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Traffic Management and Visibility Infrastructure for Rapid Microservice Delivery

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Agenda

- **Cloud Native Concepts (5 min)**
 - Microservices
 - Service Deployment Strategies
 - Challenges
- **Traffic Management and Service Meshes (15 min)**
 - Service Meshes / Istio
 - Mesh Traffic Management
 - Mesh Visibility Tools
- **Visibility/Observability Infrastructure Mesh/Non-Mesh (10 min)**
 - OPNFV Clover (+ Clovisor)

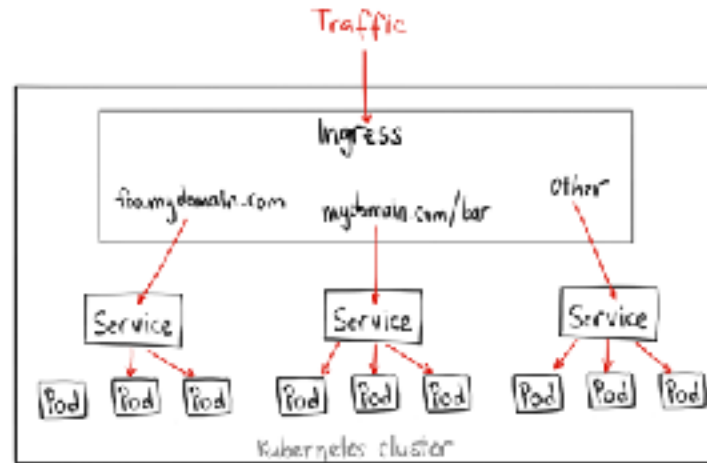


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Cloud Native

- Benefits:
 - Portable
 - Scalable
 - Ephemeral
 - Accessible
 - Flexible

— Microservice oriented



— Dynamically managed
(Kubernetes)



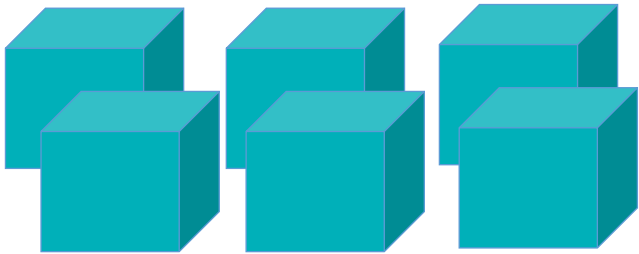
— Containerized



Microservices



— Monolithic App



— Break down into smaller chunks

- Microservice architecture puts functionality into separate services:
 - Iterative development
 - Division of labor
 - Reduce single point of failure
 - Language/deployment flexibility
 - Build different apps using subsets of services
 - Operations stakeholders are able to manage and upgrade components more easily



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Microservice Validation & Deployment Strategies

- Blue/Green
 - Two identical environments of all microservices – Example:
 - Green in production
 - Release new version of service(s) in blue and validate
 - Revert to green if issues exist or cut over to blue if not
- A/B Testing
 - Support multiple versions of microservice simultaneously to compare variations/versions
- Canary
 - Push new code to small group of users to evaluate incremental changes
 - Early warning system for detecting problems
- Employ ingress network services for traffic management: load balancers, proxies and/or service meshes to support

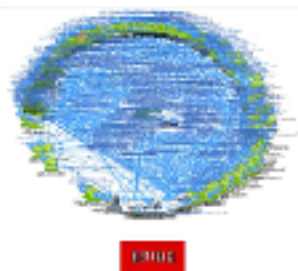


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Cloud Native / Microservice Challenges



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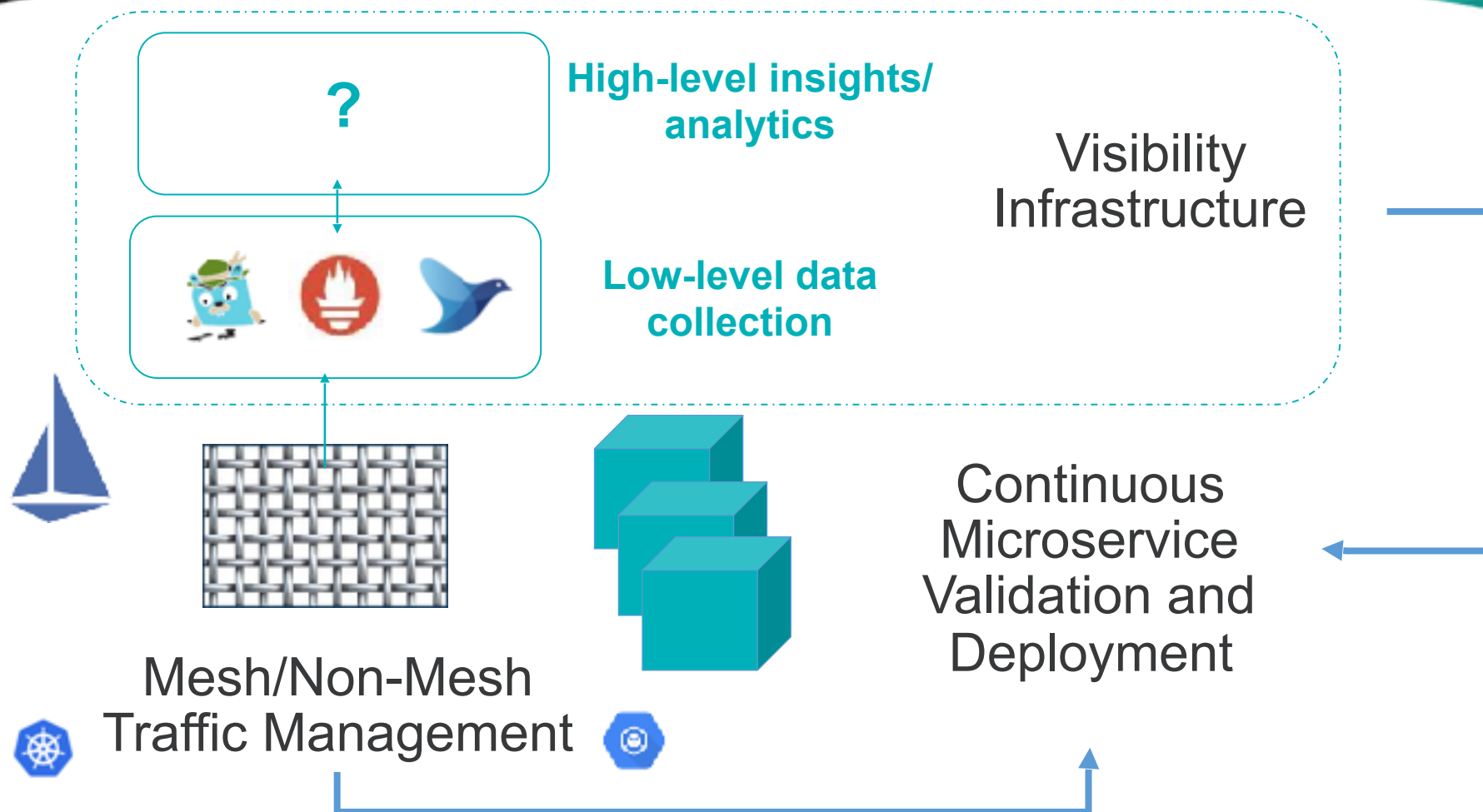
150+ containerized
services

- Microservice sprawl
 - Debug difficult without tools for visibility and traceability of entire system
- Microservice validation and deployment strategies require integrated traffic management
 - Current CI/CD pipelines in LFN projects have not adopted consist framework/methodology for doing this



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Cloud Native Traffic Management & Visibility





