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# Lessons Learnt from Large Multi-Domain IBN Architectures

SD-Access, SD-WAN and ACI

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# Agenda

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  - SDWAN and ACI Integration
  - 100,000ft view on Multi-Domain Design
- Deployment and Migration Lessons Learned from Large Scale Deployments

# Who are we?



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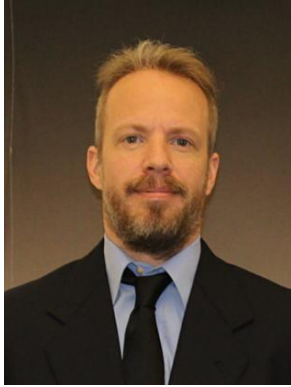
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# Design and Deployment Best Practices

# Why Multi-Domain?

- **Individual** architectures introduce
  - Segmentation
  - Automation
  - Within a single enterprise domain
- **Multi-Domain** Architectures
  - Extend Segmentation
  - Utilize orchestration
  - Make the entire enterprise one IBN enclave





# What Is Involved In SDA & SDWAN Integration?

- Steps

- DNAC and vManage integration
- vManage owns each cEdge and assigns to DNAC
- Provision SDA specific changes through DNAC, SDWAN specific changes via vManage

- Results

- SDA VNs and SDWAN Service VPNs tied together
- SDA SGT information propagated via SDWAN
- cEdge participates in both fabric domains
- Consistent application and security policy
- API based communication between DNAC and vManage

Settings / External Services

## vManage

Use this form to configure the vManage server and credentials. These settings enable communication with the vManage server to manage SD-WAN devices from Cisco DNA Center.

A certificate is required if vManage is authenticated via a root CA. This certificate is installed in vEdge during the onboarding process in NFVIS provisioning.  
Note: Only Privacy-Enhanced Mail (PEM) standard files can be uploaded to Cisco DNA Center.

Host Name/IP Address

172.31.23.236

The hostname or IP address of vManage

Username\*

admin

The user ID of vManage

Password\*

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The password of vManage

Port Number\*

8443

The vManage port number

vBond Host Name/IP Address

vBondhosts

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Organization Name

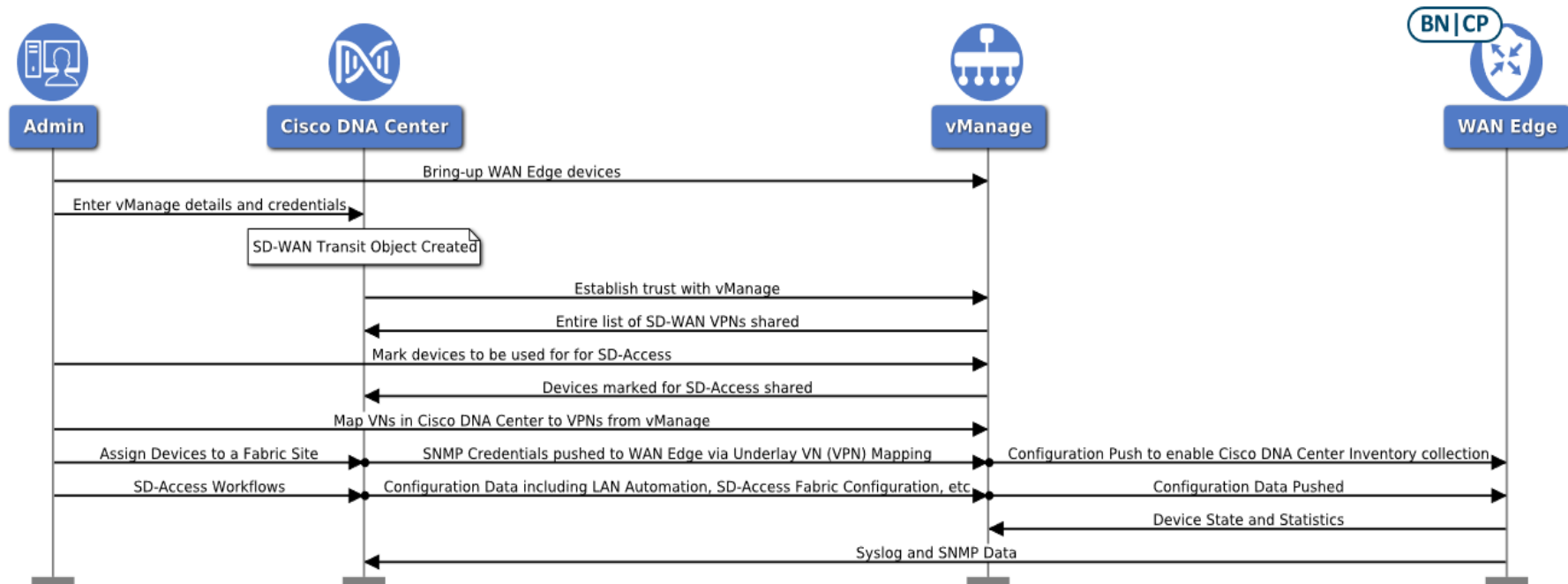
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# SDA and SDWAN Integration



