



# Leveling Up Skylight in 2023

## What's Next for Skylight?

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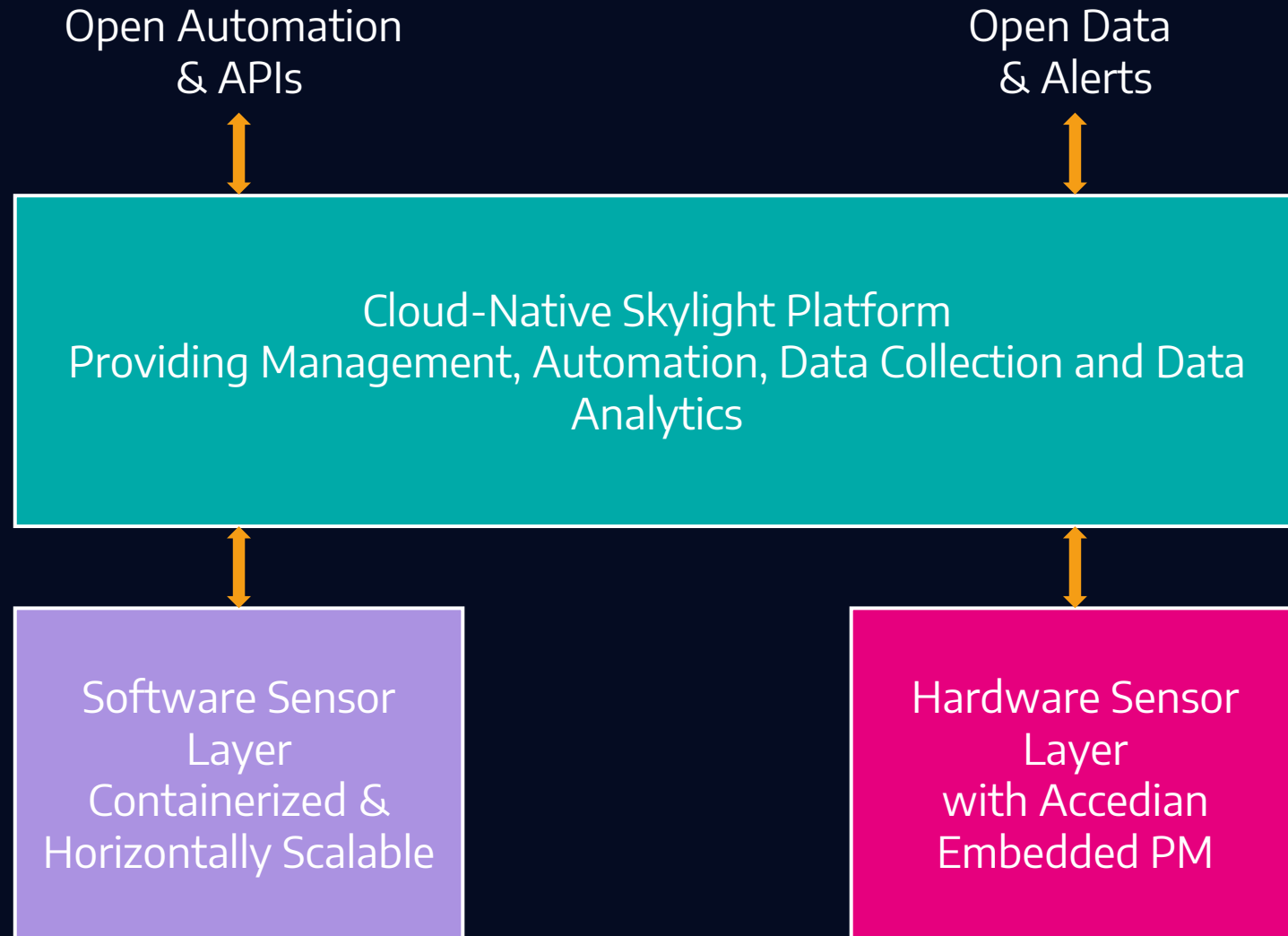
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A person is walking away from the camera down a long, narrow corridor. The corridor is illuminated with a vibrant blue light. The walls and ceiling are covered in a complex network of glowing lines and hexagonal patterns, suggesting a digital or data environment. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, and is carrying a folder or bag. The overall atmosphere is futuristic and technological.

# 1: Skylight Moving Forward



# Skylight Platform



- APIs and Automation First
  - New common APIs and Interfaces to make it easier to automate the deployment of Skylight, no matter which sensors you are using
- Unified UI for Management
  - Common login and management user interfaces to allow manual management (small customers, one-off and demos) of Skylight, no matter which sensors you are using

Open Automation  
& APIs



Cloud-Native Skylight Platform  
Providing Management, Automation,  
Data Collection and Data Analytics

# Skylight Analytics



- Predictive and Proactive Performance Analytics
  - Continue to offer more capabilities to provide insight into our data, both to end users and to customers via portal capabilities
- Predictive and Proactive Security Analytics
  - Mature Skylight Interceptor to provide better insight and a more integrated security / performance solution
- Easy Integration of Skylight Intelligence into Other Platforms
  - IPaaS for third party platform integration
  - New APIs to make it even easier to share data and insights from Skylight

