



Dataplane Networking journey in Containers

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Discussion topics



- ▶ Container Deployment Models
- ▶ Container Bare Metal Reference Architecture
- ▶ Container Unified Infrastructure Reference Architecture

Network Cloudification Multiple Deployment Models



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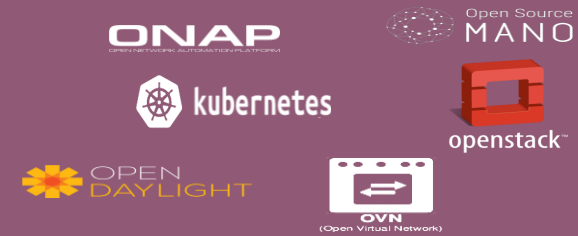
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SR-IOV



NFV Orchestration



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Bare Metal

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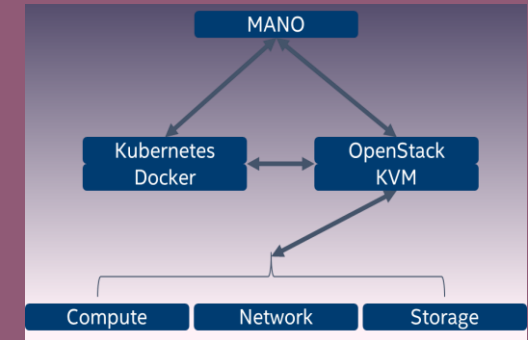
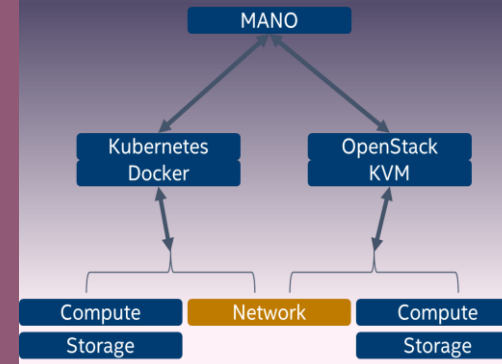
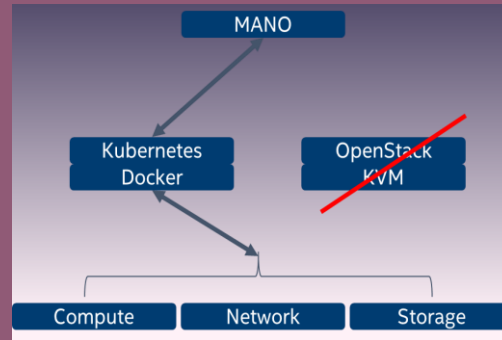
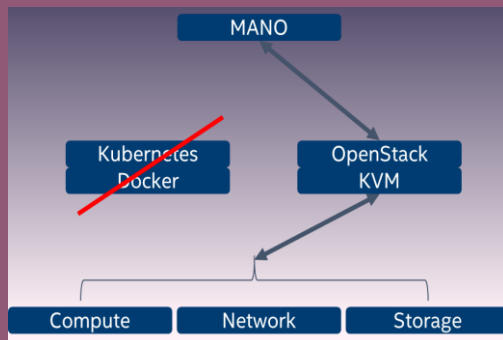
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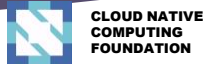
Hybrid

Unified



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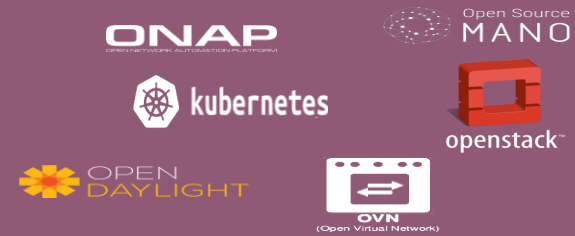
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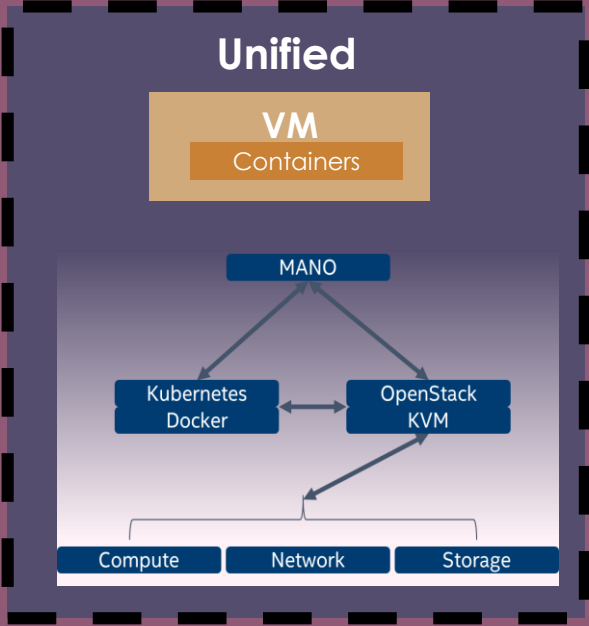
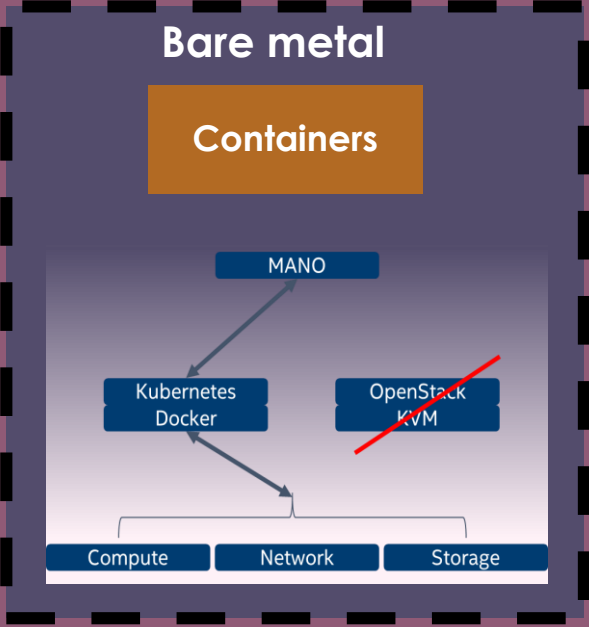
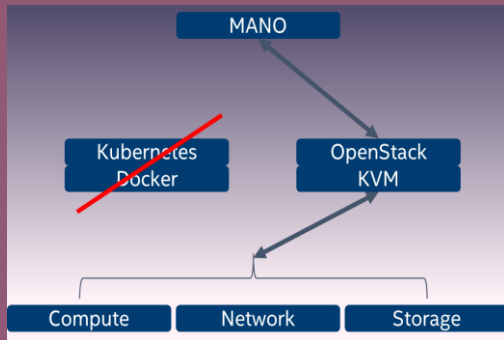
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Address Container Networking Industry Gaps

