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OpenDaylight

Current and Future Use Cases

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OpenDaylight Overview and Architecture

Past Two Days …

- Dinner Discussion with Phil Robb, VP of Operations, Networking & orchestration, Linux Foundation
  - Topic: our first OpenDaylight Meetings
    - November 2012

Nostalgic post by Dave Meyer, first ODL TSC chair on Facebook about first release Hydrogen in Jan 2014

Realization: We're a bit old …

- As far as open source communities go – 6 years is like 60 dog years!!!

- But that's great!!
  - We've got old timers

  AND

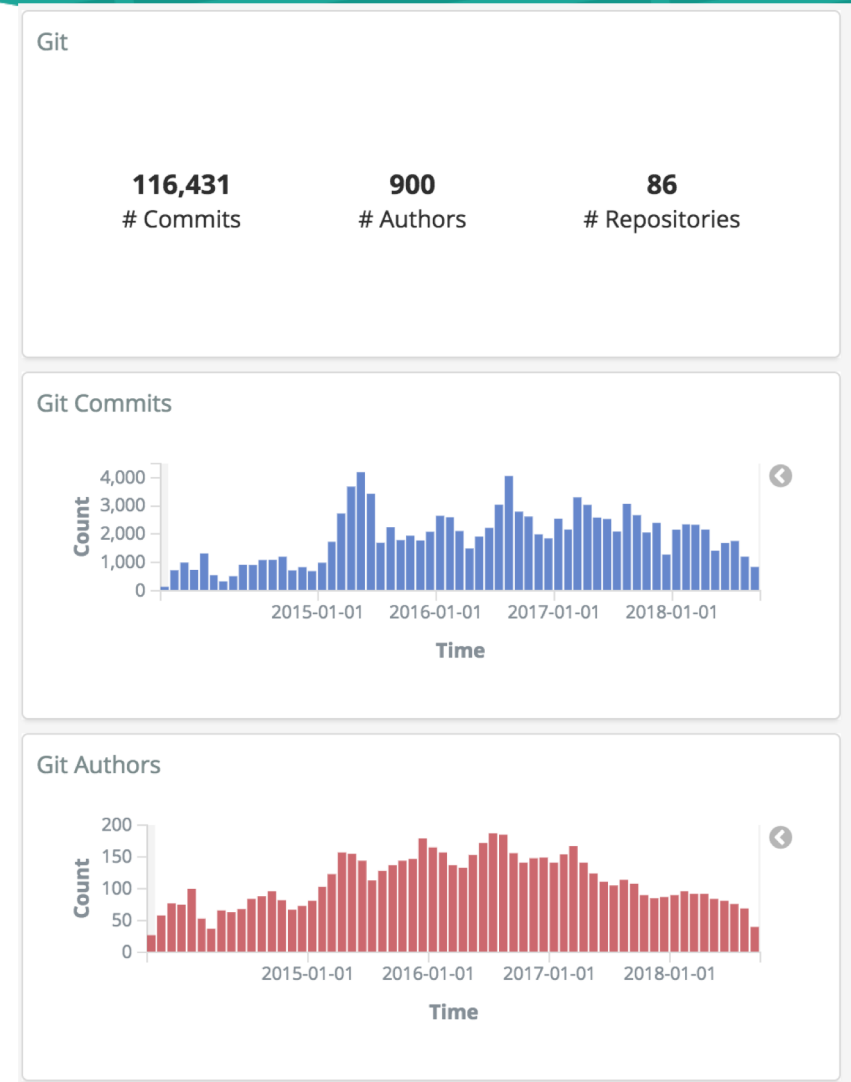
  - We've always been adding new developers

OpenDaylight Project Goals

- **Code:** To create a robust, extensible, open source code base that covers the major common components required to build an SDN solution and create a solid foundation for Network Functions Virtualization (NFV)
- **Acceptance:** To get broad industry acceptance amongst vendors and users
- **Community:** To have a thriving and growing technical community contributing to the code base, using the code in commercial products, and adding value above and around.

OpenDaylight Now

- Mature, Open Governance
- 900 Contributors
- Over 100 deployments
- Multiple use cases
- Dozens of ODL-based solutions
- Mature code base – continued robust contributions even after 5+ years
- Focus on performance, scale and extensibility



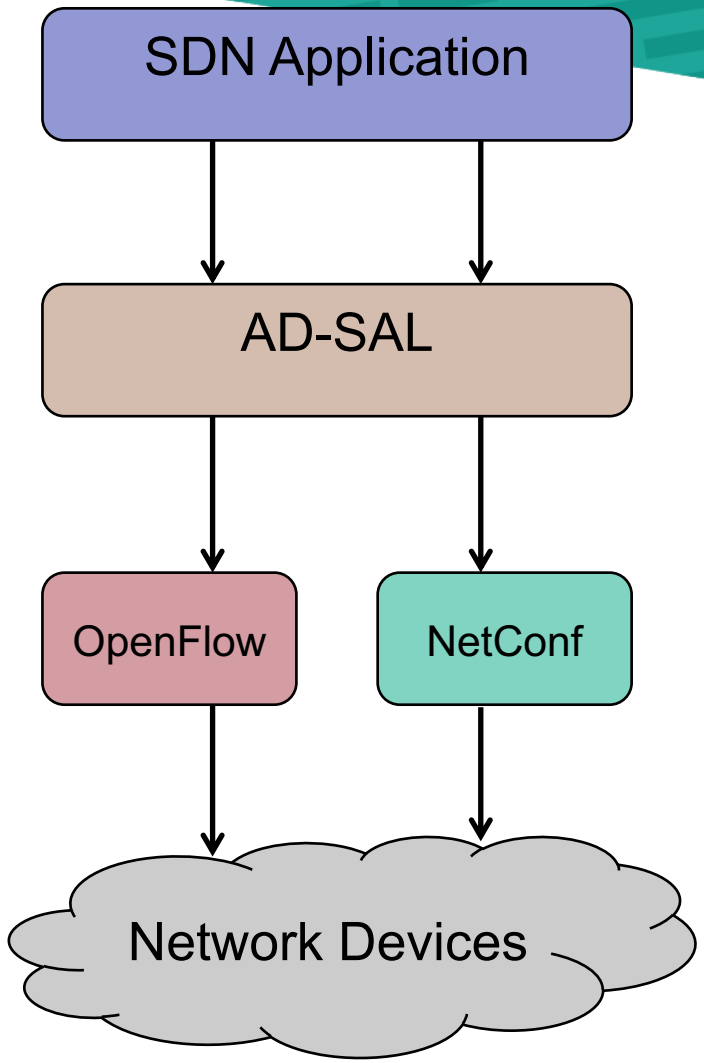
https://opendaylight.biterg.io/

Service Abstraction Layer

- Initial SDN controllers
  - Controller application APIs strongly tied to OpenFlow
  - Hence applications developed limited to a single southbound protocol
- OpenDaylight Goal
  - Decouple the application API from the southbound protocol plugins - be that Openflow, NETCONF, OVSDB, PCEP, BGP, SNMP, or whatever.
- How to achieve the goal?
  - Use an abstraction layer – or what is called by OpenDaylight as Service Abstraction Layer or SAL

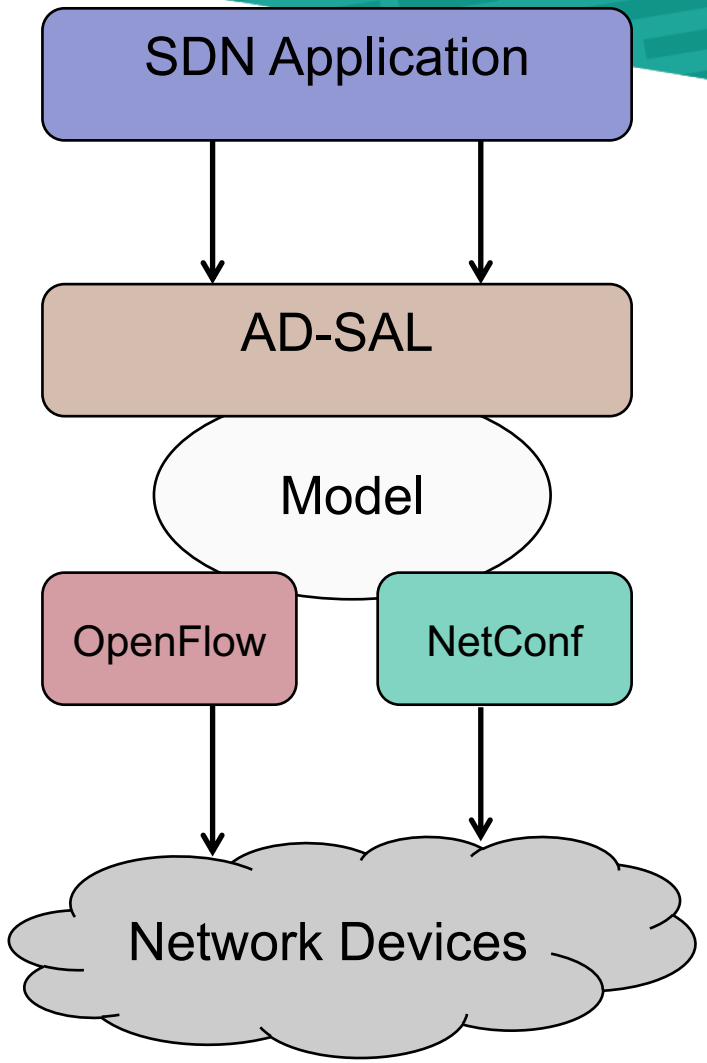
API Driven SAL (AD-SAL)

- Initial attempt at abstraction
  - API-Driven SAL, for communicating more directly with devices, using protocol(s) associated with the specific API.
- However abstraction difficult to realize in practice than it was in theory
    - AD-SAL became a collection of independent and discrete APIs, with one set of APIs for each and every southbound protocol
- AD-SAL was soon deprecated in OpenDaylight.



So how to achieve true abstraction?

