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# SD-WAN: Start here

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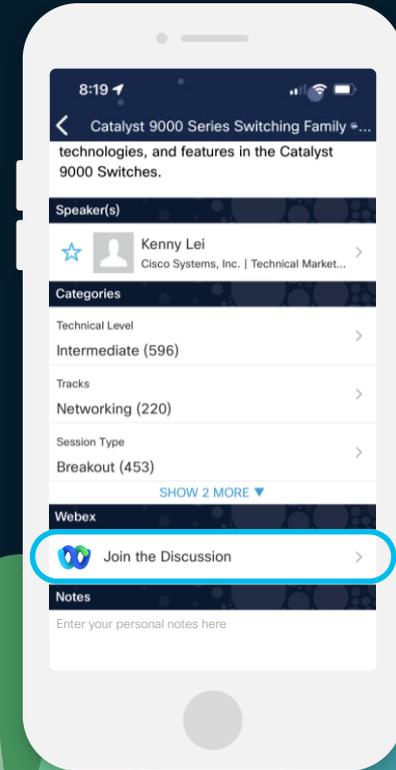
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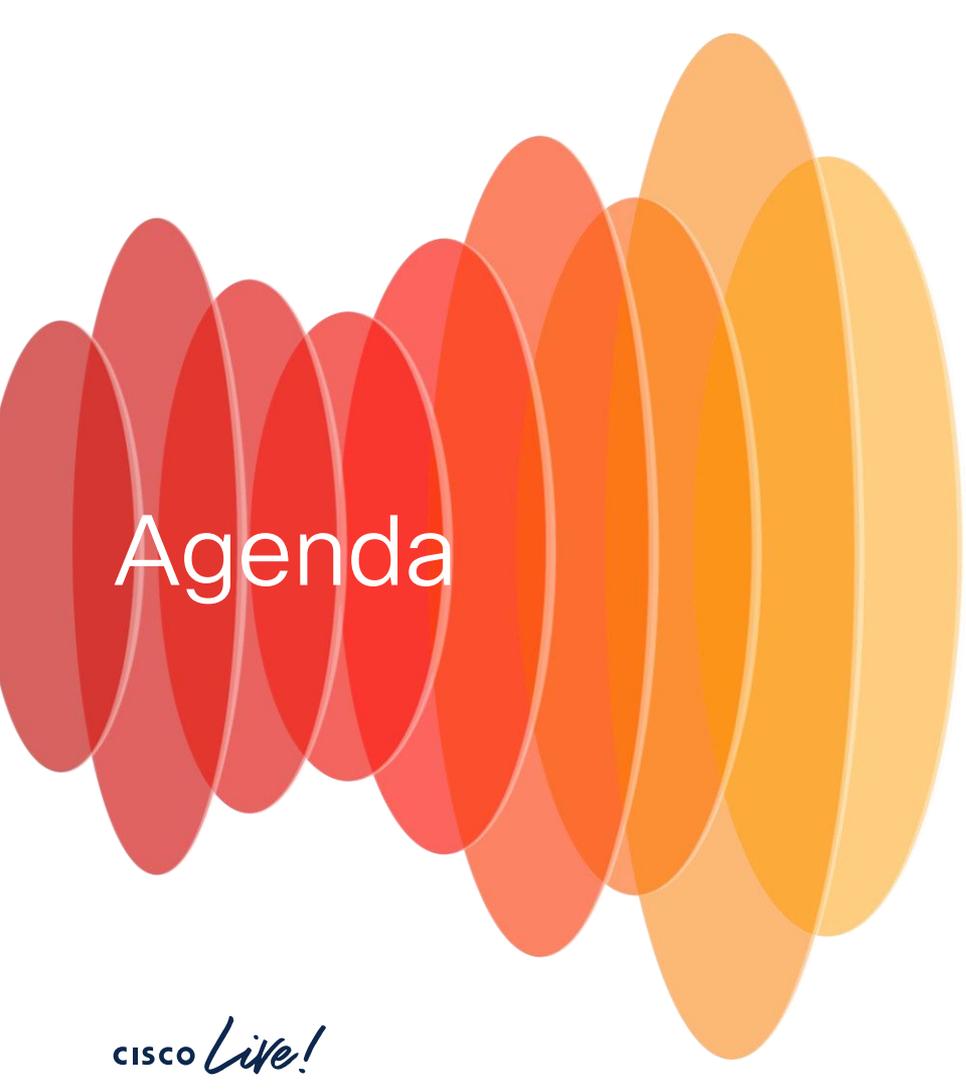
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# Agenda

- Why SD-WAN
  - Where are we coming from
- Solution Architecture
  - What is it, how does it all come together?
- Software Features
  - Let's scratch the surface
- Learn More
  - Where to go and when

# About me



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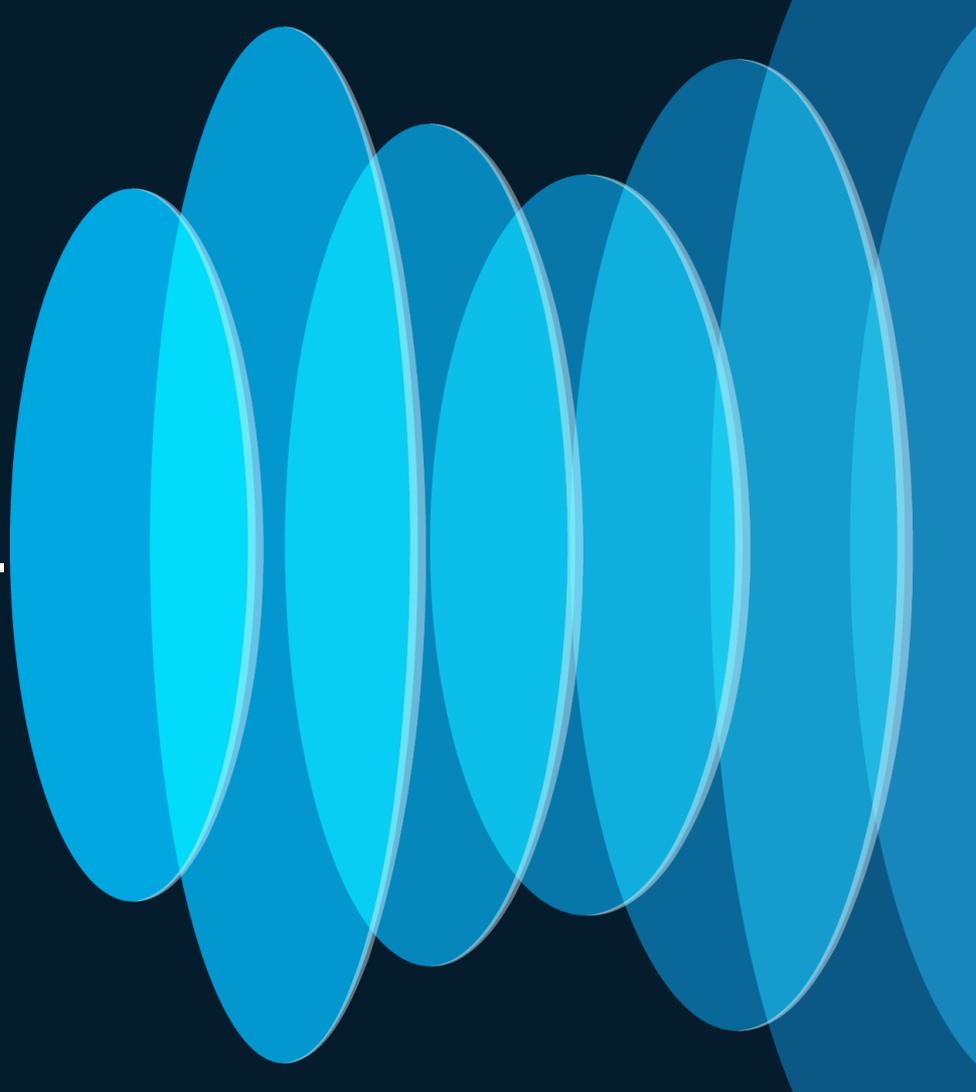
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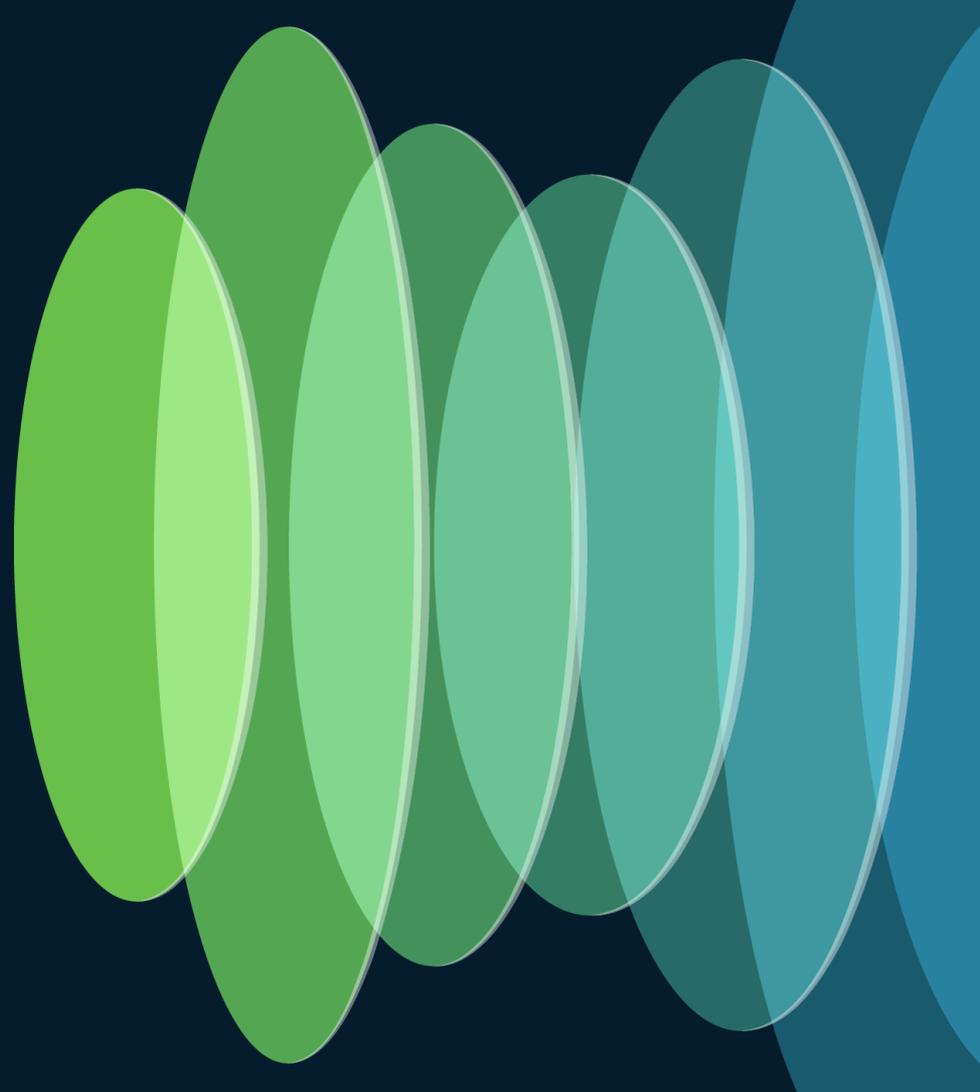
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SD-WAN – This is it.

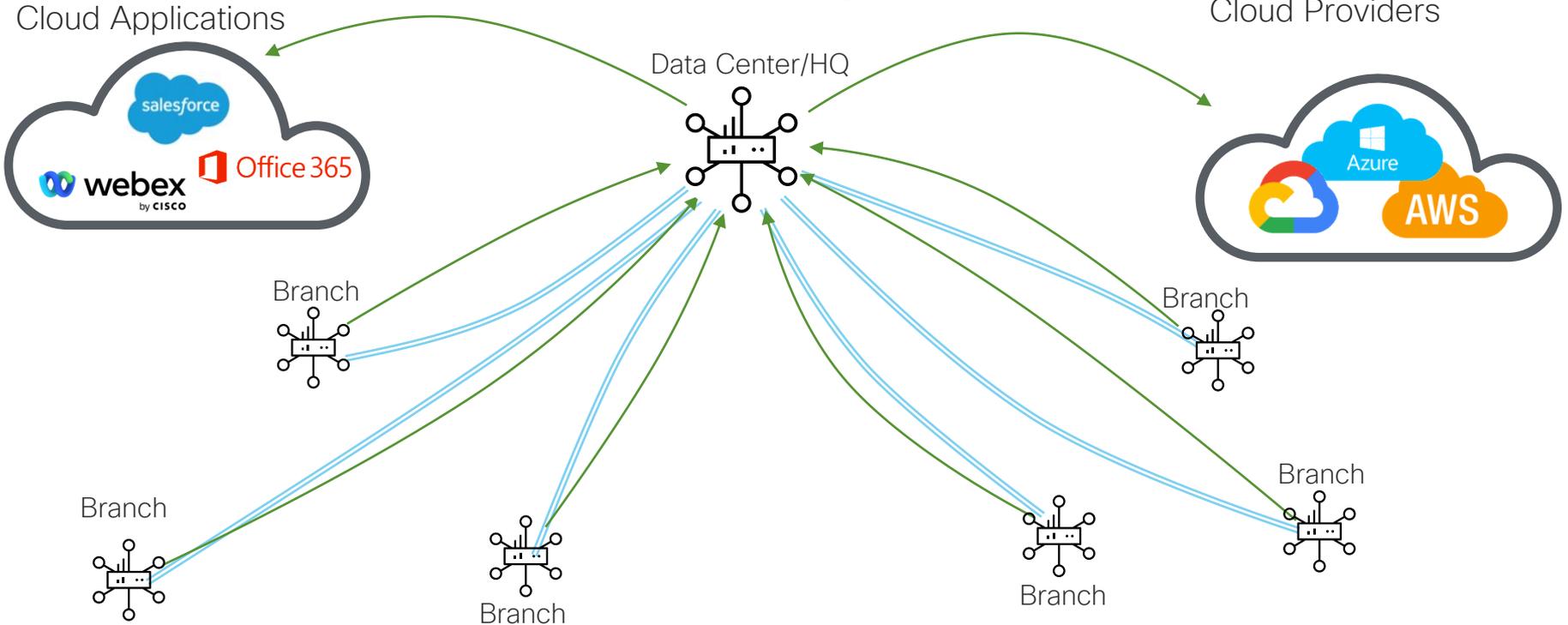


# Why SD-WAN?



# The Hardware Based WAN of Yesterday

Doesn't Keep up with the Needs of Today





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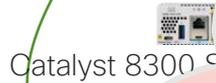
# Cisco SD-WAN: Software Approach

Cloud Applications

Cloud Providers



VPN 20 Corporate



Series





# SD-WAN Recap

Any Deployment



On-premise | Cloud | Multi-tenant  
Automation | Network Insights | Machine Learning | AI  
Open | Programmable | Scalable

Any Service



Multicloud Optimization



Multi-Layer Security



Analytics



Voice



Multi-Domain IBN Policy

Any Transport



Satellite



Internet



MPLS



5G/LTE



SDCI\*

Any Location



Branch



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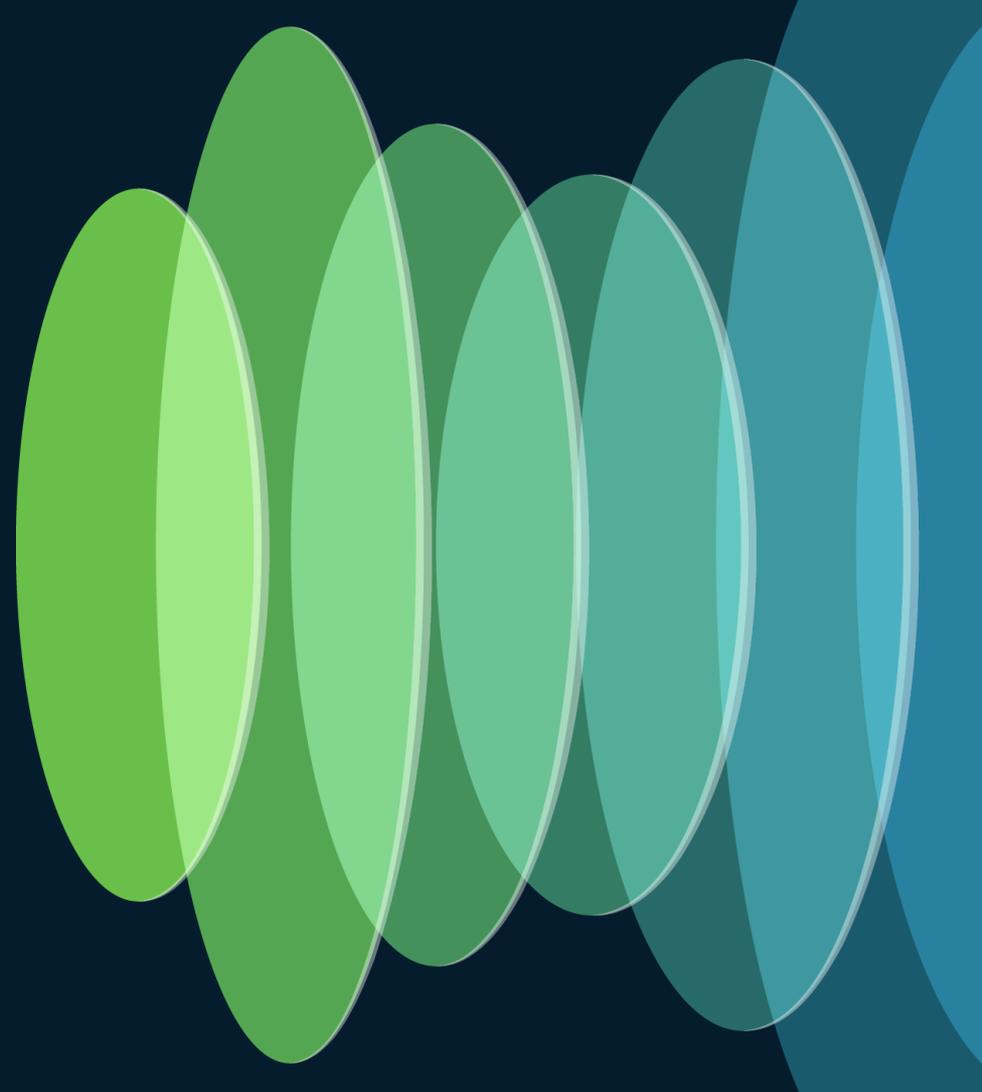
Cloud



