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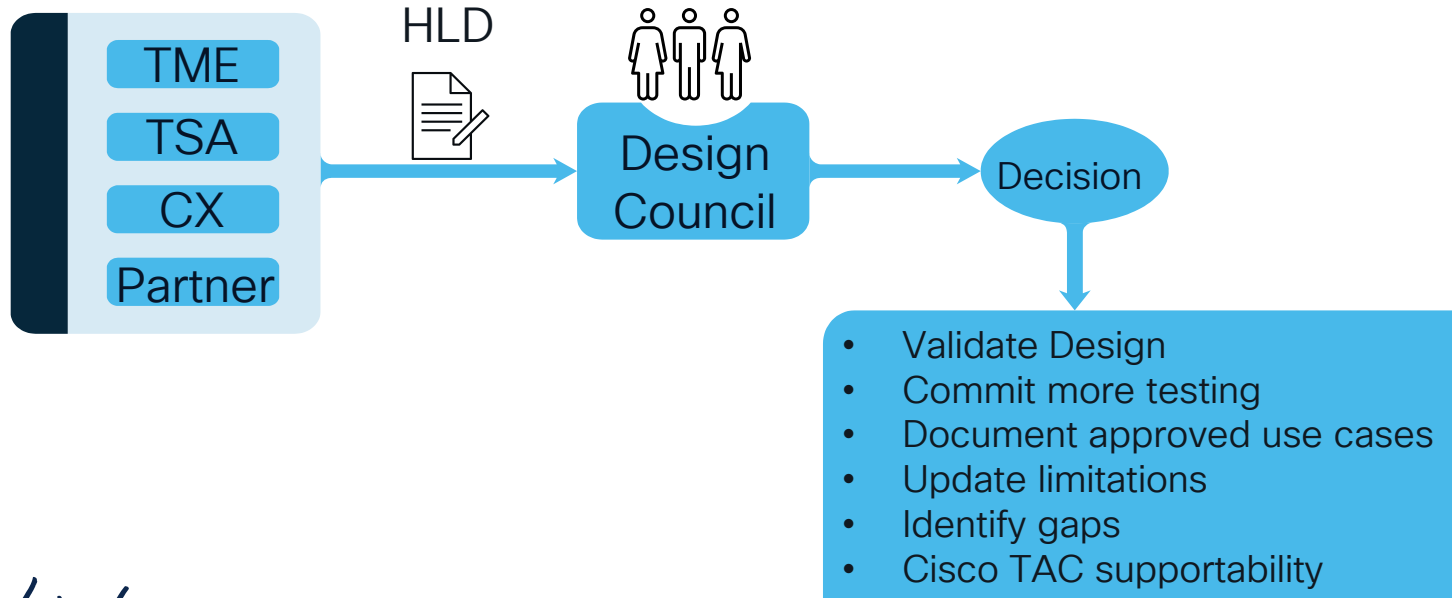
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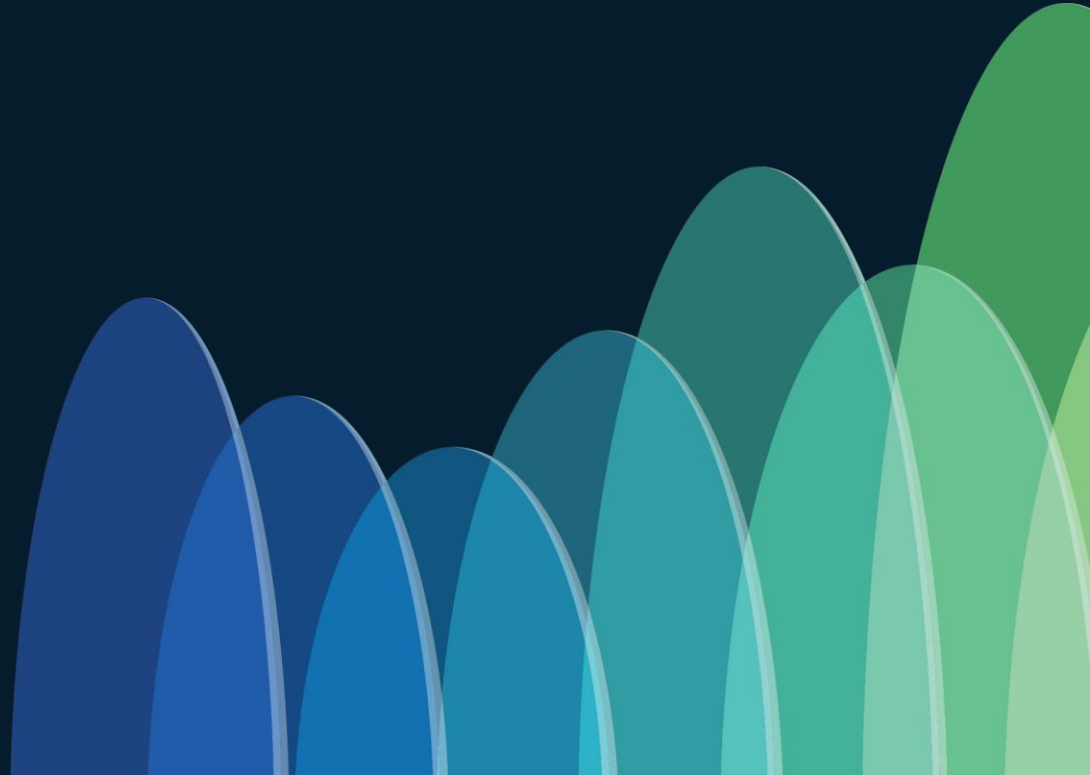
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# Cisco SD-WAN Design Council Introduction

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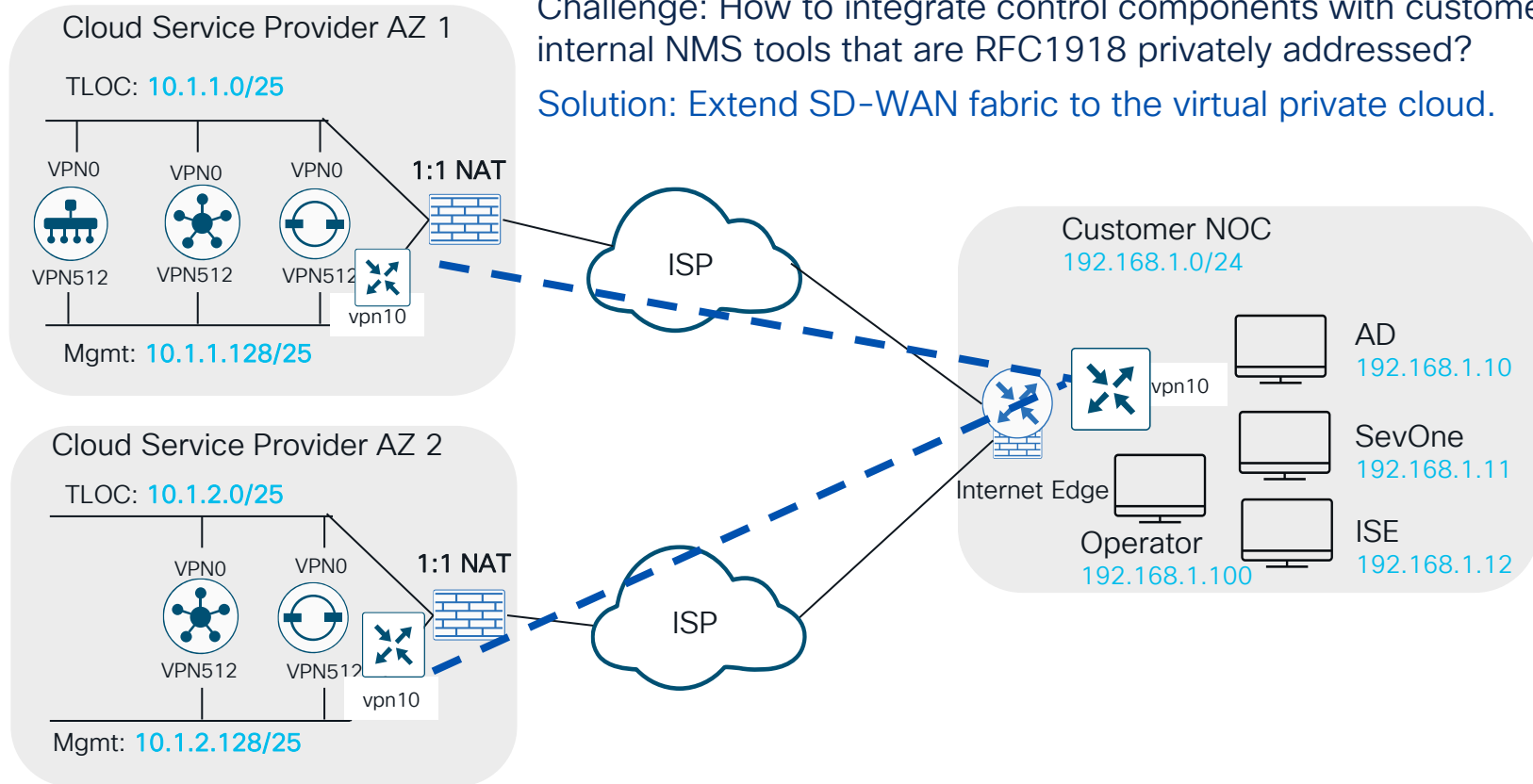
# Controller Deployment



# Use Case: NMS tools integration with Cloud-Hosted Control Components

Challenge: How to integrate control components with customer internal NMS tools that are RFC1918 privately addressed?

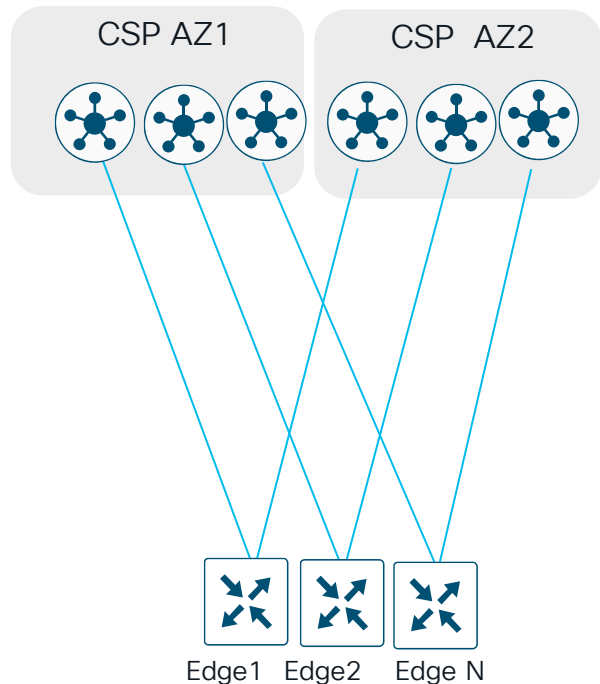
Solution: Extend SD-WAN fabric to the virtual private cloud.



# Use Case: Catalyst Controller High Availability

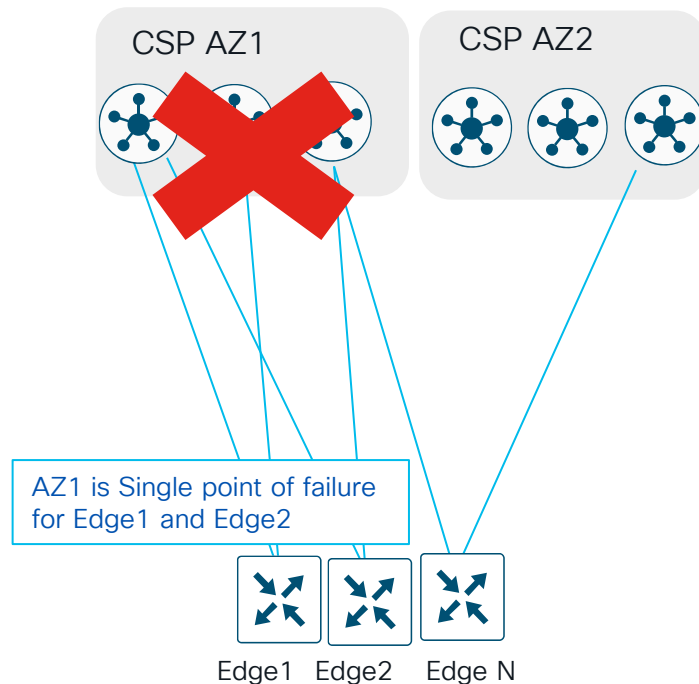
## How to protect against complete outage of a CSP Availability Zone (AZ)

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What you might get with default hashing method

