

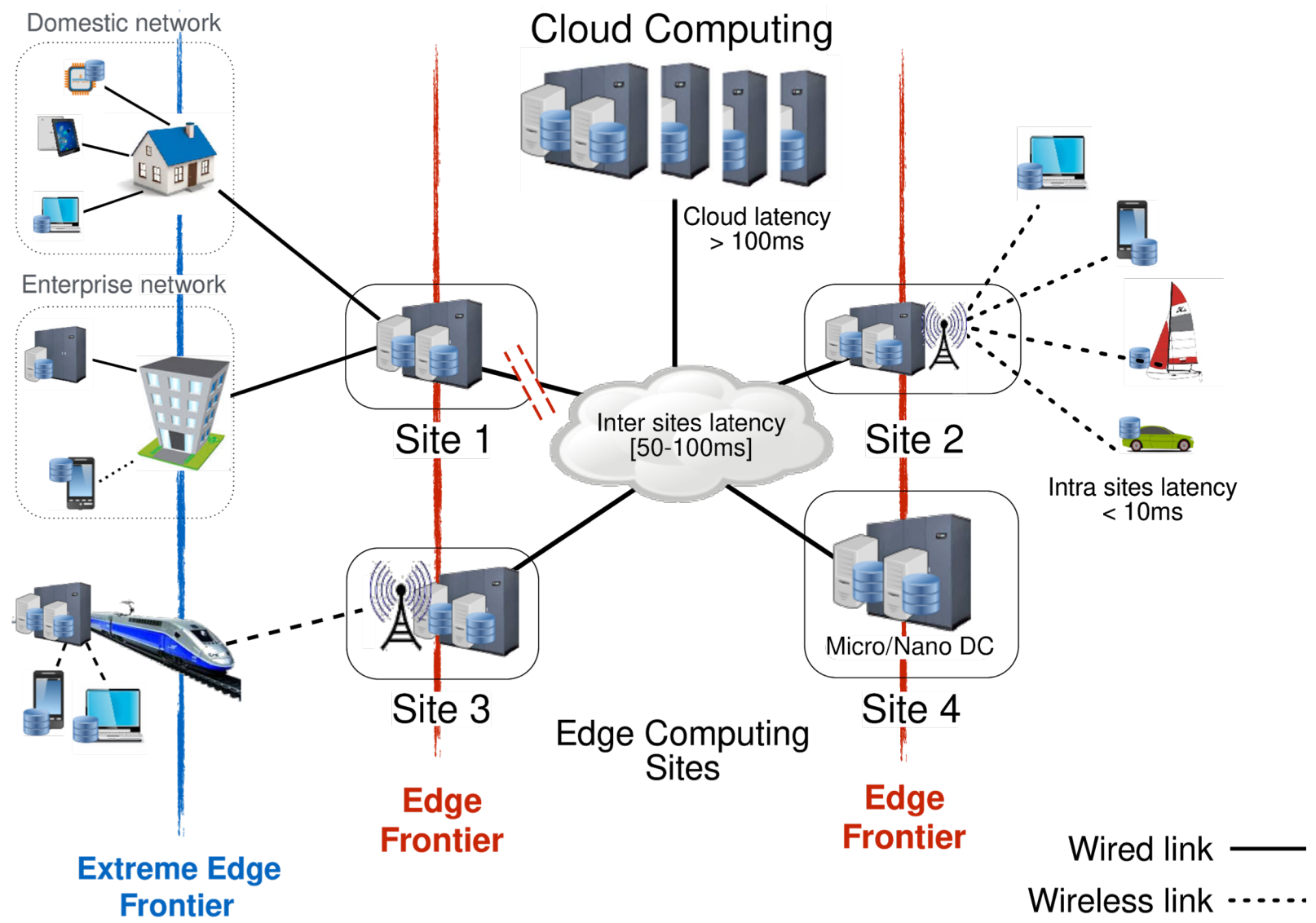
Edge Computing Resource Management System: a Critical Building Block!

Initiating the debate via OpenStack

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Which Edge?

