Network Service Mesh

Webinar

Agenda

- Housekeeping
- NSM Vision
- State of the NSM
- NSM Future
- Deep Dive:
  - How the Magic Works
  - Interdomain
  - HW NICs

Housekeeping

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NSM Vision

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- The Problems
- The Non-Solutions
- The NSM Solutions

Runtime Domain

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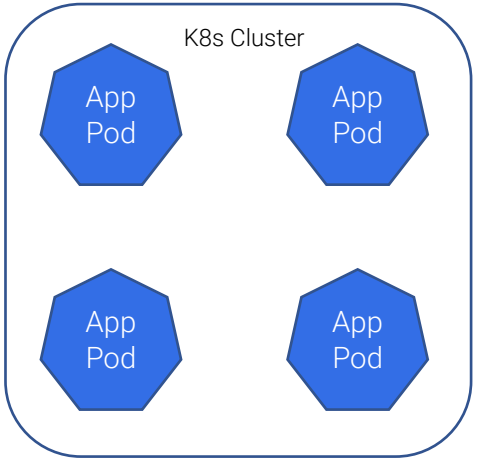

Connectivity Domain

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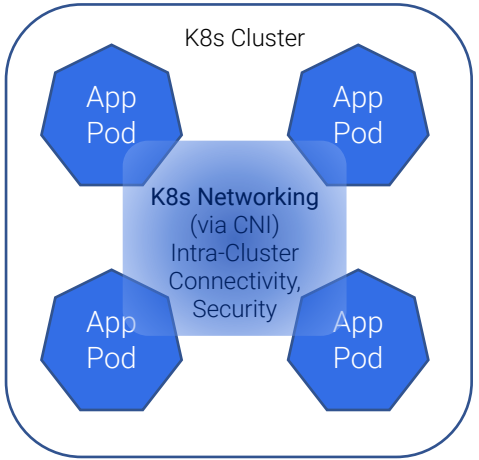
With a ‘Connectivity Domain’…

- Pure L3
- + **Service Discovery/Routing:** K8s Services
- + **Isolation:** K8s Network Policies (Isolation)
- (Optionally) + L7 Service Mesh(Istio etc)
- Intra Cluster



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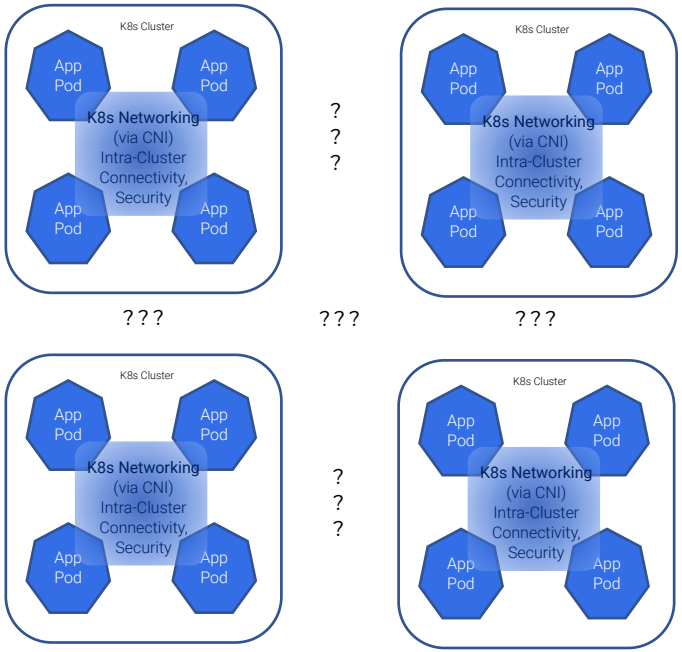

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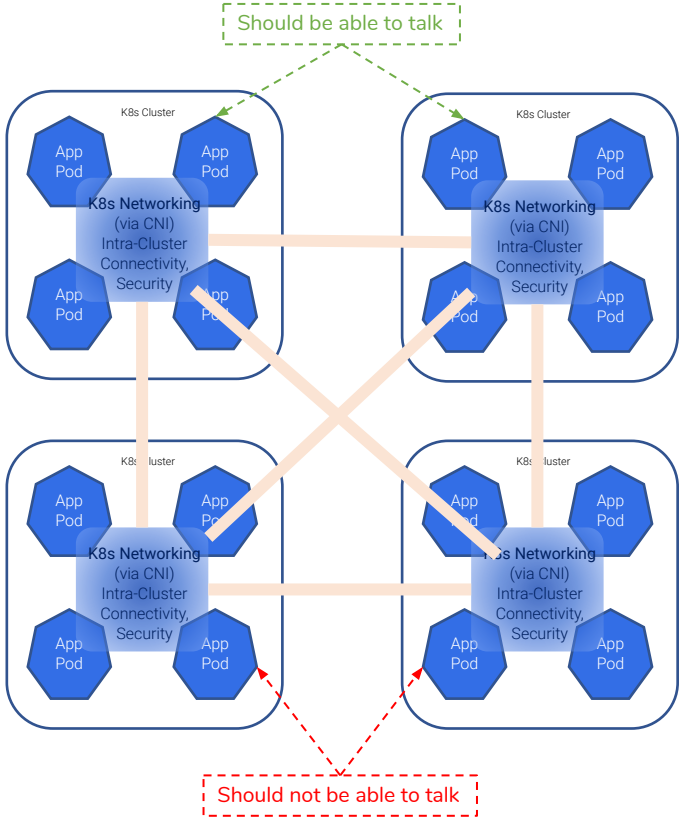

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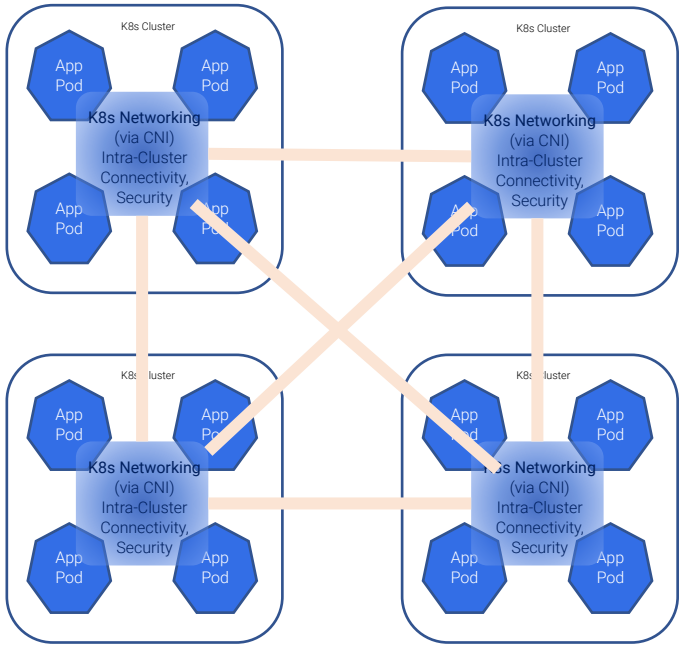

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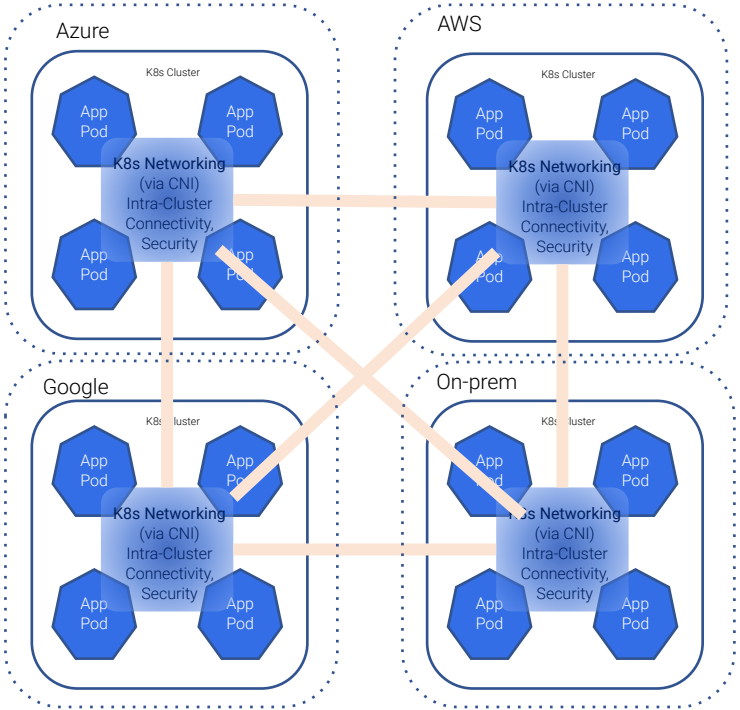

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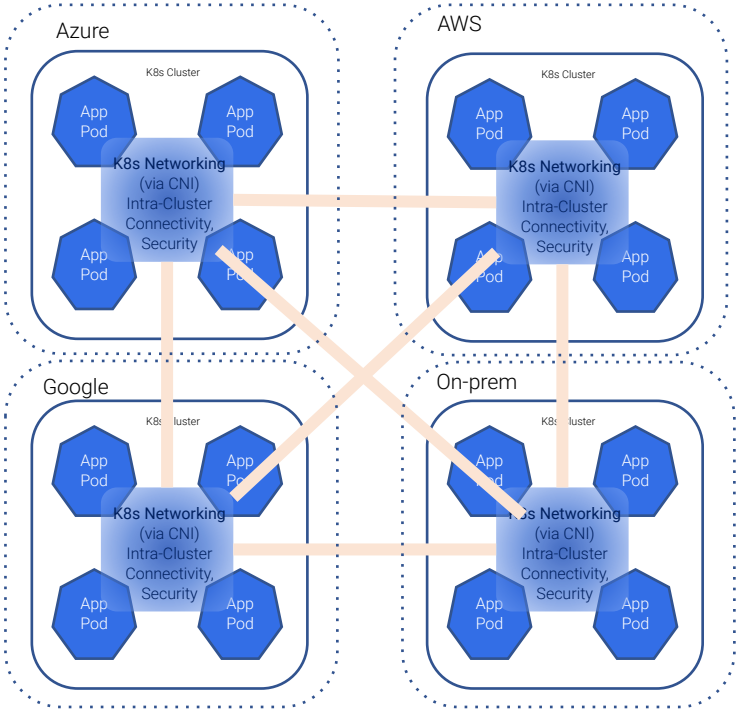
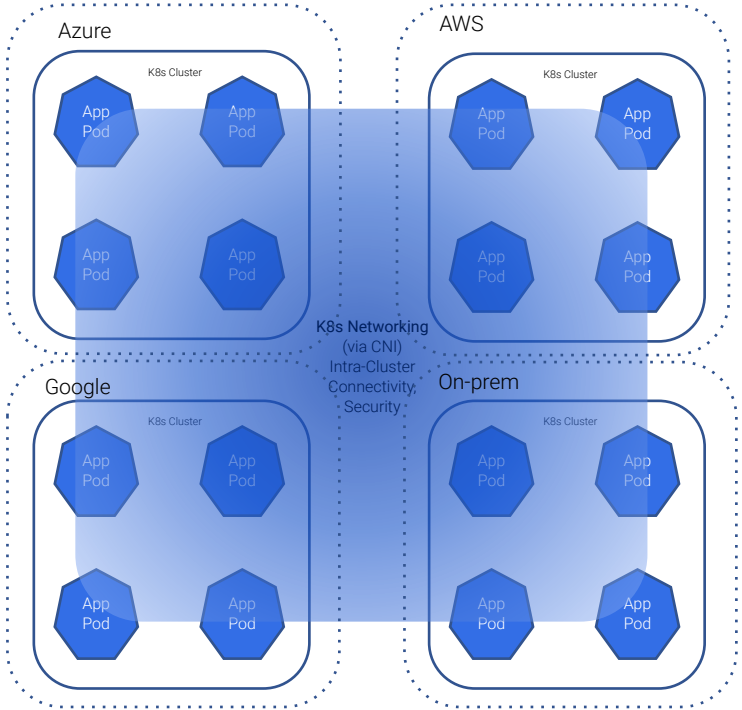


The Federation non-Solution

Attempt to ’Federate’ multiple clusters:

- Hides rather than fixes inter-cluster link combinatorics/complexity/manualness
- Doesn’t scale:
  - Services/Network Policies have enough trouble scaling in a single cluster, with low latency updates



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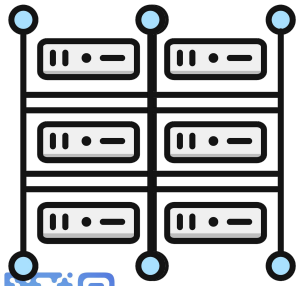
- Also incompatible with non-K8s runtime domains
  - Semantics of VM domain different than K8s
  - Semantics of on-prem server networking different than K8s



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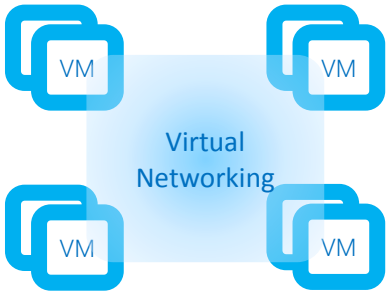

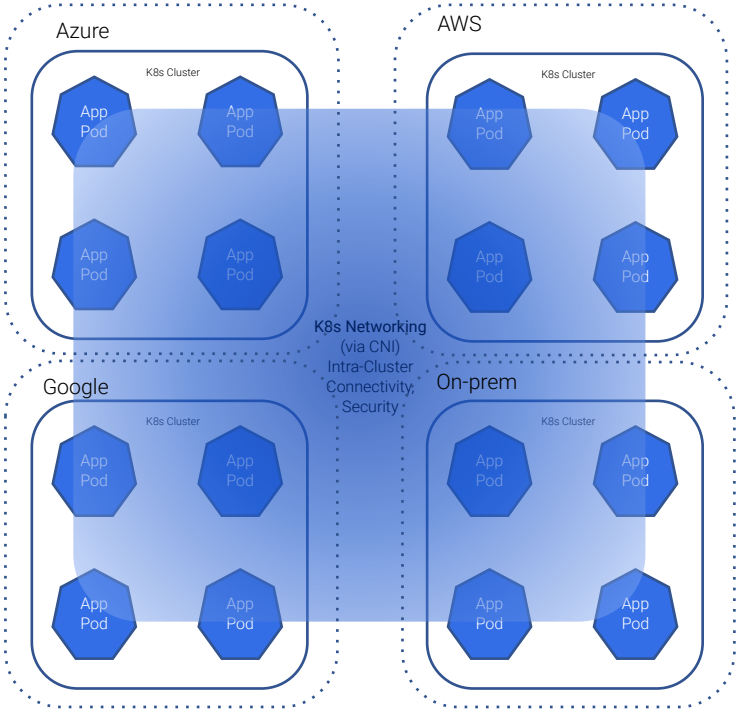

The Service Mesh Intercluster Gateway non-Solution

Solving with Service Mesh(Istio etc) Inter-cluster gateways

Problems:

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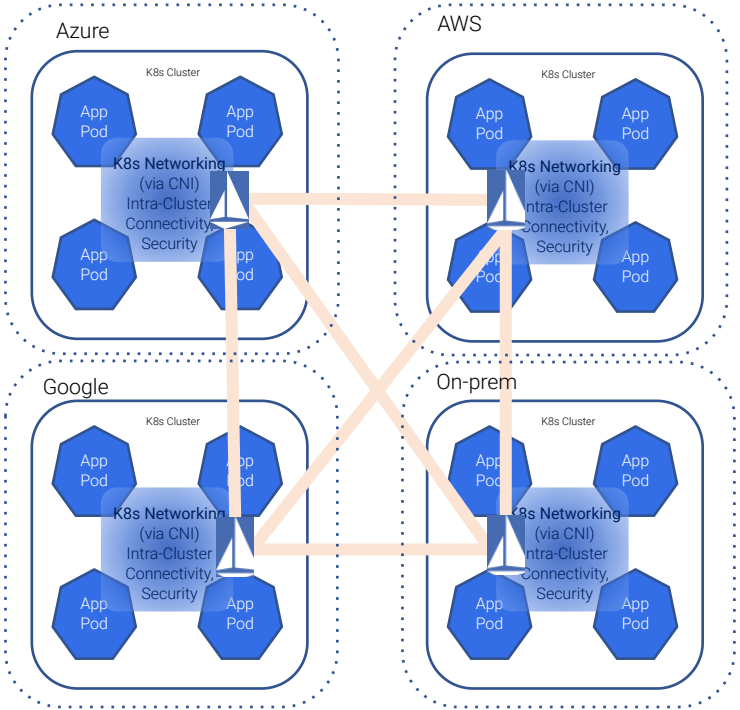

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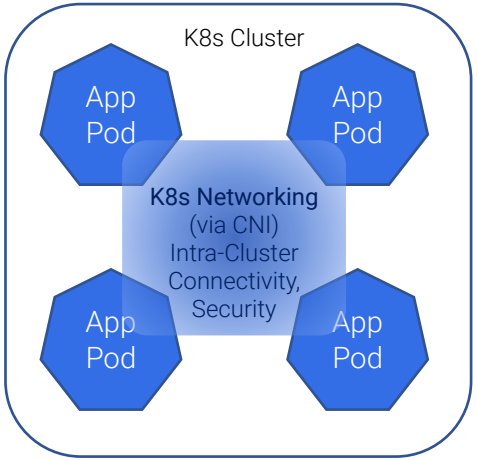

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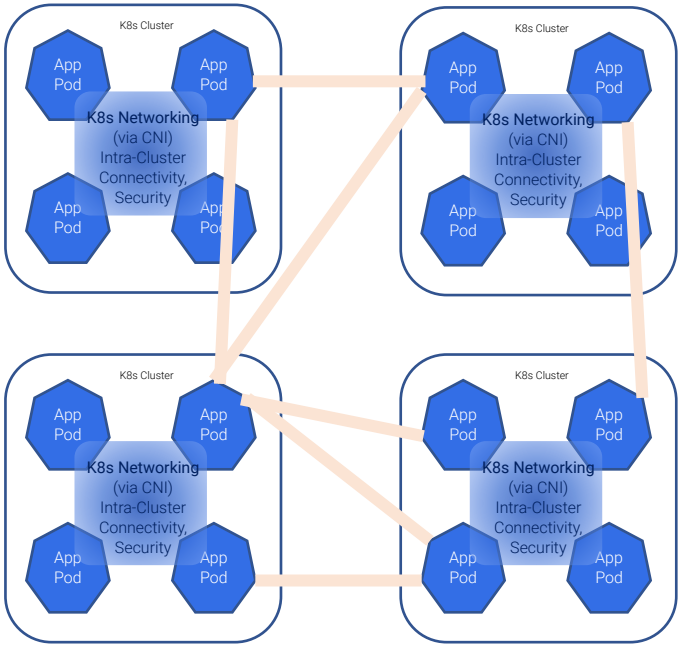
What you really care about is

workload to workload connectivity:

independent of runtime domain.



