

OpenDaylight OpenFlow & OVSDB Projects & Use Cases

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OpenFlow Plugin Project Overview



- One of the first community projects started in Hydrogen release
 - Past & Present Participants from Brocade, Cisco, Ericsson, HP, IBM, Inocybe, Intel, Pantheon, Red Hat, TCS, etc.
 - Number of contributors: 97
 - Plus contributions in other forms - CSIT, etc.
- Number of commits: ~1750
- Source code : 186 KLoCs
- Bugs fixes to-date (resolved/verified and fixed): 493

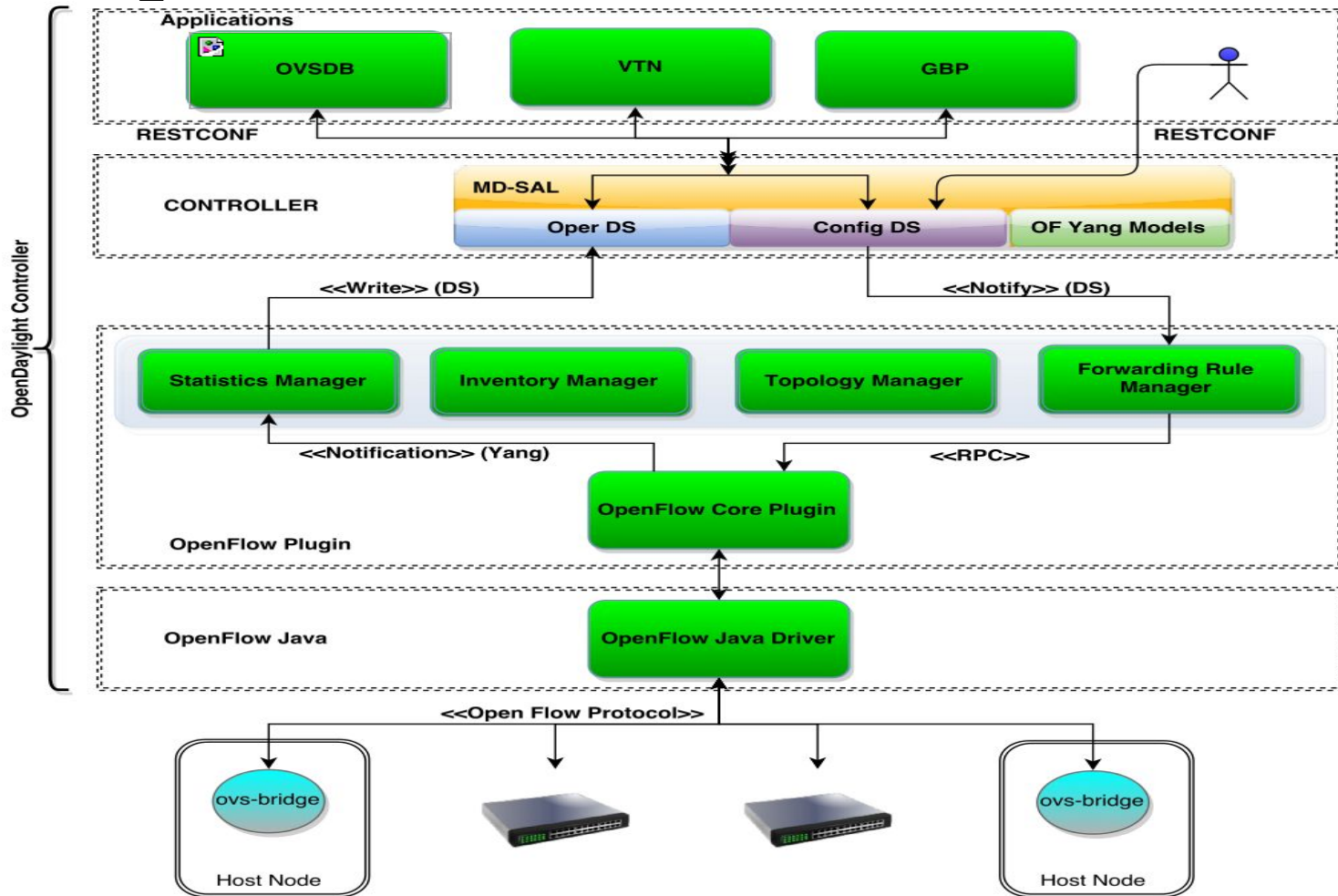
Offset 1 Project central to OpenDaylight

OpenDaylight Boron Project Dependencies



Consumers: 20+ ODL projects including NetVirt-VPN, SFC, VTN, GBP, NIC, etc.