- Alternatives
  - Build a better SAL
    - Take the existing APIs for the different plugins, and attempt to come up with an API abstraction that meets all of their needs
  - Use models
    - Implement a model layer within the SAL which has SDN applications dealing with software models of network devices, rather than directly with the devices themselves.
    - This was the approach taken by OpenDaylight – to develop a **Model Driven SAL** or the **MD-SAL** built around **Yang models**



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YANG

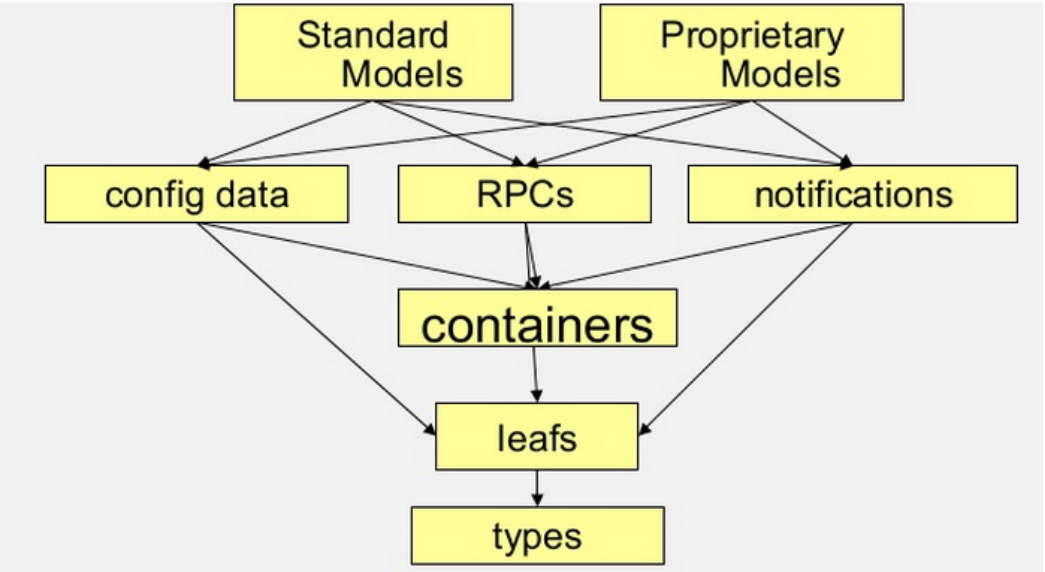
- Data modeling language that is also the preferred configuration language for NETCONF protocol

- Further reads:
  - YANG introductory tutorial
  - RFC 6020 - YANG - A data modeling language for NETCONF
  - RFC 7950 – The YANG 1.1 Data Modeling Language

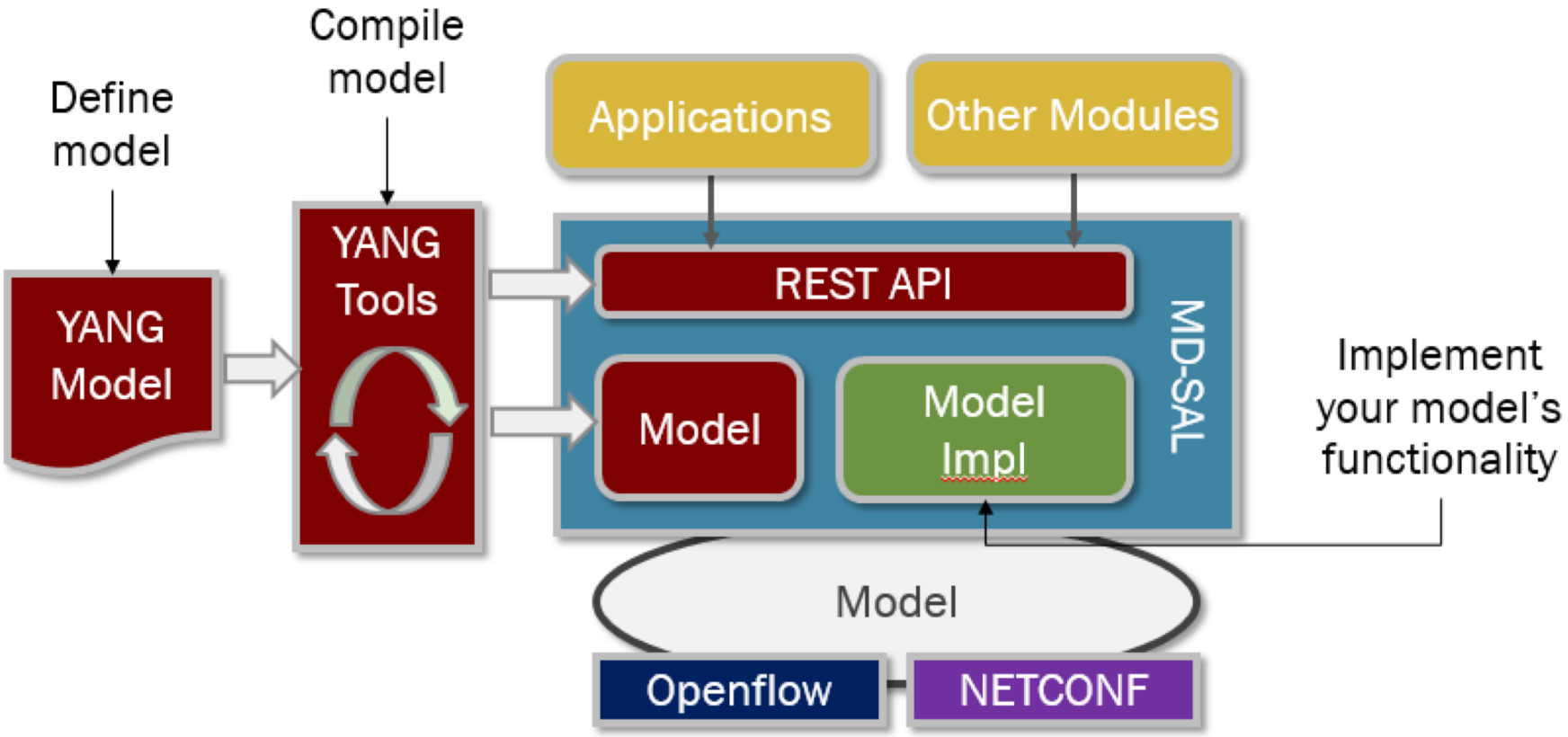
```
module model1 {

    namespace "urn:model1";
    prefix model1;
    yang-version 1;

    revision 2015-04-06 {
        description "Initial revision";
    }

    grouping A {
        list B {
            key id;
            leaf id {
                type uint32;
            }
            leaf D {
                type uint32;
            }
        }
    }

    container C {
        uses A;
    }
}
```

What can YANG model?

- Data
- RPCs:
  - Perform procedure call with input/output, without worrying about actual provider for that procedure
- Notifications:
  - Publish one or more notifications to registered listeners



MD-SAL Application Creation Process

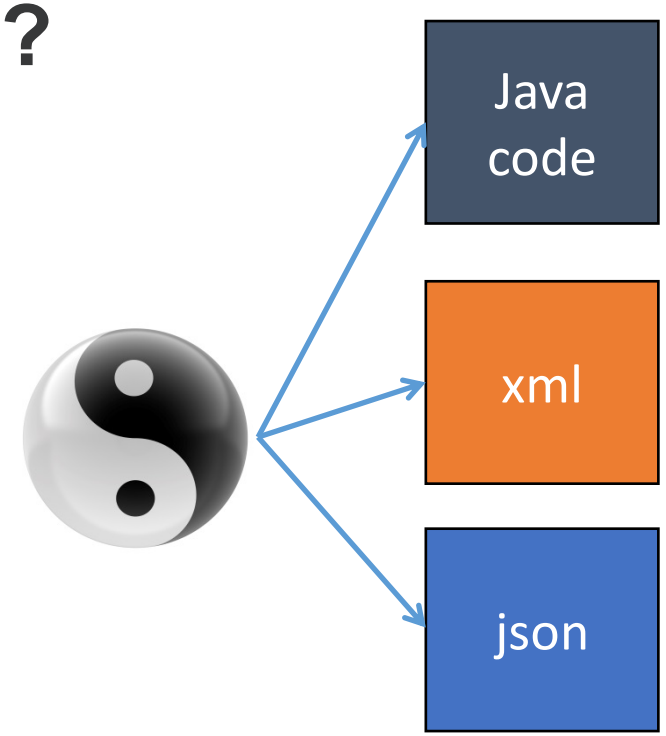


- Applications built defining models
- YANG used for defining models
- Compilation results in the skeleton of application: model, RESTCONF API, etc.

- Elements in red color above is the app skeleton
- The model implementation (green) is where you will write code to do whatever it is that your application or the model within your application does

Yangtools – What does Yangtools do?

- Generates Java code from Yang
- Provides ‘Codecs’ to convert
  - Generated Java classes to Document Object Model (DOM)
  - DOM to various formats
    - XML
    - JSON
    - Etc
- ‘Codecs’ make possible automatic:
  - RESTCONF
  - Netconf
  - Other bindings

