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Unlock Infrastructure Capabilities with Intel ® Rack Scale Architecture and OpenStack

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- **Past**

RSA/Rack Scale Architecture Motivation

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… Speed of new service delivery and growth by 2020†

Exploding application portfolio

- ~30B connected devices
- Adaptive Web/cloud sourcing

Exploding Data

- Data doubles every 2 years
- 5.2 TB of data/person

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… Current Rack Arch Limitations

- Underutilized resources
- Power/thermal inefficiencies
- No service-based configurability of platform resources
- Limited flexibility in resource-specific upgrades

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Need flexible rack scale architecture to dynamically match server to service

1st step to a Modular Architecture: Blade Server

First commercial blade server shipped in 2001 by RLX-Technologies

- Values
  - Share key infrastructure components: Chassis, Power, Cooling, Fabric
  - Simplify cable management
  - Simplify manageability, serviceability
  - Compute density
  - Improved TCO
- Limitations
  - Limited core processors
  - Limited I/O-Slots and bandwidth
  - Limited internal Storage … SAN infrastructure required
  - No / limited support of FibreChannel, Infiniband
  - Special form factor I/O-Switches are released later

Rack Scale Architecture Vision

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2013

- The RSA idea is more than a “Blade across a Rack”
- Disaggregate the basic building blocks of a server:
  compute, memory, storage, I/O (FC, Eth, IB, …)
- Pool and Compose new servers from these building blocks in a dynamic, flexible and agile manner

RSA - Silicon Photonics for Disaggregation

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Optical Rack

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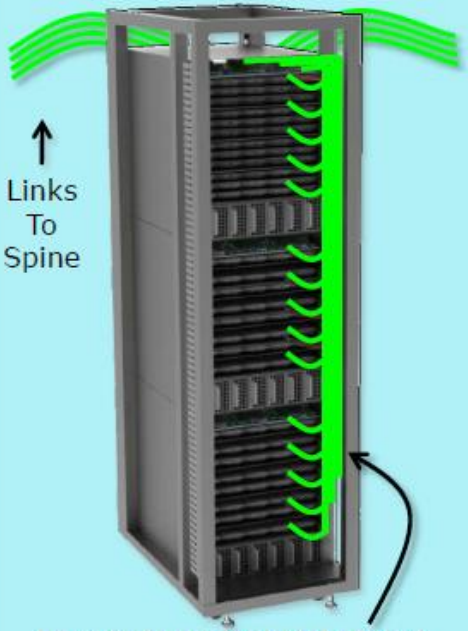
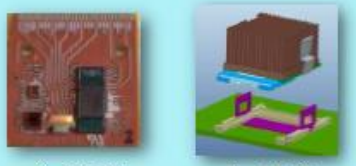


TOR or Optical Patch Panel

10G/40G/100G TOR

Patch Panel with DCC Connectors

SiPh Optical Technology

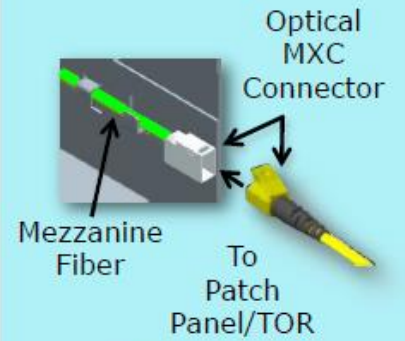


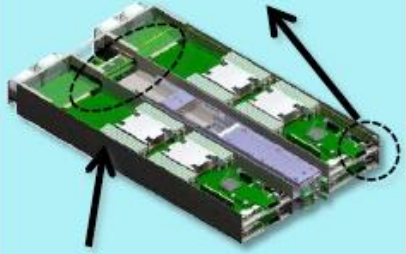
4x25G SiPh Module

4x25G Socket

Mezzanine Fiber

Tray





Processor removal does not require Mezzanine Fiber to be removed

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Rack is configured once, ready for multi-generational use

Rack Scale Architecture Value

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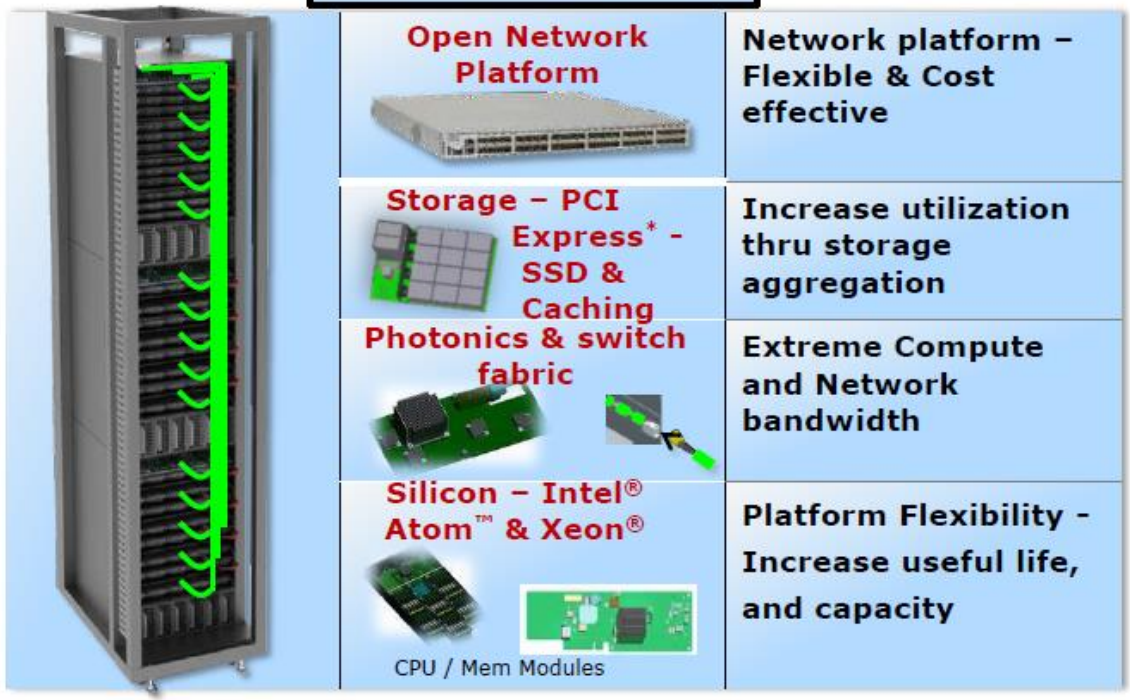

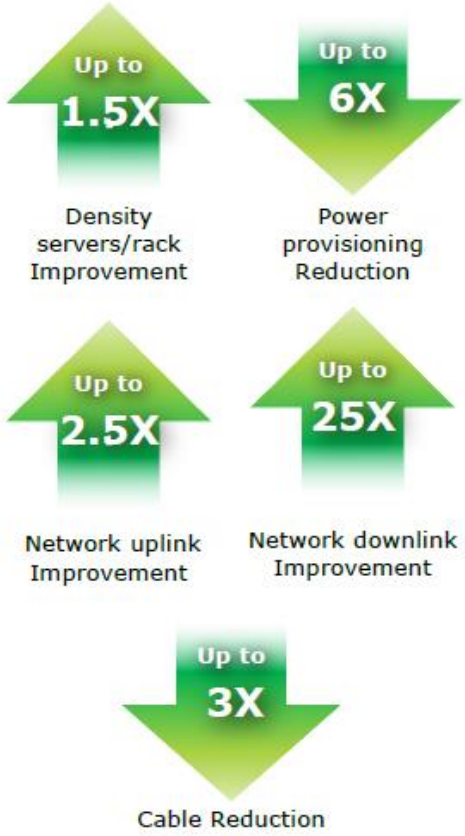

RSA – Value of Pooled Resources

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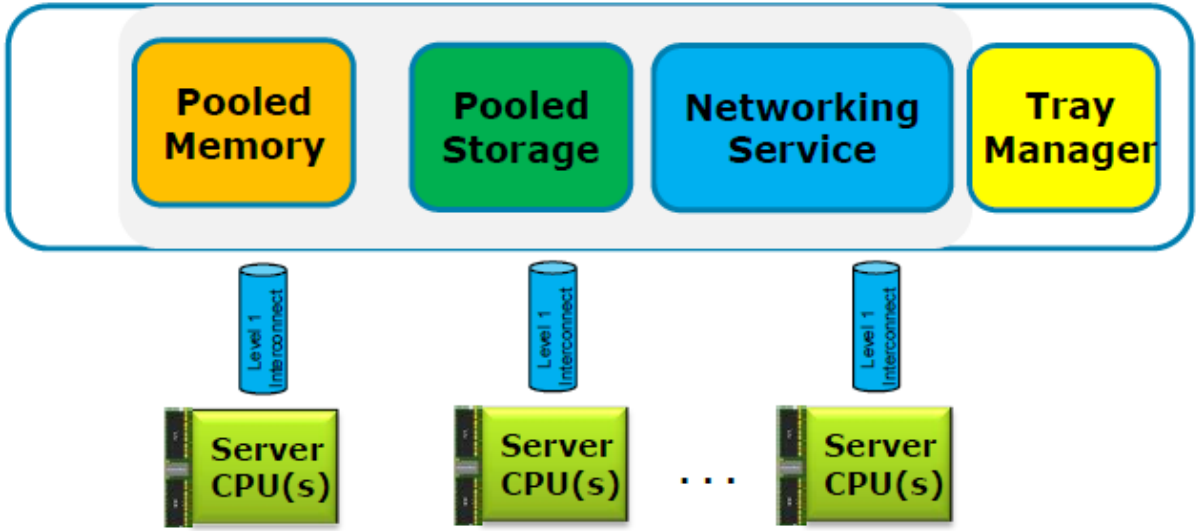

- Configurable, density optimized cloud solution
- Right sizes server resources to service workload dynamically
- Resource Pooling enables a flexible Cloud Architecture
- Enables software innovation through features such as memory sharing

Shared Memory Pool Solutions

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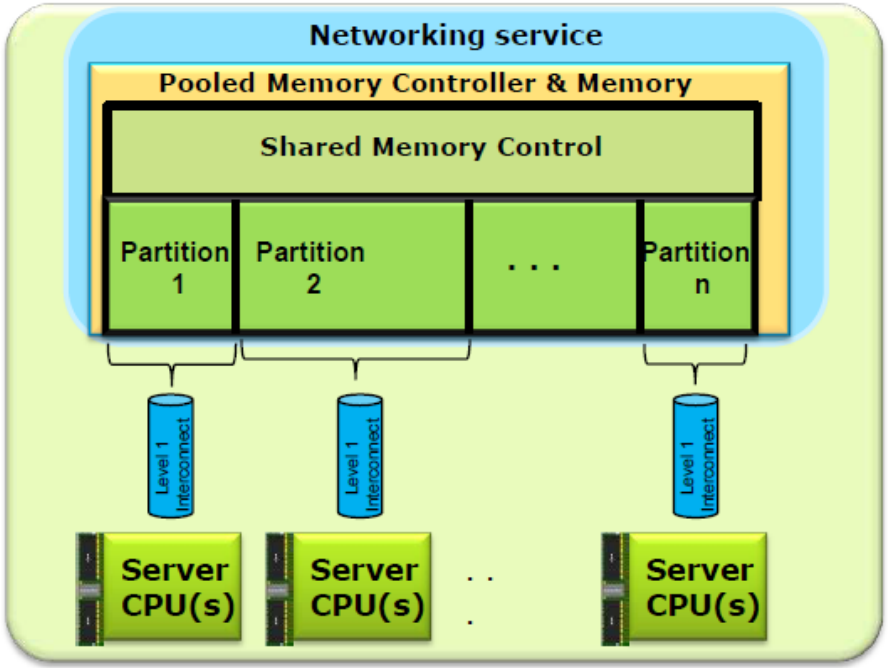
- Large disaggregated memory pool using standard DIMMs / NV-DIMMs
- Apportionable memory to nodes based on workload demand
- Support per node partition and shareable partition(s)
- Sharable partitions can be used for VM Migration and other advanced functions