OF Plugin Consumer Model



OpenFlow Plugin Feature List

- Support for OpenFlow 1.0 and 1.3 versions
- Flow programming via config datastore (using REST API) & RPCs
- Commercial Grade Robustness
 - OpenFlow clustering support
 - Reconciliation:
 - flow/meter/group provisioning functionality which ensures that switches properly reflect intended controller configurations in wake of HA scenarios like switch-restarts
 - Batch Flow Programming

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* Major contributors last 2 releases only - many other contributors earlier.

New in Boron

- New design
 - Adopted as the standard design
 - Cleaner design for current & future improvements
 - Performance improvements, deterministic API, better stats collection, etc.
- Singleton Clustering
 - New Clustering Singleton approach in MD-SAL project provides & encapsulates all leadership changes
 - Now downstream project like OpenFlow do not need to take care of device clustering leadership change, and only uses clustering singleton API to react to leadership change
 - Improves robustness of the OpenFlow clustering
- Blueprint Migration
 - Improve plugin upgradeability and simpler configuration

New in Boron (contd)

- Bulk-O-Matic
 - A test application with REST interface for measuring flow programming performance
 - Can choose Datastore or RPCs for flow programming perf test
- Forwarding Rules Synchronizer
 - New OFP app for provisioning flows / groups / meters using config DS
 - Compares differences between DS changes - to send incremental updates only
 - Includes retry mechanism on failure
 - Redesign of Forwarding Rules Manager (FRM)
 - Separate feature not installed by default currently
- Various other changes: features cleanup, table features default off, etc.

Carbon Thoughts

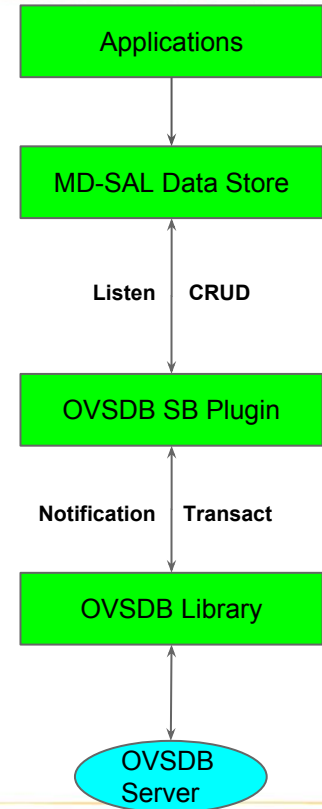
- Bulk-O-Matic PoC to study Performance Optimization by using OpenFlow Java Library models directly
 - Current flow programming uses abstracted OpenFlow Plugin models which OpenFlow Java Library translated to either OpenFlow 1.0 or 1.3 models.
 - PoC to study use of OpenFlow Java 1.3 specific models directly by apps.
- Usability improvements for apps - config parameters, flow install confirmation, CLI info commands, stats collection improvements, etc.
- Please join DDF session Wednesday 12 pm for Carbon Planning

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OVSDB Project : Overview

- OVSDB Schema Support (Ovsdb Southbound Plugin)
- Hardware VTEP Schema Support (HwVtep Southbound Plugin)
- Library for en/de - coding OVSDB json-rpc messages
- Both the plugins support clustering
- Ovsdb Southbound plugin supports - Config reconciliation
- Config reconciliation is partially supported is on the list for Hardware VTEP.
- Both the plugin can be parallelly loaded in Controller
- Looking for more details?
 - Summit Talk : <http://sched.co/7Rqj>
 - Wiki : https://wiki.opendaylight.org/view/OVSDB_Integration:Main

