

# VNF PLATFORM FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Contrail Cloud Overview

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Engineering  
Simplicity

# VIRTUALIZATION ECOSYSTEM

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- Monolithic and Micro services
- Shared Infrastructure



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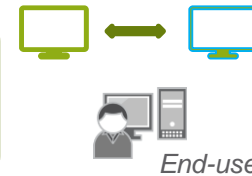
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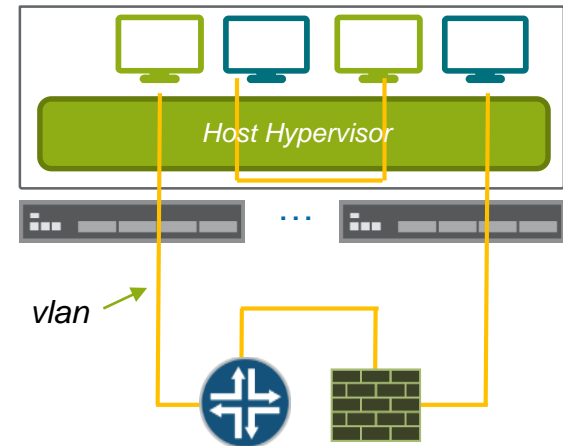
## NETWORKING

- Virtual and Physical
- Built-in or External
- Features and Performance



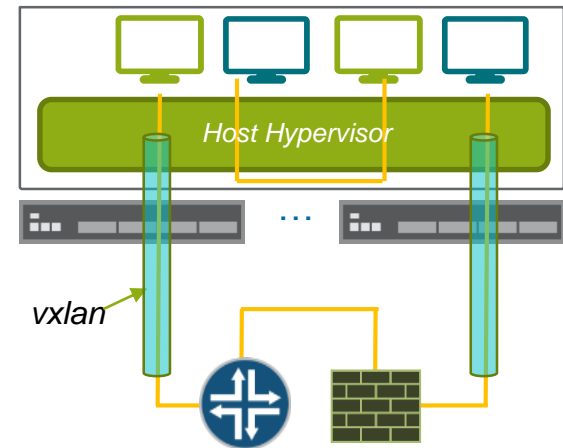
# NETWORKING FOR HYPERVISORS

- Industry focused on compute and storage features and issues
- Most vendors still rely on external networking
- Underlay switches should have enough features and scale to route all traffic – Fabric is complicated and costly to operate



# SDN INVENTION

- SDN solved some scaling issues (introduced overlays) and created new bottlenecks
- Overlay usually has separate control plane
- Still lack of Hypervisor networking features
- Hypervisor networking performance also an issue





# CONTRAIL VROUTER FEATURES



Routing & Switching



IPAM, DNS, DHCP  
SNAT, FIP, IPv6,  
QoS



Load Balancing



Security Policy Enf.,  
Distributed FW,  
Security Groups



Gateway Services  
(L2, L3 GW)



Multi-vendor System  
Integration



Rich Analytics,  
Overlay-Underlay  
Correlation



Service Chaining  
(incl. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party  
Network Svcs)