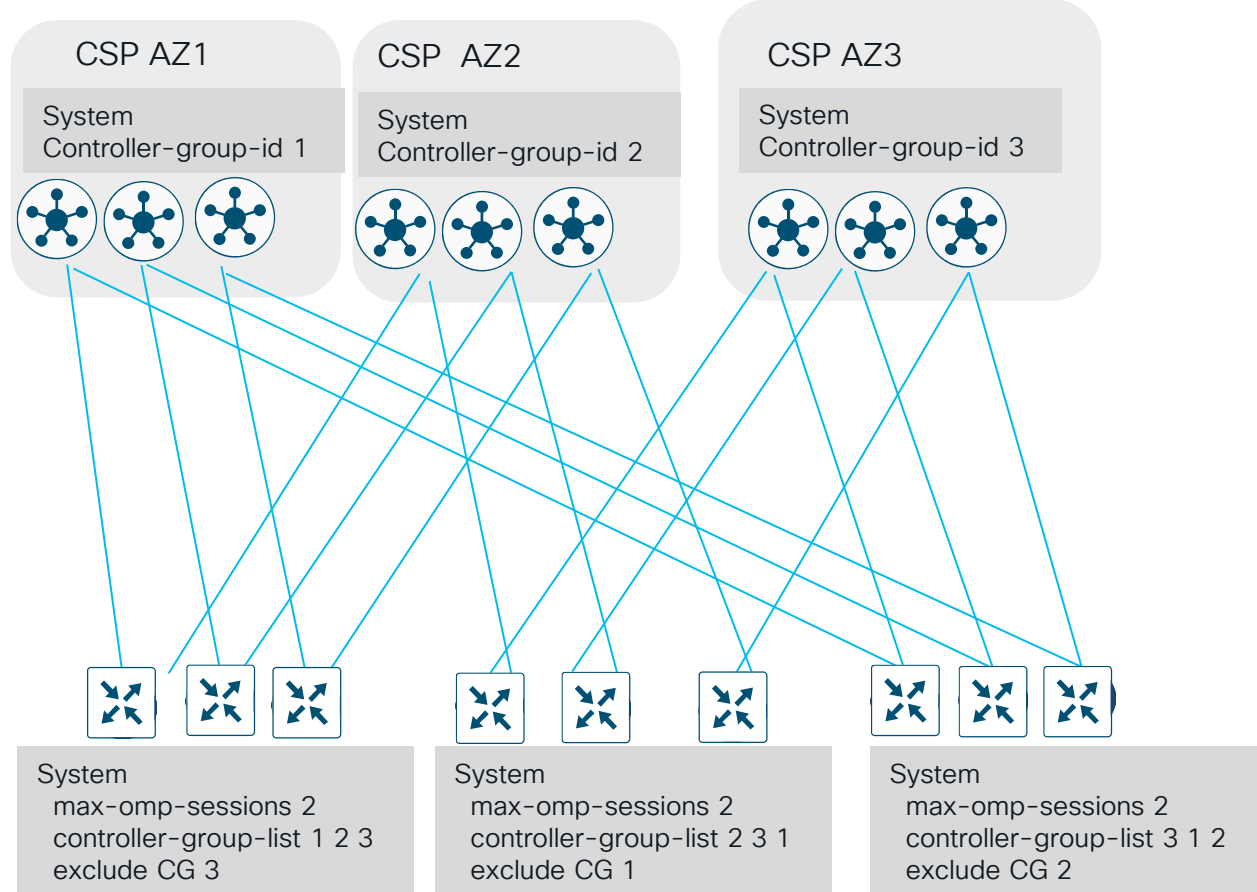


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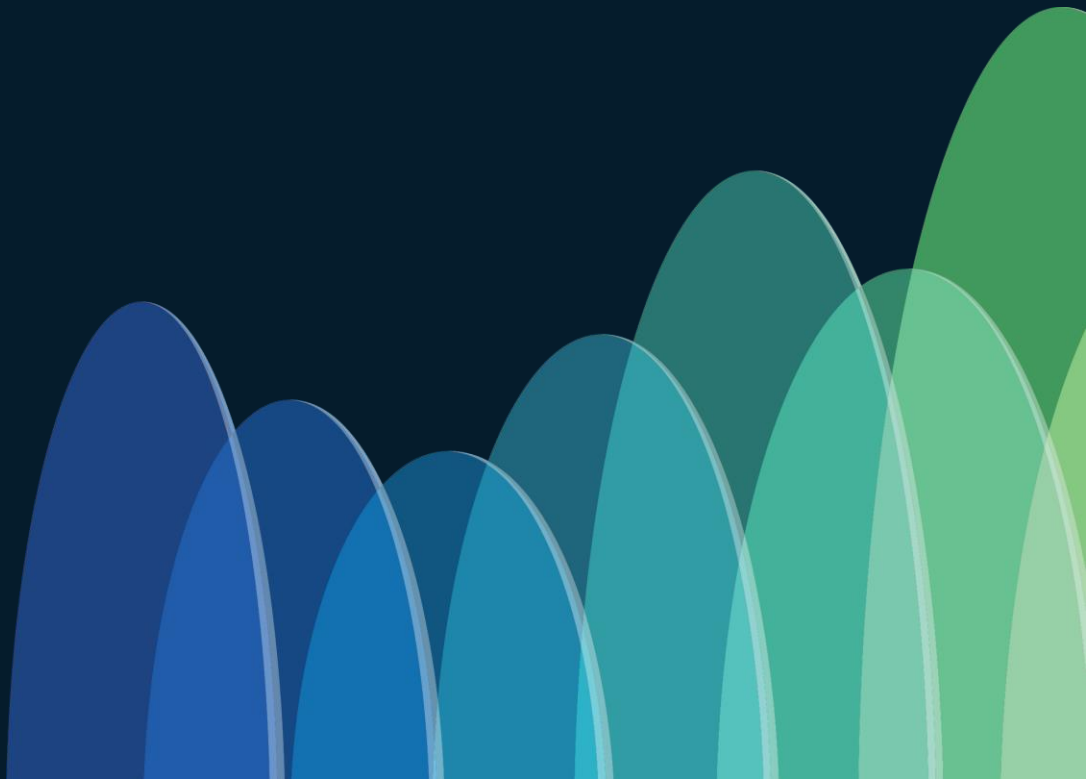
# Solution: Deterministic TLS control connections Controller Groups (CG)

Regionalize controllers  
with different controller  
group affinities



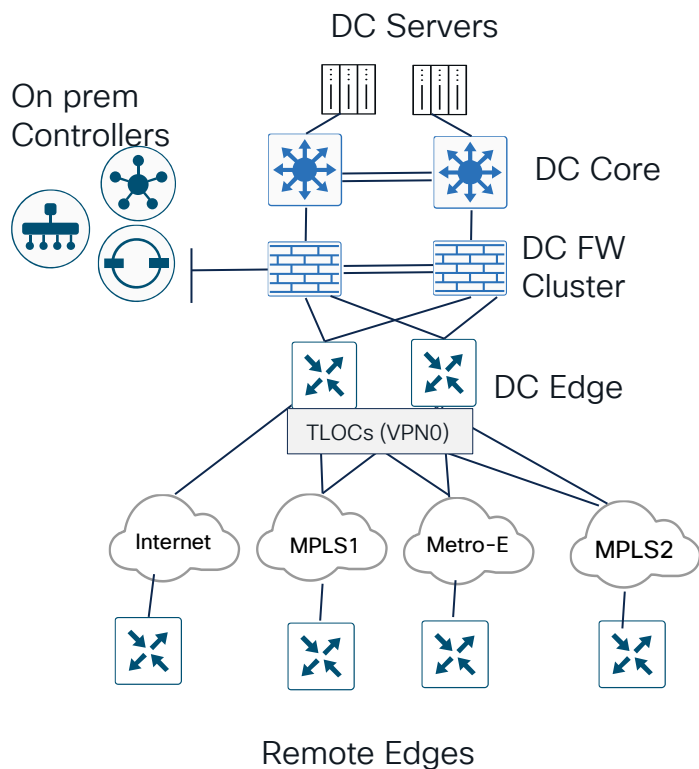
Regionalize WAN Edge  
with controller-group-lists

# Underlay Routing



# Use Case: Secure Hub Site design

Requirement: FW protection for controllers, servers and Hub Edge



## Requirements:

- DC Edge routers must establish TLS connections to controllers over each TLOC (prerequisite for SD-WAN data plane tunnels to form)
- Traffic between WAN Edge and controllers must pass through firewall

**Problem1:** DC Edge no VPN0 route to controllers via either TLOC

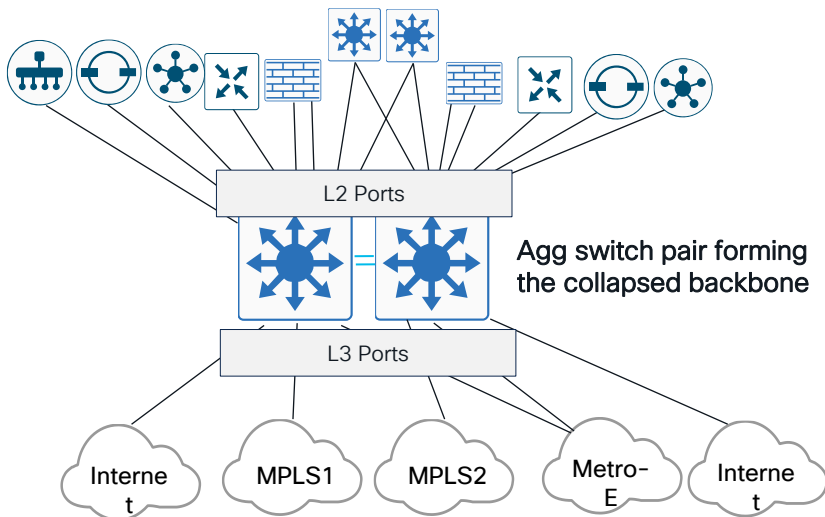
- Remote Edge must establish TLS connections to controllers via Hub

# Solution: Collapsed backbone design

## L2/L3 aggregation switches for VLAN service chaining

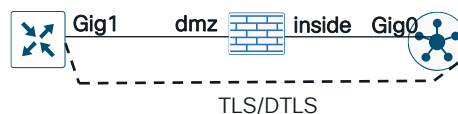
### Collapsed Backbone design at Hub Site

All devices and transports connect to L3 switch HA pair



### VLAN Service Chain 1 (TLS control connections)

Hub Edge - Firewall - Controllers

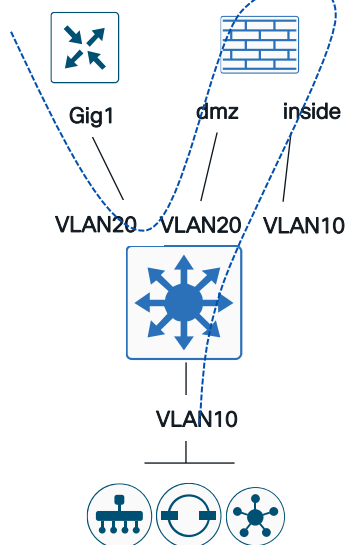


### VLAN Service Chain 2 (IPsec over Internet)

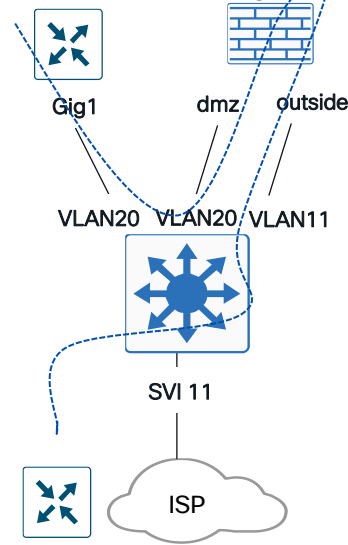
Hub Edge - Firewall - Remote Edge



### VLAN Design



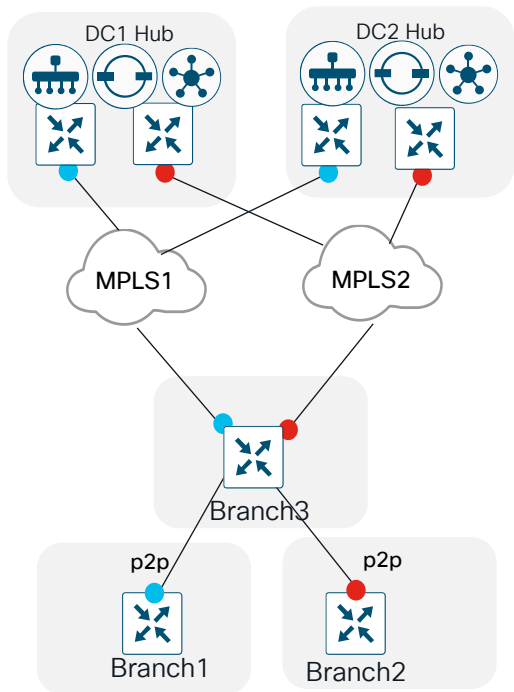
### VLAN Design



# Use Case: Branch router as regional hub for remote branches

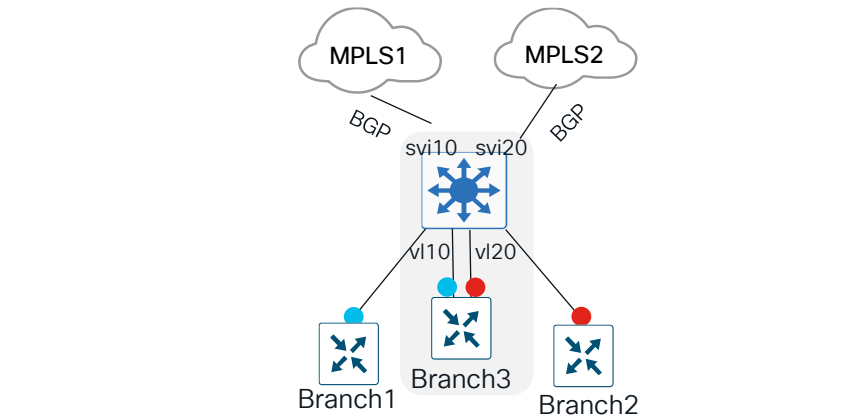
Requirement: Hub and spoke via regional Branch

