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# Cisco NFVI Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure

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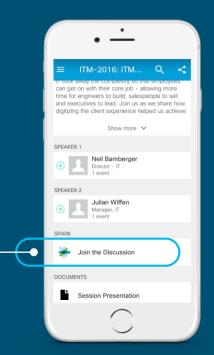


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### Agenda

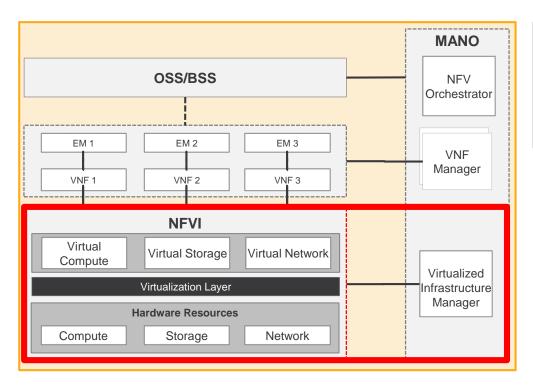
- Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure (NFVI) Fundamentals
- Cisco NFVI Components
- Cisco VIM (Virtualized Infrastructure Manager)
- Cisco VIM Unified Management
- Monitoring & Assurance
- SDN Integrations
- Where are we headed?
- Conclusion



# Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure Fundamentals



### The ETSI NFV Reference Architecture and NFVI

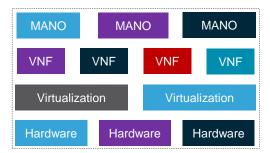




- NFVI Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure is the totality of all hardware and software components that build the platform in which VNFs are deployed
- VIM Virtualized Infrastructure Manager Controls and manages the NFVI compute, storage, and network resources. <u>VIM is the</u> <u>NFVI software platform</u>

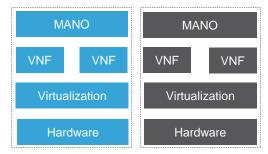
### SP Approaches to NFV

# Fully Disaggregated (DIY or SI Led)



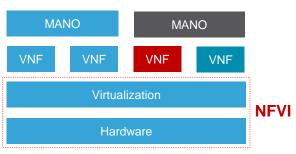
- Fully disaggregated approach with different elements of the solution coming from different vendors
- SP is driving Systems Integration either by self or by appointing a SI
- · Integration overhead is very high
- Arbitraging between vendors is difficult, no single point of ownership
- Takes longer to deploy perceived cost benefit may be lost in higher coordination & slower time to market

# Vertical NFV Solution Stack (Use Case Led)



- Use-case focused NFV solution stacks, each from same or different vendors
- Pre-integrated, tested and validated by vendor with single point of ownership
- Faster time to market
- However, convergence of platform may be very challenging in future due to platform architecture inconsistency
- May lead to multiple silo's that are not cross-leveraged and more expensive to manage in longer term

# Common & Horizontal NFVI (Infrastructure Led)



- Common, horizontal carrier-grade NFV infrastructure for multiple use cases – from one vendor
- VNF and MANO packages comes per use case from the target vendors
- Pre-integrated, tested and validated NFVI with single point of ownership
- · Faster time to market
- Convergence of the platform is achieved with this platform architecture strategy



### NFV Infrastructure Requirements

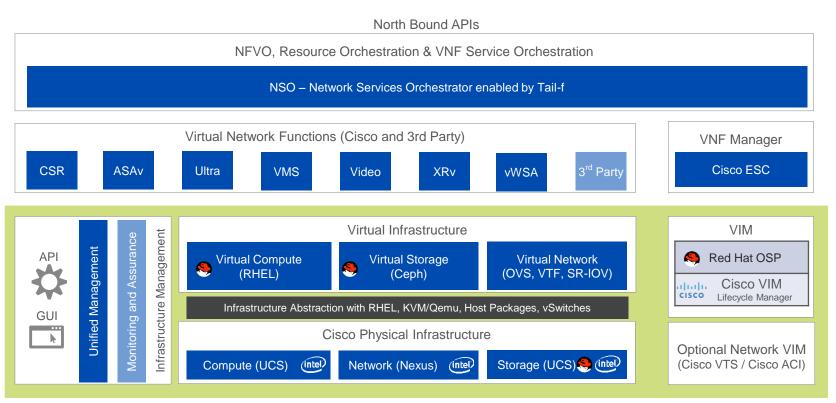
- Carrier Class Performance
- Use Case Agnostic Infrastructure
- Open Standards Based, Modular and Elastic
- Easy to use with Unified Management
- Integrated Solution with Single Point of Ownership
- Multi-level Security

Service Velocity

**Operational Simplification** 

Open Architecture

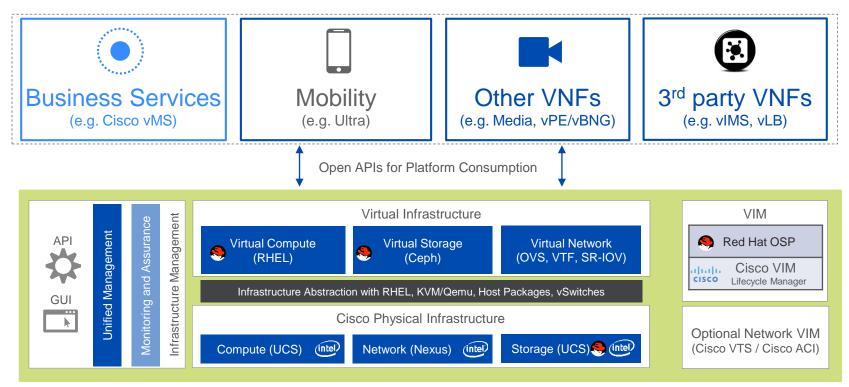
### Cisco NFV Solution Architecture



Cisco NFVI Scope



### Cisco NFVI Platform Use Cases



Cisco NFVI Scope



### **NTT East**

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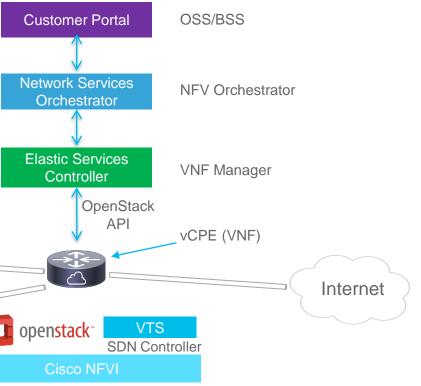
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CPE

Physical CPE

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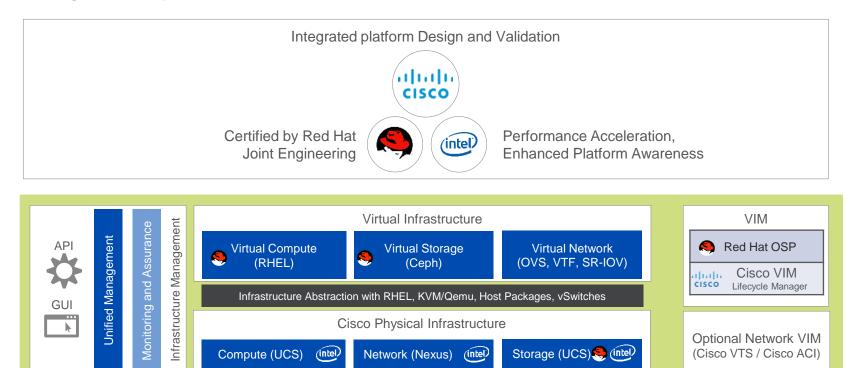






