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SLA Support System for Cloud Computing

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Contextualization

- X-as-a-Services:
 - Infrastructure-as-a-Service
 - Platform-as-a-Service
 - Software-as-a-Service
 - Network-as-a-Service
 - Others... Human-as-a-Service?
- Cloud Computing is being widely adopted
 - Small and Medium Enterprises
 - Big Enterprises
 - Not only for testing and developing purposes, but also for on-production applications

Problem

- Cloud Providers do not offer/guarantee
 - ***SLA specification tailored to Cloud Users' interests***
 - WHY ?!

- The estimation of specific SLA parameters tends to be inaccurate due to:
 - Huge size of Cloud Providers IT Infrastructure
 - High complexity with multiple inter-dependencies of resources (physical or virtual)

Problem

- Just “Service Availability”
 - Amazon EC2, S3, SimpleDB
 - Salesforce
 - Google Apps (Gmail, Docs, ...)
 - Rackspace (Sites and Files)

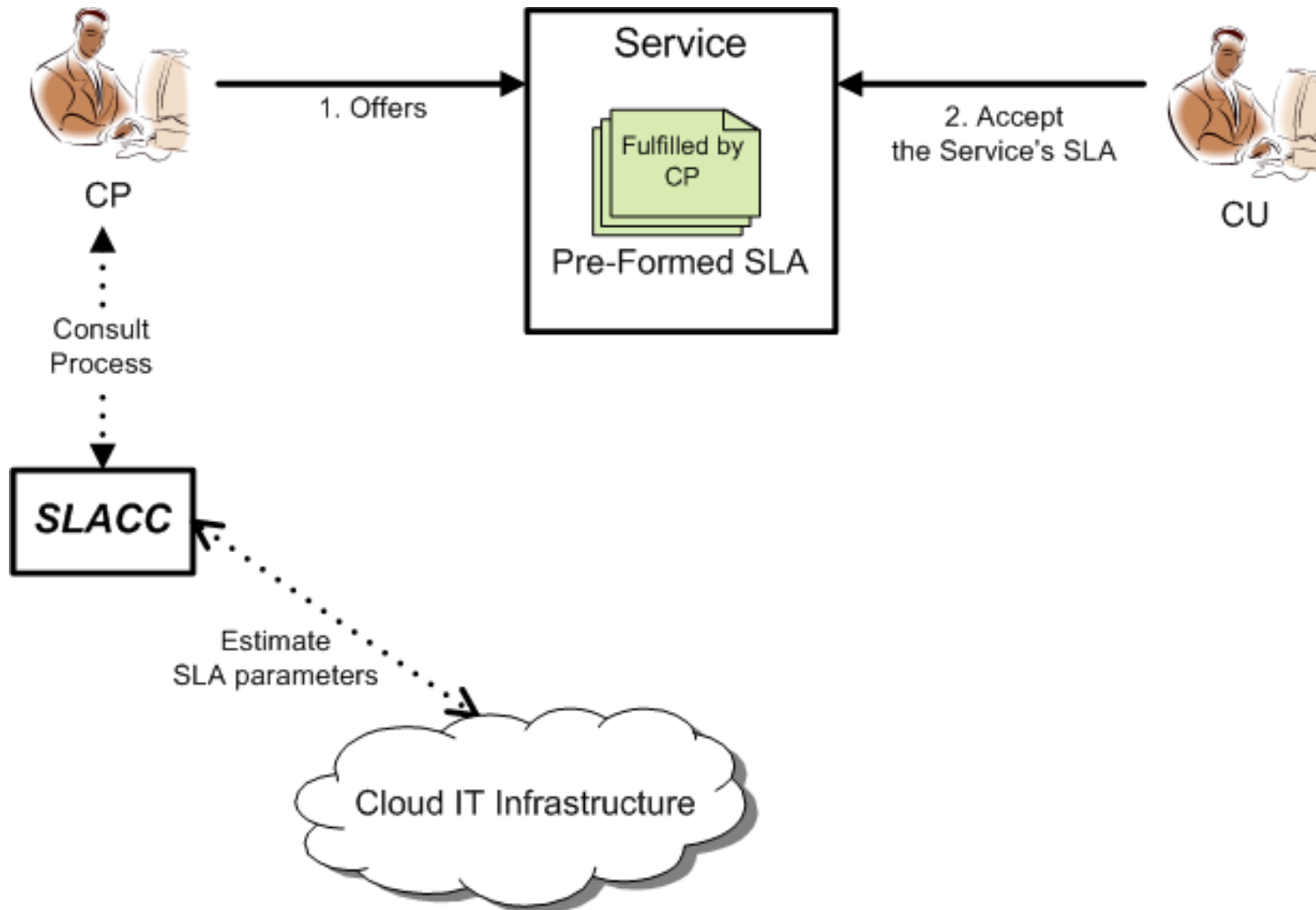
- What about, for example, **performance** parameters?
 - Hard to estimate