Remote Work

\* Software Defined Cloud Interconnect

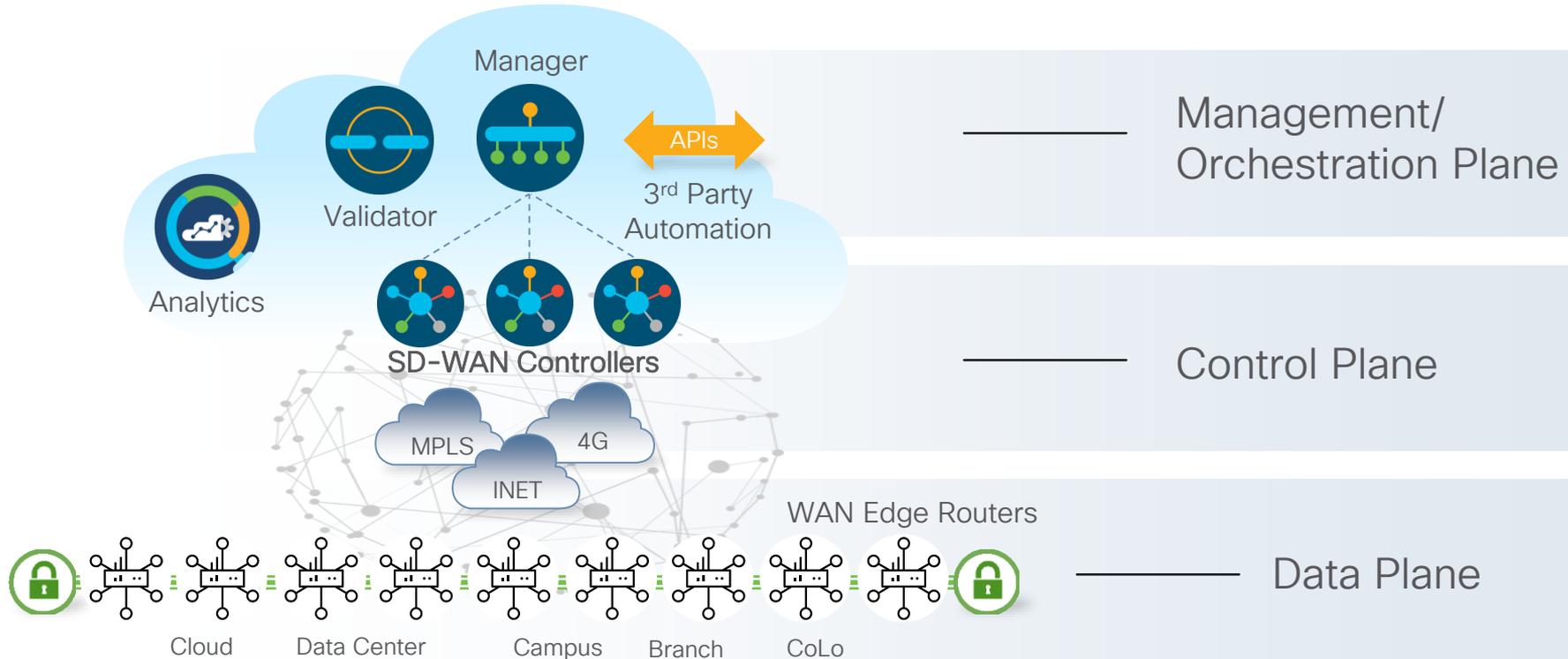
# Solution Architecture



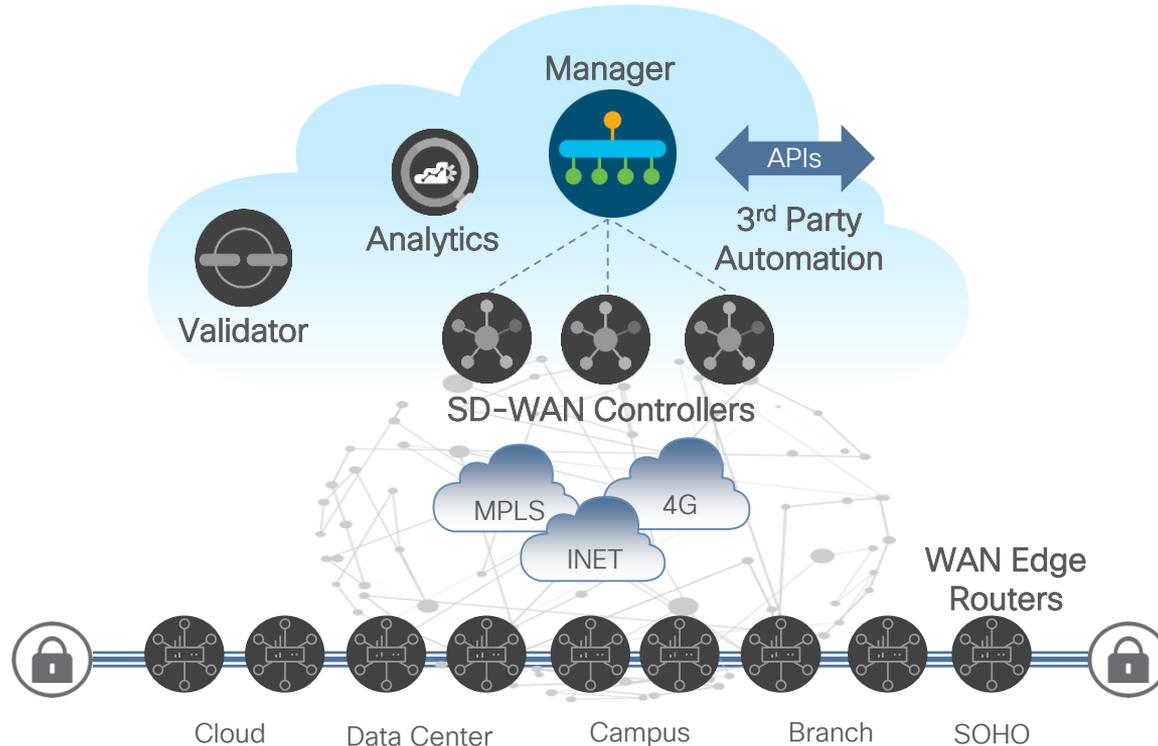
# New Naming: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN

Old Name	New Name (rebranding)	Documentation	Displayed on Screens	API/CLI - Documentation
Cisco SD-WAN	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN
vManage	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager	SD-WAN Manager	Manager	vManage
vAnalytics	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Analytics	SD-WAN Analytics	Analytics	vAnalytics
vBond	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Validator	SD-WAN Validator	Validator	vBond
vSmart	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Controller	SD-WAN Controller	Controller	vSmart
Self Service Portal	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Portal	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Portal	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Portal	SD-WAN Portal
Cloud-Delivered Cisco SD-WAN	Cloud-Delivered Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	Cloud-Delivered Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	Cloud-Delivered Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN	NA

# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Solution Overview



# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Solution Elements

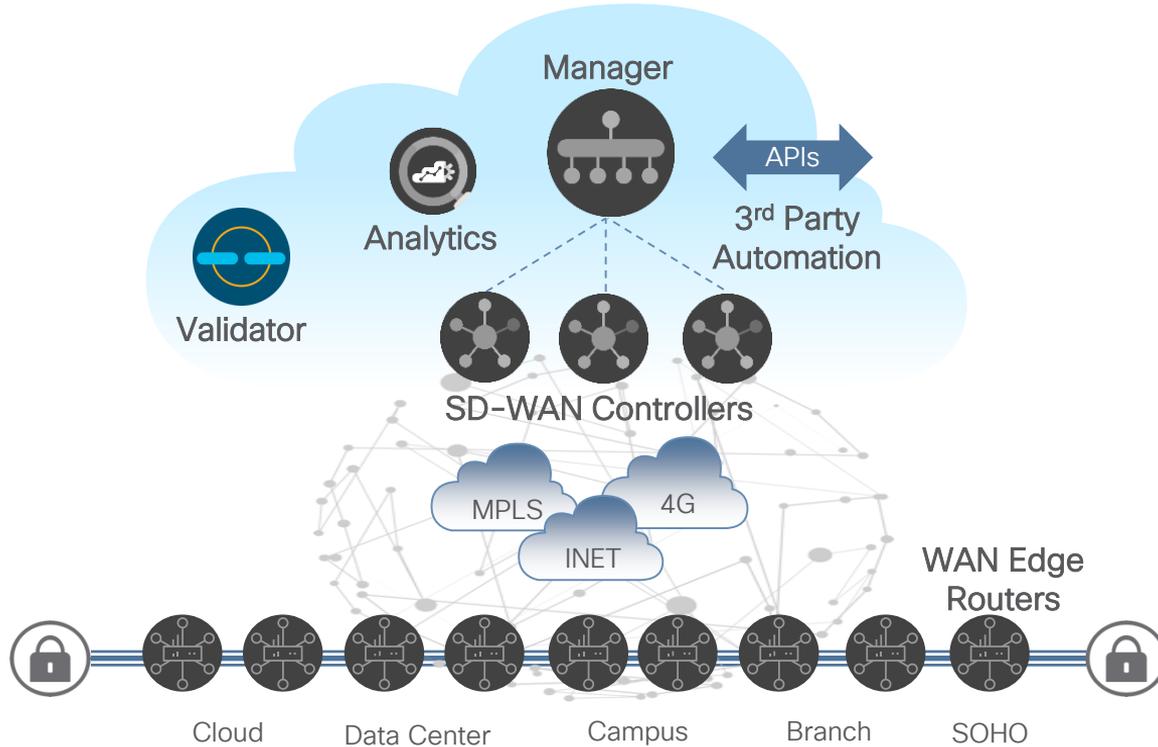


## Management Plane



- Single pane of glass for Day0, Day1 and Day2 operations
- Multitenant with web scale
- Centralized provisioning
- Policies and Templates
- Troubleshooting and Monitoring
- Software upgrades
- GUI with RBAC
- Programmatic interfaces (REST, NETCONF)
- Highly resilient

# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Solution Elements

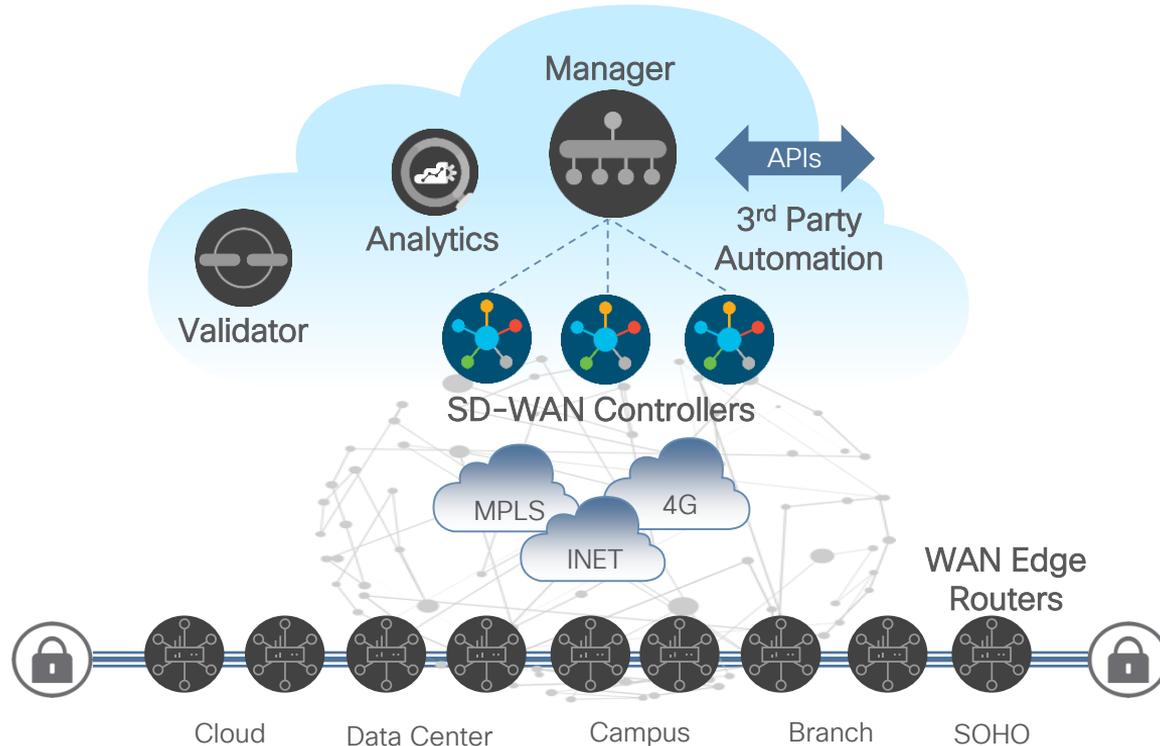


## Orchestration Plane



- Orchestrates control and management plane
- First point of authentication (white-list model)
- Distributes list of Controllers/ Manager to all WAN Edge routers
- Facilitates NAT traversal
- Requires public IP Address [could sit behind 1:1 NAT]
- Highly resilient

# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Solution Elements

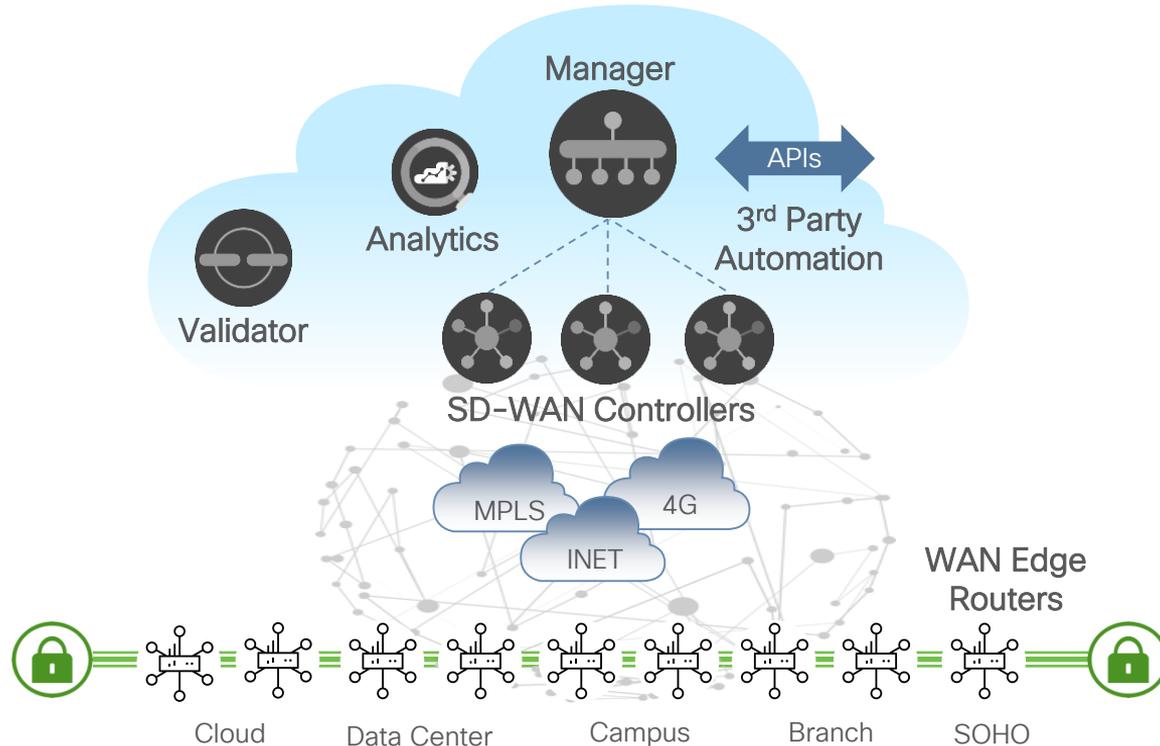


## Control Plane



- Facilitates fabric discovery
- Dissimilates control plane information between WAN Edge Routers
- Distributes data plane and app-aware routing policies to the WAN Edge routers
- Implements control plane policies, such as service chaining, multi-topology and multi-hop
- Dramatically reduces control plane complexity
- Highly resilient

# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Solution Elements



## Data Plane

Physical/Virtual

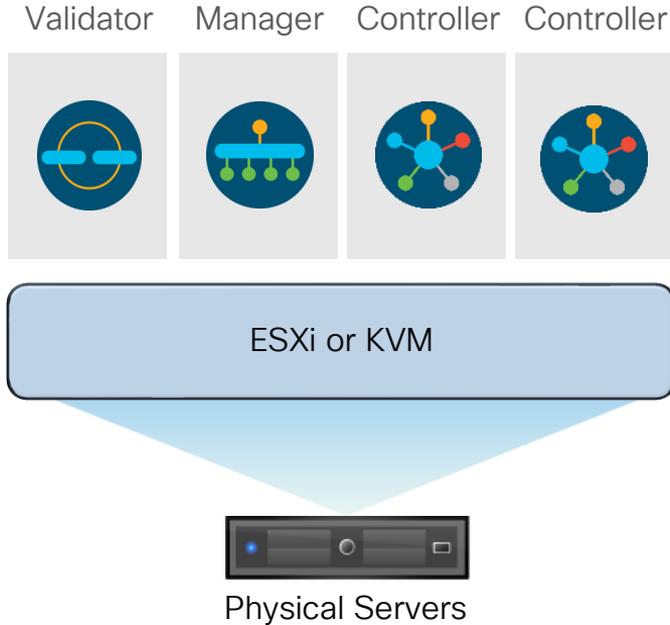


Cisco SD-WAN  
WAN Edge

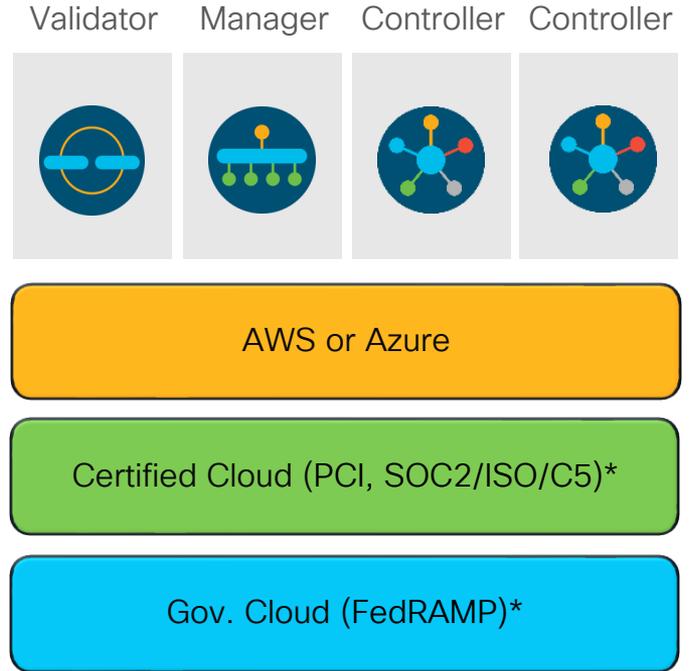
- WAN edge router
- Provides secure data plane with remote WAN Edge routers
- Establishes secure control plane with vSmart controllers (OMP)
- Implements data plane and application aware routing policies
- Exports performance statistics
- Leverages traditional routing protocols like OSPF, BGP, and EIGRP
- Support Zero Touch Deployment
- Physical or Virtual form factor (100Mb, 1Gb, 10Gb, 40Gb, 100Gb)