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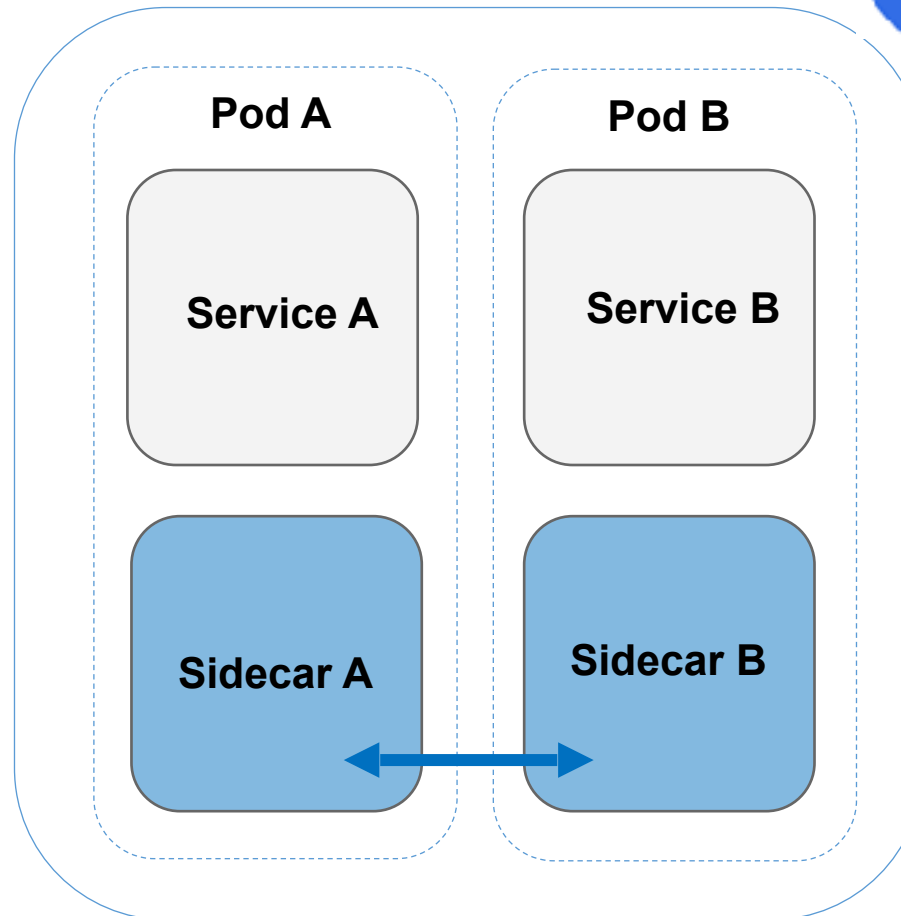
Traffic Management and Service Meshes



Service Meshes



- Dedicated layer for managing service communication
 - Intra-service within cluster
 - External traffic entering cluster (ingress)
 - Internal traffic leaving cluster (egress)
 - Fit best for control-plane services
- Examples: Istio, Conduit, Apache ServiceComb



- ‘Sidecar’ injected as a service proxy in each pod
- Allows for more advanced routing than native k8s networking

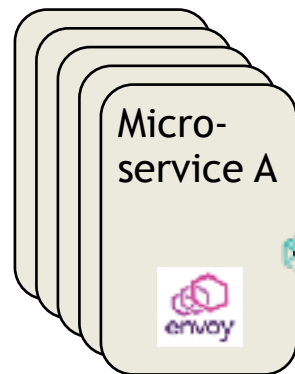




Istio Service Mesh

- Traffic Management
 - Load balancing
 - Request routing
 - Continuous deployment
 - Canary
 - A/B validation
 - Fault injection
 - Mirroring
 - Secure communication

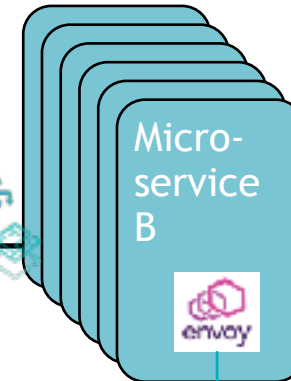
- Proxy oriented to HTTP/gRPC
- mTLS (optional)



gRPC



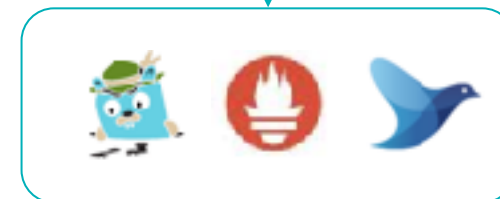
gRPC



- Manual or automatic (namespace) sidecar injection
- Toggle in/out of mesh easily

- Visibility Built-in

- Monitoring, tracing, logging





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Istio Install

- Current release at 1.0.2,
- Works best on k8s v1.9+ (with mutating webhook)

```
$ curl -L https://git.io/getlatestIstio | sh -
```

```
$ cd istio-1.0.2
```

```
$ export PATH=$PWD/bin:$PATH
```

```
$ kubectl apply -f install/kubernetes/istio-demo.yaml
```

Install

```
$ kubectl label namespace <namespace> istio-injection=enabled  
$ kubectl create -n <namespace> -f <your-app-spec>.yaml
```

```
$ istioctl kube-inject -f <your-app-spec>.yaml | kubectl apply -f -
```

Setup

— automatic sidecar
(namespace) sidecar
injection

— Manual sidecar
injection

```
$ docker pull opnfv/clover:latest  
$ sudo docker run --rm \  
-v ~/.kube/config:/root/.kube/config \  
opnfv/clover \  
/bin/bash -c '/home/opnfv/repos/clover/samples/scenarios/deploy.sh'
```

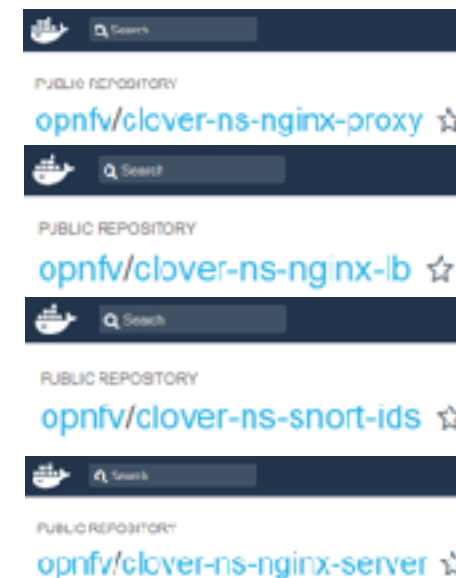
**Install Istio and SDC
sample with Clover**



Network Service Catalog

Service	Kubernetes Deployment App Name	Docker Image	Ports
Proxy	proxy access control	clover ns nginx proxy	HTTP: 9180 GRPC: 50054
Load Balancers	app: http-lb version: http-lb-v1 version: http-lb-v2	clover ns nginx-lb	HTTP: 9180 GRPC: 50054
Intrusion Detection System (IDS)	snort ids	clover ns snort ids	HTTP: 80, Redis: 6379 GRPC: 50052 (config) GRPC: 50054 (alerts)
Servers	clover-server1 clover-server2 clover-server3 clover-server4 clover-server5	clover ns nginx-server	HTTP: 9180 GRPC: 50054

- Clover developing set of sample L7 network services for use in k8s and meshes
- New in Clover Gambia release: modsecurity (Web Application Firewall + Apache web server)



OPNFV Docker Hub Images



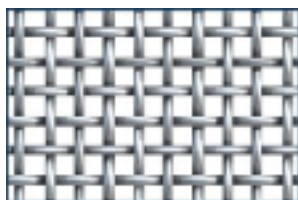
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Traffic within Mesh