Option1: Add WAN agg switch at regional hub

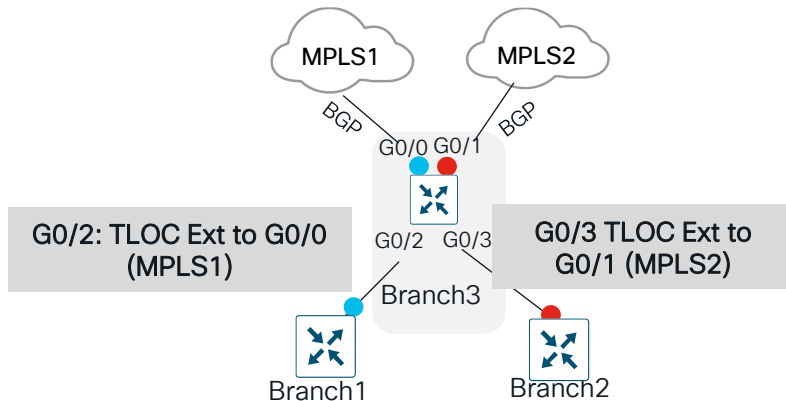


Challenge: Branches1/2 with no MPLS availability  
Only point-to-point (p2p) circuits to Branch3

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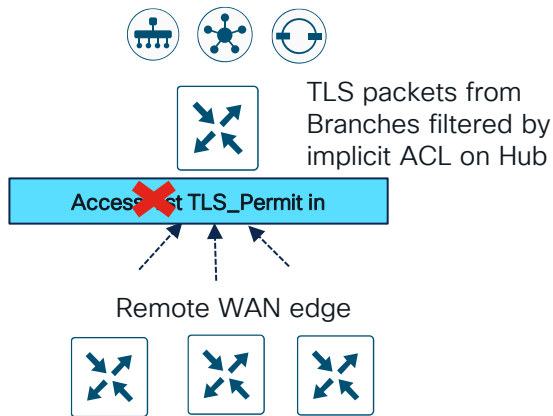
Option2: TLOC Extensions to 'stitch' p2p circuits to MPLS



# Use Case: On-prem Controllers hosted in a Colo Facility

## Design Challenges

Branch Edge cannot form control connections through Hub WAN Edge



```
Edge2#show platform packet-trace summary
```

Pkt	Input	Output
FWD		
5	internal0/0/recycle:0	Gi2
6	internal0/0/recycle:0	Gi2
7	internal0/0/recycle:0	Gi2
8	internal0/0/recycle:0	Gi2
9	Gi2	Gi6
10	Gi0	Gi0

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```
Edge2#show platform packet-trace packet
```

```
10 decode
```

```
Packet: 10
```

```
CBUG ID: 10
```

```
Summary
```

```
Input : GigabitEthernet0
```

```
Output : GigabitEthernet0
```

```
State : DROP 479
```

```
(SdwanImplicitAclDrop)
```

```
Timestamp
```

```
Start : 19430074503041 ns
```

```
(10/22/2024 13:02:14.185389 UTC)
```

```
Stop : 19430085645000 ns
```

```
(10/22/2024 13:02:14.196531 UTC)
```

```
Path Trace
```

```
Feature: IPV4(Input)
```

```
Input : GigabitEthernet0
```

```
Output : <unknown>
```

```
Source : 172.16.0.201
```

```
Destination : 172.16.2.3
```

```
Protocol : 17 (UDP)
```

```
SrcPort : 12346
```

```
DstPort : 12366
```

```
State Reason
```

```
FWD
```

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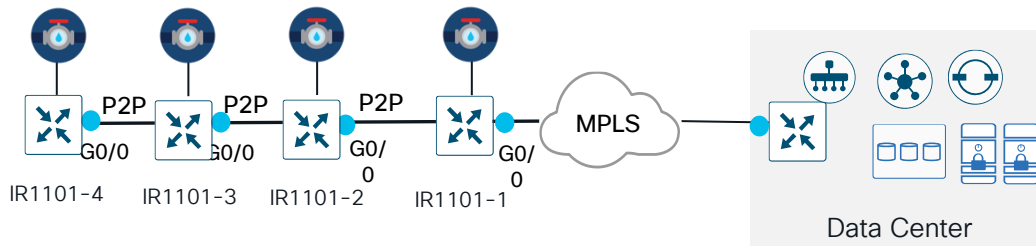
Create Explicit ACL which permit TLS/DTLS transit through Hub WAN Edge TLOC and apply to tunnel interface

```
policy
access-list Permit_control_traffic
sequence 1
match
source-port 12346 12366 12386 12406 12426
12446 12546 12646 12746 12846 12946 13046
protocol 17
!
action accept
!
sequence 2
match
source-port 23456 23556 23656 23756 23856
23956 24056 24156
protocol 6
!
action accept
!
default-action drop
sdwan
interface GigabitEthernet0
tunnel-interface
encapsulation ipsec weight 1
color biz-internet
access-list Permit_control_traffic in
!
```

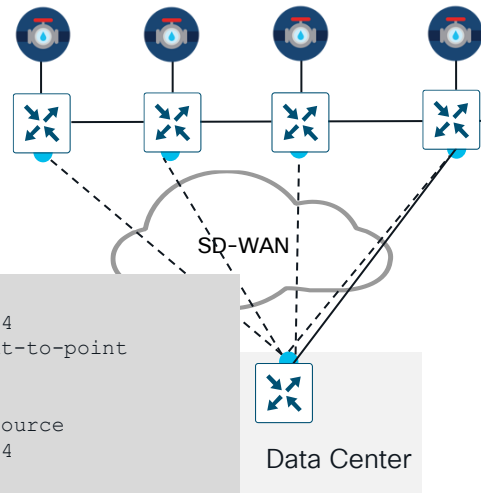
# Use Case: Daisy chaining IoT SD-WAN routers

## Remote locations with limited transport availability

Physical Topology (underlay)



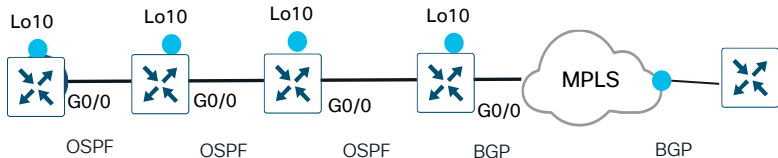
Desired logical topology (overlay)



Challenge: Transit routing of control and data plane traffic blocked by implicit ACL (Gig0/0) present on all TLOC interfaces

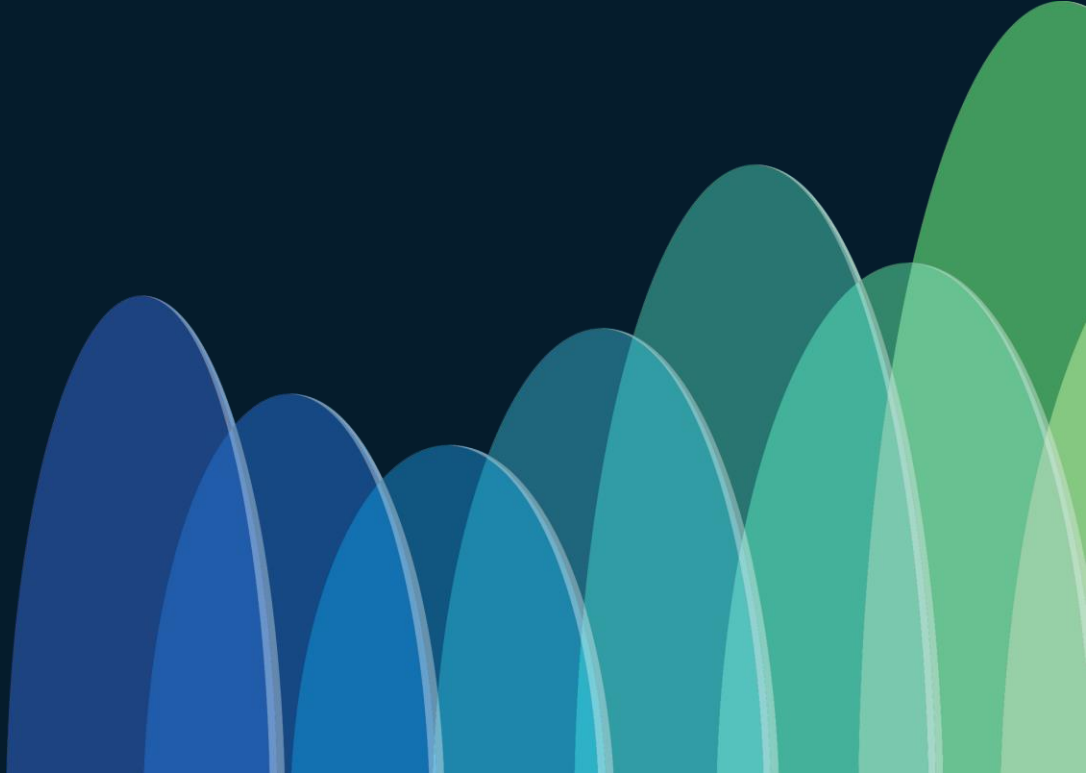
### Solution

- Use Loopback interface as TLOC sources (unbound mode)
- Enable underlay routing protocol (OSPF and BGP)
- Allow OSPF service under tunnel interface



```
interface gig0/0
ip address 1.1.1.1/24
ip ospf network point-to-point
ip ospf 1 area 0
interface loopback10
description tunnel source
ip address 2.2.2.2/24
ip ospf 1 area 0
!
sdwan
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
interface loopback10
tunnel interface
color mpls
allow-service ospf
!
router ospf 1
router-id 1.1.1.1
```

# Starlink Satellite

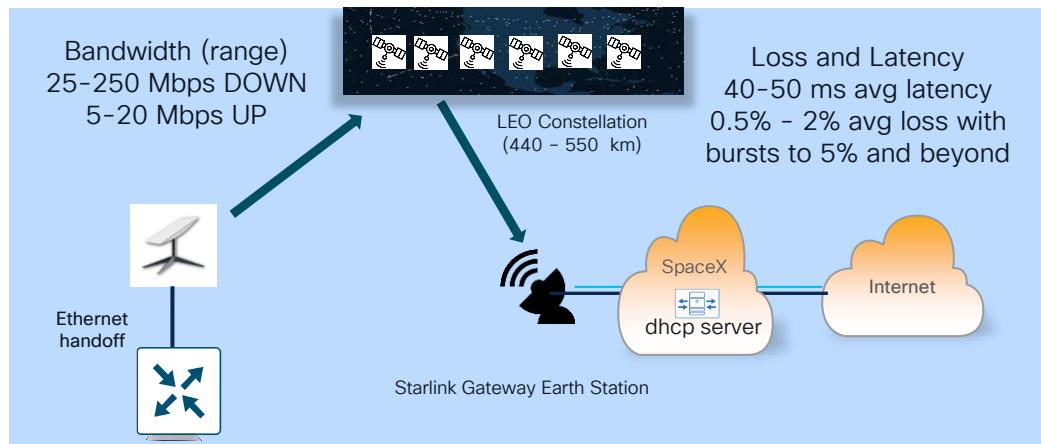




# Use Case: Starlink Satellite as SD-WAN Transport

Starlink is a constellation of 6000+ Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites offering Internet access via exchange points around the world (plans for 12000)

The Starlink CPE includes a high-performance terminal (dish), PoE injector, ethernet cable, and wifi router that can be replaced by a Cisco or 3rd party SD-WAN router



## Challenges

- Higher degree of latency than terrestrial transports may impact quality of experience for applications sensitive to delay
- Bandwidth may fluctuate depending on dish placement, radio frequency interference, weather and ground station capacity.
- Packet loss impacts TCP app performance, especially with OS with Reno and Cubic congestion control algorithms.

## Recommendations

- Deploy AAR to measure performance and steer latency-sensitive traffic away from Starlink path
- Configure per-tunnel and adaptive QoS (dynamic shaping)
- Enable App-QoE features to mitigate loss and latency

# SD-WAN over Starlink configurations

## Interface configuration

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  description Ethernet to Starlink LEO satellite
  ip dhcp client default-router distance 1
  ip dhcp client route distance 1
  ip address dhcp client-id GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  load-interval 30
  negotiation auto
```

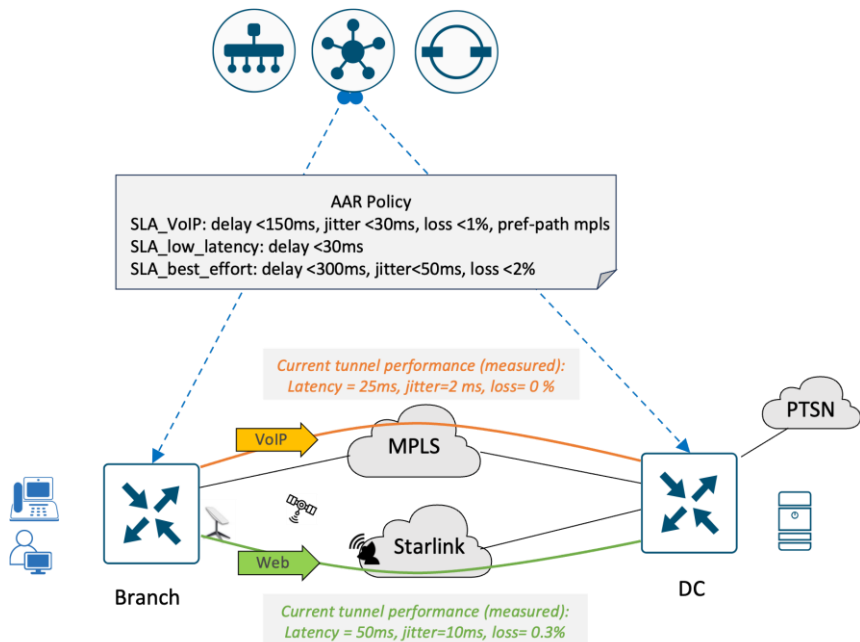
Required for deployments with Starlink and other TLOCs  
(ip dhcp client route distance 1 required for Cat8KV)