# Controller Deployment Methodology

## On-Premise



## Cisco or MSP/Customer Hosted



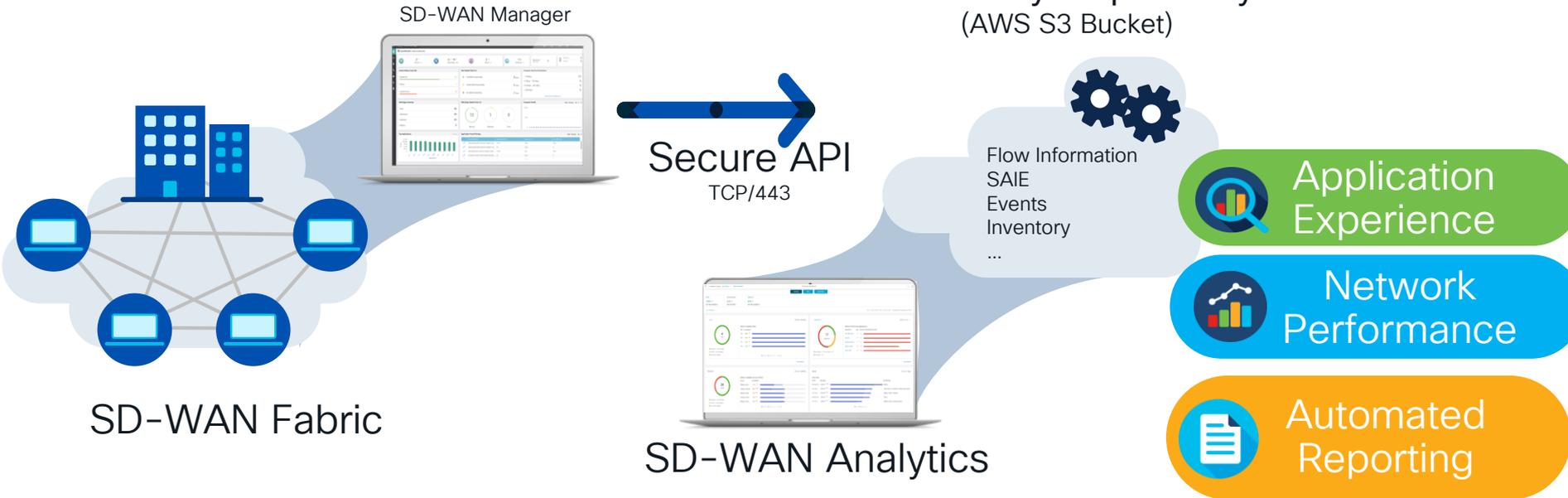
VM

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# Analytics Architecture



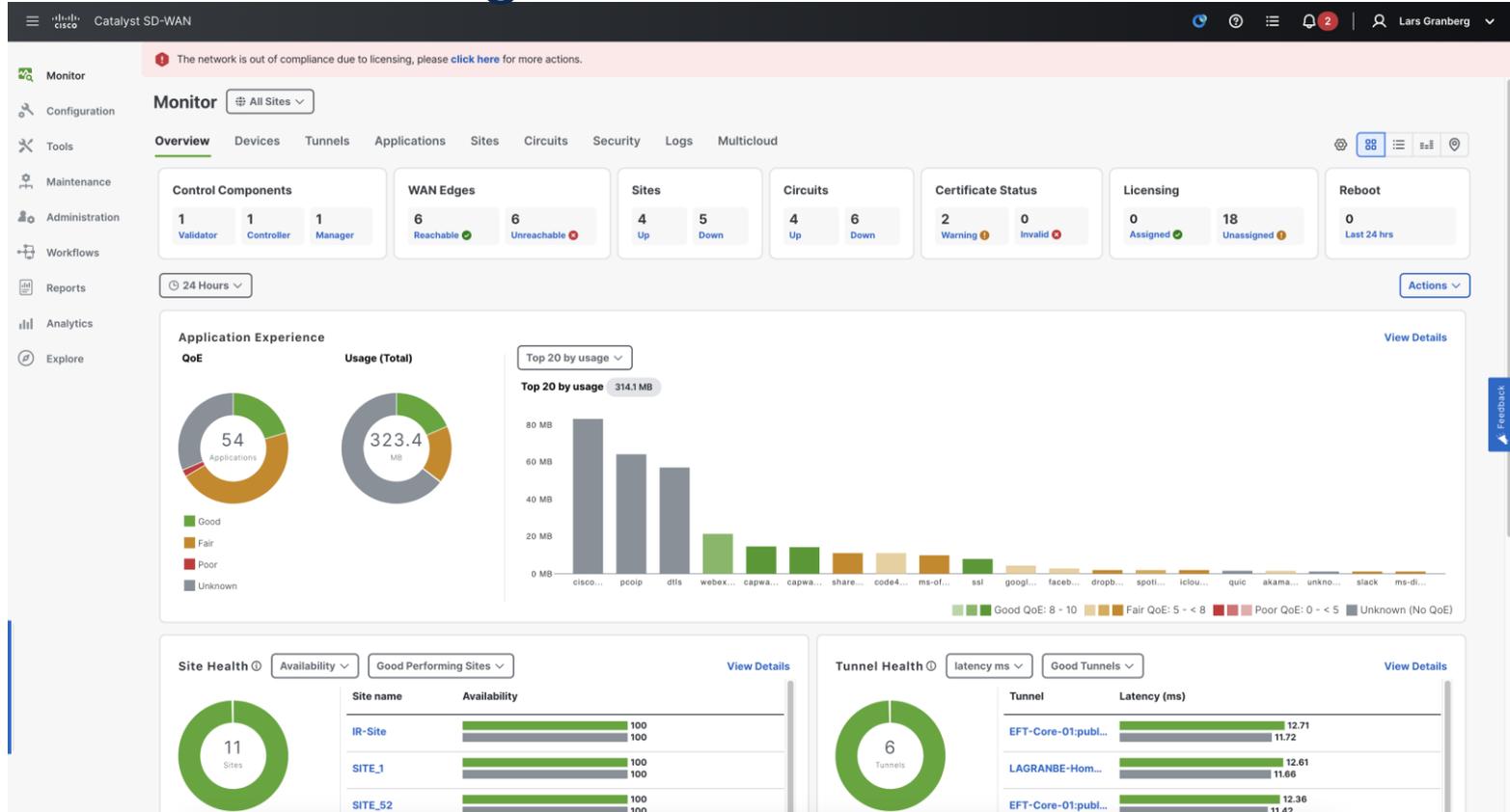
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On-Prem or Cloud-Hosted SD-WAN Manager

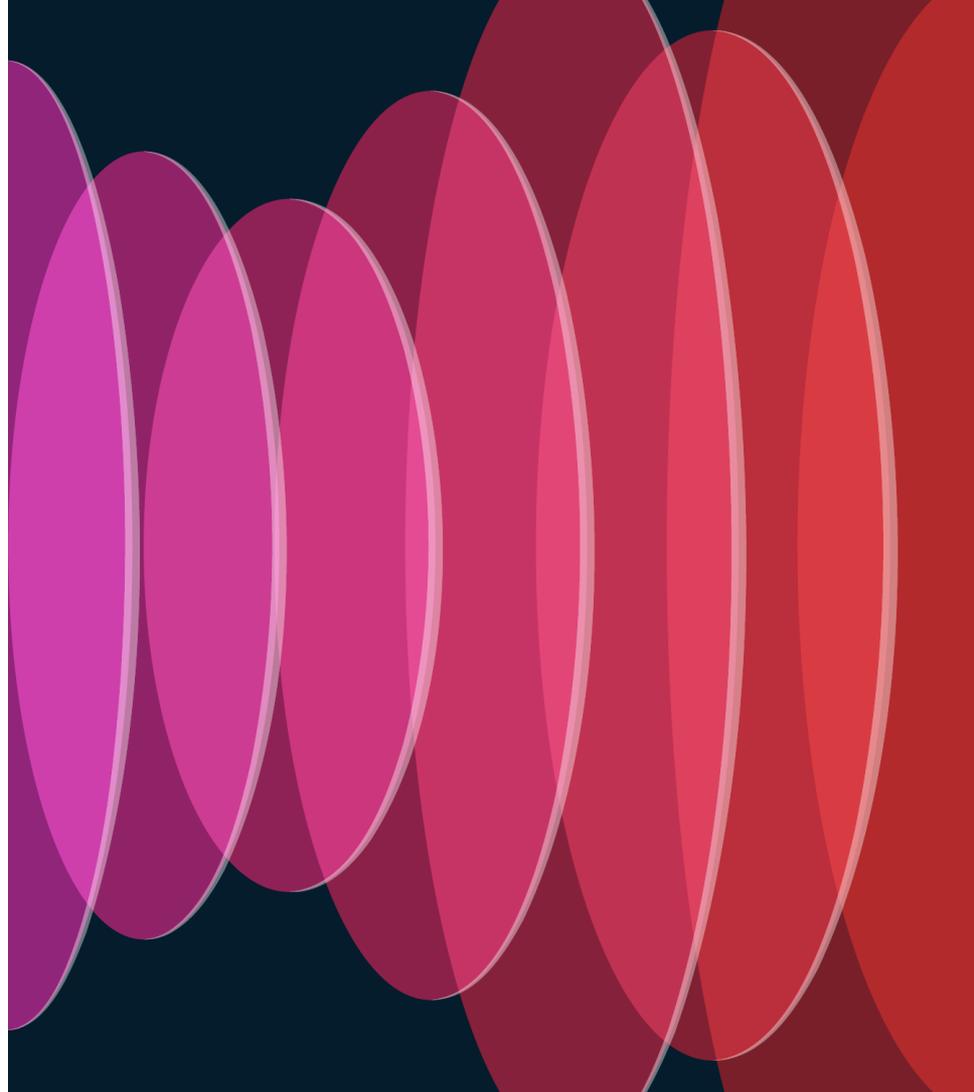
Cloud-Hosted Analytics

# SD-WAN Manager UI



# Demo

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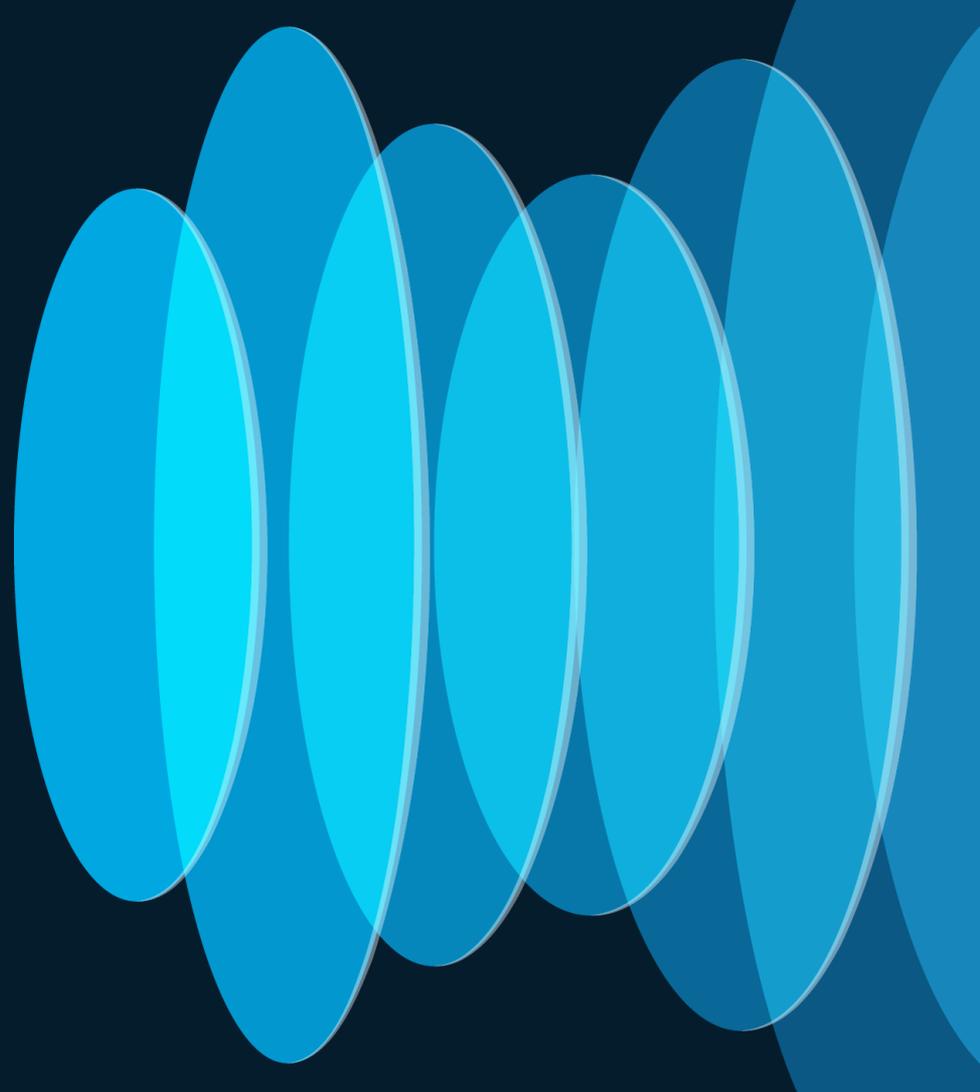
## Catalyst SD-WAN

Username



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# SD-WAN Features



# Significance of TLOC Color

Color is an abstraction used to identify individual WAN transport

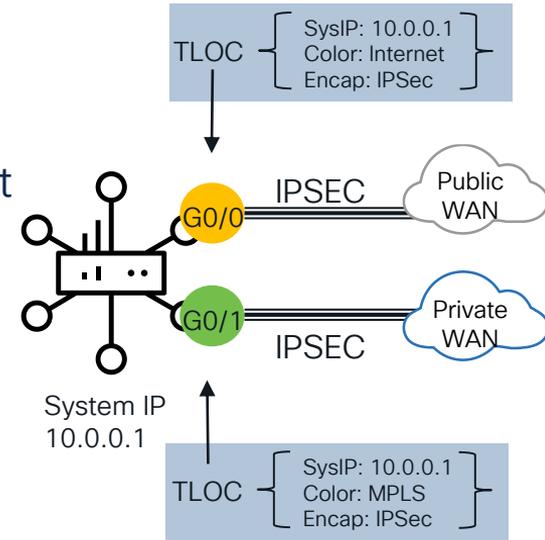
Colors are KEYWORDS not just LABELS

Policy is written based on these

TLOC maps to a physical WAN interfaces

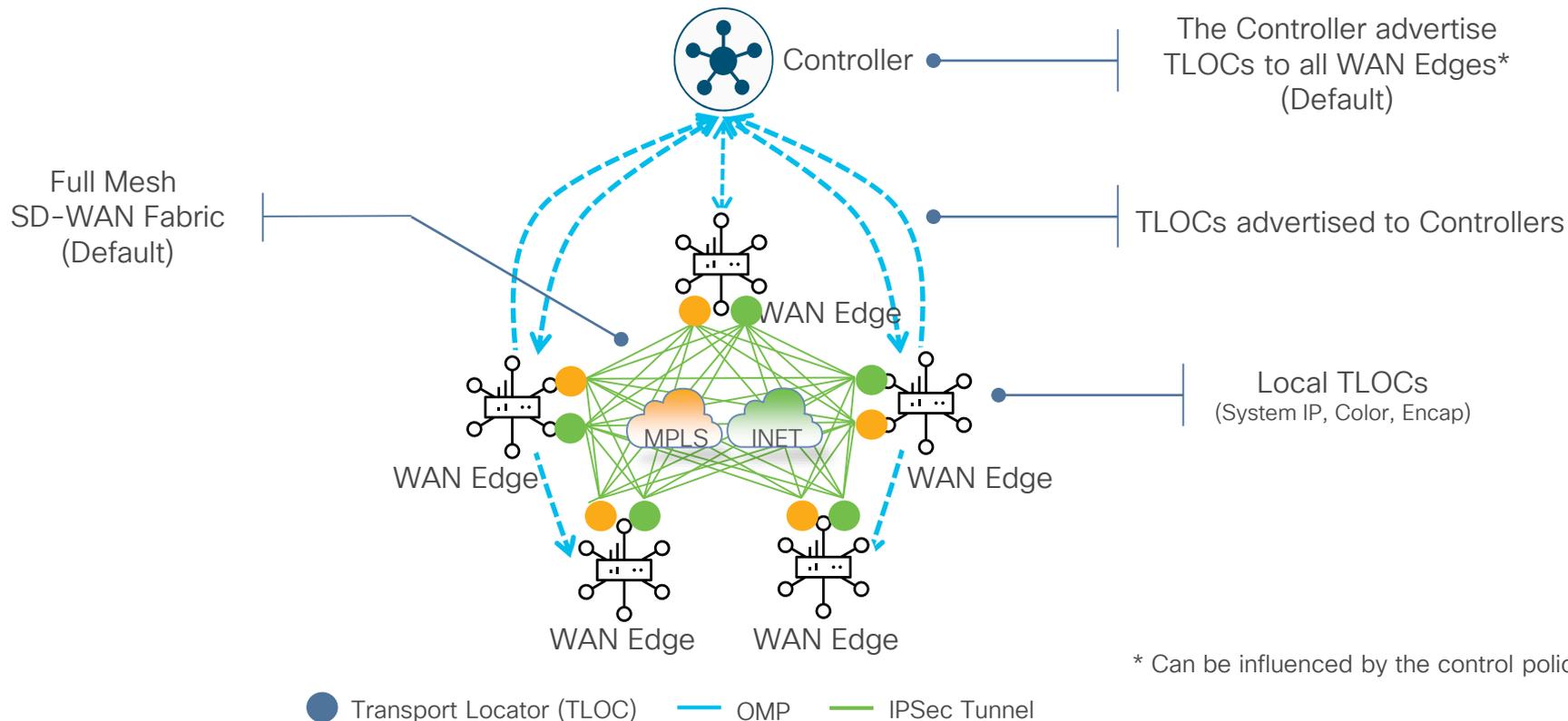
“Color” dictates the use of private-ip vs public-ip (dest)  
for Tunnel Establishment when there is NAT present

- Example:
  - If two ends have a **private** color: private IP address/port used for DTLS/TLS or IPSec
  - If endpoint has **public** color: Public IP is used for DTLS/TLS or IPSec

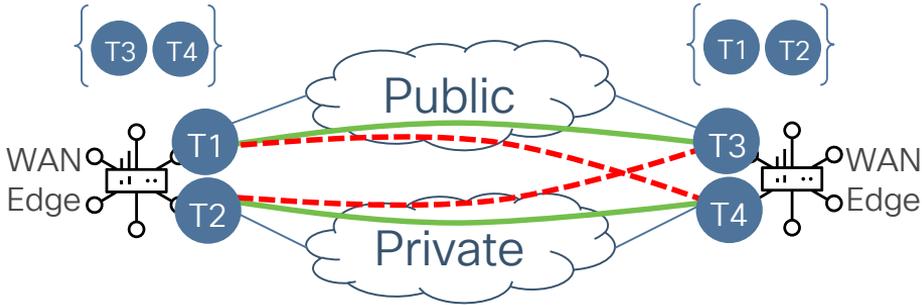


Private Colors	Public Colors
Metro-ethernet	3g
mpls	lte
private1	biz-internet
private2	public-internet
private3	blue
private4	green
private5	red
private6	gold
	silver
	bronze

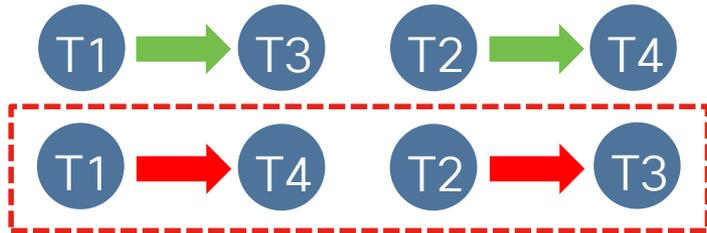
# Transport Locators (TLOCs)



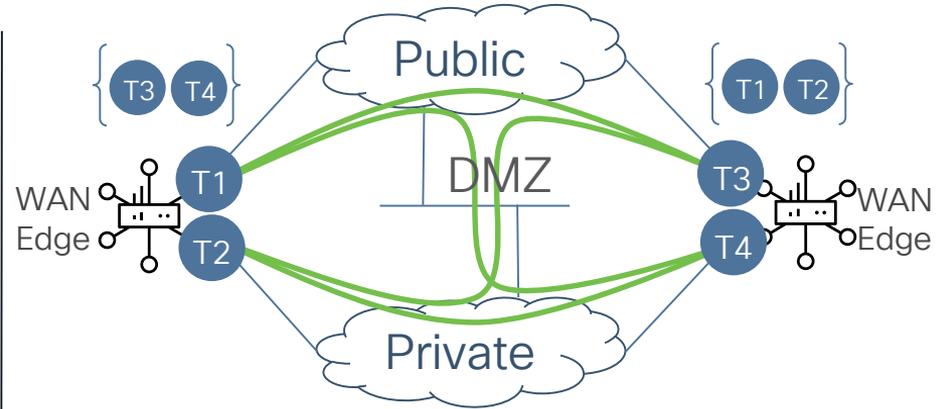
# Transport Colors



T1, T3 - Public Color    T2, T4 - Private Color



Color restrict will prevent attempt to establish IPSec tunnel to TLOCs with different color

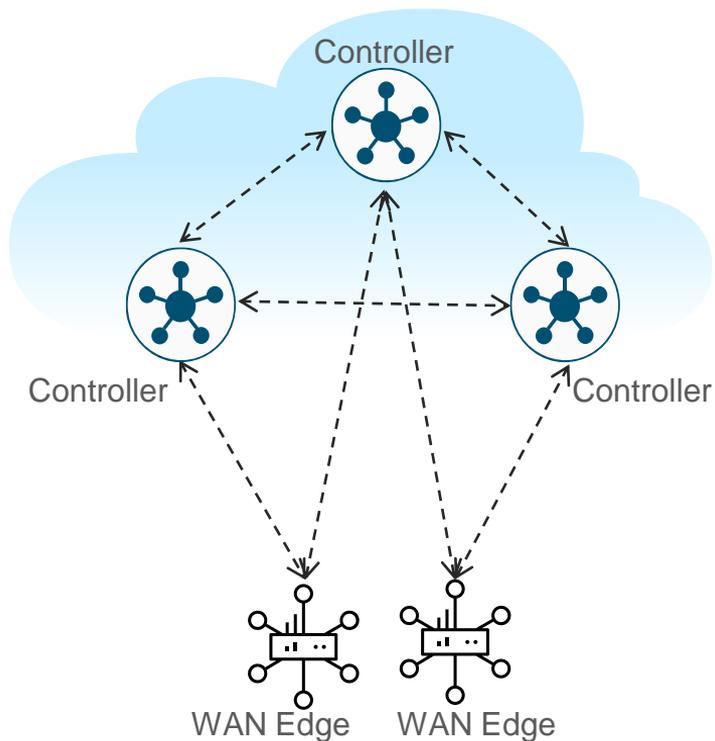


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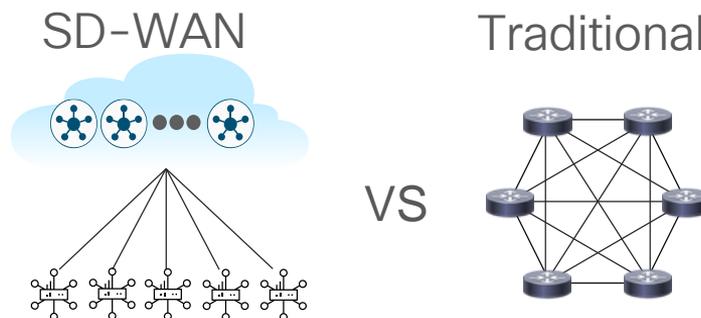