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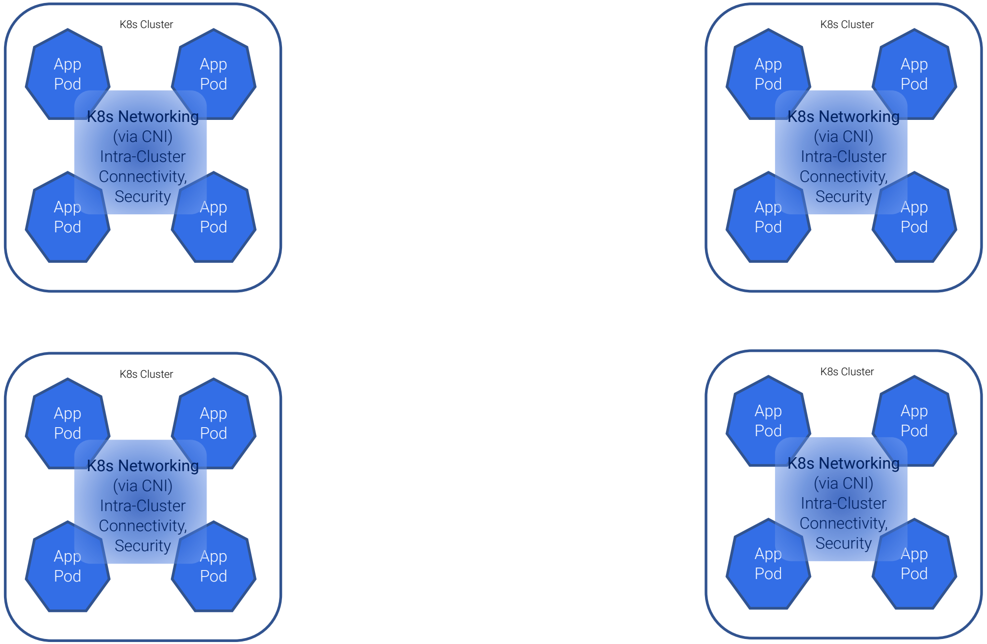

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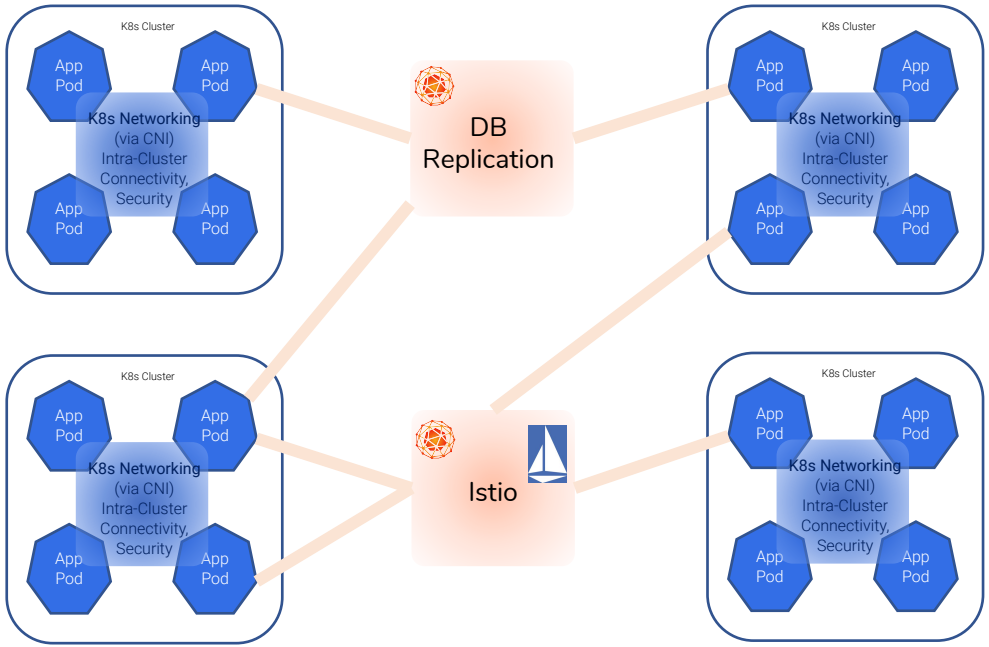

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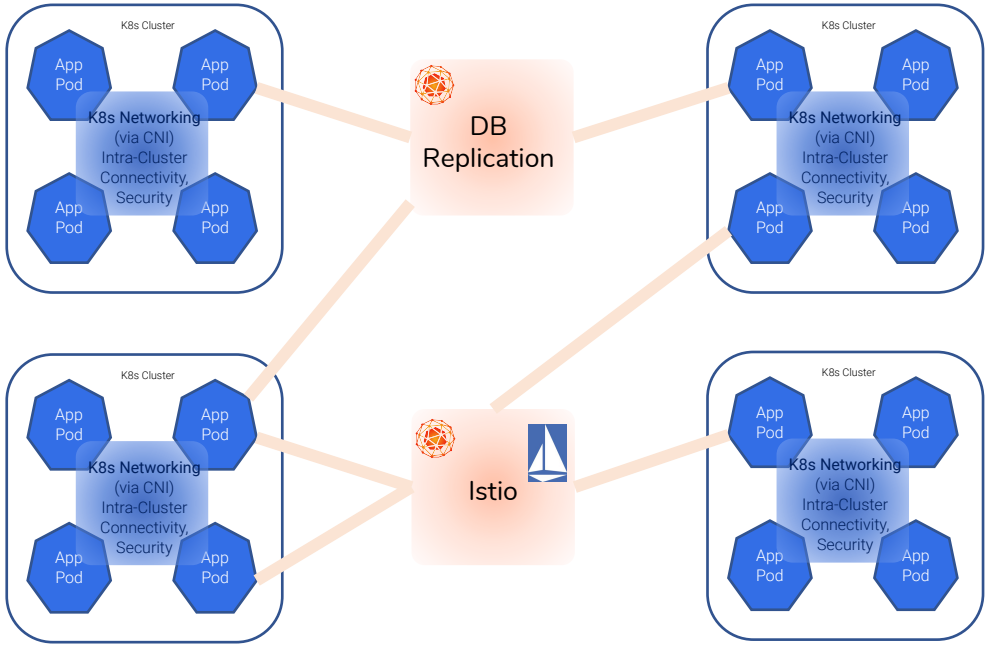
Examples:

- **DB Replication Connectivity Domain**
  - **Pure vL3 domain between DB replicas: where-ever they may be**
- **Istio Connectivity Domain**
  - **Single Istio instance serving workloads wherever they may be over vL3 domain.**



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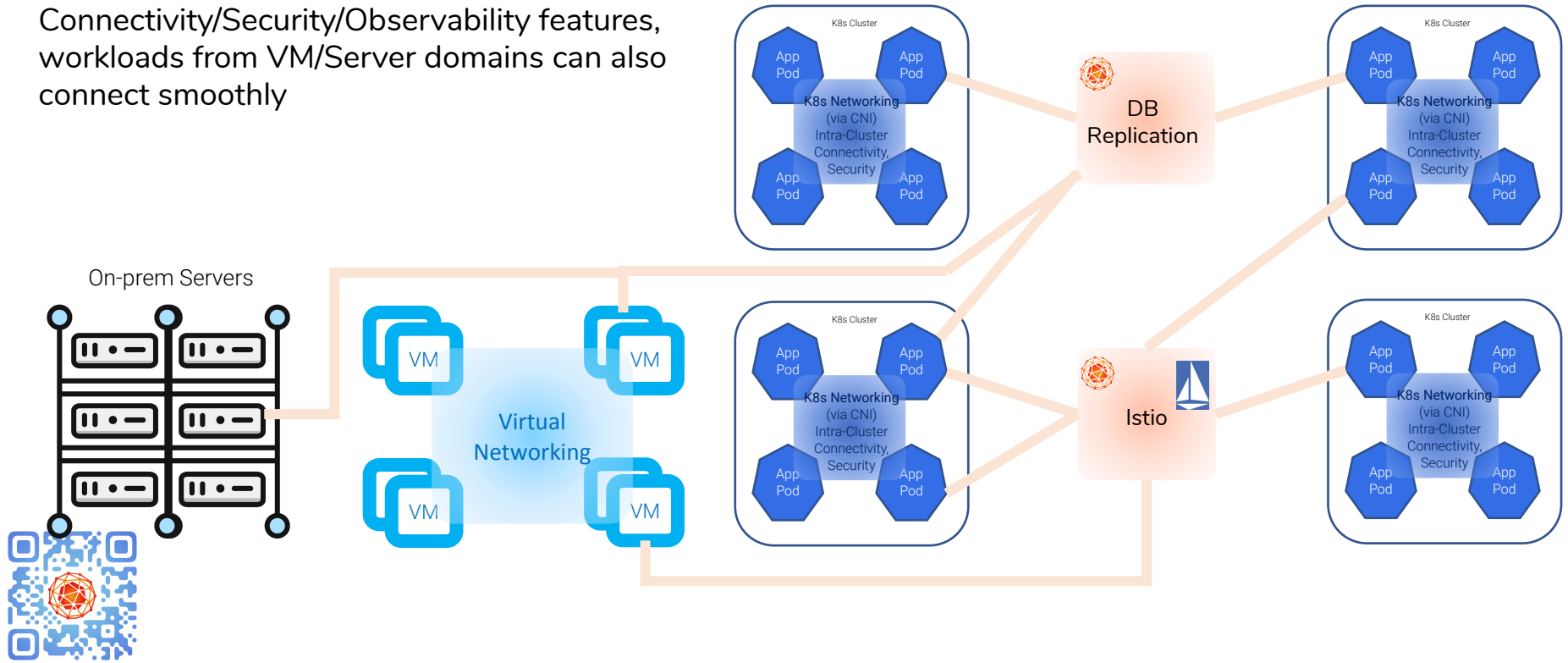
Because connectivity domain has its own Connectivity/Security/Observability features, workloads from VM/Server domains can also connect smoothly



Network Service Mesh

State of the NSM

State of the NSM - Community

- **CNCF Project**: NSM is now a CNCF project

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State of the NSM - Early Use

- **CNF Testbed**: NSM is used in the CNF Testbed project for Cloud Native NFV for Telco.

State of the NSM

- CNCF Project
- **Multi-cloud CI:** NSM runs CI on AKS/EKS/GKE/Vanilla K8s (100+ tests each)

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Elapsed total: 1h22m36.004136867s
Tests time: 1h17m50.120297751s
Tasks  Completed: 449
                Remaining: 11.037871128s (1).

Running:
        Example-helm-icmp on cluster azure-2 elapsed: 1m59.043478331s

Clusters:
        Cluster: packet Tasks left: 0
                packet-1 shutdown uptime: 1h16m41.78334579s
                packet-2 shutdown uptime: 1h16m33.555938821s
        Cluster: gke Tasks left: 0
                gke-1 shutdown uptime: 1h17m50.120404233s
                gke-2 shutdown uptime: 1h17m46.403253797s
        Cluster: aws Tasks left: 0
                aws-1 shutdown uptime: 1h8m48.426188875s
                aws-2 shutdown uptime: 1h7m59.154977848s
        Cluster: azure Tasks left: 1
                azure-1 ready uptime: 1h10m2.826986099s
                azure-2 running test uptime: 1h12m15.346359264s

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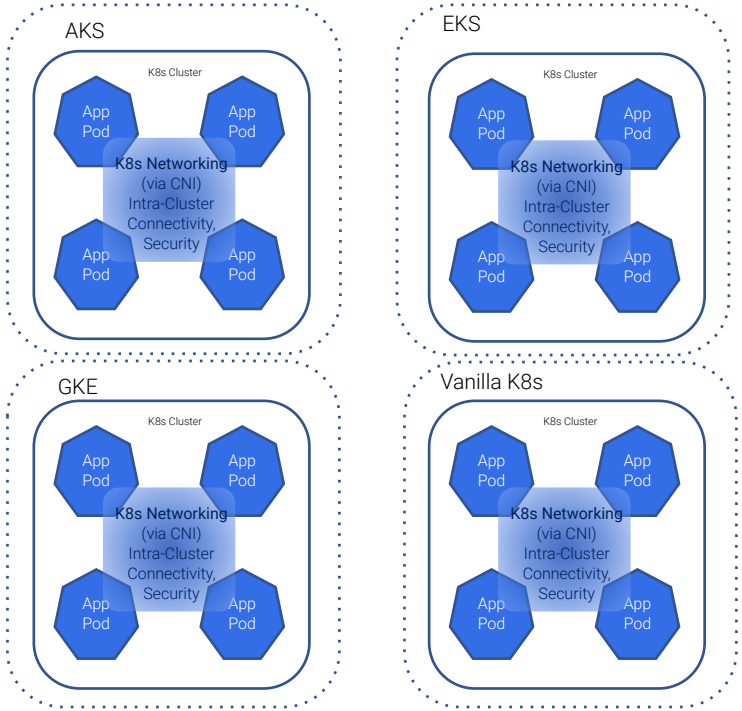

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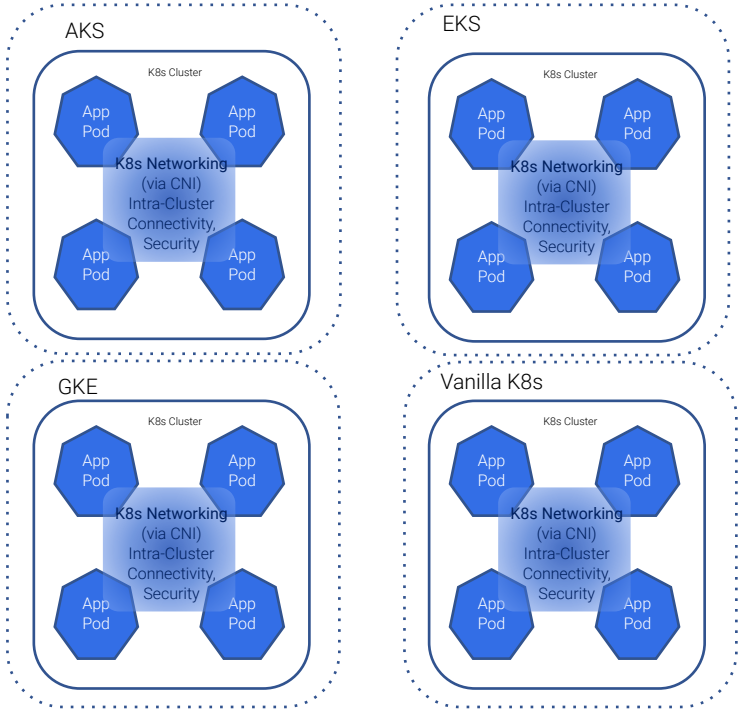
- **Multi-cloud CI**
- **Resiliencyv1 (AutoHealing)**: Can auto heal connections between Pods and Network Services if various system elements restart or NSE providing Network Service dies without disturbing client Pod.



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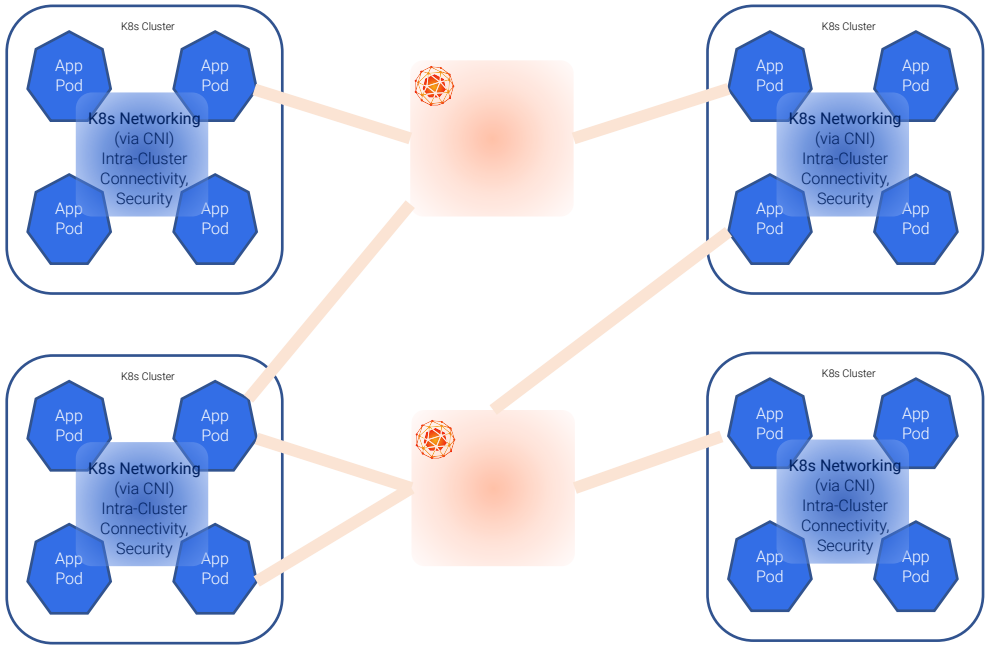
- **Inter-domain:** Initial Inter-domain support merged



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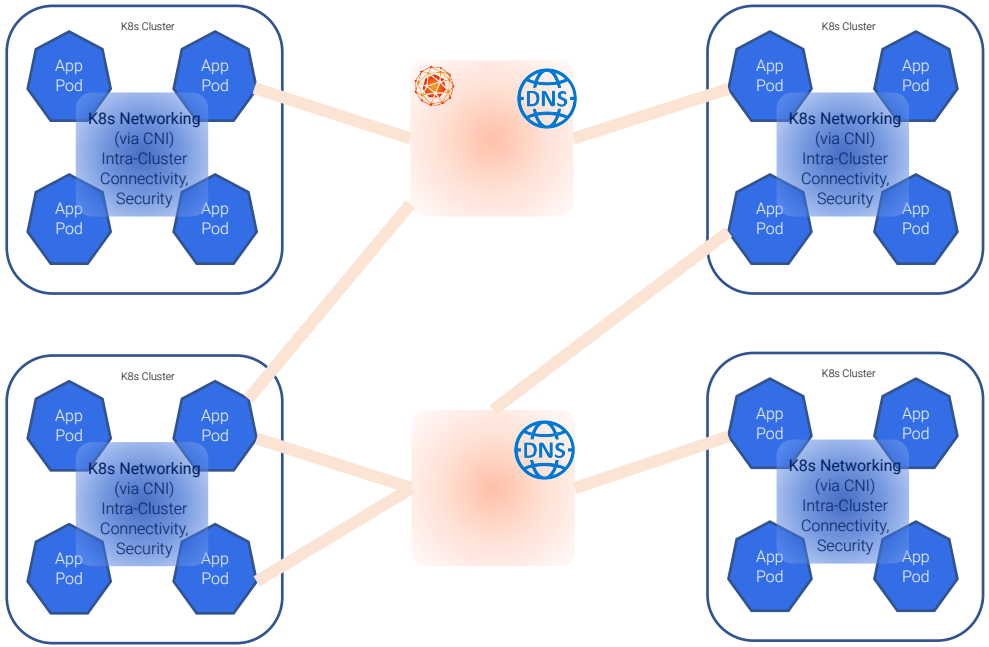
- **DNS:** Each Network Service (Connectivity Domain) can provide DNS to workload additivitly (ie: without breaking K8s DNS).



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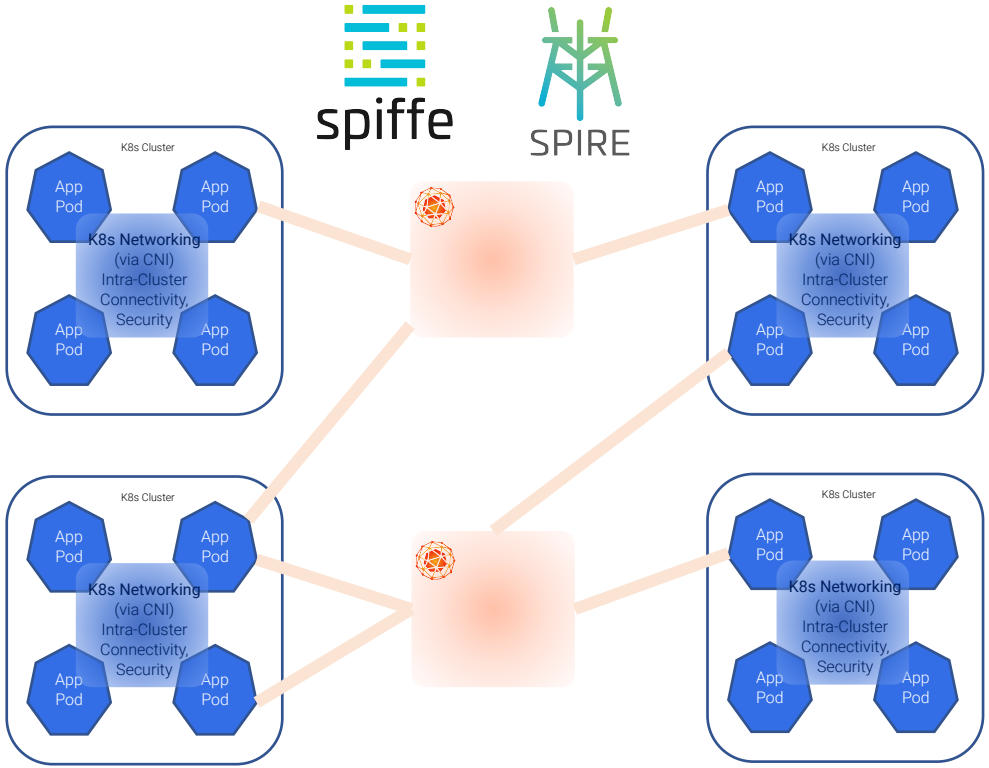
- **Security:** Spiffe/Spire based security – initial work done.



