Design Experience of an SRv6 uSID Data Center

SRv6 uSID DC Landscape

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Demo time!

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https://github.com/segmentrouting/srv6-labs **Directory:"**3-srv6-dc-case-studies"

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SRv6 uSID DC Series

Use-case 1: SRv6 uSID BGP-Only DC & Single AS DC

- IPv6 DC ⇔ *SRv6 uSID Core* ⇔IPv6 DC (1a) ⇔ **YouTube Video #1 (1 of 9) Host Networking**
- *SRv6 uSID DC* ⇔ IPv6 Core ⇔ *SRv6 uSID DC (1b)* ⇔ **YouTube Video #2 (2 of 9) Migration**
- SRv6 uSID uSID End-to-End (1c) ⇔ **YouTube Video #3 (3 of 9) uSID E2E**

Use-case 2: SRv6 uSID w/ Multi POD Fabrics

- IPv6 DC ⇔ *SRv6 uSID Core* ⇔IPv6 DC (2a) ⇔ **YouTube Video #4 (4 of 9) Host Networking**
- *SRv6 uSID DC* ⇔ IPv6 Core ⇔ *SRv6 uSID DC (2b)* ⇔ **YouTube Video #5 (5of 9) Migration**
- SRv6 uSID End-to-End (2c) ⇔ **YouTube Video #6 (6 of 9) uSID E2E**

Use-case 3: SRv6 uSID w/ Multi POD/Domain Fabrics

- IPv6 DC ⇔ *SRv6 uSID Core* ⇔IPv6 DC (3a) ⇔ **YouTube Video #7 (7 of 9) Host Networking**
- *SRv6 uSID DC* ⇔ IPv6 Core ⇔ *SRv6 uSID DC (3b)* ⇔ **YouTube Video #8 (8of 9) Migration**
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Real World Use-cases

#1 IPv6 Host Based Networking

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- **Traffic Engineering and Carrier Grade** features are not a requirement in the Data Center.
- Operators can use white box switches or disaggregated hardware and software with Vanilla IPv6 Only DC fabric blindly passing the SRv6 uSID packets. Massive bandwidth **where Multi Petabits** of fiber can be thrown at the DC fabric, with the focus on **High Bandwidth** packet pushing with **Ultra simplified fabric**.
- **Steering** is initiated from the Data Center host attachment using IGP shortest path leaving the entire fabric 100% vanilla IPv6.

SILOED Networking ⇔ Complexity Tax

Each siloed network Domain has its own Hardware, Software, SDN Stack, Operations & Automation Ecosystem

IPv4 Transport

OVERLAY/SEGMENTATION

PRIVATE IP SCALE

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

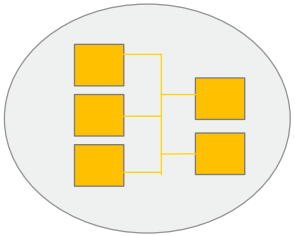
MPLS Transport

NOT WIDELY ADOPTED IN DATA CENTER

LABEL SUMMARIZATION

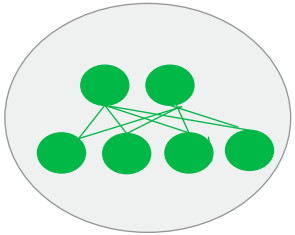
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

VXLAN / GENEVE



DC OVERLAYS

IPv4



DC FABRICS (UNDERLAY)

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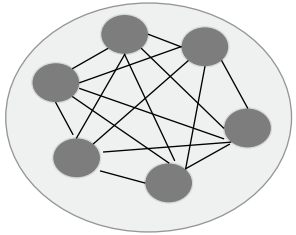
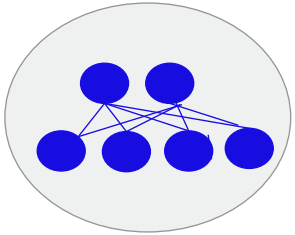


METRO WAN FABRICS

IPv4, IPv6



EDGE PEERING FABRICS

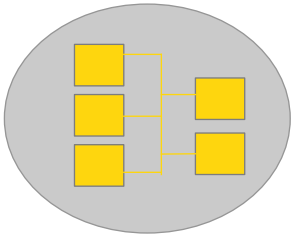
SRv6 uSID ⇔ Simplicity, Functionality, Ultra Scale

A Common End-to-End Forwarding Architecture Enables Common HW, SW, SDN, Ops ⇔ **Massive Scale**

SRv6 uSID

- OVERLAY/SEGMENTATION
- IPv6 UNDERLAY SCALE
- TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
- COMPATIBILITY WITH BROWN FIELD FABRICS
- SERVICE INSERTION / CHAINING
- COMMON HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, SDN, Ops