High Availability



API Services

# CONTRAIL NETWORKING

Acquired by Juniper Networks in 2012

Created for built-in networking  
vRouter and SDN Controller

Standalone or bundled with VIM – Contrail Cloud



Contrail Networking



Any Cloud

Private cloud data centers, public clouds



Any Workload

Bare metal servers, virtual machines, containers and physical networking devices

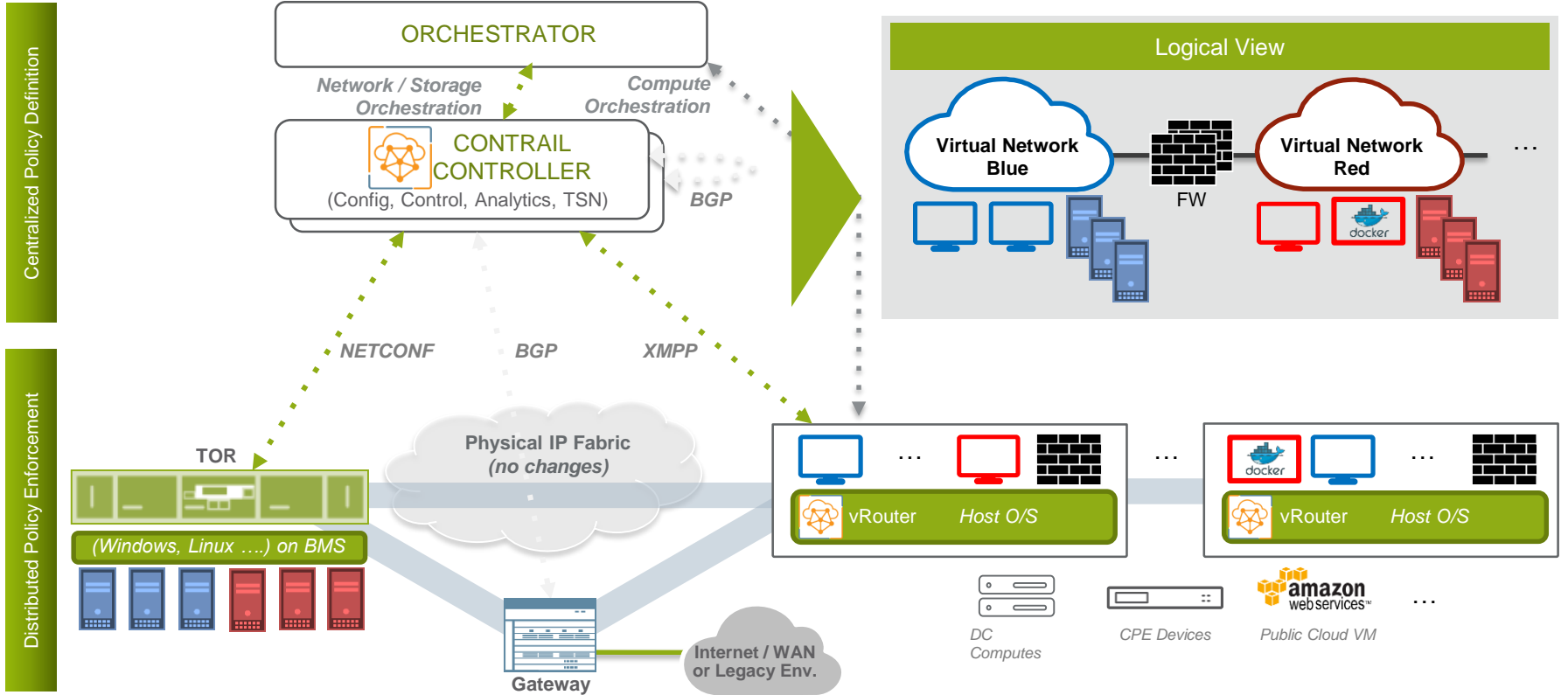


Any Deployment

Greenfield or brownfield, single- or multivendor

One, open platform for end to end policy and control with analytics

# CONTRAIL NETWORKING ARCHITECTURE



# VNF: PROS AND CONS

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**SGSN-MME Chassis**  
**[aggregated design]**

## Advantages

- Utilize x86 price/performance advantage
- Fast roll out – no truck rolls, use common infra
- “Unfreeze code” - Agile, CI/CD for networking applications