### Cisco NFVI Solution

### Leading Industry Partnerships

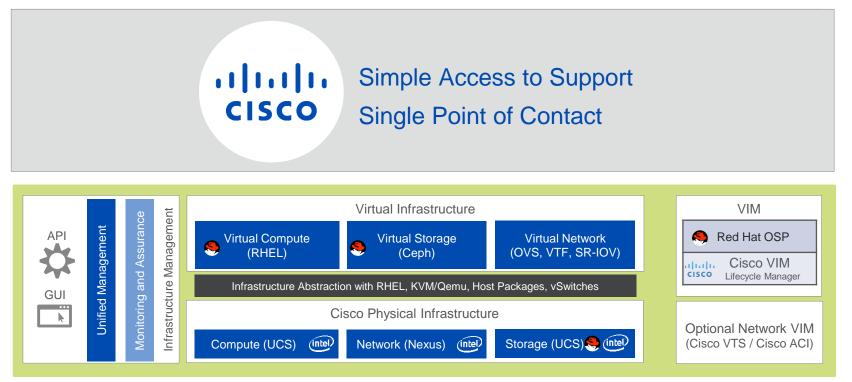


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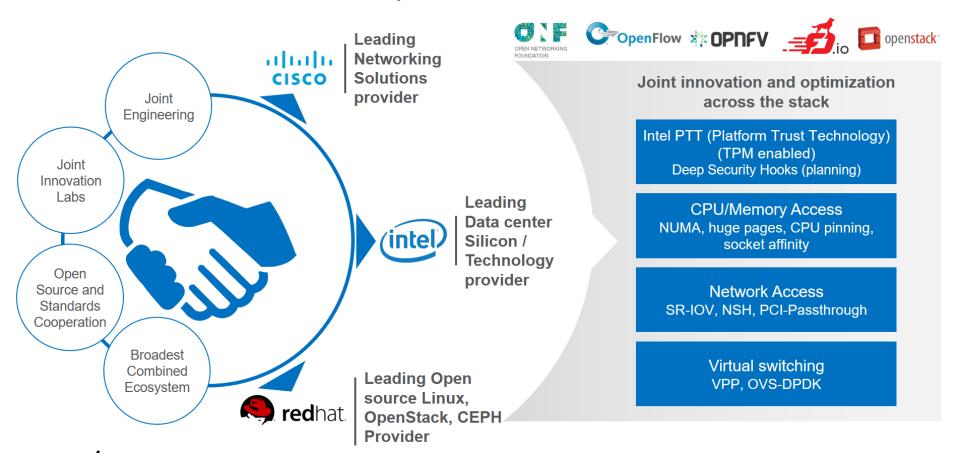
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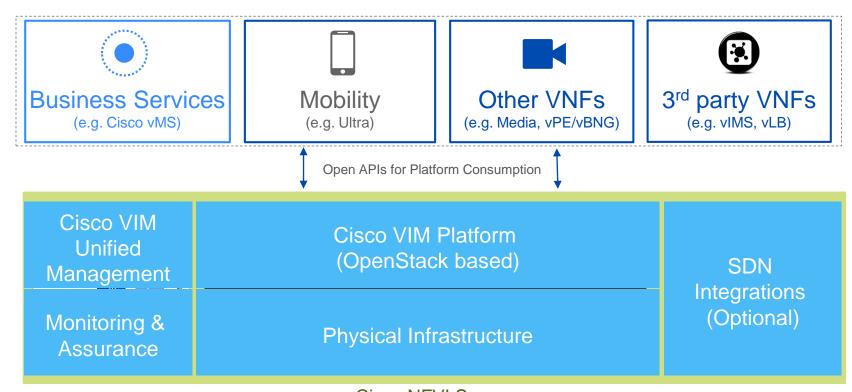




# Cisco NFVI Components



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# Cisco VIM Virtualized Infrastructure Manager



### OpenStack as the VIM

OpenStack can be complex to operate:



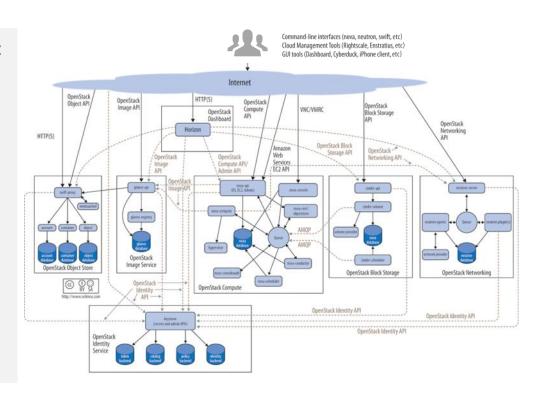
Complex interactions between services, databases, messaging queues, etc.,



Health and performance of a cloud is difficult to quantified, verify and monitor

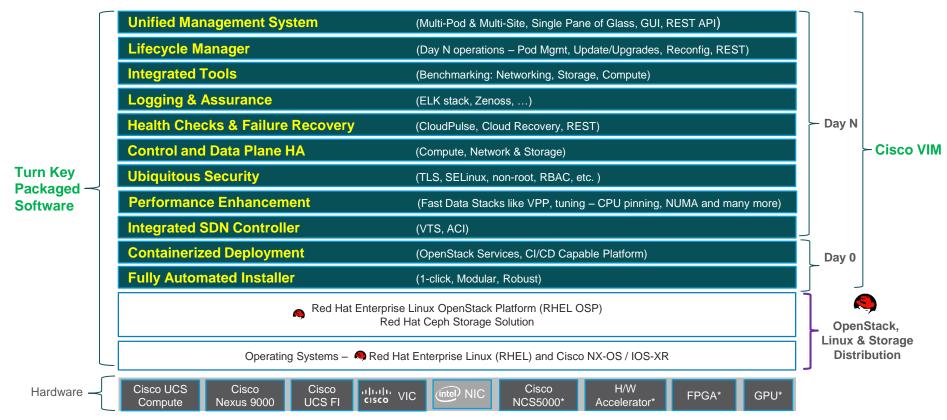


Updates/upgrades require extensive human effort and are prone to issues



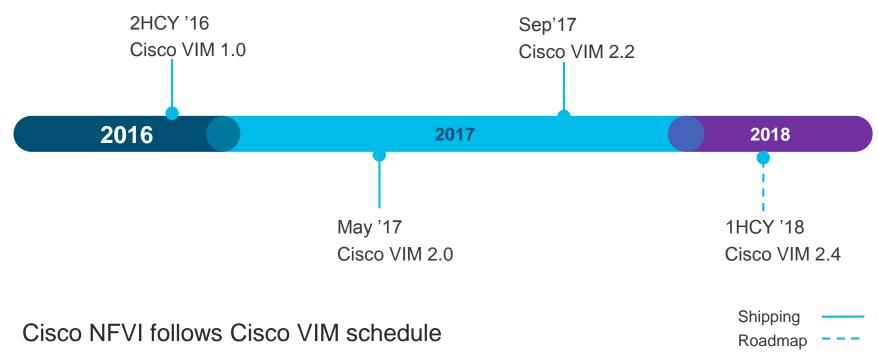


### Cisco VIM Carrier Class Platform





### Cisco VIM Release Schedule



### Cisco VIM 2.0 Features

#### Software

- Newton OSP 10
- Mgmt Node Auto Backup
- VM Cold Migration
- VM Resizing
- Auto Configuration ToR
- IP source Filtering
- Keystone V3
- Automated SW Upgrade
   Framework
- Unified Management UI (TechPreview)

#### Hardware

- Intel X710 NIC
- UCS C240 M4 compute
- Intel v4 (Broadwell)
- Scale up to 20 Storage nodes
- ToR Switches
  - Nexus 9396PX
  - Nexus 93180YC
- Micropod (TechPreview)

#### Data Plane

- SRIOV with Intel x710
- ML2 VPP
- NFVbench Performance Benchmarking

#### Third Party Integration

- SwiftStack
- Zenoss



### Cisco VIM 2.2 Features

#### Software

- Cisco VIM Insight GUI
- Software Upgrade Liberty to Newton
- VTS Upgrade 2.3 to 2.5
- VTS 2.5 Integration
- ACI/APIC SDN controller Integration
- Fluentd Integration
- Post Install Enable TLS
- Post Install Re-config Provider and Tenant VLAN ranges
- Post Install CIMC password change
- IPv6 support (management and data plane)
- Platform Security
- LDAP integration with Microsoft AD
- Disk Maintenance