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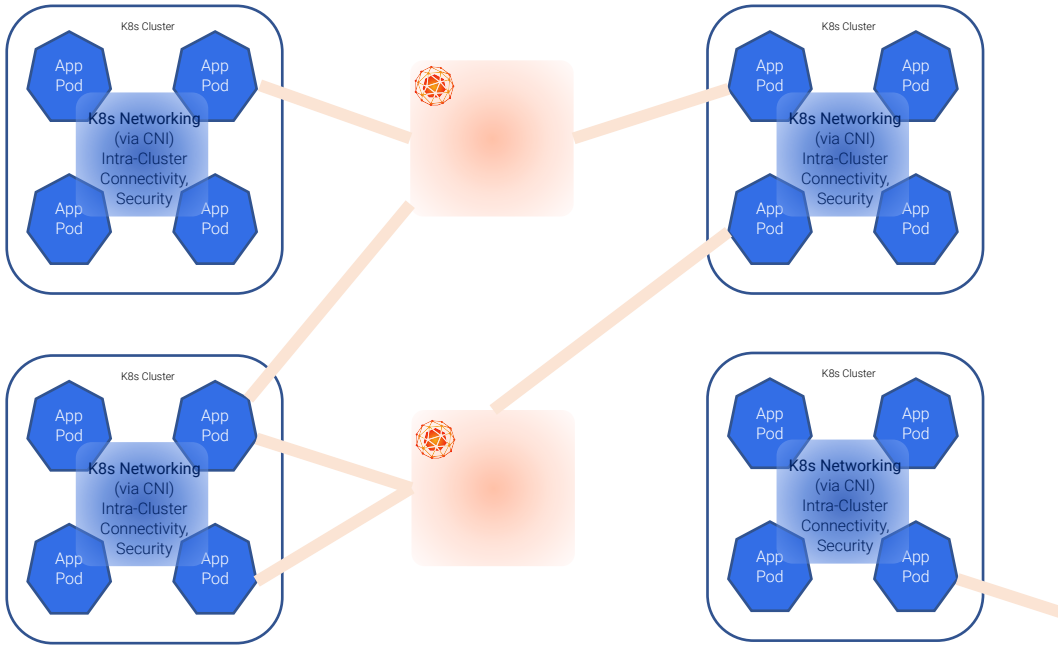
NSM Future

Resiliencyv2

Autoheal connections from Client Pods to Network Service Endpoints (NSEs) they are connected to even if *all* non-client elements of the system restart simultaneously and NSE dies without impacting Client.



Istio on NSM

Run an Istio domain over an
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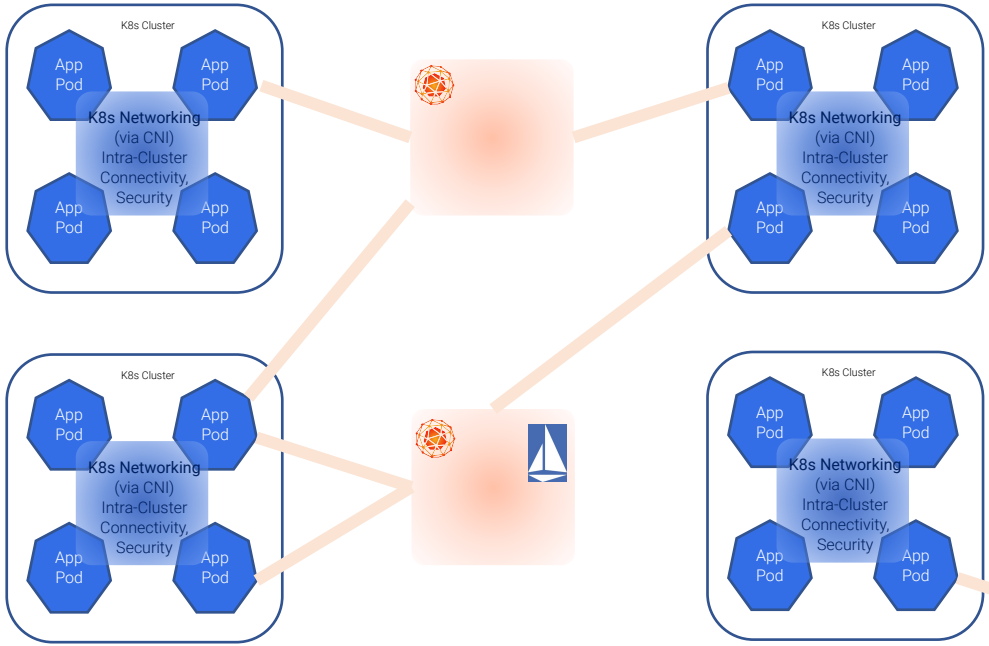
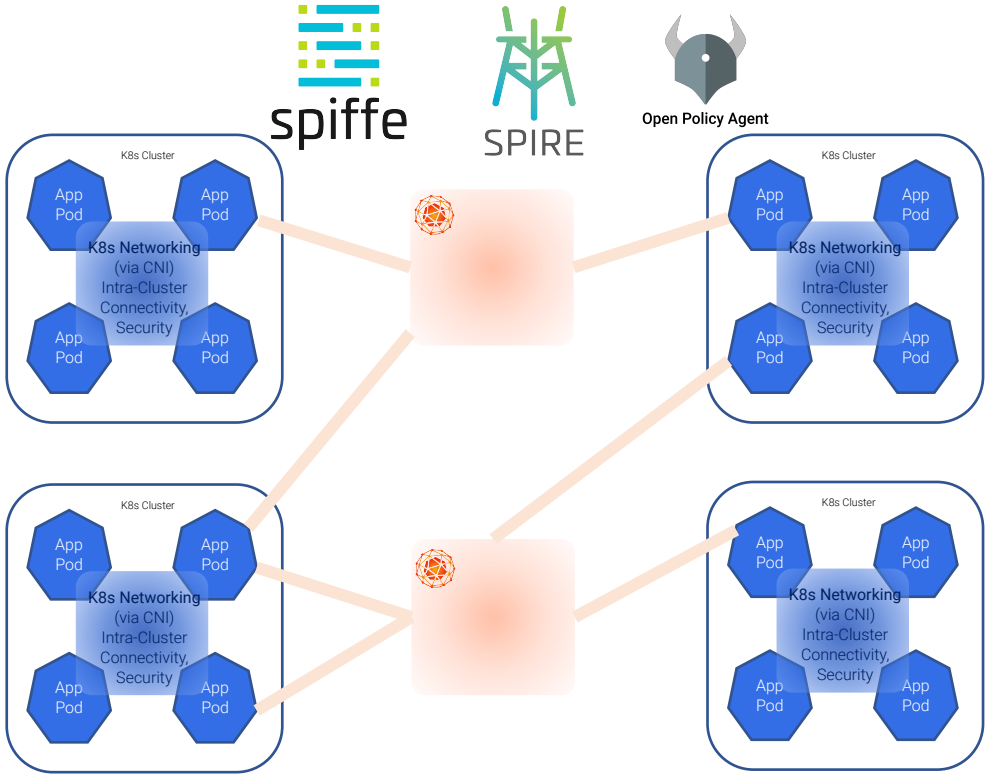


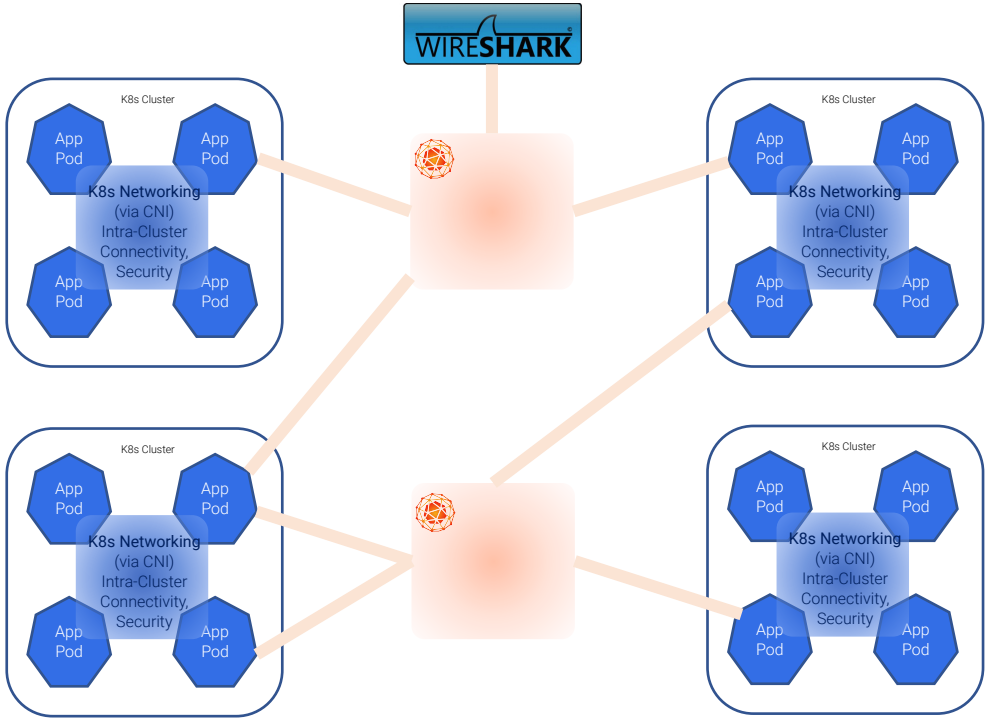
Open Policy Agent: Authz

Using OPA to allow the Network Service Mesh to enforce admissions policy based on Spiffe/Spire identities



Packet Capture Observability

Make it simple for Network Services (Connectivity Domains) to allow developers to securely get packet capture observability at per workload granularity.

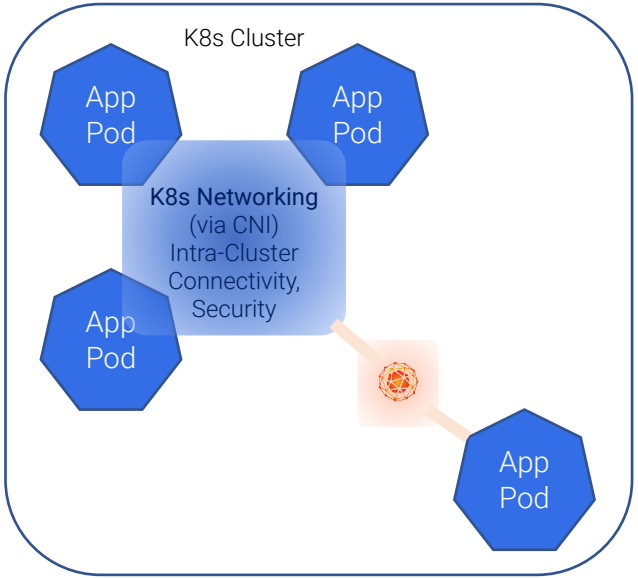


CNI Intercept

Allow (safe) insertion of Network Service between Pod and its CNI interface.

Would allow adding features to IntraCluster Networking with any CNI

Could be used for inserting Envoy Sidecar for Istio via NSM.



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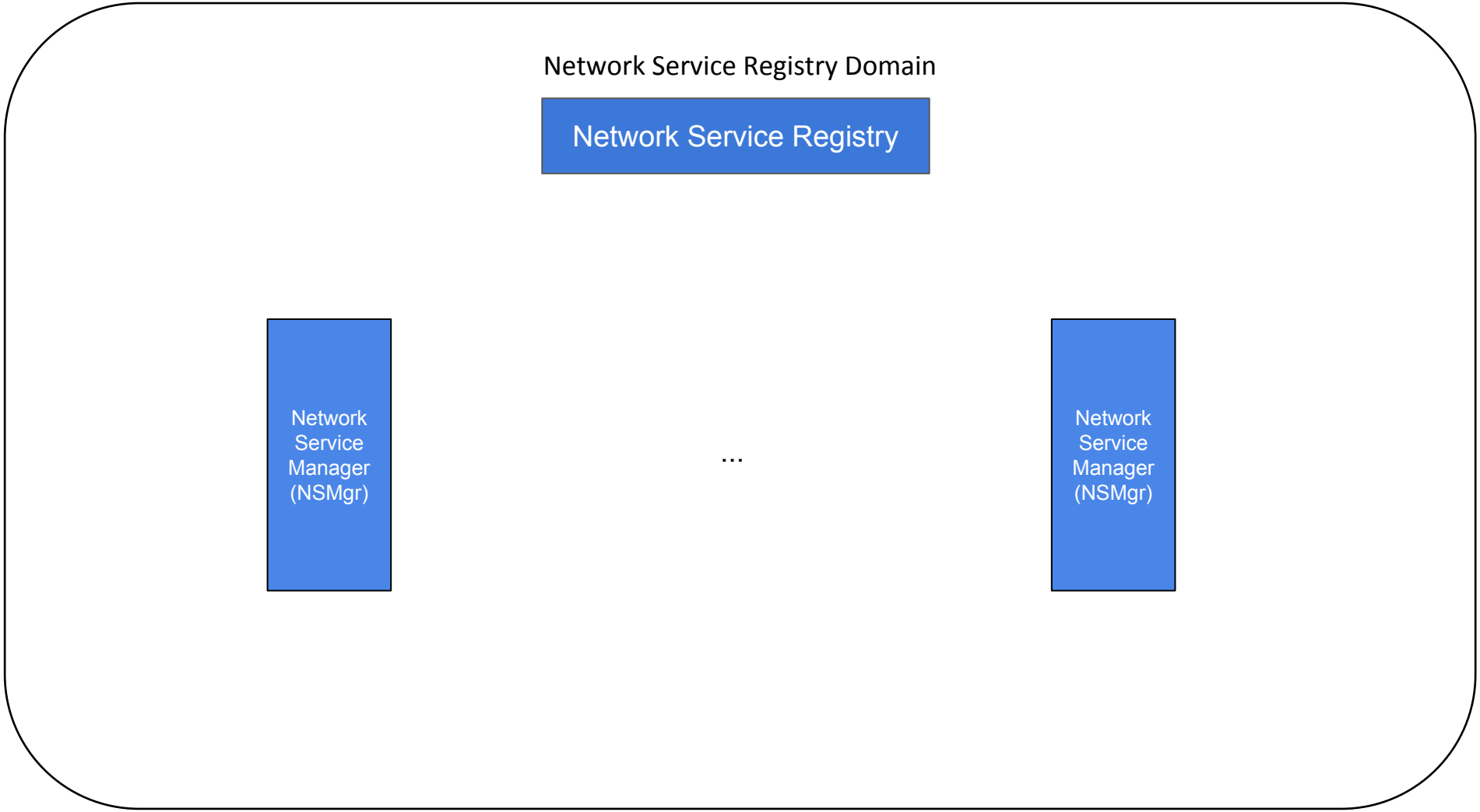
How the Magic Works

Network Service Registry Domain

Registry of:

- NetworkServices
- NetworkServiceEndpoints
- NetworkServiceManagers
  - (more later on this)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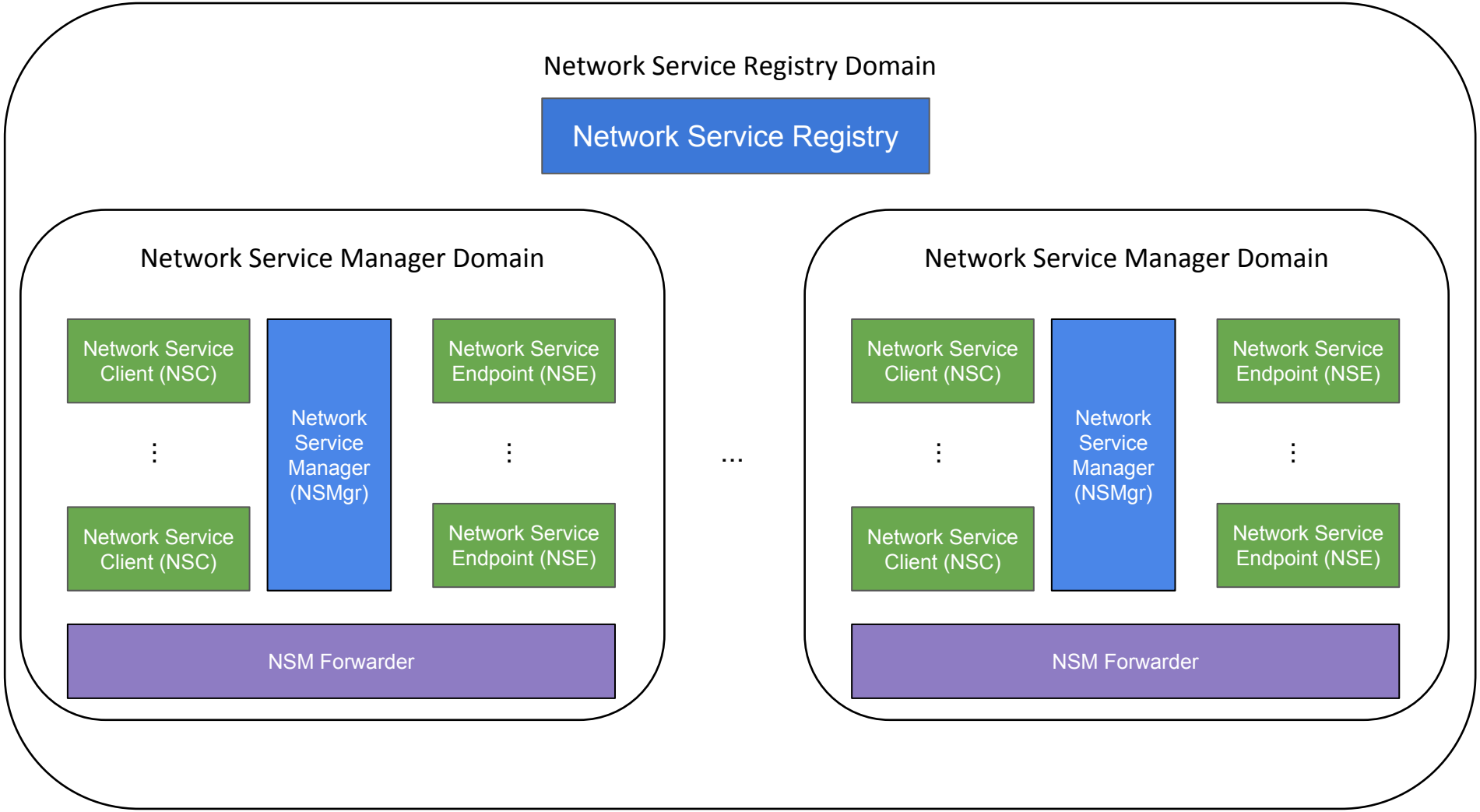
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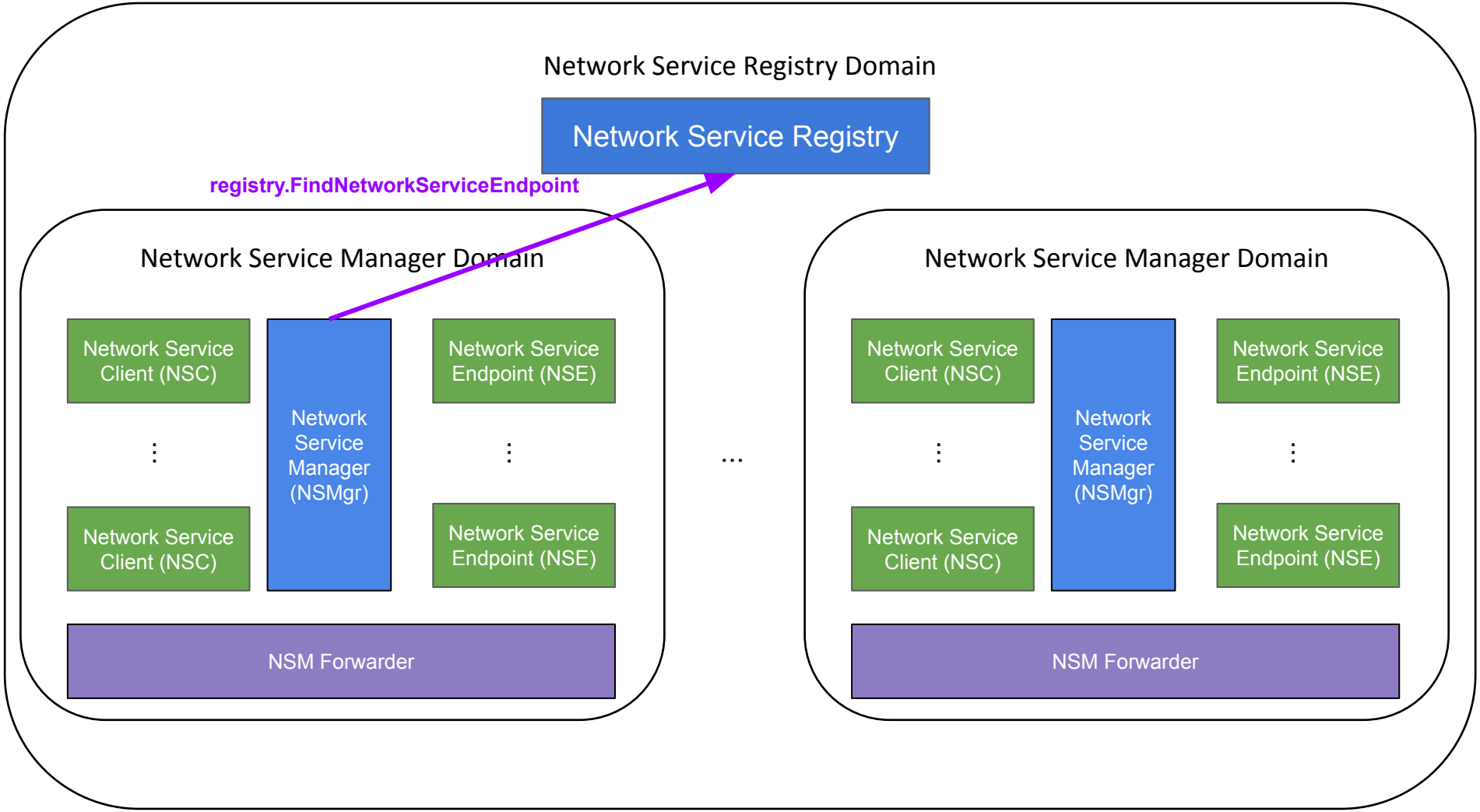
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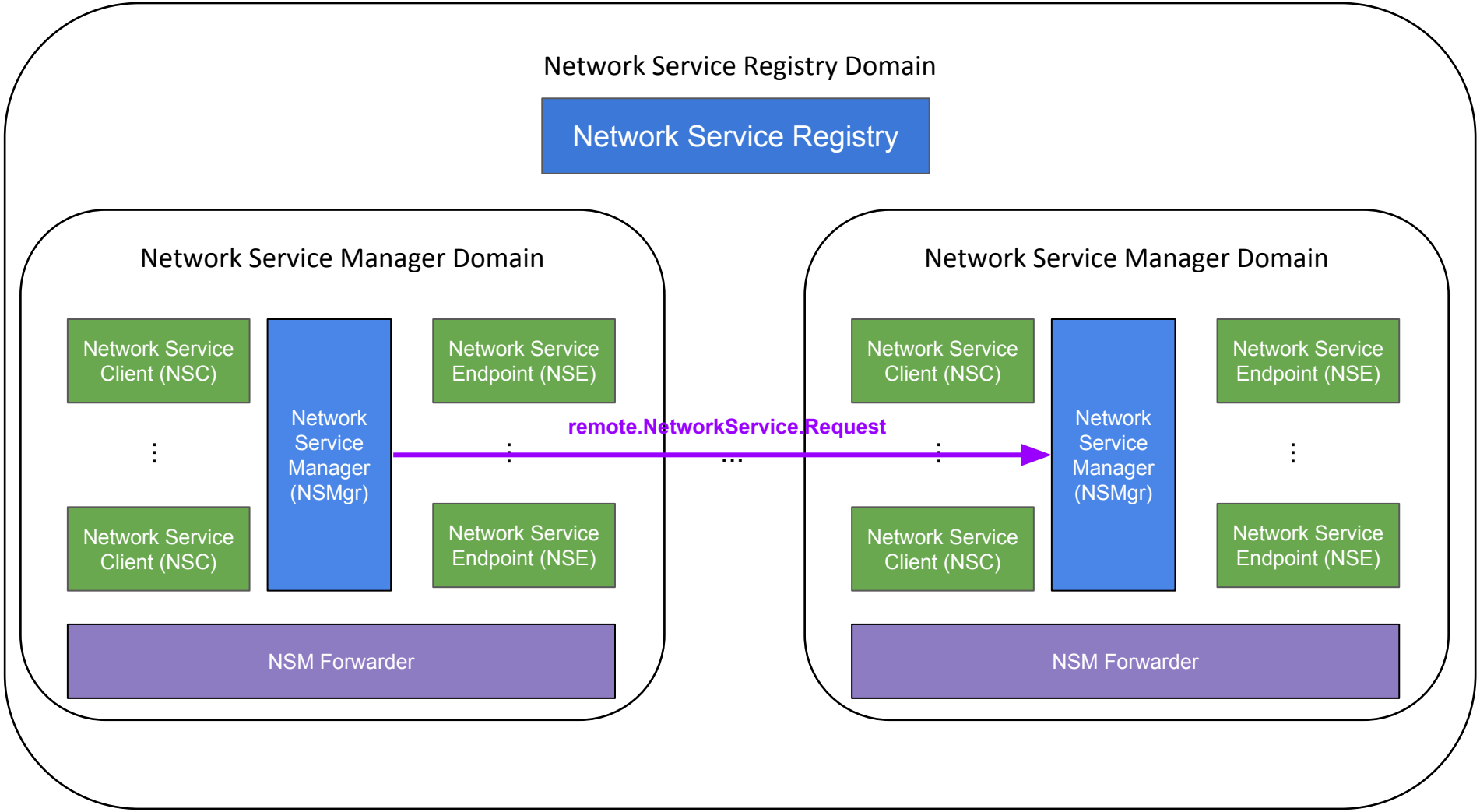
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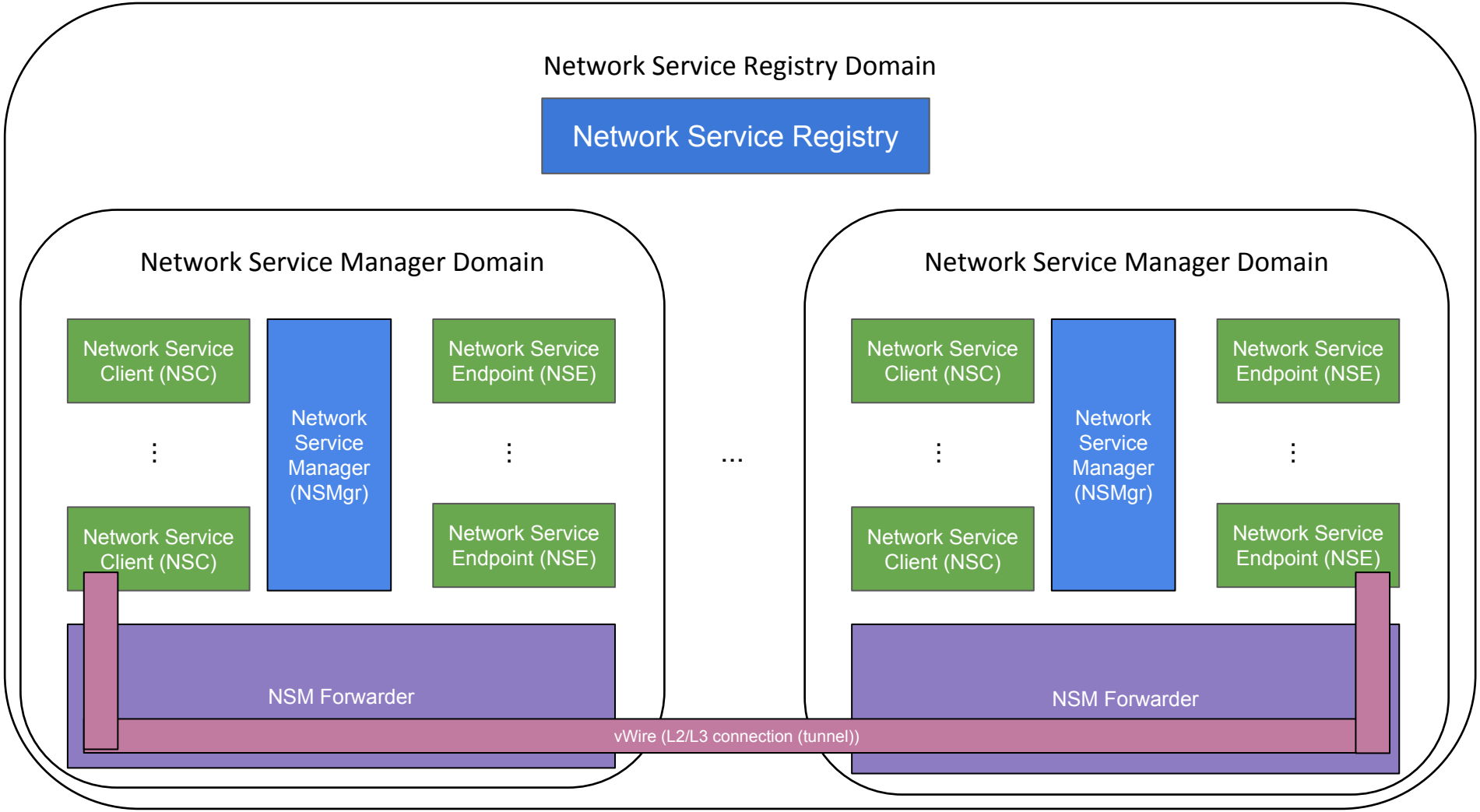
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vWire (L2/L3 connection (tunnel))

Network Service Mesh

Interdomain

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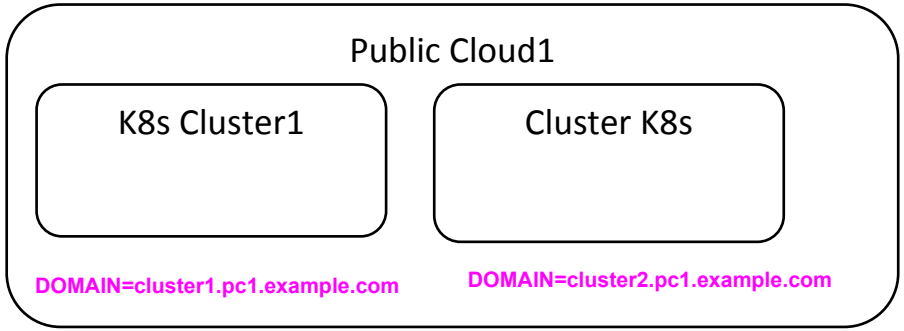

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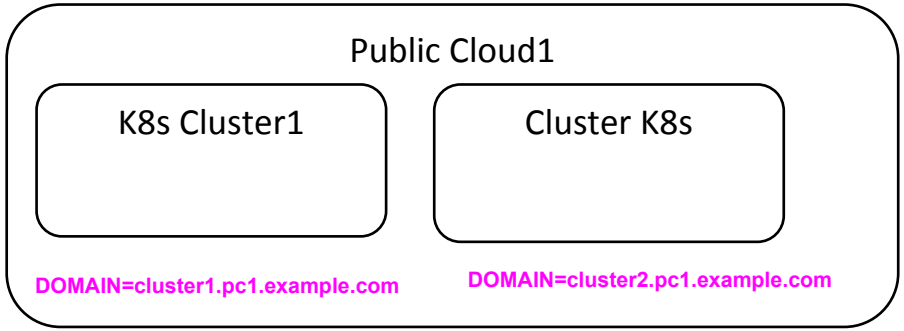

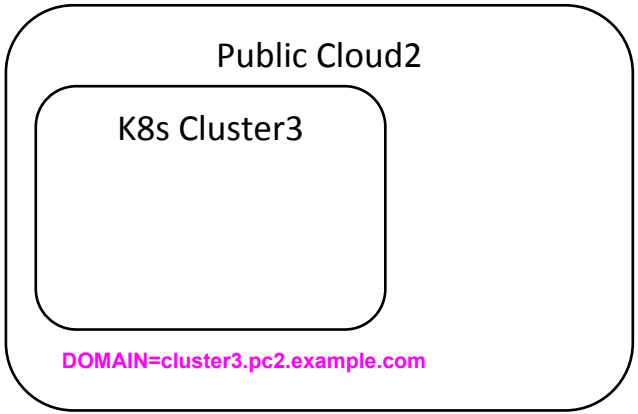

Examples of ‘Domains’

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K8s Cluster1

Cluster K8s

DOMAIN=cluster1.pc1.example.com

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Public Cloud2

K8s Cluster3

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Enterprise

K8s Cluster4

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VIM

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K8s Cluster4

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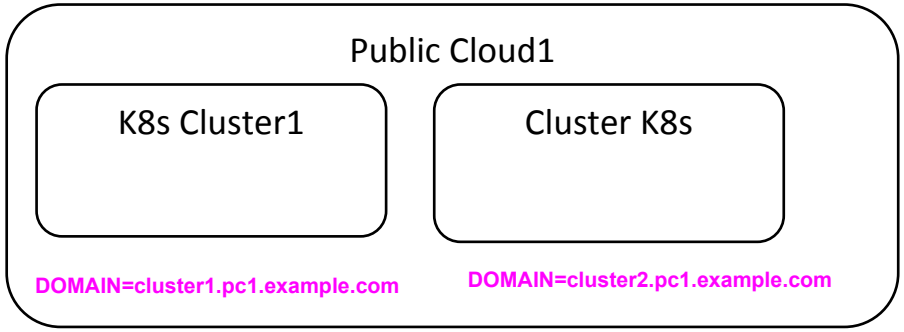
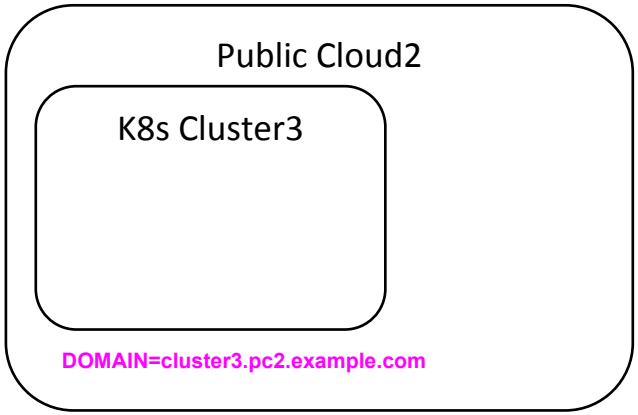
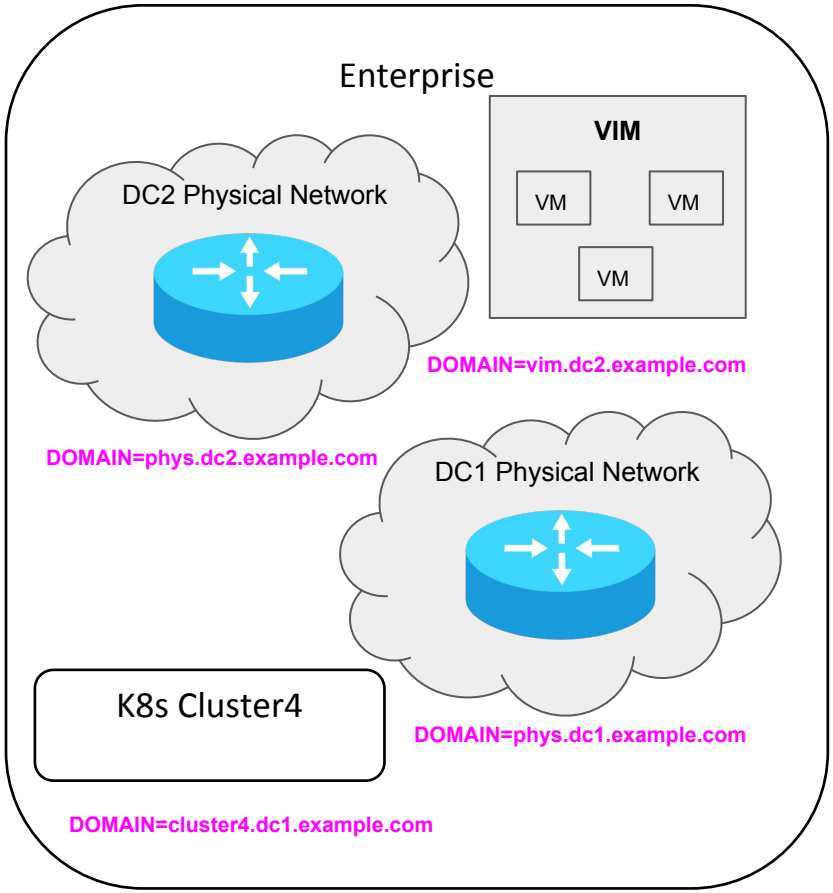
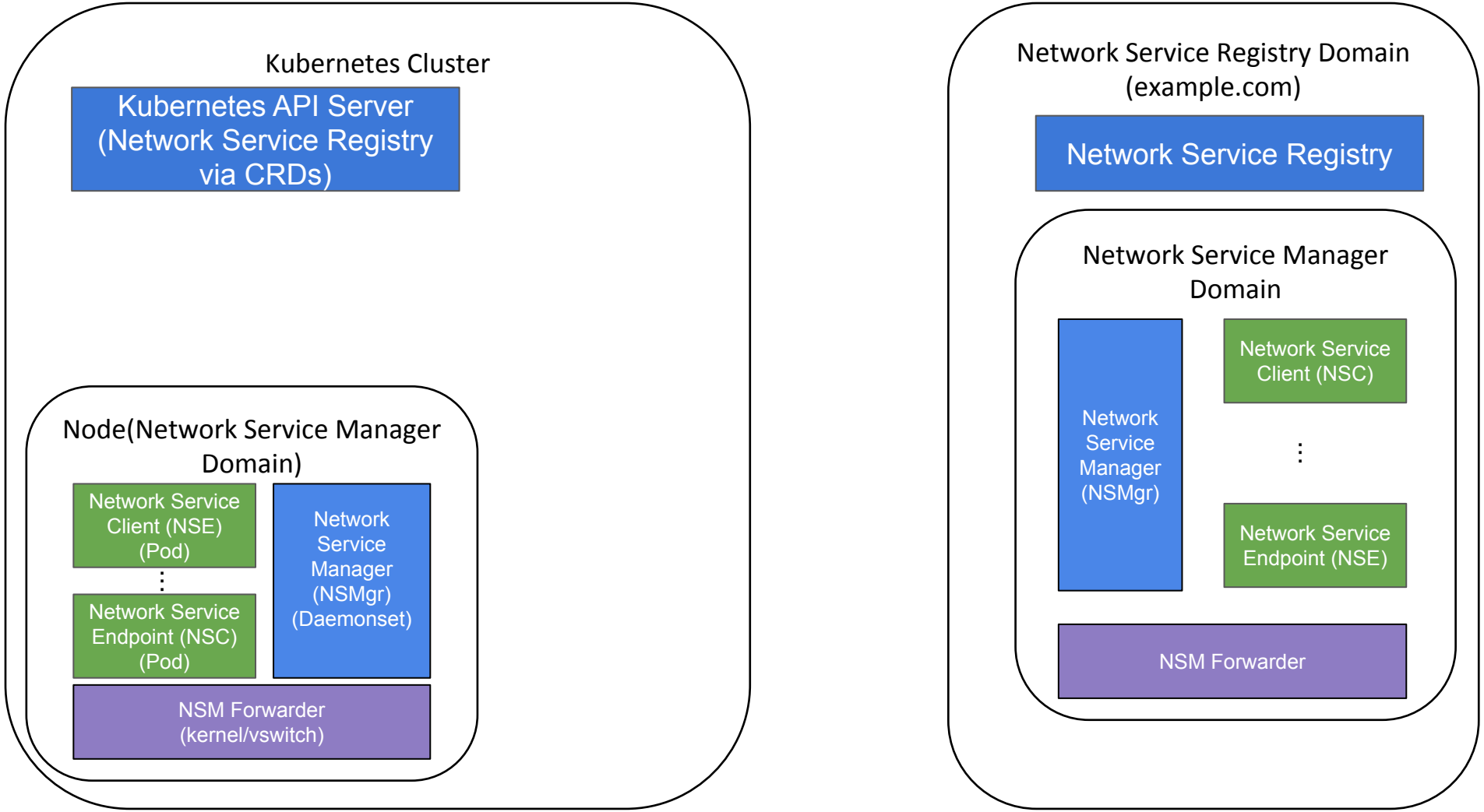
Examples of ‘Domains’