## Tunnel optimizations and adaptive QoS

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  tunnel-interface
  encapsulation ipsec
  color custom1
  no last-resort-circuit
  vmanage-connection-preference 1
!
  qos-adaptive
  period 5
  downstream 200000
  downstream range 80000 250000
  upstream 12000
  upstream range 2000 20000
```

# Application Aware Routing (AAR)

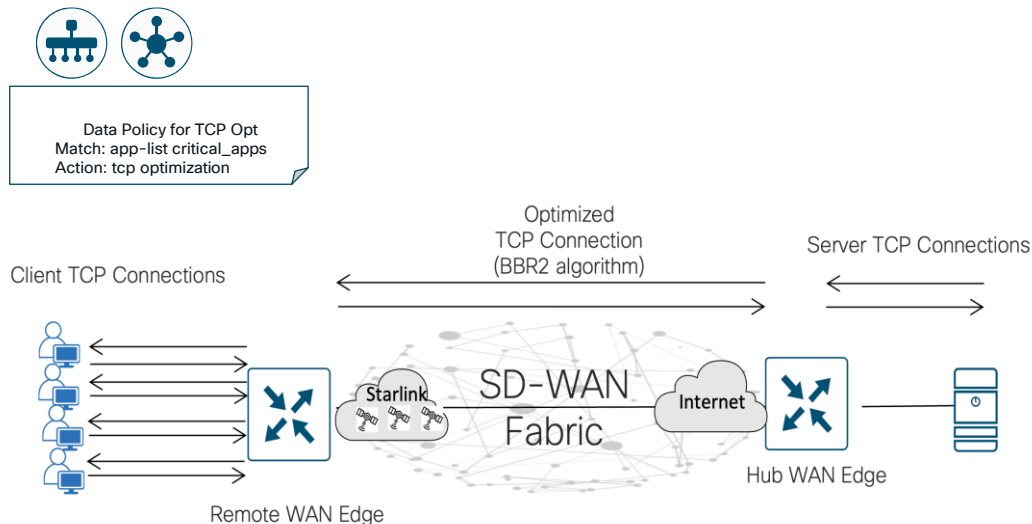
Prefer MPLS for real time traffic, Starlink for default



```
sla-class SLA_ClassList-Voice-And-Video
  jitter 30
  latency 45
  loss 2
!
sla-class SLA_ClassList-Default
  jitter 100
  latency 300
  loss 5
!
app-route-policy _CS1_VPN1_AAR_Default-AAR-Policy
  vpn-list CS1_VPN1
  sequence 1
    match
      app-list APP-List-voip-telephony
      source-ip 0.0.0.0/0
    !
    action
      sla-class SLA_ClassList-Voice-And-Video
      preferred-color mpls
      backup-sla-preferred-color mpls
  sequence 161
    match
      dscp 0
      source-ip 0.0.0.0/0
    action
      sla-class Default preferred-color custom1
```

# App-QoE: TCP Optimization

BBR2 increases iPerf/TCP throughput over Starlink by 300%



```
Viptela-policy:policy
data-policy _CS1_VPN1_opt4
vpn-list CS1_VPN1
sequence 1
match
source-data-prefix-list ubuntu11
destination-data-prefix-list ubuntu6
!
action accept
tcp-optimization
service-node-group SNG-APPQOE
count u11-6_-1323095233
default-action accept
```

WAN Edge routers proxy TCP sessions between clients and servers and leverage the BBR2 algorithm to improve performance over high latency and lossy links.

# App-QoE: Forward Error Correction (FEC)

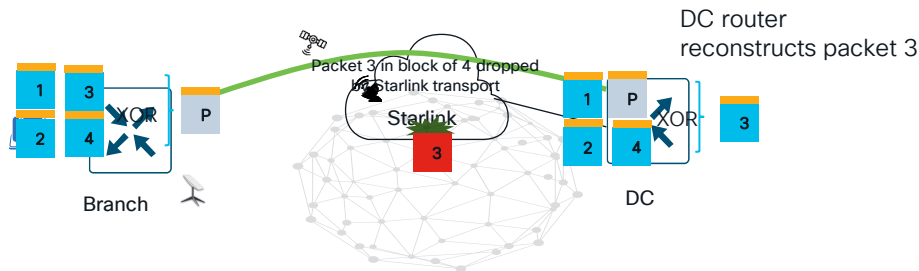
## Reconstructing packet drops over Starlink tunnels



Data Policy for FEC  
Match: app-list critical\_apps  
Action forward-error-correction

FEC is a mechanism to recover lost packets on a link by sending extra “parity” packet built by calculating XOR value for every group of 4 packets.

If 1 packet is lost in the group of 4, and the parity packet is intact, the receiving WAN edge can reconstruct with another XOR



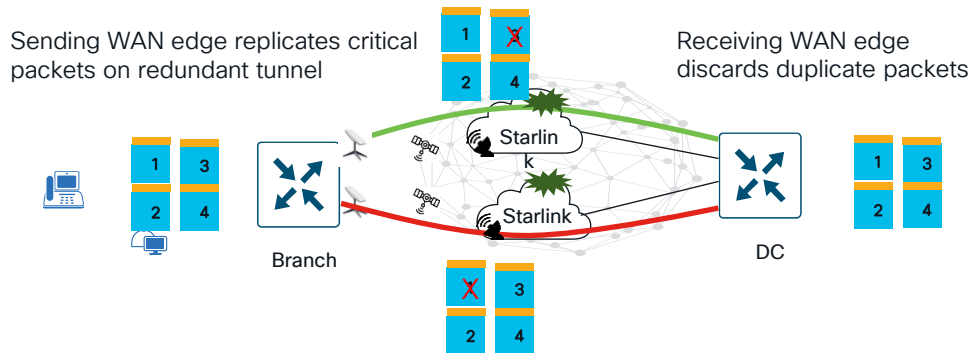
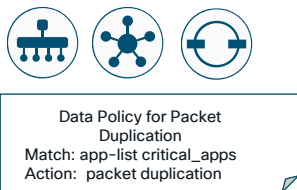
```
viptela-policy:policy
data-policy _CS1_VPN1_error_correction
vpn-list CS1_VPN1
sequence 1
match
source-data-prefix-list ubuntu11
destination-data-prefix-list ubuntu6
!
action accept
count u11-6fec 87880661
loss-protect fec-adaptive
loss-protection forward-error-correction adaptive
```

Up to 60% throughput increase over Starlink with FEC  
(IPerf3 TCP throughput testing)

# App-QoE: Packet Duplication

Proactive loss mitigation by replicating critical flows over redundant tunnels

WAN edge replicates all packets for critical application flows  
and forwards copy over redundant SD-WAN tunnel



```
viptela-policy:policy
data-policy _CS1_VPN1_Packetdup
vpn-list CS1_VPN1
sequence 1
match
  source-data-prefix-list ubuntu11
  destination-data-prefix-list ubuntu6
!
action accept
count u11-6fec_1256232839
loss-protect pkt-dup
loss-protection packet-duplication
```

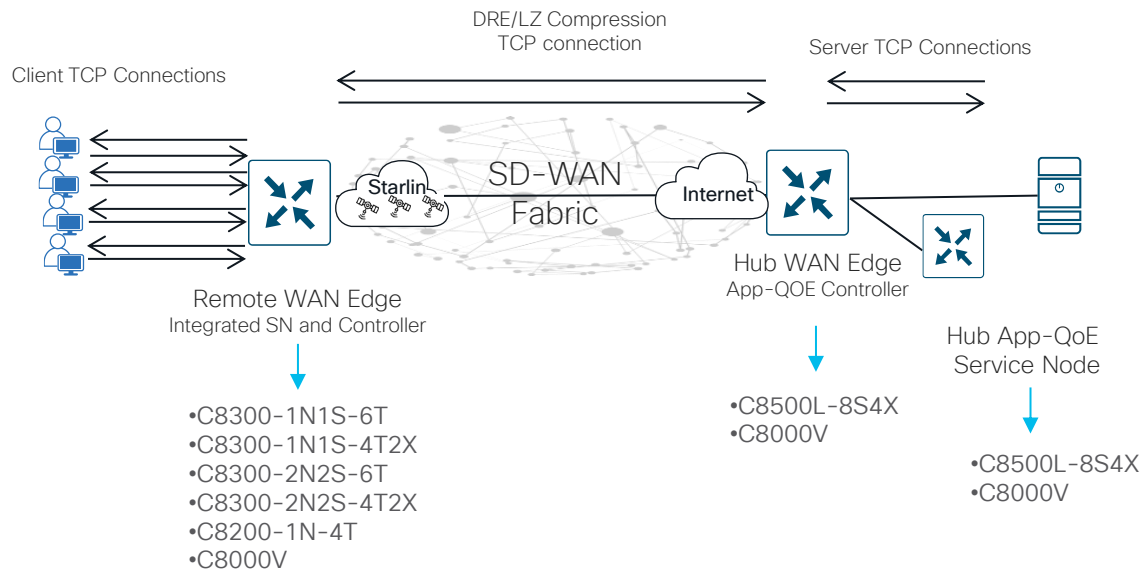
Up to 20% throughput increase over Starlink when Packet duplication  
(IPerf3 TCP throughput testing)

# App-QoE: Data Redundancy Elimination (DRE) with LZ compression

## Traffic Reduction over WAN

DRE reduces the amount of WAN traffic by (byte) caching previously seen data patterns

LZ reduces the amount of WAN traffic by doing zip like compression on top of DRE



```
viptela-policy:policy
data-policy_CS1_VPN1_opt3
vpn-list CS1_VPN1
sequence 1
match
source-data-prefix-list ubuntu11
destination-data-prefix-list ubuntu6
!
action accept
tcp-optimization
dre-optimization
service-node-group SNG-APPQOE
count u11-6_185636872
```

Up to 90% reduction in WAN traffic over Starlink when DRE/LZ is enabled along with TCP opt  
(Tested using multiple iterations of FTP downloads of a file hosted on a server at Hub)

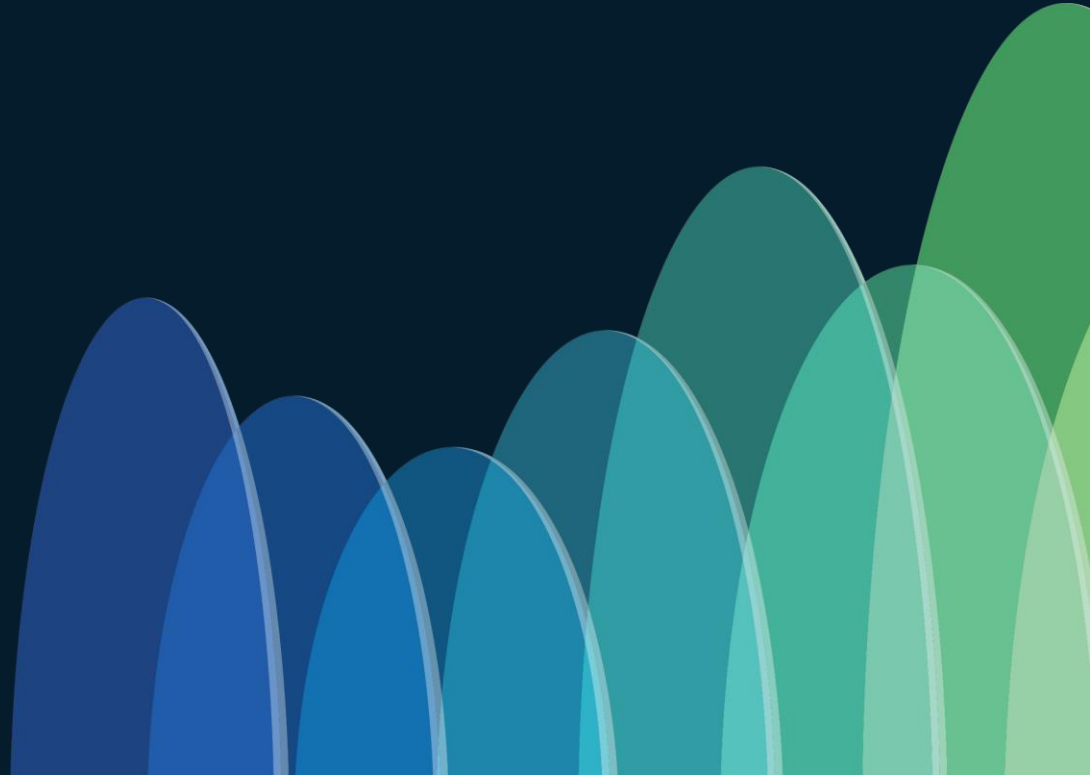
# Review of App-QoE features with Starlink as SD-WAN transport

Option	App-QoE feature	Throughput increase	WAN Traffic Reduction
A	TCP Optimization	300%	
B	Forward Error Correction	60%	
C	Packet Duplication	20%	
D	Data Redundancy Elimination (DRE) with LZ compression		90%

Recommend TCP Optimization and DRE/LZ for better application experience



# NAT

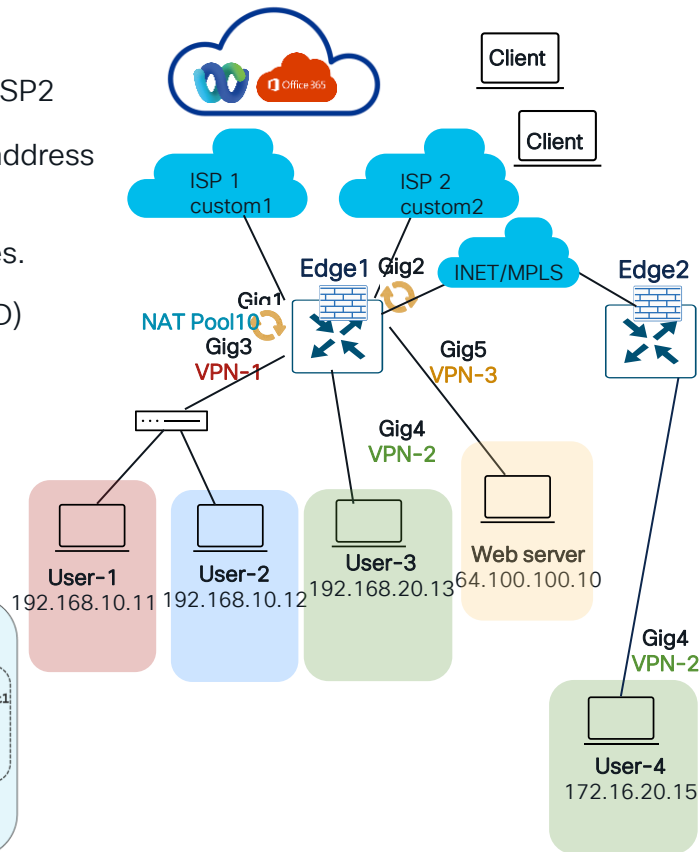


# Use Case: Multiple NAT requirements for a site

## Requirements

1. Corporate VPN1 **User-1** should **NAT to Pool10** and be load shared across ISP1 and ISP2
2. Corporate VPN1 **User-2** accessing Webex services should **NAT to Interface Gig1** IP address and be pinned to ISP1.
3. Recently integrated Partner VPN2 wants to communicate with other SD-WAN branches.
4. **Web-server VPN3** traffic should be **bypassed from being NATted** ( NOT TRANSLATED)
5. All DIA traffic inspected by NGFW

Problem: Single NAT method supported in data policy prior to 17.14



## Behavior prior to 17.14

### Data-Policy configuration

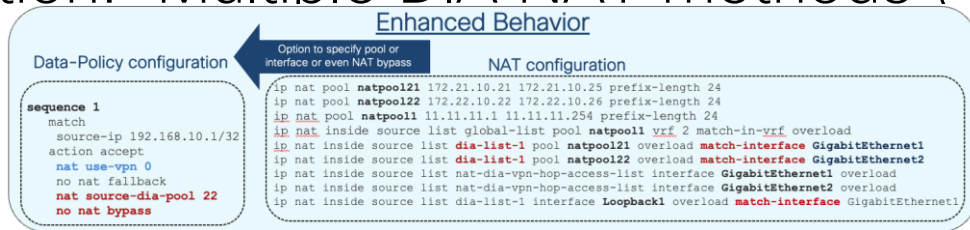
```
sequence 31
match
source-ip 0.0.0.0/0
action accept
nat use-vpn 0
no nat fallback
```

No control to select specific pool or interface

### NAT configuration

