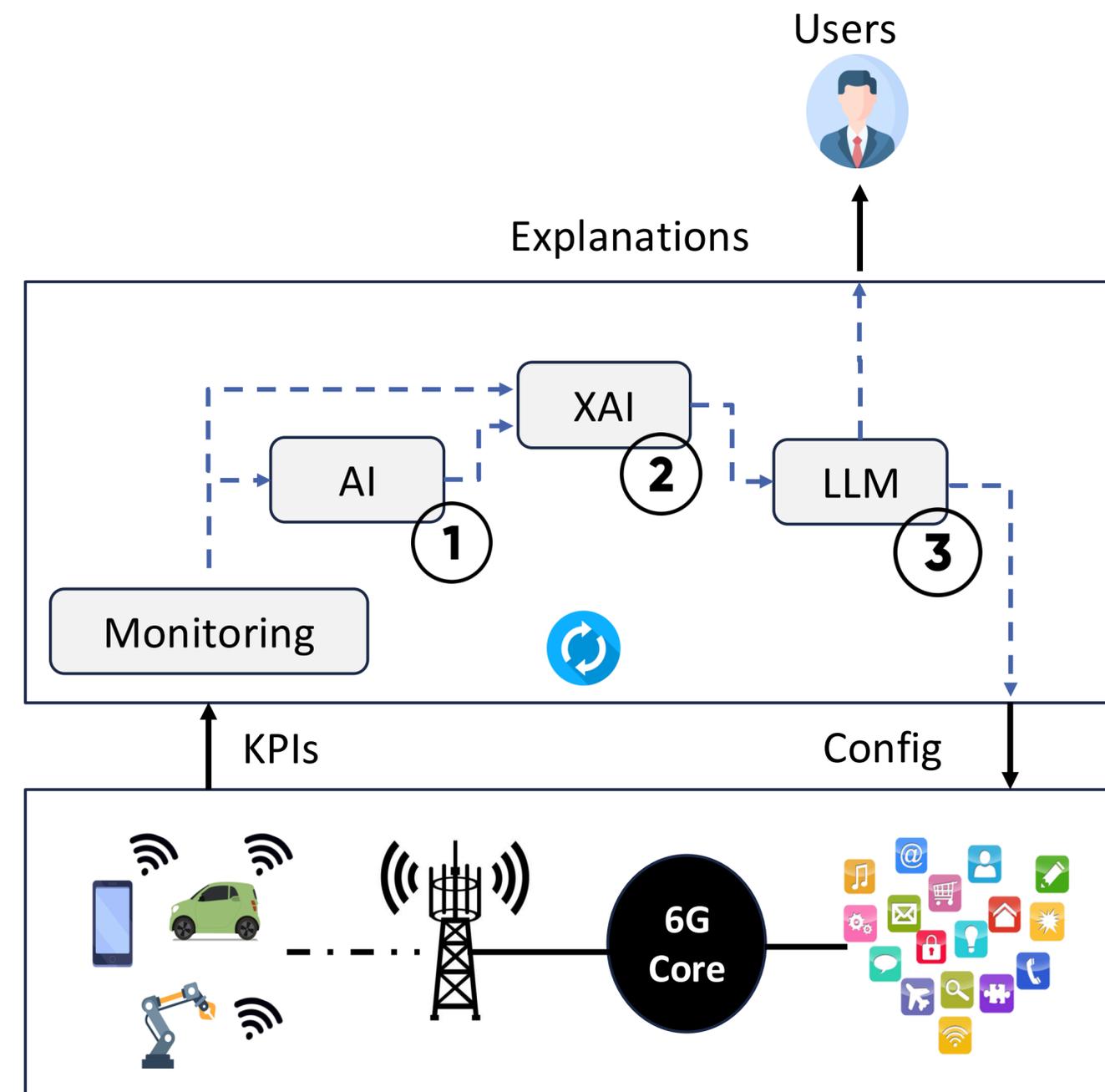
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- 3** LLM for explaining anomalies, and providing corrective actions to resolve the anomalies, which are then applied autonomously without human intervention.



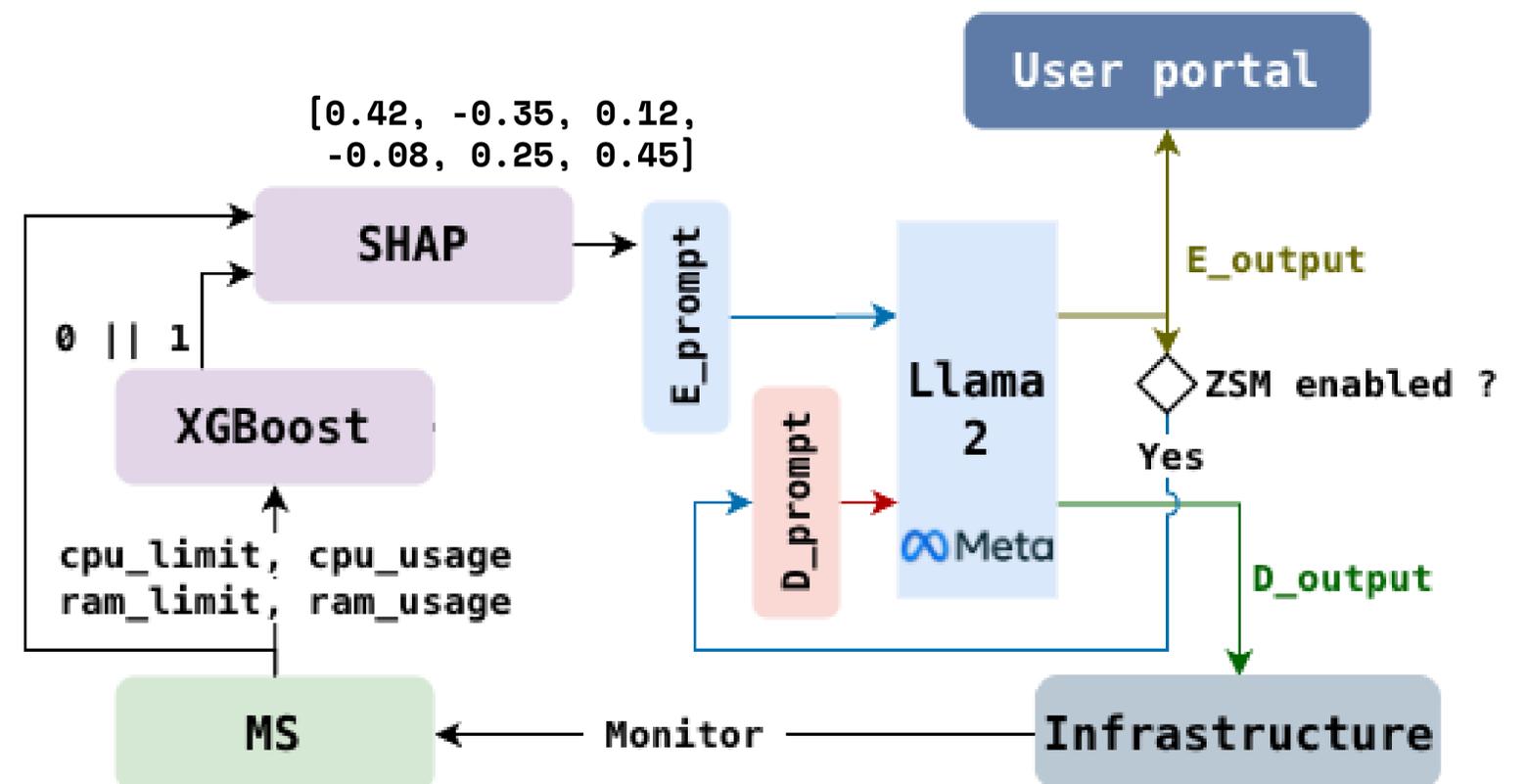
SLA: Service level Agreement  
XGBoost: eXtreme Gradient Boosting  
SHAP: SHapley Additive exPlanations  
MS: Monitoring System

A 6G application running at the edge with strict SLA latency requirements.

