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# *Nexus 9000 Series Switch Architecture*

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# What is our Goal Today?



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The Nexus 9000 series is the newest members family of Cisco's Data Centre switches designed for the current and evolving needs of the cloud and virtualized Data Centre. This family of switches are designed to be used in standard layer 2 and layer architectures, evolving VXLAN and dev-ops based architectures and will form the foundation of the Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) that was developed by Cisco's Insieme acquisition.

This session will provide a technical discussion on the architecture of the Nexus 9500 modular and Nexus 9300 TOR switches including details on hardware architecture, packet forwarding, VXLAN overlay forwarding, QoS and buffering as well as newer capabilities such as the policy, security and service insertion features provided by the ACI fabric



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# Cisco Nexus 9000 Series Switches

## High Performance 10/40/100 Gbps Switch Family

SCALABLE 1 GE/10 Gbps/40 Gbps/100 GE PERFORMANCE

### Nexus® 9300

FCS Q1 2014 48 1/10G SFP+ & 12 QSFP+



FCS Q1 2014 96 1/10G-T & 8 QSFP+



FCS Q1 2014 12-port QSFP+ GEM



FCS Q4 2013 Aggregation line card 36 40G QSFP+



FCS Q1 2014 ACI Ready Leaf Line Card 48 1/10G-T & 4 QSFP+



FCS Q1 2014 ACI-ready Leaf line card 48 1/10G SFP+ & 4 QSFP+



### Nexus 9500



FCS Q4 2013 C9500 8-Slot

FLEXIBLE FORM FACTORS CAN ENABLE VARIABLE DATA Centre DESIGN AND SCALING

- PERFORMANCE
- PORTS
- PRICE
- POWER
- PROGRAMMABILITY



# Merchant and Custom ASICs (Merchant+)

## ✧ Merchant+ Strategy

Merchant ASIC --- NFE (Broadcom T2)

Custom ASIC --- Cisco ALE (ACI Leaf Engine), ASE (ACI Spine Engi

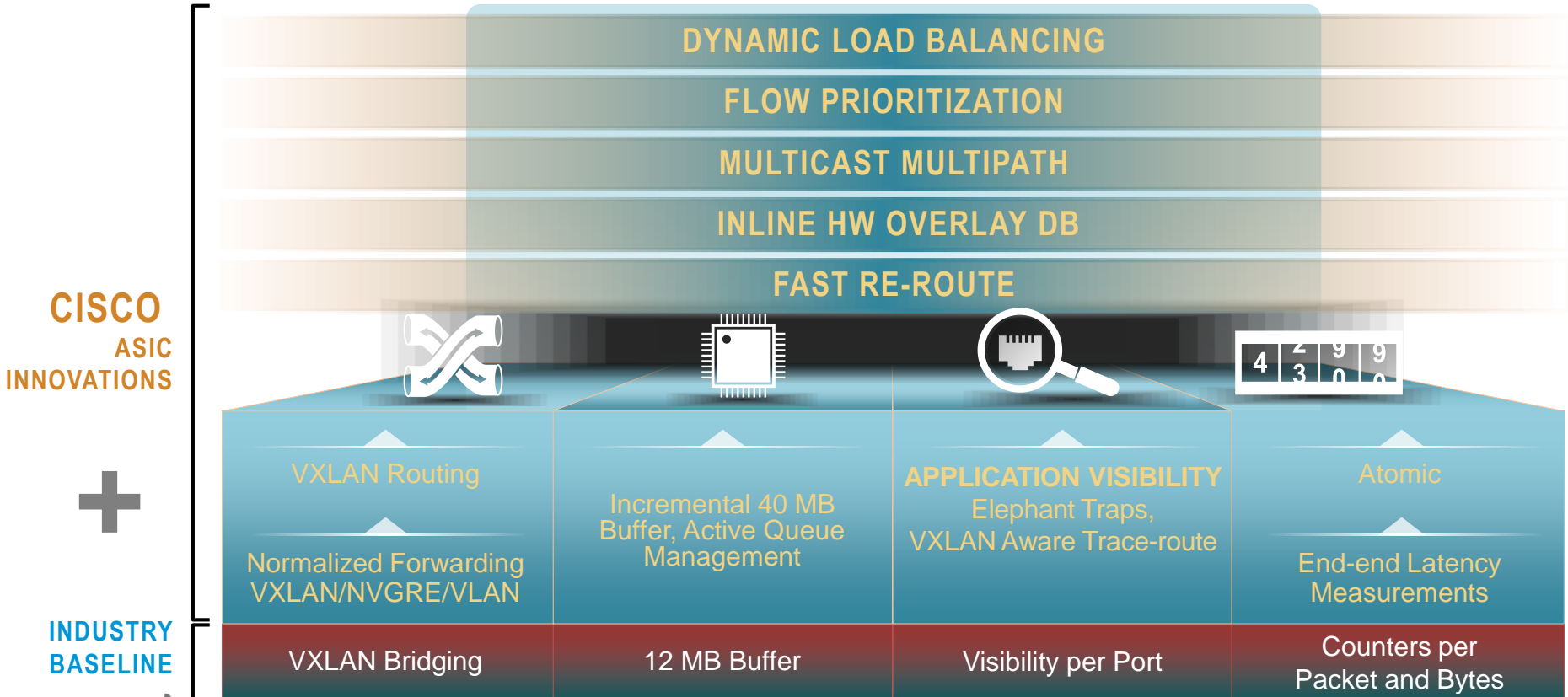


## ✧ Best Performance and Functionalities

## ✧ Optimal Pricing

	NFE	ALE	ASE
ASIC Technology	40 nm	28 nm	28nm
40Gbps Ports	32 (24)	24 (24)	42(42)
Buffer (MB)	12 MB	40 MB	23 MB
L2/ L3	L2/ L3	L2/ L3	L3

# Merchant +



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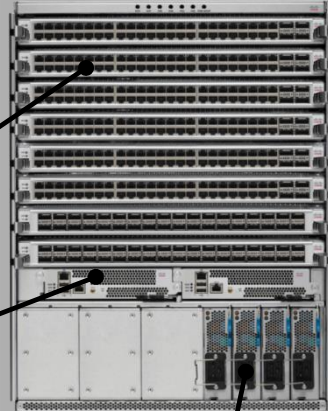


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# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

Nexus® 9508 Front View

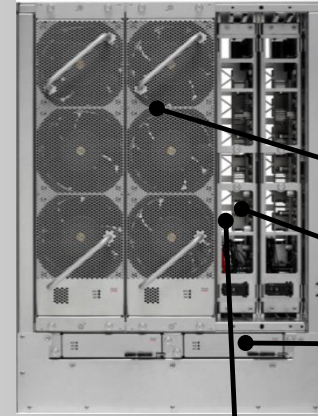


8 line card slots  
Max 3.84 Tbps per slot duplex

Redundant supervisor engines

3000 W AC power supplies  
2+0, 2+1, 2+2 redundancy  
Supports up to 8 power supplies

Nexus 9508 Rear View



3 fan trays, front-to-back airflow

3 or 6 fabric modules  
(behind fan trays)

Redundant system controller cards

No mid-plane for  
LC-to-FM connectivity

Chassis Dimensions: 13 RU x 30 in. x 17.5 in (HxWxD)

Designed for Power and Cooling Efficiency  
Designed for Reliability  
Designed for Future Scale

# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Overview

**High port density** -- 288 x 40 Gbps/Nexus 9508 -- 1152 x 10 Gbps/Nexus 9508

**Layer 2 and Layer 3 line-rate performance**

**Low latency** -- Up to 3.5 usec on the 36 x 40GE QSFP line card (N9K-X9636PQ)

**High power efficiency** --3.5 W/10 Gbps port; 15 W/40 Gbps port

**First modular chassis without a mid-plane** -- Unobstructed front-to-back airflow

**VXLAN bridging and routing**

**Highly integrated switch and buffer functionality**

- Only 2 to 4 ASICs per line card
- No buffer bloat
- Mix of 28 nm Cisco® and 40 nm Broadcom ASICs



Nexus 9500 Series Switches

# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Chassis Design: No Mid-Plane

- Designed for:
  - Power & Cooling Efficiency
  - Designed for Reliability
  - Designed for Future Scale

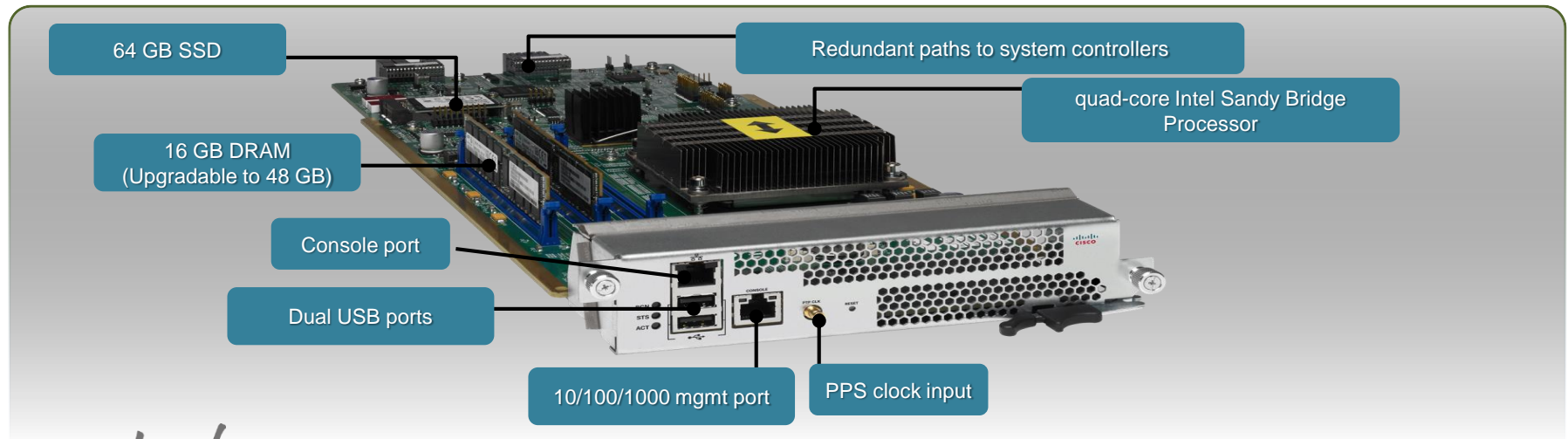


# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Supervisor Module Sup-A

- Redundant half-width supervisor engine
- Performance- and scale-focused
- Range of management interfaces
- External clock input (PPS)

Supervisor Module	
Processor	Romley, 1.8 GHz, 4 core
System Memory	16 GB, upgradable to 48 GB
RS-232 Serial Ports	One (RJ-45)
10/100/1000 Management Ports	One (RJ-45)
USB 2.0 Interface	Two
SSD Storage	64 GB



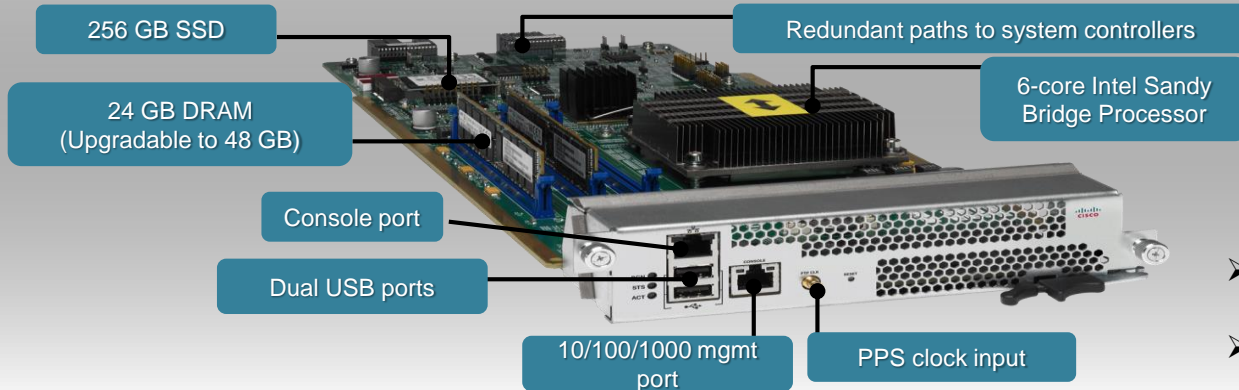


# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Supervisor Module Sup-B

- Redundant half-width supervisor engine
- Performance- and scale-focused
- Range of management interfaces
- External clock input (PPS)

Supervisor Module	
Processor	2.1 GHz, 6 cores 2.2GHz IVY Bridge
System Memory	24 GB, upgradable to 48 GB
RS-232 Serial Ports	One (RJ-45)
10/100/1000 Management Ports	One (RJ-45)
USB 2.0 Interface	Two
SSD Storage	256 GB



- 50% more CPU power
- 50% more memory space
- 300% more SSD storage
- Increase control protocols performance and convergence time.
- Ready for application intensive deployment

# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## System Controller Module

- Redundant half-width system controller
- Offloads supervisor from device management tasks
  - Increased system resiliency
  - Increased scale
- Performance- and scale-focused
  - Dual core ARM processor, 1.3 GHz
- Central point-of-chassis control
- Ethernet Out of Band Channel (EOBC) switch:
  - 1 Gbps switch for intra-node control plane communication (device management)
- Ethernet Protocol Channel (EPC) switch:
  - 1 Gbps switch for intra-node data plane communication (protocol packets)
- Power supplies through system management bus (SMB)
- Fan trays



# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Power Supplies

### 3000W AC PSU

- Single 20A input – 220V
- Support for range of international cabling options
- 92%+ Efficiency
- Range of PS configurations
  - Minimum 1 PS
  - 2 PS for fully loaded chassis
  - N+1 redundancy
  - N+N grid redundancy
- Up to 2x head room for future port densities, bandwidth, and optics



# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Universal 3000W Power Supply



High Voltage AC and DC  
180-305 VAC, 192-400 VDC

Universal AC and DC Supply



NX-OS/ACI\*

Resiliency with  
N+N, N+1

New S-Grid safety  
cables for high voltage  
deployments

Chassis Port side Air Intake

# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Power Efficiency by Design

- 1st modular chassis w/o a mid-plane --- Unobstructed front-back airflow
- Platinum rated PS --- 90%-94% power efficiency across all work loads
- Highly integrated switch and buffer functionality --- Only 2 to 4 ASICs per line card

Traffic type	Power (watts)	Fan Speed
No traffic	3233	10%
100% line-rate with IMIX packets	4746	20%
100% line-rate with 64 byte packets	5470	25%

Test Results on a fully loaded Nexus 9508 switch with 288 40GE ports:



# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Fan Tray

- 3 fan trays
  - 3 dual fans per tray
  - Dynamic speed control driven by temperature sensors
  - Straight airflow across line cards and fabric modules
- N+1 redundancy per tray



# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Fan Tray (Cont'ed)

Fan trays are installed after the Fabric Module. To service a FM, the fan tray must be removed first.

- 1) If one fan tray is removed, the other two fan trays will speed up 100% to compensate for the loss of cooling power
- 1) Temperature Sensors in the chassis will shut down components once max temp is reached.

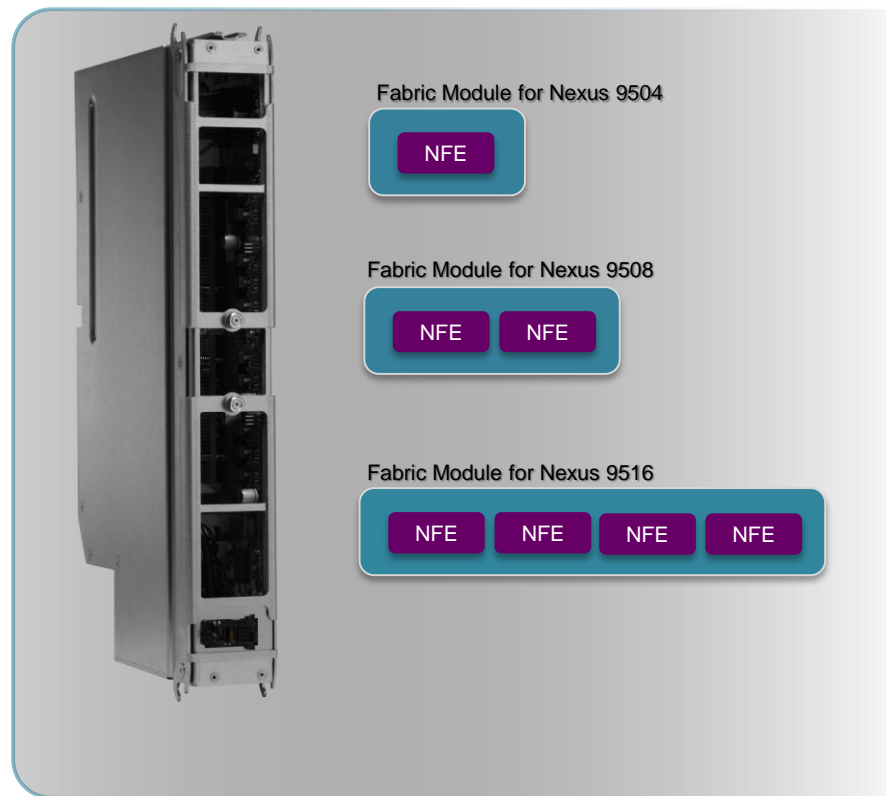


# Nexus 9500 Platform Architecture

## Fabric Modules

- Interconnect I/O module slots
- Installed at the rear of the chassis
- Uses Broadcom T2 as the network forwarding engine (NFE)
- Up to 3.84 Tbps duplex per line card slot
- All fabric cards are active and carry traffic

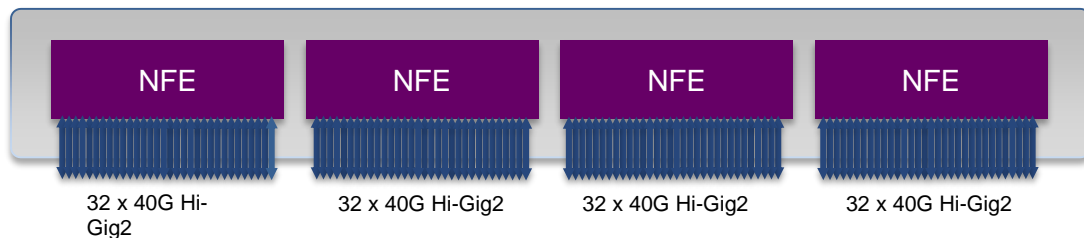
Chassis Type	Nexus 9504	Nexus 9508	Nexus 9516
NFEs per Fabric Module	1	2	4



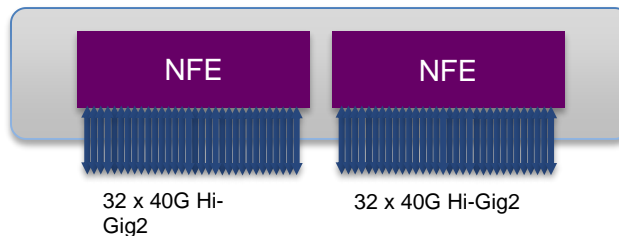
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## Fabric Modules

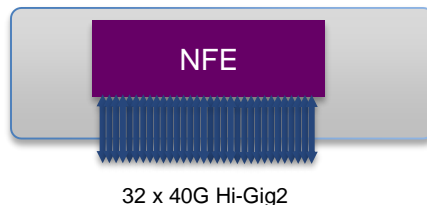
Fabric Module for Nexus 9516 Switches



Fabric Module for Nexus 9508 Switches



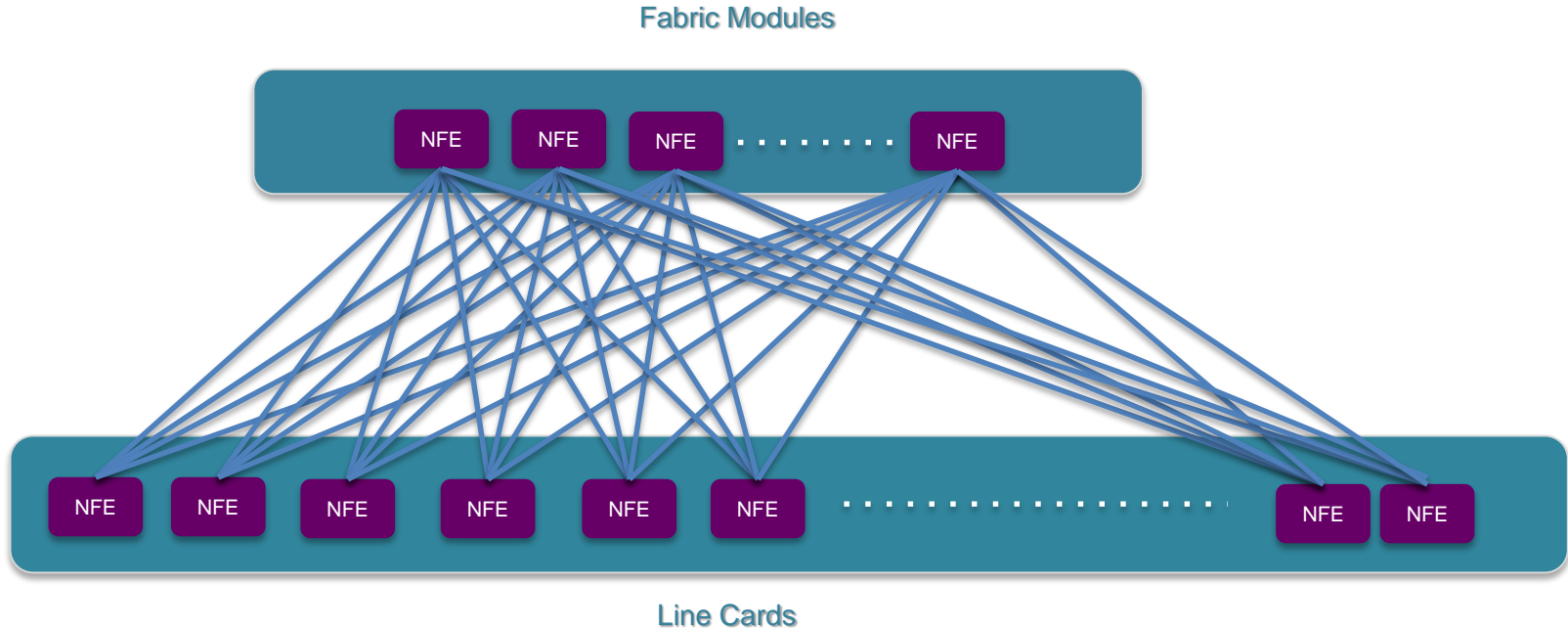
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\* The 40G Hi-Gig2 links can be clocked at 42G rate

# Nexus 9500 Series Switch Architecture

Internal System Architecture: Bipartite Spine-Leaf network

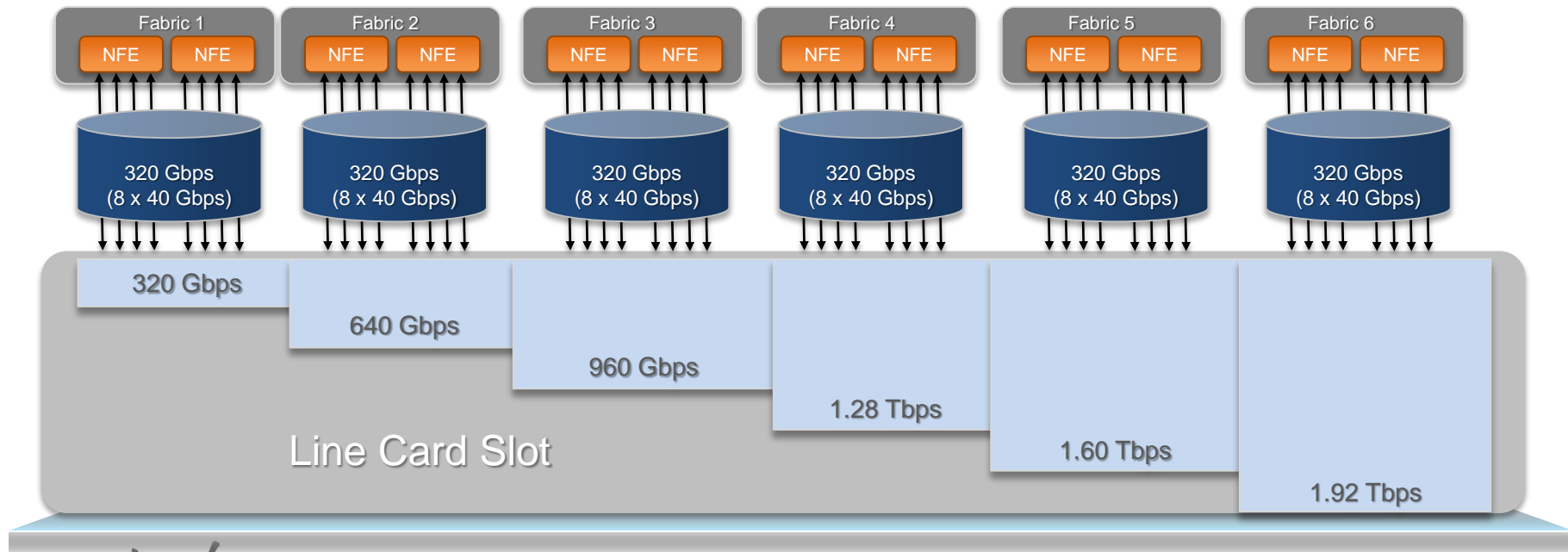




# Nexus 9500 Series Switch Fabric Module

## Data Plane Scaling (Using Nexus 9508 as an example)

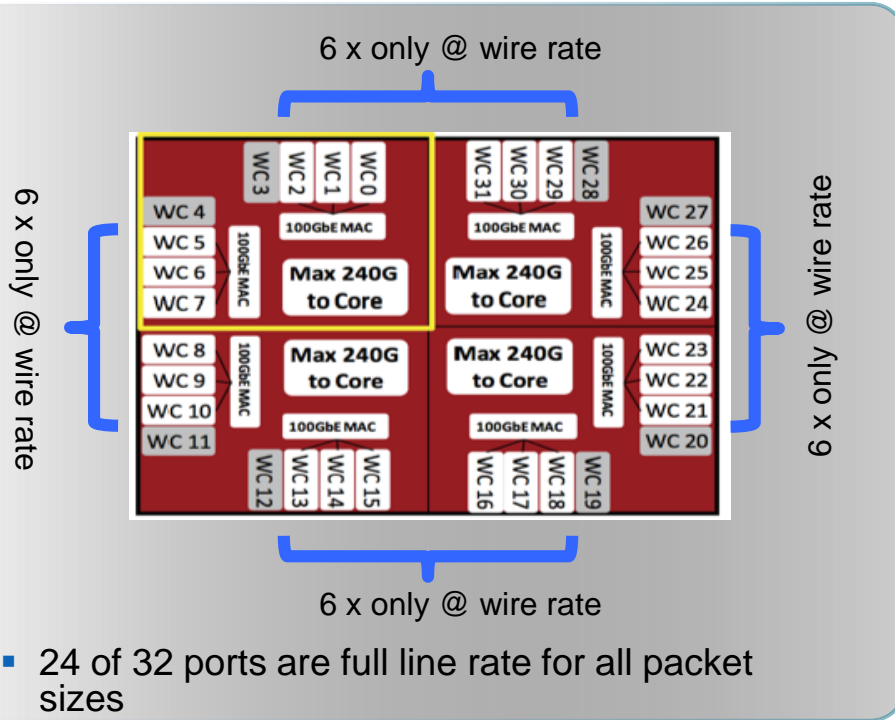
- Each fabric module can provide up to 320 Gbps to each line card slot
- With 6 fabric modules, each line card slot can have up to 1.92 Tbps forwarding bandwidth in each direction.



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# NFE Forwarding Capacity



## Two forwarding Modes on NFE

- Full Late-Rate Mode (FLM)
- Over-subscribed Mode (OSM)

### Full Late-Rate Mode (FLM):

- Only 24 40GE ports are used
- Every port is full line-rate for all packet sizes

### Over-subscribed Mode (OSM)

- All 32 40GE ports are used
- Every ports is line-rate for packet sizes > 193 Bytes

# Nexus 9500 Switch Line Cards

## X9600 Series Line Cards (NFE only) High Performance 40G Aggregation

- N9K-X9636PQ

Merchant only

NX-OS Mode  
Only

## X9500 Series Line Cards (NFE + ALE) Performance 10G/40G Access/Aggregation

- N9K-X9564PX
- N9K-X9564TX
- N9K-X9536PQ

Merchant +

NX-OS Mode  
& ACI Leaf  
Ready

## X9400 Series Line Cards (NFE only) Entry Level 10GE/40GE Access and Aggregation

- N9K-X9432PQ
- N9K-X9464PX
- N94-X9464TX

Merchant only

NX-OS Mode  
Only

## X9700 Series Line Cards (ASE only) High Performance 40G ACI Spine

- N9K-X9736PQ

Merchant +

ACI Spine  
Only



# Nexus 9500 NX-OS Line Cards

## Merchant+



9564 (48x10G+4x40G)



9564 (48x10G+4x40G)



9536 (36x40G)

- Additional buffer
- VXLAN routing\*
- ACI Enabled\*

## Merchant



9464TX (48x10G+4x40G)

10G Copper



9464PX (48x10G+4x40G)

10G Fiber



9432PQ (32x40G)

40G Fiber



9636PQ (36x40G)



9408PC-CFP2 (8x 100G)

100G Fiber

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9600 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9636PQ

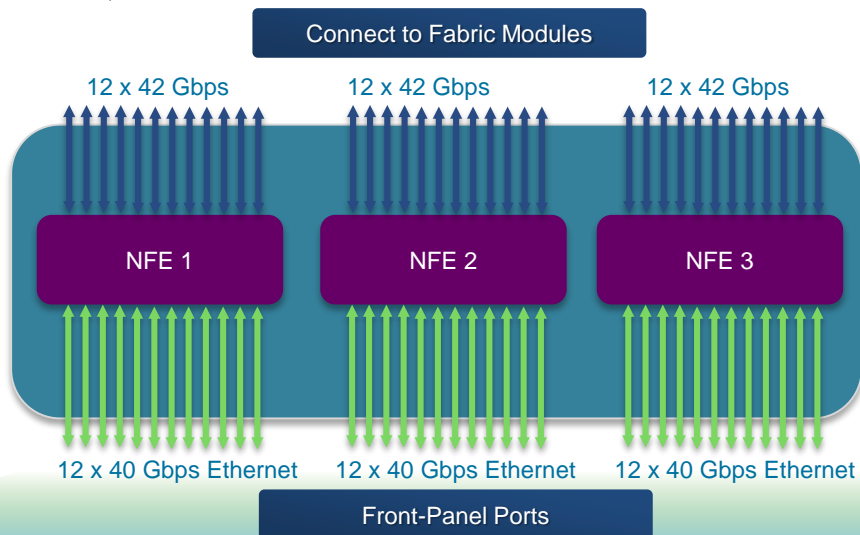
N9K-X9636PQ line card needs 6 fabric modules to operate at full line rate on all 36 ports and for all packet sizes.