# Overlay Management Protocol (OMP)



- Overlay Management Protocol (OMP)
- TCP-based extensible control plane protocol
- Runs between WAN Edge routers and vSmart controllers and between the vSmart controllers
  - Inside authenticated TLS/DTLS connections
- Advertises control plane context and policies
- Dramatically lowers control plane complexity and raises overall solution scale

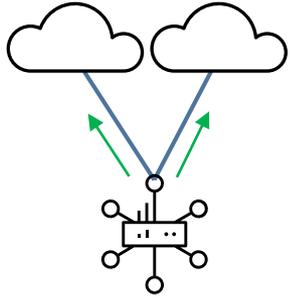


$O(n)$  Control Complexity

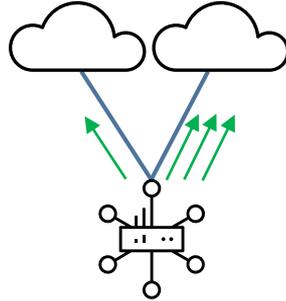
$O(n^2)$  Control Complexity

# Fabric Communication

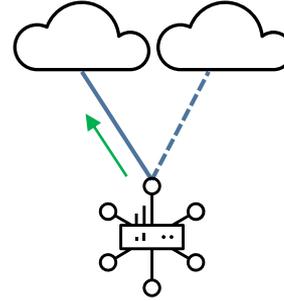
Per-Session Load-sharing  
Active/Active



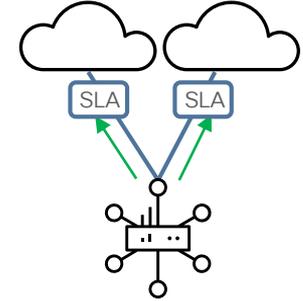
Per-Session Weighted  
Active/Active



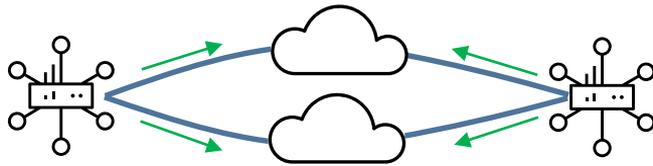
Application Pinning  
Active/Standby



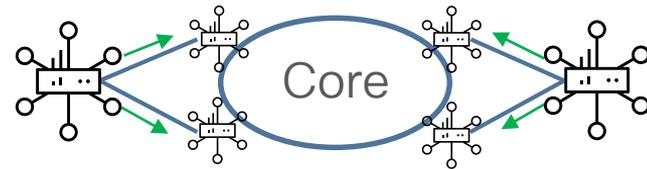
Application Aware Routing  
SLA Compliant



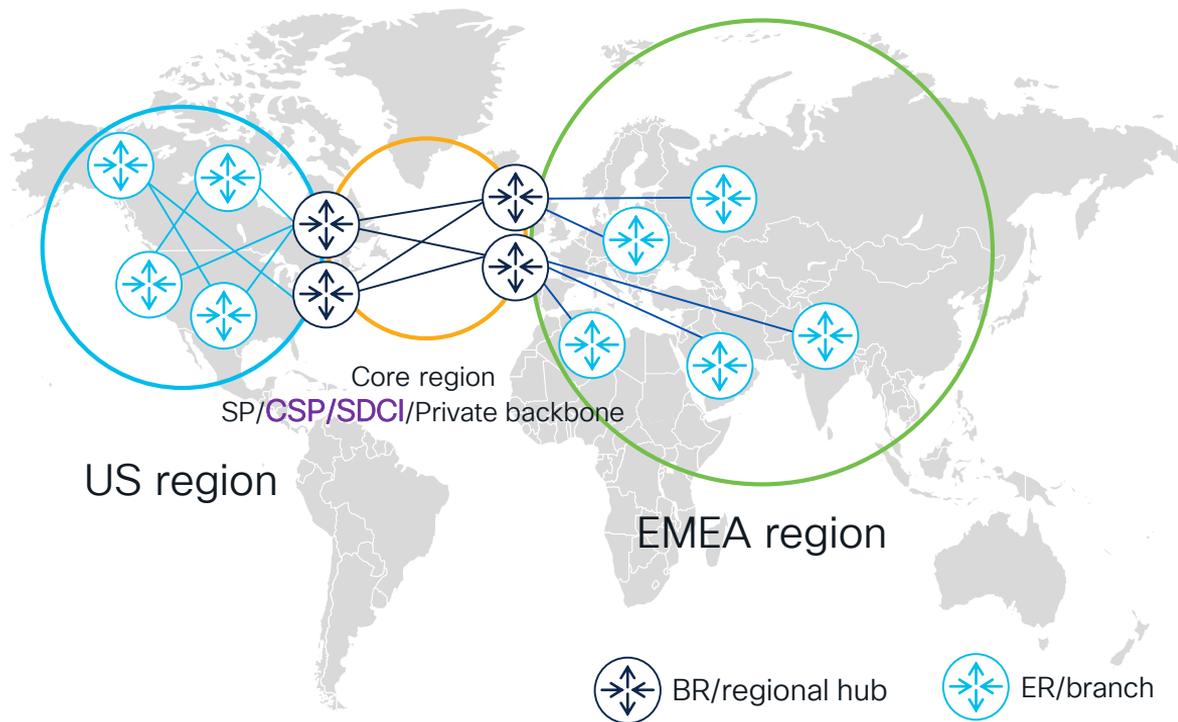
Single-hop Fabric



Multi-Region Fabric



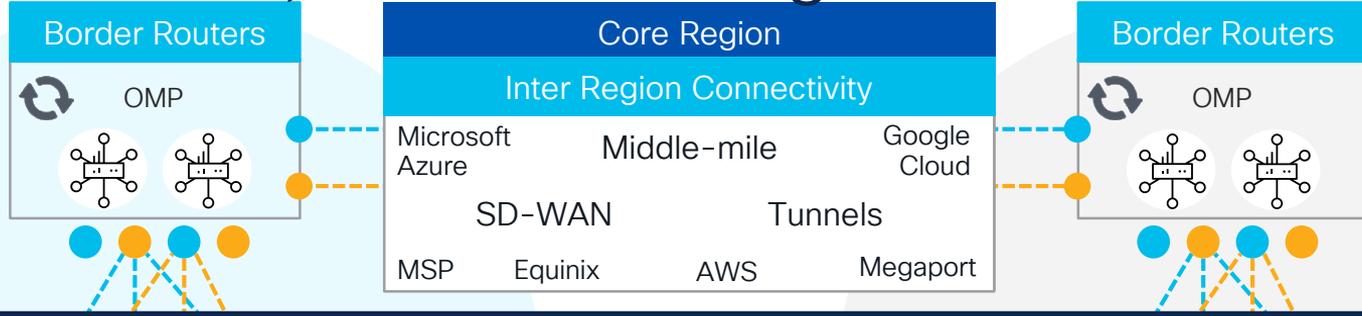
# What is Multi Region Fabric (MRF)?



- Intuitive user-defined site grouping. E.g. based on geo
- Finer grouping using sub-regions
- Auto restrict overlay tunnels between regions
- Different topologies per region
- Mix access transports across regions
- Scale up control-plane per region(s)

CSP = Cloud Service Provider (AWS, Azure, GCP)  
SDCI = Software Defined Cloud Interconnect

# The Network, with Multi-Region Fabric



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Implementing and Troubleshooting  
Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Multi-Region Fabric (MRF) Network - BRKTRS-2003

Edge Routers



SD-WAN CPE

Access Region 1

Edge Routers

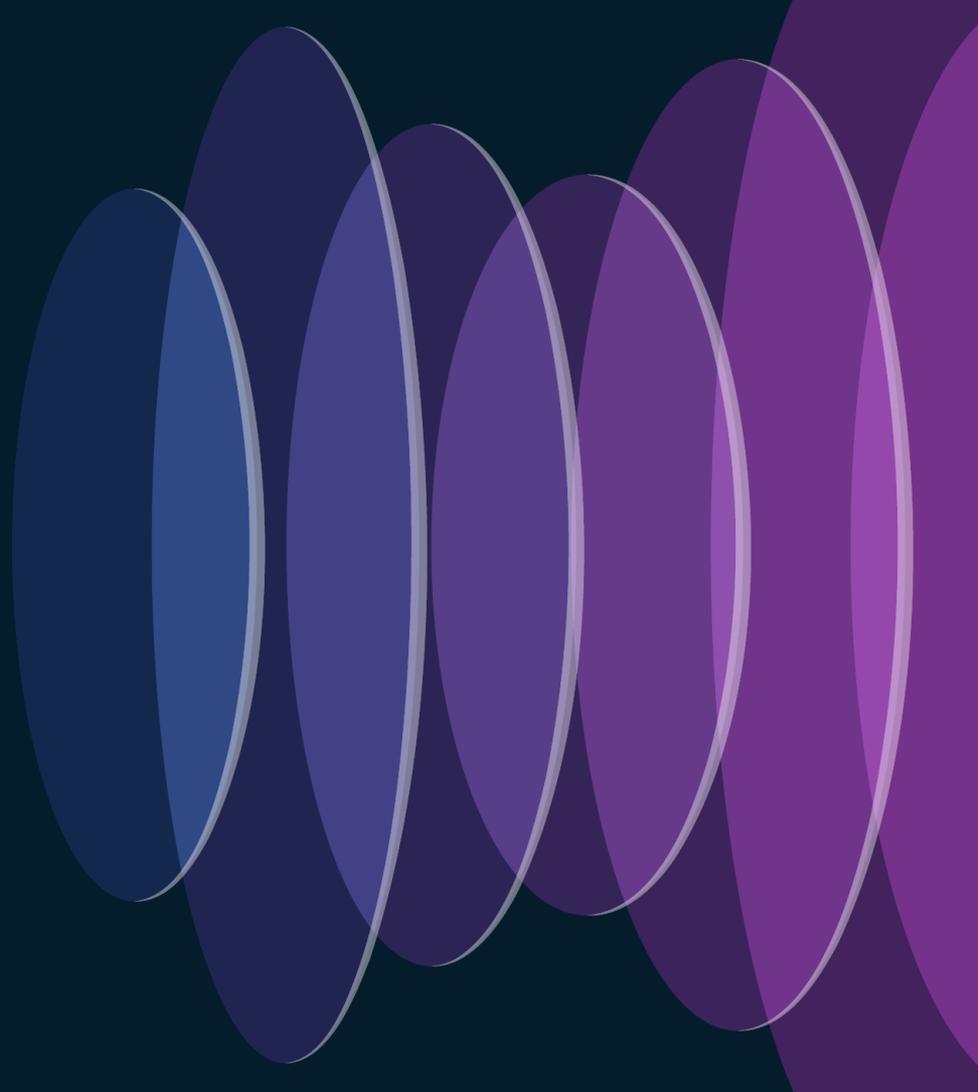


SD-WAN CPE

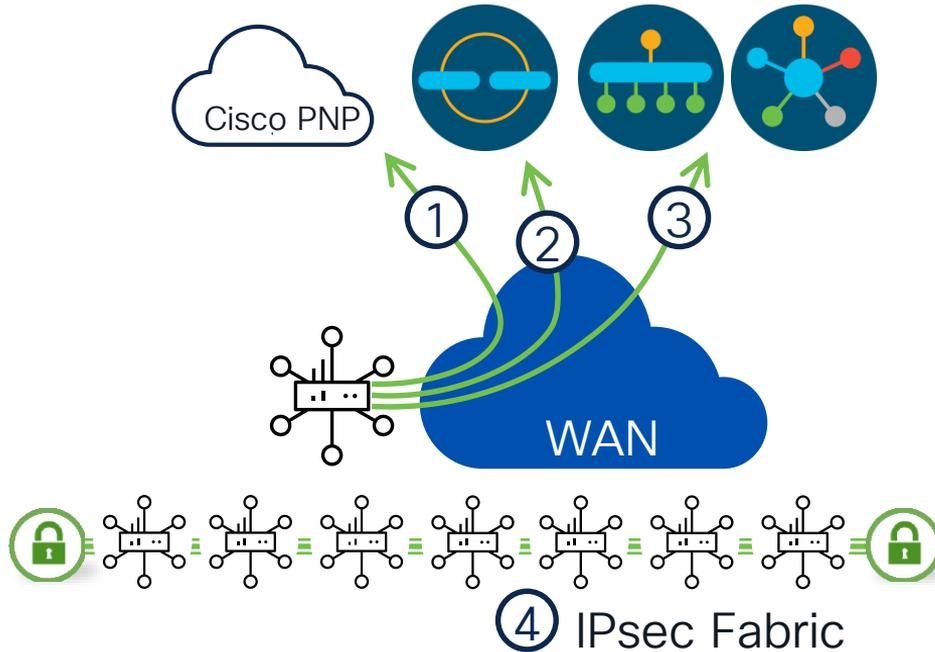
Access Region 2

...with  
Multi-Region Fabric

Lets bring it up

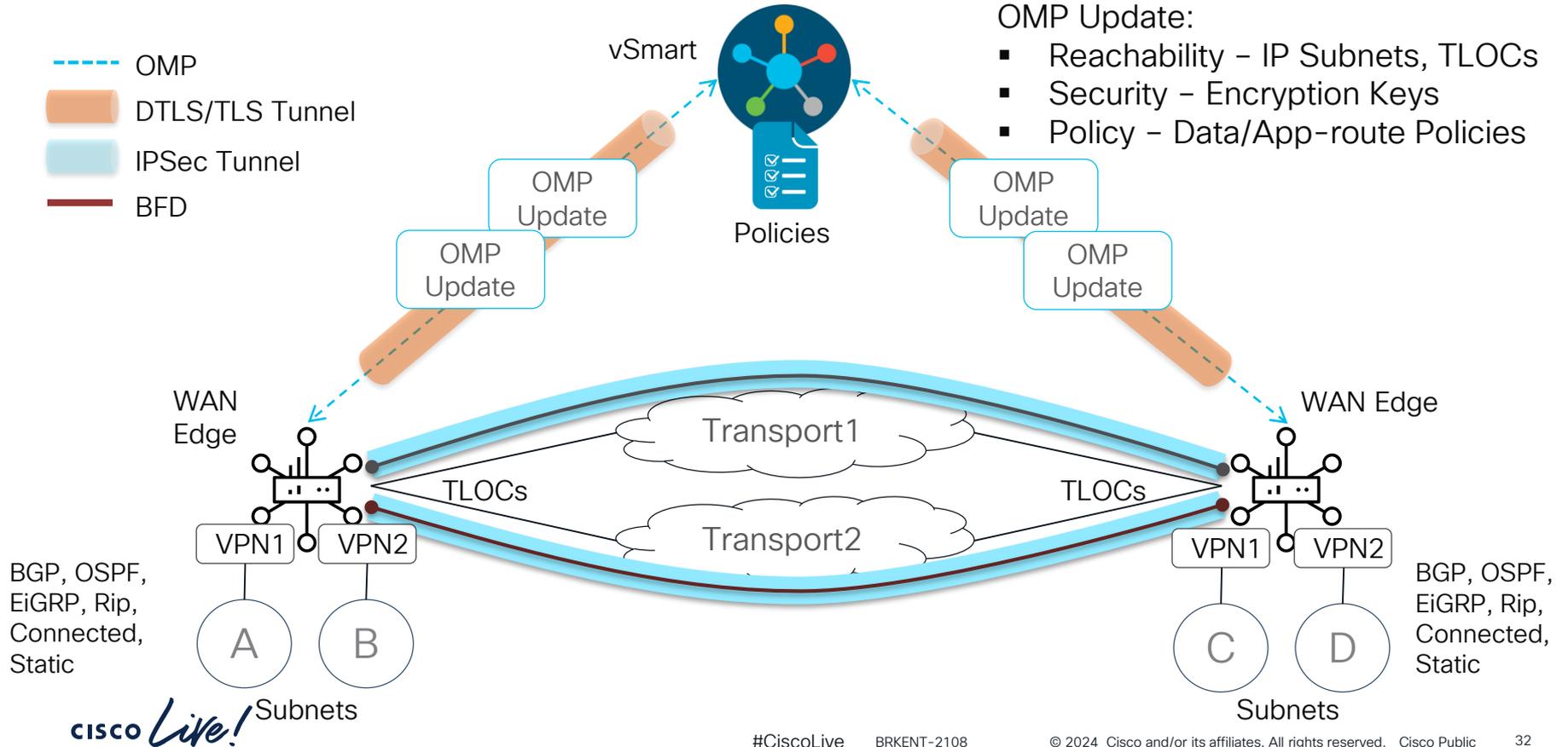


# Automated, Zero-Touch Onboarding

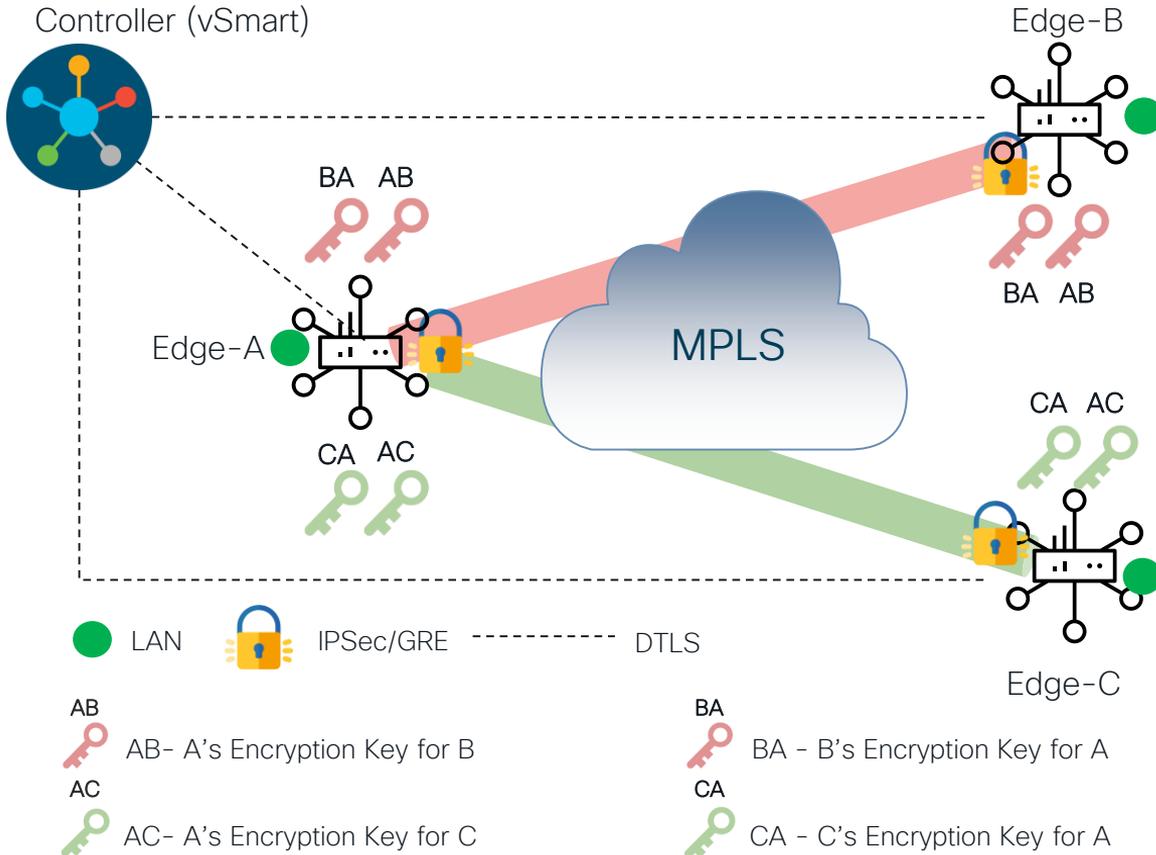


- SD-WAN appliance will onboard itself into the SD-WAN fabric automatically with no administrative intervention.
- Connect the SD-WAN appliance to a WAN transport that can provide a dynamic IP address, default-gateway and DNS information.
- If no DHCP service is available then bootstrap file is an option either on USB or Bootflash