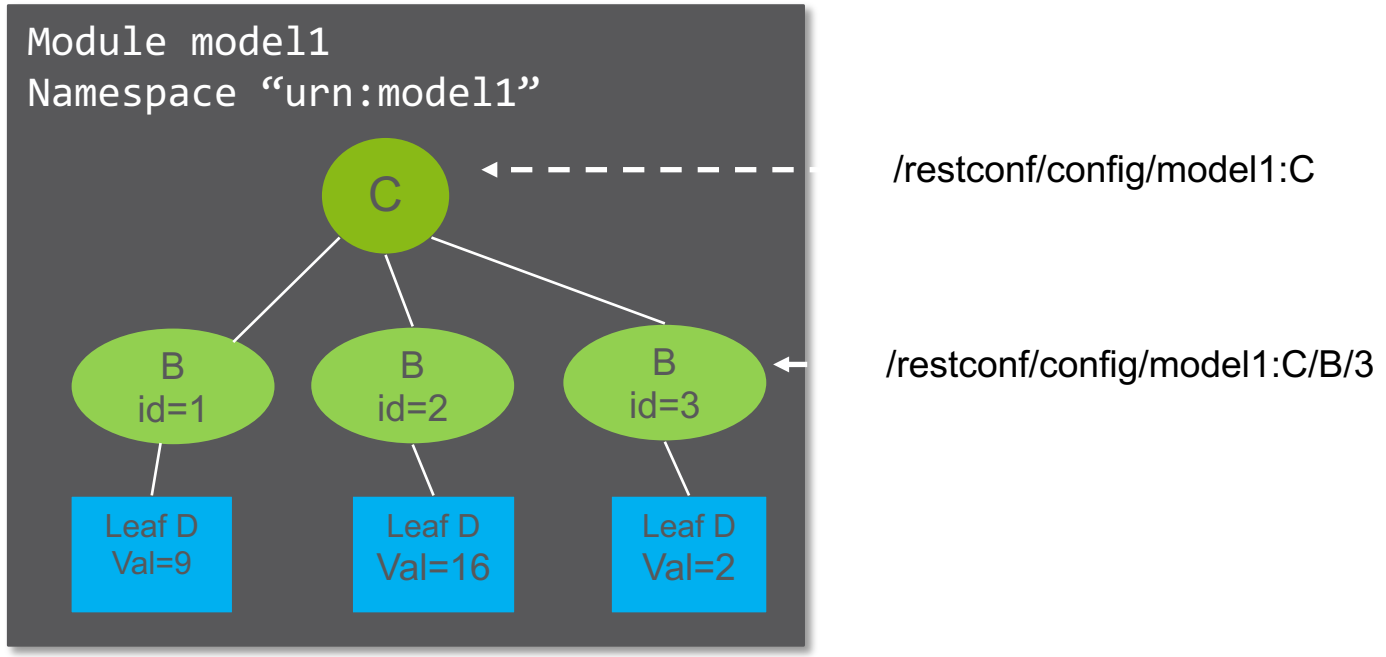


Yang to Java benefits

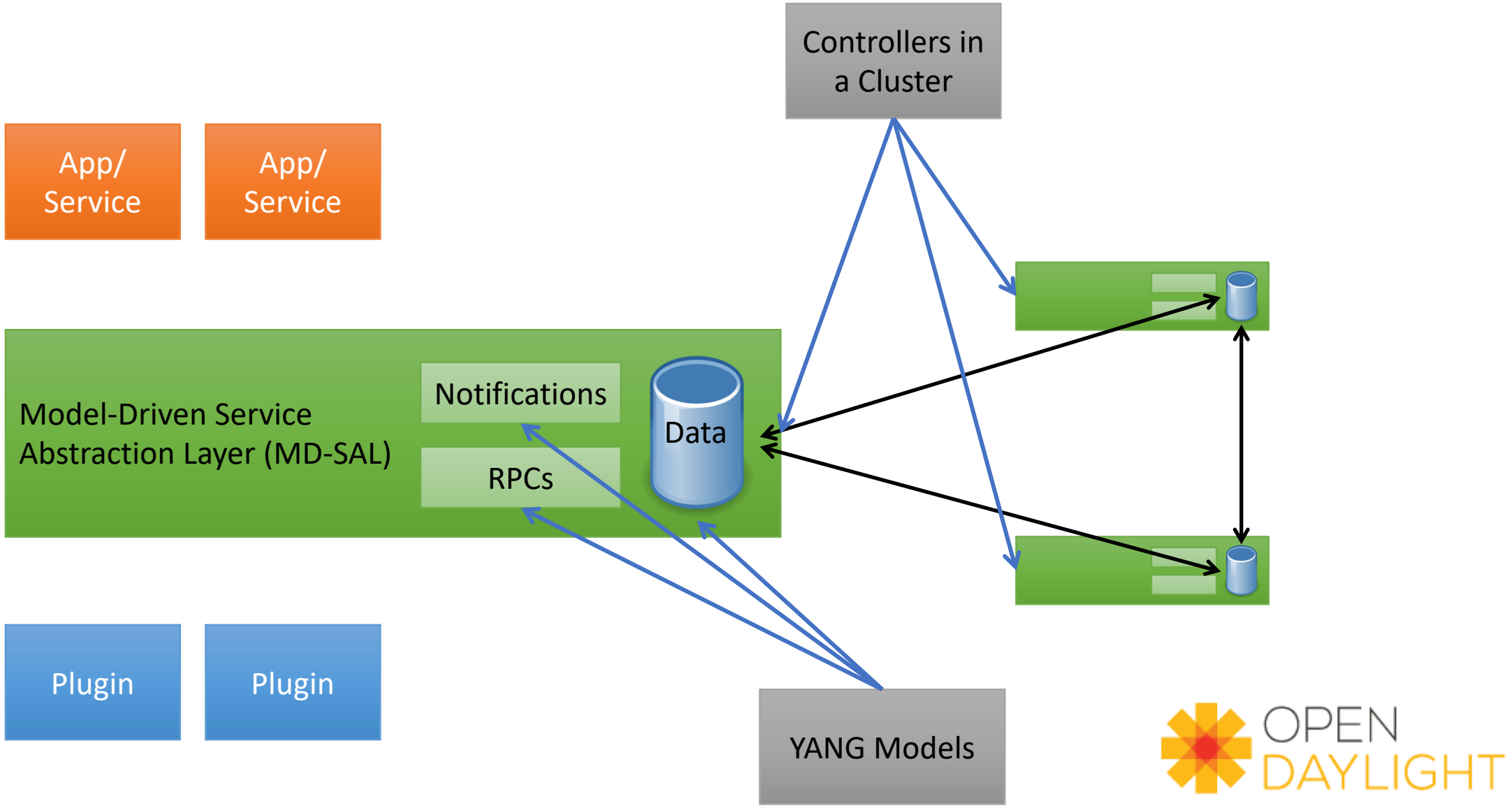
- Consistent Data Transfer Objects (DTOs) everywhere
  - **Automated Bindings**:
    - restconf
    - netconf
  - **Consistent**: reduce learning curve
  - **Immutable**: to avoid thread contention
  - **Improvable** – generation can be improved and all DTOs get those improvements immediately system wide

MD-SAL

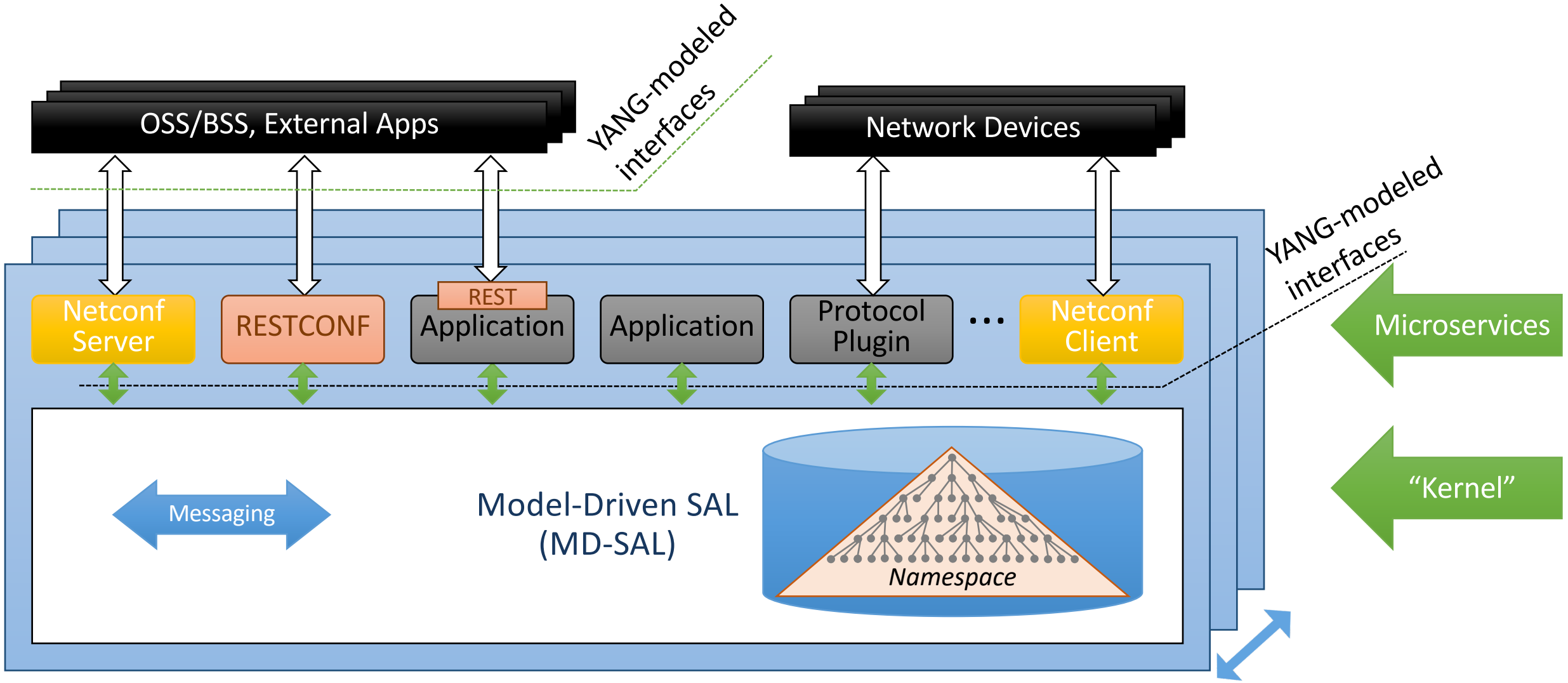
- Model-driven SAL is the kernel of the OpenDaylight controller
- It manages the contracts and state exchanges between every application. It does this adaptation by managing centralized state
- Takes in the YANG model at runtime and constructs the tree in the data store



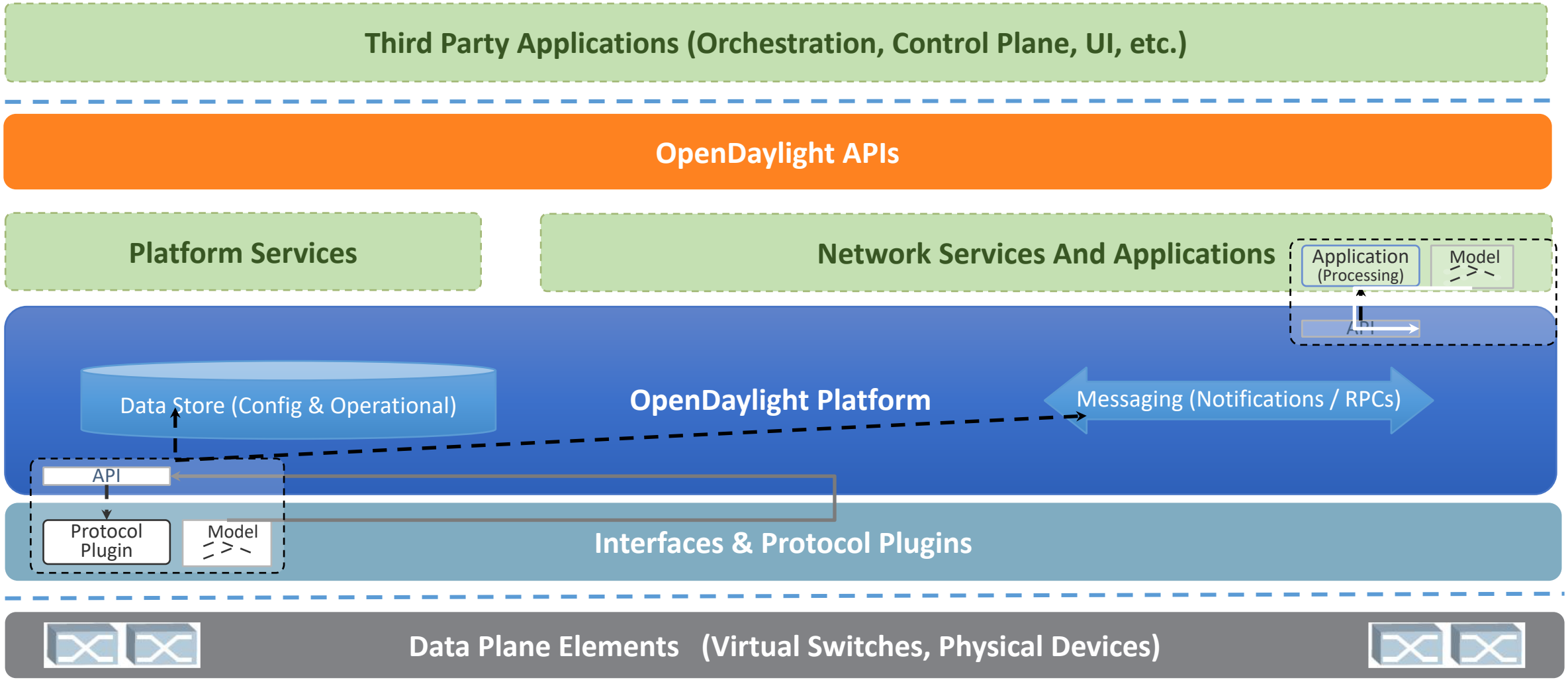
OpenDaylight Architecture - Simplified View



An Aspect of the architecture: ODL is a µ-services platform



OpenDaylight Architecture - Operational View



OpenDaylight Fluorine Release

Orchestration Applications

Control Plane Applications

Other Applications (e.g. Vendor UI)

Third Party Apps

OpenDaylight APIs (REST/RESTCONF/NETCONF)

Northbound API

Platform Services

- Authentication, Authorization and Accounting
- Data Export Import
- Infrastructure Utilities
- JSON-RPC Extension
- Time Series Data Repository

Network Services And Applications

- Container Orchestration Engine
- Genius Framework
- Honeycomb/Virtual Bridge Domain
- LISP Flow Mapping Service
- NEMO **
- Network Virtualization
- Neutron Service
- Service Function Chaining
- Transport PCE*
- Unified Secure Channel Manager **
- User Network Interface Manager

Controller Services/Applications

Data Store (Config & Operational)