- 36x 40 Gbps QSFP ports
- 2.88 Tbps full-duplex fabric connectivity
- Layer 2 and 3 line-rate performance on all ports for all packet sizes
- Supports 4x 10 Gbps break-out mode
- Supported in 4 and 8-slot Nexus 9500 chassis

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9600 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9636PQ

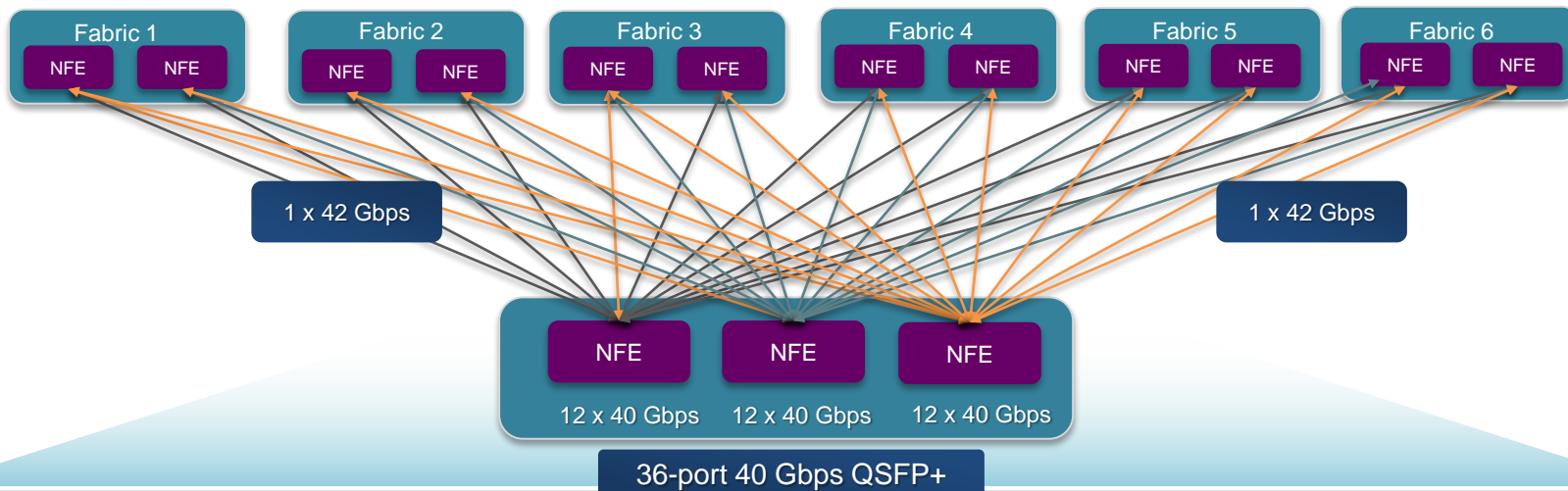


N9K-X9636PQ line card needs 6 fabric modules to operate at line rate on all 36 ports.

- 3 network forwarding engines (NFE)
- Each NFE runs in full-line-rate mode, providing 12 x 40 Gbps links to the front panel and 12 x 40 Gbps internal links to the fabric modules

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9600 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9636PQ Fabric Connectivity



- All ports on the line card can operate at line rate for any packet sizes with 6 fabric modules
- Each NFE has 12 x 40 Gbps internal links to fabric modules - one to each Fabric NFE
- The Internal 40 Gbps links are running at 42 Gbps clock rate to compensate the internal overhead

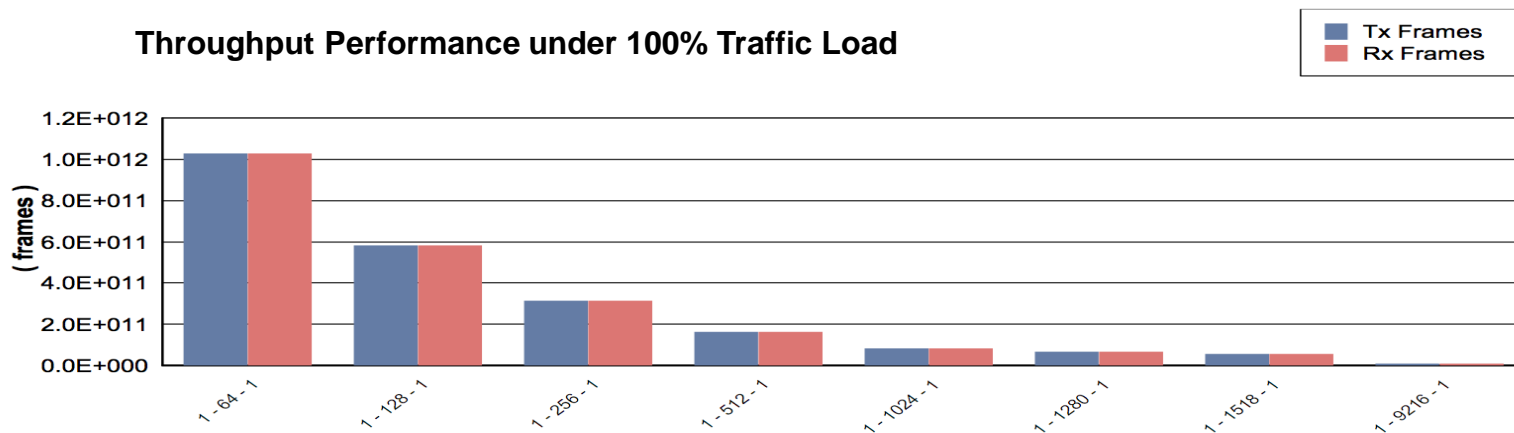


# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9600 Series Line Cards

## Full Line Rate on All 40GE Ports

### Unprecedented Full Line Rate Performance:

- Proved with RFC 2544/ RFC 2889/ RFC 3918 Throughput Test Results on a fully loaded Nexus 9508 switch with 288 40GE ports:
  - All ports are line rate at 100% unicast traffic load
  - All ports are line rate at 100% multicast traffic load
  - Full line rate for all packet sizes (64~9216 Bytes)

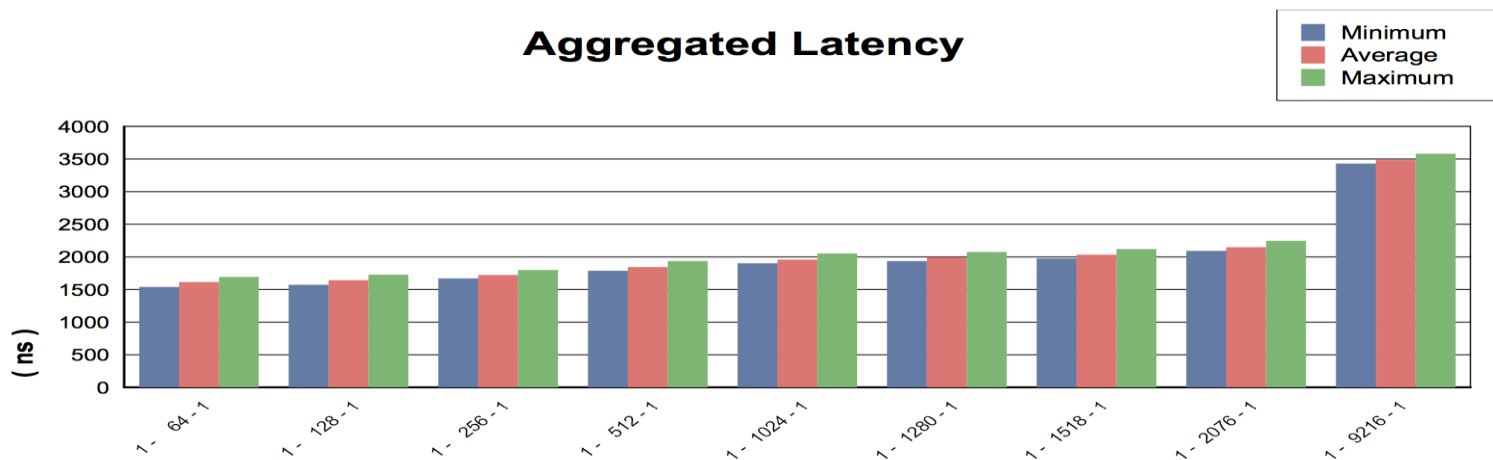


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## Low Latency Performance on N9K-X9636PQ

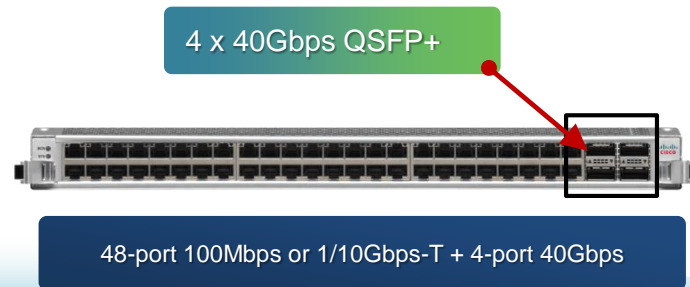
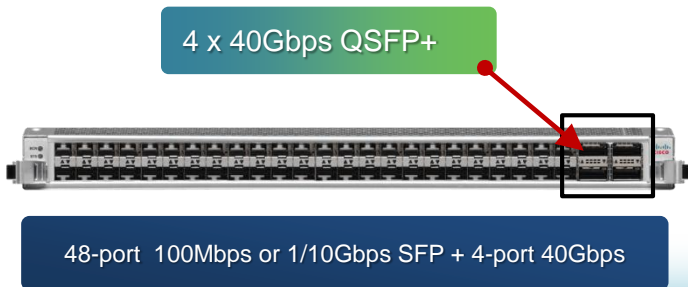
### Low Latency (same for both Unicast and Multicast):

- Proved with RFC 2544/ RFC 2889/ RFC 3918 Throughput Test Results on a fully loaded Nexus 9508 switch with 288 40GE ports.
- Consistent unicast and multicast Latency at 100% traffic load:
  - 1.6 usec (64-Byte packets)
  - 3.5 usec (9216-Byte packets)



# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9500 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9564PX & N9K-X9564TX



- N9K-X9564PX --- 48 100Mbps or 1/10Gbps SFP+ ports + 4 40Gbps QSFP+ ports
- N9K-X9564TX --- 48 100Mbps or 1/10Gbps Base-T ports + 4 40Gbps QSFP+ ports
- 1.92 Tbps duplex fabric connectivity
- Layer 2 and 3 line-rate performance on all ports for all packet sizes
- Cisco® NX-OS and Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) mode
- Supported in 4, 8 and 16-slot Nexus 9500 chassis

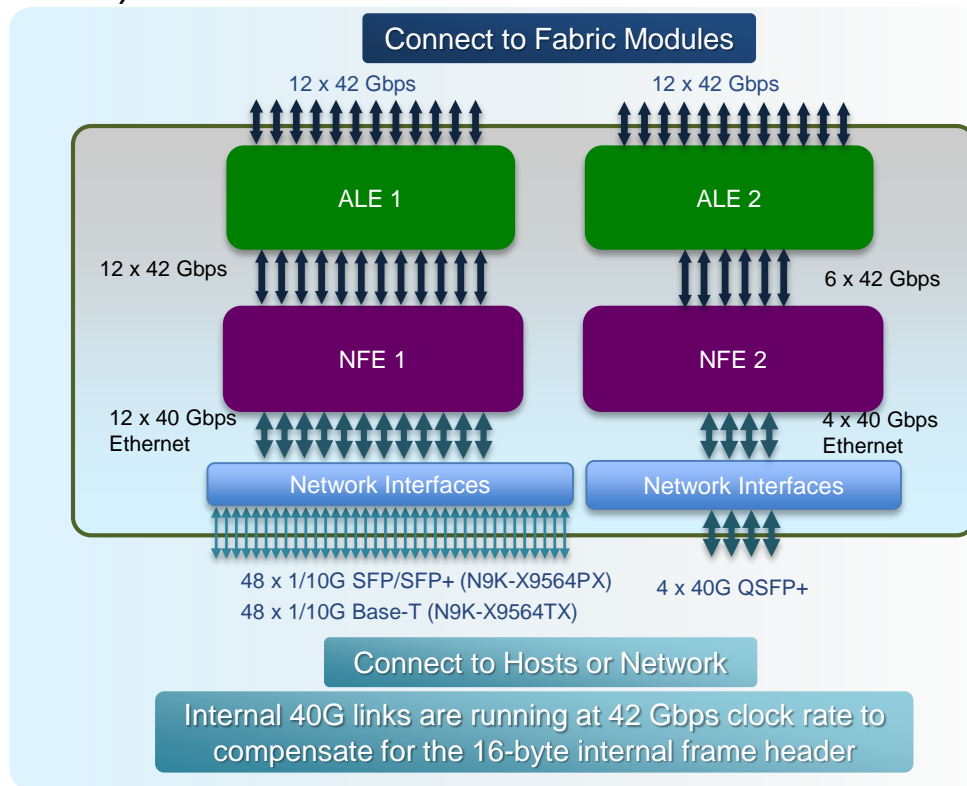
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## N9K-X9564PX & N9K-X9564TX (Cont'ed)

2 network forwarding engines (NFEs)

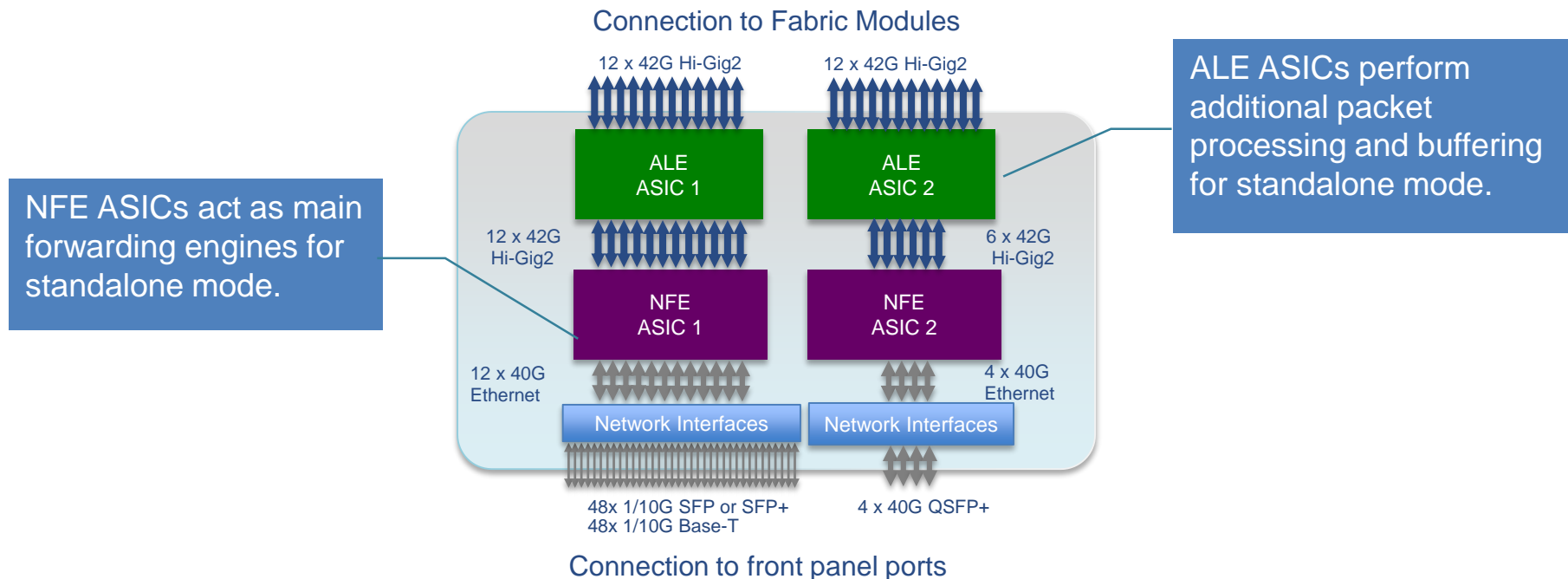
2 application leaf engines (ALEs) for additional buffering and packet handling

Works in 4, 8 and 16 slot chassis  
Line rate performance on all ports and all packet sizes with 3 or 6 fabric modules



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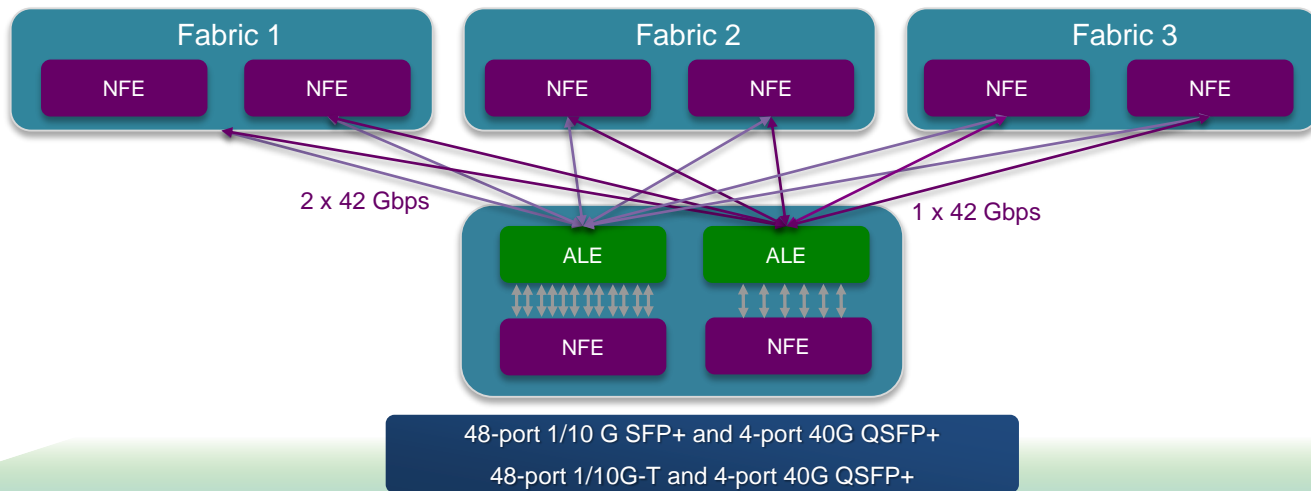
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## N9K-X9564PX & N9K-X9564TX Fabric Connectivity

### Fabric Connectivity with 3 Fabric Modules in Nexus 9508 Chassis

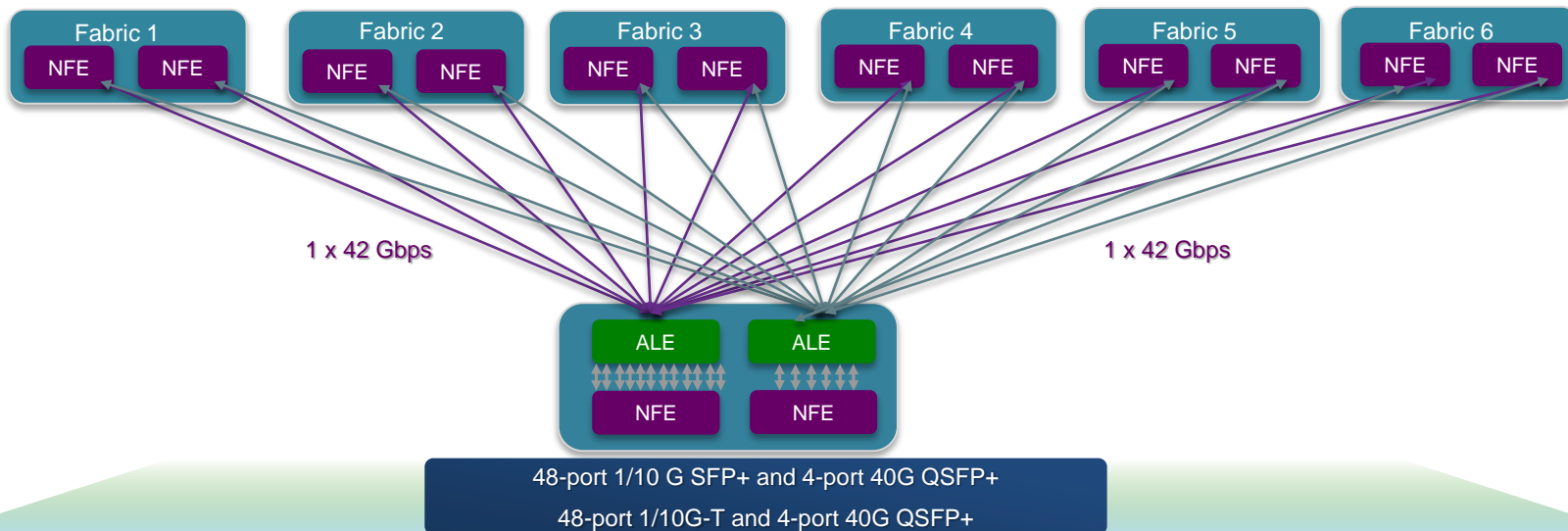


- Minimum of 3 fabric modules to get all line-rate ports
- When a chassis has only 3 fabric modules, they need to be positioned in fabric module slot 2, 4 and 6.

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9500 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9564PX & N9K-X9564TX Fabric Connectivity

### Fabric Connectivity with 6 Fabric Modules in Nexus 9508 Chassis



When a chassis has 6 fabric modules, N9K-X9564PX and N9K-X9564TX are connected to and utilize all 6 fabric modules  
The above diagram shows the line card fabric connectivity in a Nexus 9508 chassis as an example

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9500 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9536PQ

N9K-X9536PQ is supported in all Nexus 9500 Chassis



- 36x 40 Gbps QSFP ports, 1.5:1 oversubscribed
- 1.92 Tbps duplex fabric connectivity
- Full Layer-2 & Layer-3 functions
- Supports 4x 10 Gbps break-out mode
- Support Cisco® NX-OS mode and ACI ready
- Supported in all Nexus 9500 chassis types, including 4, 8 and 16-slot



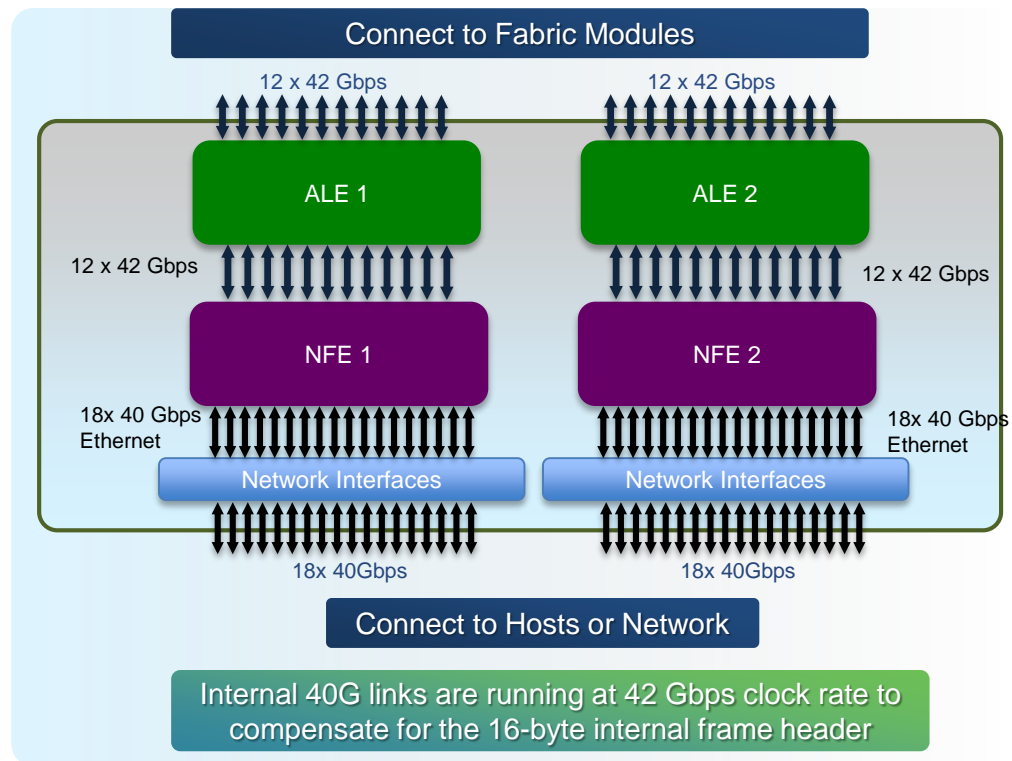
# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9500 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9536PQ Line Card

2 network forwarding engines (NFEs)

2 application leaf engines (ALEs) for additional buffering and packet handling

Need 3 fabric modules, can work with 6



# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line

## N9K-X9432PQ Line Card

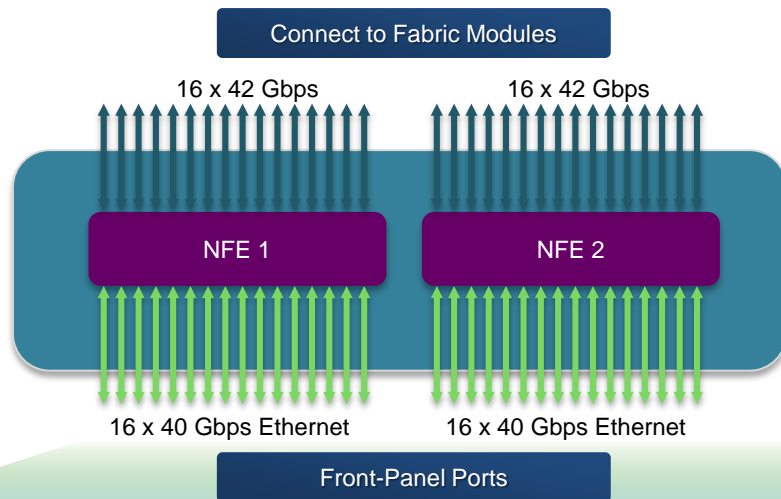
N9K-X9432PQ is supported in all Nexus 9500 Chassis



- 32x 40 Gbps QSFP ports
- 2.56 Tbps full-duplex fabric connectivity
- Full Layer-2 and Layer-3 feature sets
- Hardware supports 4x 10 Gbps break-out mode
- Cisco® NX-OS mode only
- Supported by all Nexus 9500 chassis, including Nexus 9504, 9508 and 9516
- Operates with 4 fabric modules for maximum performance (in fabric module slots 2,3,4 and 6)

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## N9K-X9432PQ Line Card (Cont'ed)



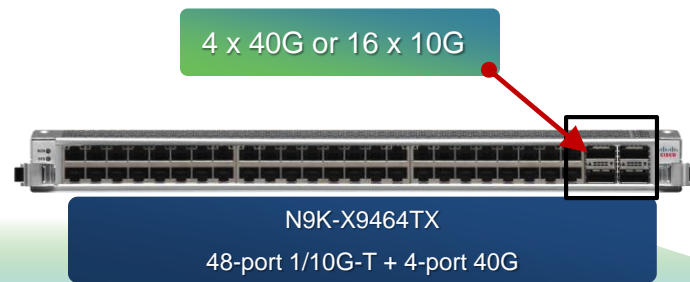
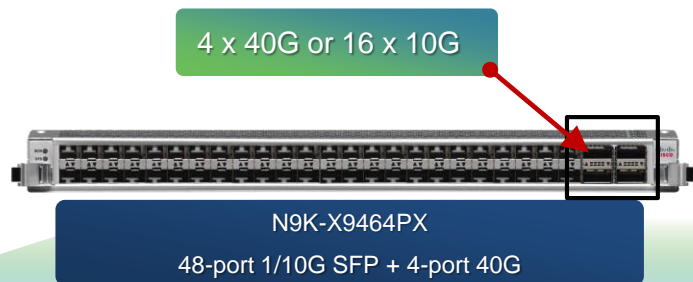
Internal 40G links are running at 42 Gbps clock rate to compensate for the 16-byte internal frame header

N9K-X9432PQ is supported in all Nexus 9500 chassis types.

