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# Converged Access & Aggregation Transport

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# Session Takeaway

- Understand the needs for Converged SDN Transport
- Learn the Technology & Platforms to build it

# Agenda

- Converged SDN Transport
- Segment Routing the Technology Enabler
- Converged Access & Aggregation Portfolio the Infrastructure Enabler
  - NCS 500
  - NCS 5500

# Transport Convergence

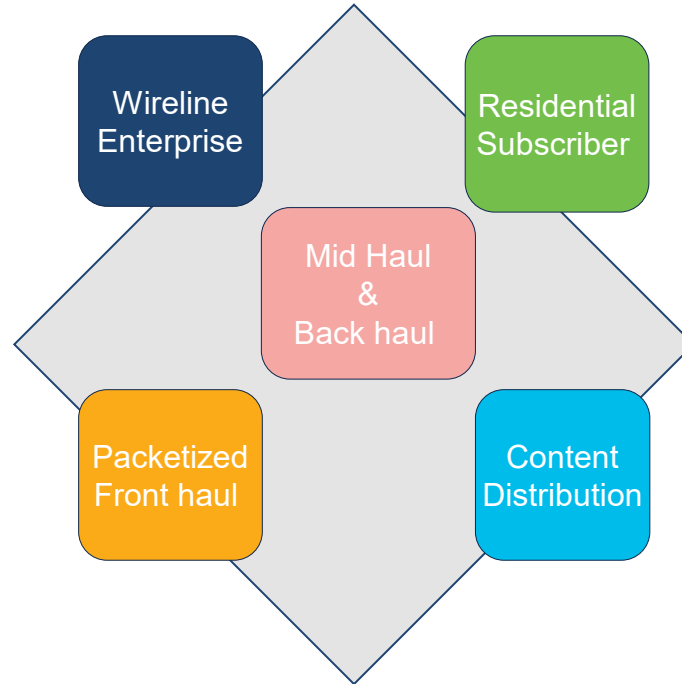
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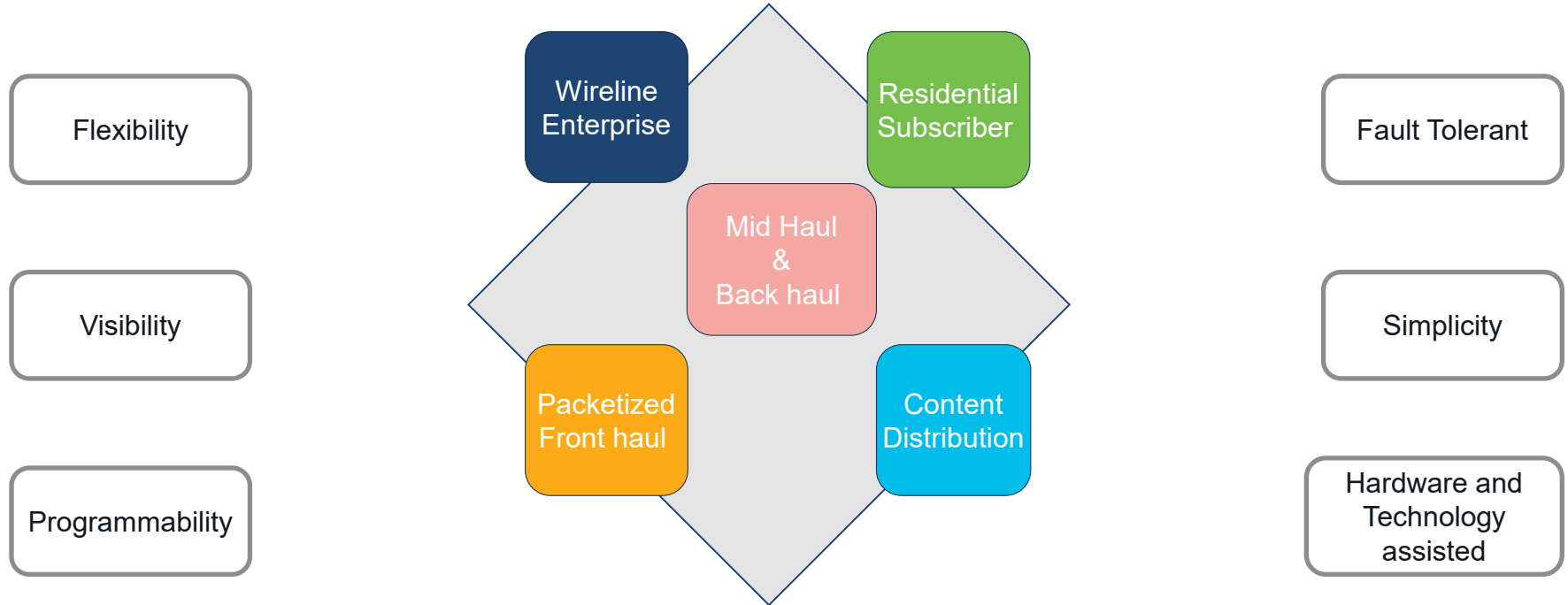
# Main Goals for New Architecture

- Converge multiple service on a single network infrastructure
- Simplify the infrastructure scaling to hundreds of thousands of nodes
- Support end to end constraint/SLA based services
- Flexible service placement with intelligence at the Edge
- Any to any connectivity between service endpoints
- End to end network resiliency and active/active services

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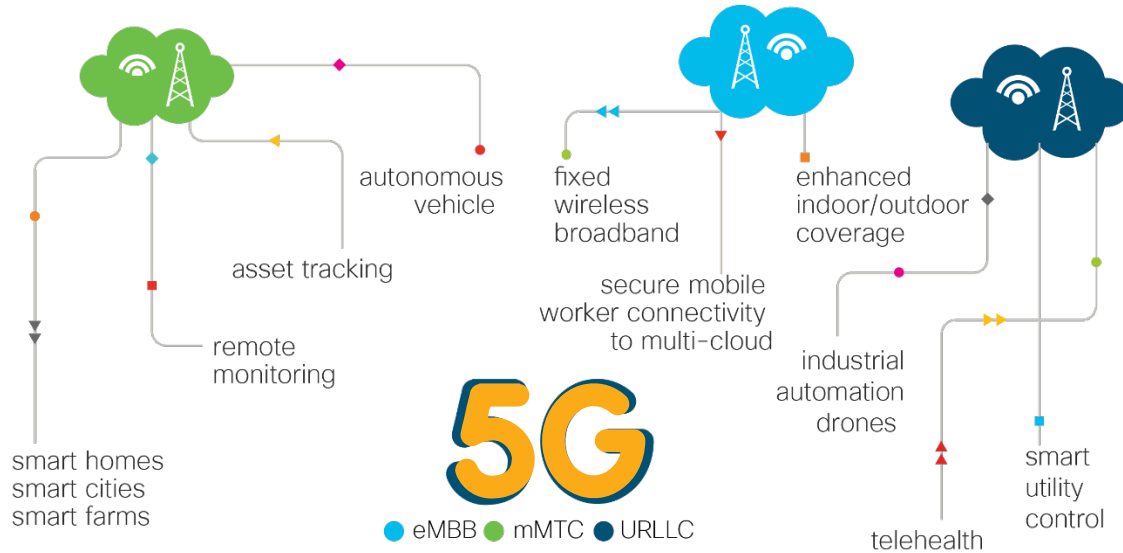