Intel Containers NFV Reference Architectures (Experience Kits)



Identified Gaps

Resolve, Integrate

Communicate

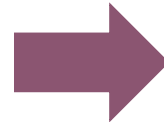
Containers Compute & Networking

Existing Solution

- MULTUS**
Multi-network Support
- SR-IOV CNI PLUGIN**
Resource Isolation
- DPDK CNI PLUGIN**
Data Plane Support
- NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY**
Data Center Heterogeneity
- CPU MANAGER for K8s**
CPU Core Pinning

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- NUMA Awareness
- Huge pages
- QAT

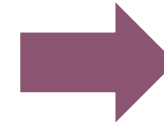


SW Contributions Demo Integration

Open Source Projects

VNF

- Kubernetes v1.5.0
Docker v1.12
- flannel SRIOV CNI
MULTUS Flannel v0.5.0
Multus V1.0
SRIOV v0.2-alpha
- DPDK** DPDK v16.11
DATA PLANE DEVELOPMENT KIT
- CentOS Linux 7 (Core)
Linux 3.10.0-327.36.3.el7.x86_64
- 82599E5 10-Gigabit SFI/SFP+ Network Connection
intel X710 for 10GbE SFP+



Container BM Ref. Architecture Rel. 1 Oct. 2017

Container UI Ref. Architecture Rel. 1 Feb 2017

Best Practice Guidelines Experience kits (Examples)

- MULTUS**
- Data Plane Scale**
- EPA - CMK**
- Kuryr**

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VNFs

- vEPC
- vNAT
- vIMS
- vRouter
- vGGSN
- vFirewall
- vCPE
- vRNC
- vHLR
- vSGSN
- vMME
- vIDS

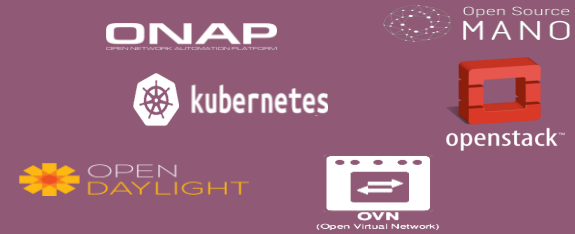
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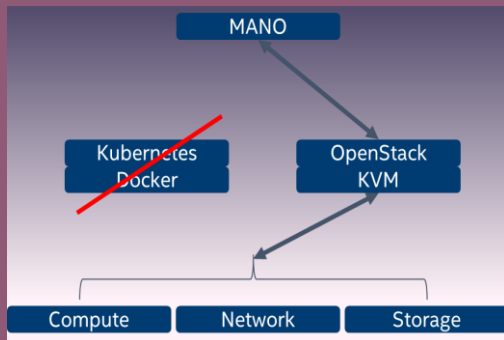
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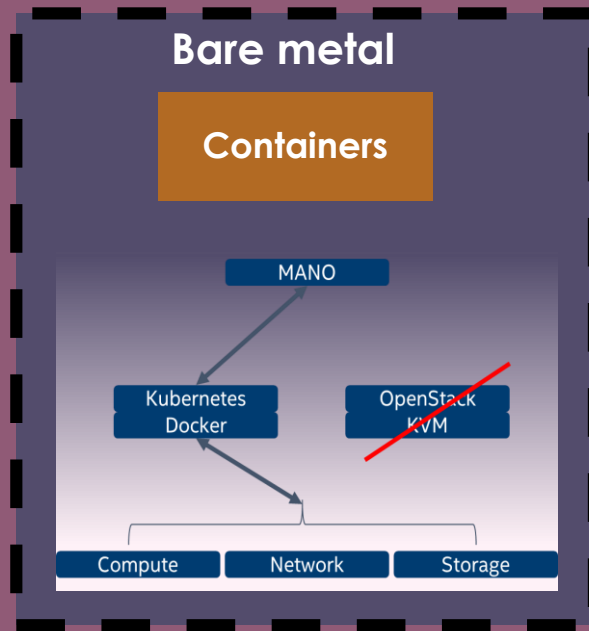