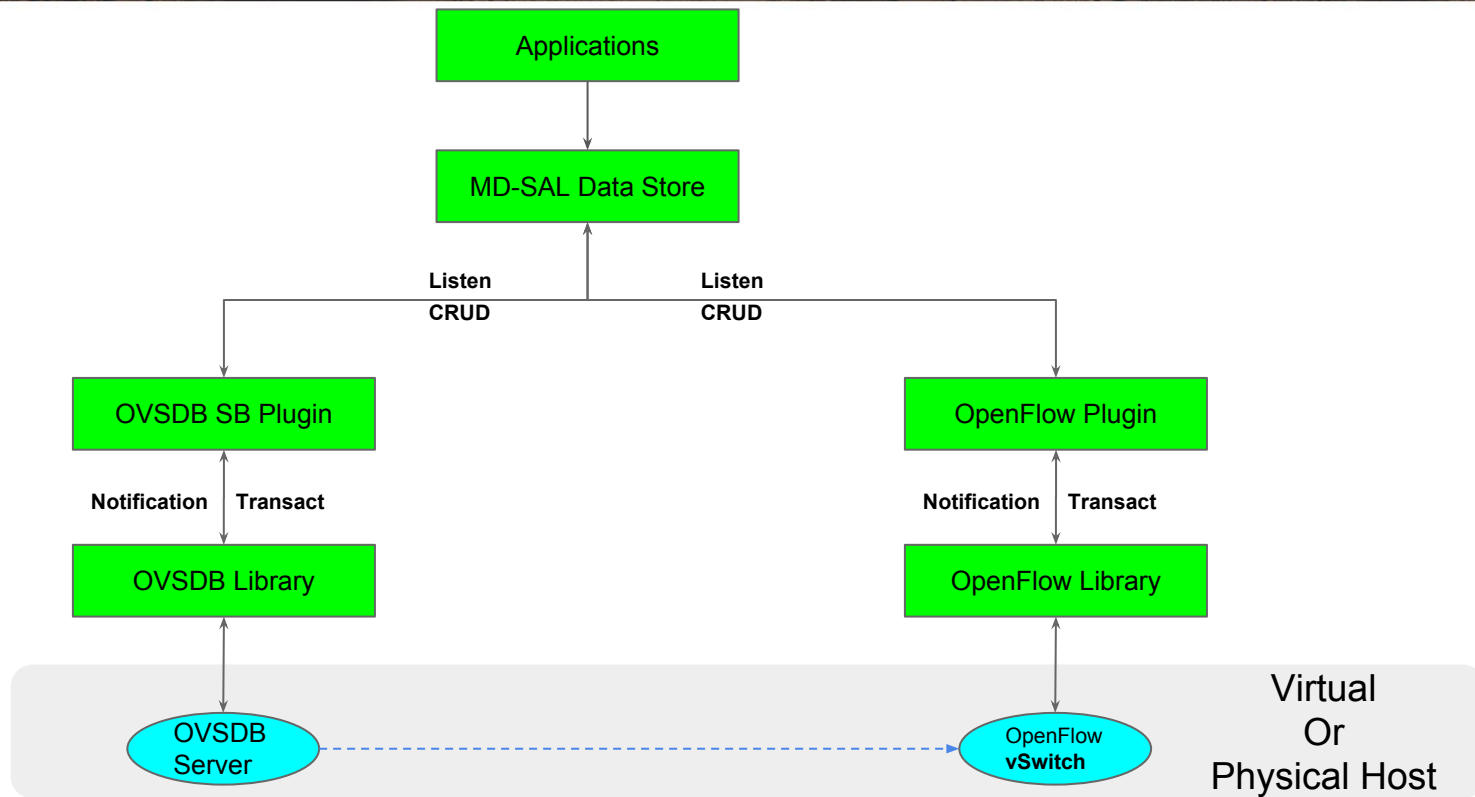


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