# What Is Involved In SDA & ACI Integration?

- Steps

- DNAC and APIC both integrate with ISE
- API based interconnection

- Results

- SDA VNs and ACI Contexts tied together
- SDA SGTs and ACI EPGs mapped
- Consistent policy throughout

## Create Scalable Group

Name\*

Enterprise\_User

Tag Value (decimal)\*

1234

Description (optional)

SDA SGT propagated to ACI for User  
Group Enterprise\_User

Virtual Networks\*

Corporate X

☒ Propagate to ACI ⓘ

# What Is Involved In ACI & SDWAN Integration?

- **Steps**

- APIC integrates with vManage
- Associate WAN SLA Policy with Contracts
- ACI Tenants matched to SDWAN VPNs

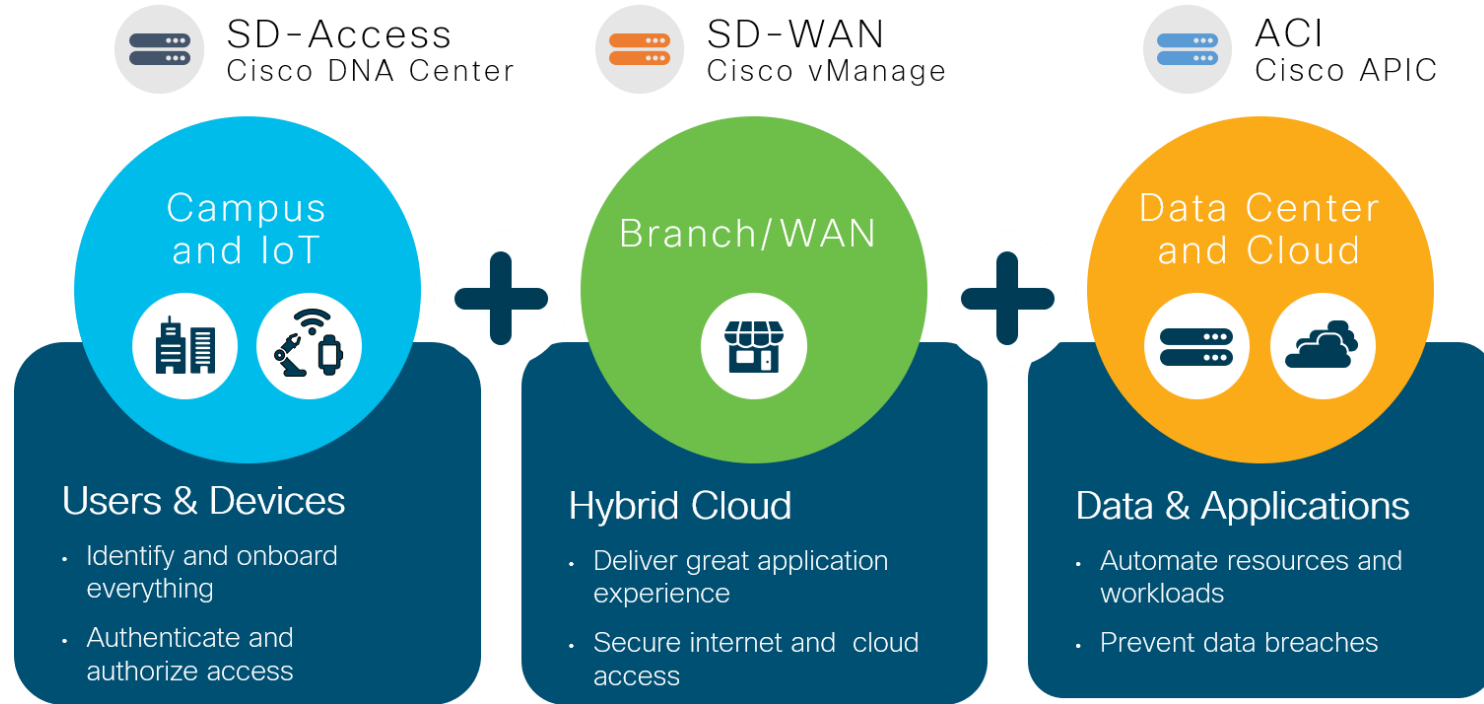
- **Results**

- Tenants control SDWAN AAR
- DC Segmentation is maintained to the branch

Connect a vManage controller:

```
apic1# conf t
apic1(config)# integrations-group MyExtDevGroupClassic
apic1(config-integrations-group)# integrations-mgr External_Device Cisco/vManage
apic1(config-integrations-mgr)# device-address 172.31.209.198
apic1(config-integrations-mgr)# user admin
Password:
Retype password:
apic1(config-integrations-mgr)#
```

# Really Really High-Level View



# 100,000 ft view

- SDA
  - Endpoints dynamically assigned SGTs and placed into VNs
- SDWAN
  - Extends segmentation
  - Applies APIC/DNAC per-VPN security and application policy.
- ACI
  - End-to-end policy and segmentation automatically enforced

# Lessons Learned From Large Scale Deployments



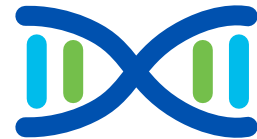
# SDA and SDWAN Deployments



- Today available in fully automated “one-box” solution or partly manual “two-box” solution
- One-box solution (integrated solution)
  - Features SDA BN/CP and SDWAN WAN Edge in a single box.
  - **Must** be an ASR 1000 or ISR 4000 series router
- Two-box solution (non-integrated solution)
  - Clear demarcation between SDA and SDWAN architectures
  - SDA BNs can be ISR4K, ASR1K or Cat9K switches, SDWAN edges can be ISR4K or ASR1K series routers
  - **SDA and SDWAN designs can be implemented at a different pace**

