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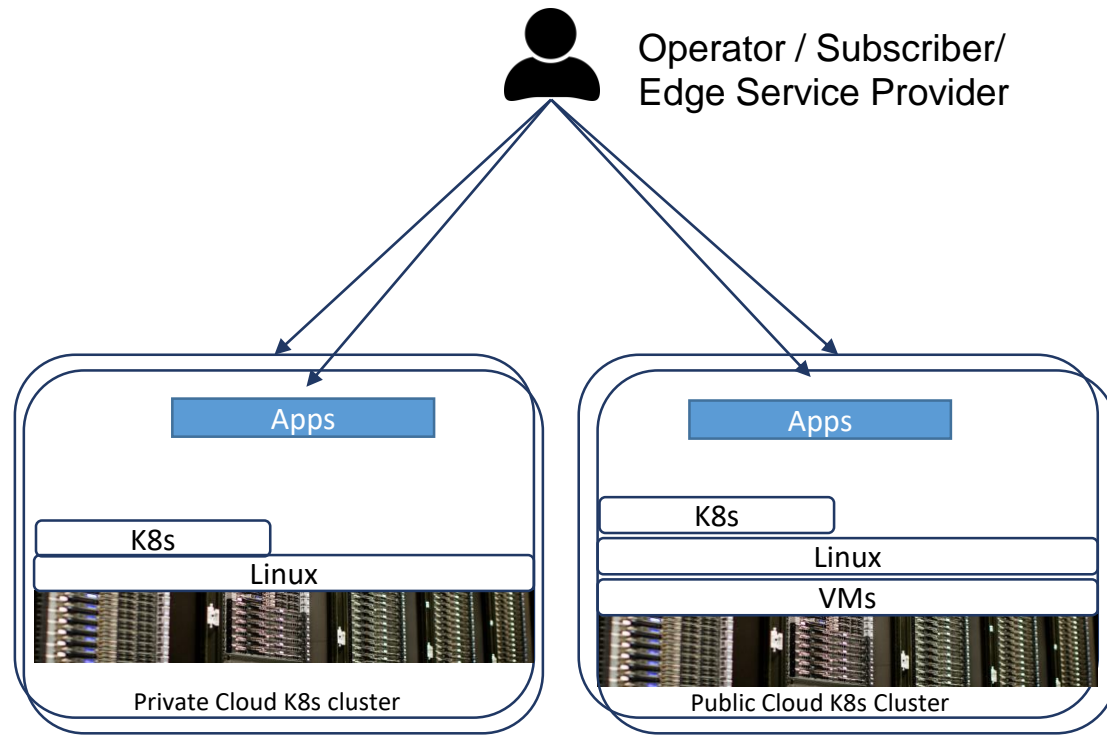
Open Source Projects that Akraino/ICN family integrate and some cases developing as feature projects

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What is ICN ?

- A reference architecture/integration initiative targeting Telco edge, On-Prem Edge computing use cases
- Approved (incubation phase) as a 'blueprint' family within the Akraino project (LF)
- ICN Family has two blue prints
    - Multi-server Integrated Cloud Native NFV/App stack
    - Private LTE/5G
    - Multi tenancy security cloud native stack
- ICN Family has 16 Partners – Ranging from Telco, Enterprises and SIs
- Intel-optimized ingredients include: OpenNESS, EdgeX, SRIOV, QAT, CSI/Optane, K8s HPA, etc.

Traditional Cloud Native frameworks
For Enterprise applications

Operator / Subscriber/
Edge Service Provider

Apps

K8s
Linux

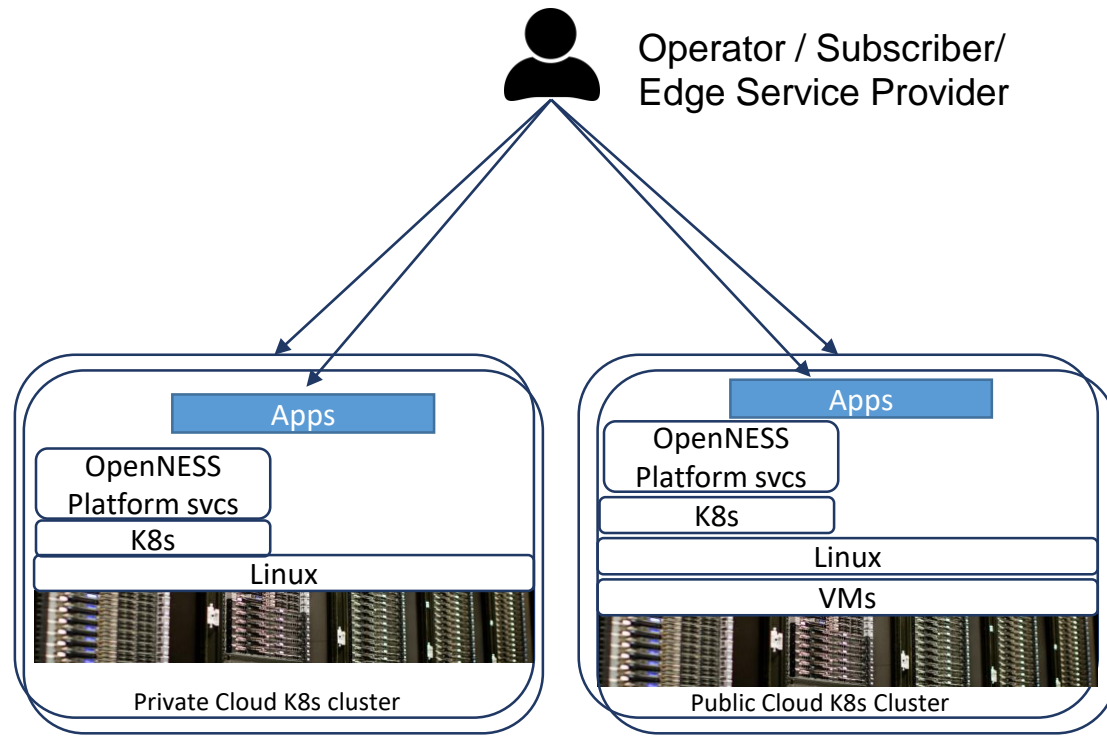Private Cloud K8s cluster

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Linux
VMs

Public Cloud K8s Cluster

Traditionally
- Number of K8s clusters are small
- K8s Cluster installation/upgrades are mostly done independently in each location.
- Deployment of applications on K8s clusters is also done independently.
- K8s clusters are used for normal applications
- Network and security functions are deployed outside of K8s clusters as physical appliances or virtual appliances