SRv6 uSID ⇔ Translates into Ultra Massive Scale



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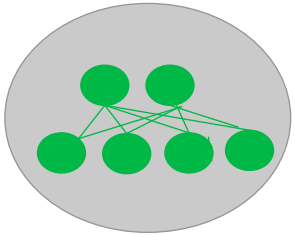
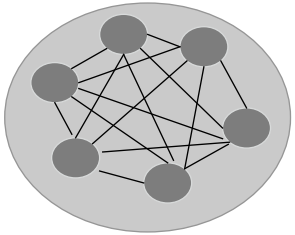


UNDERLAY
DC FABRICS

“End-to-End Inter-Domain Routing via SRv6 uSID”



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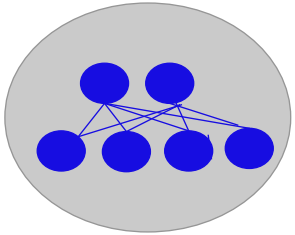
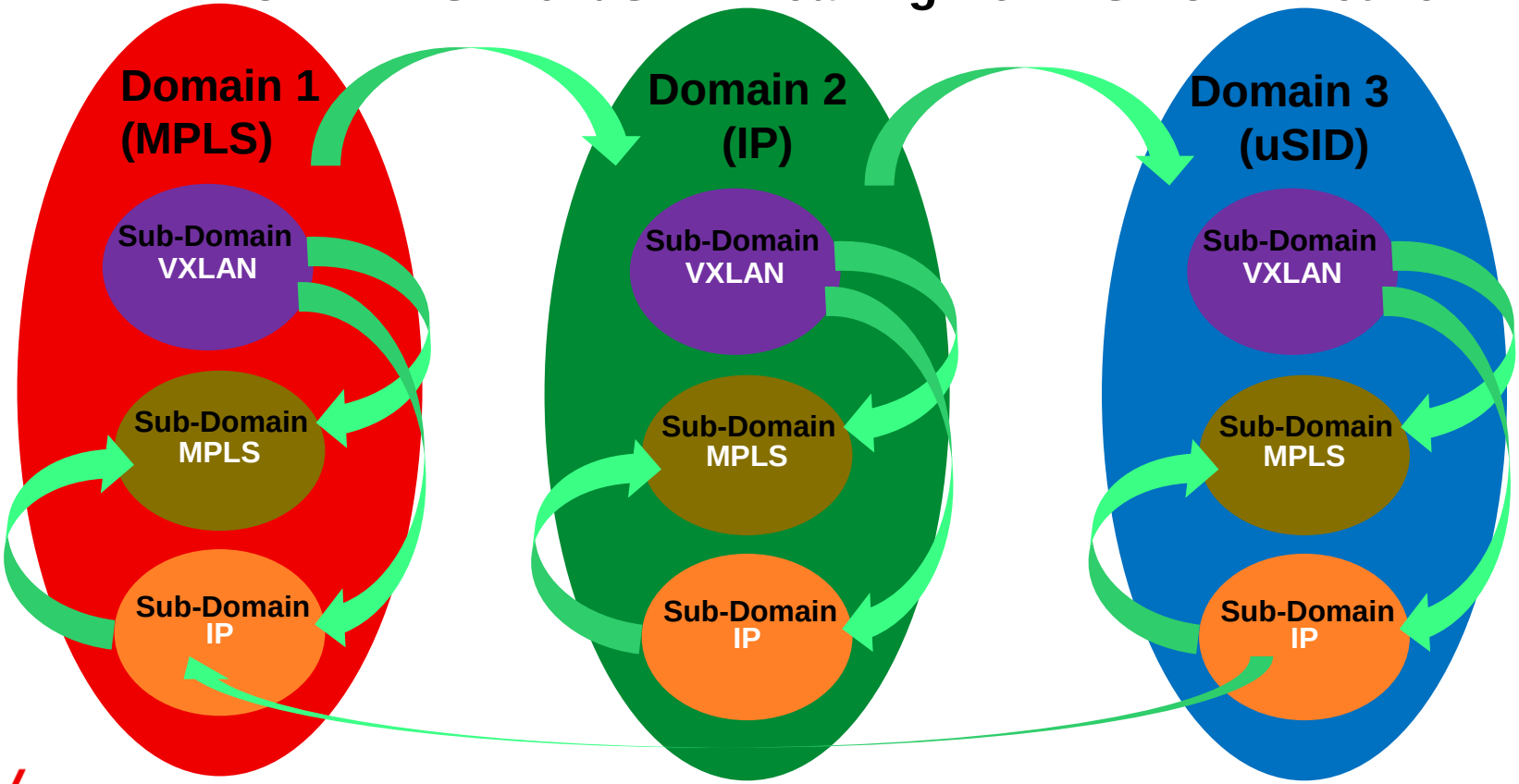