- Two network forwarding engines (NFE)
- Each NFE supports 16x 40 Gbps front panel ports
- Oversubscribed for small packets (<193 Bytes)
- Line rate performance for larger packet sizes (> 193 Bytes)

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line

## N9K-X9464PX and N9K-X9464TX Line Cards



- N9K-X9464PX

- 48x 1/10 SFP+ Gbps and 4x 40 Gbps QSFP ports

- 1.92 Tbps full-duplex fabric connectivity

- Full Layer-2 and Layer-3 feature sets

- Hardware supports 4x 10 Gbps break-out mode on 40 Gbps ports

- Cisco® NX-OS mode only

- Supported by all Nexus 9500 chassis, including Nexus 9504, 9508 and 9516

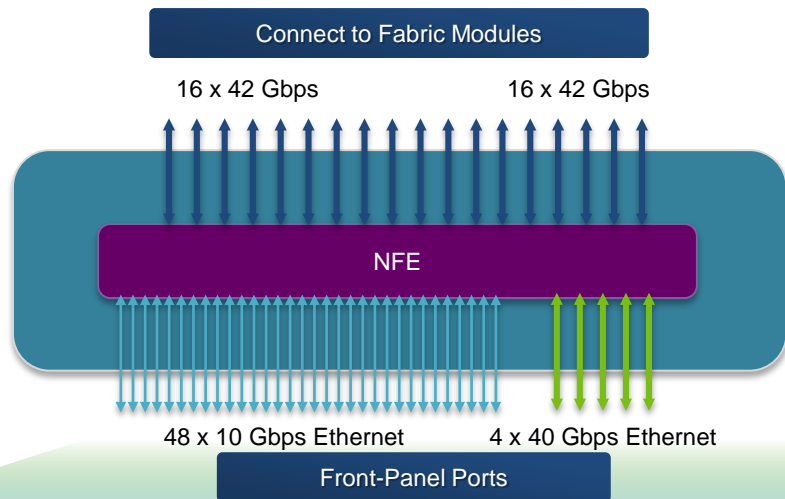
- Operate with 4 fabric modules for maximum performance (in fabric module slots 2, 3, 4 and 6)

- N9K-X9464TX

- 48x 1/10 SFP+ Gbps and 4x 40 Gbps QSFP ports

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9464PX and N9K-X9464TX Line Cards (Cont'ed)



Internal 40G links are running at 42 Gbps clock rate to compensate for the 16-byte internal frame header

N9K-X9464PX/TX line cards are supported in all Nexus 9500 chassis types.

- One NFE supports all 48x 1/10 Gbps and 4x 40 Gbps front panel ports
- Oversubscribed for smaller packet sizes (<193 Bytes)
- Line rate performance for larger packet sizes (> 193 Bytes)

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 Line Card



N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 is supported in all Nexus 9500 Chassis



- 8-port 100 Gigabit Ethernet CFP2 line card
- Line rate > 193-byte packets
- Supported in 4,8 and 16slot chassis
- Compatible with the current generation of fabric modules (N9K-C9504-FM, N9K-C9508-FM, N9K-C9516-FM)
- Requires 4 fabric modules for maximum bandwidth (in fabric module slots 2, 3, 4 & 6)
- Supports NX-OS mode only
- Currently do not support break-out mode

# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 Line Card (Cont'ed)



Investment Protection with current Fabric Module and Supervisors

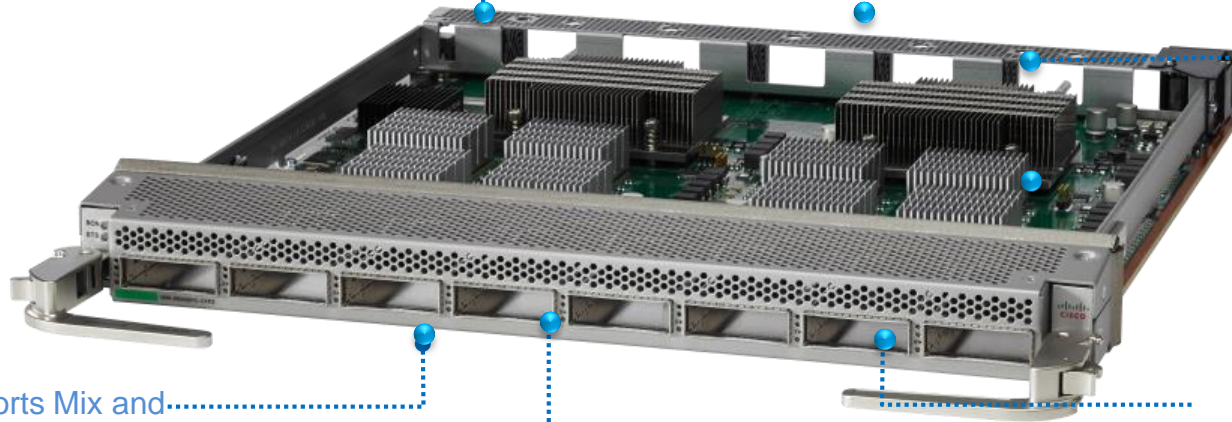
4, 8 and 16 Chassis

Supported in NX-OS mode

Supports Mix and Match Line Cards

100G Line-rate > 193 Byte

CFP2 Connector Support for all Cisco CPAK transceiver via adapter



# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 (Cont'ed)



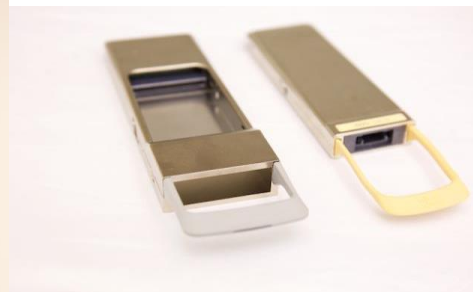
➤ Supported by all Nexus 9500 chassis types, including Nexus 9504/9508/9516

➤ 8 x 100G CFP2 ports

Show module information:

```
N9500-1# show module
```

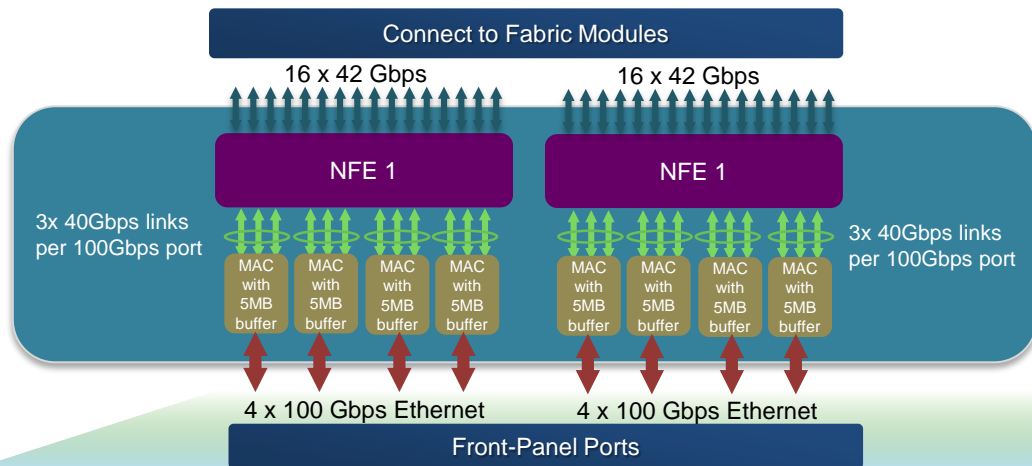
Mod	Ports	Module-Type	Model	Status
1	8	8p 100G Ethernet Module	N9K-X9408PC-CFP2	ok





# Nexus 9500 N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards

## N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 Line Card (Cont'ed)



Internal links to fabric modules are running at 42 Gbps clock rate to compensate for the 16-byte internal frame header

N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 is supported in all Nexus 9500 chassis types.

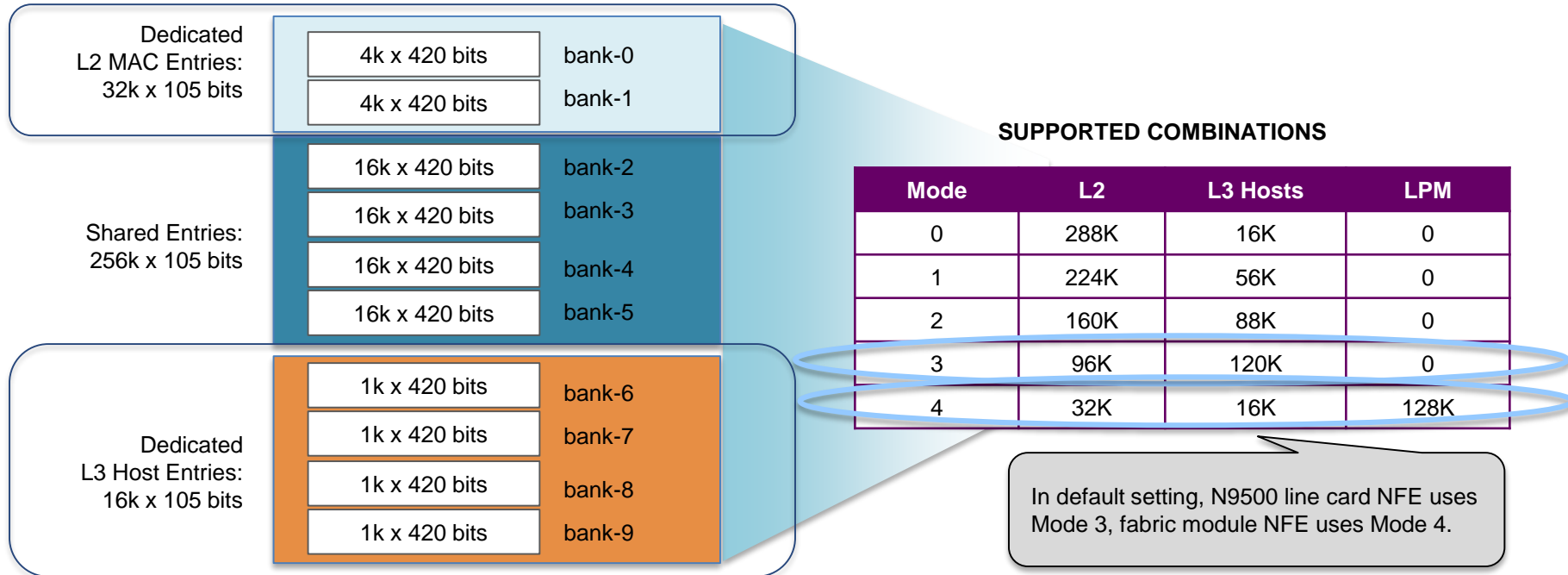
- Two network forwarding engines (NFE)
- Each NFE supports 4x 100 Gbps front panel ports
- Oversubscribed for small packets (<193 Bytes)
- Line rate performance for larger packet sizes (> 193 Bytes)
- Each 100GE front panel port is essentially 3x 40GE ports on NFE
- Supports up to 40GE flows
- The 100GE MAC ASIC per front panel port has additional 5MB buffer

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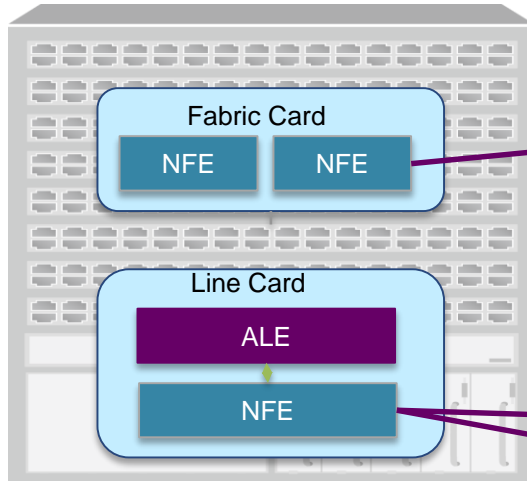
# NFE Unified Forwarding Table

- NFE has a 16K traditional LPM TCAM table.
- Additionally NFE has the following Unified Forwarding Table for ALPM (Algorithm LPM) Mode



# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Programming Mode

## Hierarchical Routing Mode (Default)



Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IPv4/v6 LPM Routes	128K	4

Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IPv4/v6 Host Routes*	120K*	3
MAC addresses	96K	

\* Shares the same table with multicast routes

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Programming Mode

Nexus 9500 switches consist of two tiers of NFEs internally, the line card tier and the fabric module tier. on its line cards and fabric modules. Forwarding tables can be programmed on these two tiers differently based on the programming mode of the Nexus 9500 switch.

Forwarding tables:

- MAC Table
- IPv4/IPv6 Host Table
- IPv4/IPv6 LPM Table
- IPv4 Multicast table

Forwarding Programming Modes:

- Hierarchical mode ---- default system routing mode
- Hierarchical Max-host routing mode
- Non-Hierarchical routing mode
- Non-Hierarchical routing max-I3 mode
- 64-bit ALPM routing mode

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Programming Mode

	MAC Table		IPv4/IPv6 Host Table		IPv4/IPv6 LPM Route Table		Multicast Route Table	
	Location	NFE Mode	Location	NFE Mode	Location	NFE Mode	Location	NFE Mode
Hierarchical routing mode (default)	LC	3	LC	3	FM	4	LC+FM	3
Hierarchical 64-bit ALPM mode	LC	3	LC	3	FM	4	LC+FM	3
Hierarchical Max-host routing mode	LC	2	IPv4 on FM	3	IPv4 on FM	3	LC+FM	
			IPv6 on LC	2	IPv6 on LC	2		
Non-hierarchical routing mode	LC	3	LC	3	LC	3	LC	3
Non-hierarchical routing Max-L3 mode	LC	4	LC	4	LC	4	LC	4

Forwarding Programming Mode	Configuration Command
Default Hierarchical routing mode	Default
Hierarchical 64-bit ALPM mode	9508(config)# system routing hierarchical max-mode l3 64b-alpm
Hierarchical Max-host routing mode	9508(config)# system routing max-mode host
Non-hierarchical routing mode	9508(config)# system routing non-hierarchical
Non-hierarchical routing Max-L3 mode	9508(config)# system routing non-hierarchical max-mode l3

# CLI to Show Forwarding Programming Mode

```
9508# sh system routing mode
Configured System Routing Mode: Non-Hierarchical (Default)
Applied System Routing Mode: Hierarchical (Default)
Configured SVI post-routed unknown-unicast hardware flood mode: enabled
US-DUR-LC01-9508#
```

```
9508# show forwarding route summary module 1
```

```
Module Type           : Line-Card
Module Mode           : Mode-3
Module Route Download-type : Host only
(IPv4+IPv6) (1)

IPv4 routes for table default/base

'***' denotes routes NOT programmed in hardware
due to hierarchical routing

Cumulative route updates: 1005038
Cumulative route inserts: 1005005
Cumulative route deletes: 143
Total number of routes: 24
Total number of paths : 25

Number of routes per mask-length:
/32 : 24
```

```
9508# show forwarding route summary module 26
```

```
Module Type           : Fabric-Module
Module Mode           : ALPM (Mode-4)
Module Route Download-type : LPM only
(IPv4+IPv6) (2)

IPv4 routes for table default/base

'***' denotes routes NOT programmed in hardware due
to hierarchical routing

Cumulative route updates: 1005043
Cumulative route inserts: 1004930
Cumulative route deletes: 54
Total number of routes: 8
Total number of paths : 8

Number of routes per mask-length:
/8 : 1 /30 : 5

US-DUR-LC01-9508#
```

# CLI to Check Forwarding Table Sizes

	Software	Hardware (BCM-shell)
MAC Table	show mac address-table count	I2 show
IP Host Table	show ip route sum sh forwarding route summary mod <#>	I3 I3table show [on LC]
IP LPM Table	show ip route sum show forwarding route sum mod <#>	I3 defip show [on FM]
egress next-hop table		I3 egress show [on both LC and FM]

Commands to check hardware table size:

Leverage NX-OS “| count” to get the account of the hardware entries. Example”

```
TME-1-9508-1# bcm-shell mod 1 "I3 I3table show" | count
```



# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Hierarchical Routing Mode (Default) (Cont'ed)

Default Forwarding Table Scalability in NX-OS 6.1.2(I2)1 and Later

FM: BCM T2 mode 4 LC: BCM T2 mode 3	Nexus® 9500
	Default
LPM Routes	128K (on Fabric Module)
IP Host Routes	120K (on Line Card) (208K for protocol learned host routes)
IP ARP Entries	45K (in default mode)
MAC Address Entries	90K (On Line Card)
Multicast Routes	32K* (Hardware capable of 72K)

\* Shared with IP hosts

This table shows system maximum scalability. For validated scale, refer to the Nexus 9000 verified scalability white papers

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Hierarchical Routing Mode (Default) (Cont'ed)

To increase IPv6 LPM table scale, can enable 64-Bit ALPM routing mode

FM: BCM T2 mode 4 LC: BCM T2 mode 3	Nexus® 9500
	Default
LPM Routes	128K IPv4(on Fabric Module) 80K IPv6 (< /64)
IP Host Routes	120K (on Line Card) (208K for protocol learned host routes)
IP ARP Entries	45K (in default mode)
MAC Address Entries	90K (On Line Card)
Multicast Routes	32K* (Hardware capable of 72K)

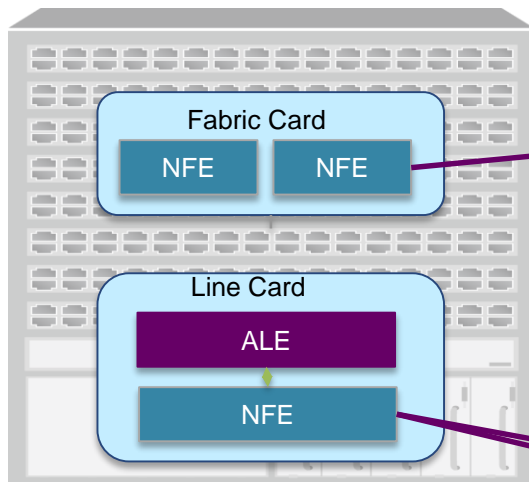
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```
9508(config)# system routing hierarchical max-mode 13 64b-alpm
```

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Hierarchical Routing Max-host Mode



Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IPv4 Host Routes	120K	3
IPv4 LPM Routes	16K	

Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IPv6 Host Routes*	40K	2
IPv6 LPM Routes	8K (</64) 4K (> /64)	
MAC addresses	90K	

\* Shared the same table with multicast routes

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Hierarchical Routing Max-host Mode (Cont'ed)

Max-Host mode is to support maximum IP host scalability, especially in IPv4/ IPv6 dual-stack mode.

```
9508(config)# system routing max-mode host
```

### Forwarding Tables in Max Host Mode:

- IPv4 Host Table and IPv4 LPM Table are programmed on fabric modules (BCM T2 mode 3)
- IPv6 Host Table, IPv6 LPM Table and MAC Table are programmed on line cards (BCM T2 mode 2)
- IP multicast routes share the same table as IP Hosts. It's programmed on both fabric modules and line cards.

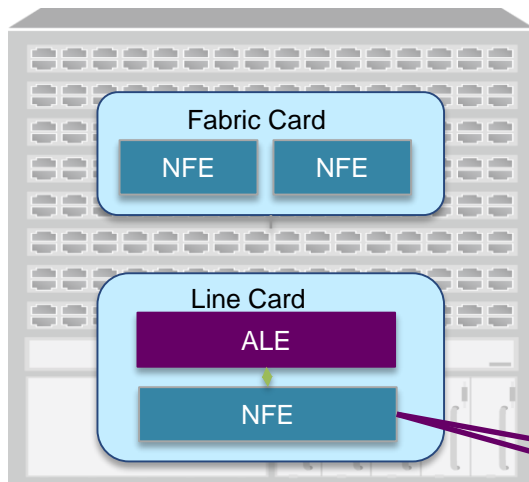
Nexus® 9500		
Max-Host Mode		
	IPv4	IPv6
LPM Routes	16K	8K (< /64) 4K (> /64)
IP Host Entries	120K (208K for protocol learned host routes) (60K IPv4 ARP Entries)	40K (can scale up in future release)
MAC Address Entries	90K	
Multicast Routes	32K* (programmed on both FM and LC)	

\* Shared with IP hosts

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# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Non-Hierarchical Routing (Max-Host) Mode



Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IPv4/v6 Host Routes*	120K	3
IPv4/v6 LPM Routes	16K	
MAC addresses	96K	

\* Shares the same table with multicast routes

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Non-Hierarchical Routing (Max-host) Mode (Cont'ed)

Non-hierarchical mode is created to move LPM table from fabric modules to line cards so that line card NFE can locally forward LPM routed traffic, avoiding the latency of sending traffic to fabric module for LPM lookup.

### Forwarding Tables in Non-Hierarchical Mode

- No unicast forwarding tables are programmed on fabric modules
- Line cards are programmed symmetrically with IPv4/v6 LPM + Host + Mac tables
- **MAX Host** -- Line cards are programmed for maximum IP Host Scale (BCM T2 mode 3)

```
9508(config)# system routing non-hierarchical
```

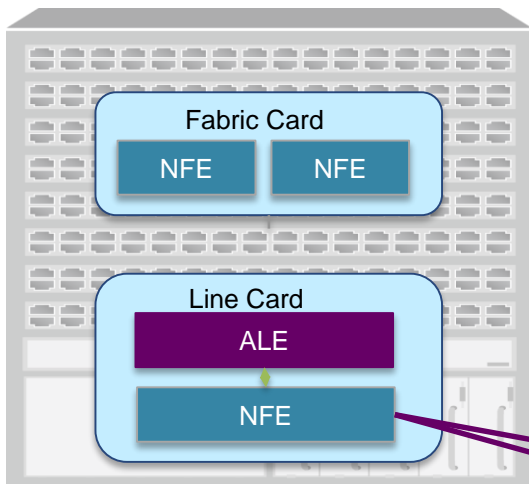
Nexus® 9500		
Non-Hierarchical Mode		
	Max LPM Mode	Max IP Host Mode
LPM Routes	128K	16K
IP Host Entries	16K	120K (208K for protocol learn host routes) (60K directly attached hosts)
MAC Address Entries	32K	90K
Multicast Routes	8K*	32K*

\* Shared with IP hosts

This table shows system maximum scalability. For validated scale, refer to the Nexus 9000 verified scalability white papers

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Non-Hierarchical Routing Max-L3 Mode



Feature	Scale	NFE Mode
IP Host Routes*	16K	4
IP LPM Routes	128K	
MAC addresses	32K	

\* Shares the same table with multicast routes

# Nexus 9500 Forwarding Program Mode

## Non-Hierarchical Routing Mode Max-L3 Mode (Cont'ed)

Non-hierarchical mode is created to move LPM table from fabric modules to line cards so that line card NFE can locally forward LPM routed traffic, avoiding the latency of sending traffic to fabric module for LPM lookup.

### Forwarding Tables in Non-Hierarchical Mode

- No unicast forwarding tables are programmed on fabric modules
- Line cards are programmed symmetrically with IPv4/v6 LPM + Host + Mac tables
- MAX LPM -- Line cards are programmed for maximum LPM scale (BCM T2 mode 4)

```
9508(config)# system routing non-hierarchical max-mode 13
```

Nexus® 9500		
Non-Hierarchical Mode		
	Max LPM Mode	Max IP Host Mode
LPM Routes	128K	16K
IP Host Entries	16K	120K (208K for protocol learn host routes) (60K directly attached hosts)
MAC Address Entries	32K	90K
Multicast Routes	8K*	32K*

\* Shared with IP hosts

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# Nexus 9300 Switch Forwarding Tables

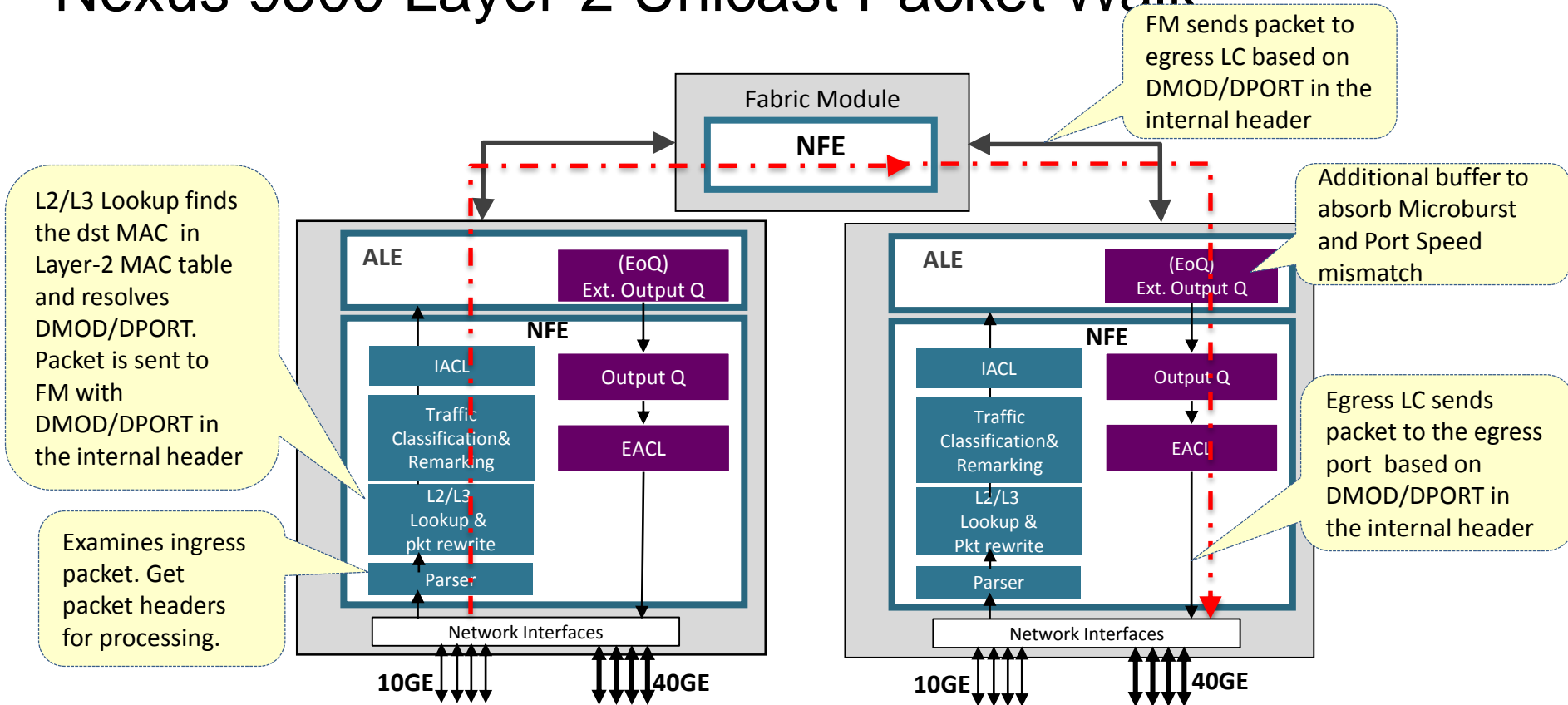
	Nexus 9300	
	Default Mode	Max-mode L3 7.0(3)I1(1) or Later
LPM Routes	16K	128K
IP Host Entries	120K entries (208K for protocol learned hosts or 45K directly attached hosts)	16K
IP ARP Entries	45K	16K
MAC Address Entries	96K	32K
Multicast Routes	16K* (Hardware capable of 72K)	8K*

\* Shared with IP hosts

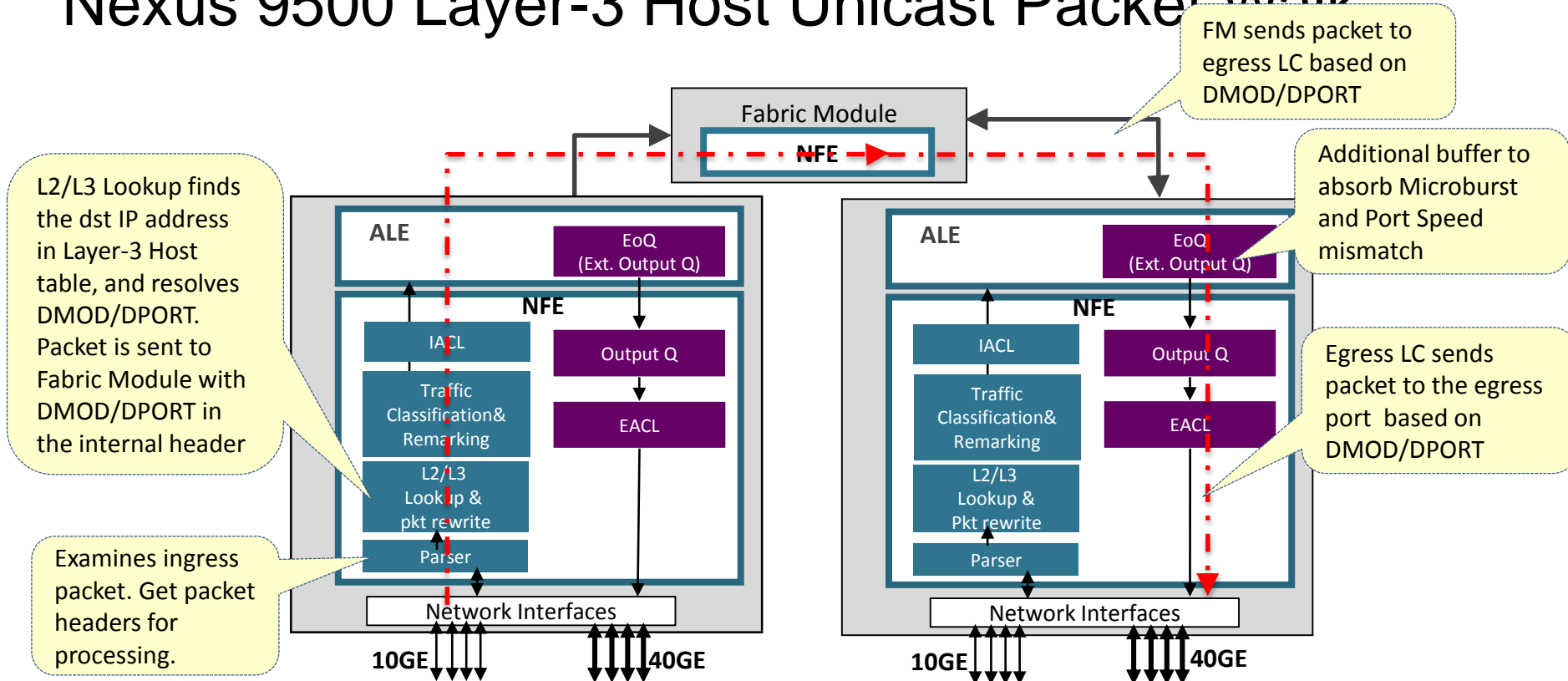
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```
n9300(config)# system routing max-mode l3
```

