



Embedded Network Architecture Optimization Based on DPDK

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Our History

T1 Networks —

"Professional application delivery & High-performance fusion of network security products"

Harbor Networks Corp.



Product: Router

HW: Freescale + Intel NP •

SW: vxworks + uCode

Venustech Corp.



Product: UTM

2006

HW: Cavium OCTEON

SW: cvm excutiveSDK

T1 networks Corp.



Product: ADC

HW: X86

SW: Linux+Netmap



Product: NGFW

HW: X86

SW: Linux+DPDK

2013

2015



Challenge to our system

Situation

1. Falling cost on network bandwidth

10Gbps

100Gbps

40Gbps

10/100/1000 Mbps

2.Hardware is varied and iteration fast

Xeon

Atom

1350

82599

Core

XL710

X552

3.Features expansion

VPNAnti-virus

QOS IPS

Compress

require for our system

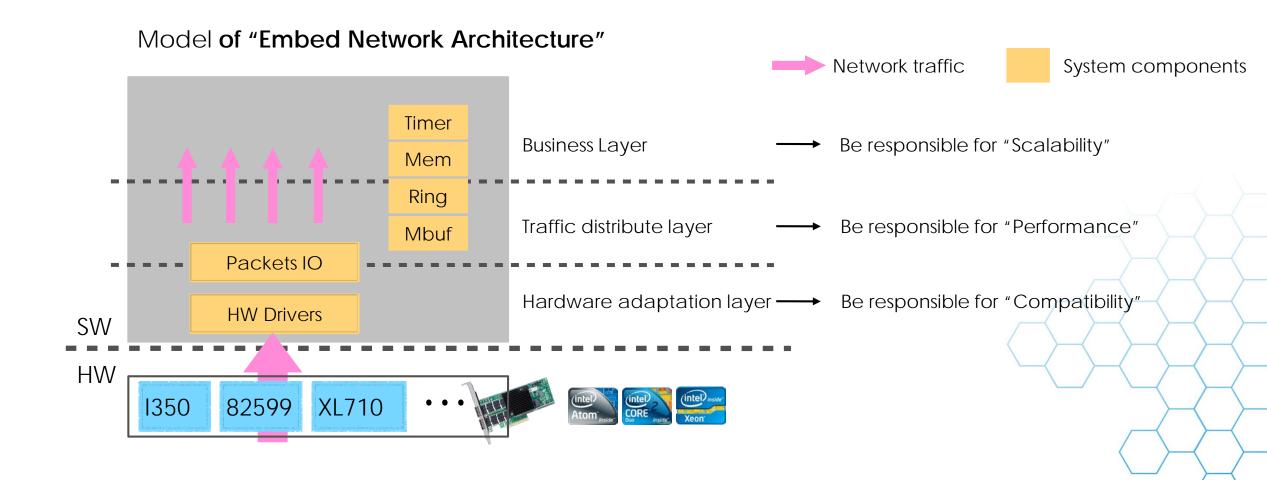
Performance!

Compatibility!

Scalability!



Model of ENA





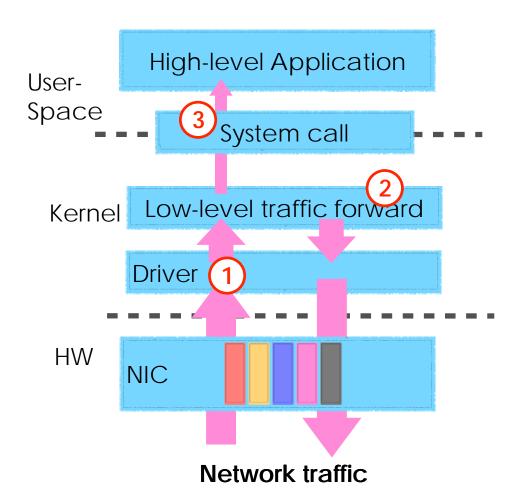
History of "T1-system"

- 1st Generation —— "kernel driver based" system
- 2nd Generation Muti-Core MIPS64
- 3rd Generation —— "Dispatcher-application" system
- □ 4th Generation —— "Balanced-dispatcher" DPDK-equipped system
- ☐ 5th Generation —— "DPDK+FPGA" system
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1st Gen—Kernel driver based



