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Telco Cloud Evolution

To Support 5G, Edge Computing & Open RAN

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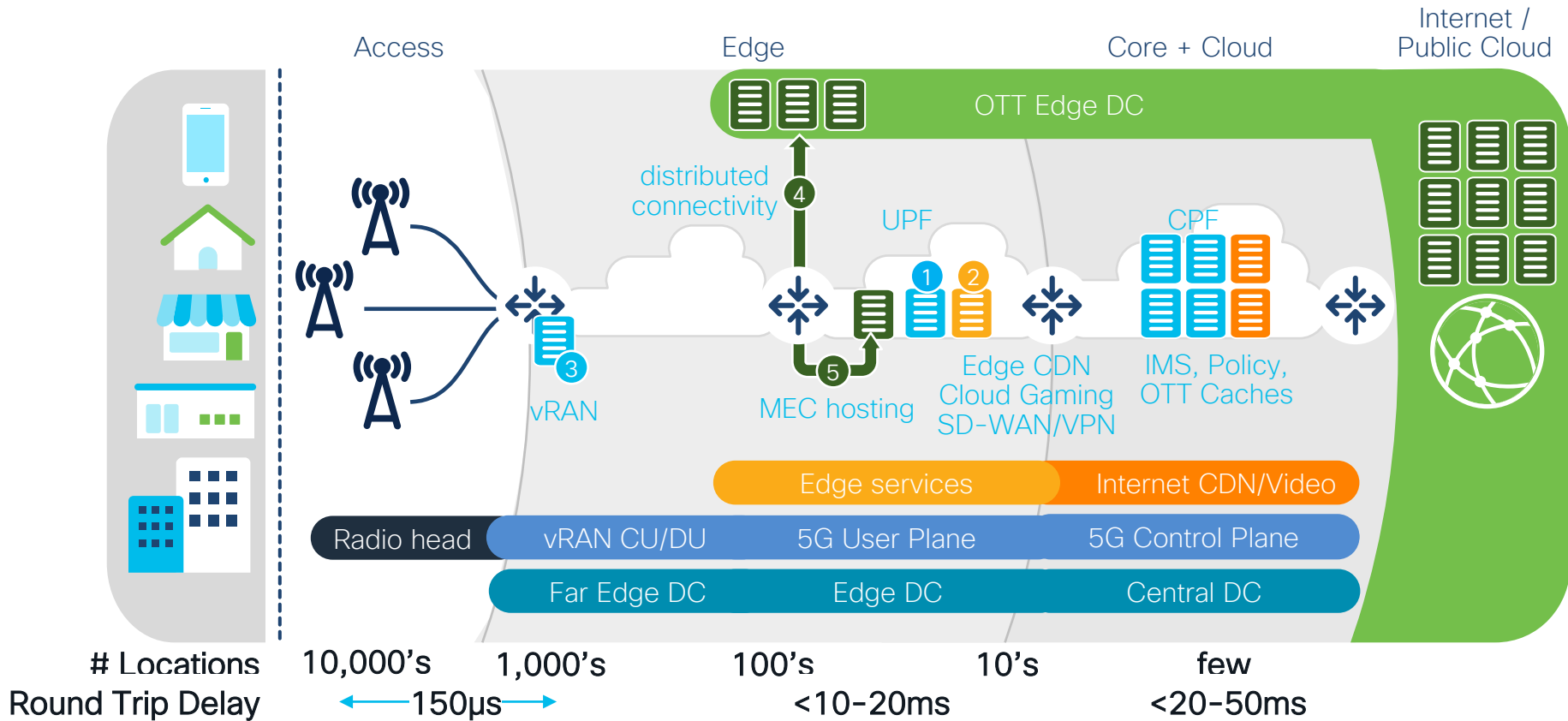
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- Cloud Native Virtualization Platform
- Telco Cloud Architecture Wrap-up
- Summary & Take-Aways