## Concerns

- Work for transit traffic – need performance and smart routing

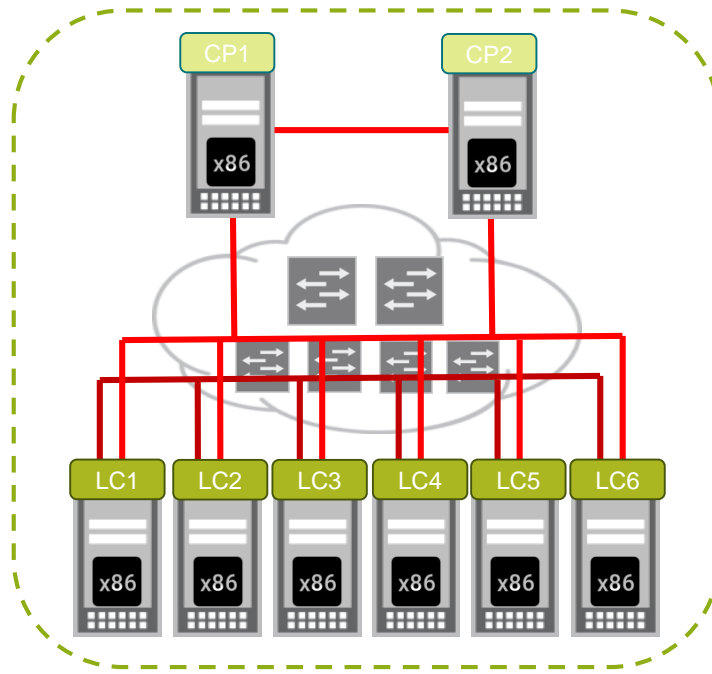
# VNF: A COLLECTION OF VMS TO INTERCONNECT



**SGSN-MME Chassis**  
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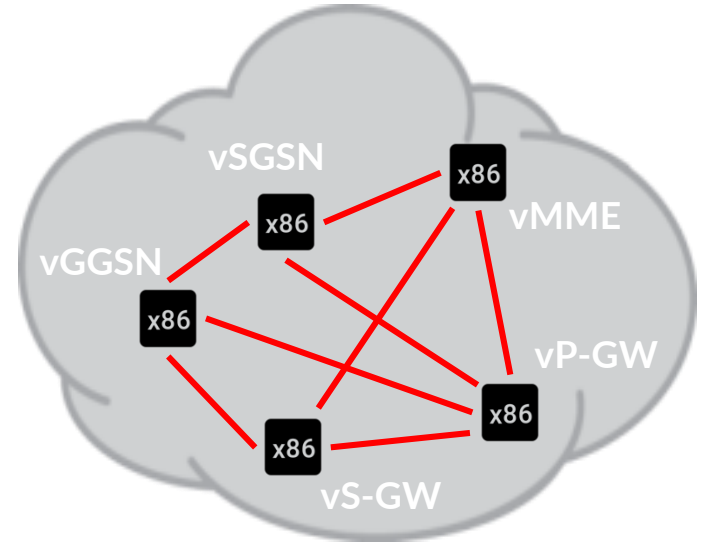
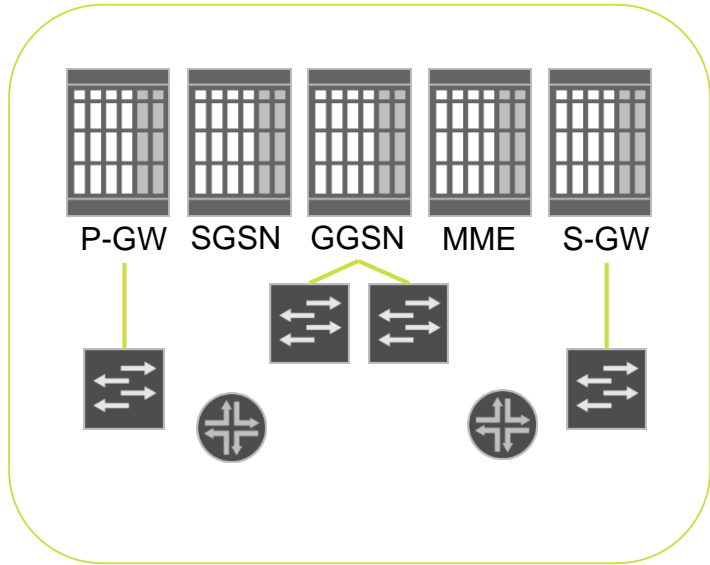
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- CP1 Control Plane VM (active)
- LCx Line Card VM
- Backplane for Control
- Fabric for Data Plane (East/West Traffic)