```
ip nat pool natpool-GigabitEthernet1-0 181.1.1.1 181.1.1.4 prefix-length 27
ip nat inside source list global-list pool natpool-GigabitEthernet1-0 overload egress-interface GigabitEthernet1
(or)
ip nat inside source list nat-dia-vpn-hop-access-list interface GigabitEthernet1 overload
(or)
ip nat inside source list global-list interface Loopback1 overload egress-interface GigabitEthernet1
```

# Solution: Multiple DIA NAT methods (17.14)



## VPN1 (Corporate VPN) Requirements

- User-1 DIA NAT to Pool 10 and load shared across ISP1 and ISP2
- User-2 DIA NAT to Interface Gig1 IP address and forward to ISP1

```
viptela-policy:policy
data-policy _VPN1_Multiple-DIA-NAT-method
vpn-list VPN1
sequence 1
  match
    source-ip 192.168.10.11
  !
  action accept
  nat use-vpn 0
  nat source-dia-pool 10
  !
sequence 2
  match
    source-ip 192.168.10.12
  !
  action accept
  nat use-vpn 0
  set
  local-tloc-list
  color custom1

```

## VPN2 ( Partner VPN) Requirements

User-3 Service Side NAT to Pool 1 address.

```
from-vsmart data-policy _nat-dia-vpn-1
_SSNNAT-Network-Static-8
direction from-service
vpn-list nat-dia-vpn-2
sequence 1
  match
    destination-ip 172.16.20.15
  action accept
nat pool 1
  default-action accept
from-vsmart lists vpn-list nat-dia-vpn-2
vpn 2

```

## VPN3 (Web Server) Requirements

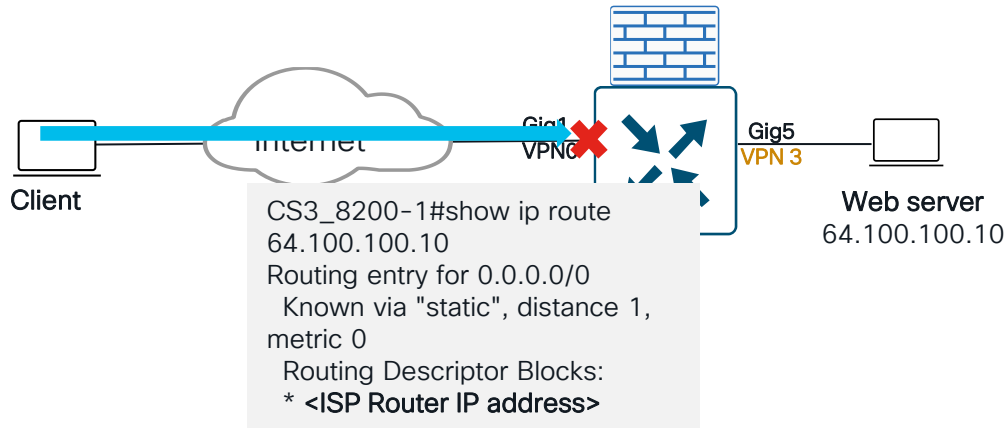
Web Server with Public IP address should bypass NAT outbound to Internet

```
vpn-list VPN3
sequence 1
  match
    source-ip 64.100.100.10
  !
  action accept
  nat use-vpn 0
  nat bypass

```

# Problem: Incoming traffic to web server dropped

## No route to Web Server in Global VPN0



```
vpn-list VPN3
sequence 1
match
source-ip 64.100.100.10
!
action accept
nat use-vpn 0
nat bypass
```

Solution: Route leak between Transport and Service VPN

```
vrf definition 3
description Web Server VRF
rd 1:10
address-family ipv4
route-replicate from vrf global unicast
static
route-target export 100:10
route-target import 100:10
exit-address-family
!
global-address-family ipv4
route-replicate from vrf 3 unicast connected
```

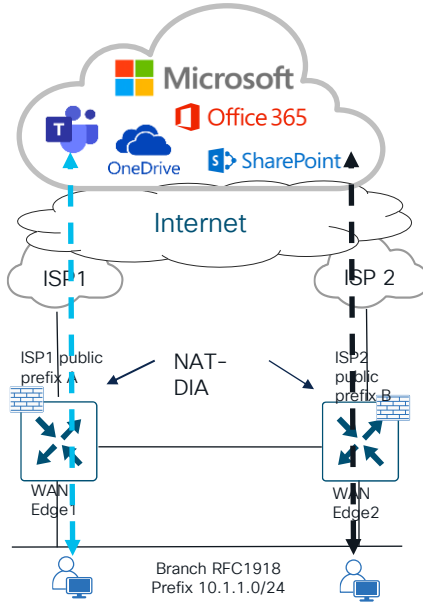
```
CS3_8200-1#show ip route 64.100.100.10
Routing entry for 64.100.100.10/32
Known via "connected", distance 0, metric 0
(connected)
Routing Descriptor Blocks:
* directly connected, via GigabitEthernet5
Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1
```

# Branch Security

# NGFW Redundancy

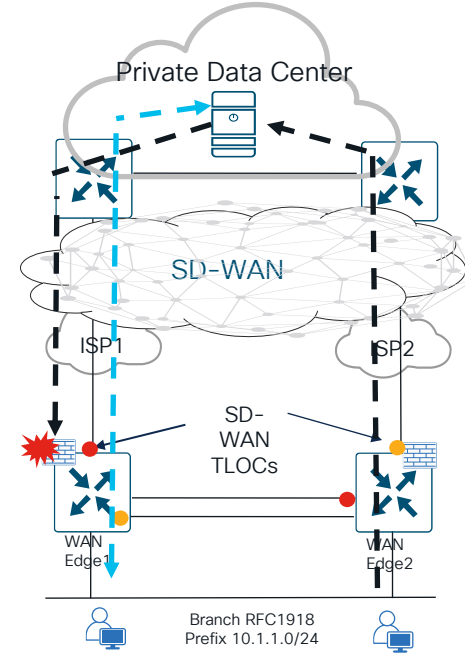
## DIA and SD-WAN use cases

NAT-DIA



- Dual Edge with NGFW for DIA traffic inspection
- NAT enforces traffic symmetry and guarantees bidirectional traffic through the NGFW

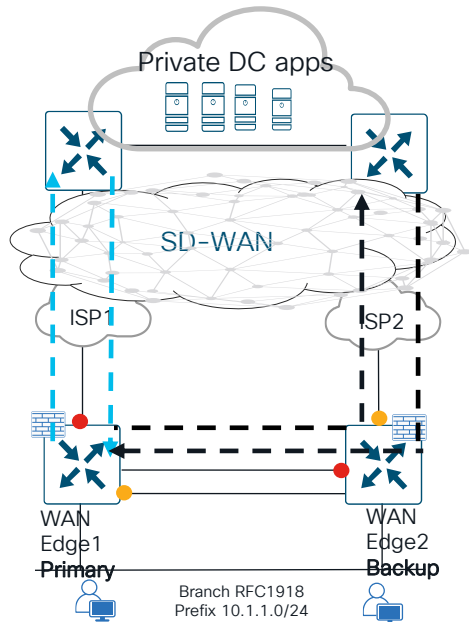
SD-WAN



- Dual Edge with NGFW for SD-WAN traffic inspection
- No guarantee for traffic symmetry by default
- Ingress traffic may return on different Edge/NGFW resulting in traffic drops (no NGFW state)

# NGFW Redundancy Solutions for SD-WAN

## Primary and backup WAN Edge/NGFW



### WAN Edge Primary

