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# Interconnecting Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN and Cisco Meraki SD-WAN Fabrics

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- Current Challenges
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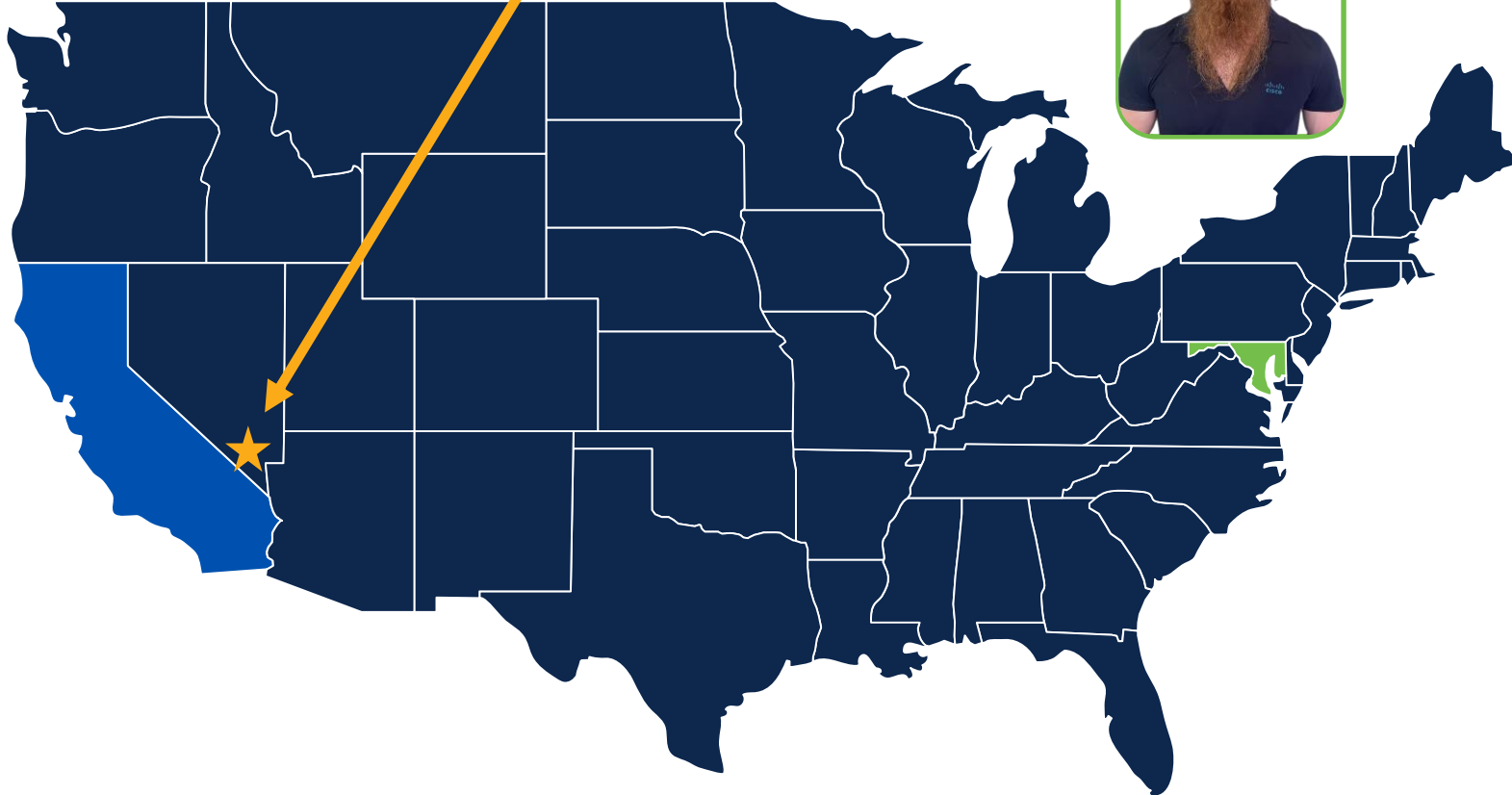
# Introduction