#### Hardware

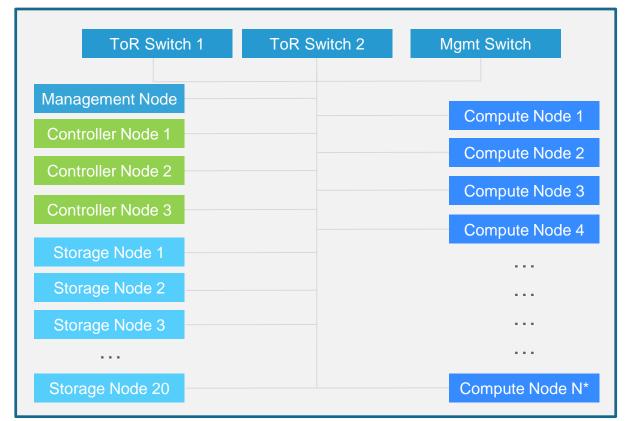
- MicroPod GA
- ML2 VPP and SRIOV for both Full and Micropod

#### Data Plane

- ML2 VPP with L3 and SRIOV
- NFVbench REST API and visualization
- Scale Support for both control and data plane



### Cisco VIM 2.2 Full Pod



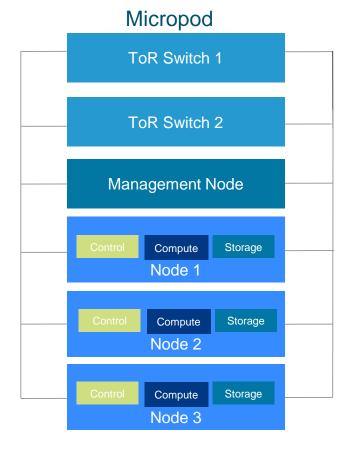


<sup>\*</sup> Total of 64 Compute & Storage nodes in a pod



### Cisco VIM 2.2 Micropod

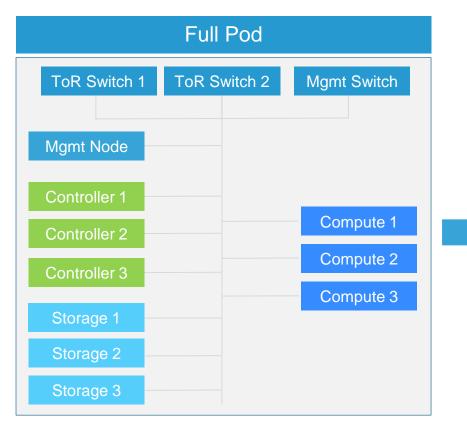
- One management node and three converged nodes
- Control, Compute and Storage on all 3 nodes
- Same HA capabilities as a full pod
- Same software and hardware lifecycle capabilities as full pod
- Reduces pod footprint by 60% (Mandatory nodes)

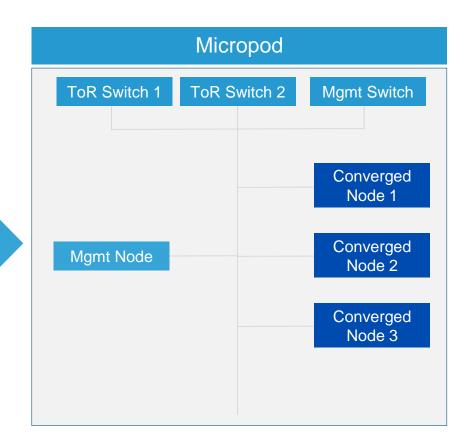




### Significant Efficiencies with Pod footprint

Use Case: Cisco VMS IWAN







### Cisco VIM 2.2 – Hardware Compatibility

Node	Server	Intel CPU V3	Intel CPU v4	Intel NIC X710	1x Cisco VIC + 2x Intel NIC X520	Cisco VIC1227	Cisco VIC1240	Cisco VIC1340	Cisco VIC1340 & 1380
Control	UCS C240 M4	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓			
	UCS C220 M4	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓			
	UCS B200 M4	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	✓	✓
Compute	UCS C240 M4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	UCS C220 M4	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			
	UCS B200 M4	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓
Storage	UCS C240 M4	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			
Management	UCS C240 M4	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b> *		<b>√</b>			

Supported from CVIM 2.2 onwards



# Data Plane Support – Full Pod

Combinations listed below are supported in Cisco VIM 2.2

NFVI Type	Virtual Switch	Tenant virtual Networks Encapsulation	Provider Virtual Networks Encapsulation	SR-IOV Passthrough
	OVS	VLAN	VLAN	No
UCS C220/C240 + Cisco VIC1227	VTF + VTS	VXLAN	VLAN	No
	VPP + ML2	VLAN	VLAN	No
UCS C220/C240 +	OVS	VLAN	VLAN	Yes
Intel NIC X710	VPP + ML2	VLAN	VLAN	Yes
UCS C220/C240 + Intel NIC X520	OVS	VLAN	VLAN	Yes
UCS B-series	OVS	VLAN	VLAN	Yes



# Data Plane Support – Mircopod

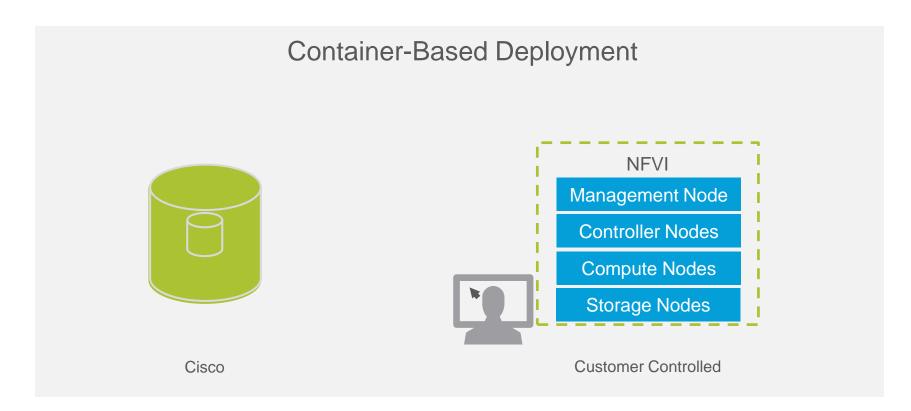
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	VPP + ML2	VLAN	VLAN	Yes



# Containerized Install, Update and Upgrade



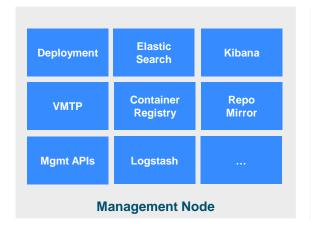




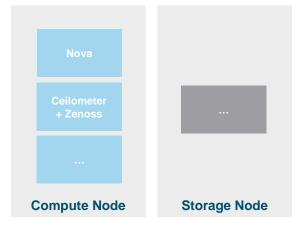
# Containerized OpenStack Services

Verifications/ Monitoring/ Operations

- Consistent deployment of software versions
- Isolation of services from each other gives better resiliency
- Predictable and low impact updates (both software patches and major version upgrades)







Software Packaging/Distrib ution

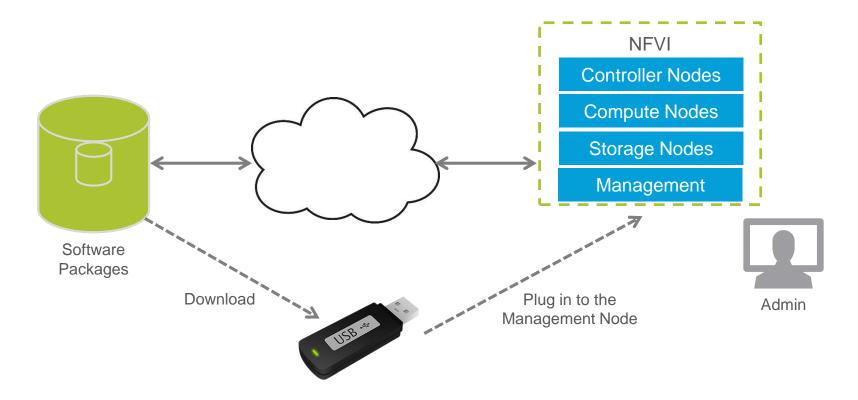
Input Validation

Bare-Metal Install

Common Node Level Setup Storage (Ceph) Setup Openstack Service Orchestration Verifications/ Monitoring/ Operations