Remote Pool of Storage

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Proof of Concept Configuration Fujitsu Forum

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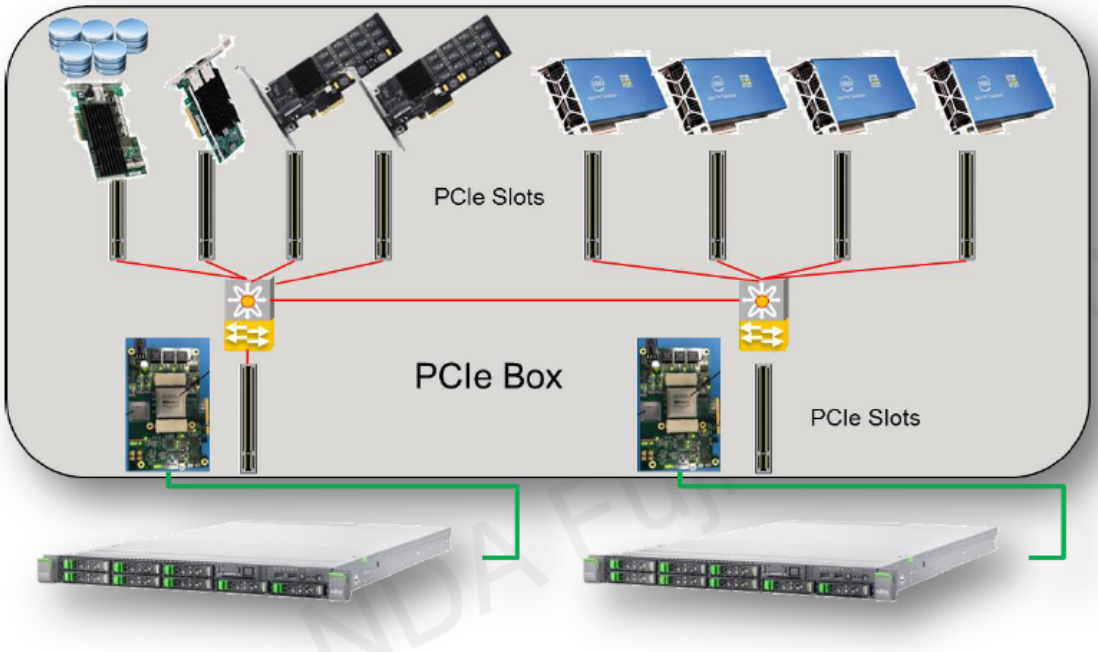

- 2 x RX200 S8 as Compute Nodes
- 2 x MXC Connector and ClearCurve® Fibre
- 1 x PCIe I/O Box
- 4 x Optical Engine and FPGA PCIe gasket on PCIe card
  - Placed inside the server and the PCIe I/O Box
- Two PLX PCIe Switches inside the PCIe I/O Box
- 1 x10GBase T adapter from Intel
- 1 x Cougar LSI RAID Controller connected to 8 HDD'S inside the PCIe I/O Box.
- Two FusionI/O PCIe SSD's with 1,5 and 1 Terabyte connected to the RX200 S8
- 4 x Intel XEON Phi™ connected to the RX200 S8
- Microsoft Windows 2012 R2 for the video workload
- Linux RedHat 6.4 for the GPGPU workload

- Past 2013
- **Present 2016**

RSA became RSD = Rack Scale Design

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- "RSA" is owned by DELL/EMC
  - The RSA encryption algorithm was developed in 1977 by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir and Leonard Adleman
  - RSA Security was acquired by EMC Corporation in 2006
- "Intel – RSA" was mainly based on Hardware technologies
- "Intel – RSD" is more Software configuration minded

Speculation:

- Technology issues ?
- Business / Cost issues ?
  - Fast-IT = Cloud-DCs are growing faster than Enterprise-DCs
  - Cloud-DCs are Ethernet based: 10/25/50/100 GbE

Transition from RSA to RSD

2013 - RSA	2016 - RSD	
CPU pool	-	
MEM pool	-	
Optical PCIe / Switch	-	Cu based
IO consolidation	partly	
PCIe SSD pool	yes	
Storage pool	yes	
(FPGA pool)	yes	
Pod-/Rack-/Drawer-Mgmt	yes	

RSD Status

- Reference Code and specs are complete, code released for open source development http://itpeernetwork.intel.com/intel-rack-scale-design-now-ready-open-source-development/

- Worked with industry partners to extend DMTF† Redfish™ to support management of Memory, CPU, PCIe, Local Storage and Network

- Working with SNIA™ to extend Redfish to comprehend managing data storage and storage services

- Pod Manager implementation is complete and productized by partners

- Intel® Rack Scale Design Aligned Ecosystem with Multiple RSD Vendor Solutions

DMTF = Distributed Management Task Force

RSD Terminology

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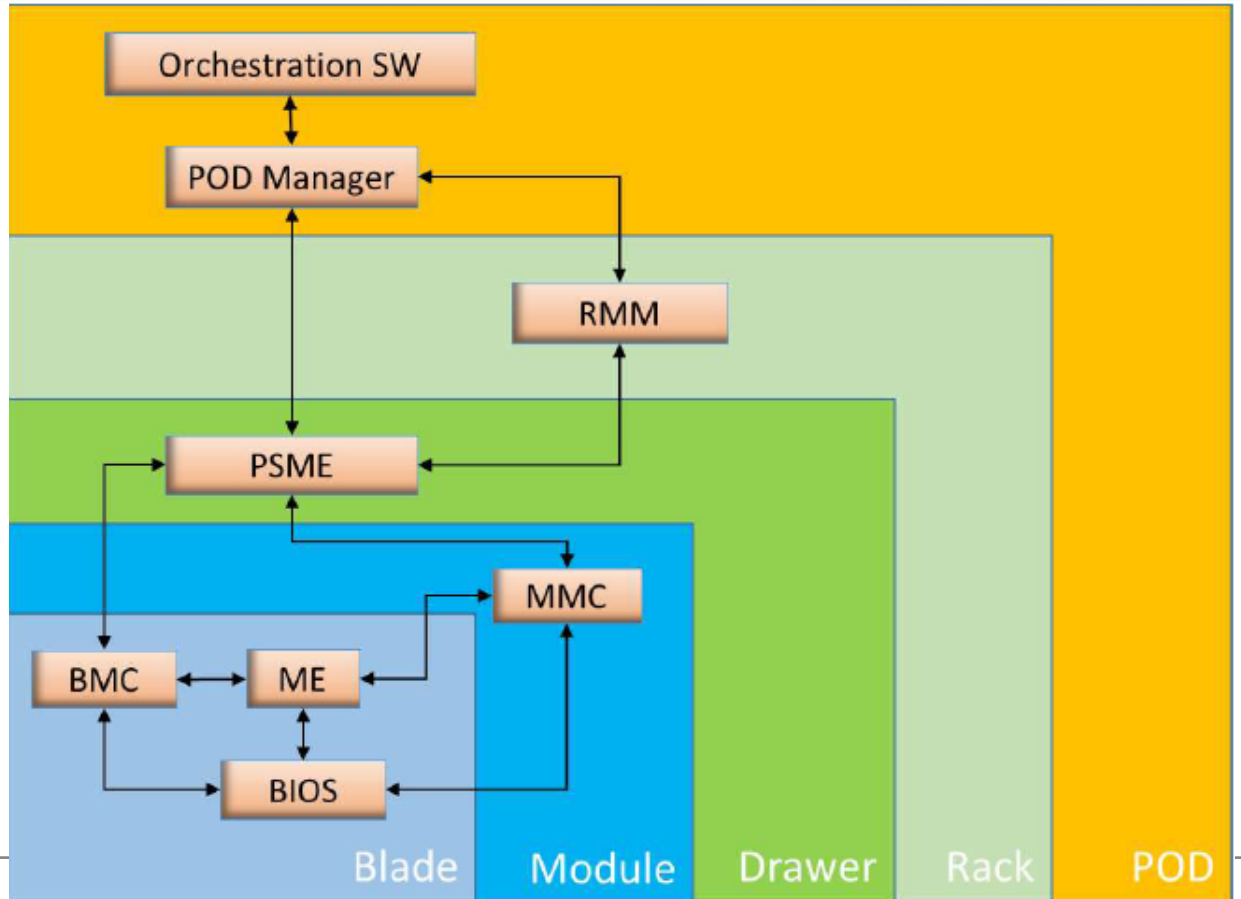
BMC	Baseboard management controller
CPP	Control Plane Processor = host to run the PSME on ref platform
DMC	Drawer management controller, where PSME functionality is implemented
EORS	End-of-Rack-Switch
MMC	Module management controller, manage the blades in the module
Node	any compute node, such as Xeon or Atom processor
PNC	Pooled NVMe Controller
POD	Collection of Racks
PODM	POD manager
PSME	Pooled System Management Engine = Micro controller responsible for configuration of shared and pooled Recourses (MEM, Storage, Nodes, SDN)
RMM	Rack management module
TORS	Top-of-Rack-Switch

POD logical hierarchy



RSD Pooled Storage

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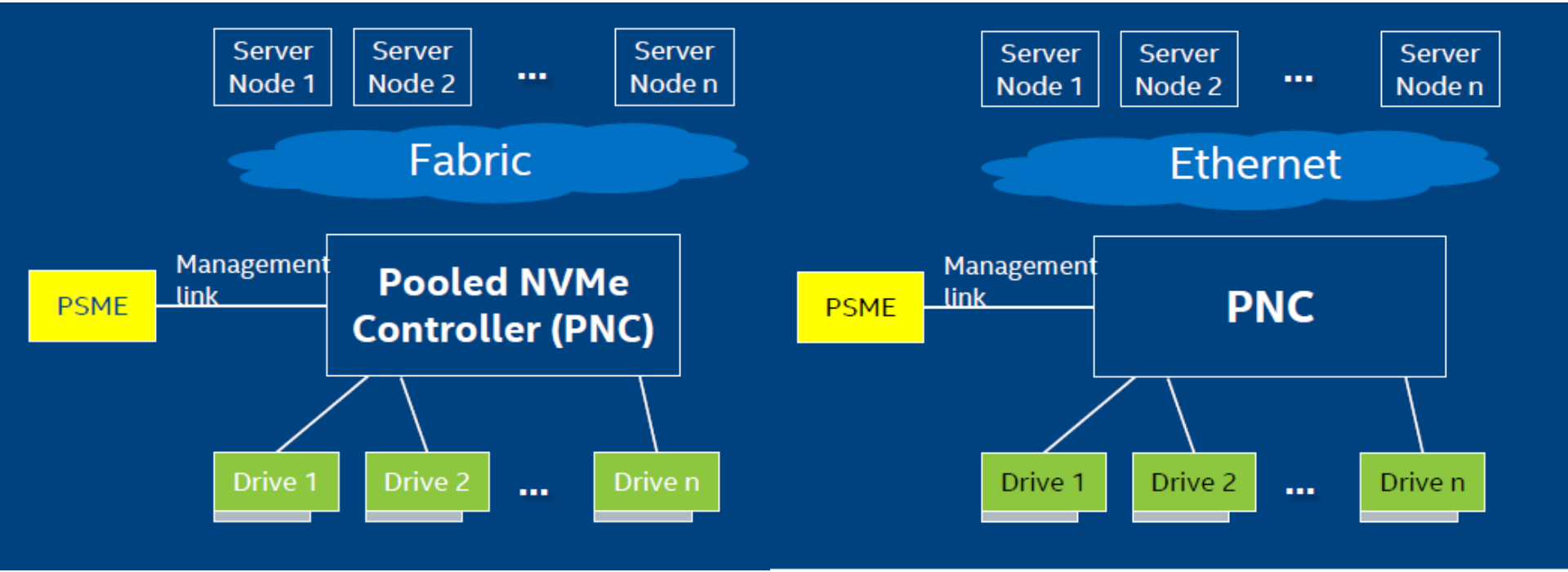