EDGE PEERING
FABRICS

INTER DOMAIN SRv6 uSID Breaking Down SILOED Networking



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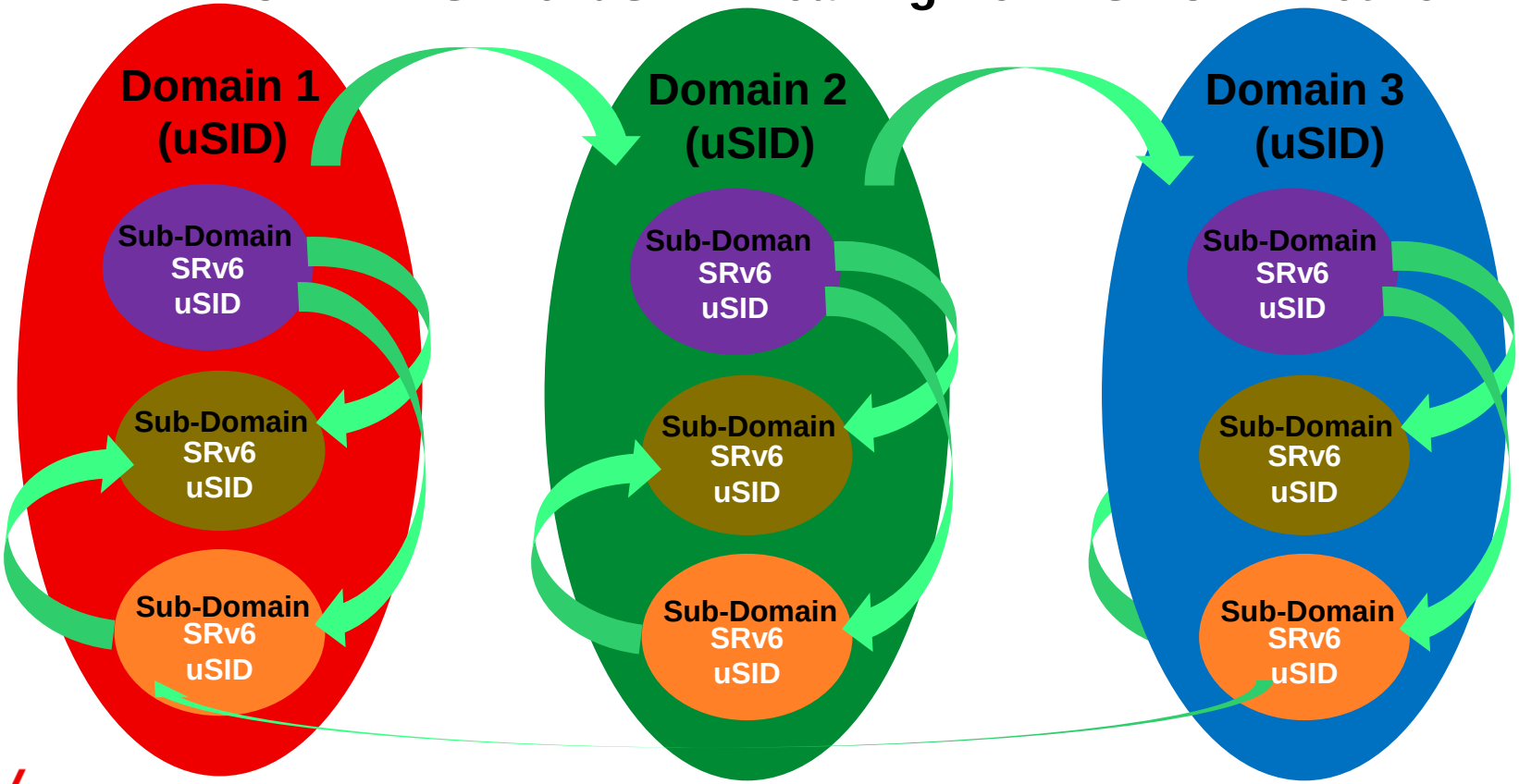