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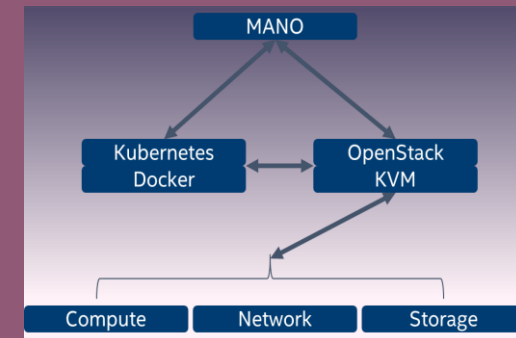
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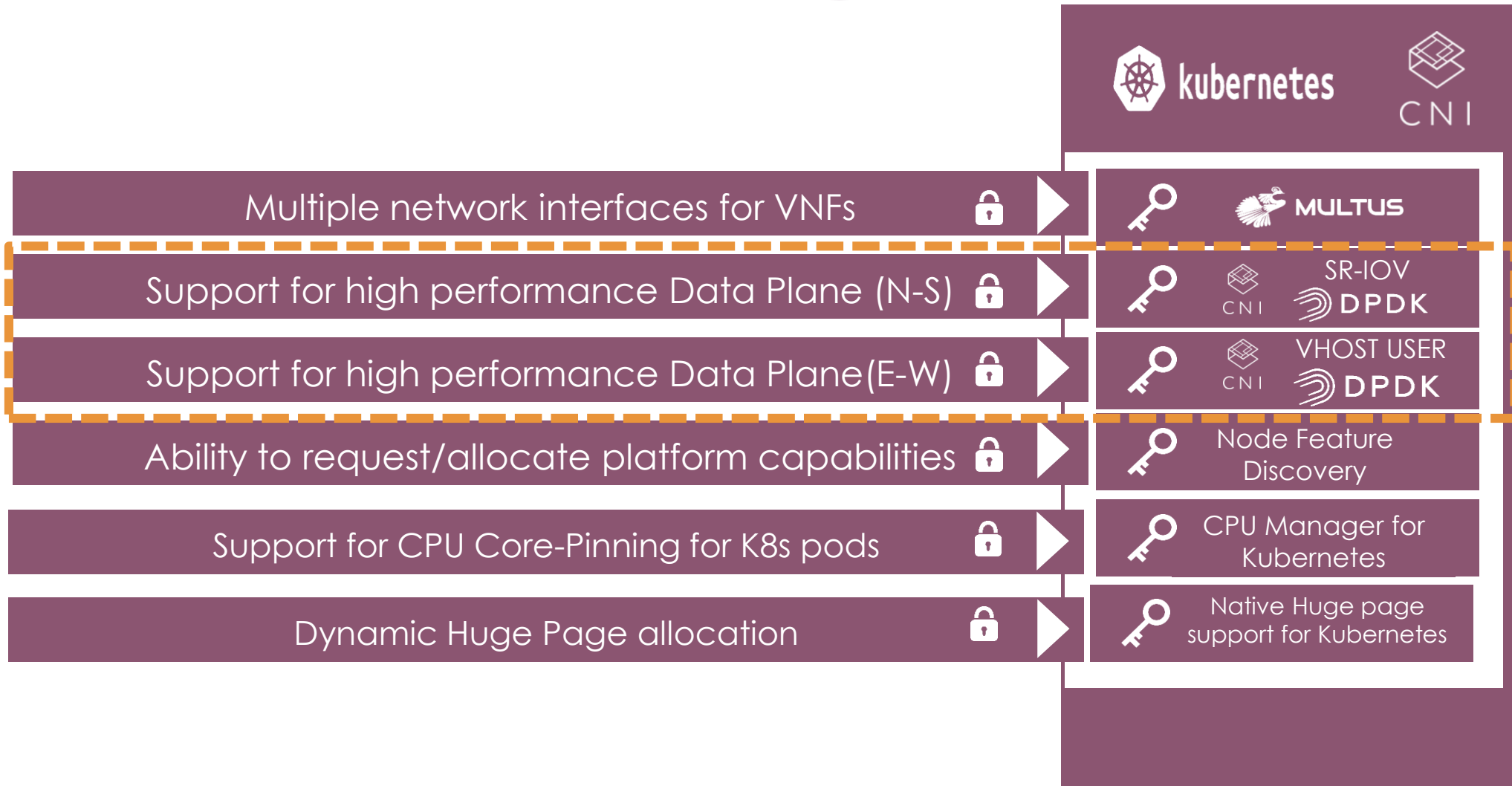