# Transport Convergence





# 5G Services = Heterogenous

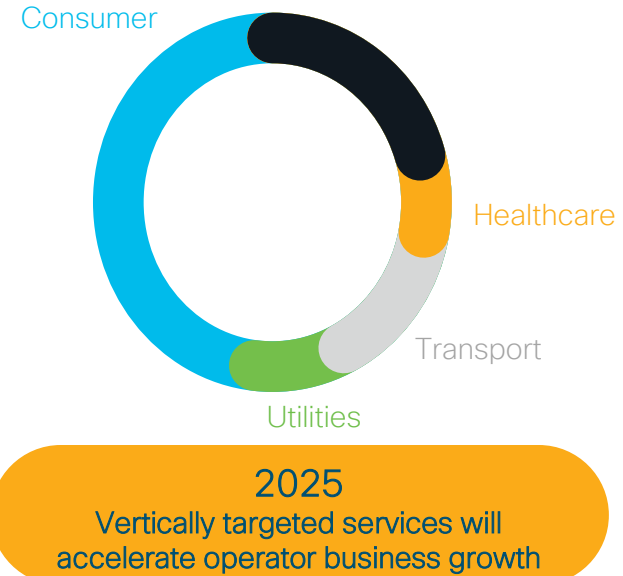


eMBB  
1000x BW, 50 msec – 300 msec

uRLLC  
~1 – 25 msec Latency

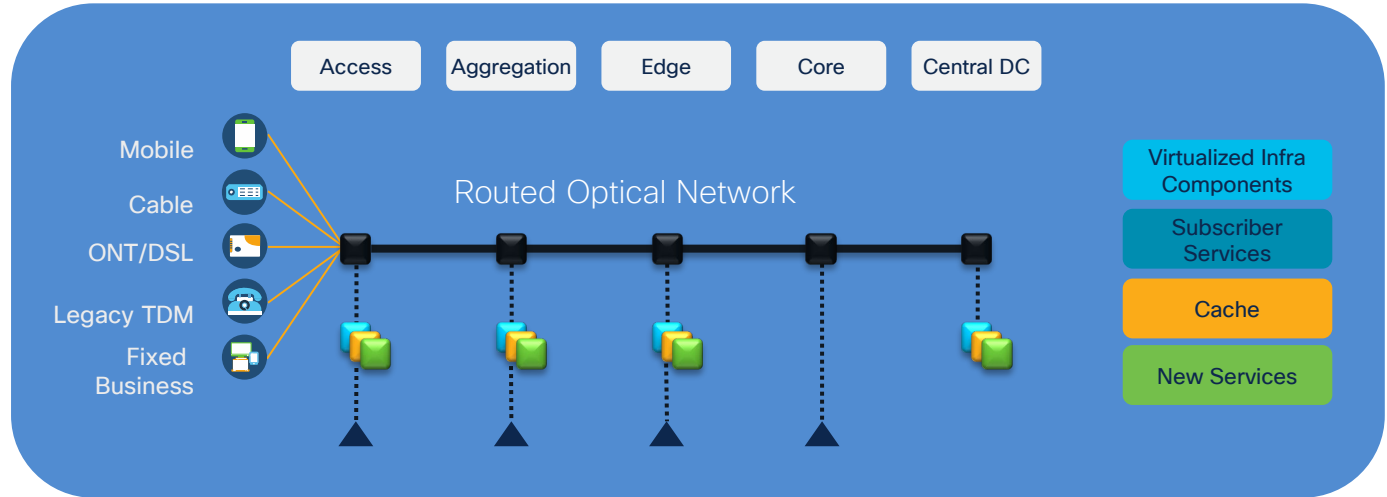
mMTC  
1000x Density

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Source: European Commission Report, 2016

