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VXLAN BGP EVPN Multi-Site

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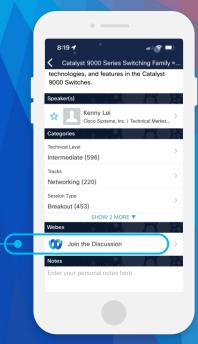
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Introduction



Introduction

- A brief touchpoint of the work at the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) and what RFC (Request for Comment) are Standard and what Informational
- What is this Multi-Site about why do we have it and what is it good for
- Use Cases and Deployment Scenarios
- The Border Gateway (BGW)



What is Multi-Site



What is RFC 9014? By the Standards Body



Interconnect Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Overlay Networks

Abstract

This document describes how Network Virtualization Overlays (NVOs) can be connected to a Wide Area Network (WAN) in order to extend the Layer 2 connectivity required for some tenants. The solution analyzes the interaction between NVO networks running Ethernet Virtual Private Networks (EVPNs) and other Layer 2 VPN (L2VPN) technologies used in the WAN, such as Virtual Private LAN Services (VPLSs), VPLS extensions for Provider Backbone Bridging (PBB-VPLS), EVPN, or PBB-EVPN. It also describes how the existing technical specifications apply to the interconnection and extends the EVPN procedures needed in some cases. In particular, this document describes how EVPN routes are processed on Gateways (GWs) that interconnect EVPN-Overlay and EVPN-MPLS networks, as well as the Interconnect Ethernet Segment (I-ES), to provide multihoming. This document also describes the use of the Unknown MAC Route (UMR) to avoid issues of a Media Access Control (MAC) scale on Data Center Network Virtualization Edge (NVE) devices.

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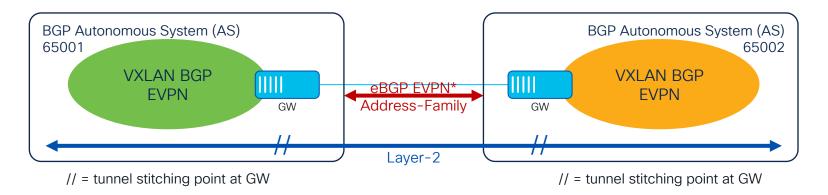
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- Categorized for Standards Track
- Internet Standard since 2021
- Existing Industry Adoption
- Interconnect Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN)
 Overlay Networks
- Co-Authored by Cisco

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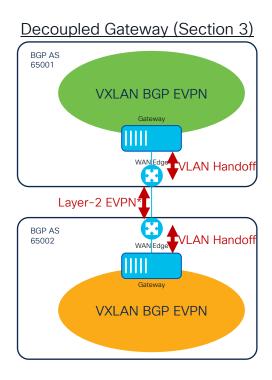
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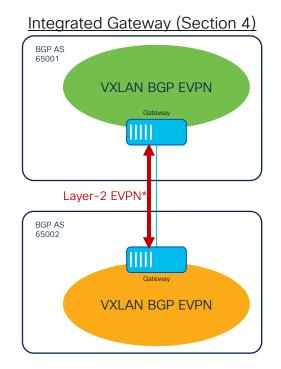
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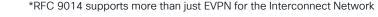




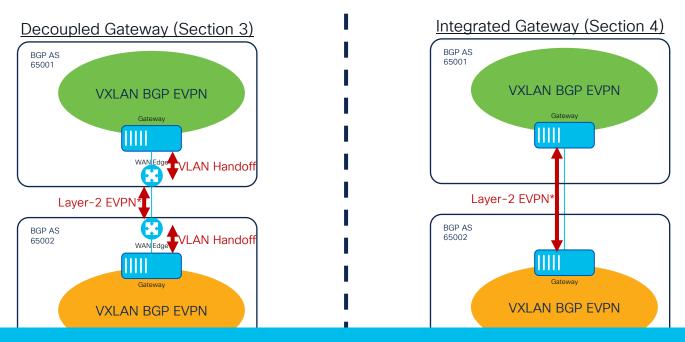
RFC 9014 Gateway Model Side-by-Side Decoupled and Integrated Gateway







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What about Layer-3?



Multi-Site Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Overlay

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Abstract

This document describes the procedures for interconnecting two or more Network Virtualization Overlays. (NVOS) via NVO over IP-only network. The solution interconnects Ethernet VPM network by using NVO with Ethernet VPM (EVPM) to facilitate the interconnect in a scalable fashion. The motivation is to support extension of layer-2 and Layer-3, Unicast 6 Multicast, VPMs without having to rely on typical Data Center Interconnect (OCI) technologies like MPLS/VPLS. The requirements for the interconnect are similar to the ones specified in [RFCZ099] "Requirements for Ethernet VPN (EVPN)". In particular, this document describes the difference of the Gateways (GWS) procedure and incremental functionality from [RFCS014] "Interconnect Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Overlay Networks", which this solution is interoperable to. This document updates and replaces all previous version of "SLMAPM-HULTI-SITE"

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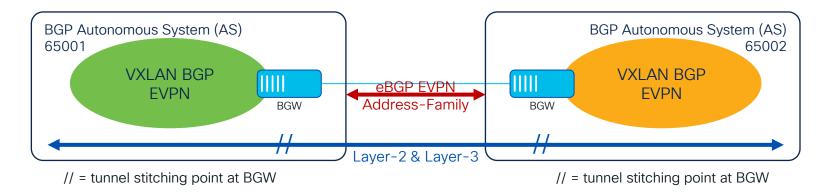
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- · Shipping since 2017

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Multi-Site By the Standards Body

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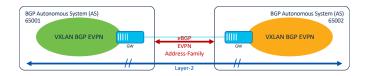