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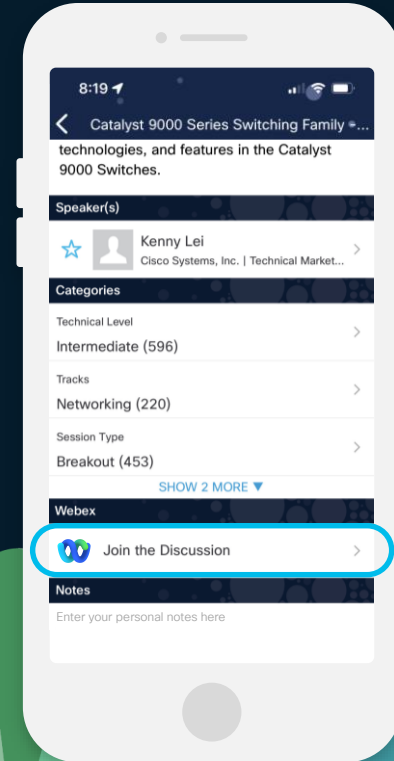
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Use Cisco Webex App to chat with the speaker after the session

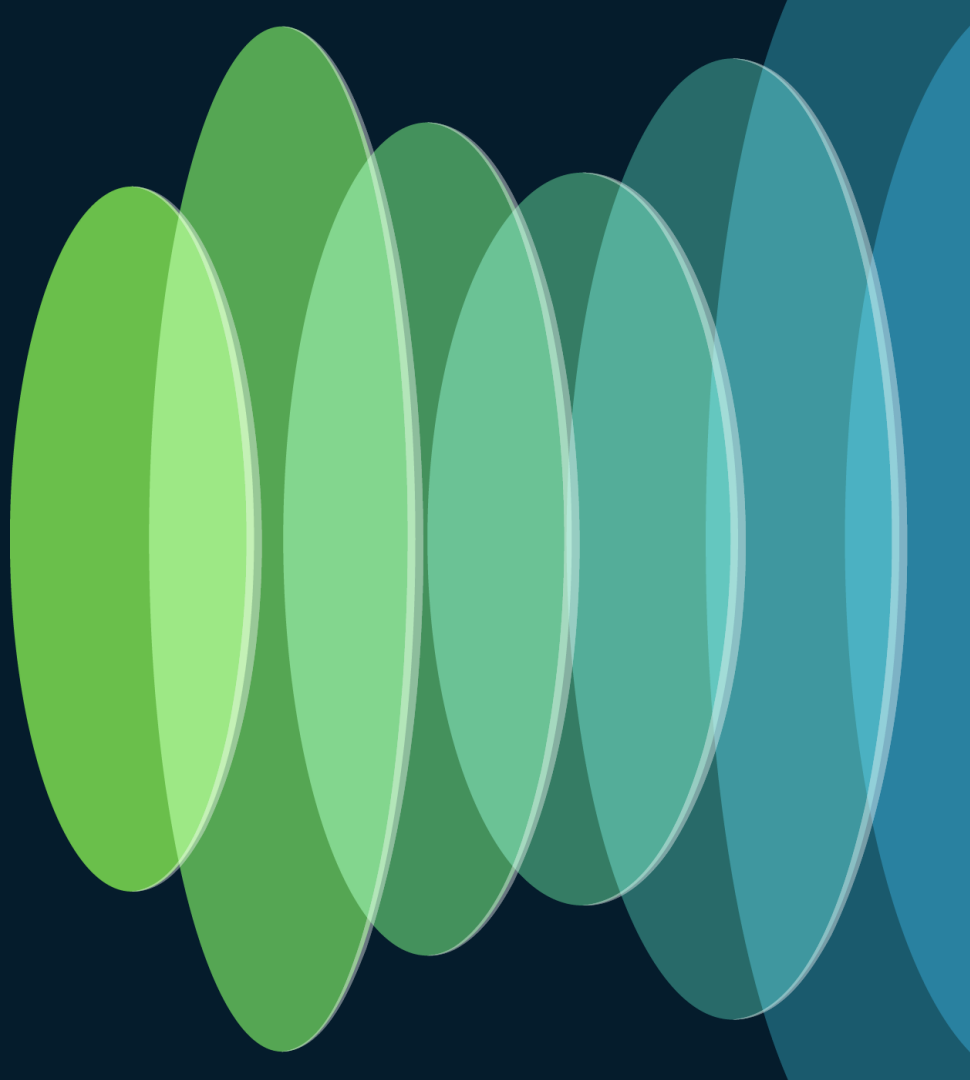
## How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