# Fabric Operation Walk-Through



# Data Plane Privacy (Pairwise)



- Each WAN edge will create separate session key for each transport and for each peer
- Session keys will be advertised through vSmart using OMP
- When Edge-A needs to send traffic to Edge-B, it will use session key “AB” (B will use key “BA”)

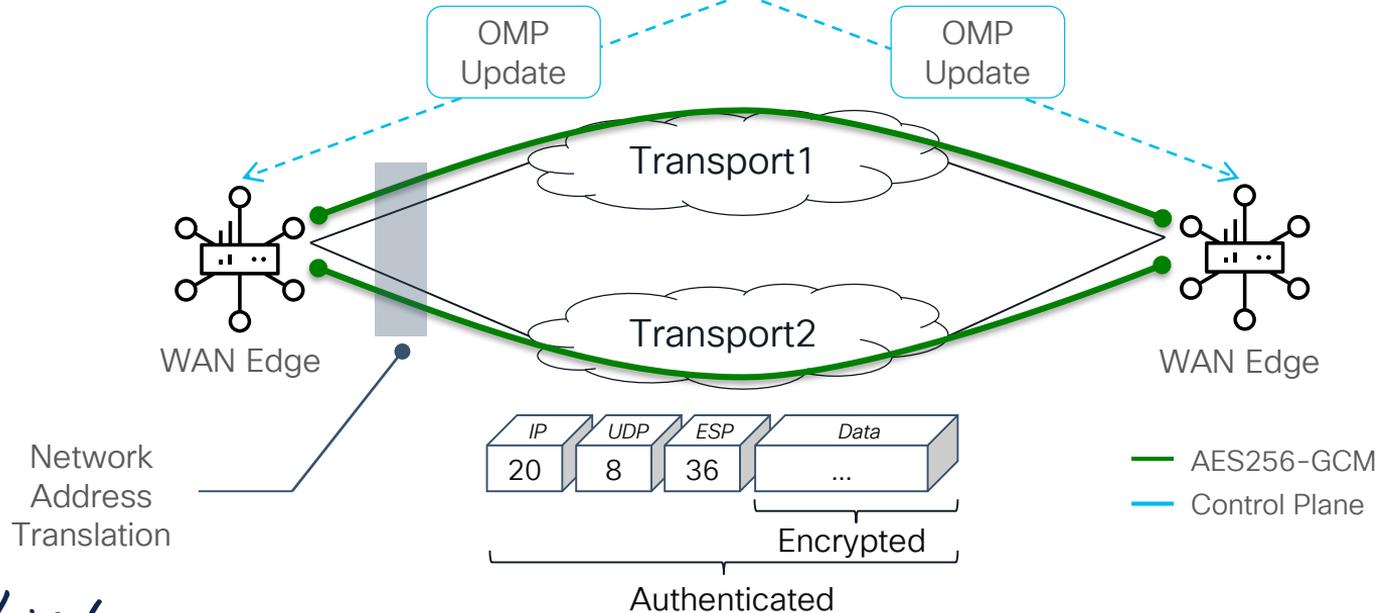
# Data Plane Integrity

- vBond discovers WAN Edge public IP address, even if traverses NAT
- vBond communicates public IP to the WAN Edge

SD-WAN  
Controllers

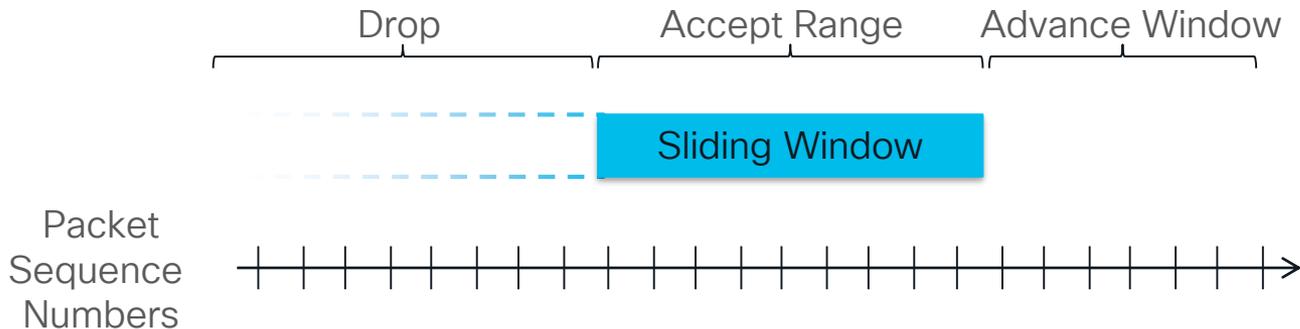


- WAN Edge computes AH value based on the post NAT public IP
- Packet integrity (+IP headers) is preserved across NAT

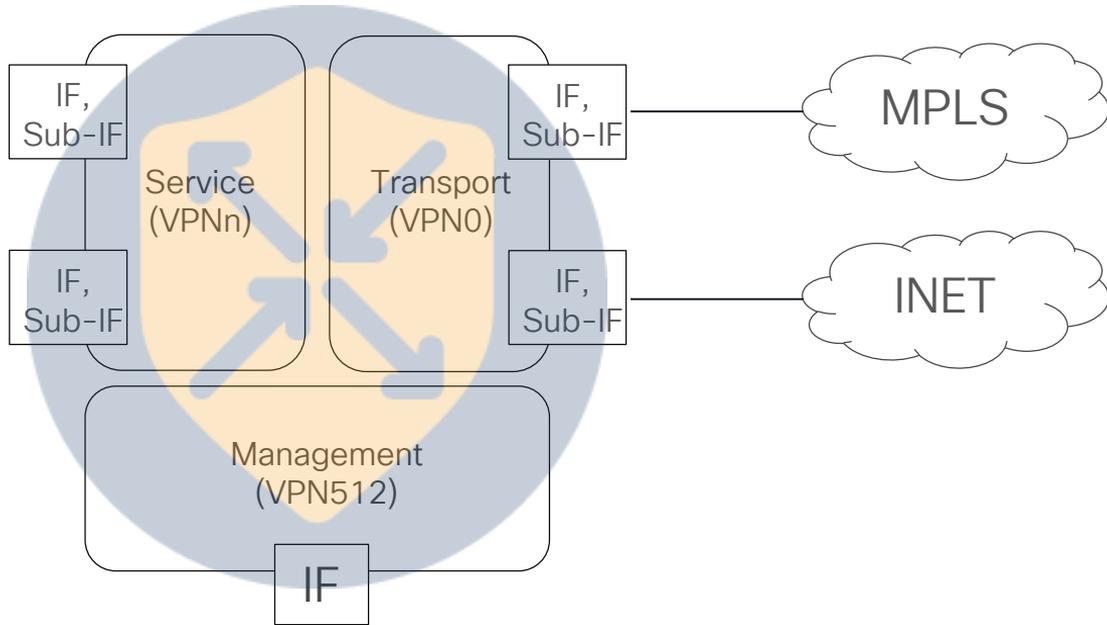


# IPsec Anti-Replay Protection

- Encrypted packets are assigned sequence numbers. WAN Edge routers drop packets with duplicate sequence numbers
  - Replayed packet
- WAN Edge routers drop packets with sequence numbers lower than the minimal number of the sliding window
  - Maliciously injected packet
- Upon receipt of a packet with higher sequence number than received thus far, WAN Edge router will advance the sliding window
- Sliding window is CoS aware to prevent low priority traffic from “slowing down” high priority traffic



# Cisco SD-WAN VPNs (VRFs)



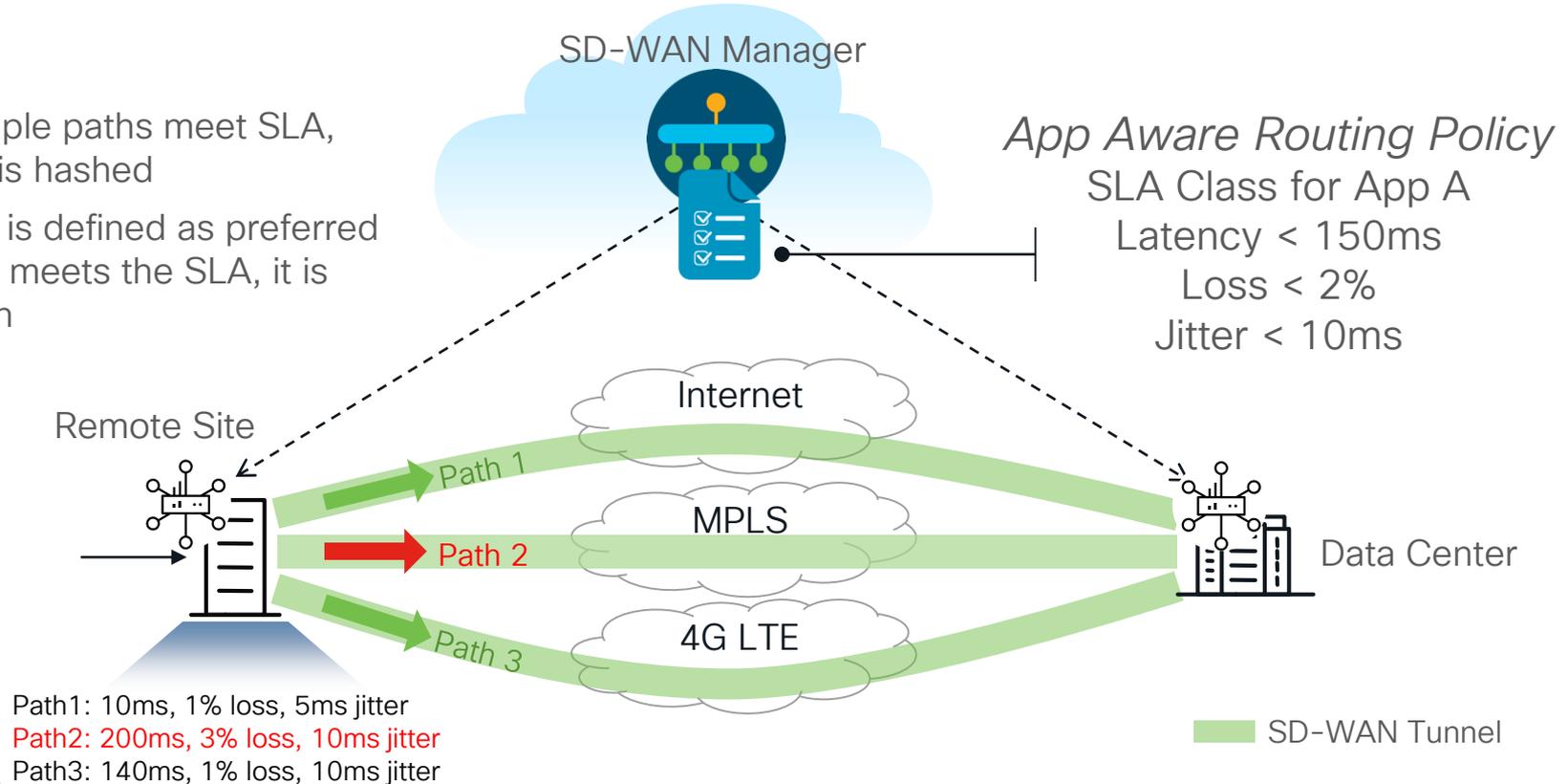
- VPNs are isolated from each other, with each VPN having its own forwarding table
- Reachability within a VPN is advertised by OMP
- VPN0 is reserved for WAN uplinks (Transport)
- VPN512 is reserved for Management interfaces
- VPNn represents user-defined LAN segments (Service)

# Application Aware Routing



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- If multiple paths meet SLA, traffic is hashed
- If path is defined as preferred AND it meets the SLA, it is chosen