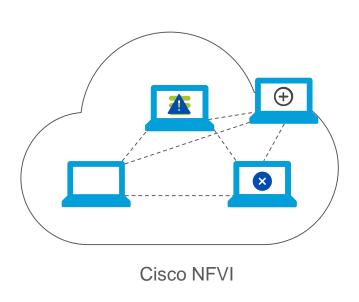
### Offline and Online Install / Update / Upgrade





### Hardware Life Cycle Management

Verifications/ Monitoring/ Operations



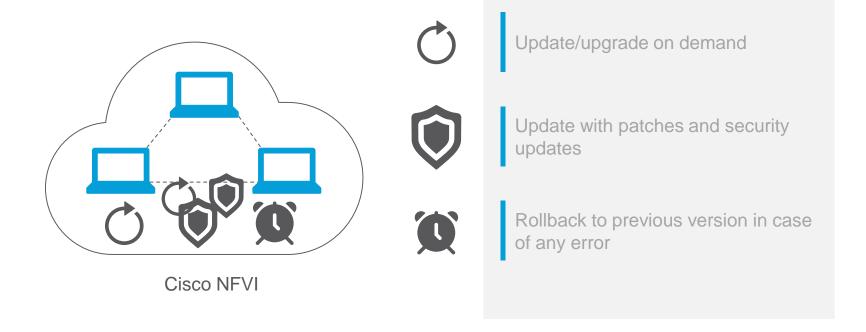
Add and remove of compute nodes to scale the pod on demand

Replacement of control nodes in case of maintenance

Replacement of storage nodes in case of maintenance

### Automated Software Updates & Upgrades

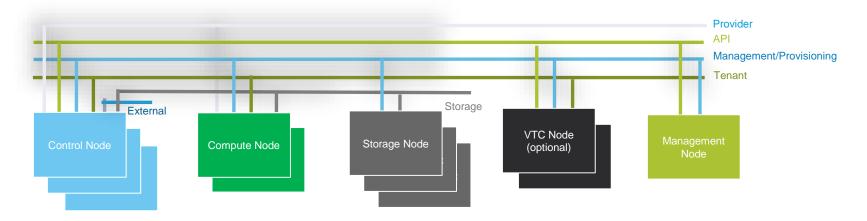
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### **Underlay Networking**

- API OpenStack API end points for managing/using the NFVI
- External Link to world beyond the cloud via OpenStack virtual routers (L3 agent)
- Management/Provisioning network PXE boot and Openstack inter-service communication
- Provider Link to existing infrastructure networks
- Tenant Inter VM traffic via OpenStack tenant networks
- Storage Ceph data replication traffic





### Cisco VIM Security - Defense in Depth

### Proactively design & secure the platform

- Cisco Secure Development Lifecycle (CSDL) compliant
- Cisco Product Security Baseline (PSB) compliant
- Network segmentation
- SELinux at host and container level
- Immutable containers
- Containers running as non-root
- · ANSSI review of VPC deployment

- Minimum attack surface...
  - No unnecessary open ports
  - No unnecessary software bits installed
- Passwords management
- Authenticated and secure access to APIs and Dashboards
- Seamless update of security patches
- Bandit security analyzer
- File/Process ownership/permissions



### **Disk Maintenance**

- Ability to check, identify and repair faulty disks without having to remove the node
- Disk maintenance can be performed on:
  - Management
  - Control
  - Compute
- Hardware RAID is pre-requisite for disk maintenance
- REST API and CLI can be used to query information on pod nodes
- Supported from CVIM 2.2 onwards



# Post-Install: UCS CIMC Password Change

- Ability to change CIMC password for all or specific servers
- CIMC password change or reconfigure supported via Cisco VIM UM
- The new password must satisfy atleast 3 of the following conditions
  - At least 1 letter between a to z
  - At least 1 letter between A to Z
  - At least 1 number between 0 to 9
  - At least 1 character from !\$#@%^-\_+=\*&
  - And "password length between 8 and 20 characters
- Supported only on UCS C series



# Post-Install: Provider & Tenant VLAN Range Changes

- Cisco VIM 2.2 provides the ability to increase Provider and Tenant VLAN ranges Post Install
- This provides customer with the flexibility in network design and planning
- Applies to both C-series and B-series pods enabled with UCSM plugin
- To run this feature, you should already have tenant and provider networks enabled on their pod with Day 0 configuration
- Sample day-0 setup\_data.yaml configuration

```
TENANT_VLAN_RANGES: 1002:1004 # Must match the range given in tenant network segment
```

PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES: 2002:2004 # Must match the range given in provider network segment



#### Post-Install: Enable TLS

- Why TLS?
  - TLS encrypts and authenticates communication to cloud endpoints
  - Enabling TLS is important to ensure network security
- Supported TLS certificates configuration
  - Cisco VIM Rest API endpoints
  - OpenStack API endpoints
  - SwiftStack Service through Horizon
  - Fluentd Service



# Keystone LDAP Integration with MS Active Directory

LDAP Integration with Microsoft Active Directory

With introduction of Keystone V3, OpenStack service authentication can be delegated to external LDAP/AD server

Expose LDAP user filter configurations with setup\_data.yaml

user\_filter: '(memberOf=CN=os-users,OU=OS-Groups,DC=mercury,DC=local)

Enable v4,v6 connectivity to LDAP server

url: 'ldap://[2001:420:293:2487:d1ca:67dc:94b1:7e6c]:389, ldap://172.26.233.104:389'

High availability with multiple LDAP domain servers

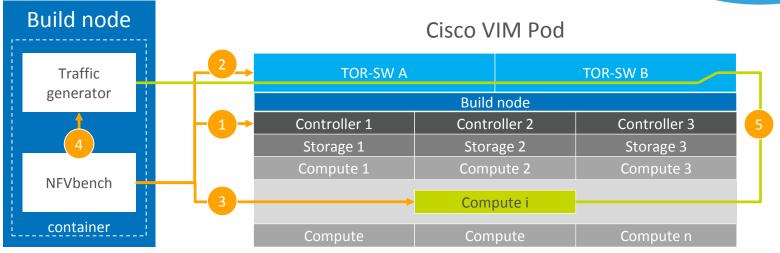
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#### **NFVbench**

#### Addressing Network Benchmarking





- 1 Stage VNF chain (OpenStack API)
- 2 Stitch traffic generator interfaces to VNF chain
- 3 Clear counters in vswitch(es)
- 4 Start traffic

5 Traffic flows to the VNF

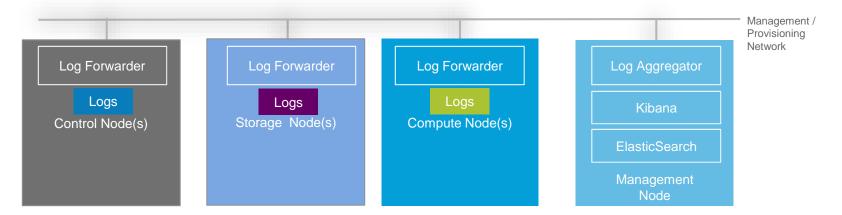
An integrated network performance benchmarking toolkit, pre-installed on every POD along with a set of best known practices



# Centralized Logging



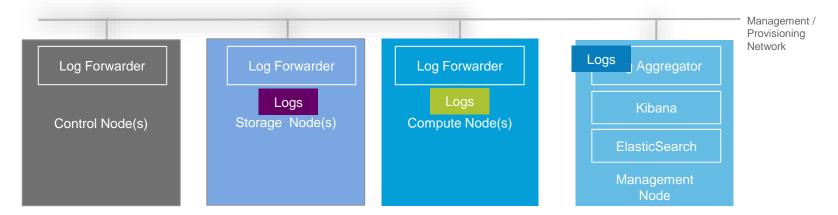
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- Fluentd-aggregator to forward logs to ElasticSearch database
- Kibana dashboard for viewing logs stored in ElasticSearch
- Fluentd-aggregator to forward logs to remote Syslog