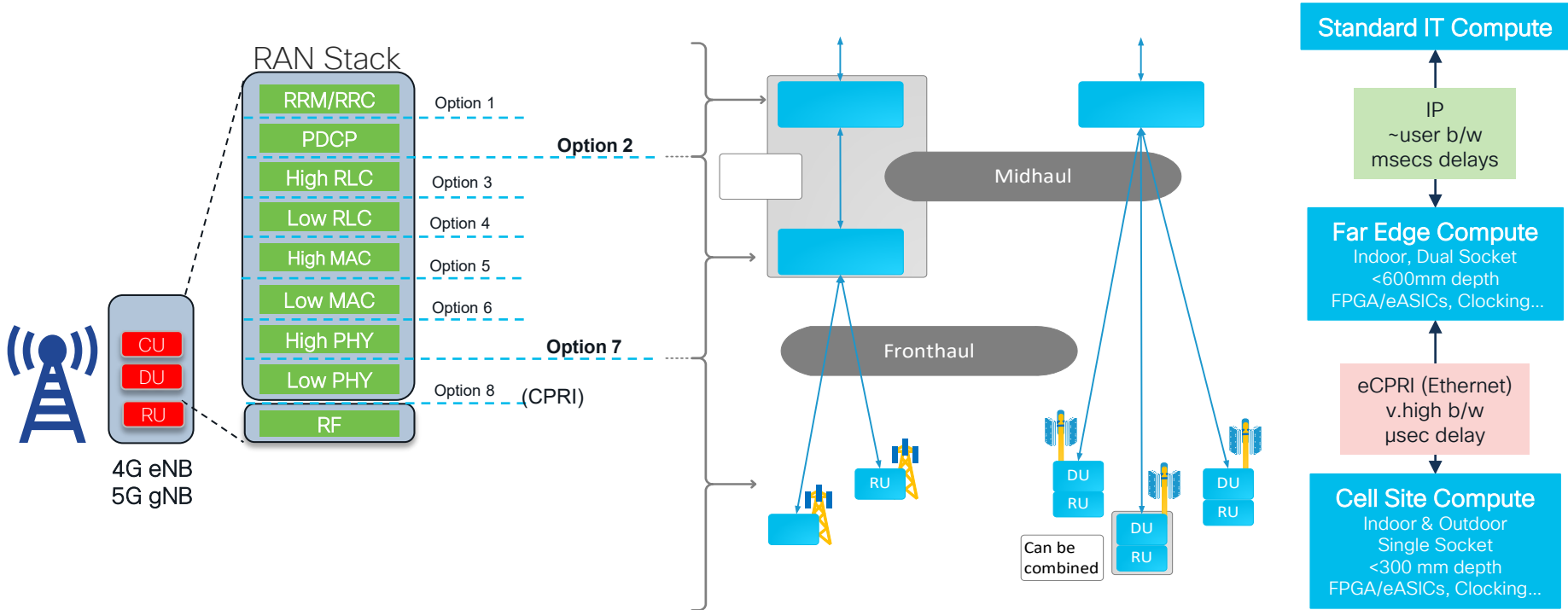
Requirements & Drivers



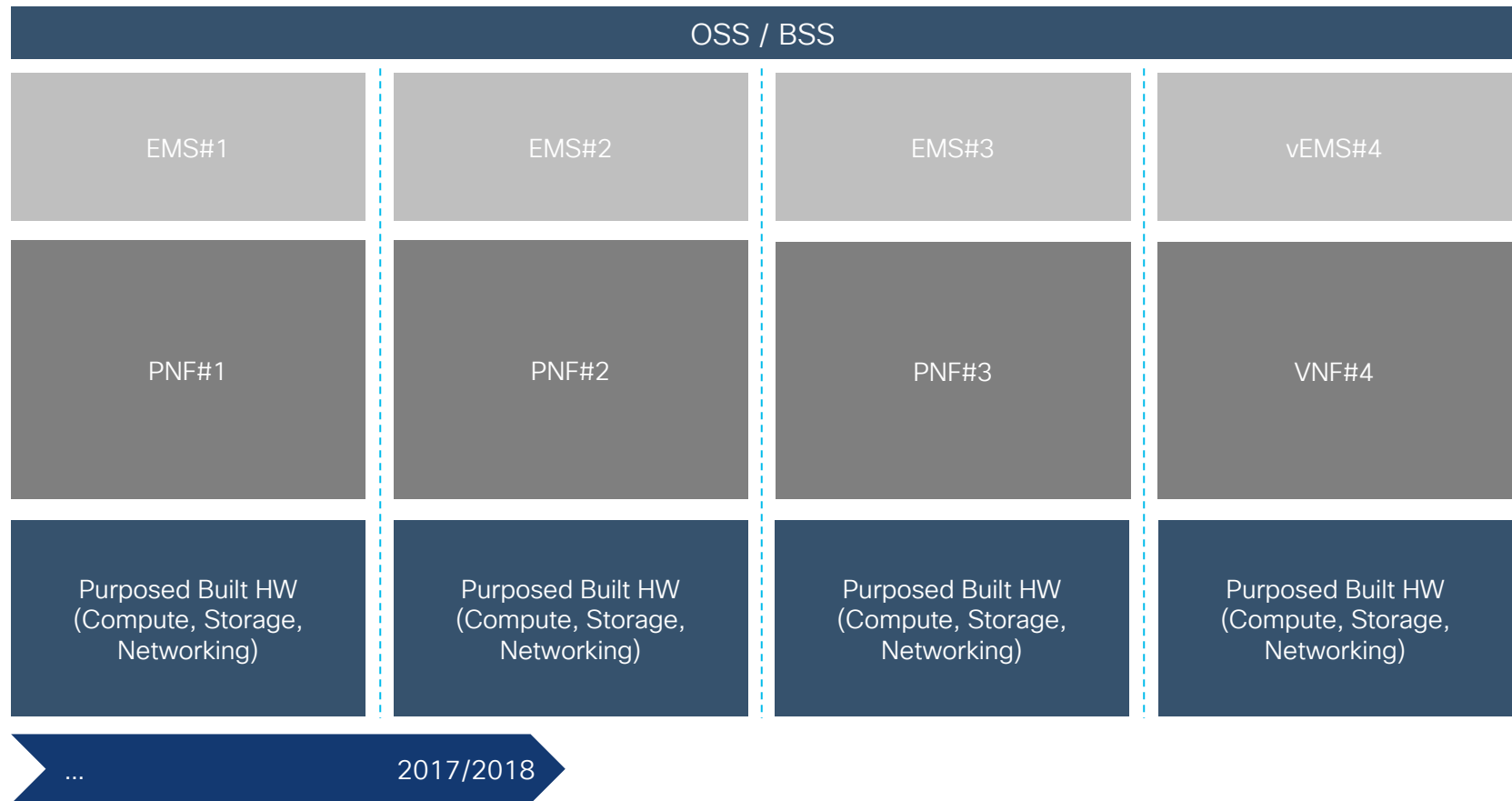
Telco cloud is expanding towards the Edge



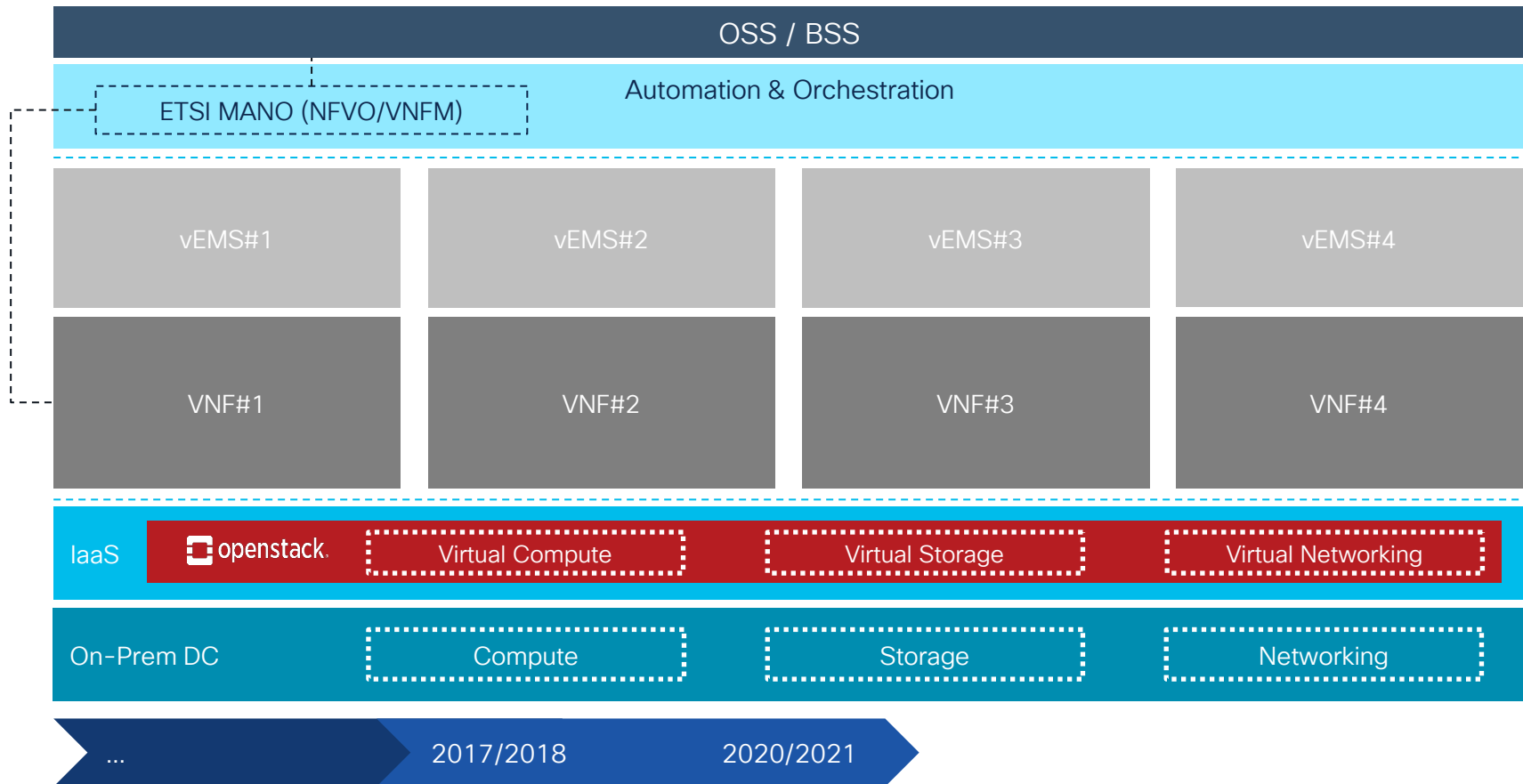
ORAN virtualization pushing DC to far Edge



Service Provider Infrastructure Transformation Journey



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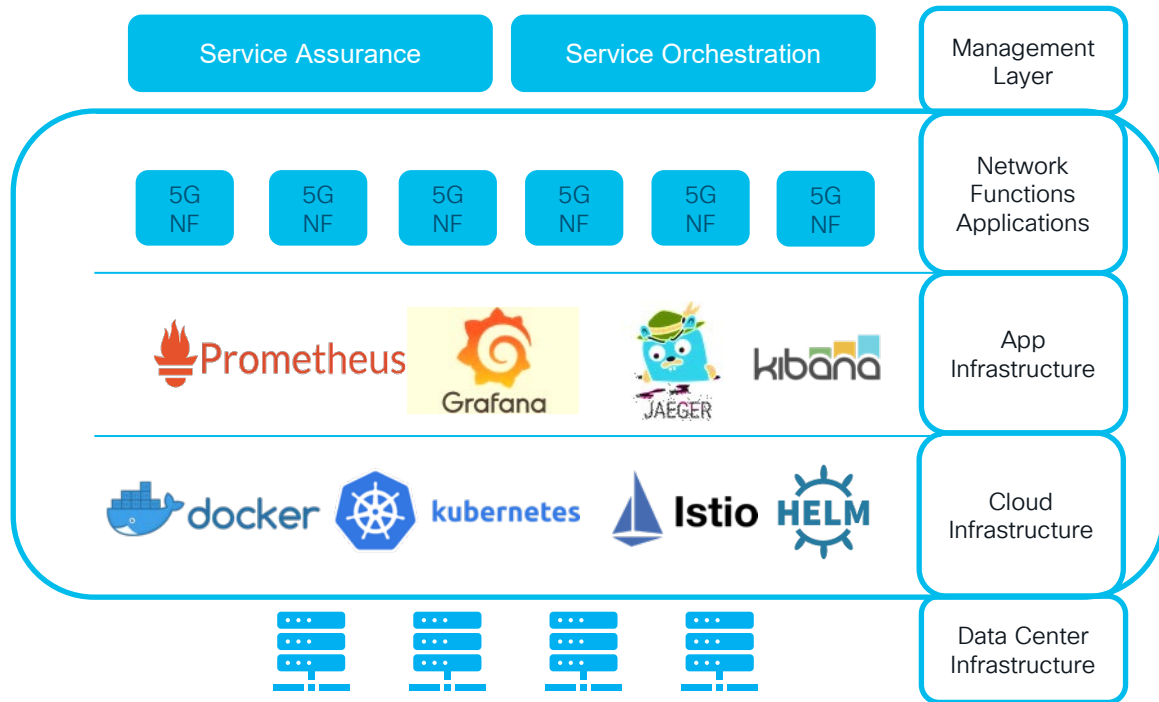
VNF Evolution to Cloud Native