# Key Building Blocks of AppQoE

Configuration Management System



vManage - Virtualized | Scalable | Network Insights



DRE, LZ



Byte Level Caching  
& Compression

Protocol  
Agnostic

Forward Error Correction



Packet Duplication

```
110 110
1011 1011
010 010
110 110
1011 1011
010 010
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TCP Optimization



BBR2 Congestion  
Algorithm



Window  
Scaling



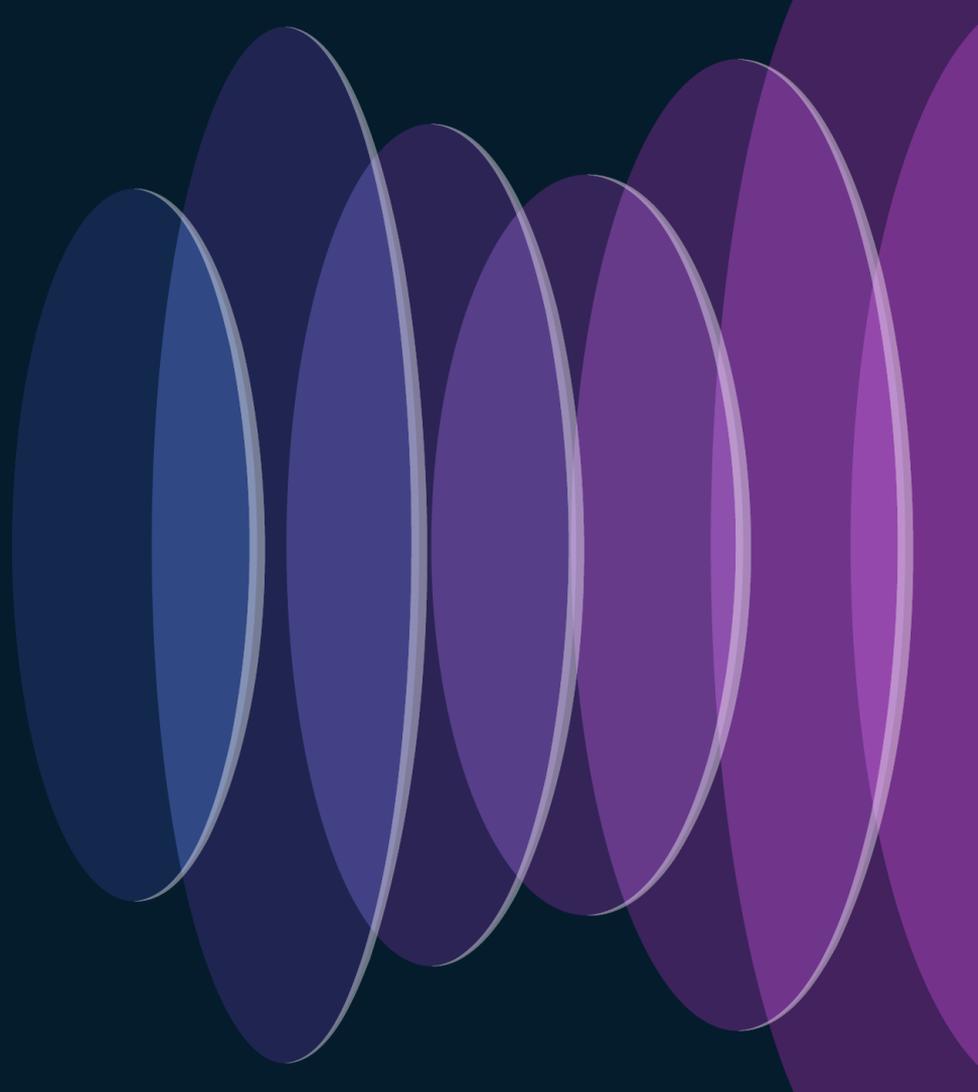
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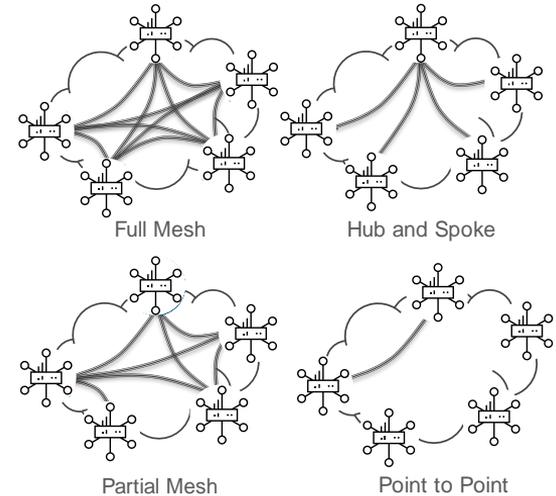
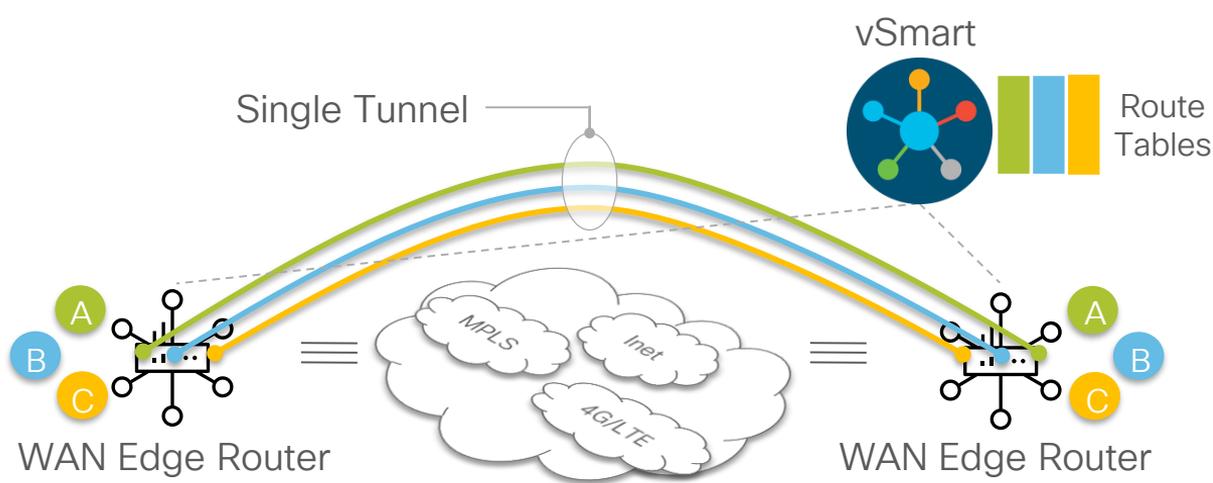
Selective  
Acknowledgement

BBR - Bottleneck Bandwidth and Round-trip propagation time

# Security features



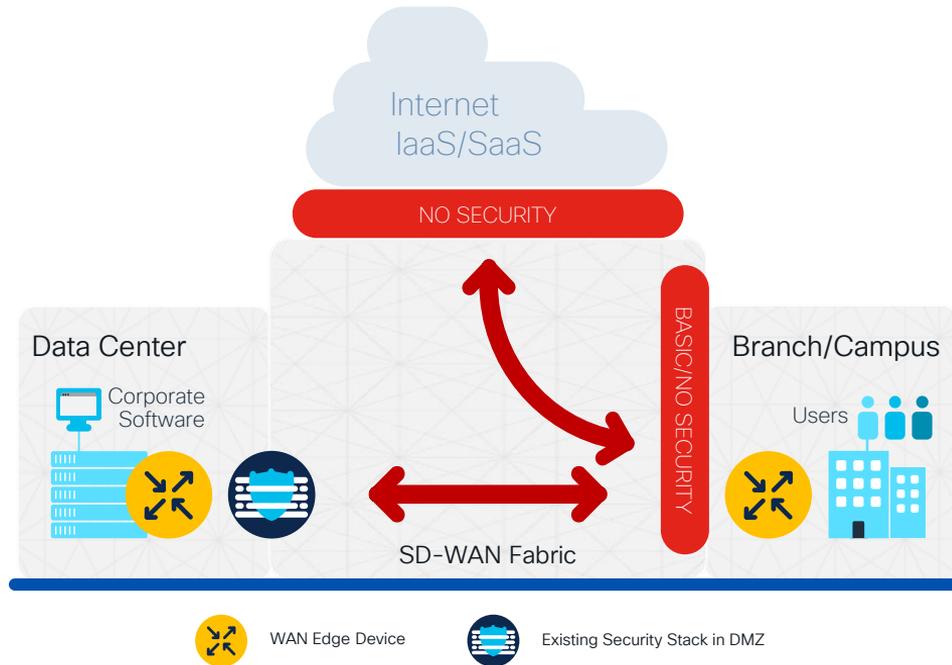
# End-to-End Segmentation with Multi-Topology



Segment connectivity across the SD-WAN fabric without reliance on underlay transport

WAN Edge routers maintain per-VPN routing table for complete control plane separation

# How SD-WAN Exposes New Security Challenges



## Internal & External Threats

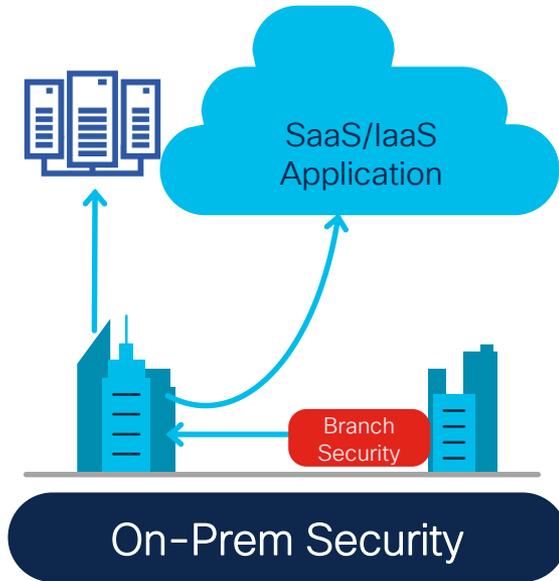
### External

- Exposure to malware & phishing due to direct internet and cloud access
- Data breaches
- Guest access liability

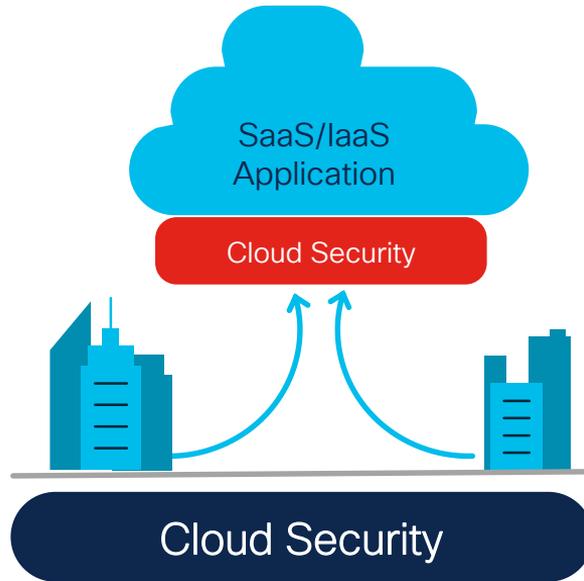
### Internal

- Untrusted access (malicious insider)
- Compliance (PCI, HIPPA, GDPR)
- Lateral movements (breach propagation)

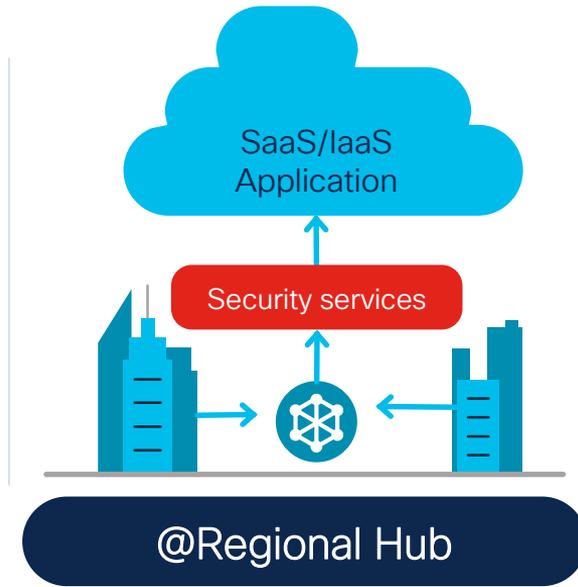
# Relevant Security Models. Driving towards SASE



Thick branch with Routing and Security



Thin branch with security in the cloud

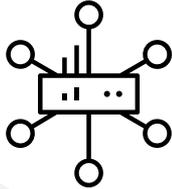


Security Services on a Regional Hub

# Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Security & SASE Solution

Consistent across on-prem and cloud

Cisco  
SD-WAN



< 8G Ram

Cisco  
Security

## NextGeneration Firewall

Layer 3 to 7 apps classified with User Identity

## Intrusion Protection System

Most widely deployed IPS engine in the world

Custom  
Applications

## URL-Filtering

Web reputation score using 82+ web categories

## Adv. Malware Protection

With File Reputation and Sandboxing (TG)

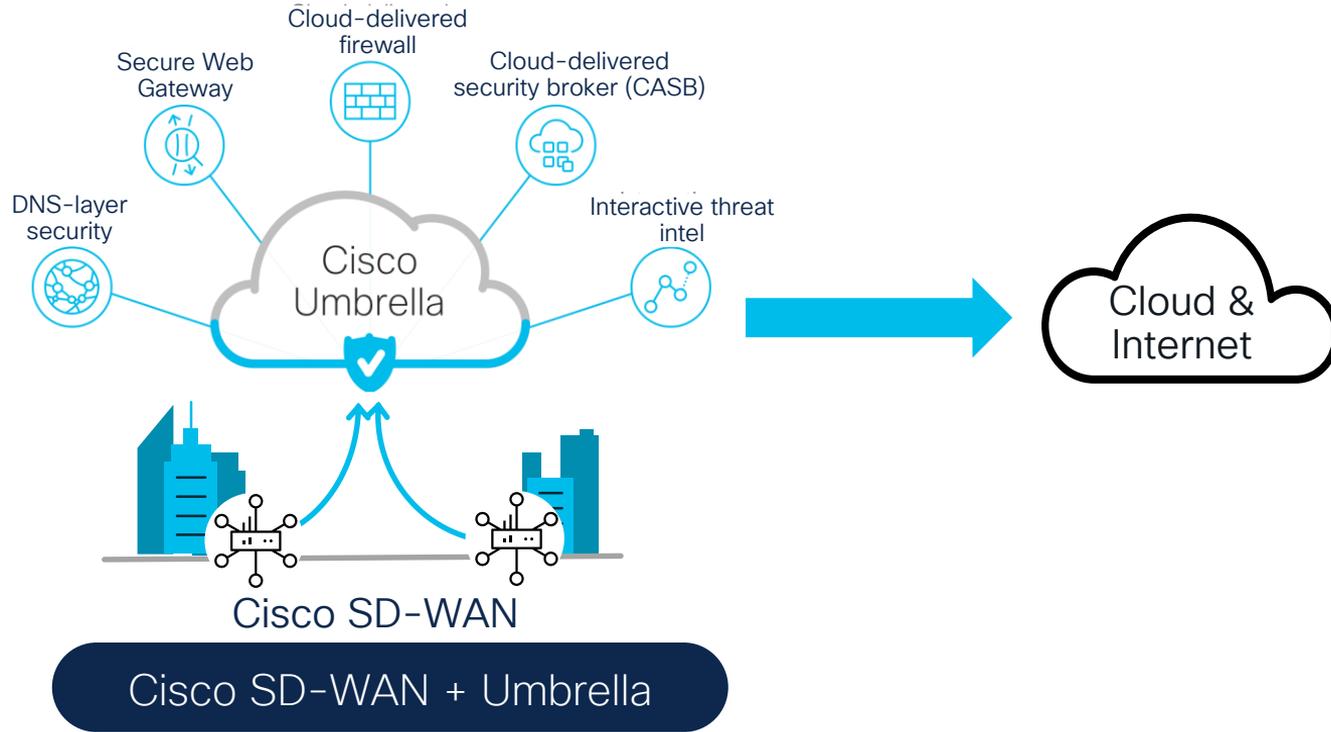
## SSL Proxy

Detect Threats in Encrypted Traffic

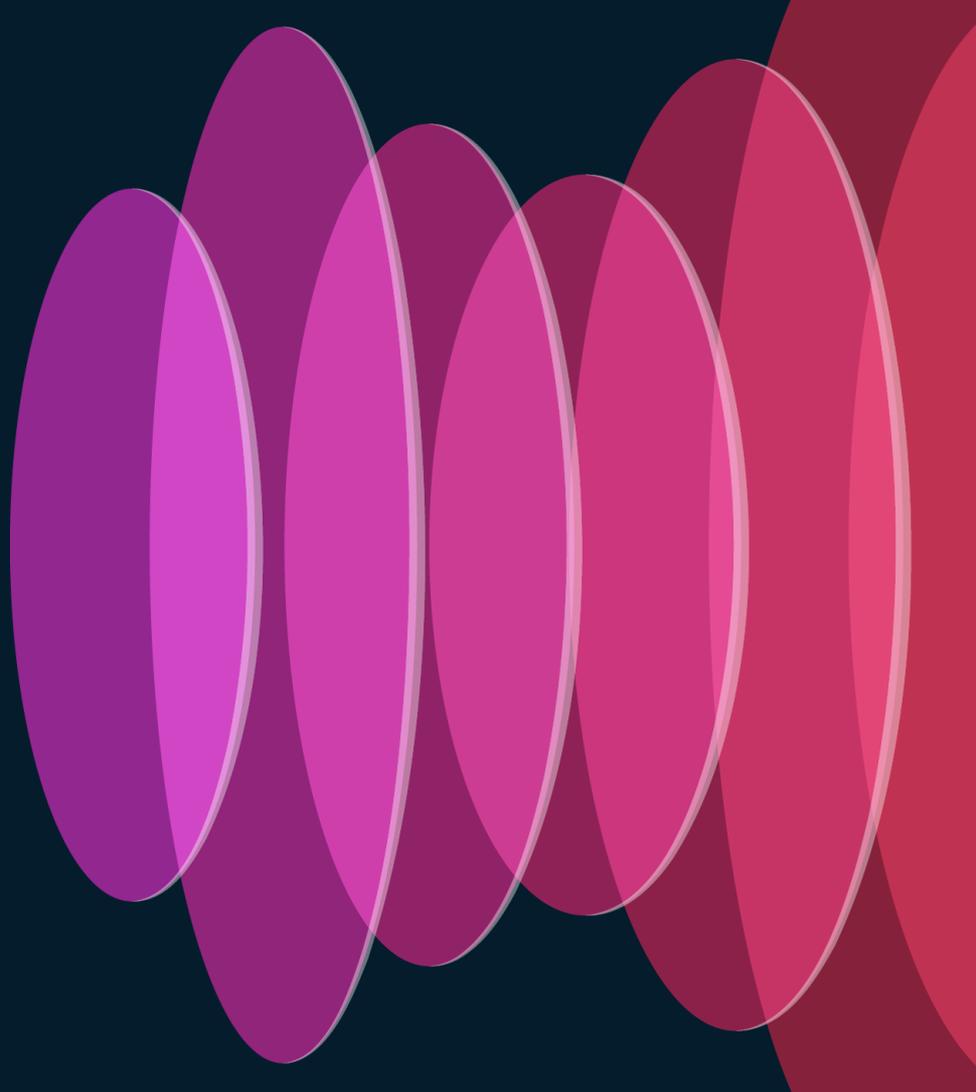
## Umbrella Cloud Security

DNS Security/Cloud FW with Cisco Umbrella

# Transitioning towards a Cloud security model

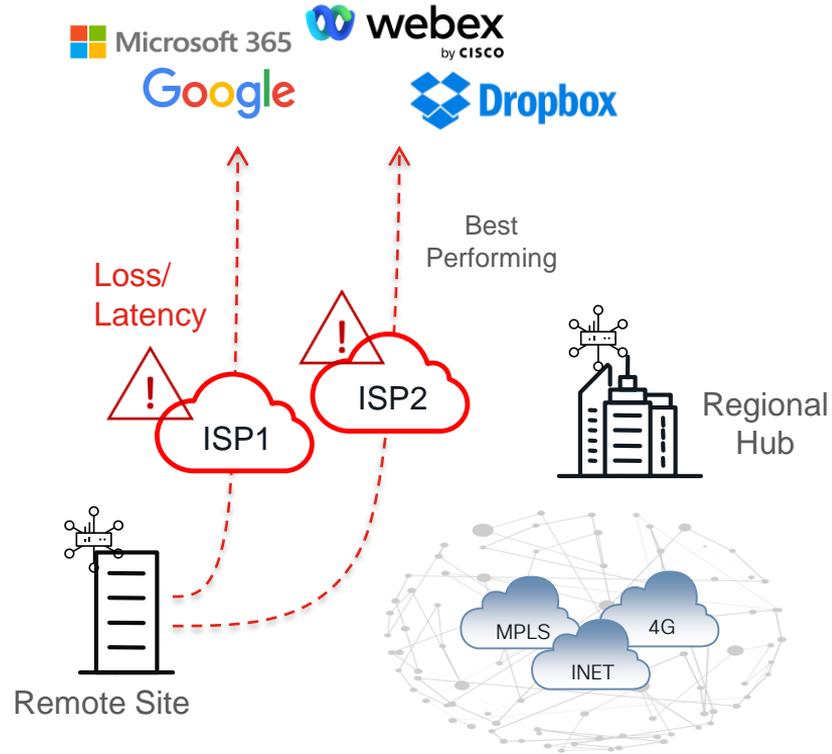


# Cloud OnRamp for SaaS

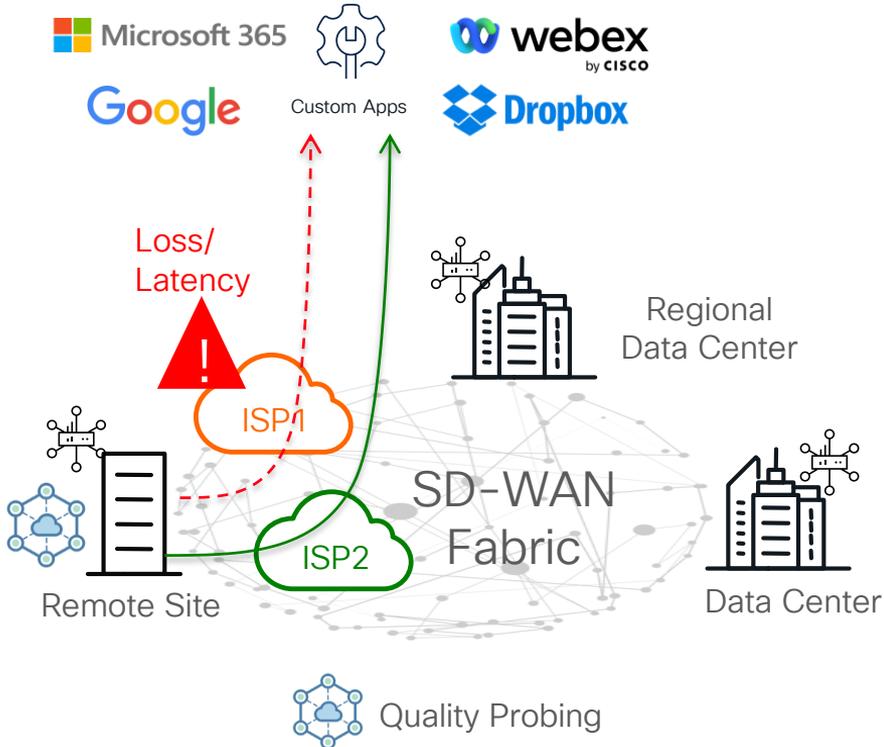


# SaaS Optimization Challenges

- Internet circuits performance is unreliable.
- How to get performance visibility for each available path?
- When specific path is having performance issues, How to automatically steer traffic ?

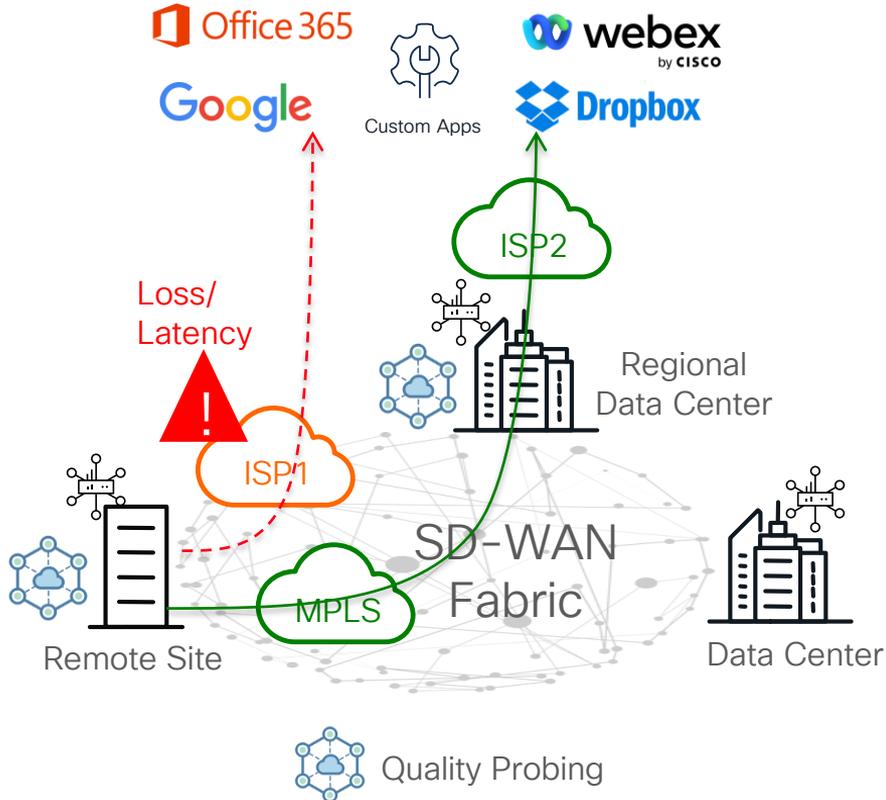


# Cloud onRamp for SaaS – Internet DIA



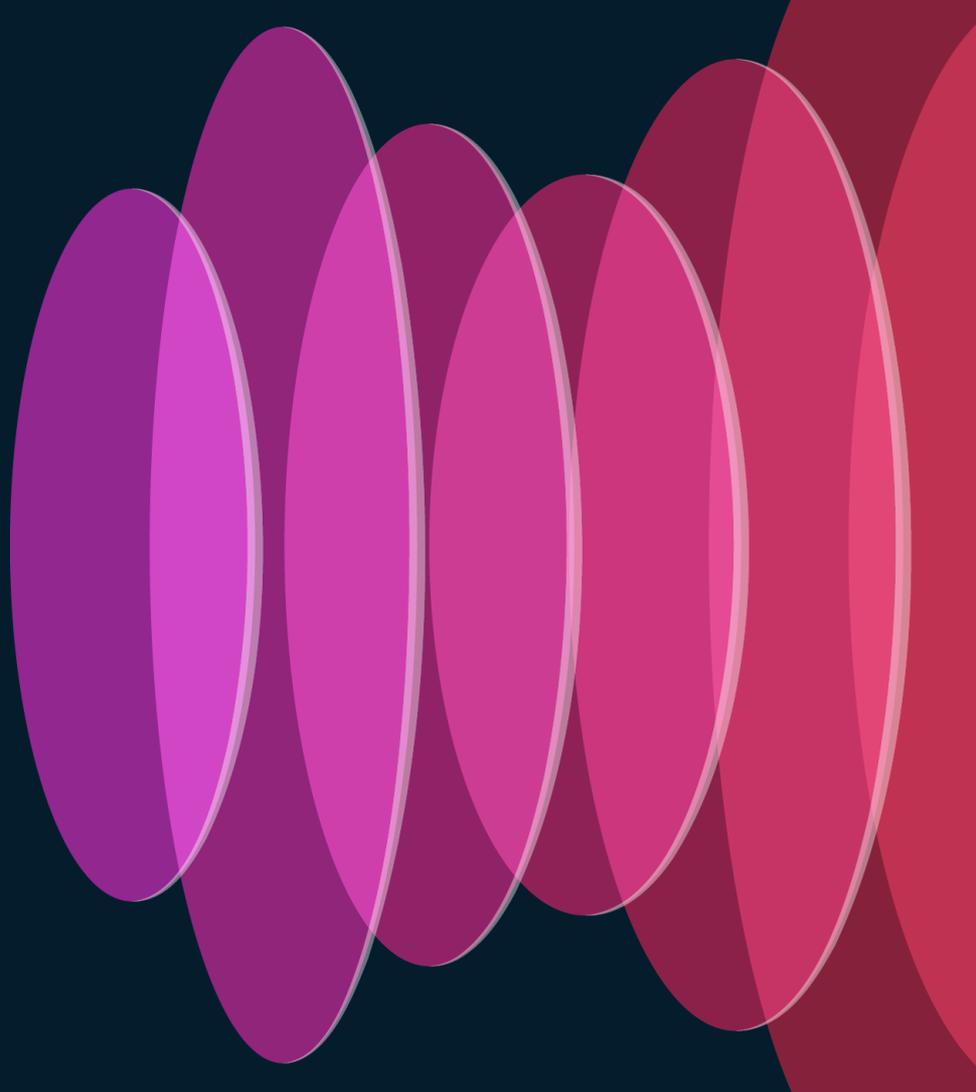
- WAN Edge router at the remote site performs quality probing for selected SaaS applications across each local DIA exit
  - Simulates client connection using HTTP ping
