Introduction to Open Network Operating System (ONOS)

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- W4-2: ONOS Distributed Core
- W4-3: ONOS Northbound
- W4-4: ONOS Southbound & Application

SDN Evolution and ONF

ON.LAB

- Non-profit, carrier and vendor neutral
- Provide technical shepherding, core team
- Build community
- Many organizations supports

Invention

2007 – Creation of SDN Concept

Platform Development

2007 – Ethane
2008 – OpenFlow
2009 – FlowVisor, Mininet, NOX
2010 – Beacon

Deployments

2009 – Stanford
2010 – GENI started and grew to 20 universities
2013 – 20 more camp uses to be added

Demonstrations

2008-2011 – SIGCOMM
2011 – Open Networking Summit, Interop

2012 –Define SDN research agenda for the coming years

2017 – ON.Lab and ONF merger

And Beyond

Why are SPs Interested in SDN and ONOS?

Reduce CAPEX and OPEX

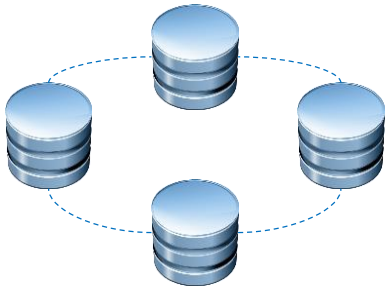
Bring cloud-style agility, flexibility, scalability to their networks

Roll out service rapidly

Reduce operational complexity, increase visibility

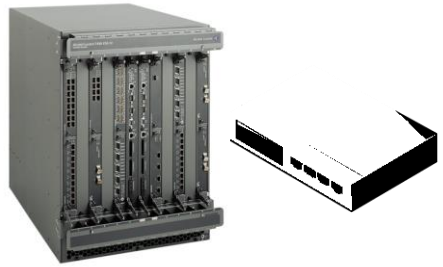
But Service Provider networks place stringent requirements on SDN control plane