# Nexus 9500 Layer-2 Unicast Packet Walk

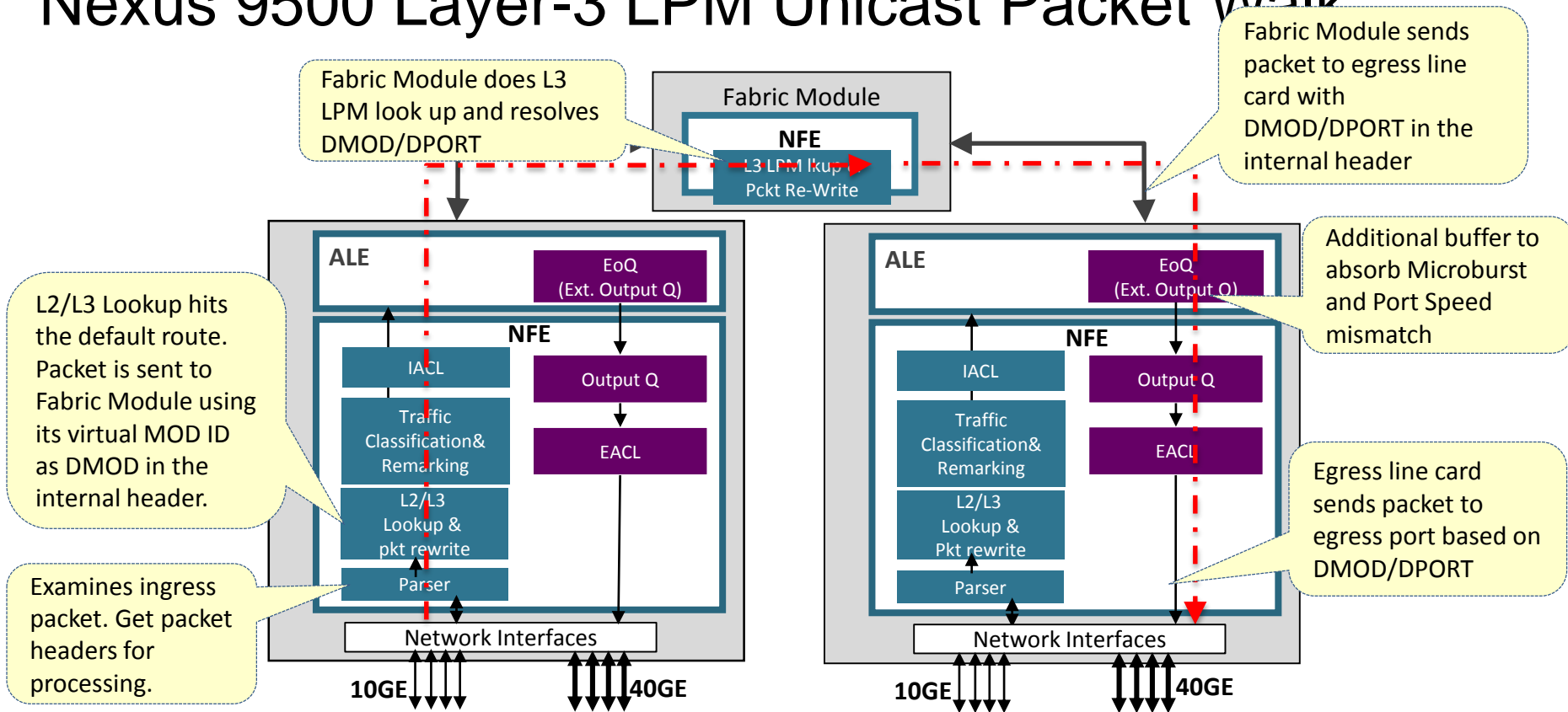


# Nexus 9500 Layer-3 Host Unicast Packet Walk



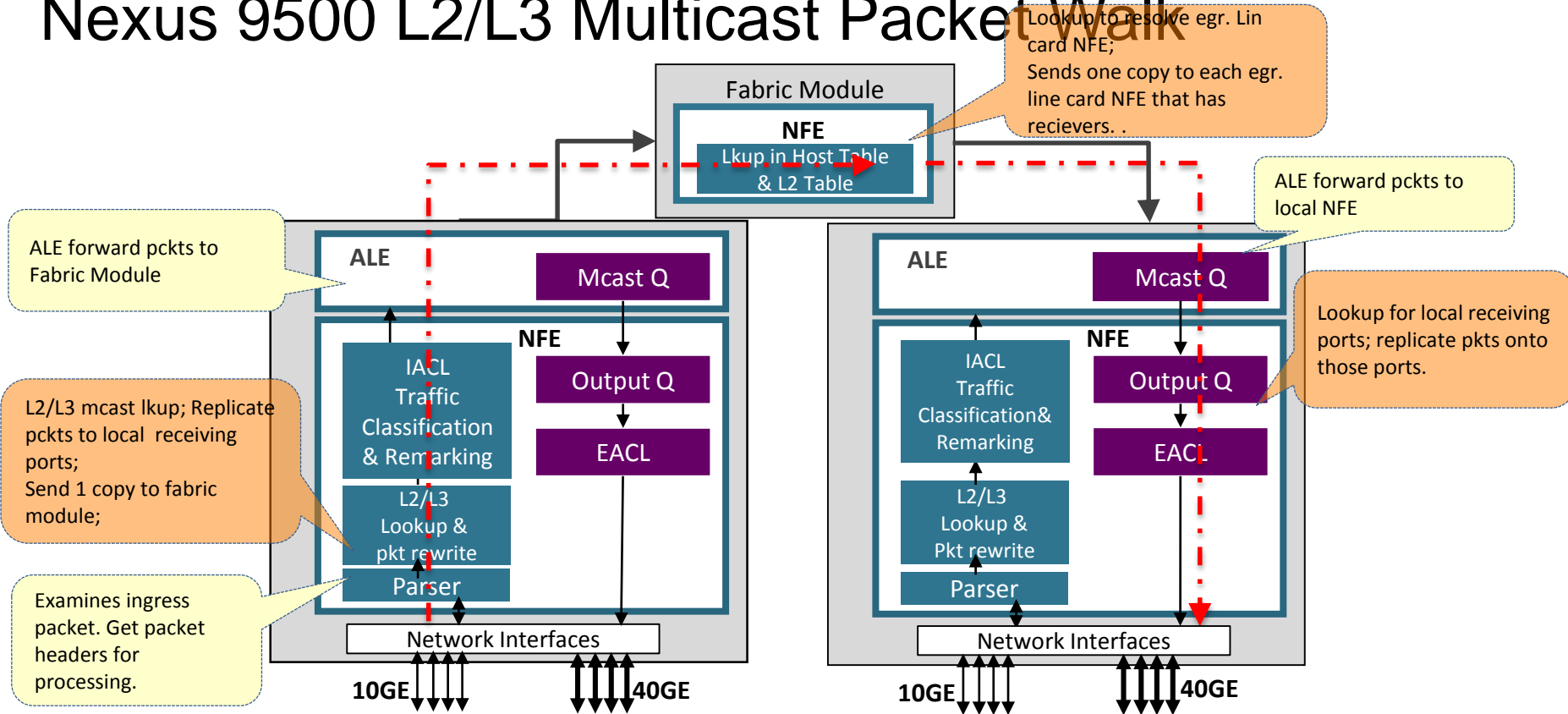
For Line Cards w/n ALE, EoQ provided by ALE does not apply.

# Nexus 9500 Layer-3 LPM Unicast Packet Walk



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# Nexus 9500 L2/L3 Multicast Packet Walk

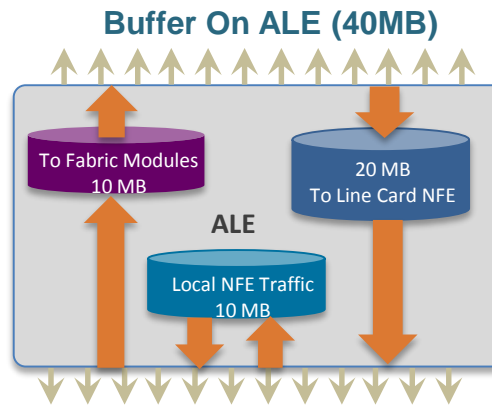
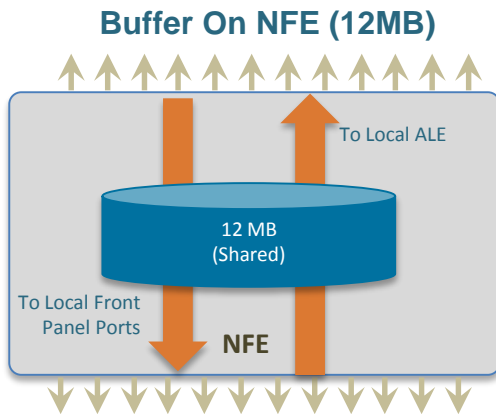


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# Buffer Resources on Nexus 9500 Switch Line Cards



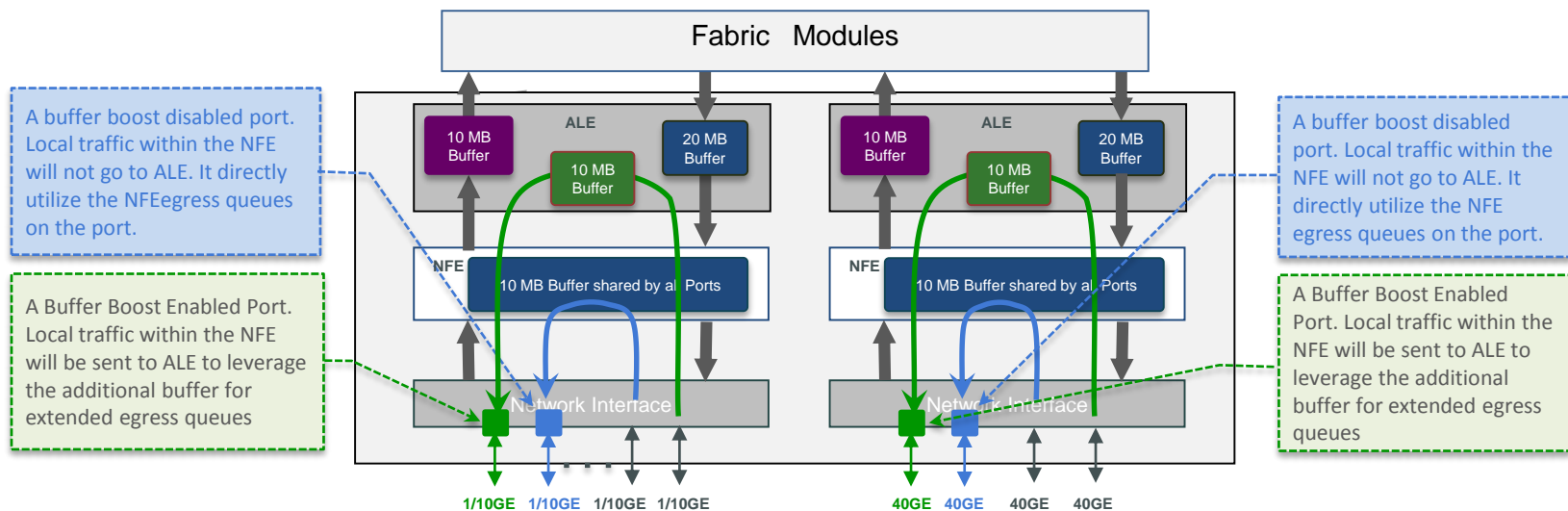
- Shared 10MB ingress buffer for fabric bound traffic;
- Shared 20MB egress buffer for traffic coming from fabric and going to front panel port.
- Shared 10MB egress buffer for local NFE traffic

Module Type	Buffer Size
N9K-X9636PQ (36x 40GE)	36 MB
N9K-X9432PQ (32x 40GE)	24 MB
N9K-X9464PX/TX (48x 1/10GE + 4x 40GE)	12 MB
N9K-X9408PC-CFP2 (8x 100GE)	24 MB + 5MB/port

Module Type	Buffer Size
N9K-X9564TX/PX (48x 1/10G T + 4x 40G)	104 MB
N9K-X9536PX (36x 40G)	104 MB

Module Type	Buffer Size
Fabric Module	12 MB (9504 FM) 24 MB (9508 FM) 48 MB (9516 FM)

# Buffer Boost on N9K-X9500 Series Line Cards

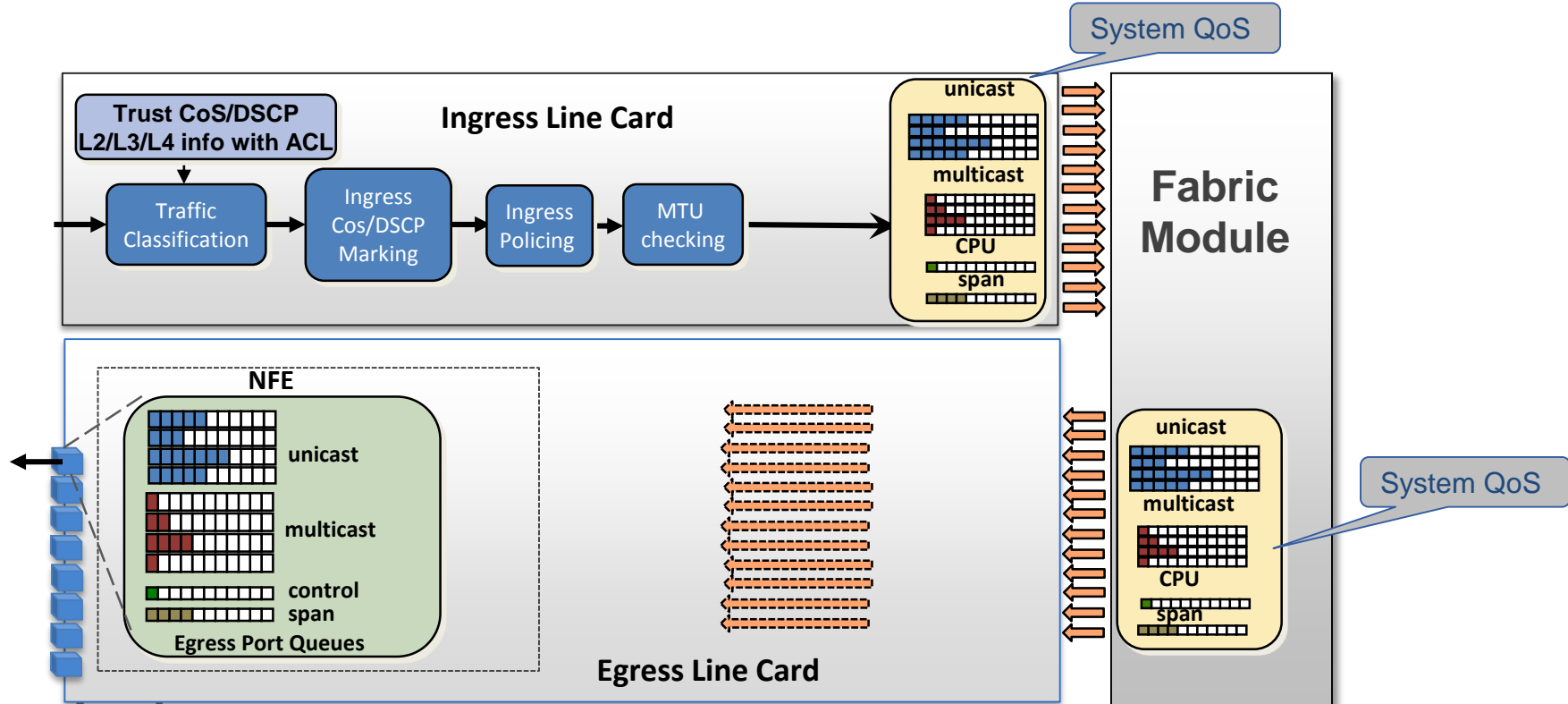


- Buffer boost function is introduced to allow line cards with ALEs to leverage the additional buffer on ALE for NFE local traffic.
- When buffer boost is enabled on a port, NFE local traffic to this port is sent to ALE for additional buffer space.
- When buffer boost is disabled on a port, NFE local traffic to this port remains local on this NFE.
- Buffer boost is enabled on ports of line cards with ALEs by default. It is a port property and can be disabled on a per-port basis.



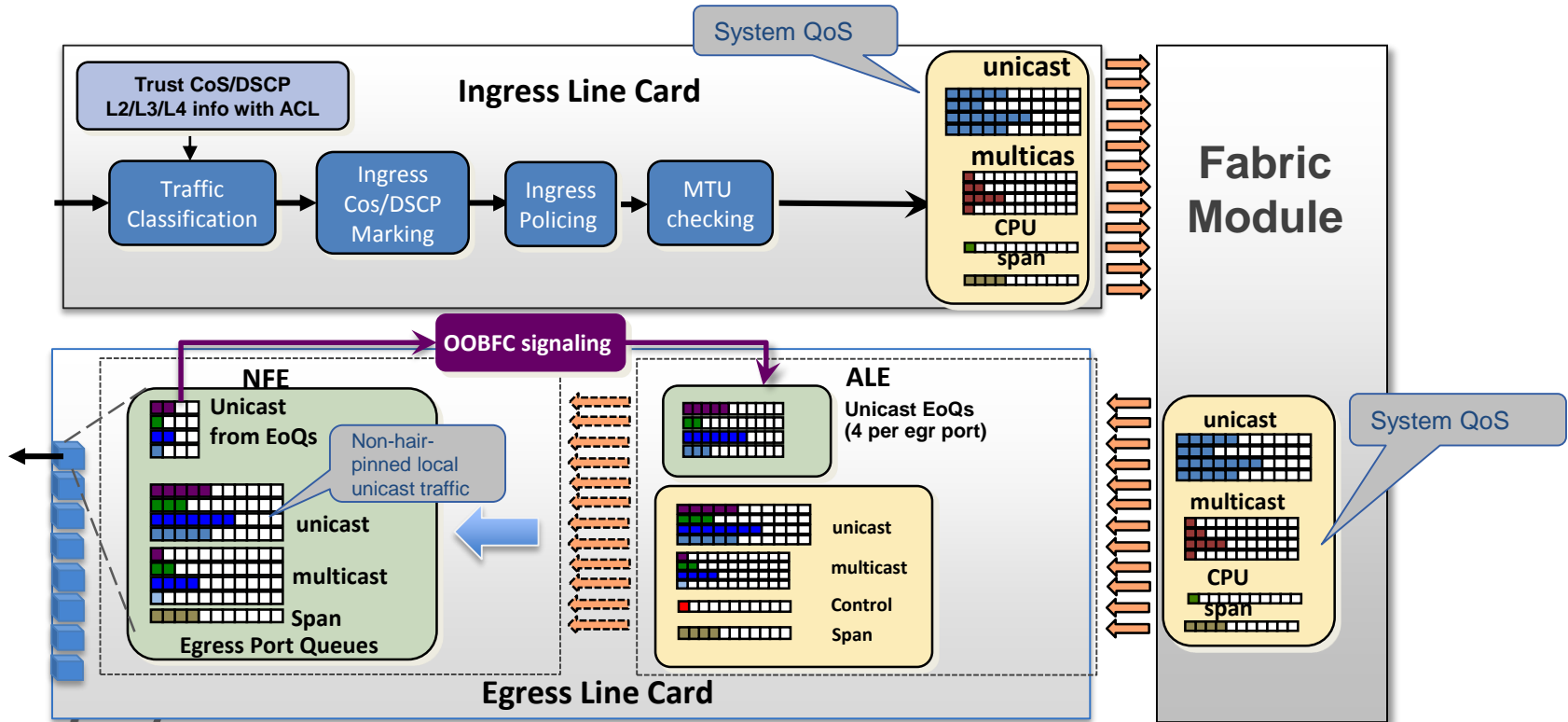
# Queuing & Scheduling Nexus 9500 Switch Line Cards

## Egress Queuing on N9K-X9600/ N9K-X9400 Series Line Cards



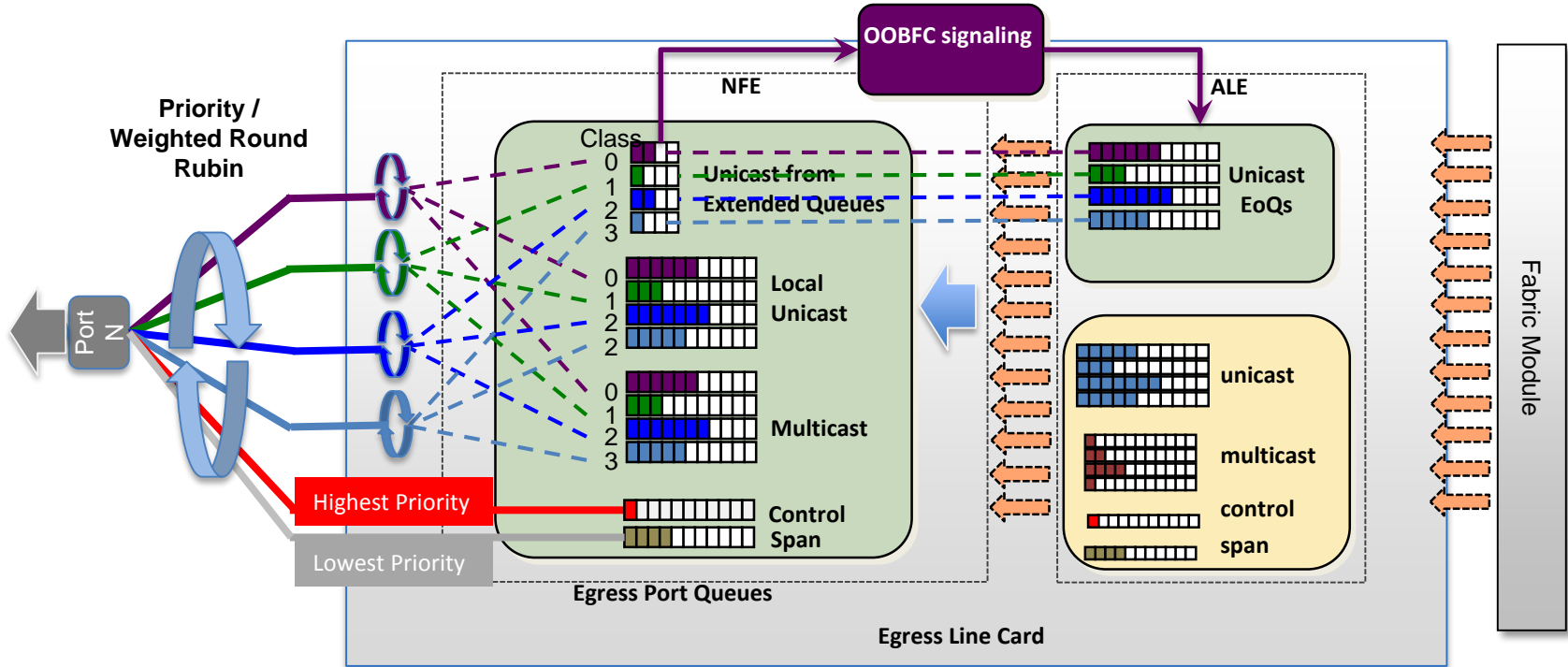
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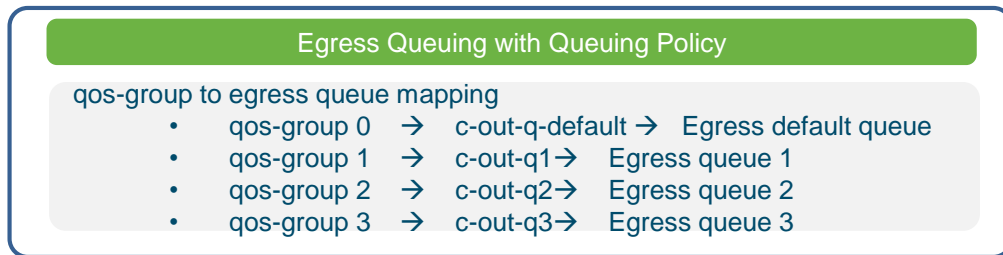
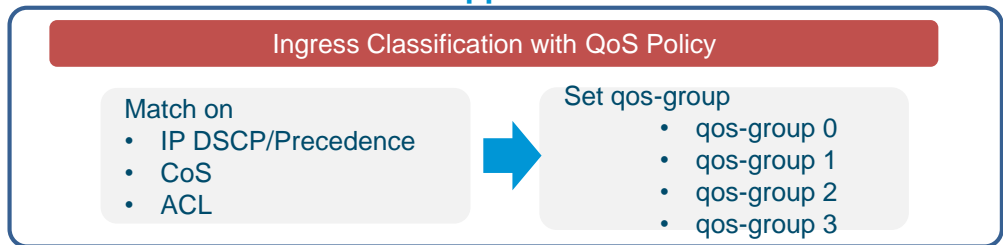
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## Extended Output Queues (EoQ) on N9K-9500 Series Line Cards (Cont'd)



# Cisco Nexus 9500 Series Switch Ingress Classification and Egress Queuing Operation in 4-Queue Mode

## On Line Cards That Support Four User Traffic Classes



### Sample Queueing Policy Configuration:

```
policy-map type queuing egr-queueing-policy
  class type queuing c-out-q3
    priority level 1
  class type queuing c-out-q2
    priority level 2
  class type queuing c-out-q1
    bandwidth remaining percent 60
  class type queuing c-out-q-default
    bandwidth remaining percent 0
```

# Cisco Nexus 9500 Series Switch Ingress Classification and Egress Queuing Operation in 8-Queue Mode

## On Line Cards That Support Eight User Traffic Classes

### Ingress Classification with QoS Policy

#### Match on

- IP DSCP/Precedence
- CoS
- ACL



#### Set qos-group

- qos-group 0
- qos-group 1
- qos-group 2
- qos-group 3
- qos-group 4
- qos-group 5
- qos-group 6
- qos-group 7



### Egress Queuing with Queuing Policy

#### qos-group to Egress Queue mapping

- |               |                      |                        |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| • qos-group 0 | → c-out-8q-q-default | → Egress default queue |
| • qos-group 1 | → c-out-8q-q1        | → Egress queue 1       |
| • qos-group 2 | → c-out-8q-q2        | → Egress queue 2       |
| • qos-group 3 | → c-out-8q-q3        | → Egress queue 3       |
| • qos-group 4 | → c-out-8q-q4        | → Egress queue 4       |
| • qos-group 5 | → c-out-8q-q5        | → Egress queue 5       |
| • qos-group 6 | → c-out-8q-q6        | → Egress queue 6       |
| • qos-group 7 | → c-out-8q-q7        | → Egress queue 7       |

```
policy-map type queuing default-8q-out-policy
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q7  
priority level 1
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q6  
priority level 2
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q5  
priority level 3
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q4  
bandwidth remaining percent 20
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q3  
bandwidth remaining percent 20
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q2  
bandwidth remaining percent 0
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q1  
bandwidth remaining percent 0
```

```
class type queuing c-out-8q-q-default
```

```
bandwidth remaining percent 0
```

```
9508-1(config)# system qos  
9508-1(config-sys-qos)# service-policy type queuing  
output default-8q-out-policy
```

# QoS on Nexus 9500 Series Switches

- **Ingress QoS (Classification and Remarking)**
  - Policy-map type qos
  - Match on CoS/ IP Precedence/ DSCP /ACL
  - Set qos-group
  - Remark CoS/ IP Precedence/ DSCP
  - Ingress policing
- **Network-QoS**
  - Policy-map type network-qos
  - Match on qos-group
  - Enable PFC
- **Egress Qos (Queuing and Shaping)**
  - Policy-map type queuing
  - Enable WRED or ECN (default is tail drop)
  - 4 or 8 user-defined classes based on qos-group
  - 1 control class for CPU and 1 class for SPAN traffic
  - Up to 3 PFC non-drop queues
  - Up to 3 Strict priority queues
  - Egress policing\* and shaping (\* only on NFE ports)

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# Nexus 9300 Series Switches Portfolio

N9K-C93120TX

New!