# Converged Network- The Foundation



## Evolve

towards a converged, software-defined network architecture

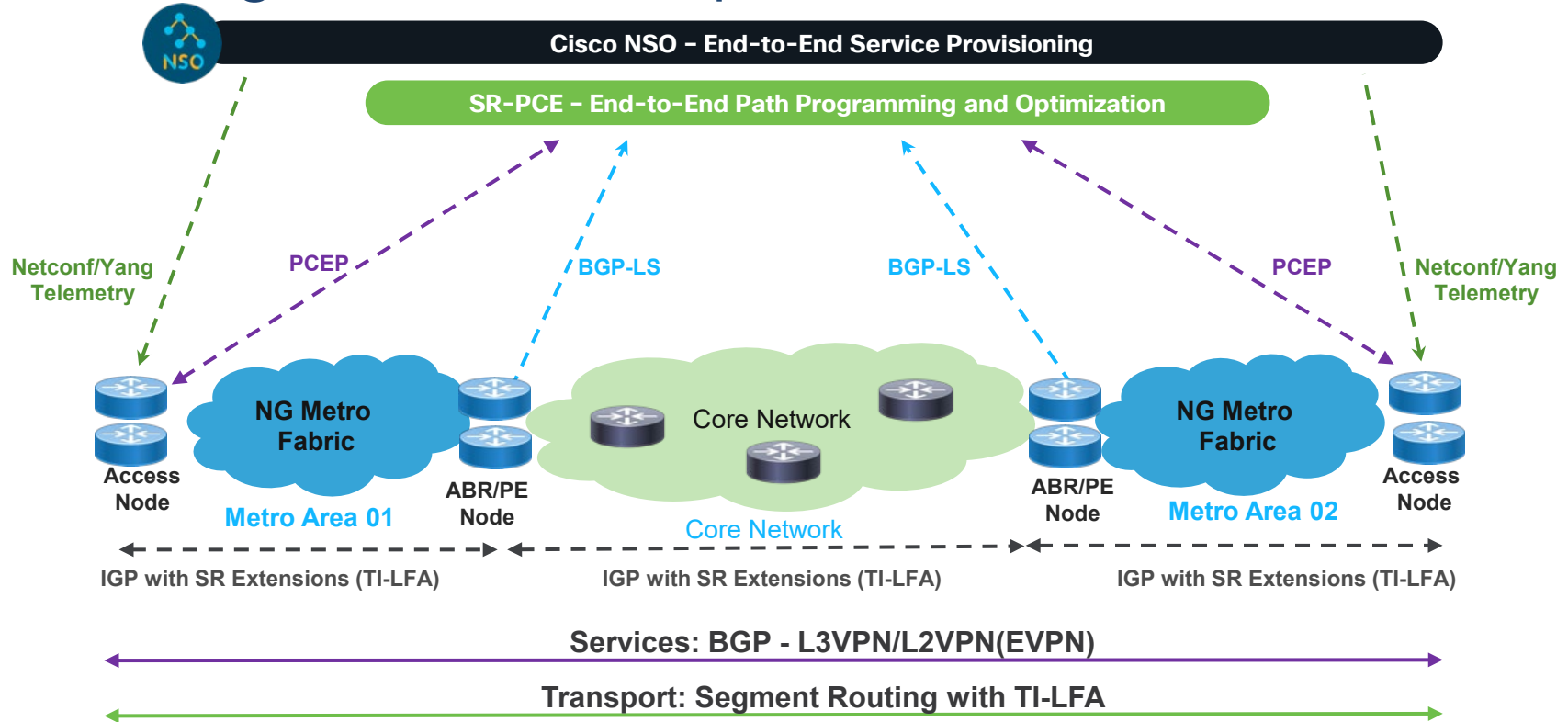
## Shift

compute, subscriber management, and peering closer

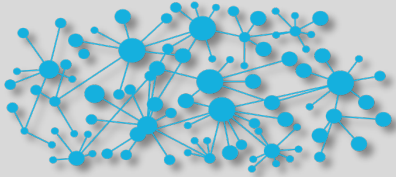
## Open

what if your RAN was as open as IP

# Converged SDN Transport – End to End



# Converged SDN Transport Toolkit



Mixed SLA Service



Unified Fabric- SR/ BGPVPN



Network Slicing & Virtualization



Automation & Programmability



Timing & Latency




Security & Visibility

# Segment Routing for Converged Transport

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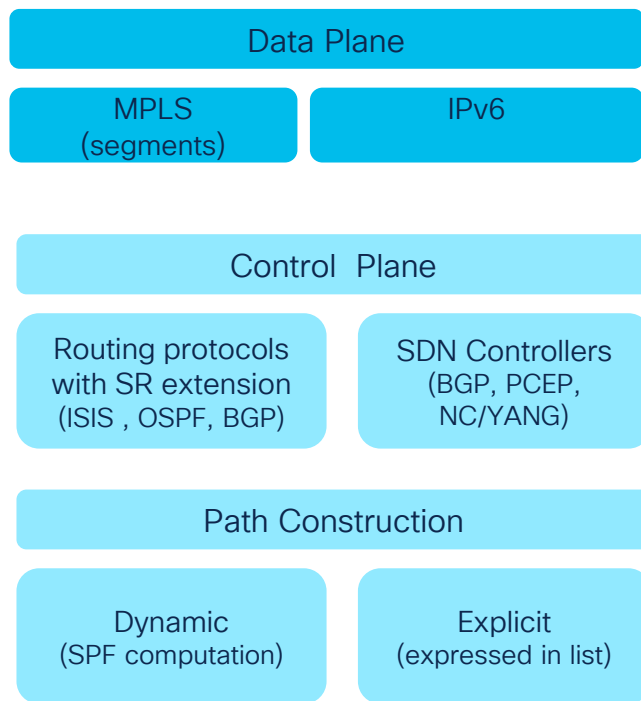
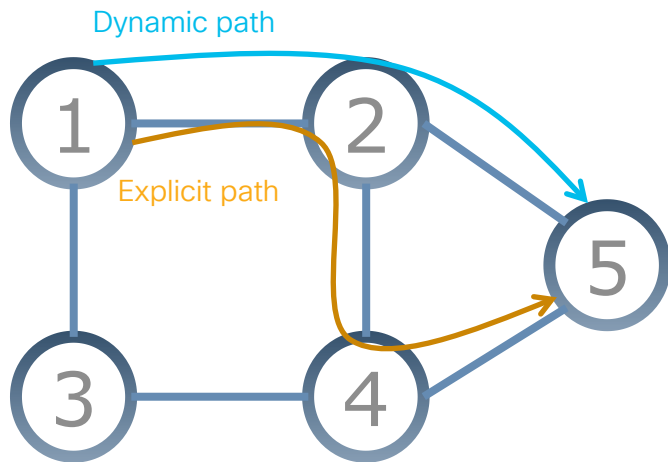


# Network Simplification with Converged Transport

	Legacy	Next Gen
Technology Arch.	Unified MPLS	Segment Routing
Provisioning	CLI Driven	NETCONF/YANG
Programmability	None	SR-PCE
Telemetry	SNMP	Model-Driven
Services (L2/L3 VPN)	LDP BGP	BGP
Scaling Mechanism	BGP-LU	
TE, FRR	RSVP-TE	
MPLS Overlay Protocol	RSVP-TE, LDP	
Connectivity Protocol	IGP	

- End-to-End Segment Routing
  - IPv4 SR-MPLS
  - SRv6
- Programmable Transport
  - Utilizes [Segment-Routing PCE](#)
  - PCE eliminates need for BGP-LU by using SR [On-Demand Next-Hop](#)
- BGP Services Control Plane
  - EVPN for L2 Services
  - L3VPN for L3 Services

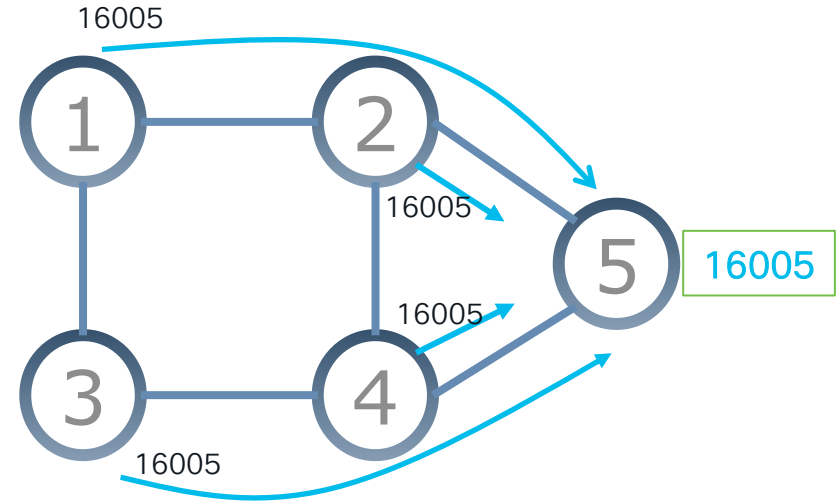
# Segment Routing (SR)



# SR Segments

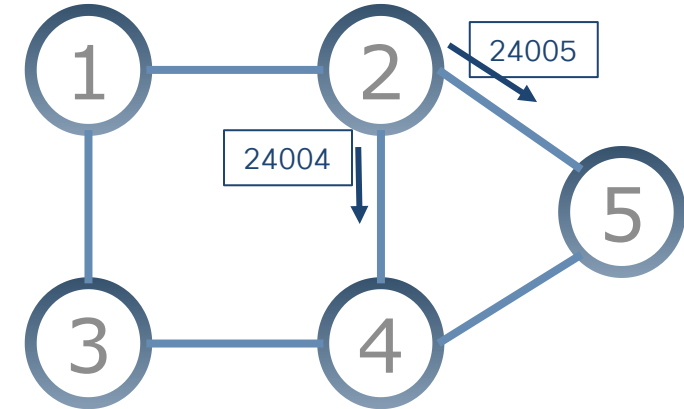
## IGP Prefix Segment

- Signalled by ISIS/OSPF
- Minor extensions to the existing link-state routing protocols (OSPF & IS-IS)
- Shortest-path to the IGP prefix
- Globally unique in SR domain
  - $\text{SRGB+ Index} \Rightarrow 16000 + 5 = 16005$



