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NVM Express State of the Union and an overview of Live Migration

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## NVMe<sup>®</sup> Specifications – The Language of Storage

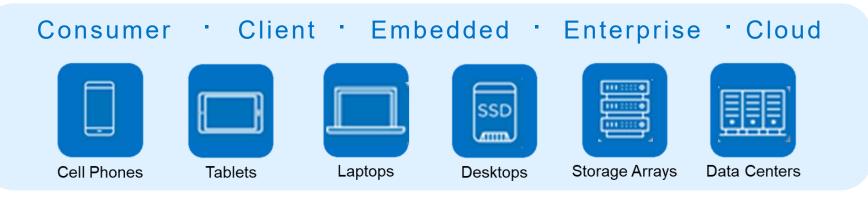


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## NVMe® Technology Powers the Connected Universe

Petabytes	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Enterprise	32,483	42,973	37,094	48,602	65,701	82,499	106,106
Cloud	73,191	86,307	53,534	89,678	128,164	175,730	237,949
Client	145,610	157,304	200,391	274,530	350,518	437,054	517,991



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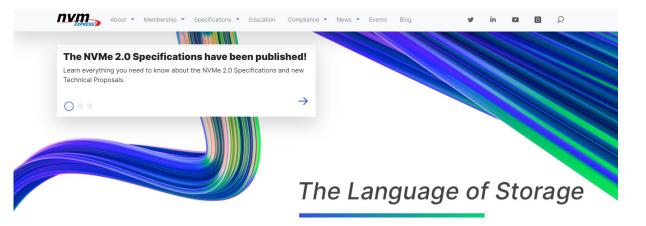








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Updated user interface

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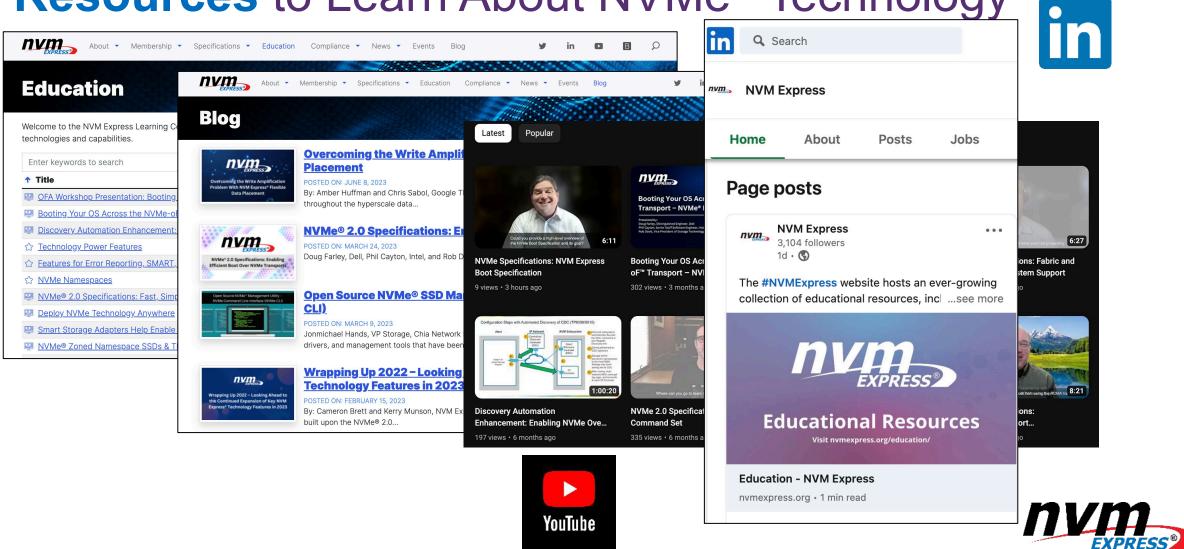




