



# Istio Service Mesh

(networking for microservices)

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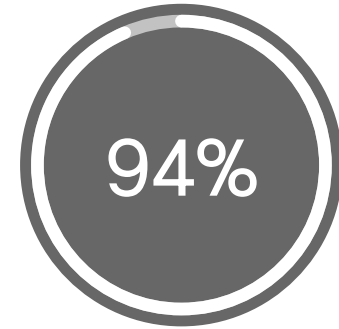
# Cloud Computing Has Won and it's Multiple Clouds



evaluating or using  
public cloud



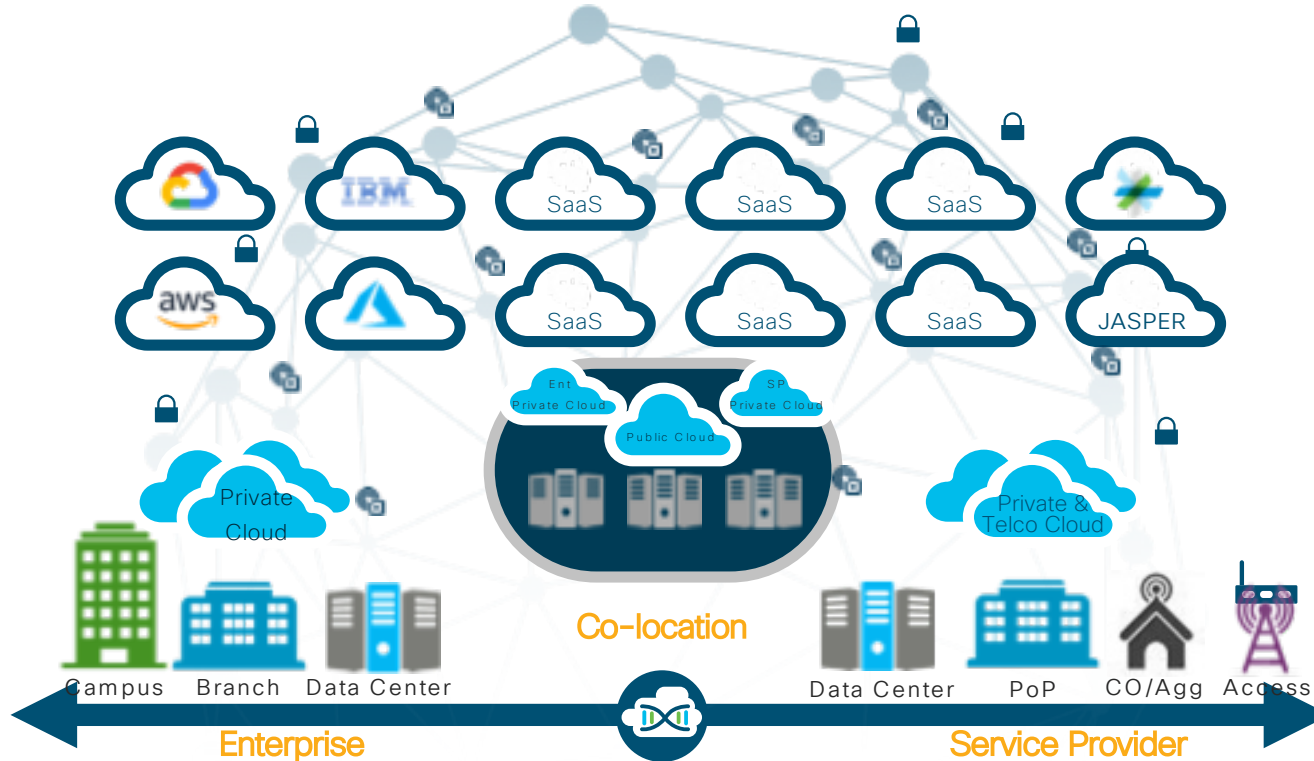
taken steps towards  
a hybrid cloud  
strategy