N9K-C9332PQ



N9K-C9372PX



N9K-C9372TX



N9K-C9396PX



N9K-C9396TX



N9K-C93128TX



## Nexus® 9372PX/ 9372TX

- 1 RU w/n GEM module slot
- 720Gbps
- 6-port 40 Gb QSFP+
- 48-port 1/10 Gb SFP+ on Nexus 9372PX
- 48-port 1/10 G-T on Nexus 9372TX

## Nexus 9332PQ

- 1 RU w/n GEM module slot
- 1,280Gbps
- 32-port 40 Gb QSFP+

## Nexus 93120TX

- 2 RU w/n GEM module slot
- 1200Gbps
- 6-port 40 Gb QSFP+
- 96-port 1/10 G-T

## Nexus® 9396PX/ 9396TX

- 2 RU with 1 GEM module slot
- 960Gbps
- 48-port 1/10 Gb SFP+ on Nexus 9396PX
- 48-port 1/10 G-T on Nexus 9396TX
- 6 ports 40 Gb QSFP+ on N9K-M6PQ GEM module
- 12 ports 40 Gb QSFP+ on N9K-M12PQ GEM module
- 4 ports 100 Gb CFP2 on N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module

## Nexus 93128TX/ 93128PX

- 3 RU with 1 GEM module slot
- 1,280Gbps
- 96-port 1/10 G-T on Nexus 93128TX
- 96-port 1/10 SFP+ on Nexus 93128P
- 6 ports 40 Gb QSFP+ on N9K-M6PQ GEM module
- 8 ports 40 Gb QSFP+ on N9K-M12PQ GEM module
- 2 ports 100 Gb CFP2 on N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module



# Nexus 9300 Series Switch GEM Modules

## Generic Extension Module (GEM)

**N9K-M12PQ**



- 12-port 40 Gb QSFP+
- 1 ALE
- Additional 40 MB buffer on ALE
- Full VXLAN gateway/bridging and routing capability
- Supported by all Nexus 9300 series switches with GEM module slots
- ACI capable

**N9K-M6PQ**



- 6-port 40 Gb QSFP+
- 1 ALE-2
- Additional 25 MB buffer on ALE-2
- Full VXLAN gateway/ bridging and routing capability
- Supported by all Nexus 9300 series switches with GEM module slots
- ACI capable

**N9K-M4PC-CFP2**



- 4-port 100 Gb CFP2
- 4 100GE-MAC
- Additional 5 MB buffer/ 100 Gb port
- Full VXLAN gateway/ bridging capability
- Supported by all Nexus 9300 series switches with GEM module slots
- Not ACI capable
- When used with N9K-C93128TX, only the right two ports are active

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch GEM Modules(Cont'ed)

## Generic Extension Module (GEM)

N9K-M12PQ



12x 40GE  
Front Panel Ports



ALE



12x 42GE  
Internal Links to NFE

- Supports both NX-OS and ACI
- Supports both VXLAN bridging and routing
- 40GE front panel ports don't support break-out mode

N9K-M6PQ



6x 40GE  
Front Panel Ports



ALE-2



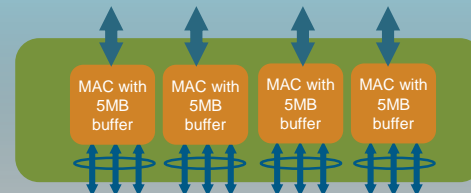
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N9K-M4PC-CFP2



4x 100GE (CFP2)  
Front Panel Ports



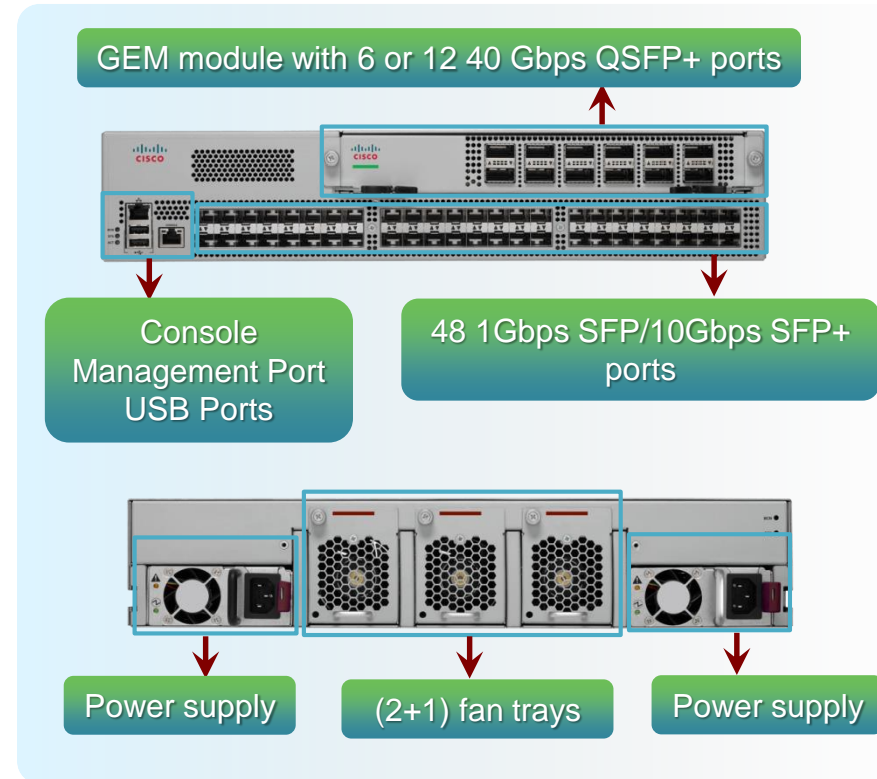
12x 40GE  
Internal Ethernet Links to NFE

- Supports only NX-OS
- Supports VXLAN bridging, but not VXLAN routing
- 100GE front panel ports don't support break-out mode

# Nexus 9300 Platform Architecture

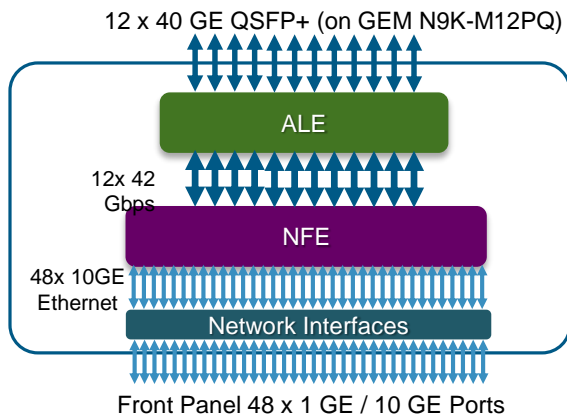
## Cisco Nexus® 9396PX / 9396TX

- 2 RU height
- 48x 1Gb SFP / 10 Gb SFP+ ports on Nexus 9396PX
- 48x 1/10 Gb Base-T ports on Nexus 9396TX
- 12x 40 Gb QSFP+ ports on N9K-M12PQ GEM module
- 6x 40 Gb QSFP+ ports on N9K-M6PQ GEM module
- 4x 100 Gb CFP2 ports on N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module
- 1 100/1000baseT management port
- 1 RS232 console port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- Front-to-back and back-to-front airflow options
- 1+1 redundant power supply options
- 2+1 redundant fans
- No-blocking architecture with full line-rate performance on all ports for all packet sizes
- VXLAN bridging & routing with N9K-M12PQ or N9K-M6PQ GEM module
- VXLAN bridging only with N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module

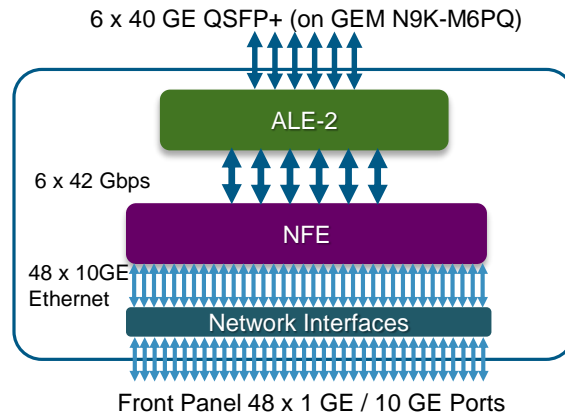


# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Nexus 9396PX/TX Block Diagram with N9K-M12PQ or N9K-M6PQ GEM Module



Nexus® 9396PX/TX with N9K-M12PQ GEM Module

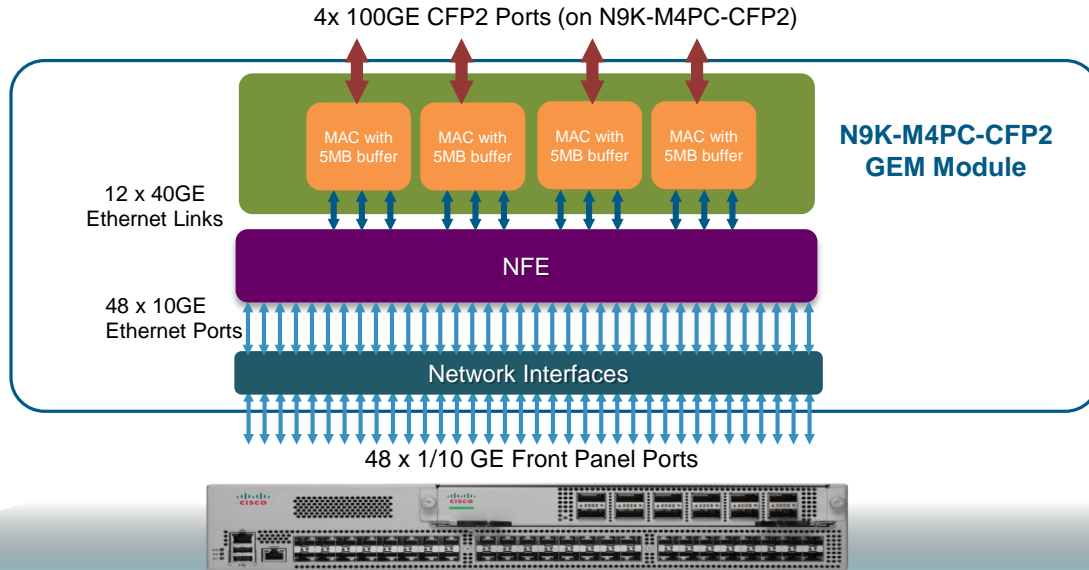


Nexus® 9396PX/TX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module

- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging and routing
- Hardware is capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI
- Line rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

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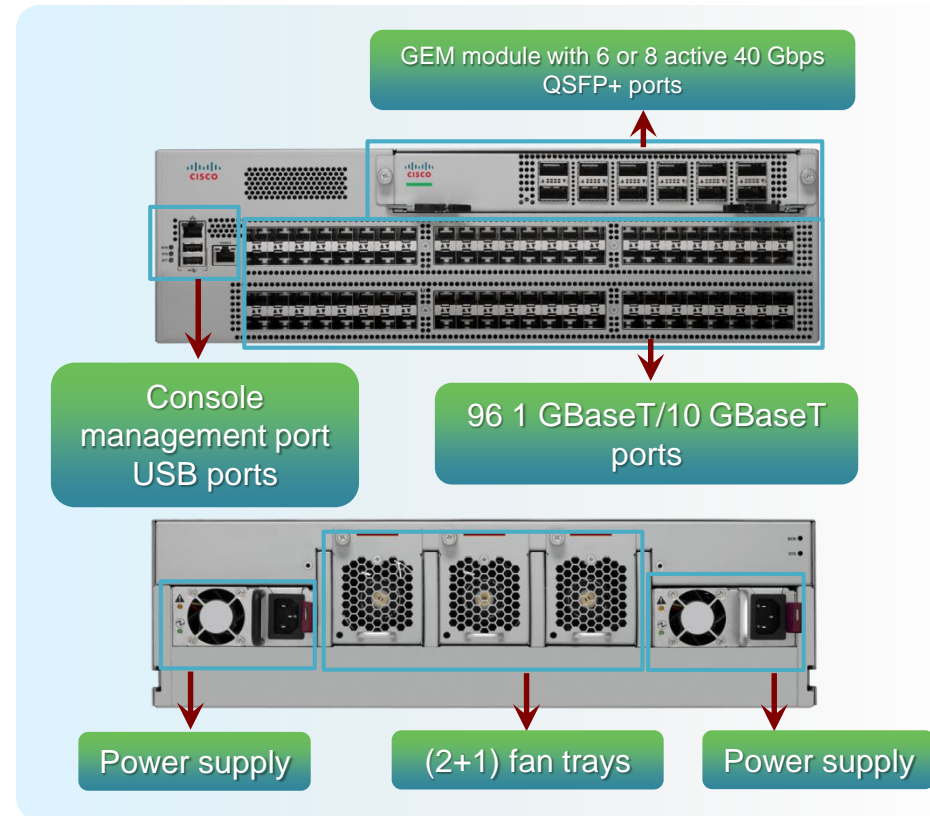
### Nexus® 9396PX/TX with N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM Module

- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging only
- Hardware is capable of supporting NX-OS only
- Line rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

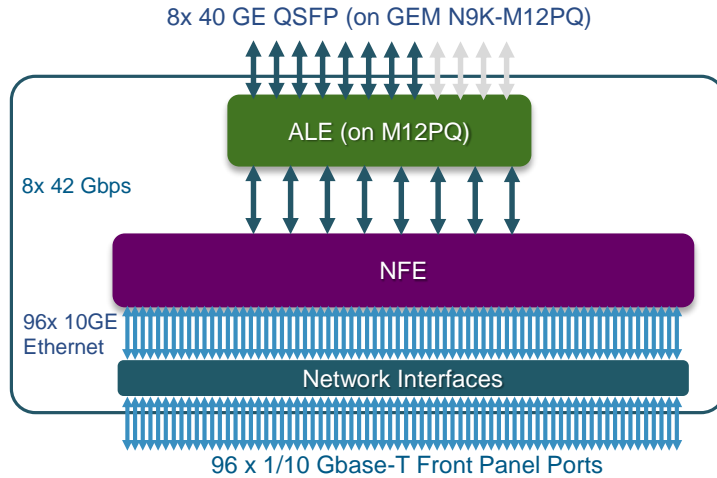
## Cisco Nexus® 93128TX

- 3 RU height
- 96 1/10 Gbase-T ports
- 6 active 40GE QSFP+ ports on N9K-M6PQ GEM module
- 8 active 40GE QSFP+ ports on N9K-M12PQ GEM module
- 2 active 100GE CFP2 ports on N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module
- 1 100/1000baseT management port
- 1 RS232 console port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- Front-to-back and back-to-front airflow options
- 1+1 redundant power supply options
- 2+1 redundant fans
- Line-rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes
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- VXLAN bridging only with N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM module

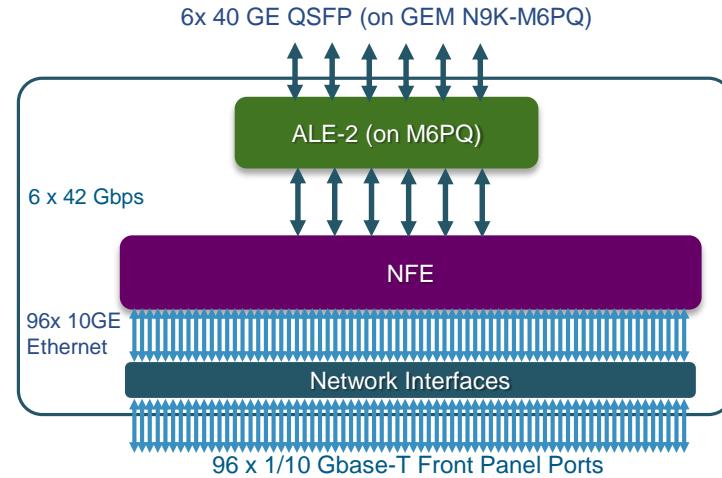


# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Nexus 93128TX Block Diagram with N9K-M12PQ or N9K-M6PQ GEM Module



Nexus® 93128TX switch with N9K-M12PQ GEM Module

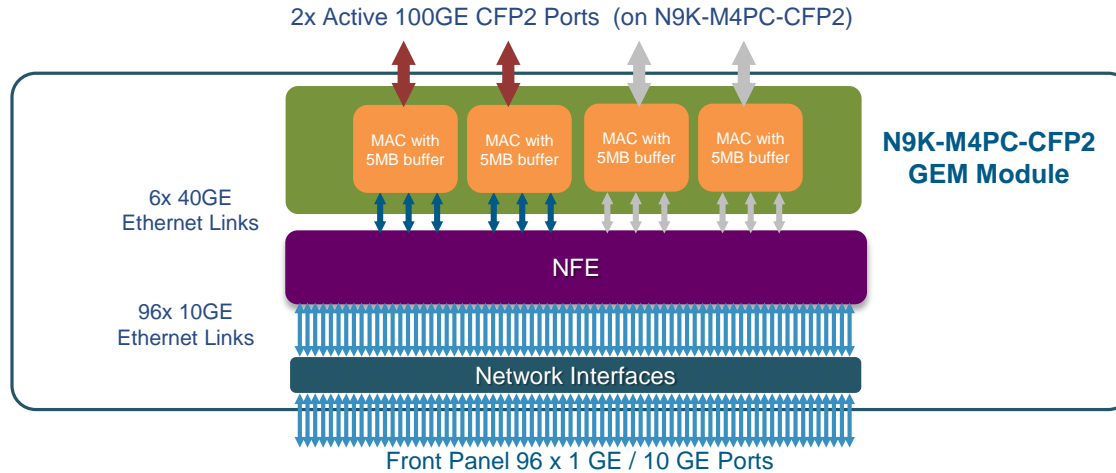


Nexus® 93128TX switch with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module

- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging and routing
- Hardware is capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI
- Line rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Nexus 93128TX Block Diagram with N9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM Module



### Nexus® 93128TX switch with M9K-M4PC-CFP2 GEM Module

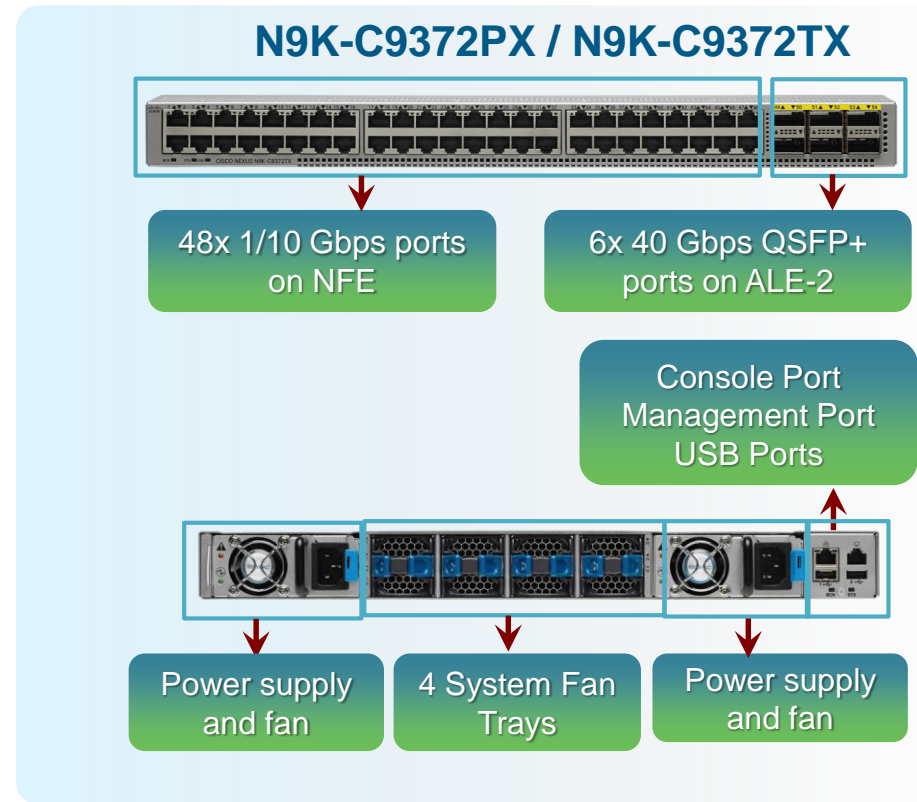
- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging only
- Hardware is capable of supporting NX-OS only
- Line rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes



# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Cisco Nexus® 9372PX / 9372TX

- 1 RU height
- No GEM module
- 48x 1Gb SFP / 10 Gb SFP+ ports on Nexus 9372PX
- 48x 1/10 Gb Base-T ports on Nexus 9372TX
- 6x 40 Gb QSFP+ ports
- 1 100/1000baseT management port
- 1 RS232 console port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- Front-to-back and back-to-front airflow options
- 1+1 redundant power supply options
- 2+1 redundant fans
- Full line rate performance for all packet sizes
- VXLAN bridging and routing
- Capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI modes



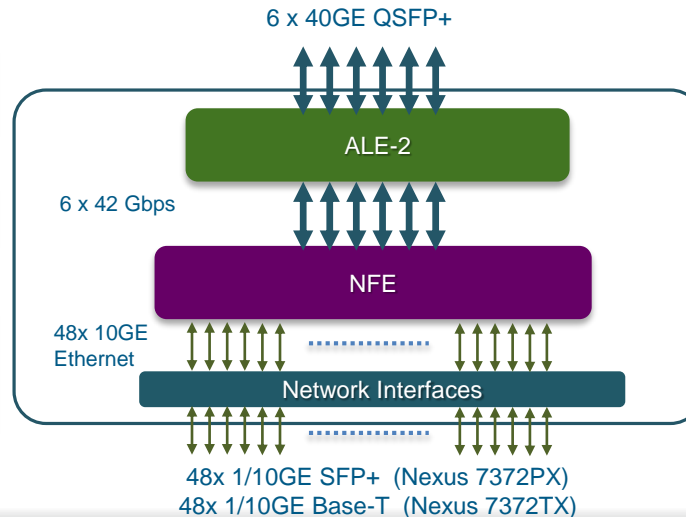
# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Nexus 9372PX/ Nexus 9372TX Block Diagram

1 application leaf engines (ALE-2)) for additional buffering and packet handling

1 network forwarding engine (NFE)

1 RU with redundant power supplies and fan.  
6 QSFP+ 40GE ports and 40 SFP+ 10GE ports



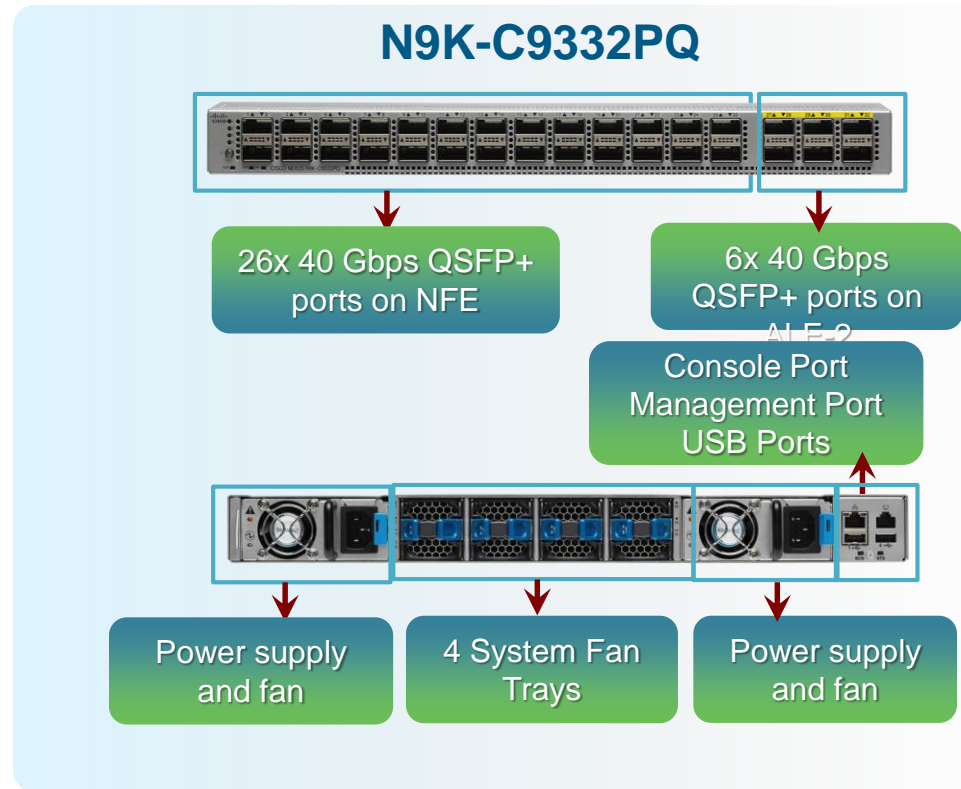
### Nexus® 9372PX, Nexus 9372TX

- The 6 40GE links between NFE and ALE-2 run at 42Gbps clock rate to accommodate the internal packet header.
- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging and routing
- Hardware is capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI modes
- Full line rate performance for all packet sizes

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Cisco Nexus® 9332PQ

- 1 RU height
- No GEM module
- 32x 40 Gb QSFP+
- 1 100/1000baseT management port
- 1 RS232 console port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- Front-to-back and back-to-front airflow options
- 1+1 redundant power supply options
- 2+1 redundant fans
- Line-rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes
- VXLAN bridging & routing
- Capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI modes



# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

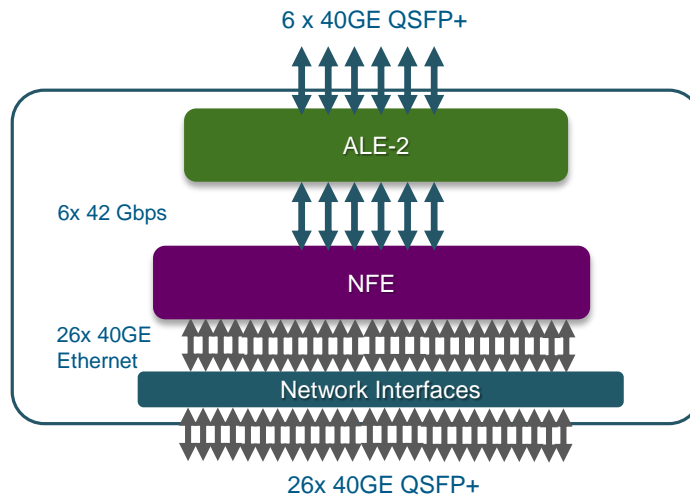
## Nexus 9332PQ Block Diagram

1 application 1leaf engines (ALE-2)) for additional buffering and packet handling

1 network forwarding engine (NFE)

1 RU with redundant power supplies and fan trays.

32 QSFP+ 40GE ports. 6 are on ALE-2 and 26 are on NFE.



Nexus® 9332PQ

- The 6 40GE links between NFE and ALE-2 run at 42Gbps clock rate to accommodate the internal packet header.
- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging and routing
- Hardware is capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI modes
- Line rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes

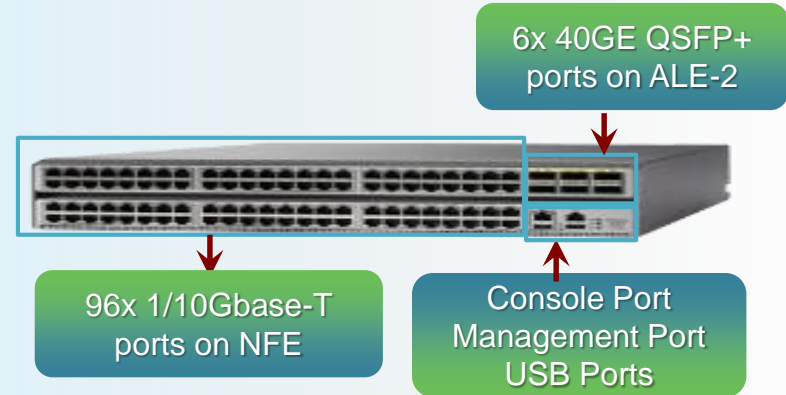
# Nexus 9300 Platform Architecture



## Cisco Nexus® 93120TX

- 2 RU height
- No GEM module
- 96x 1/10 GBase-T ports
- 6x 40GE QSFP ports
- 1 100/1000baseT management port
- 1 RS232 console port
- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- Front-to-back and back-to-front airflow options
- 1+1 redundant power supply options
- 2+1 redundant fans
- Line-rate performance for packet sizes > 200-Bytes
- VXLAN bridging & routing
- Capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI modes

## N9K-C93120TX



# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Architecture

## Nexus 93120TX Block Diagram

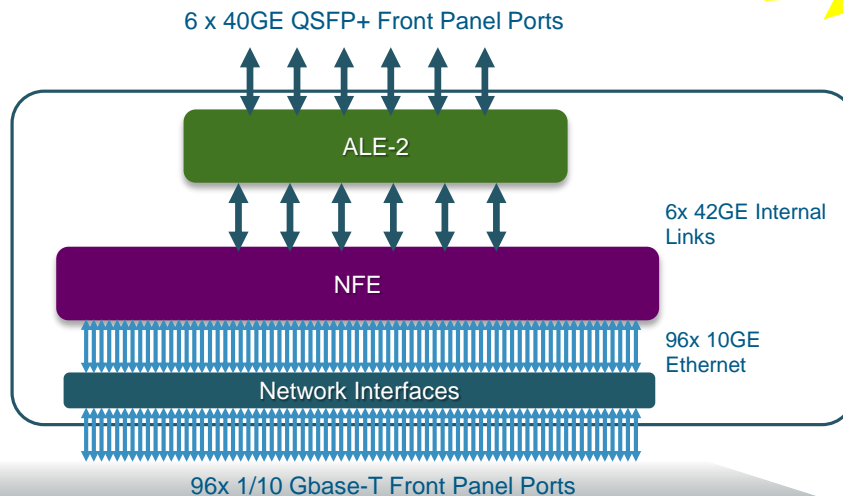


1 application leaf engines (ALE-2) for additional buffering and packet handling

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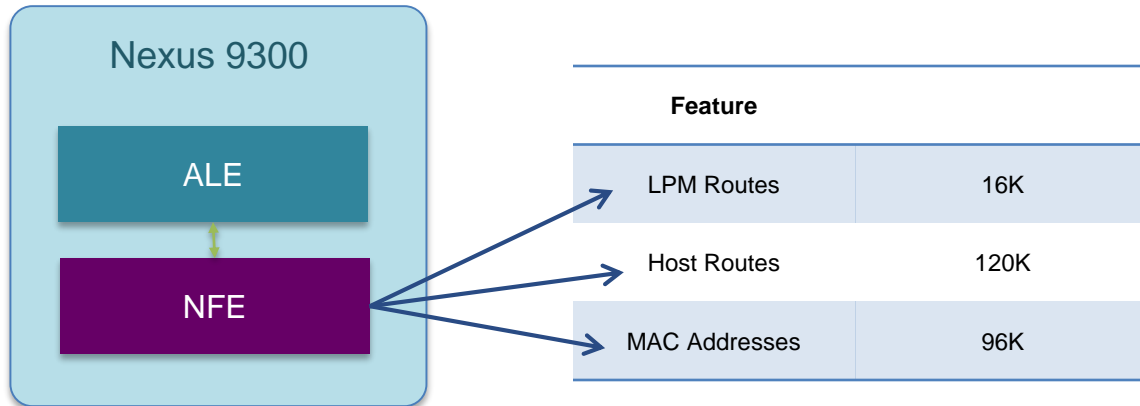


Nexus® 93120TX

- The 6 40GE links between NFE and ALE-2 run at 42Gbps clock rate to accommodate the internal packet header.
- Hardware is capable of VXLAN bridging and routing
- Hardware is capable of supporting both NX-OS and ACI
- Full line rate performance for all packet sizes

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Forwarding Tables

- In Nexus 9300 system there is no separate NFE ASIC that would distribute LPM Route learning from the rest of the system.
- As a result of this, the forwarding tables on a single NFE ASIC is completely responsible for LPM Routes, Host Routes, and MAC Address learning.
- However, it is possible to adjust the allocation of table space based on defined templates.