Handle tens of millions of fixed and hundreds of millions wireless end points



Provide five nines availability, high performance, low latency

Need ease of use, service creation and delivery

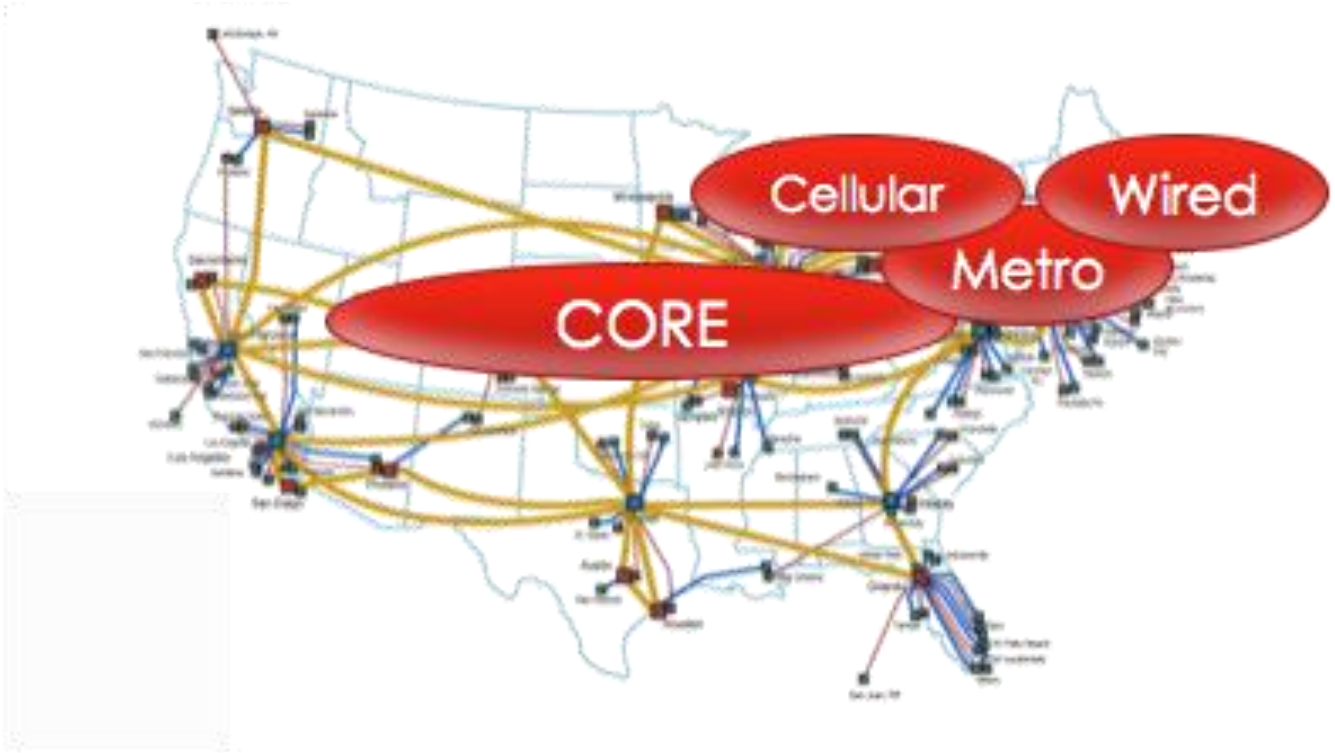


Allow seamless mig-ration of existing N/W while capitalizing on white boxes

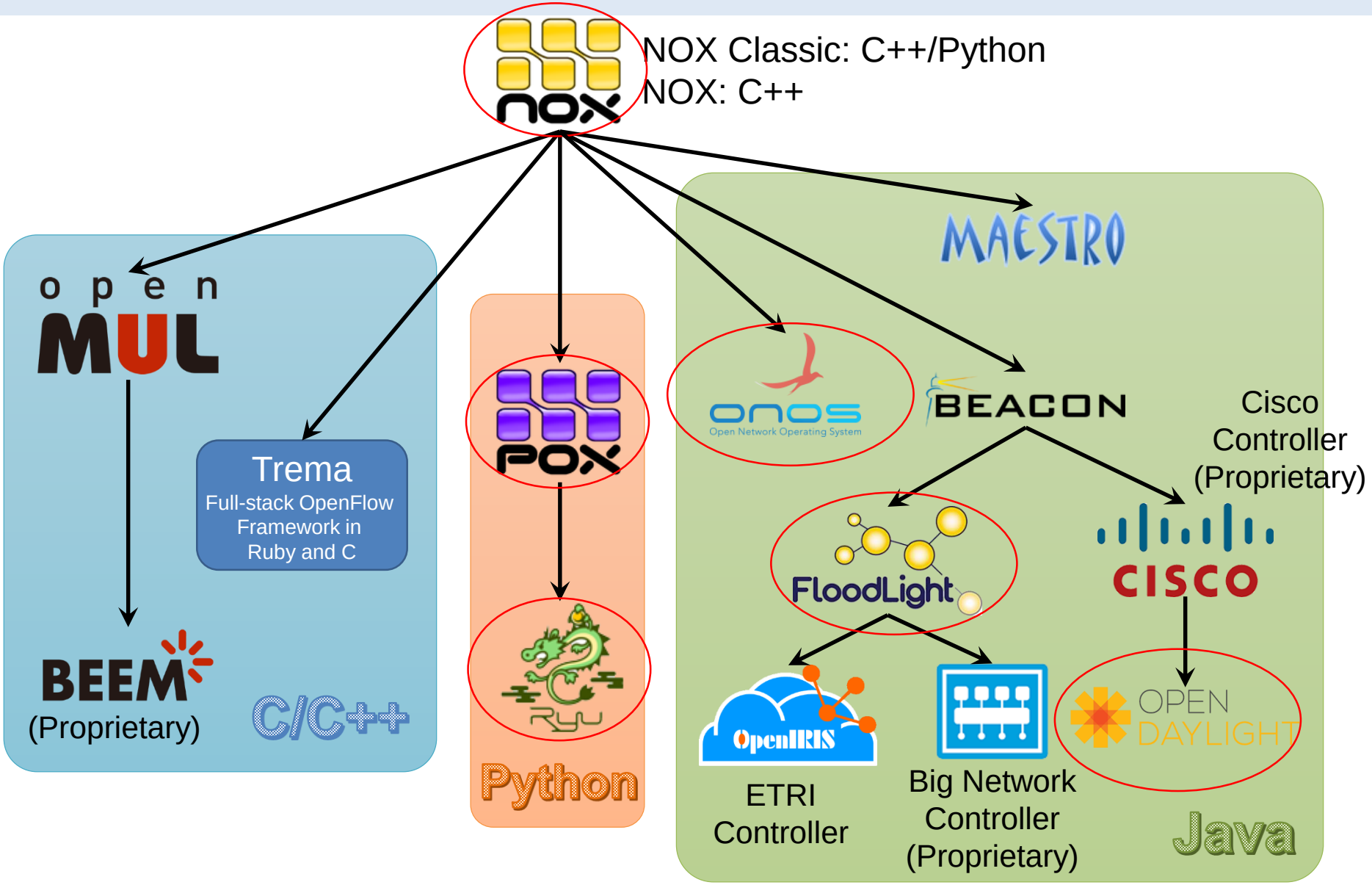
ONOS is a SDN network operating system (control plane platform) designed for these stringent Service Provider requirements