RFC9014 and Multi-Site - Side by Side

	DCI-EVPN-Overlay (RFC 9014)	Multi-Site EVPN (draft-sharma-bess-multi-site-evpn)	
Interconnect	Integrated (1-Box), Decoupled (2-Box)	Integrated (1-Box)	
DCI Encap	VPLS, PBB-VPLS, EVPN-MPLS, PBB-EVPN, VXLAN	VXLAN	
Gateway Mode	Multipath PIP	Anycast VIP	Multipath PIP
ECMP	Underlay and Overlay	Underlay	Underlay and Overlay
EVPN RT-1	Consumed and Generated	None	Consumed and Generated
EVPN RT-2	Re-Originated with I-ESI	Re-Originated with ESI 0	Re-Originated with I-ESI
EVPN RT-3	Consumed and Generated	Consumed and Generated	Consumed and Generated
EVPN RT-4	Consumed and Generated	Consumed and Generated	Consumed and Generated
EVPN RT-5	ipvpn-evpn-interworking draft	Re-Originated	Re-Originated
Route Distinguisher (RD)	Separate RD for Intra and Inter DC	Separate RD for VIP and PIP	
Route-Target (RT)	Separate RT for Intra and Inter DC	Same RT for Intra and Inter DC	
VNI Allocation	Global and Downstream	Global and Downstream	
DF Election	Based on EVPN RT-4	Based on EVPN RT-4	
Identifier	I-ESI	I-ESI (= Site-ID)	
Split Horizon	Local Bias	Local Bias	
ESI-Type	Type 0 (Operator Managed)	Type 3 (MAC Based) or Type 5 (AS based)	
BUM Tree #	2, GW stitched (Intra and Inter DC)	2, GW stitched (Intra and Inter DC)	

RFC9014 and Multi-Site - Side by Side In a Nutshell





RFC 9014

Base Standard for Interconnecting EVPN
Defines the Layer-2 Stitching
Two Gateway Model
Multiple Encapsulations
Leverages Overlay and Underlay ECMP

Multi-Site

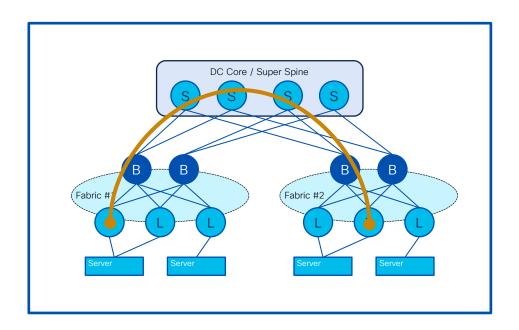
Extends RFC 9014 for Interconnecting EVPN
Describes Layer-2 and Layer-3 Stitching
Single Gateway Model (Two BGW* Model)
Focus only on VXLAN Encapsulation
Different ECMP model depending on BGW Model



Use Cases



Use Case #1 - Compartmentalization

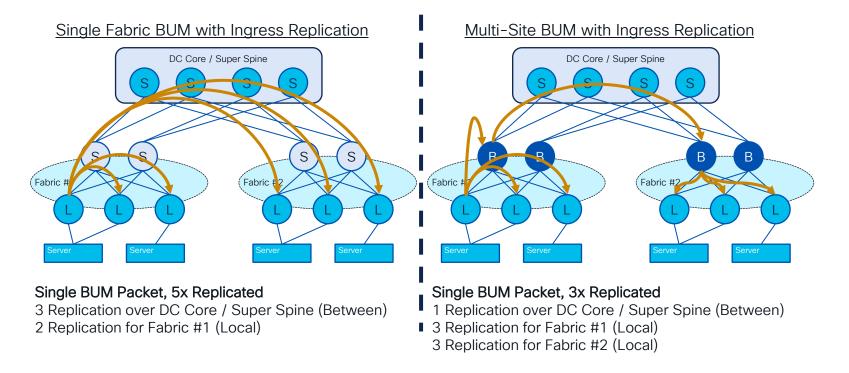


- Multiple Fabrics, single Data Center
 - Single or Multiple Data Halls
 - Within a Geographic Locations
- Control at BGW (Border Gateway)
 - Allows Extension of Layer-2
 - Allows Extension of Layer-3
 - Allows Extension of Layer-2 and Layer-3
 - Allows Traffic Control (BUM*)
 - Defines VNI allocation and stitching
 - Optimizes BUM* Replication



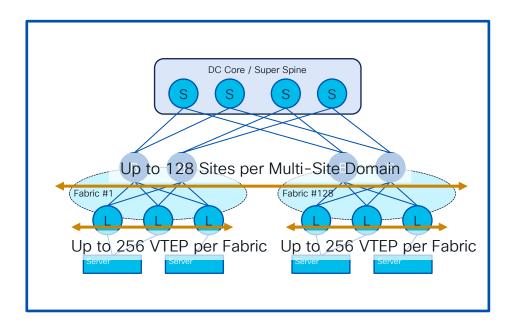
BUM Optimization

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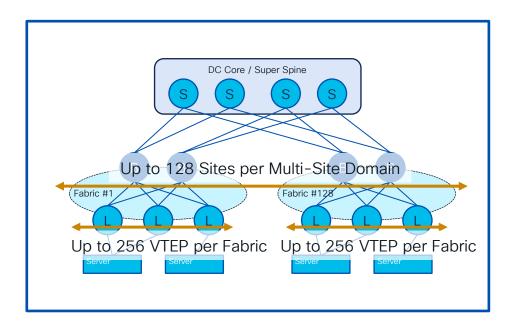
Use Case #2 - Scale



- Multiple Fabrics, single or multiple Data Center
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 - Reduces Remote VTEP Count
 - Expands VTEP scale
- Scale through Hierarchy
 - Multiply VTEP with Sites