## IGP Adjacency Segment

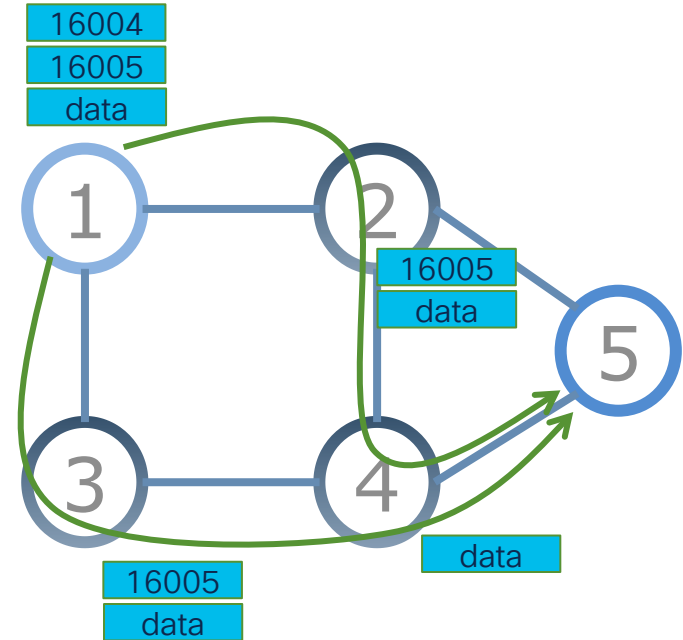
- Signalled by ISIS/OSPF
- Minor extensions to the existing link-state routing protocols (OSPF & IS-IS)
- Forwarded on IGP adjacency
- Local scope





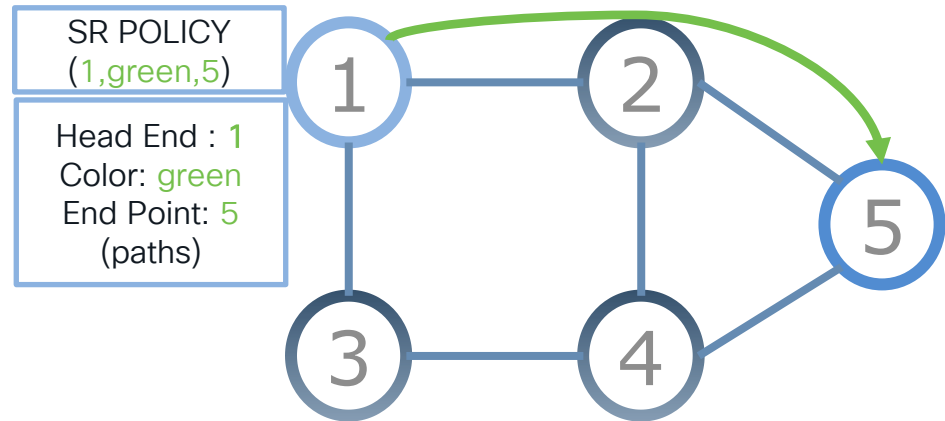
# Combining IGP Segment SR Policy

- Steer traffic on any path through the network
- Path is specified by list of segments in packet header, a stack of labels
- No path is signalled
- No per-flow state is created



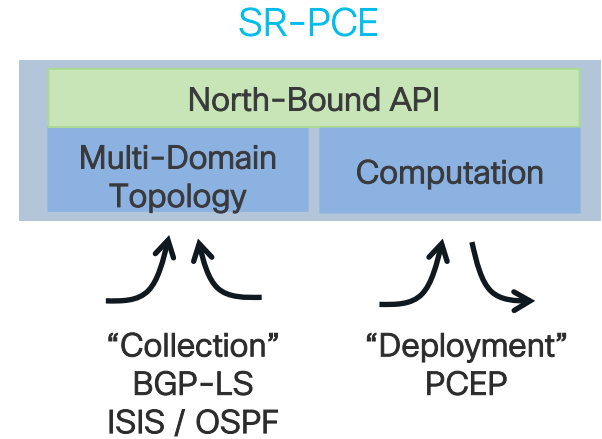
# SR Policy Identification & Steering

- An SR Policy is uniquely identified by a tuple(head-end, color, end-point)
- At a given head-end, an SR Policy is uniquely identified by a tuple (color, end-point)
- Policy Color
  - BGP advertises as ext. community
  - Defines certain treatment
- Multiple candidate paths
  - explicit or dynamic



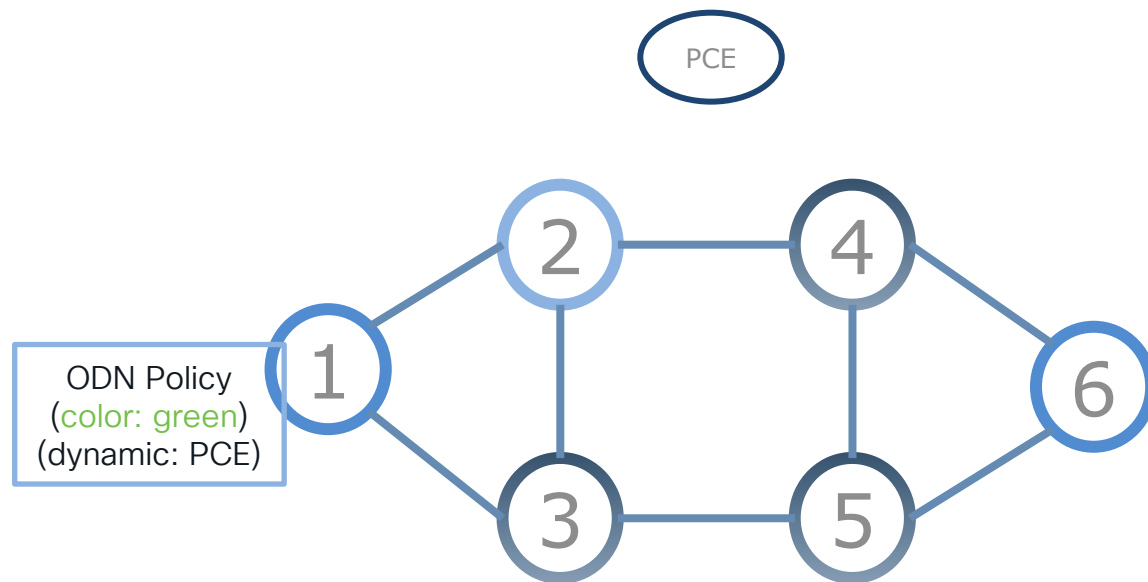
# Programmable SDN Transport: SR PCE

- IOS XR-powered stateful PCE
  - Physical or virtual deployment
- Multi-domain topology collection
  - Real-time reactive feed via BGP-LS
  - Inter-area and Inter-domain with constraints and Anycast redundancy
- Computation
  - **Shortest, Disjoint, Low Latency, SRLG avoidance**
- SR-PCE is fundamentally distributed
  - Not a single all-overseeing entity, but distributed across the network; RR-like deployment
- Northbound APIs for fully programmatic operations