- Results of quality probing are quantified as vQoE score (combination of loss and latency)
- Local DIA exit with better vQoE score is chosen to carry the traffic for the selected SaaS application
  - Initial application flow may choose sub-optimal path until DPI identification is complete and cache table is populated

# Cloud onRamp for SaaS – Regional Gateway



- Wan Edge routers at the remote site and regional hub perform quality probing for selected SaaS applications across their local Internet exits
  - Simulate client connection using HTTP ping
- Results of quality probing are quantified as vQoE score (combination of loss and latency)
  - HTTP ping for local DIA and App-Route+HTTP ping for regional Internet exit
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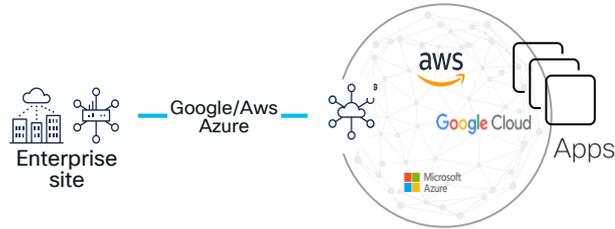
# Cloud OnRamp for MultiCloud



# Cisco SD-WAN Cloud Hub- Use Cases

-  = Cisco SD-WAN virtual router hosted at Cloud Service Provider POP
-  = Cisco SD-WAN router on-premises

## Enterprise Site to Cloud



## Enterprise Site to Enterprise Site

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## Cloud to Cloud/Inter-Cloud

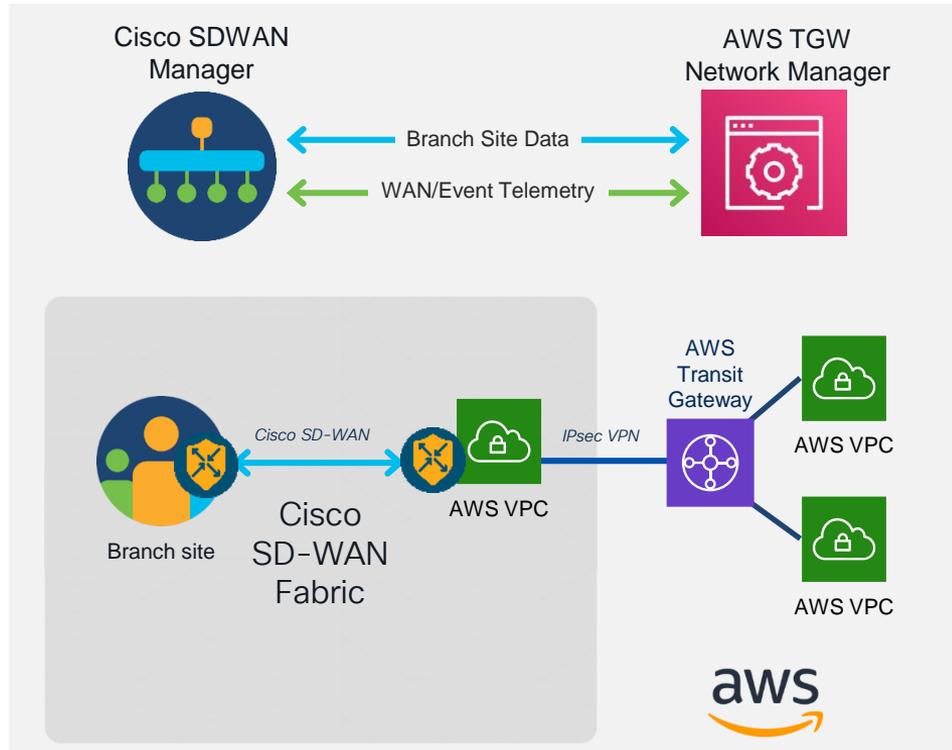


Cisco SD-WAN simplifying connectivity with fabric extension to cloud providers, it is building a programable site-to-cloud, Region to Region, site-to-site and cloud to cloud connectivity using cloud providers Native contracts and backbone

# Extending SD-WAN into Public Cloud (AWS as example)

## Benefits

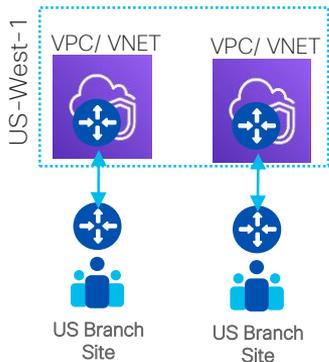
- Automated provisioning of SD-WAN Transit VPC and TGW, route exchange for site to cloud and site to site traffic over AWS backbone
- Full Visibility into inter-regional transit traffic and telemetry with TGW Network Manager
- Consistent Policy and Segmentation across branch and cloud for enterprise class security



# High Level Design Options

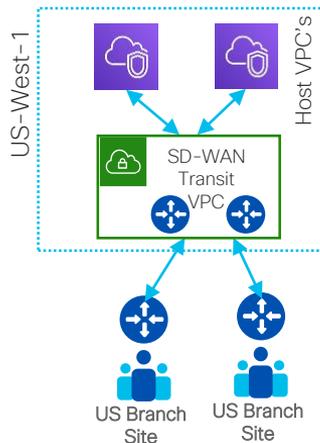
CSP-generic, AWS used as example

## Cloud Gateway



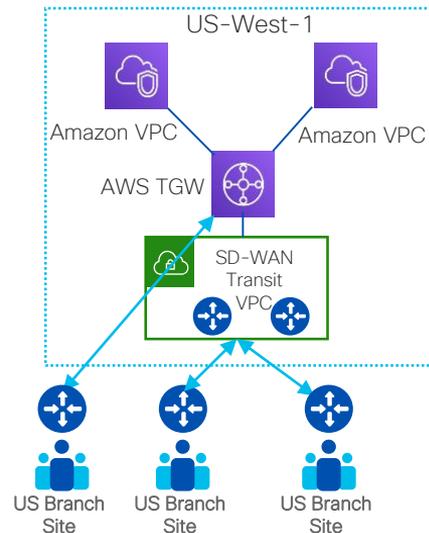
- SD-WAN Router in every VPC/VNET.
- Not scalable, but okay for one VPC.
- No built-in automation in Cloud onRamp, custom automation possible

## Cloud OnRamp for IaaS



- Transit VPC with SD-WAN routers.
- IPSec to host VPCs / VNETS via VGW
- Cloud networks learnt via BGP, redistributed into OMP.
- AWS and Azure automation on vManage known as Cloud OnRamp for IaaS

## Cloud OnRamp for Multicloud



- AWS TGW or Azure vWAN is used
- IPSec to AWS TGW, BGP on top of IPSec
- Cloud networks learnt via BGP, redistributed into OMP.
- AWS (17.3), Azure (17.4) and Google Cloud (17.5) automation on vManage known as Cloud onRamp for Multicloud
- Branch Connect - Traditional IPsec to AWS TGW (17.5)
- Cloud WAN coming in 2022

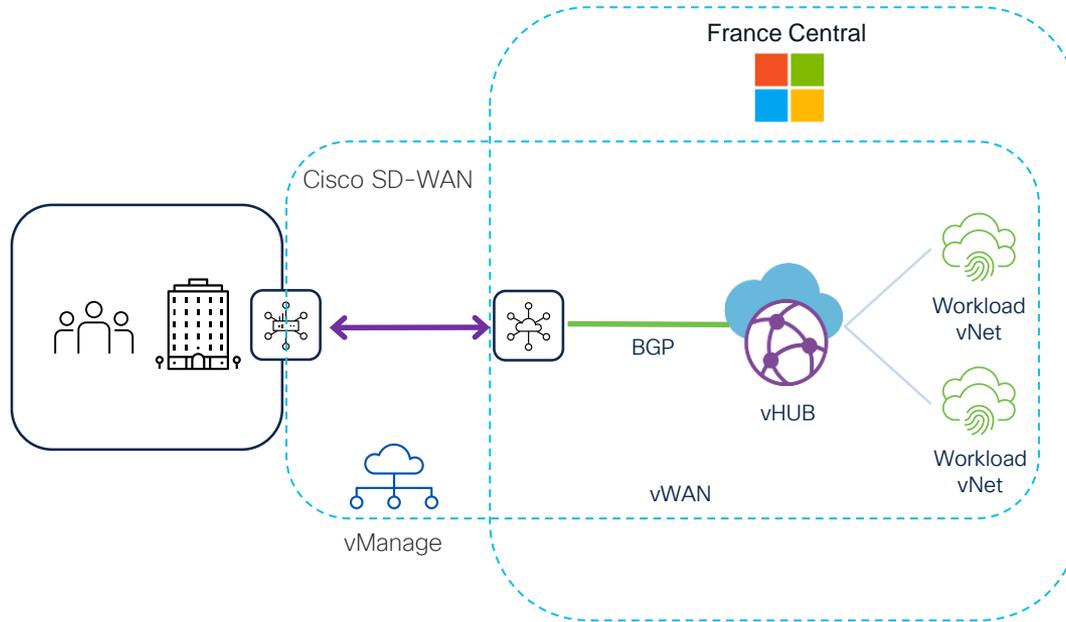
# Automation (CSP-generic)

## Different Automation options

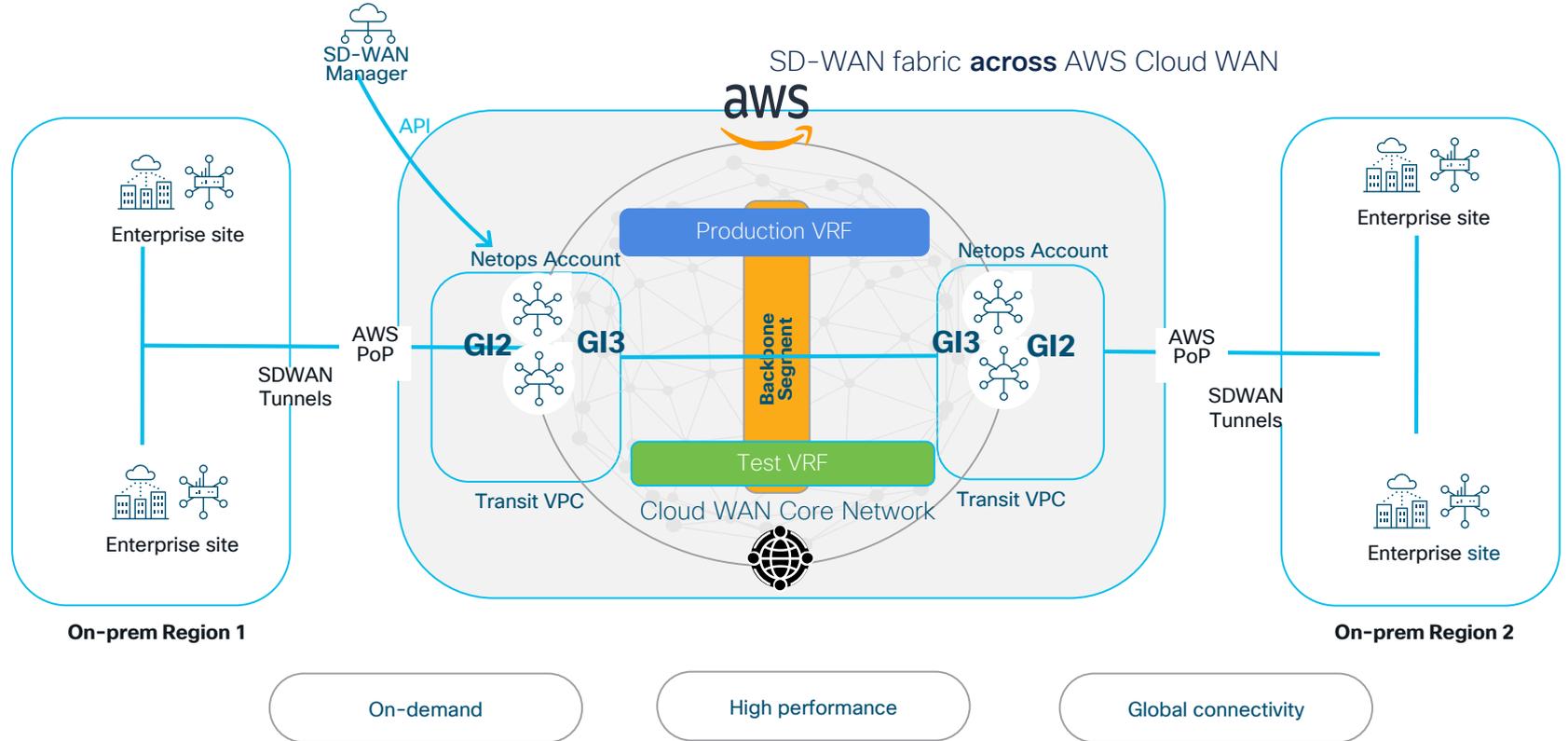
- Cloud OnRamp (CoR) for Multicloud Automation built in vManage
- Custom Automation with 3<sup>rd</sup> party tools like Terraform and Ansible