Advantage:

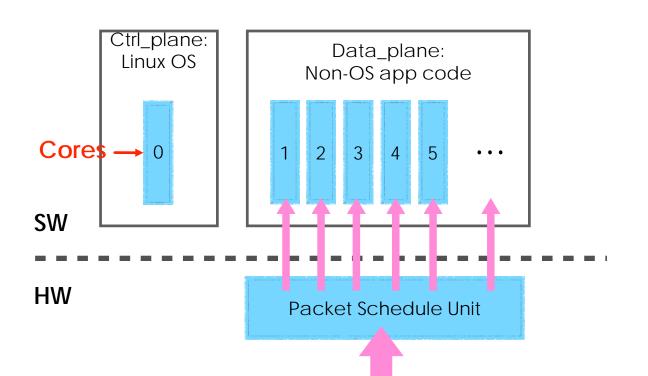
Easy to get.....

Problem:

- 1) Bottleneck of Linux IRQ
- 2 Difficult to develop and optimize
- (3) Inefficient system call



2rd Gen—Muti-Core MIPS64



Advantage:

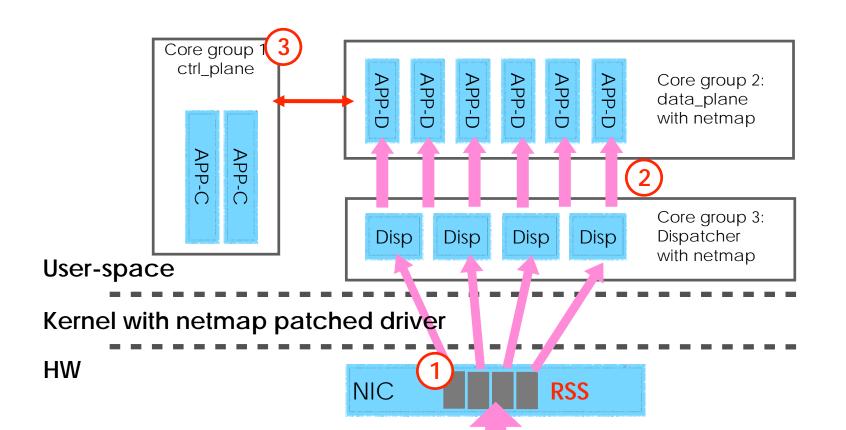
Excellent throughput performance

Problem:

- 1) Performance decline on complex feature
- 2 Hard to develop



3rd Gen—Dispatcher-Application

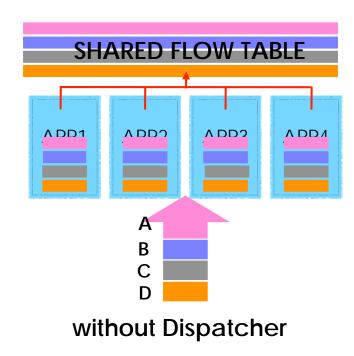


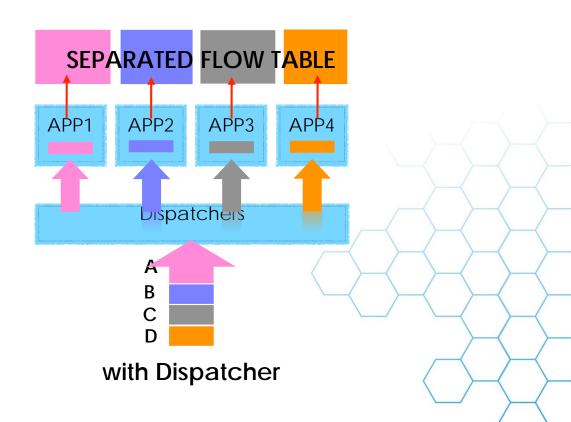
- 1 RSS-binded packets handle
- 2 5-tuple hash dispatcher
- 3 control-plane Vs dataplane