XGBoost (AI) [1] is used to predict latency violations;

SHAP (XAI) [2] is applied to identify the root cause (e.g., CPU or RAM);

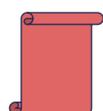
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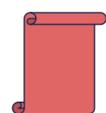
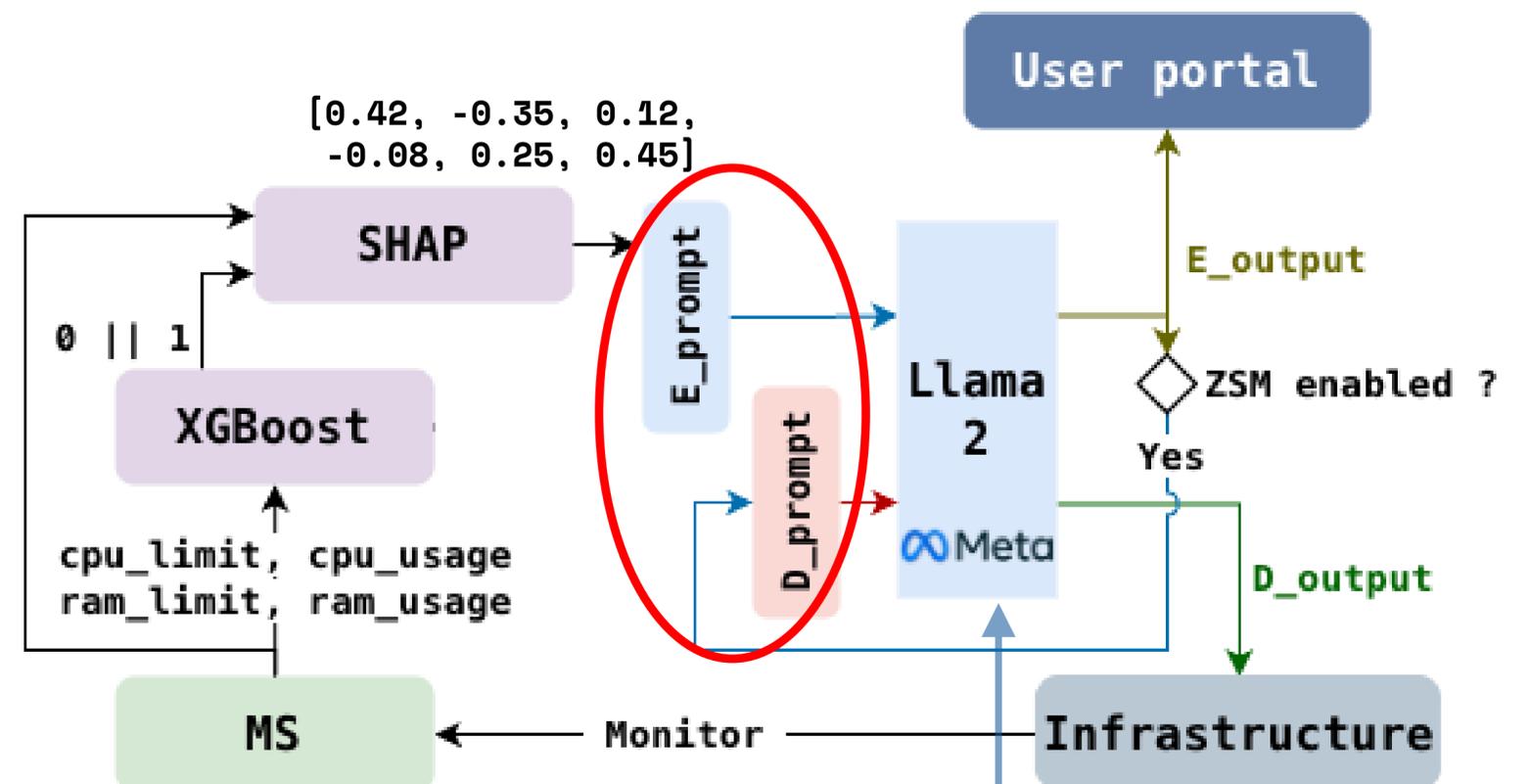
SLA: Service level Agreement  
XGBoost: eXtreme Gradient Boosting  
SHAP: SHapley Additive exPlanations  
MS: Monitoring System

A 6G application running at the edge with strict SLA latency requirements.

XGBoost (AI) [1] is used to predict latency violations;