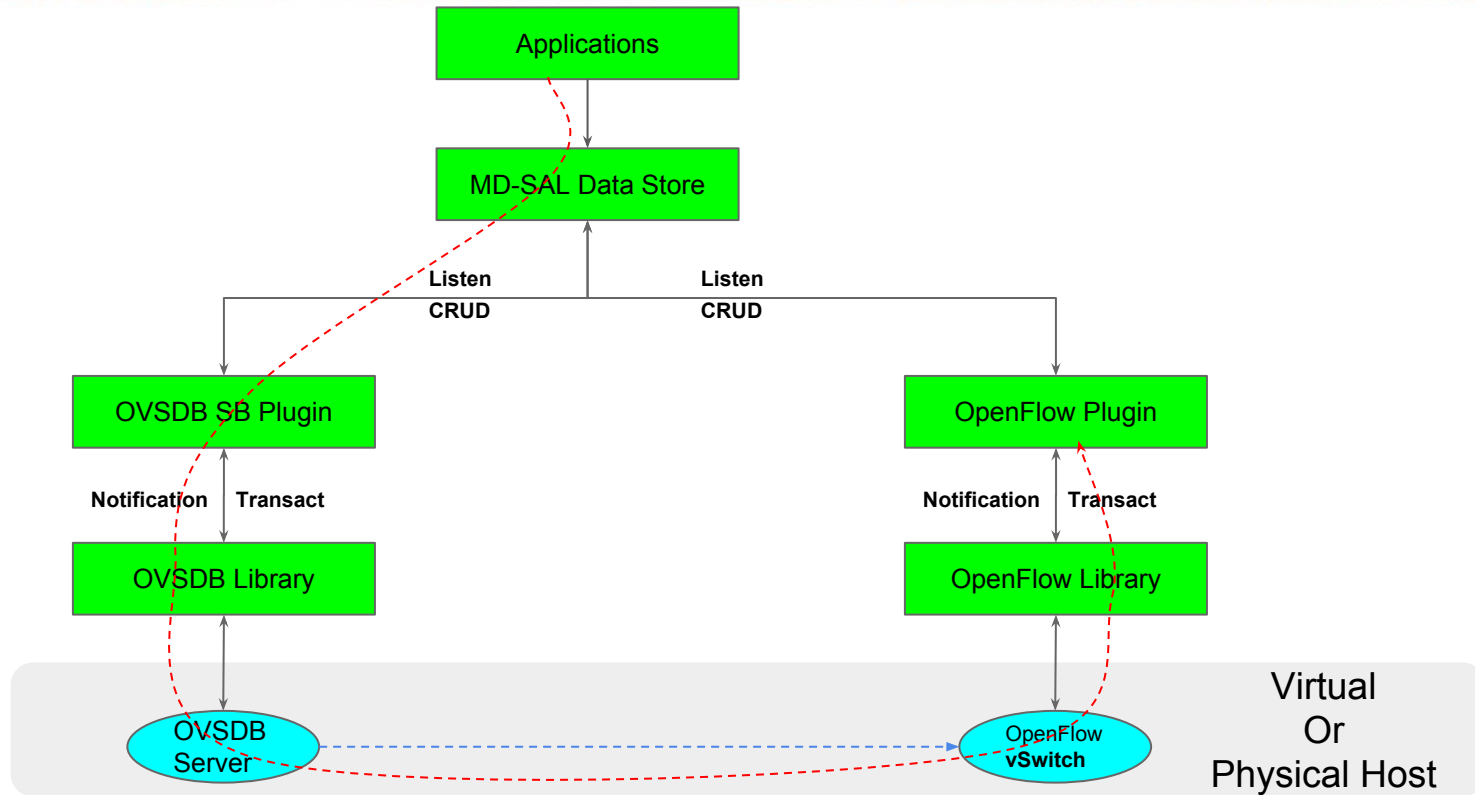
OpenFlow & OVSDB Plugin