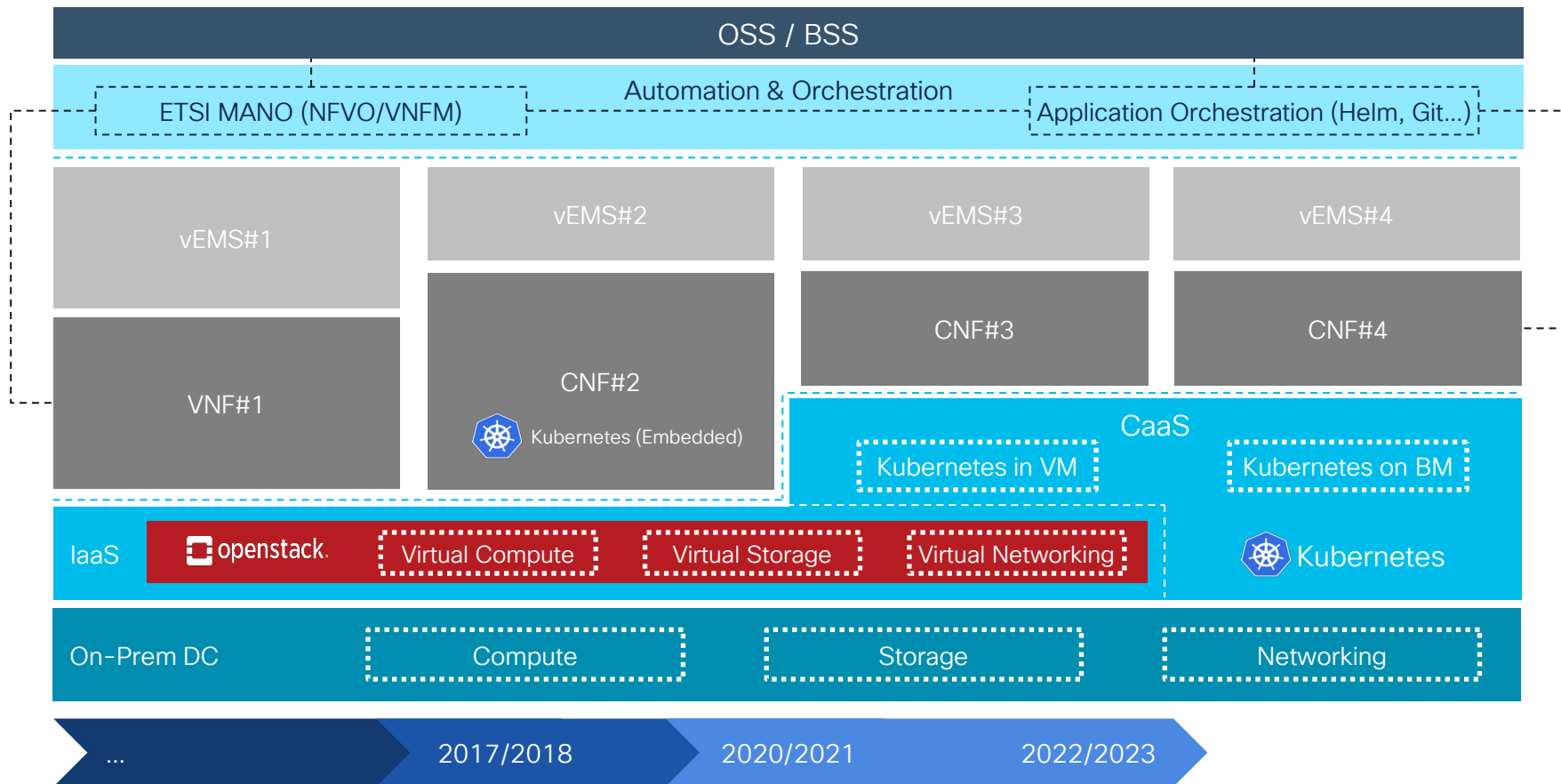
Containers

Virtualization and lifecycle management of Micro services
Optimal Resource Utilization

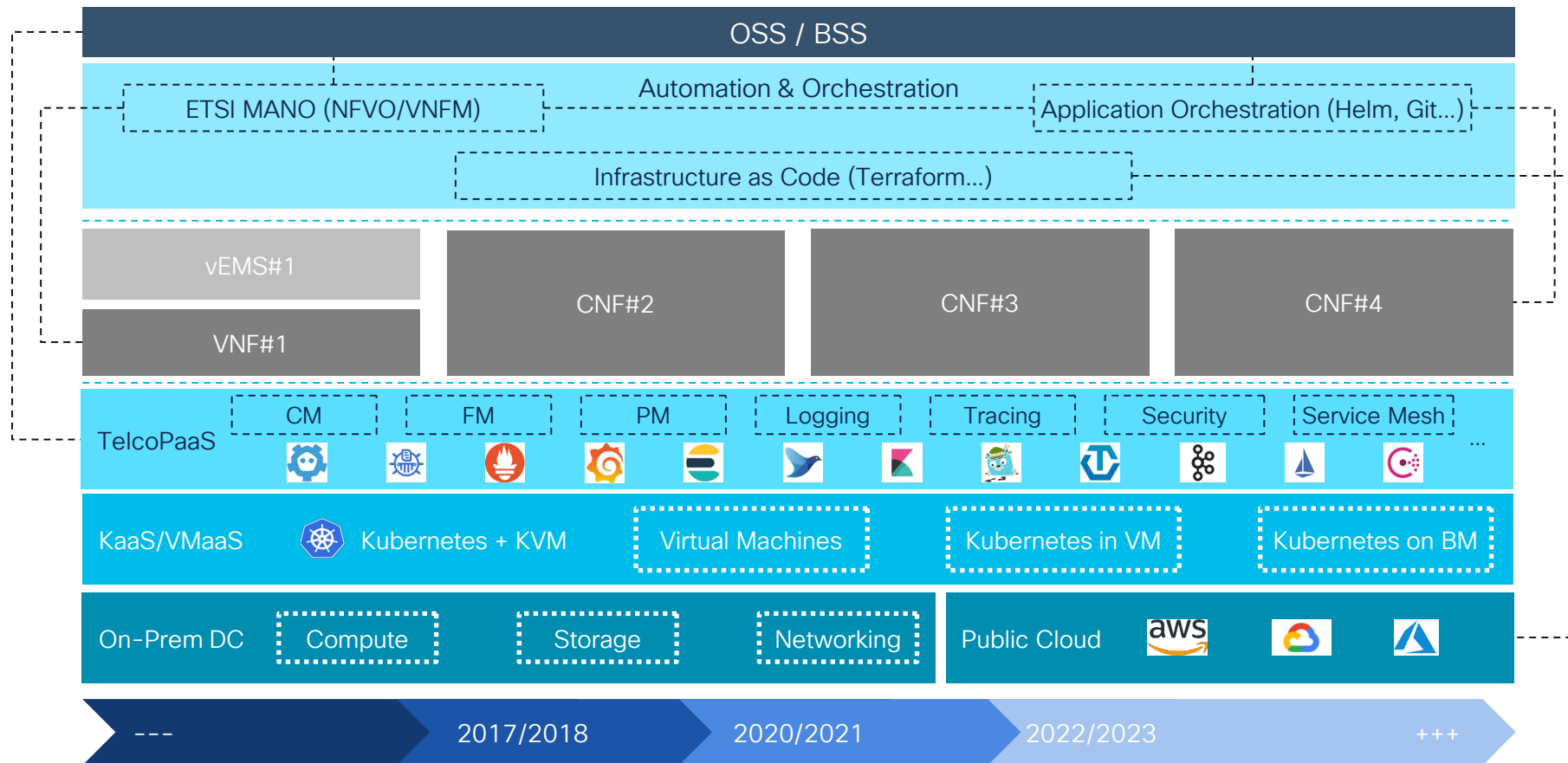
- Lightweight and Fast
- Portable
- Faster bring-up
- Lower infrastructure restriction
- Observability and Monitoring