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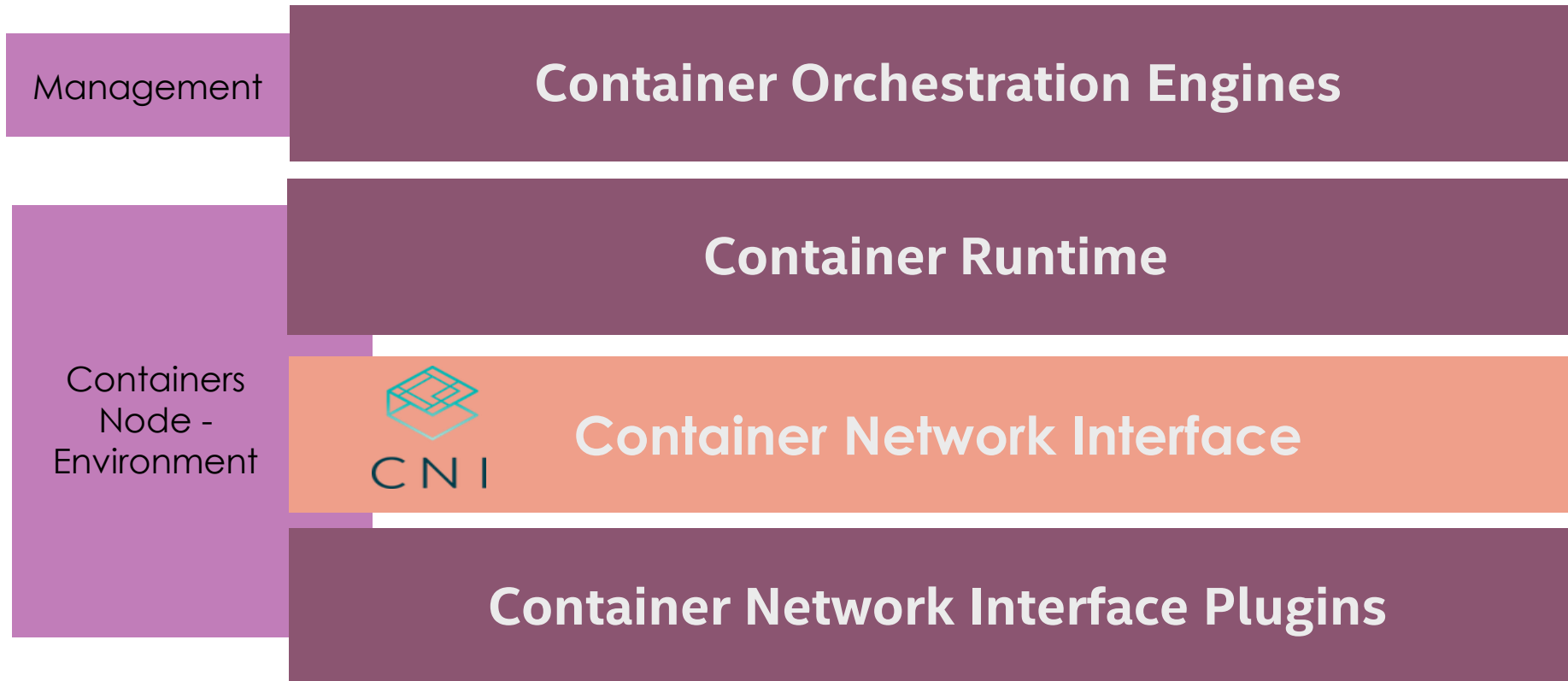
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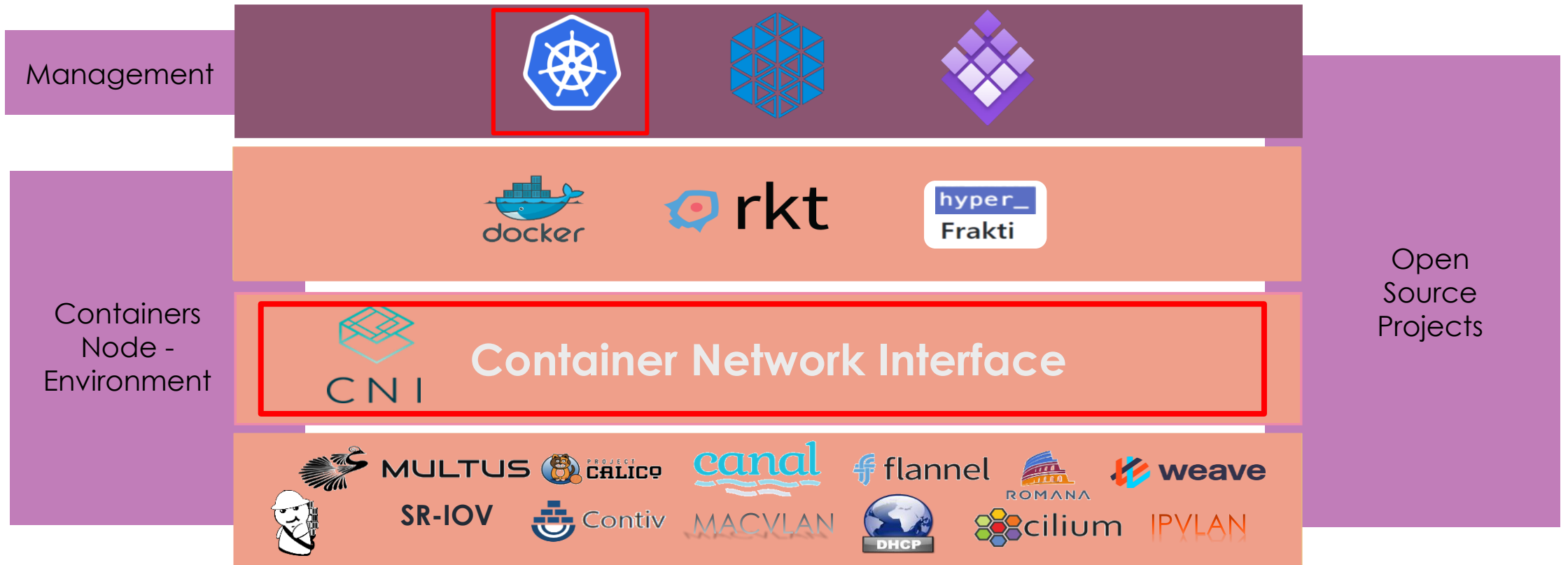
Industry challenges in containers Bare Metal