Open Data  
& Alerts



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# Skylight Sensors: Performance Elements

- 1G/10G
  - We will continue to support and sell the GT, GX, LT and LX
- The future is Flex
  - 100G platform now (and continuing to evolve)
  - 25G platform in 2023, 10G platform in 2024 as a cost-reduced 10G option
  - A single software platform – we're investing to make sure Flex can provide the PM capabilities of our original 1G/10G platform with more robust networking capabilities based on the Flex switch platform

Hardware Sensor  
Layer  
with Accedian  
Embedded PM



# Skylight Sensors: SFP Compute & Modules

- 1G and 10G SFP and Modules
  - We introduced new 10G SFP variants in 2022
- 25G, 100G and Beyond
  - We're planning on introducing new SFPs (and eventually Modules) for 25G and 100G
  - This will be managed by a new lightweight / containerized and scalable platform that will replace Sensor Control
    - Embed e.g. running as an IOS-XR app on the same router where the SFP is plugged in
    - Scale horizontally by deploying more containers as needed

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# Skylight Sensors: Agents

- More agent types and more protocols, allowing us to extend our synthetic test capabilities into more locations and provide more visibility
  - Added Traceroute, HTTPS/SFTP/DNS - working on more L7 protocols
- More automation and making Skylight Sensor Agents easier to embed
  - Running on Cisco IOS-XR as an XR application, running on SD-WAN whiteboxes, private 5G routers, O-RAN / V-RAN, etc.
- Leverage HW timestamping options
  - Make Sensor Agents the choice for software-based testing from L2 to L7

Software Sensor  
Layer  
Containerized &  
Horizontally Scalable



# Skylight Sensors: Capture

- More protocols from L3 to L7 – e.g. HTTP/2, ARP, FTP, DHCP/BOOTP, LDAP, SOCKS5, IPSEC
- L7 SaaS Application identification out of the box
- More automation and making Skylight Sensor Capture easier to embed
  - API-driven configuration and automation
  - Containerized packaging to more easily deploy sensor capture in more locations, distributing our ability to do real user monitoring on SD-WAN, cloud and K8s, etc.

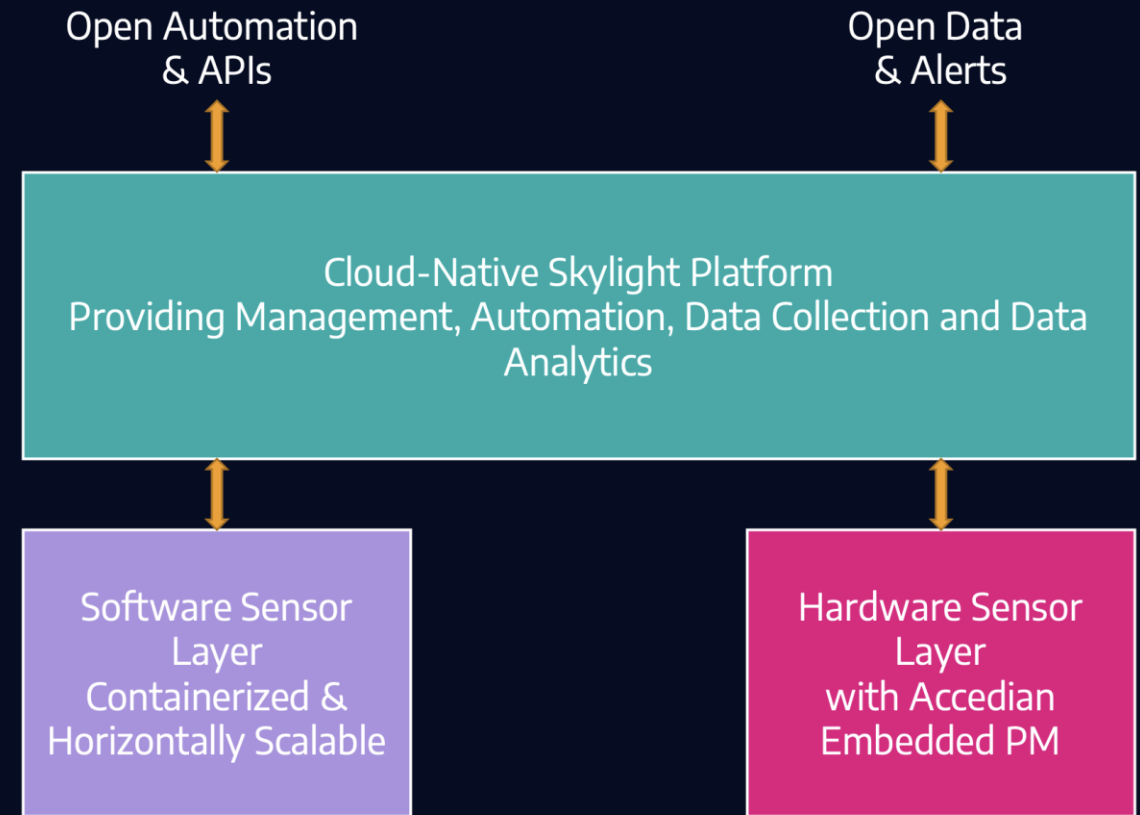
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# Leverage Everything Skylight Has To Offer