Today K8s Clusters are not meant for Network functions and Telcos. Need for Telco grade platform.
Let us see the needs

Need: High performance applications
Low latency, Deterministic performance & high throughput

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OpenNESS
Platform svcs

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High performance applications requirement
- *Dedicate cores*
- *Core affinity*
- *L3 Cache allocation*
- *NUMA aware placement*
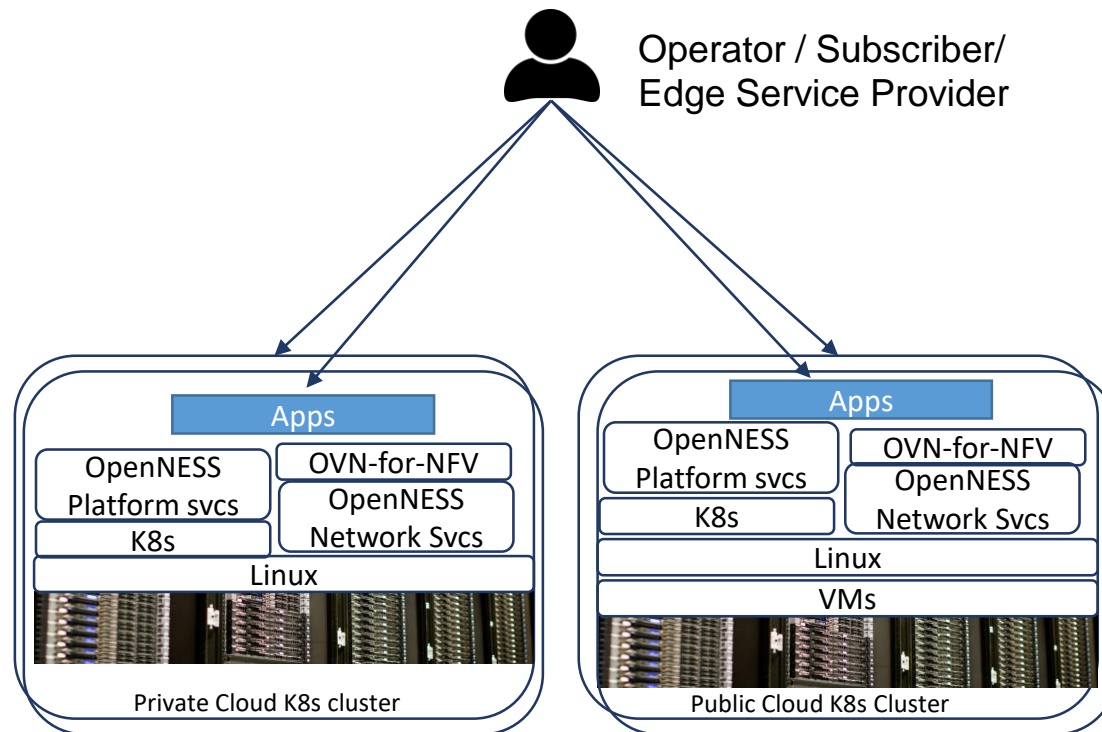- *Dedicating Memory bandwidth*

Intel ICN solution
- OpenNESS platform micro-services
  - CMK for core affinity/dedication.
  - Topology manager for NUMA aware placement
  - KPI aware scheduling
  - RDT configuration

Need: Cloud Native network functions
Resource constrained Edges, Data plane NF (such as UPF, firewall, RAN) support
Separate Management Interface

Operator / Subscriber/ Edge Service Provider

Private Cloud K8s cluster

- Apps
- OpenNESS Platform svcs
- OVN-for-NFV
- OpenNESS Network Svcs
- K8s
- Linux

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Network function requirements

- *SRIOV-NIC support*
- *Multiple CNIs*
- *Multiple virtual networks*
- *Provider network support*
- *Service function chaining*
- *Some cases, attaching GPU and FPGA based accelerators.*
- *Platform feature exposure*

Akraino ICN solution:

- OpenNESS Network Services
 - SRIOV-NIC device plugin/CNI
  - FPGA Device service.
  - Multus for Multiple CNI support
  - NFD
- OVN4NFV-K8s Network Controller:
  - For Multiple virtual networks, Provider networks & Service function chaining