	Pros	Cons
Cloud OnRamp Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single UI in vManage for the whole workflow</li><li>• Discovers host VPCs/VNETS and connects public-cloud with SD-WAN within minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not possible to add own customization for design changes i.e., virtual firewall</li><li>• No built-in auto scale capabilities (yet)</li></ul>
Custom Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will do exactly what customer wants</li><li>• Can be changed in case of any design changes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Takes time and money to develop and test (customer, Cisco CX or Partner)</li></ul>

# Cisco SD-WAN Cloud OnRamp for Multicloud with Microsoft Azure



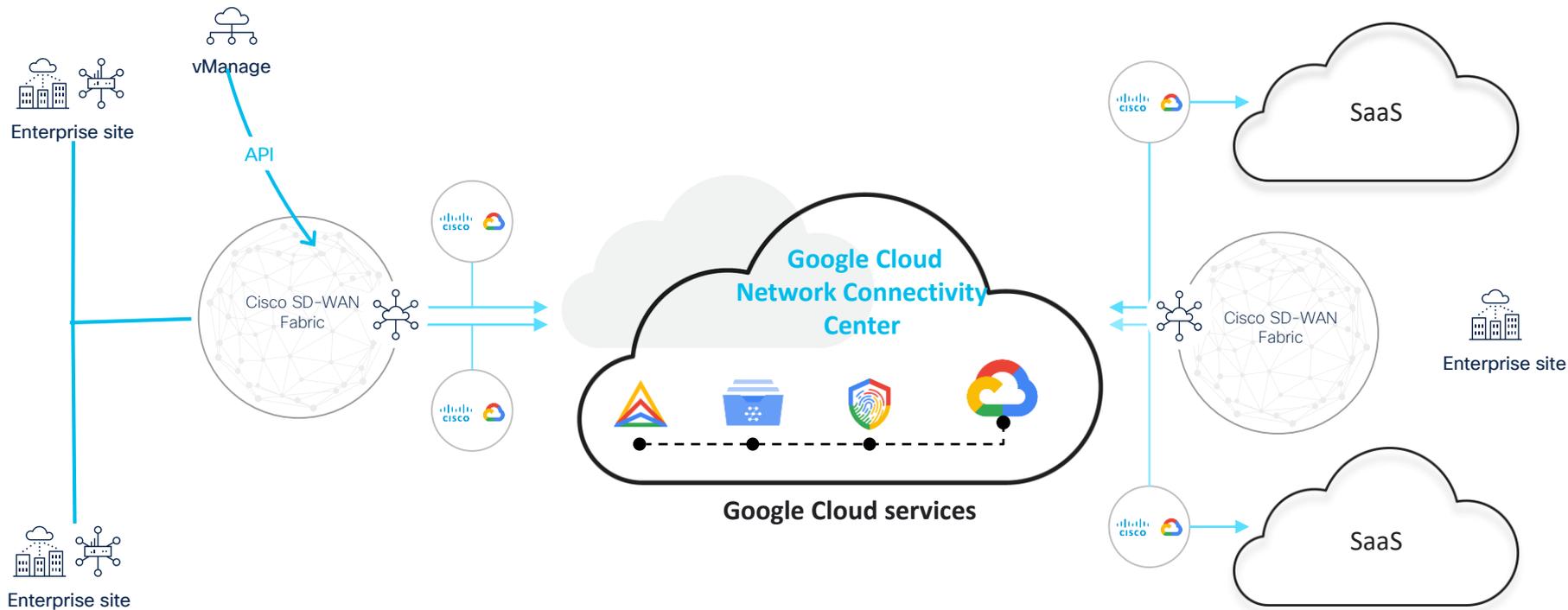
# Site-to-Site with Cloud WAN



# Cisco SD-WAN Cloud Hub and Google Cloud Network Connectivity Center

 = Cisco SD-WAN router on-premises

 = Cisco SD-WAN cloud router at Google Cloud



Cisco SD-WAN Cloud Hub with Google Cloud

# Cisco SD-WAN Middle-Mile Optimization



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Cloud WAN



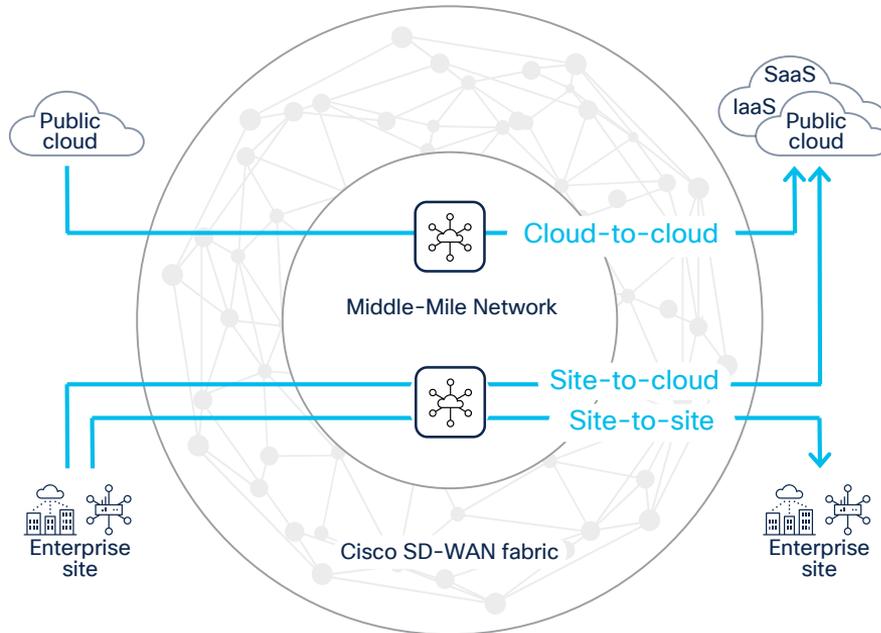
Google Cloud NCC



Microsoft Azure

 = Cisco SD-WAN virtual router

 = Cisco SD-WAN router on-premises



**Flexibility**  
All or selective traffic sent based on type or app



**Reliability**  
Reliable, high-speed connectivity between sites

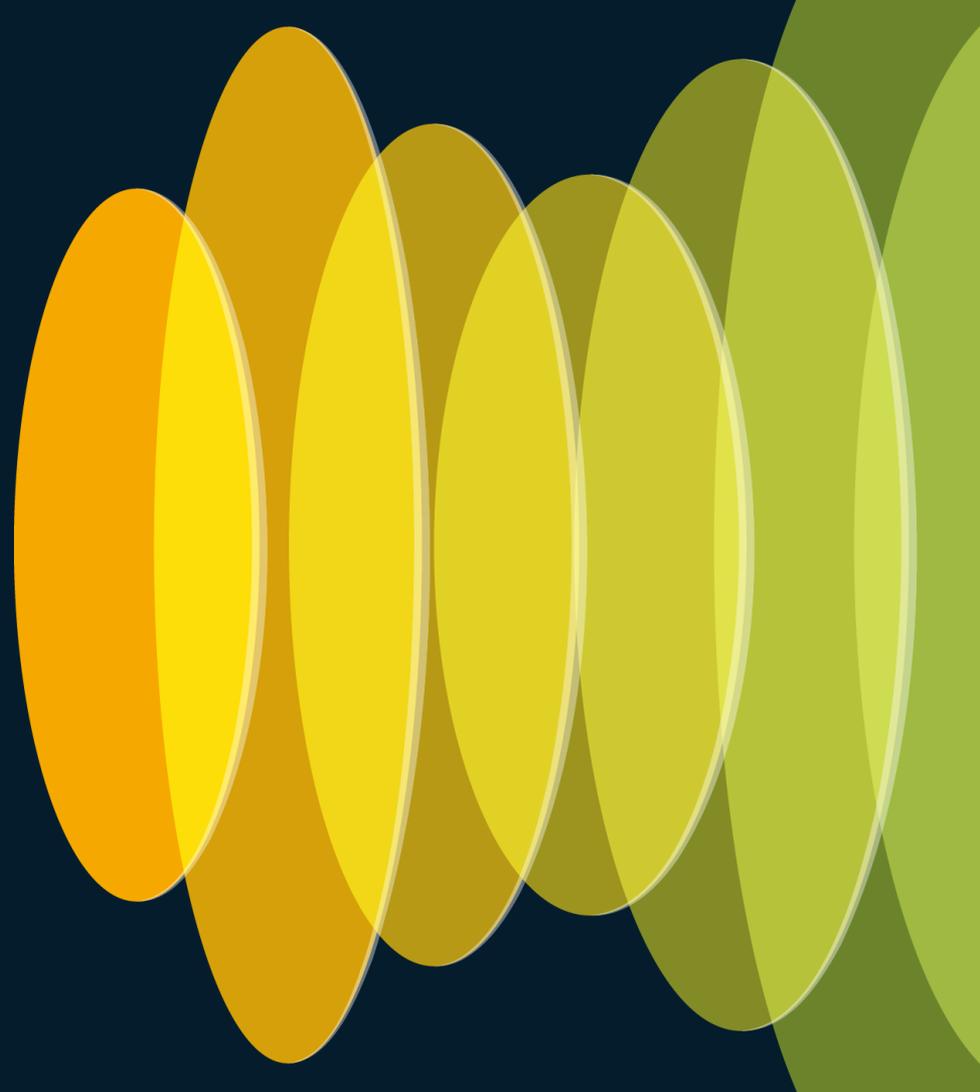


**Security**  
End-to-end encryption over middle mile global backbone



**On-demand**  
Automated connectivity via vManage central dashboard

# SD-Routing?

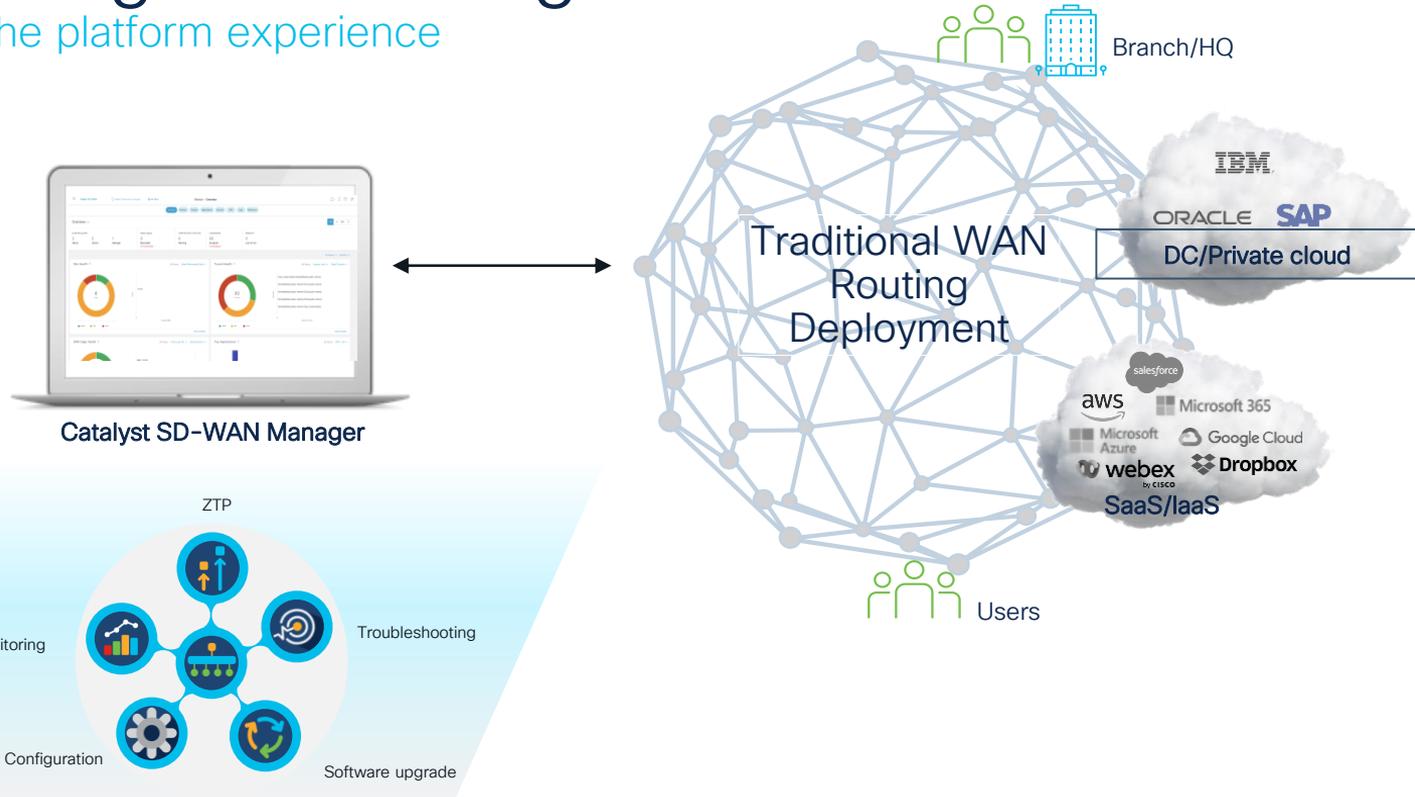




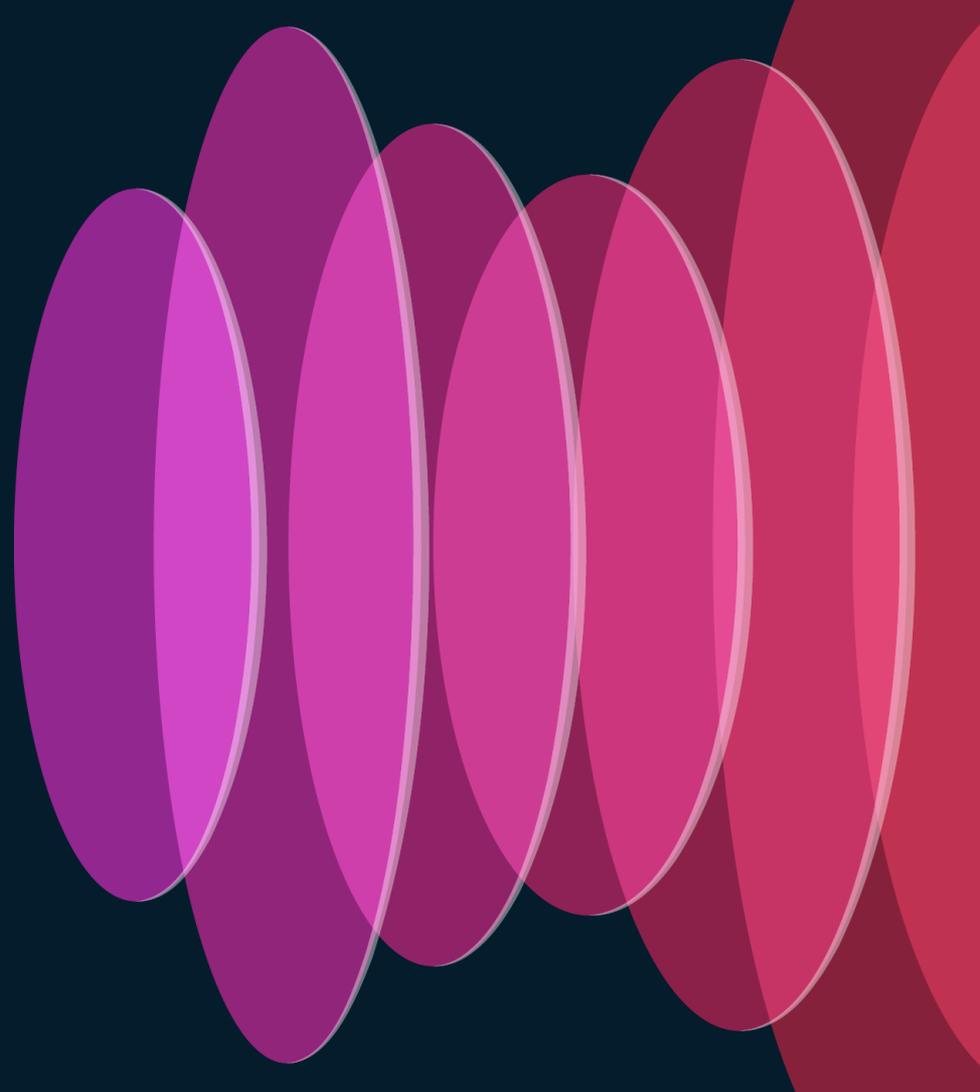
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# Introducing SD-Routing

Transform the platform experience

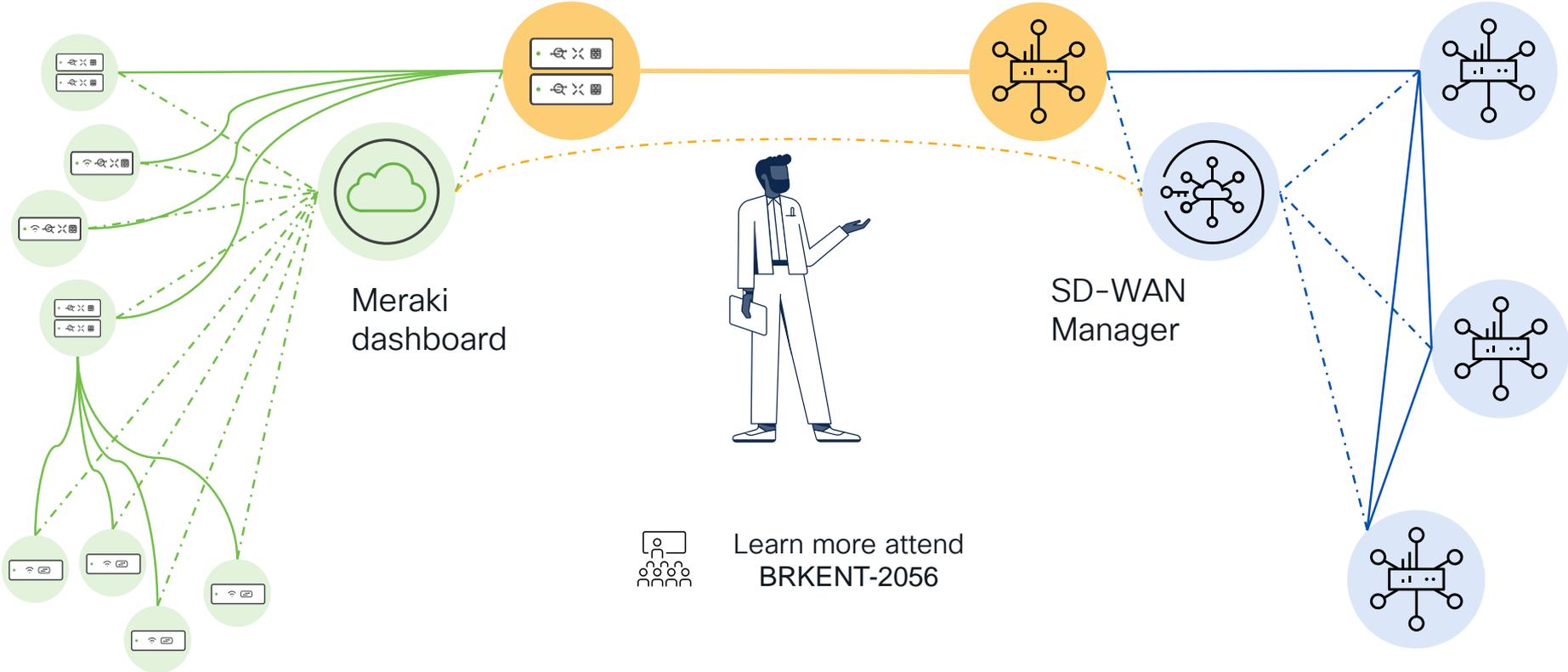


# What about Meraki SD- WAN?



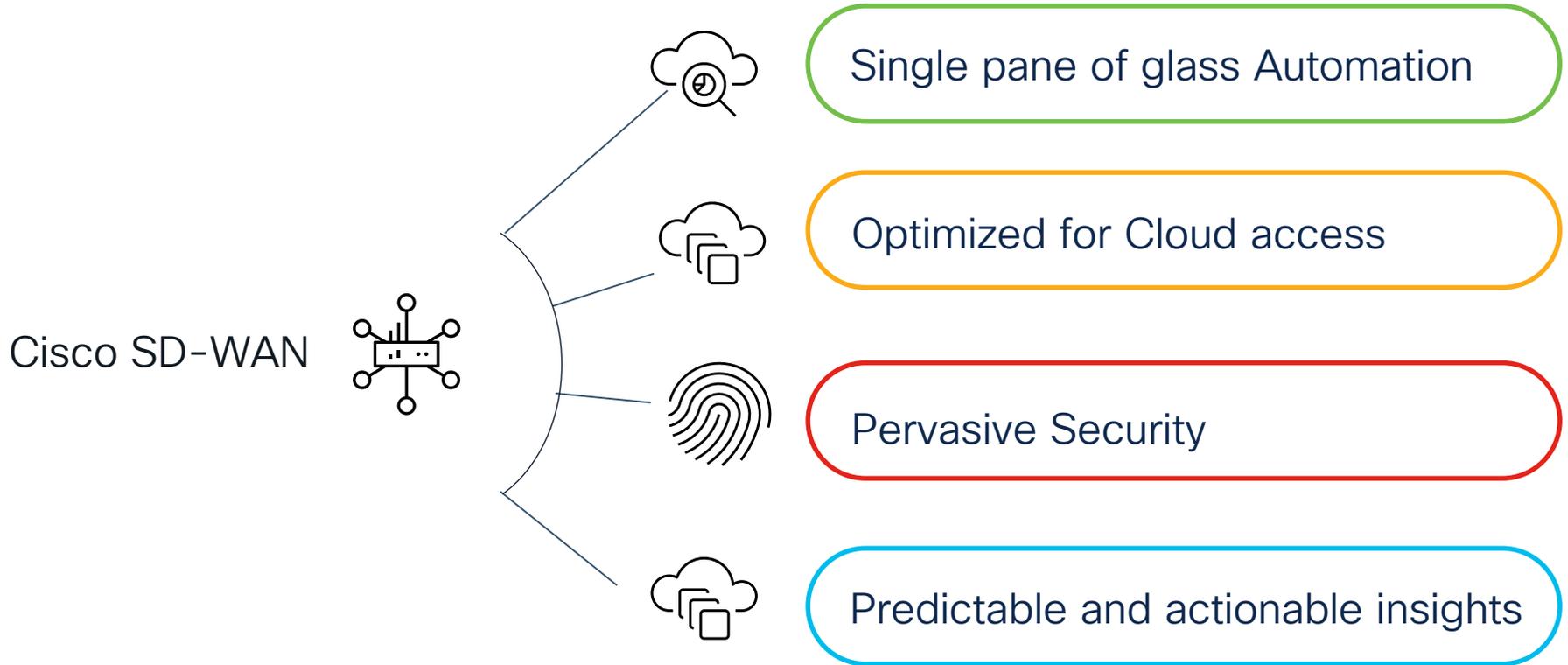
# Cisco SD-WAN

Joining fabrics is now a simplified experience

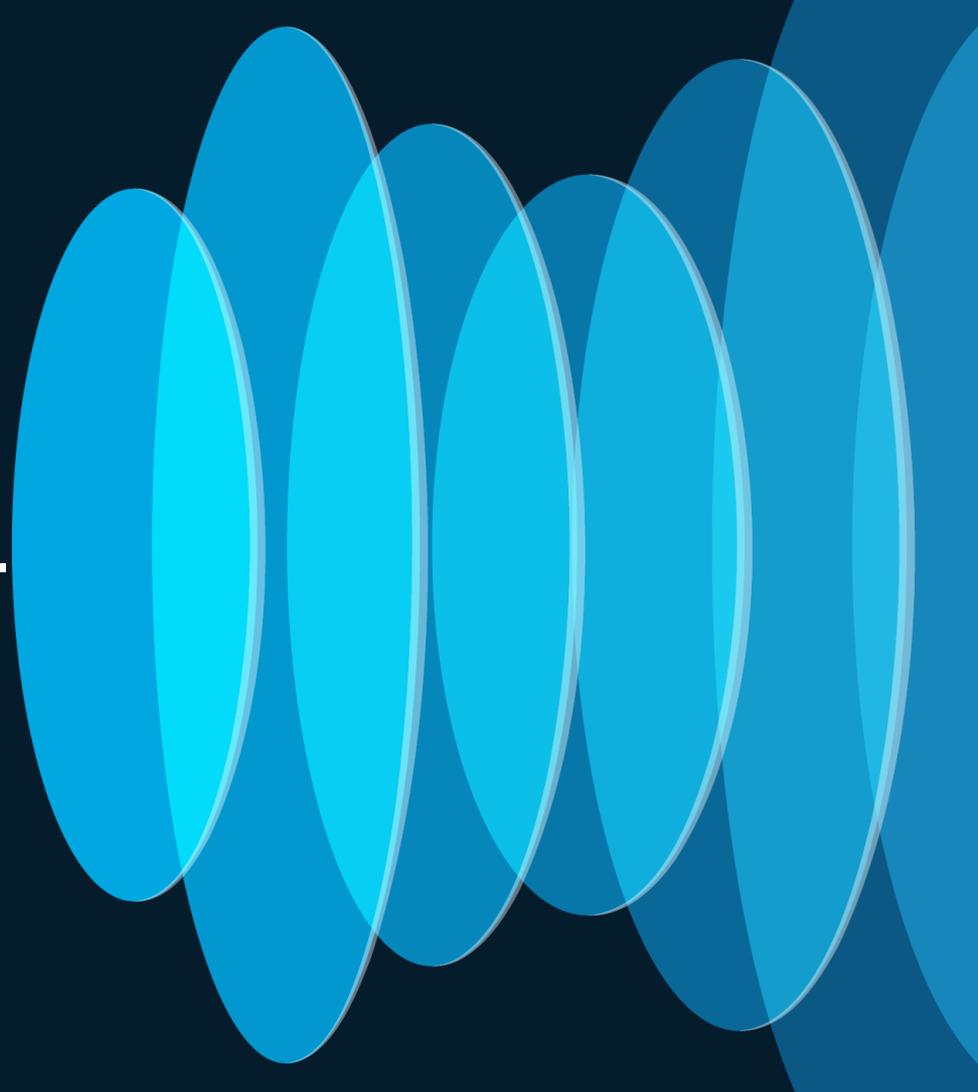


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SD-WAN – This is it.



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How Cisco SD-WAN Analytics and Insight Powers Faster Time to Resolution

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[BRKENT-1313](#)

Making SD-WAN Easy: Operational Simplification and User Experience

Wednesday, June 5 | 10:30 a.m.

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End to End Segmentation with Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN and ISE

FINISH

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Advanced SD-WAN Policies Troubleshooting

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3 Steps to Gain Actionable Visibility in the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN using ThousandEyes

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Empower Your Meraki SD-WAN: Unleashing Unified SASE with Cloud-Driven Secure Connect

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