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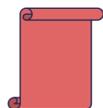
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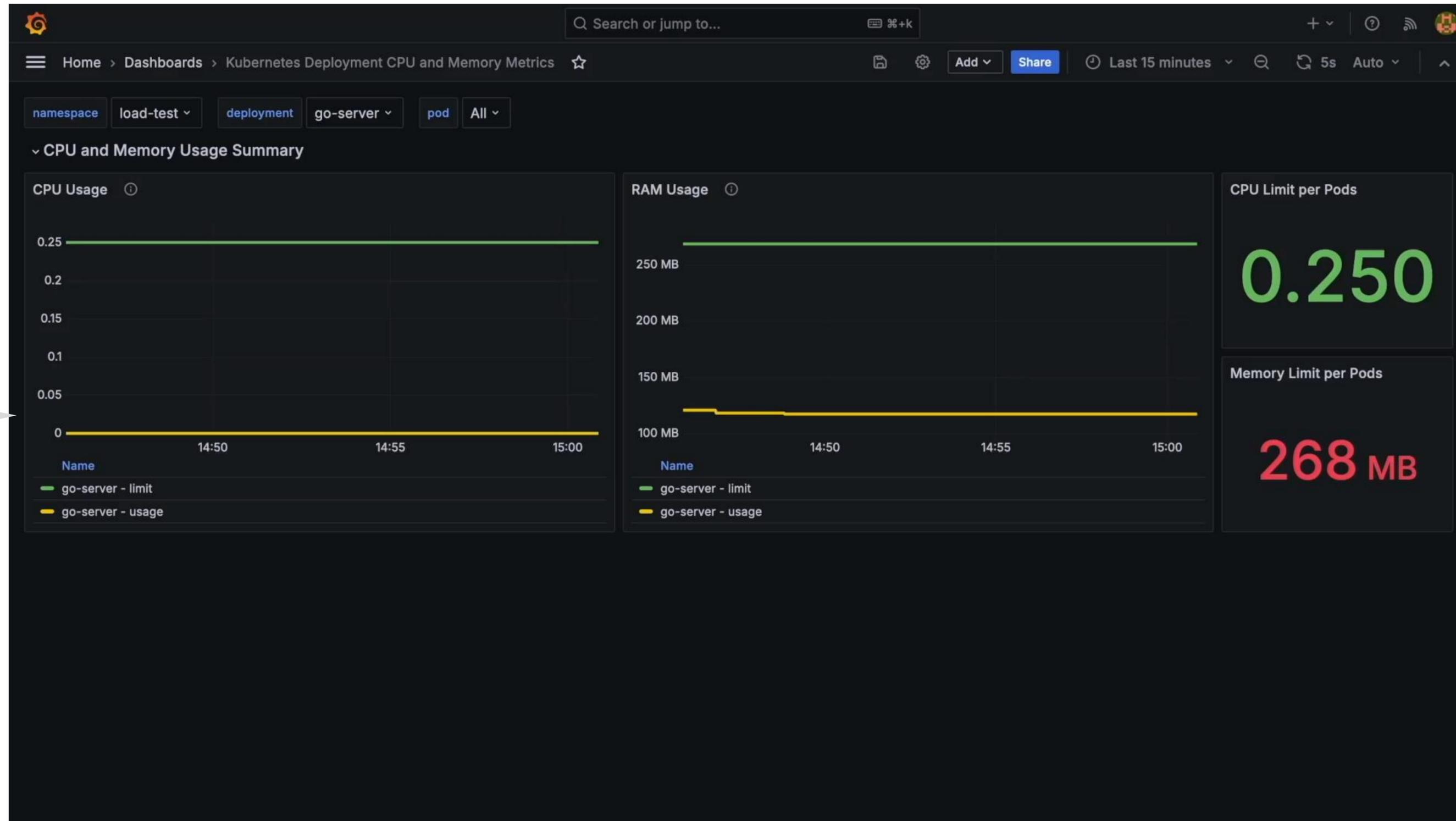
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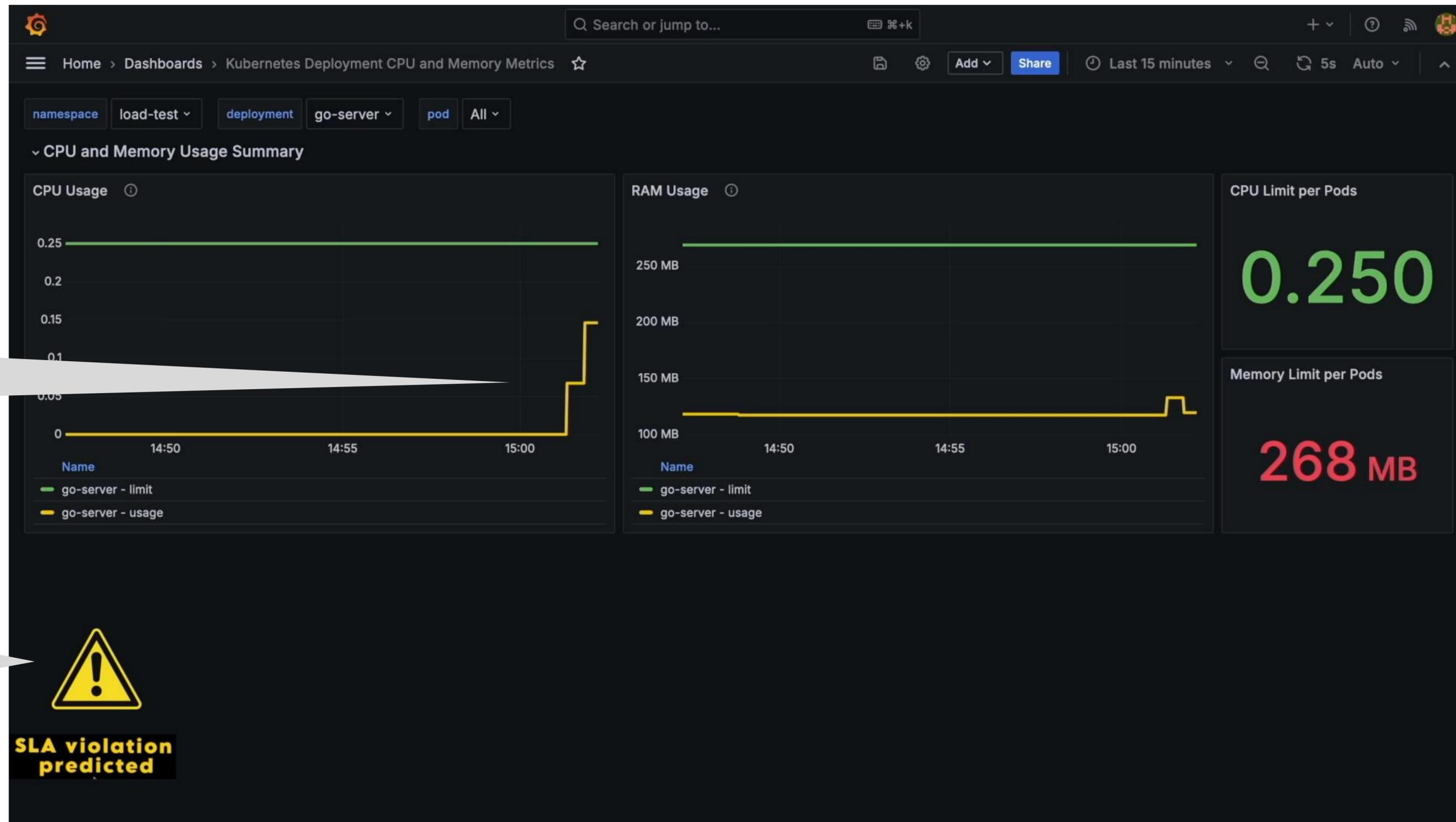
- 0.25 CPU cores, 256 MB RAM for the microservice application.
- Grafana [1] and Prometheus [2] are used to visualize cloud resource KPIs related to the microservices.
- ApacheBench [3] is used to generate HTTP traffic load.
- We monitor CPU and RAM usage and limits, along with the outputs of the LLM.