plan to use  
multiple clouds

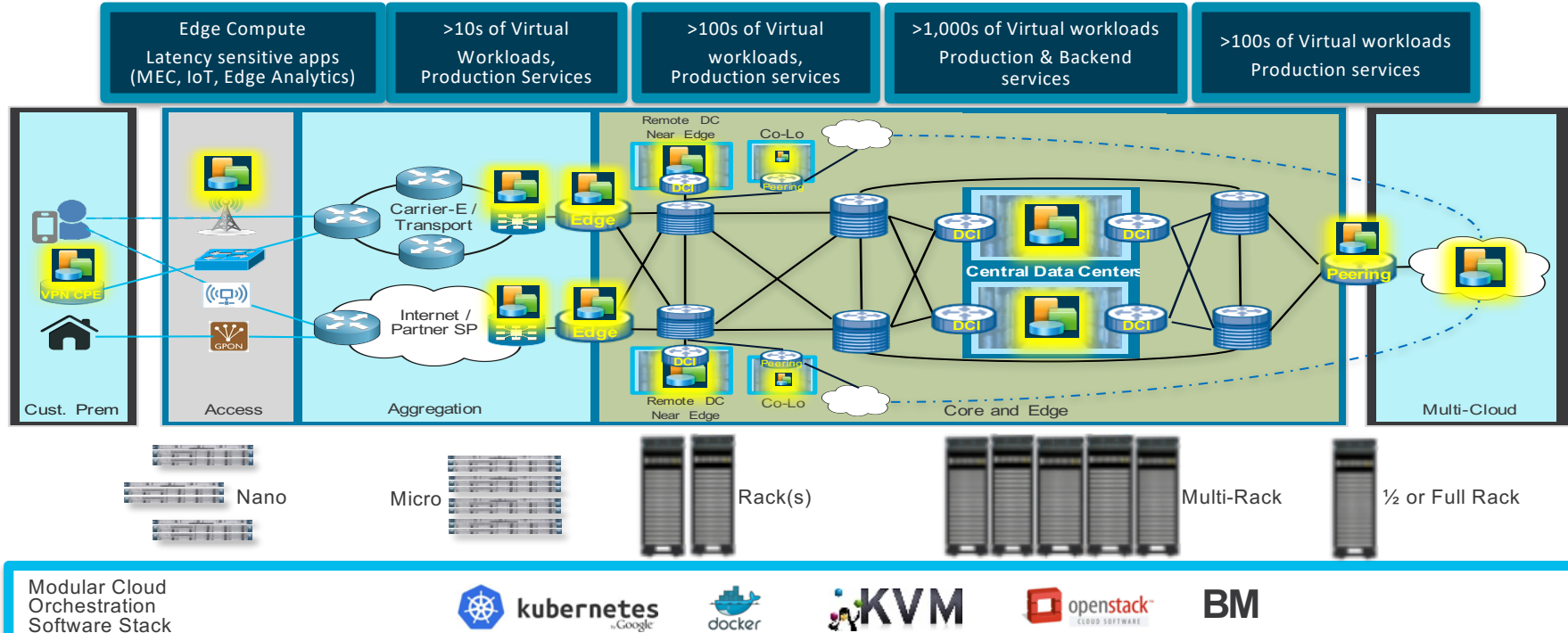
————— Among cloud users —————

# MULTICLOUD



Enables new business models by driving intersection between enterprise, service providers, cloud, and co-lo providers

# Many choices for where you'd like apps to run



High Performance, Automation, Day 0 – N Lifecycle Management, HA, Consistent Networking Models, Logging, Assurance, Security

# Containers and Kubernetes offer new potential



Starts faster,  
uses less  
memory

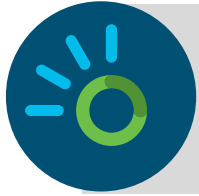


Consistent  
development  
environment



Run  
anywhere

# Containerization challenges in a multicloud world



Multiple Open Source Solutions



Hybrid Environments



Container Complexity



Networking, Security and Storage

## Container Trends

- Kubernetes is emerging as the leading container orchestration platform
- Containers are being adopted heavily in on-premise data centers