3rd Gen—Dispatcher-Application

Advantage: Reduced Muti-core competition

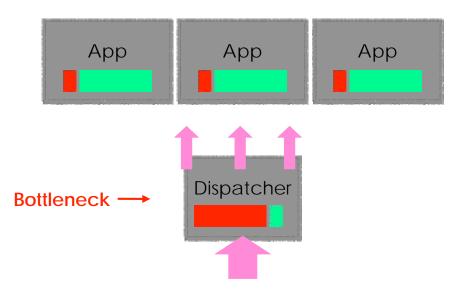




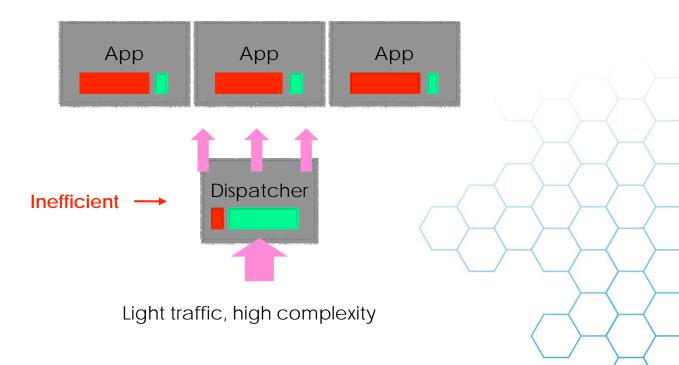


3rd Gen—Dispatcher-Application

Problem: Bottleneck in different situation



Heavy traffic, low complexity

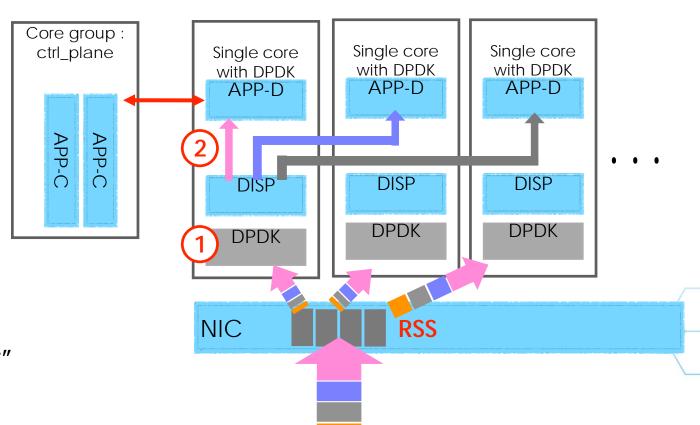




4th Gen—DPDK-equipped system

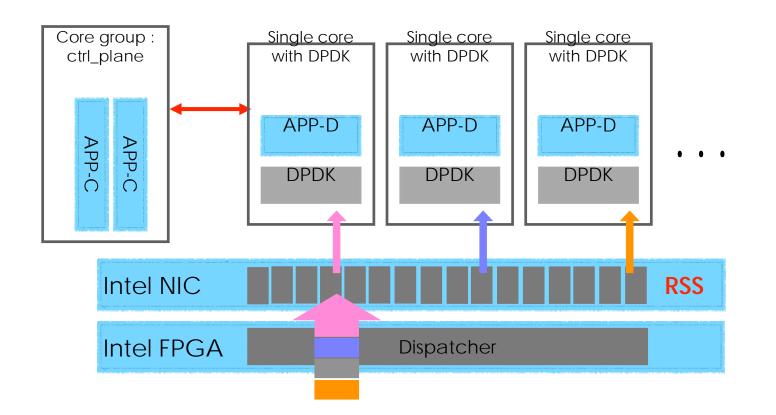


- DPDK-equipped.
- 2 "balance-dispatcher" system.





5th Gen—Maybe in the future



Release CPU cost from dispatcher.

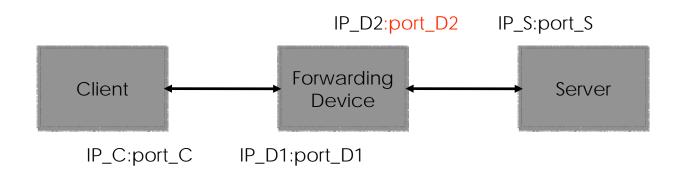
Avoid packets deliver between cores.

More efficient on cache scheduling.