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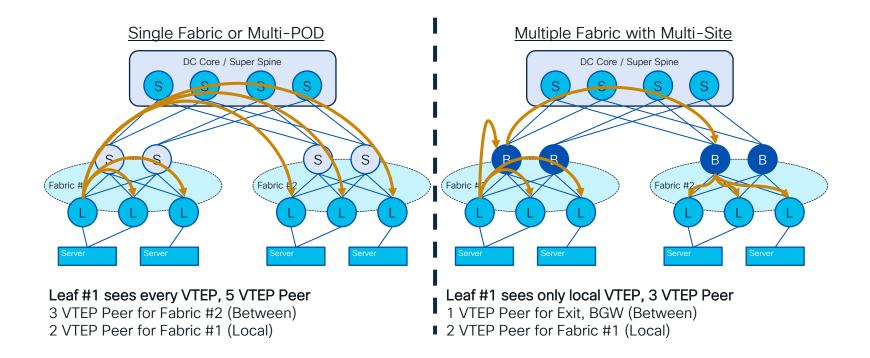


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32'768 VTEP to extend Layer-2 or/and Layer-3 segments to

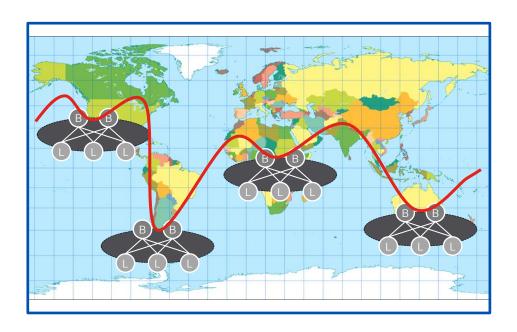


VTEP Scale Use Case #2 - Scale





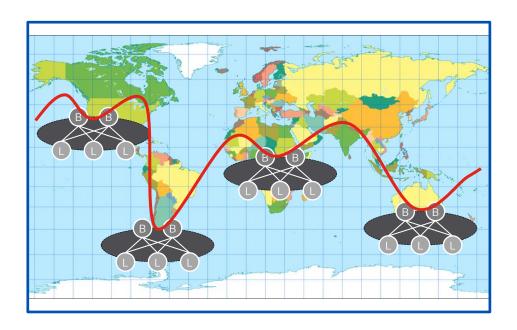
Use Case #3 - Data Center Interconnect (DCI)



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- Classic DCI Use Case
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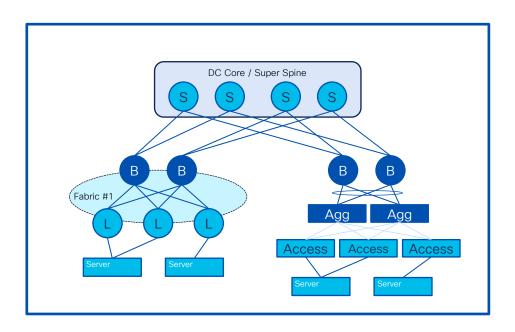


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Works Within a Geographic Location - Works Between Geographic Locations



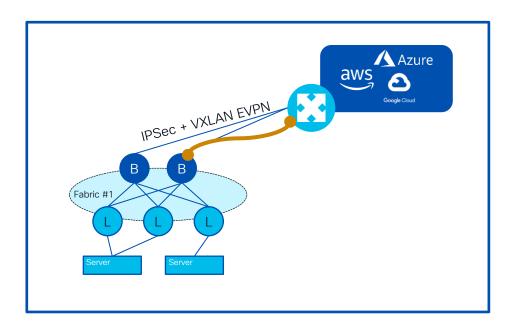
Use Case #4 - Integration with Legacy Networks



- Integrating Fabrics with Legacy Networks
 - BGW Frontends Legacy Network
 - BGW Frontends New Network
- Host Mobility and Migration
 - Provides Distributed Default Gateway
 - Allows Layer-2 Extension where needed
- Benefits from all Multi-Site functions.
 - Layer-2, Layer-3 Multicast and Unicast VPNs between different Networks for Migration or Co-Existance



Use Case #5 - Hybrid Cloud Connectivity



- Extending from On-Prem to Public Cloud
 - Using BGW to terminate VXLAN EVPN Tunnel from Cloud
 - Transported via Internet or Direct Connect / Express Route
 - Encryption Optional (IPSec)
- Multi-Tenancy to the Cloud
 - Extends Layer-3 with VRF awareness
 - Multiple On-Prem VRF mapped or integrated with Virtual Cloud Instances (ie VPC or VNET)
- Leveraging Cisco Cloud Router
 - C8kv (Catalyst 8000 Virtual) in the Cloud as termination point
 - Replacing CSR1000v



Multi-Site A Deeper Look



As we Talk about Scale

Hardware Support

Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements for BGW (Border Gateway)

Cisco Nexus Hardware	Cisco Nexus 9300 EX platform Cisco Nexus 9300 FX platform Cisco Nexus 9300 FX2 platform Cisco Nexus 9300 FX3 platform Cisco Nexus 9300 GX platform Cisco Nexus 9300 GX2 platform Cisco Nexus 9364C platform Cisco Nexus 9332C platform Cisco Nexus 9500 platform with X9700-EX line card Cisco Nexus 9500 platform with X9700-GX line card
Cisco Nexus Software (NX-OS)	Cisco NX-OS Software Release 7.0(3)I7(1) or later*



As we Talk about Scale Scalability Values as of NX-OS 10.2(3)F

Multi-Site Scale				
Number of Sites	128			
Number of BGW per Site	6			
Number of VTEP per Site (internal)	256			