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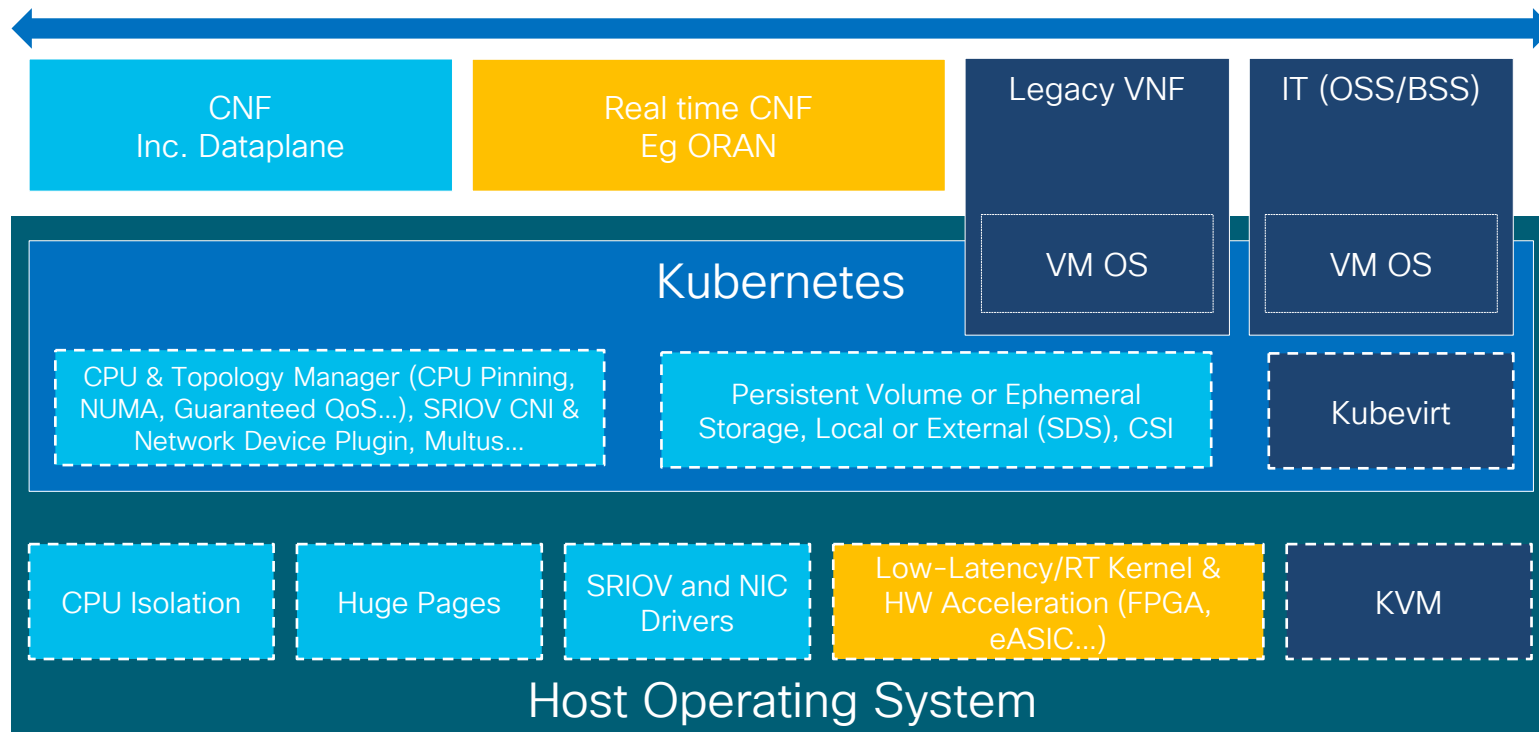
Service Provider Infrastructure Transformation Journey





Telecom Enhancements for Kubernetes

Kubernetes/Helm API's

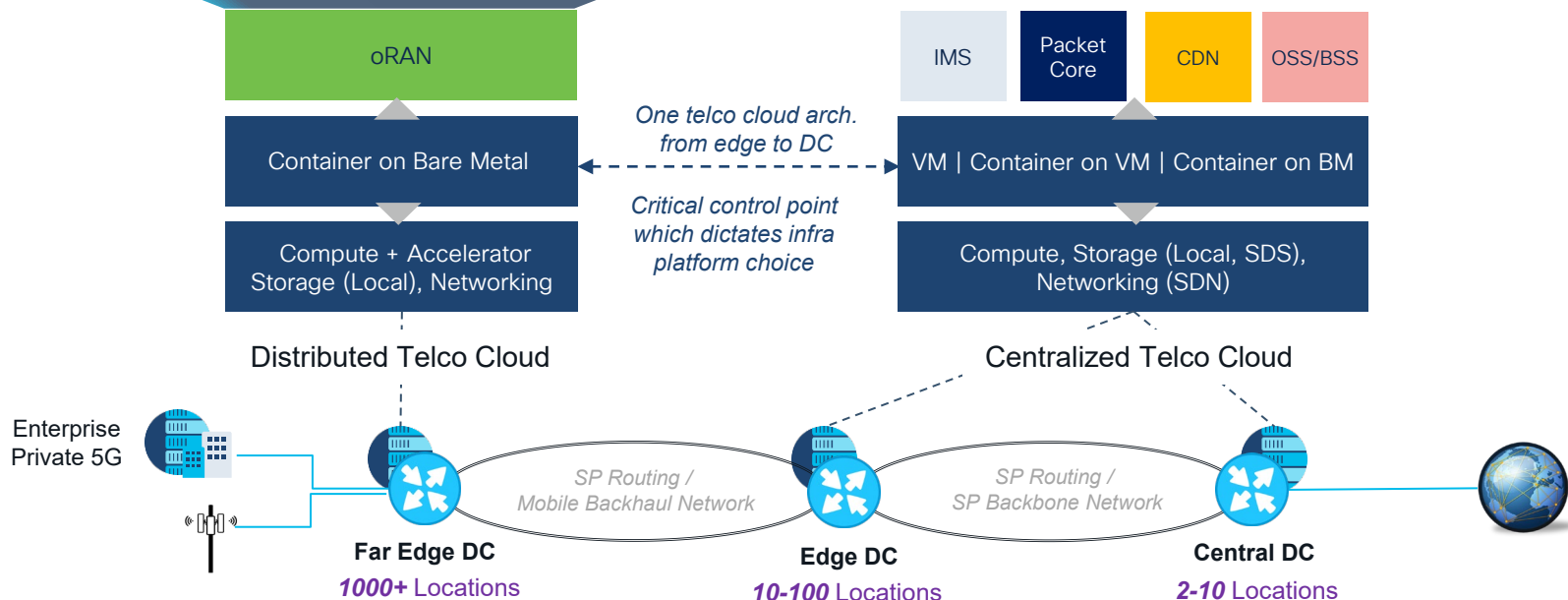


Horizontal Telco Cloud Architecture

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Socket 0 ← Linux & Kubernetes Control
 Socket 1 ← pinned and confined to 2 cores