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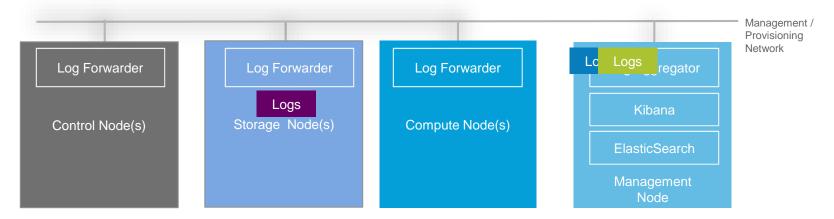
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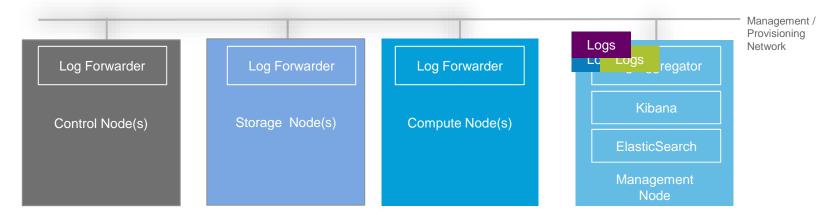
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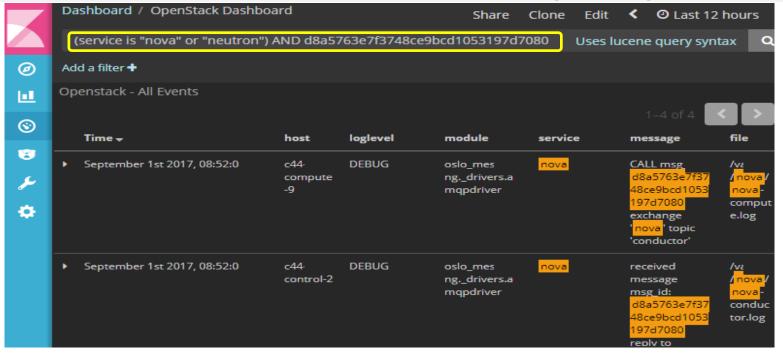


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#### Cisco VIM – Monitoring Logs

- Kibana visualizes the data stored in Elasticsearch using custom dashboards
- User can add filters or create queries to search through the logs



# Log Management & Export



### Cisco VIM – Log Rotation

#### ELK rotation parameters

CISCO VIM stores all the logs in Elasticsearch on the management node

```
# elk_rotation_frequency: "monthly" # Available options: "daily", "weekly", "fortnightly", "monthly"

# elk_rotation_size: 2 # Gigabytes (float is allowed)

# elk_rotation_del_older: 10 # Delete older than 10 units (where units depends on elk_rotation_frequency)
```

#### Cloud log rotation parameters

Log rotation and management for compute, control and storage nodes

```
# log_rotation_frequency: "monthly" # Available options: "daily", "weekly", "monthly", "yearly"

# log_rotation_size: "100M" # Max file size to start rotating (must pecify the unit. Available options: k, M, G))

# log_rotation_del_older: 10 # Number of files to keep before starting deleting them
```



# Cisco VIM – Syslog Export

- Syslog Forwarding supports the following options:
  - Forwarding logs from Management node to External Syslog Server
  - Reconfigure existing Syslog settings to point to a different syslog
  - Supports both IPv4 and IPv6

The following needs to be configured in setup\_data.yaml

```
# SYSLOG_EXPORT_SETTINGS:

# remote_host: <Syslog_ip_addr> # required

# protocol: udp # required between tcp/udp defaults to udp

# facility: local5 # required; defaults to local5

# severity: debug # ; required, value of debug

# port: <int> # typically 514 (required)

# clients: 'ELK' # required
```

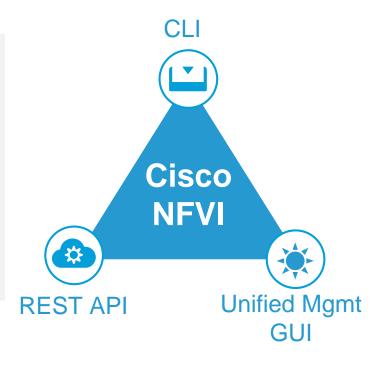


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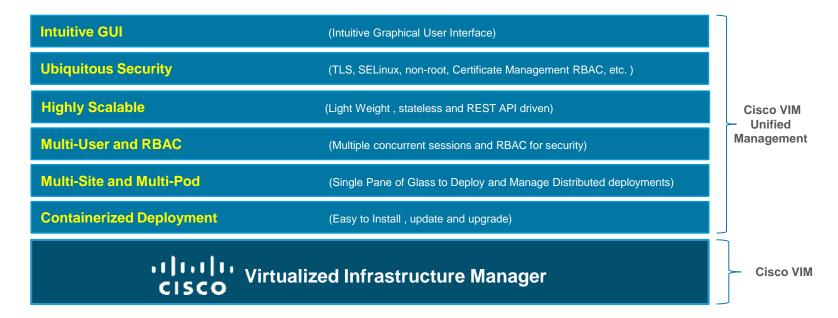


# **Unified Management**

- Cisco NFVI can be managed through GUI, CLI and REST API interfaces
- Unified Management GUI
  - Multi-pod
  - Multi-user
  - RBAC
  - Containerized, lightweight, stateless



# Cisco VIM Unified Management (UM)

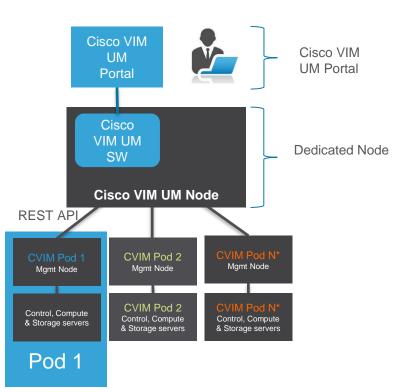




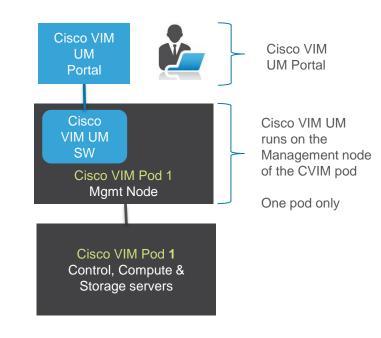
#### Cisco VIM Unified Management

**Deployment Models** 

Cisco VIM UM on Dedicated UM Node



#### Cisco VIM UM on Management Node



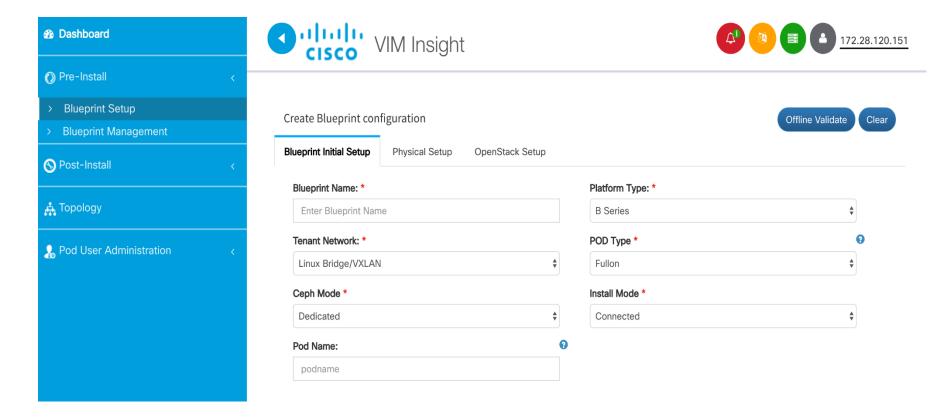
# Cisco VIM Unified Management

#### **Deployment Models**

On Unified Management Node	On CVIM Management Node
Runs on a dedicated Unified Management node	Runs on the management node of the pod
Multi-pod Support	No Multi-pod support
All Features supported	All features but for NFVbench
Recommended	Only for local pod management