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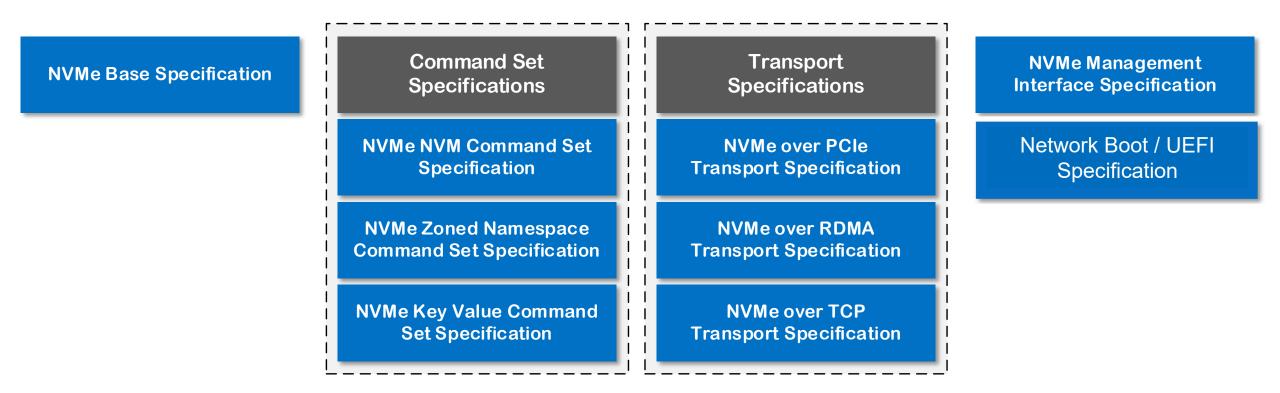
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NVMe Zoned Namespaces (ZNS) Command Set Specification	Command Set		
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Key Value Command Set Specification	Command Set		
RDMA Transport Specification	Transport		
TCP Transport Specification	Transport		
NVMe over PCIe Transport Specification	Transport		
NVM Express Management Interface Specification	NVMe-MI™		
NVMe Boot Specification	Boot		
Changes in NVM Express Revision 2.0	Command Set, NVMe Base, NVMe-MI <sup>™</sup> , Transport		
NVMe over Fabrics (oF) Specification (historical reference only)	Historical Reference		

## Resources to Learn About NVMe® Technology





## NVMe<sup>®</sup> 2.0 Family of Specifications



NVMe 2.0 specifications were released on June 3, 2021 Refer to nvmexpress.org/developers



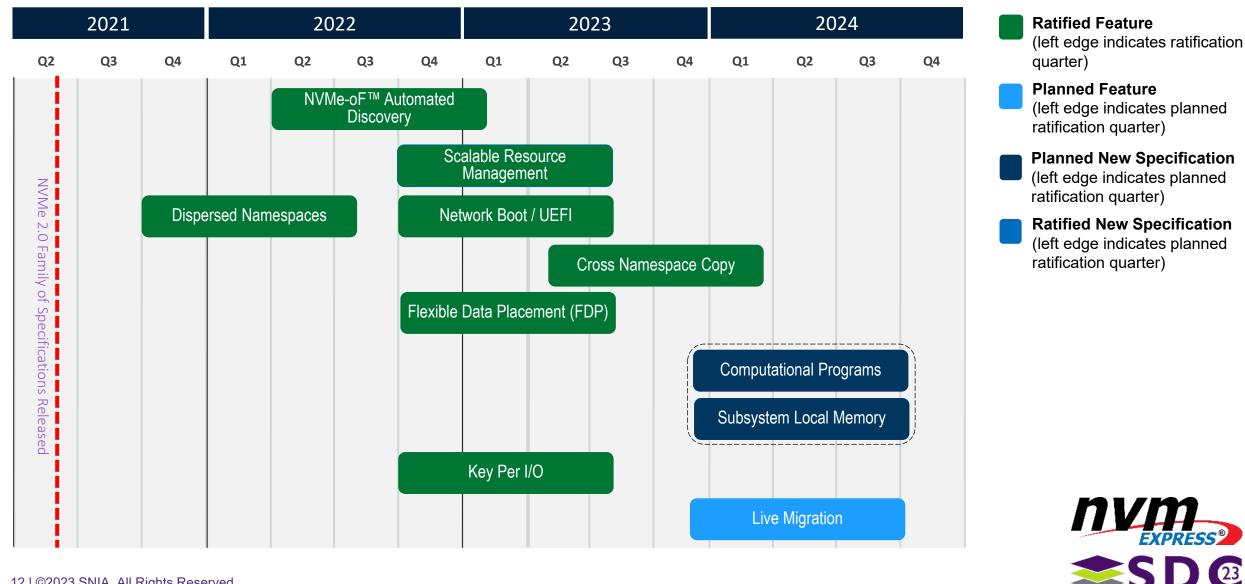
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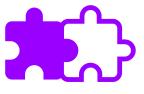