Service Provider Networks

- **WAN core backbone**
  - Multi-protocol Label Switching (MPLS) with Traffic Engineering (TE)
  - 200-500 routers, 5-10K ports
- **Metro Networks**
  - Metro cores for access networks
  - 10-50K routers, 2-3M ports
- **Cellular Access Networks**
  - LTE for a metro area
  - 20-100K devices, 100K-100M ports
- **Wired Access / Aggregation**
  - Access network for homes
  - 10-50K devices, 100K-1M ports



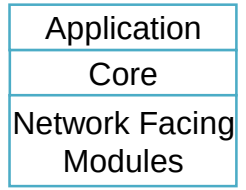
Pedigree Chart of OpenFlow Controllers

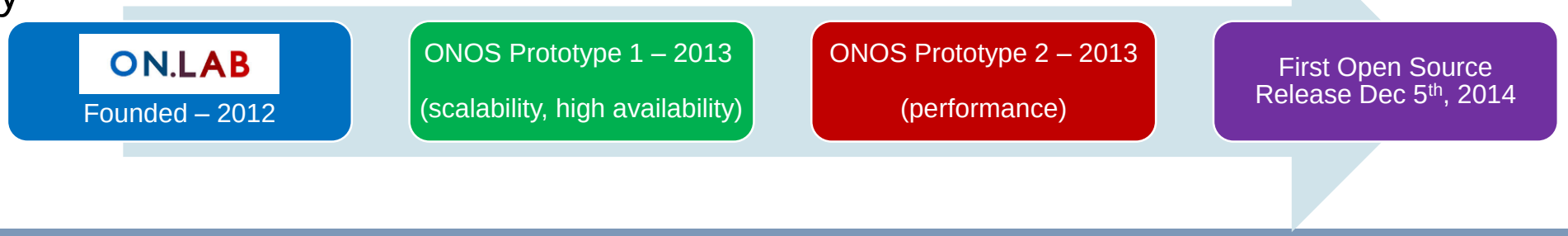


Introduction

❖ ONOS: Open Network Operating System

- SDN OS for service provider networks
- Design goals
  - Code modularity
    - Possible to introduce new functionalities as self-contained units
  - Configurability
    - Possible to load and unload various features in runtime
  - Separation of Concern
    - There should be clear boundaries between subsystems to facilitate
    - **Protocol-aware network-facing modules** → interact with network
    - **Protocol-agnostic system core** → tracks and serves info on network state
    - **Application** → consumes and acts on the information provided by core
  - Protocol agnosticism
    - Should not be bound to specific protocol libraries or implementations
- History

