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# Building transport grade packet-based networks with Routed Optical Networking

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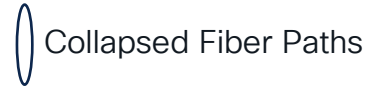
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# Agenda

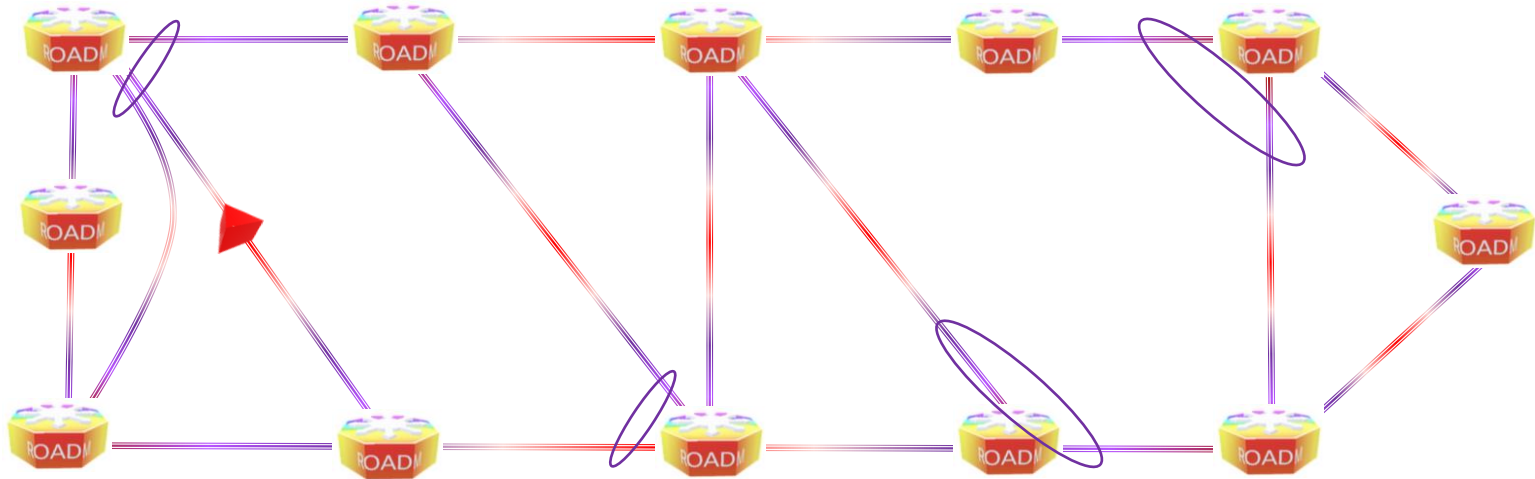
- Today's Networking Layers
- Complexity of Multiple Control Planes
- Advantages of Routing Control Plane
- Unified Control Plane (incl sub 50ms restoration)
- Customer Outcomes with Summary