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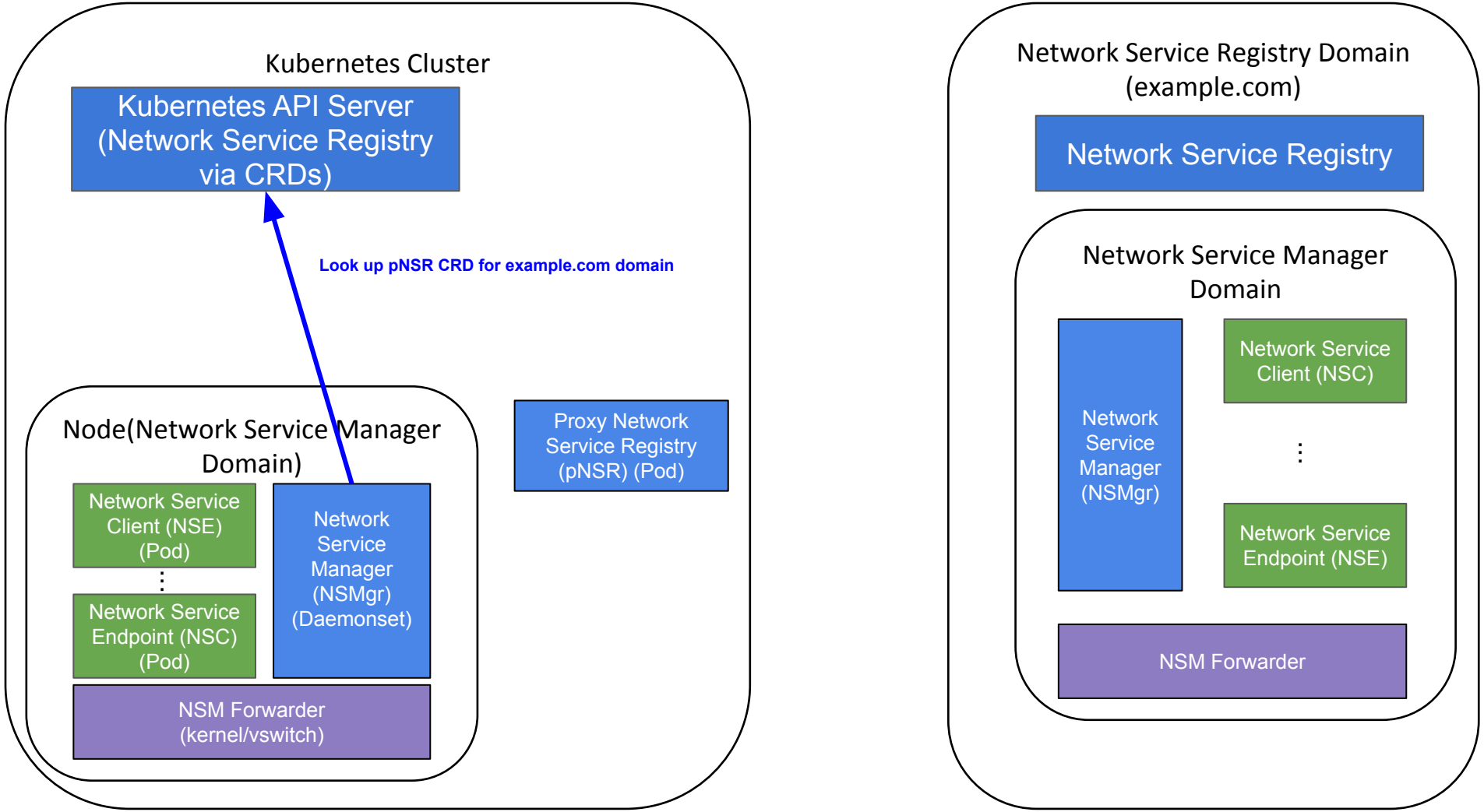
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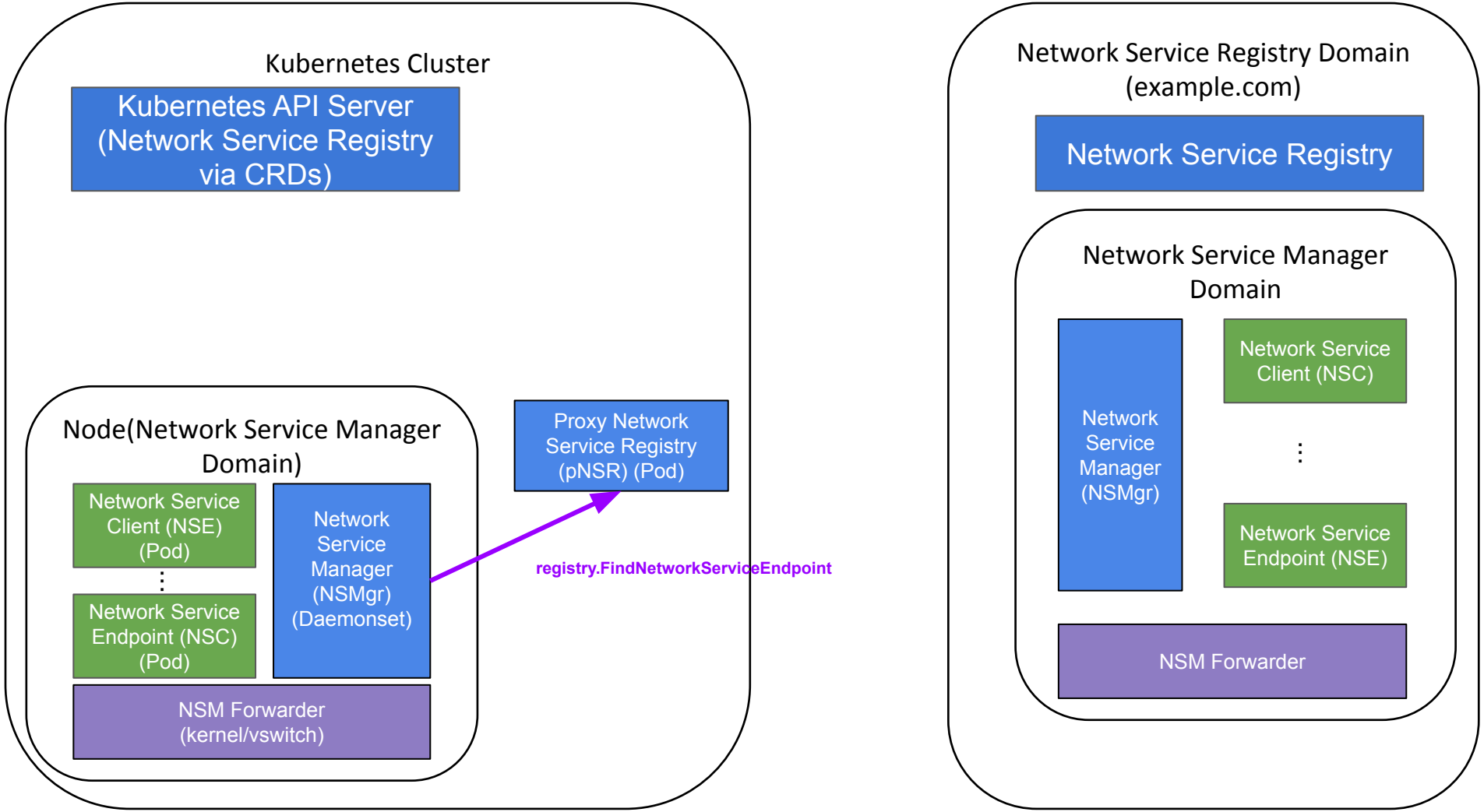
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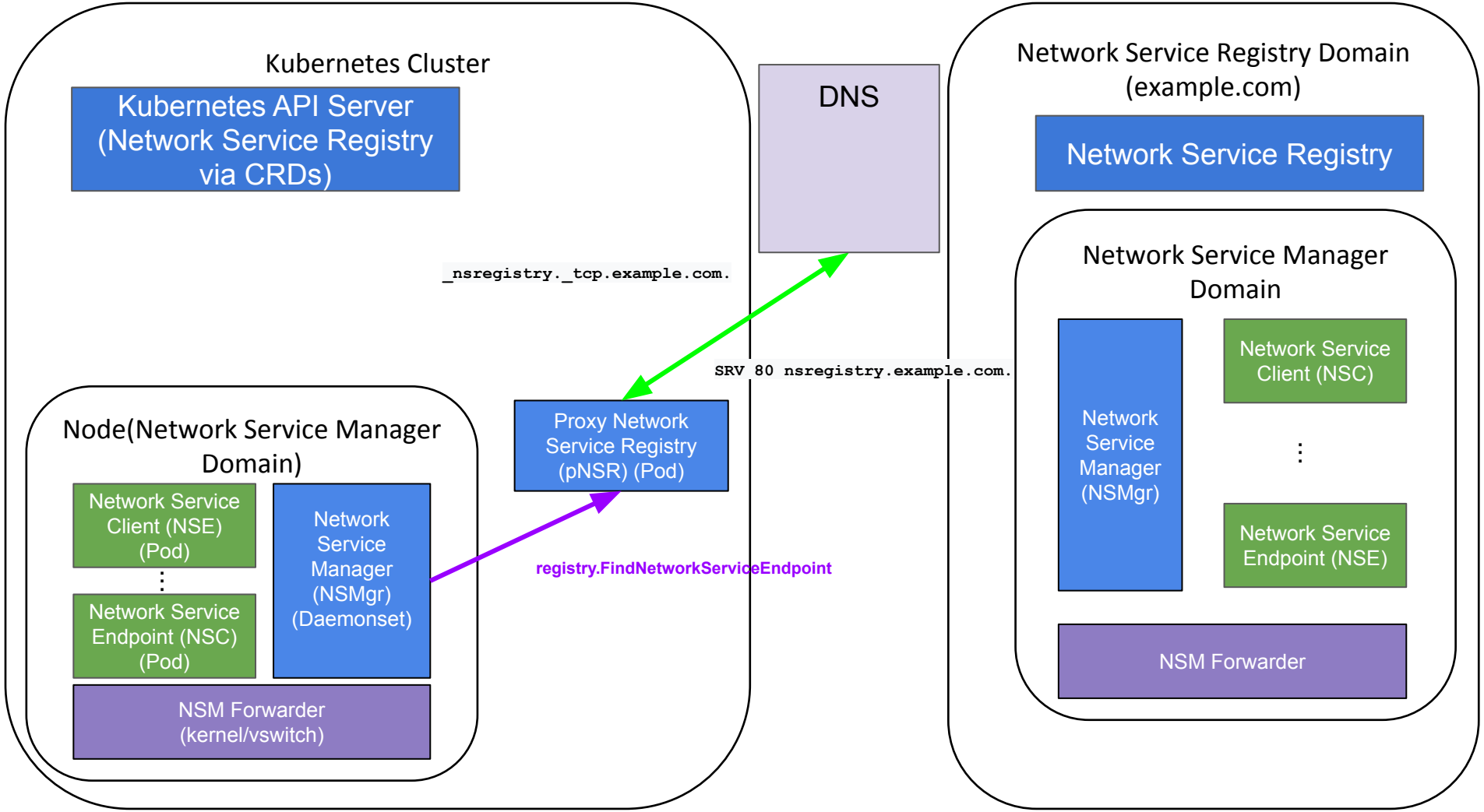
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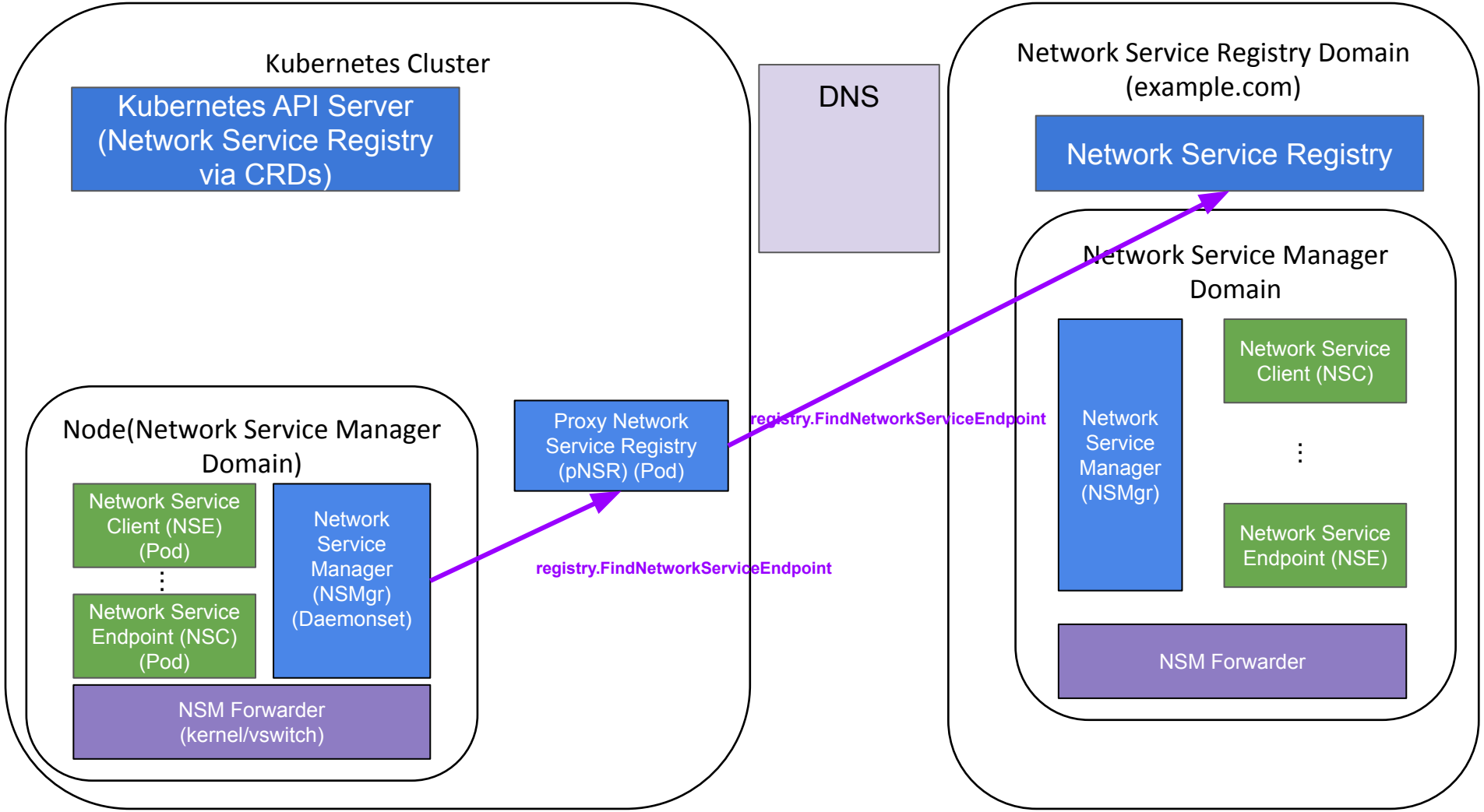
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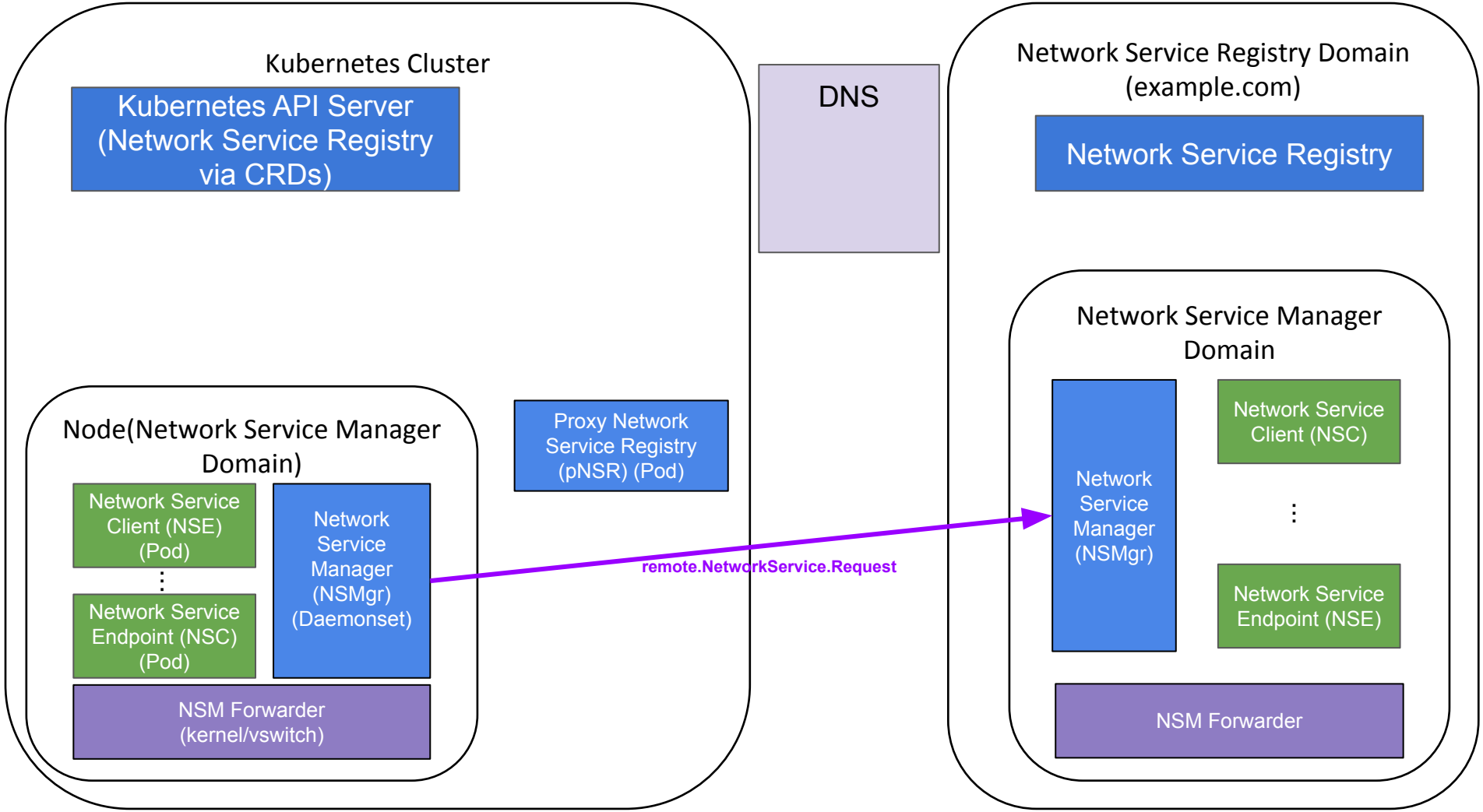
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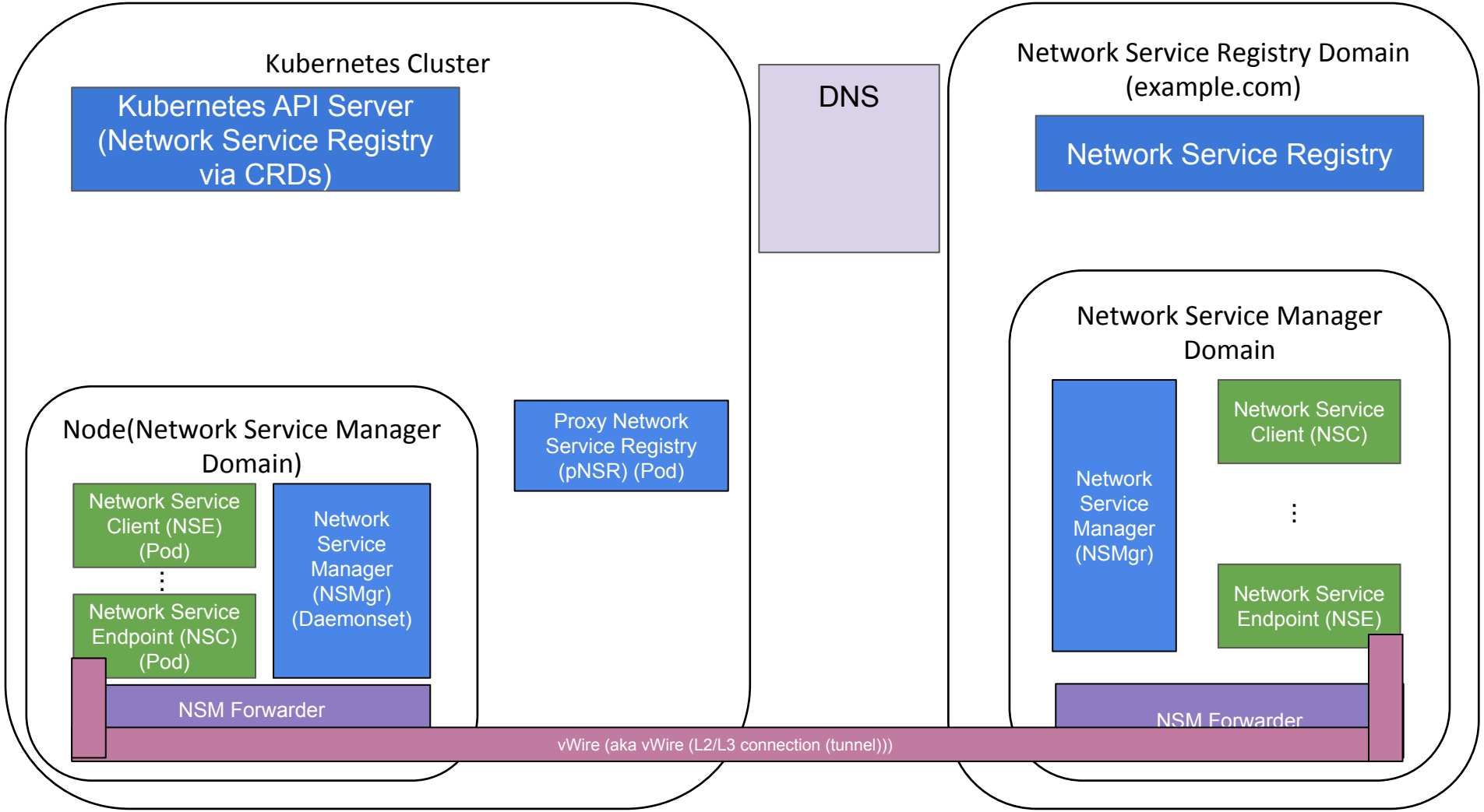
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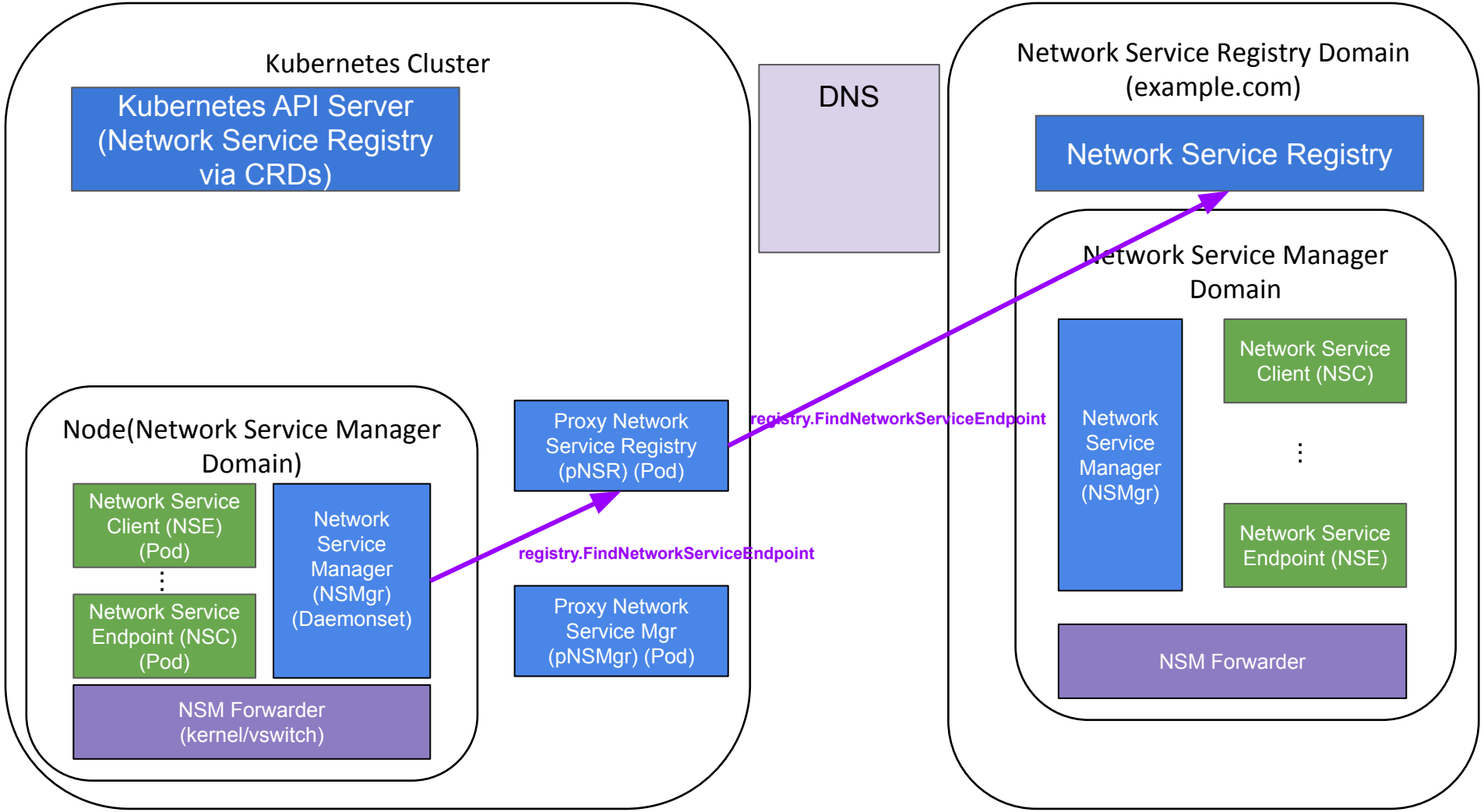
Network Service Mesh