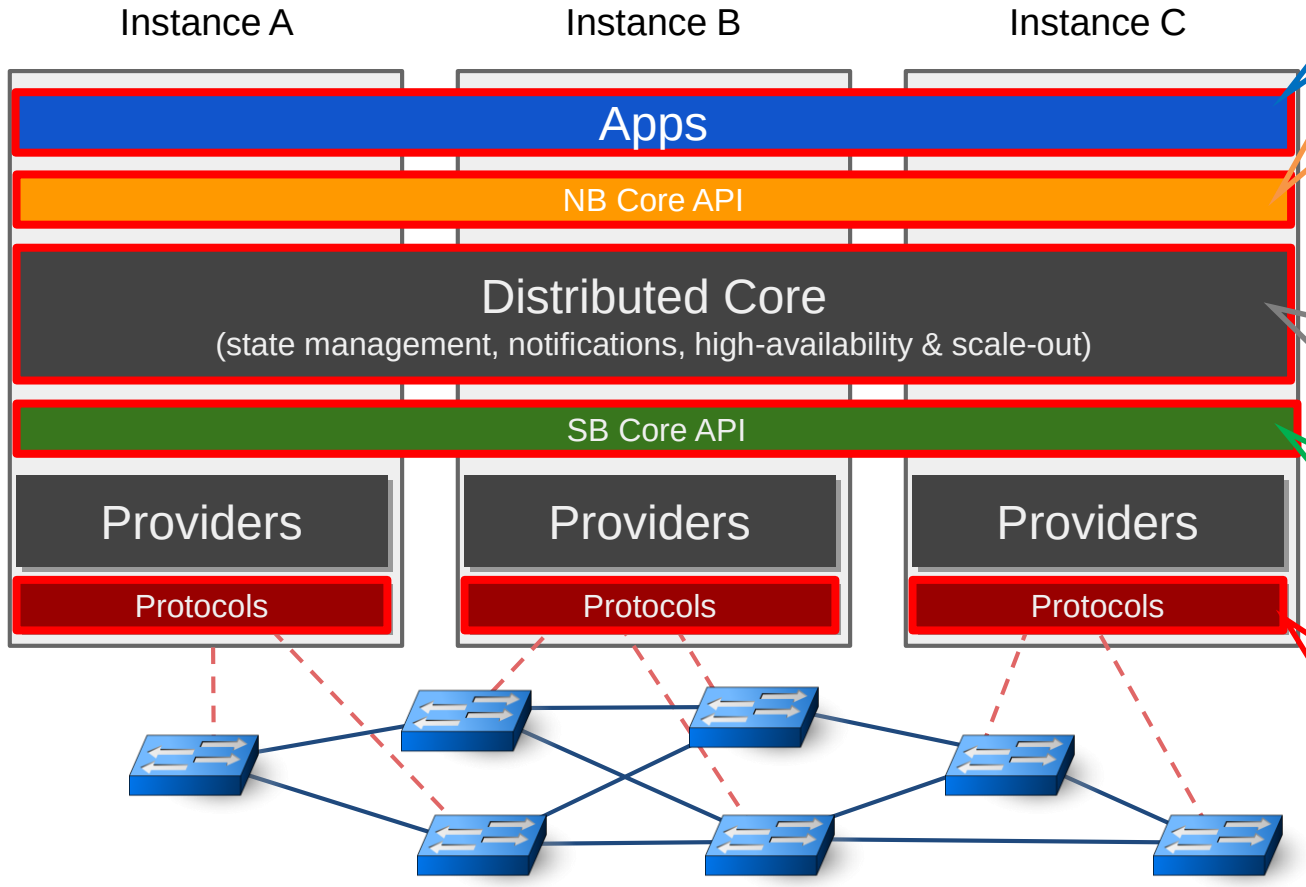




ONOS Distributed Architecture (1/2)

❖ Distributed Architecture

- Each instance is equipped with the same stack



Contains user applications
E.g., reactive forwarding, proxy arp, segment routing, SDN-IP, etc.