# Today's Networking Layers

this is the Logical Fiber Topology



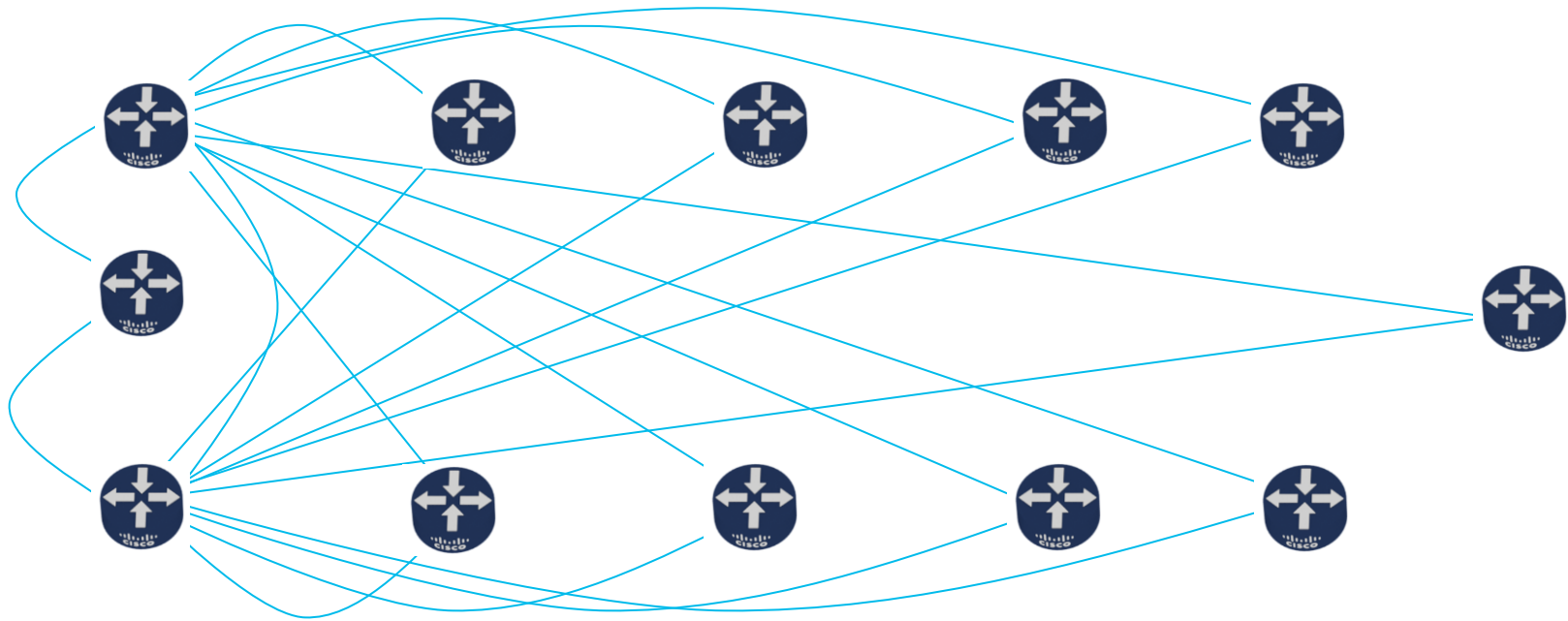
# Multilayer Topologies... OLS Layout



OLS collapses from fiber

# Multilayer Topologies... Router Adjacencies

## Hub-and-Spoke Logical Topology





# Complexity of Multiple Control Planes

# Multilayer Topologies... All Layers

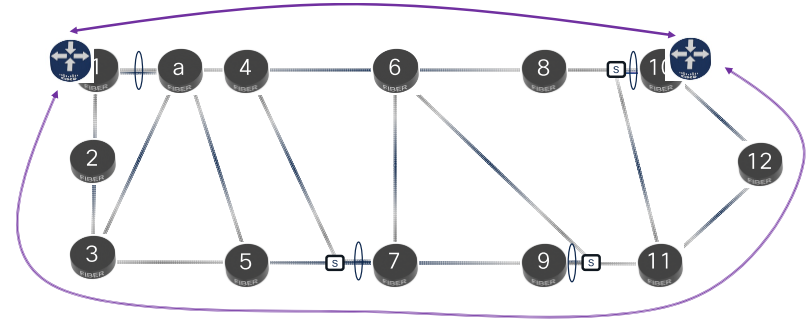
Logical for all Layers



# Mapping Services with Disparate Transponders...

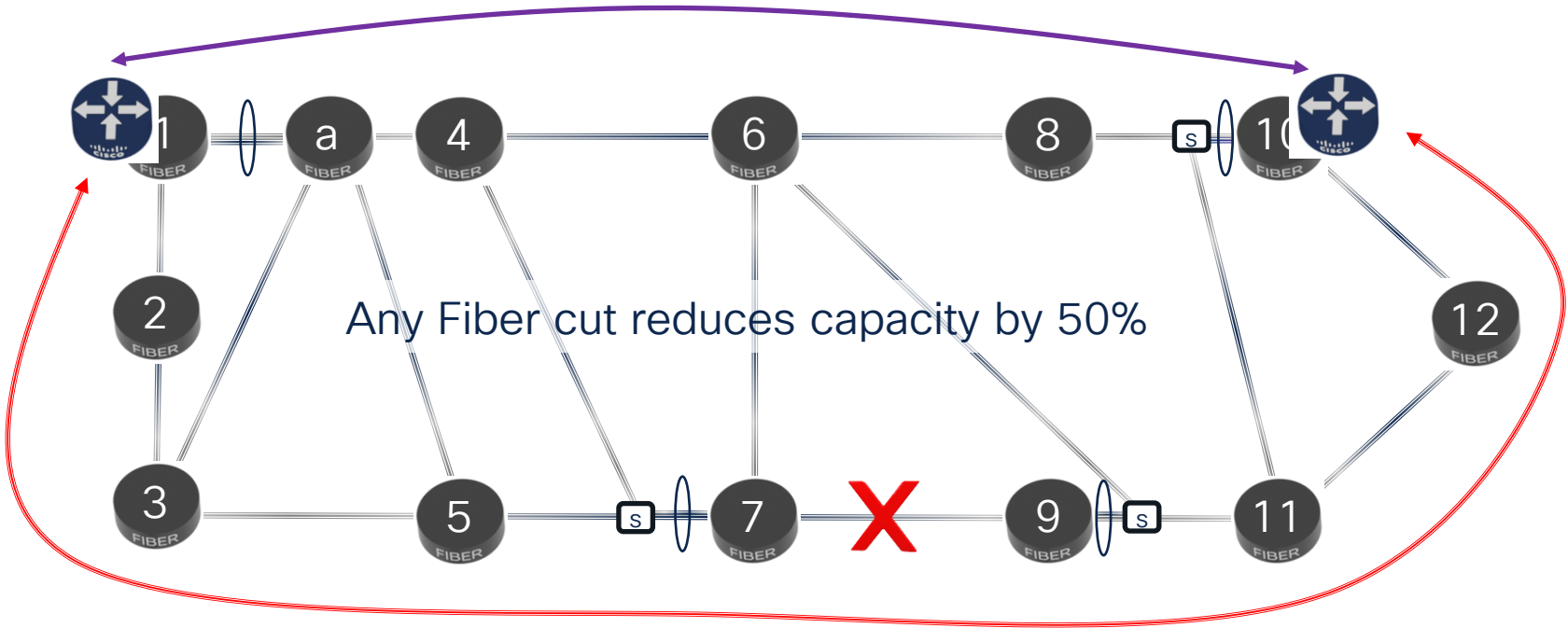
Use Fiber Topology to ensure route diversity of 1:1 Service

- Hub-and-Spoke topology R1-R10
  - must determine valid paths for all Router Connections
- None of the middle paths are useable due to fiber collapses
- These are static Optical Circuits supporting IP Services –
  - constant line rate regardless of needed Capacity
  - no optical restoration or switching
- Fiber, OLS, and Router Diversities (SRLG's) must be determined/ designed between each router



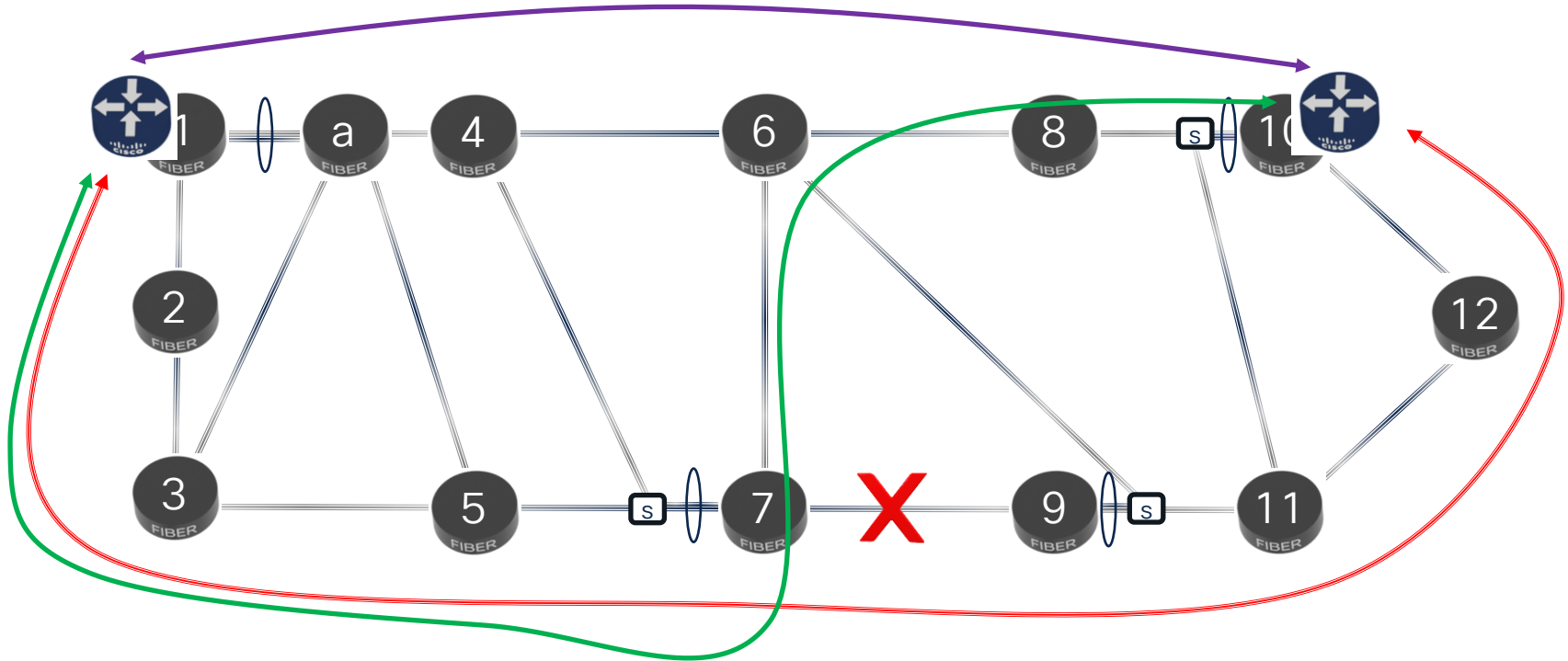
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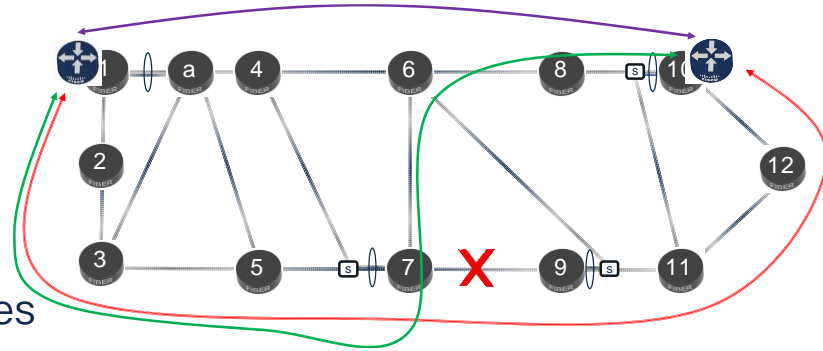
Overcome with Optical Restoration 1+1+R



# Mapping Services with Disparate Transponders...

Overcome with Optical Restoration 1+1+R

- Failover is easy –
  - just re-route during fault events
- No coordination with the IP Layer
  - Optical Restoration can restore within minutes
- ...but this path has partial overlap with the first path so it must be reverted – how do you keep track of the “home” paths for each?
- Optical Reversion is Hard – auto or manual reversion options
  - generally, auto just reverts after set time (WTR)
  - preferably would be scheduled event(s) in coordination with the IP Layer
  - usually, multiple circuits will revert without coordination with each other