OpenDaylight Platform (Yangtools, MD-SAL

Messaging (Notifications / RPCs)

Platform

BGP | **BMP** | **LISP** | **NETCONF** | **OpenFlow** | **OVSDB** | **PCEP** | **SNMP** | **SXP**

Southbound Interfaces & Protocol Plugins

Data Plane Elements (Virtual Switches, Physical Device Interfaces)

* First release for the project
** Not included in Fluorine distribution - separate download

OpenDaylight Architecture: Key Takeaway

- OpenDaylight architecture is amenable to be applied to a variety of use cases as:
  - Not tied to a particular protocol
  - Modular, Extensible
  - Has built-in tools to simplify application development

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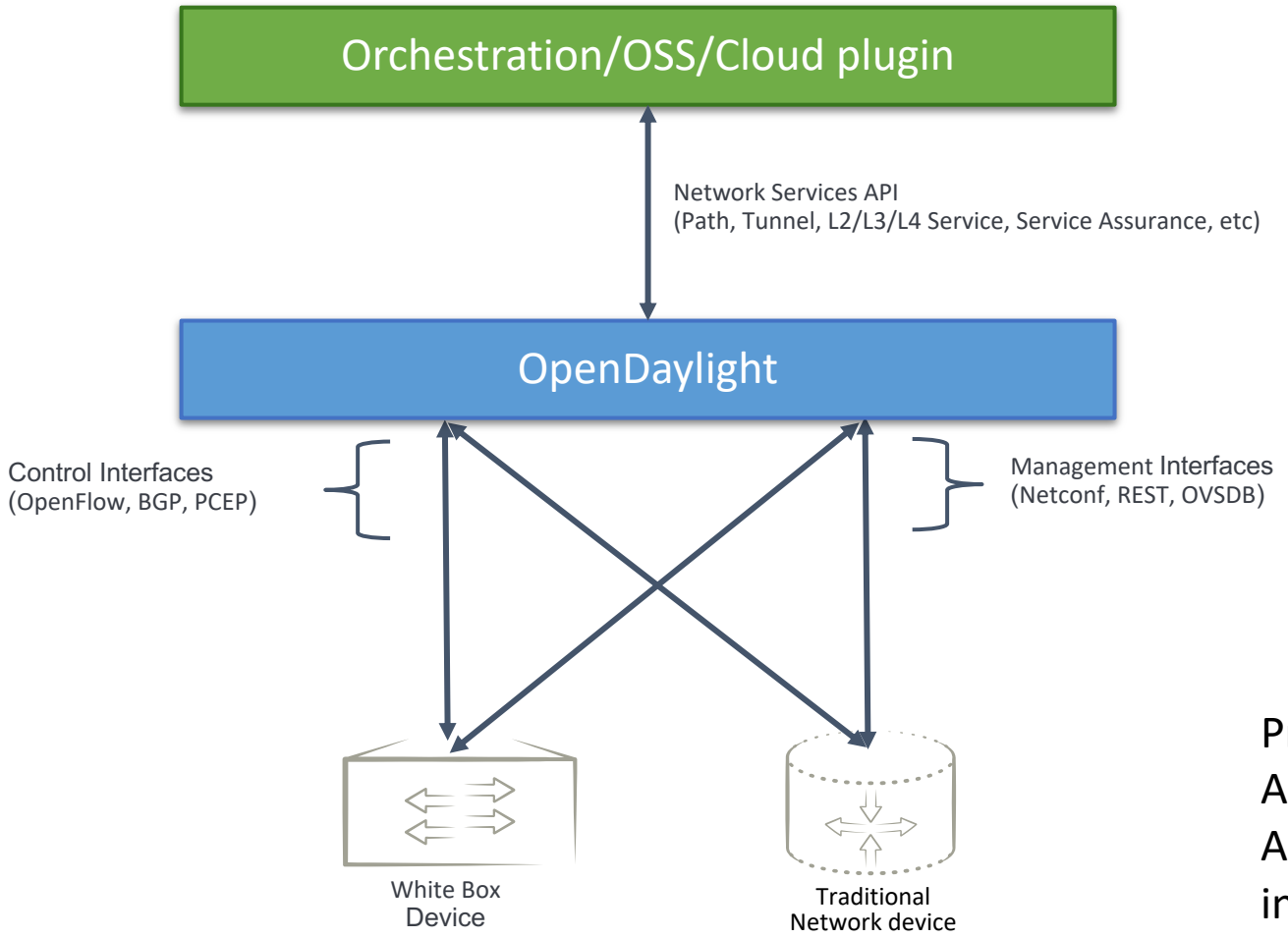
OpenDaylight Use Cases (Partial List)

Note

- OpenDaylight architecture has been used in many use cases – not all covered here

Use Case I

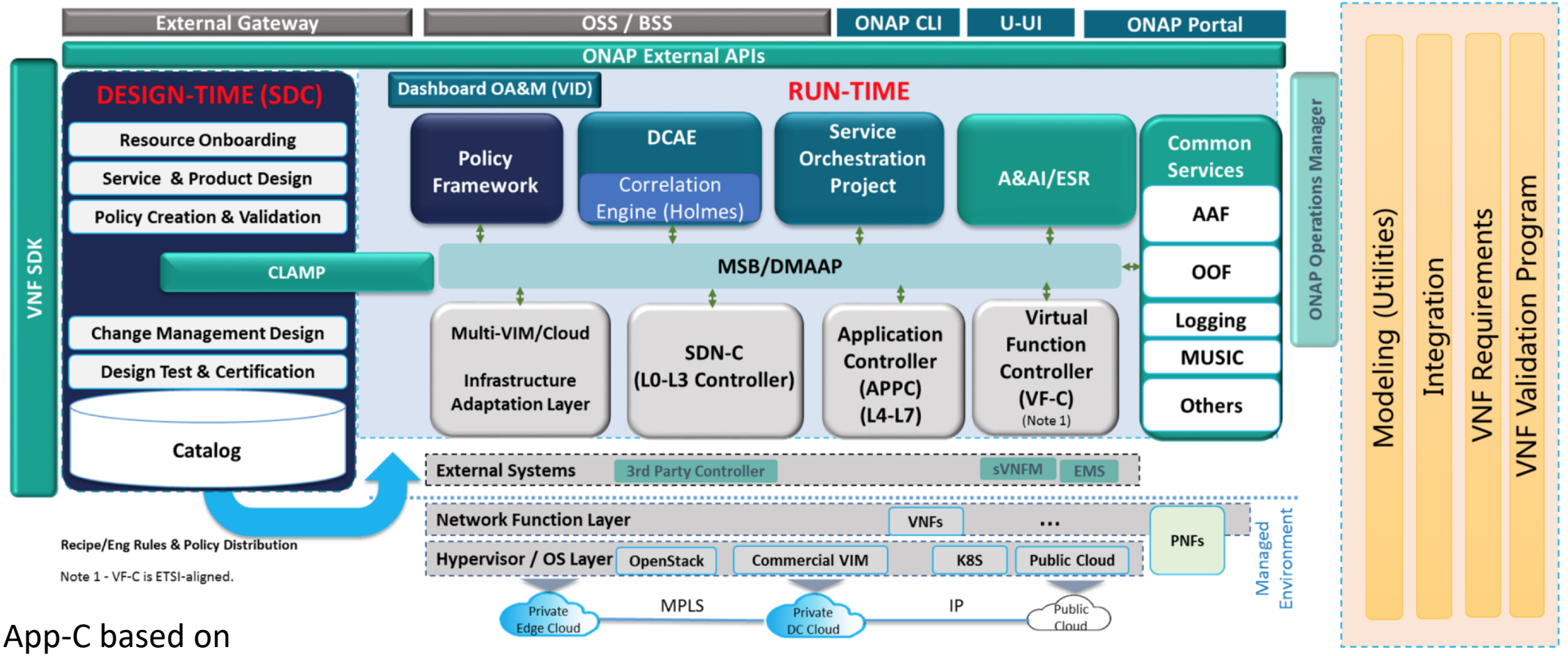
Network Abstraction



Provides Network Services API for Network Automation in a Multi Vendor Network

Use Case II

ONAP Project



SDN-C & App-C based on OpenDaylight code

Use Case III

Network Virtualization

- A set of projects working in tandem to provide network virtualization (overlay connectivity) inside and between data centers for Cloud SDN use case
  - VxLAN within the data center
  - L3 VPN across data centers
- Integration with OpenStack Neutron and Kubernetes (in-progress)
- Uses Open vSwitch and hardware VTEPs (ToR) as the datapath

Network Virtualization: OpenDaylight Components

ODL

OpenDaylight NB APIs (REST)

OF NSFs

Forwarding Rules Mgr

Inventory Mgr

Network NSFs

Neutron NB

Cardinal (SNMP)

AAA

NetVirt Services

MP-BGP Interface

VPN Mgr

FIB Manager

NAT Service

IPv6 control service

ELAN Service

L2GW Handler

ACL service

QoS Service

DHCP Service

GENIUS

Internal Transport Manager

Liveness Manager

Interface Manager

ID Manager

Lock Manager

ODL Platform

MD-SAL datastore

YANG tools

Notification broker

Clustering

DAEXIM

BGP Protocol Engine (Quagga)

Model-Driven service abstraction layer (MD-SAL) (plug-in mgr., capability abstractions, …)