# The Cisco Container Platform - Kubernetes



Turnkey Solution  
For Production-Grade Container  
Environments

## Container-based Applications Management

Extending Cisco's portfolio of offers

## Native Kubernetes (100% Upstream)

Direct updates and best practices from open source community

## Hybrid Cloud Optimized

A key element of the Cisco-Google open hybrid cloud solution

## Integrated

Networking | Management | Security | Analytics

Easy to acquire, deploy & manage | Extensible platform | World-class advisory & support | Open & consistent

# Google And Cisco Join Forces To Bring Kubernetes Container Tech To The 'Hybrid Cloud'



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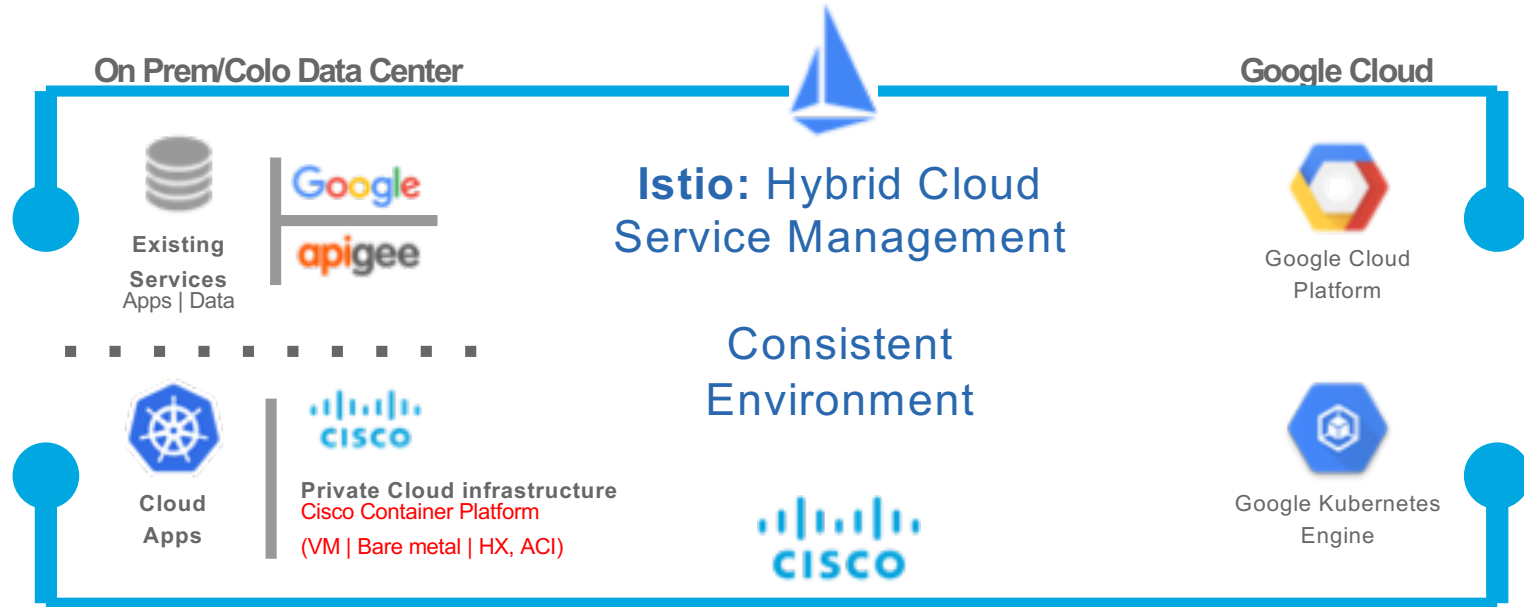
Google executive Urs Hölzle, seen here at a Google event in 2014, led the partnership with Cisco from Google's side. (Credit: [source])

Google and Cisco are joining forces in the latest partnership between tech giants in the fast-growing cloud computing market.