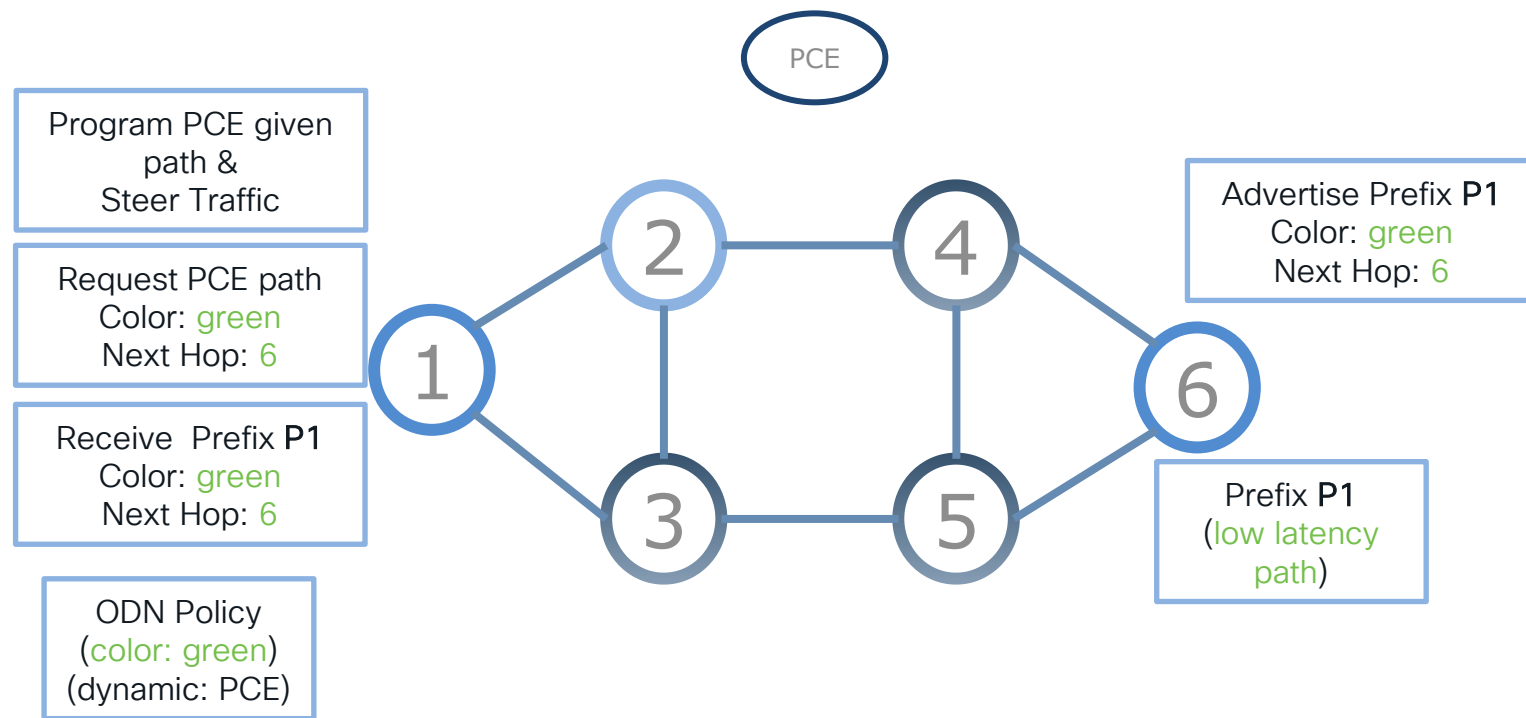


# SR On Demand Next (ODN) Hop

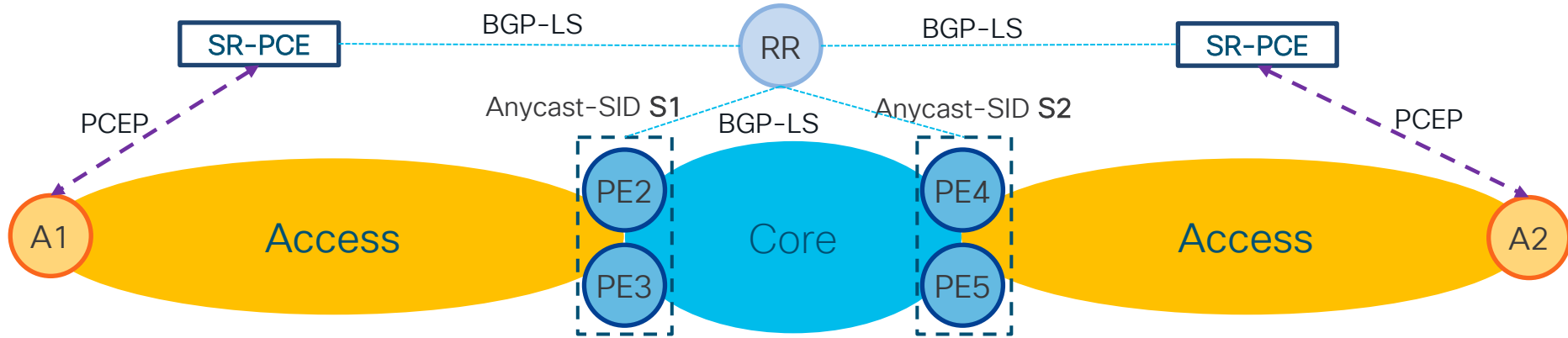
- Head End requests PCE for colored path
- End point advertises color using BGP
- Path Initiates when certain end point advertises the color



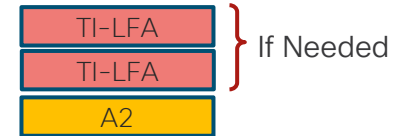
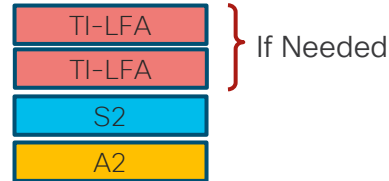
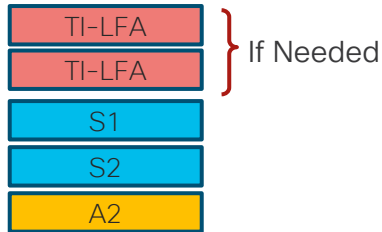
# SR On Demand Next (ODN) auto steering