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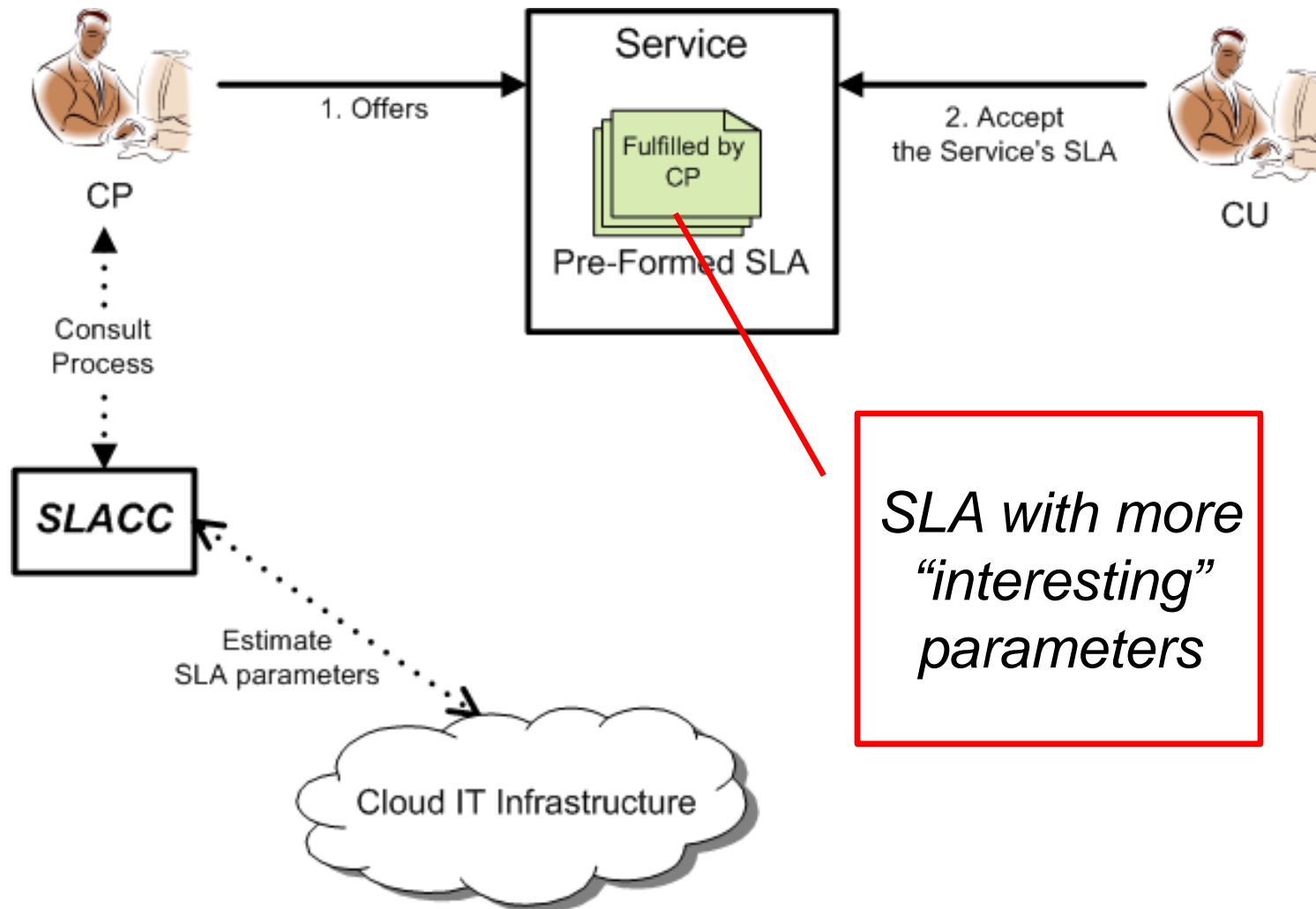
- SLACC: SLA Supporting System for Cloud Computing
 - Estimate SLA parameters (KPIs and SLOs) in a formalized methodology based on the CC infrastructure as a whole

- The benefits...
 - Enhance the level of SLA specificity
 - Diminish the probability of penalties
 - Decision support in SLA negotiation processes (CPs)
 - Better knowledge of IT infrastructures' capabilities