- [1] <https://grafana.com/>
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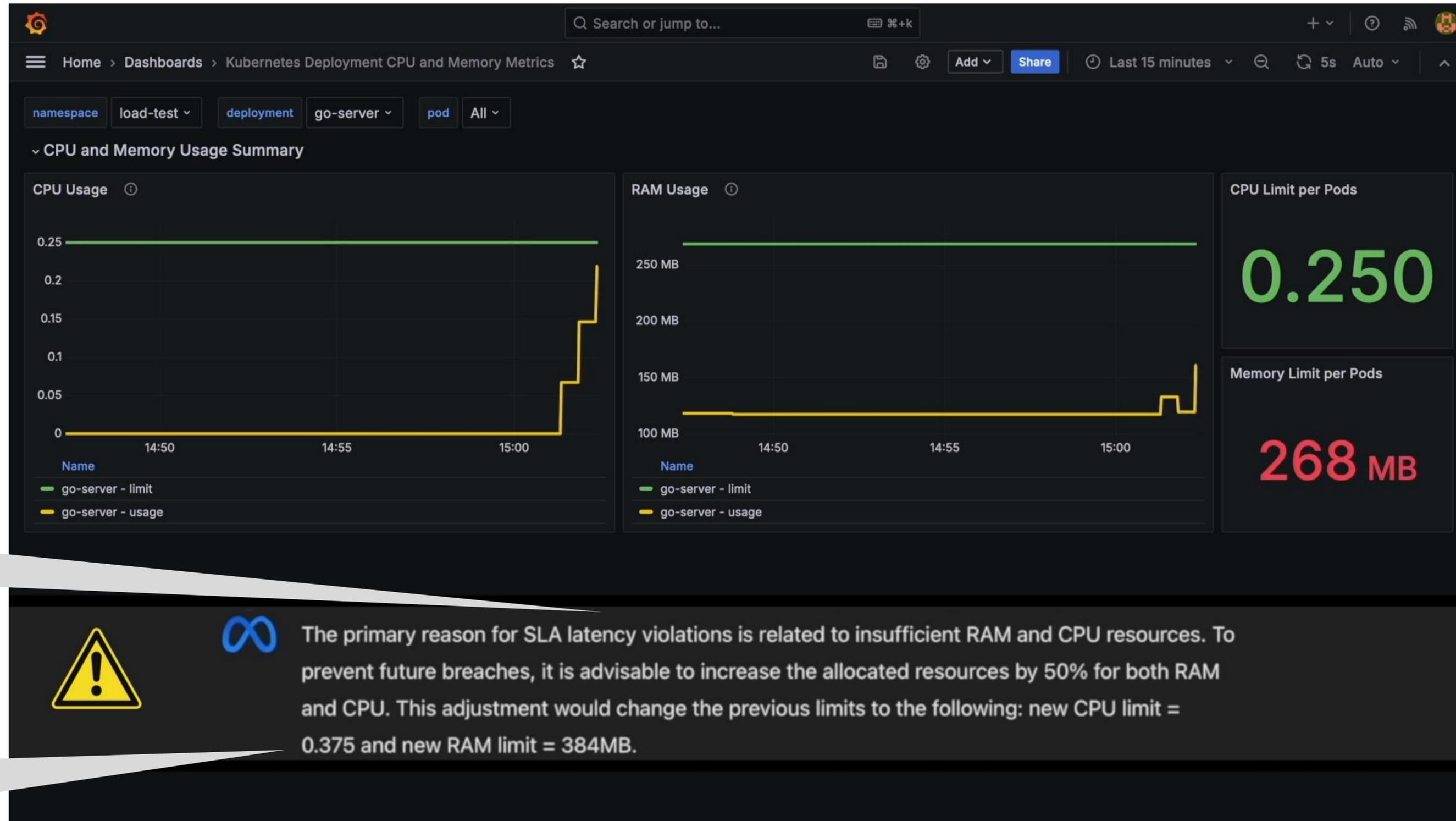


Grafana dashboard



We stress the application with a load of HTTP requests

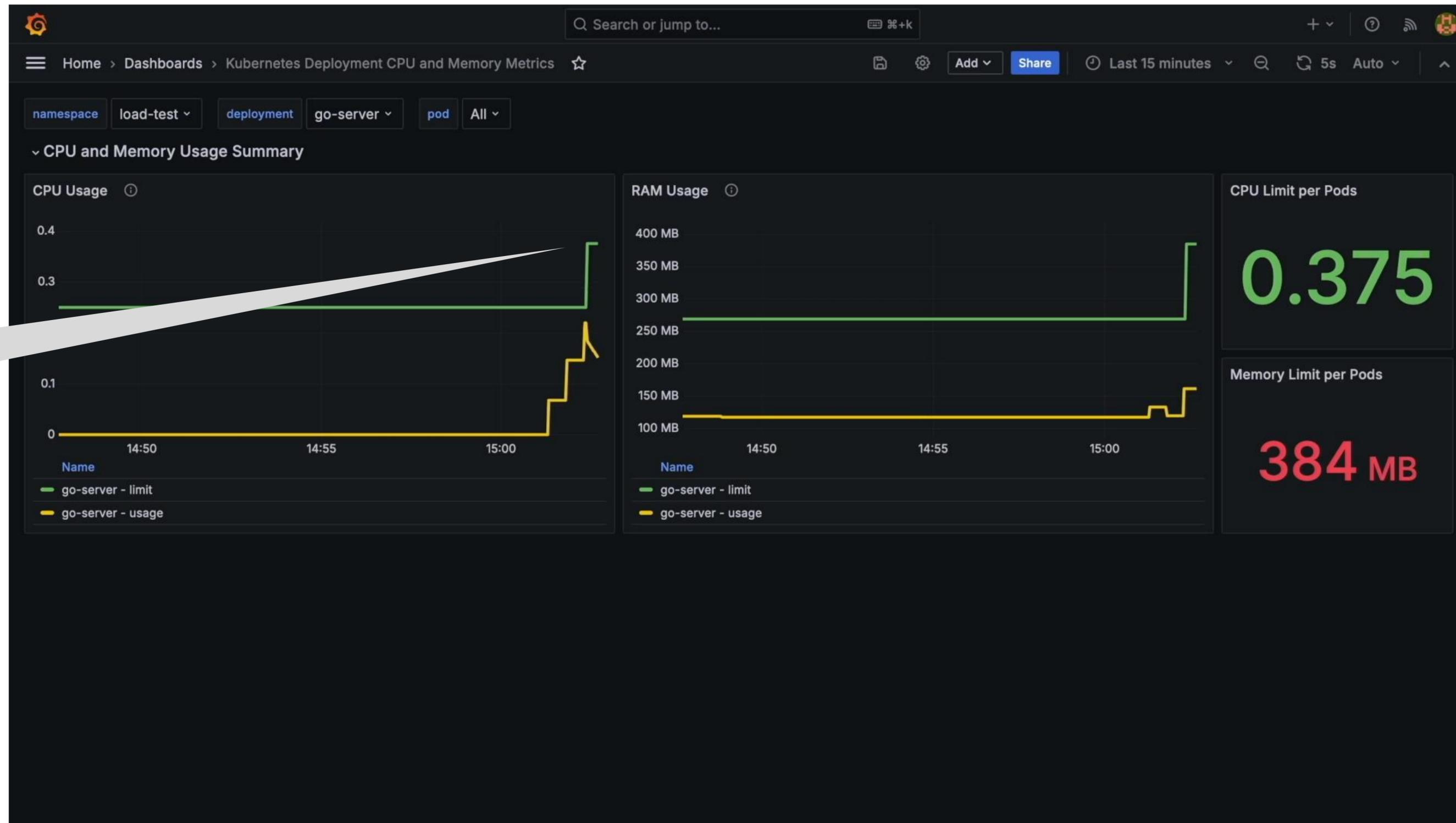
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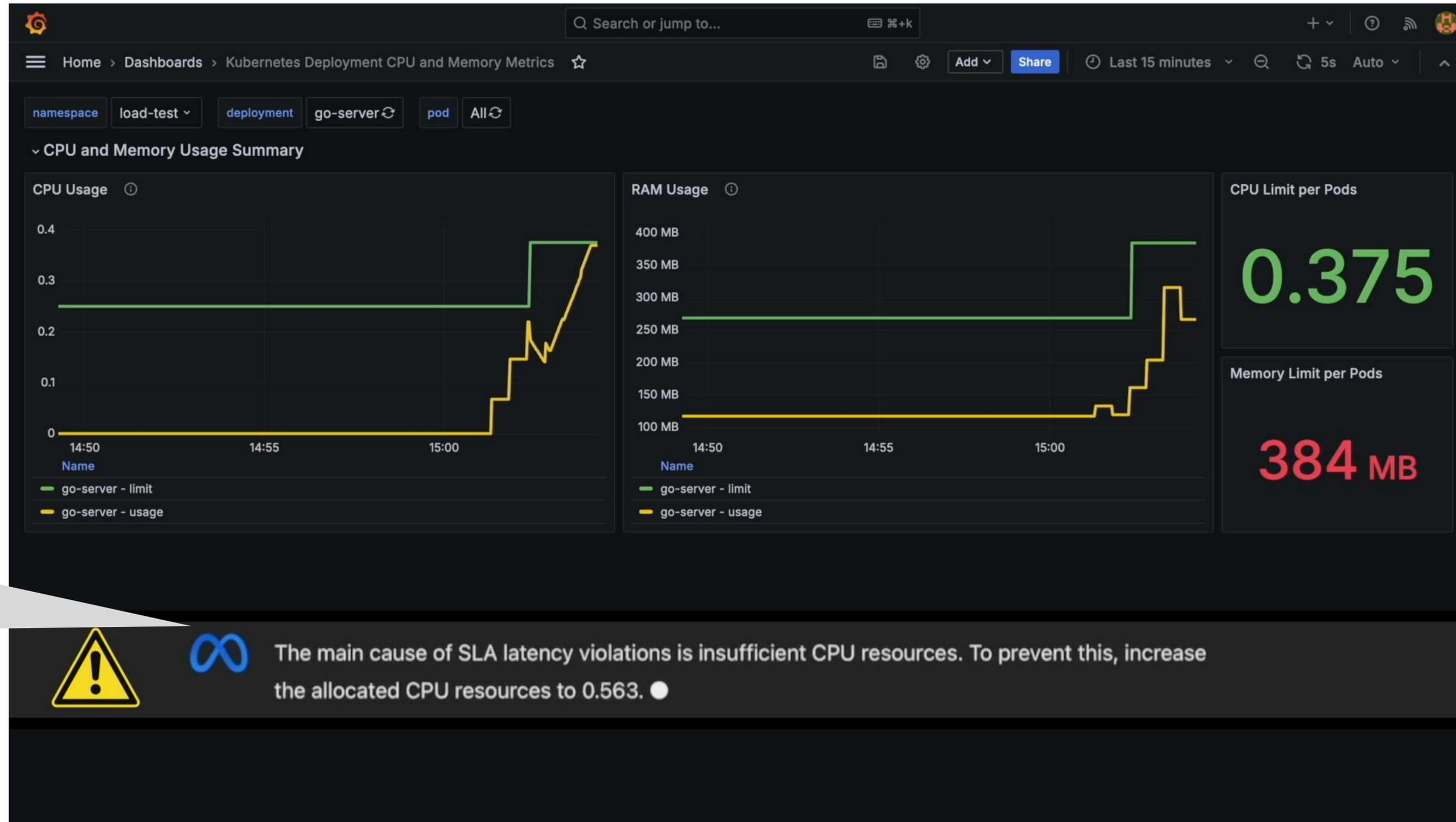