All In One Control & compute CPU resources
 Zero virtual overhead



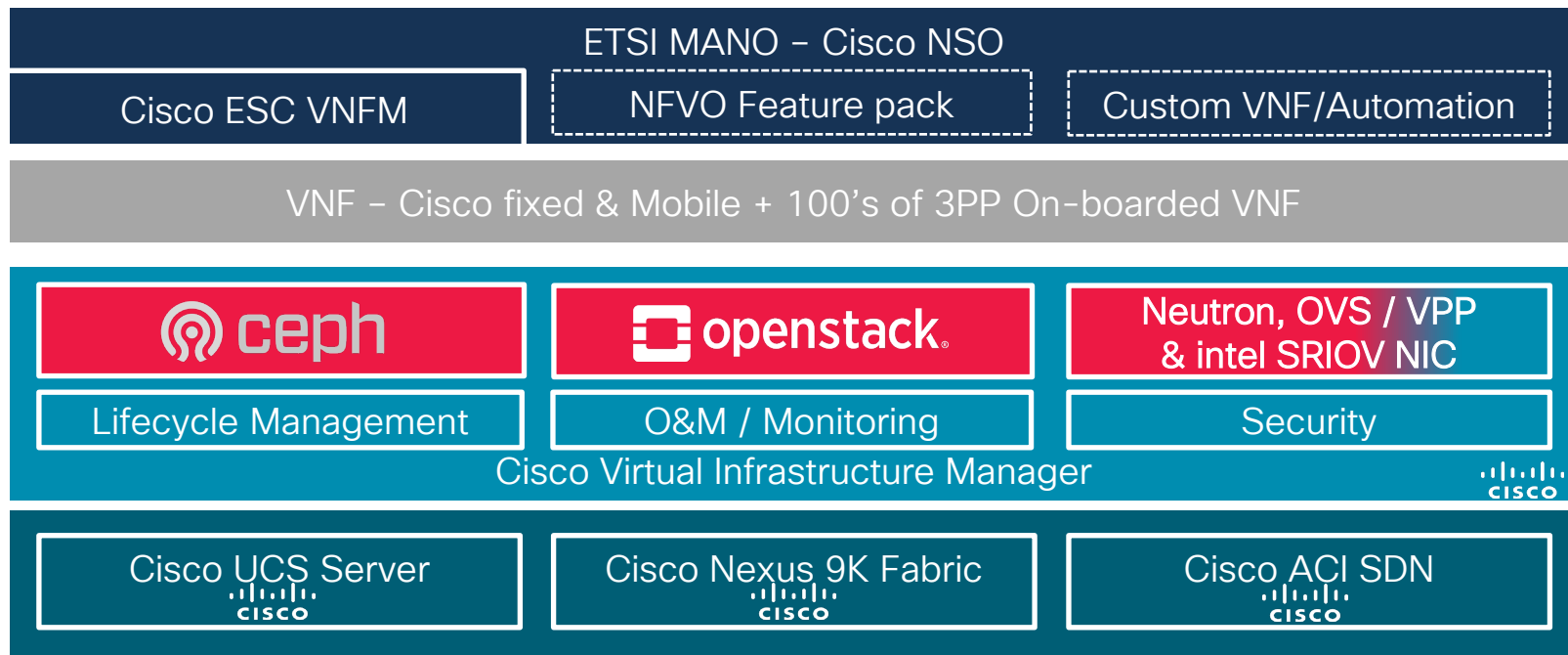
Acronym Decoder
 oRAN – Open Radio Access Network
 CDN – Content Distribution Network
 IMS – Mobile IP Multimedia Subsystem

Cloud Native Virtualization Platform

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Cisco Cloud Services Stack & VIM at glance



Open, Standard, Reliable
Ease VNF on-boarding

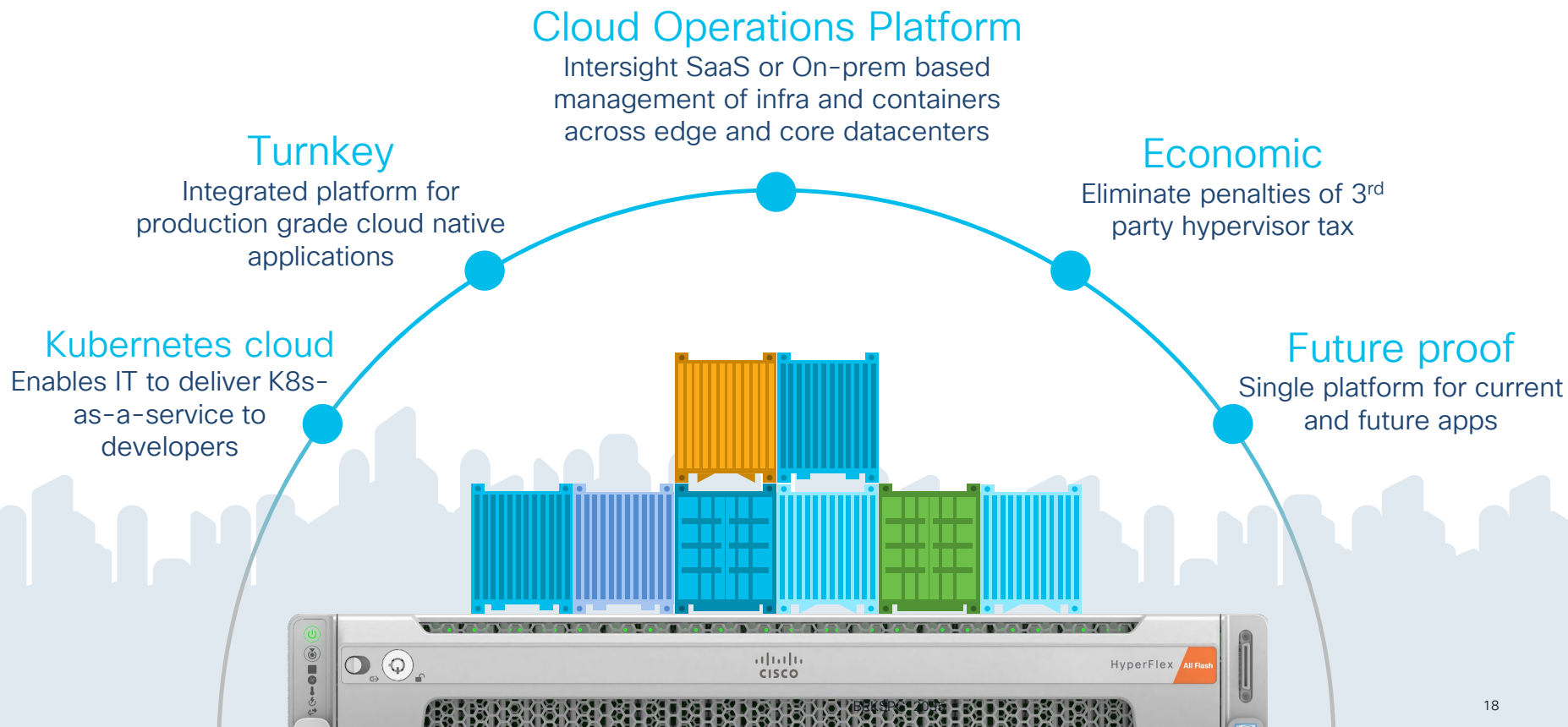


Optimized operations
LCM, CVIM-Mon, Network insights

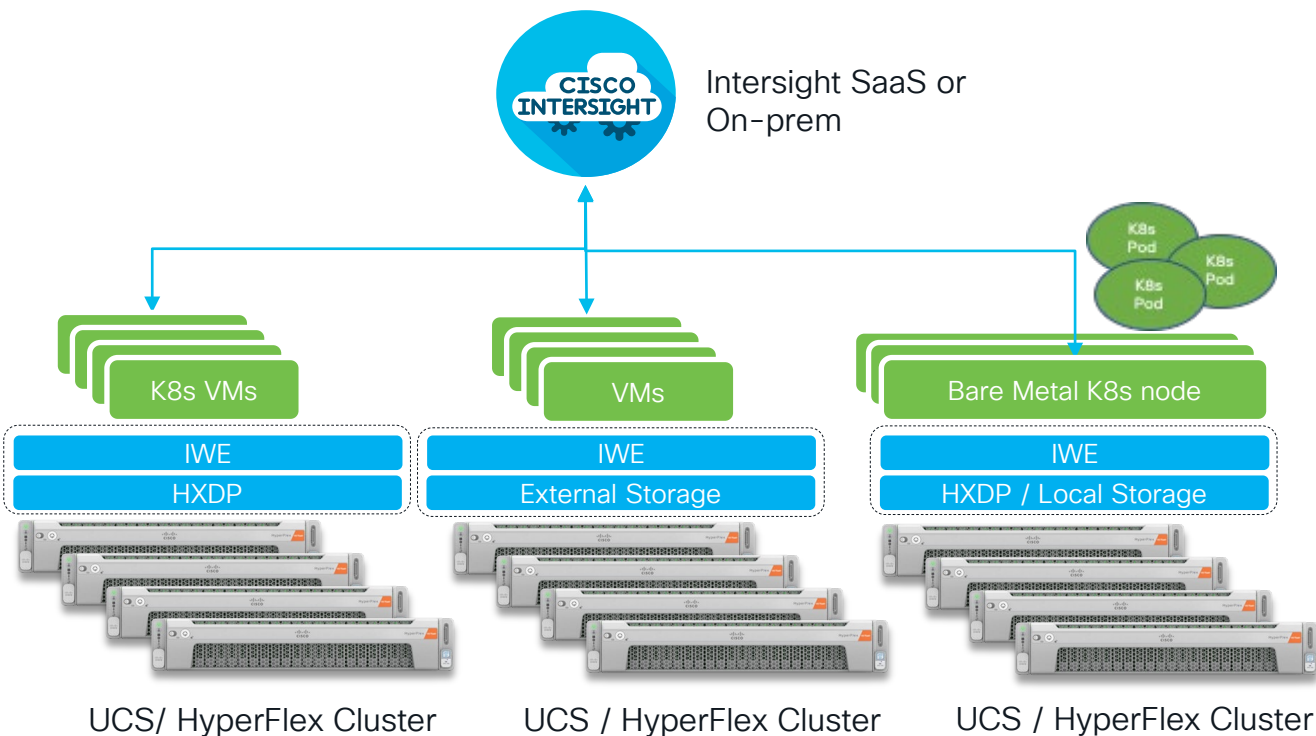


High performance
Optimized settings, ACI+SRIOV

Introducing Intersight as a Kubernetes-as-a-Service Solution



Intersight Workload Engine (IWE)