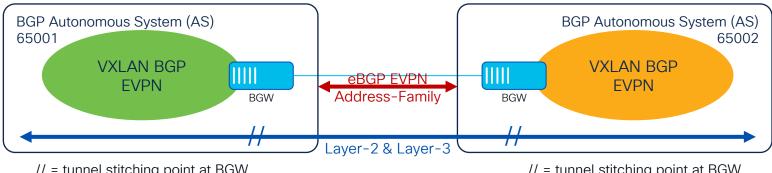
Border Gateway (BGW) Scale	EX	FX2	FX,FX3,GX,GX2	N9364C & N9332C	
Number of Layer-2 VNI (VLAN)	3900				
Number of Layer-3 VNI (VRF)	2000				
MAC per BGW	92k				
IPv4 Host Routes per BGW*	450k	450k	1.1M	96k	
IPv4 Network Routes per BGW*	450k	450k	1.1M	8k	
IPv6 Host Routes per BGW*	24k	260k	620k	48k	
IPv6 Network Routes per BGW*	200k	290k	620k	2k	



*The values provided in these tables focus on the scalability of one particular Route scale at a time

Some Notes on BGW and VXLAN Tunnels Multi-Site

- Tunnels are Stitched at the BGW (Border Gateway)
- Intra Fabric Tunnel goes from Leaf to Leaf or Leaf to BGW
- Inter Fabric Tunnel goes from BGW to BGW



// = tunnel stitching point at BGW

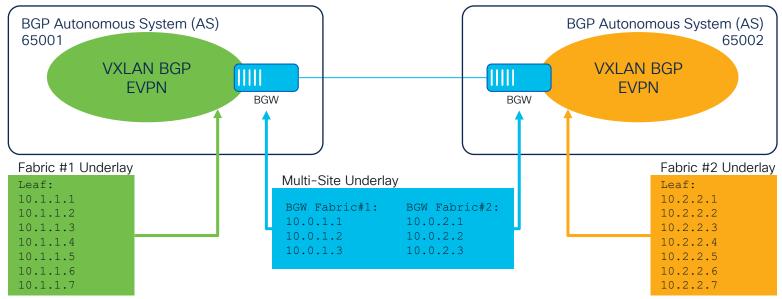
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Some Notes on the Interconnect and Underlay Multi-Site

- Fabric #1 Underlay (VTEP, Point-2-Point, Loopback etc) is not aware of Fabric #2
- Each Fabric maintains their Unique Network Topology, Protocols and IP Addressing
- Only BGW IP Addressing must be Unique and Aligned between Sites



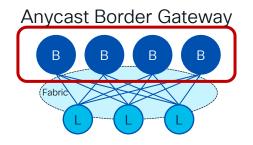
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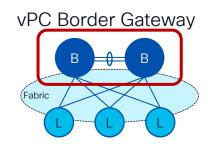
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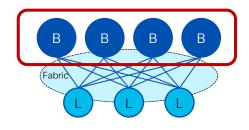




- Border Gateways used for two main functions:
 - Interconnecting each site to the Inter-Site network (for East-West traffic flows)
 - Connecting each site to the external Layer 3 domain (for North-South traffic flows)
 - May also be used to connect endpoints and/or network service nodes (FWs, ADCs)
- Possible deployment models:
 - Anycast Border Gateways
 - vPC Border Gateways
- BGW function enablement in the VXLAN EVPN fabric:
 - BGWs on Leaf node (Border Gateway Leaf)
 - BGWs on Spine node (Border Gateway Spine)



Anycast Border Gateway

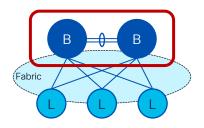


Anycast Border Gateway

- Up to 6 Border Gateways
- Border Gateway
 - Deploying as a Leaf node 7.0(3)I7(1)
 - Deploying as a Spine node 7.0(3)I7(2)
- Two Mode of Operation:
 - Can Operate as Multi-Site Anycast BGW with VIP
 - Focuses on Scale and Convergence
 - Using Virtual IP (VIP) for Tunnel Stitching
 - Uses Overlay ECMP
 - Can Operate in RFC 9014 BGW Mode with PIP
 - Focuses on 3rd Party Interop
 - Using Primary IP (PIP) for Tunnel Stitching
 - Uses Underlay and Overlay ECMP



vPC Border Gateway

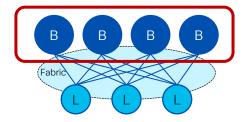


vPC Border Gateway

- Up to 2 Border Gateways
- Border Gateway
 - Deploying as a Leaf node 9.2(1)
- Common Use Case
 - Legacy Network Integration or Migration
 - Provides Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation
 - Integrates with Ethernet and FabricPath
 - Hosts the Distributed Anycast Gateway
 - Attachment of Network Services
 - Dual-Attachment of Firewalls and ADCs
 - Acts like a vPC when it comes to Routing

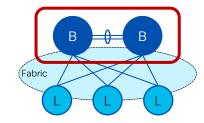


When to use what BGW



Anycast Border Gateway

- Up to 6 BGW
 - Shared Nothing
 - Simple Failure Scenarios
- Any Deployments
 - No End-Point or Network Services Connectivity on BGW
- Greenfield Deployments



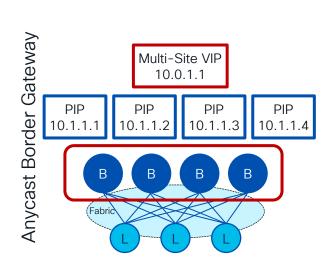
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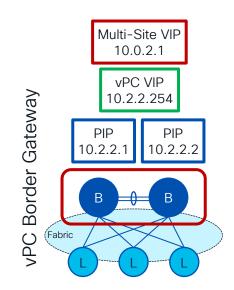
- 2 BGW with physical vPC Peer-Link
- Small Deployments
 - End-Point or Network Services Connectivity on BGW
- Migration Use-Cases (Brownfield)
 - Classic Ethernet/FabricPath to VXLAN EVPN