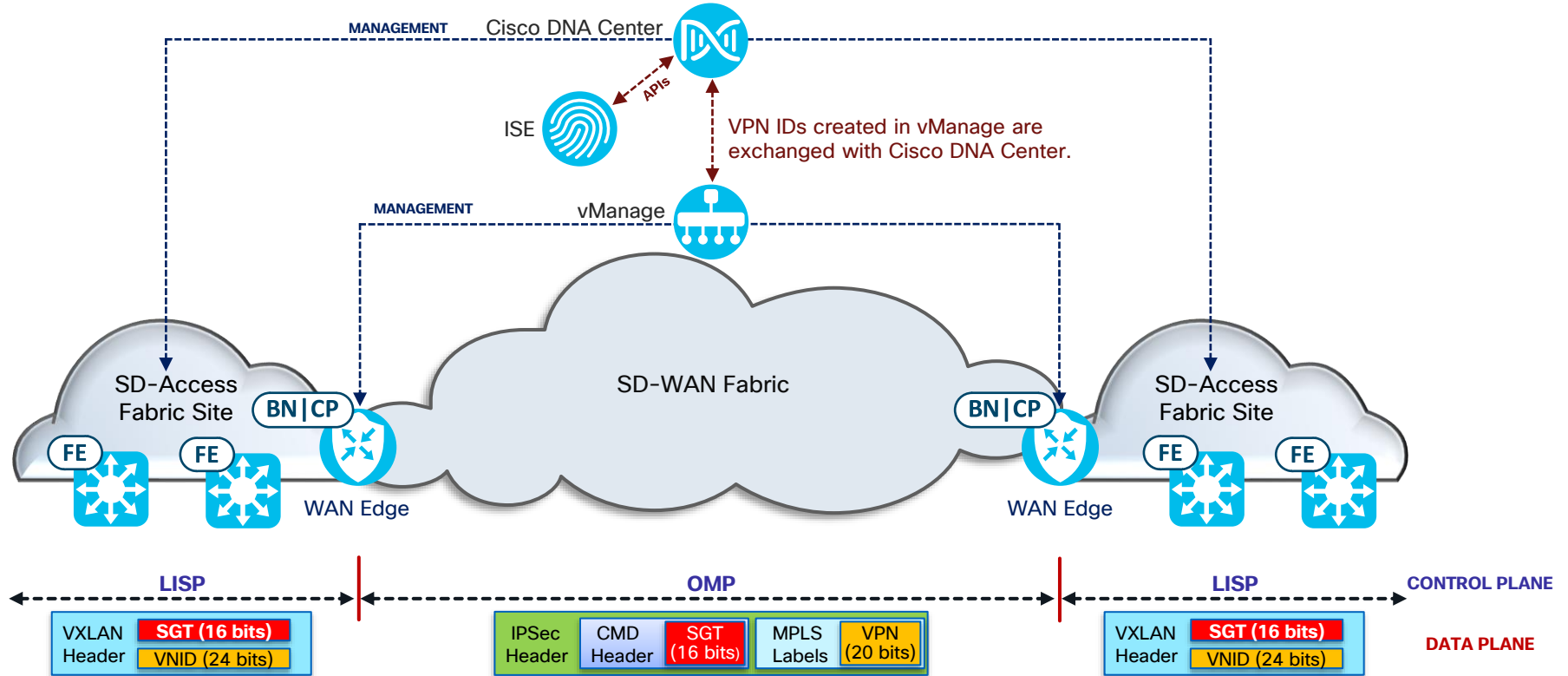


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