Announced October 2017



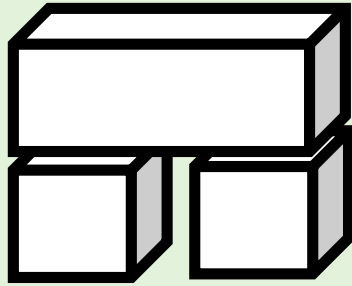
# Consistent Environment for Hybrid Cloud Services



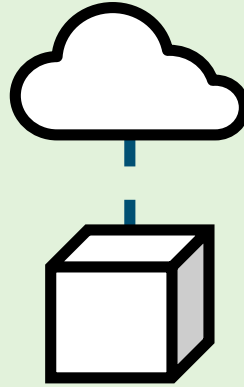
Networking | Security | Private Cloud Infrastructure | Consumption Management

CSR 1000v, ACI, Stealthwatch Cloud, Cisco Container Platform, Contiv, CloudCenter, AppDynamics

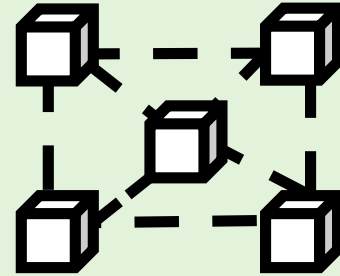
# Cloud native computing is driving an evolution of application/service architecture



Monolithic



Hybrid



Microservices

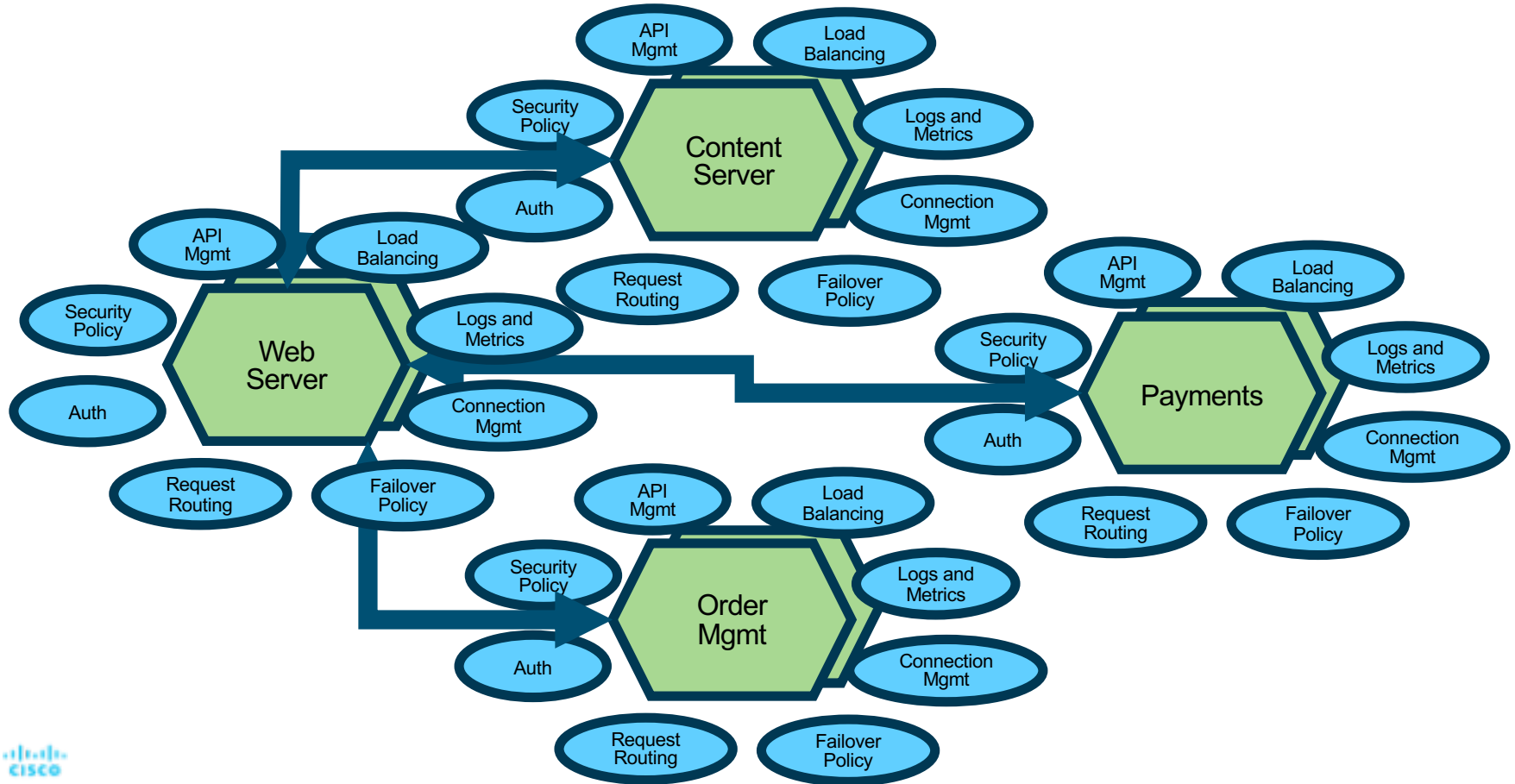
# Welcome to the wonderful world of distributed systems !