### Unified Management – Pod Blueprint



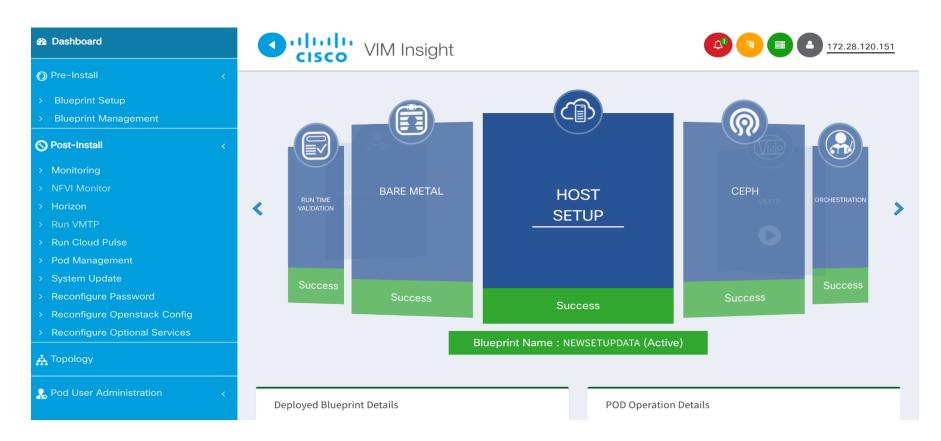


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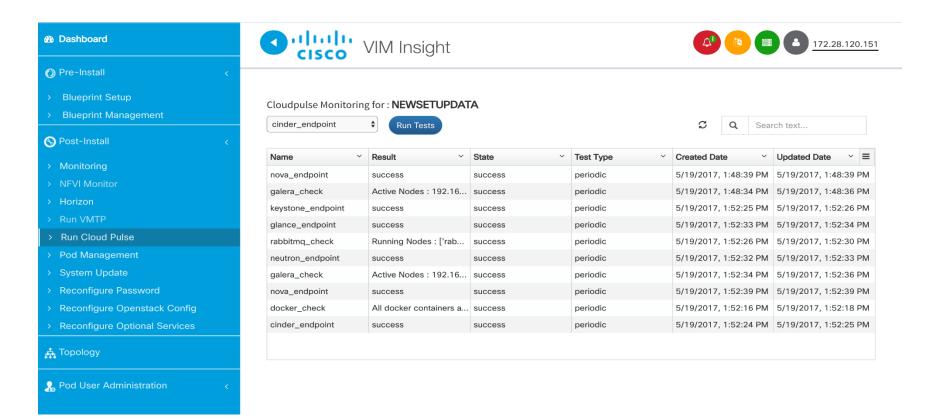


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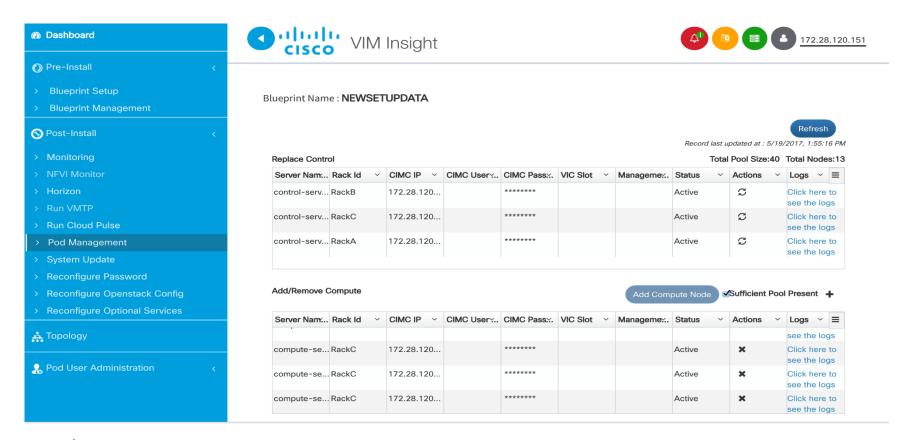