k8s



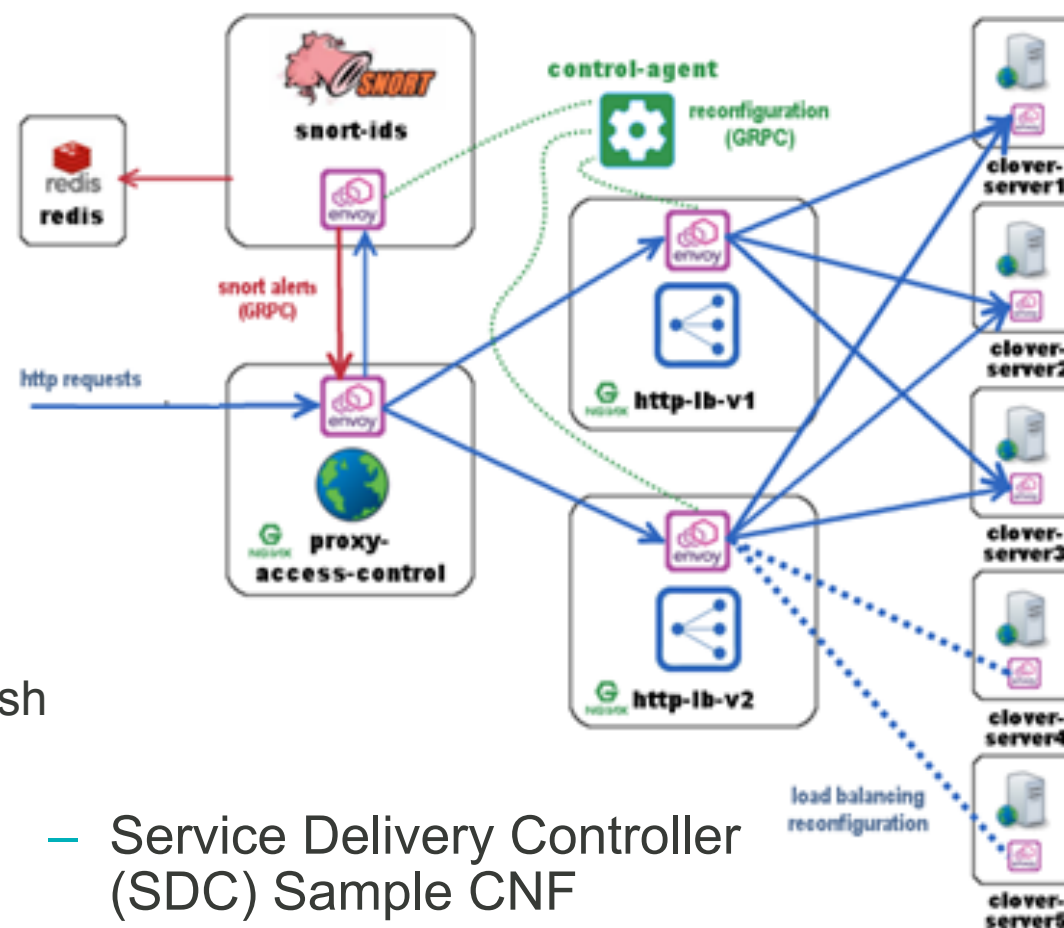
Emulated Clients



APACHE
JMeter™

clover-jmeter-master

- Inject jmeter into mesh
- Send traffic within cluster/mesh



- Service Delivery Controller (SDC) Sample CNF



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External Traffic into Mesh

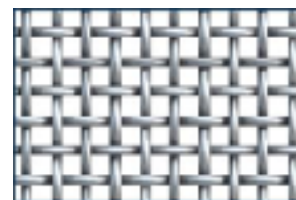


Istio Ingress

Istio
Gateway



Mesh



Services



Virtual
Service

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: Gateway
metadata:
  name: sdc-gateway
spec:
  selector:
    istio: ingressgateway
  servers:
  - port:
      number: 80
      name: http
      protocol: HTTP
    hosts:
    - "*"
---
```

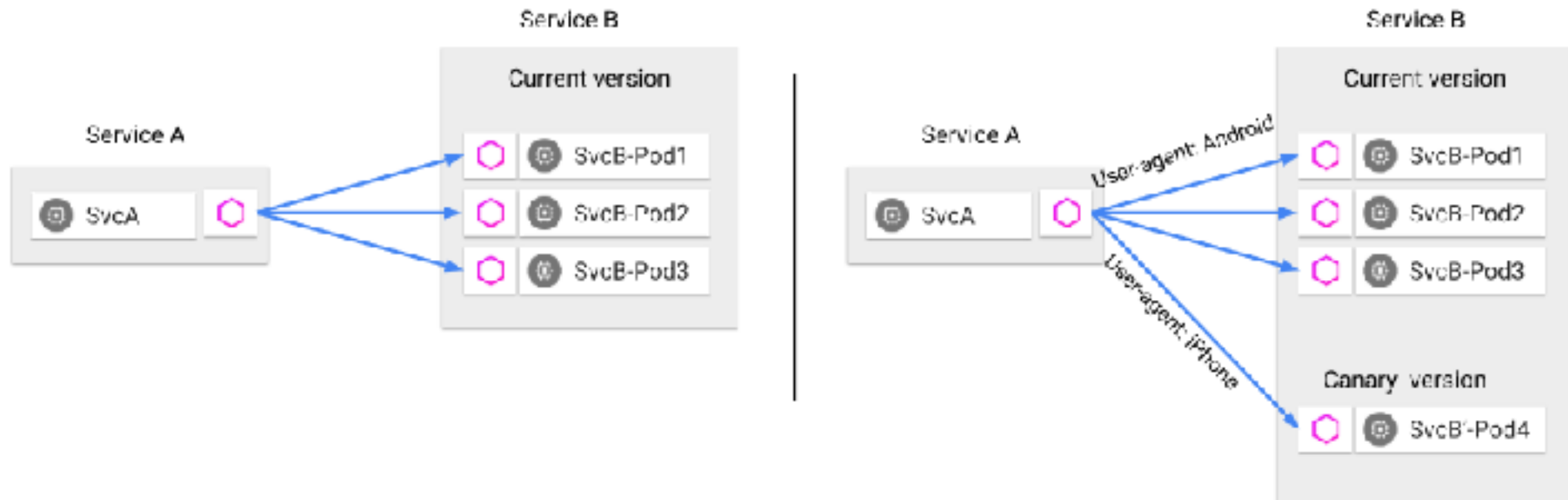
- LB at the edge of mesh receiving incoming/outgoing connections

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: sdc-sample
spec:
  hosts:
  - "*"
  gateways:
  - sdc-gateway
  http:
  - match:
    - uri:
        prefix: /
    route:
    - destination:
        port:
          number: 9180
        host: proxy-access-control
```

- Control how traffic is routed within the mesh



Istio Request Routing (1-2)



- Content-based steering to determine destination of request



Istio Request Routing (2-2)

- Flexible request routing with Virtual Service
 - Match traffic and route to back end service
 - Match based on URI, HTTP headers (identity, user-agent)
 - Control with 'weight' field
- Ideal to validate REST based APIs and services
 - Support CI/CD deployment workflows
 - Canary validation/deployment

URLs to domain
www.sdc.com

Match URI prefix '**/test**' to
clover-server2

Match HTTP header
user-agent '**chrome**'
to
clover-server3

Everything else to
clover-server1

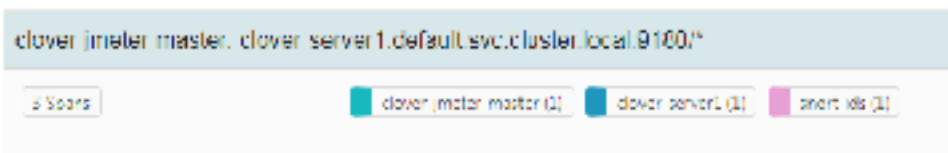
```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: directserver
spec:
  hosts:
  - "www.sdc.com"
  http:
  - match:
    uri:
      prefix: /test
    route:
    - destination:
        port:
          number: 9180
        host: clover-server2
  - match:
    headers:
      user-agent:
        exact: chrome
    route:
    destination:
      port:
        number: 9180
      host: clover-server3
  route:
  - destination:
      port:
        number: 9180
      host: clover-server1
```



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Istio Mirroring

- Mirroring or Shadowing
 - Sends a copy of live traffic to a mirrored service
 - Add an entry to Virtual Service resource under any route rule



Service & Operation	Ops	C-Name	C-ID
clover-jmeter-master	clover-jmeter-master	clover-server1.default.svc.cluster.local:9180/*	
clover-server1	clover-server1	clover-server1.default.svc.cluster.local:9180/*	
snort-ids	snort-ids	snort-ids.default.svc.cluster.local:9180/*	

clover server1.default.svc.cluster.local:9180/*	
▼ Tags	
component	"jerry"
node_id	"cidcar=18.46.3.16-ncort-ids-548d9958-cqpr.default.default.svc.cluster.local"
guidx/request-id	"1830449-1914-9ed2-898c-be86c346c72"
http.url	"http://www.sdc.com-shadow"
http.method	"GET"
downstream_cluster	"-"
user_agent	"xsfad"
http.protocol	"HTTP/1.1"
request_size	"3"
downstream_host	"18bound002 snort-ids.default.svc.cluster.local"
file.status_code	"200"

Any traffic to **clover-server1** mirrored to **snort-ids**

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: directserver
spec:
  hosts:
    - "www.sdc.com"
  http:
    - match:
        - uri:
            prefix: /test
          route:
            - destination:
                port:
                  number: 9180
                host: clover-server2
      - match:
          headers:
            user-agent:
              exact: chrome
        route:
          - destination:
              port:
                number: 4000
              host: clover-server3
      - route:
          - destination:
              port:
                number: 9180
              host: clover-server1
        mirror:
          host: snort-ids
```



Istio Destination Weight

- Use **weight** field under destination in Virtual Service to divide ingress traffic specified as percentage
- Two entirely different services
 - clover-server1
 - clover-server2

URLs to domain
www.sdc.com

Match HTTP header
user-agent '**chrome**' to

20% to **clover-server1**

80% to **clover-server2**

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: directserverweight
spec:
  hosts:
  - "www.sdc.com"
  http:
    match:
    - headers:
        user-agent:
          exact: chrome
      route:
      - destination:
          port:
            number: 9189
          host: clover-server1
          weight: 20
      - destination:
          port:
            number: 9189
          host: clover-server2
          weight: 80
```