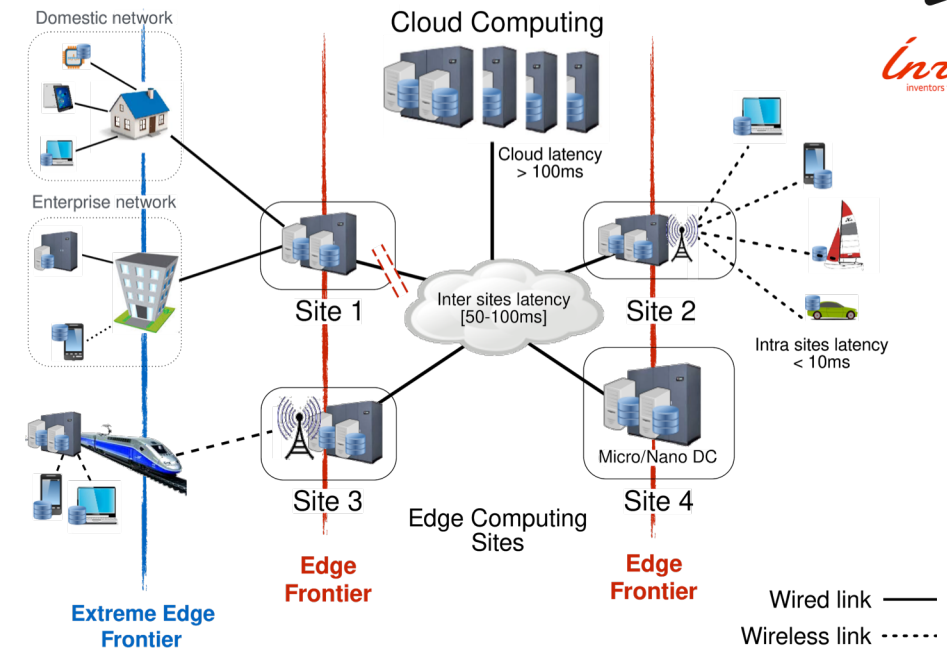


What do we seek?

- A resource manager with Admin & DevOps' requirements in mind
 - Admin/Operator - aggregate, supervise and expose massively distributed infrastructure resources
 - DevOps - implement new kinds of services that may be deployed/managed on-demand

Requirements Classification

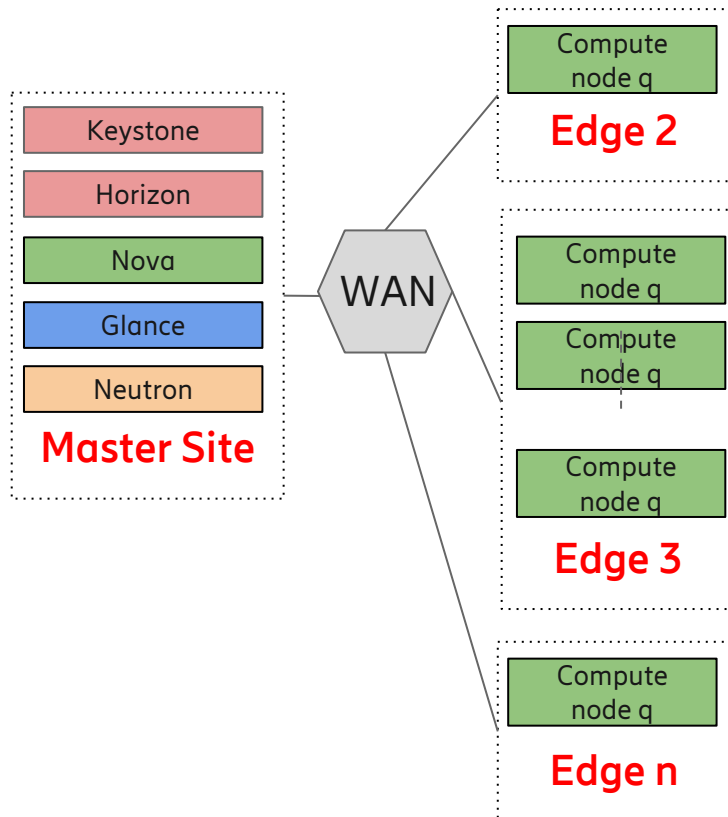
- Features expected by Admins & DevOps
- Classified into 5 levels (from L1, to L5)
- From simpler aspects (L1) to more complex ones (L5)



