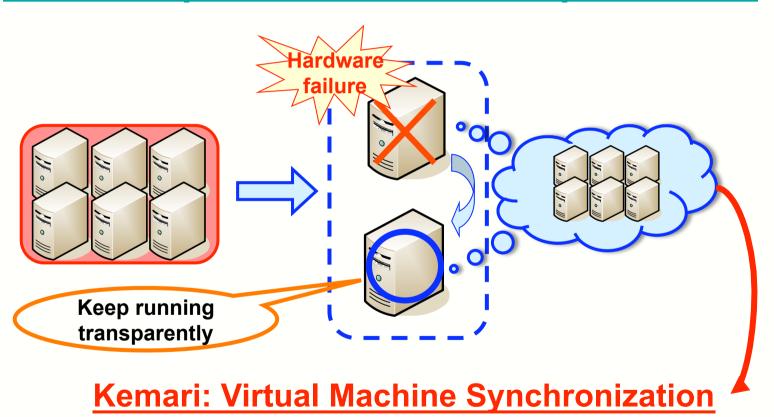
Kemari: Virtual Machine Synchronization for Fault Tolerance

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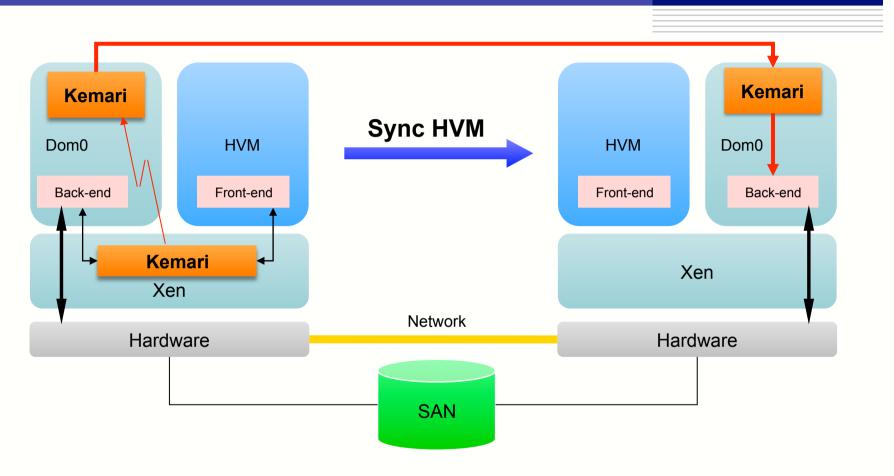
Our goal

Don't drop the ball! Don't drop the VMs!



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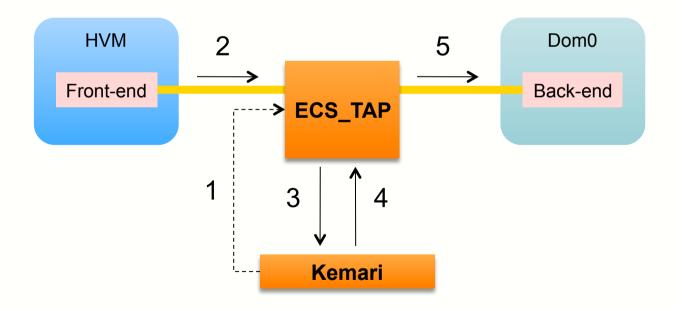
Architecture overview



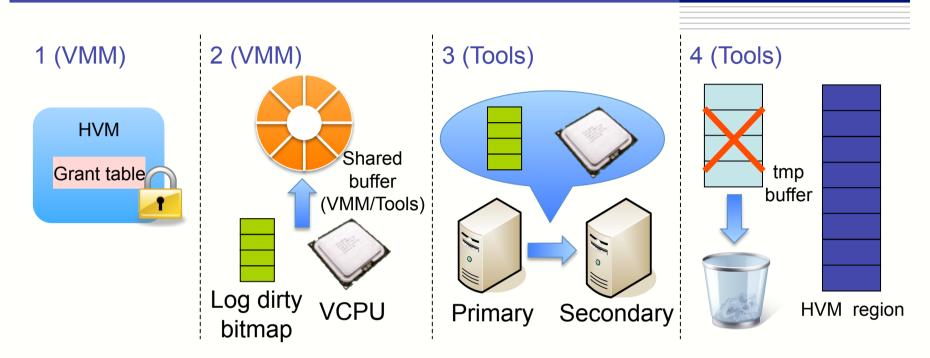
- The core of the synchronization mechanism resides in hypervisor to synchronize virtual machines efficiently
- LOC ≈ 4000 (hypervisor: 1000, Dom0+Tools: 3000)

Event Channel tapping

- Simple but the key component of Kemari
- Monitors IN/OUT or Both
- Registered function is called on specific events
- Dynamically attachable
 - May be useful for measurements



Transferring HVM



- 1. Pauses HVM and locks the grant tables. No need to suspend!
 - Grant tables are mapped at the last 4 pages of HVM region
- 2. Extracts dirtied pfn from the bitmap, copies pfns and the vcpu to the shared buffer, and notifies Tools via event channel
- 3. Maps dirtied pages, transfers pages and vcpu to the secondary
- 4. Secondary prepares temp buffers to rollback when failure is detected during transfer

Restoring para-virtualized devices

1. Device Channel is stored in HVM region

HVM Front-end Device Channel

2. Attach the Back-end to the Device Channel using BACK_RING_ATTACH macro

3. Adjust producer and consumer indexes of the Back-end appropriately