#### Unified Management – CloudPulse



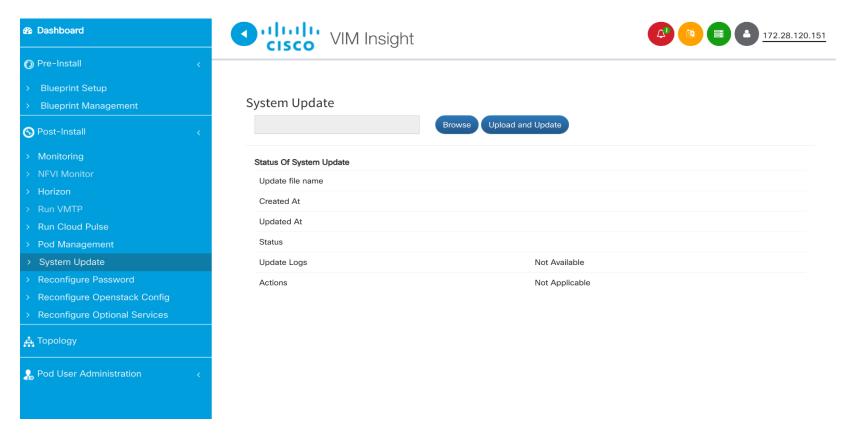


#### Unified Management – Pod Management



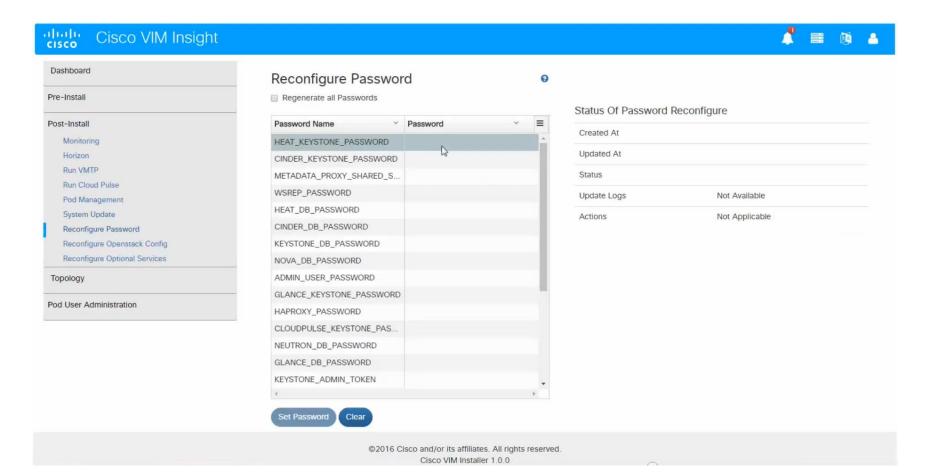


#### Unified Management – SW Updates





#### Password Management



### Logging Visualization

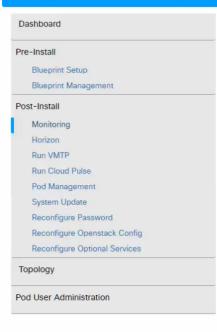


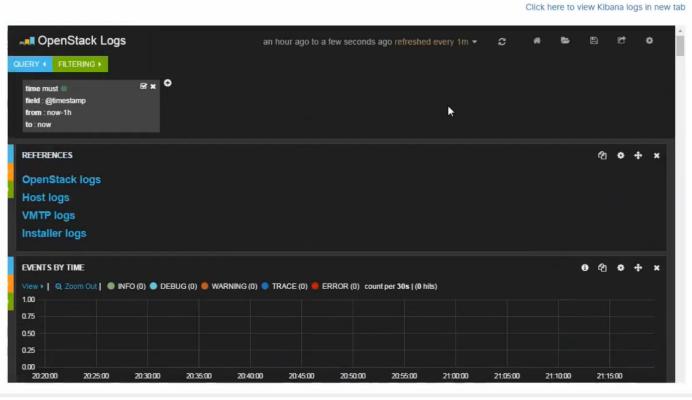


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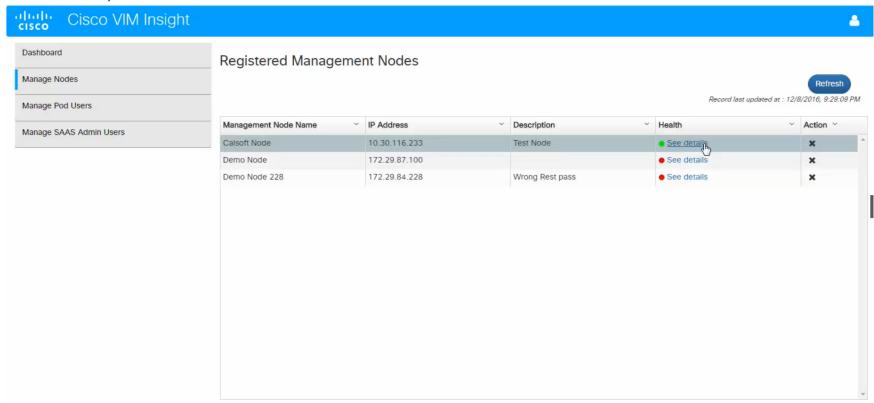






#### Multi-Pod Management

Multi-Site, Multi-POD with RBAC



# Monitoring & Assurance



# Monitoring & Assurance with Zenoss



#### **Monitoring**

- Health and performance monitoring physical and logical
- POD level view of components, Physical to Virtual Co-relation
- Ability to monitor multiple NFVI pods



#### **Analysis and Reporting**

- Service Impact Analysis Creates accurate models of services and their dependencies on application infrastructure
- POD capacity forecast Alert ahead of time
- Generate reports Device, Performance, Cisco UCS, NFVI reports

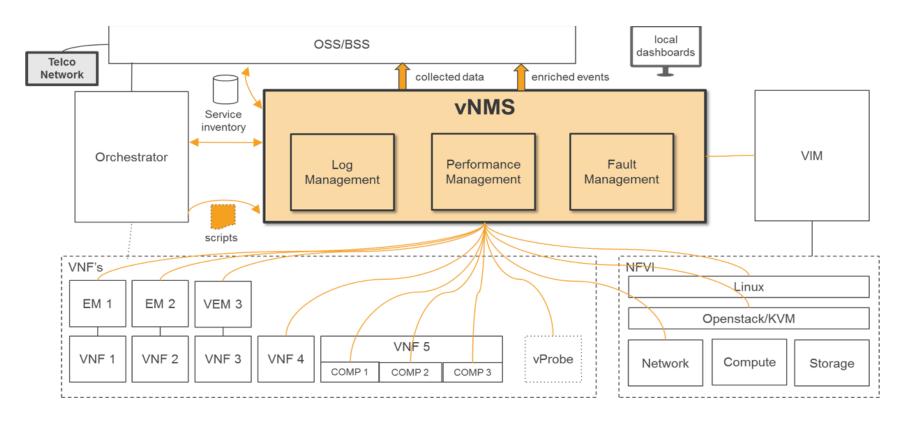


#### **Automation**

- Automate discovery and modeling POD changes
- Automatically checks POD level health
- Integrated with CVIM installation (optional)



# **NFV Assurance Integration Points**



**vNMS**: Virtual Network Monitoring System

# Cisco VIM Integration with Zenoss

 Zenoss dispatcher deployed by CVIM control nodes (using software in CVIM repository)

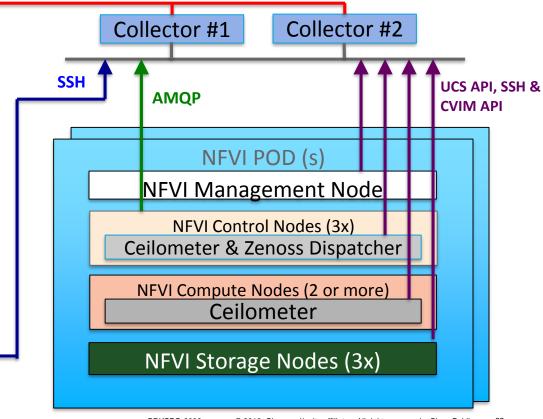
 Tight integration with Celiometer and other components. Zenoss lifecycle managed by the CVIM lifecycle manager

**Control Center** 

Resource Manager #1

Resource Manager #2

**Nexus ToR Switches** 



# SDN Integrations



# Cisco VIM Integration with Cisco ACI



# Cisco VIM 2.2 – ACI Integration

Cisco VIM 2.2 integrates ACI using OpFlex ML2 plugin to provide the market leading SDN solution for Cisco NFVI

#### Integrating ACI with Cisco VIM

- Allows dynamic creation of networking constructs to be driven directly from OpenStack requirements
- Provides additional visibility within the ACI APIC down to the level of the individual virtual machine (VM) instance

#### Cisco VIM 2.2 deploys ACI OpFlex plugin in "Unified" mode with ML2:

 Modular Layer 2 (ML2) mode – Standard Neutron API is used to create networks

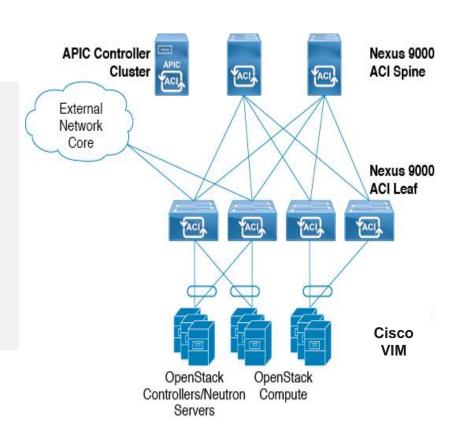
Future: Group Based Policy (GBP) mode – New API is provided to describe, create and deploy applications as policy groups



#### Cisco VIM with ACI – Architecture

A typical architecture of ACI fabric with Cisco VIM deployment consists of

- Nexus 9000 Spine/Leaf topology
- APIC cluster
- Cisco VIM Pod Controller, Compute and Storage Servers
- An ACI External Routed Network connection





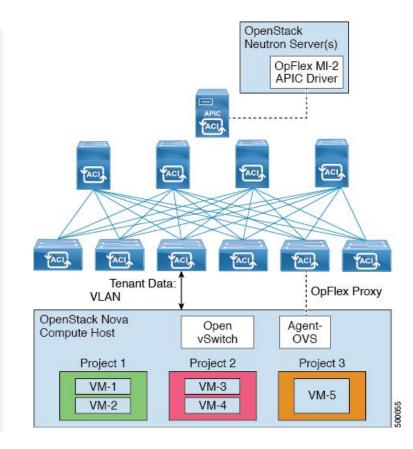
# Cisco VIM with ACI architecture OpFlex ML2

# OpFlex ML2 APIC Driver for integration into Neutron runs on the Control nodes

 Translates Neutron networking elements such as a network, subnet or router into APIC constructs within the ACI Policy Model

#### An OpFlex proxy runs on the ACI leaf switch

 Exchanges policy information with the Agent-OVS instance extending the ACI switch fabric and policy model into the virtual switch



## ACI Integration in Cisco VIM 2.2

### Cisco VIM 2.2 ACI Integration Features

- Containerized deployment of APIC services
- Fully Automated Day 0 APIC configuration
  - VLAN Pools, AEP, Physical Domain for bare metal hosts, Intf policy for LACP, PC and VPC, Network VRF and BDs, EPGs, Associate EPGs to Phys domains and AEPs
- Dynamic provisioning of provider and tenant networks
- Hardware Supported UCS C-Series with Cisco VIC
- Virtual switch and Tenant encapsulation OVS and VLAN
- Reconfigure option to scale up/down ACI Fabric (Leaf nodes)
- Fully supported in CVIM Unified Management GUI