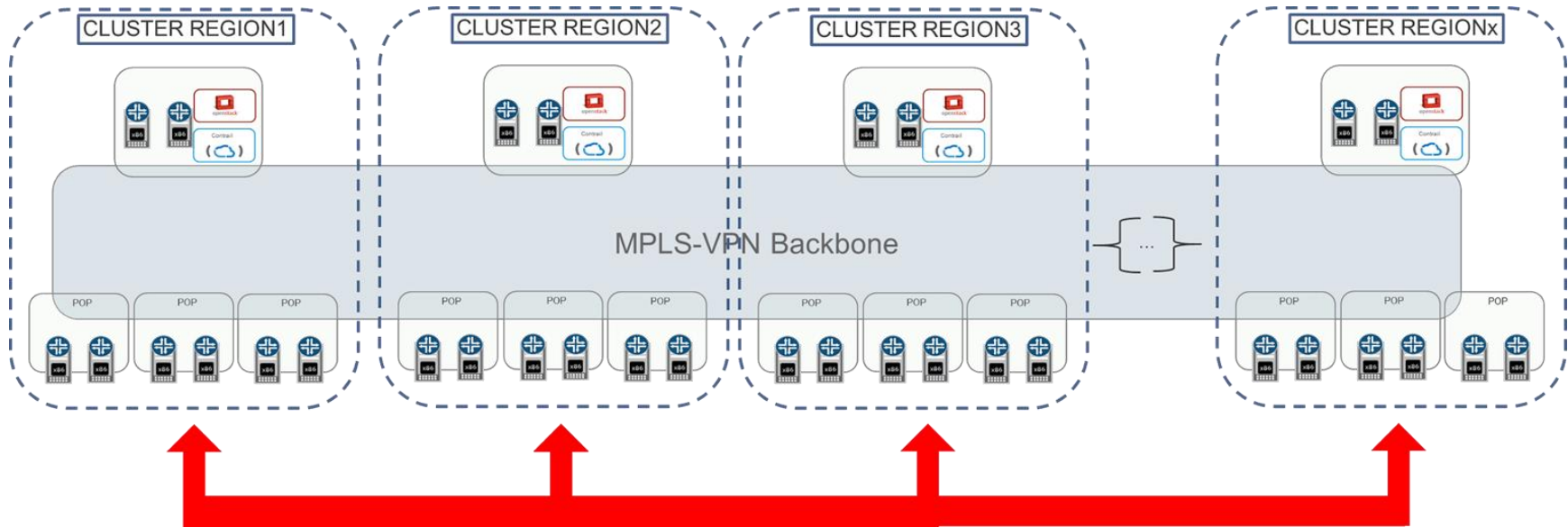
**Virtualized SGSN-MME**  
[disaggregated design]

# VEPC: A SET OF VNFS TO INTERCONNECT



# 5G WILL REQUIRE VNFS DISTRIBUTION

## ORCHESTRATION/INTERCONNECT BECOMES KEY

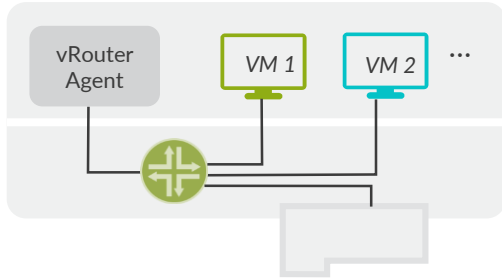


**Single touch point orchestrating all networking end to end**

- Compute, Top Of Rack, Gateway, Backbone
- Via standard BGP based control plane (vs a proprietary configuration plane)

