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Making SDN a Reality

What is SDN?

Purist View

a strict separation of control plane and data plane

SDN = Openflow

Pragmatic View

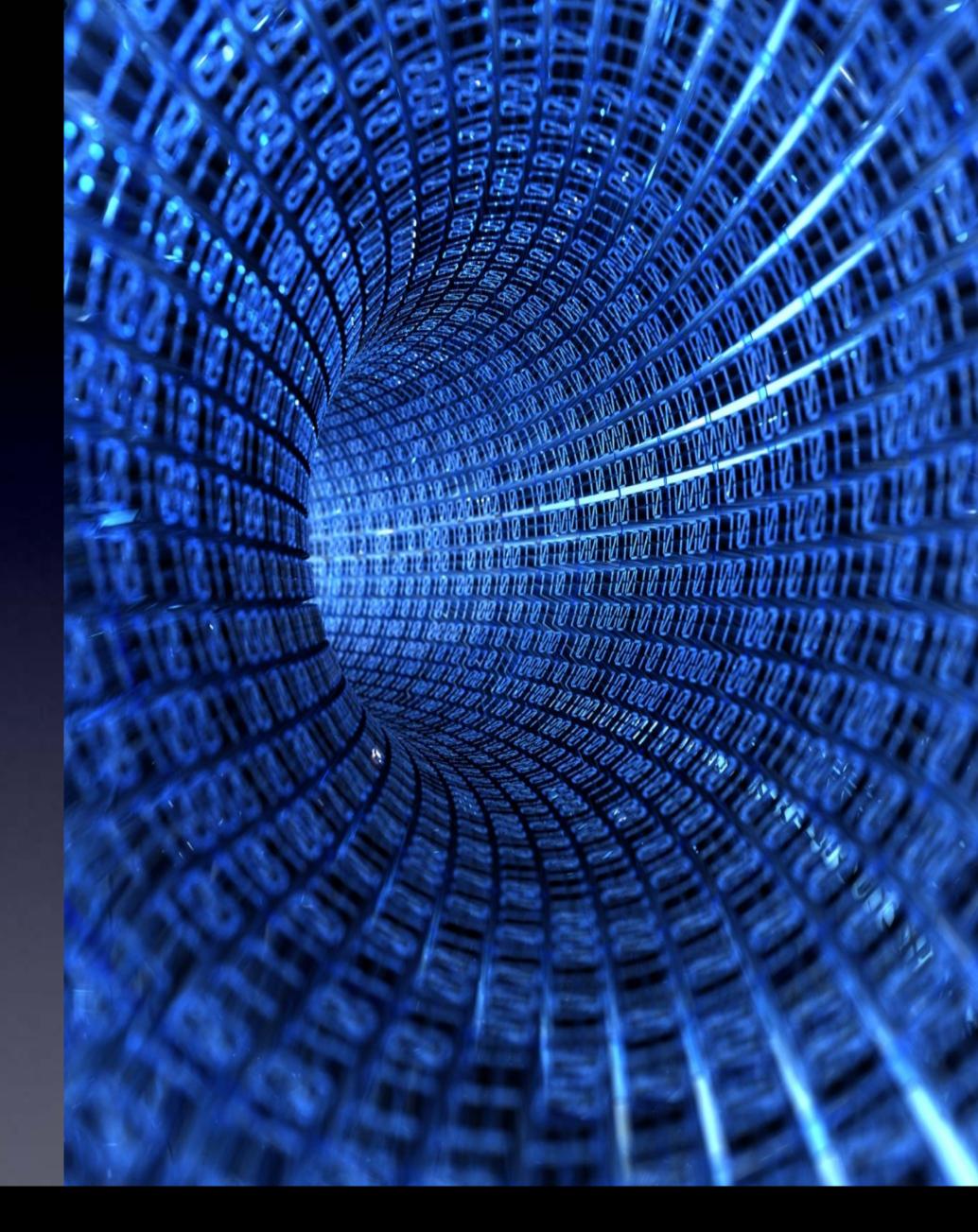
a network architecture designed to be programmed by high-level languages and APIs