The root cause is insufficient RAM and CPU resources

Decision: Increase both CPU and RAM to higher values

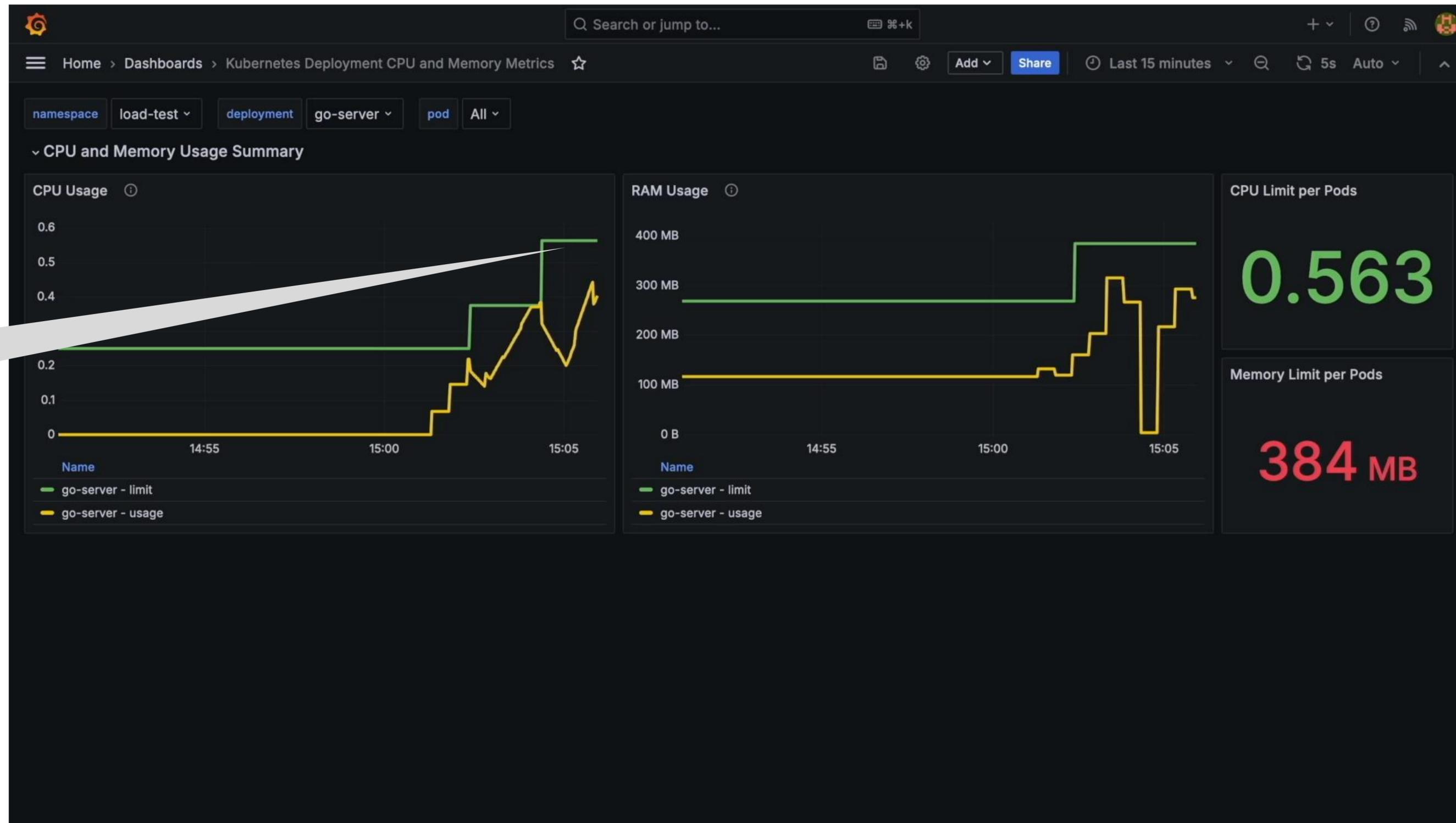
# Demo





XGBoost predicted an SLA violation, but this time the root cause was solely insufficient CPU resources.