OVN4NFV-K8s
https://github.com/opnfv/ovn4nfv-k8s-plugin

How does NFV based deployment with Cloud Native network functions look like ? (Taking SDWAN with security NFs as an example)
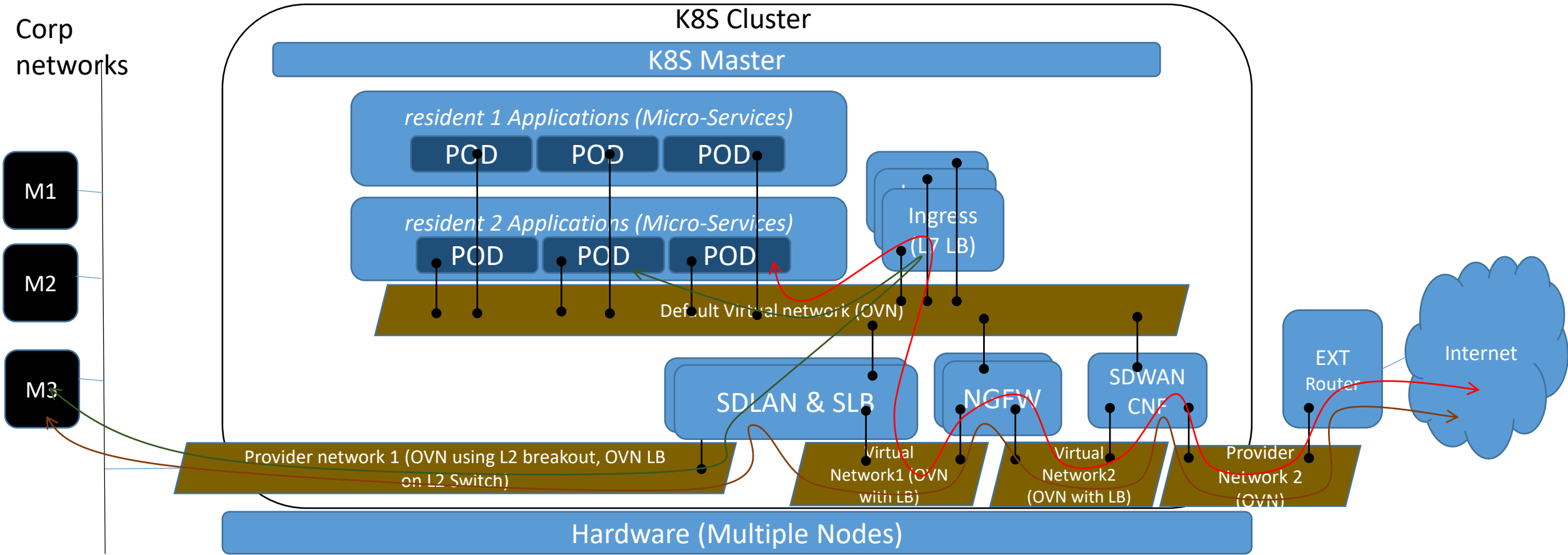
Need: Support for Large number of Edges
Simplify cluster life cycle management

Edge Service Provider

Operator / Subscriber

Infrastructure
Orchestrator

Private Cloud K8s cluster

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| OpenNESS Platform svcs | OVN-for-NFV |
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Linux

Possibly in hundreds

Large number of Edge Cluster
- Install, upgrade/patch and terminate are complex operations

Intel ICN solution
- Infrastructure orchestration (**infra-local-controller**) based on ClusterAPI, Metal3 and Ironic.

ICN Infra local controllers:
https://gerrit.akraino.org/r/admin/repos/icn

Need: Geo-Distributed Application (Such as 5GRAN, 5GC)Life Cycle management
For geo-distributed applications across multiple K8s clusters

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Deploy & Manage Apps - EMCO

Onboard | Deploy | Visibility

Edge Service Provider

Infrastructure Orchestrator
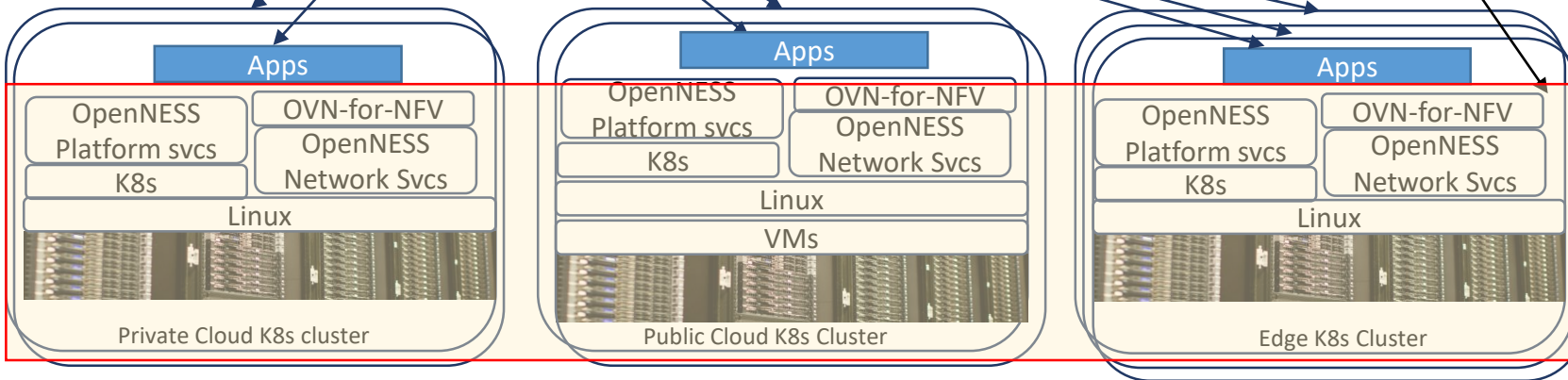
Distributed Application deployment and visibility
- Simplify
- Geo distribution

Intel ICN solution:
- EMCO (Edge Multi-cluster Orchestration)
  - Onboarding of composite applications
  - Deployment intent
  - Configure ISTIO and security of edges automatically
  - Comprehensive visibility across clusters

Apps

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Linux	

Private Cloud K8s cluster

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https://github.com/onap/multicloud-k8s

Need: Secure Overlay
For connecting edge locations security for inter application traffic

Internet

Operator / Subscriber

SD-EWAN traffic Hub

Deploy & Manage Apps - EMCO

Onboard	Deploy	Visibility
ISTIO based Application overlay	SD-EWAN Automation	

Edge Service Provider

Infrastructure Orchestrator

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Unique Edge challenges (No public IP, Less bandwidth links, Prone to DDOS attacks) and the need for overlay