## A Complete Service Assurance and Security Visibility Platform

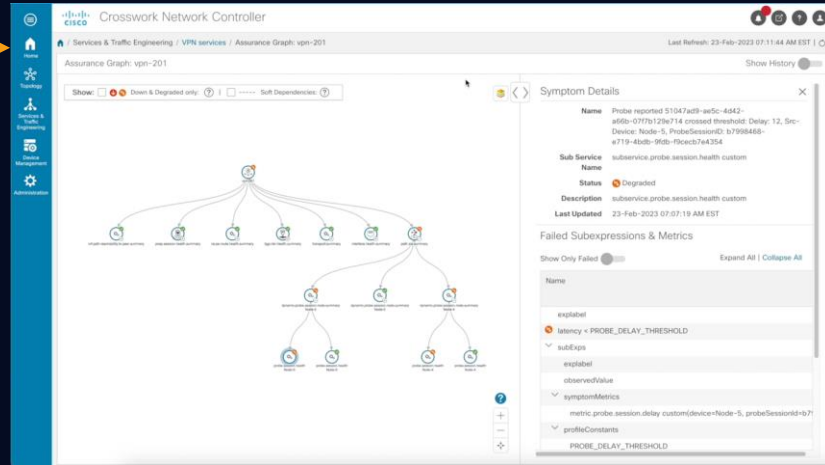
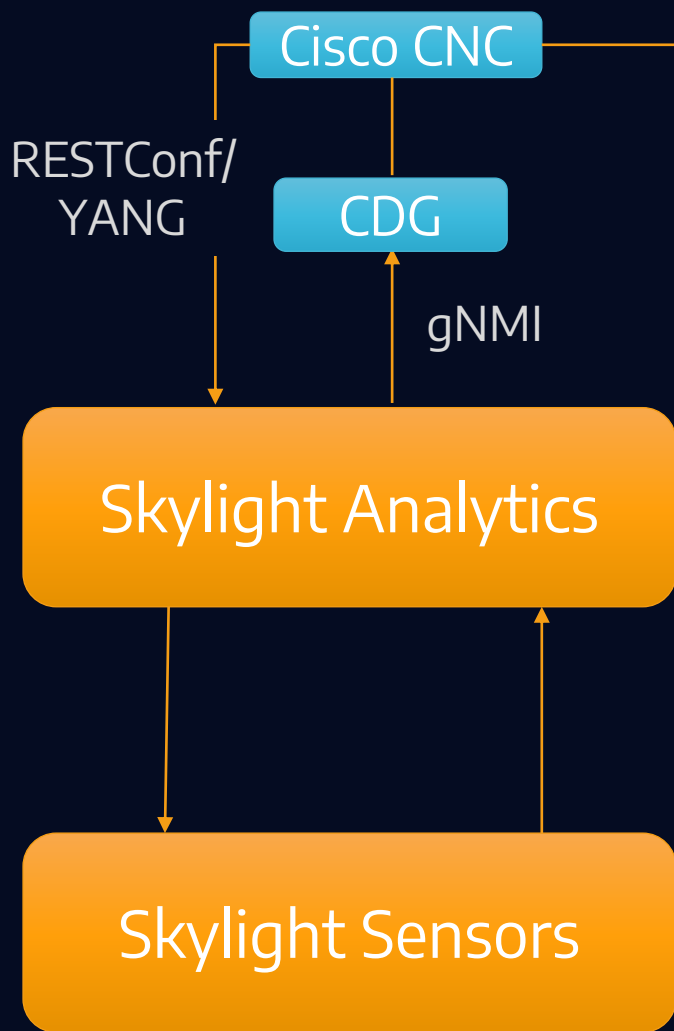
- A full suite of Skylight sensors for active testing from L2 to L7
  - We continue to invest in more protocols, from TWAMP to TCP to HTTPS/DNS
- Skylight capture sensor for real user monitoring from L2 to L7
  - We continue to add support for new protocols to improve real user visibility
- Easily add external sources of performance data to Skylight out of the box with support for open standards for data ingestion
  - Support for hundreds of different data sources via configuration