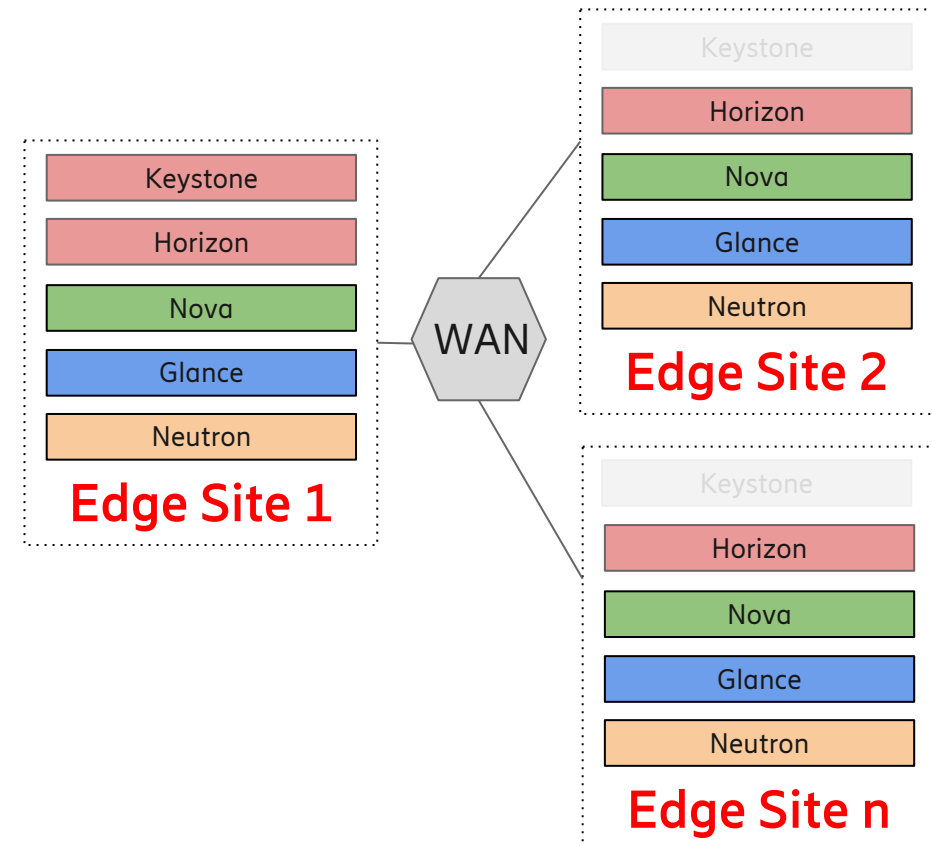
<i>Levels</i>	<i>Admin</i>	<i>DevOps</i>	<i>Both</i>
L1: Operate/use any site			
L2: Operate/use several sites			
L3: Robustness <i>w.r.t.</i> split brains			
L4: Multiple VIM environments			
L5: Multiple operators			