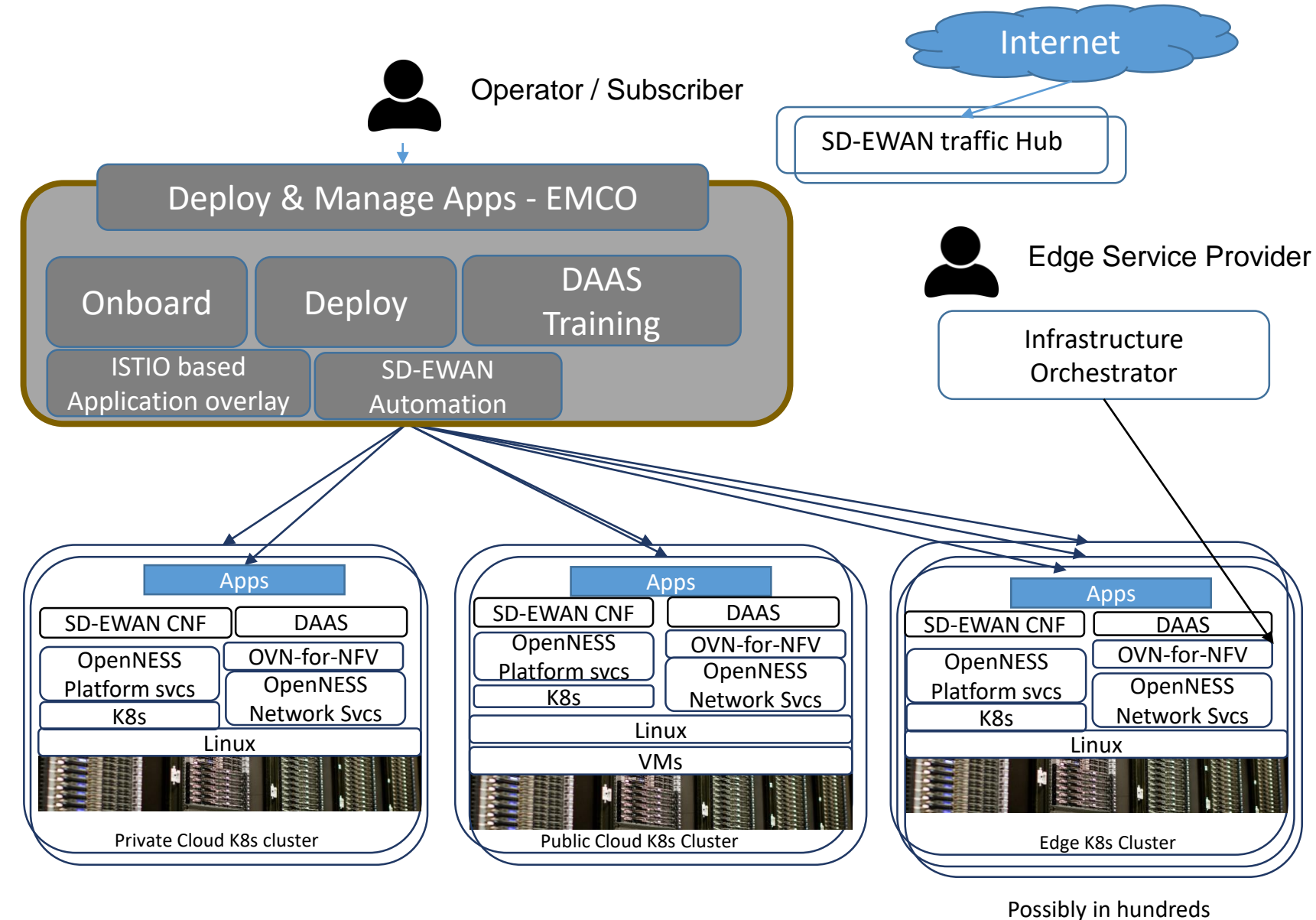Intel ICN solution:
- SD-EWAN
  - OpenWrt based
  - CNF
  - Cloud native configuration
  - Traffic Hub for traffic sanitization
  - Controller Hub to create security and WAN policies dynamically
  - FW+NAT+DPI+IPSEC+SLB
- ISTIO/Envoy based Application overlay
  - Automation of ISTIO (Ingress, egress & SC) across edges for microservice connectivity

https://gerrit.akraino.org/r/gitweb?p=icn/sdwan.git

Need: Analytics
For collecting statistics and making them available for analysis & closed loops

Internet

Operator / Subscriber

SD-EWAN traffic Hub

Deploy & Manage Apps - EMCO

| Onboard | Deploy | DAAS Training |

| ISTIO based Application overlay | SD-EWAN Automation |

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Local collection agents
Local inferencing and closed loop
Centralized metrics collection
Training
Model Reps
Policy based Analytics
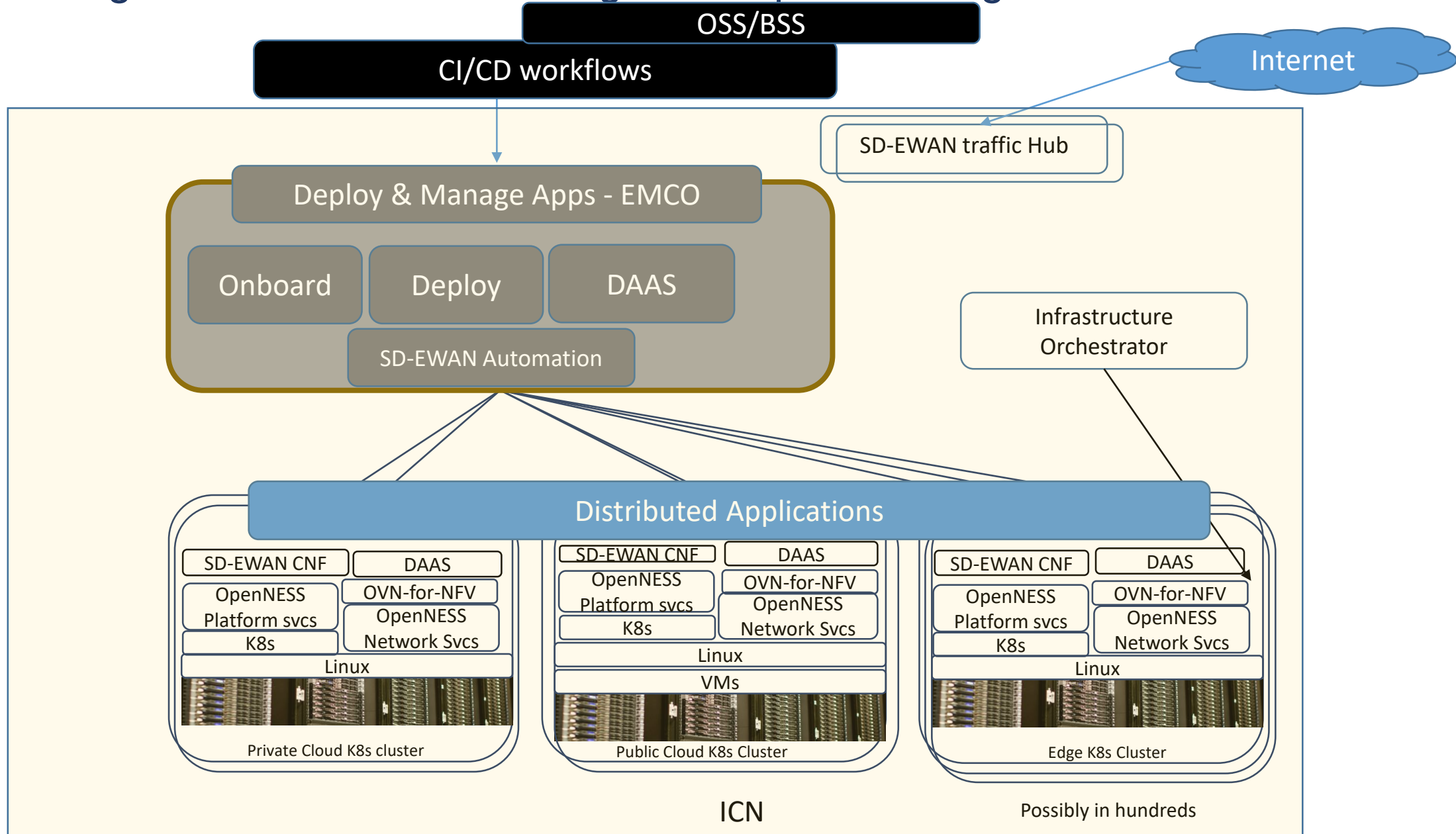Rule Synchronizer