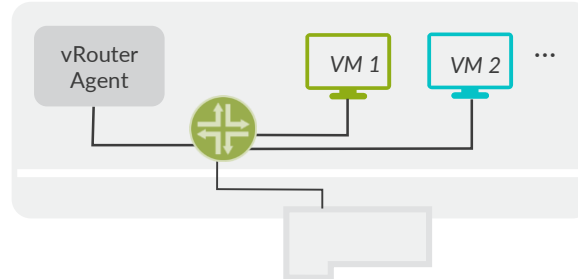
# DATA PLANE PERFORMANCE OPTIONS

## KERNEL VRUTER



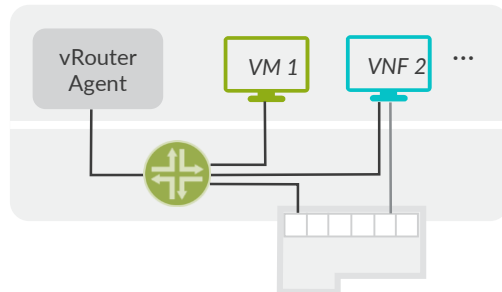
- This the normal operation where fwding plane of vRouter runs in the kernel and are connected to VMs using TAP interface (or veth pair for containers)
- vRouter itself is enhanced using other performance related features:
  - TSO / LRO
  - Multi-Q Virtio

## DPDK VRUTER



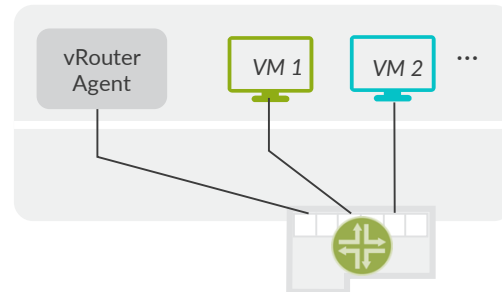
- vRouter runs as a user space process and uses DPDK for fast path Packet I/O.
- Requires the VMs to have DPDK enabled for performance benefits

## SR-IOV - VRUTER COEXISTENCE



- Some workloads can directly SRIOV into the NIC, while others go through the vRouter
- Sometimes a VNF can have multiple interfaces some of which are SRIOV-ed to the NIC
- The workloads / interfaces that are SRIOV-ed into NIC don't get the benefits / features of vRouter

## SMART NIC VRUTER



- vRouter fwding plane runs within the NIC
- Workloads are SRIOV-connected to the NIC




# MARKET TRENDS FOR HARDWARE I/O ACCELERATION



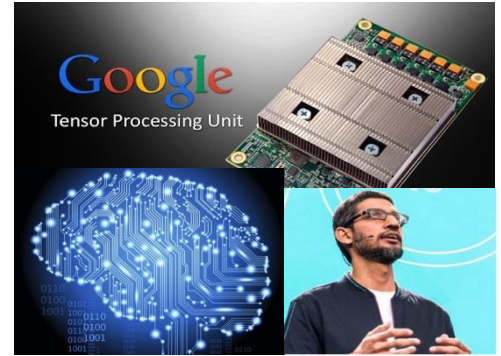
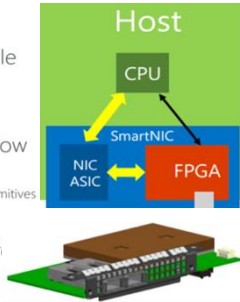
**2016 CUSTOM SILICON**

- Custom Si & 25GbE
- 2x 25GbE cheaper & higher bandwidth than 40GbE
- Amazon Annapurna ASIC
- Second generation Enhanced Networking
- AWS controls silicon, hardware & software
- AWS pace of innovation



## Azure SmartNIC

- Use an FPGA for reconfigurable functions
  - FPGAs are already used in Bing (Catapult)
  - Roll out Hardware as we do software
- Programmed using Generic Flow Tables (GFT)
  - Language for programming SDN to hardware
  - Uses connections and structured actions as primitives
- SmartNIC can also do Crypto, storage acceleration, and mor



Large R&D budgets, deep acceleration software expertise  
Proprietary silicon and hardware-based acceleration

Rest of the market deploying cloud technologies need off-the-shelf solutions

# OVERLAY AND UNDERLAY

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Single management plane for overlay and underlay required