Kubernetes networks via Container Network Interface (CNI)



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 Can "mix and match" with CNI as the API

DPDK - SRIOV CNI Plugin



PROBLEM

Lack of support for physical platform resource isolation
No guaranteed network IO performance
No support for Data Plane Networking

SOLUTION

Allows SRIOV support in Kubernetes via a CNI plugin
Intel contributor and maintainer of SR-IOV CNI plugin

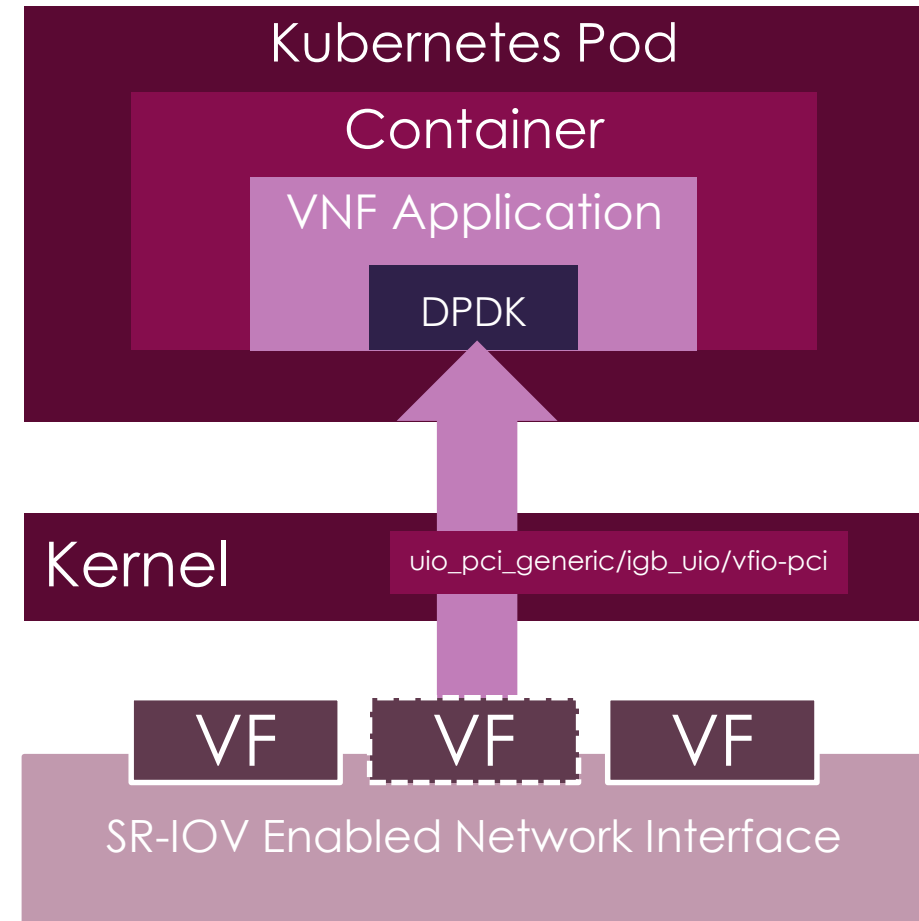
Supports two modes of operation:

SR-IOV : SR-IOV VFs are allocated to pod network namespace

DPDK : SR-IOV VFs are bounded to DPDK drivers in the userspace

REFERENCE

<https://github.com/Intel-Corp/sriov-cni>



Vhost user CNI Plugin



PROBLEM

No Container Networking with software acceleration for NFV particularly for East – West Traffic

SOLUTION

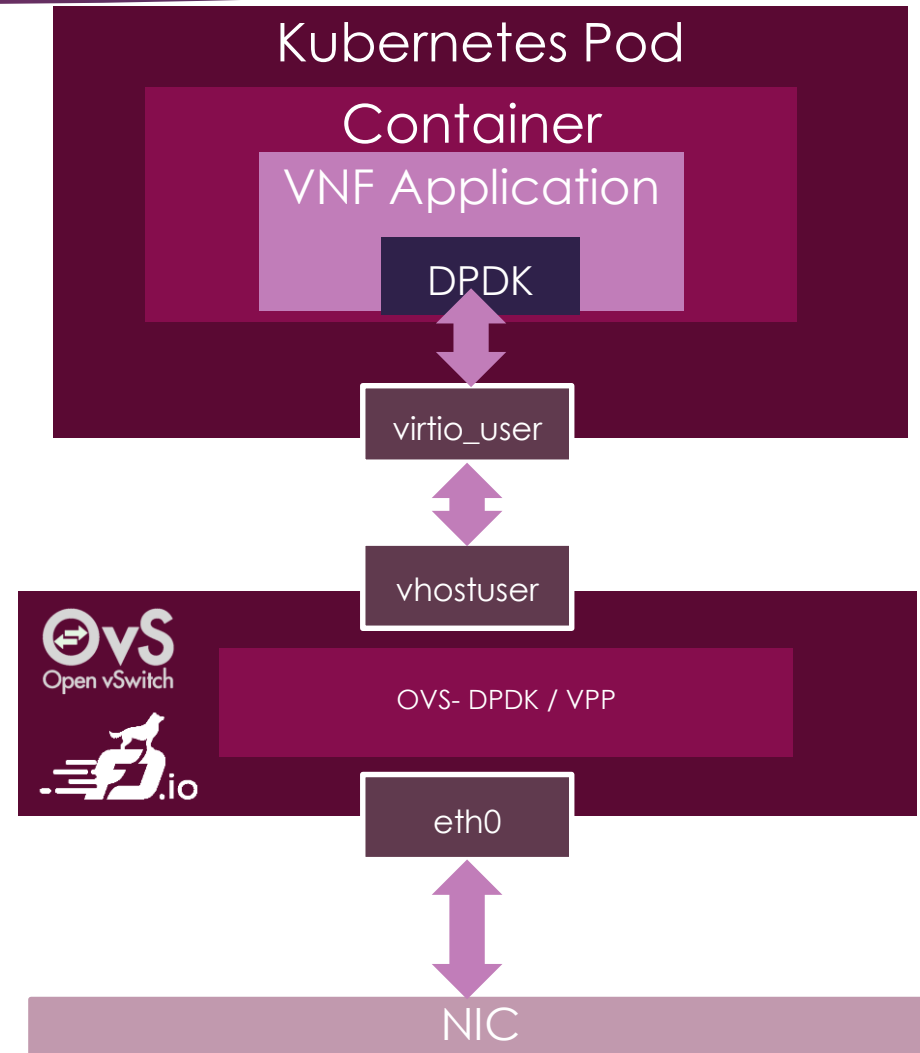
Virtio_user/ vhost_user gives boosted performance than VETH pairs