RSD Pooled FPGA

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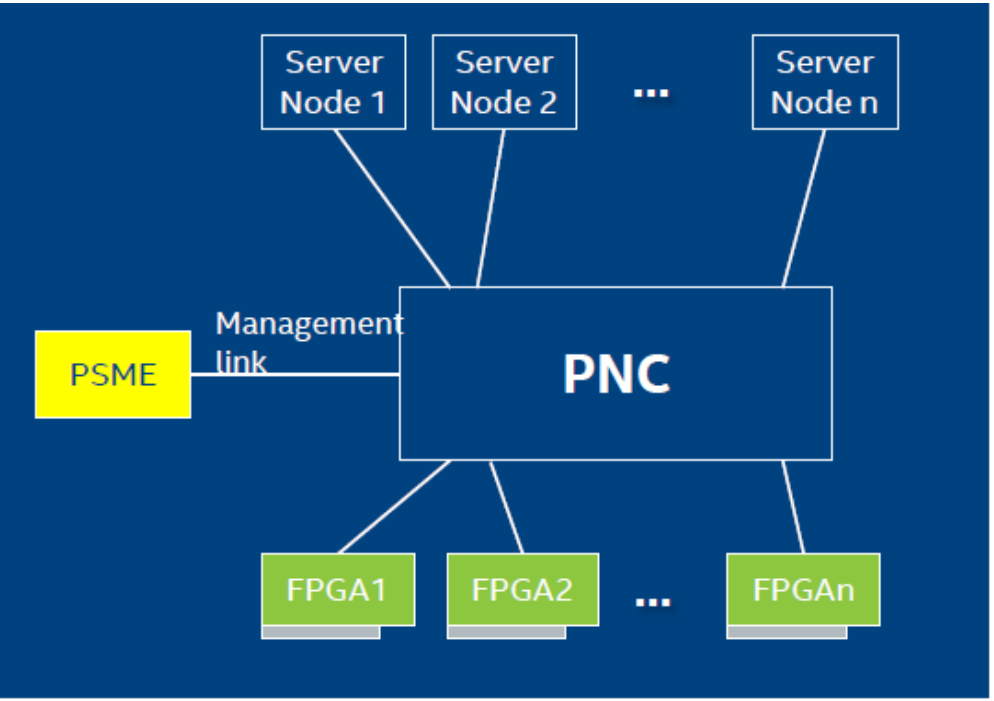

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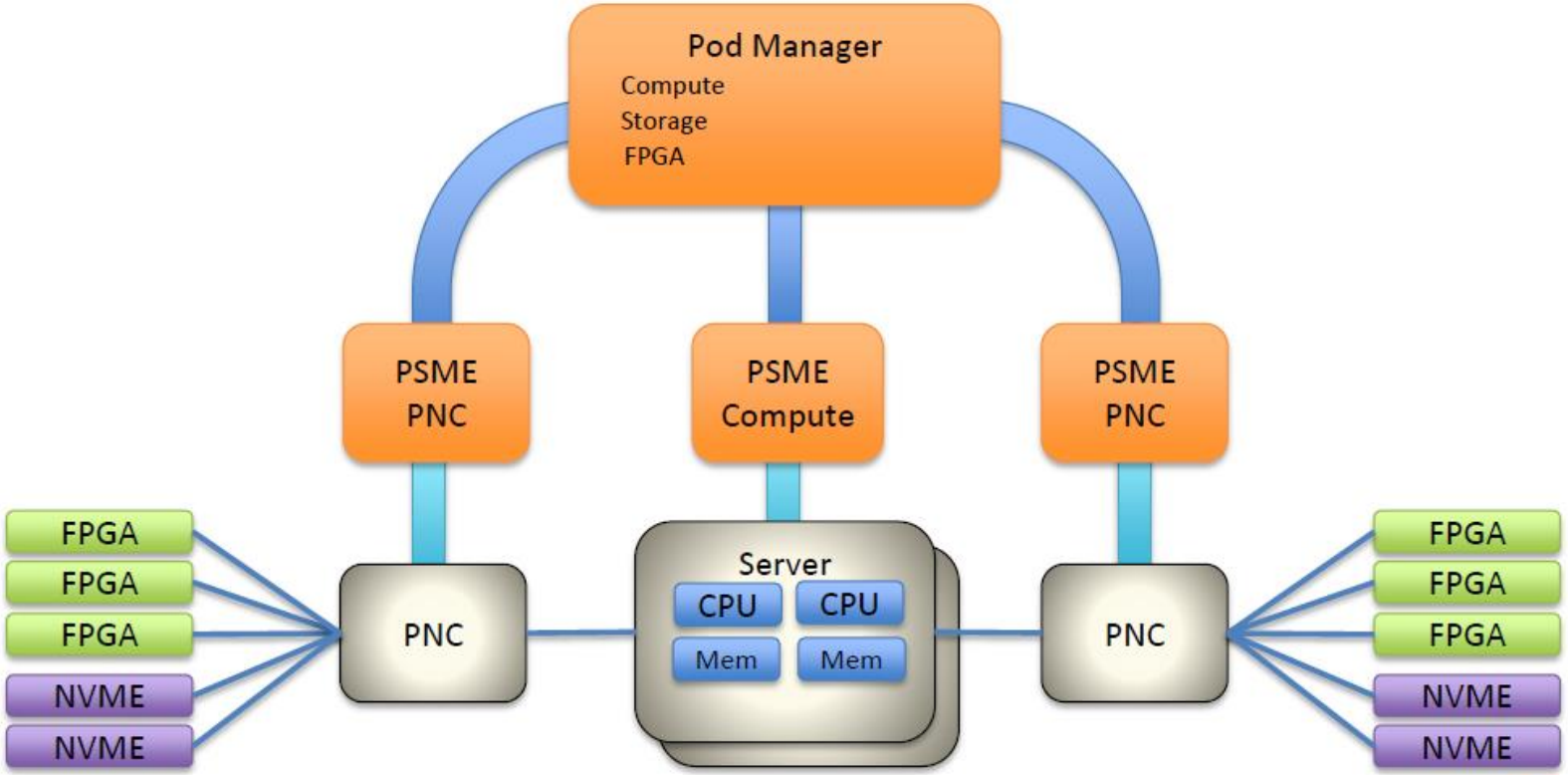

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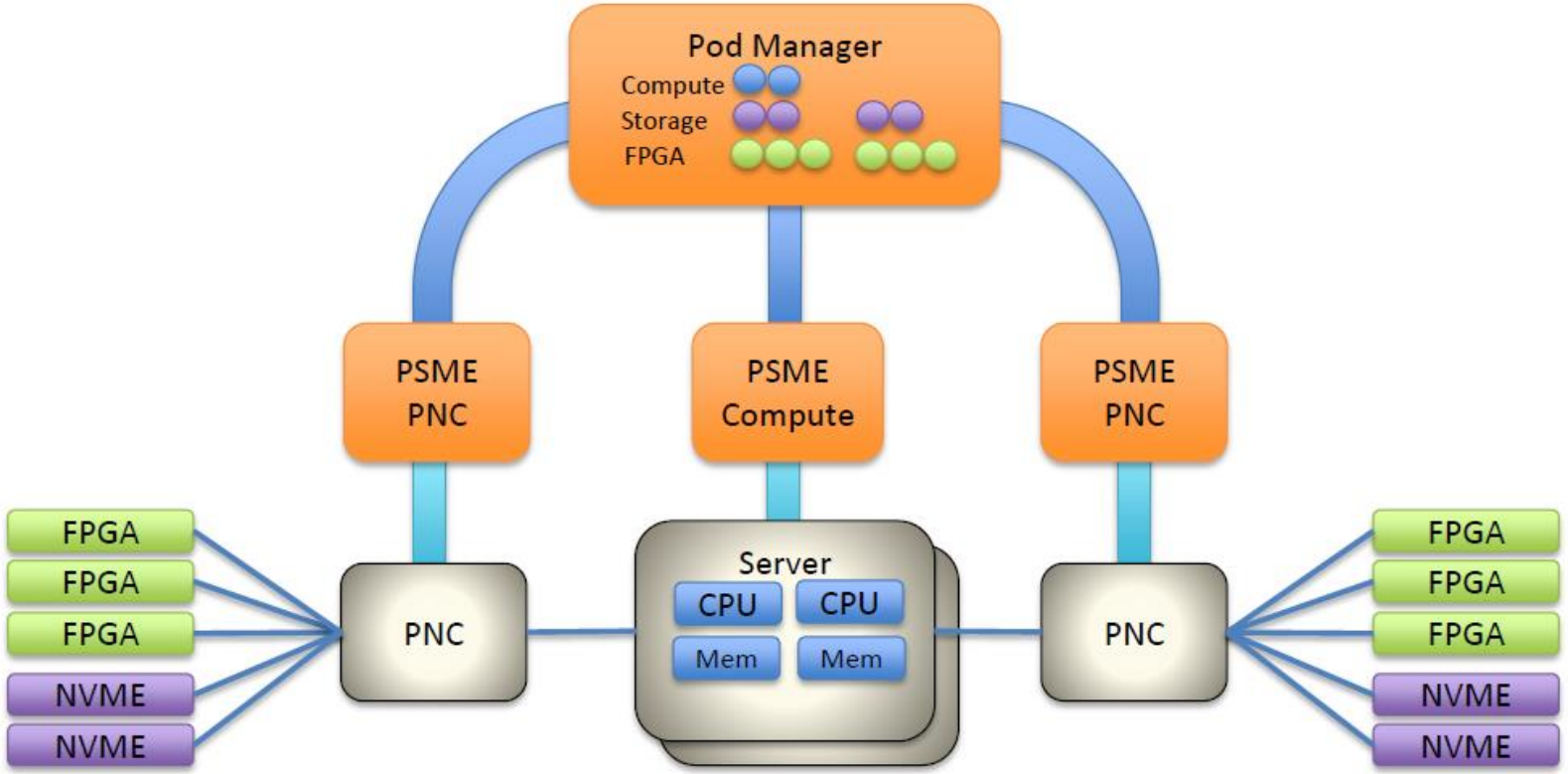