Transfer network info to application layer
Provide management interface for controlling lower layer component

Contains many core features
Provide distributed clustering function for supporting HA and scalability

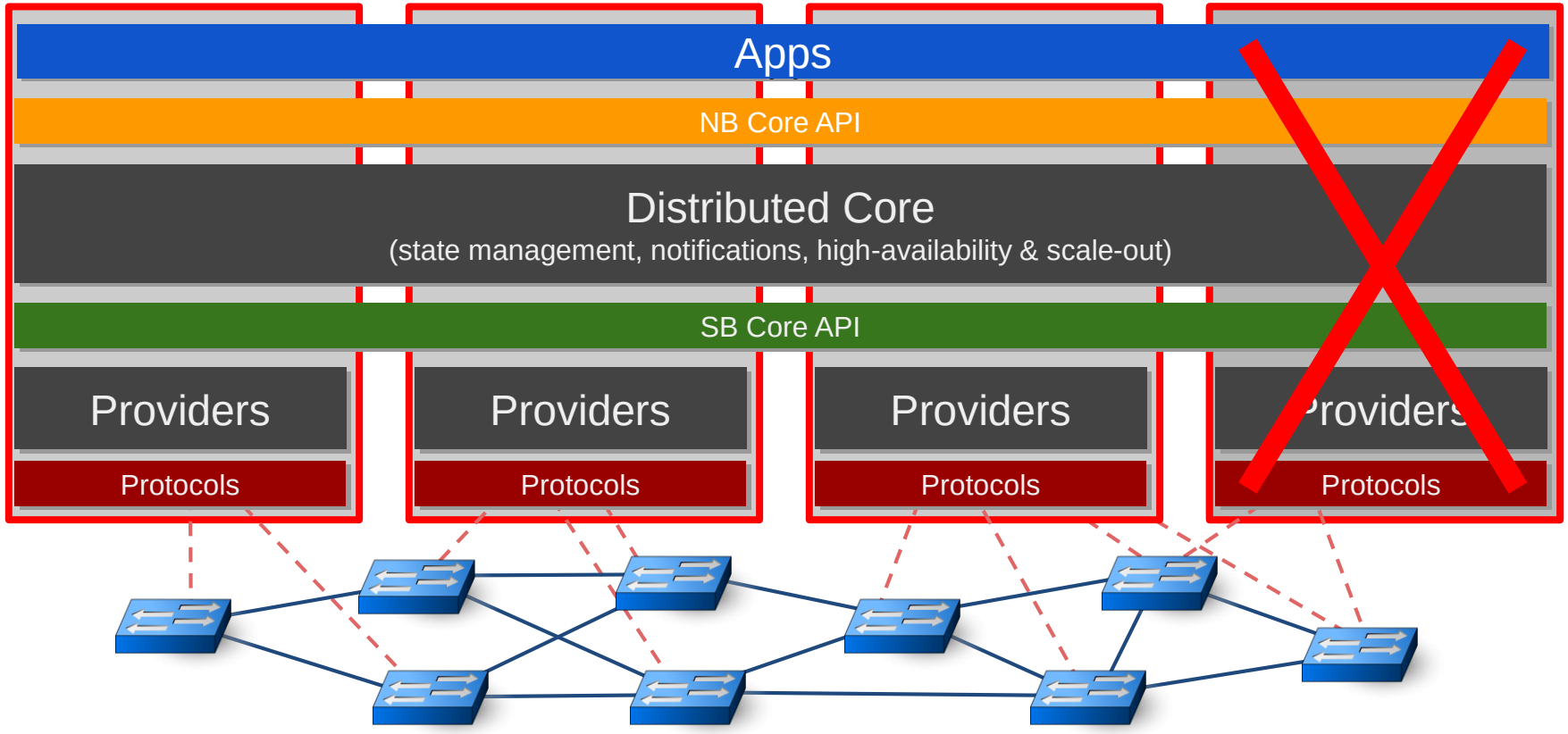
Provide a abstracted inter-face for controlling the network infrastructure