Support VPP as well as DPDK OVS

Vhost_user CNI plugin enables K8s to leverage data plane acceleration

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<https://github.com/intel/vhost-user-net-plugin>



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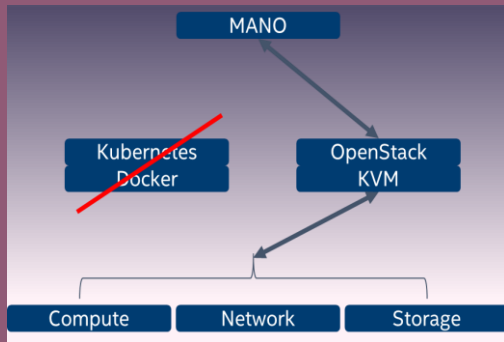
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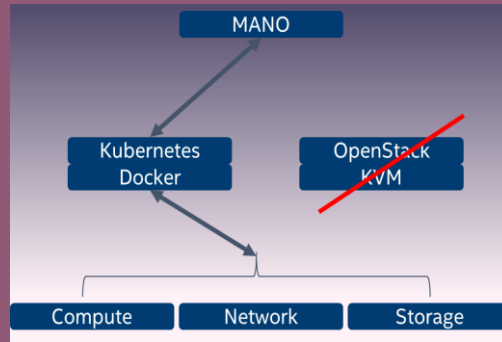


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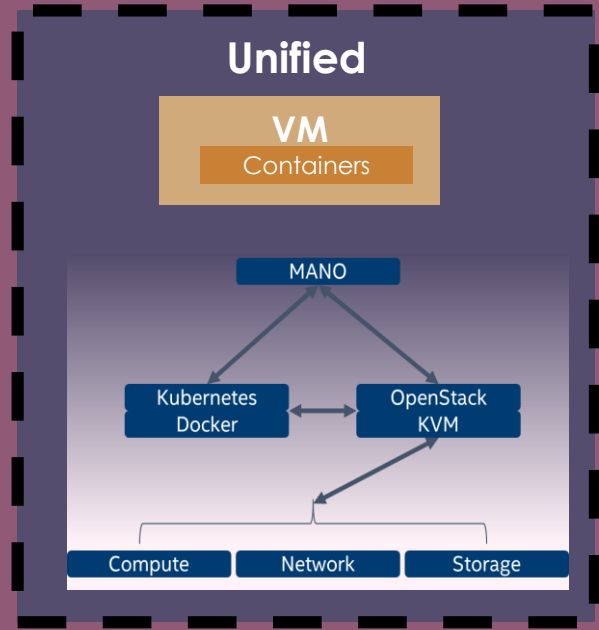
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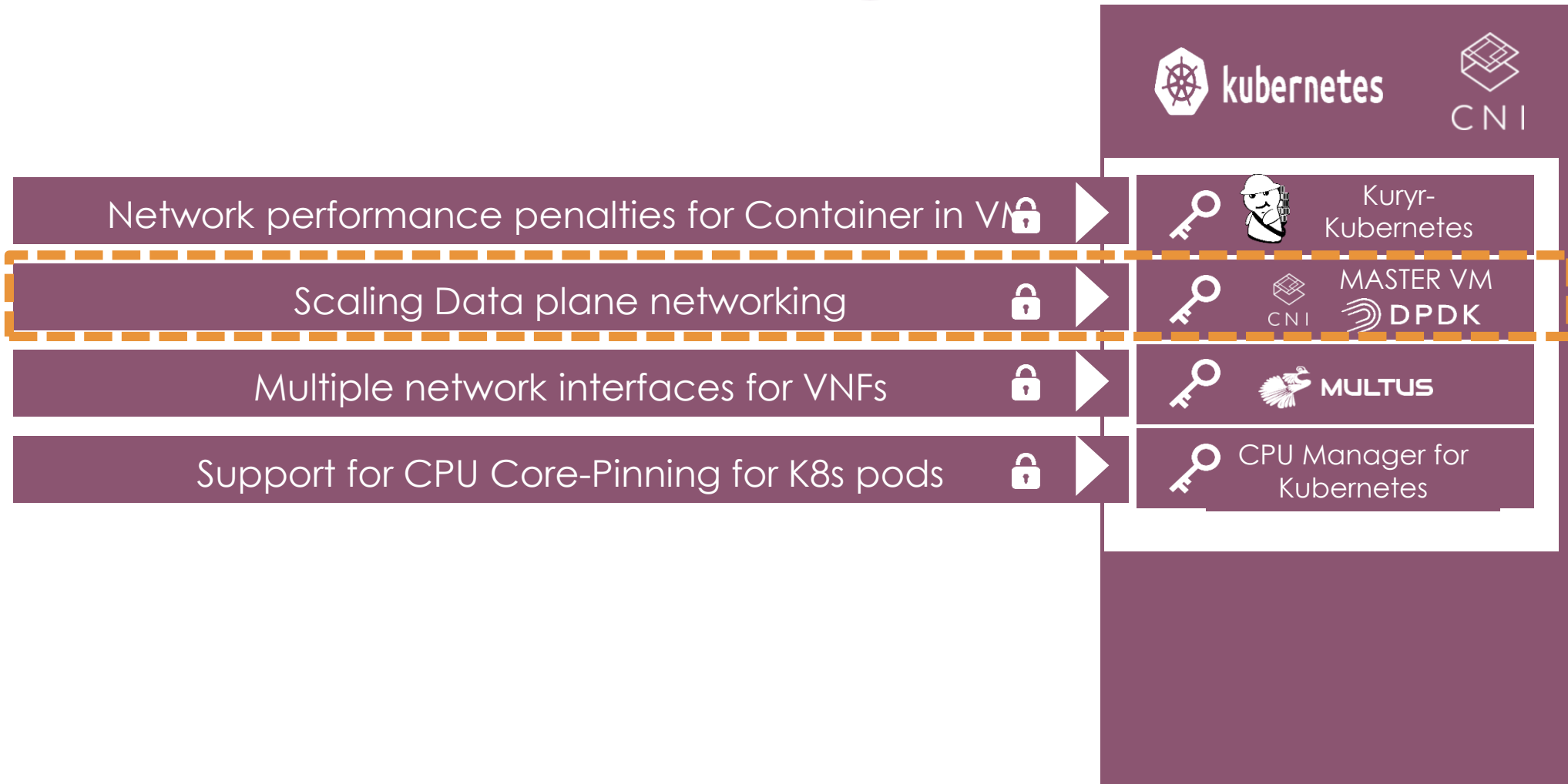