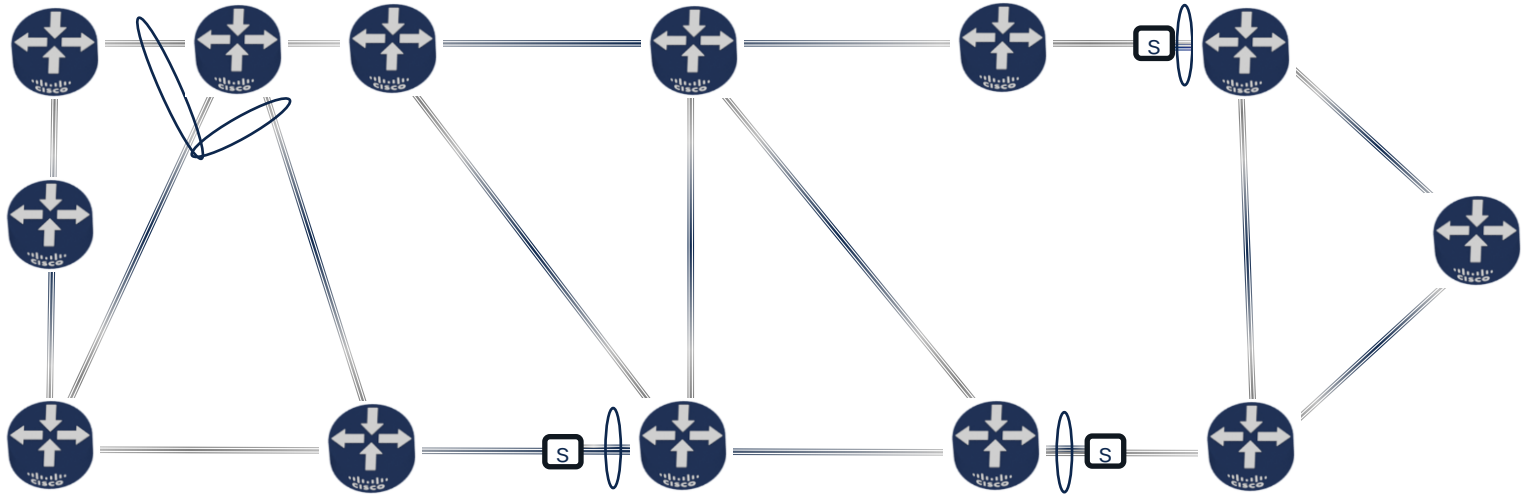


# Network Protection Schemes

| Optical Protection Schemes               |   |   |   | IP Protection                                 |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| None – 1:1                               | 1+1                                       | 1+1+R                                       | PSM                                       |   |
| “Easily” done                            | < 50ms Electrical Switching (OTN)         | N-x Optical Paths available for restoration | Fast Optical Switching                    | IP Protection is as fast as Optical Switching |
| Diverse Hardware and Paths               | Diverse Paths could have diverse HW       | No additional Optical Trunk (2)             | Minimal Additional Hardware               | All Paths are useable                         |
| <50% Link Utilization                    | +1 Optical Trunk/Card/HW                  | Requires Omni-directional, CDC HW           | Loss of Light Switching prone to problems | Less Hardware                                 |
| No or little IP Layer Interaction        | Failback is not coordinated with IP Layer | Failback is not coordinated with IP Layer   | Failback is not coordinated with IP Layer | New Skillset within IP                        |
|  | Only 2-paths for redundancy               | Multi-path support if available             | Only 2-paths for redundancy               |   |
| Additional Power, real estate, and costs |   |   |   |   |

# RON Topology... all Layers are the same

Router Layout – Physical = Logical





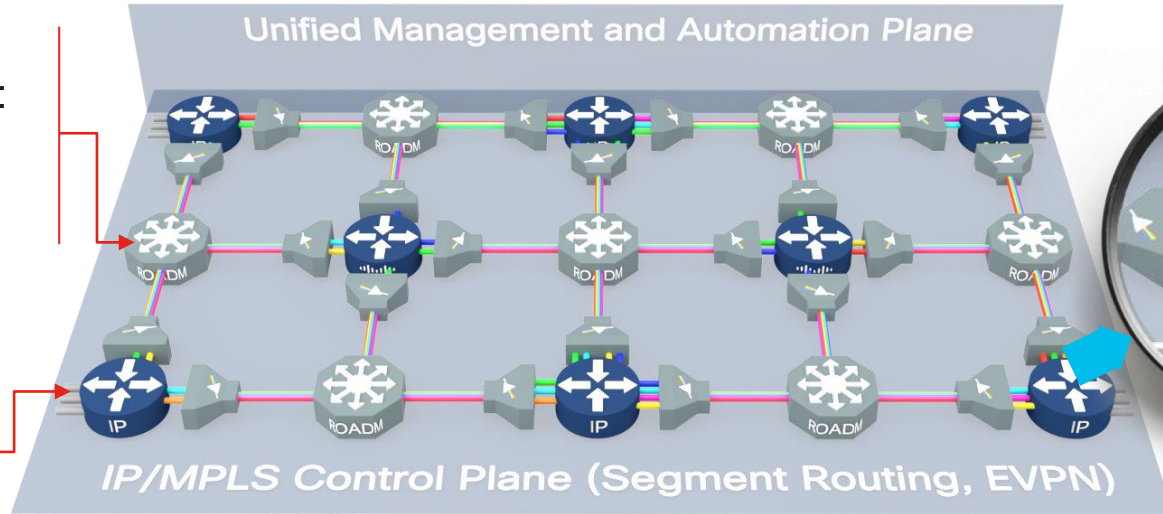
# Advantages of Routing Control Plane

# A Single Control Plane?

75GHz min.  
width DWDM:  
ROADM,  
FOADM or  
Terminals

L3 VPN  
L2 VPN  
L1 PLE\*

\*PLE: Private Line Emulation

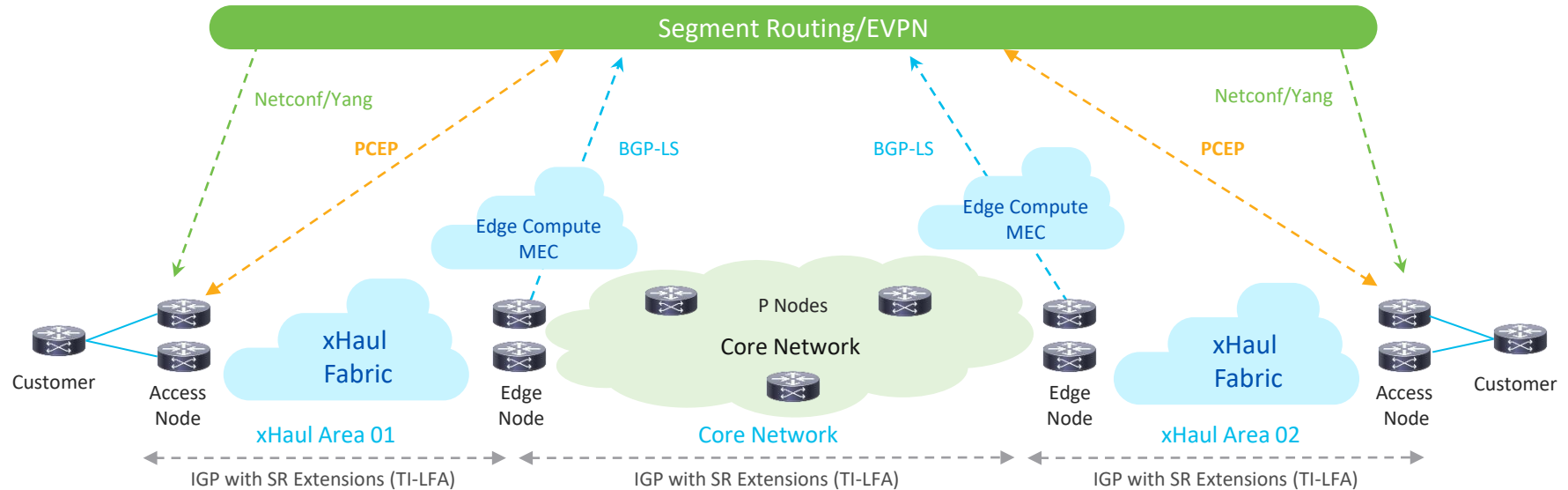


400ZR/ZR+  
QSFP-DD DCO  
Pluggable Optics



400GE Capable  
Router: Modular,  
Fixed (from 1RU)

# A Single IP/MPLS Control Plane



# Why Segment Routing?



01

## Optimized Traffic Delivery

- Complete control over forwarding path
- Ingress router “forces the path”
- Transit routers only need to know how to get to a segment, not the full per-path
- Segments are topology or services-based

02

## Network Simplification

- Reduce of protocols as IGP takes over
- Better network asset utilization
- Minimal Control Plane Pressure
- Migrations do not disrupt data plane