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## NVMe<sup>®</sup> Specifications Feature Roadmap



## Specification Advancements



Flexible Data Placement Reducing Write Amplification



Network Boot / UEFI New Network Storage Functionality



**Computational Storage** Executing Programs within a Device





## NVMe<sup>®</sup> Live Migration



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## Benefits

- NVM Express<sup>®</sup> is adding capabilities to allow host to manage the migrating VM from one NVM subsystem to a different NVM subsystem by supporting the migration of the controller being used by the VM which includes the attached namespaces and the controller state.
- Pre-Copy Phase Host Actions
  - Requests the controller to track LBA changes (dirty LBAs) of the attached namespaces
  - Migrate the allocated LBAs of the attached namespaces
  - Migrate the dirty LBAs
  - Host may use a new mechanism to throttle commands processing by migrating controller to slow down changes
- Stop-and-Copy Phase Host Actions
  - Requests the controller to pause causing all fetched commands to be completed
  - Migrate any remaining dirty LBAs
- Post-Copy Phase
  - Migrate controller state
  - Resume the migrated controller

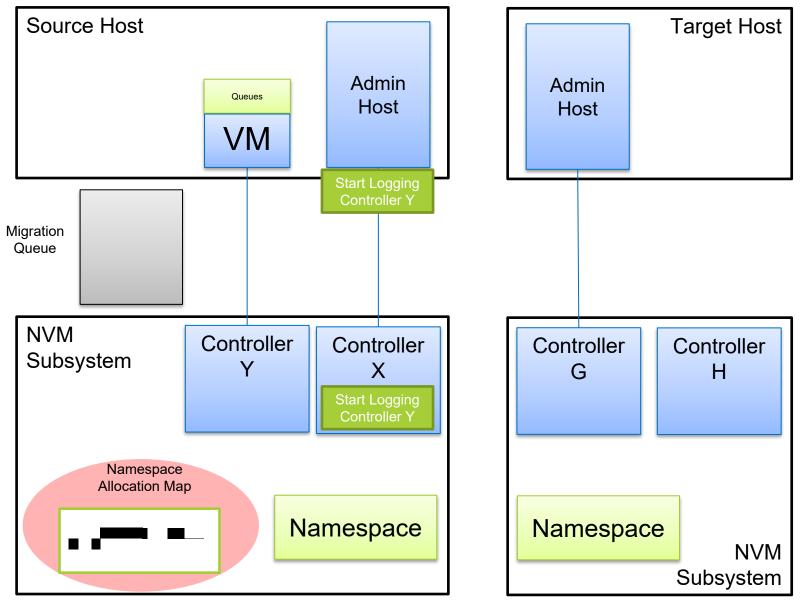


## **Building the Pieces**

- TP4165 Tracking LBA Allocation with Granularity
  - Reporting of allocated LBAs within a namespace for migrating a namespace
  - Usable in Snapshot use cases
- TP4159 PCIe<sup>®</sup> Infrastructure for Live Migration
  - Developing the theory of operation
- A TPAR to:
  - Support limit the BW and IOPS of a controller to allow slowing down of command processing on a migrating controller