Interdomain w/pNSMgr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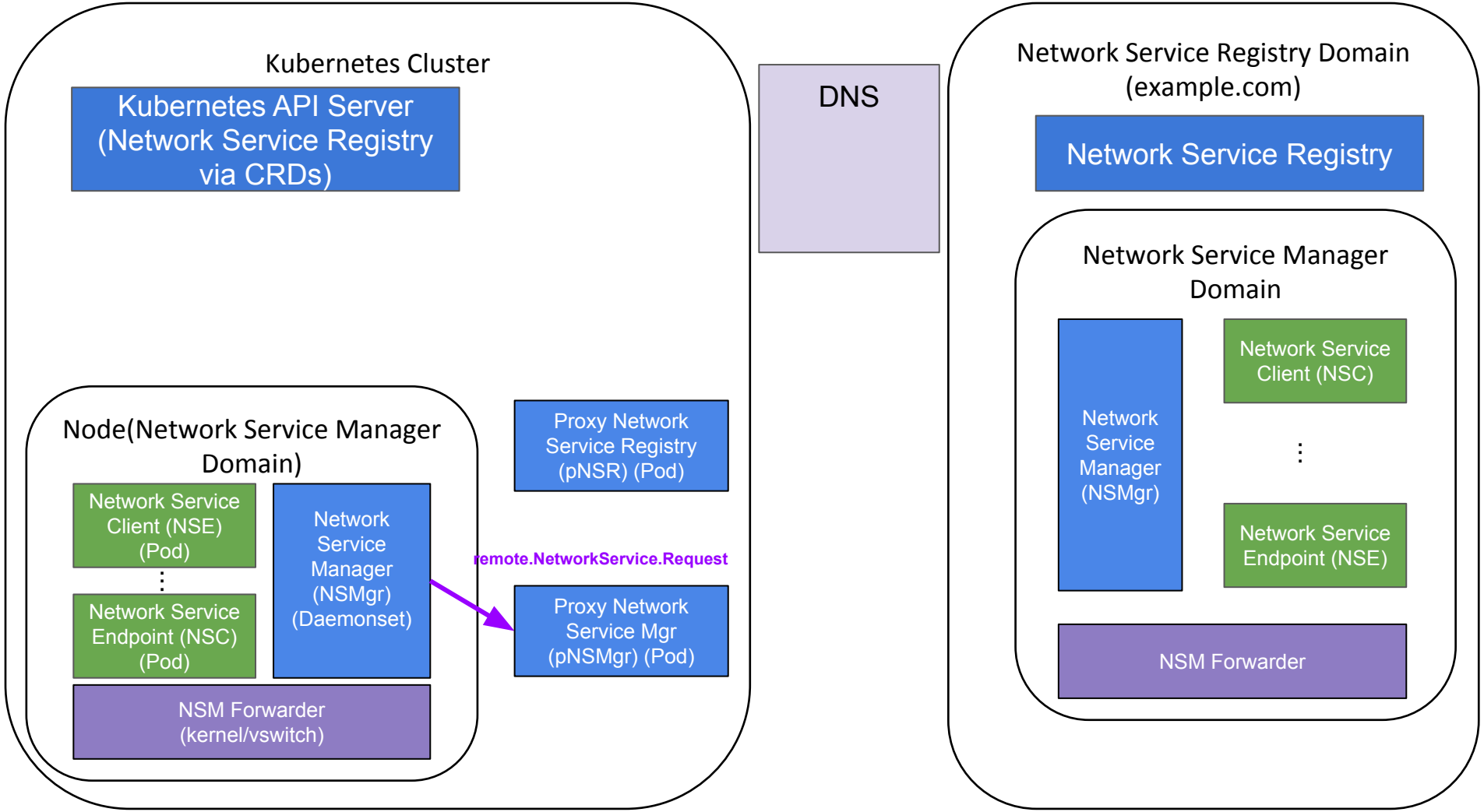
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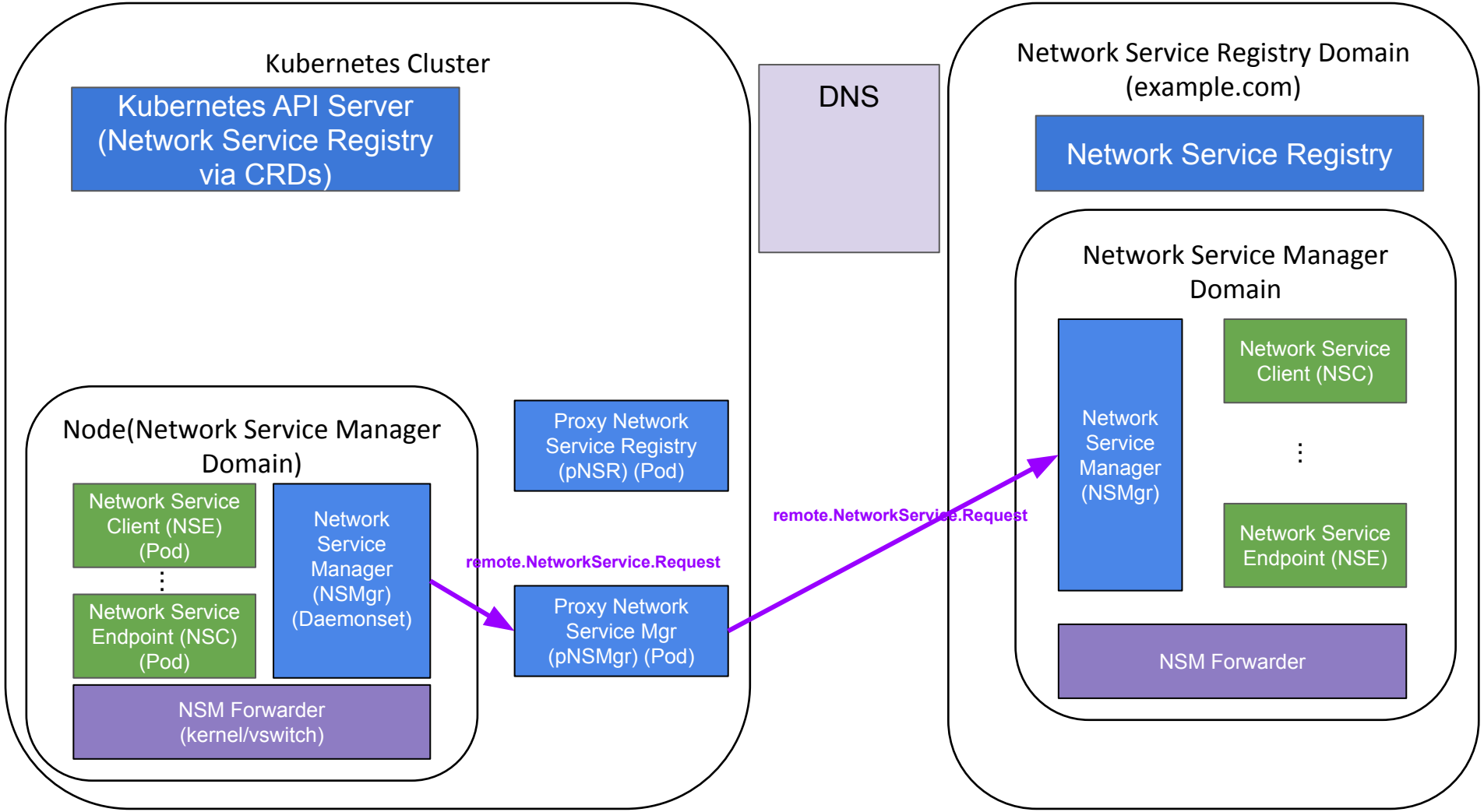
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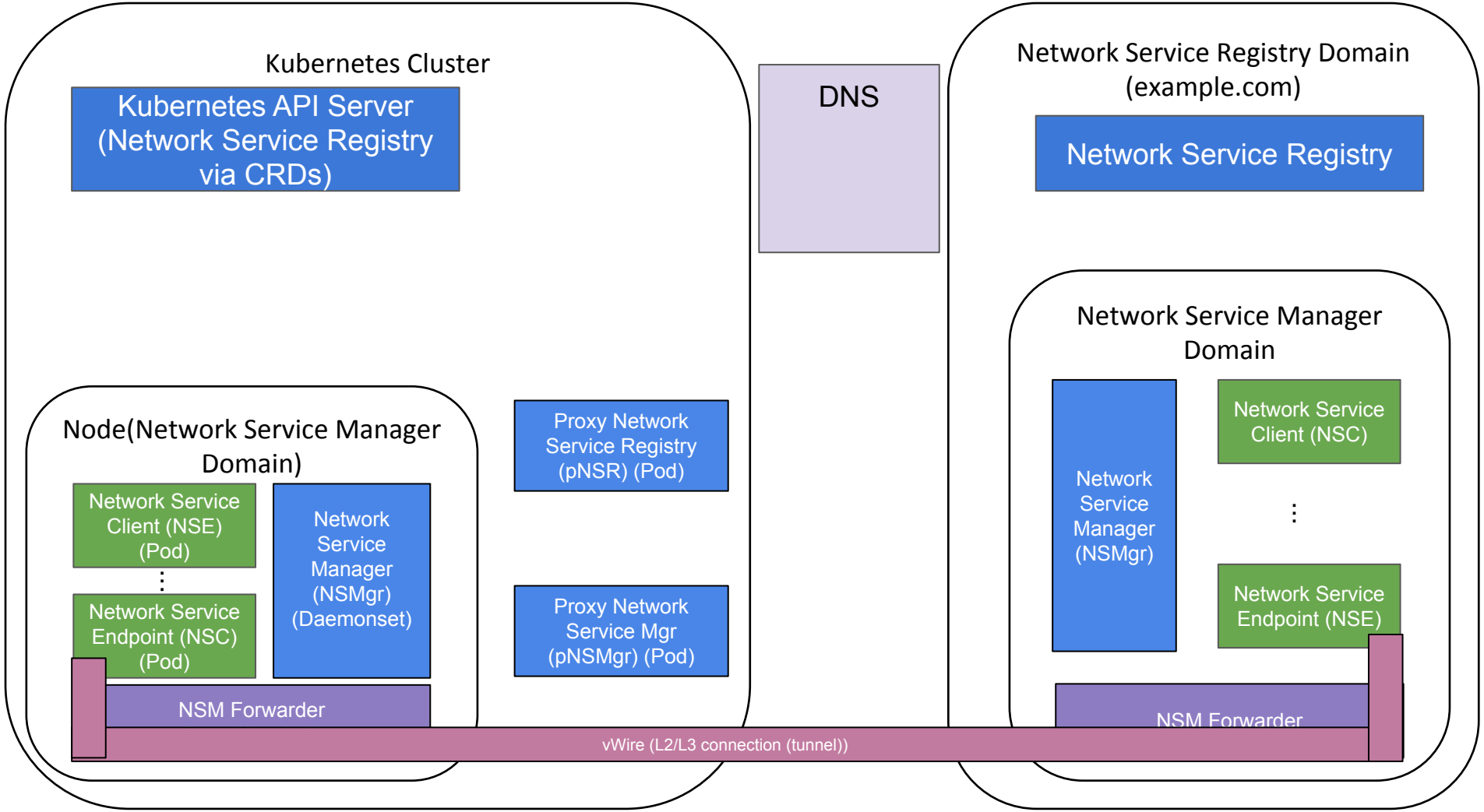
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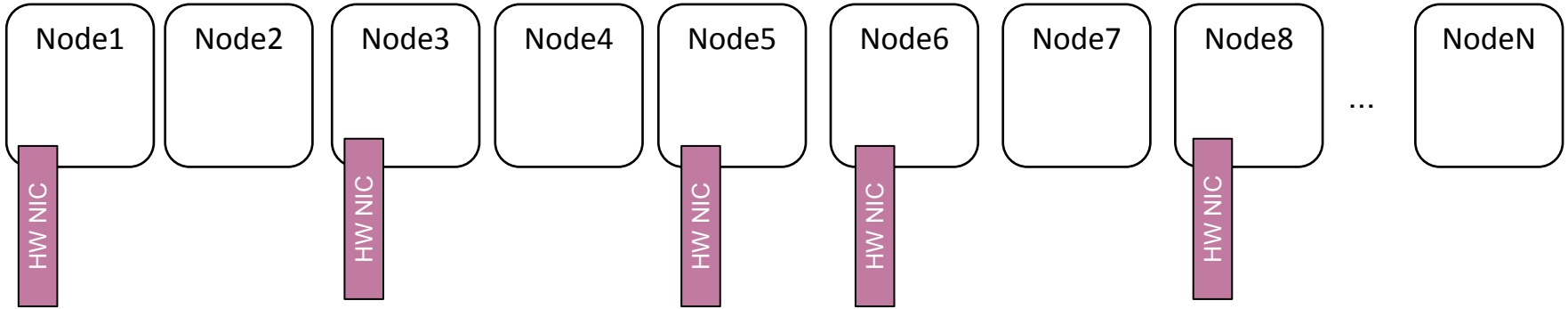
HW NICs