Akraino ICN solution:
- Distributed AI Analytics
  - CollectD, Prometheus
  - Grafana
  - M3DB for central collection
  - Spark & TF for training
  - Kafka for distribution
  - Minio for storage

- Flexibility to deploy various pieces at various locations.

https://gerrit.akraino.org/r/admin/repos/icn/daaas

MICN
Integrated Platform combining all components together

OSS/BSS

CI/CD workflows

Internet

SD-EWAN traffic Hub

Deploy & Manage Apps - EMCO

Onboard | Deploy | DAAS

SD-EWAN Automation

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ICN Recipe

Multi Edge/Cloud Orchestrator
– **EMCO**
(IA Aware)

Cloud Native Edge WAN function
SD-EWAN (IA Optimized)

OVN based CNI : **OVN-for-K8s-NFV**
(IA friendly)

Infrastructure Orchestration :
BPA
(IA enablement)

Distributed AI Analytics Stack : **DAAS**
(IA optimized)

OpenNESS toolkit

5G UPF, AF, NEF
(IA Optimized)

MEC type service discovery
(IA Optimized)

Topology, CPU Manager, NFD
(IA aware)

OpenVINO
(IA Optimized)

IA platform device plugins
(SRIOV-NIC, QAT, FPGA)

CNIs (Multus, SRIOV-NIC, OVS-DPDK)

Cloud Native industry Open Source projects

| K8s | ISTIO | Prometheus | Virtlet/ Kubevirt |
| CollectD | Envoy | Ceph/ Rook | FluentD |

- *ICN is an excellent starting point for Cloud native Telco grade PaaS*
- *But with modular extensions and services that can be built upon in Telco , Enterprise and IOT uses cases*
- *ICN is complete End2End platform – All SW and HW necessary for Edge Service Providers and Telcos that require deployment of CNFs, VNFs, CNAs and all working together.*

Integration Validation Platforms w/ XEON-SP, OS Use cases (uCPE, 5G RAN, 5GC, AI, Vision, IoT)

ICN BPs Integrated Cloud Native Edge SW platforms for Enterprises, IoT and Telco markets

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ICN Overall recipe details:
https://wiki.akraino.org/display/AK/ICN+R4+Release+Notes#ICNR4ReleaseNotes-SoftwarereleasedandpackagedwithICN

Openness: https://github.com/open-ness/specs/blob/master/doc/architecture.md

ICN Current Status and Roadmap
(Subject to resources availability – Get Involved ☺)

Q4, 2019
- 1st release
- Local infrastructure controller
- Integration of OVN-for-K8s-NFV, OpenNESS platform and network services.
- VNF, CNF support
- Integration with EMCO
- Ubuntu OS

Q2, 2020
- SD-EWAN CNF support
- SD-EWAN to replace external load balancer
- SD-EWAN K8s based configuration
- More test cases
- VM based K8s support
- Higher integration with EMCO