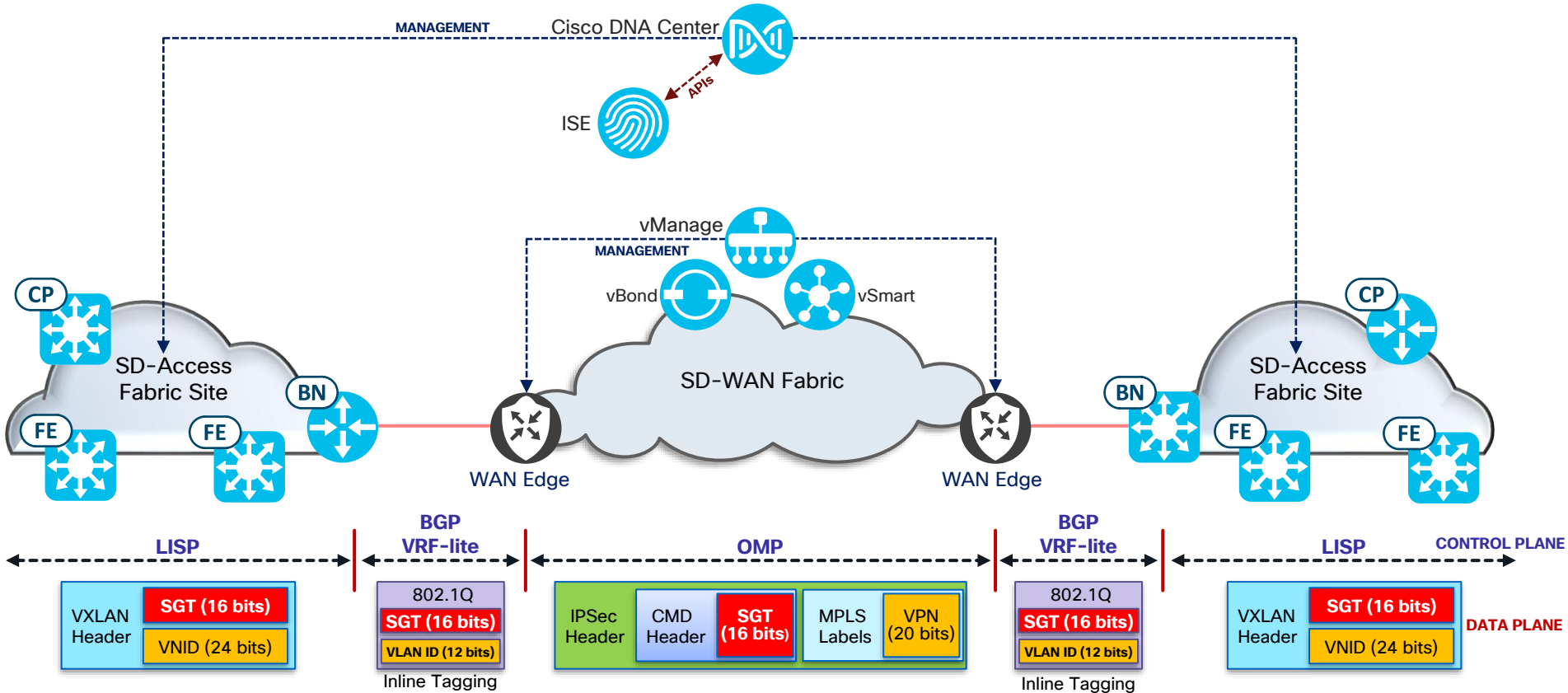