# Nexus 9300 Forwarding Scalabilities

	Nexus 9300	
	Default	Maximum Layer-3 Mode
LPM Routes	16K	128K
IP Host Entries	120K (208K protocol learned IPv4 host routes)	16K
MAC Address Entries	96K	32K
Multicast Routes	32K* (hardware capable of 72K)	8K*
Multicast Fan Outs	8K (no vPC)	8K (no vPC)
IGMP Snooping Groups	32K* (hardware capable of 72K)	8K*
ACL TCAM	Hardware: 4K ingress, 1K egress Available to user: 3K ingress, 768 egress	Hardware: 4K ingress, 1K egress Available to user: 3K ingress, 768 egress
VRF	1000	1000
Max Links in Port Channel	32	32
Max ECMP Paths	64	64
Max vPC Port Channels	528	528
Max Active SPAN Sessions	4	4
Max RPVST Instances	507	507
Max HSRP Groups	490	490
MAX VLANs	4K	4K
SPAN/ERSPAN	4 active sessions	4 active sessions

\* Shared with IP hosts

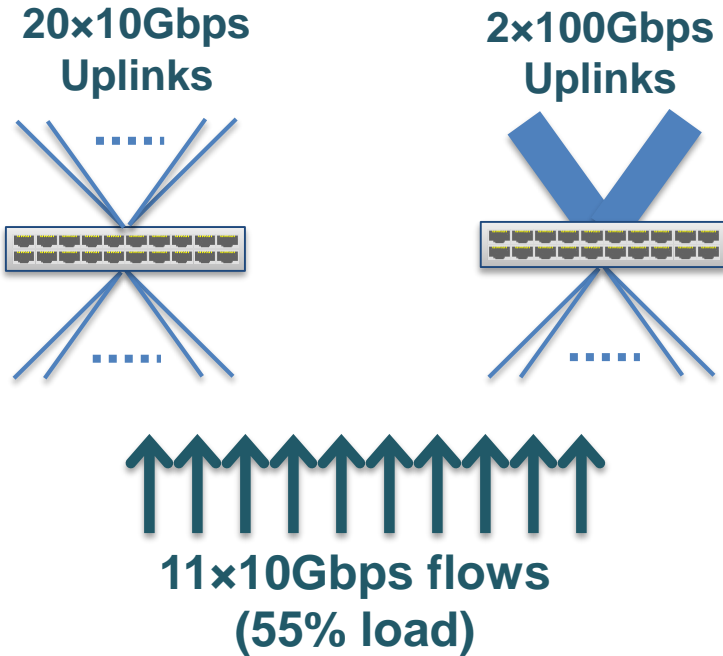


# Agenda – Nexus 9000 Architecture

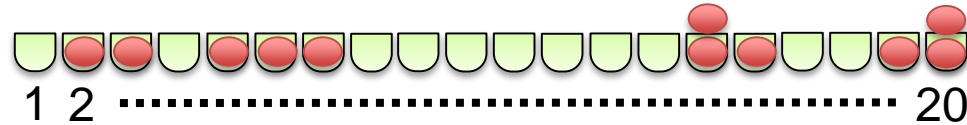
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# Why Speedup in Network Design

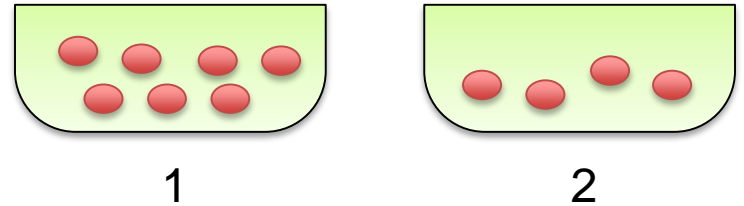
Higher speed links improve ECMP efficiency



Prob of 100% throughput = 3.27%

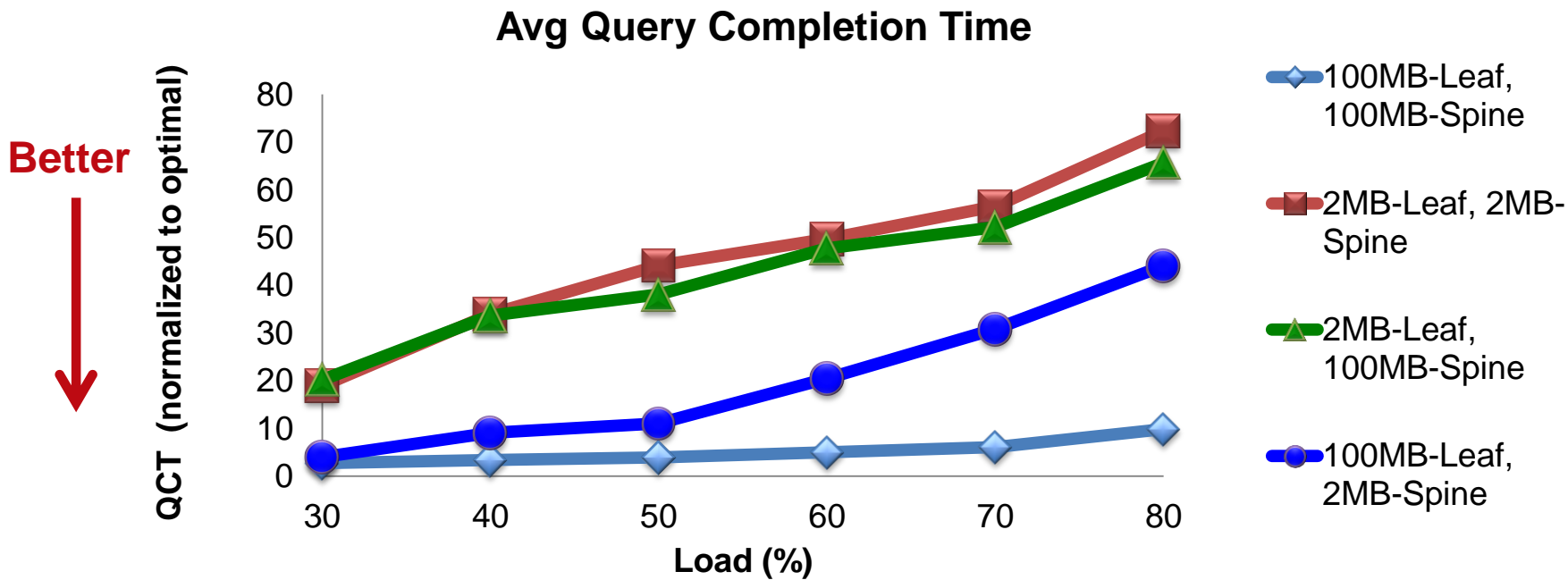


Prob of 100% throughput = 99.95%

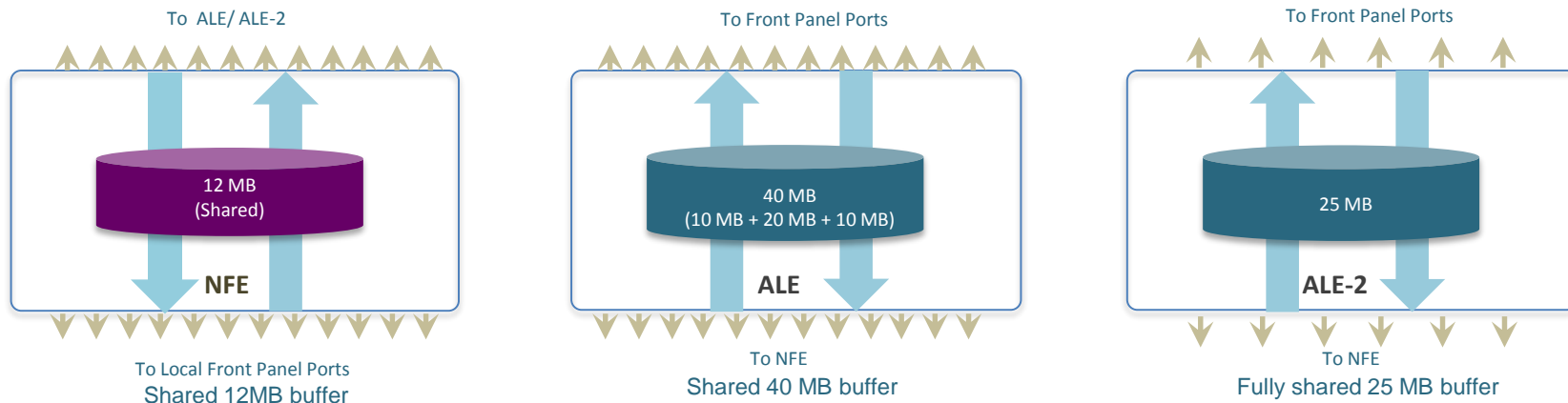


# Impact of Buffering

Where are large buffers more effective for Incast?



# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Buffer Architecture



Buffer Location	Buffer Size
NFE (Network Forwarding Engine)	12 MB
ALE (Application Leaf Engine)	40 MB
ALE-2 (Application Leaf Engine-2)	25 MB

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Buffer Architecture (Cont'd)

## NFE + ALE Buffer Structure

### Buffer on NFE:

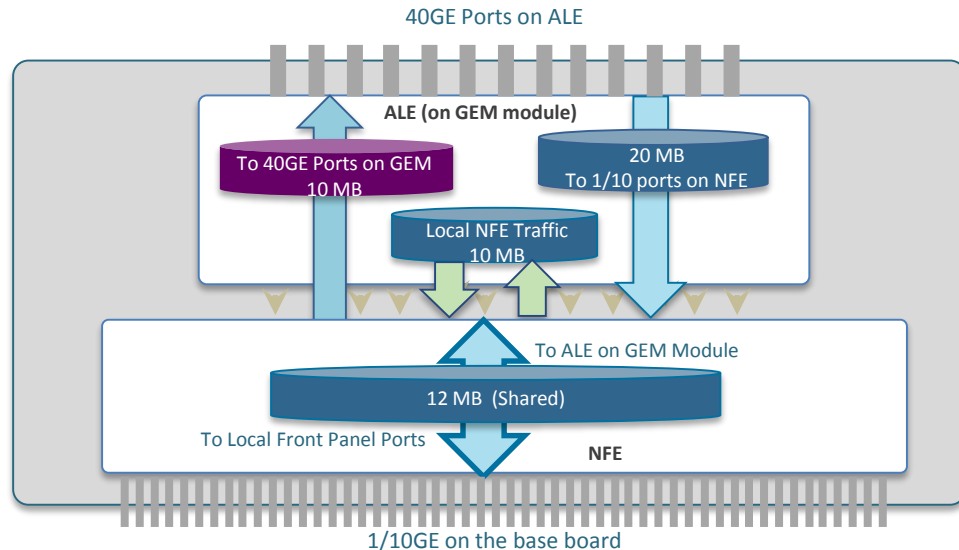
- Fully shared 12 MB buffer for ports on NFE

### Buffer on ALE

- Shared 10 MB egress buffer for traffic going to all ALE front-panel ports
- Shared 20 MB egress buffer for traffic coming from ALE front-panel ports and going to NFE front panel port.
- Shared 10MB egress buffer for local NFE traffic

ALE can be found on the N9K-M12PQ GEM module. Therefore, the NFE+ ALE buffer structure can be seen in the following Nexus 9300 switch platforms when they're equipped with N9K-M12PQ GEM module:

- Nexus 9396PX
- Nexus 9396TX
- Nexus 93128TX



Nexus 9396PX/TX with N9K-M12PQ GEM Module  
Nexus 93128PTX with N9K-M12PQ GEM Module

# Nexus 9300 Series Switch Buffer Architecture (Cont'd)

## NFE + ALE-2 Buffer Structure

### Buffer on NFE:

- Fully shared 12 MB buffer for all ports on NFE

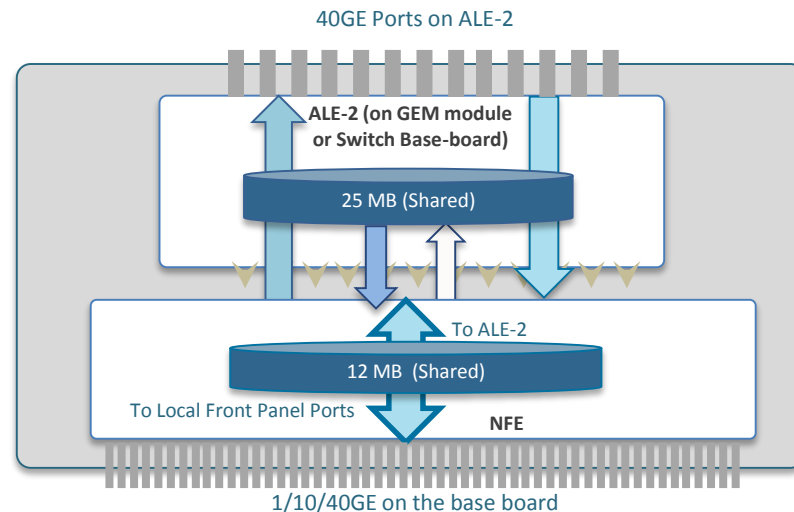
### Buffer on ALE-2

- Fully shared 25 MB buffer for all ports on ALE-2

ALE-2 can be found on the N9K-M6PQ GEM module or selected Nexus 9300 switch base-board. The NFE+ ALE-2 buffer structure can be seen in the following Nexus 9300 switch platforms:

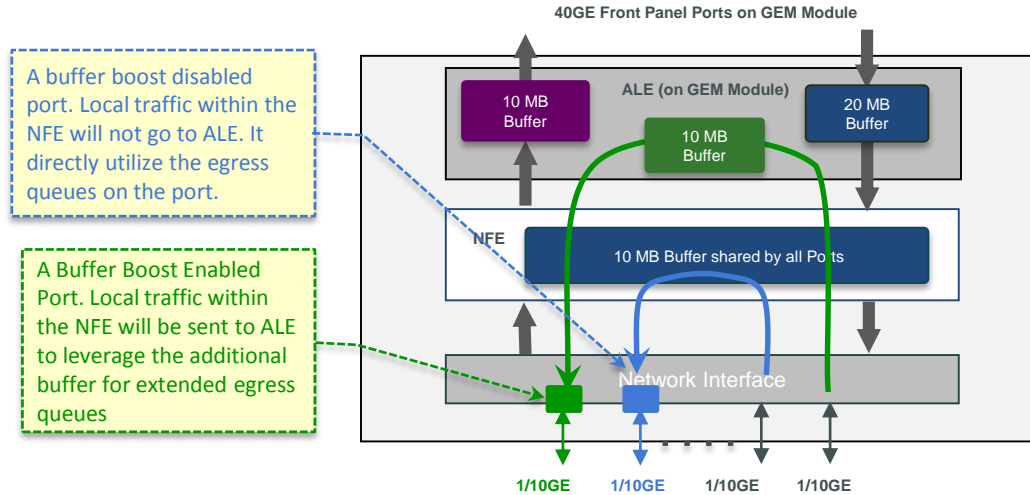
- Nexus 9396PX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module
- Nexus 9396TX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module
- Nexus 93128TX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module
- Nexus 9372PX
- Nexus 9372TX
- Nexus 9332PQ

The 25MB buffer on ALE-2 is shared by traffic in all directions through ALE-2. This fully dynamically buffer sharing allows ALE-2 to provide more per-port buffer in each direction with less total buffer size in comparison to ALE, achieving better performance and optimized buffer resource utilization.



Nexus 9396PX/TX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module  
Nexus 9396PX/TX with N9K-M6PQ GEM Module  
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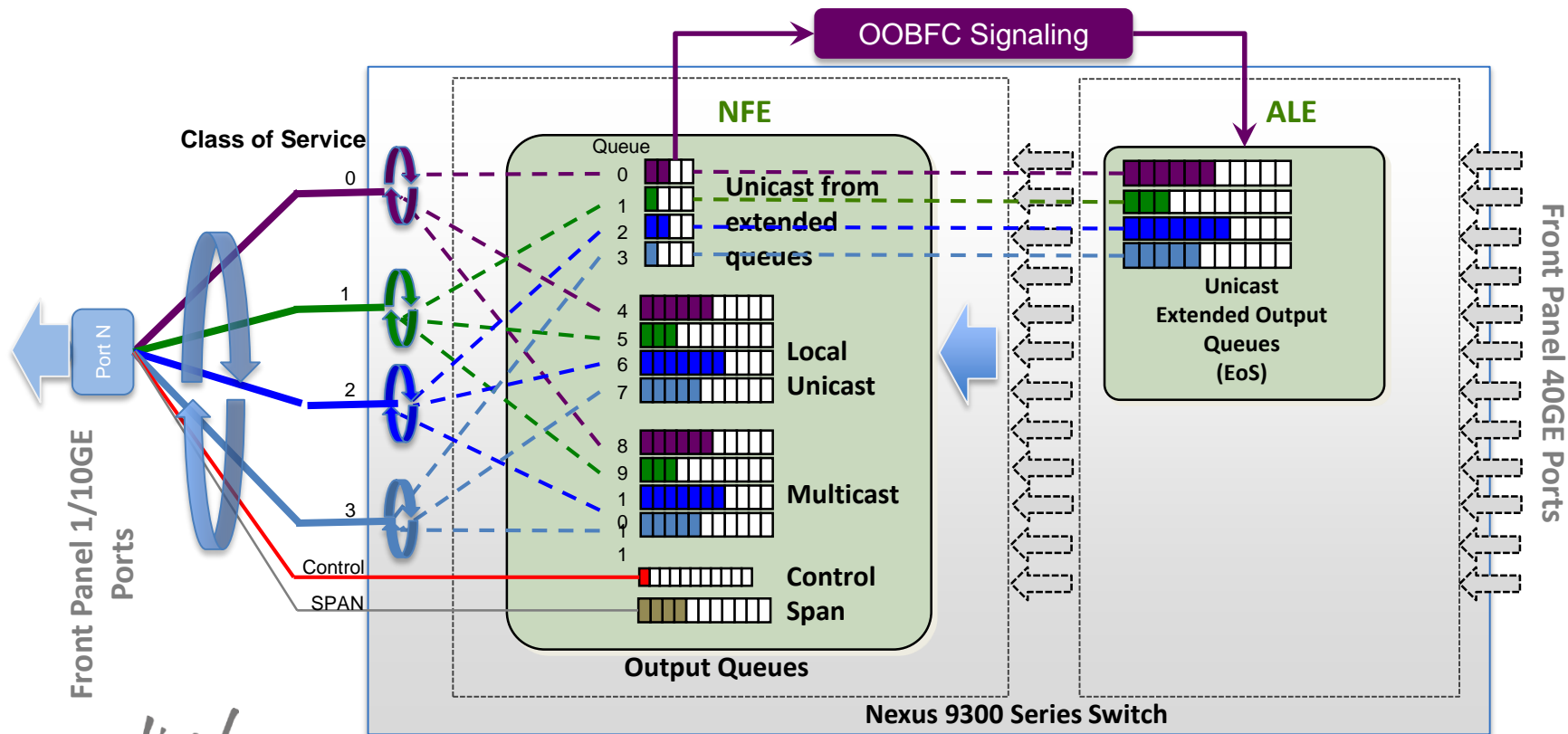
# Buffer Boost on Nexus 9300 Serials Switches



- Buffer boost function is introduced on 1/10GE ports to leverage the additional buffer on ALE for local traffic.
- When buffer boost is enabled on a port, local traffic from other 1/10GE ports to this port is sent to ALE for additional buffer space.
- When buffer boost is disabled on a port, local traffic from other 1/10GE ports to this port remains local on NFE.
- Buffer boost is enabled on all 1/10GE ports by default. It is a port property and can be disabled on a per-port basis.

# Queuing & Scheduling on Nexus 9300

## Extended Output Queues





# QoS on Nexus 9300 Series Switches

- **Ingress QoS (Classification and Remarking)**

- Policy-map type qos
- Match on CoS/ IP Precedence/ DSCP /ACL
- Set qos-group
- Remark CoS/ IP Precedence/ DSCP
- Ingress policing

- **Network-QoS**

- Policy-map type network-qos
- Match on qos-group
- Enable PFC

- **Egress Qos (Queuing and Shaping)**

- Policy-map type queuing
- Enable WRED or ECN (default is tail drop)
- 4 user-defined classes based on qos-group
- 1 control class for CPU and 1 class for SPAN traffic
- Up to 3 PFC non-drop queues
- Up to 3 Strict priority queues

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# Optical Innovation --- Removing 40 Gb Barriers

## Problem

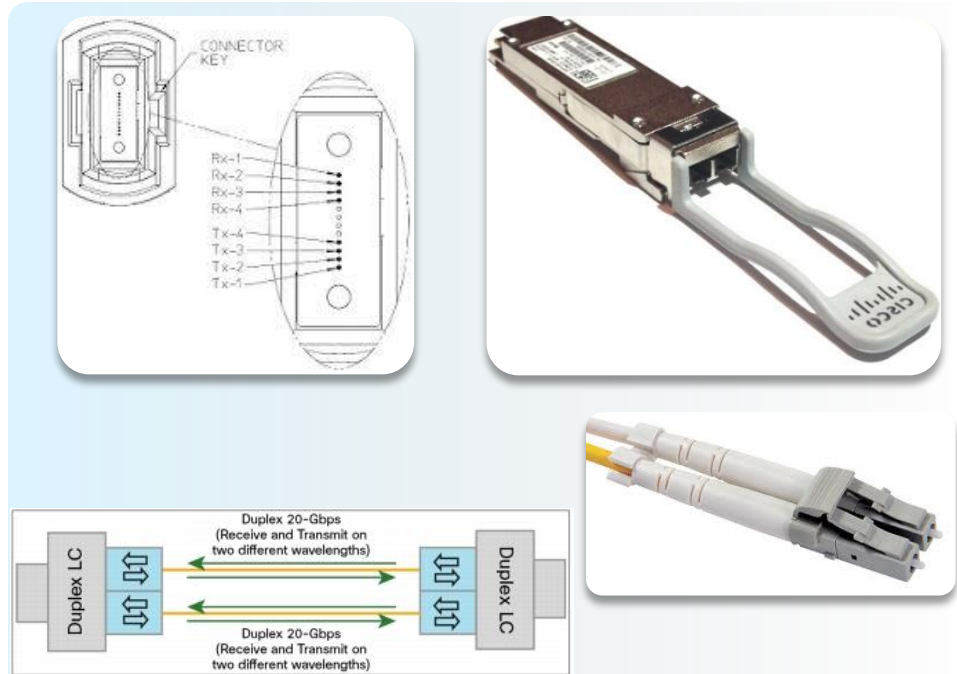
- 40 Gb optics are a significant portion of capital expenditures (CAPEX)
- 40 Gb optics require new cabling

## Solution

- Re-use existing 10 Gb MMF cabling infrastructure
- Re-use patch cables (same LC connector)

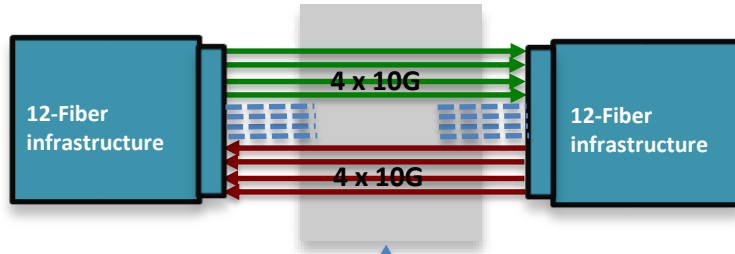
## Cisco® 40 Gb SR-BiDi QSFP

- QSFP, MSA-compliant
- Dual LC connector
- Support for 100 m on OM3 and upto 150m on OM4
- TX/RX on two wavelengths at 20 Gb each



Available end of CY13 and supported across all Cisco QSFP ports

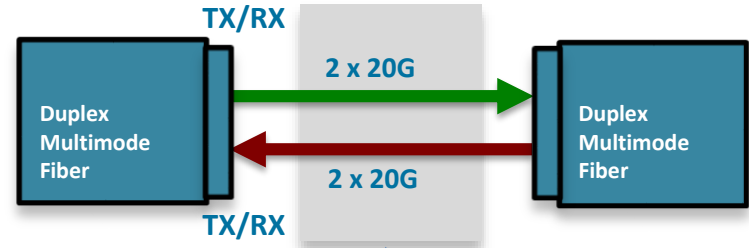
# QSFP-BIDI vs. QSFP-40G-SR4



12-Fiber ribbon cable with MPO connectors at both ends

Higher cost to upgrade from 10G to 40G due to 12-Fiber infrastructure

## QSFP-BIDI

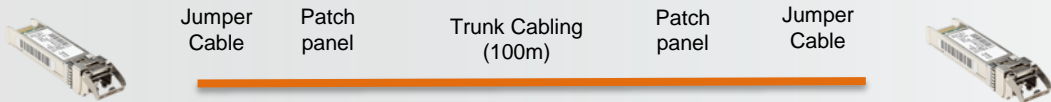


Duplex multimode fiber with Duplex LC connectors at both ends

Use of duplex multimode fiber lowers cost of upgrading from 10G to 40G by leveraging existing 10G multimode infrastructure

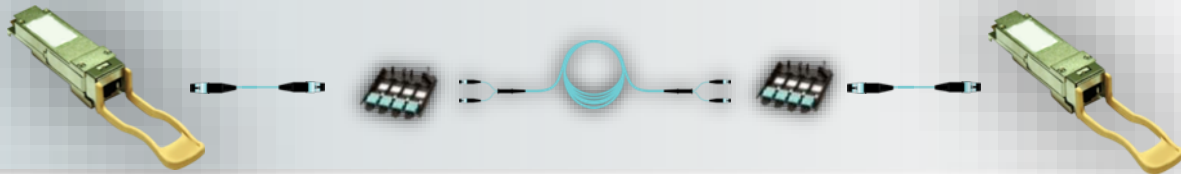
# Significant Cabling & Transceiver Savings

## 10G Optical Link

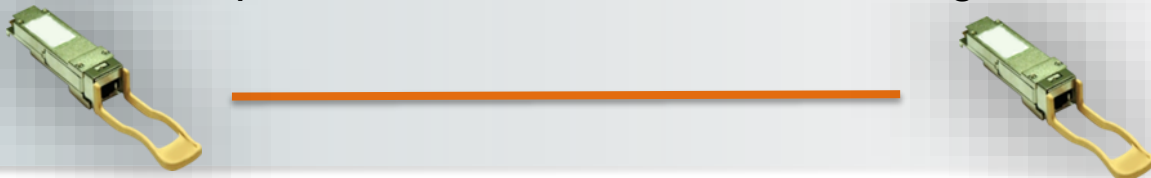


**+\$6,259\***

## Traditional 40G Optical Link—Complete Replacement



## 40G BiDi Optical Link—Reuse all 10G Cabling/Patch Panels



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**Cost Avoidance  
Brownfield**

**Cost Savings  
Greenfield**

**\$4,059  
SAVINGS (LIST)  
PER 40G LINK**

Source: Corning OM3 Cable & Patch Panel list prices, Cisco 40G BiDi list price, Competitors 40G SR4 list price

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# Nexus 9500/9300 FEX Support

- Optimized Model for Long Term TCO during Evolution

Cisco Nexus® 5500



Cisco Nexus® 9300



Cisco Nexus® 2000 FEX

Cisco Nexus® 2000 FEX

Cisco *live!*

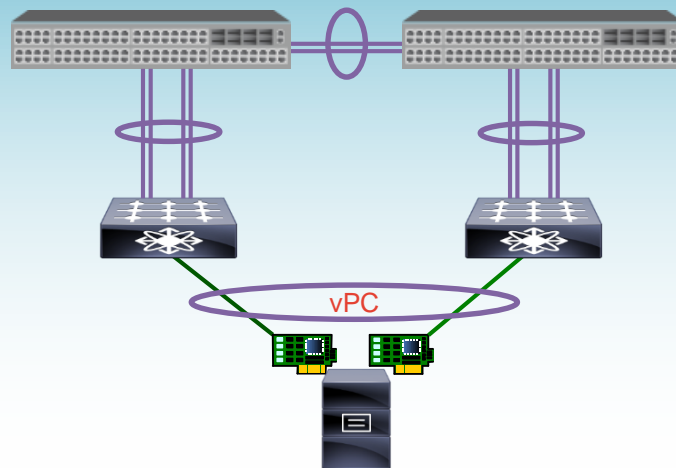
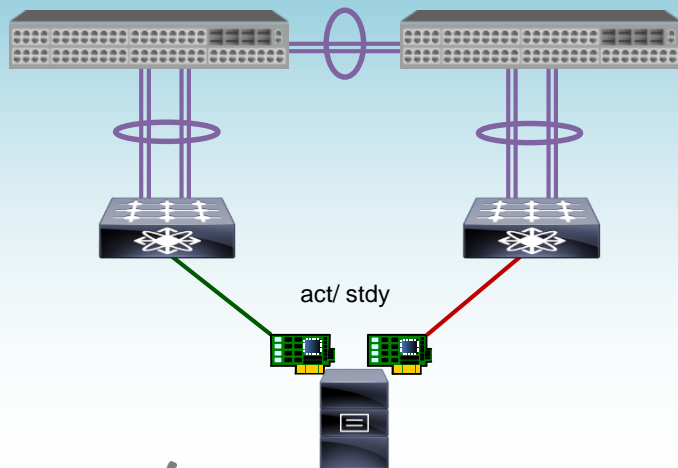
- Migration of Nexus 5500 to Nexus 9300 provides
- Increased scalability
  - 160K MAC
  - 16K Routes
  - 32K MRoutes
  - 160K IGMP Groups
- Addition of 40G uplinks for lower oversubscription
- Addition of VXLAN Bridging, Gateway and Routing capabilities
- Line Rate Layer 2 and Layer 3
- Reduction of Latency