```
interface gig0
description ISP1 interface
tunnel-interface
color custom1 (red)
!
interface gig1
description ISP2 via TLOC EXT
tunnel-interface
color custom2 (yellow) encaps
ipsec
!
interface gig2
vrf forwarding 1
ip address 10.1.1.2
vrrp 1 address-family ipv4
priority 105
address 10.10.1.1 primary
tloc-change increase-pref 333
```

### WAN Edge2 Backup

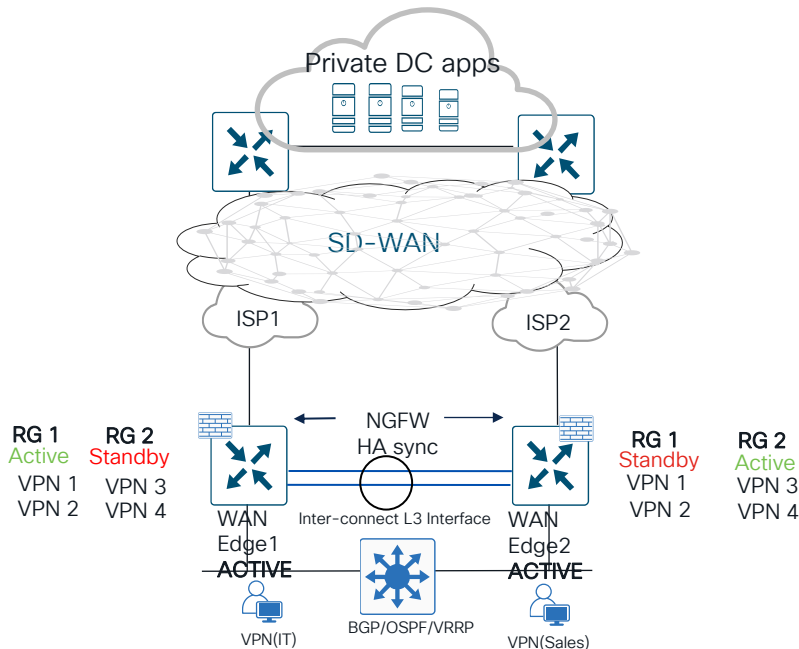
```
interface gig0
description ISP2 interface
tunnel-interface
color custom2 (yellow)
encaps ipsec
!
interface gig1
description ISP1 via TLOC EXT
tunnel-interface
color custom1 (red)
!
interface gig2
vrf forwarding 1
ip address 10.1.1.3
vrrp 1 address-family ipv4
address 10.10.1.1 primary
```

- Enforce symmetry by designating active and backup forwarding nodes
- L2 LAN: VRRP priority set higher on active forwarder
- VRRP tloc preference ensures traffic from DC side is attracted to WAN Edge1
- L3 LAN: Routing metrics tuned to prefer active forwarder during redistribution

# Critical Branch High Availability

## Branch On Prem Security redundancy (20.15)

### 17.15/20.15: Redundancy Groups (RG)



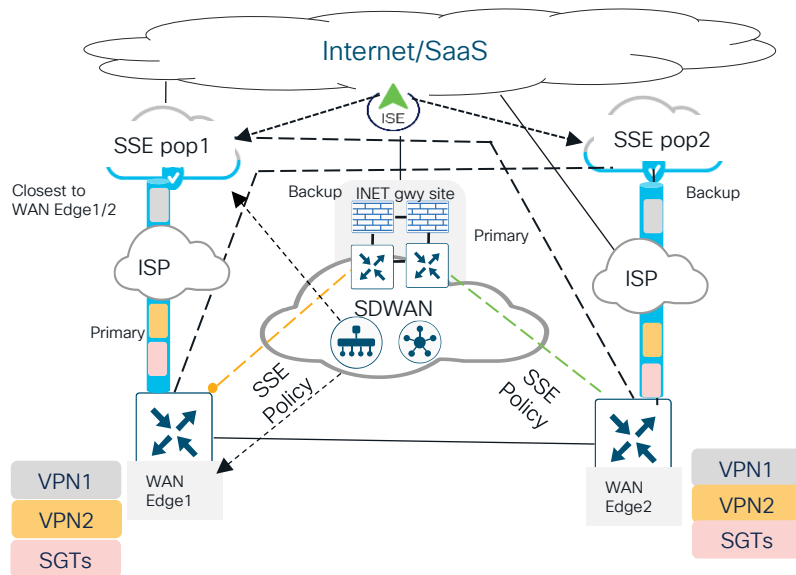
- Traffic symmetry not required
- Active/Active WAN Edge for selected VPN's and NGFW pair
- VPN Homing
- Inter-connect connects two routers in HA mode
- ✓ Session Sync
- ✓ Data Traffic ( Peer Redirect)
- FW State and NAT Connections are in sync between devices in HA group



# Critical Branch High Availability

Branch Cloud security redundancy (20.15)

Option2: Cloud Security (SIG/SSE)  
17.15/20.15: Secure Access Context Sharing



- SSE inspecting the traffic for thin/hybrid sites
- Primary and Backup SSE tunnels for HA
- Context sharing of VPN/SGT identity to enforce identity-based policy at SSE

# Scalability and High Availability

# Use Case: High Scale Hub and Spoke Deployment

## Hub WAN Edge Horizontal Scalability

### Requirement 1: 18,000 tunnels at hub

- Catalyst 8500 is highest performing SD-WAN platform supporting up to 10,000 IPsec tunnels
- **How to spread IPsec Tunnels horizontally across 3 different Hub routers in each DC?**

### Requirement 2: 300Gbps aggregate bw at Hub

- Aggregate throughput required for all sites exceeds the current throughput capacity of a single Catalyst 8500
- **How to distribute traffic across 3 different hub routers in a horizontal fashion?**

### Requirement 3: 600 VRFs at hub site

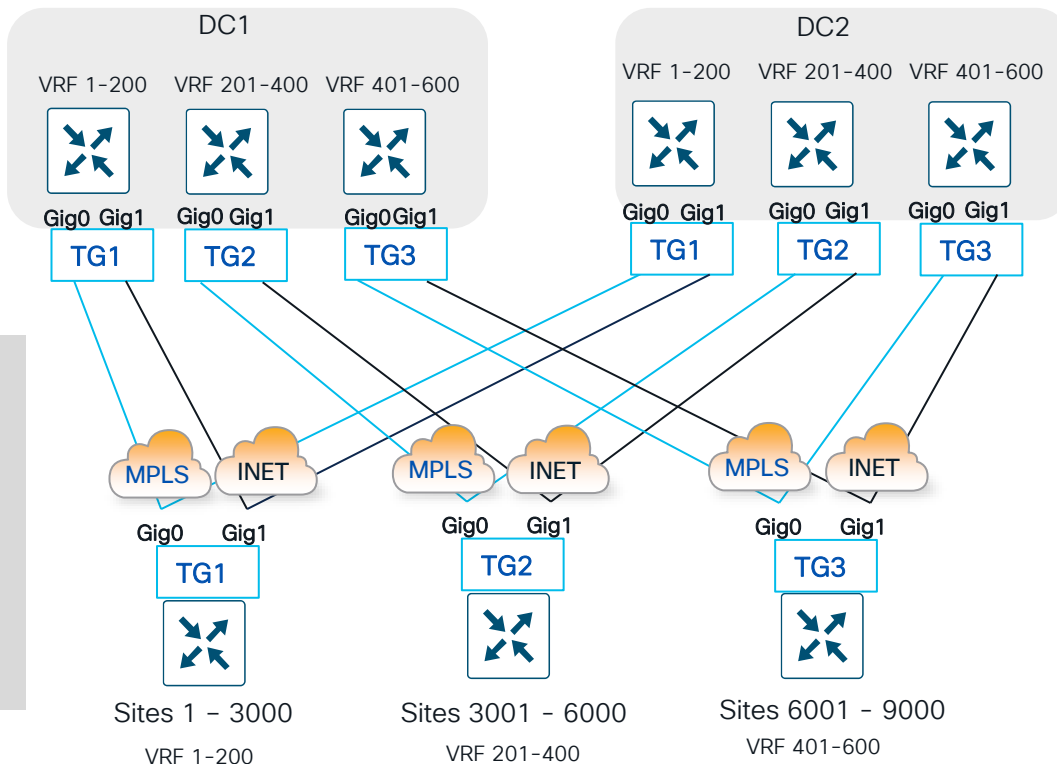
- Remote sites are different companies that require separation into different VRFs
- 600 VRFs are required to accommodate all partners - Catalyst 8500 supports 300 VRFs
- **How to distribute 600 VRFs across 3 Hub routers?**

# Solution: Tunnel Groups for deterministic tunnel placement on hub

## Result after Tunnel Group

- VRFs distributed across Hubs
- Tunnels and Traffic distributed across Hubs

```
sdwan
interface GigabitEthernet0
 tunnel-interface
 encapsulation ipsec
 color mpls
 Group 1
interface GigabitEthernet1
 tunnel-interface
 encapsulation ipsec
 color biz-internet
 Group 1
```



# SD-WAN HA Design for Critical Site

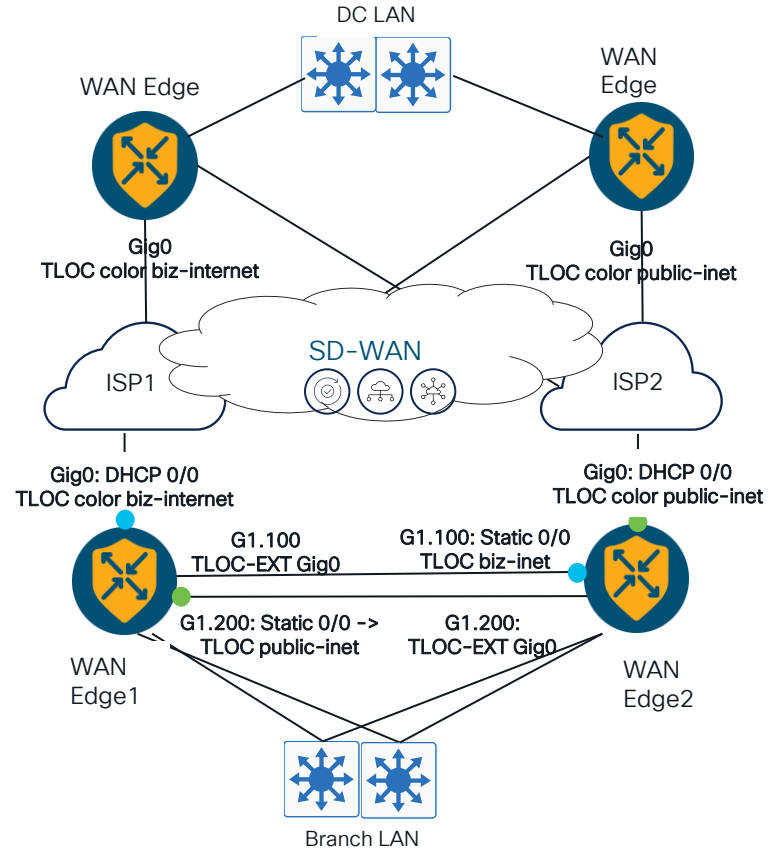
## Option1: Active/Active Tunnels with TLOC Extensions

Two TLOCs on each router (biz-internet **and** public-internet)

VLANs 100, 200 defined for TLOC extensions on cross-link

Results in 8 Tunnels per site (4 WAN, 4 via TLOC extension)

- 8 OMP paths for DC routes (1 per TLOC)
- ECMP load-balancing across all 8 tunnel paths
- Supports Application Aware Routing (AAR) designs where local access to all TLOCs is a required prerequisite



# SD-WAN HA Design for Critical Site

## Option2: Active/Backup paths with no TLOC Extensions

One TLOC on each router (biz-internet or public-internet)

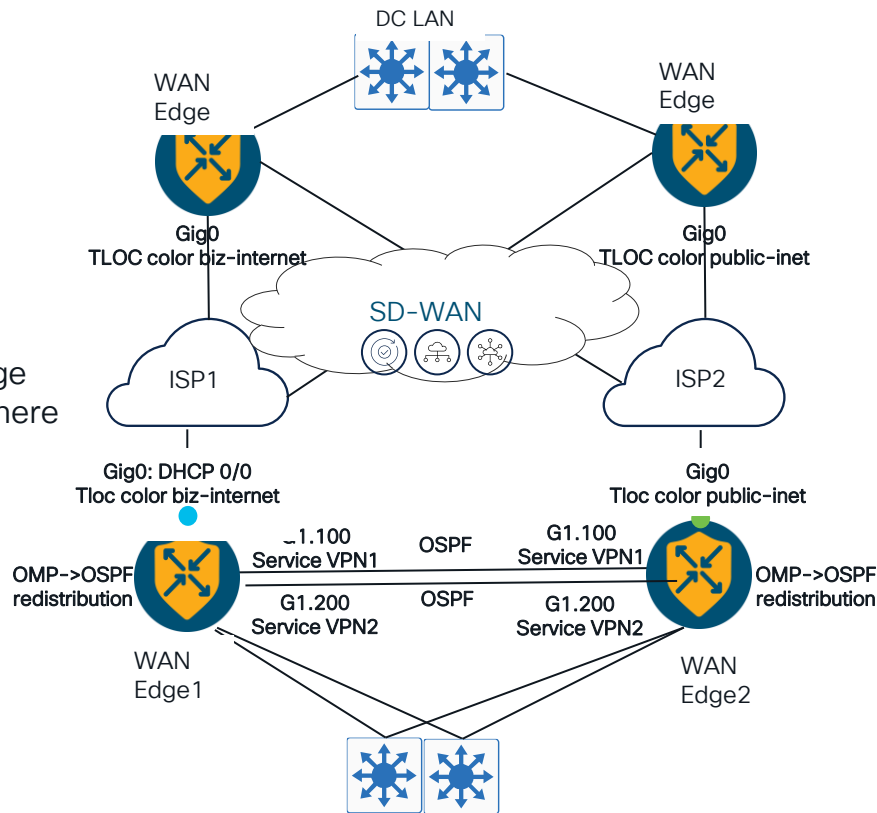
Dedicated VLAN per Service VPN with OSPF enabled

- VLAN100: Service VPN1
- VLAN200: Service VPN2

OMP to OSPF (Service VPN) redistribution for backup path

Results in 4 Tunnels per site (Each router with 2 across WAN)

- LAN switch controls load-balancing of traffic to both WAN edge
- Does not support Application Aware Routing (AAR) designs where each router must have both TLOCs



# Dual Router Design for Internet High Availability

## Option1: Dual DIA using local ISP + TLOC Extension path

Each cEdge with two interfaces for NAT-DIA Internet breakout

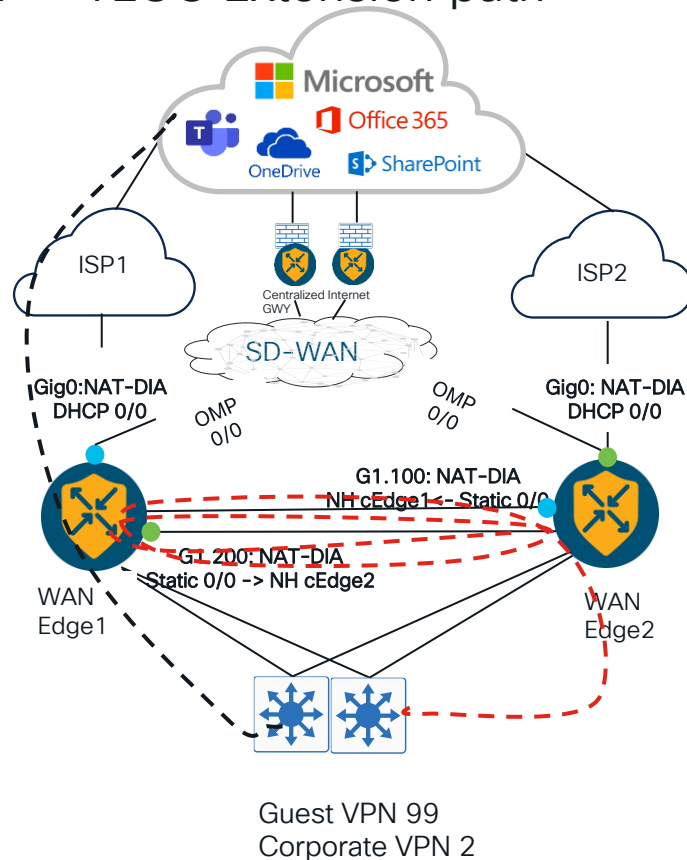
- Gig0 local ISP circuit, Gig1.x00 cross-link to peer WAN edge
- Each router with dual default routes
  - DHCP learned 0/0 from local ISP
  - Static 0/0 to peer WAN edge via cross-link

Traffic redirection based on routing or centralized policy

- Guest VPN: Default route in VPN 99 directs all traffic to DIA path

**Problem: Some Internet-bound flows looping on cross-link due to dual default routes**

- Internet-bound flows hashed to static default route to peer WAN edge may loop on cross-link



# Dual Router Design for Internet High Availability

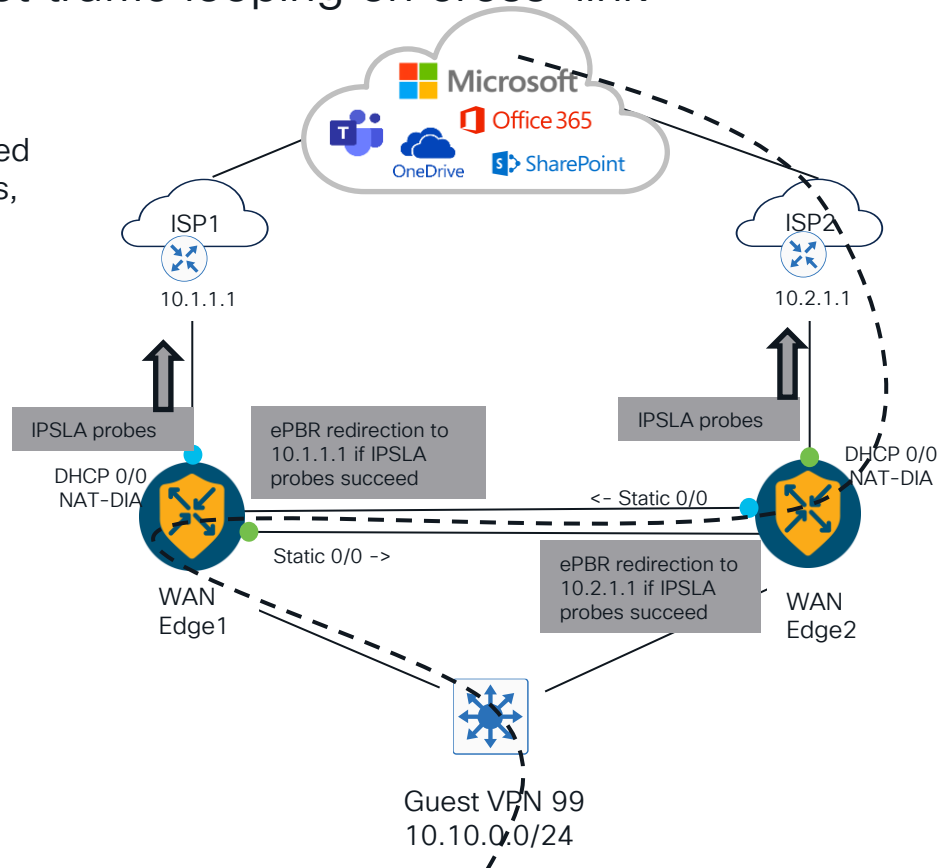
## Option1: Solution for Internet traffic looping on cross-link

### Solution: enhanced policy-based route-map (ePBR)

- ePBR is an advanced local data policy that routes traffic based on flexible match criteria such as IP addresses, port numbers, protocols.
- ePBR supports IPSLA object tracking to reduce risk of blackholing
- ePBR configuration requires cli add-on template

#### Example ePBR on cEdge2 for Guest DIA