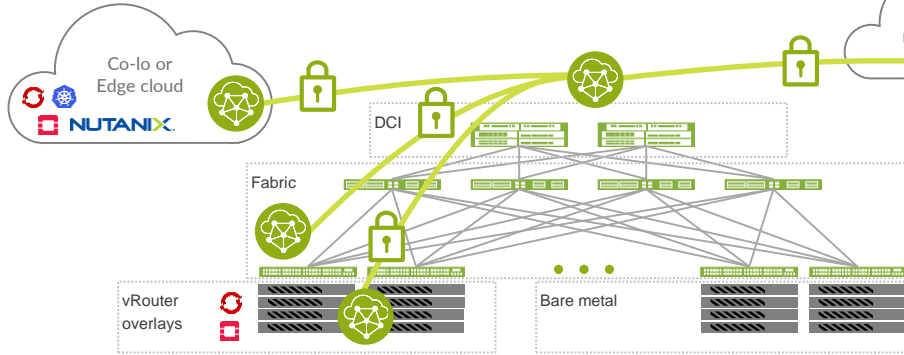
- for traffic coming from underlay to overlay and vice versa
- for SRIOV interfaces (vRouter functions offloaded to switch)
- for BMS

Contrail Device Manager (component of Contrail Networking) manages physical devices

Contrail Command takes care of IP Fabric lifecycle (ZTP, Provisioning, Inventory etc) and standalone Hypervisors (Provisioning, Inventory)

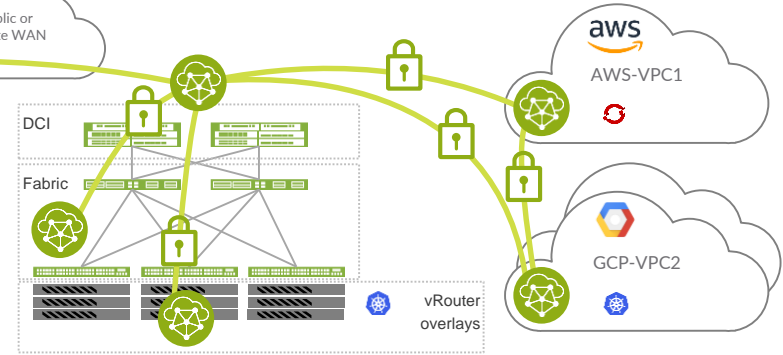
# SINGLE MANAGEMENT PLANE AND SECURITY

## 1. Manage the underlay



## 2. Automate the overlay

## 3. Extend to multicloud



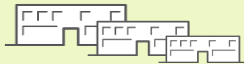
## 4. Secure workloads and infrastructure