03

## Network Resiliency

- FRR over ANY topology (LFA/RFLA)
- Sub-50msec convergence
- Minimize network congestion

04

## SDN – App-Eng Routing

- Can integrate with SDN Controllers for optimal path selection
- Balance between distributed intelligence and centralized optimization

# Why EVPN?

## Deliver Integrated Services

- Stateless SFC and NFV
- E-LAN, E-LINE, E-TREE, L3, IRB Services
- Multicast

## Interoperability

- Fully support IPv4 and IPv6
- Simplify protocols and operations
- Open-Standard and Multi-Vendor

## Multi-Homing

- Seamless Brownfield Integration
- Same principles and operational experience as IP VPNs
- All-Active Redundancy with Fast Convergence

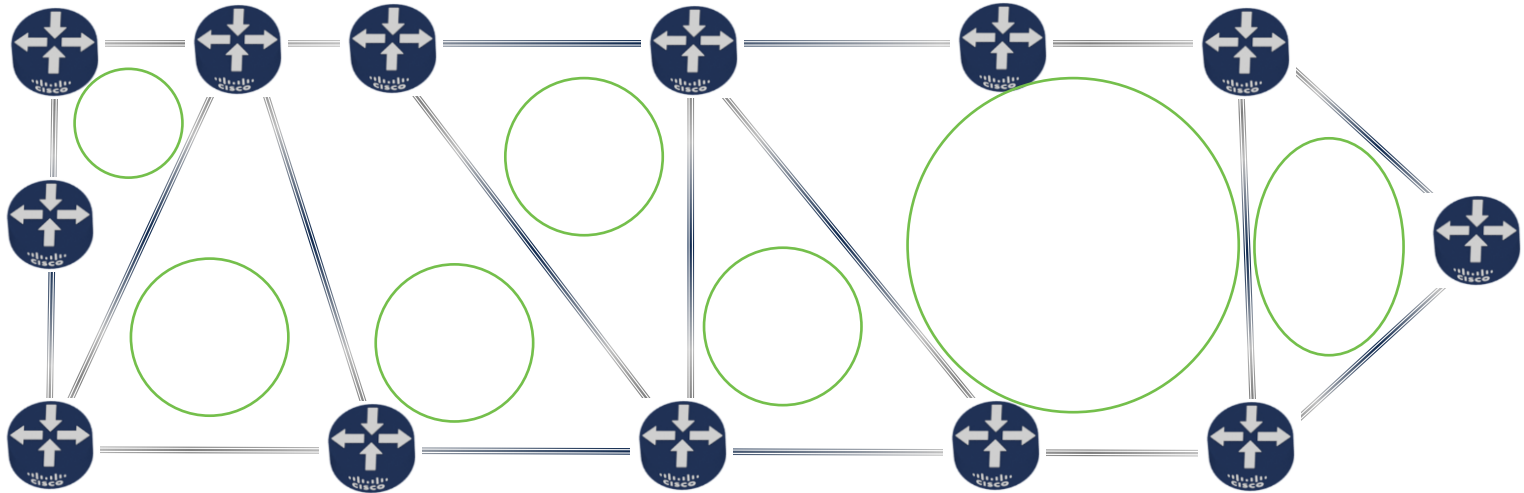
## Route Reflector Function

- Eliminate the need to establish full-mesh PE connections Reduce number of network signaling messages

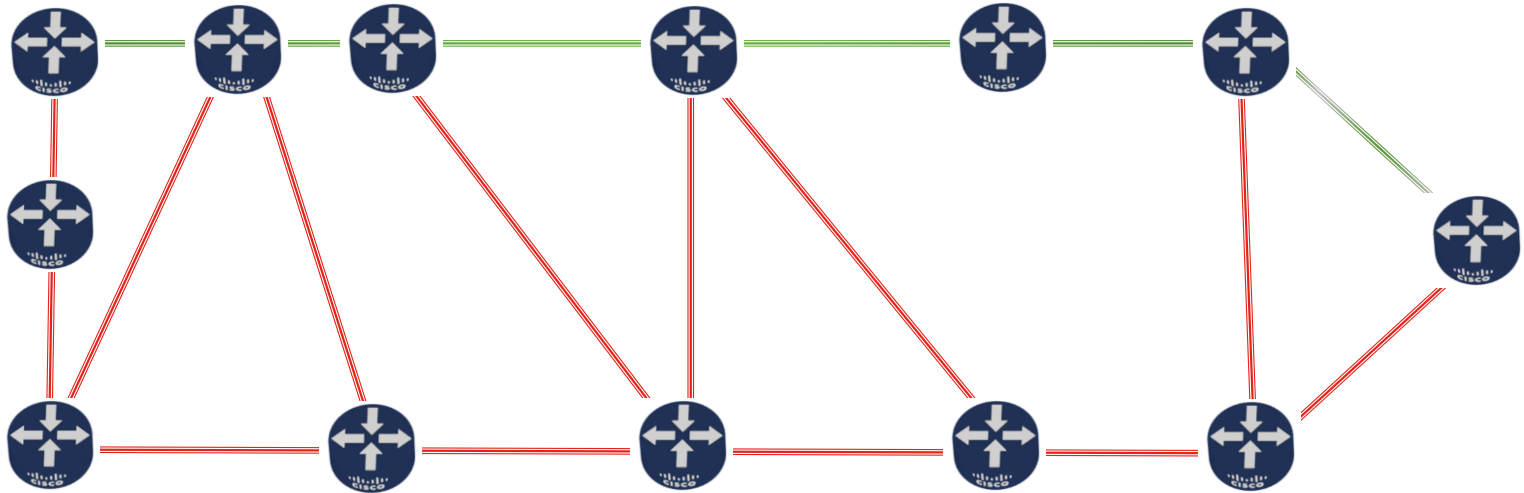


Fast, Resilient, Flexible Unified Services

# Let us consider



# Utilization we see...



# A case against G.8032 Ethernet Rings

Smaller size – reconvergence suffers as the ring grows

Short L2 rings, star mesh not supported

Cascaded rings – physical disruption to stop unexplained behavior

Some locations on the ring do not have the best path to destination

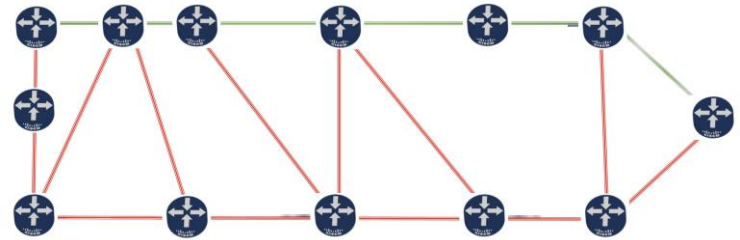
No multi-failure resiliency

Optical restoration is not faster than IP

No traffic prioritization and engineering

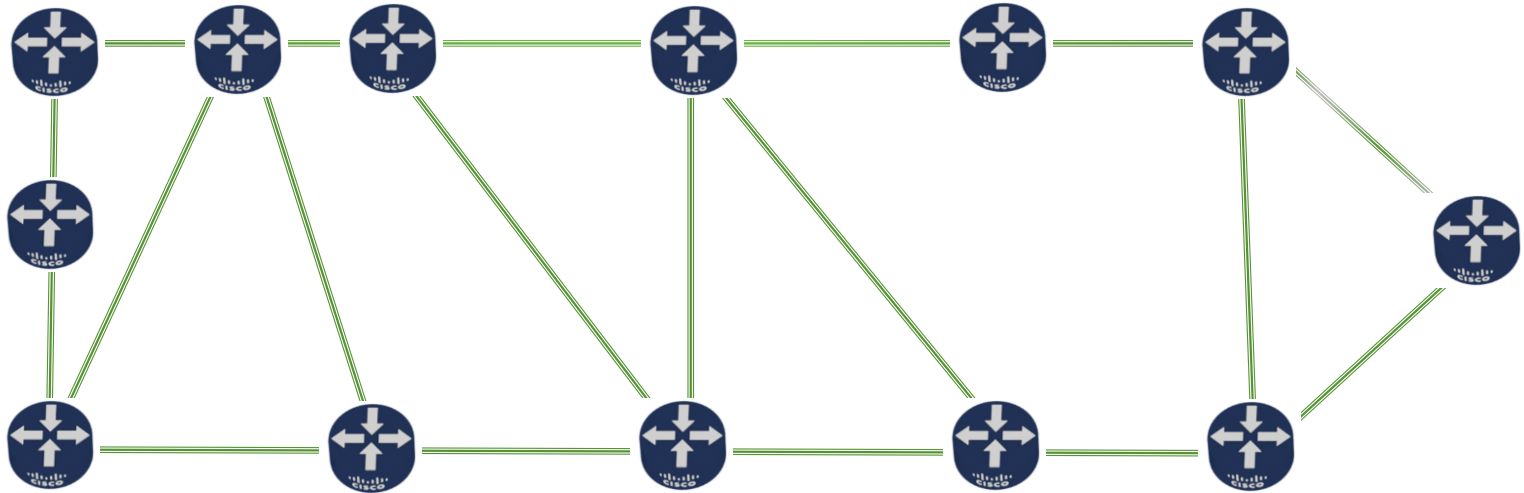
No security for the control plane

No measurable latency advantage (fiber latency = 5  $\mu$ s/km)





