Switch Virtual Interface

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SVI External Encapsulation Scope

About SVI External Encapsulation Scope

In the context of a Layer 3 Out configuration, a switch virtual interfaces (SVI), is configured to provide connectivity between the ACI leaf switch and a router.

By default, when a single Layer 3 Out is configured with SVI interfaces, the VLAN encapsulation spans multiple nodes within the fabric. This happens because the ACI fabric configures the same bridge domain (VXLAN VNI) across all the nodes in the fabric where the Layer 3 Out SVI is deployed as long as all SVI interfaces use the same external encapsulation (SVI) as shown in the figure.

However, when different Layer 3 Outs are deployed, the ACI fabric uses different bridge domains even if they use the same external encapsulation (SVI) as shown in the figure:

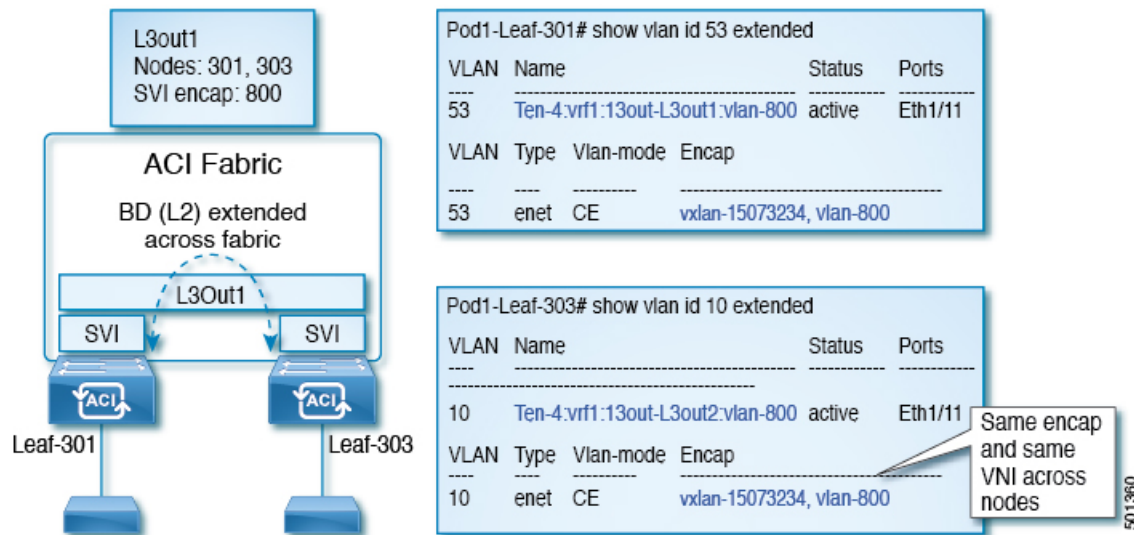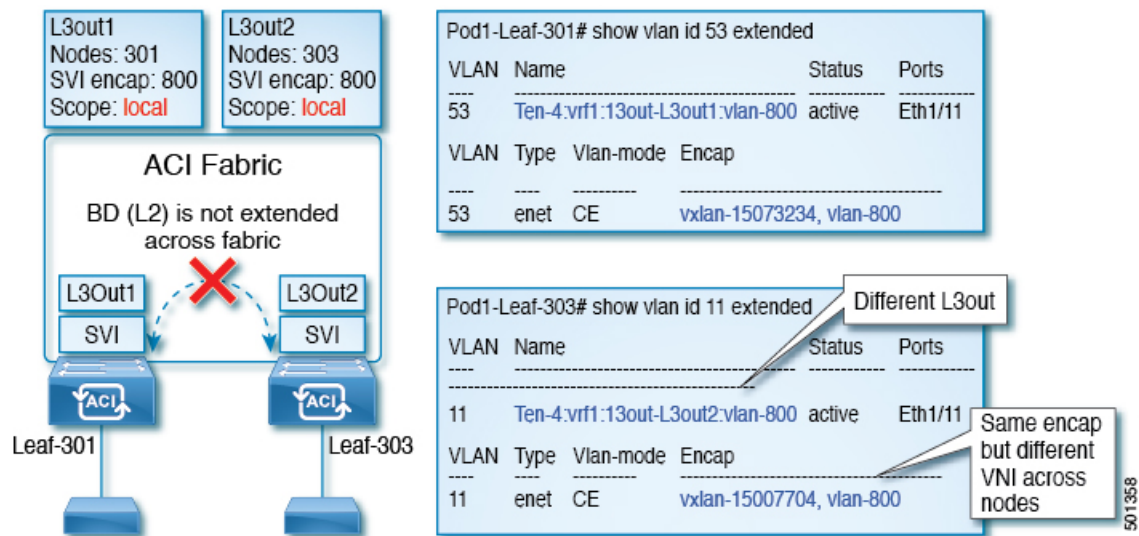*Figure 1: Local Scope Encapsulation and One Layer 3 Out*