end-to-end

CONNECT - SEE - SECURE - DELIVER

end-to-end

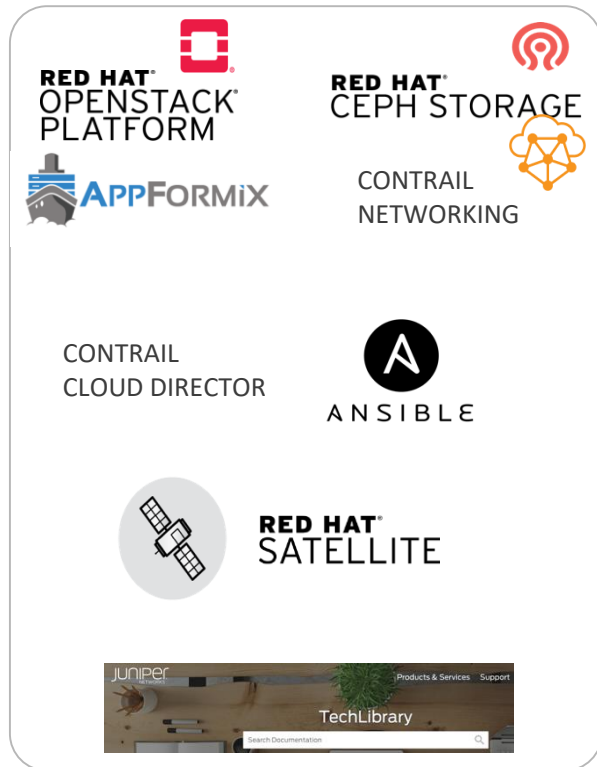
Data Center



Public Cloud



# WHAT IS CONTRAIL CLOUD



## 5 packages Released

- CC10.0.1 [Dec '17], CC10.0.2 [Feb'18], CC10.1 [June'18]
- CC13.0 [Aug'18], CC13.0.1 [Sept'18]

## Contrail Cloud Director

- 8 Ansible playbooks for deployment automation
- 4 layers of automation : Infrastructure, UnderCloud, OverCloud, AFX

Satellites for SW distribution, Licenses & Release Management

Architecture Blueprints & Deployment guides

# TURNKEY SOLUTION TO OPERATE TELCO CLOUD



**Compute:** Red Hat OpenStack & RHEL/KVM

**Storage:** Red Hat Ceph

- **Networking:** Contrail Networking
- **Operations & Analytics:** AppFormix
- **Automated deployment, single pane of glass:** Contrail Command



- **Reference use cases:** Mobile Broadband, Virtual IMS [future], ...
- **Pre-validated VNFs :** Affirmed Mobile Content Cloud [S/PGW, MME], vSRX [firewall/IPsec gateway]
- **Optimized performance** configuration blueprint



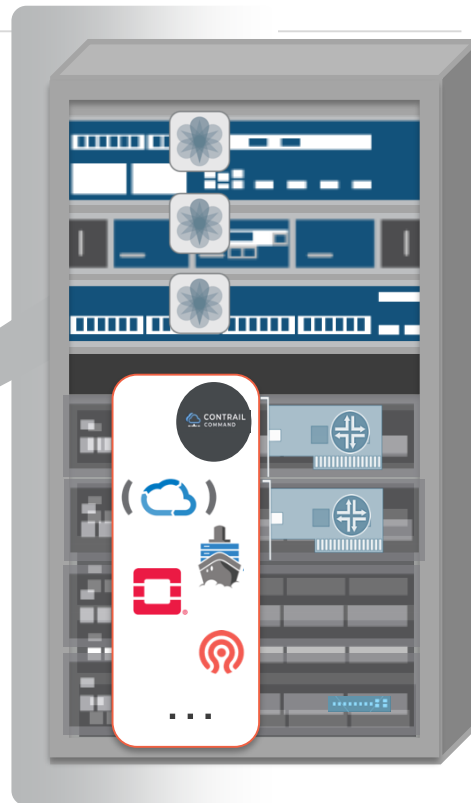
- **Reference Servers:** Dell, Quanta, HP, Supermicro, UCS Rack
- **Smart NIC** support for high performance VNFs



- **Pre-integrated underlay Network:** TORs & Spine [QFX], Gateway [MX]