SDN = *Programmability*

A Common View

SDN = Network Virtualization





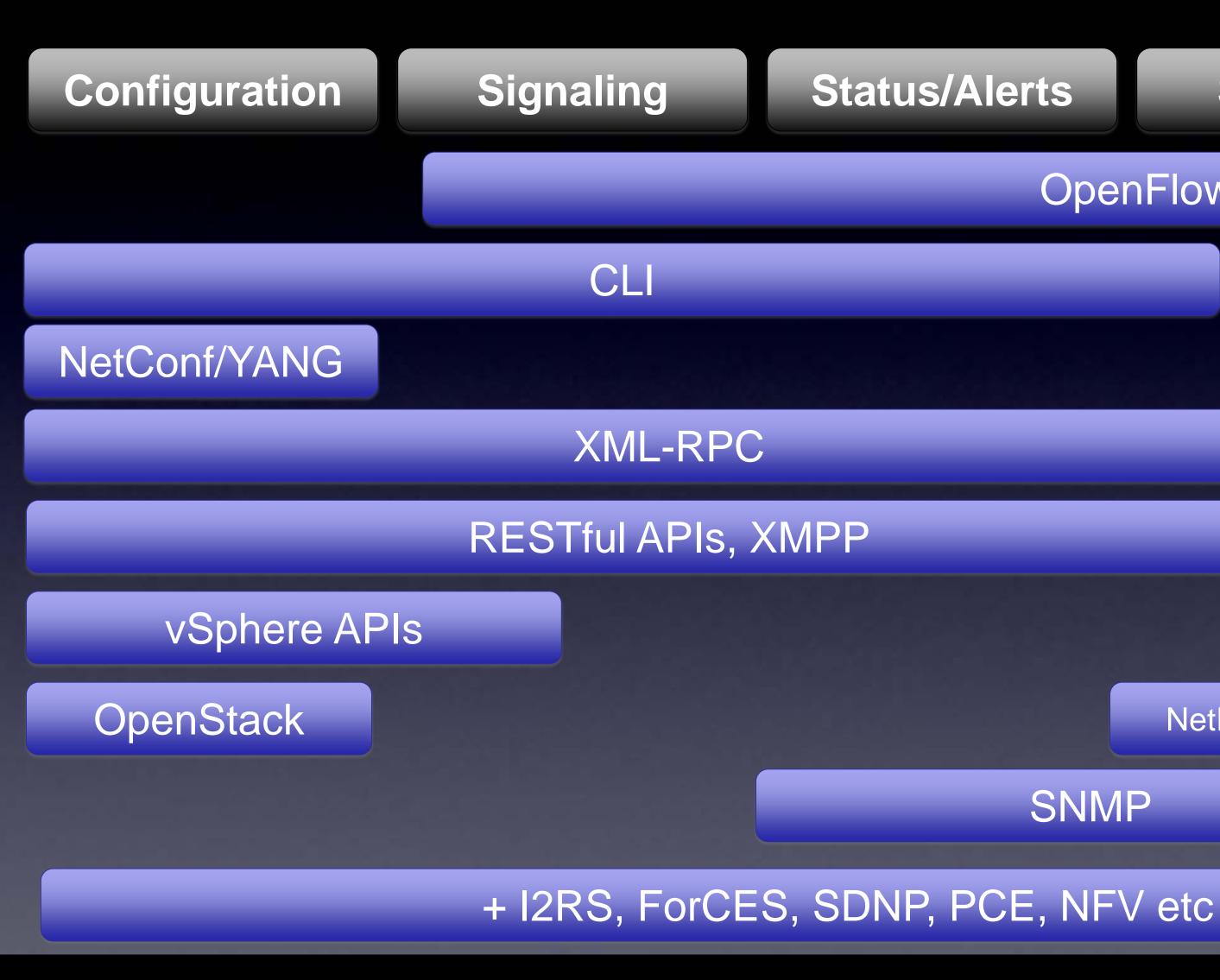
Why SDN? Networks are an order of magnitude larger; automation has lagged



SDN solves inflexibilities and inefficiencies that inhibit scale & automation



SDN is More than Just OpenFlow







Sampling

OpenFlow



SNMP



ARISTA

SDN is a software-to-infrastructure interface that allows applications to drive infrastructure actions, delivering capabilities like Network Virtualization and Orchestration.