# Utilization we would like to see...



# IP Compared to L2 Rings

Using ALL available paths (resilience = # of Fiber paths)

Any-to-Any connectivity = Aggregating traffic from any site onto the optical link and/or offloading traffic directly into any other site

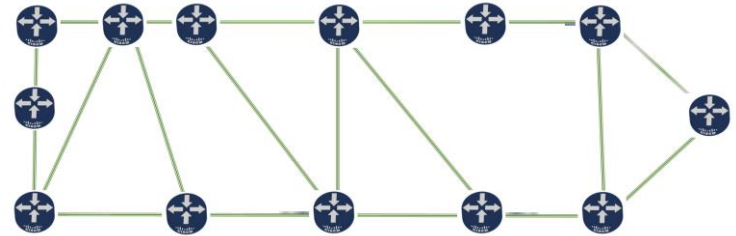
Optical Fiber Path = Routing Topology

Easy & flexible integration and placement of new Platforms, like Far Edge compute, cloud native BNG

Built-in Fast-Convergence/Protection mechanisms (IP-FRR/TI-LFA)

L3 Control Plane as Single Control Plane vs. IP/MPLS + Optical GMPLS + WSON/SSON

Network Slicing through Segment Routing - Low Latency path, Disjoint Path, Highest BW path



# G.8032 vs IP Compared

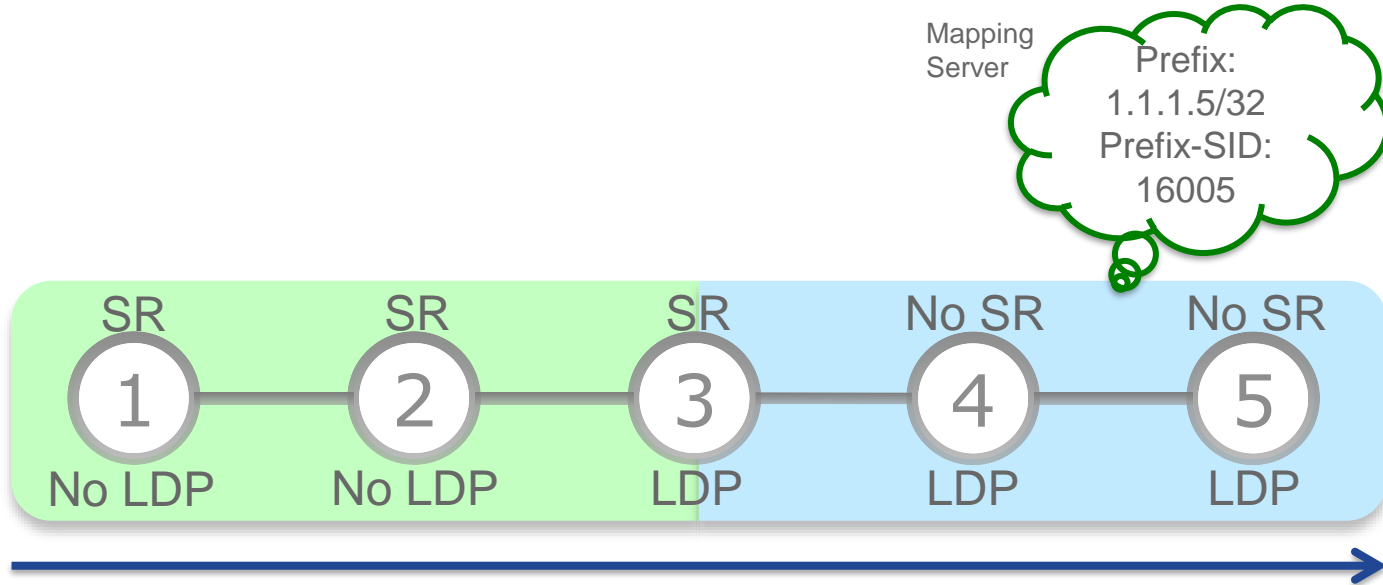
|              | VLAN-Based Solutions  | EVPN-SR  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Scale        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large, flat L2 architectures don't scale</li><li>• VLAN tag stacking is not a manageable solution</li></ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will scale to thousands of nodes per domain</li><li>• 20-bit labels yield virtually limitless tunnels and services</li><li>• 10's of thousands of LSPs</li></ul>                 |
| Operations   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding switching path will be very difficult since there is no control-plane state for services or tunnels</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic routing will be deterministic based on dynamic or explicit path selection via control plane</li><li>• Switching paths are easily traced using MPLS OAM toolkit</li></ul> |
| Automation   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires EMS or manual configuration and assignment (which will be error-prone and complex to manage)</li></ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EVPN dynamically learns remote endpoints</li><li>• Programmatically define the path for the packet at the source node</li></ul>  |
| Optimization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic engineering with VLAN-based switching is very difficult if not impossible</li></ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Native ECMP allows efficient use of network resources – no configuration required</li></ul>  |
| Flexibility  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VLAN-based solutions constrained to logical hub-and-spoke or ring architectures</li></ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any arbitrary topology can be supported with same resiliency and scale</li></ul>   |

# Unified Control Plane Benefits

# Interop with Existing MPLS

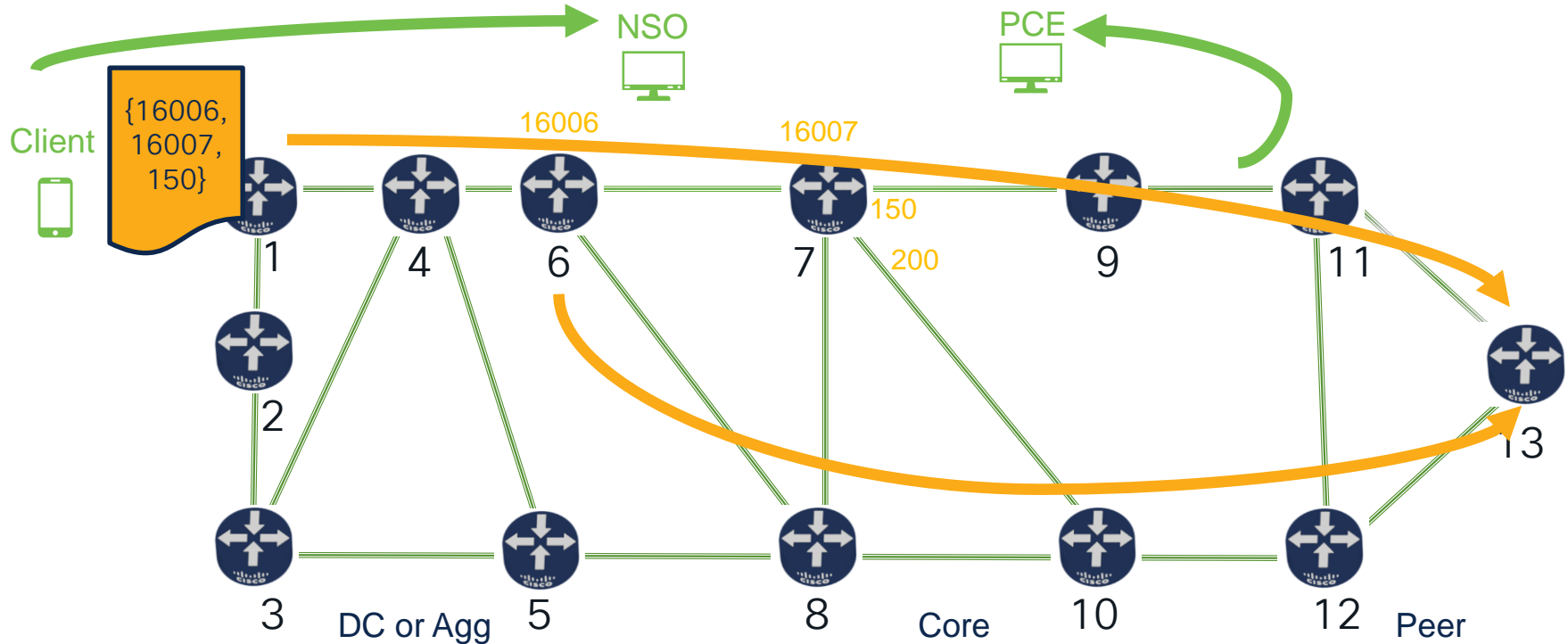
SR LDP

Let's dispense with this (labels and mapping servers)