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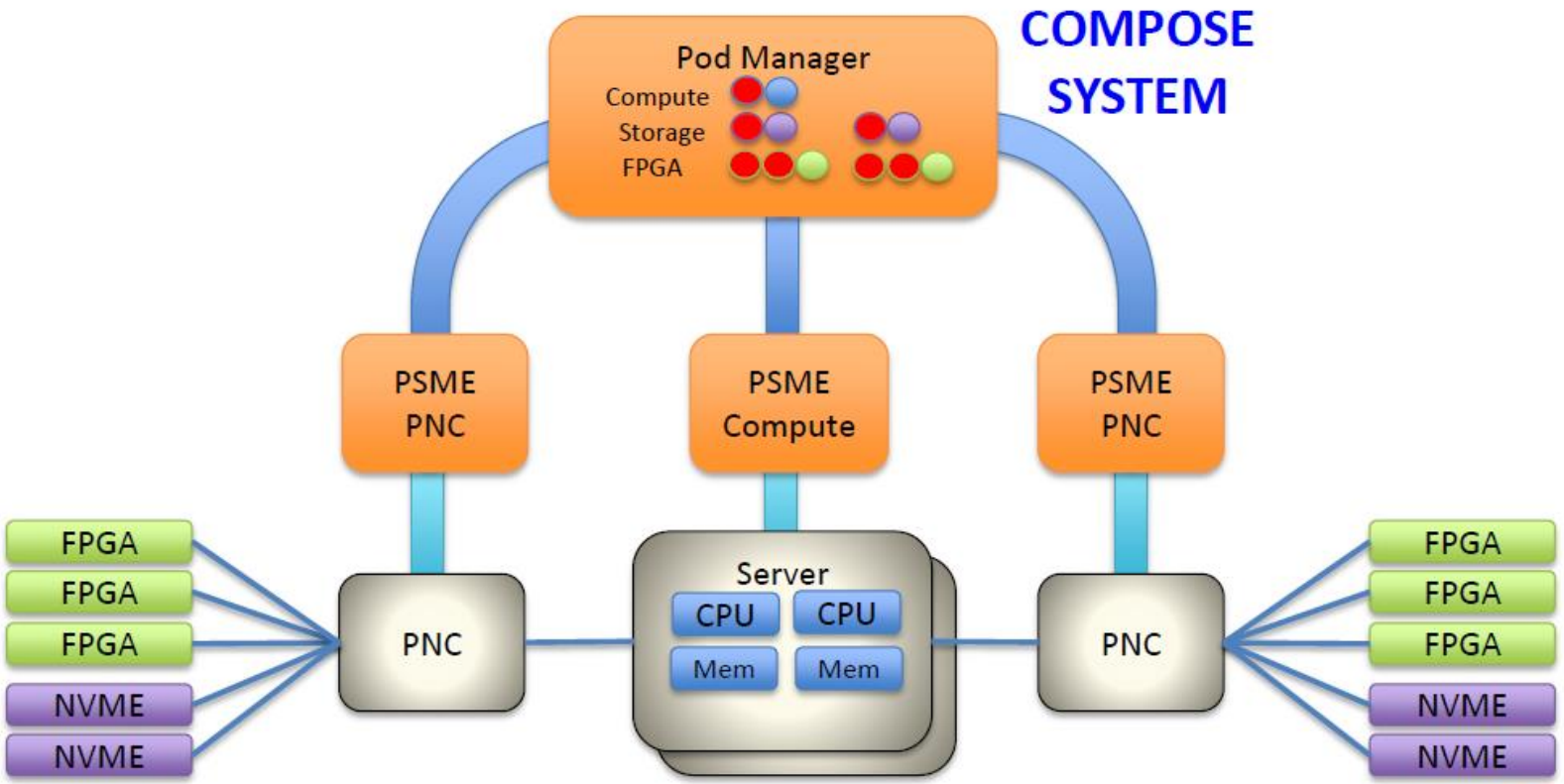

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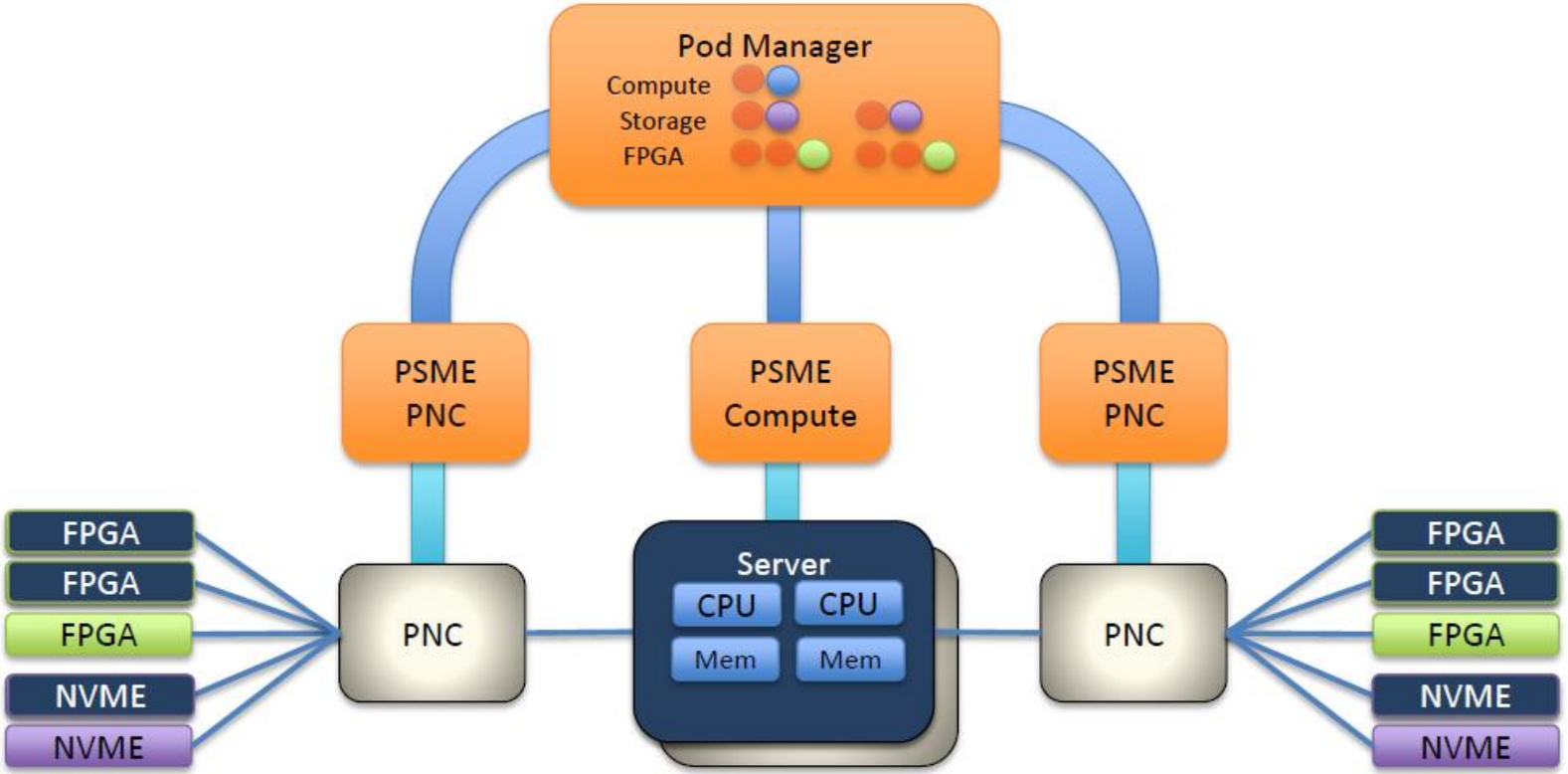
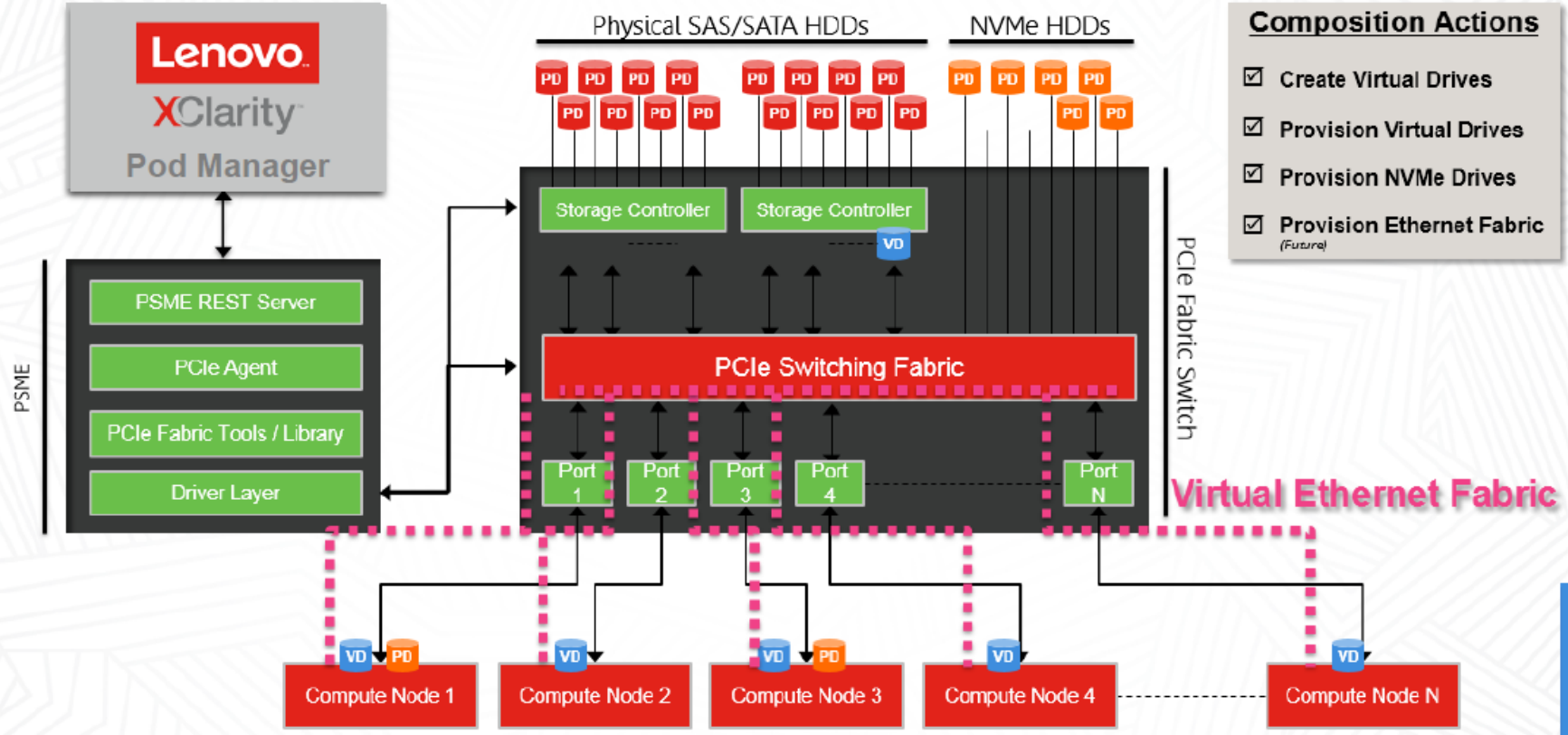
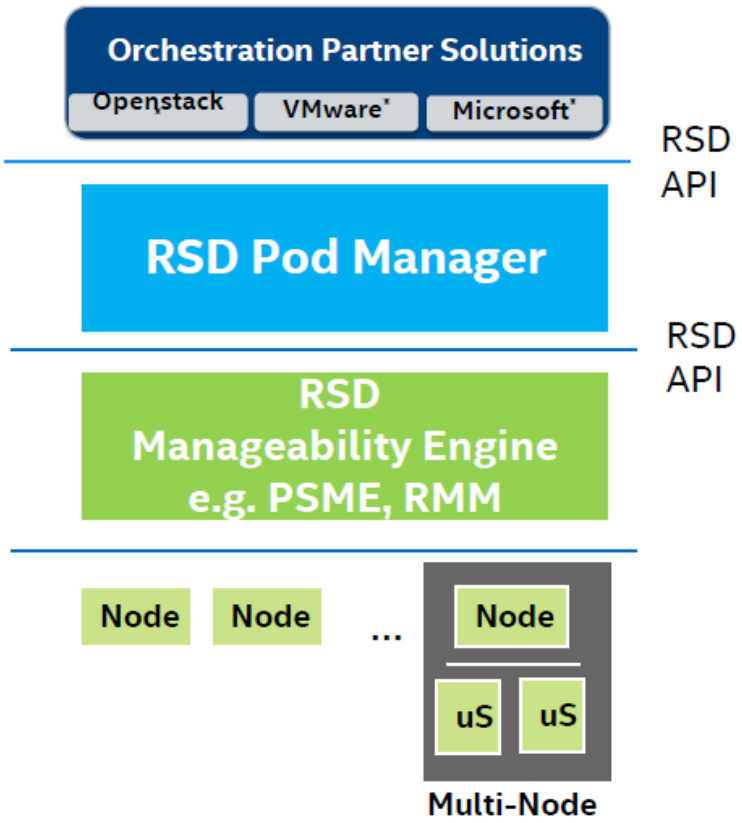