OF 1.3

OVSDB

HWVTEP

Legend

ODL GENIUS

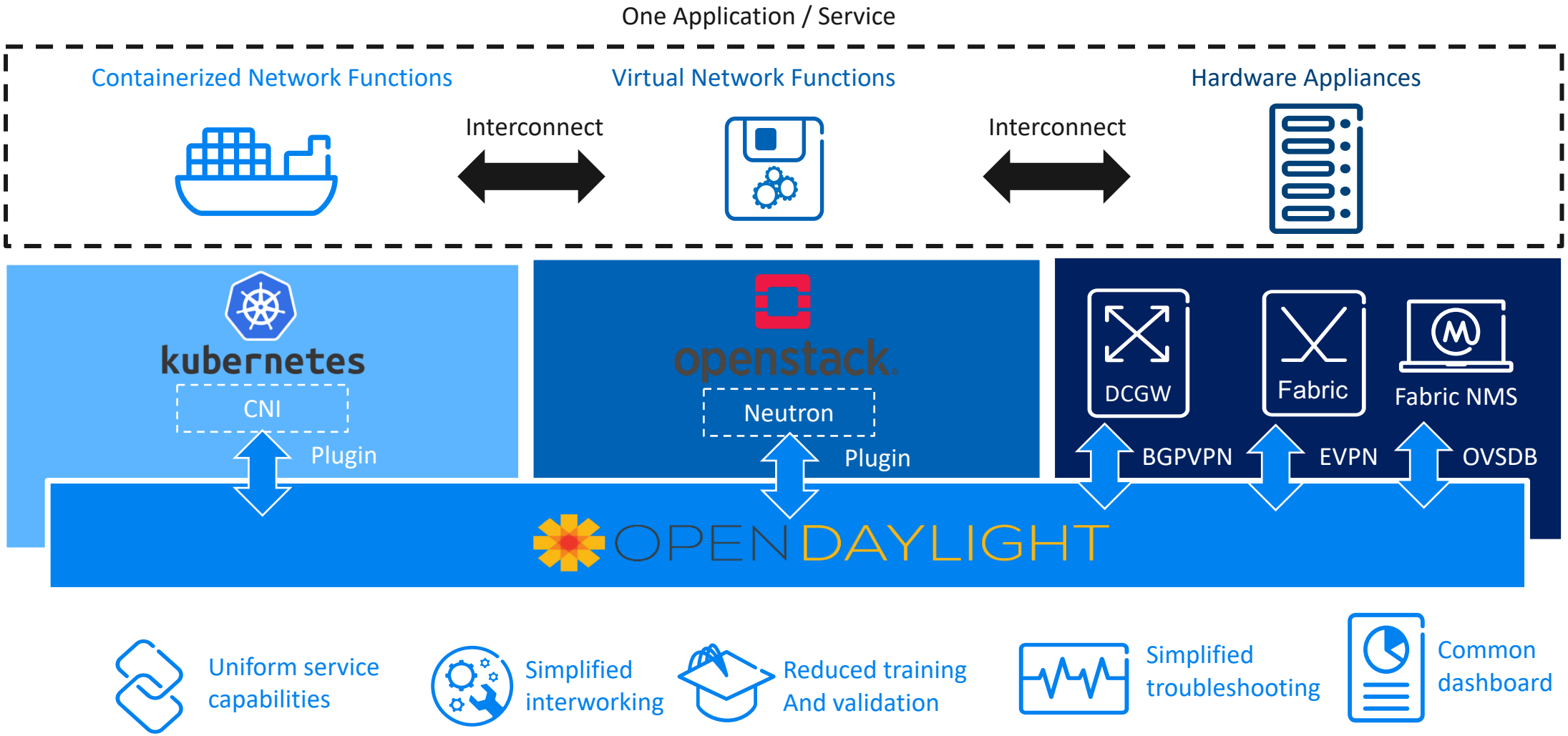
ODL Netvirt

ODL Infrastructure

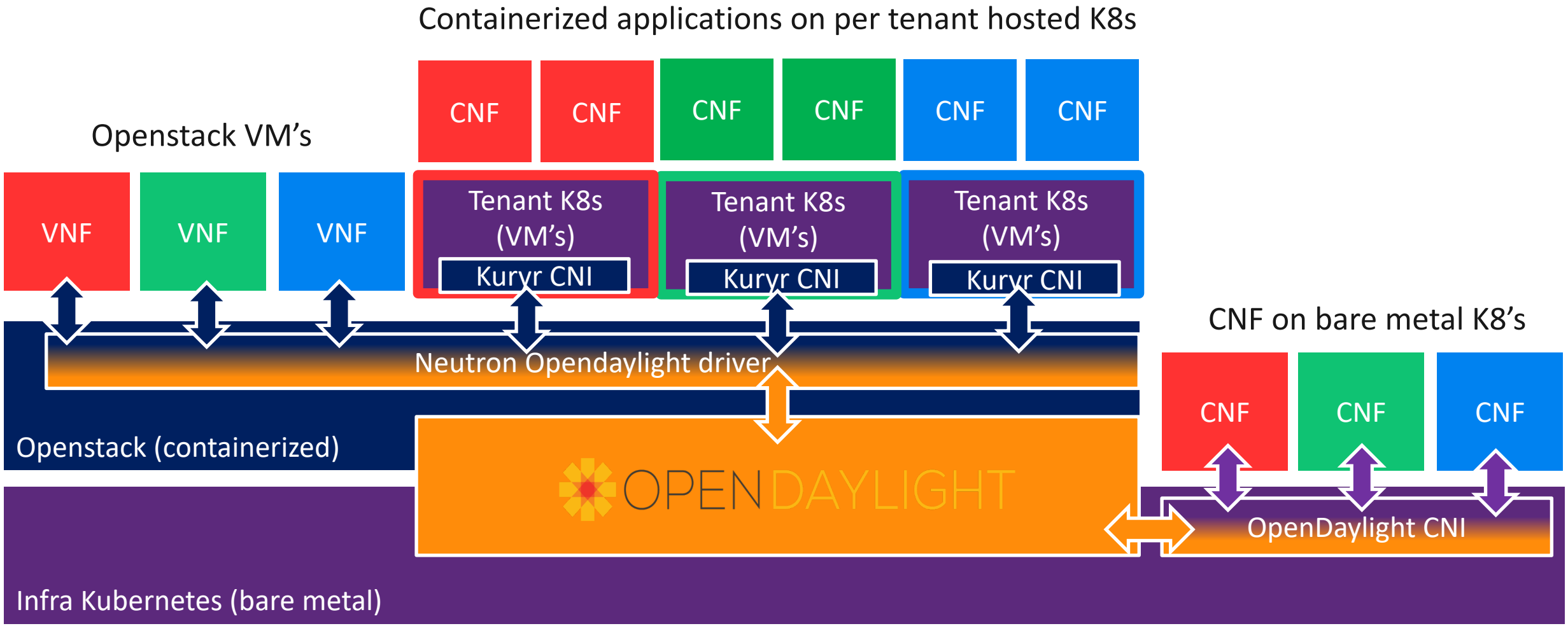
Misc Services

External module

A common controller platform



OpenDaylight multi-instance controller



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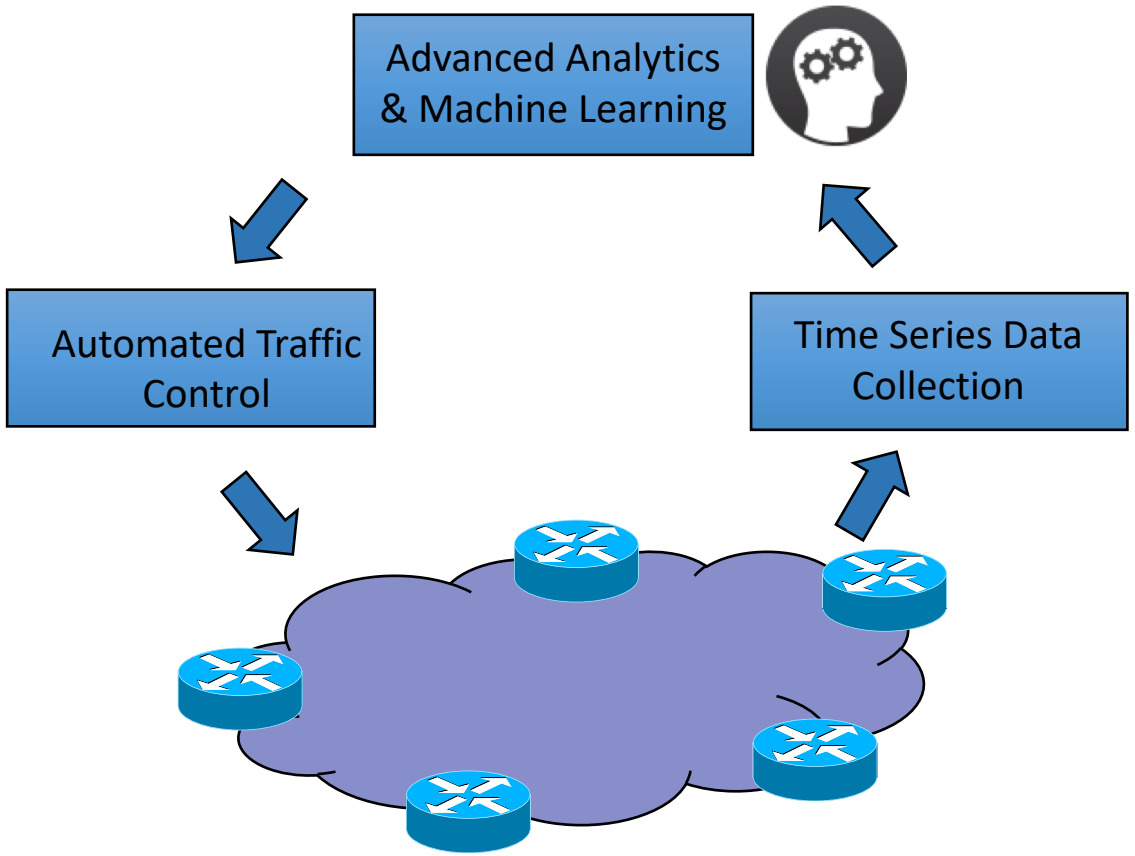
OpenDaylight Container Orchestration Engine

- Current Status
  - Hybrid scenario:
    - Openstack and Kubernetes side by side
      - Integration with ODL via Openstack Kuryr
      - Supports Multinode environment
      - Supports container in a VM scenario
  - Baremetal scenario
    - Kubernetes only
      - Tight integration with ODL NetVirt
      - Supports Pod 2 Pod networking L2/L3
- Future Scenarios
  - Support for non-OF southbound
    - NetConf
  - Testing with L3VPN for multi-tenant scenarios
  - Scale testing & improvement

Use Case IV (future)

AI/ML with OpenDaylight

Smart SDN Controller



- Network status awareness
  - Rely on time series data collected from the network
- Traffic Control Policy Change decision making
  - Based on the advanced analytics and machine learning.
- Dynamic change of Control policies
  - Automatically change the traffic control policies based on the analytics results.

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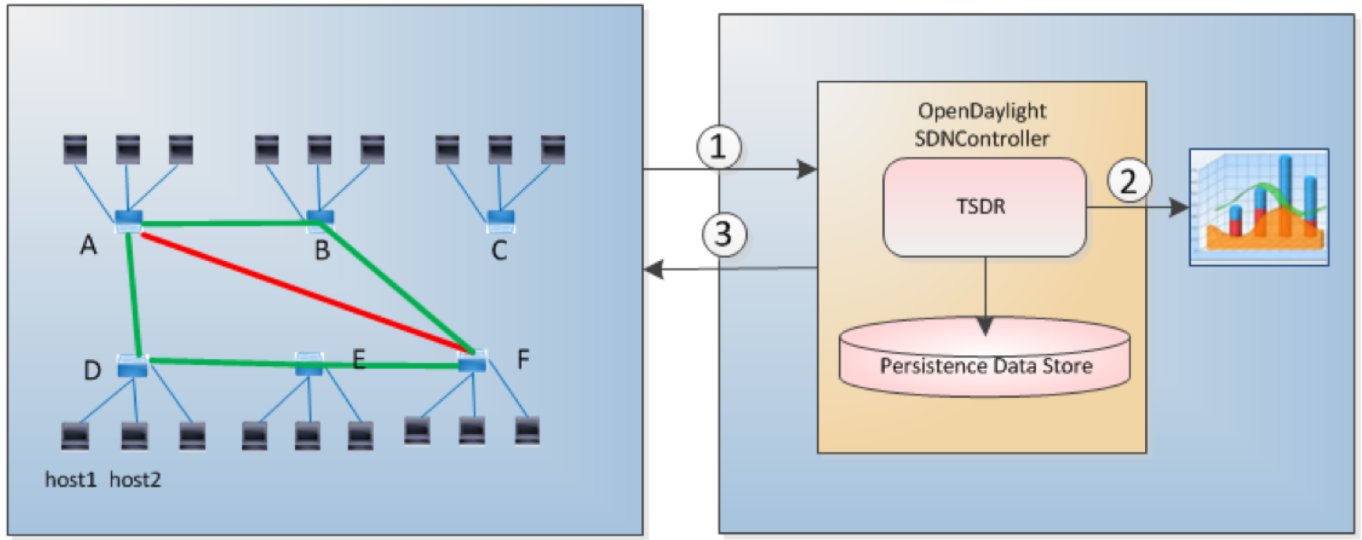
Why we need Machine Learning in SDN

- Software Defined Networks needs to be intelligent.
  - To be aware of the runtime status of the network.
  - To make the right decisions that adjust the policies for traffic classification and traffic shaping.
  - To dynamically change the policies according to the analytics results.
    - AI / MI can be used to establish normalized profiles and dynamically update the profiles based on a set of predetermined or dynamically learned rules.