- Majority of customers have employed **two-box solution** for modularity of deployment and flexibility in operations
- Mapping of VNs and VPNs is crucial
- Inter-site traffic flow greatly depends on **SDWAN tunnel design** and **SDWAN underlay**.
- For Multi-Regional (Global) networks, consistency across multiple DNAC clusters is key.
- Special consideration for inter-VN routing within the site

# SDA to SDWAN Integration (One-Box)



# SDA to SDWAN Integration (Two-Box)

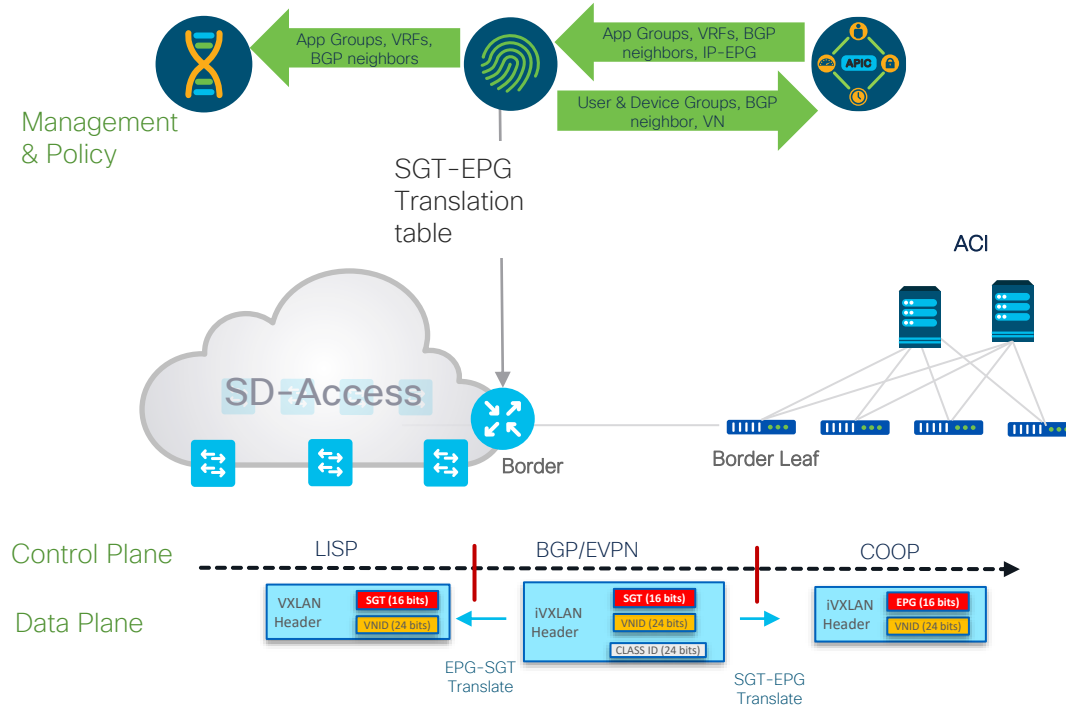


# ACI and SDA Deployments (Phase 2 Integration)

- SGT to EPG mapping is critical, leverage ISE for consistency.
- Create contracts on both side of the fabric - SDA and ACI
- **Integration strategies:**
  - Border/CP at Data Center by treating DC as a site
  - VRF-Lite / Tunnels from HQ BN/CP to DC
  - BGP/EVPN with VRF-Lite to extend macro and micro segmentation
  - Leveraging CMD between SDA Border Nodes and ACI Border Leafs
- A good use case for **Multi-Site Remote Border!**



# SDA and ACI Integration (Phase 2)



# ACI and SDWAN Deployments



- ACI Border Leaf to SDWAN cEdge – Standardize Naming/VLANs
- Scale of BGP Peering Sessions
- Visualize traffic flow – Source and Destination
- Verify and document contracts and AAR policies to ensure efficient routing through WAN.
- **WAN MTU** consideration crucial
- Very limited capability in current phase