Real network protocol imple-mentation for managing the network elements
E.g., OpenFlow, NetConf

ONOS Distributed Architecture (2/2)

❖ Features

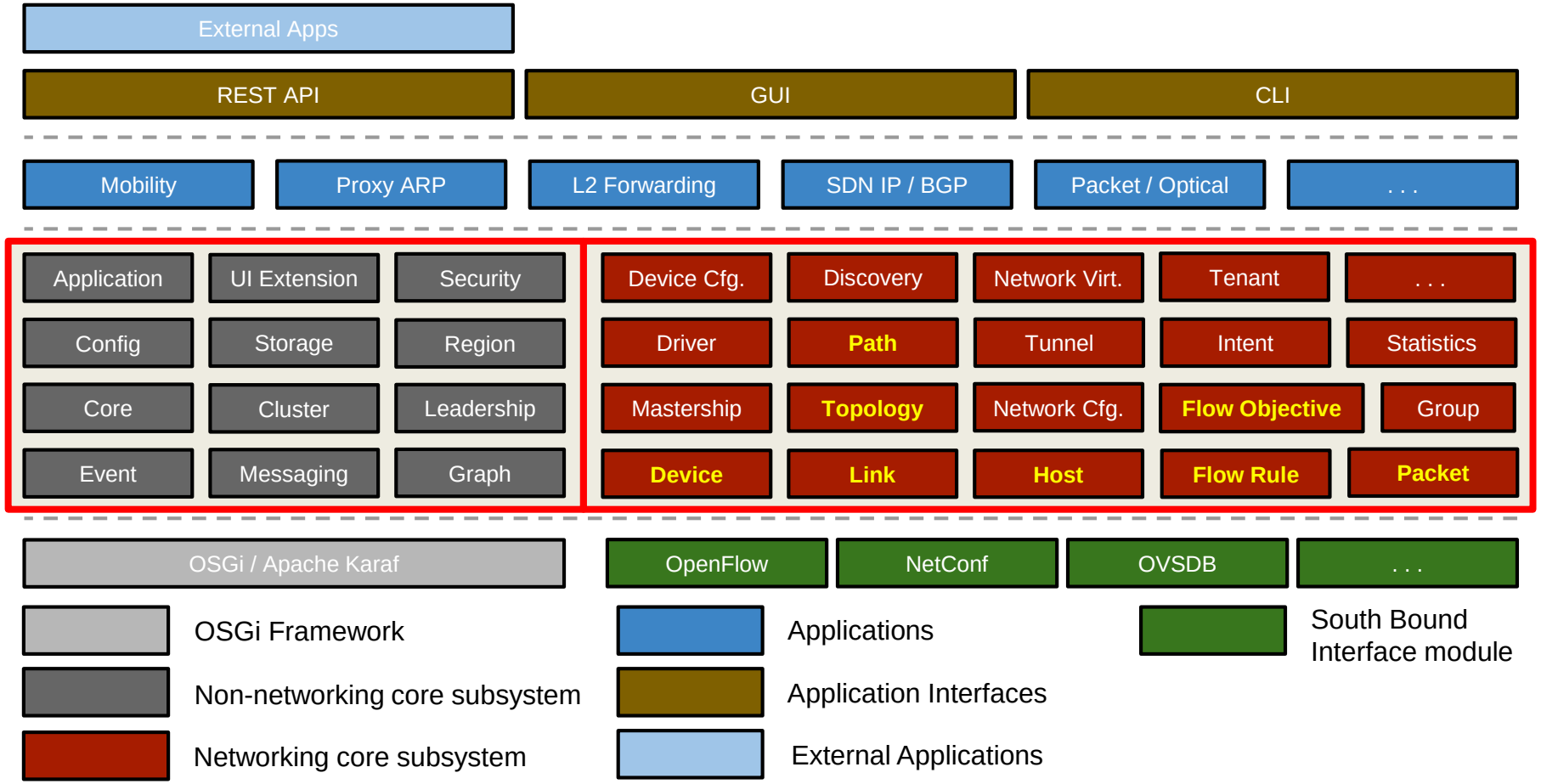
- High Availability (HA)
- Load Balancing (LB)