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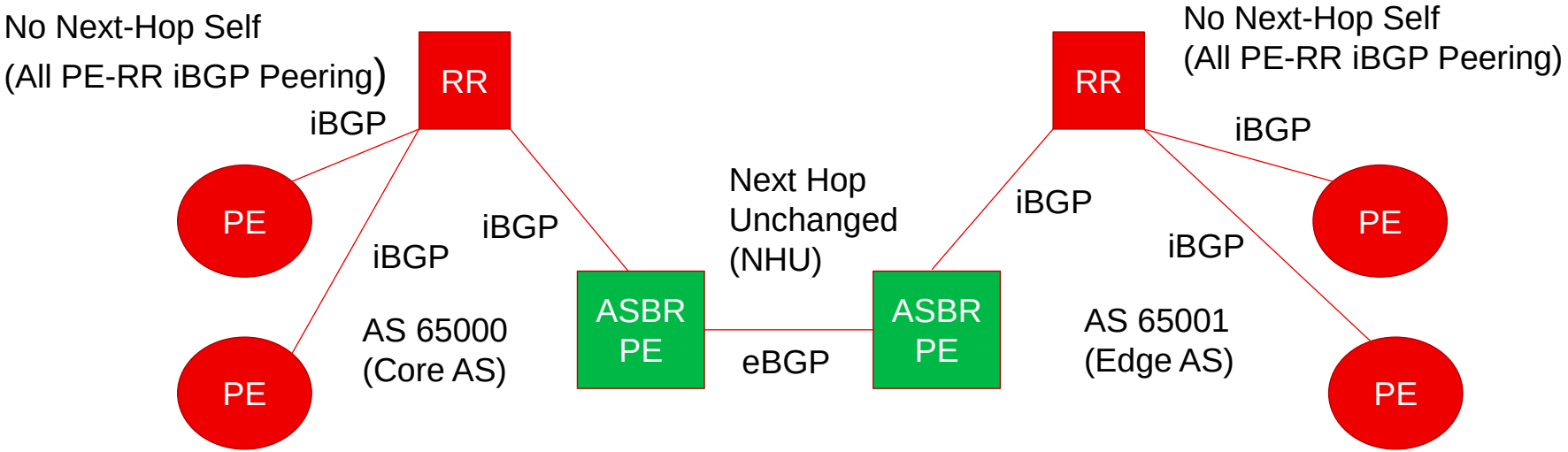
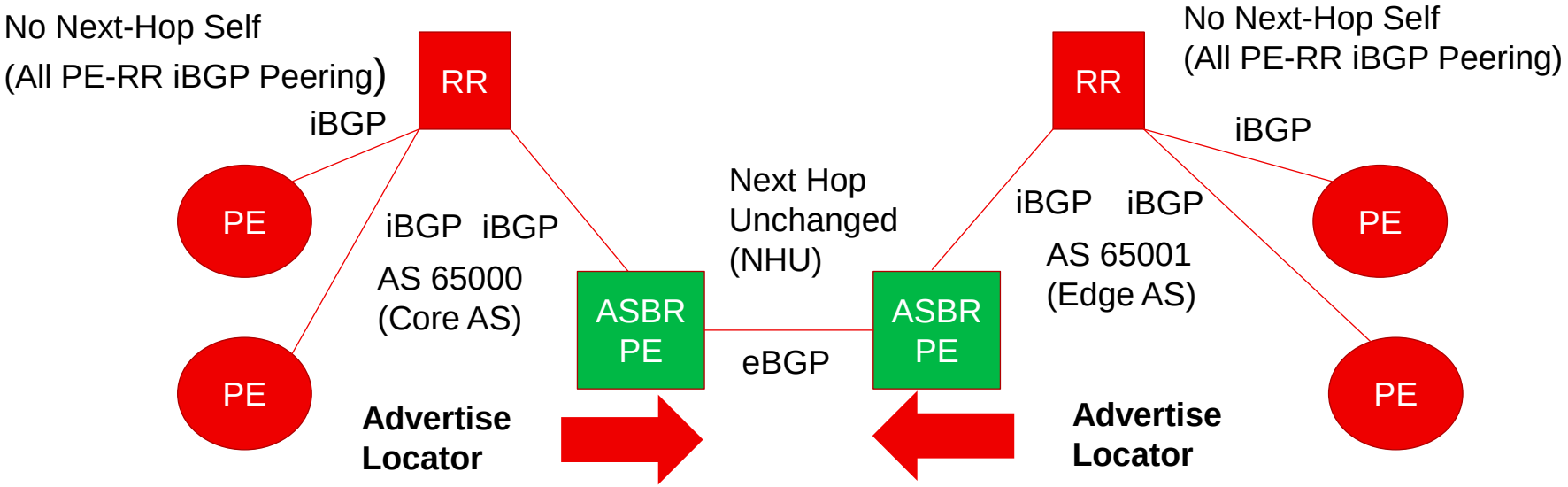


Rule for Inter Domain Peering

- iBGP -No Next-Hop Self
- eBGP –Next Hop Unchanged

(Requirement to Preserve L2 VPN & L3 VPN Service SID across INTER-AS Boundary)