General Usage Model by Network Virtualization Applications

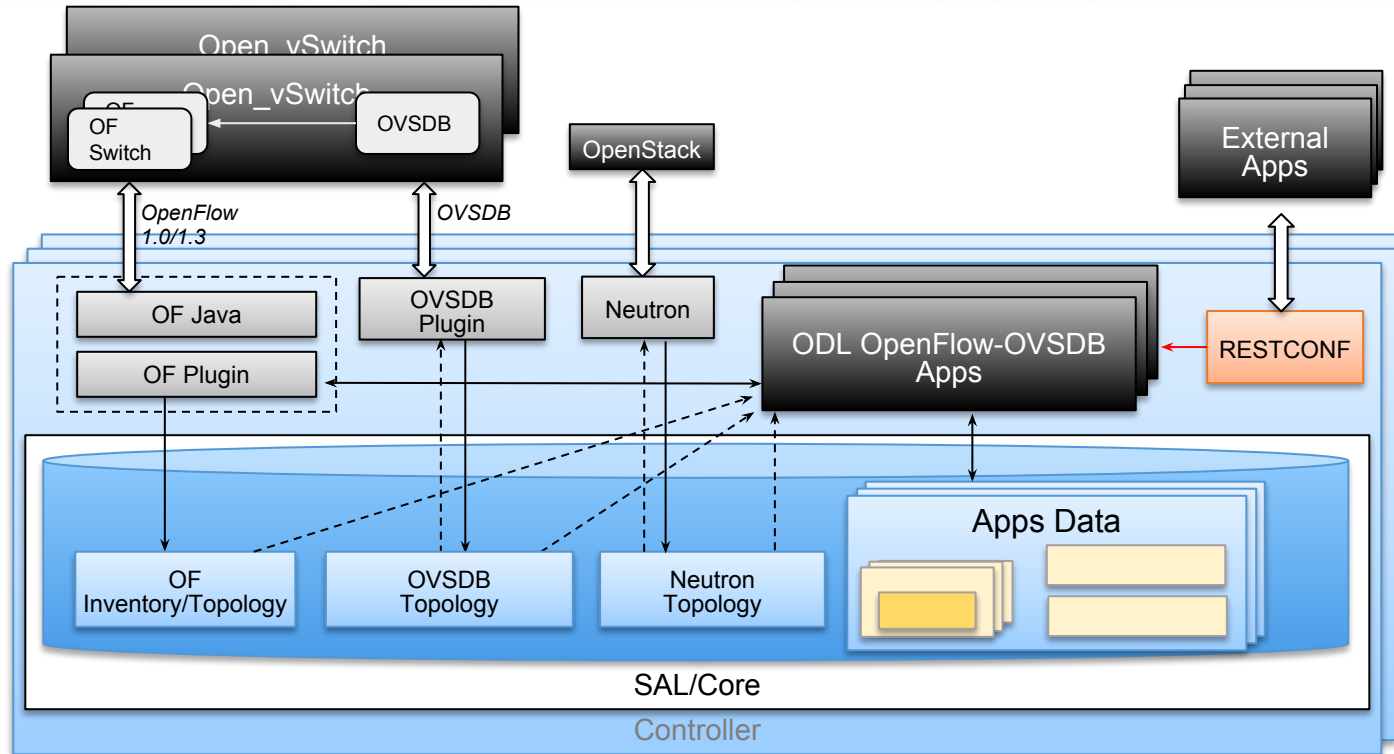


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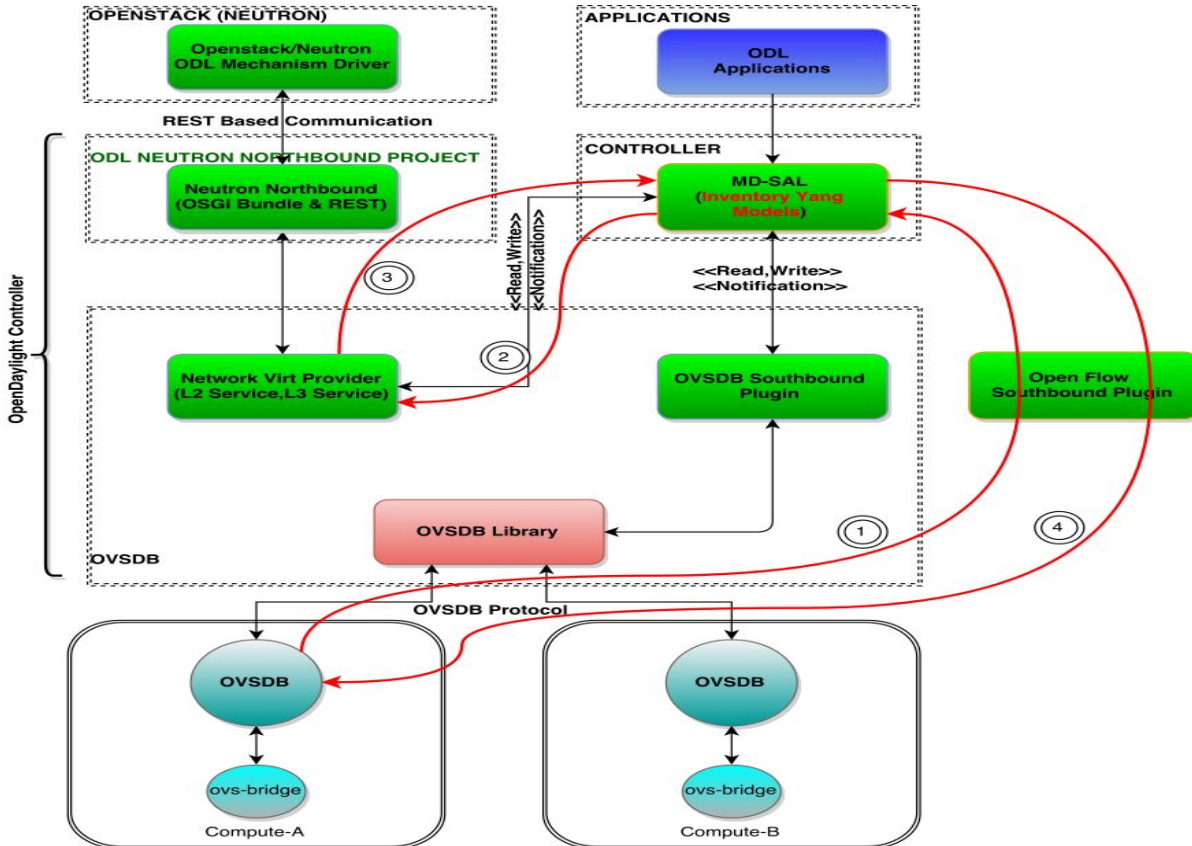
General Usage Control Flow by Network Virtualization Applications