Node Composition Workflow -- Provision Ethernet Fabric



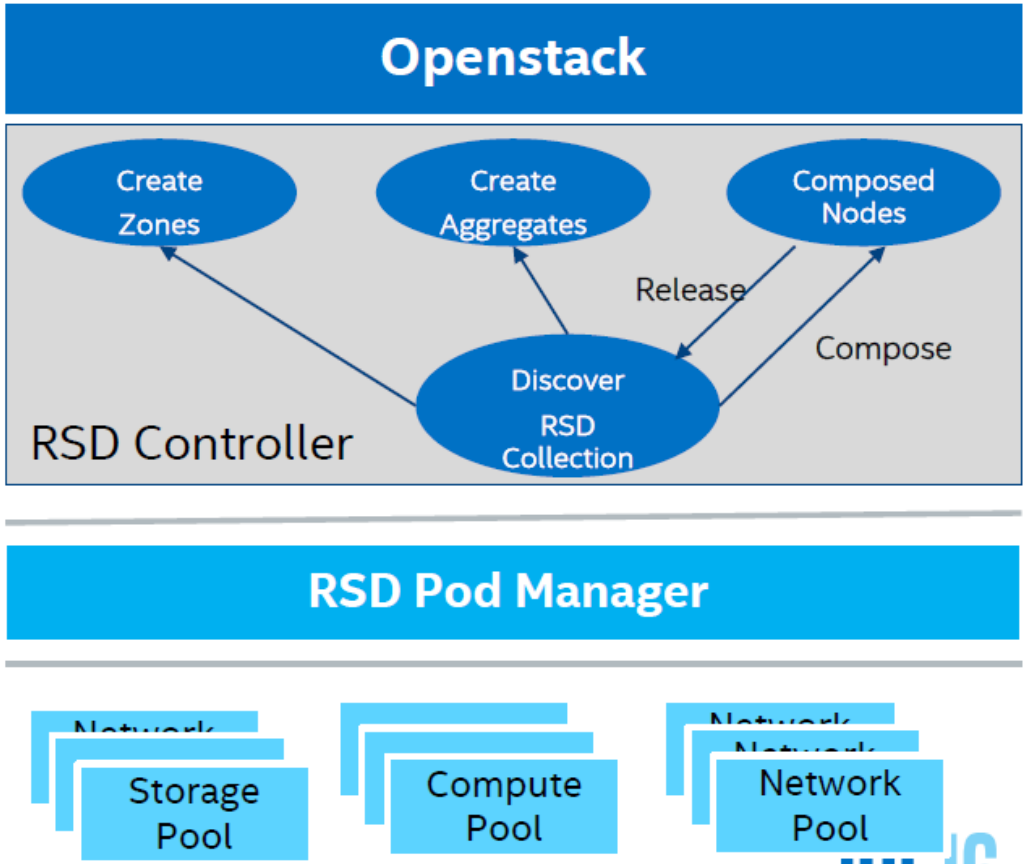
RSD and Orchestration



- RSD Pod manager designed to interface with multiple orchestration stacks
- RSD provides physical resource and capabilities discovery across vendor implementations
- Location aware placement
- Enables composition of pooled systems for agile orchestration
- Supports stateful lifecycle management

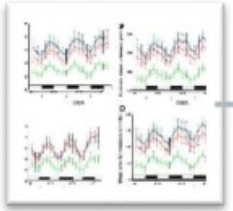
RSD Controller

- RSD controller solution which uses RSD APIs to interface RSD Pod Manager to Openstack
- Elastic HW lifecycle management for Pooled infrastructure – Compose and Release
- Automatic deployment of bare metal systems using “discovery” and “compose” APIs



RSD Controller = https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Valence

RSD Telemetry Flow



RSD Inband Telemetry

RSD Out-of-band Telemetry

RSD Pod

REPORTING

RSD Pod Manager

Analytics

CONTROL

Orchestrator Workload Placement and Resource allocation

openstack

vmware

Microsoft Hyper-V

RSD Pod Manager re-provisions HW and system resources

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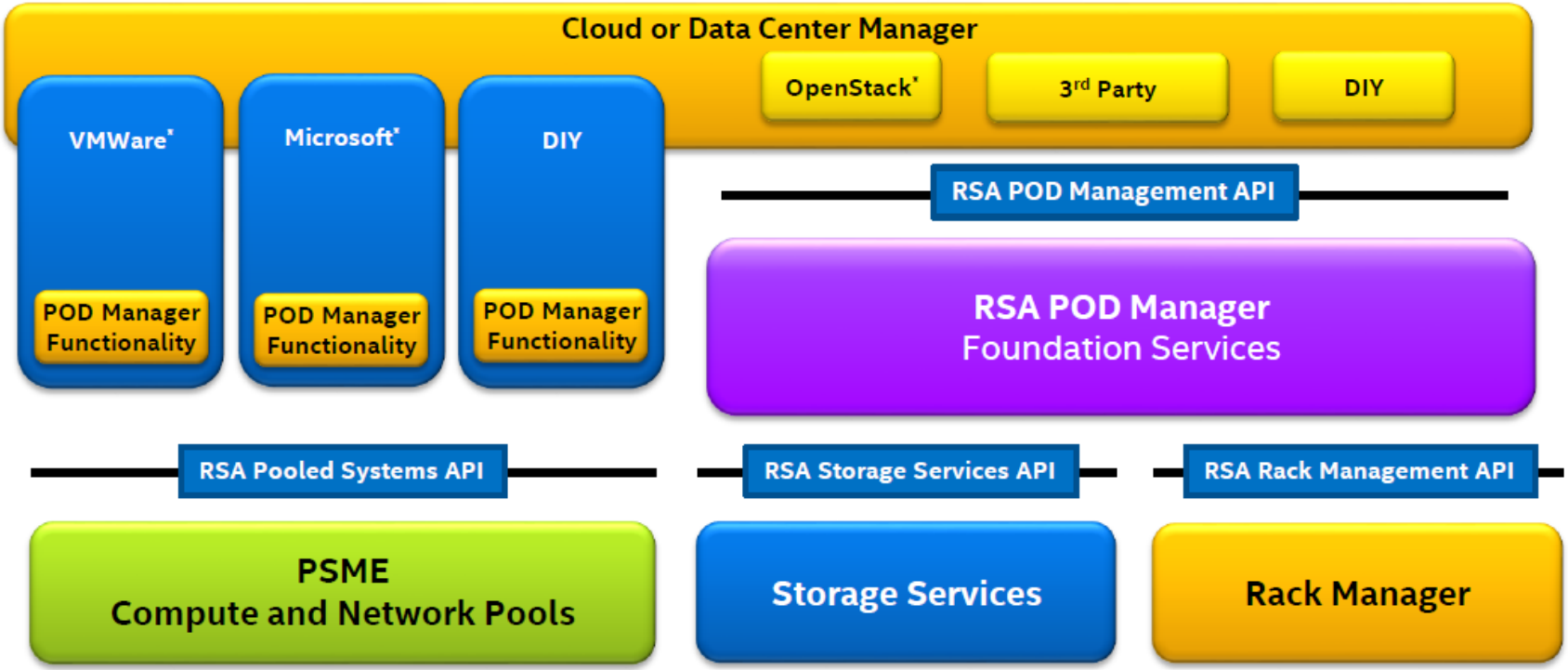
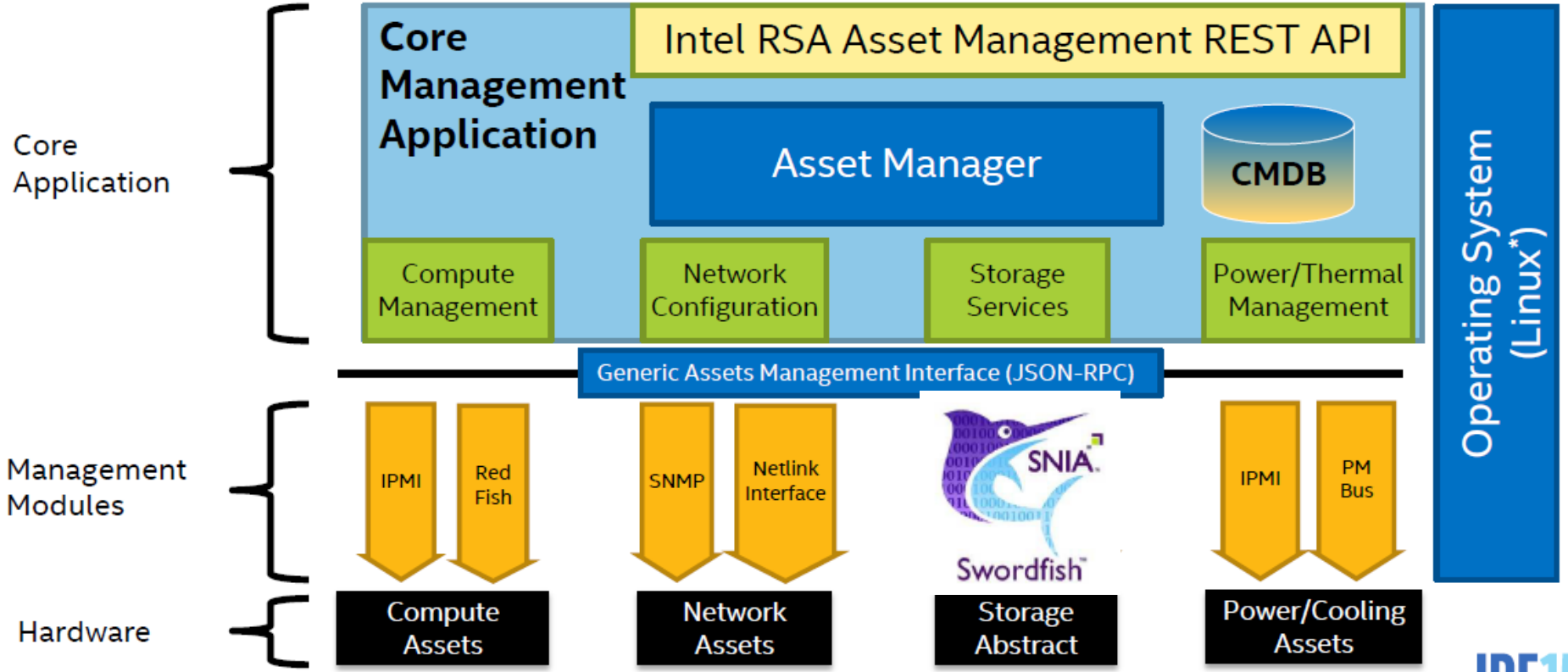
Intel® Rack Scale Architecture Software Stack