Arista's SDN View

Arista SDN Phases: Making SDN a Reality



Phase 3 – 2014+

Open APIs – Control & Data Orchestration Integration

Phase 2 – 2012+

Arista EOS

Phase 1 – 2010+



All devices virtual and SW provisioned

Rapid Service Delivery

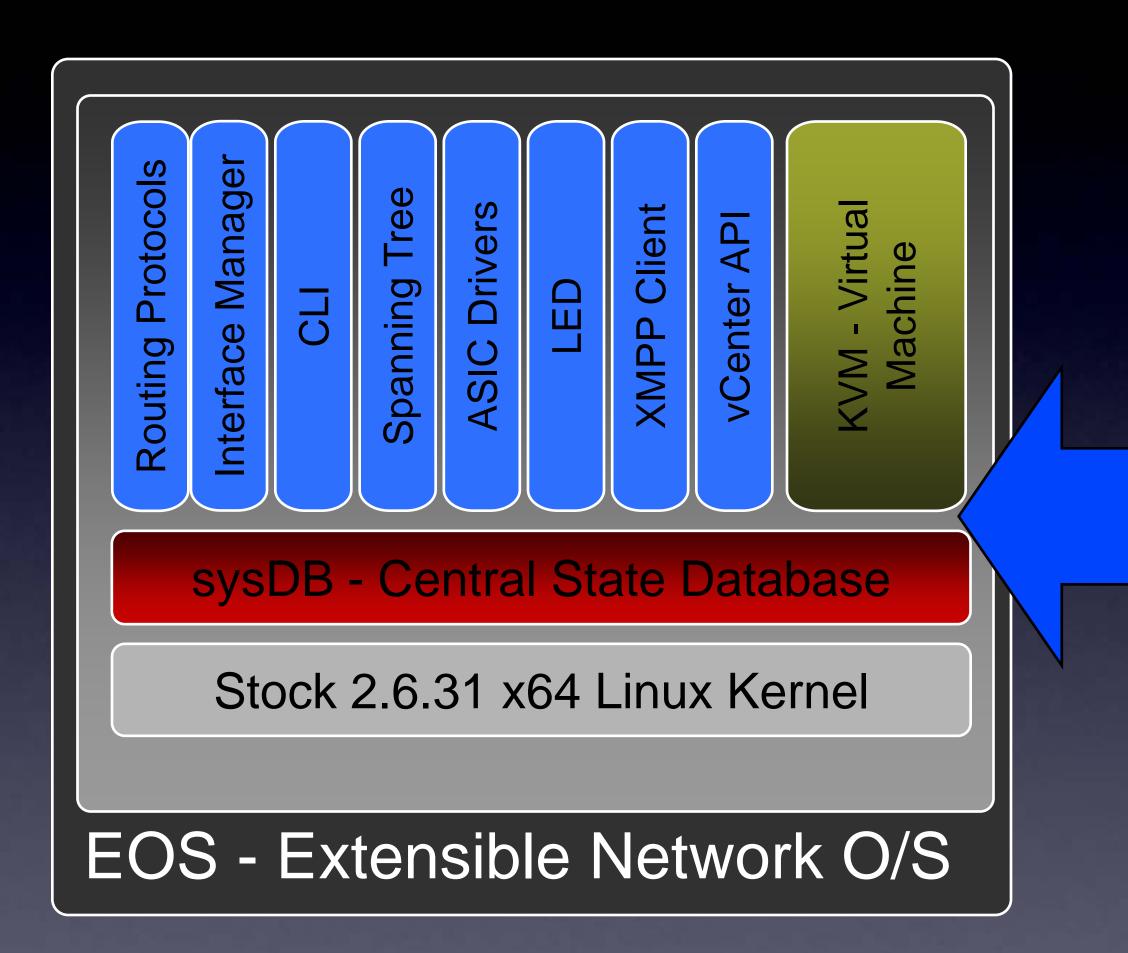


Recent and and near-term SDN innovations

- Integration of Arista EOS with Openstack - enables fully automated provisioning
- Contribution to Openstack that enables unified physical and virtual network provisioning
- Openflow support with new Direct Flow mode for controller-less operation
- Hybrid support of Openflow to enable flow provisioning on top of existing production networks
- Arista eAPI Integration with several cloud and application partners