## 2: Skylight and Cisco



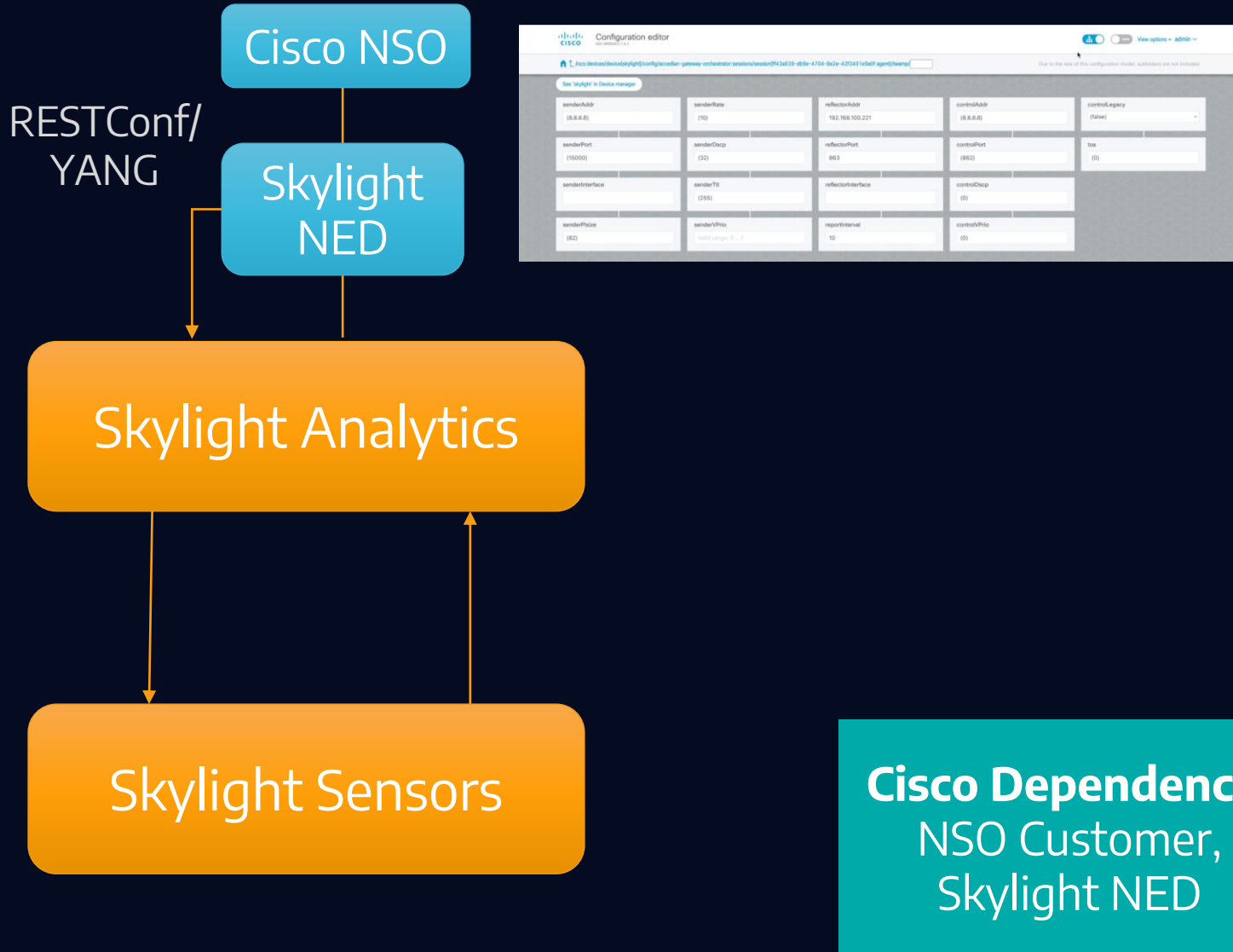
# Skylight Integration with Cisco CNC



**Cisco Dependency:**  
Crosswork Network Controller Customer

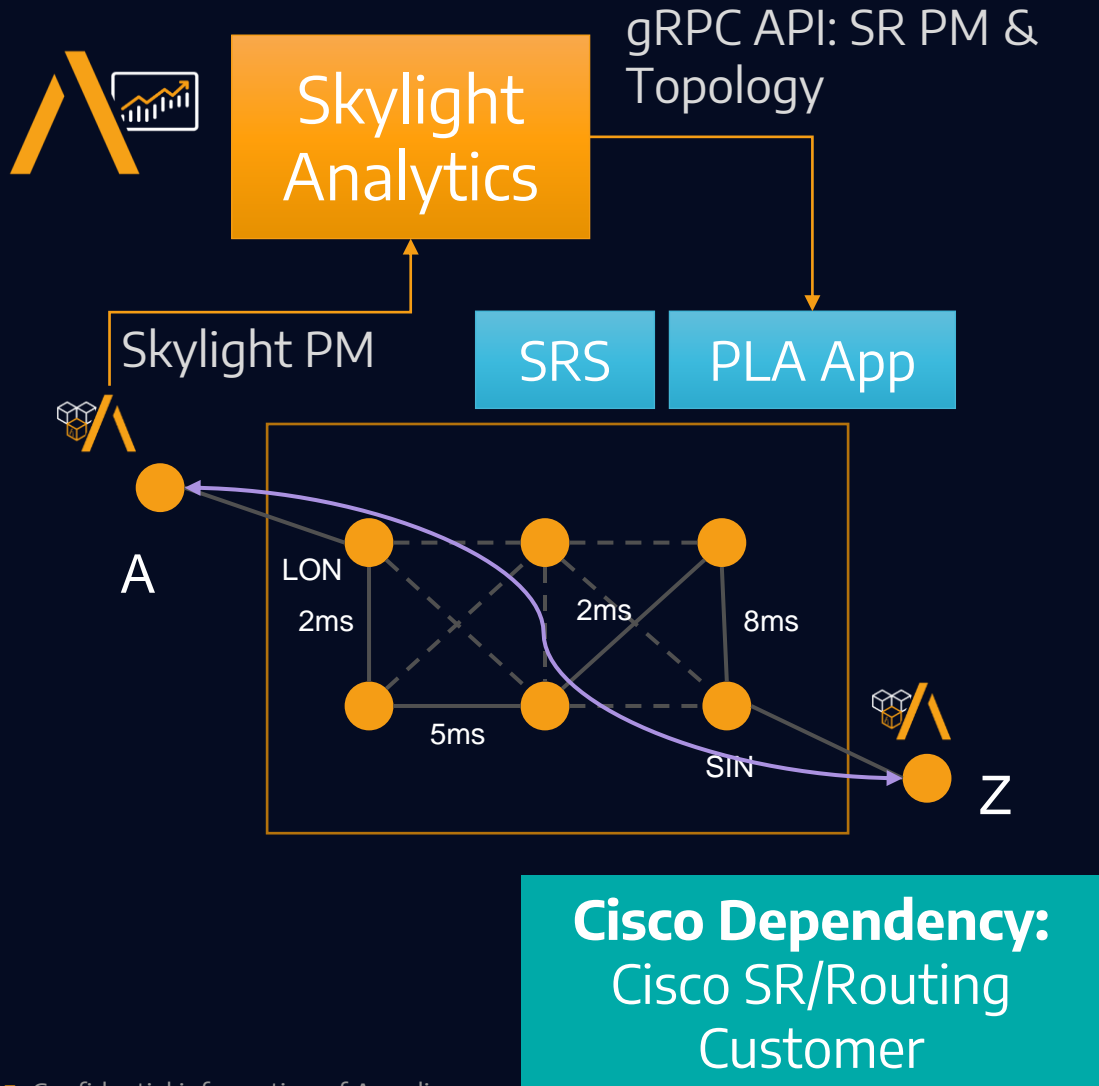
- What
  - Integration with Crosswork Network Controller (Cisco IP Network Controller) Service Health
- Why
  - Automate provisioning of assurance with an L3 VPN
  - Provide Skylight L3 PM data inside of CNC
- How
  - RESTConf APIs, gNMI streaming
- When
  - POC Now, 23.08 / Q4 2023 with CNC