Details on the Different BGW

- Both Anycast and vPC Border Gateway needs to be configured with a common Multi-Site VIP address and an individual Primary IP (PIP) address
- vPC Border Gateways share a secondary IP address to be used as vPC virtual IP (vPC VIP)







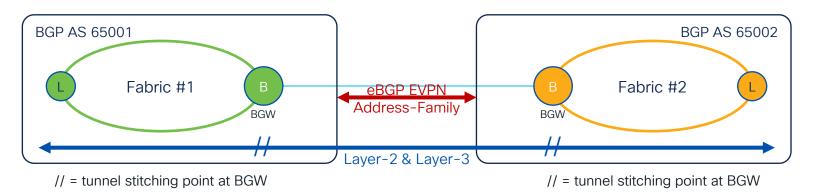
Control and Data Plane

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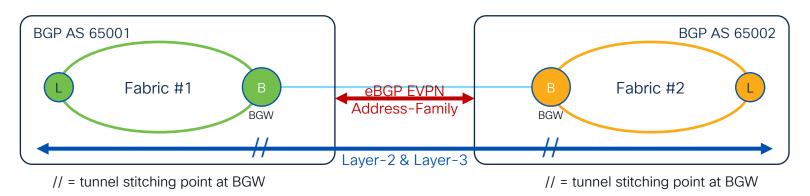
Control- and Data-Plane

- MP-eBGP EVPN for between Multiple Sites
- Leverages Natural BGP Next-hop behavior
 - VXLAN tunnel termination and re-origination
 - Loop protection (as-path attribute)
- Full mesh of MP-eBGP EVPN adjacencies between sites



Control- and Data-Plane

- Two main options for underlay and overlay Control-Plane (CP) deployment
 - I-E-I (Recommended)
 - Within Fabric: IGP (OSPF, IS-IS) as underlay CP, iBGP as overlay CP
 - E-E-E*
 - Within and Between Fabrcis: eBGP for both underlay and overlay CPs

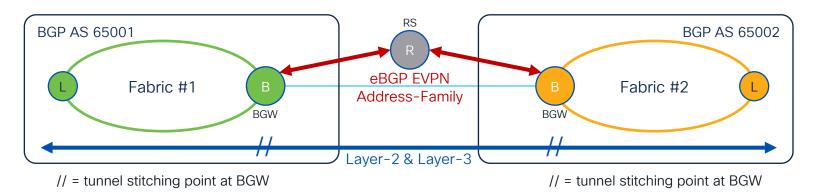




^{*}For more information on why eBGP for both underlay and overlay CP is not a good idea: https://learningnetwork.cisco.com/blogs/community_cafe/2017/10/17/the-magic-of-super-spines-and-rfc7938-with-overlays-guest-post

Control- and Data-Plane

- Full mesh of MP-eBGP EVPN adjacencies between sites
 - Recommended to deploy a couple of Route-Servers (RS) with 3 or more sites
- RS resides in a separate AS and only performs control plane functions
 - "eBGP Route-Reflectors", IETF RFC 7947
- RS functions: EVPN routes reflection, next-hop-unchanged, route-target rewrite



It all starts with a Network Device The Dating Network - When Control- meets Data-Plane



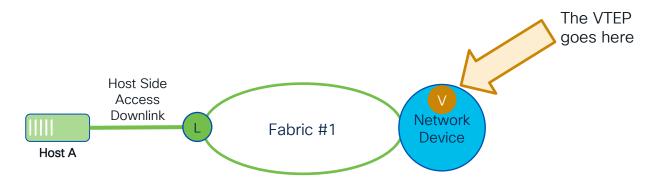


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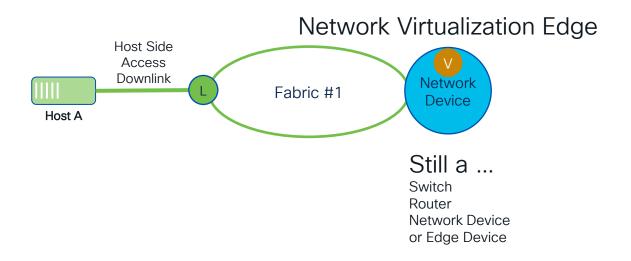


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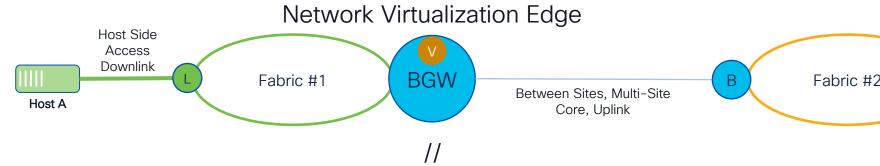


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Expanding to the BGW – A "special" NVE The Dating Network - When Control- meets Data-Plane



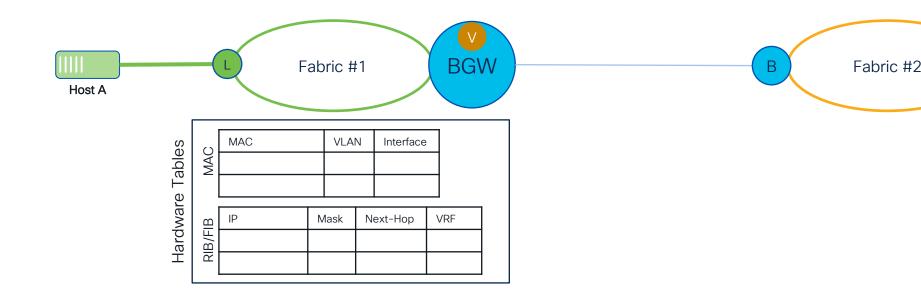
Stitching Point between

- Local VTEP (L)
- Remote VTEP (B)
- Individual VTEP in Fabric #2 are "hidden"