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Istio Destination Weight for Service Versions

- Additionally use **subset** field to divide traffic among multiple versions of the same service
- **DestinationRule** resource defines subset labels (original http-lb deployment resource)
- Useful for A/B testing

URLs to domain
www.sdc.com

Match HTTP header
user-agent '**chrome**'
to

95% to **http-lb (v1)**

5% to **http-lb (v2)**

DestinationRule

Defines subset v1/
v2 labels

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: VirtualService
metadata:
  name: serviceversions
spec:
  hosts:
    - "www.sdc.com"
  http:
    - match:
        - headers:
            user-agent:
              exact: chrome
      route:
        - destination:
            port:
              number: 9188
            host: http-lb
            subset: v1
          weight: 95
        - destination:
            port:
              number: 9188
            host: http-lb
            subset: v2
          weight: 5

apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: DestinationRule
metadata:
  name: http lb destination
spec:
  host: http-lb
  subsets:
    - name: v1
      labels:
        version: v1
    - name: v2
      labels:
        version: v2
```




Istio Fault Injection & Circuit Breaking

- Fault Injection

- Inject faults to test the resiliency of your application
- End-to-end failure recovery capability of the application as a whole

- Delay: timing failures

- Mimic network latency, or an overloaded upstream service

- Abort: crash failures

- mimic failures in upstream services (HTTP error codes)

- Circuit Breaking

- Ejected from the load balancing pool when thresholds are exceeded
 - number of health check failures or number of conditions such as connection and request limits

- Useful for LFN projects that are planning or using cascading REST services



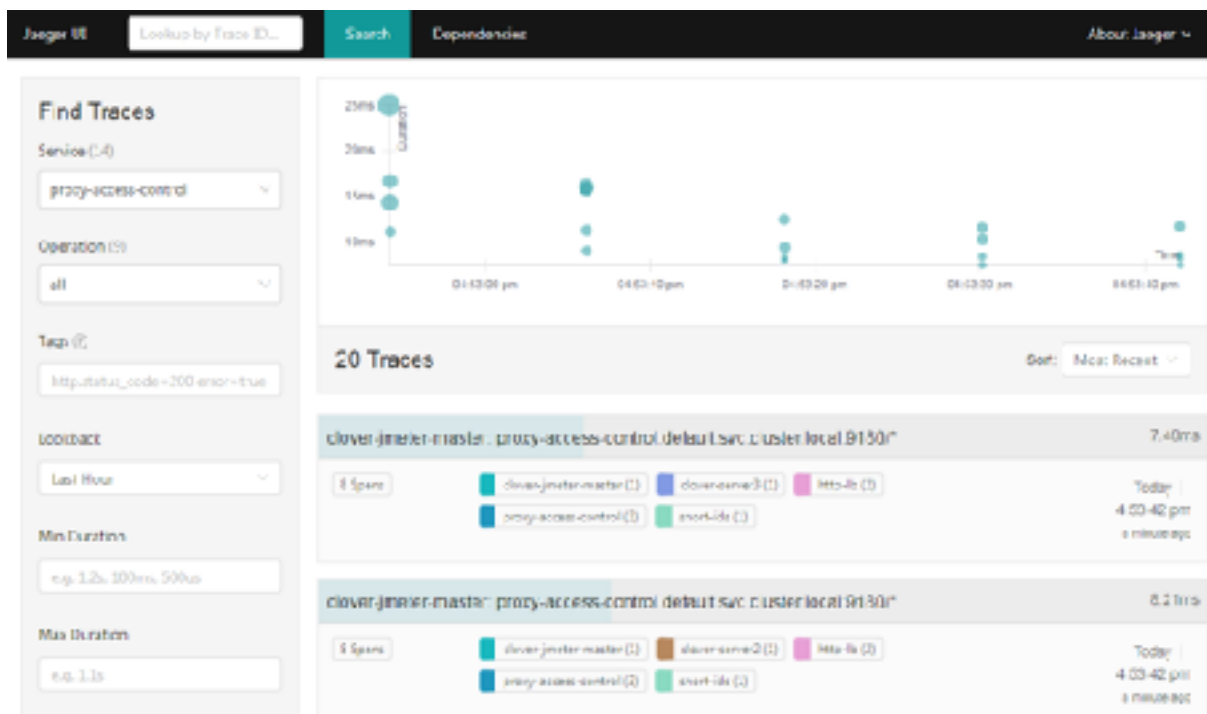
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Istio Mesh - Visibility Tools



- Jaeger: Tracing

- Prometheus: Monitoring



- Good raw data
 - Individual traces in Jaeger
 - Metrics list in Prometheus
 - Dashboards in Istio / Grafana
- But difficult to get insight of entire system (aggregate, top-level) and use analytics from data-sets



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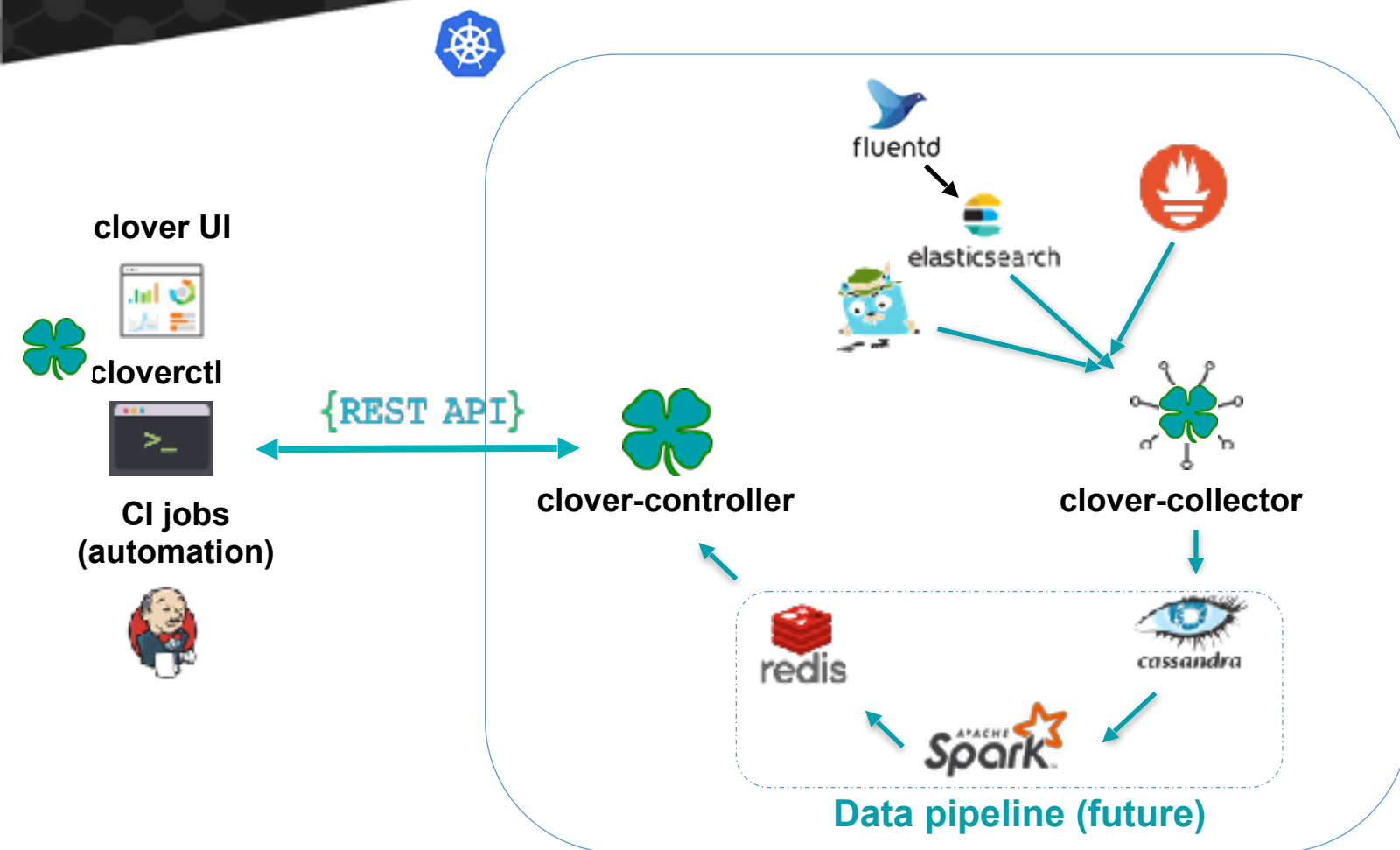
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Visibility/Observability Infrastructure Mesh/ Non-Mesh



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Clover Visibility



- Analyzes data from CNCF observability tools to provide abstraction
 - Gathers data and analyzes using Spark
- 4 core components (clover-system)
 - clover-collector (within k8s)
 - clover-controller (within k8s)
 - cloverctl (external)
 - clover UI (external)
- User interacts with cloverctl or UI
 - CLI/UI use same REST API from clover-controller service
 - Chooses services to track
 - Outputs analyzed data to Redis

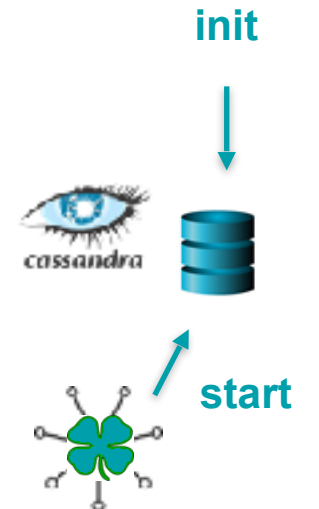


Clover Visibility Initialization (1-2)

- Install Istio
- Install clover-system components within k8s
- Expose clover-controller using LB or NodePort k8s service resource
- Gambia release will have CLI / script installation