Q4, 2020
- Traffic Hub integration
- EMCO v2 API integration with SD-EWAN
- SFC chaining
- DCM support in EMCO in ICN
- SDEWAN and IPSec Controller, SDEWAN HUB
- OVN based Network Policy in OVN4NFV-k8s
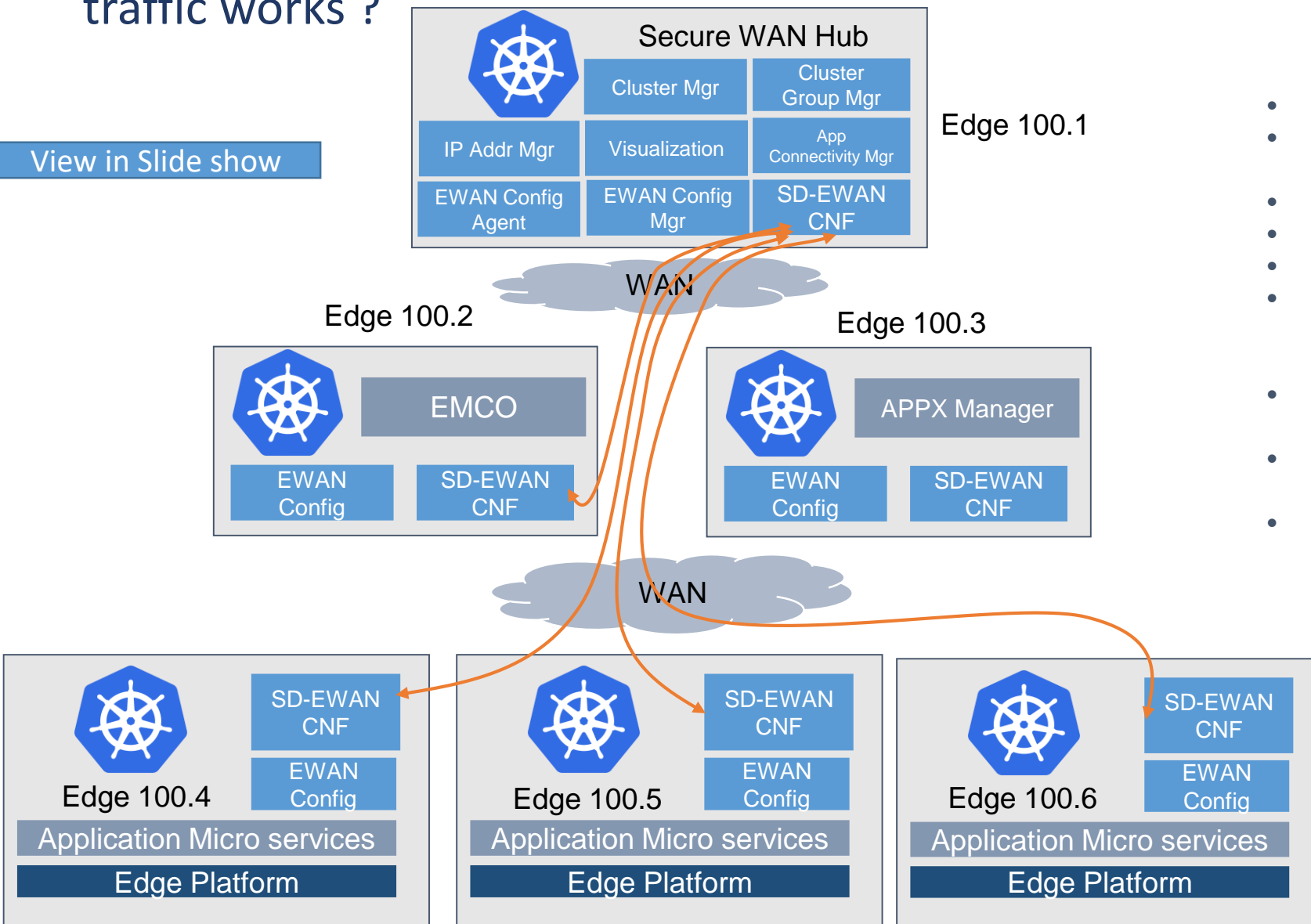- OVN based Cluster IP LB (Instead of IPVS)

Q1, 2020
- Install K8s infrastructure packages and composite application through EMCO
- Kubevirt with cFW
- ClusterAPI
- SDEWAN Overlay controllers
- Other Technical debts…

How the Secure Overlay For connecting edge locations security for inter application traffic works ?

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WAN

Edge 100.2

| EMCO | |
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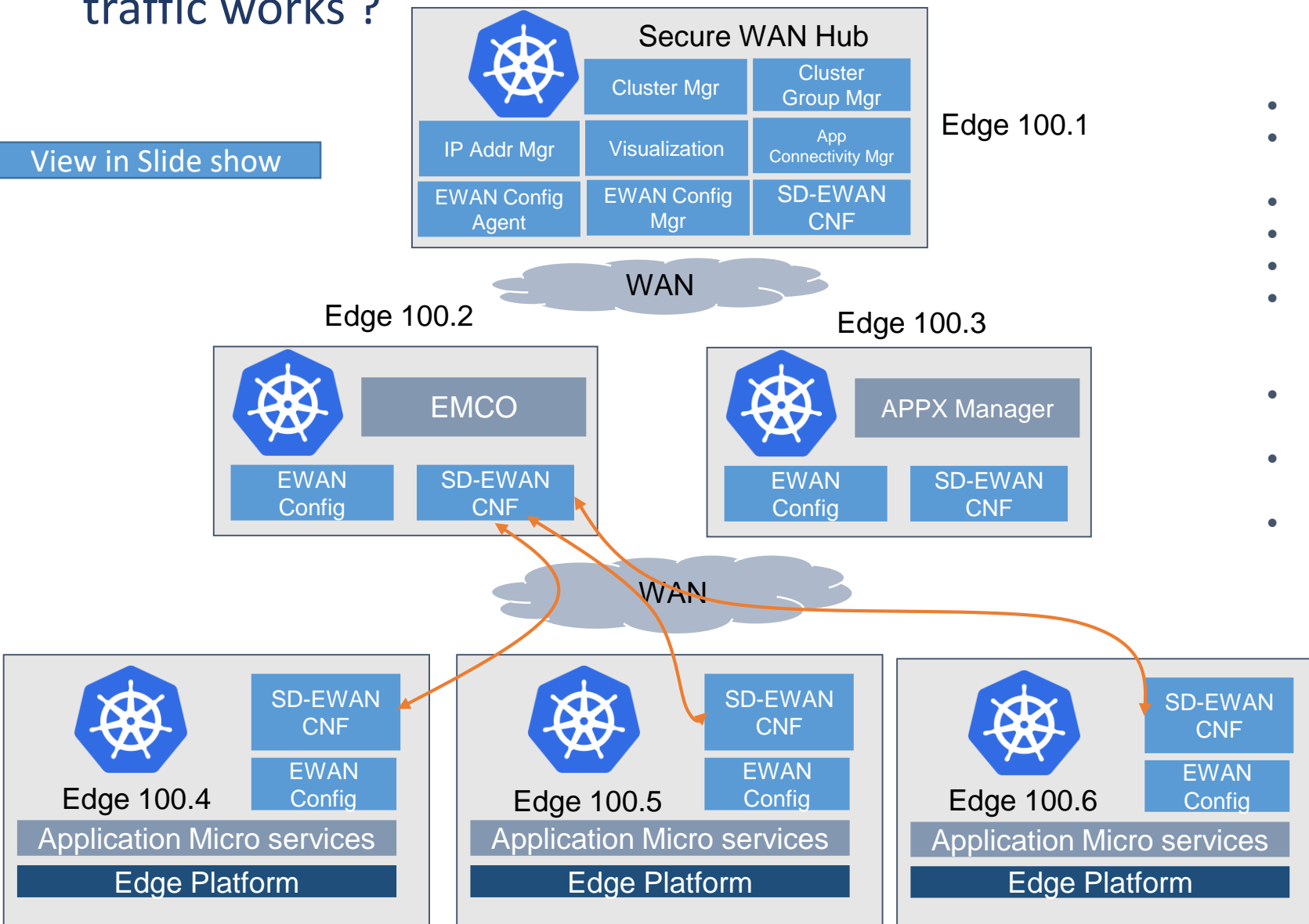- Work with third party SD-WAN VNFs (future roadmap)