Use Cases of a smart and intelligent SDN controller

- Traffic Control and Routing Optimization
  - Congestion Control
  - Traffic Pattern Prediction
  - Routing Optimization
- Resource optimization
  - Networking resource allocation optimization
  - Cloud resource management optimization
- Security and Anomaly Detection
  - DDoS attack detection and mitigation
- Troubleshooting and Self-healing

AI/ML Example Use Case – Traffic congestion prediction with automated control



SDN controlled network

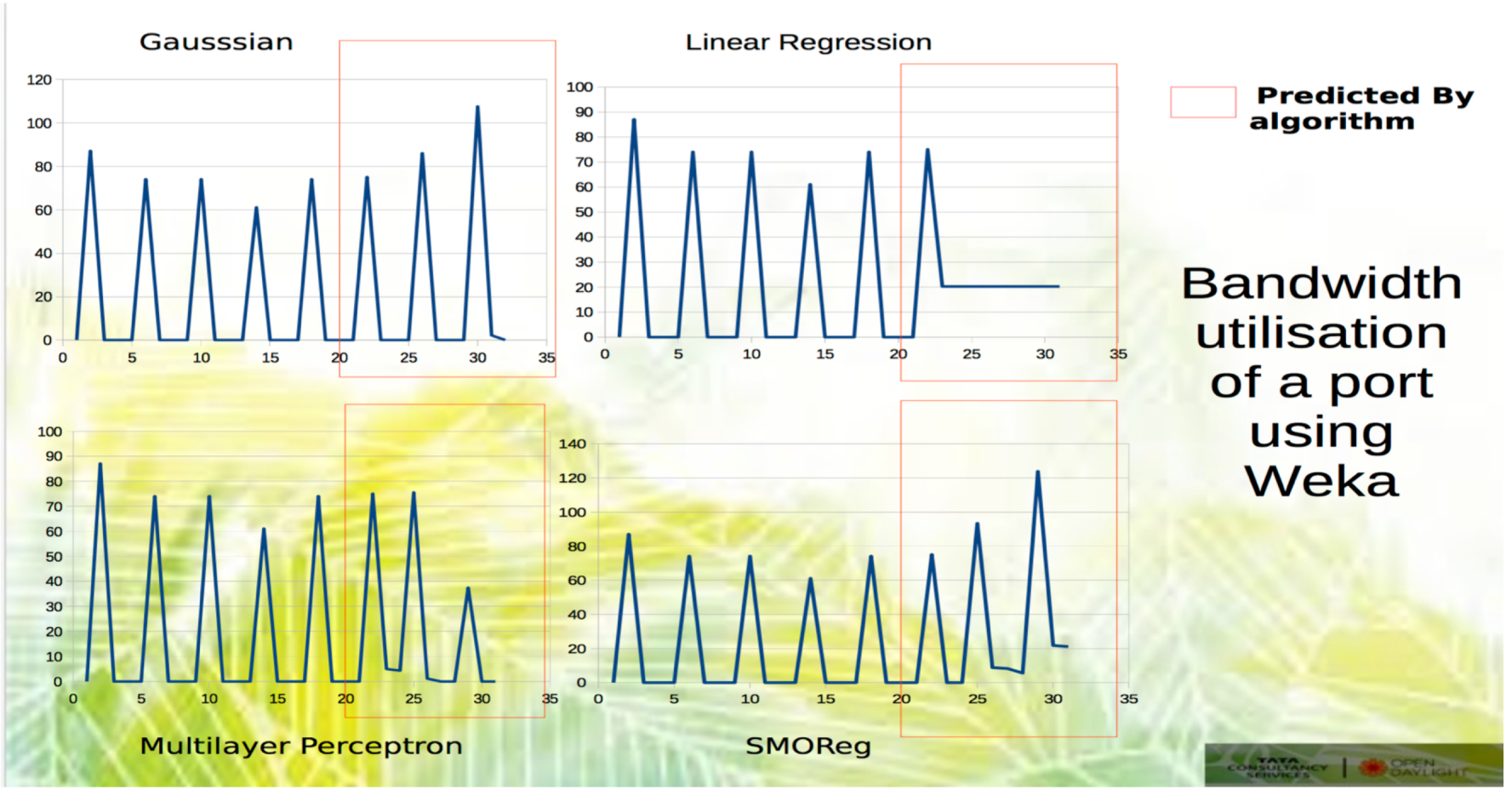
OpenDaylight + TSDR

1. Collect stats from the network and store into TSDR
2. Data analysis through data analytics engines integration
3. Traffic flow redirection from A->F to A->B->F and A->D->E->F

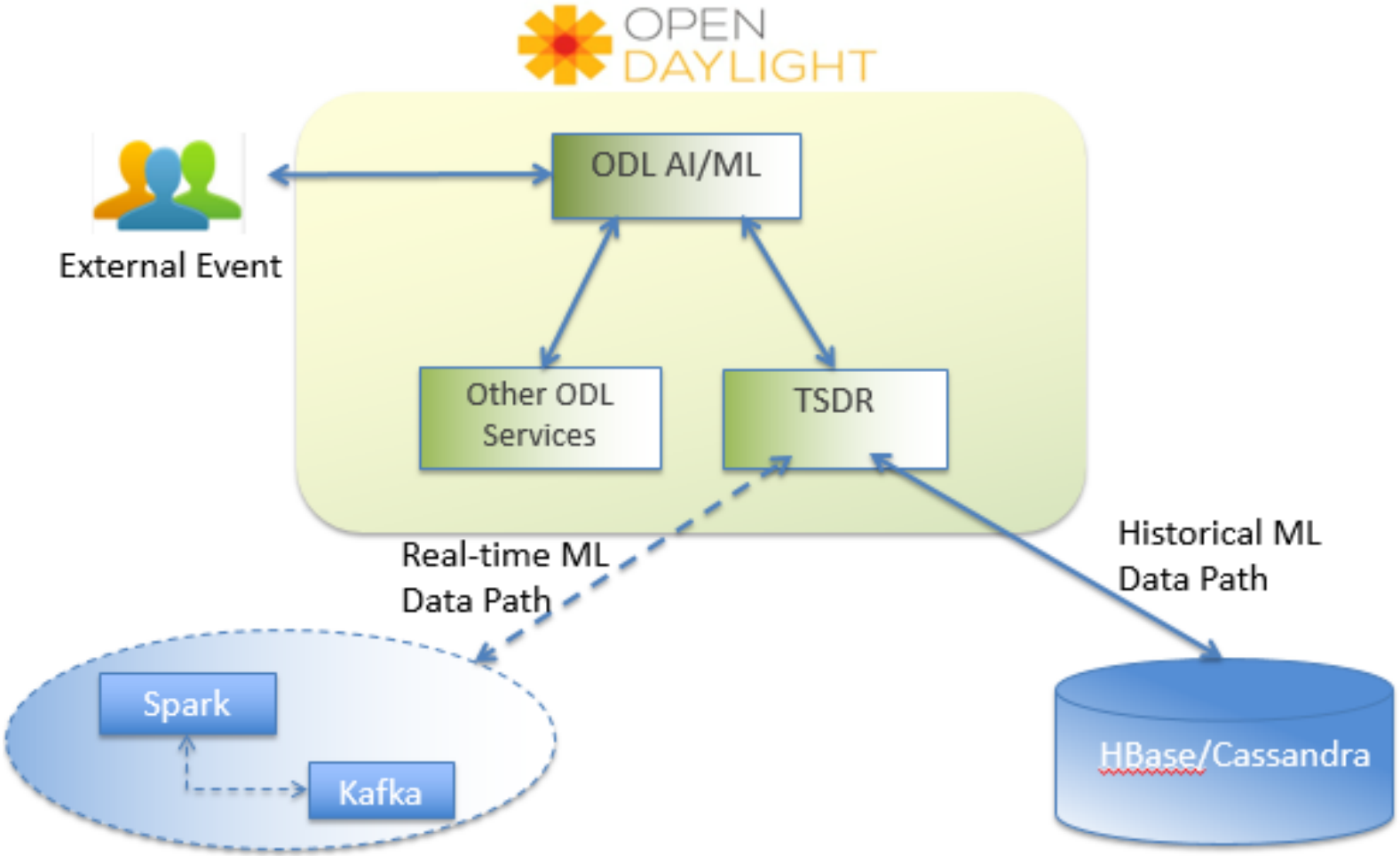
Predicted congestion path in the next 24 hours

Healthy path in the next 24 hours

Prediction using Weka leveraging data collected in TSDR

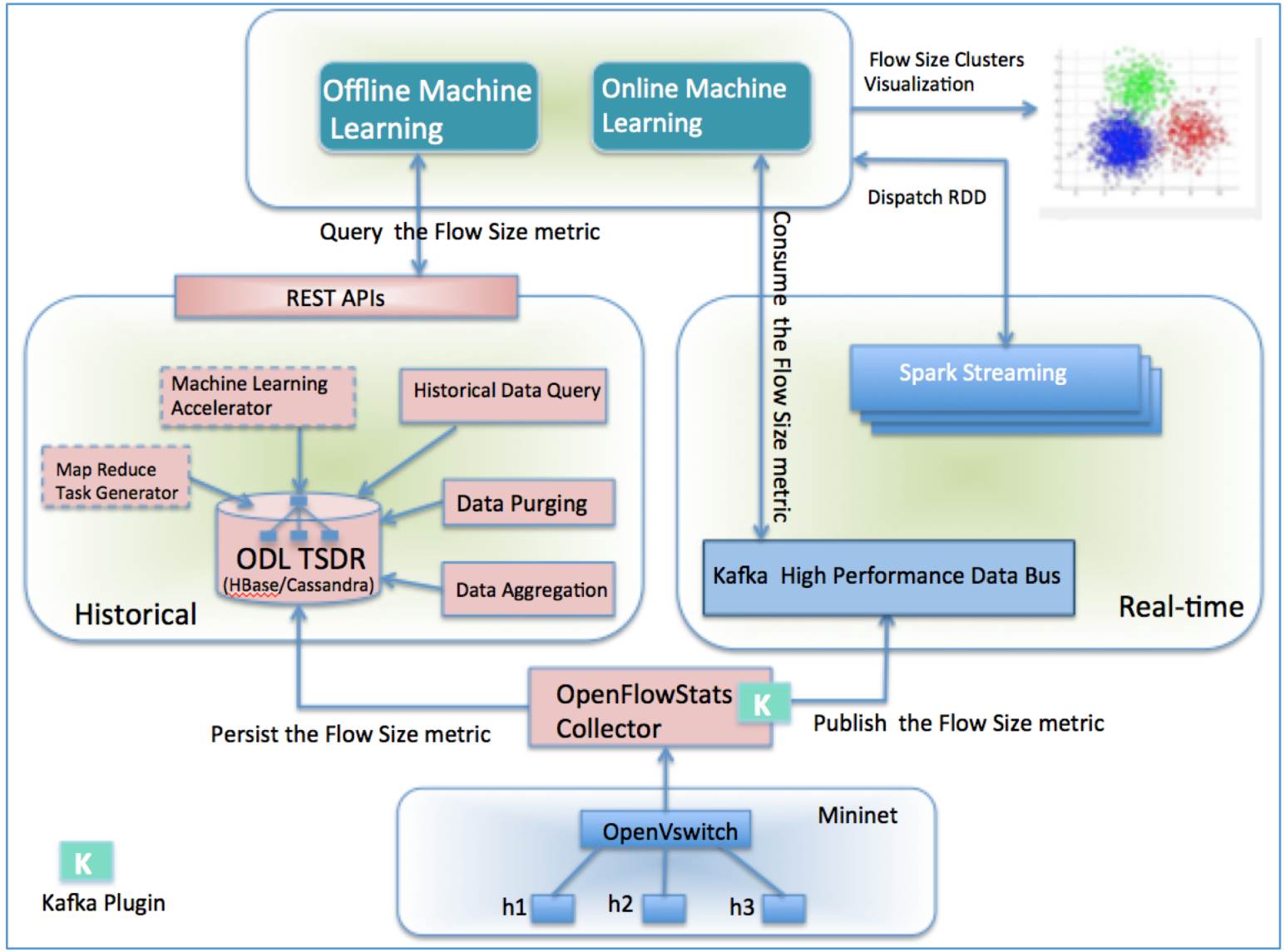


ODL AI/ML framework in the ODL ecosystem



- Enable AI/ML on both historical and real-time data paths.
- Many use cases would require both offline and online ML on the time series data.
- External events could be additional input for accurate machine learning results.
- Feed back the results to SDN control path for automatic traffic steering and policy placement.
- Well-defined interface among the components towards future standardization of advanced analytics in SDN.