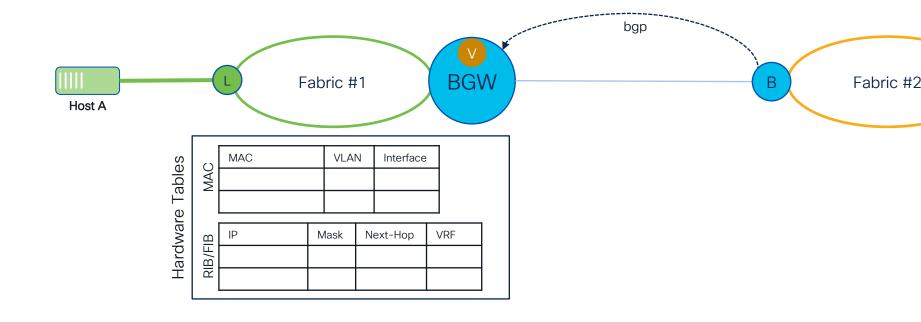
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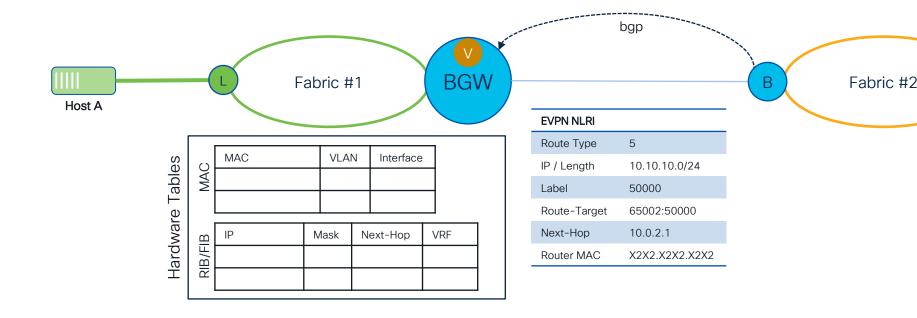




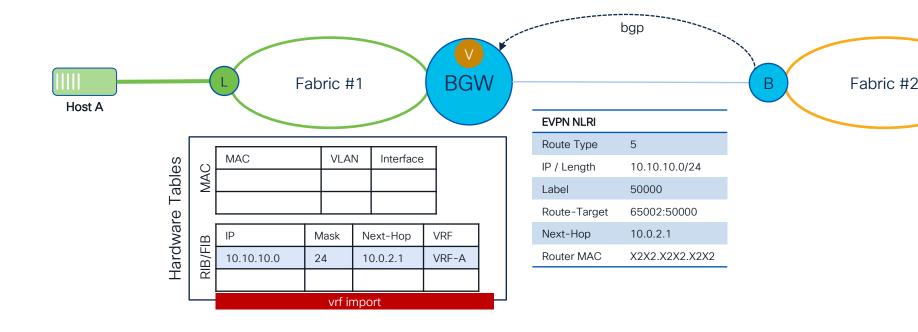
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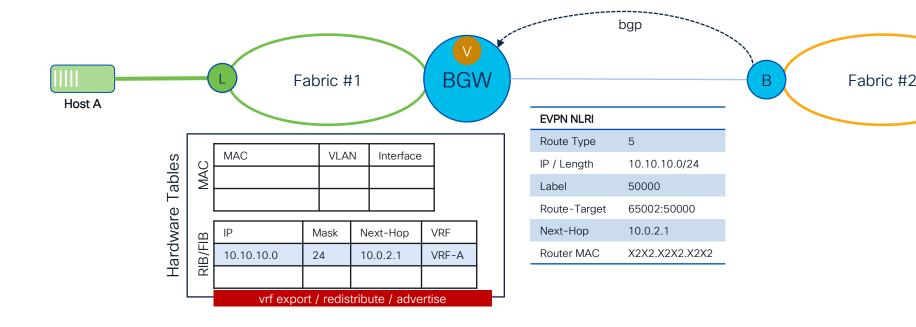




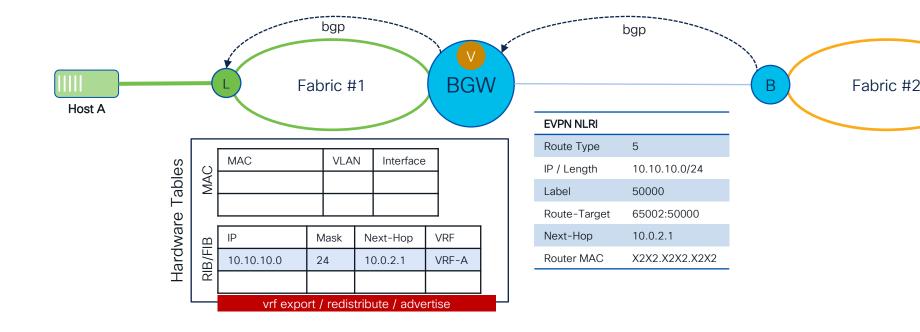








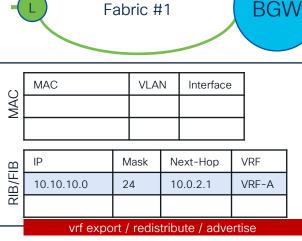






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IP / Length	10.10.10.0/24
Label	50000
Route-Target	65001:50000
Next-Hop	10.0.1.1
Router MAC	X1X1.X1X1.X1X1