Arista EOS - programmable network O/S





Partner Integration - F5, Palo Alto, Splunk, etc

Packaged Extensions - CloudVision, etc

Openflow 1.0/1.3 - multi-vendor services

Direct Flow Programming - customized flow pathing

EOS eAPI - JSON Web Services API

Local Scripts - Python, TCL, Shell

Local Daemons/Extensions - C++, Python, etc

Arista DirectFlow Control

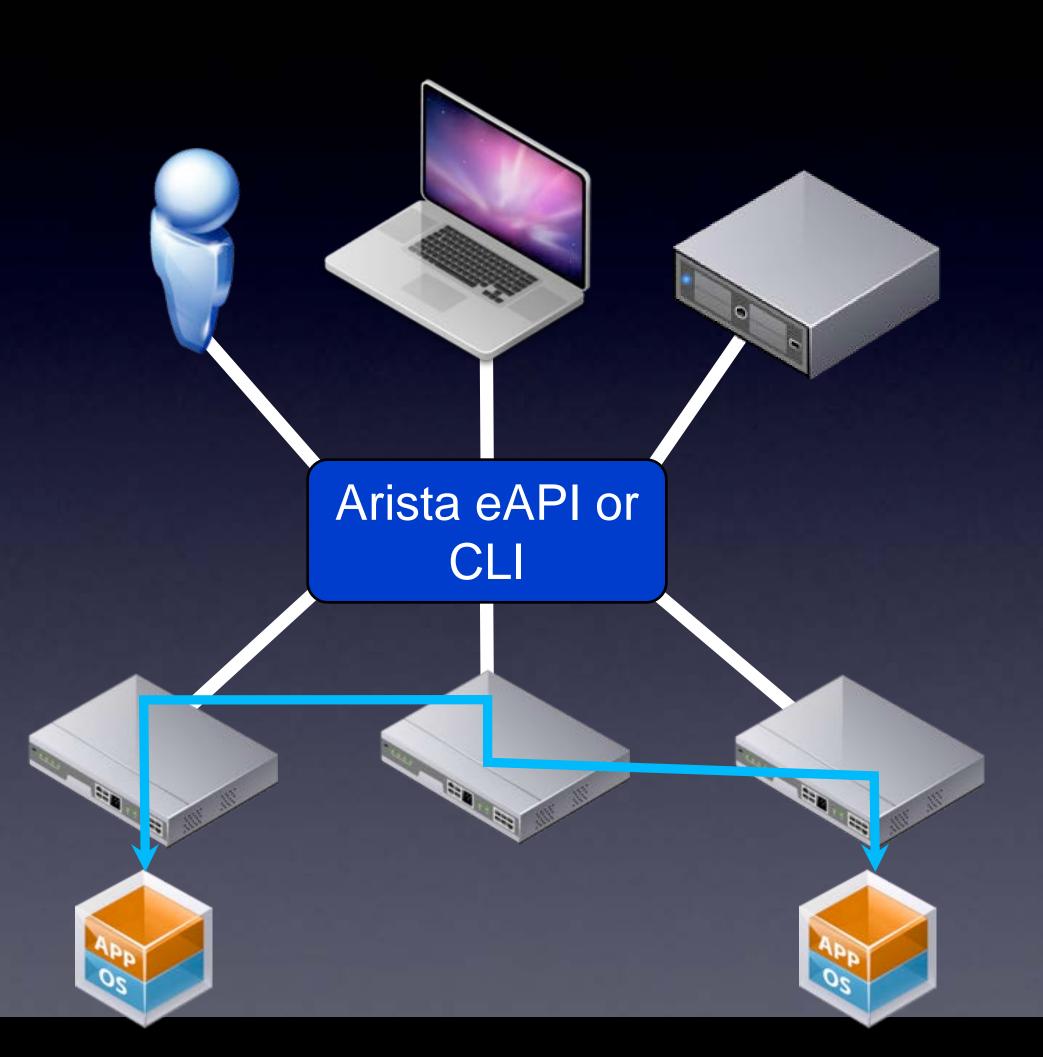
Enables direct CLI and eAPI control over specific flow switching operations