# Multipath – any available path

ECMP/UECMP to use the totality of the network



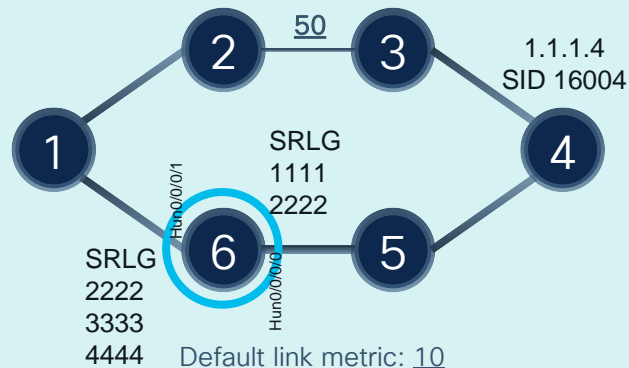
# SRLG (Fate Sharing)

Shared Risk Link Groups (SRLGs) are identified by a number

Links with the same SRLG id share a common risk (e.g. same fiber conduit)

On Node6:

```
sr lg
 interface Hun0/0/0/0
  10 value 1111
  20 value 2222
 !
 interface Hun0/0/0/1
  10 value 2222
  20 value 3333
  30 value 4444
 !
 !
```



SRTE can compute paths that excludes links that have specific SRLGs

```
segment-routing
traffic-eng
  policy POLICY1
    color 20 end-point ipv4 1.1.1.4
    candidate-paths
      preference 100
      dynamic
      metric type igp
      constraints
```

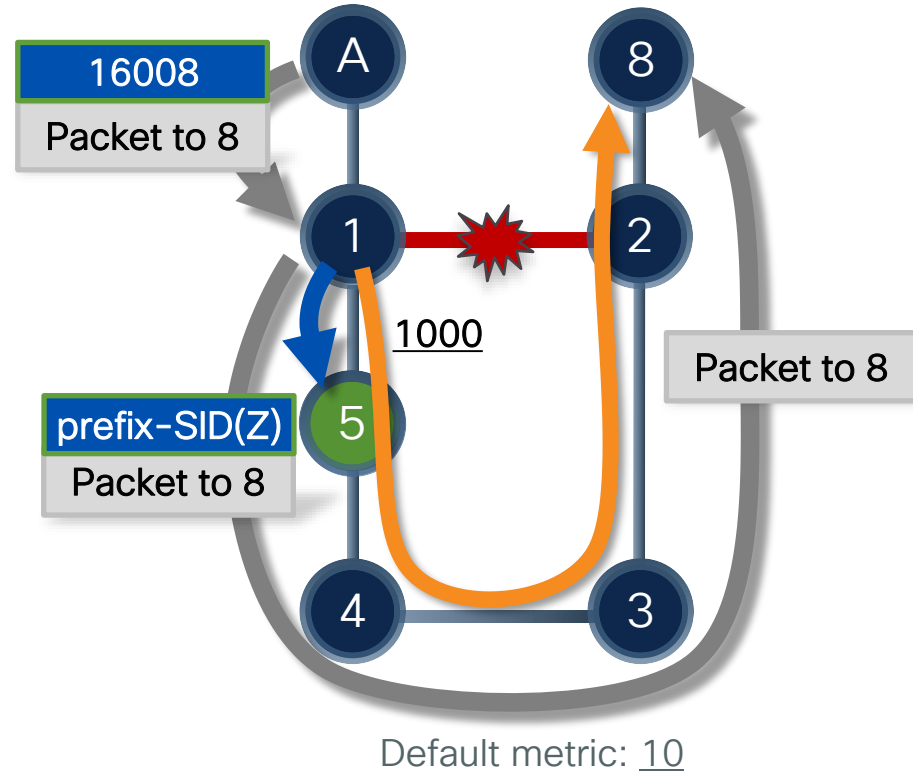
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srlg
exclude 1111
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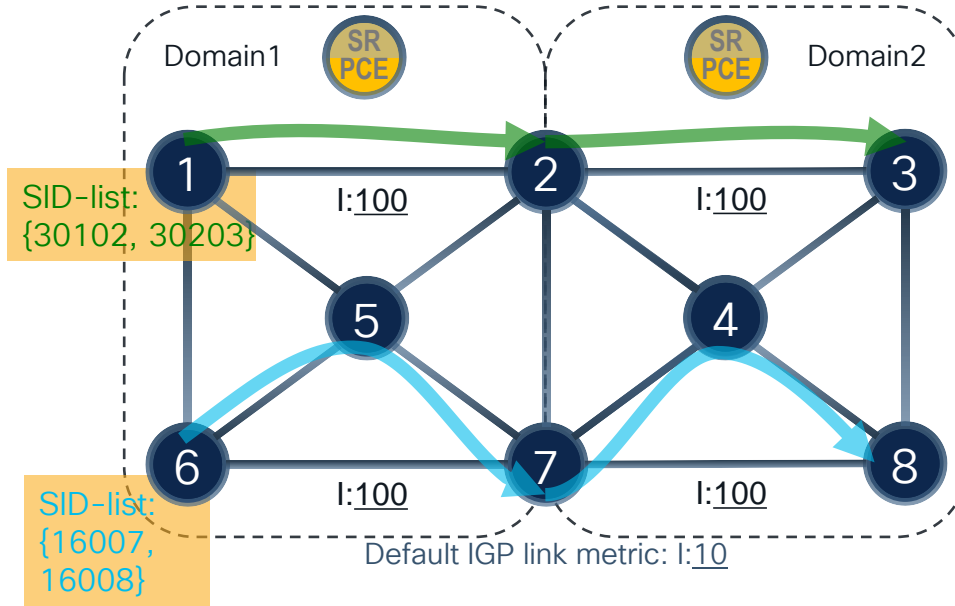


# TI-LFA sub 50ms restoration on any topology

- Simple to operate and understand
- Automatically computed by the IGP
- One configuration line only
- Prevents transient congestion and suboptimal routing
- Leverages the post-convergence path, planned to carry the traffic



# Service Disjointness



Node1

```
segment-routing
traffic-eng
policy POLICY1
color 20 end-point ipv4 1.1.1.3
candidate-paths
preference 100
dynamic
pcep
metric type igp
constraints
association group 1 type node
```

Node6

```
segment-routing
traffic-eng
policy POLICY2
color 20 end-point ipv4 1.1.1.8
candidate-paths
preference 100
dynamic
pcep
metric type igp
constraints
association group 1 type node
```

Two dynamic paths between two different pairs of (head-end, end-point) must be disjoint from each other

# SR Traffic Engineering

Each SR Policy has a color to indicate a certain treatment (SLA, policy)