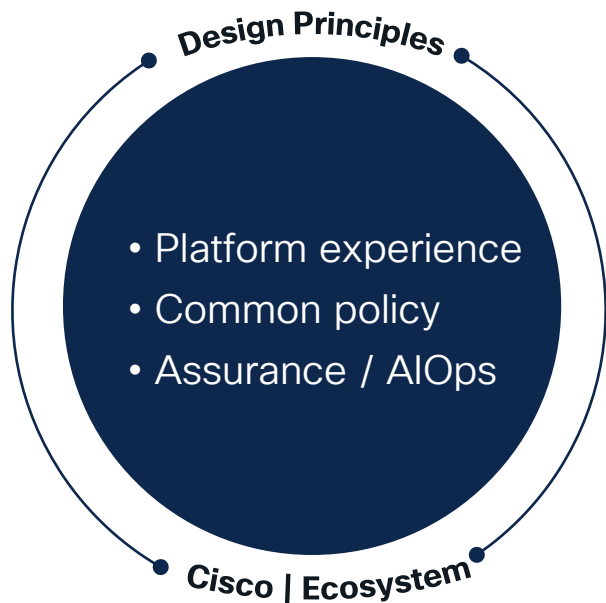
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# Current Challenges



# Key design principles for **Campus and Branch**



Digital Experience Assurance

Simplified, AI-Native Operations

End-to-End Secure Networking

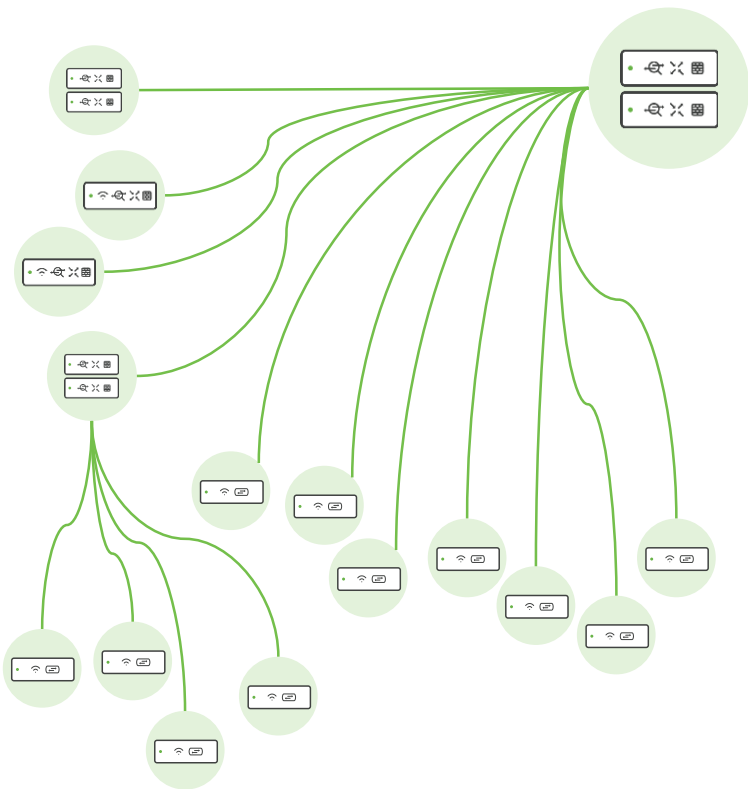
# A customer

grounded by a set of complex needs and business demands



# Cisco SD-WAN

A Meraki Fabric satisfies needs for:



Rapid Deployment

Full Stack

Remote Workforce

Versatile SD-WAN

Smaller Sites



# Cisco SD-WAN

A Catalyst Fabric satisfies needs for:

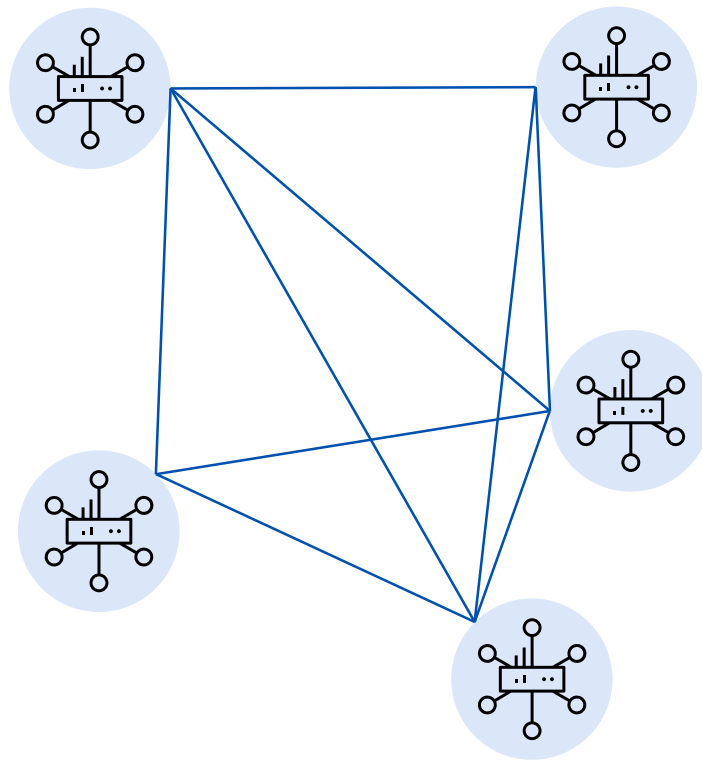
Greater Scale

Segmentation

Increased Customization

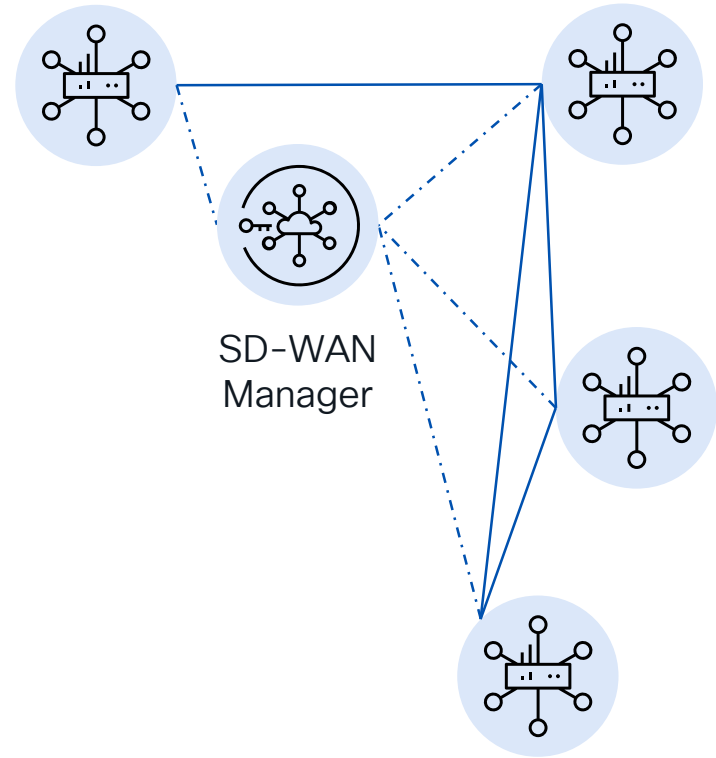
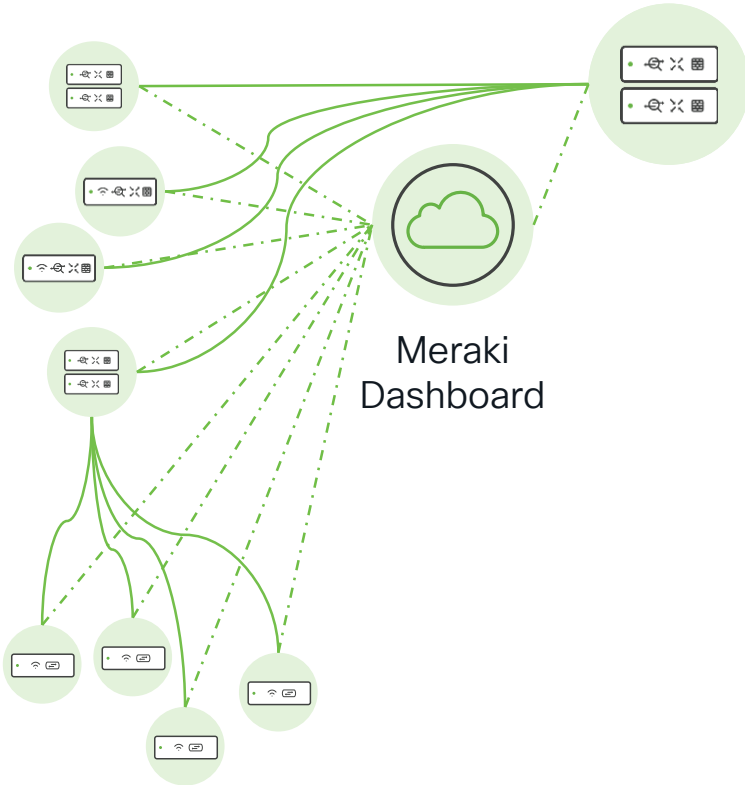
Granular Control