# Inter-Domain SR-TE via SR Policy



**Transport:** End-To-End Inter-Domain SRTE Policy from SR-PCE



**\*Anycast SID Improves Resilience at Boundaries**

SR-PCE computes Inter-Domain paths with Anycast-SID

# Slicing: SR IGP Flexible Algorithms

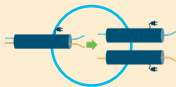
## Applicability Examples

### Sensitive Data



Financial Transactions

### Transport Redundancy



Different Fiber Conduits

### Scalability



Low-End Platforms

## Solution

Customized IGP algorithms defined by operator for **intent-based instantiation of traffic Engineering**

Minimization of metrics: IGP, delay

Exclusion of properties: link-affinity, SRLG

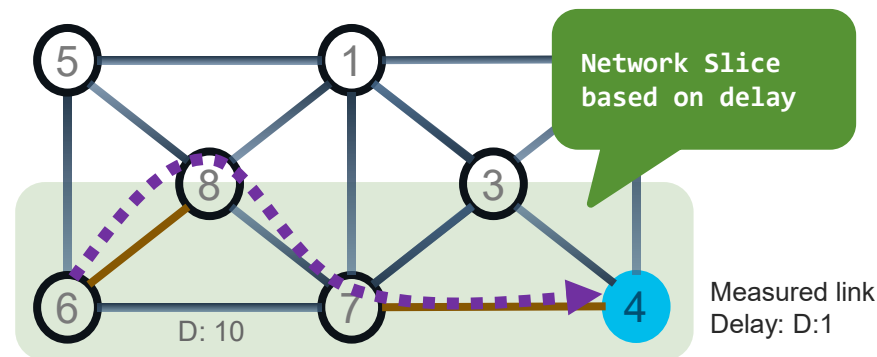
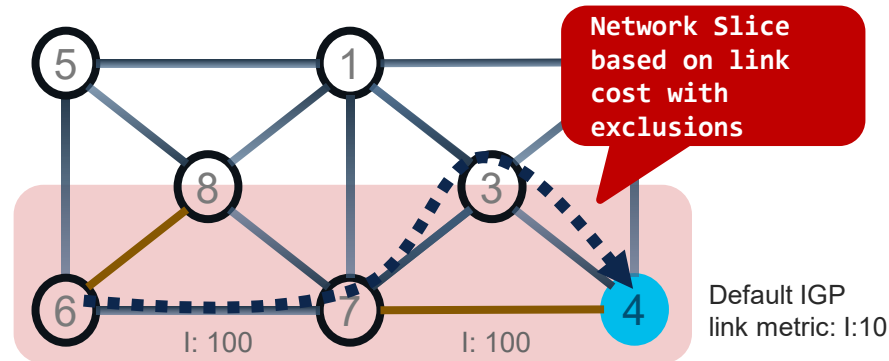
## Benefits

### Simplicity and Automation

IGP-computed TE-path from anywhere to anywhere  
Sub-50msec protection (TILFA) optimized per Flex-Algorithm plane

### Scalability

Single SID (instead of label stack) to enforce TE path  
Single prefix segment can participate in many Flex-Algos



# Technology Summary

- **Segment Routing** Transport
- **TI-LFA** for improving High Availability
- Programmable paths with **SR-PCE**
- **Flex Algo** for Network Slicing/Segmentation
- **SR ODN** & Auto Steering Traffic Mapping



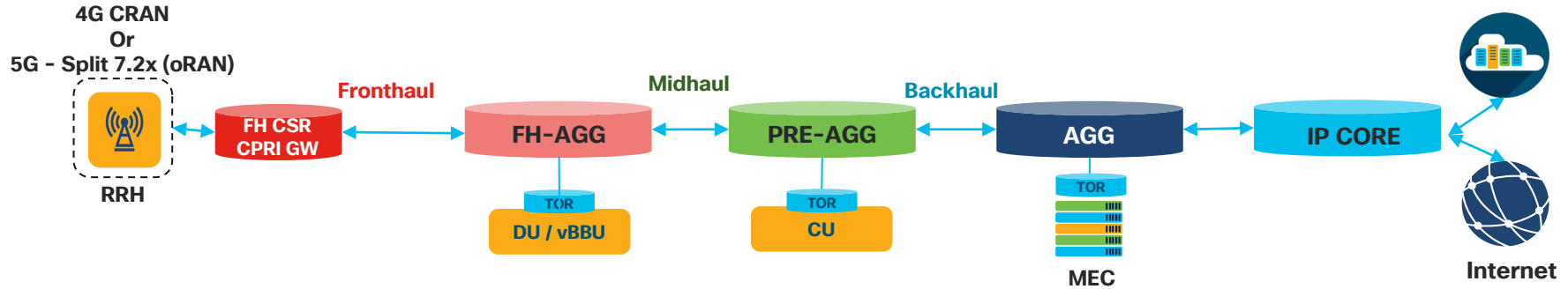
# Converged Portfolio

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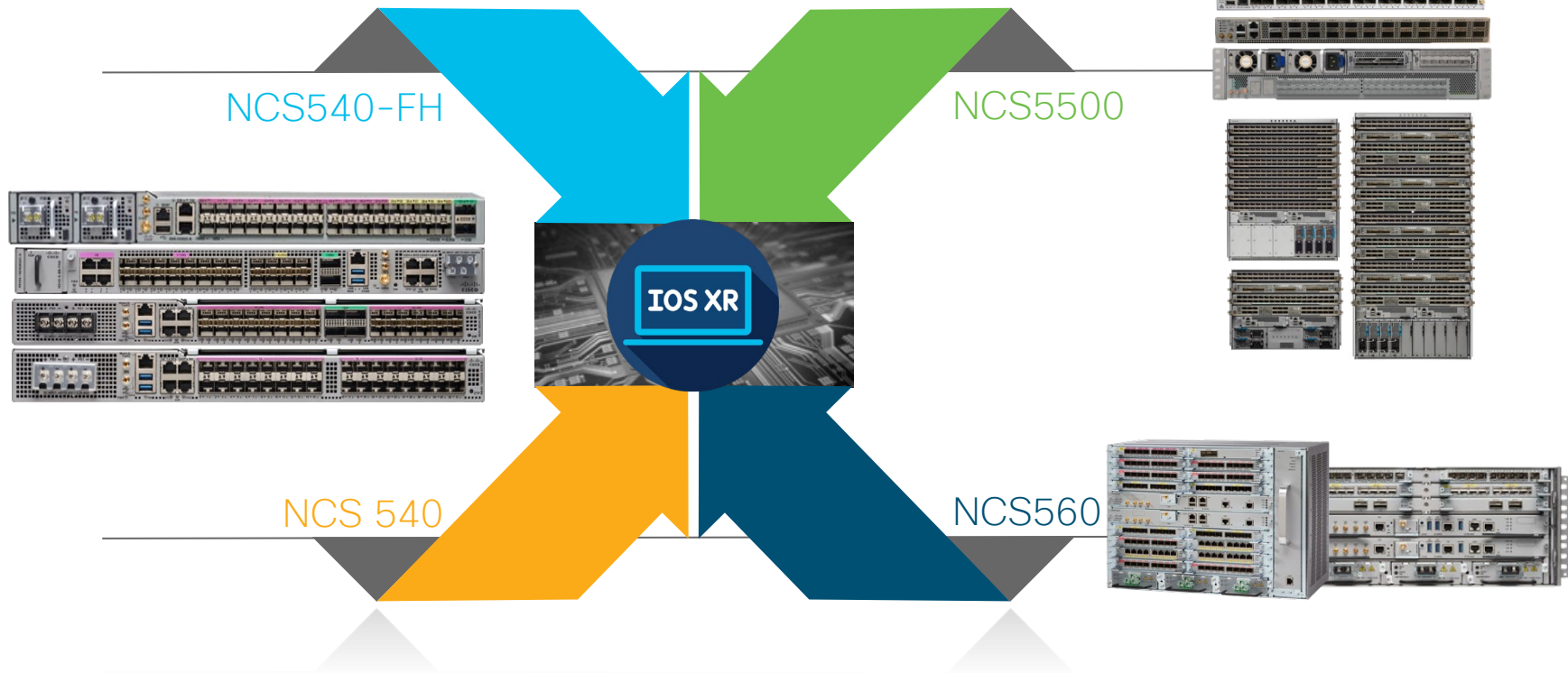
Ready and trusted hardware platforms