## Scale Optimizations – ACI integration

In Cisco VIM 2.2 ACI Unified Plugin for OpenStack enables optimized functions for Local Layer 3 functions

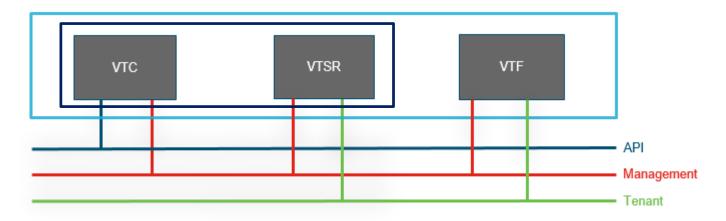
- DHCP optimization with Distributed DHCP
  - The Discovery, Offer, Response, and Acknowledgement (DORA) functions that interact with the VM instances is kept local to each compute node
- Distributed Metadata on compute nodes
  - OpenStack VM's can receive instance-specific information such as instance-id, hostnames, and SSH keys from the Nova Metadata Service
- Distributed NAT
  - Distributes Source NAT and Floating IP functions for OpenStack to the Open vSwitch of the compute nodes



# Cisco VIM Integration with Cisco VTS



## Cisco VIM – VTS Integration



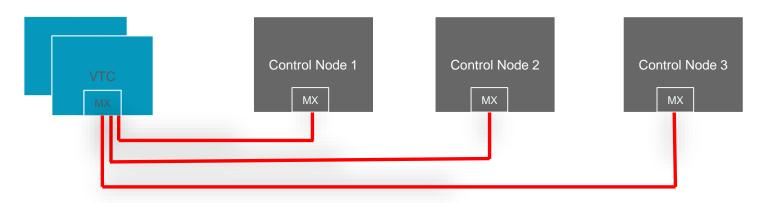
- Pre-requisites for VTS Integration with Cisco VIM
  - VTC (Controller) is installed in HA mode on two external servers
  - VTSR is the BGP control-plane running in HA mode
  - VTSR script to configure loopback interface and BGP-ASN



## Cisco VIM – VTS Control Components

- Cisco VIM will install VTS plugin on all 3 control nodes
- Control node will send network information to VTC over MX network

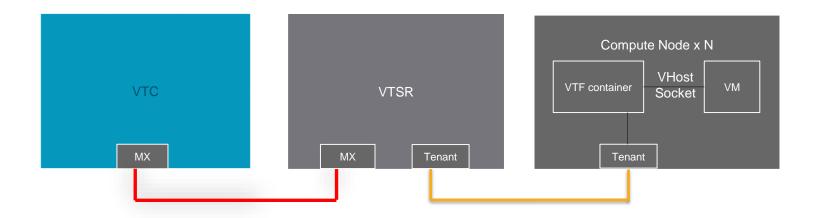
#### Cisco VIM Control Plane Cluster in HA





### Cisco VIM – VTF VHOST Forwarder

- Cisco VIM will install VTF VHOST on all compute and control nodes
- VTSR control plane will use tenant network to program VTF vswitch





## Where are we headed?



## Distributed NFV with Edge Cloud & CO

Transformation

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vBranch, Analytics Access

Nothing is seen today...

MEC, VPC & Fog Apps CO

vBNG, vOLT, vCMTS, vPE Biz Services (vMS), vRAN, vCDN, Analytics

VPC & vCDN, Cloud RAN, AR/VR, IOT, Fog, location based services, Data Analytics

#### Remote DCs

VPC, SecGW, vIMS, vManaged Service, Media xCoding, cDVR, vPE, vBNG, vCMTS, vCDN, Analytics

IOT / Fog Computing, Online Gaming, Location based Services, AR/VR, Data Analytics

#### Central DCs

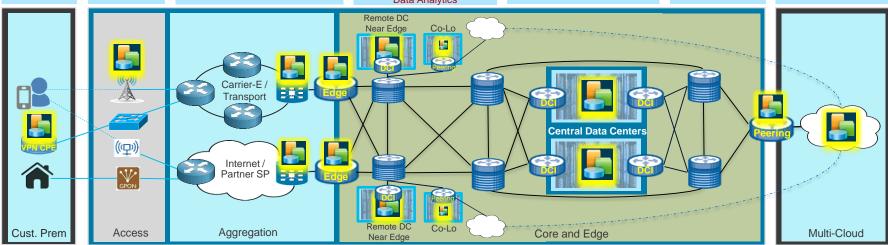
VPC, Gi-LAN, vIMS, Biz Services (vMS), Media xCoding, cDVR, vCDN, Virtualized RR, Analytics

## Co-Lo / Peering

vMS, vCDN, vDDoS, Analytics

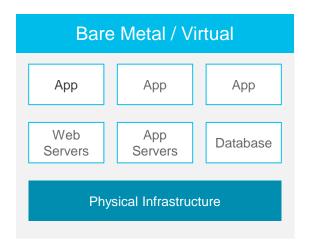
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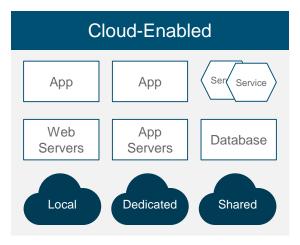
XaaS delivered from the Multi-Cloud

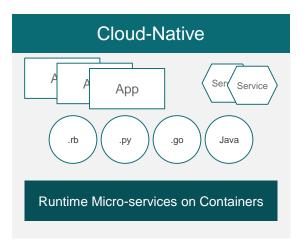


## **Evolution of Workloads**

Application requirements changing: Cloud Native, Micro-services, Containers



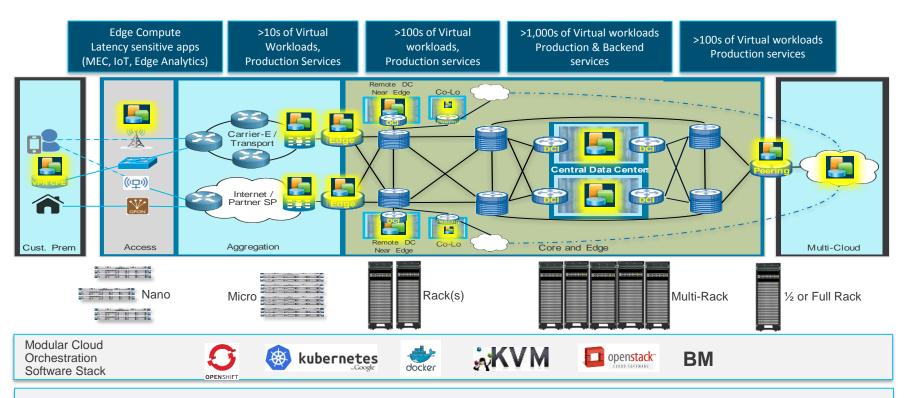








## Towards a Cloud Native Common Virtualization Platform



High Performance, Automation, Day 0 - N Lifecycle Management, HA, Consistent Networking Models, Logging, Assurance, Security



## Cisco NFVI Powered by Cisco VIM

#### Carrier Grade NFVI Solution



Multi-Use Case Capable, Cisco & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party



Open source and standards compliant



Ease of Use with Simplified Manageability



Single Point of Accountability & Ownership



Carrier Grade Performance, HA, Scale & Security



Joint
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Integrated platform sold and supported by Cisco, powered by Intel, fully backed by Red Hat

Evolution to Cloud Native SP Virtualization solution with seamless integration with WAN to drive true realization of NFV

Complemented with best in class MANO and Industry's Broadest VNF Portfolio



## Cisco Spark



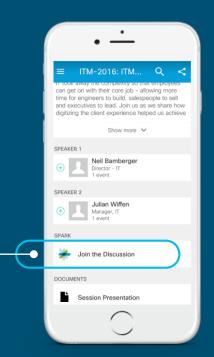


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