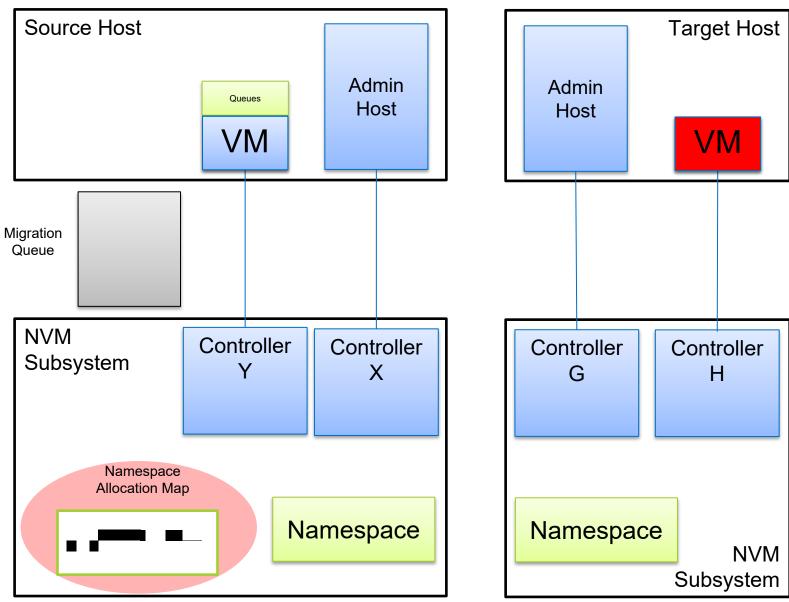
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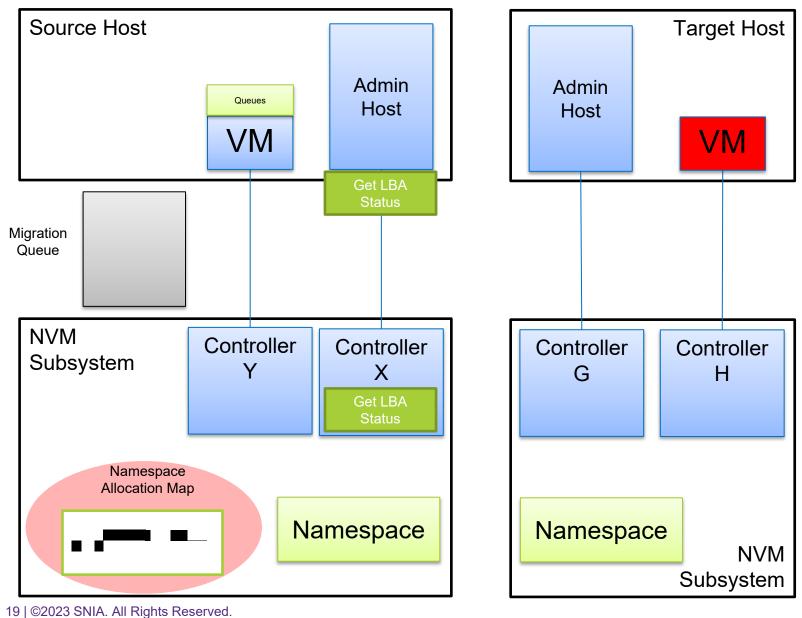


- Source Admin Host initiates a migration of a controller by requesting to log LBA changes (dirty LBAs)
- A Migration Queue is established
- The memory associated with the migrating VM can be moved anytime by the Source Admin Host



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## Pre-Copy Phase – Initial Namespace Migration