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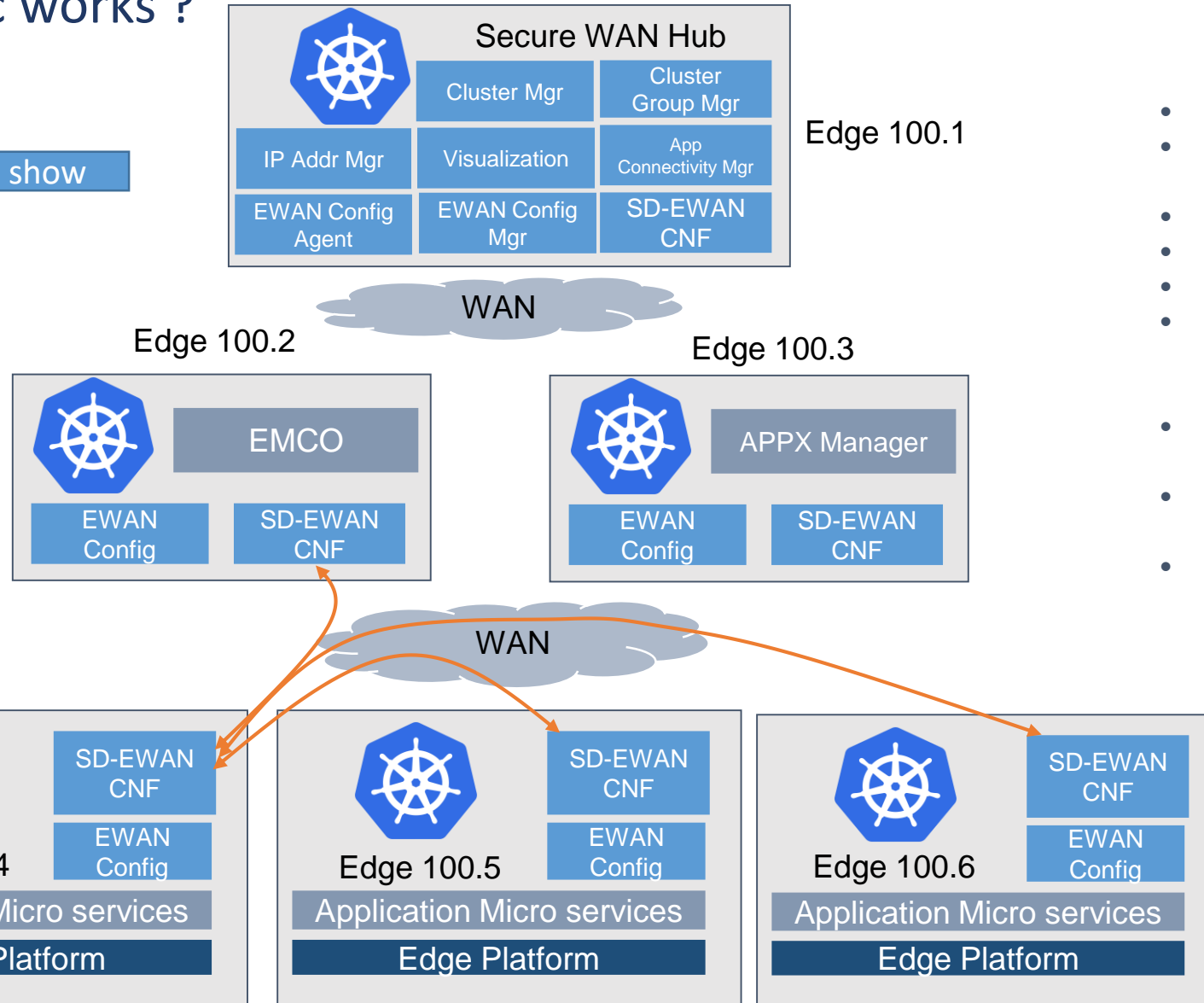- Work with third party SD-WAN VNFs (future roadmap)

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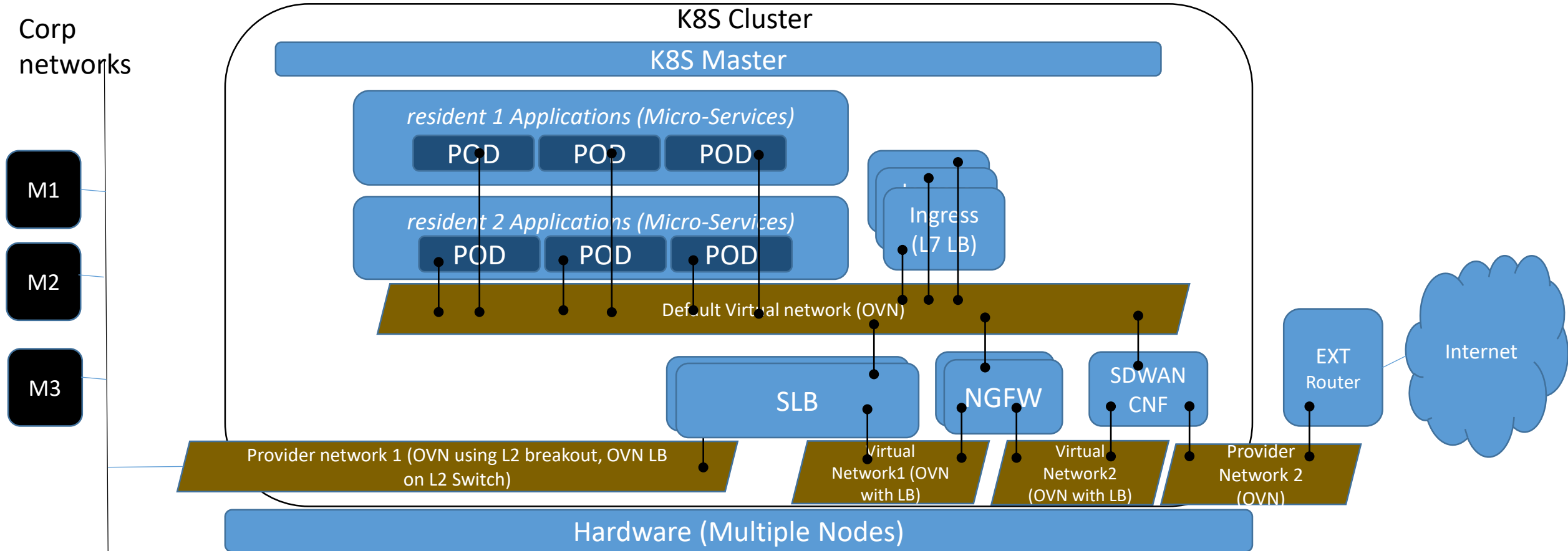- Traffic Hub for sanitization