# Nexus 9500/9300 FEX Support (Cont'ed)

## Supported Topology

### Supported FEX Topology:

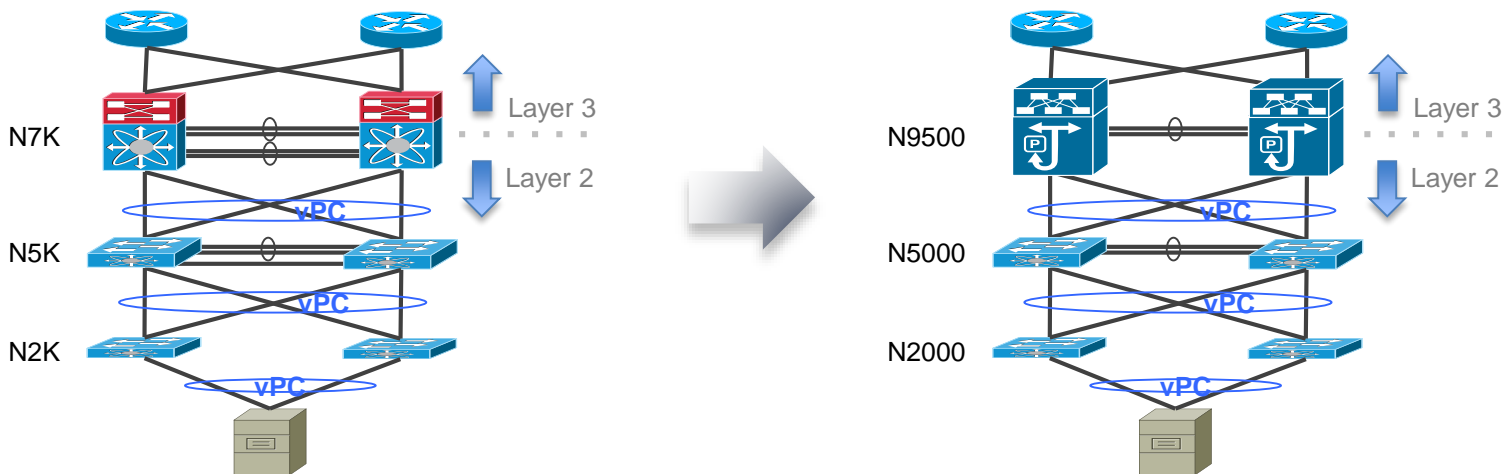
- Single-homed FEX
- vPC port channel to hosts



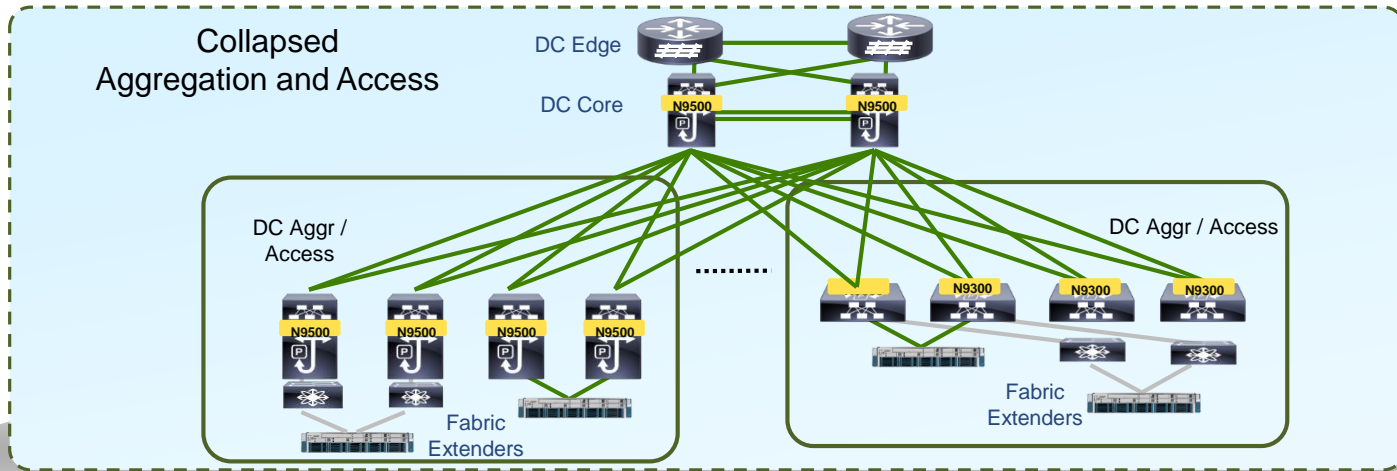


# Migration and Interop with Existing Nexus Platforms

- Pod Design Migration with vPC
  - Nexus 9000 is fully compatible with all existing Nexus vPC & FEX designs
  - Nexus 9500 provides a migration path to high performance and high density 40Gbps aggregation



# Collapsed Aggregation and Access



## Configuration Options

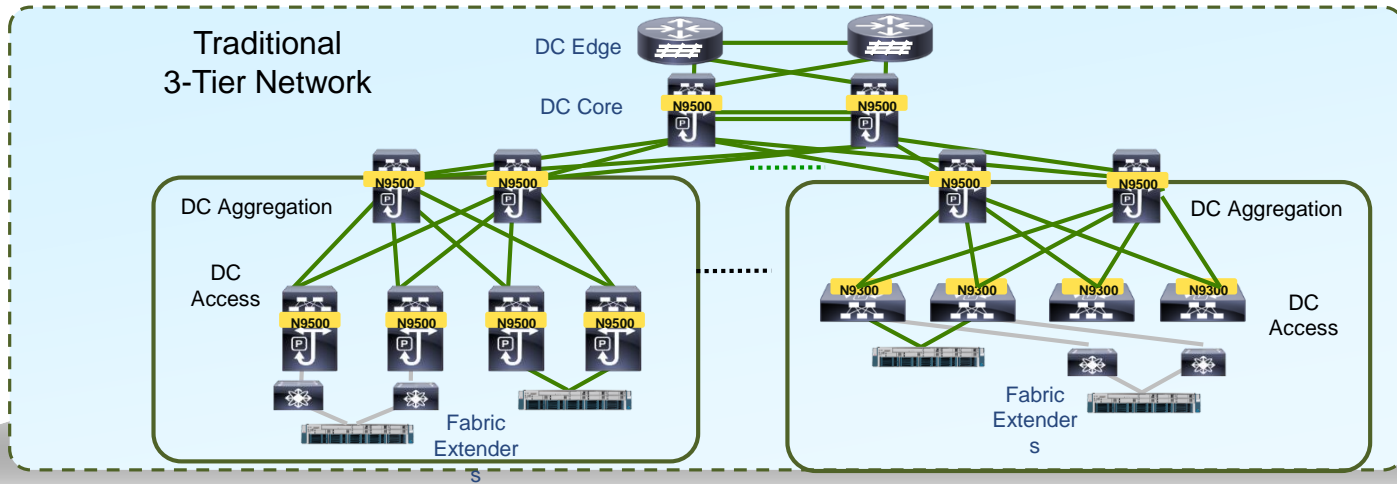
### Option 1:

- Layer 2 and 3 boundary is on the core
- vPC between aggregation and core
- Nexus 9500 can be EoR with FEX in the racks
- Nexus 9300 can be MoR and EoR with FEX in the racks

### Option 2:

- Layer 3 all the way to access
- ECMP between access and aggregation
- Nexus 9500 can be EoR with FEX in the racks
- Nexus 9300 can be MoR and EoR with FEX in the racks

# Traditional 3-Tier Network Design



## Configuration Options

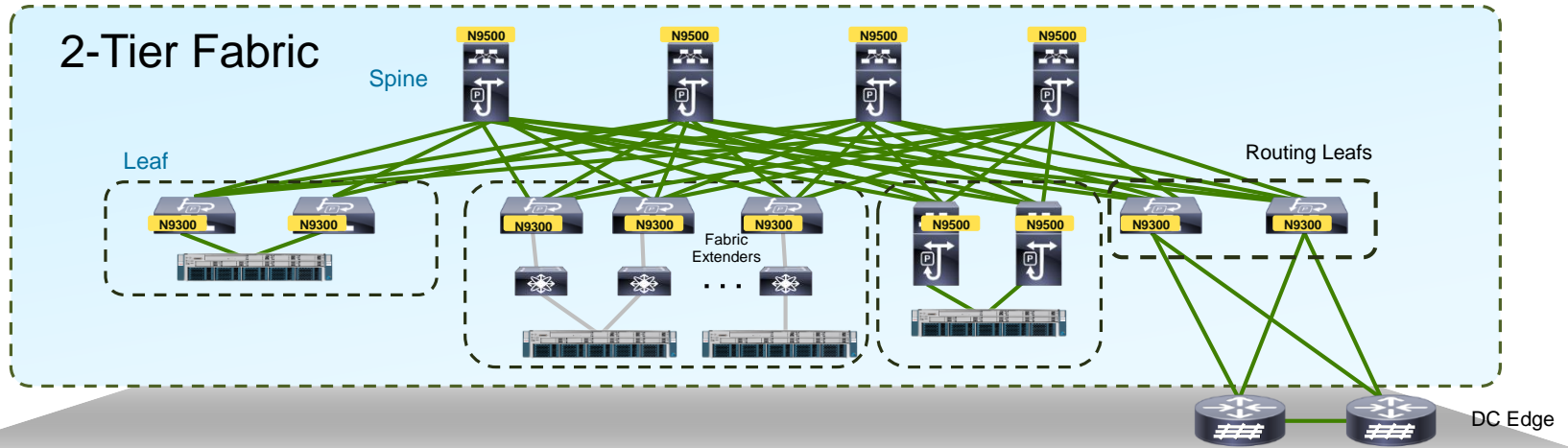
### Option 1:

- Layer 2 or 3 boundary is on aggregation
- vPC between access and aggregation
- Nexus 9500 can be EoR
- Nexus 9300 can be ToR or MoR

### Option 2:

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- vPC between access and aggregation
- Nexus 9500 can be EoR
- Nexus 9300 can be ToR or MoR

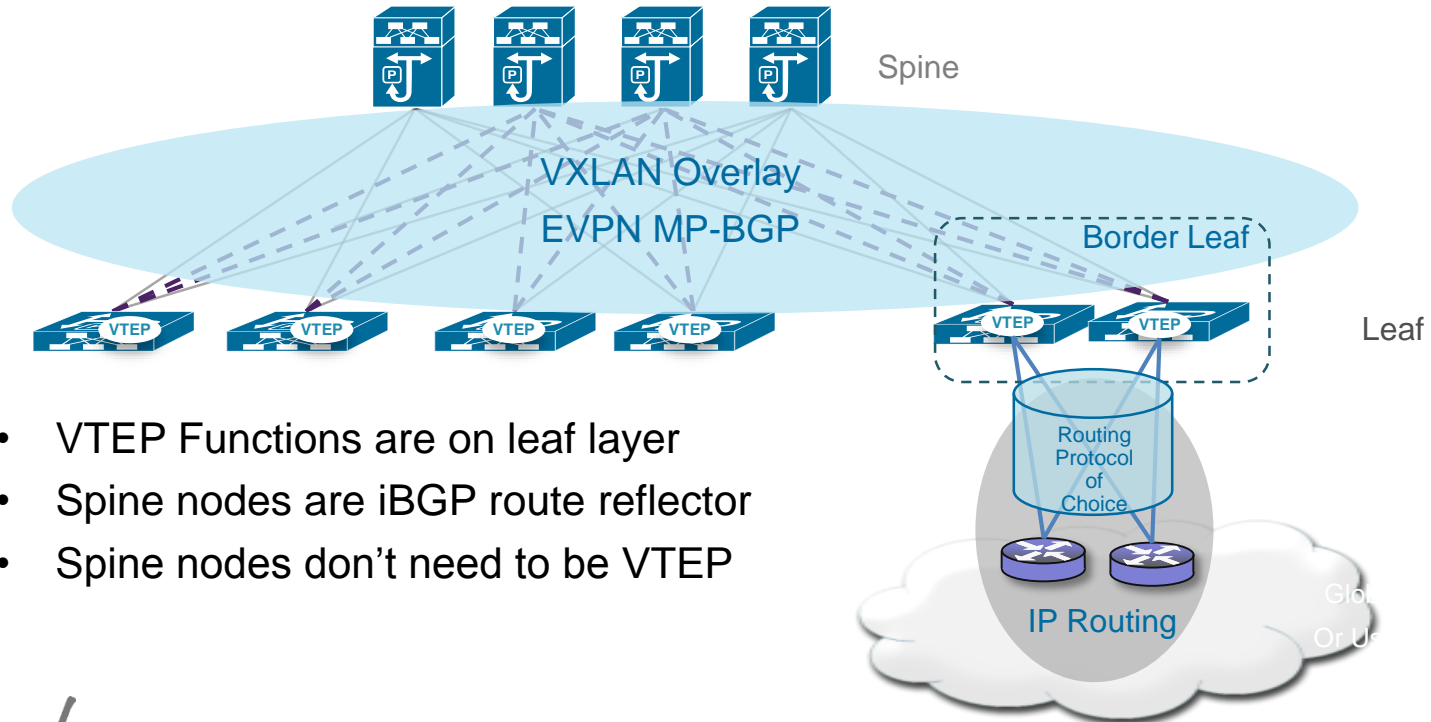
# Spine-Leaf Fabric Design



## Configuration Options:

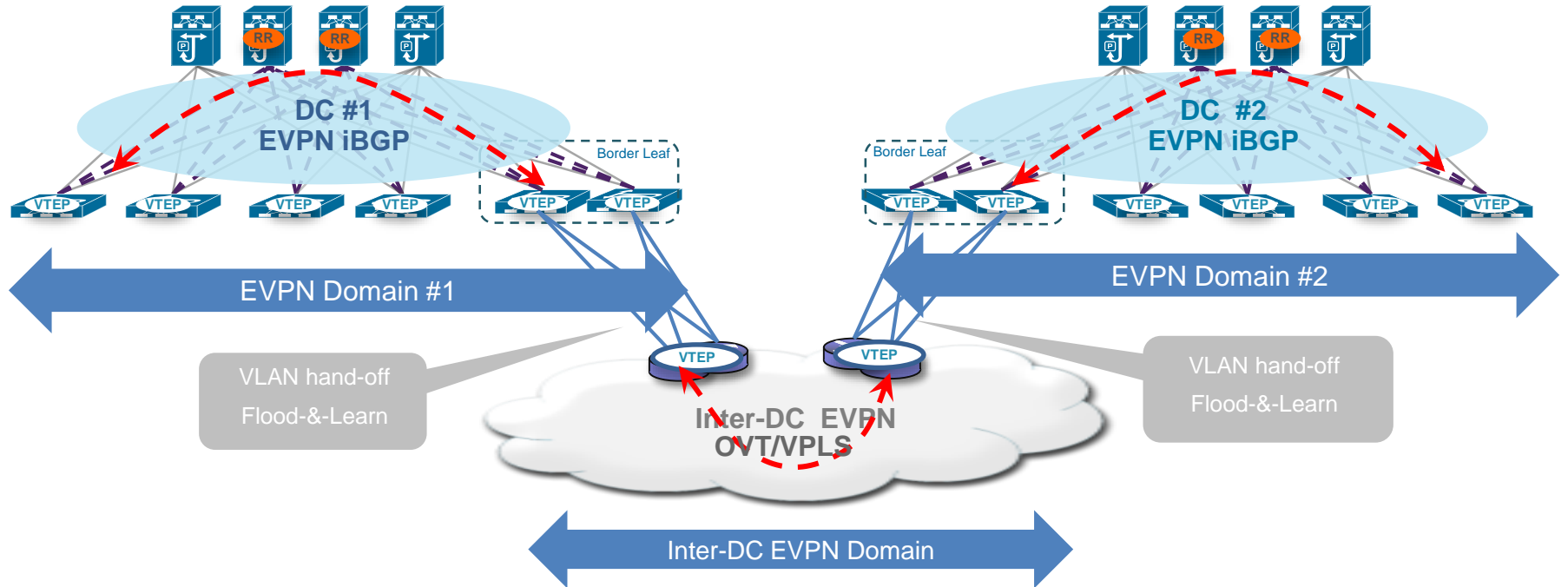
- Layer 3 IP fabric
- Layer 3 all the way to access
- Layer 2 extensibility can be provided by VXLAN
- Nexus® 9500 can be EoR
- Nexus 9300 can be ToR and MoR

# VXLAN EVPN Enabled Fabric Design for Host-based Forwarding

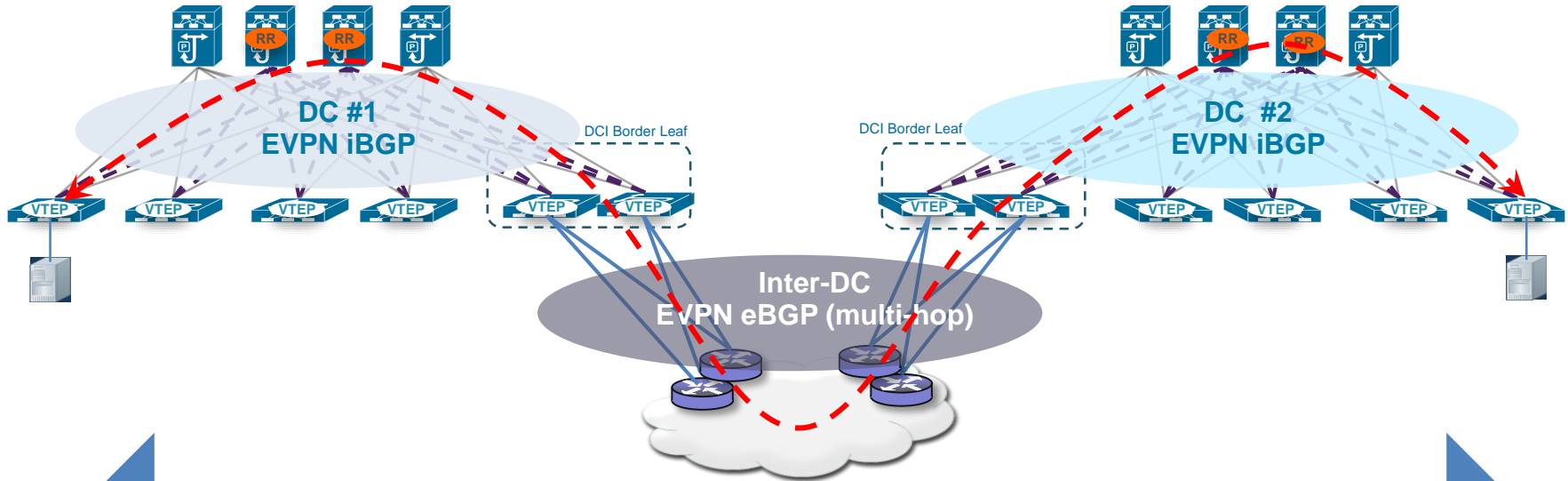


- VTEP Functions are on leaf layer
- Spine nodes are iBGP route reflector
- Spine nodes don't need to be VTEP

# DCI with VXLAN EVPN (Option A)



# DCI with VXLAN EVPN (Option B)



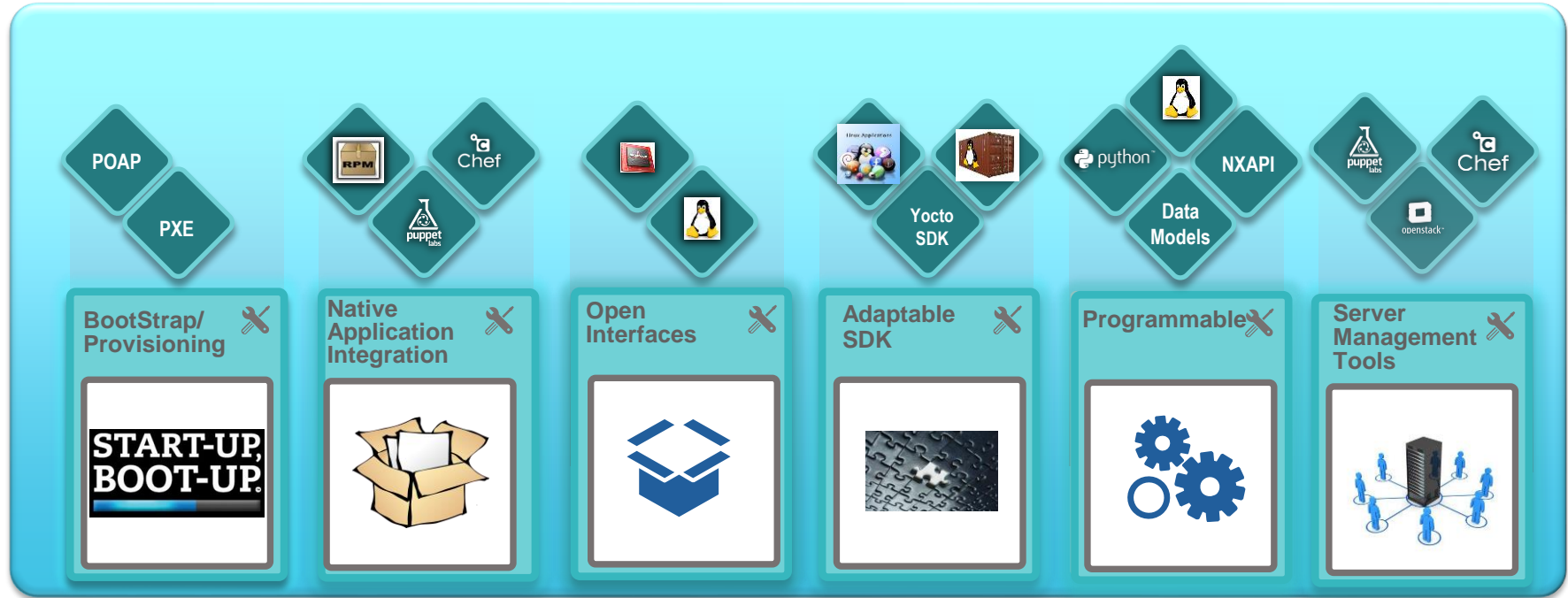
One EVPN Administrative Domain  
Stretched Across Two Data Centers

# Agenda – Nexus 9000 Architecture

- Nexus 9000
  - Nexus 9000 Hardware
    - Nexus 9500 Chassis
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- Nexus 9000 & Dev-Ops
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# OPEN NX-OS - Extensible, Open, Programmable



Auto Deployment  
Options

Extensibility

Open

Application  
Integration

Programmability  
Tool Choice

DevOps  
Enabling

# Open NX-OS: Infrastructure Layer Enhancements



OPEN BOOTLOADERS & PROVISIONING



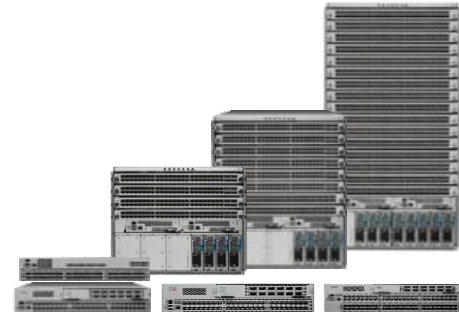
OPEN PACKAGE/APPLICATION INTEGRATION



OPEN INTERFACES



OPEN OBJECT BASED API's (NX-API, Model Driven)



***Open NX-OS consistent across  
both ToR and Modular***

# Enhanced NX-OS NX-API



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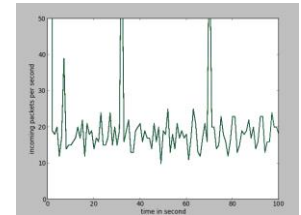
{
  "ins_api": {
    "type": "cli_show",
    "version": "0.1",
    "sid": "session1",
    "outputs": {
      "output": {
        "TABLE_interface": {
          "ROW_interface": [
            {
              "interface": "mgmt0",
              "state": "up",
              "ip_addr": "172.21.128.227",
              "speed": "1000",
              "mtu": "1500"
            },
            {
              "interface": "loopback0",
              "state": "up"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
    
```

## CLI Input

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<ins_api>
  <type>cli_conf</type>
  <version>0.1</version>
  <sid>1</sid>
  <input>show interface brief </input>
  <output_format>xml</output_format>
</ins_api>
    
```

HTTP

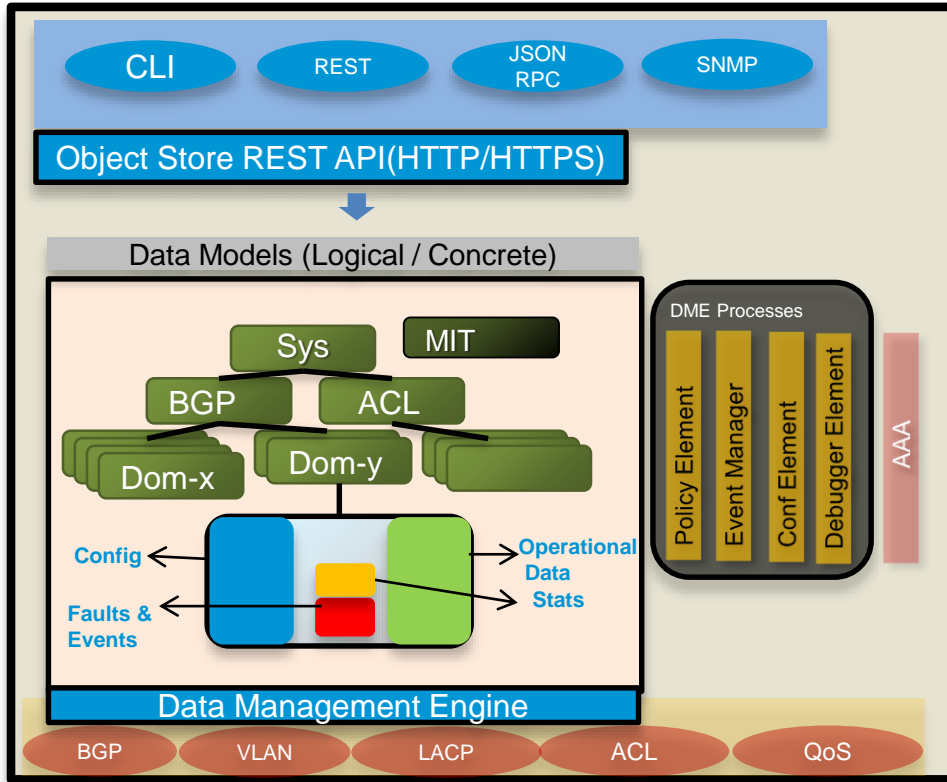


Programmability



# Open NX-OS Programmability

## Model Driven Automation



- Automate at scale using REST API access to Nexus object store
- Automate operations leveraging object create/update/delete operations
- Benefits of Model Based automation
  - Software productivity
  - Software maintainability
  - Software quality and code reuse
- Asynchronous model driven programmability:
  - BGP, VLAN, LACP, ACL, QoS, UDLD, CDP, MAC, DHCP, DNS, RBAC, AAA, SVI, Logging, NTP, VRRP
- Object Model Specification available at <http://developer.cisco.com>
- Push based model for event reporting, leveraging websockets interface.