INTER DOMAIN SRv6 uSID ROUTING SIMPLICITY



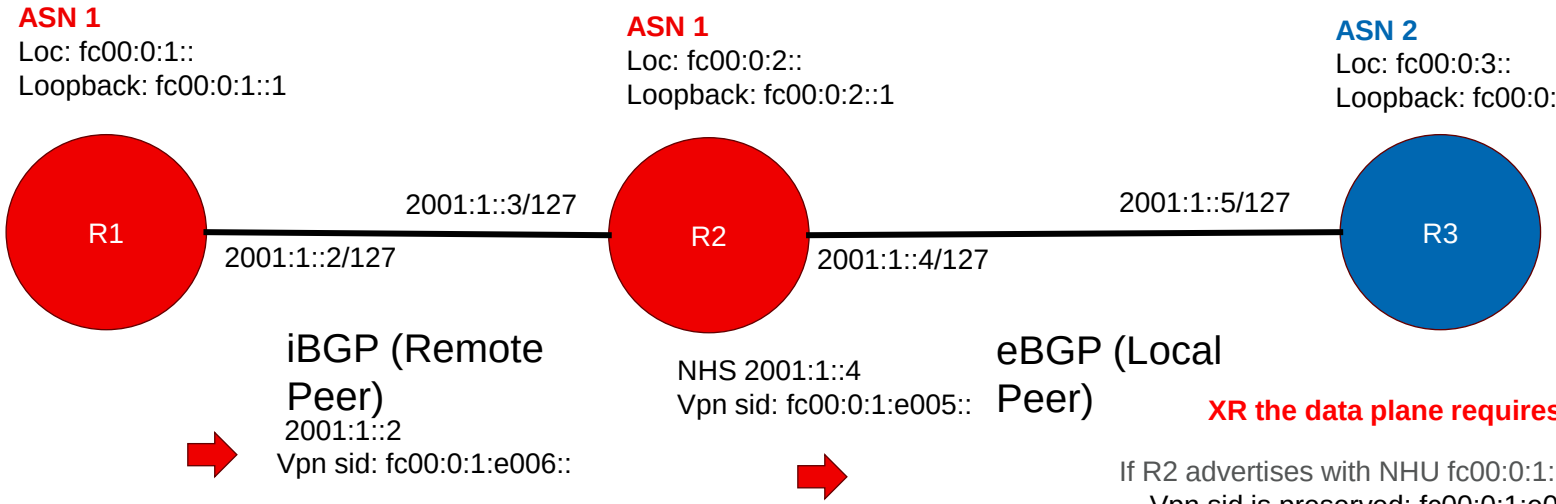
Rule for Inter Domain Peering

- Locator Reachability (That's it!!)

This allows host endpoints to provide static steering capabilities without PCE across any SR Algo cross domain

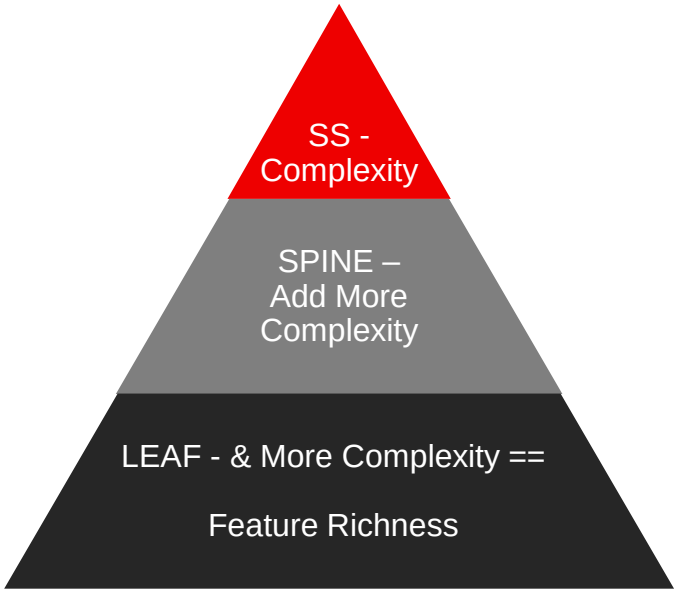
INTER DOMAIN SRv6 uSID

eBGP direct peering (NHU) – (Remote PE)



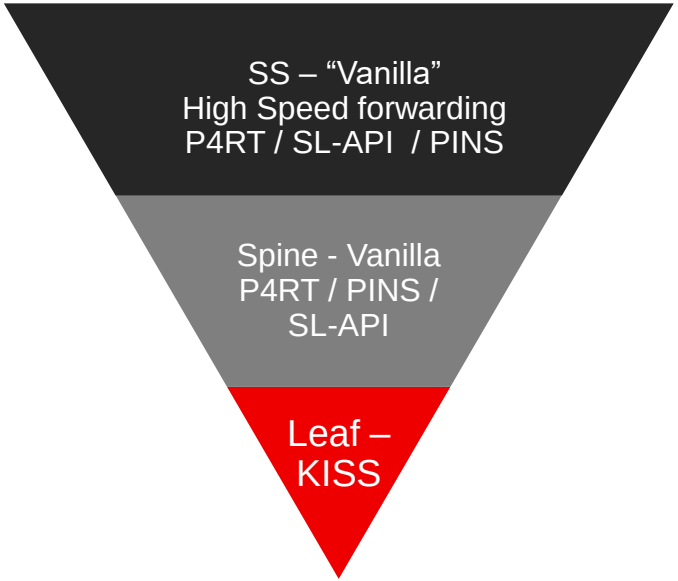
SRv6 uSID Design ⇔ “Top ⇔ Down” & “Bottom ⇔ Up” Approach