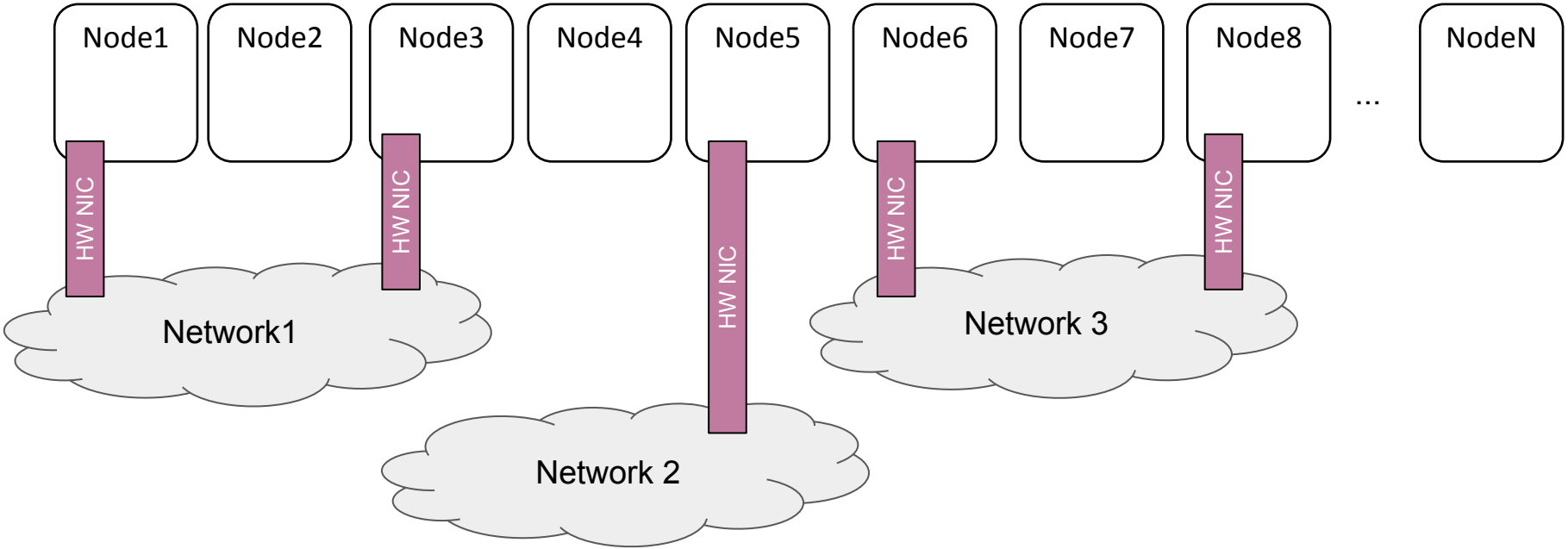
The Problem: NICs

A Kubernetes Cluster may have special NICs in some but not all Nodes:



Not all NICs are on the same Network

Those NICs may be plugged into a variety of different Networks:



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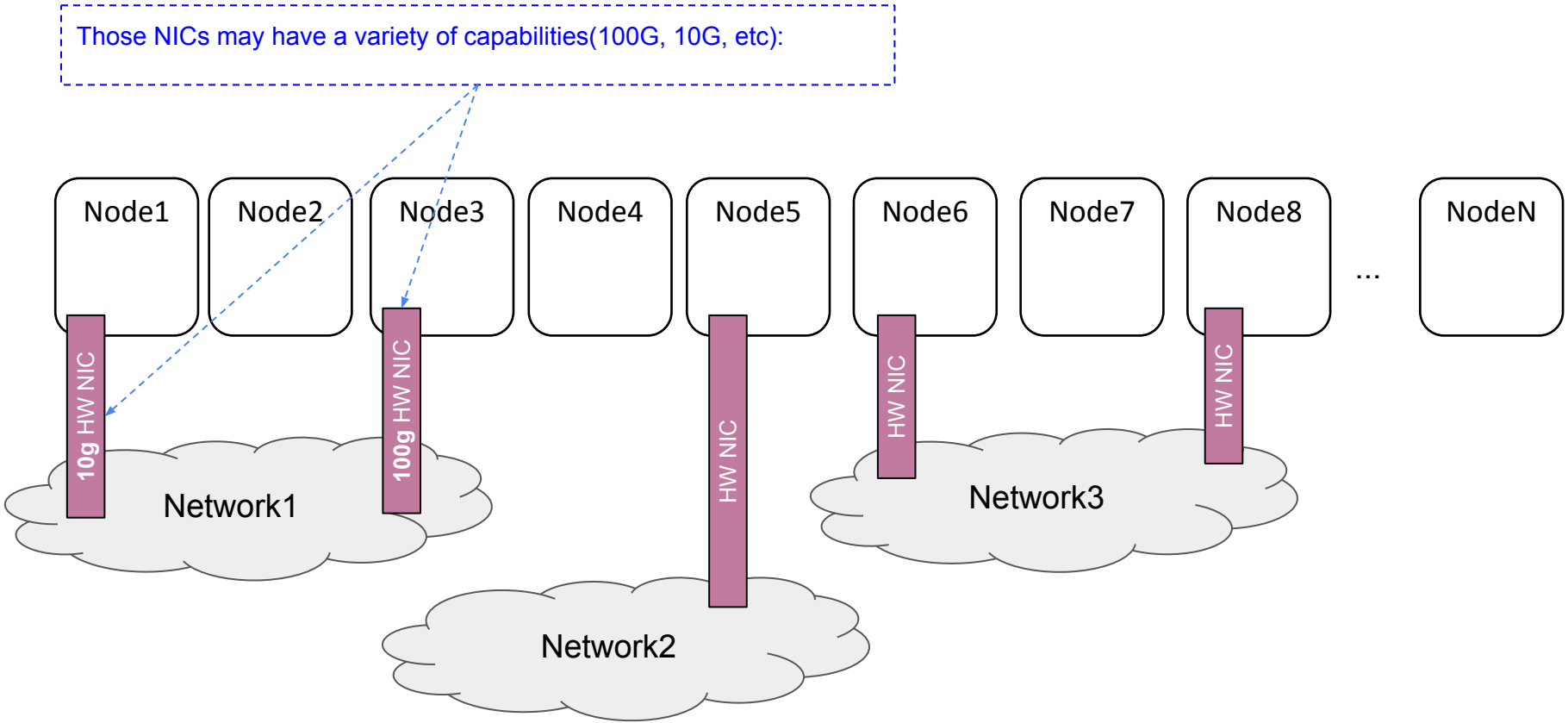
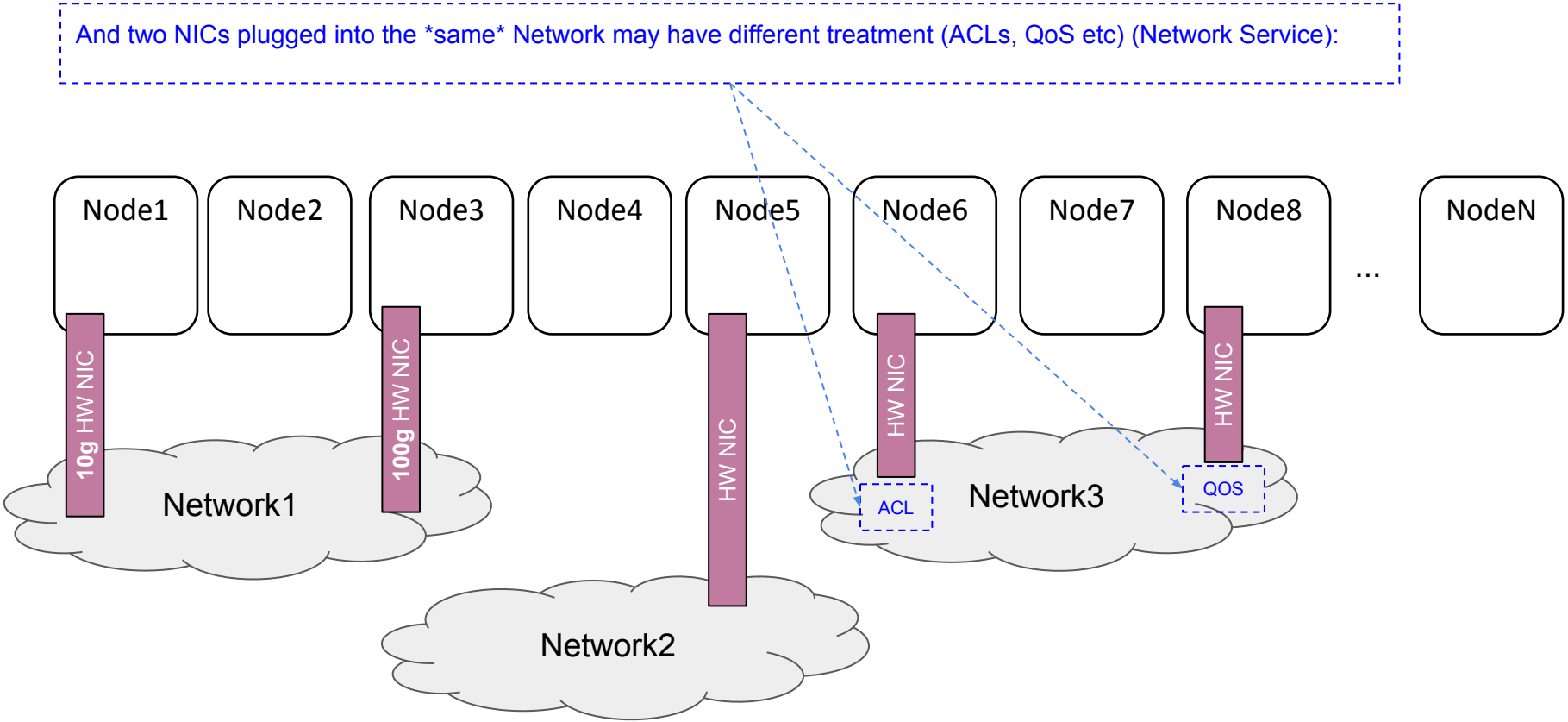
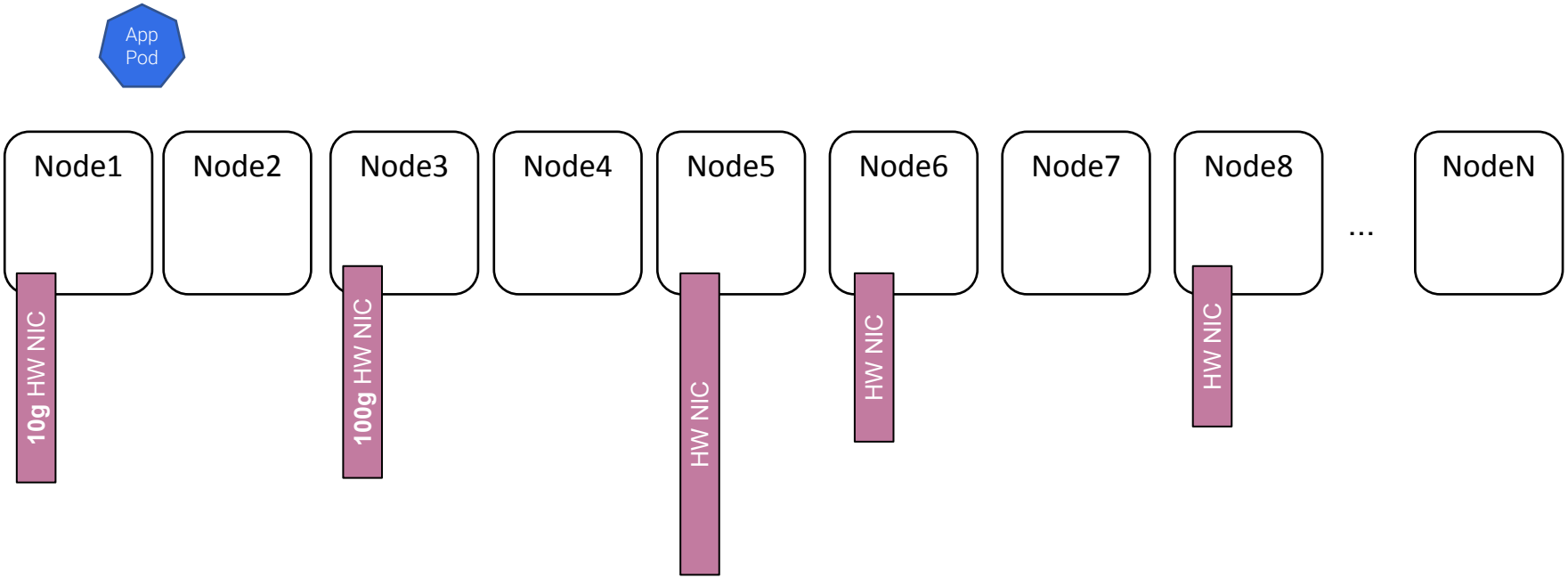


Not all NICs can access the same Network Service



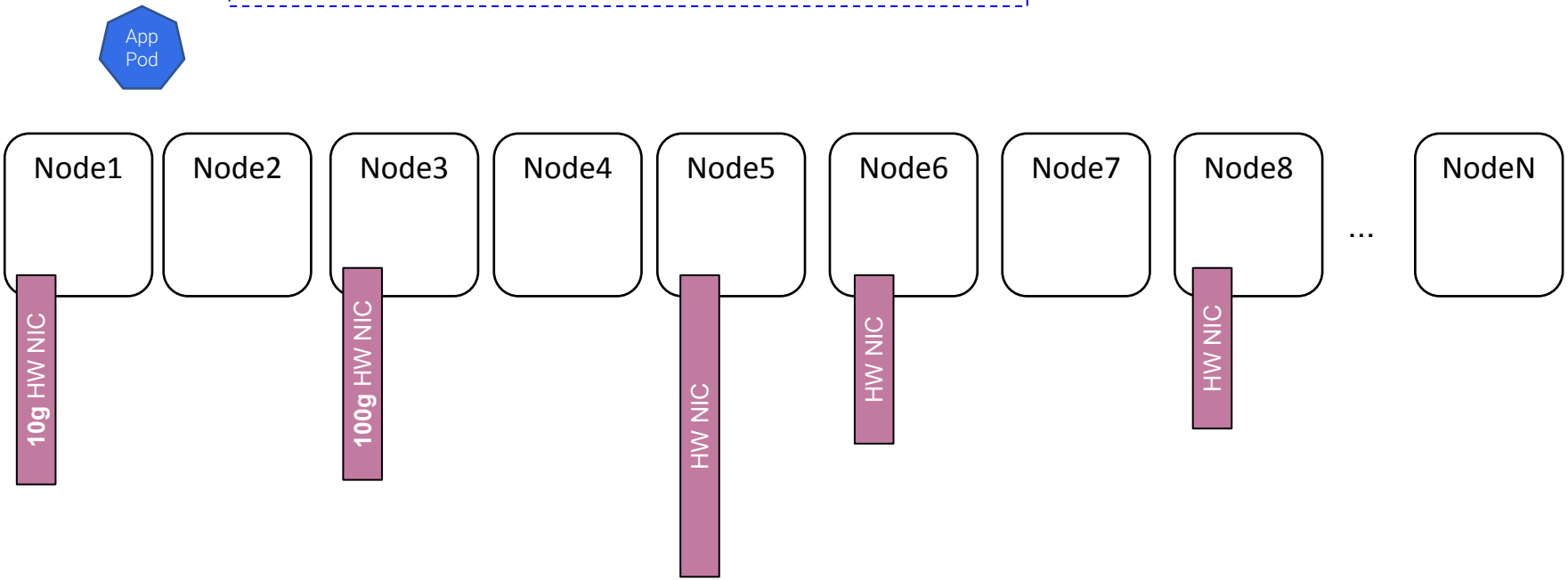
Scheduling a Pod

So what do we need when deploying a Pod?



Scheduling a Pod

The K8s Scheduler needs to decide which Node to deploy it to...

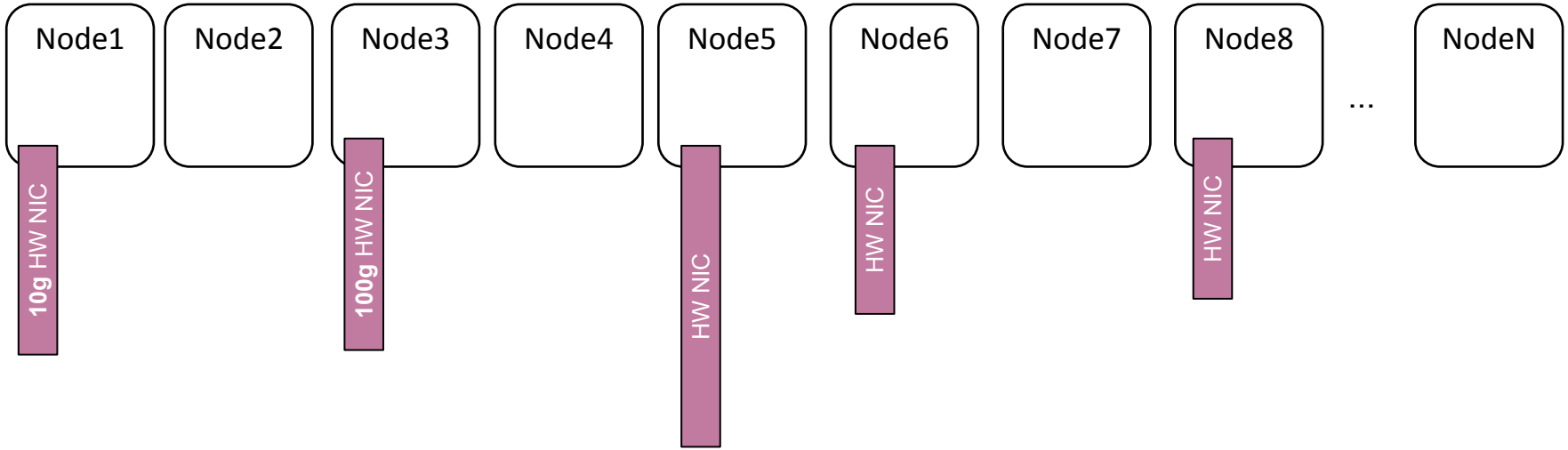


Criteria for scheduling a Pod

App Pod

That Node needs to have:

1. A HW NIC
2. With the right capabilities (10g vs 100g etc)
3. That can support the Network Service it needs on that NIC



Network Service Should be Dynamic

App Pod

That Node needs to have:

1. A HW NIC
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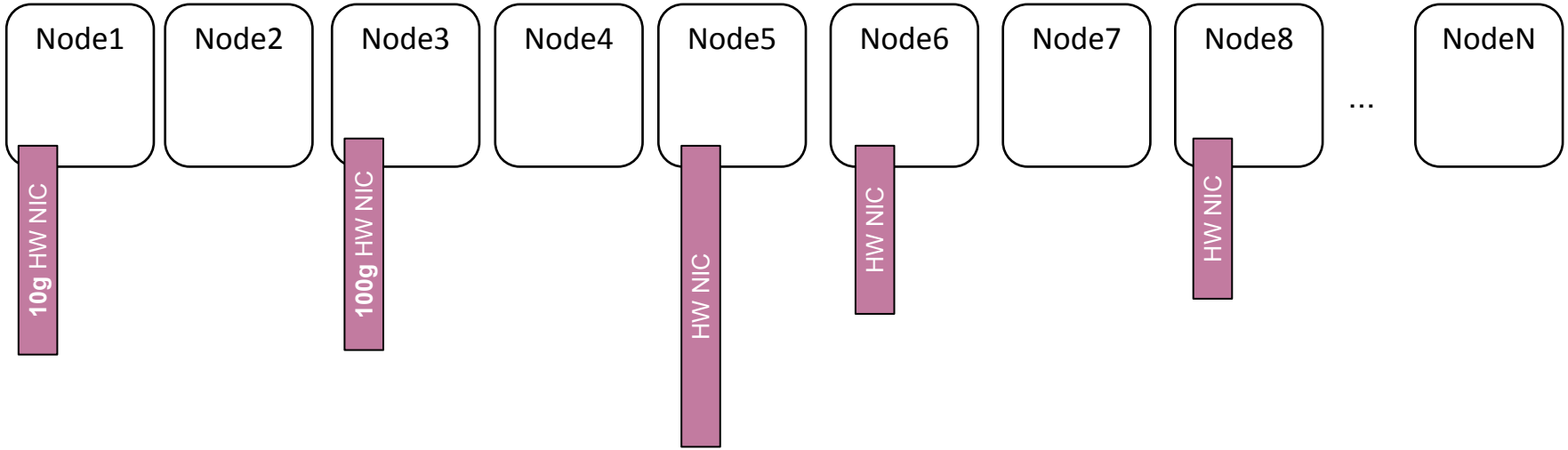
3. That can support the Network Service it needs on that NIC

THIS SHOULD BE DYNAMIC



How to ask for it?

