

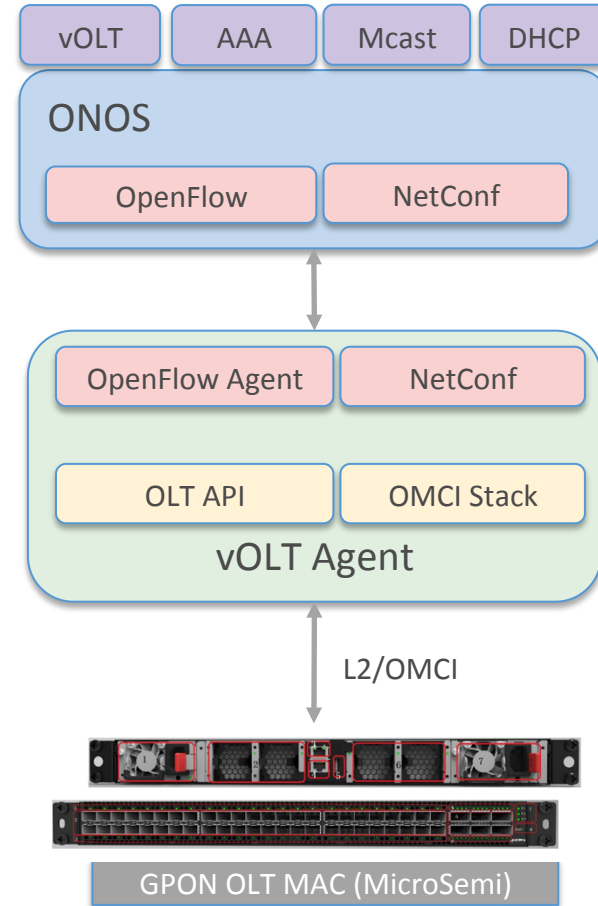


# VOLTHA Overview and Roadmap

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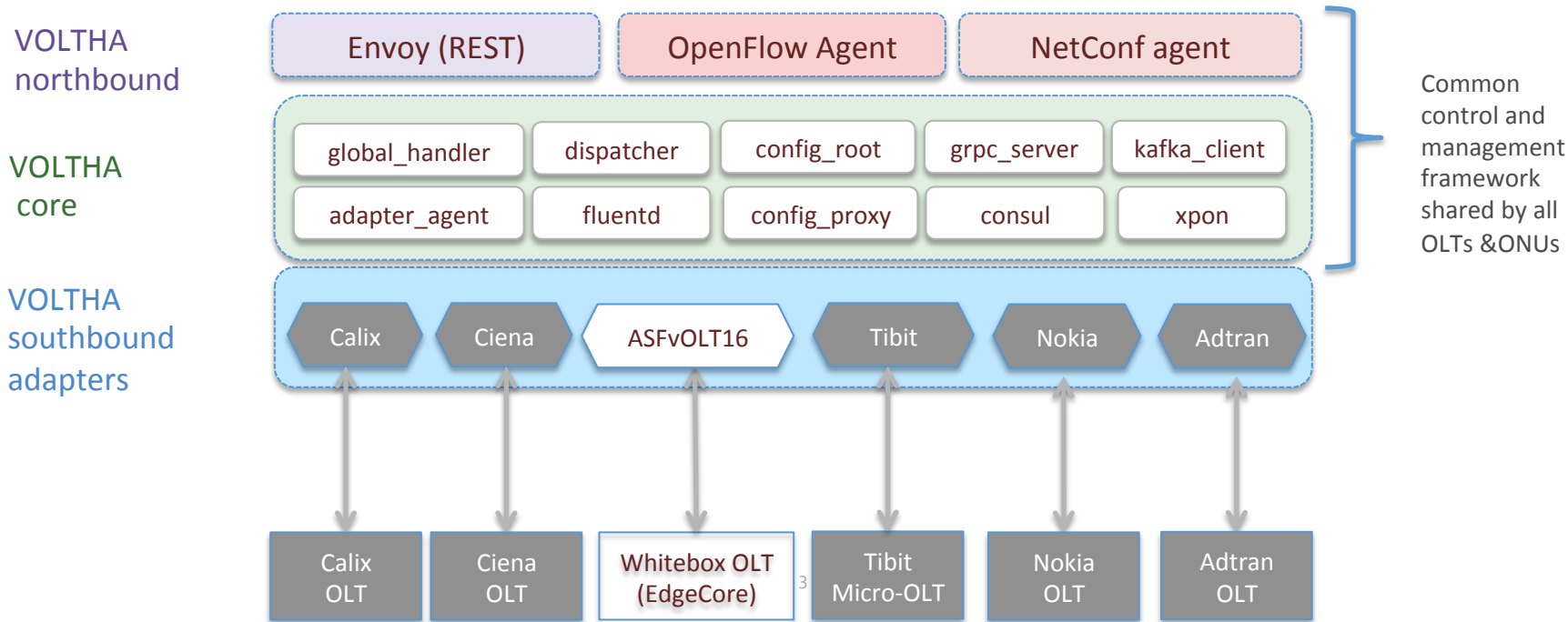
# OLT Disaggregation