```
$ cloverctl init visibility  
$ cloverctl start visibility -f visibility.yaml  
$ cloverctl clear visibility
```

- Use CLI to initialize visibility
 - Create traces, spans, metrics Cassandra schemas
- Start visibility
 - Collector begins gathering data from Jaeger, Prometheus
- Clear visibility
 - Truncates tables





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Clover Visibility Initialization (2-2)

- Set sampling interval for collector
- Tracing/monitoring k8s DNS names
- Tracing/monitoring listening ports (Jaeger/Prometheus)

```
$ cloverctl start visibility -f visibility.yaml
```

visibility.yaml

```
sample_interval: "10"  
t_host: tracing-istio-system  
t_port: "80"  
m_port: "9090"  
m_host: prometheus-istio-system
```

- Configure tracing services that visibility will analyze
- Configure metric prefixes/suffixes to analyze

```
$ cloverctl set visibility -f metrics.yaml
```

metrics.yaml

```
services:  
  - name: proxy_access_control  
  - name: clover_server1  
  - name: clover_server2  
  - name: clover_server3  
prefixes:  
  - prefix: envoy_cluster_outbound_9180_  
  - prefix: envoy_cluster_inbound_9180_  
suffixes:  
  - suffix: _default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx  
  - suffix: _default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_cx_active
```




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Clover Visibility Stats (1-3)

smui-ids http-lib silo-policy jaeger-querz silo-mixer clover-jmeter-master silo-ingressgateway silo-telemetry clover-server5 clover-server4

proxy-access-control clover-server1 clover-server3 clover-server2

Visibility Services

1.	clover_server3
2.	clover_server2
3.	clover_server1
4.	proxy_access_control

Tracing Metrics

Average Response Times

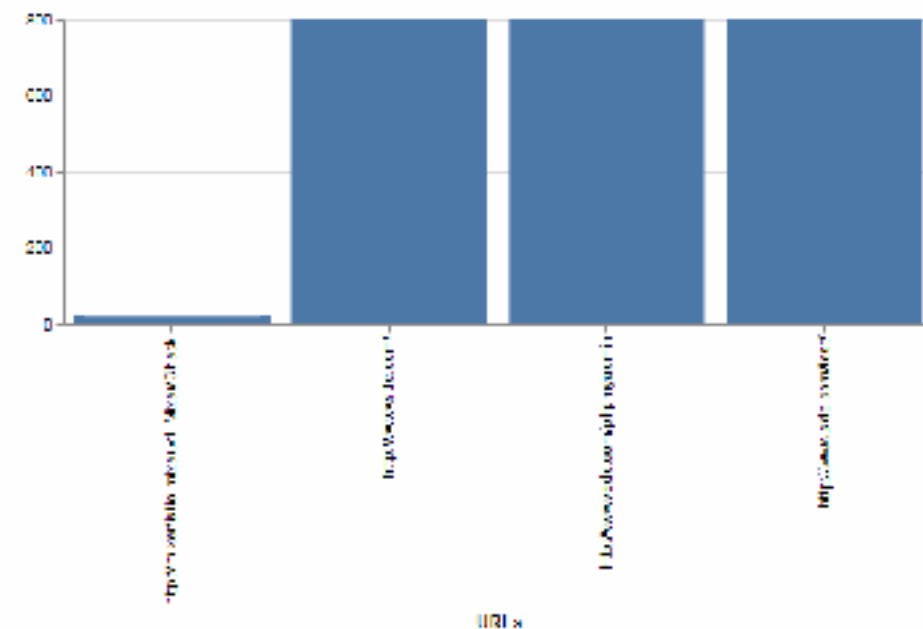
SDC Proxy: 6ms

System Counts

Traces: 16

Spans: 146

Per URL Counts (all services)

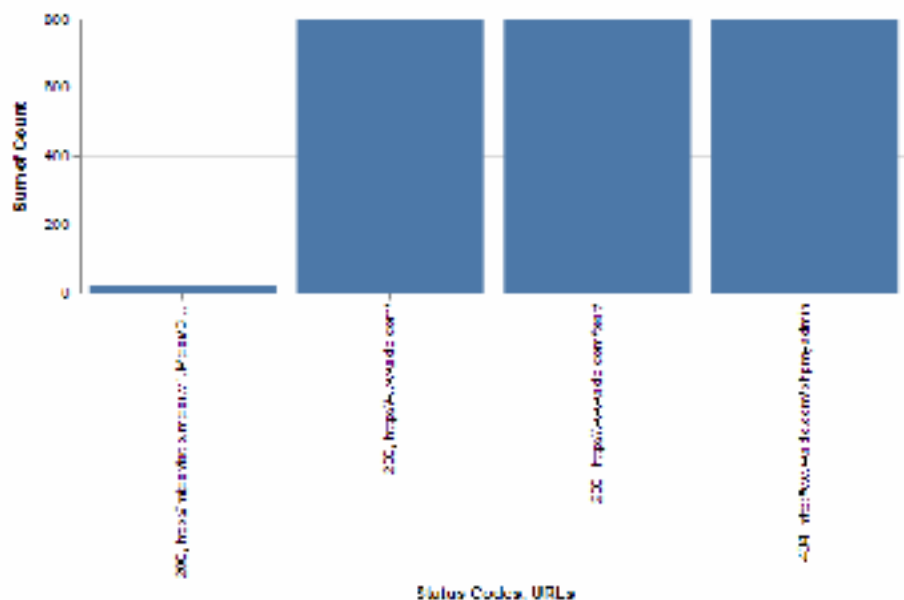


- Analyze trace data at aggregate level
 - Calculate average response time for various services
- Break down data in various ways
 - Per URL, Per Service/URL, more TBA in Gambia release

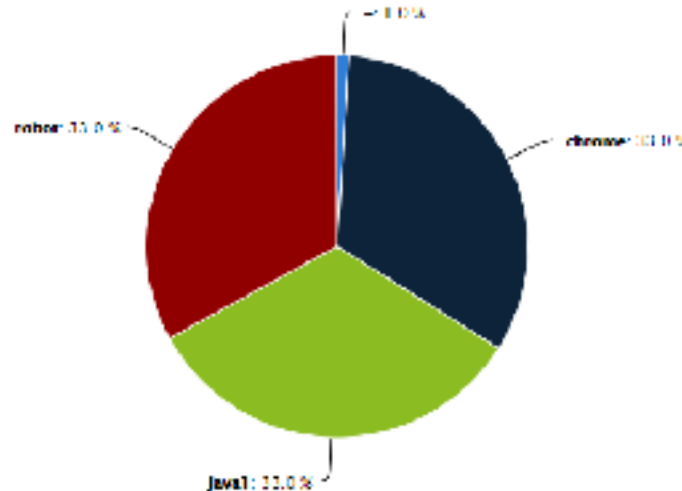


Clover Visibility Stats (2-3)

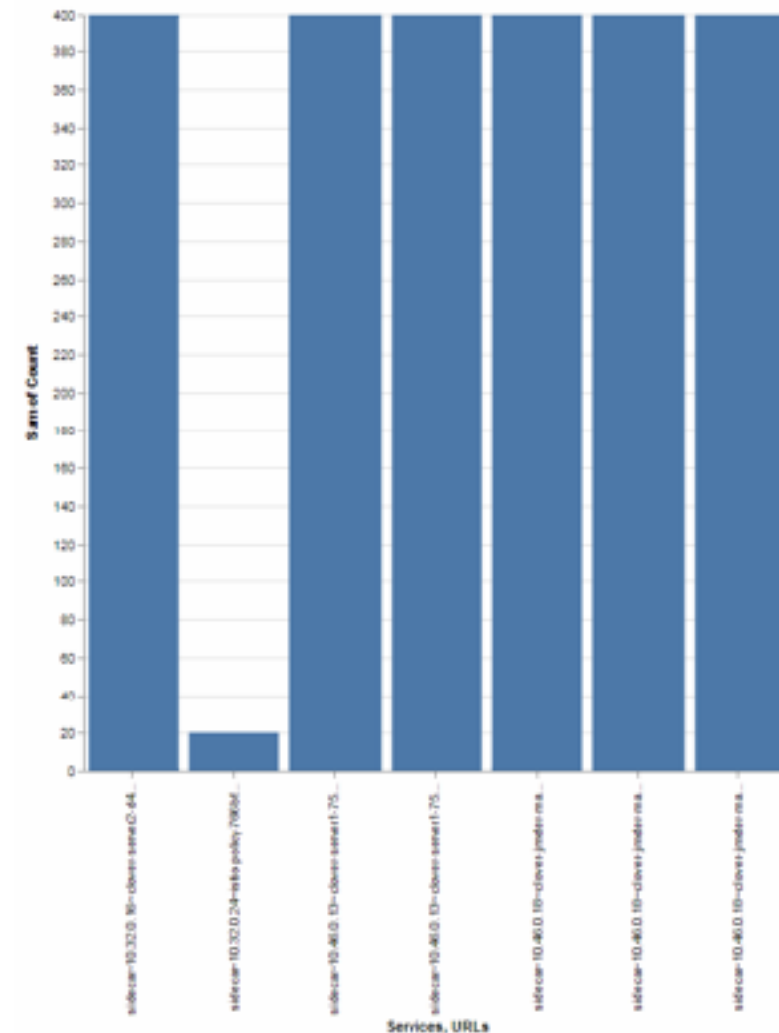
Per URL / HTTP Status Codes (all services)



User-Agent Percentage



Per Service/URL Counts



- Find issues with REST services such as service HTTP status codes being returned
- Validate service mesh traffic management policies such as request routing by user-agent (ex. mobile vs desktop)



Clover Visibility Stats (3-3)

- Characterize the composition of the traffic

HTTP Details

User-Agents	Request URLs	Status Codes
	http://snort-ids/ http://clover-server1:9180/ http://clover-server3:9180/ http://clover-server2:9180/ http://http-lb:9180/ http://mixer/istio.mixer.v1.Mixer/Check http://proxy-access-control.default:9180/	

- Output service request/response rates over time, lost requests, etc.

Monitoring Metrics

envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__clover_server3_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	4053
envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__proxy_access_control.default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	12106
envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__clover_server1_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	5087
envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__clover_server1_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_cx_active	0
envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__clover_server2_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	5751
envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__clover_server1_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	6150
envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__proxy_access_control.default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	161
envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__clover_server2_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	6121
envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__clover_server1_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_rq_2xx	4177
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envoy_cluster_outbound_9180__clover_server2_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_cx_active	10
envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__proxy_access_control.default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_cx_active	0
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envoy_cluster_inbound_9180__clover_server3_default_svc_cluster_local_upstream_cx_active	0
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Clover Clovisor

Istio

- Large compute footprint
 - Istio - 13 Containers
 - Sidecar container per service
 - Latency overhead with long service chains
- Lacks visibility for:
 - L3 network
 - Other L4-7 content
- Lacks networking breadth for traffic management
 - Doesn't support wide set of protocols, tunneling, encapsulation

Clovisor 

Hooks to
OpenTracing,
Jaeger



 iVISOR
PROJECT

- Leverages eBPF
- Installed on k8s cluster nodes



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Clovisor: Network Tracing... the Cloud Native Way

1. Cloud Native:

a) Cloud Provider Independent

- Bare-metal servers, GKE, EKS...etc

b) CNI Plugin Agnostic

- All CNI plugins should work unless such plugin does network bypass

c) CPU Architecture Independent

- Any architecture supported by Linux (x86, ARM...etc), code (kernel versions 4.14 and 4.15 currently)



flannel



ARM

x86

2. Implemented with Cloud Native Design Methodologies:

a) Config Decoupled from Compute

- Config store in backing store or through environment variables

b) Relatively Stateless

- TCP connection/session tracking only dynamic states

c) Scale-out Architecture

- Pod monitoring partitioning via election from datastore
- DaemonSet — linearly scale on each node in cluster

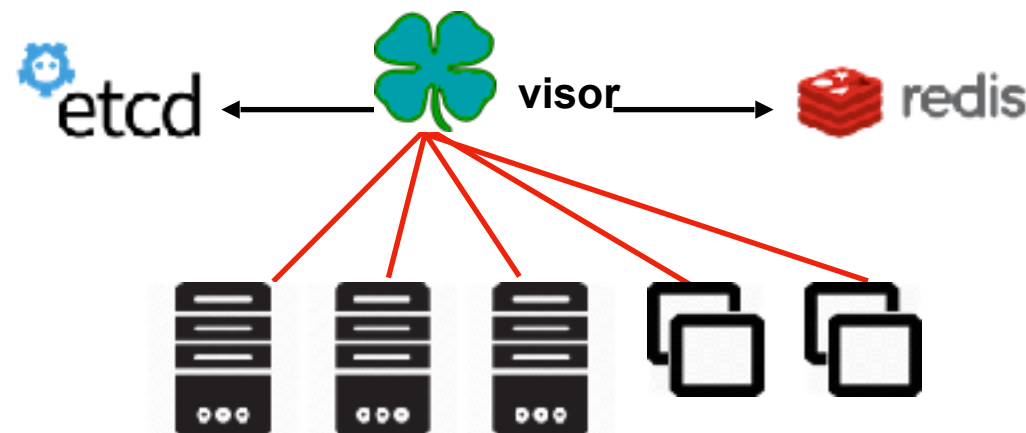
3. In-depth Integration with Cloud Native Ecosystem Projects:

a) Built-in Kubernetes Client

- Monitoring k8s pod states