```
ip sla 1
  icmp-echo 10.2.1.1
ip sla schedule 1 life forever start-time now
track 1 ip sla 1 state
!
ip access-list extended GUEST
  100 permit ip 10.10.0.0 0.0.0.255 any
class-map match-any DIA-ISP2
  match access-group name GUEST
!
policy-map type epbr DIA-ISP2
  class DIA-ISP2
    set ipv4 next-hop verify-availability 10.2.1.1 10 track 2
!
interface GigabitEthernet1.100
  service-policy type epbr input DIA-ISP2
```





# Dual Router Design for Internet High Availability

## Option2: Active/Backup paths for DIA

Each WAN edge with single NAT-DIA interface

- Gig0 in Global VPN0 for NAT-DIA to local ISP
- Gig1 in Service VPN 99 (WAN edge 1-2 Cross-link)

DIA path selected as active by the preferred default route in VPN99

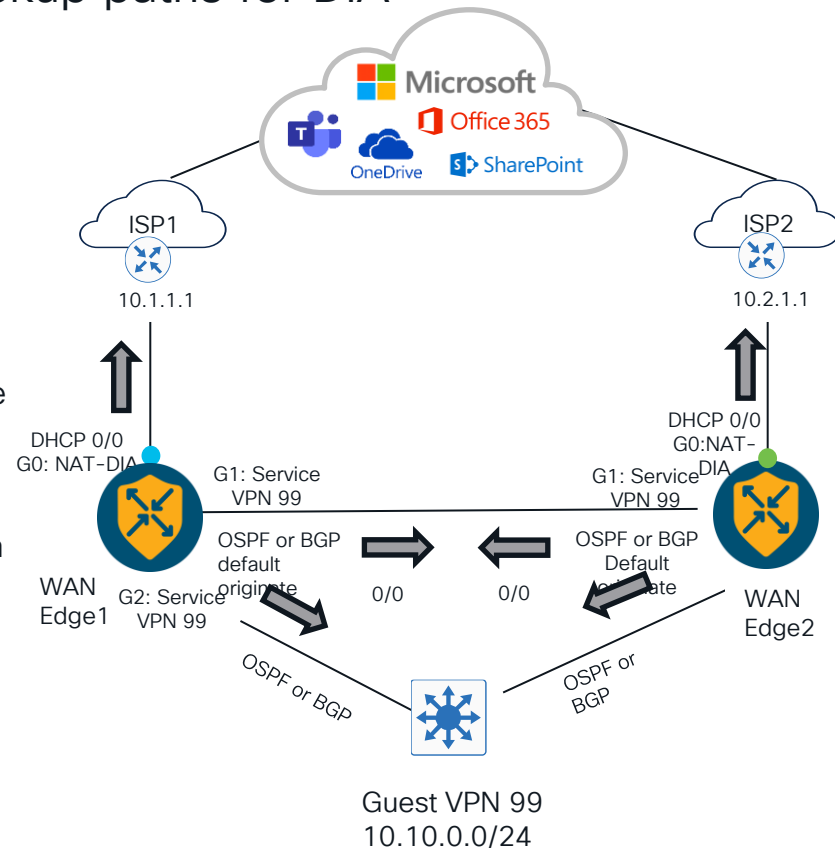
- NAT-DIA 0/0 route = admin distance 6

Cross-link path designated as backup due to less preferred distance

- OSPF 0/0 route = admin distance 110
- BGP 0/0 route = admin distance 20 or 200

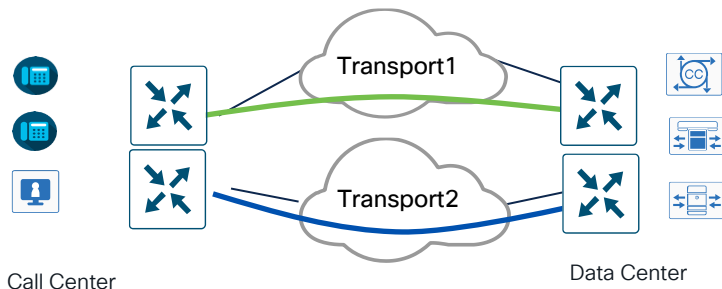
ECMP load balancing across ISP1/ISP2 controlled by L3 LAN Switch

- OSPF or BGP learned default route from both WAN Edge1 and Edge2

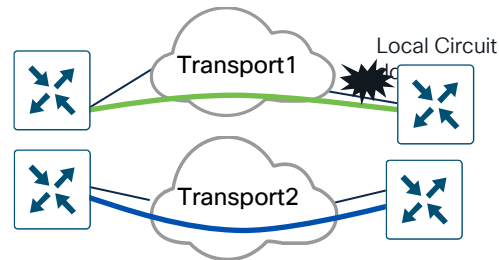


# Critical Application High Availability

Requirement: 99.99% uptime SLA for call center applications

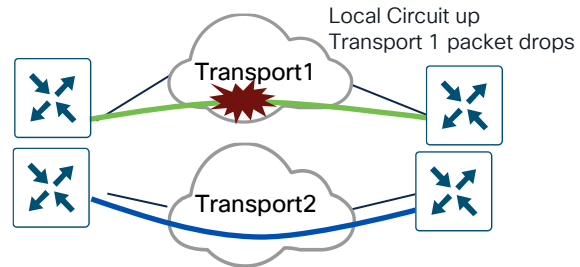


Hard Circuit Failure can result in up to **7 seconds packet loss**  
(Assuming CVD-recommended BFD timers)



99.99% uptime SLA can only tolerate 52.6 minutes yearly downtime

Soft Failure (brownout) may result in up to **12-minute packet loss**  
(Assuming CVD-recommended BFD/App-route Timers)



# Enhanced AAR (EAAR)

(20.12/17.12)

## AAR (Original)

Performance measurements (loss/latency) derived from BFD probe statistics (active measurements)

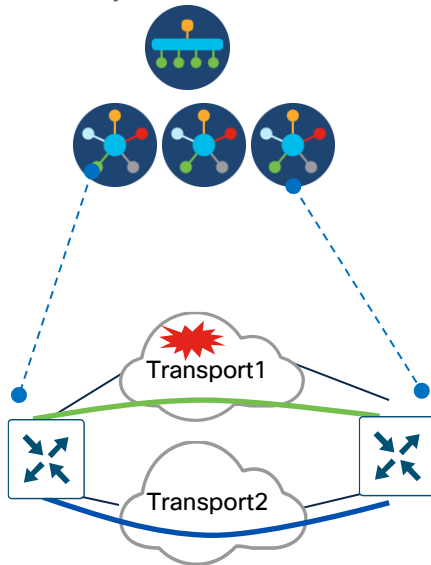
Soft failures in cloud may take up to 12 minutes to detect and reroute around

Transport1: 200ms, 3% loss  
Transport: 10ms, 0% loss

VoIP

App Aware Routing Policy  
SLA for VoIP application requires path with

latency <150ms and loss <2%



## EAAR Improvements

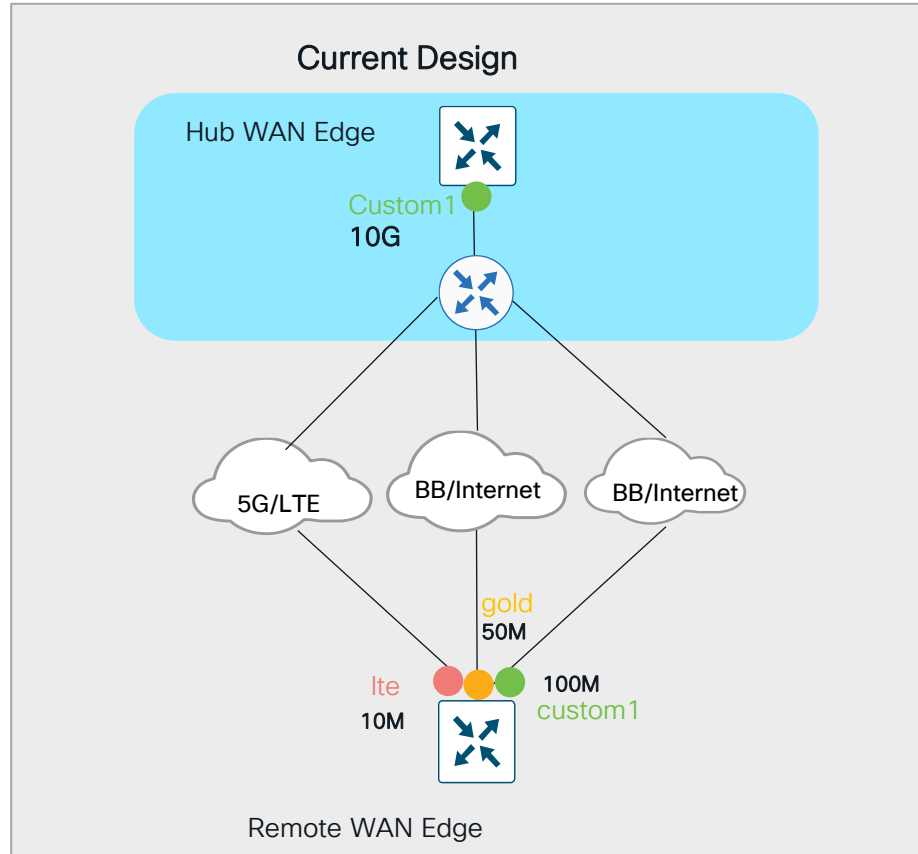
Enhanced (passive) tunnel performance metrics measurements by using **inline data**

**Faster** tunnel degradation detection and switchover in the order of seconds (**minimum 10 sec**) to another path when SLA not met

SLA Dampening prevents churn

# Critical Application Symmetric Traffic Flow

Requirement: Incoming traffic using AAR to use the same path

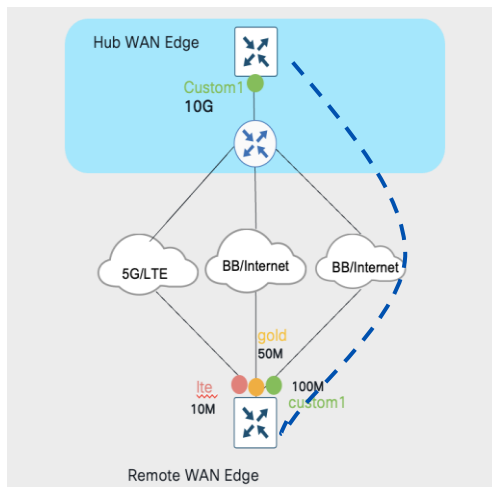


# Solution: Remote Color Preference in AAR and Data Policy (20.15/17.15)

## AAR (Original)

Able to influence outbound traffic from the branch but could not ensure the return traffic from DC to branch preferring the same path to those critical applications

Branch Site Types with unequal transports can now have symmetrical traffic flow



## AAR Improvements

- The solution can be simplified by adding preferred remote-color at DC or Hub

Remote-color preference option available in AAR and Data policy

# SD-WAN Overlay High Availability

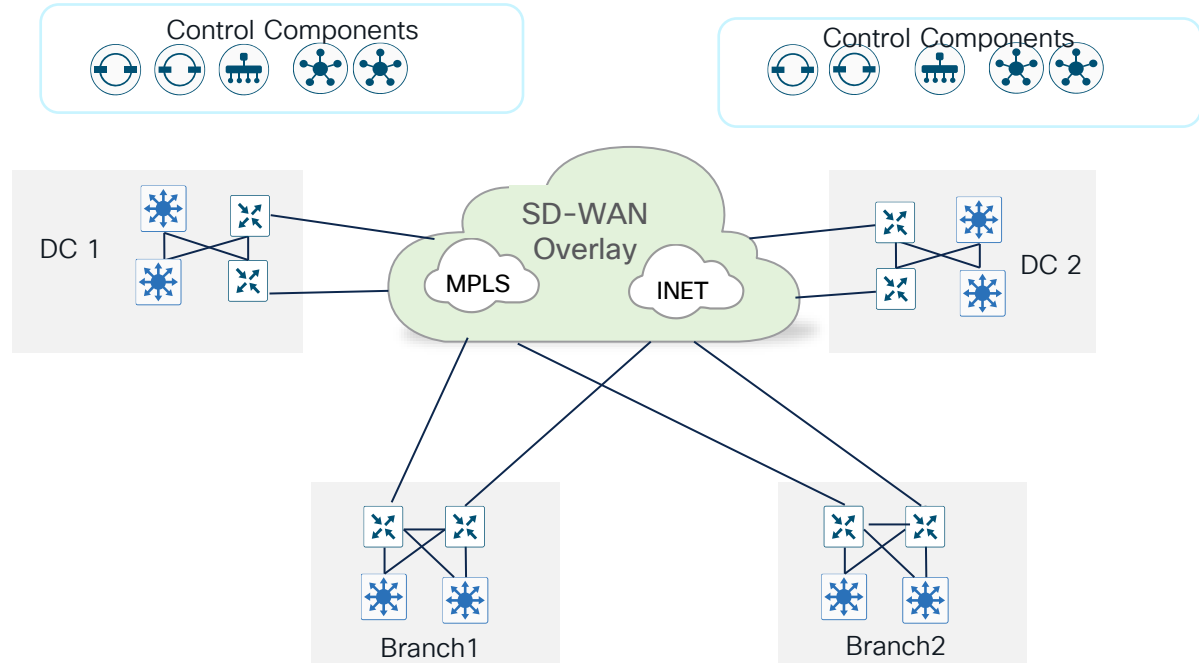
## Goal: Zero downtime

### HA Features

- N + 1 Redundant devices and circuits
- Control component redundancy
- Two or more underlay service providers

### Design Limitations

- Single instance of OMP
- Does not protect against human error



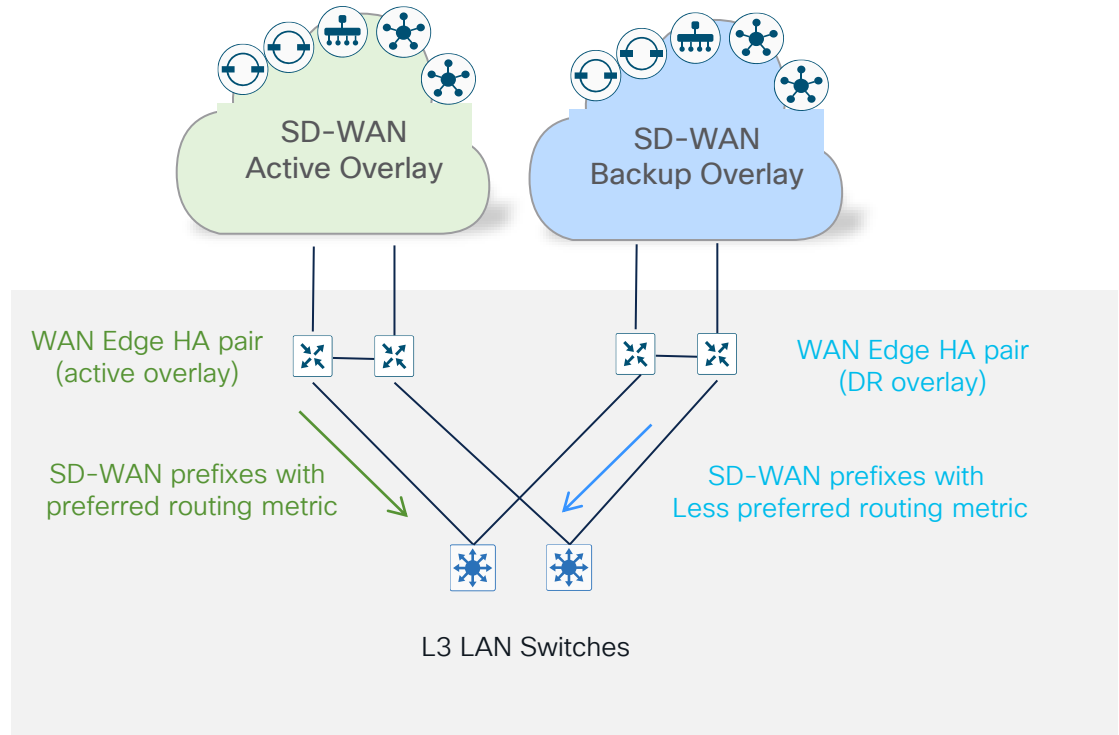
# SD-WAN Overlay High Availability Solution: Dual Overlays (Active/Backup)

## Dual overlay Design

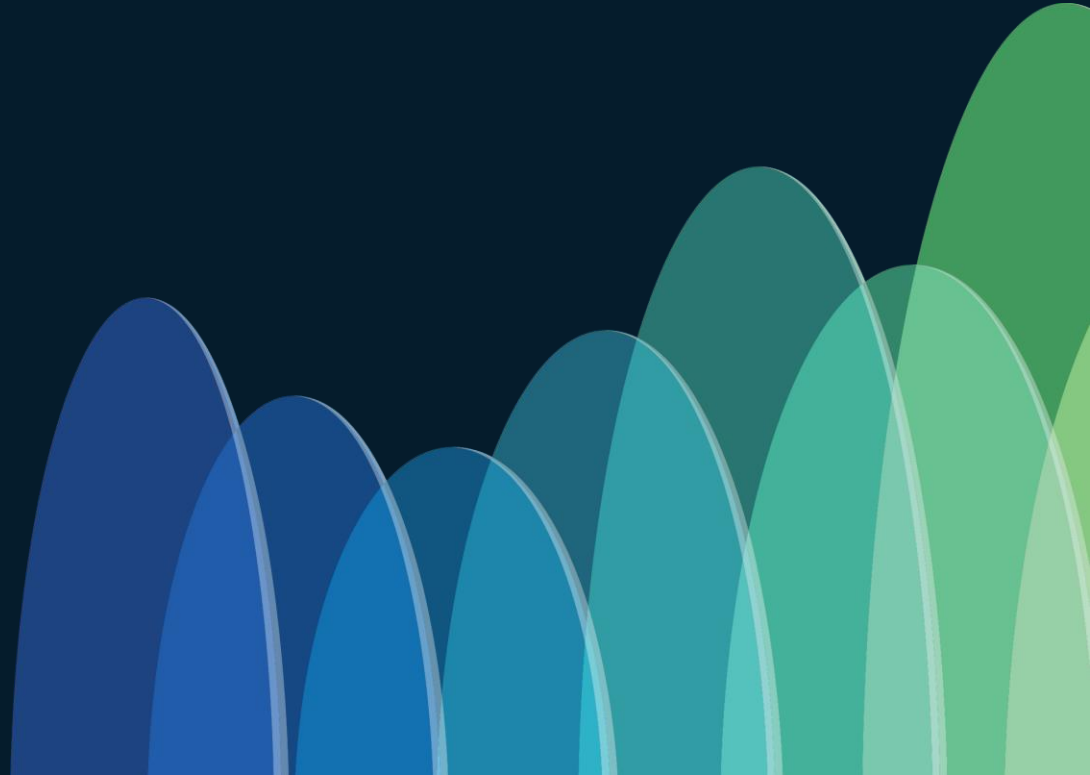
- Two unique overlays deployed with redundant WAN edge routers and control components
- Layer 3 LAN switch pair dual homed to each overlay with dynamic routing enabled