ODL AI/ML framework PoC Architecture



- PoC of both historical offline machine learning and real-time online machine learning
  - Collect the time series data
  - Persist into scalable data storage
  - Publish to high performance data bus
- Integrate with external machine learning libraries
  - Spark MLlib
  - DeepLearning4J
- Collect OpenFlow Stats and apply machine learning algorithms
  - *k*-means clustering

Use Case V

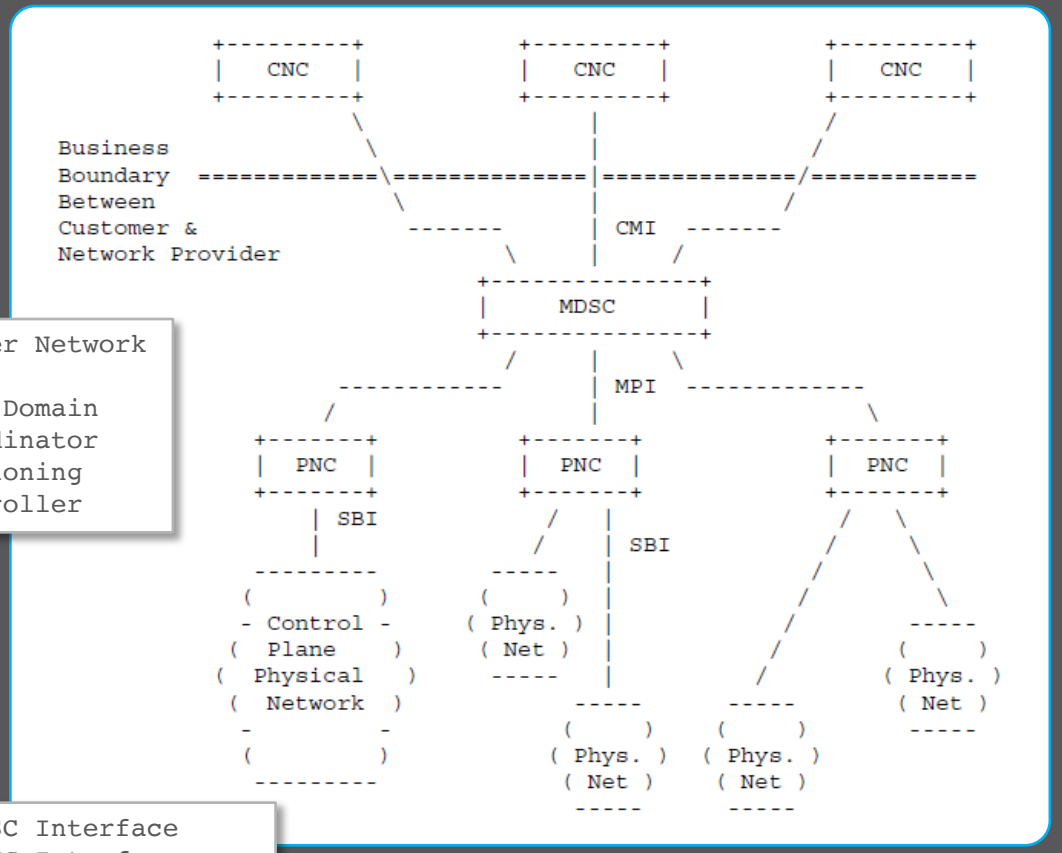
OpenDaylight in OSS (future)

WAN Transport Orchestrator (WAN-O)

- Based on ACTN (Abstraction of Control of Traffic Engineered Network) IETF Standard for realizing hierarchical SDN architecture
  - Yang Based (NetConf/RESTCONF) Models

SDN Hierarchical architecture based on ACTN

- Coordination of resources across multiple independent networks and multiple technology layers to provide end-to-end services
- Layered operational model:
  - *Customer:* issuing a service request from catalog
  - *Service Provider:* dealing w/ Customer and providing the service (may or may not own the network(s) as such)
  - *Network Provider:* infrastructure providers owning the physical network(s) and building the infrastructure



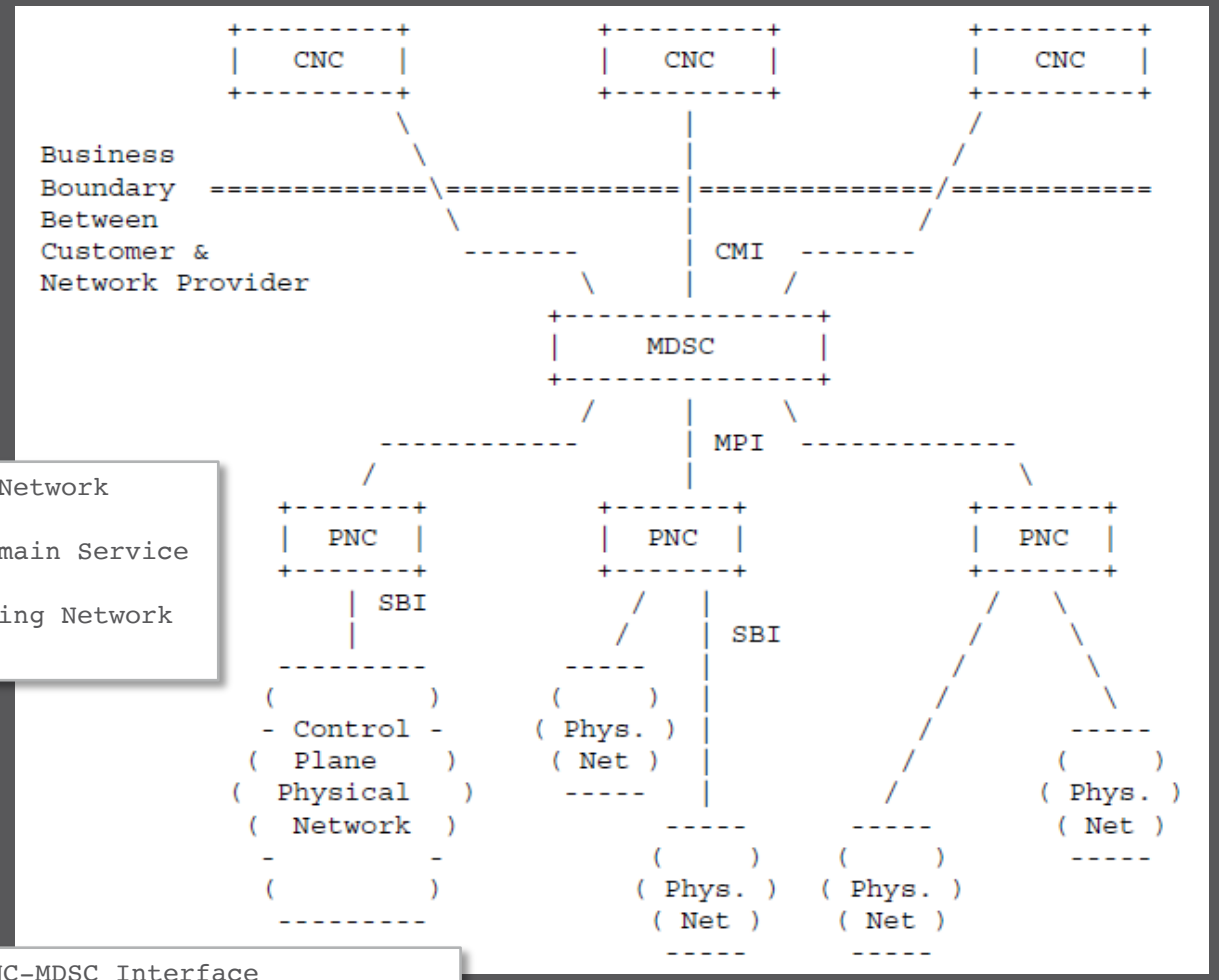
WAN-O as MDSC, interfaces

MDSC NBI:

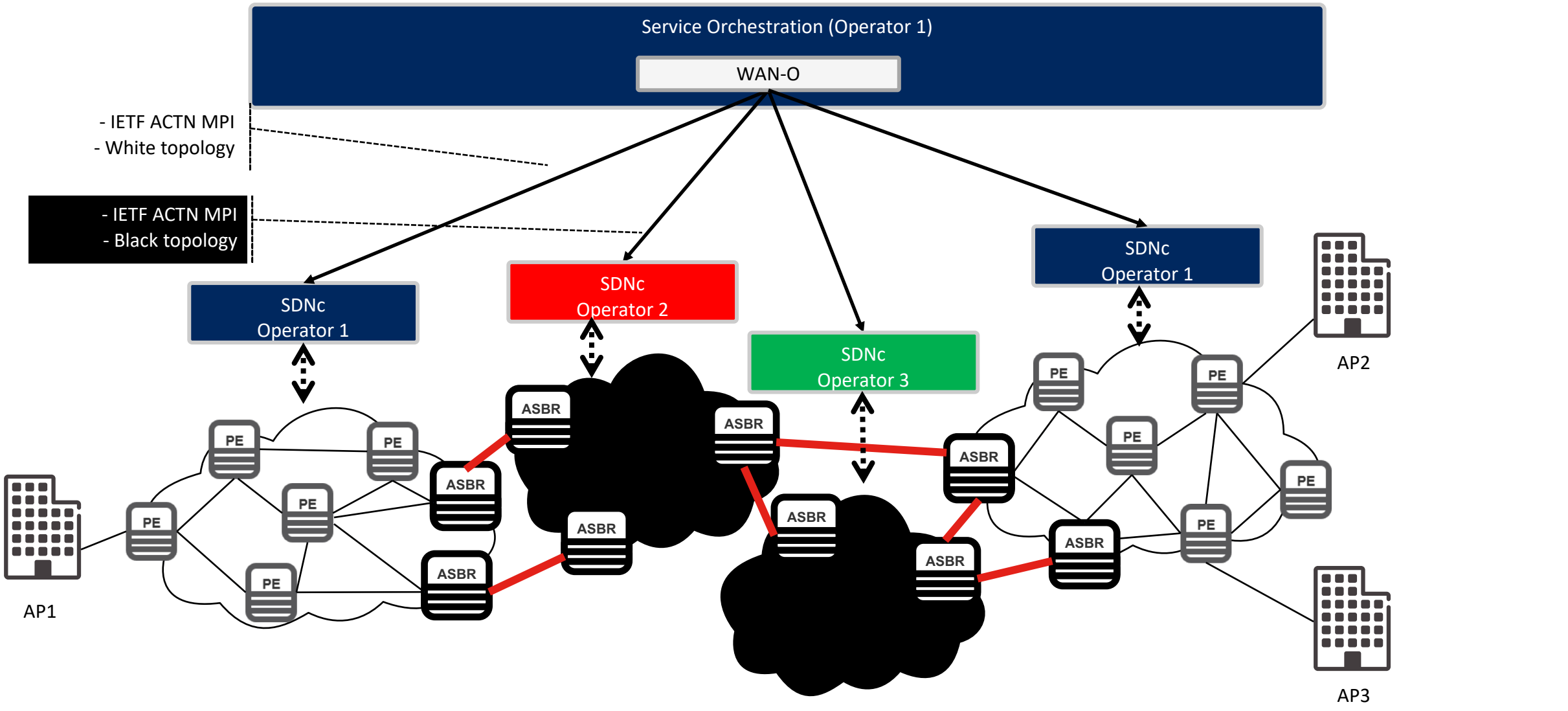
- CMI: CNC to MDSC interface
- YANG based (Netconf/Restconf)
- End to end Virtual Network concept
- Unified end to end topology