*Figure 2: Local Scope Encapsulation and Two Layer 3 Outs*

Starting with Cisco APIC release 2.3, it is now possible to choose the behavior when deploying two (or more) Layer 3 Outs using the same external encapsulation (SVI).

The encapsulation scope can now be configured as Local or VRF:

  • Local scope (default): The example behavior is displayed in the figure titled *Local Scope Encapsulation and Two Layer 3 Outs*.

  • VRF scope: The ACI fabric configures the same bridge domain (VXLAN VNI) across all the nodes and Layer 3 Out where the same external encapsulation (SVI) is deployed. See the example in the figure titled *VRF Scope Encapsulation and Two Layer 3 Outs*.

Figure 3: VRF Scope Encapsulation and Two Layer 3 Outs
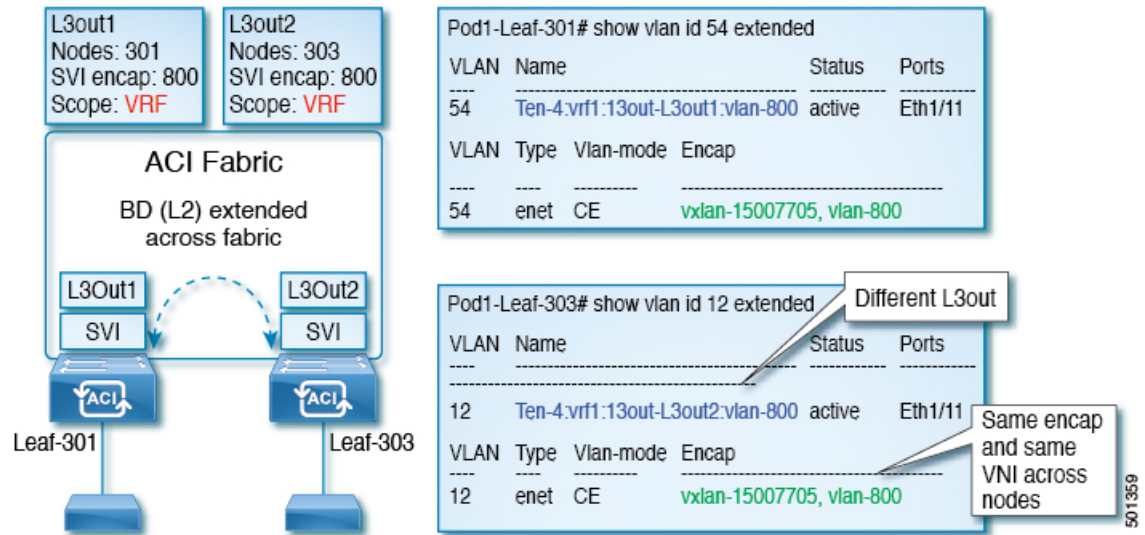
Encapsulation Scope Syntax

The options for configuring the scope of the encapsulation used for the Layer 3 Out profile are as follows:

- **Ctx**—The same external SVI in all Layer 3 Outs in the same VRF for a given VLAN encapsulation. This is a global value.

- **Local**—A unique external SVI per Layer 3 Out. This is the default value.

The mapping among the CLI, API, and GUI syntax is as follows:

Table 1: Encapsulation Scope Syntax

CLI	API	GUI
l3out	local	Local
vrf	ctx	VRF

Note　The CLI commands to configure encapsulation scope are only supported when the VRF is configured through a named Layer 3 Out configuration.