Components: ODL OpenFlow+OVSDB Use Cases



NetVirt (+ VPN Service) Project



OpenFlow Plugin Services consumed by NetVirt:

- OpenFlow node connectivity
- Flow Installation, modification & removal
- Nicira extensions
- Packet-in

Service Function Chaining

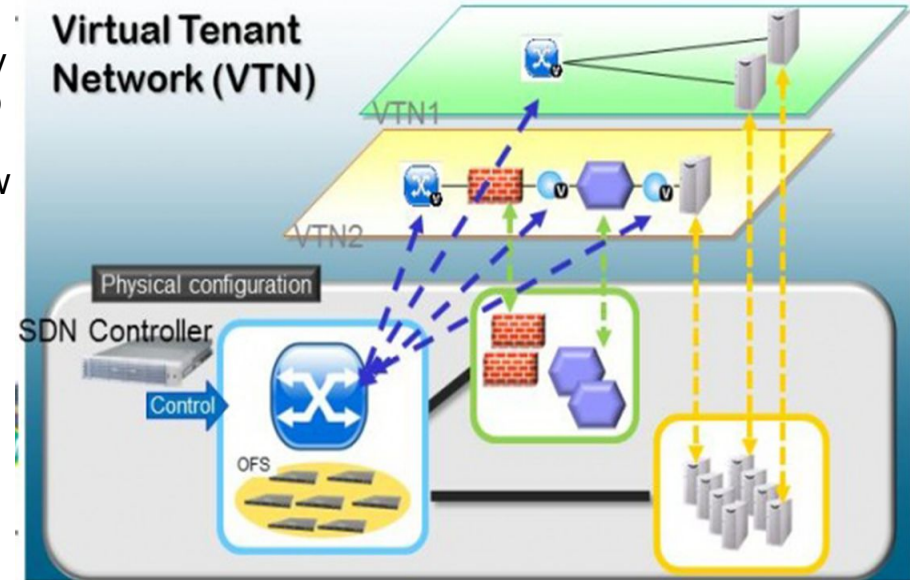
- Provide API's to create Service Function Chain and flow classifiers.
- Support multiple devices -- OVS, VPP, NetConf etc
- Renderers are developed for each type of device
- SFC configuration requires
 - Vxgpe termination point creation
 - Flows on the OpenFlow bridges to steer traffic
- OVS renderer create Bridge/Termination point (e.g vxgpe port) on OVS device using OVSDDB plugin to configure chain.
- OpenFlow renderer installs the flows using OpenFlow plugin to route the traffic
- SFC extensively uses OpenFlow plugin's nicira extensions.

Virtual Tenant Network (VTN)