This is what we (the CORD community) accomplished as part of the R-CORD POCs

# Virtual OLT Hardware Abstraction (VOLTHA)

VOLTHA hides PON-level details (T-CONT, GEM ports, OMCI etc.) from the SDN controller, and abstracts each PON as a pseudo-Ethernet switch easily programmed by the SDN controller



# Industry's First White-Box XGS-PON OLT

**White-Box = Open-Hardware Specs + Open-source software**

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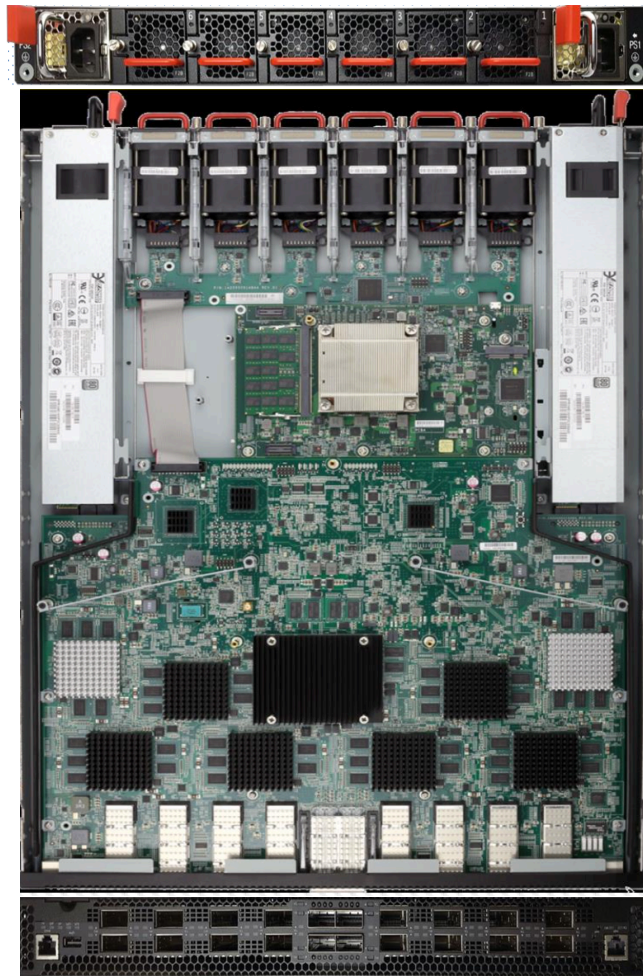
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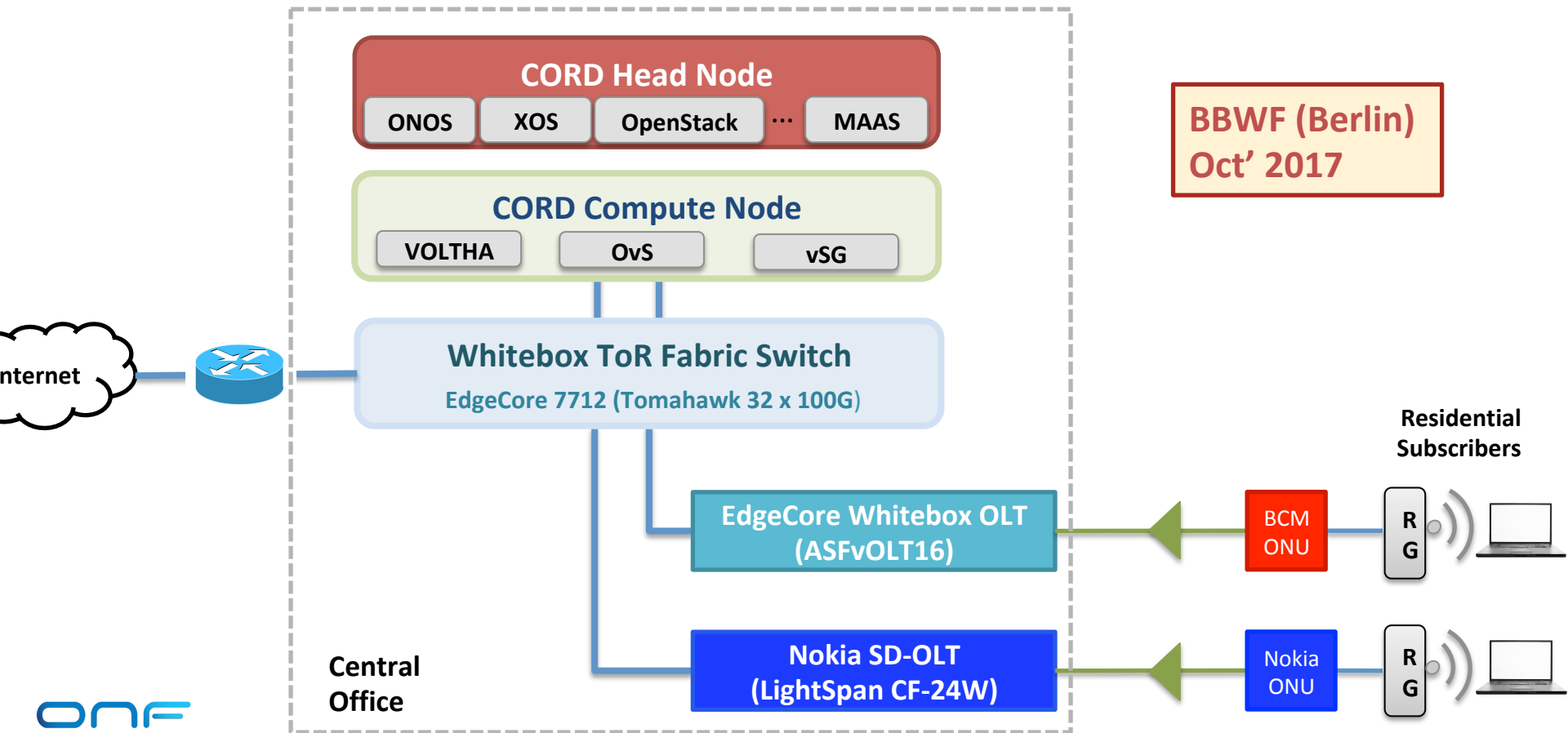
**Hardware  
available  
July 2017**

**Software  
release with  
CORD 5.0  
Feb 2018**



# VOLTHA in R-CORD

# Broadband World Forum R-CORD & VOLTHA Demo



# VOLTHA roadmap

# VOLTHA Roadmap - 1.3 Release (April 30 2018)

- VOLTHA High Availability
  - Migrating from Docker Swarm to **Kubernetes**
  - Explore other database redundancy framework
- Supports AT&T OpenOMCI Specification
  - Interoperability of ONUs and OLTs
- Release public docker images so can run without building code



# VOLTHA – current state

- PON is abstracted as OpenFlow device that allows SDN controller to program service flows
- However, underneath configuring the PON (tconts, GEM ports, etc) relies heavily on top-down configuration
  - Several config commands/calls to bring up an subscriber's ONU in the simplest configuration
  - Breaks the simple management abstraction, exposes PON details