FH CSR	FH - AGG	PRE-AGG	AGG	Core
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Segment-Routing

# Access & Aggregation Portfolio



# Portfolio Highlights

## *Right Sized*



1RU, <300mm –  
21 RU fully  
modular

## *Speed & Density*



1G/10G/25G/40G  
/50G/100G/200G/  
400G

## *Secure ZTP*



Secure & faster  
Deployment

## *Low Latency*



Class-B, C  
portfolio, TSN\*

## *Trust*



Hardware  
anchored trusted

## *Single OS*



Powered with  
Cisco IOS XR

## *Automation*



Telemetry,  
Netconf–Yang

## *Simplified Transport & Service*



SR/SRV6/EVPN






\* Refer product documentation for exact capability

# NCS 500




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# NCS 540 Medium

NCS 540	Interfaces	Throughput	Timing	FCS	Power
 <p>N540-24Z8Q2C-SYS N540(X)-ACC-SYS</p>	<p>2x 100/40GE 8x 25/10/1GE 24x 10/1GE</p>	<p>300G Max Interfaces: 640G</p>	<p>GNSS Class B 1pps/10MHz/ToD</p>	<p>6.3.2** 6.5.2***</p>	<p>Modular: 1+1 AC/DC</p>
 <p>N540X-16Z4G8Q2C-D/A</p>	<p>2x 100/40GE 8x 25/10/1GE 16x 10/1GE+4x 1GE Cu</p>	<p>300G Max Interfaces: 564G</p>	<p>GNSS Class C 1pps/10MHz/ToD BITS</p>	<p>7.0.1</p>	<p>Fixed: 1 AC 1+1 DC</p>
 <p>N540-28Z4C-SYS-D/A</p>	<p>4x 100/40GE 28x 10/1GE</p>	<p>300G Max Interfaces: 680G</p>	<p>Class B 1pps/10MHz/ToD BITS</p>	<p>7.0.1</p>	<p>Fixed: 1 AC 1+1 DC</p>
 <p>N540X-12Z16G-SYS-D/A</p>	<p>12x 10/1GE 12x 1GE 4x 1GE Copper</p>	<p>140G Max Interfaces: 136G</p>	<p>GNSS Class C 1pps/10MHz/ToD BITS</p>	<p>7.0.1</p>	<p>Fixed: 1 AC 1+1 DC</p>
 <p>N540-12Z20G-SYS-D/A</p>	<p>12x 10/1GE 20x 1GE</p>	<p>140G Max Interfaces: 140G</p>	<p>Class C* 1pps/10MHz/ToD BITS</p>	<p>7.0.1</p>	<p>Fixed: 1 AC 1+1 DC</p>

# NCS 540 small

NCS 540	Interfaces	Throughput	Timing	FCS	Power
 <p>N540X-8Z16G-SYS-D/A</p>	<p>8x 10/1GE 4x 1GE SFP 4x 1GE RJ45 8/16x 1GE SFP/CSFP</p>	<p>120G Max Interfaces: 104G</p>	<p>Class C 1pps/10MH z/ToD</p>	<p>7.3.1</p>	<p>Fixed 1+1 AC/DC</p>
 <p>N540X-6Z18G-SYS-D/A</p>	<p>6x 10/1GE 18x 1GE</p>	<p>64G Max Interfaces: 78G</p>	<p>Class C 1pps/10MHz/ ToD</p>	<p>7.3.1</p>	<p>Fixed 1+1 AC/DC</p>
 <p>N540X-4Z14G2Q-D/A</p>	<p>2x 25/10/1GE 4x 10/1GE 10x 1GE 4x 1GE Combo SFP/RJ45</p>	<p>120G Max Interfaces: 104G</p>	<p>Class C 1pps/10MHz/ ToD</p>	<p>7.4.1</p>	<p>Fixed 1+1 AC/DC</p>