Hardware Tables



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 65002:50000

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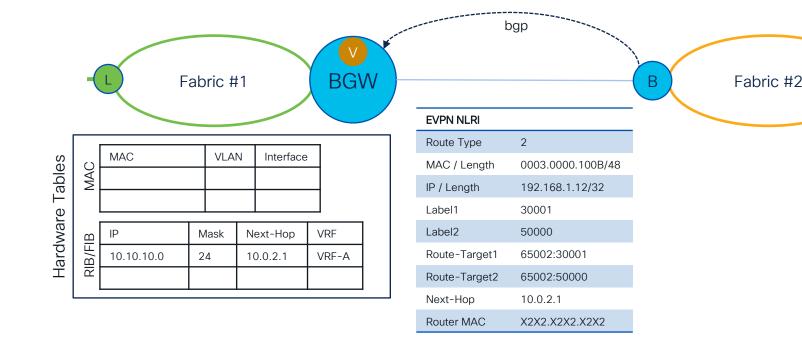
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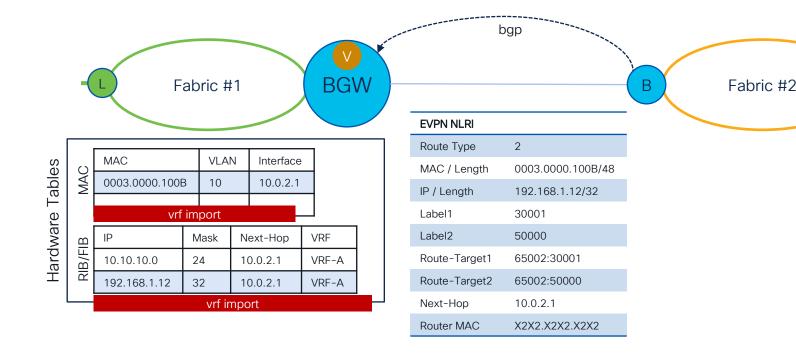


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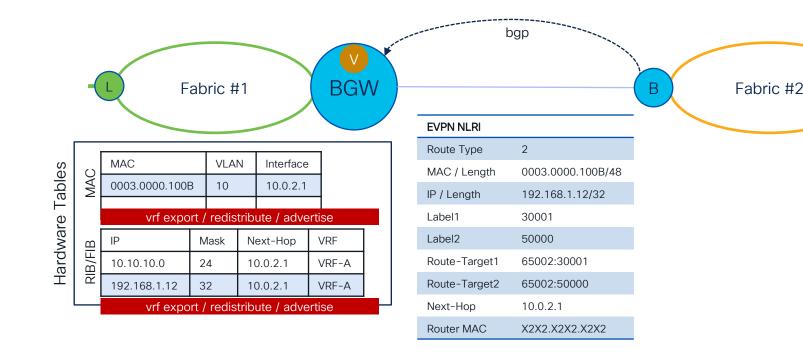
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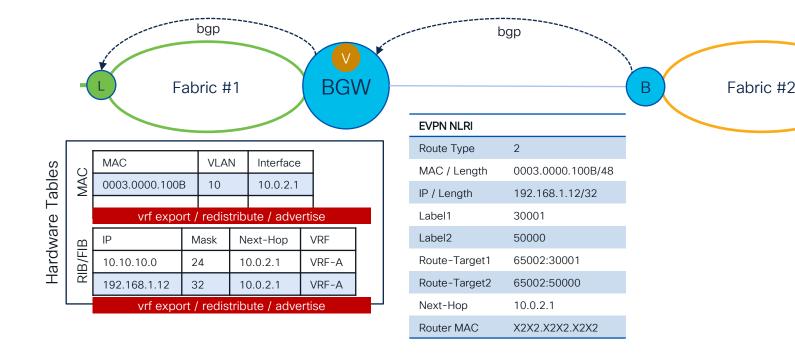