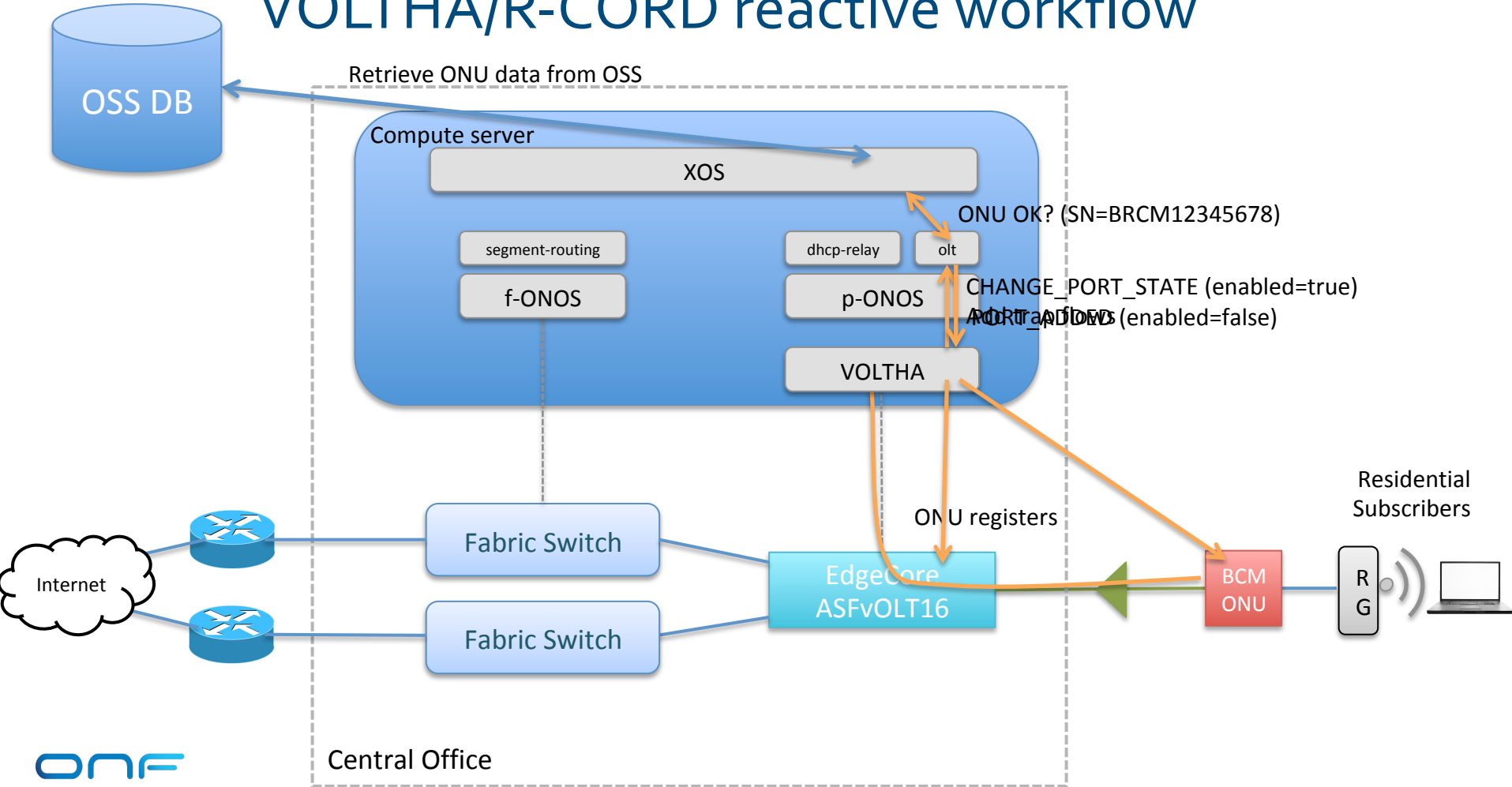
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# VOLTHA 2.0 and beyond – Towards SDN

- Reduce dependency on top-down configuration (xPON)
  - Automatically bring up PON ports on device boot
  - Automatically detect and configure ONUs on registration
    - Allows for validation of ONUs with OSS
  - 'Service Profile' mechanism allows configuration of QoS parameters
- Separation of VOLTHA and Adapters into separate repos to enable independent releases
- New OpenOLT adapter and OLT software for whitebox OLTs

# VOLTHA/R-CORD reactive workflow



Thanks!

May 2017

VOLTHA  
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Maple  
Adaptor

VM-in-the-  
middle

EdgeCore  
OLT

Twisted RPC

Closed/  
Proprietary

Sept 2017

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March 2018

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