RSA = Intel® Rack Scale Architecture

Intel® Rack Scale Architecture Software/Firmware Code Flexible Architecture



What is RedFish ?

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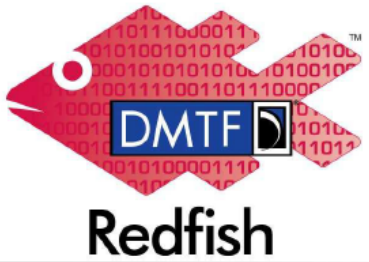
- Industry Standard RESTful API for IT Infrastructure
  - HTTPS in JSON format based on Odata v4
  - Equally useable by Apps, GUIs, and Scripts
  - Schema-backed but human-readable

- First release focused on Servers
  - A secure, multi-node capable replacement for IPMI-over-LAN
  - Add devices over time to cover customer use cases & technology
    - Direct attach storage, PCIe and SAS switching, NVDIMMs, Multifuction Adapters, Composability
  - Intended to meet OCP Remote Machine Management Requirements



RedFish Resource Map

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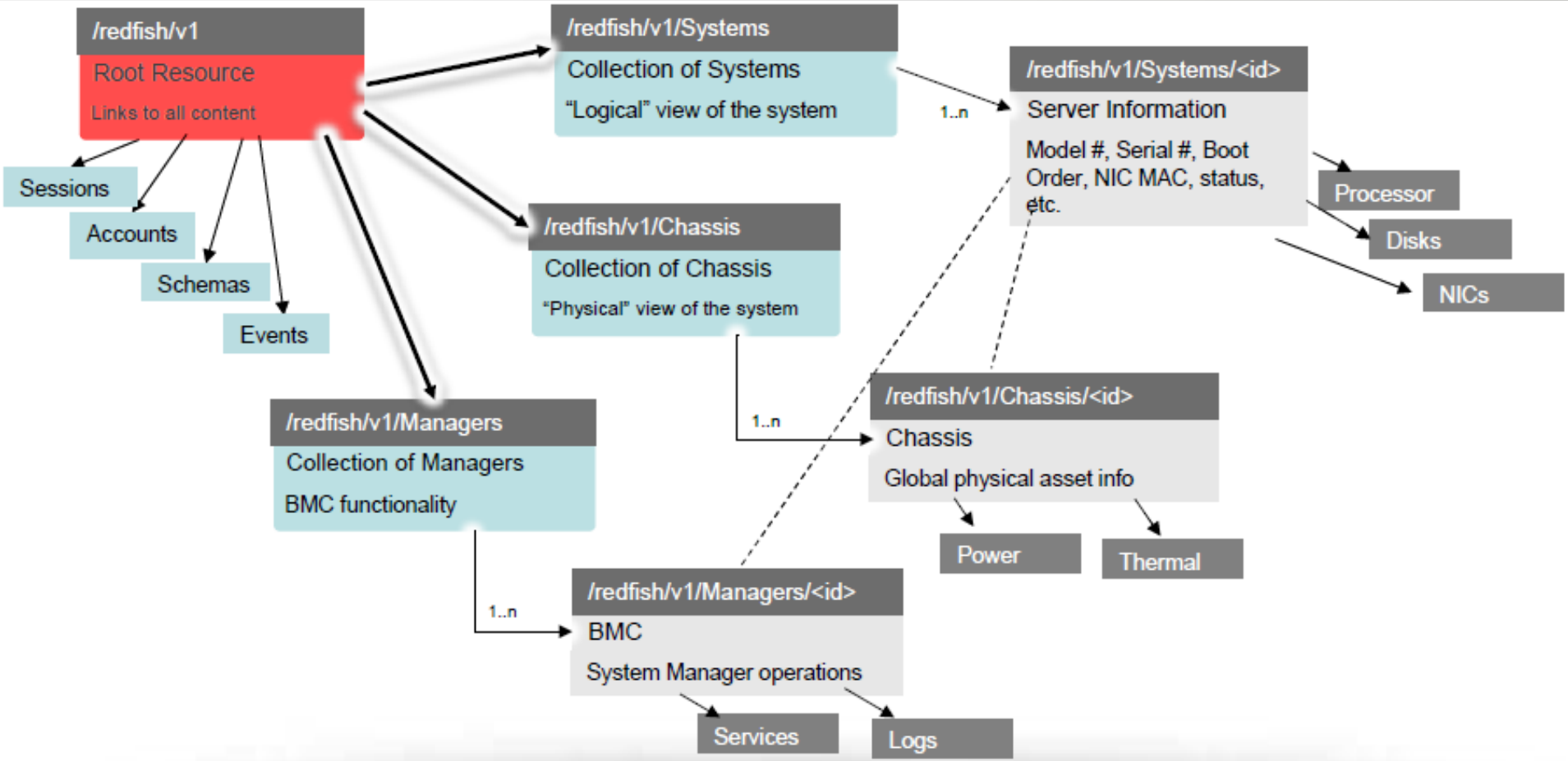

Adding Storage to RedFish

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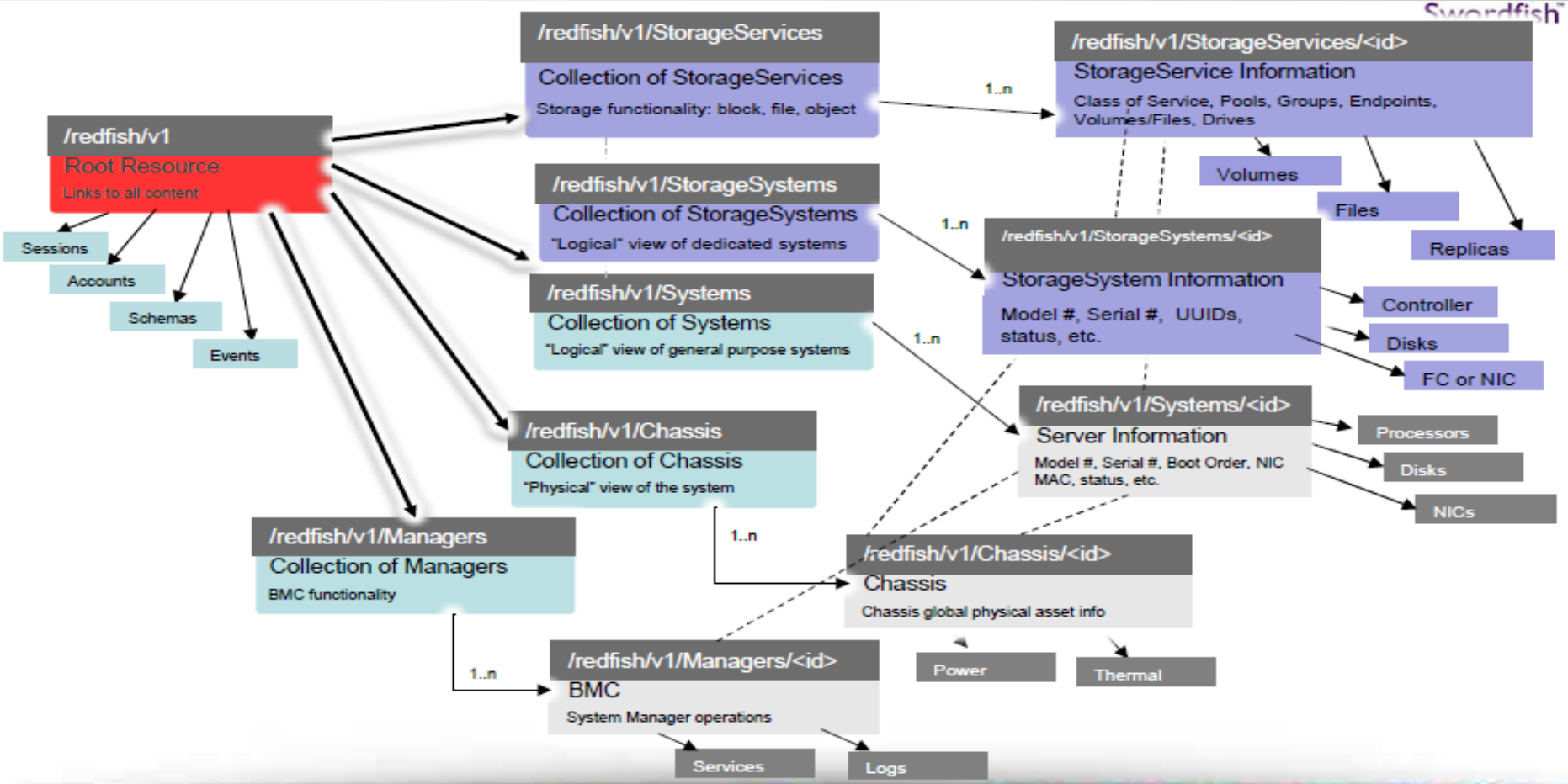
Swordfish™

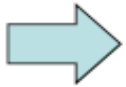


Seamless Extension of Redfish to Swordfish

- Make Swordfish a seamless extension of Redfish local storage schema
- Example: Volume

Redfish Volume

VolType
CapacityBytes
Encryption
EncType
ID
BlockSizeBytes
Operations
…



Swordfish Volume

Redfish Volume Properties

VolType
CapacityBytes
Encryption / EncType
BlockSizeBytes
Operations
…

Capacity
CapacitySources
LowSpaceWarningThresholdPercents
ReplicaInfos
VolumeType
…

Useful Links

https://www.dmtf.org/standards/redfish

http://redfish.dmtf.org/redfish/v1/mockup/

http://www.snia.org/forums/smi/swordfish

http://www.nvmexpress.org/specifications/

https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Valence

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- Past 2013
- Present 2016
- **Future** **?** **… and Summary**