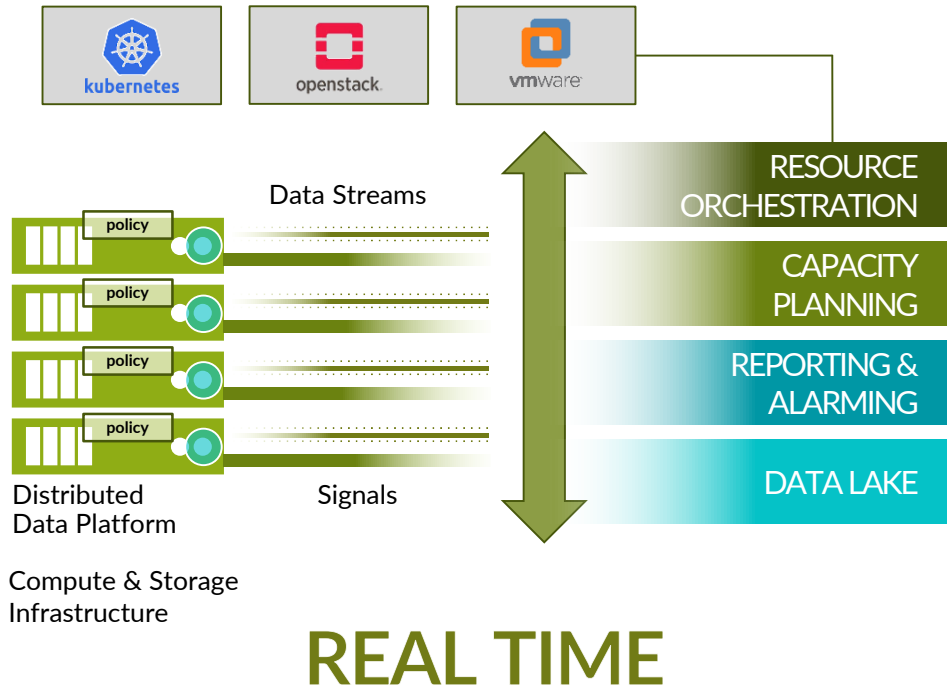


- **Build Services:** Rack, Server, Network design, ...
- **Managed Services:** [PS / AS / NOC partners]



# APPFORMIX – Distributed Stream Analysis & Optimization

Fast! Efficient! Responsive!



## ACTIONABLE: REAL-TIME OPTIMIZATIONS

- Local Optimizations for shared CPU resources
- Global Optimization for workload placement to ensure high performance & high reliability!

## CONTINUOUS ANALYSIS OF METRICS

- Analyze more metrics
- Faster prediction of failures

## SOLUTION SCALES WITH YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE

- No central choke-point!

## EXTENSIBLE

- Use Nagios style plugins to add your own metrics

# JUNIPER – RED HAT PARTNERSHIP

Pre-Sales / Design



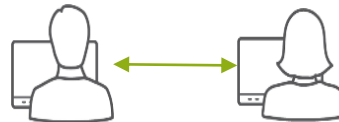
- Commercial
- System/Sales Engineering
- PS
- (BU)

Product Integration Life-Cycle Management



- RHOSP OSP Director
- K8S Red Hat OpenShift

Support Collaboration



- JTAC
- Red Hat Support



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OPENSTACK  
CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE  
PARTNER



**RED HAT**  
OPENSHIFT  
Container Platform

# TELCO CLOUD ADOPTION



- **Most large Service Providers opted for**
  - **Generic Horizontal Stacks** covering multiple use cases
  - **Partially disaggregated** architecture (Separate Openstack + SDN)
- **18-36 months overall life cycle to go through:**
  - NFVI build-up, qualification & roll-out
  - VNF onboarding & NFV Orchestration
- **Massive struggle to evolve & upgrade:**
  - Endless Requests for EOL extension, Maintenance Releases of legacy SW
  - Resulted in limited production growth
- **Vertically integrated stacks from VNF vendors**
  - Appealing to smaller SPs for targeted use cases:
  - Main vendors: Ericsson, Cisco, Huawei, Nokia



# HOW JUNIPER IS DRIVING TELCO INDUSTRY WITH CONTRAIL



- Help SPs find balance between **DIY and Closed/Vertical stacks**
  - HORIZONTAL solution - supports multiple use cases / multiple VNF vendors
  - VNF agnostic allowing tight collaboration with VNF vendors
  - Fully integrated with best SDN solution in the market for NFVi use case



- Provides the right **tools & processes** to **Operationalize NFV**
  - Fully tested prescriptive blueprint architecture
  - Life Cycle Manager tools to automate deployment and upgrade
  - Pre-packaged Monitoring, Analytics & Optimization
  - CD/CD Toolchain allowing continuous integration with VNFs & NFV Orchestration



- Evolve Contrail Cloud stack to support future **5G and Edge Compute** use cases
  - Containerized VNFs orchestration with Kubernetes
  - Workload distribution to the Edge with Remote Compute, vRouter footprint reduction, ...



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