# Skylight Integration with Cisco NSO



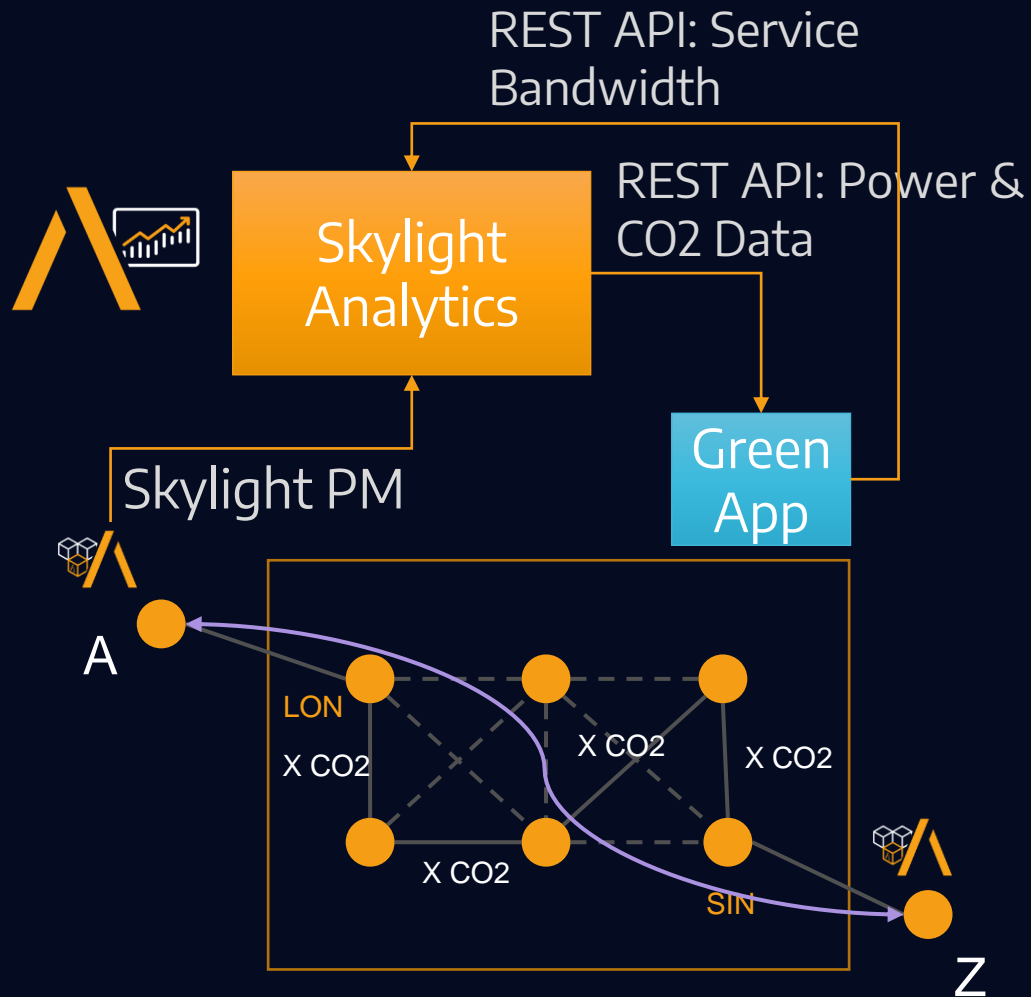
- What
  - Integration with Crosswork Network Services Orchestrator (NSO)
- Why
  - Integrate Skylight assurance provisioning into multi-vendor automated provisioning workflows in NSO
  - Send assurance alerts to NSO for closed loop automation
- How
  - RESTConf APIs
- When
  - POC Now, Planned 23.11