RSD Summary I

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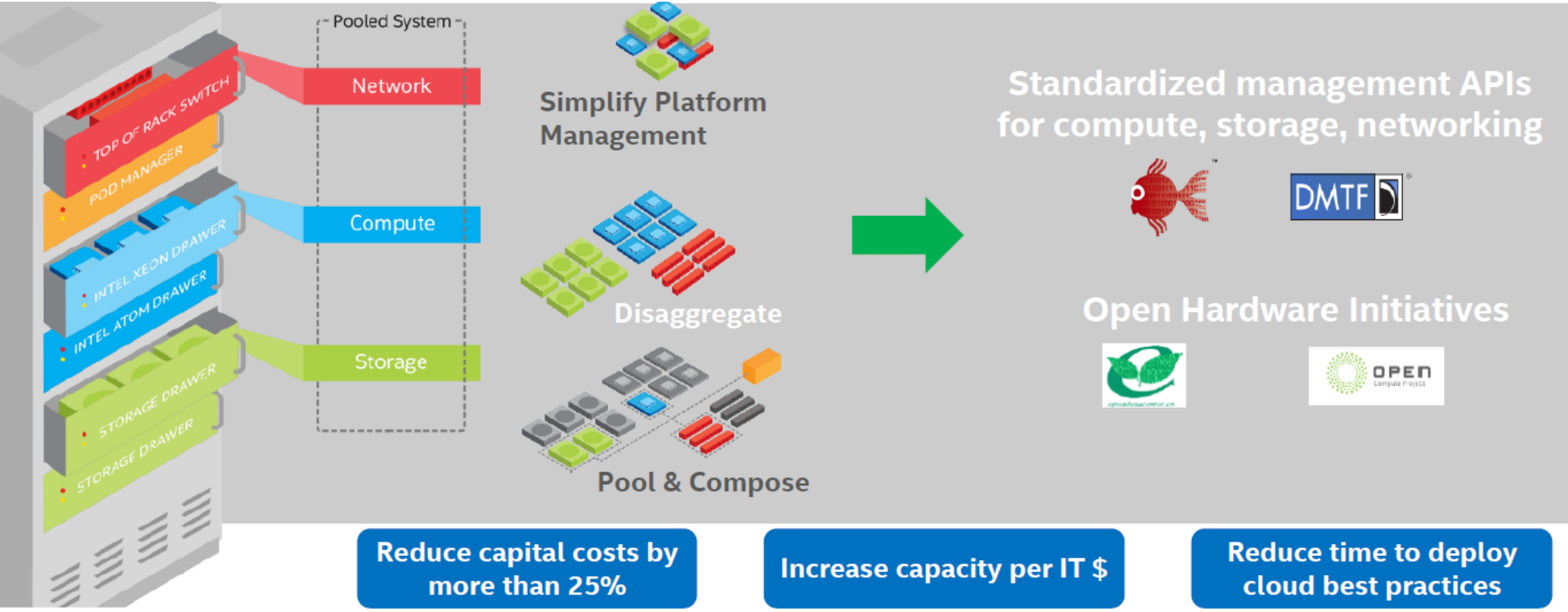
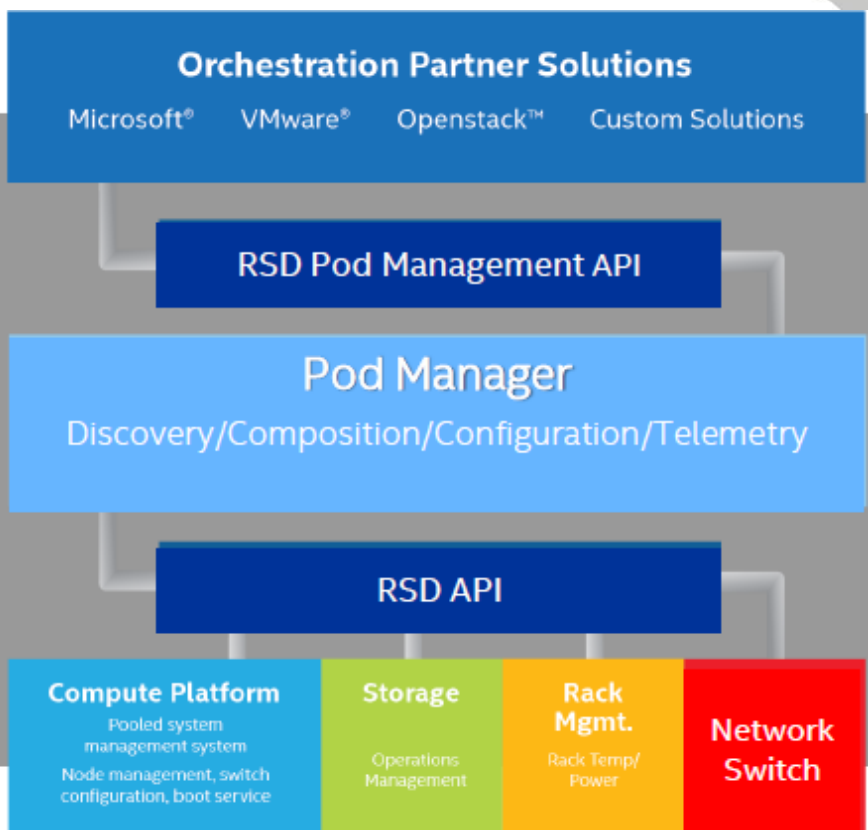


RSD Summary II

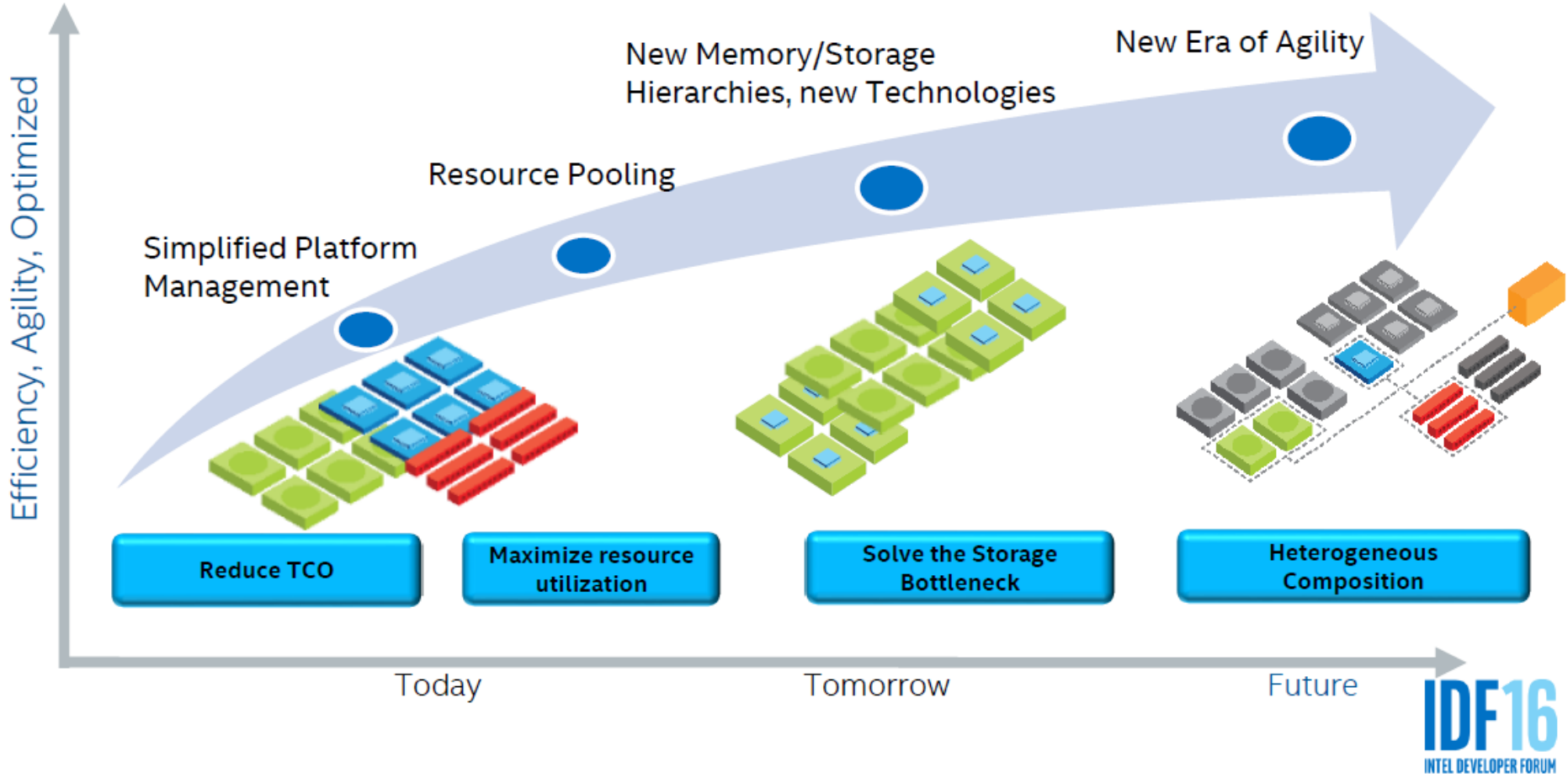
Management Software Framework

- Asset & location discovery
- Disaggregated resource management
- Composable system support
- Support compute, network, and storage
- Built using DMTF† Redfish™



Comprehensive management architecture

Evolution of Rack Scale Design



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My view of RSD future

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- RSD will be based on commodity interconnects
- PCIe fabric based on Cu will stay in a niche
- Ethernet (25/50/100/200 GbE) with optical lines will dominate the Rack interconnect
- NVMf (NVMe over Fabric) will enable a flexible storage pool assignment

- RedFish and SwordFish will become the standard interfaces for IT infrastructure
- The integration of RDS with OpenStack will further evolve

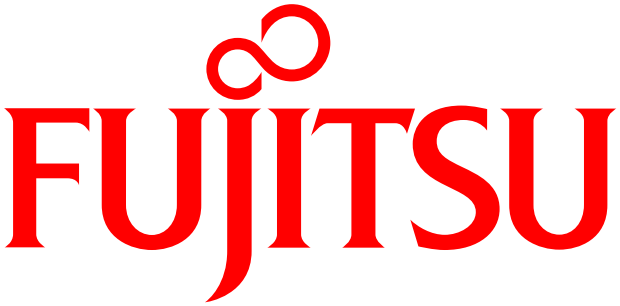
(1) Shared Power/Cooling, HDD-Pooling integration