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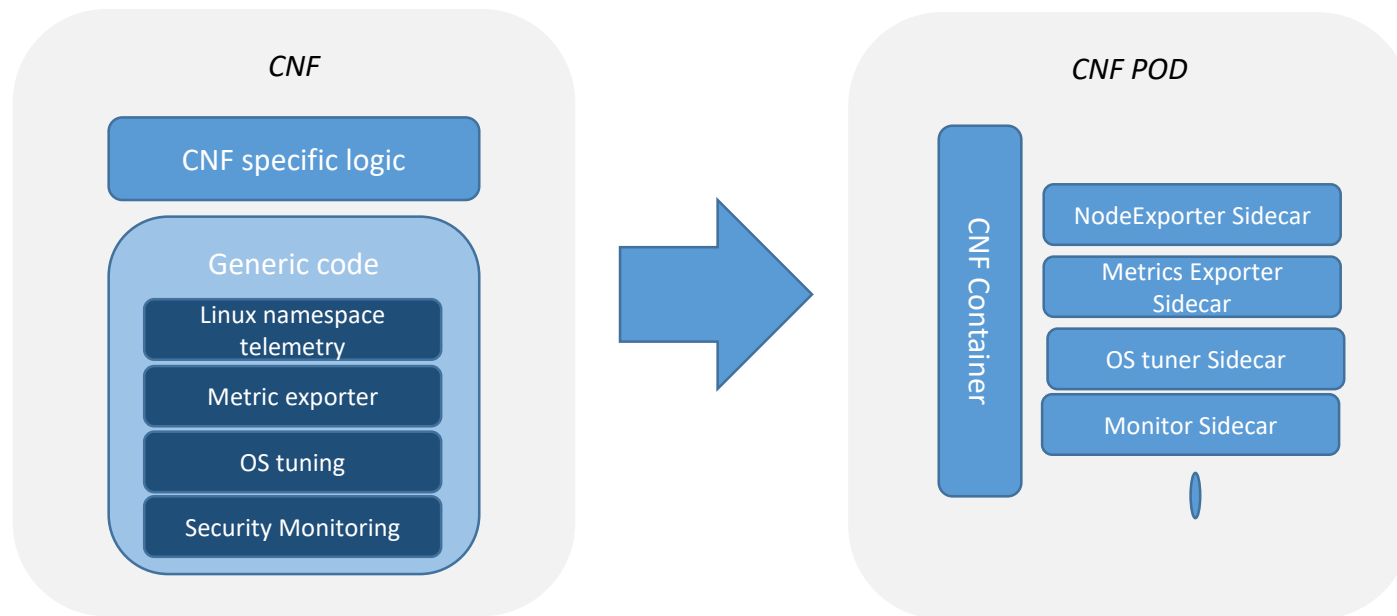- Work with third party SD-WAN VNFs (future roadmap)

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NFV based deployment with Cloud Native network functions requirements

Corp networks

K8S Cluster

K8S Master

resident 1 Applications (Micro-Services)

POD POD POD

resident 2 Applications (Micro-Services)

POD POD POD

Ingress (L7 LB)

M1

M2

M3

Default Virtual network (OVN)

SLB NGFW SDWAN CNF EXT Router Internet

Provider network 1 (OVN using L2 breakout, OVN LB on L2 Switch)

Virtual Network1 (OVN with LB)

Virtual Network2 (OVN with LB)

Provider Network 2 (OVN)

Hardware (Multiple Nodes)

Feature Reqmts	Dynamic virtual Networks	Provider networks	Multiple interfaces	Network function chaining	Network function load balancing
Implementation Consideration	No changes to NFs	No changes to Apps	Configuration via operators	OVN based SRIOV Overlays	Smart NIC friendly & AF_XDP for packet processing NFs

OVN4NFV: https://gerrit.opnfv.org/gerrit/admin/repos/ovn4nfv-k8s-plugin

Need: Common CNF middleware as Sidecars (Yet to be done)

CNF

CNF specific logic

Generic code

- Linux namespace telemetry
- Metric exporter
- OS tuning
- Security Monitoring

CNF POD

CNF Container

- NodeExporter Sidecar
- Metrics Exporter Sidecar
- OS tuner Sidecar
- Monitor Sidecar

Need:
Make Telco specific logic as common infrastructure logic
- Control to DevOps/DevSecOps
- Increase productivity of CNF developers
- Automate the addition of sidecars (Example: Via EMCO) at the time of deployment

Note: Some operations can only be done as POD

ICN goals:
- Identify common blocks across CNFs for various market segments.
- Make them as sidecars
- Few that can be started with are:
    - Linux namespace specific metrics exporter (NodeExporter) as side car
    - Tuning
    - Monitoring (Tamper detection, scanning)