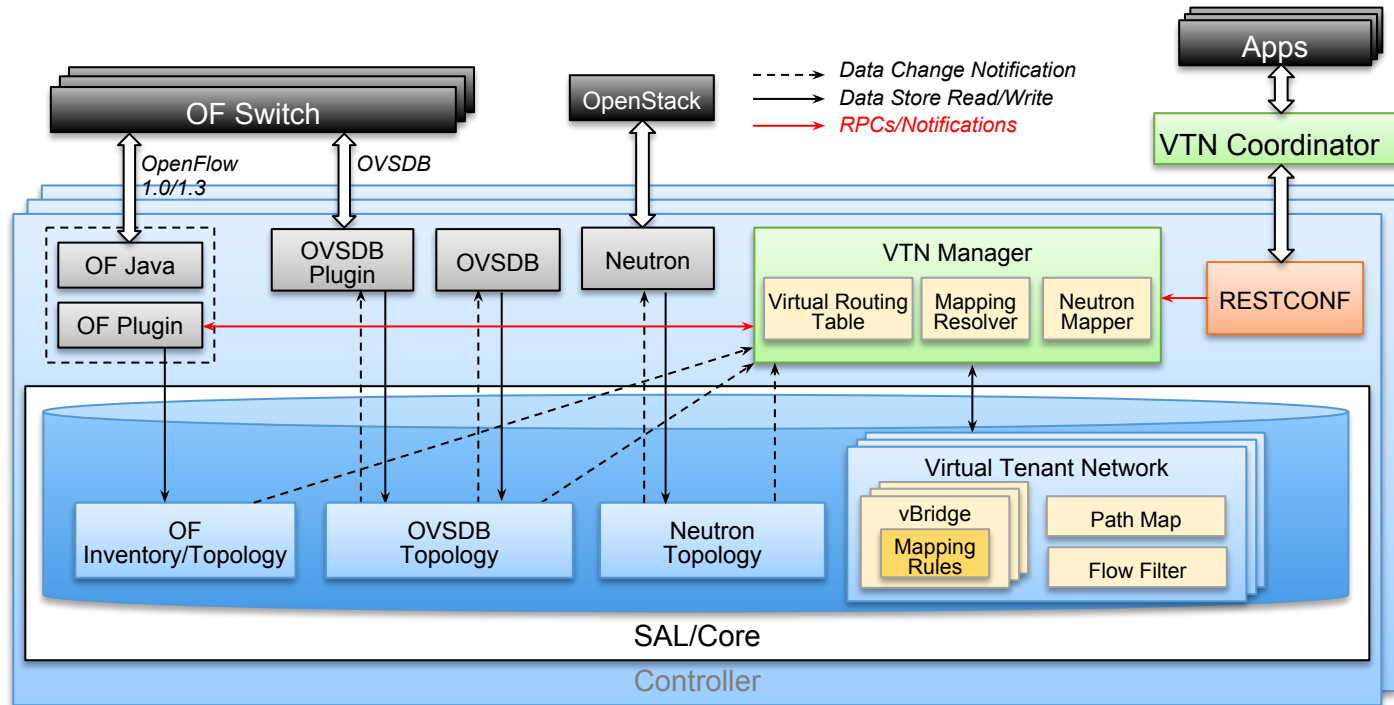
- Network Virtualization Project in ODL that supports
 - Multi Tenant Virtualization implementation on Openflow switches
 - Fault Tolerant
 - Supports Openstack Integration
 - Supports operating in a Cluster also
- Other Details
 - Available in Opendaylight since Hydrogen release

Key Idea

- VTN is a logical abstraction plane which enables complete separation of logical plane from physical plane
 - Users can define a logical network topology without knowing the physical network topology
 - Once logical network designed - VTN will map it to underlying physical network & push the network rules on the switches using OpenFlow
- Advantages
 - Hide the complexity of the underlying network from the tenant administrator
 - Better manage network resources
 - Minimize network config errors



VTN: Components and Dependencies



VTN Dependency on OpenFlow Plugin

- VTN extensively uses
 - Openflowplugin events related to the network (especially inventory related, flow entry removal, packet in received from switch) and handle the changes.
 - Use OpenFlow Plugin RPC to Install/Update/Remove Flow entries
 - Use OpenFlow Plugin RPC to Get statistics of Openflow ports

Note: VTN is a reactive implementation that computes flow entries based on the VTN model created by user and the packet received from switch.

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 - [Project Wiki](#)
 - IRC channel: #opendaylight-openflowplugin
 - Project Lead Contact Info: Abhijit Kumbhare
<abhijitkoss@gmail.com> (email), #abhijitkumbhare (IRC handle)
 - **Weekly Meeting:** Thursdays from 08:00-9:00 am PST/PDT | 11:00-12:00 EST/EDT | 15:00-16:00 UTC during Daylight Time/16:00-17:00 UTC during Standard Time
 - Boron Documentation:
 - [User Guide](#)
 - [Developer Guide](#)
 - Spec:
 - [OpenFlow 1.3.2](#)
 - [OpenFlow 1.0.0](#)

References (contd)

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