Extends the capabilities of OpenFlow with controller-less operation and enables per-flow pattern-matching with full control

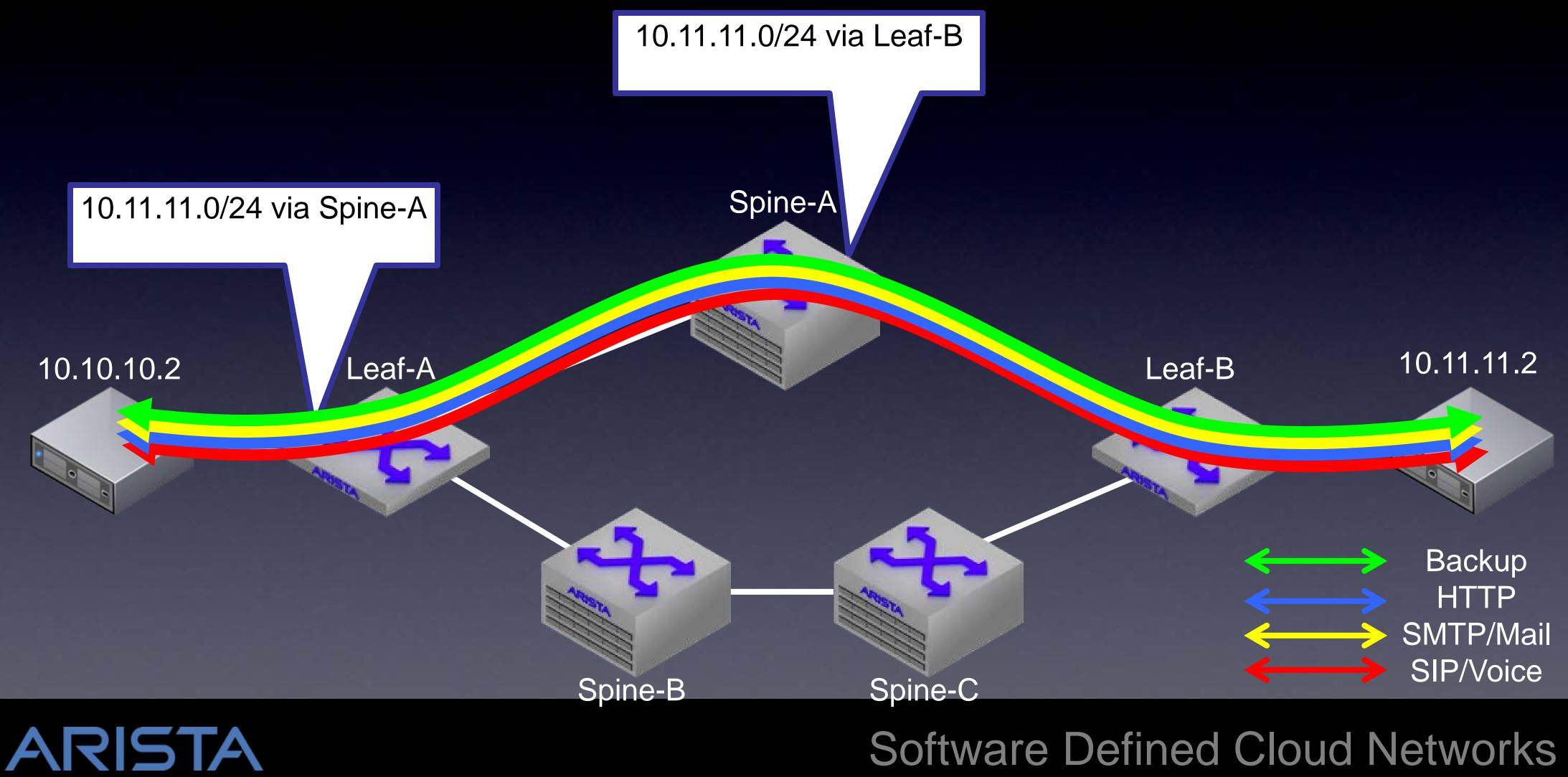
Enables firewall load balancing, purpose-built backup network consolidation, etc.