MDSC SBI:

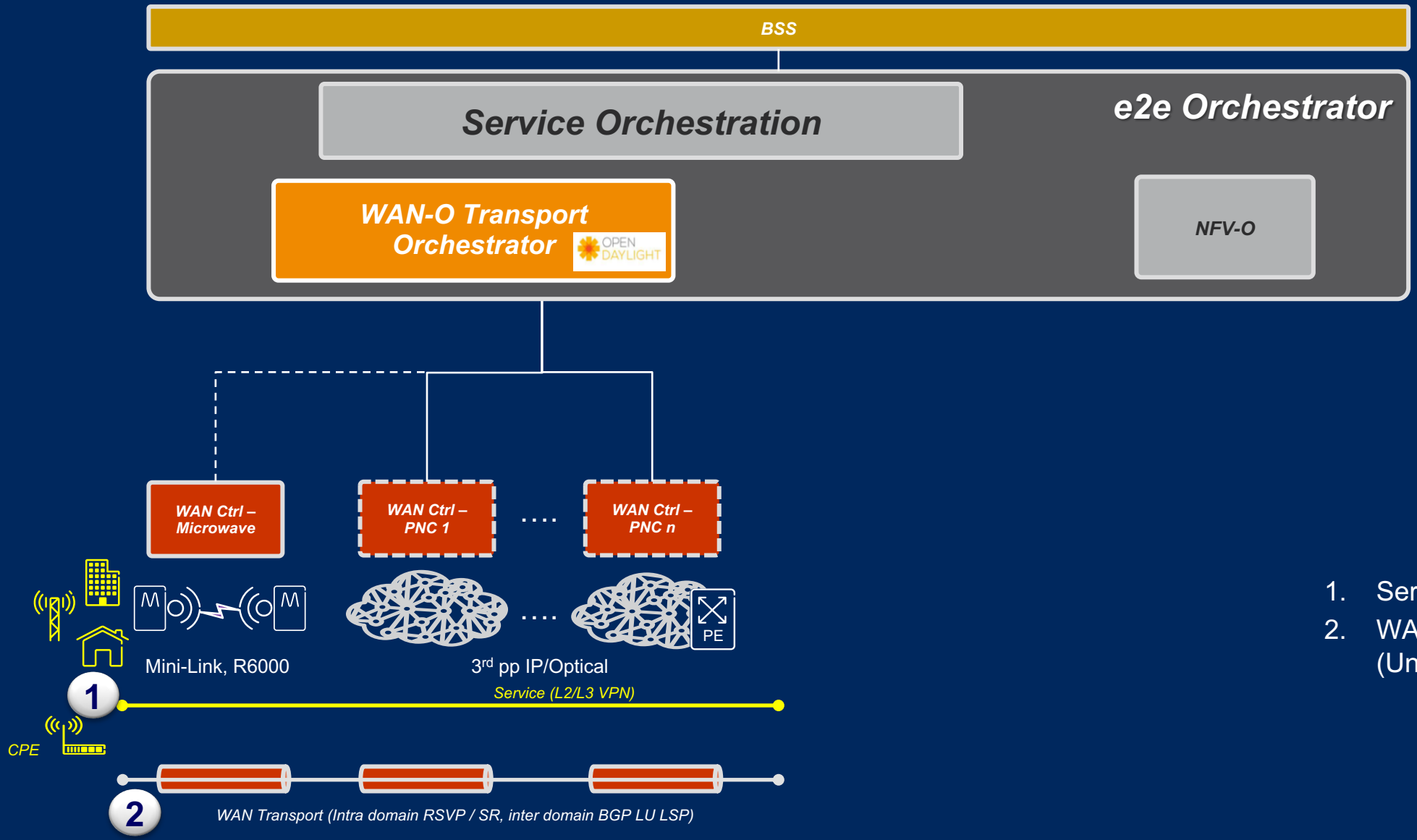
- MPI: MDSC to PNC interface
- YANG based (Netconf/Restconf)
- Per domain TE-Tunnels
- White or Black Domain topology



Transport Network architecture



END to END service orchestration
Connectivity services



1. Service Orchestration
2. WAN Transport SDN (Underlay)

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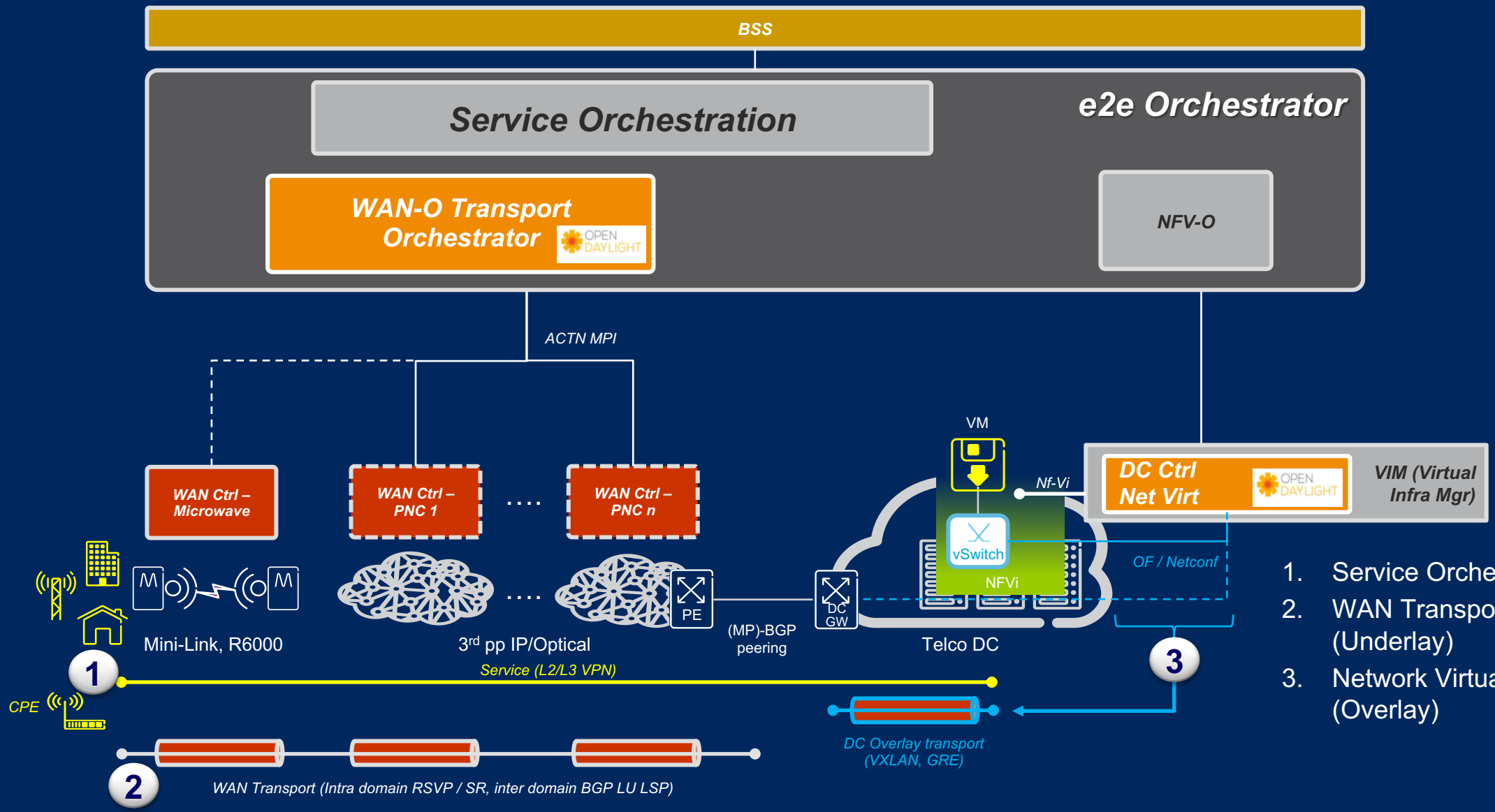

1. Service Orchestration
2. WAN Transport SDN (Underlay)
3. Network Virtualization (Overlay)

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Avenues for getting involved

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- Mailing Lists:
  - Central / Cross Project: https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/Mailing_Lists
  - Complete List including individual projects: https://lists.opendaylight.org/mailman/listinfo
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- Meetings:
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Areas to getting involved in

- OpenDaylight Documentation Project
- Project of your interest
  - https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/Project_list
  - Code Reviews
  - Bug Fixing
- MD-SAL & Clustering (Distributed Systems)
  - Experts
  - Enthusiasts: Improve your skills in these hot & in-demand area
- Scale & Performance
- Testing
- Architecture Improvements
  - Example: Scalable and Robust Data Replication using etcd.

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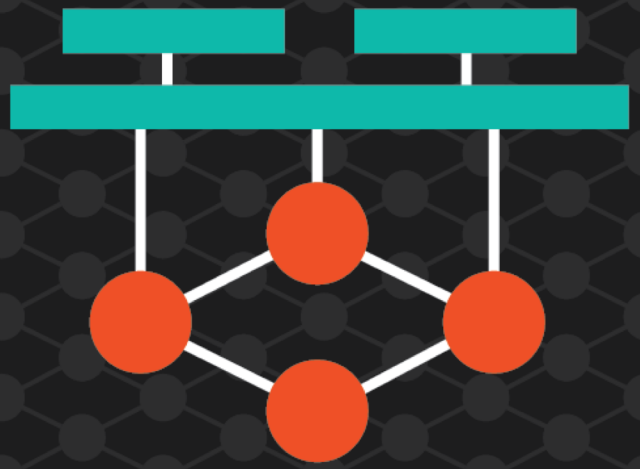

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