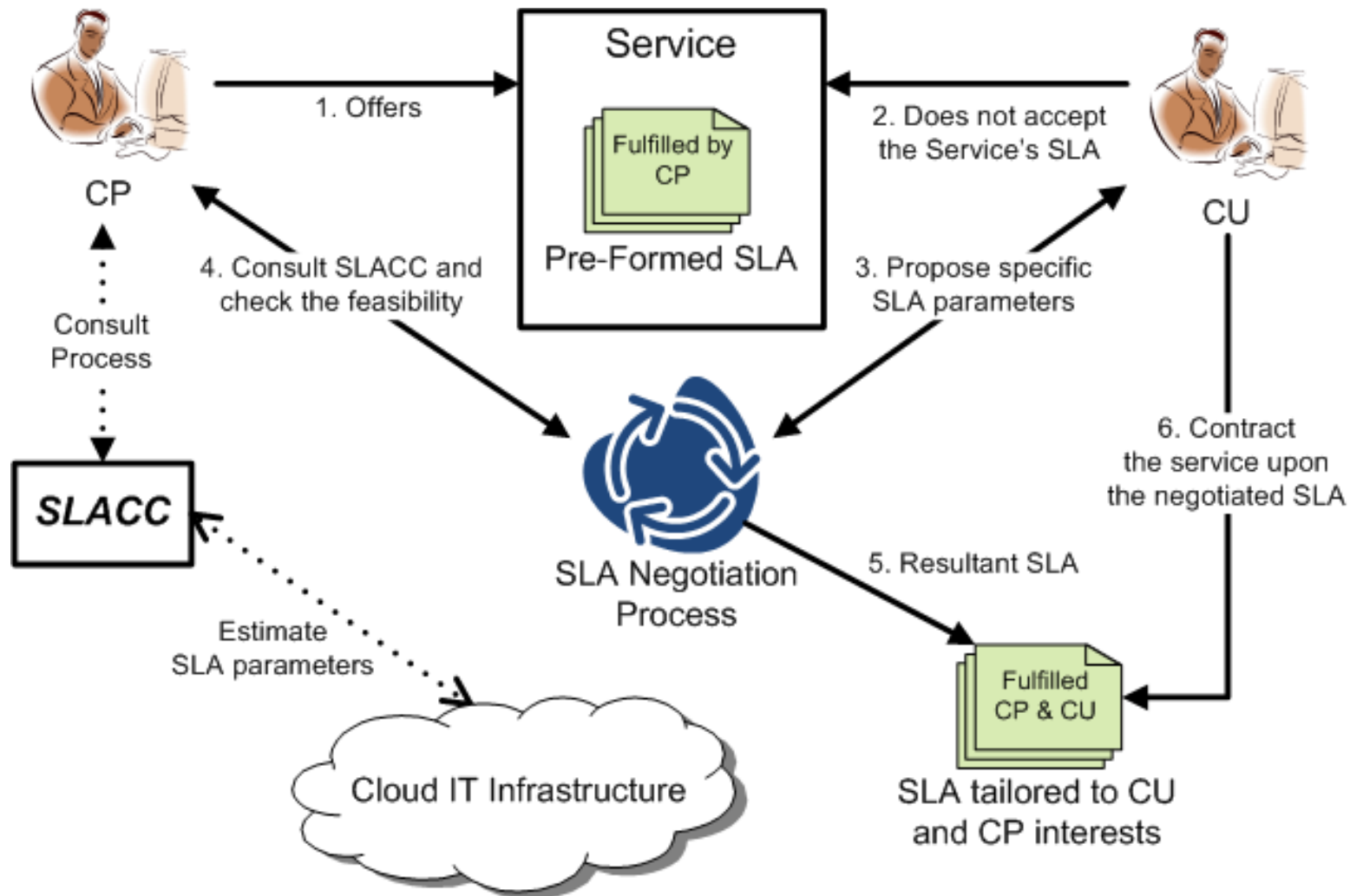
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Requirements

- The need of models to represent
 - SLA
 - IT Infrastructure
- Fair estimation algorithm
 - What are the factors that matter for a successful instantiation of a virtual machine template?
 - How much time does it take to deploy and start a new VM instance?
 - How these factors can be summed/balanced to come up with *numbers* (KPI/SLOs)?

Summary and Conclusions

- ❑ Estimate SLA parameters in order to evaluate ***what Cloud Providers will be able to offer/accept as SLOs or KPIs***
 - Not just analyzing historical data, but current information
- ❑ Decision Support System
 - It aims to be part of the system without interfering in the current Cloud IT architecture
 - Work with well-defined SLA and IT infrastructure models (interfaces)
 - Service-Oriented