Top ⇔ Down



Traditional mindset has been for feature richness & complexity across the Data Center Fabric

Bottom ⇔ UP



SRv6 KISS ⇔ “Keep it Simple & Strategic” approach ⇔ Focus on High speed forwarding plane packet pushing throughput

SRv6 uSID Host Based Networking Traffic Engineering

Options for Host Based Networking

- eBPF/Cilium (Cilium BGP control plane) CNI or Standalone (Option-1)
- Native Linux Kernel (FRR BGP control plane) –Host Routing with Native Kernel (Option-2)
- FD.io VPP (FRR BGP control plane) -Host Routing via VPP (Option-3)
- Router-in-container (Control Plane & Data Plane) (xRD, SONiC, Nokia, Juniper cRPD) CNF (Option-4)

- Options are listed in order of desirability by operators
- Next few slides we will go into each option in detail

Option #1 eBPF/Cilium & SRv6 uSID TE Capabilities

- ❑ CNI Connects to global table ⇔ linkage of host fabric to DC fabric
- ❑ CNI TE is Manual/Static today ⇔ Future Roadmap for Dynamic
- ❑ CNI Provides VPN overlay - Workload Container, VM, CNF, VNF

Details

- ❑ Data plane programming
- ❑ Cilium used for BGP control plane advertisement
- ❑ Cilium is one of the most popular CNI's to date and eBPF with its origins in the Linux kernel with its rich policy features & programmability provides seamless integration to compute nodes making it a powerful win-win for developers
- ❑ eBPF bypasses Linux kernel for policy processing & has direct access to NIC ✓

Option #2 Native Linux Kernel & SRv6 uSID TE Capabilities

- ❑ Connects to global table ⇔ linkage of host fabric to DC fabric
- ❑ TE Capabilities via Linux “iproute 2” support for SRv6 uSID
- ❑ Host VPN overlay - Workload Container, VM, CNF, VNF for VRF attached workload

Details

- ❑ Data plane programming
- ❑ FRR BGP for control plane advertisement
- ❑ FRR can program the control plane & via Linux Kernel API call program the data plane FIB entries
- ❑ Alternatively, FRR can program the control plane with hook back to Linux Kernel to program the data plane FIB entries

Option #3 FD.IO VPP (Vector Packet Processing) & SRv6 uSID TE Capabilities

- VPP Connects to global table ⇔ linkage of host fabric to DC fabric
- VPP Provides Traffic Engineering capabilities via SRv6 uSID
- VPP Provides VPN overlay - Workload Container, VM, CNF, VNF

Details

- Data plane programming
- FRR BGP for Control Plane Advertisement
- VPP Seizes Control of the Linux Hosts NIC
- Requires Netlink or other method to program VPP FIB
- VPP (Vector Packet Processing) is a high performance network stack that can support high bandwidth & CPU intensive applications

Option #4 Router-in-Container (RIC) & SRv6 uSID TE Capabilities

- ❑ CNF Connects to global table ⇔ linkage of host fabric to DC fabric
- ❑ CNF Provides Traffic Engineering capabilities via SRv6 uSID
- ❑ CNF Provides VPN overlay - Workload Container, VM, CNF, VNF

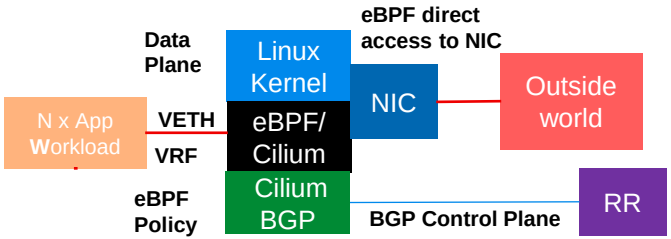
Details

Router-in-container options (xRD, SONiC, Nokia, Juniper cRPD)

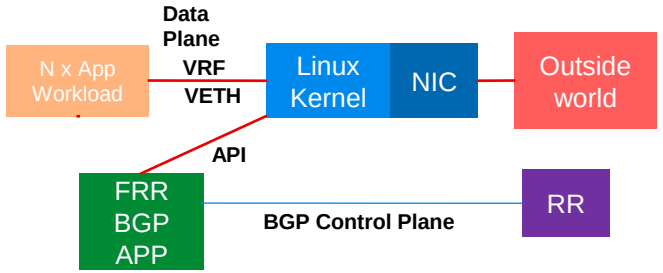
- ❑ Control plane & Data plane programming
- ❑ Requires Linux bridge stitching between Linux Kernel & CNF
- ❑ Container runs in user space so is beneficial for cases where only certain application requires traffic engineering capabilities
- ❑ User space applications can connect to separate virtual interfaces on router-in-container without any theoretical interface limit thus can support n-app workloads