# Lessons Learned From Large Scale Migrations



# SDA and SDWAN Migrations



- Order of operations is key!
- Underlay of SDA and Trusted VN needs to be bridged to overlay of SDWAN
- DC first approach – get those cEdge headends built first
- At branch, install SDWAN first, test it and then proceed with SDA
- Infrastructure and UAT testing is very critical
- TrustSEC needs to be configured on SDWAN first and then SDA BN
- For sub-interfaces, TrustSEC must be enabled on physical and all sub-interfaces



# ACI and SDA Migrations



- Border nodes and Border Leafs integration is key
- Data center as a site architecture with [BGP/EVPN/VXLAN](#)
- [Currently SDWAN in the middle is not supported](#)
- SXP configuration on BNs crucial for end-to-end segmentation
- Always verify and test this in a lab and use it as a certification test bed

# ACI and SDWAN Migrations



- Order of operations is critical
- ACI to cEdge Aggregation Layer facilitates migration of hosts/applications to ACI and non-migrated WAN to SDWAN independently.
- Convert cEdge to CLI mode > fine-tune ACI to SDWAN connectivity > update SDWAN template > reattach template for efficient turn up of the solution
- More enhancements are in roadmap.

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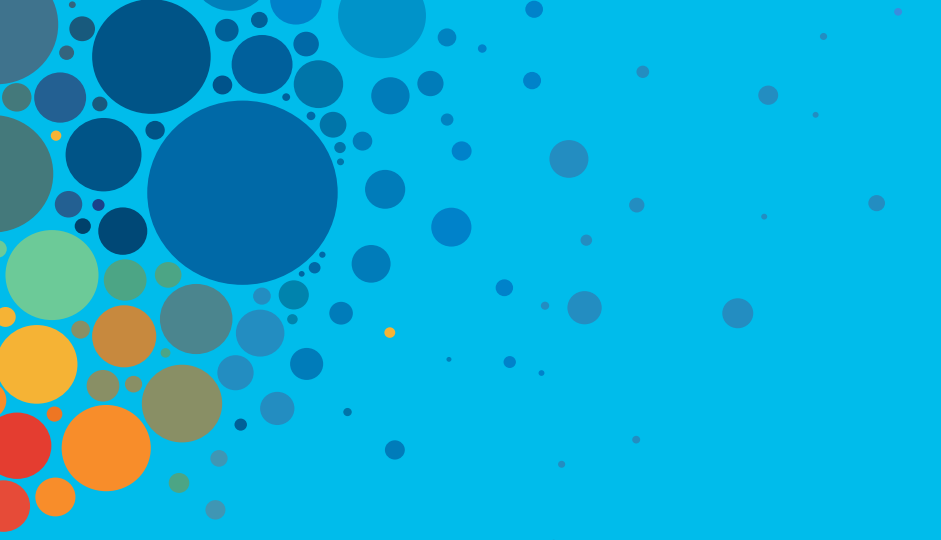
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