- Layer 3 LAN switch pair prefers active overlay based on routing metrics (eg, ospf cost, bgp med)

## Caveats

- Two sets of device configurations to manage
- Manual sync of vManage active -> DR databases
- All sites failover to DR Overlay in event of outage on active



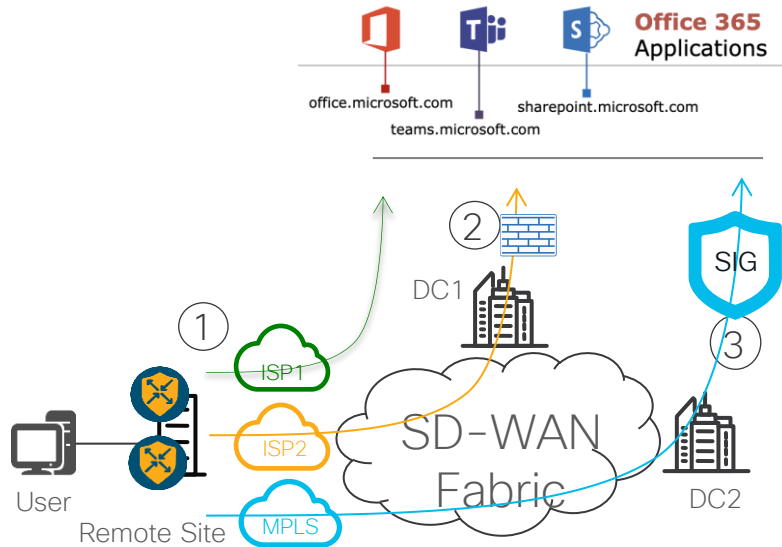
# Cloud SaaS Path Optimization





# Fast Track SaaS Optimization

## Unlocking SaaS App Visibility Through First Packet Match



### Business intent

- MS Teams forwarded over DIA path via local NGFW
- Other SaaS: Prefer better performing path across SD-WAN overlay to DC1 or DC2

### Proposed Solution

- Cloud OnRamp for SaaS with support for SIG (20.3.4)

### Problem

- How to achieve first packet match of MS applications for immediate traffic-steering of MS Teams to DIA?

### Solution

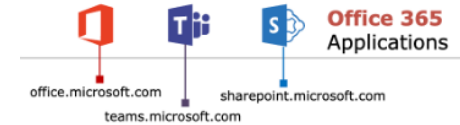
- CoRSaaS with service-area classification (20.8.1)
- SD-AVC as a service

# SDAVC as a Service

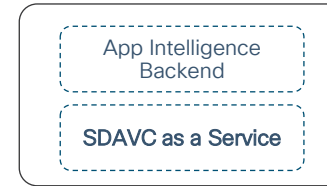
## Control Plane SDAVC as a Service

- Separate/decoupled SDAVC backend cloud service (brings agility and auto scale)
- SDAVC Cloud Service pulls M365 URL Categories using M365 web service.
- Dynamically pre-populates Edge router's NBAR cache with M365 IP addresses and URL Categories.
- Easy deployment: enabled by default, with automatic Cloud authentication
- Dynamic Update of built in Protocol Pack

## Data Plane NBAR Agents

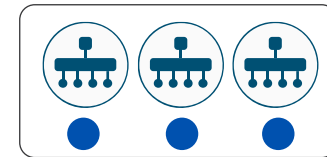


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SDAVC as a backend cloud service hosted and managed by Cisco

SD-WAN Manager  
(Proxy to SDAVCaaS)



SD-WAN Manager w/ Gateways

Inside DTLS Channel

WAN Edge  
NBAR Agent



# NWPI First Packet Trace

Flow Trend      **Upstream Feature**      Downstream Feature

Hostname: BR5      Event List: FIRST\_PACKET/DPL\_DONE      Expand All Features

Version: 17.12.01a.0.118, Input: GigabitEthernet4, Output: GigabitEthernet2

### Ingress Feature

- SDWAN App Route Policy >> View Policy <<
- SDWAN Data Policy IN >> View Policy <<
- SDWAN Forwarding
  - SDWAN adj OCE:
    - Output : GigabitEthernet2
    - Hash Value : 0x5
    - Encap : ipsec
    - SLA : 0
    - SDWAN VPN : 1
    - SDWAN Proto : MDATA
    - Out Label : 1005
    - Local Color : public-internet
    - Remote Color : public-internet
    - FTM Tun ID : 52
  - SDWAN Session Info
    - SRC IP : 192.168.57.2
    - SRC Port : 12386
    - DST IP : 173.37.56.177
    - DST Port : 12346
    - Remote System IP : 1.2.2.210
    - Lookup Type : TUN\_DEMUX
    - Service Type : NONE
  - MDATA ver : 0x2
  - MDATA next proto : IPV4(0x1)
  - MDATA num : 1
  - MDATA type : NWPI\_TYPE(0x2)
  - NWPI trace id : 816
  - NWPI flow id : 683
  - NWPI dir : Upstream

### Egress Feature

- NBAR
  - Packet number in flow: 1
  - Classification state: Final
  - Classification name: onedrive
  - Classification ID: 1292 [CANA-L7:1292]
  - Candidate classification sources:
    - L3-Cache: onedrive [1292]
  - Early cls priority: 20
  - Permit apps list id: 0
  - Sdsvc Early priority as app: 0
  - Classification visibility name: onedrive
  - Classification visibility ID: 1292 [CANA-L7:1292]
  - Number of matched sub-classifications: 0
  - Number of extracted fields: 0
  - Is PA (split) packet: False
  - Is FIF (first in flow) packet: True
  - TPH-MQC bitmask value: 0x4
  - Source MAC address: 00:50:56:A4:D4:21
  - Destination MAC address: 00:50:56:A4:57:17
  - Traffic Categories: N/A
- IPSec
  - Result : IPSEC\_RESULT\_SA
  - Action : ENCRYPT
  - SA Handle : 48
  - Peer Addr : 173.37.56.177
  - Local Addr: 192.168.57.2
- Transmit Report

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