Observability

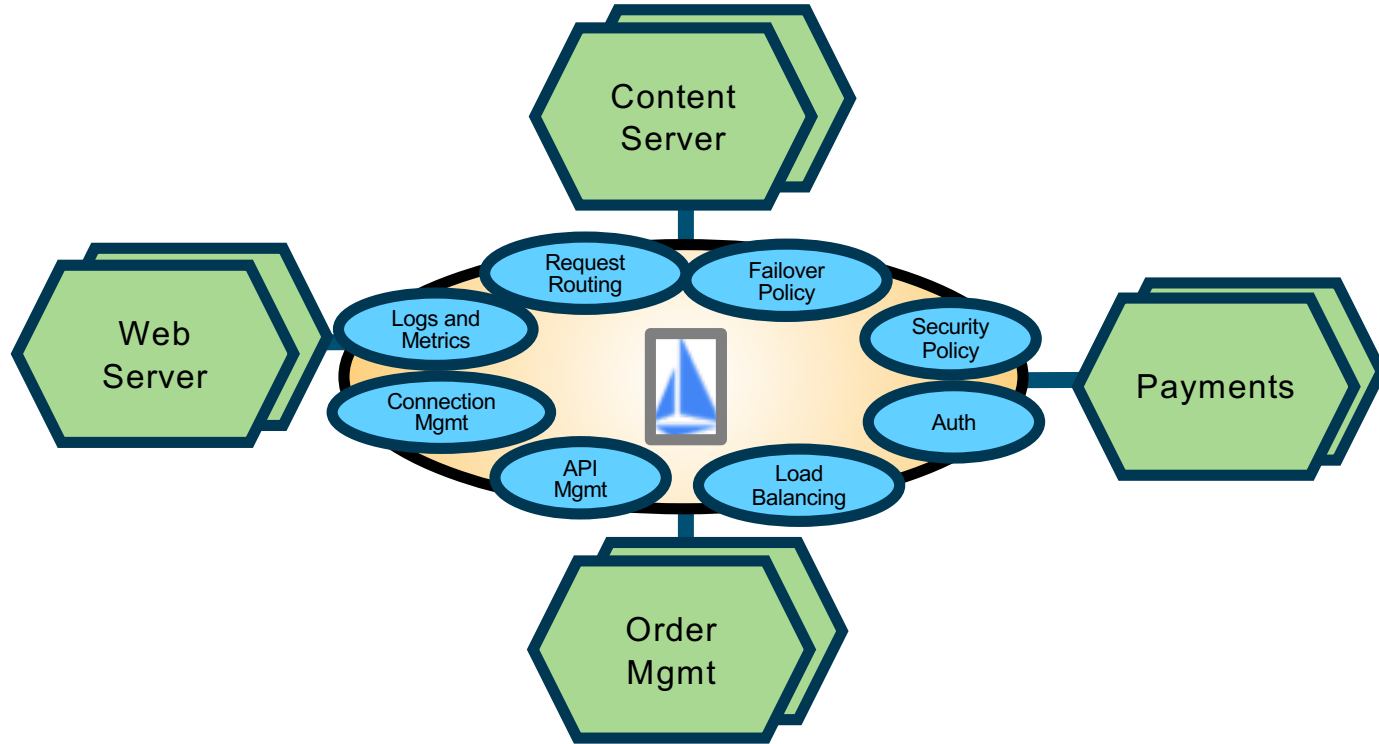
Traffic  
management

Security and  
Policy

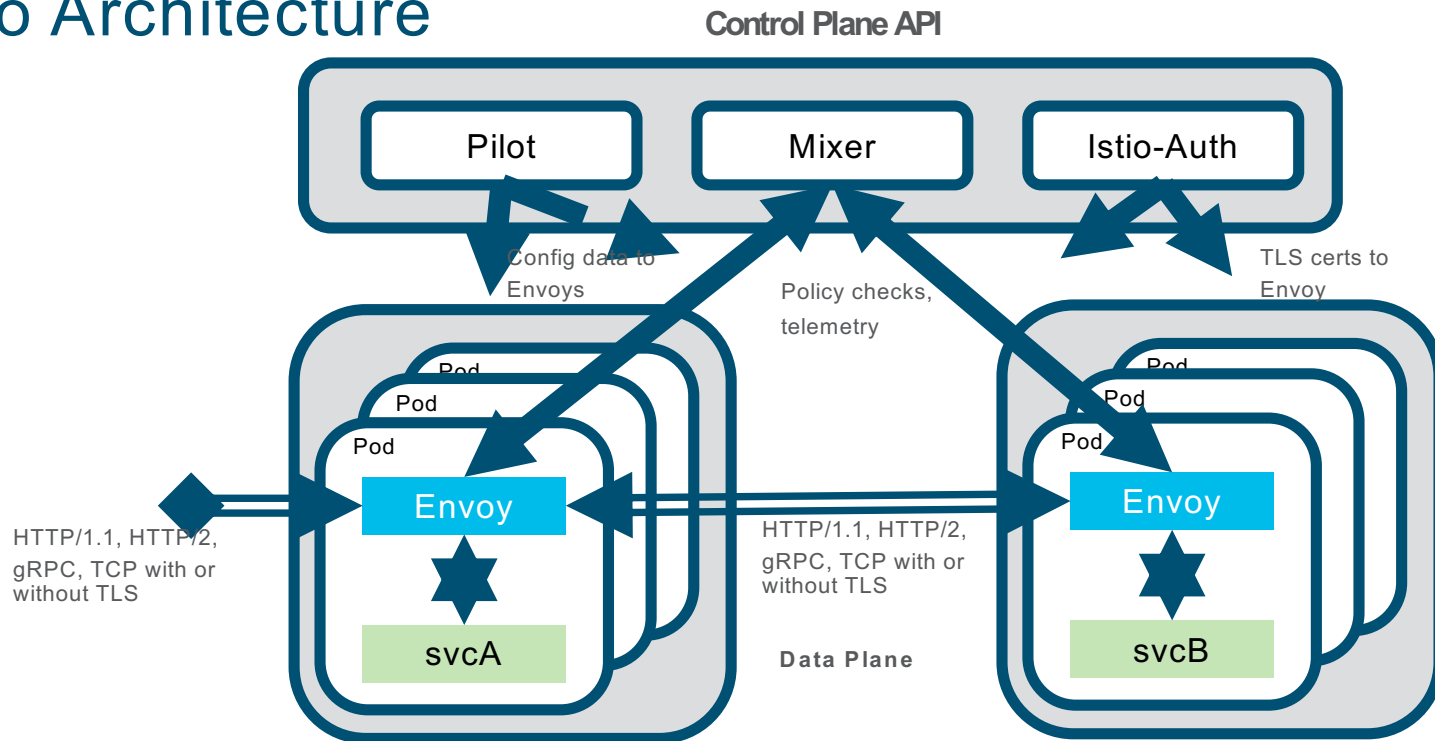
# Services should be simple but get complicated fast



# Hand-off routing, authentication, and other parts to a policy-driven, secure service mesh service



# Istio Architecture



# Several different service mesh options for developers



# Our sidecar of choice - Envoy



- A C++ based L4/L7 proxy
- Low memory footprint
- Battle-tested @ Lyft
  - 100+ services
  - 10,000+ VMs
  - 2M req/s

*Plus an awesome team willing to work with the community!*

## Goodies:

- ❖ HTTP/2 & gRPC
- ❖ Zone-aware load balancing w/ failover
- ❖ Health checks, circuit breakers, timeouts, retry budgets
- ❖ No hot reloads - API driven config updates