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Industry challenges in Nested Containers



Master VM For Containers

Enabling DPDK in Nested Containers



OBJECTIVES

One Virtual Machine to many Containers
 Target: 1k Containers per VM
 Container Data Plane performance

USE CASE

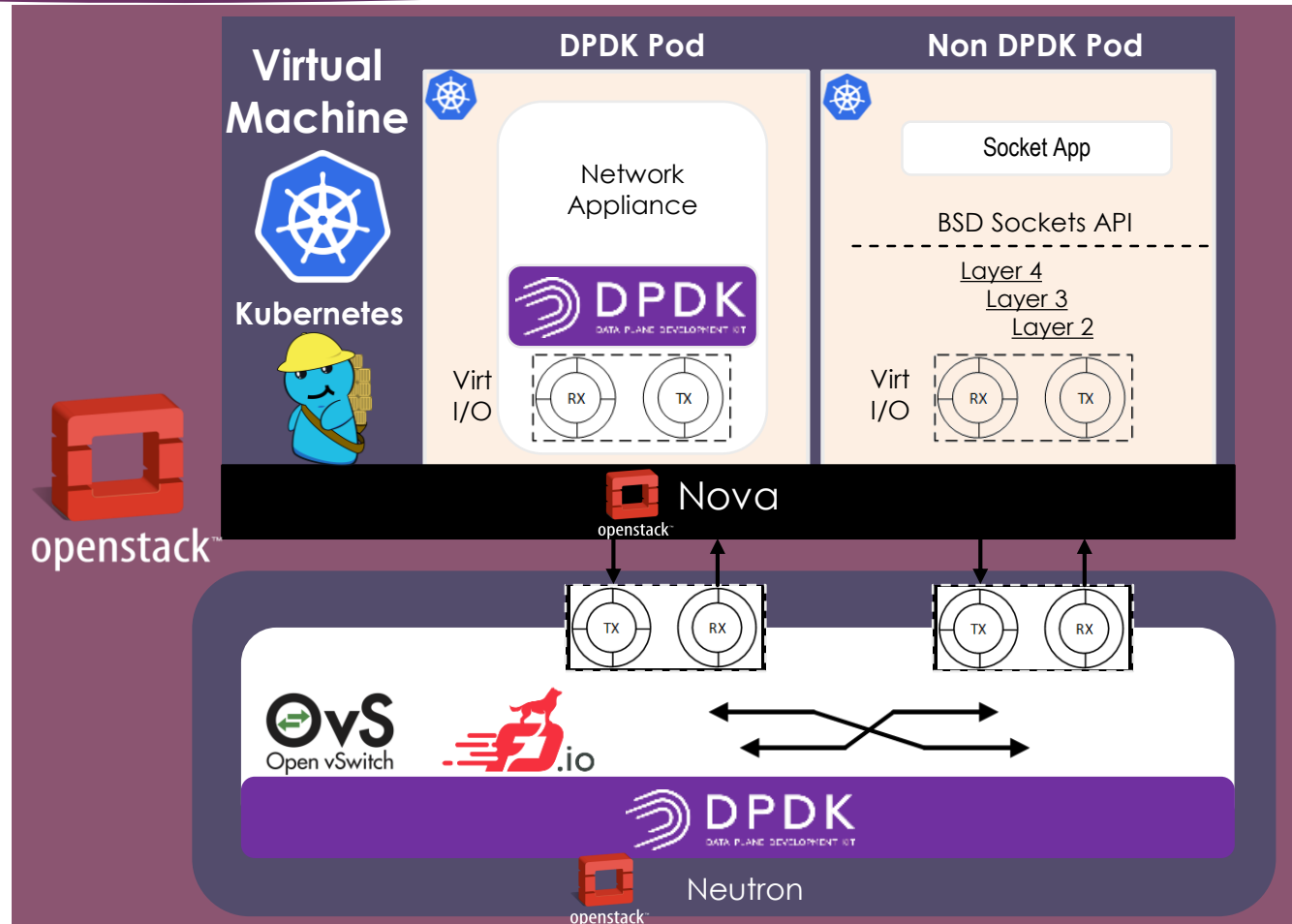
Elasticity and scalability of containerized VNF application in VM