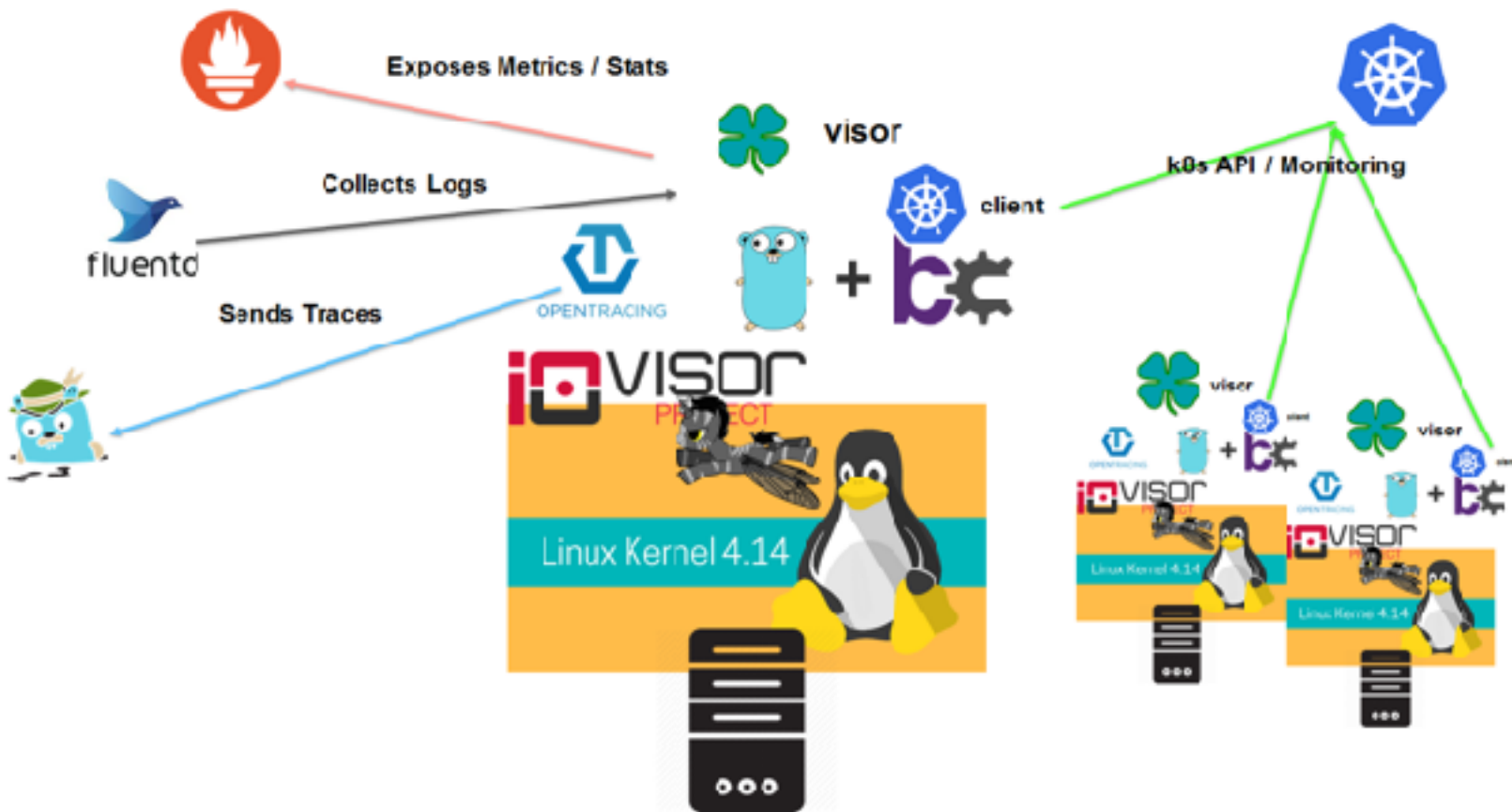
b) Integrate with CNCF Collector Projects

- OpenTracing to Jaeger, metrics to Prometheus





Clovisor Architecture



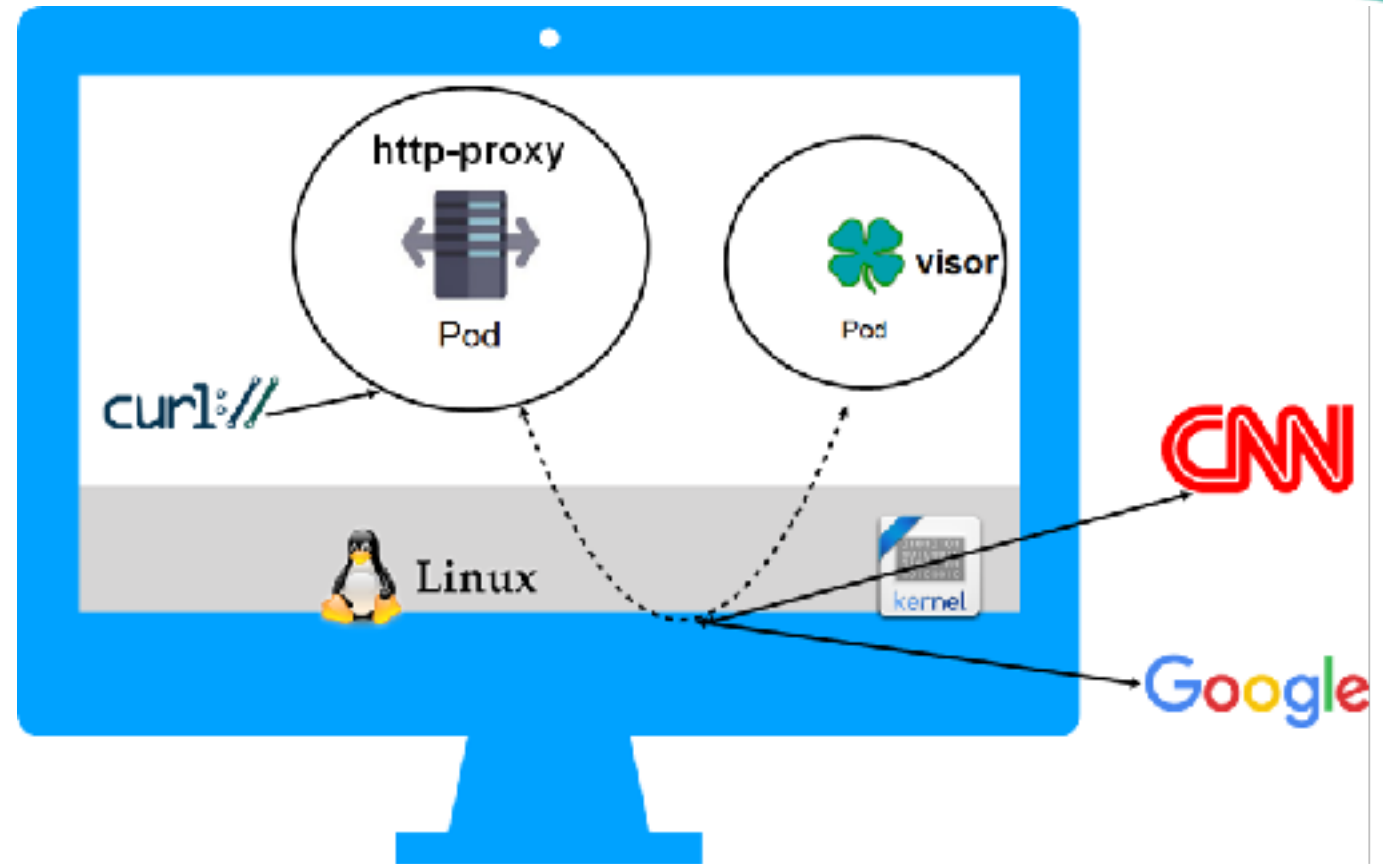
- Lightweight, low latency network tracing module
- Utilizes IOVisor (bcc, gobpf) with eBPF to insert bytecode in Linux kernel to examine packets from both ingress / egress direction of a k8s pod
- In cluster client to automate process of monitoring and service port / protocol info
- Stream trace / stats / metrics / logs to respective tracer / collector modules



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Clovisor Demo

- Configure monitoring labels (namespace:label-key:label-value)
- In this case: “default” namespace, key: “app”, value: “proxy”
- Start Clovisor (on node, verify if the tc filter is created for device)
- curl www.cnn.com with http-proxy service port (3456)
- curl www.google.com with http-proxy service port (3456)
- Check Jaeger UI to verify traces written/sent





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Visibility Use-Cases

- Easily pinpoint issues with individual services
- Integrate into CI to determine success/failure of jobs
 - CI used to determine CD deployment pipeline
- Monitor infrastructure in operations to determine system health
- Characterize the composition of traffic for content delivery or security
- Leverage to automate orchestration or zero-tech provisioning



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Summary



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Key Take-Aways

- Service meshes allow microservices to be delivered more rapidly with integrated traffic management and visibility hooks
 - Visibility helps developers pinpoint issues and operators manage infrastructure
 - Built-in traffic management allows for microservice CI/validation and deployment strategies
 - Ideal for control-plane and REST services
- Service mesh distributed tracing/monitoring collects data efficiently but lacks an aggregate view of infrastructure/services
 - LFN projects such as Clover can provide high-level analytics for developers and operators
- Service mesh overhead/footprint and lack of networking breadth (both for visibility & routing/security)
 - Clovisor is a promising approach to fill gaps and add additional networking extensions



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Clover Project Info

- **Project Wiki**
 - <https://wiki.opnfv.org/pages/viewpage.action?spaceKey=CLOV&title=Clover+Home>
- **Slack Channel**
 - #clover-project
- **Github Repo**
 - <https://github.com/opnfv/clover>



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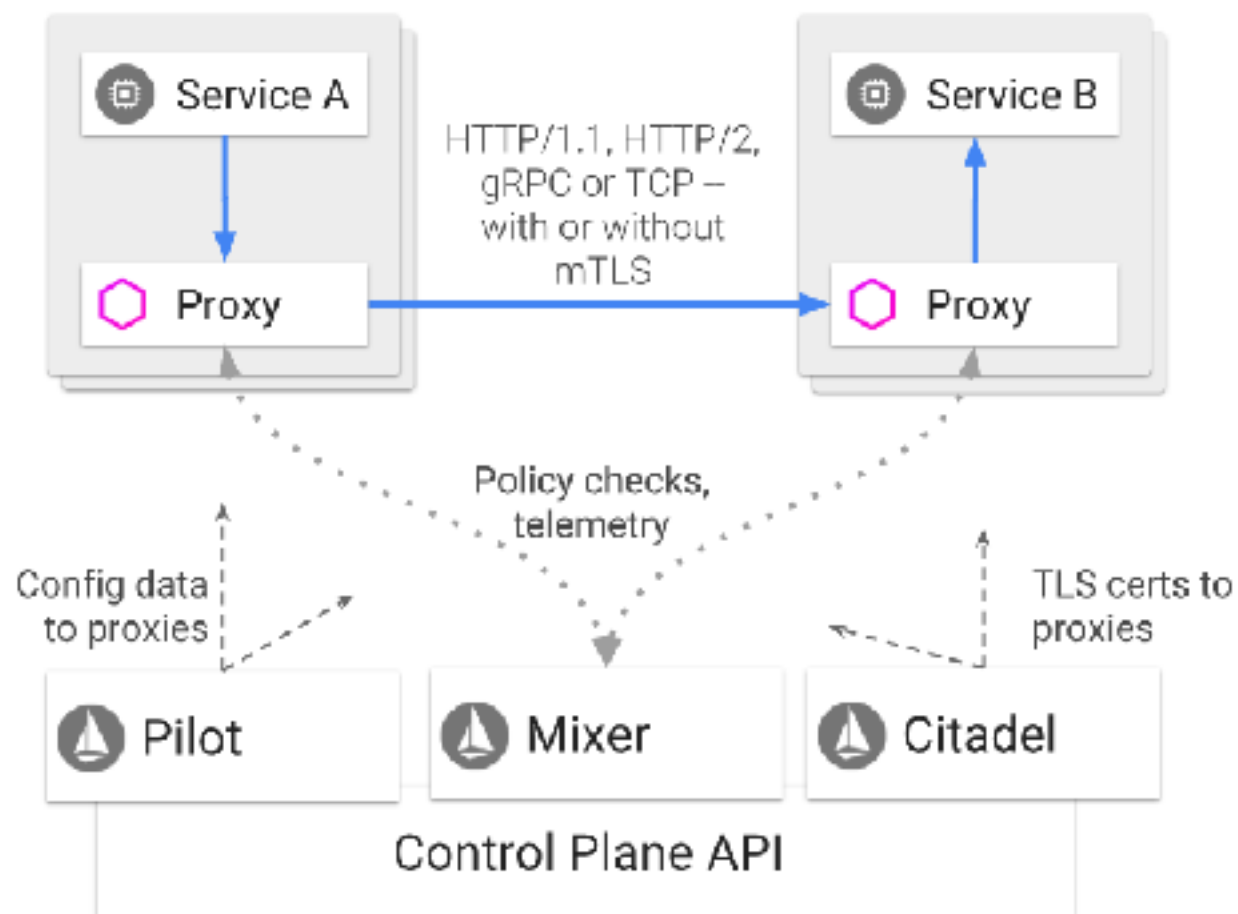
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Istio Control-Plane Components





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Istio - Control Egress Traffic

- Default Istio-enabled services are unable to access URLs outside of the cluster
 - Pods use iptables to transparently redirect all outbound traffic to the sidecar proxy, which only handles intra-cluster destination