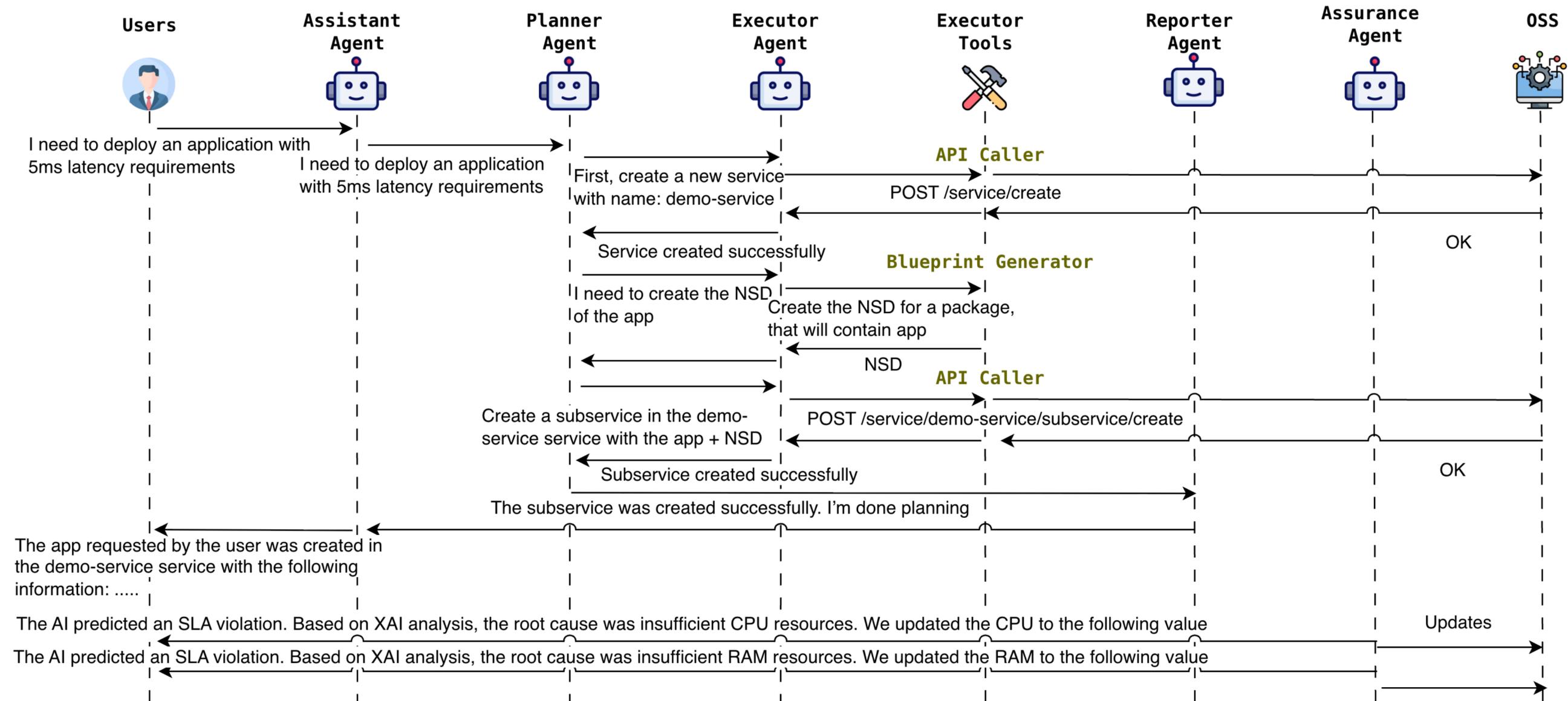
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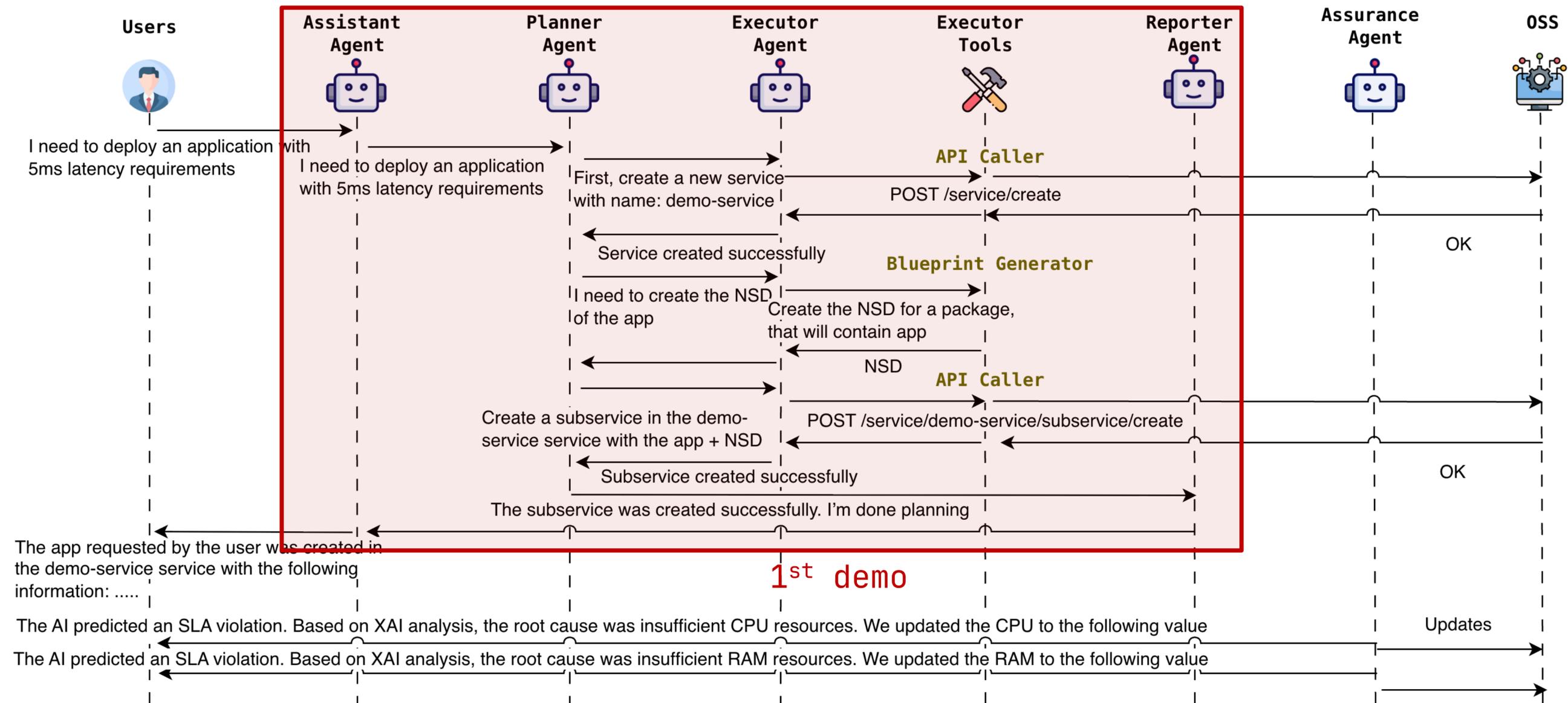
The new allocation was applied without human intervention.