BENEFITS

- VT-x ring de-privileging to move the VM and Container into userspace, making it accessible to the userspace vSwitch with just a single copy.
- Standard Virtio interface that supports both interrupt and poll modes, VNF and Cloud based applications.
- Standard Vhost shared memory interface between DPDK vSwitch and VNF.

SOLUTIONS

- Enabling DPDK in containers using VIRTIO
- Using Kuryr-Kubernetes, orchestrate the Dataplane networking – DPDK workload using the vSwitch



Master VM:

Co-existence of Containers and Virtual Machines

DPDK based vSwitch, independent method to accelerate the Container Data Plane.

Kuryr – Kubernetes with Dataplane Networking with DPDK based vSwitch



PROBLEM (Current Status)

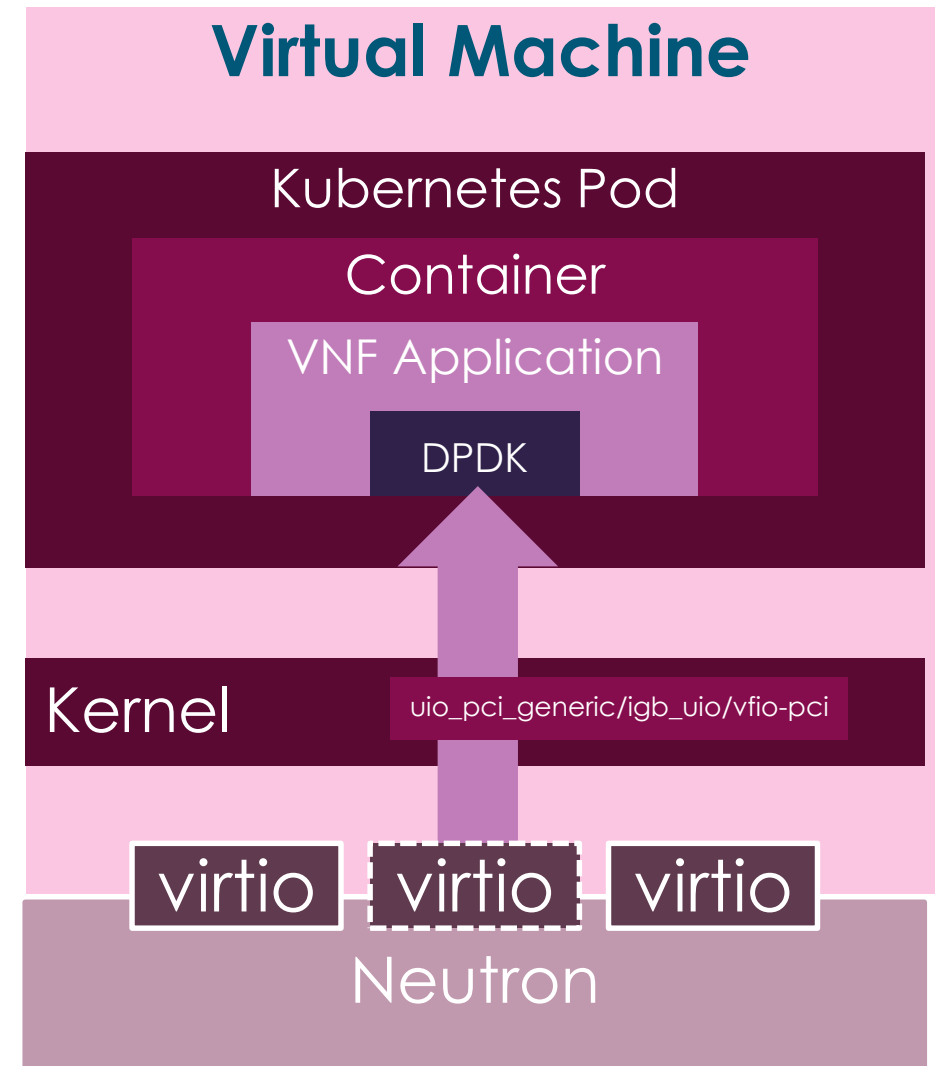
No support for Data Plane Networking for nested containers in Unified Infrastructure RA

SOLUTION (WIP)

Working on the PoC for the development of DPDK net plugin support in kuryr CNI
DPDK: Virtio are bounded to DPDK drivers in the userspace

REFERENCE

<https://blueprints.launchpad.net/kuryr-kubernetes/+spec/nested-dpdk-support>



Questions?

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