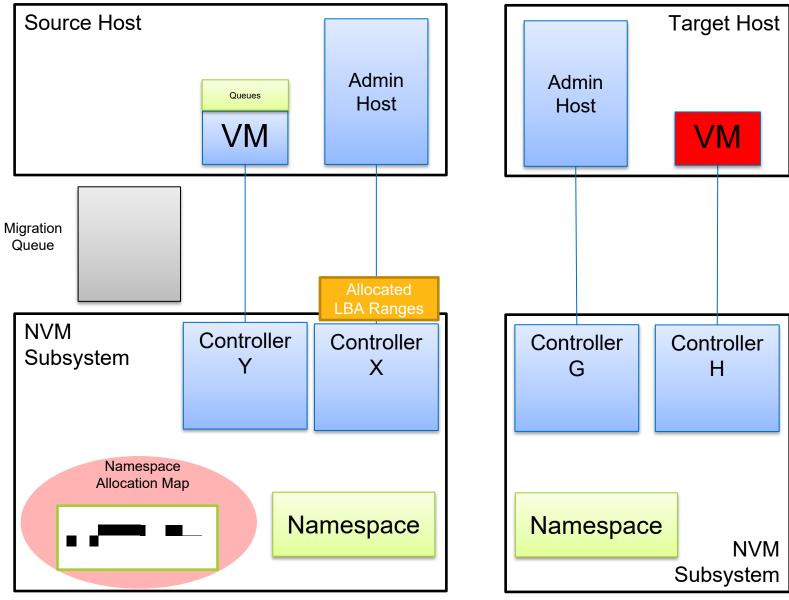


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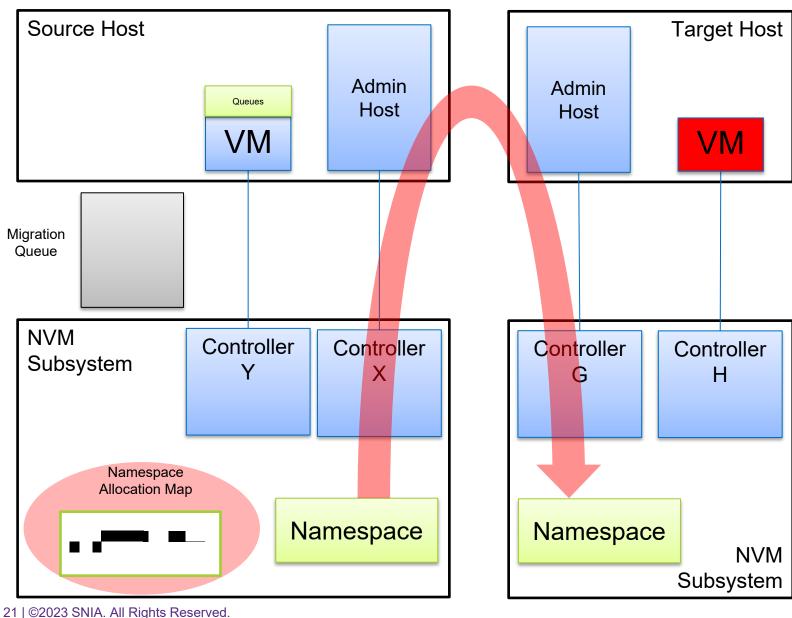


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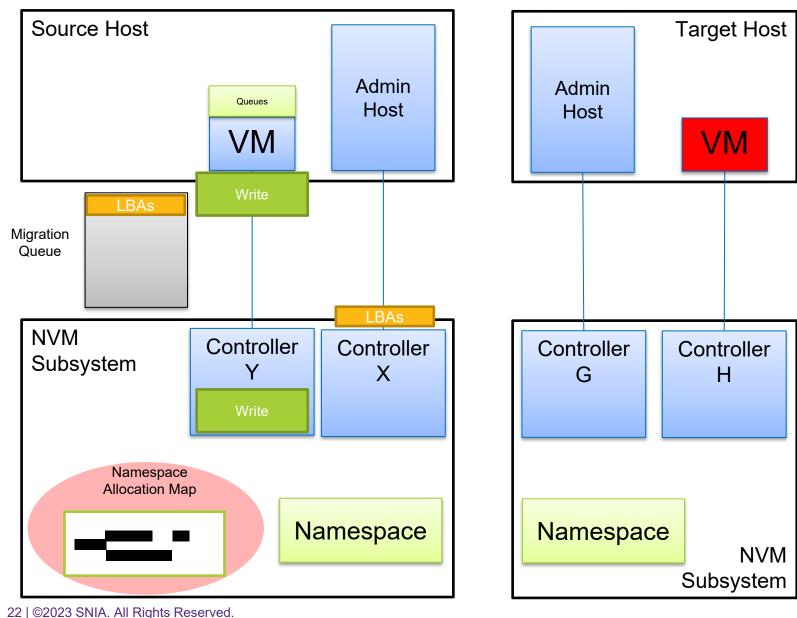


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- Controller returns a list of descriptors. Each descriptor indicates an LBA range
- The Source Admin Host uses these LBA ranges to issue read commands to copy the allocated LBAs to the destination



## Pre-Copy Phase – Migrating Controller Continues

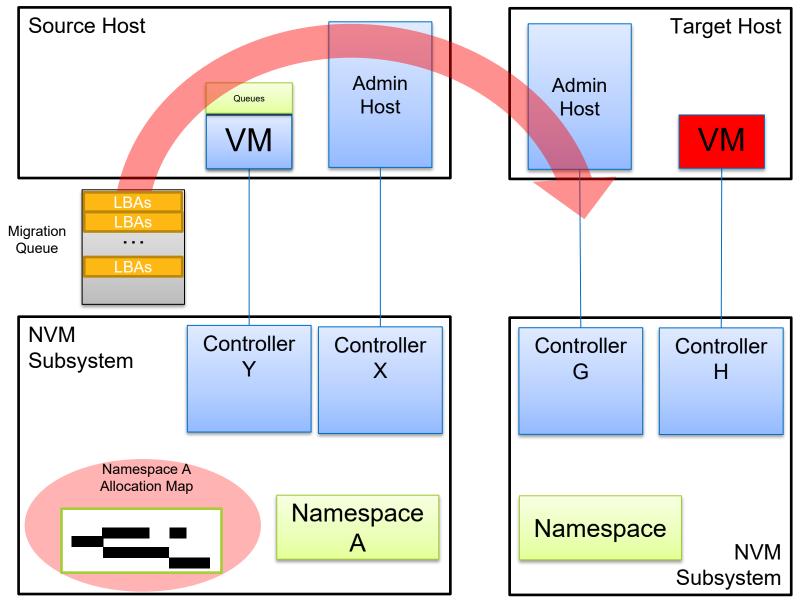


NVMe<sup>®</sup> commands that cause LBA changes to the namespace are logged in the Migration Queue