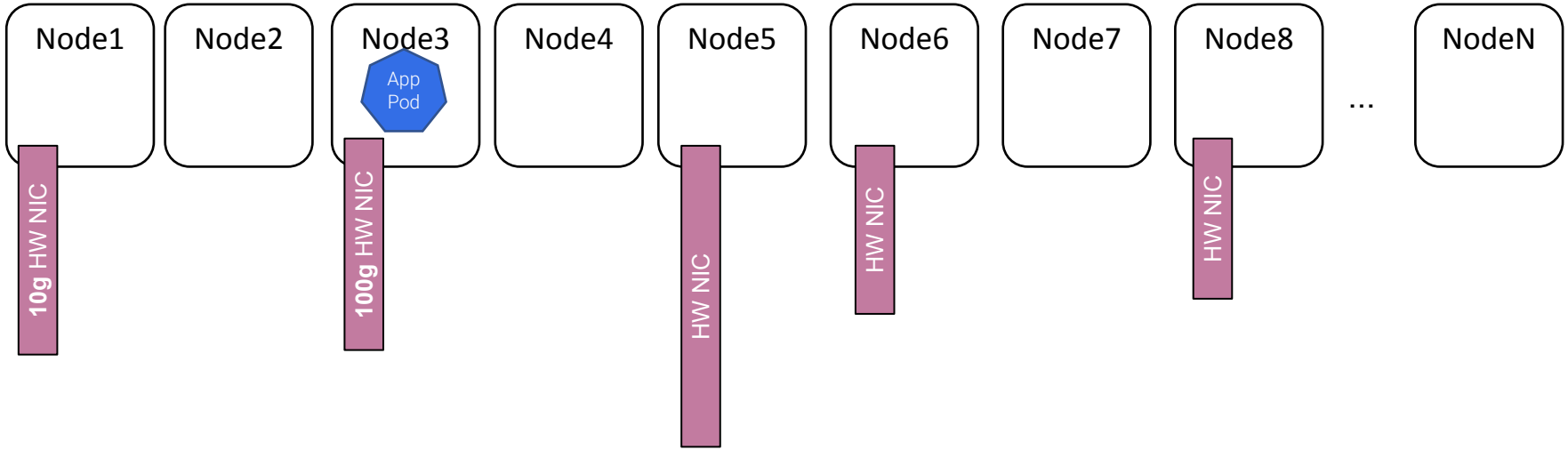
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 name: cnf-1
 annotations:
   ns.networkservicemesh.io: myns.example.com
spec:
   …
   resources:
      ...
      requires:
         example.com/100g: 1
```

Ask for ‘Network Service’

Ask for resource that can provide Network Services from the example.com domain with 100g capability

Scheduling...

Device Plugin schedules us to Node with an available ‘example.com/100g’ resource where we can get any Network Service in the example.com domain with a NIC with 100g capabilities.



After scheduling…

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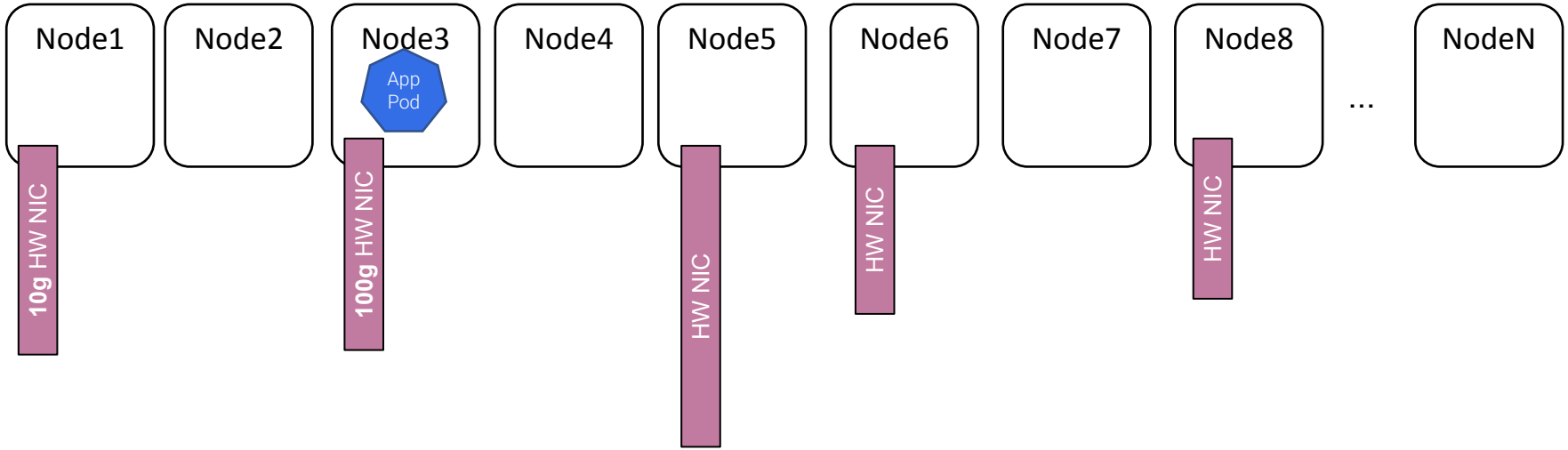
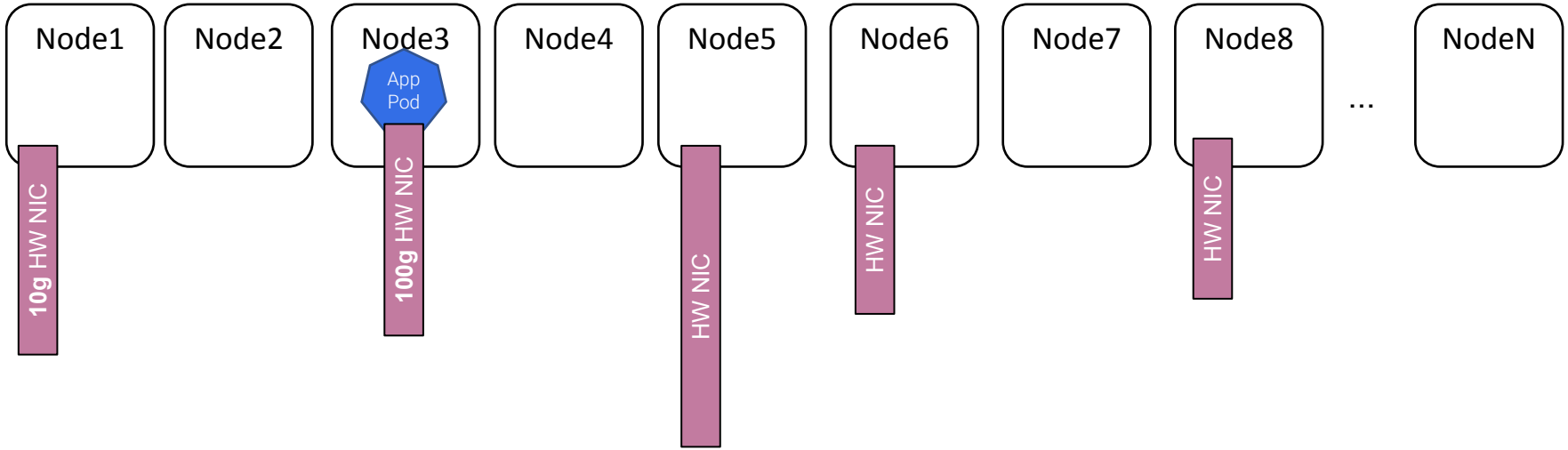


Plug NIC into the Pod

Once Scheduled… we need to:

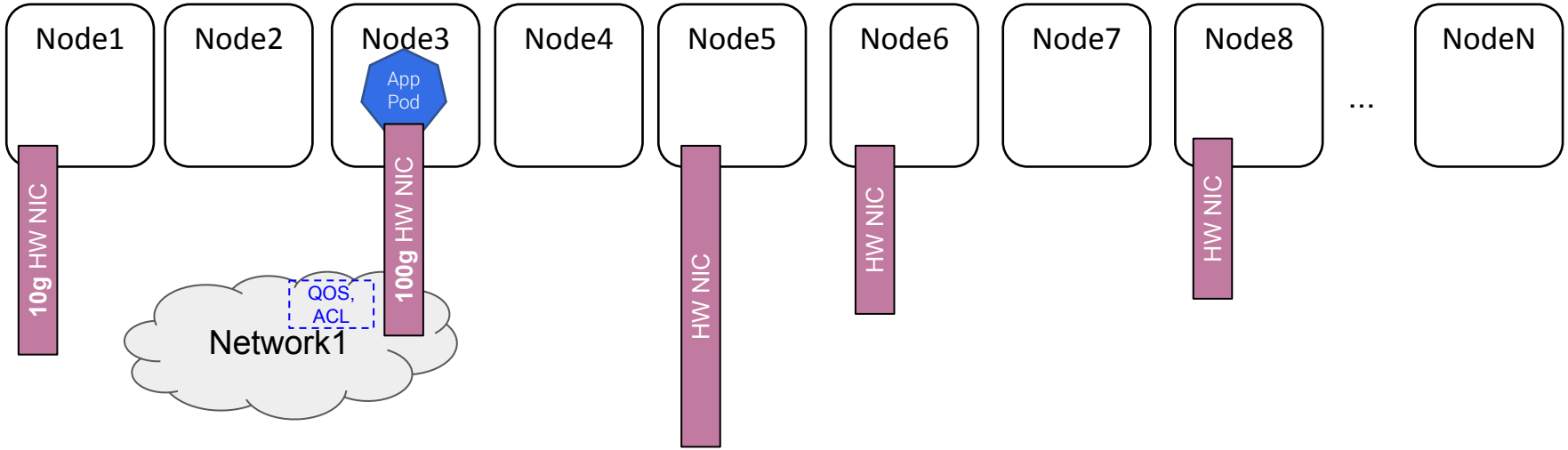
1. Plug the NIC with the correct capabilities into the Pod



Configure the Network Service

Once Scheduled… we need to:

1. Plug the NIC into the Pod
2. Configure the other end of the NIC (TOR port) to provide the Network Service the Pod requested



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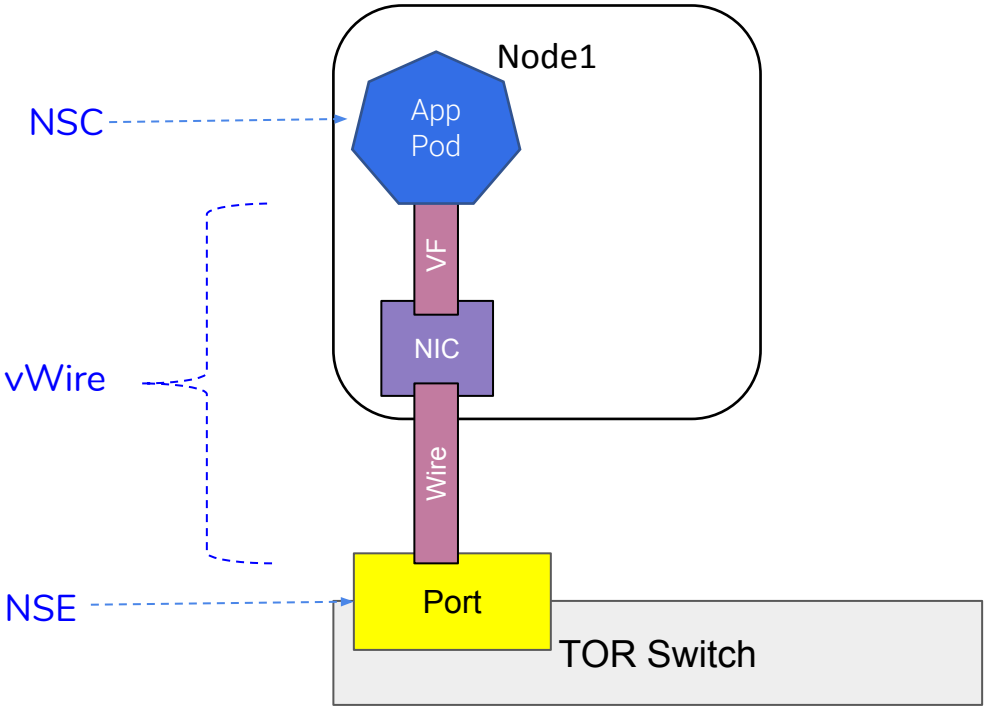

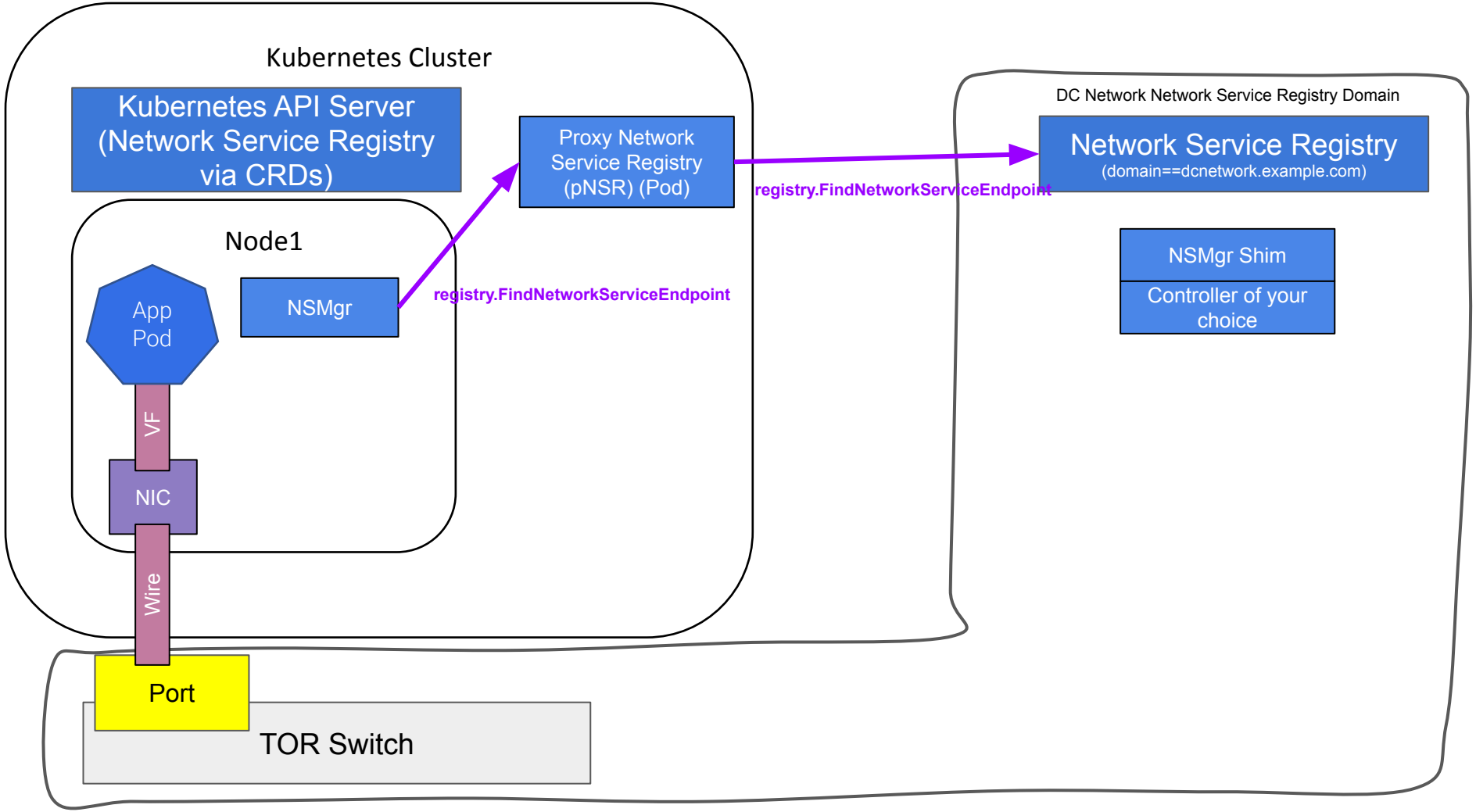
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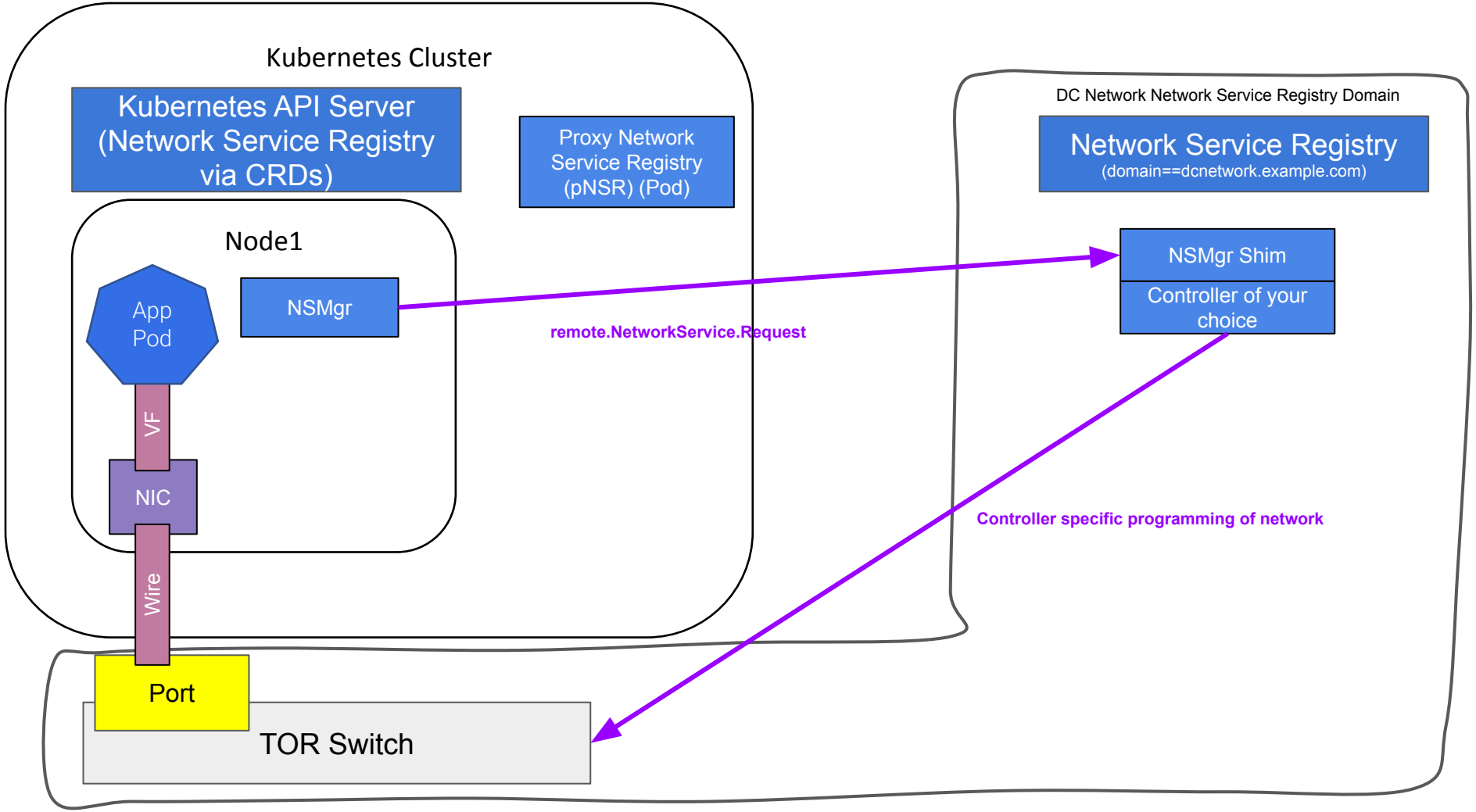
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