Why dispatcher in software

Can not use RSS hash, why?



Precondition:

- 1. HASH value of both sides must be consistent
- 2. port_D2 can be decided

Calculate process:

HASH_VALUE = hash(IP_C, port_C, IP_D1, port_D1)

port_D2 = hash_inverse(HASH_VALUE, IP_D2, IP_S, port_S)

It is difficult to perform a "inverse hash" based on hardware RSS HASH



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Why DPDK??

DPDK vs netMap

1. **Performance**: E5-2670V3 24cores/1000 policies/64-bytes throughput

	Throughput 64bytes	Latency Average (ns)
Netmap	27 Gbps	43700
DPDK	102.4 Gbps	20601

IxNetwork Report	Run:0001

Trial / Framesize / Iteration	Agg L2 Throughput			Agg L1 Throughput		Throughput (frames)			Agg Latency			
	Agg1x Rate %	%	Agg Rx Rat FPS	te Mbps	Tx Rate Mbps	Rx Rate Mbps			Min (ns)	Max (ns)	Average (ns)	
Trial: 1 / FS: 64 / Iter: 7	64.00	64	152380691.7	78018.914			Tx : Rx : Loss : Loss% :			778360	20601.500	
Trial: 1 / FS: 512 / Iter: 8	100.00	100	37593857.3	153984.440			Tx : Rx : Loss : Loss% :	375939856.0 375939856.0		699520	20206.313	
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2. **Performance**: CPU cost analysis by oprofiler

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51544 18.2802 ipv4_rcv
38557 13.6743 se_resolve_normal_ct.part.19
28482 10.1012 tb_skb_rcv
27258 9.6671 se ip conntrack in
25112 8.9060 tb_nf_hook_slow
11180
      3.9650 _recv_raw_pkts_vec
       3.7629 tb skb send
10610
9838
       3.4891 ixgbe_xmit_pkts_vec
       3.4057 __se_ip_ct_refresh_acct
9603
       2.8982 packet_intercept
8172
7916
       2.8074 tb clear skb header
7579
       2.6879 jhash_3words
       1.6314 tb stat flow
4600
4073
       1.4445 tb skb capture
       1.3062 tb_packet_handle_loop
3683
       1.0349 tb_rte_memcpy_func.constprop.23
2918
       0.8998 tb flow stat policy
2537
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System with DPDK
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33951 12.7653 se_resolve_normal_ct.part.19
32165 12.0937 packet_intercept
26541 9.9792 se ip conntrack in
24187 9.0941 nm_send
22004 8.2733 tb nf hook slow
                                           Netmap lib
19018 7.1506 nm recv
11845 4.4536 app_interface_flow_stat_entry
9797
       3.6836 __se_ip_ct_refresh_acct
       3.0967 tb_clear_skb_header
8236
       2.9440 jhash_3words
7830
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6416
6007
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5821
       2.1886 tb_skb_rcv
5576
       2.0965 tb_packet_handle_loop
       1.9653 tb_skb_xmit
5227
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3728
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2864
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System with Netmap