OpenStack at the Edge

Single OpenStack



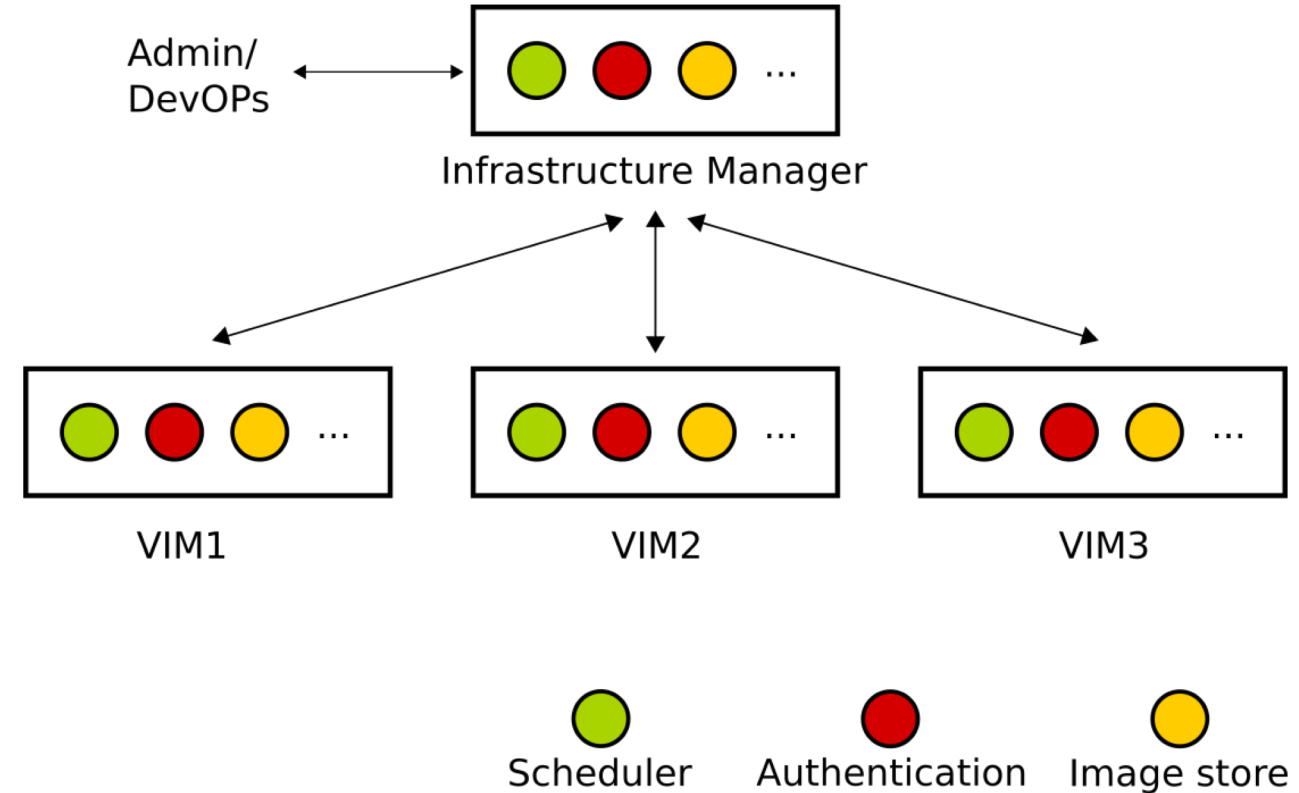
Multiple OpenStacks (Regions)