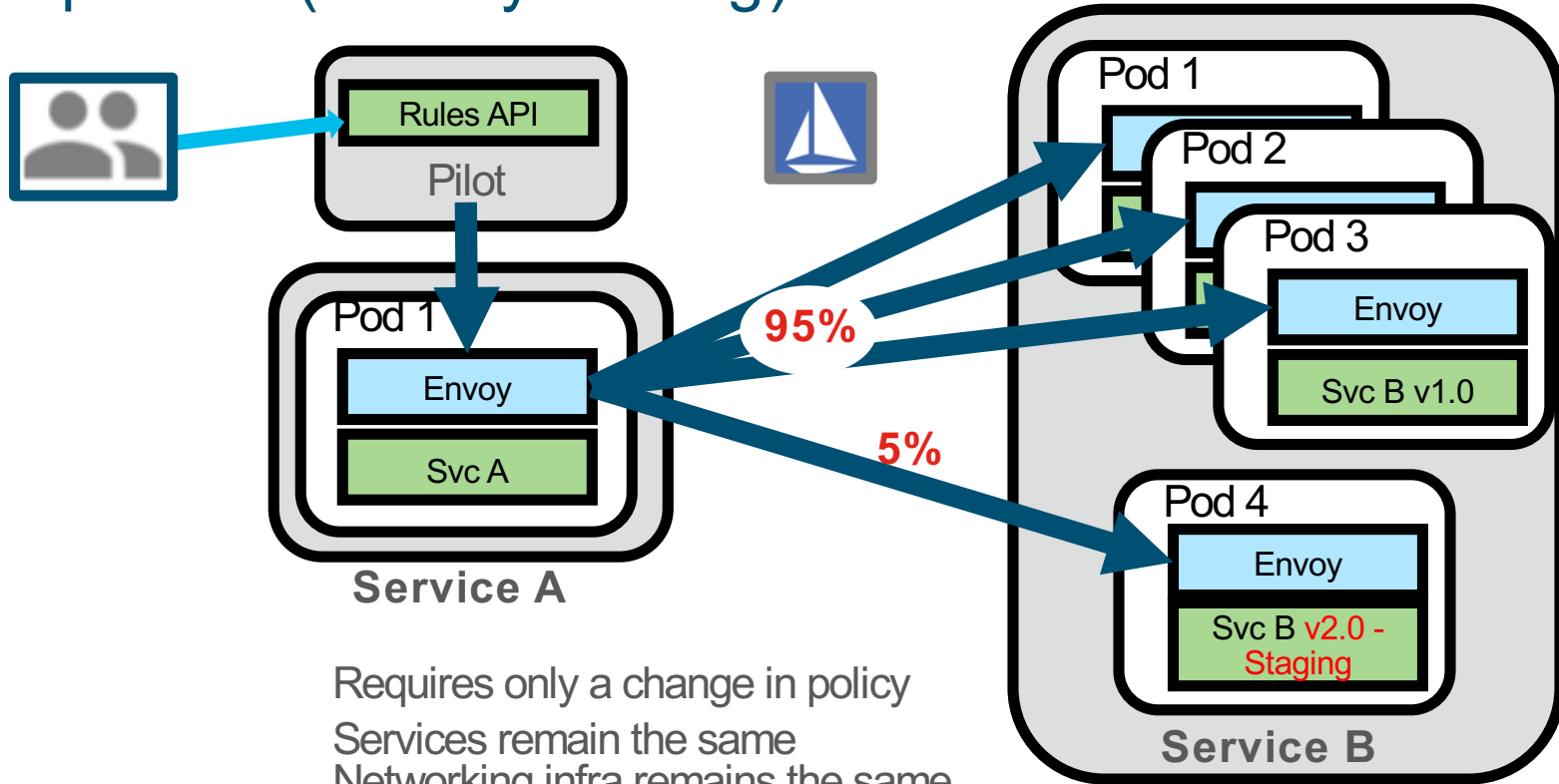
## Istio's contributions:

- ❖ Transparent proxying w/ SO\_ORIGINAL\_DST
- ❖ Traffic routing and splitting
- ❖ Request tracing using Zipkin
- ❖ Fault injection