```
apiVersion: networking.istio.io/v1alpha3
kind: ServiceEntry
metadata:
  name: sdc-ext
spec:
  hosts:
  - www.sdc.com
  ports:
  - number: 80
    name: http
    protocol: HTTP
  resolution: DNS
  location: MESH_EXTERNAL
```

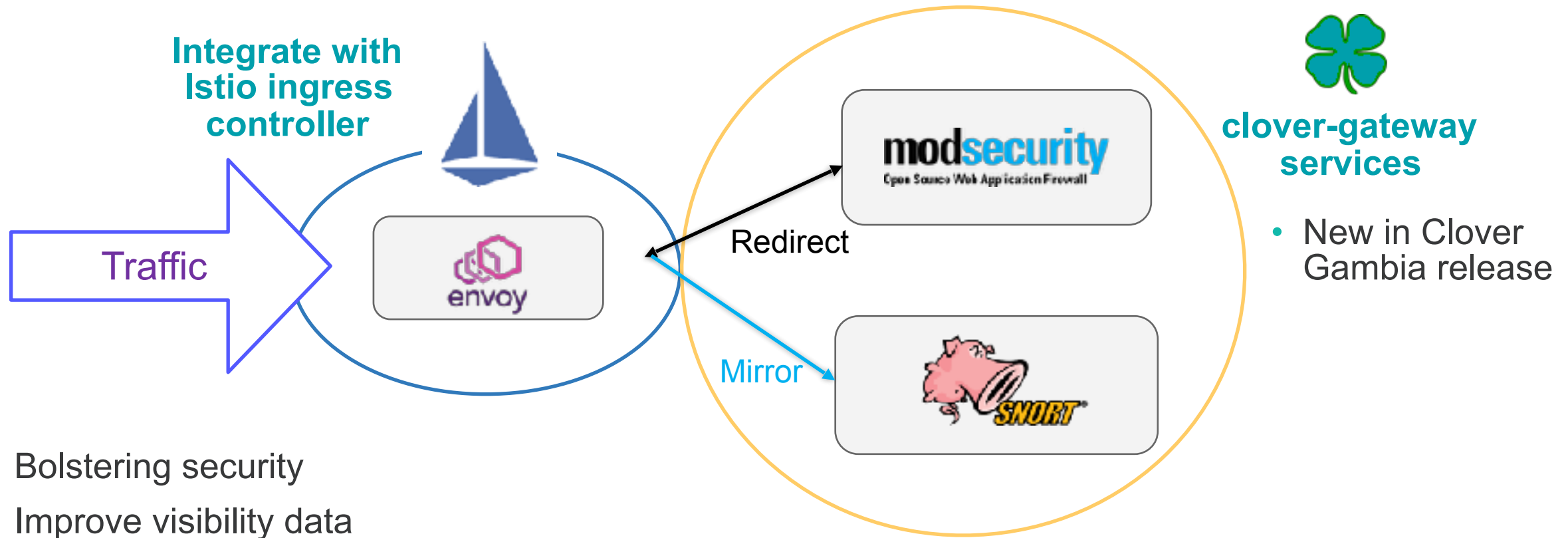
Send traffic outside of mesh to 'www.sdc.com'

(assuming this is a valid domain in DNS)



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Augmenting Mesh/Kubernetes Ingress



- Bolstering security
- Improve visibility data

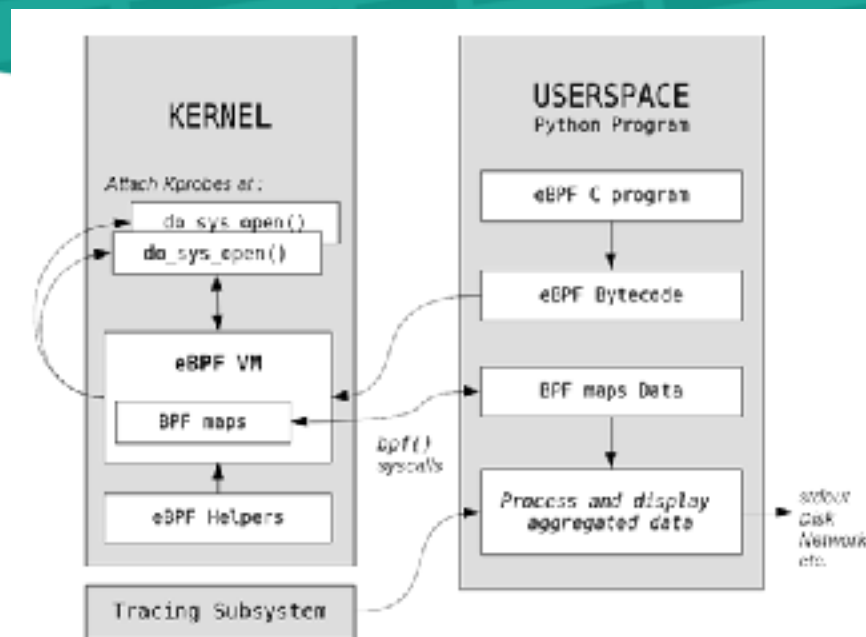


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IOVisor & eBPF

- eBPF

- Inject bytecodes to kernel trace points / probes
 - Event driven model
- Networking: tc
 - Utilizes Linux tc (traffic control) to inject bytecode on ingress and egress direction of a network interface
- Verifier / JIT (just-in-time compiler)
 - Verifier ensures bytecode does NOT crash kernel



- IOVisor bcc:

- Ease of eBPF Development
 - Helper functions, kernel API wrappers...etc
- Dynamic Validation and Compilation
 - Userspace eBPF code written in 'C' is dynamically verified (static analysis) and compiled
- gobpf
 - Golang interface for userspace code — more performant than Python