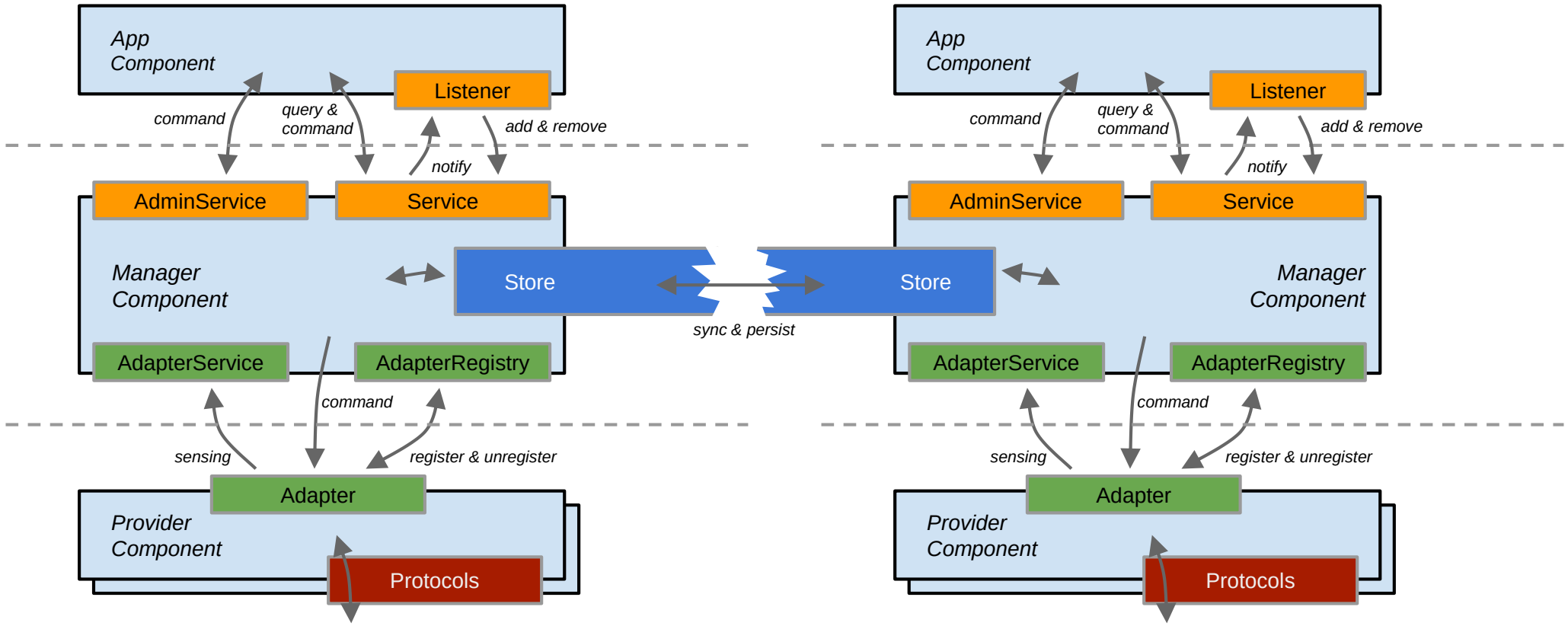
ONOS Core Subsystem

❖ Subsystem = Service

- An unit of functionality that is comprised of multiple components that create a vertical slice through the tiers as a software stack



Subsystem Architecture (1/2)



Subsystem Architecture (2/2)

❖ Subsystem Structure

- Each of a subsystem's components resides in one of three main tiers
- Provider
  - Interfaces with the network via protocol-specific libraries, with core via the *ProviderService* interface
- Manager
  - Resides in the core, receives information from Providers and serves it to applications and other services
  - Store
- Application
  - Provides wide range of functionality
  - Consumes and manipulates info. aggregated by the managers