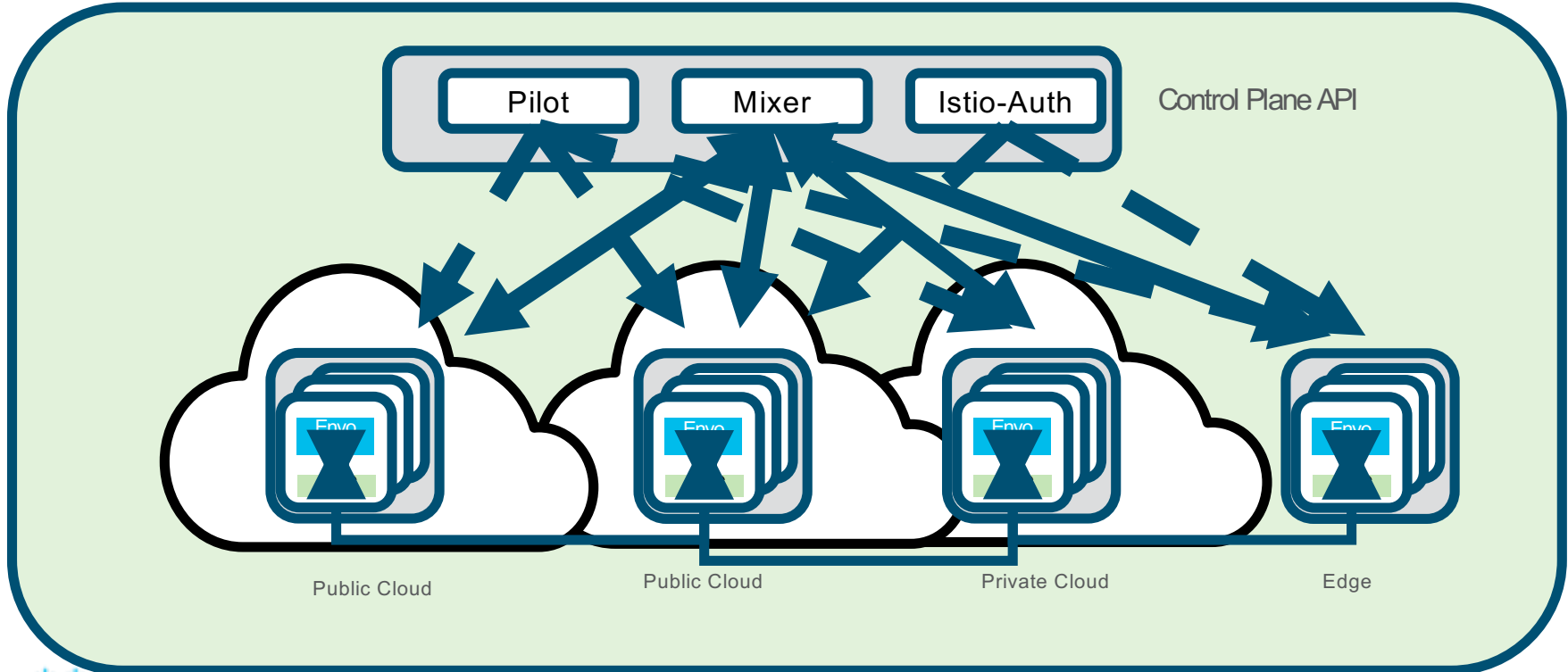




# Simple example: traffic splitting for rolling out service updates (canary testing)



# Stretching Istio Across Public, Private Clouds and Edge



# Using a service mesh is radically different

- Abstracts away details of service-to-service communications
- Consistent policy, load balancing, encryption, authentication, traffic steering across services
- Easy way to connect, manage and secure microservices ***without changes in the service code***
- Easier IT-Ops with better observability, monitoring of traffic between microservices
- Kubernetes orchestrates containers, Istio orchestrates communication between services.

# Biggest Impact: Changing the way we think about application/service development

Bring application development becomes ***assembly*** of ready-made, highly-scalable, proven services running anywhere from the edge to the cloud.