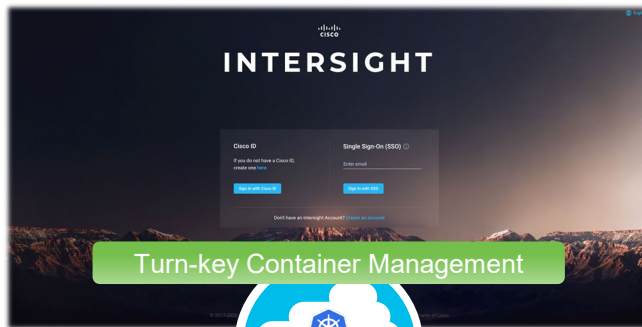
- New SW platform Designed to run VMs or Containers side-by-side
- K8s based platform capable of running VMs and bare metal containers simultaneously
- Modern & Distributed, with scale from small to large cluster node size
- Supports VM/Workload Scheduling, VM HA and VM Live Migration
- HX Data Platform based distributed persistent storage for data resiliency (FCS)
- Intersight (Virtualization) for Configuration, Monitoring & Telemetry and cloud services

Intersight Kubernetes Service (IKS)

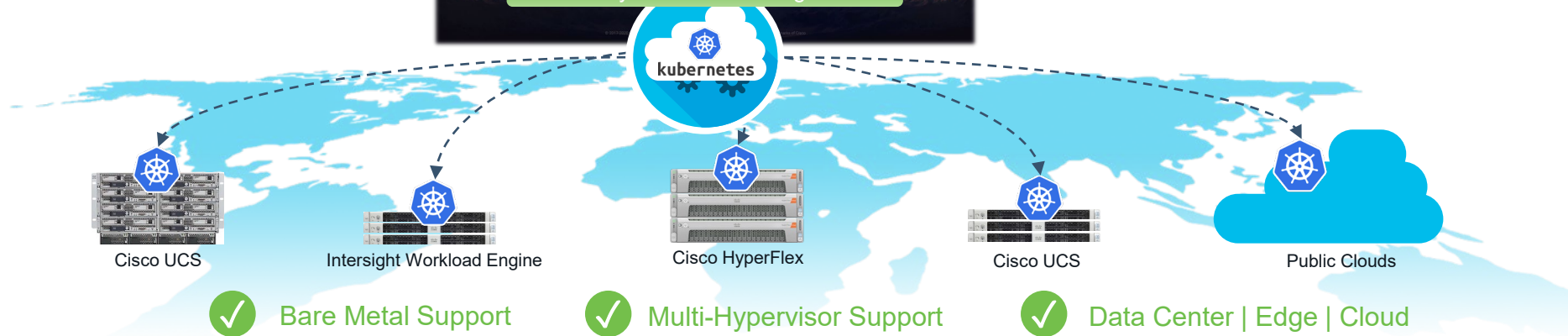
Cloud / Connected / Air-gapped



Deploy
enterprise-ready
Kubernetes clusters from
the cloud in minutes



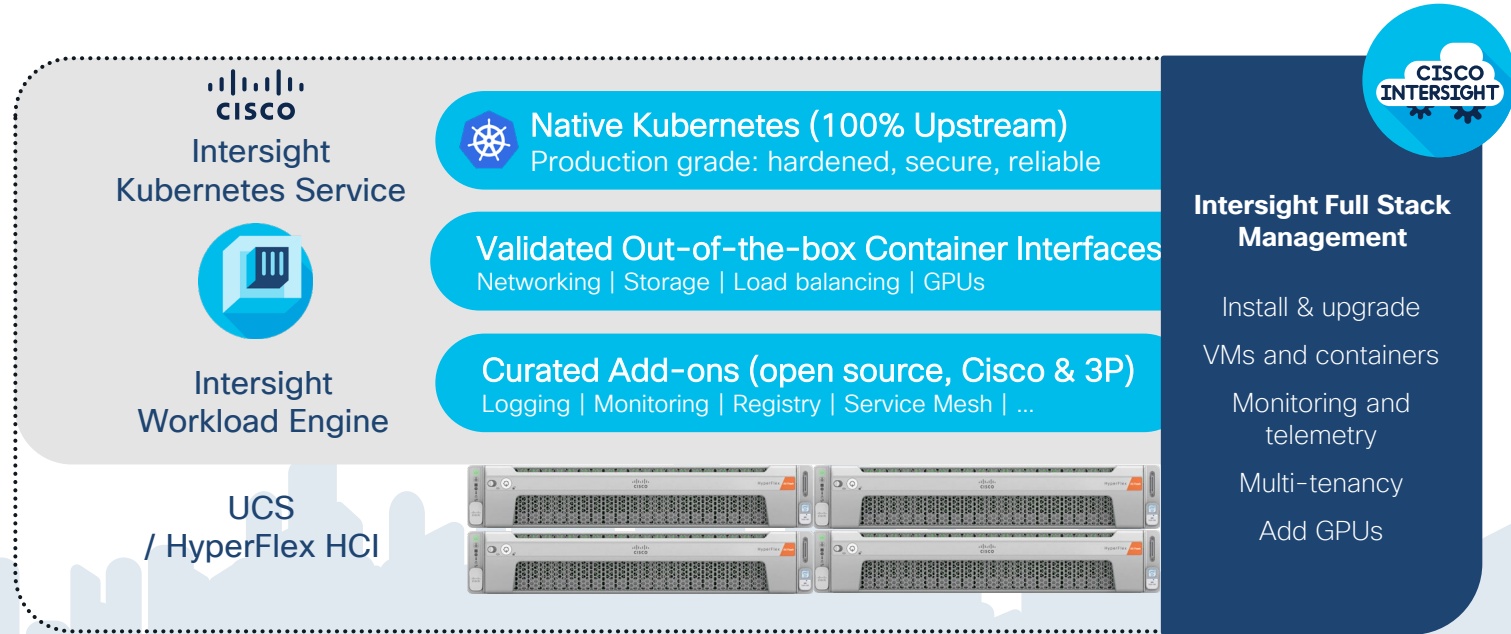
Manage
the life-cycle of Kubernetes
clusters across the globe from
a single cloud portal



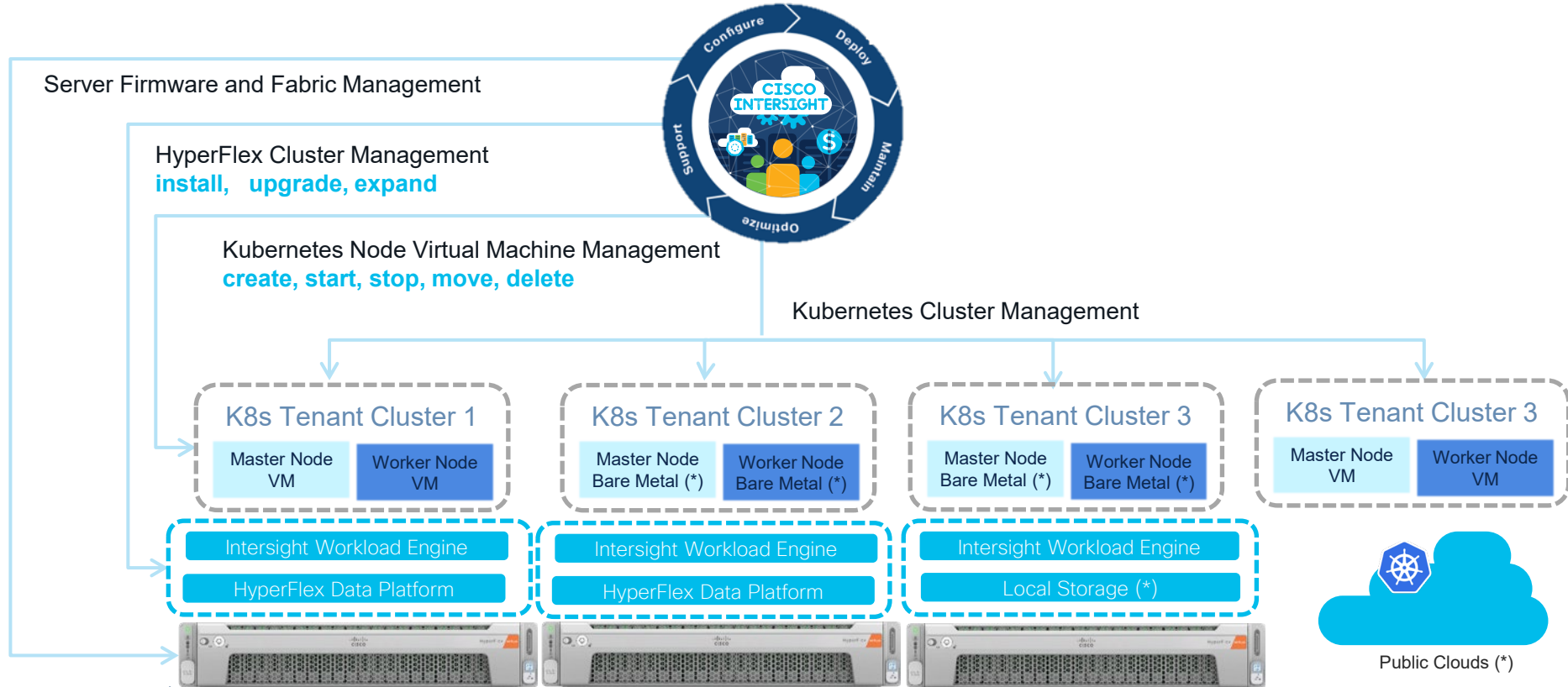
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Intersight Solution for Kubernetes