# Skylight SRS Apps/PLA Integration



- What
  - Integration with Cisco Segment Routing Services (SRS) for SR-PM and SR Path Data
- Why
  - Provide a single pane of glass with both end-to-end service visibility and hop-by-hop segment routing performance visibility correlated together
- How
  - gRPC API to Cisco PLA application for SRv6 PM & topology, integration with other SRS applications
- When
  - POC Now, Planned 23.11 for PLA, further enhancements TBD

# Skylight with Cisco Green VPN



- What

- Integration with Cisco Green App to extract power/ carbon usage on a per-service basis

- Why

- Provide customers with a power/carbon KPI on a per service basis, correlated with our other performance KPIs

- How

- REST API to Cisco Green App for Power & CO2 data on a per-service basis

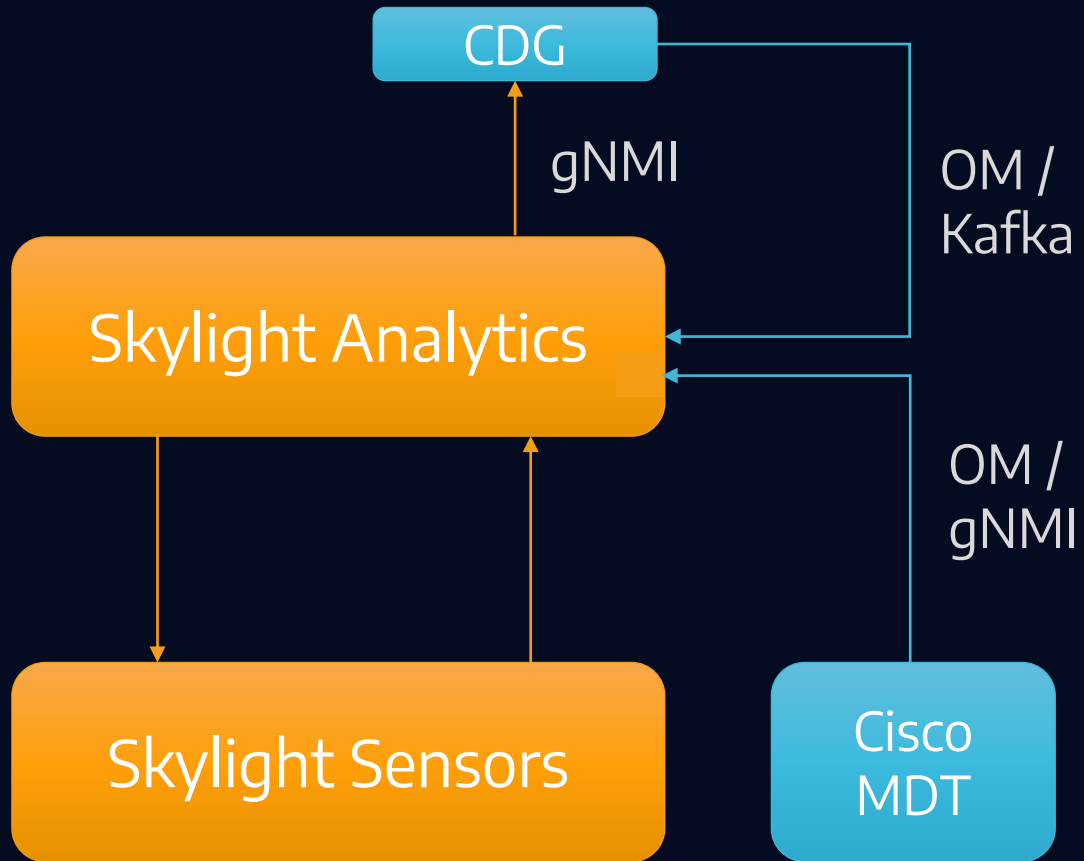
- When

- Prototyping now, TBD for availability

**Cisco Dependency:**  
Cisco Green VPN App



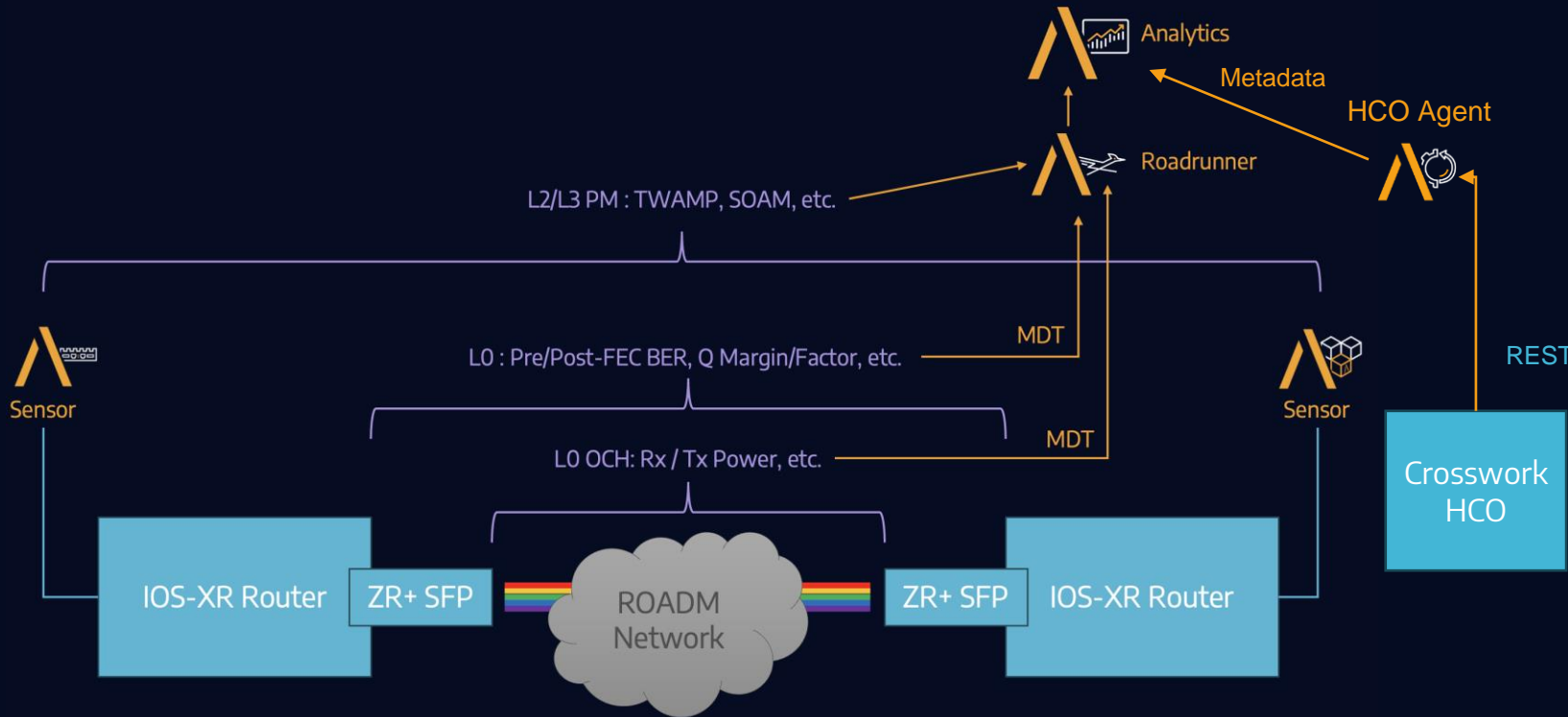
# Skylight with Cisco Telemetry



**Cisco Dependency:** CDG and/or MDT from Cisco IOS Routers

- What
  - Integration with Cisco Model-Driven Telemetry (MDT) and Crosswork Data Gateway (CDG)
- Why
  - Today this requires PS development and using open-source tools; we want to make this simpler and faster to implement to allow Skylight to be easier to deploy when ingesting various Cisco data sources
- How
  - Pre-build mediation into OpenMetrics for common Cisco data sources (MDT, CDG)
- When
  - Available today, improvements planned 23.11

# Skylight RON/HCO Integration



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**Cisco Dependency:**  
RON, HCO/HCH

- What
  - Integration with Cisco Routed Optical Networking (RON) and Crosswork Hierarchical Controller (HCO / CHC)
- Why
  - Single pane of glass for L0-L3 performance assurance, and path diversity assurance
- How
  - Integrate RON data via MDT, HCO via APIs
- When
  - Prototyping now, TBD
  - Cisco / Vodafone MWC 2024



# Skylight Agents on IOS

- What
  - Formal support of agents on IOS-XR / IOS-XE in the third-party application (TPA) runtime
  - (Future) Skylight agents as IOS native applications
- Why
  - Allow Skylight sensor agents to be deployed anywhere there is a Cisco router
  - Be able to have our agents deployed on any Cisco router, and have this be formally supported by Cisco
- How
  - Cisco app manager for TPA
- When
  - Prototype now, Cisco certification TBD