Host Networking Stacks

Option #1 eBPF/Cilium



Option #2 Linux Kernel



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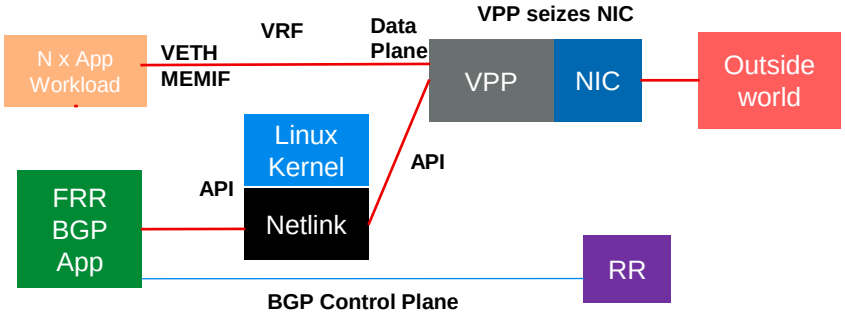

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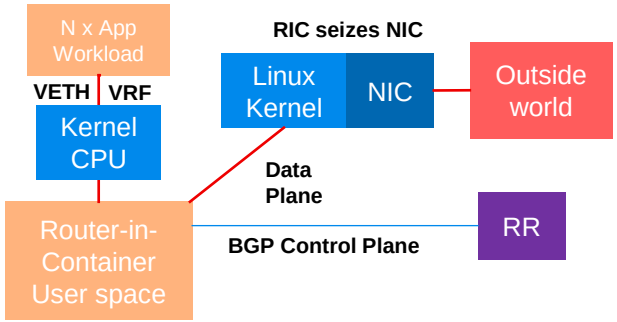

Use-Case 3a: SRv6 uSID E2E Multi POD/Domain w/ IPv6 DC & SRv6 uSID Core

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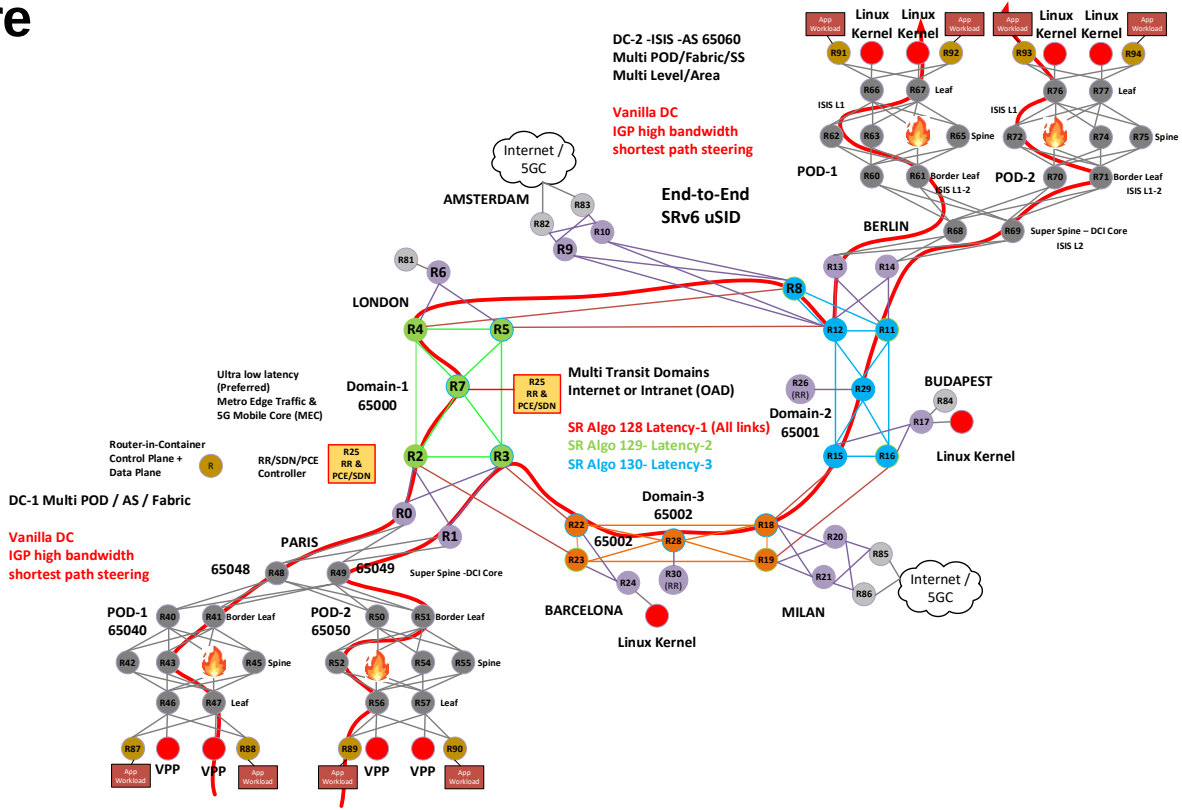
- **Use-case 3: SRv6 uSID with Multi POD? Domain Fabrics**
  - **IPv6 DC ⇔ *SRv6 uSID Core* ⇔IPv6 DC (3a)**