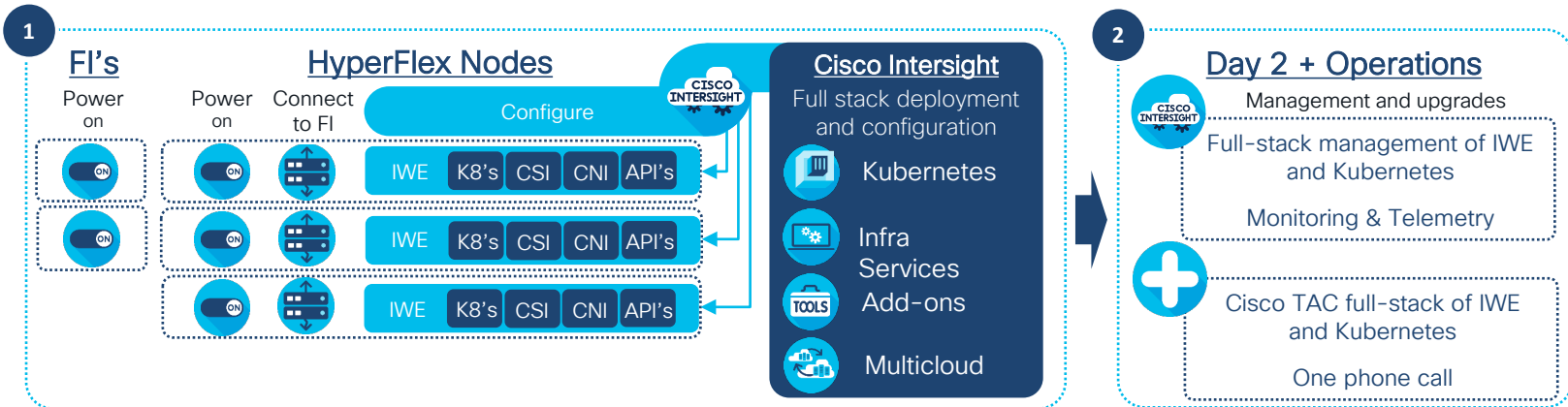
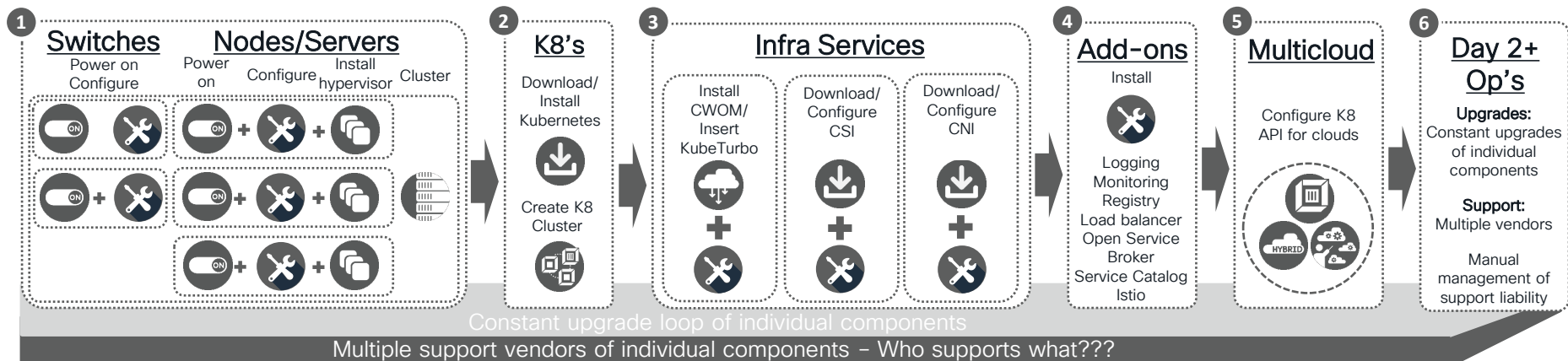
Turnkey app modernization platform



End to End Life Cycle Management



DIY vs. Intersight



Cisco Intersight Kubernetes Service



Setup

- Deployment options: VMware ESXi, IWE*, IWE bare metal*, AWS*, Azure*, Google Cloud*
- Adopt 3rd party Kubernetes clusters*
- Serverless support*
- Container Network Interface
- Persistent storage / Container Storage Interface (VMware, HXDP, 3rd party)
- L4 / L7 Load Balancing
- Service mesh*
- Container Registry*
- Blue/green multi-cluster application deployment*



Consume

- GUI, API, Terraform
- AD authentication / RBAC / user management
- Resource-based node pools with multiple cluster and storage*
- Multi-GPU-as-a-Service*
- Kubeflow*
- Integrations: Intersight Workload Optimizer, AppDynamics*, Tetration* add-on agents
- Multi-cluster configuration
- Policy engine*
- Security (policies, encryption)
- Auto-deploy and manage application helm-charts*



Manage

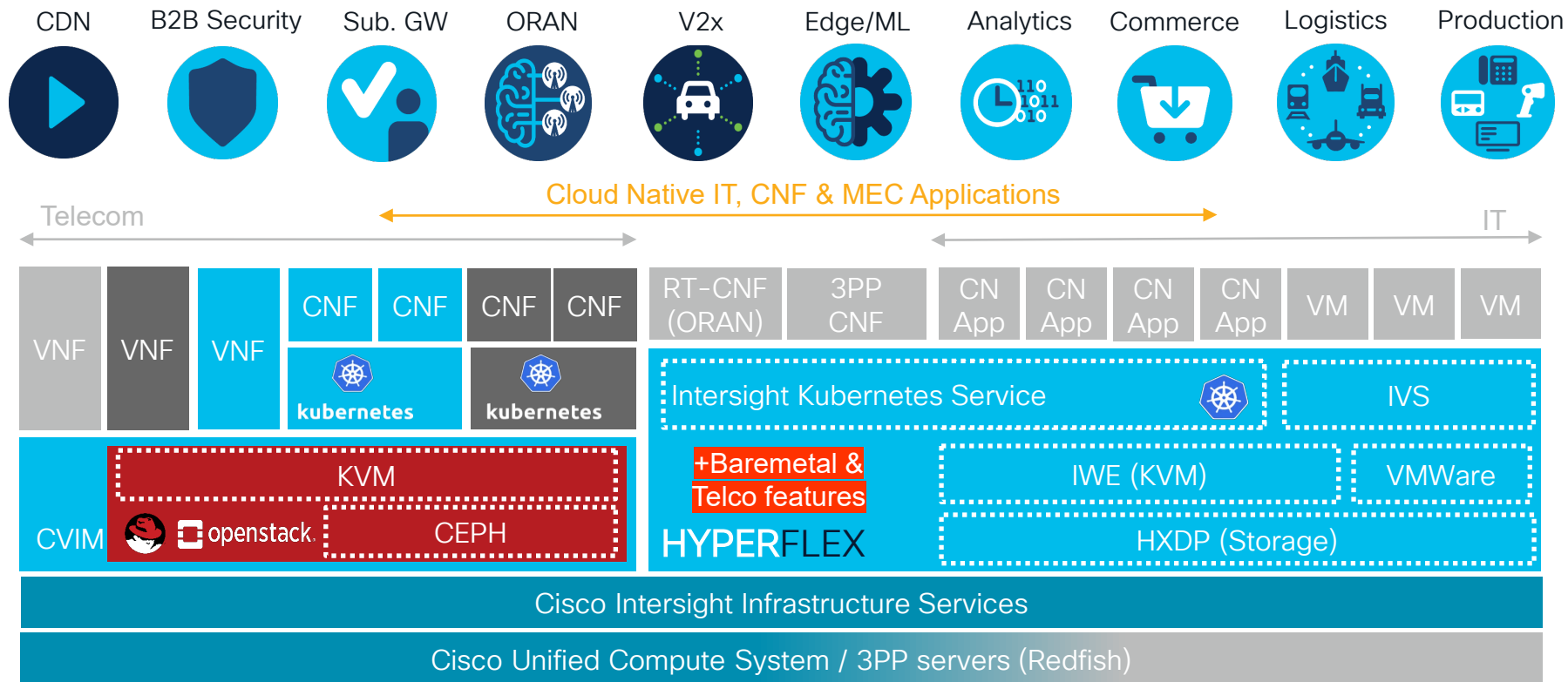
- Add/remove/update Kubernetes nodes and add-ons
- Lifecycle management (OS updates, Kubernetes upgrades, add-ons)
- Prometheus/Grafana monitoring
- EFK logging
- Kubernetes dashboard
- Multi-cluster operations
- Self-healing clusters
- Multi-master nodes with multiple cluster and storage*
- Application backup/restore, protection
- IKS cloud shell*