Design Discussion

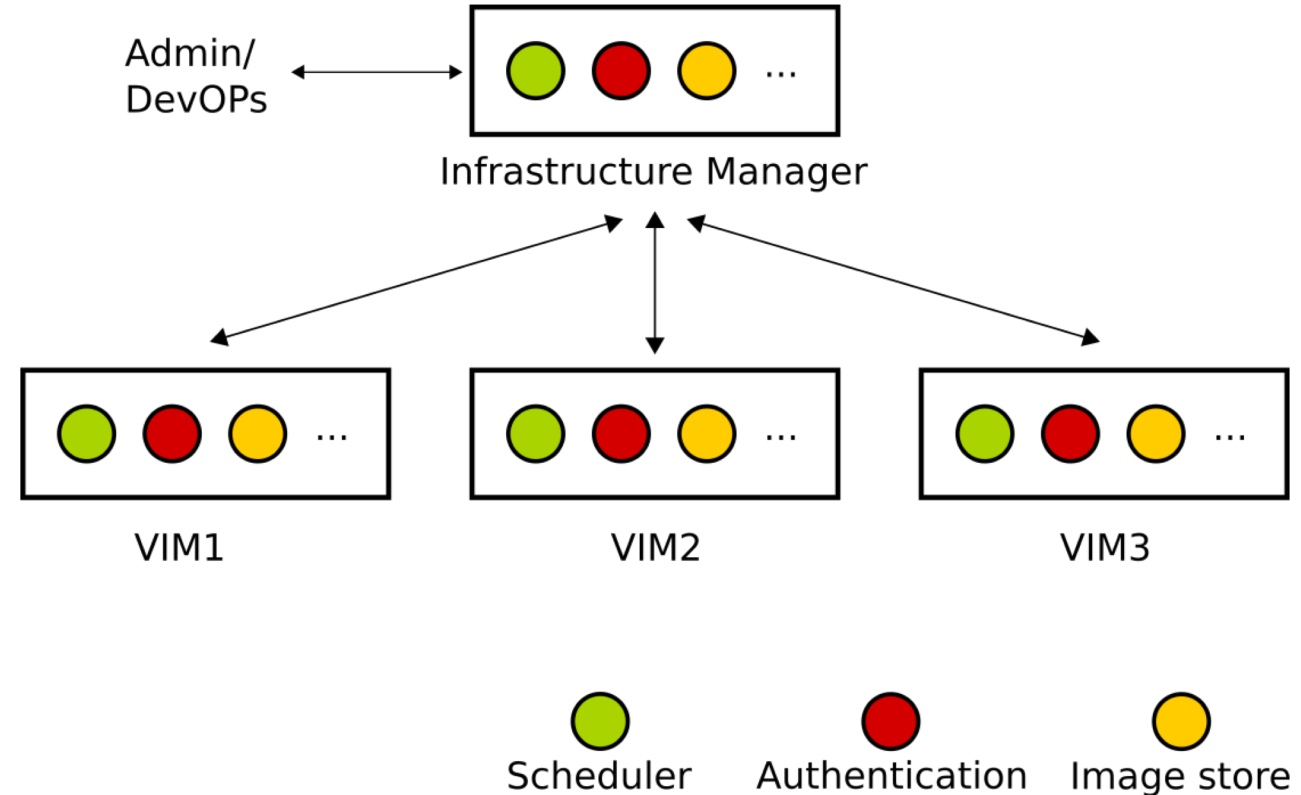
Top-down Approach

- Most existing solutions follow this approach
- A set of overlay components that interact with VIMs through existing APIs
- Expose own APIs to Admins/DevOPs



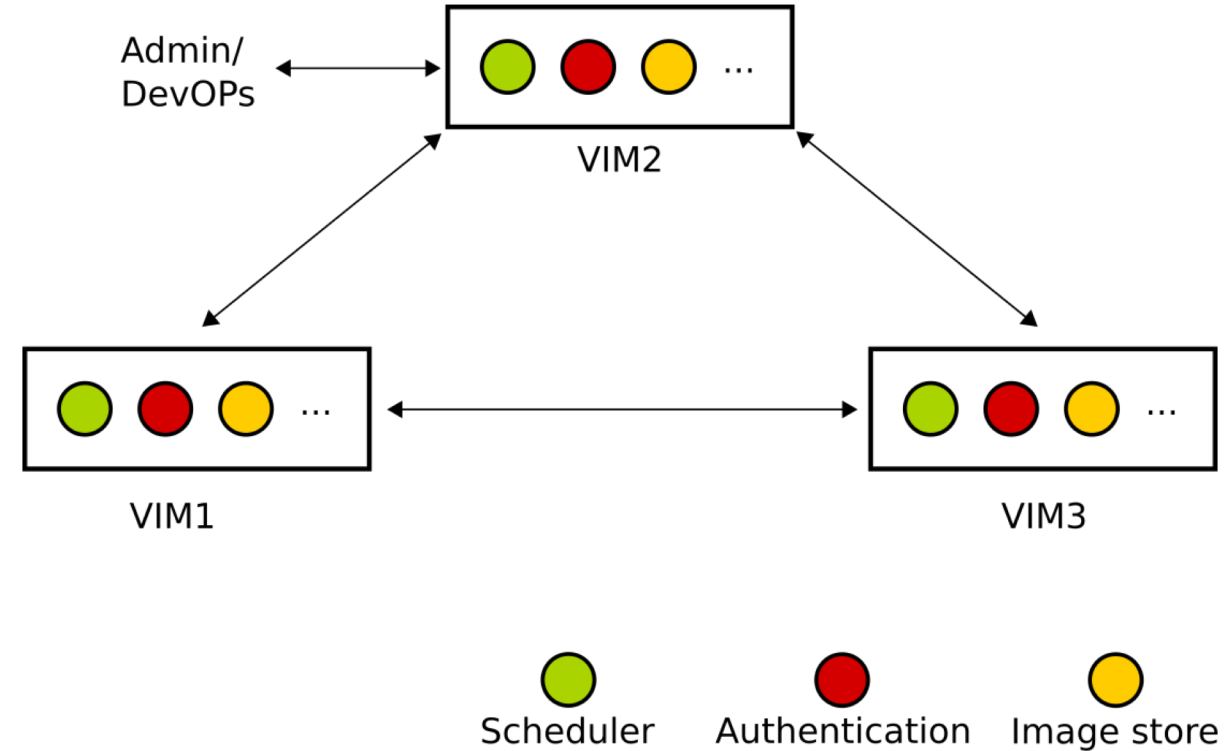
Top-down Approach

- + Often simpler to get started with
- + Independent VIM and overlay development
- + Faster time to market and faster adoption
- Duplication of VIM functions, state and/or data at the overlay level (and between sites)
- Current APIs may not allow you to do low level operations (e.g. L2)