Use-Case 3a: SRv6 uSID E2E Multi POD/Domain w/ IPv6 DC & SRv6 uSID



Use-Case 1: SRv6 uSID DC Fabric Packet Capture & Screen Scrapes

SRv6 uSID IPv4/IPv6 payload steer DC-2 Paris ⇔ Core ⇔ DC-1 Berlin using VPP Host attached to DC fabric

SRv6 uSID IPv4 payload steering policy

vpp#sr policy add bsid 40::40 next fc00:0:44:40:4:64:66:e000 encap

vpp#sr steer l3 10.0.0.66/32 via bsid 40::40

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vpp# show sr policies
SR policies:
[0].-   BSID: 40::40
        Behavior: Encapsulation
        EncapSrcIP: fc00:0:46:1::3
        Type: Default
        FIB table: 0
        Segment Lists:
        [0].- < fc00:0:44:40:4:64:66:e000 > weight: 1

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L3 10.0.0.66/32 40::40
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SRv6 uSID IPv6 payload steer:

vpp#sr policy add bsid 41::41 next fc00:0:44:40:4:64:66:e000 encap

vpp# sr steer l3 fc00:0:66::1/128 via bsid 41::41

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        Type: Default
        FIB table: 0
        Segment Lists:
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vpp# show sr steering-policies
SR steering policies:
Traffic         SR policy BSID
L3 fc00:0:66::1/128     41::41
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IPv4 payload packet capture xrd61-xrd64

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04:41:56.724814 IP6 fc00:0:46:1::3 > fc00:0:64:66:e000::: IP 10.11.46.2 > 10.0.0.66: ICMP echo request, id 113, seq 463, length 64
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IPv6 payload packet capture xrd61-xrd64:

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04:55:37.285381 IP6 fc00:0:46:1::3 > fc00:0:64:66:e000::: IP6 fc00:0:46:2::2 > fc00:0:66::1: ICMP6, echo request, seq 368, length 64
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Use-Case 2: SRv6 uSID Inter-DC Packet Capture & Screen Scrapes

SRv6 uSID IPv4 payload steer DC-1 Berlin ⇔ Core ⇔ DC-2 Paris using Linux host attached to DC fabric

SRv6 uSID IPv6 payload steering policy:

root@ubuntu-linux-srv6:sudo ip route add 10.0.0.46/32 encap seg6 mode encap segs fc00:0:64:61:4:44:46:e000 dev ens7
root@ubuntu-linux-srv6:/home/cisco# ip route
default via 192.168.122.1 dev ens8 proto dhcp src 192.168.122.88 metric 100
10.0.0.0/24 via 10.10.66.2 dev ens7 proto static
10.0.0.46 encap seg6 mode encap segs 1 [fc00:0:64:61:4:44:46:e000] dev ens7 scope link----------->SRv6 uSID steering programmed IPv4 payload

SRv6 uSID IPv4 payload steer capture DC-2 Paris:

xrd41-xrd44

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SRv6 uSID IPv6 payload steering policy:

root@ubuntu-linux-srv6:sudo ip -6 route add fc00:0:46::1 encap seg6 mode encap segs fc00:0:64:61:4:44:46:e000 dev ens7
root@ubuntu-linux-srv6:/home/cisco# ip -6 route
::1 dev lo proto kernel metric 256 pref medium
fc00:0:46::1 encap seg6 mode encap segs 1 [fc00:0:64:61:4:44:46:e000] dev ens7 metric 1024 pref medium--->SRv6 uSID steering programmed IPv6 payload

SRv6 uSID IPv6 payload steer capture DC-2 Paris:

xrd44-xrd46

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SRv6 uSID features configured in the topology

SRv6 uSID Features List:

- ❑ Unreachable Prefix Advertisement (UPA) – BGP PIC Trigger
- ❑ SR Policy, ODN with Algo 0, 128, 129, 130 locators, candidate path with weighted SID list (UCMP), Static ERO, Dynamic ERO with Stateful PCE
- ❑ TI-LFA & Microloop Avoidance (uLoop)
- ❑ SR-PM all nodes including router-in-container host attachment
- ❑ PCE all nodes including router-in-container host attachment