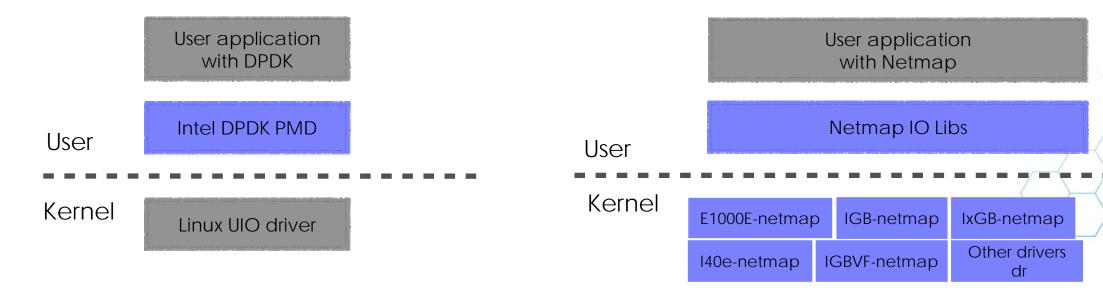


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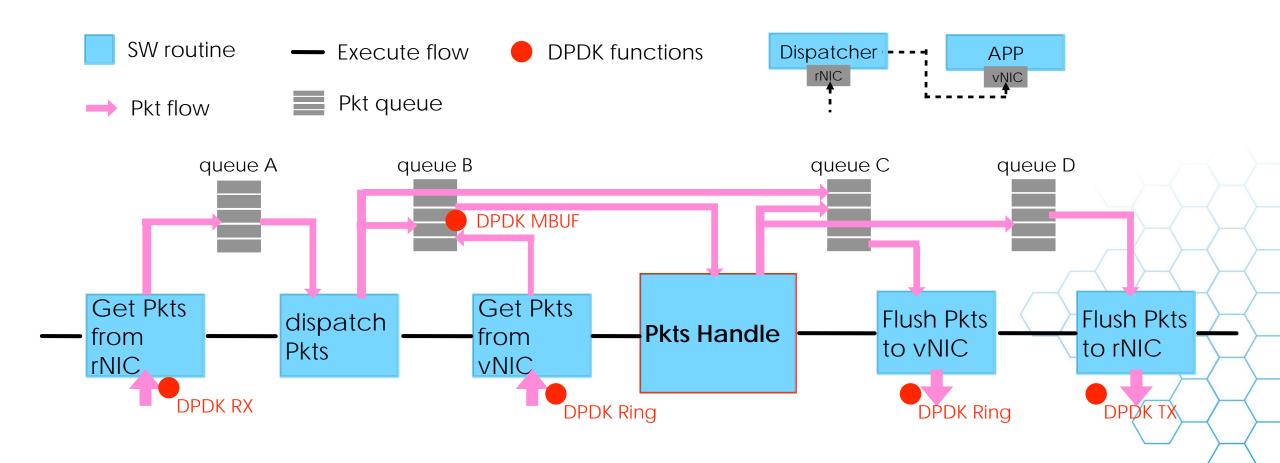
3. Code maintenance costs

: Code block we should take care of





Application with DPDK



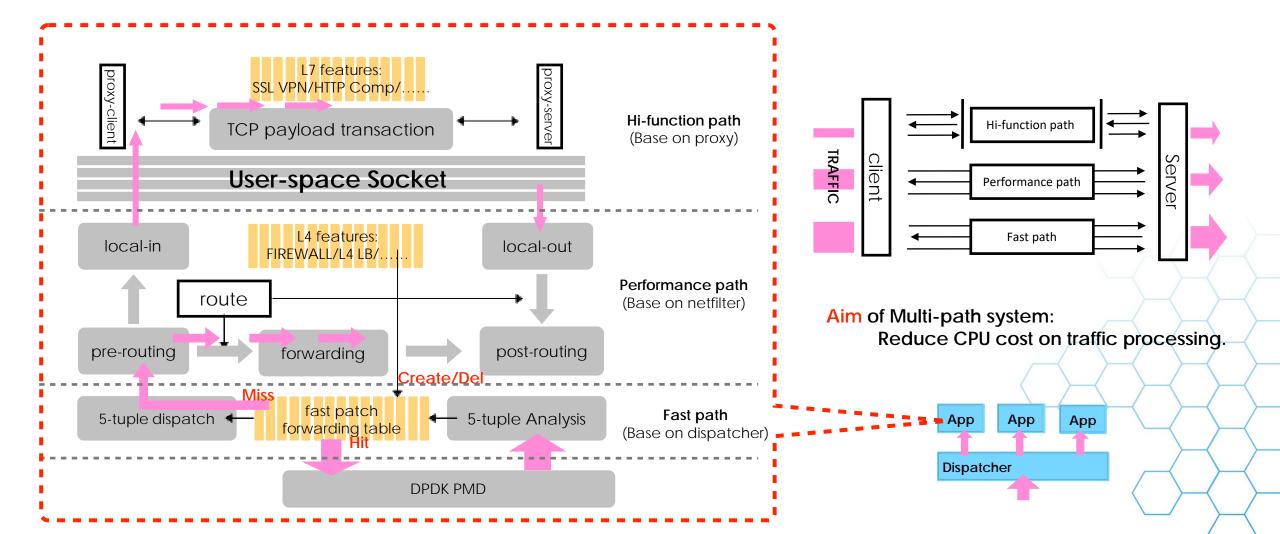


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Business layer of T1-System: Multi-path traffic handle system