Available Summer 2013

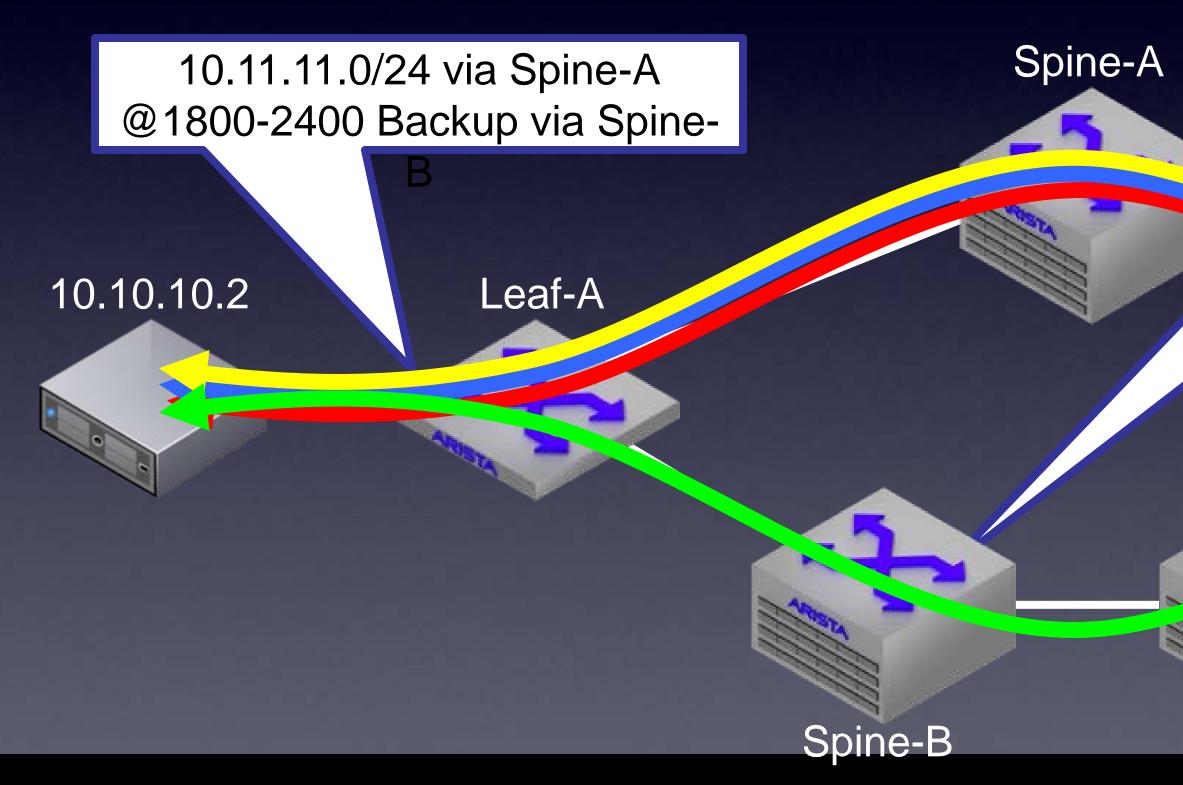




Traditional Routing/Switching Mode



Arista DirectFlow Programming







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Spine-C

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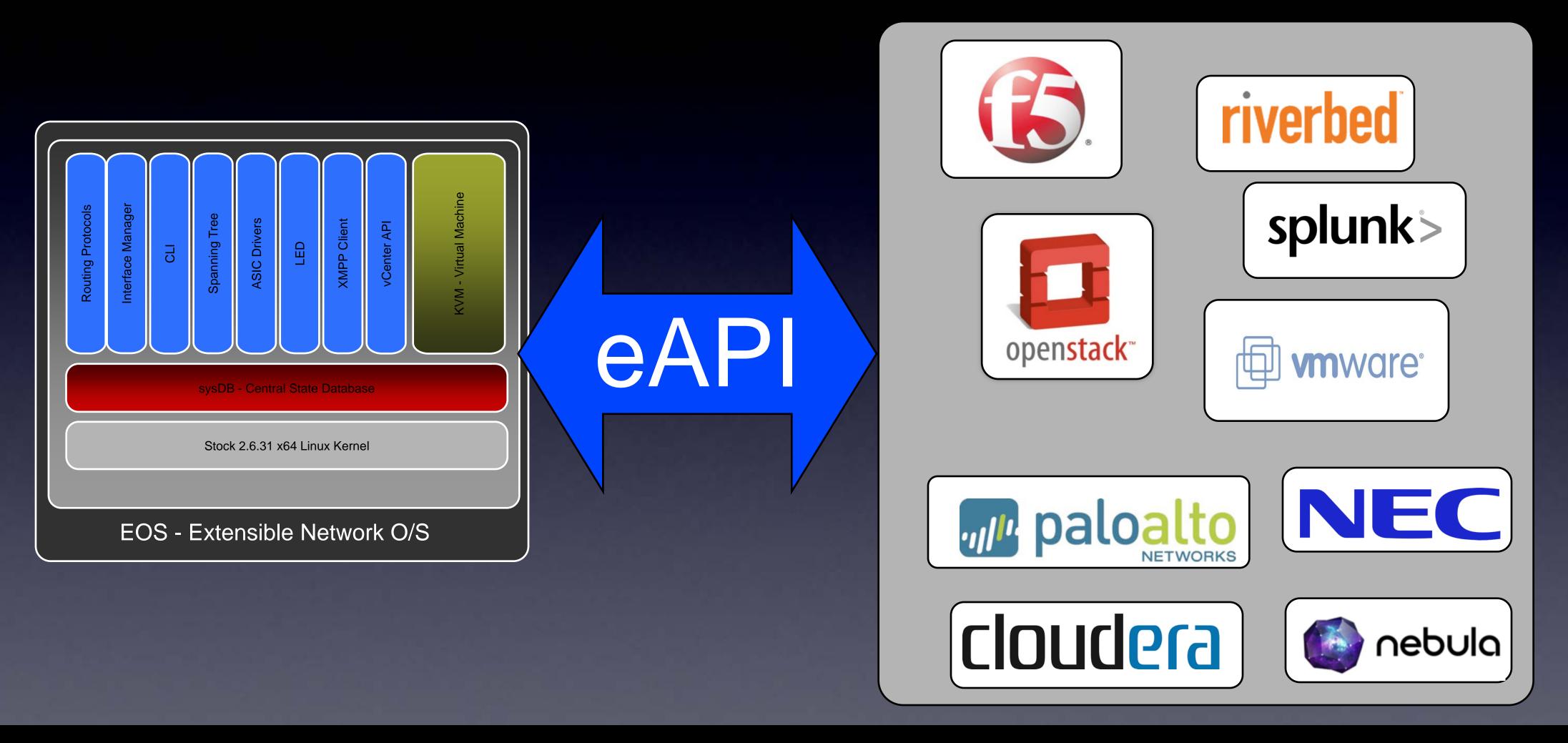
Backup

HTTP

SMTP/Mail

SIP/Voice

eAPI links Arista to other industry leaders - bringing the best together for our customers





Summary

- Arista EOS offers customers the best option for trying and deploying SDN capabilities.
- Customers can freely choose controllers, direct flow capabilities, protocol driven topologies, or hybrid approaches. No barrier to entry, no barrier to exit.
- Arista EOS enables orchestration of the network with VMware and Openstack - full VM Tracer capabilities and auto-provisioning for 90%+ of the public and private cloud market!
- Competing solutions are largely proprietary, and are designed to force single-vendor or architectural lock-in.
- Simply the best networking for the cloud