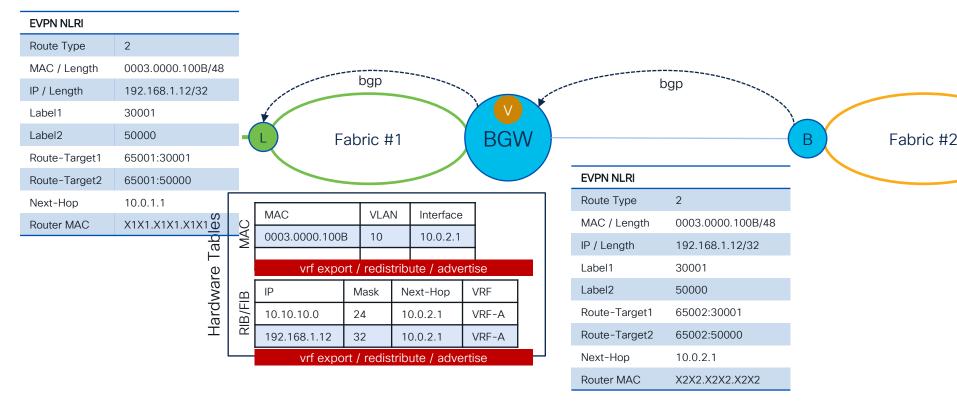






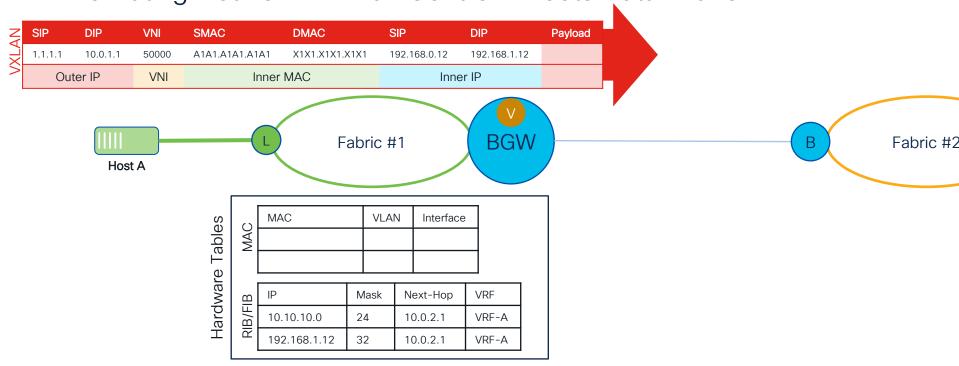






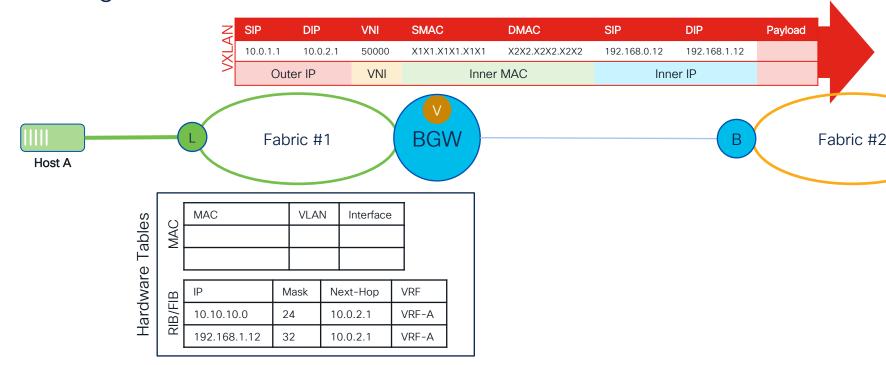


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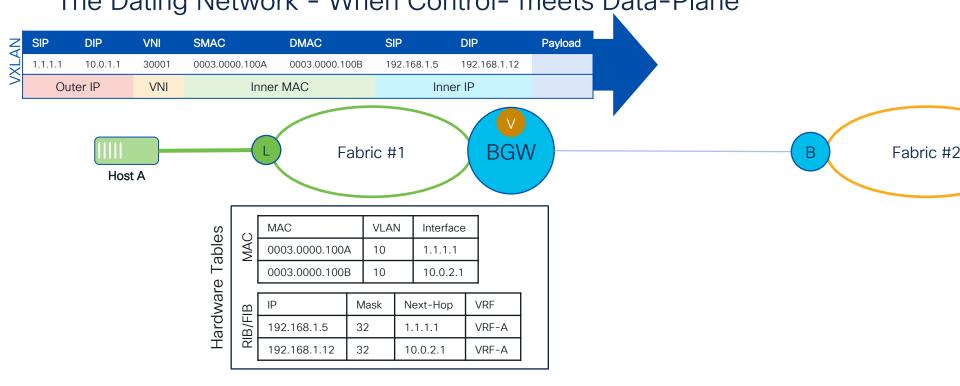


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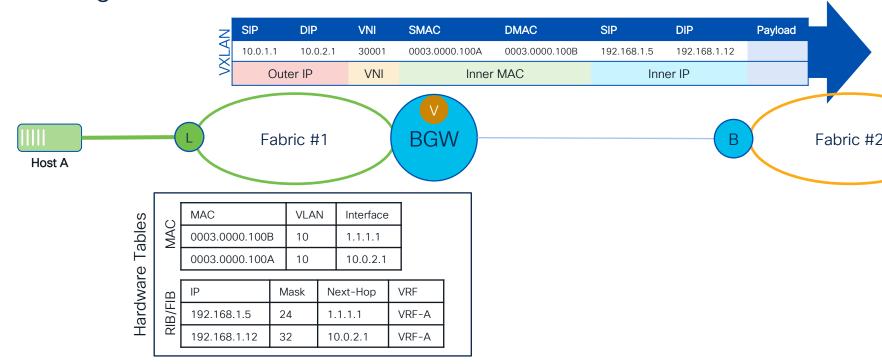


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Conclusion



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#1

Border Gateway (BGW)

A Gateway (GW) to stitch multiple VXLAN BGP EVPN domains
Provides Control- and Data-Plane separation
Extends Layer-2 and Layer-3 with Control
Allows to Scale beyond any Fabric Scale
Facilitates Multi-DC and Multi-Pod Use-Cases
More than just a Data Center Interconnect (DCI)

#2

VXLAN BGP EVPN Multi-Site

A Simple add or drop-in

First introduced in September 2017 – proven and deployed
A Solution combining EVPN DCI Overlay (RFC9014) and
IPVPN-EVPN interworking (draft-ietf-evpn-ipvpn)
Provides Layer-2 and Layer-3 extension
Wide Hardware Support
Flexible Deployment Option – Not just for VXLAN Fabrics



Resources - Cisco NX-OS

- VXLAN EVPN Multi-Site Design and Deployment White Paper
 - https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/switches/nexus-9000-series-switches/white-paper-c11-739942.html
 - Supported since NX-OS 7.0(3)I7(1) EX, FX, FX2, FX3, GX, GX2
- NextGen DCI with VXLAN EVPN Multi-Site Using vPC Border Gateways White Paper
 - https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/switches/nexus-9000-series-switches/whitepaper-c11-742114.html
 - Supported since NX-OS 9,.2(1) EX, FX, FX2, FX3, GX, GX2



Resources - IETF

- draft-sharma-bess-multi-site-evpn Multi-Site Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Overlay (Layer-2 and Layer-3)
 - https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/draft-sharma-bess-multi-site-evpn
- RFC 9014 Interconnect Solution for Ethernet VPN (EVPN) Overlay Networks (Layer-2 only)
 - https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc9014
- draft-ietf-bess-evpn-ipvpn-interworking EVPN Interworking with IPVPN (Layer-3 only)
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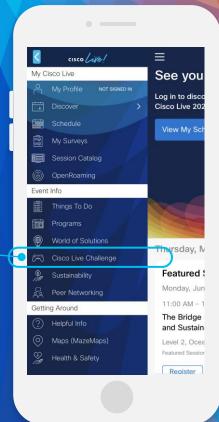
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