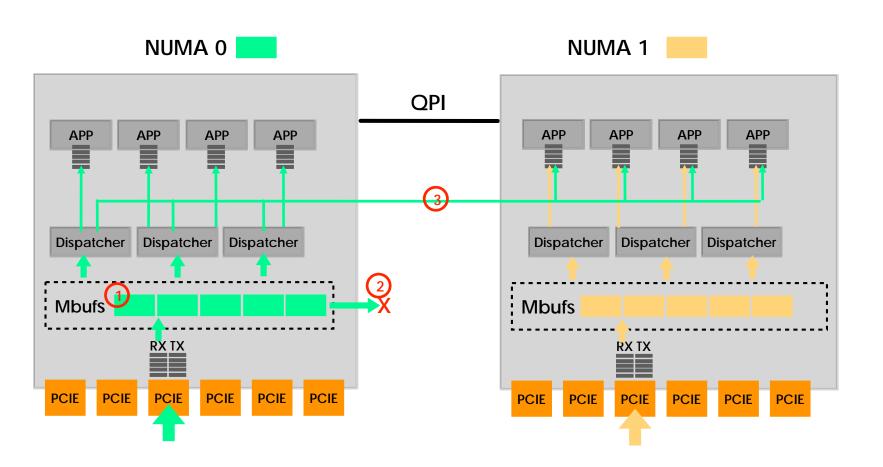
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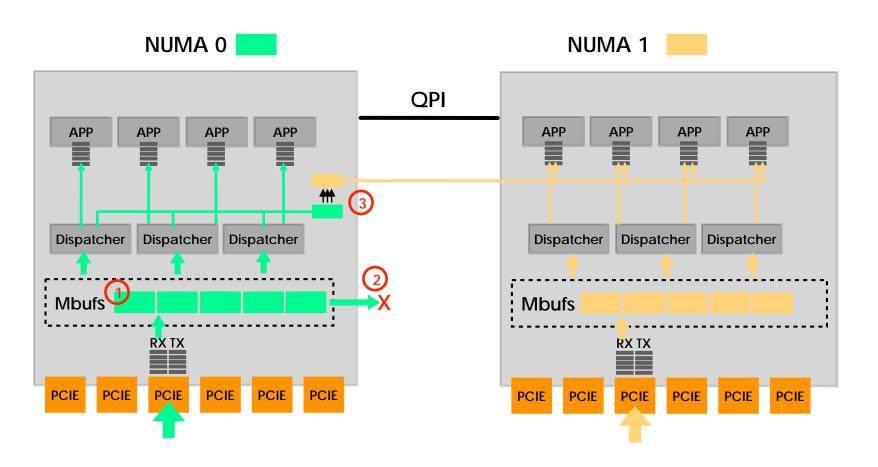
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- 2 Ethernet ports bind with a single-node.

Case 1: Packets cross-QPI

In case of simple handle of packets, such as IP forwarding.



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Case 2: Packets copy mode

(3) In case of complex handle of packets, such as traffic audit.



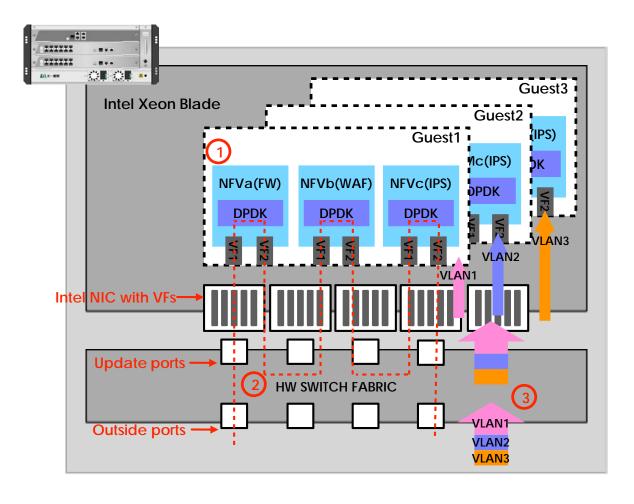
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 - □ **T1-system as a NFV** □ NFV resource pool
 - Fusion gateway
 - New solution: OVS with DPDK