Guidelines for SVI External Encapsulation Scope

To use SVI external encapsulation scope, follow these guidelines:

- If deploying the Layer 3 Outs on the same node, the OSPF areas in both the Layer 3 Outs must be different.

- If deploying the Layer 3 Outs on the same node, the BGP peer configured on both the Layer 3 Outs must be different.

Configuring SVI External Encapsulation Scope Using the GUI

Before you begin

- The tenant and VRF configured.

- An L3Out is configured and a logical node profile under the L3Out is configured.

Procedure

Step 1	On the menu bar, click > **Tenants** > *Tenant_name* .
Step 2	In the **Navigation** pane, click **Networking** > **L3Outs** > *L3Out_name* > **Logical Node Profiles** > *LogicalNodeProfile_name* > **Logical Interface Profiles**.
Step 3	In the **Navigation** pane, right-click **Logical Interface Profiles**, and click **Create Interface Profile**.
Step 4	In the **Create Interface Profile** dialog box, perform the following actions:

    a) In the **Step 1 Identity** screen, in the **Name** field, enter a name for the interface profile.

    b) In the remaining fields, choose the desired options, and click **Next**.

    c) In the **Step 2 Protocol Profiles** screen, choose the desired protocol profile details, and click **Next**.

    d) In the **Step 3 Interfaces** screen, click the **SVI** tab, and click the + icon to open the **Select SVI** dialog box.

    e) In the **Specify Interface** area, choose the desired values for the various fields.

    f) In the **Encap Scope** field, choose the desired encapsulation scope value. Click **OK**.

      The default value is **Local**.

The SVI External encapsulation scope is configured in the specified interface.

SVI Auto State

About SVI Auto State

Note   This feature is available in the APIC Release 2.2(3x) release and going forward with APIC Release 3.1(1). It is not supported in APIC Release 3.0(x).

The Switch Virtual Interface (SVI) represents a logical interface between the bridging function and the routing function of a VLAN in the device. SVI can have members that are physical ports, direct port channels, or virtual port channels. The SVI logical interface is associated with VLANs, and the VLANs have port membership.

The SVI state does not depend on the members. The default auto state behavior for SVI in Cisco APIC is that it remains in the up state when the auto state value is disabled. This means that the SVI remains active even if no interfaces are operational in the corresponding VLAN/s.

If the SVI auto state value is changed to enabled, then it depends on the port members in the associated VLANs. When a VLAN interface has multiple ports in the VLAN, the SVI goes to the down state when all the ports in the VLAN go down.

Table 2: SVI Auto State

SVI Auto State	Description of SVI State
Disabled	SVI remains in the up state even if no interfaces are operational in the corresponding VLAN/s. Disabled is the default SVI auto state value.
Enabled	SVI depends on the port members in the associated VLANs. When a VLAN interface contains multiple ports, the SVI goes into the down state when all the ports in the VLAN go down.

Guidelines and Limitations for SVI Auto State Behavior

Read the following guidelines:

- When you enable or disable the auto state behavior for SVI, you configure the auto state behavior per SVI. There is no global command.

Configuring SVI Auto State Using the GUI

Before you begin

- The tenant and VRF configured.

- An L3Out is configured and a logical node profile and a logical interface profile under the L3Out is configured.

Procedure

Step 1   On the menu bar, click > **Tenants** > *Tenant_name* .

Step 2   In the **Navigation** pane, click **Networking** > **L3Outs** > *L3Out_name* > **Logical Node Profiles** > *LogicalNodeProfile_name* > **Logical Interface Profiles**.

Step 3   In the **Navigation** pane, expand **Logical Interface Profile**, and click the appropriate logical interface profile.

Step 4   In the Work pane, click the **SVI** tab, then click the + sign to display the **SVI** dialog box.

Step 5   To add an additional SVI, in the **SVI** dialog box, perform the following actions:

  a) In the **Path Type** field, choose the appropriate path type.
  b) In the **Path** field, from the drop-down list, choose the appropriate physical interface.
  c) In the **Encap** field, choose the appropriate values.
  d) In the **Auto State** field, choose the SVI in the **Work** pane, to view/change the Auto State value.

      The default value is **Disabled**.

Note To verify or change the Auto State value for an existing SVI, choose the appropriate SVI and verify or change the value.