Compact  
XR Router



*Right Sized*

sub-100G w  
25G port



*Native 25G*

iTEMP /  
conformal  
coated



*Designed To Last*

Class-C  
timing



*Low Latency*

Dual AC, MEF3.0,  
CSFP optics



*Carrier Class*

Trust Anchor  
Module



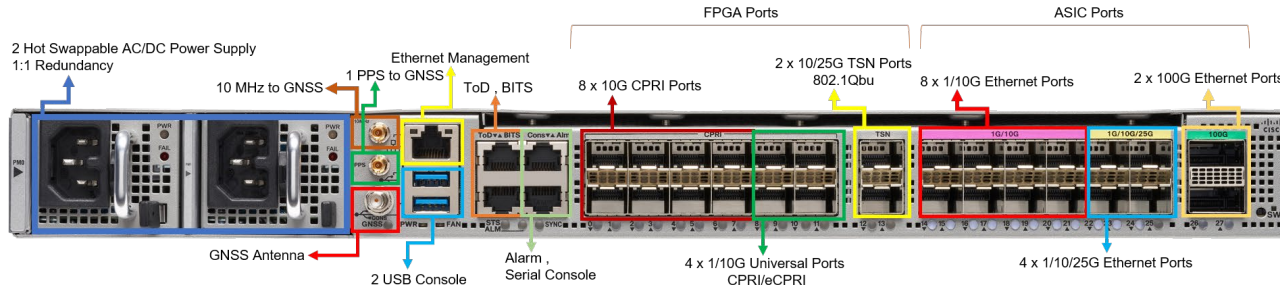
*Trusted*

Faster  
Provisioning

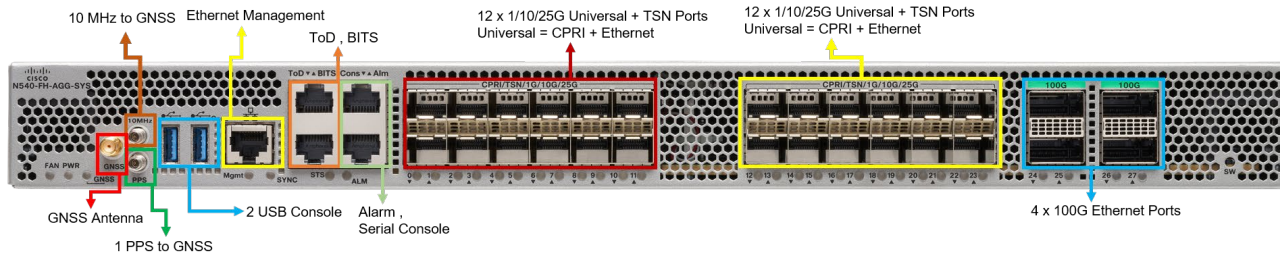


*ZTP*

# NCS 540 Front Haul



N540-FH-CSR-SYS  
300G, modular 1+1 PSU  
IOS XR 7.3.1



N540-FH-AGG-SYS  
900G, modular 1+1 PSU  
IOS XR 7.3.2

Packetized Front Haul



# NCS 560



*Right sized*

800Gbps, Modular FF  
Dense 1G with CSFP  
1/10/25/40/50/100G  
QSFP-DD, CFP2DCO



*Redundancy*

Fully redundant  
Data & control plane.  
50ms guaranteed ISSU



NCS 560-4, 4 RU, 6 IM slot



NCS 560-7, 7 RU, 16 IM slot



A900-IMA8CS1Z, 8/16 x1G + 1x10G



A900-IMA8Z, 8x10G



N560-IMA2C, 2x40/100G



N560-IMA1W, 1x100G/200G CFP2DCO



N560-IMA2C-DD, 2x100G QSFP-DD



N560-IMA8Q/4L, 8x10/25G or 4x50G

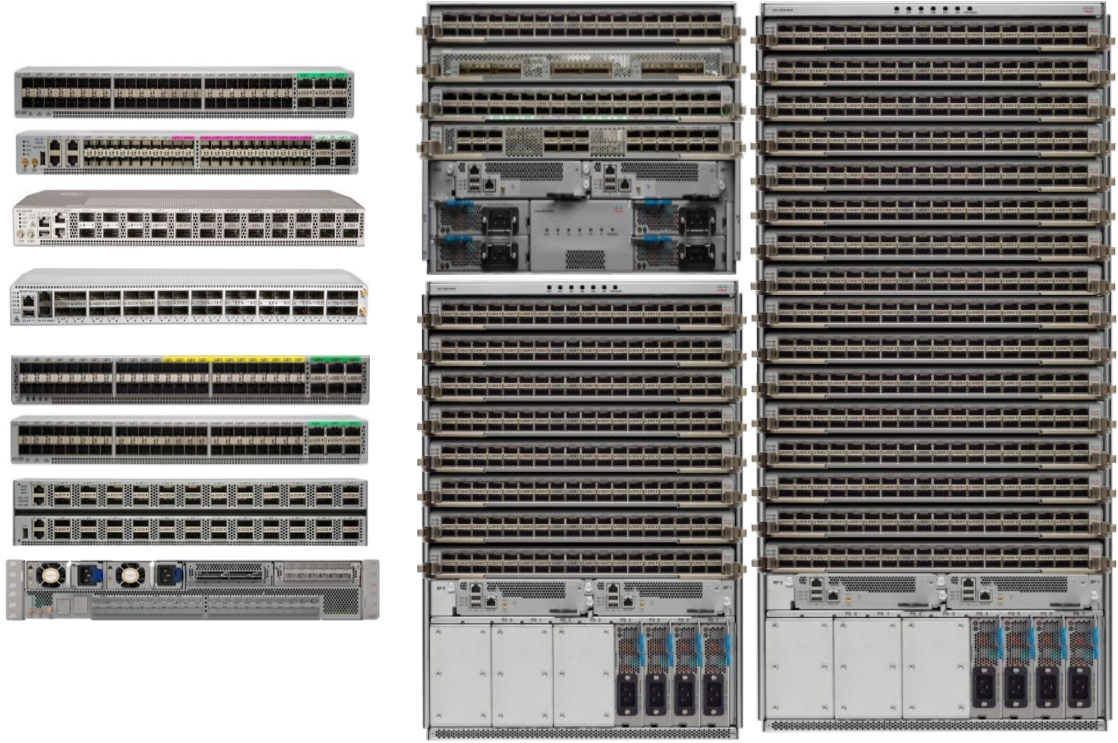
# NCS 5500

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# NCS 5500 Family

- Size
  - 1RU/2RU Fixed
  - 4/8/16 slot Modular
- Capacity:
  - Starting 800G Fixed
  - Up to 9.6T on single LC
- 3 Modular Boxes
  - 12+ Line Cards
- 15+ Fixed Boxes



# 400G with NCS 5700

2.7x Increased  
Capacity

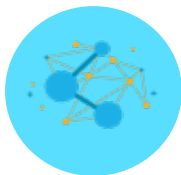
Integrated  
400GE / 200GE  
/ 100GE

Lower power per  
GE and high-  
density interfaces  
per RU

3rd generation  
LC on the same  
chassis



Higher Capacity



Higher Density



TCO Savings



Protect Investment

# NCS 5700

Line Cards & Fixed

# NCS 5700

## Line Cards & Fixed



### NC57-24DD

24x400G/Line card  
Flexible: 200G/100G  
10G/25G Breakout

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## Line Cards & Fixed



### NC57-24DD

24x400G/Line card  
Flexible: 200G/100G  
10G/25G Breakout



### NC57-18DD-SE

30 QSFP DD port  
18x400G or 30x100/200G  
Flex Port/eTACM/Breakout

# NCS 5700

## Line Cards & Fixed



### NC57-24DD

24x400G/Line card  
Flexible: 200G/100G  
10G/25G Breakout



### NC57-36H-SE

36x100G  
ZR support on 12 Ports  
Breakout, class B



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# NCS 5700

## Line Cards & Fixed



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24x400G/Line card  
Flexible: 200G/100G  
10G/25G Breakout



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36x100G  
ZR support on 12 Ports  
Breakout, class B



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30 QSFP DD port  
18x400G or 30x100/200G  
Flex Port/eTACM/Breakout



### NCS57B1-6D24/5D-SE

24X100G QSFP-DD, 6/5x400G  
QSFP-DD

# Summary



# Session Summary

- Converged Programmable SDN Transport
  - ✓ Transport Infrastructure **Simplified**
  - ✓ Fully **Programmable** and **Automation** ready
  - ✓ Resilient **Flexible** Services with **SLA**
  - ✓ Assisted by **Technology** & **Trusted Hardware**



The bridge to possible

# Thank you

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# Appendix



# Resources



Cisco Validated Design: <http://xrdocs.io/design>

NCS 5500: <https://xrdocs.io/ncs5500/>



Segment Routing: <https://www.segment-routing.net/>



EVPN : <https://e-vpn.io/>



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