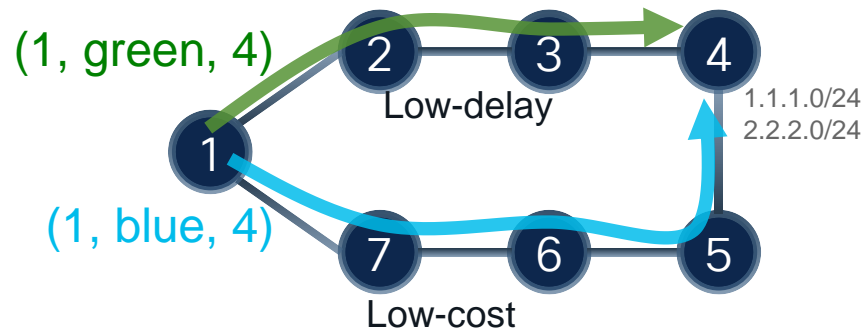
Each SR Policy triplet (Headend, Color, Endpoint) is unique

Example:

Low-cost="blue", Low-delay="green"

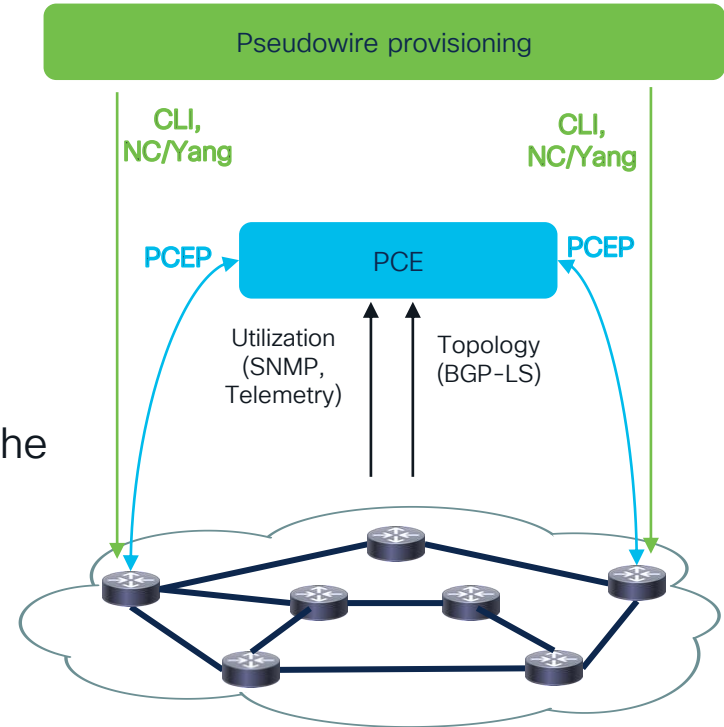
steer traffic to 1.1.1.0/24 via Node4  
into Low-cost SR Policy (1, blue, 4)

steer traffic to 2.2.2.0/24 via Node4  
into Low-delay SR Policy (1, green, 4)

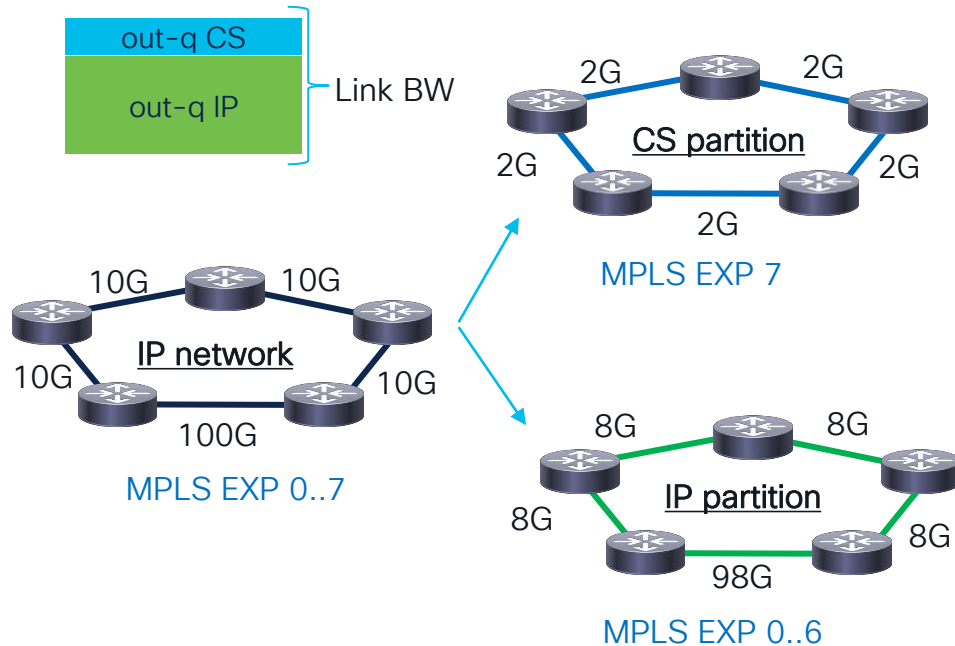


# Circuit-style Segment Routing

- Pseudowire has a distinct bandwidth requirement assigned
- Pseudowire is mapped to a SR policy
- Headend routing requests a path via PCEP from a central PCE
  - Bandwidth
  - Path constraints
- The path is encoded via a list of adjacency SIDs in the packet header
- The central PCE maintains a real time view of
  - The network topology (BGP-LS)
  - All path/bandwidth requests (PCEP)



# Partitioning the network for circuit-style Services

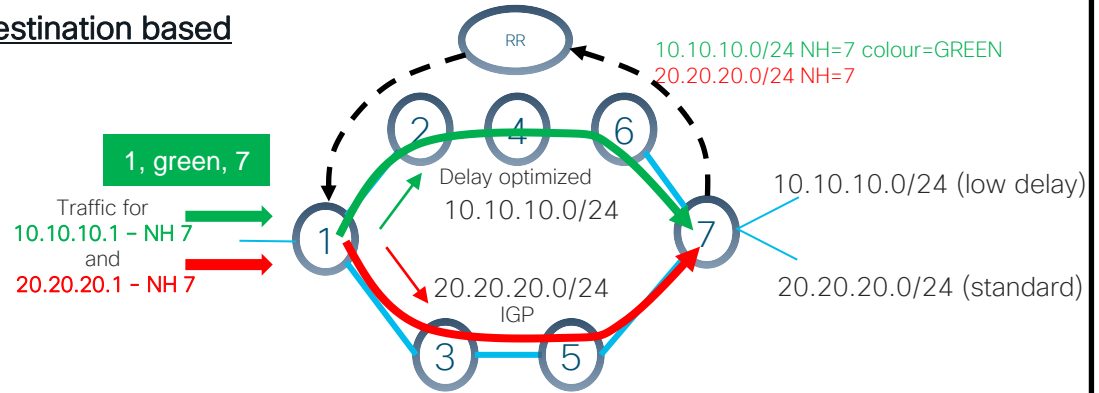


- To allow Circuit Style services, the network is partition
  - CS partition
  - IP partition
- Allocate one MPLS-EXP to the circuit-style partition
- QoS configuration (MQC) isolates circuit traffic from IP traffic

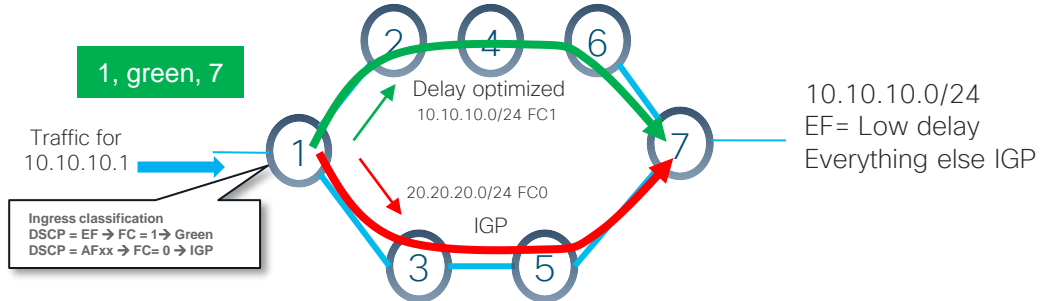
# SR – Service Aware Traffic Steering

- ✓ Mechanism on source router to steer traffic
- ✓ By default traffic uses IGP path
- ✓ Can steer traffic into a SR policy or specific Flex-algos
- ✓ Destination TS : destination only
- ✓ Flow based TS : destination + QoS criteria