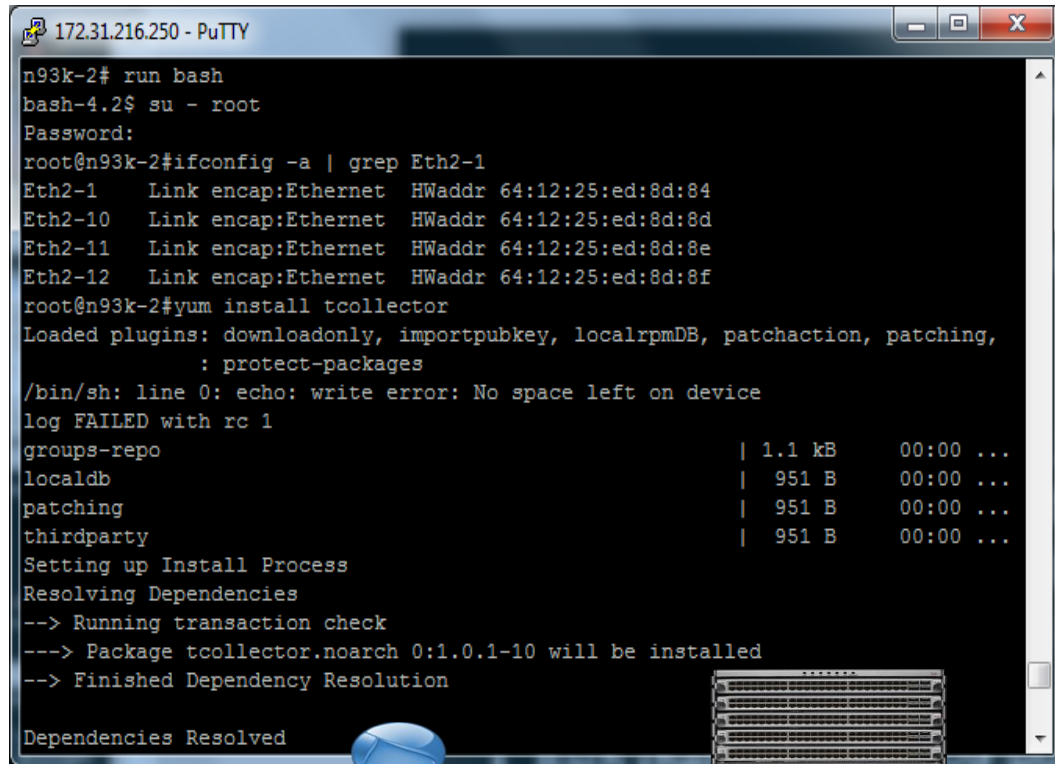
# Object Based Programmability

## BGP Configuration

CLI	POST Request (Pre Camden)	POST Request BGP Object (Camden)
<pre>router bgp 11 router-id 1.1.1.1</pre>	<pre>POST <a href="http://Switch-IP/ins">http://Switch-IP/ins</a> {'content-type':'application/json-rpc'}.json()  { "jsonrpc": "2.0",   "method": "cli",   "params": {     "cmd": "config t",     "version": 1 }, "id": 1}, { "jsonrpc": "2.0",   "method": "cli",   "params": {     "cmd": "router bgp 11",     "version": 1 }, "id": 1}, { "jsonrpc": "2.0",   "method": "cli",   "params": {     "cmd": "router-id 1.1.1.1",     "version": 1}, "id": 2}]</pre>	<pre>POST http://Switch-IP/api/mo/sys/bgp/inst.json  { "bgpInst" : {   "children" : [{     "bgpDom" : { 11       "attributes" : {         "name":"default",         "rtrId" : "1.1.1.1"       }     }   ] }</pre>

# Open NX-OS Linux Interfaces Bash Access

- Leverage Linux command toolkit for switch monitoring configuration and troubleshooting
  - **# tcpdump -w file.pcap -i eth1-1**
- Use ethtool to display detailed interface statistics:
  - **# ethtool -S eth2-1**
- Use ifconfig to change mtu for an interface to jumbo MTU:
  - **# ifconfig eth2-1 mtu 9000**
- Use ip route to add a static route for a given interface:
  - **# ip route add 203.0.113.0/24 via 198.51.100.2 dev eth2-1**
- Leverage bash for NX-OS scripting automation
  - **vsh -c "show interface brief" | grep up | awk/sed**



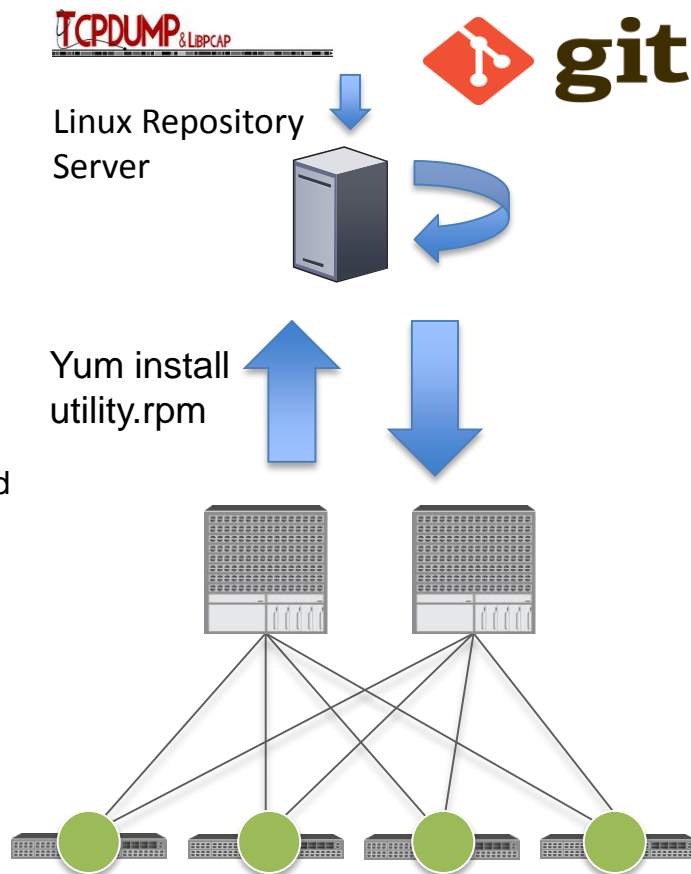
```
172.31.216.250 - PuTTY
n93k-2# run bash
bash-4.2$ su - root
Password:
root@n93k-2# ifconfig -a | grep Eth2-1
Eth2-1   Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 64:12:25:ed:8d:84
Eth2-10  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 64:12:25:ed:8d:8d
Eth2-11  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 64:12:25:ed:8d:8e
Eth2-12  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 64:12:25:ed:8d:8f
root@n93k-2# yum install tcollector
Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching,
               : protect-packages
/bin/sh: line 0: echo: write error: No space left on device
log FAILED with rc 1
groups-repo          | 1.1 kB      00:00 ...
localdb              | 951 B      00:00 ...
patching             | 951 B      00:00 ...
thirdparty           | 951 B      00:00 ...
Setting up Install Process
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
--> Package tcollector.noarch 0:1.0.1-10 will be installed
--> Finished Dependency Resolution

Dependencies Resolved
```

# Open NX-OS Linux Interfaces Using Linux Utilities

- Capability to configure native switch linux devices with standard off the shelf linux tools.
- **Lots of tools, lots of options**, some examples below:
- For troubleshooting use tcpdump to capture all packets on a given port, and dump to a file:
  - **# tcpdump -w file.pcap -i eth1-1**
  - tcpdump: listening on eth1, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes 4 packets captured 4 packets received by filter 0 packets
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# BCM Shell Access

- Issue a CLI to get shell access to underlying BCM chips
- Direct read/write access to hardware tables
- Can Peek/Poke underlying registers
- Python wrapper to get BCM Shell output

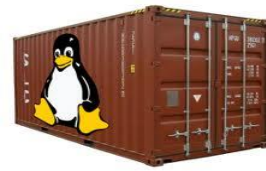


```
TME-1-9508-1# bcm-shell module 1
Warning: BCM shell access should be used with caution
Entering bcm shell on module 1
Available Unit Numbers: 0 1 2
bcm-shell.0> ^[[A^[A^[B

bcm-shell.0> l3 l3table show
l3 l3table show
Unit 0, free L3 table entries: 212960
Entry VRF IP address Mac Address INTF MOD PORT CLASS HIT
147488 1 192.168.1.2 00:00:00:00:00:00 100006 0 0 0 y
149300 1 30.1.1.255 00:00:00:00:00:00 149150 0 0 0 n
150696 1 30.1.1.1 00:00:00:00:00:00 100012 0 0 0 n
152696 1 10.1.1.3 00:00:00:00:00:00 100007 0 0 0 y
154860 1 192.168.1.15 00:00:00:00:00:00 149150 0 0 0 n
156336 1 192.168.1.0 00:00:00:00:00:00 100000 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
163452 1 192.168.1.13 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 y (LOCAL ROUTE)
165120 1 192.168.1.3 00:00:00:00:00:00 149150 0 0 0 n
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168280 1 10.1.1.2 00:00:00:00:00:00 100006 0 0 0 y
170444 1 192.168.1.14 00:00:00:00:00:00 100010 0 0 0 y
173968 1 192.168.1.1 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 y (LOCAL ROUTE)
174872 1 30.1.1.2 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
179036 1 192.168.1.12 00:00:00:00:00:00 100000 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
183716 1 192.168.1.11 00:00:00:00:00:00 149150 0 0 0 n
184680 1 192.168.1.6 00:00:00:00:00:00 100007 0 0 0 y
186876 1 10.1.1.10 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
192308 1 192.168.1.9 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
193012 1 10.10.10.10 00:00:00:00:00:00 149151 0 0 0 y (LOCAL ROUTE)
193528 1 192.168.1.4 00:00:00:00:00:00 100000 0 0 0 n (LOCAL ROUTE)
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# Linux Containers

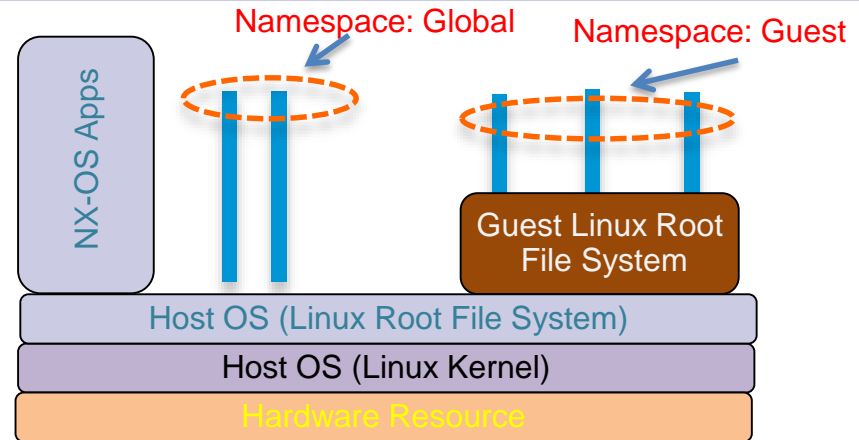


- Enable Nexus switches to host customer applications using LXC virtualization technologies
- Customers can use 'Application Development Toolkit' to compile & package their applications into Cisco OVAs for deployment on Nexus switches

## LXC

This is an operating system virtualization technology that shares the host kernel with the guest but provides isolation through namespace extensions to the Linux kernel.

<http://linuxcontainers.org/>

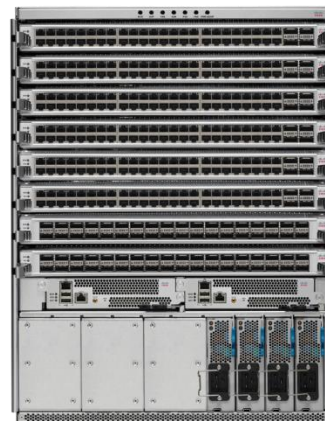


# Linux Containers (LXC) on Nexus 9000/3000

- Provides a secure and segregated operating environment for applications
- Can run either Cisco or Open Source applications
- Can use standard Linux distros
- OS Level Virtualization
- Shared Kernel
- Shared physical resources
- Isolation through name spaces

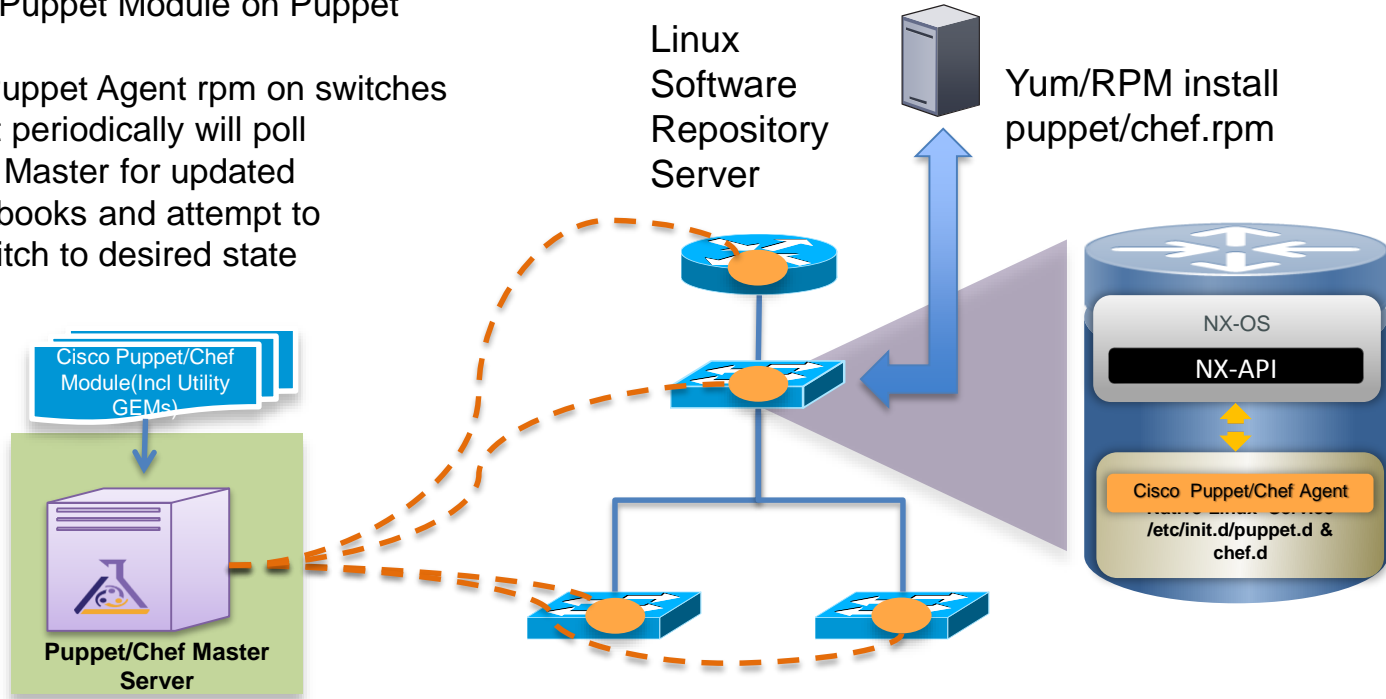


NX-OS



# Open NX-OS Puppet/Chef

- Cisco Puppet Agent RPM/software package posted to Puppetforge and Open Sourced to Github
- Install Cisco Puppet Module on Puppet Master
- Yum install Puppet Agent rpm on switches
- Switch Agent periodically will poll Puppet/Chef Master for updated catalog/cookbooks and attempt to converge switch to desired state



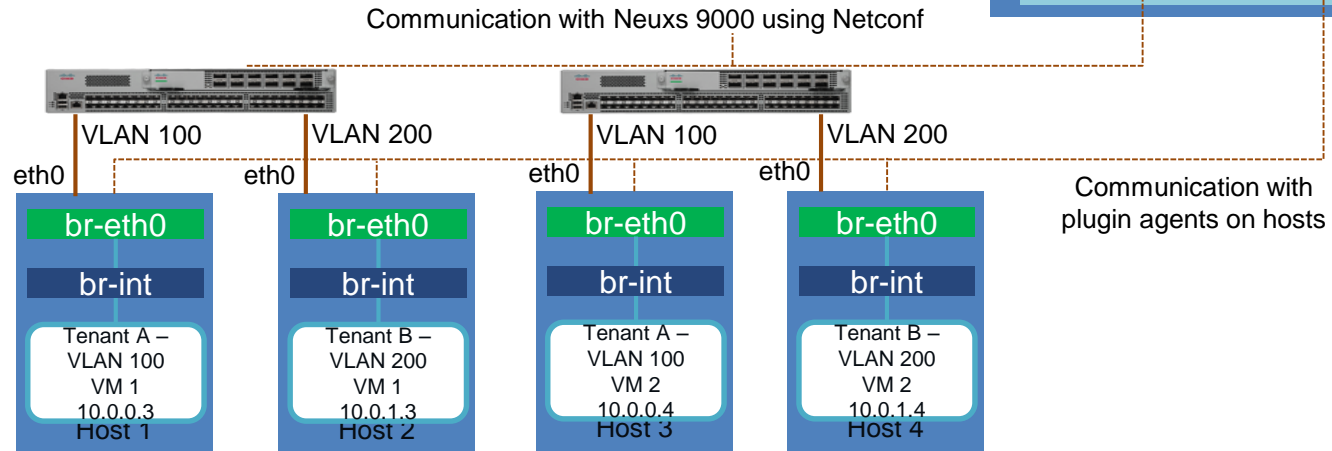
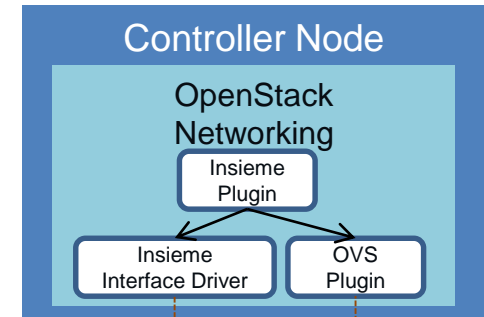
# Cisco Puppet Resource Type Coverage: 1

Feature	Resource Name	Description
Cisco Device Access	cisco_device	Allows credentials for user access control & accounting
Base L2/L3 interface	cisco_interface	General interface & L2/L3 base settings
VLAN	cisco_vlan	Create/destroy of VLANs and general settings
Interface-vlan (SVI)	cisco_interface_vlan	Create/destroy of SVIs and SVI specific interface settings
VLAN Trunking Proto (VTP)	cisco_vtp	VTP global settings
SNMP	cisco_snmp_server cisco_snmp_community cisco_snmp_group cisco_snmp_user	SNMP monitoring settings. Notification receiver settings not covered as of now.
OSPF	cisco_ospf cisco_ospf_vrf cisco_interface_ospf	OSPF instance create/destroy, per-VRF settings, and interface settings (area, cost, msg digest, etc)

# OpenStack Network (Neutron) Plugin



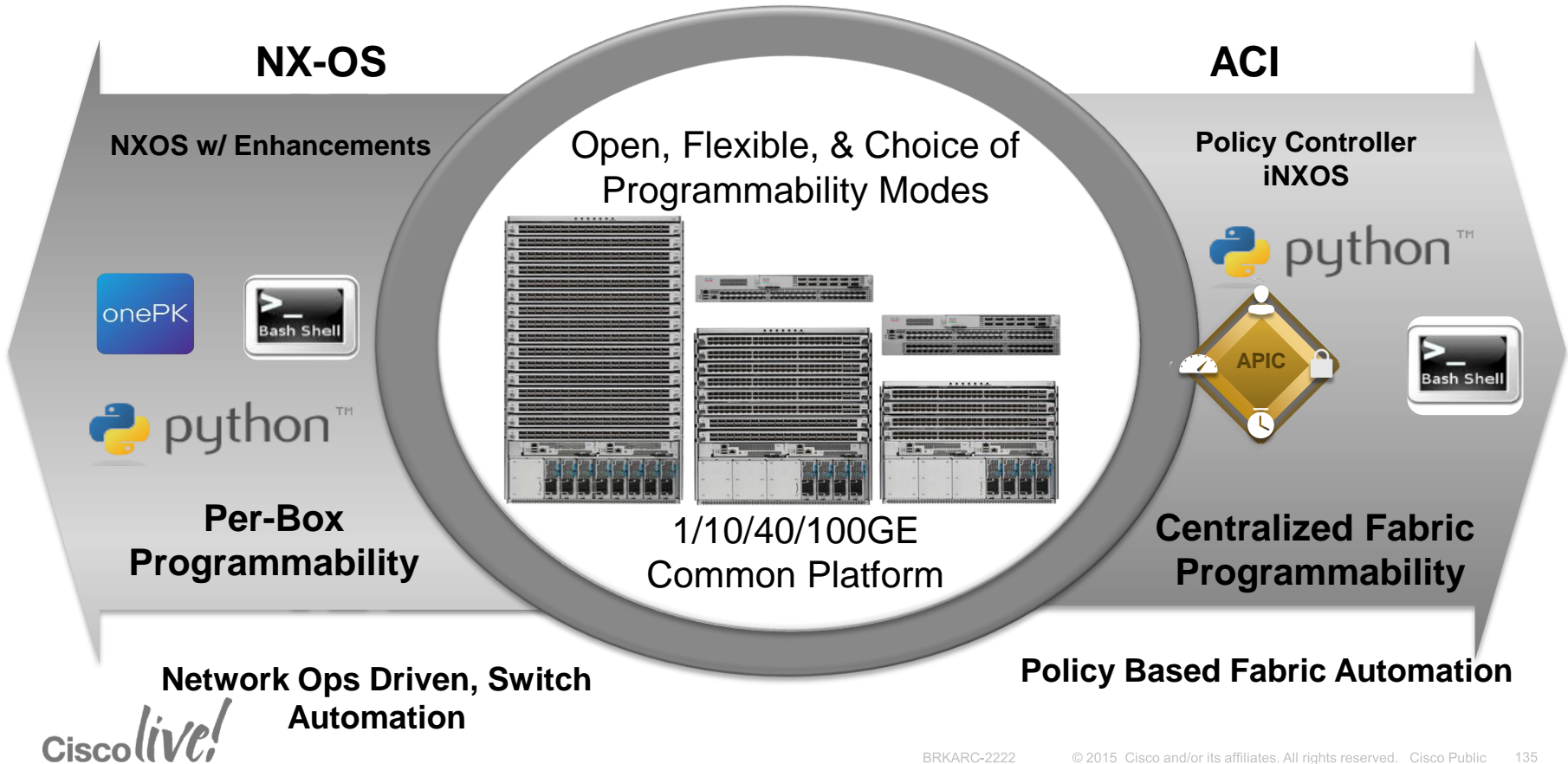
- Enables fully automated compute, storage and network resource orchestration
- Support for Grizzly OpenStack release
- Enable VLAN-based tenant separation
- Enhance efficient resource usage
- Leverages NX-OS NetConf/XML programmatic interface



# Agenda – Nexus 9000 Architecture

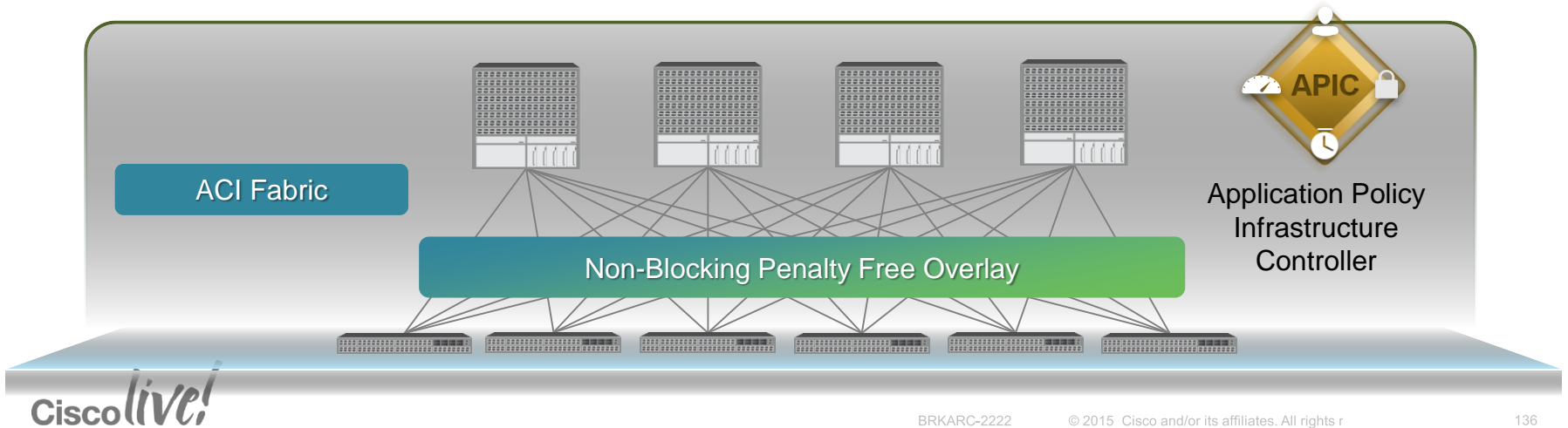
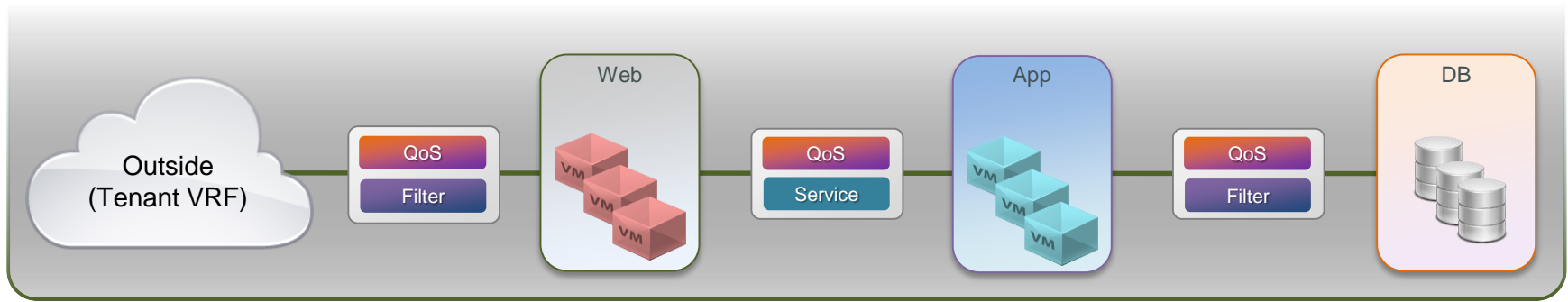
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  - Nexus 9000 & Dev-Ops
- ACI & Nexus 9000

# Common Platform: Two Modes of Operation



# Cisco ACI

## Logical Network Provisioning of Stateless Hardware





# Foundational Switching Platforms for the Next Decade

## Nexus 9000

1/10/40/100G



Standalone / ACI Ready

Cisco *live!*



Industry Leading Price/Performance, Port Density: **Fastest 10G/40G /100G Platform with Merchant+**



**15%** Better Power & Cooling—**2.8X** Better Reliability



Programmability/ Open APIs: Linux Containers, Python, Power Shell, Puppet, Chef... **Ideal for DevOps!!**



**Innovations:** Object Model, No Backplane, No Midplane, Health scores



\$ Multi-million Savings 40/100G on Existing Cables using BiDi Optics. **Non disruptive migration to 40GE**

# Where You Can Learn More?

## Nexus Platforms and NX-OS Related Sessions

Session ID	Session Title	Speaker	Day / Time
BRKDCT-2458	Nexus 9000/7000/6000/5000 Operations and Maintenance Best Practices	Arvind Durai Nicholas Garner	Tuesday, Jun 9, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
BRKDCT-3101	Nexus 9000 (Standalone) Architecture Brief and Troubleshooting	Shridhar Dhodapkar Sukumar Subburayan	Monday, Jun 8, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
CCSACI-2552	The Journey to Nexus 9k and ACI: NetApp Global Engineering Cloud	Michael McKee	Thursday, Jun 11, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
BRKAPP-2027	Big Data Architecture and Deployment	Sean McKeown	Tuesday, Jun 9, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
BRKCOC-1000	Inside Cisco IT: Secure and Simplified Cloud Services with ACI	Benny Van De Voorde Erich Latchford	Wednesday, Jun 10, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
PSODCT-1013	Building flexible 40/100G Fabrics with Nexus Switching Portfolio	Anant Shah	Thursday, Jun 11, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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## ACI Related Sessions

Session ID	Session Title	Speaker	Day / Time
BRKACI-1024	Dev-Ops and the Application Centric Infrastructure - Open Standards and Open API's	Mike COHEN	Thursday, Jun 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
BRKACI-1102	L4-L7 Services Insertion Design and Deployment	Azeem Suleman	Tuesday, Jun 9, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
BRKACI-1502	Simplify Operations with ACI	Azeem Suleman Igino Cafiero	Wednesday, Jun 10, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
BRKACI-1789	How to Perform Common Tasks in ACI	Jody Davis	Monday, Jun 8, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
BRKACI-2001	Integration and Interoperation of Existing Nexus Networks into an ACI Architecture	Mike Herbert	Tuesday, Jun 9, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
BRKACI-2006	Integration of Hypervisors and L4-7 Services into an ACI Fabric	Maurizio Portolani Bradley Wong	Thursday, Jun 11, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
BRKACI-2101	Understanding, Verifying, and Troubleshooting ACI Configuration Policies	Daniel Pita	Tuesday, Jun 9, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
BRKACI-2102	ACI Troubleshooting	Mioljub Jovanovic	Thursday, Jun 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
BRKACI-2410	Management and Automation of Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) with Cisco UCS Director	Shankar Varanasy Michael Zimmerman	Thursday, Jun 11, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
BRKACI-2501	Operationalize ACI	Jerry Ye	Thursday, Jun 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
BRKACI-3204	Automating Operational Tasks in Cisco ACI	Paul Lesiak	Monday, Jun 8, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
BRKACI-3456	Mastering OpenStack and ACI	Lucien Avramov	Monday, Jun 8, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
BRKACI-3503	Extending ACI to Multiple Sites - Dual Site Deployment Deep Dive	Santiago Freitas	Wednesday, Jun 10, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
LTRACI-1210	Evolve your Datacenter with ACI	Erum Frahim, Tim Garner Liyuan Quan	Tuesday, Jun 9, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
LTRACI-2202	Deploying and Implementing ACI	Luis Flores Cesar Obediente	Wednesday, Jun 10, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LTRACI-2225	OpenStack Installation, Integration and Deployment with Cisco ACI using Group Based Policy	Luis Flores, Rafael Muller Cesar Obediente	Monday, Jun 8, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
TECACI-2009	Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) - The Policy Driven Data Center	Maurizio Portolani Carlos Pereira Max Ardica, Rolf Schaeerer	Sunday, Jun 7, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
TECACI-2010	ACI Day 2 Operations & Management	Daniel Pita, Rafael Muller Mike Brown, Rob Burns	Thursday, Jun 11, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
TECACI-2101	ACI Concepts, Profiles and Constructs for the Next Generation Data Center	Rafael Muller, Daniel Pita Mike Brown	Sunday, Jun 7, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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- Visit the World of Solutions for:
  - Cisco Campus – **Building Overlay Fabric with VXLAN /Programmability /ACI demos**
  - Walk in Labs – **LABWISP-1000/2000/3000/4000 (Monday~ Thursday, 8:00am~4:45pm)**
  - Technical Solution Clinics
- Meet the Engineer – **Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:00 – 11:00**
- Lunch time Table Topics – **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 11:30~12:3**

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