(2) PCIe NVMe pool, pooled FPGA, SDI Orchestration layer integration

(3) NVMe over Ethernet pool

(4) GPGPU pools

(5) Memory pool ?? 3D-Xpoint / DRAM



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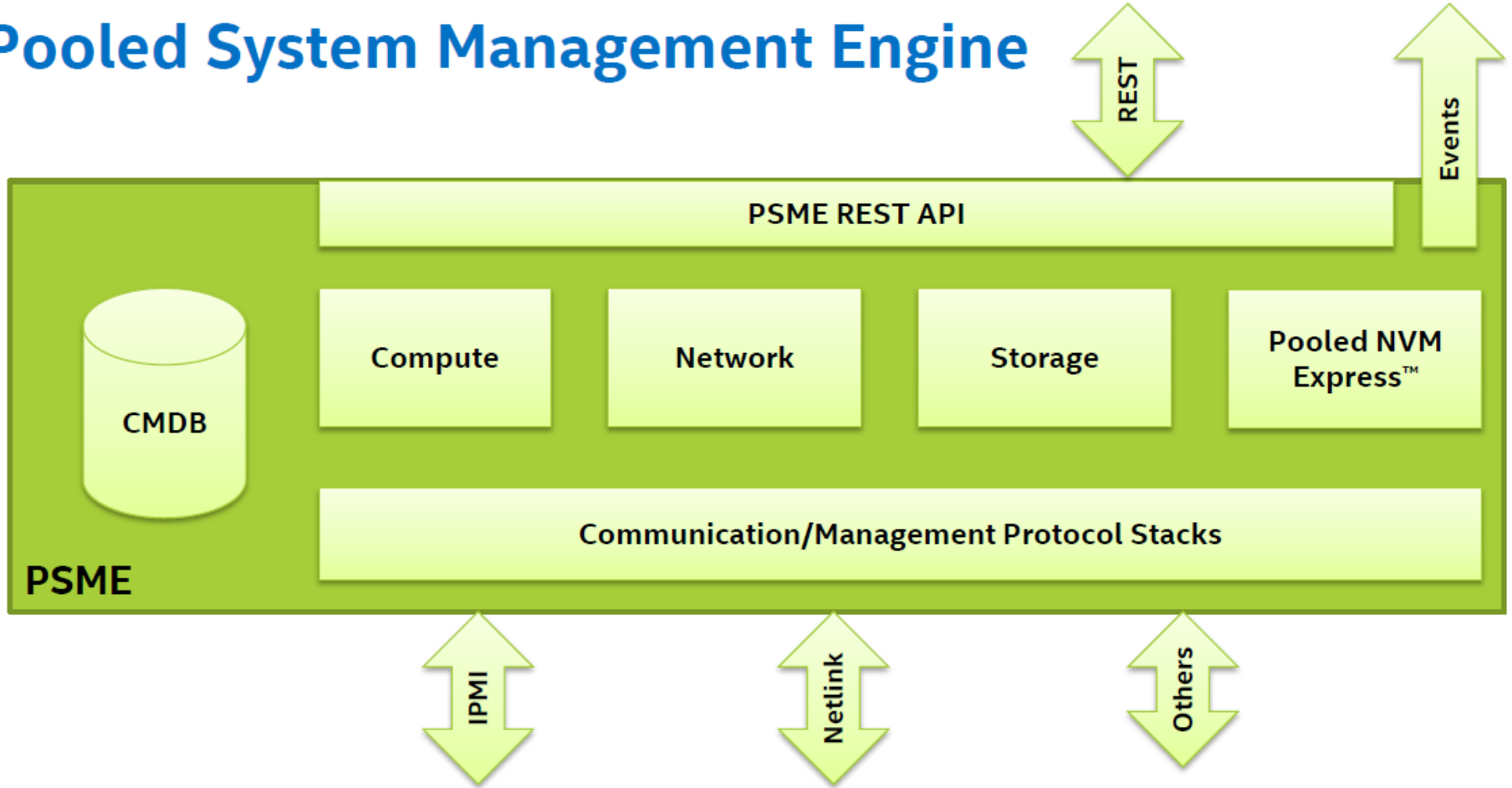
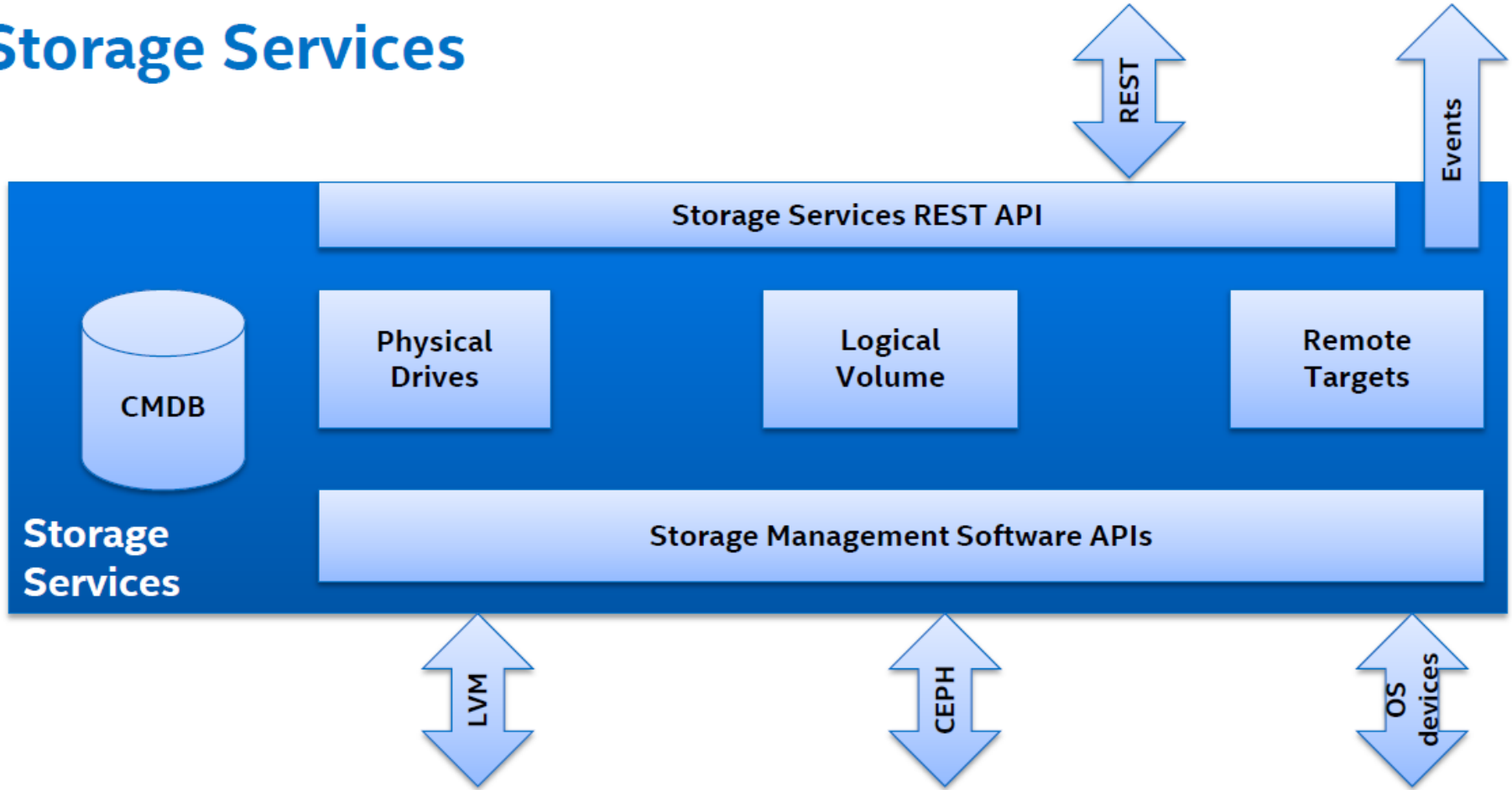
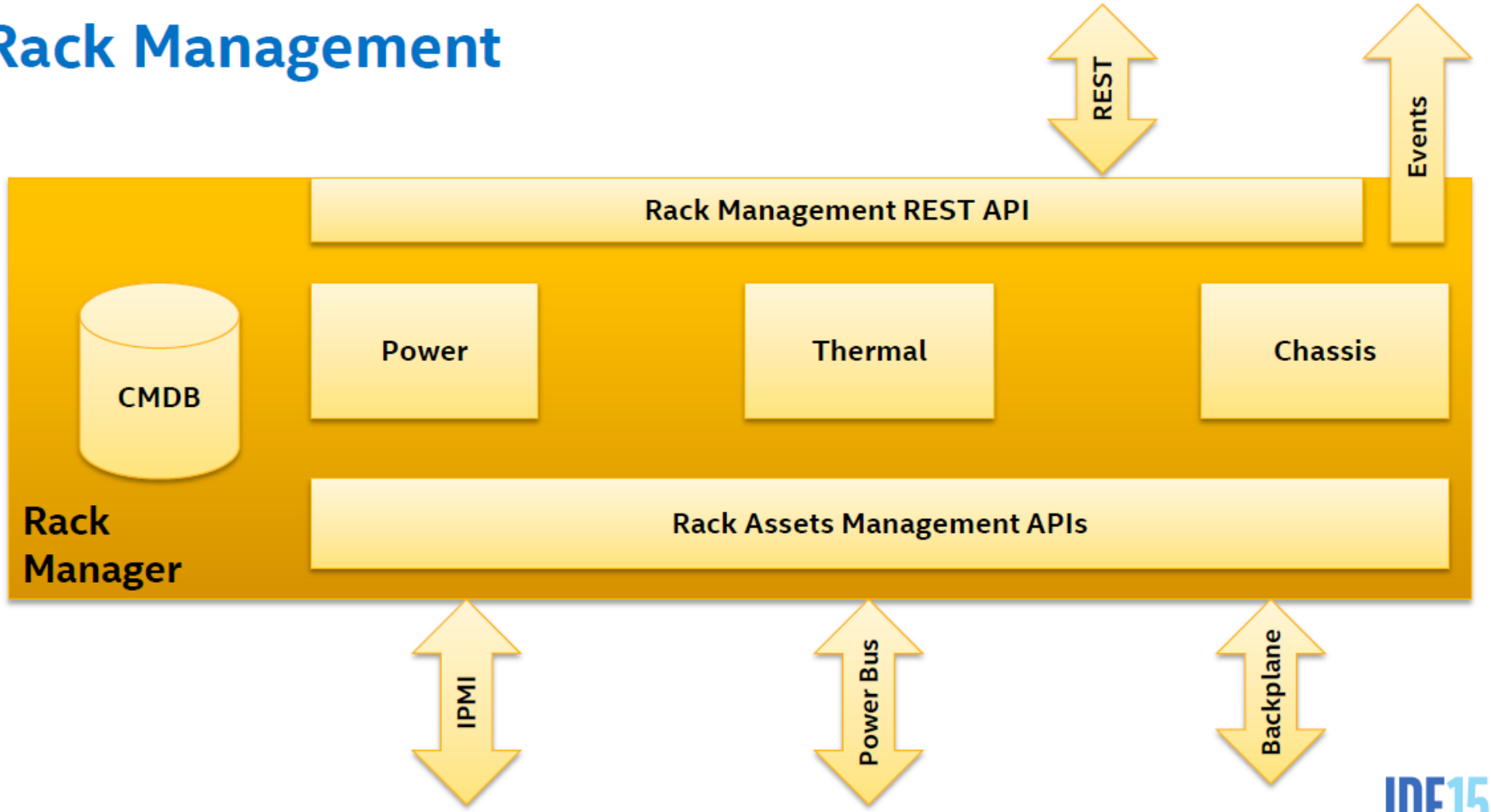
Pooled System Management Engine



Storage Services



Rack Management



POD Manager