**Cisco Dependency:**  
IOS-XR/XE with TPA



# Skylight SFPs on IOS

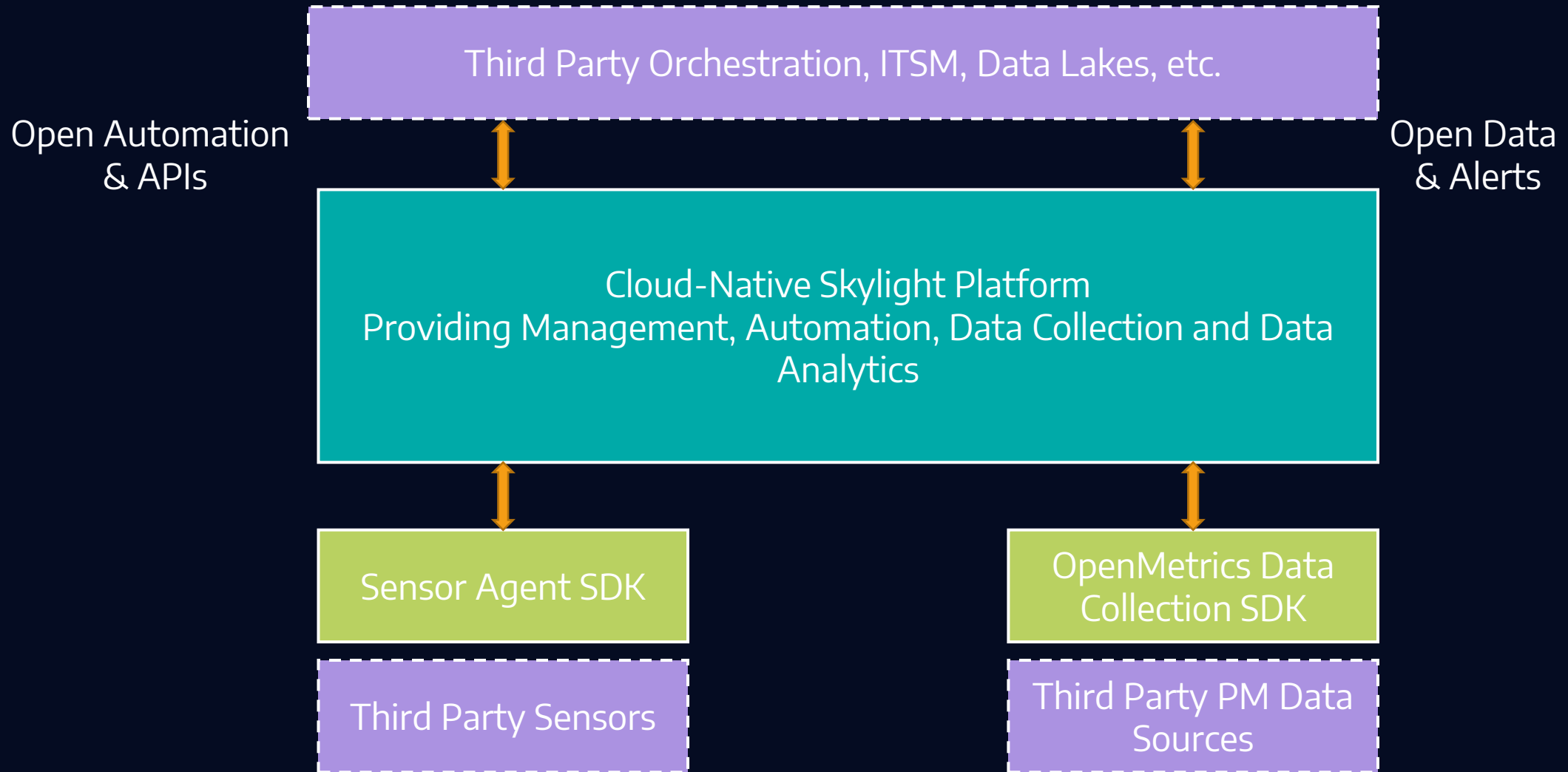
- What
  - Formal support for our SFP compute in Cisco IOS routers
- Why
  - Insert an SFP anywhere there is a Cisco router, for accurate and granular performance visibility
  - So our SFPs are certified / supported by Cisco
- How
  - Certification testing
- When
  - Works now (over 15k deployed in the field today), Cisco certification TBD

**Cisco Dependency:**  
IOS Devices with SFPs

### 3: Building on Skylight as a Platform



# Skylight Platform: A Foundation For Developers





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- Northbound APIs – Sensor Automation
  - REST APIs & RESTConf APIs
- Northbound APIs & Data Bus – Data and Event Extraction
  - REST APIs & RESTConf APIs, gNMI & Kafka Bus
  - IPaaS for application integration
- Southbound APIs – Third Party Sensor Integration
  - SDK for managing other probes / sensors
- Southbound APIs – OpenMetrics / Prometheus
  - Add third party data sources

A woman is shown in profile, wearing a large headset with two circular earpieces and a futuristic visor that covers her eyes. She is looking towards the right side of the frame. The scene is dimly lit with a strong red glow, likely from a computer screen or ambient lighting. Her hands are visible at the bottom, typing on a keyboard. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and futuristic.

## 4: Leveling Up Skylight in 2023



# ...Leveled Up for 2023



## HW Sensors



New performance element platform that provides assurance demarcation at 10G, 25G, 100G. New SFP compute platform to address 25G and beyond.

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## SW Sensors



Software sensors that can be fully automated and embedded into a wide variety of platforms, with the ability to do synthetic and real user monitoring from L2 to L7.

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## Automation



A single set of orchestration and automation APIs, combined with open interfaces for data ingestion and sensor integration make Skylight a complete platform to develop upon.

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## Analytics



Deep performance insight from Skylight sensor data, with best-in-class portal and troubleshooting user interfaces. Open APIs and interfaces to share this knowledge with rest of automation stack.

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Thank You!

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