- Write commands
- LBA deallocation due to the Dataset Management command



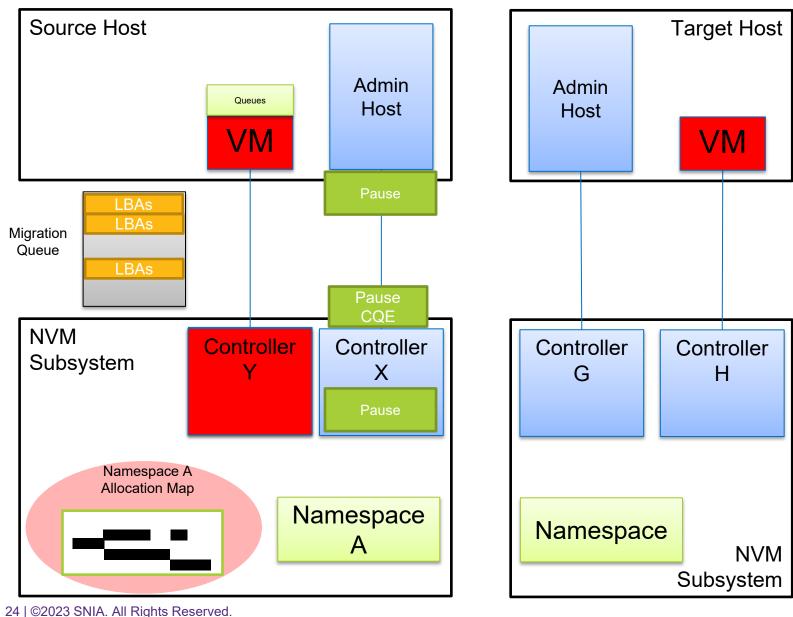
## Stop-and-Copy Phase – Pause Migrating Controller



After coping the allocated LBAs to the destination, the Source Admin Host may migrate the dirty LBAs



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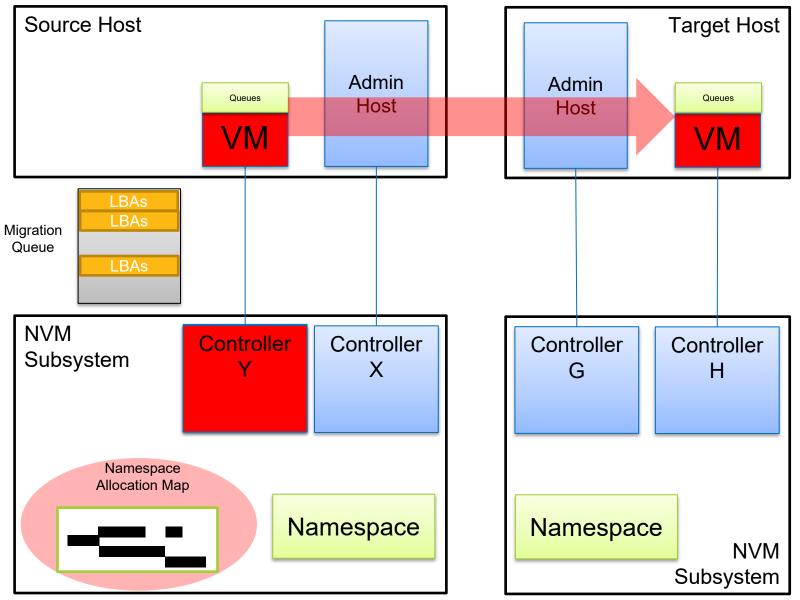
At some point the Source Admin Host pauses the VM

Issues a command to Pause the migrating controller to have the controller:

- Stop fetching commands
- Complete all previously fetched commands



## Stop-and-Copy Phase – Finish Migrating



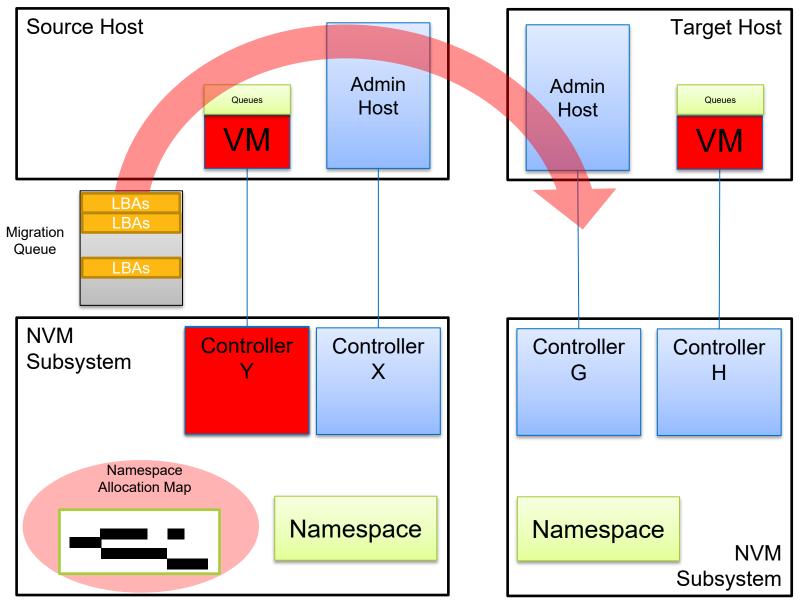
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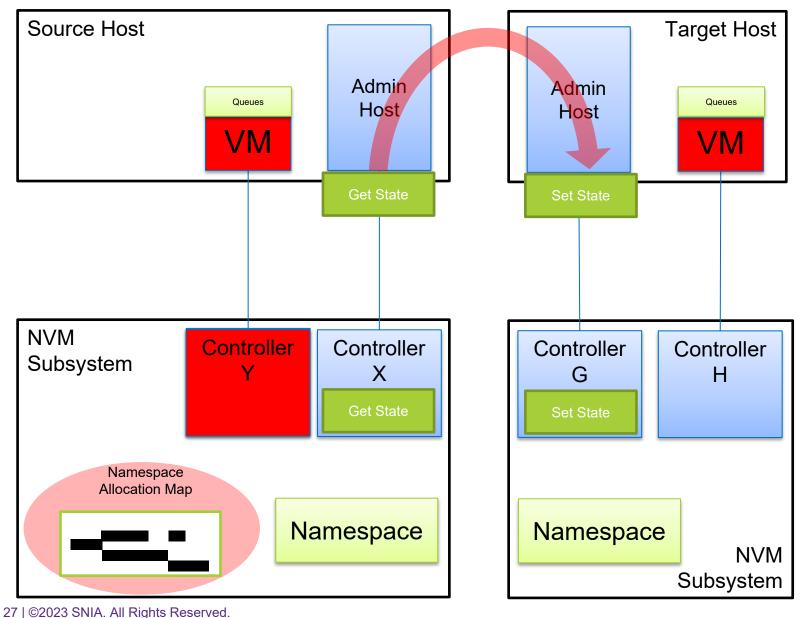