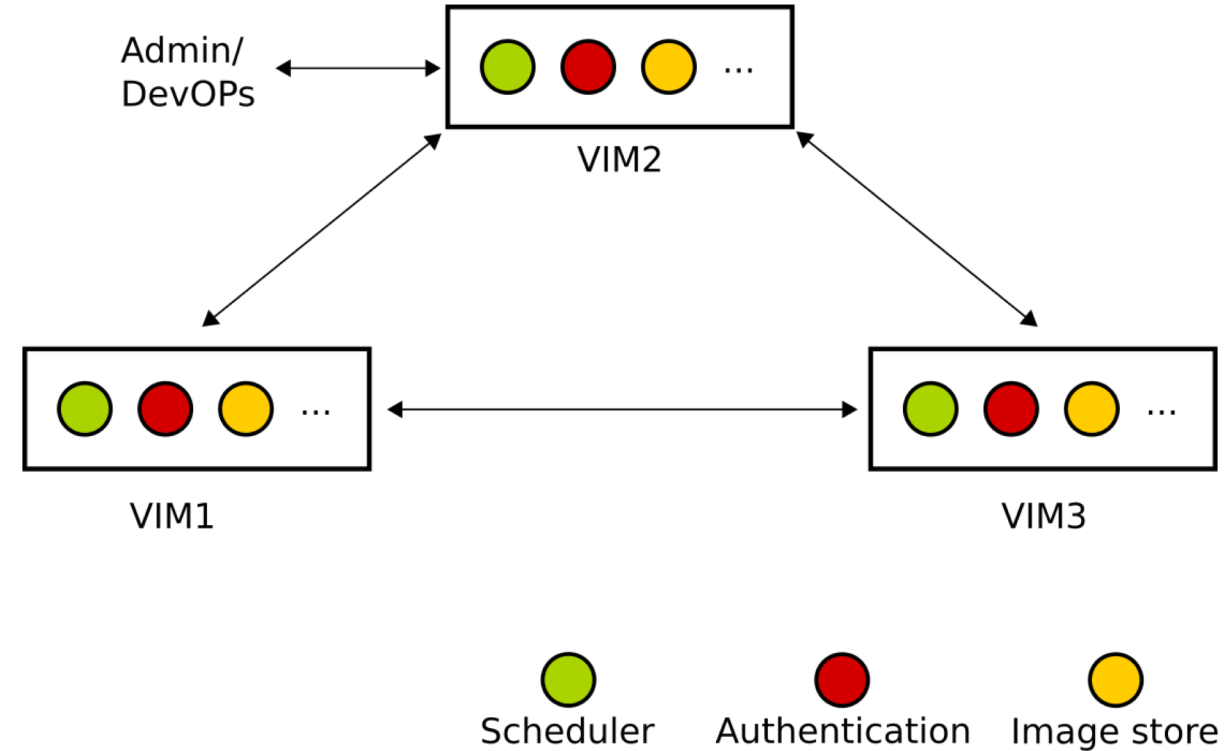
Bottom-up Approach

- Native collaboration is baked into VIMs
- Any VIM can act as an entry point to the edge infrastructure
- Only academic proposals up to now



Bottom-up Approach

- + Minimal duplication of functions
- + Potential to fulfill all requirements
- Not easy
 - Needs to deal with data consistency challenges in a WAN environment
 - Requires an excellent expertise of the whole ecosystem
 - L4/L5 challenges on abstraction, data exposure policy, etc
 - Convince the community



Summary

The tip of the iceberg

- Requirements: classification at various levels
- OpenStack: unable to fulfill (today) all identified requirements
- Design options: a Top-Down vs Bottom-Up dilemma
 - Hybrid approach = Bottom-Up up to L3 + Top-Down for L4 and L5

Moving forward

- More requirements?
 - Beyond IaaS
 - Integration with Core and Mobile Networks
- Propose an architecture that mitigates development efforts
- ...

THANKS!

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