## Destination based



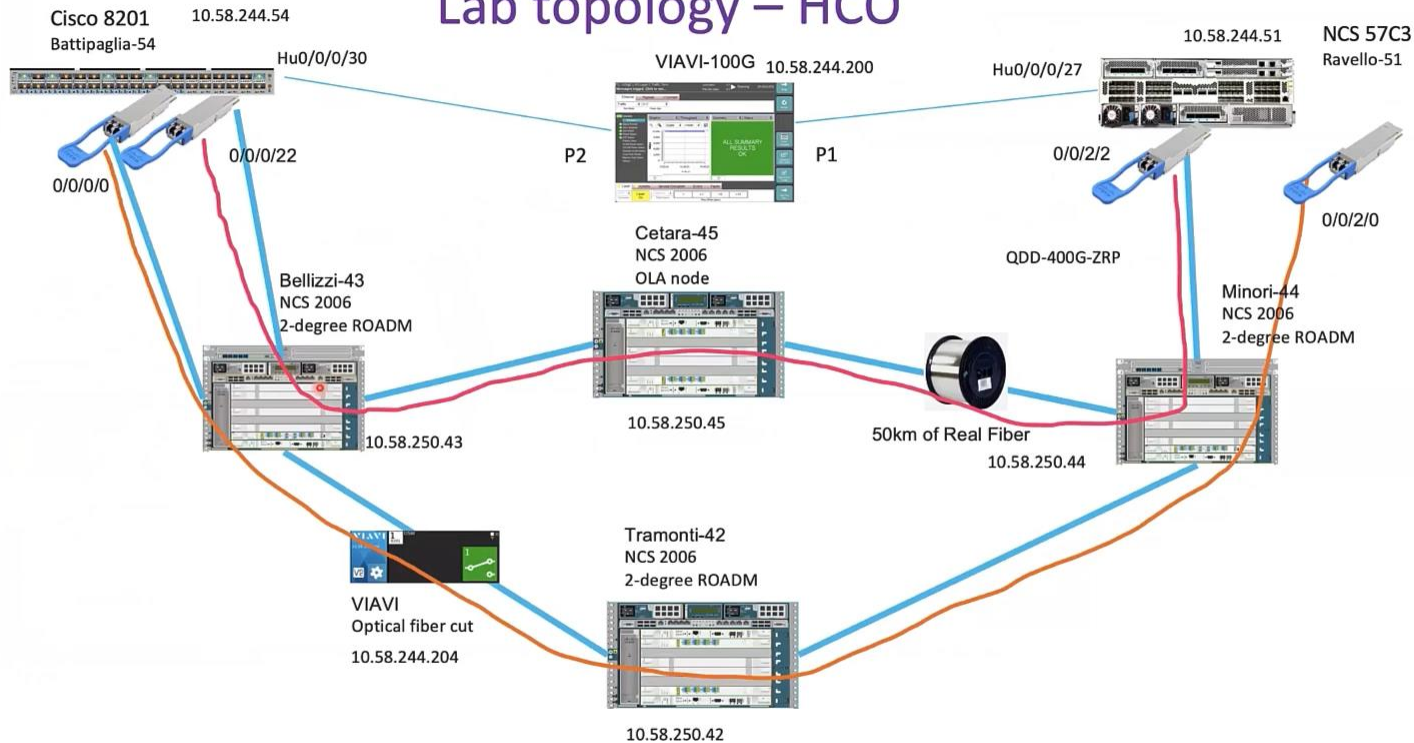
## Flow based



Demo Time!



# Lab topology - HCO



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RP/0/RP1/CPU0:Ravello-51#sh mpls forwarding labels 15154

Fri Dec 23 12:58:57.149 CET

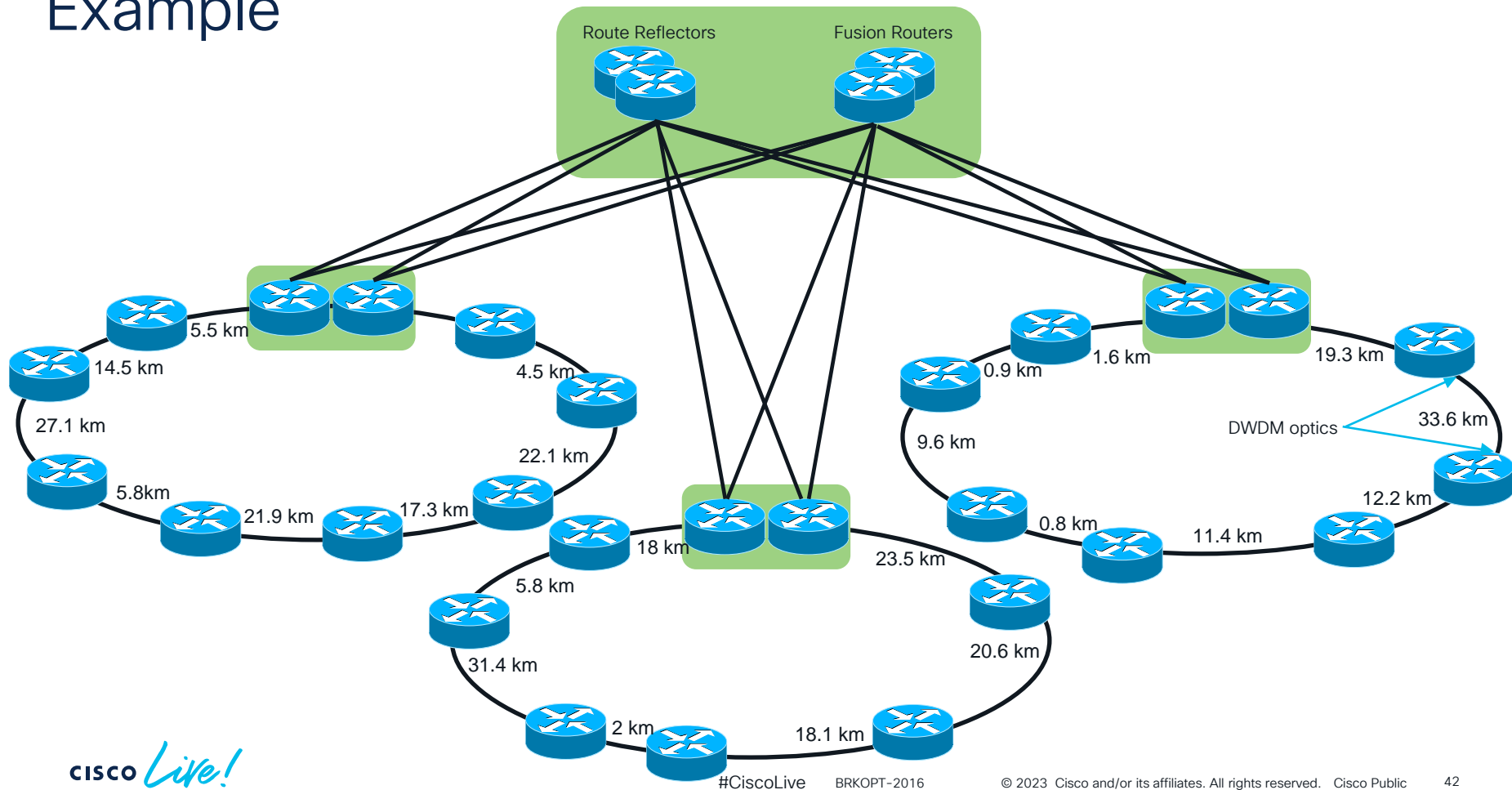
| Local Label | Outgoing Label | Prefix or ID   | Next Hop Interface | Bytes Switched |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 15154       | Pop            | SRLB (idx 154) | FH0/0/2/0          | 17.51.54.54    |

RP/0/RP1/CPU0:Ravello-51#



# Customer Outcomes

# Example



# Benefits and Challenges

## Technical

- Reduce cost to scale to high speeds (10/100GE)
- Reduce transport power requirements
- Manage one network, not two
- Network-wide Automation with OpenConfig

## Business

- Technical design
- Organizational
- Commercial

# Final thoughts

- IP Restoration/Protection has enhanced capabilities
  - These capabilities are inherent to IP – nothing new here!
  - No interaction between Optical and IP Protection schemes
- Driving towards simpler Networks
  - Single Topology of Fiber = OLS = Routing Topology
  - Reduced Hardware
  - Easier to automate vs. coordinate across multiple-layers

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