### Source Host

- Completes migration of VM
- Completes Migration of namespace dirty LBAs



## Post-copy Phase – Migrate Controller State

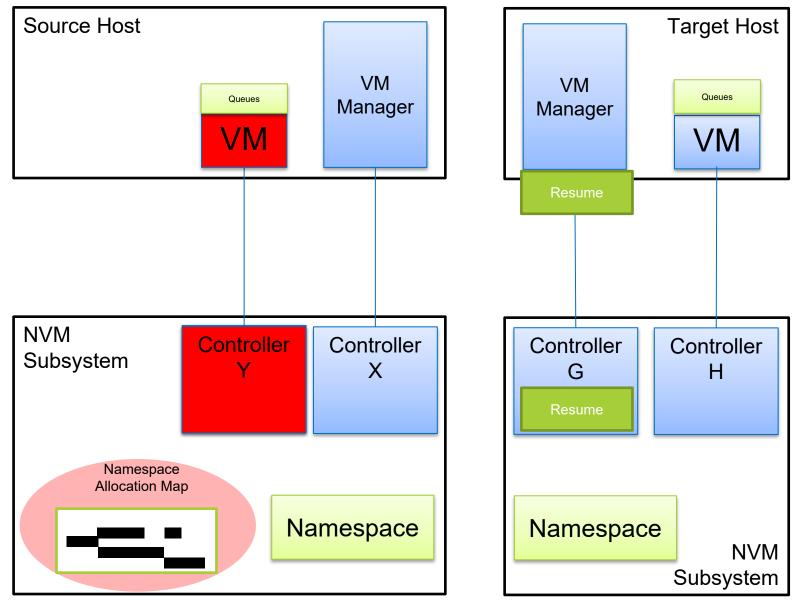


### Source Admin Host

 Issuing command to get the migrating controller state and put that state into the destination controller



## Post-copy Phase – Resuming Migrated Controller State

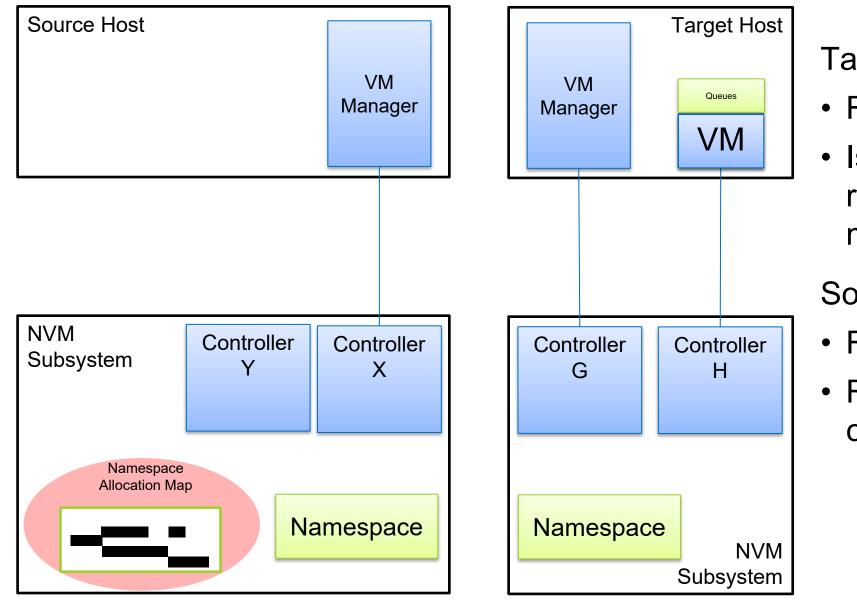


**Target Admin Host** 

- Resume VM
- Issues a command to resume controller that was migrated



## Post-copy Phase – Resuming Migrated Controller State



**Target Admin Host** 

- Resume VM
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### Source Admin Host

- Remove VM
- Reset the migrated controller



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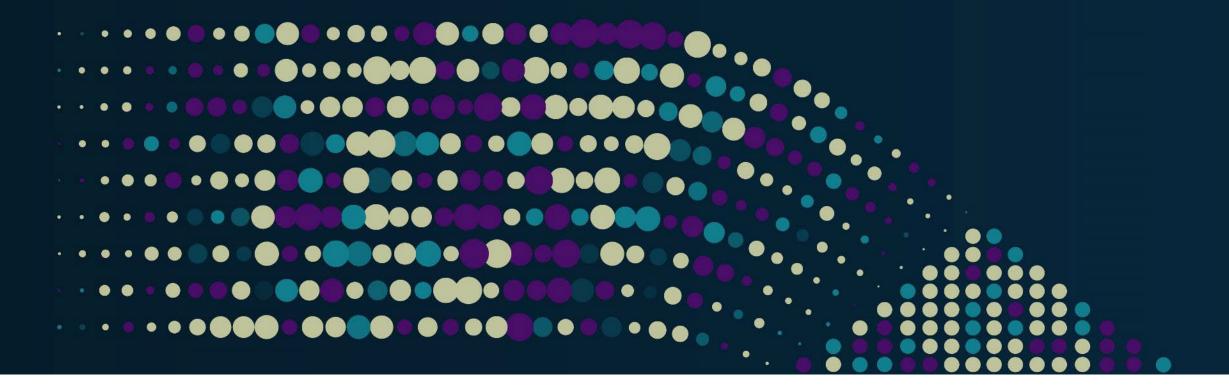






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