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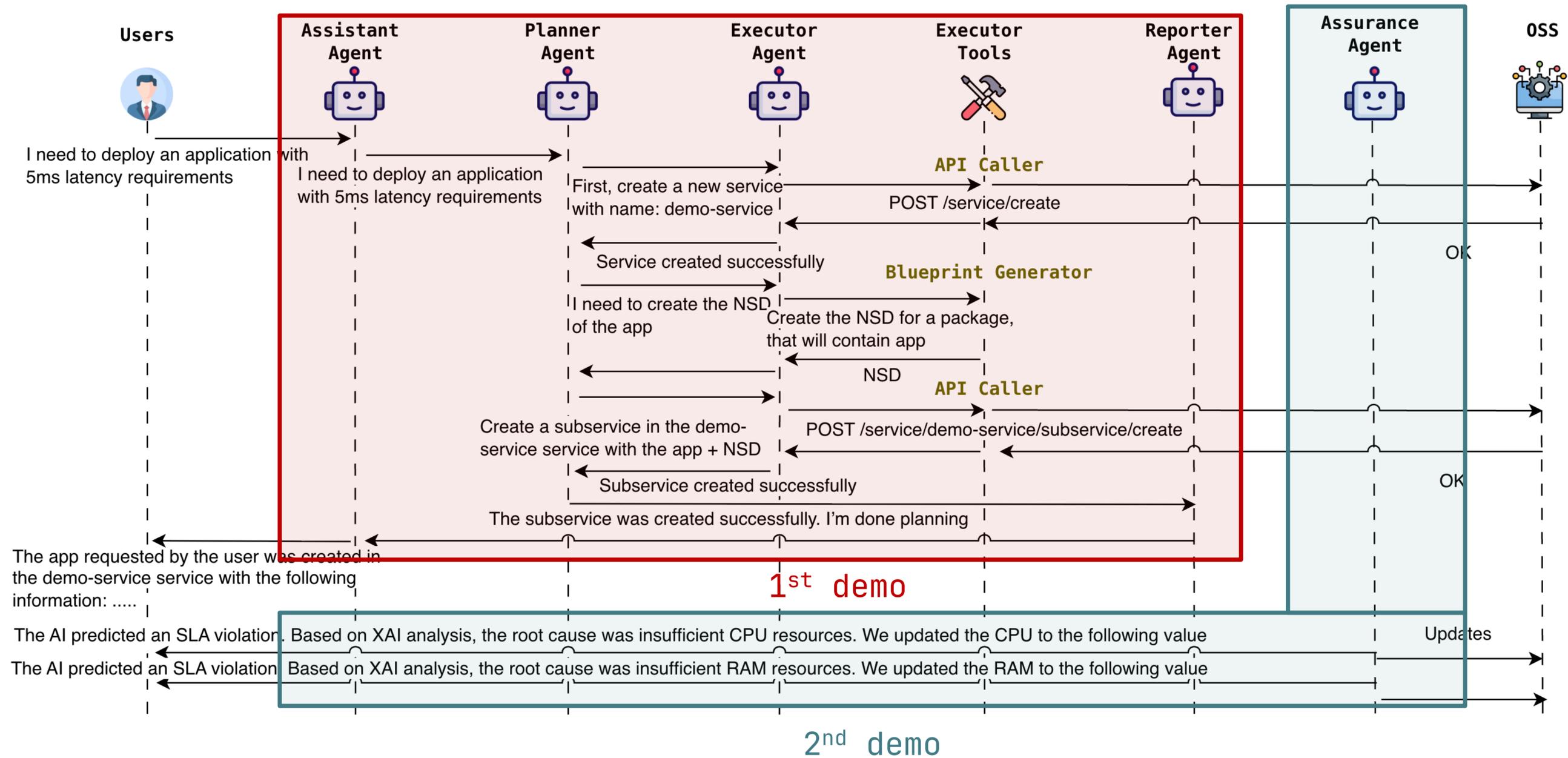
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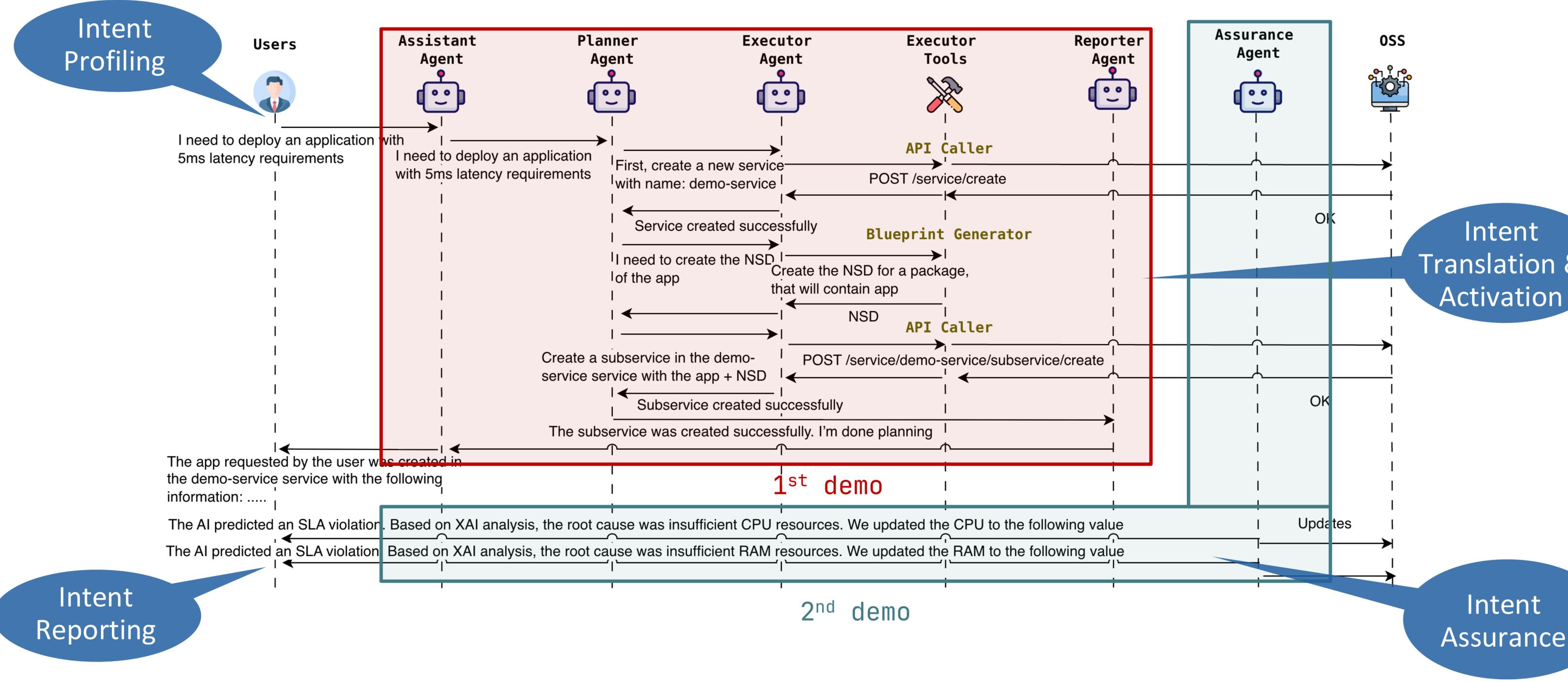
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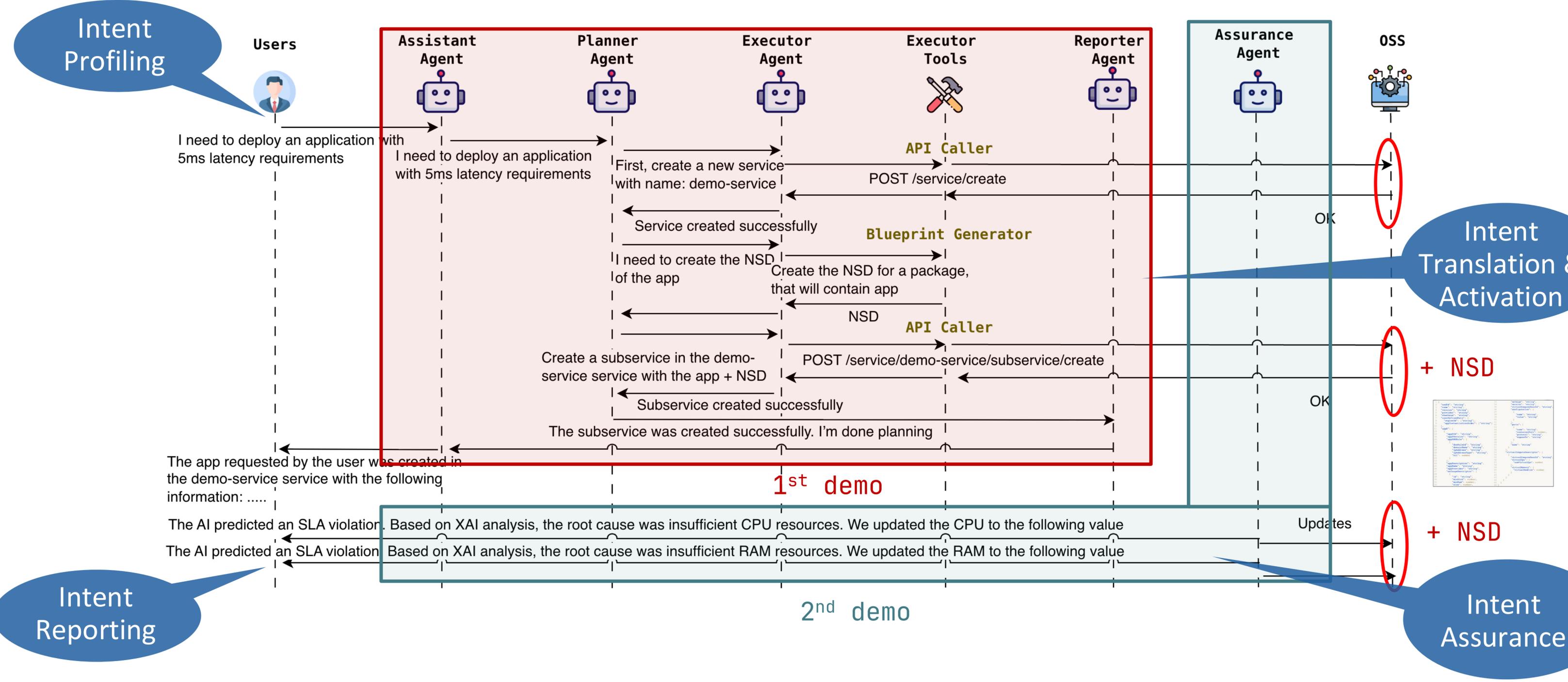
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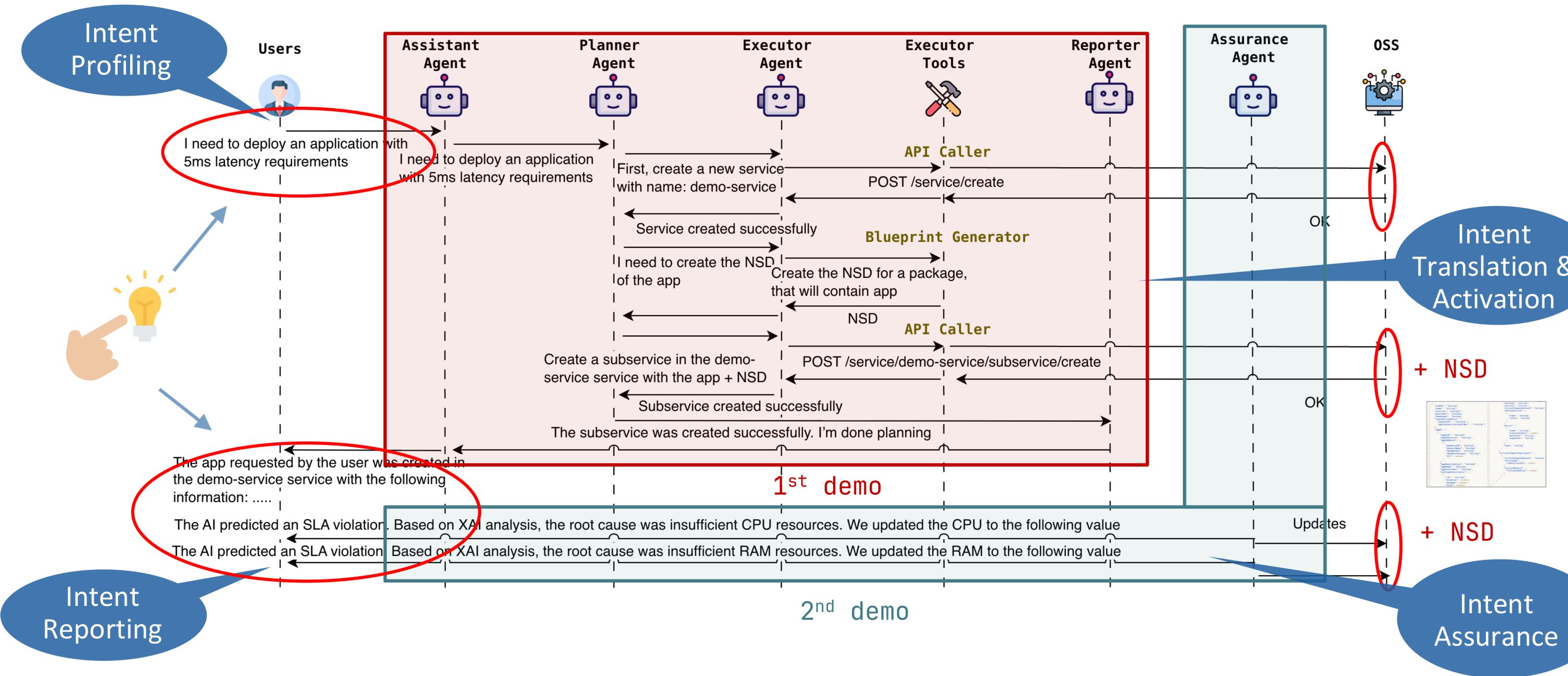
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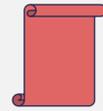
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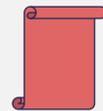
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## *Intent Translation*



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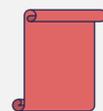


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Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1tTyHhyT80>

## *Intent Assurance*



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Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtesBPSgT3c>

# Thank You



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