Telco Cloud Architecture Wrap-up

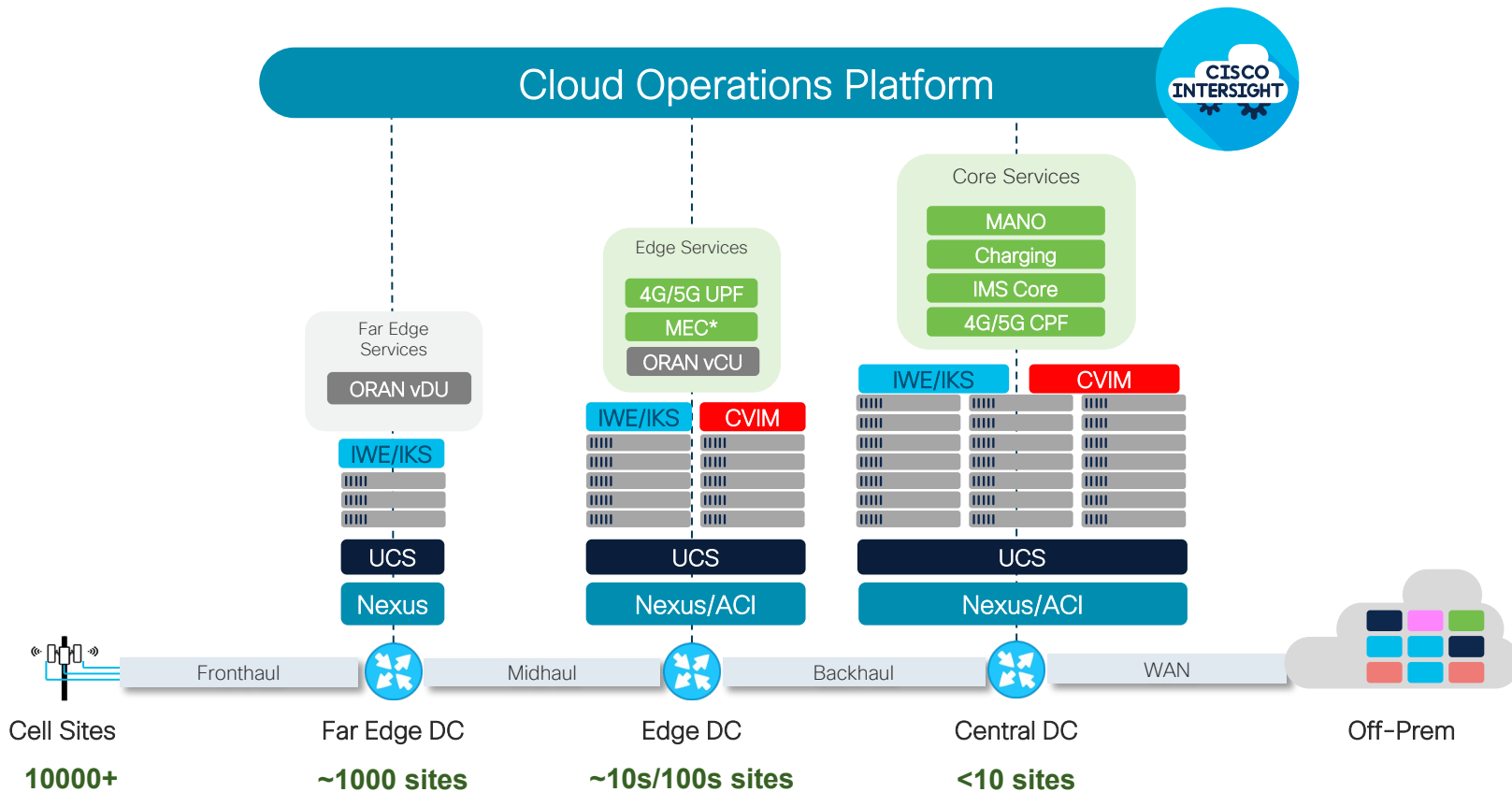
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The opportunity: Telco/IT/MEC Converged Solution



Cloud Native Virtualization Platform for 5G – Case Study



Take Aways





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- Intersight

<http://www.cisco.com/go/intersight>

- Cisco VIM

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/cloud-systems-management/virtualized-infrastructure-manager/index.html>

- Intersight Workload Engine (f.k.a HXAP)

Introducing the HyperFlex Application Platform

<https://cscoblogs-prod-17bj.appspot.com/datacenter/introducing-the-hyperflex-application-platform>

Cisco HXAP for Containers Solution Overview:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/hyperconverged-infrastructure/hyperflex-edge/solution-overview-c22-744635.html>

- IKS

Introduction to Intersight Kubernetes Service

<https://blogs.cisco.com/cloud/saas-based-kubernetes-lifecycle-management-an-introduction-to-intersight-kubernetes-service>

Cisco Intersight Kubernetes Service At-a-Glance

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/servers-unified-computing/intersight/at-a-glance-c45-744332.html>

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Session ID	Session Title	Presenter
BRKSPG-2036	Realize Seamless End to End, Application Centric Network Slicing with Distributed DC Fabric & SR/MPLS WAN Integration	Hector Fernandez Sonu Kumar Khandelwal
BRKSPG-2037	Reap the Benefits and Avoid the Pitfalls. Successfully Deploy Multi-Cloud and Cloud-Native Services in the SP	William Van Nieuwenhove
BRKSPG-2025	Fixed Line Broadband Services - A Cloud Native Approach	Gurpreet Dhaliwal Raja Kolagatla
BRKSPG-2026	Cloud Native 5G Packet Core	Tomasz Maslewski
BRKSPG-2027	4G and 5G for Private Networks	Mark Rankin
BRKSPG-2018	Orchestrating 5G End-to-End	Laurent Desaunay Arghya Mukherjee
BRKSPM-2002	5G Core Evolution	David Perez Gil
BRKSPM-2000	RAN Transformation and DC Edge	Virginia Teixeira
BRKSEC-2237	Securing your 5G infrastructure to the edge and beyond	Pramod Nair

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Showcase Demos, in priority order	Presenter
Optimize with Routed Optical Networking	Phil Bedard, Francesca Scarpinati
Automating Operations in the Transport SDN	Stefano Novello
Automated 5G Ultra Cloud Core Deployment	Christian Falckenberg
Mass-Scale Multi-Haul Transport	Matteo Pierpaoli, Stefano Colombo
UltraScale Slicing with SRv6 Micro-SIDs	Loic Roque
Cloud Native BNG Control Plane Operation	Alexander Yakhnych
Crosswork Cloud: Traffic Analysis as a Service	Dan Backman
End-to-End Network Slicing with AC1-SR	Tiziano Trabattoni
Cloud-Native Application Experience	William Van Nieuwenhove
Monitoring UPF VNF with Nexus Insights	Hector Fernandez



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