NFV Case1:NFV Resource pool



NFV Resource pool:

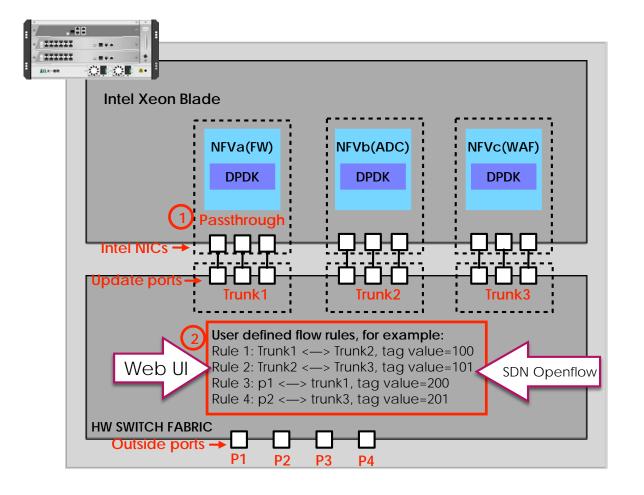
- Multiple NFVs for each guest
- 2 Traffic between NFVs in the same guest is forwarding by HW switch fabric
- 3 Traffic is isolated by vlan tag between guests

scene:

Multi-tenant in data-center/ same flow-define template for each tenant/Elastic expansion

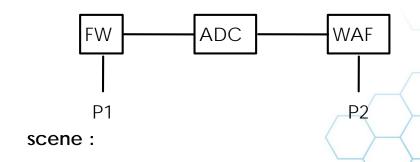


NFV Case2:Fusion gateway



Fusion gateway:

- 1 Passthrough mode for IO Virtualization
- 2 Flexible flow-define rules:



Gateway position/Face to network/High performance/Feature fusion



About NFV-Comparison

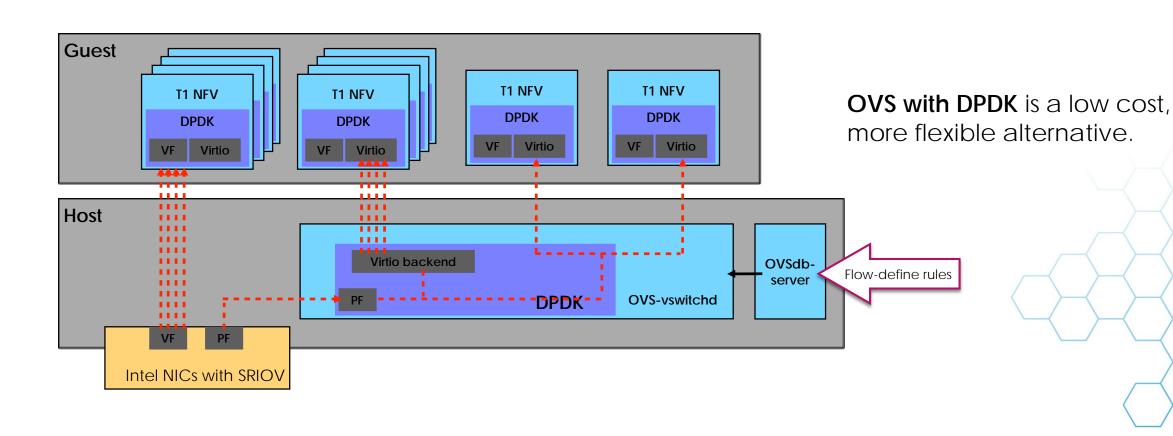
Comparison of two scenarios

	IO Virtualization	Face to	performance requirement	number of VMs	Configuration focus
NFV resource pool	VF(SR-IOV)	Guest	Low	High	Virtual machine management
Fusion gateway	Passthrough	Network	High	Low	flow-define rules configuration

Limitation: Rely on Hardware fabric



New solution —OVS with DPDK





Thank you!