Bandwidth Capabilities



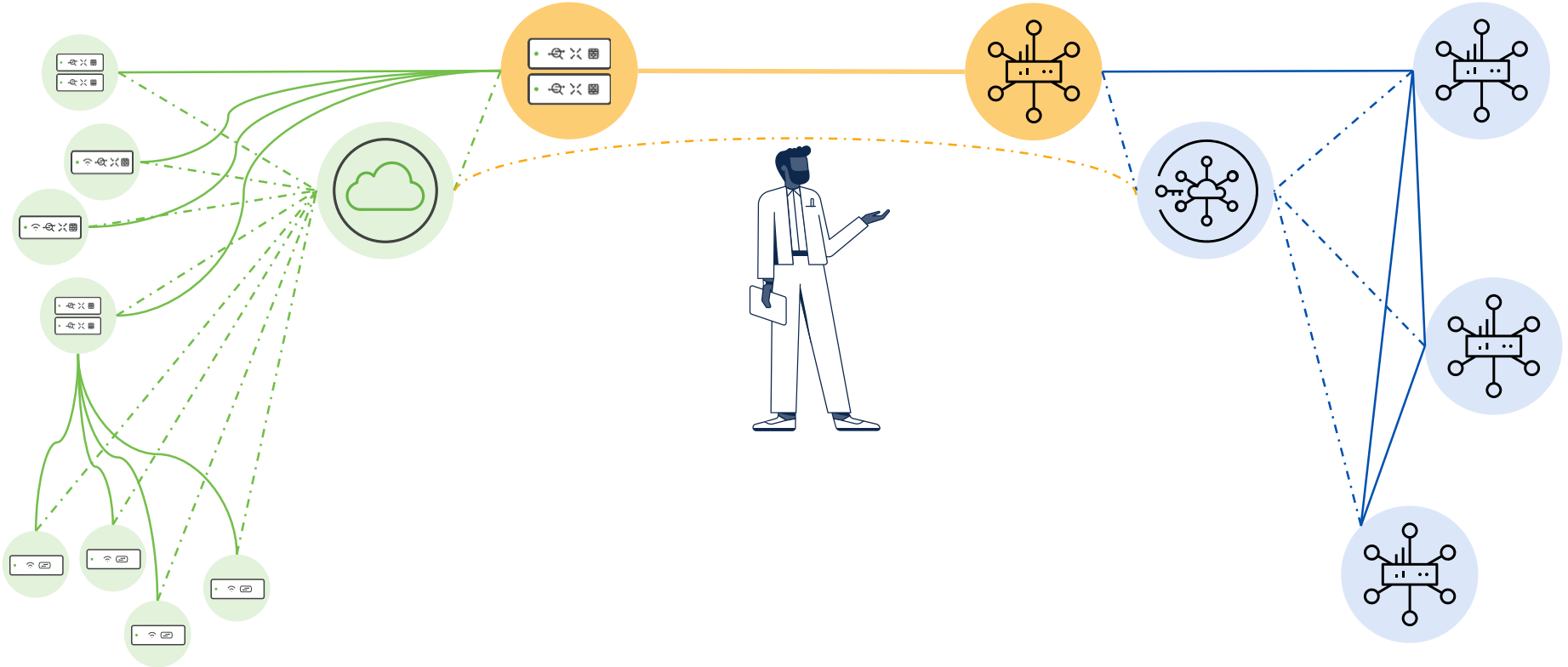
# Cisco SD-WAN

One operation driven by two solutions lacks efficiency and scale



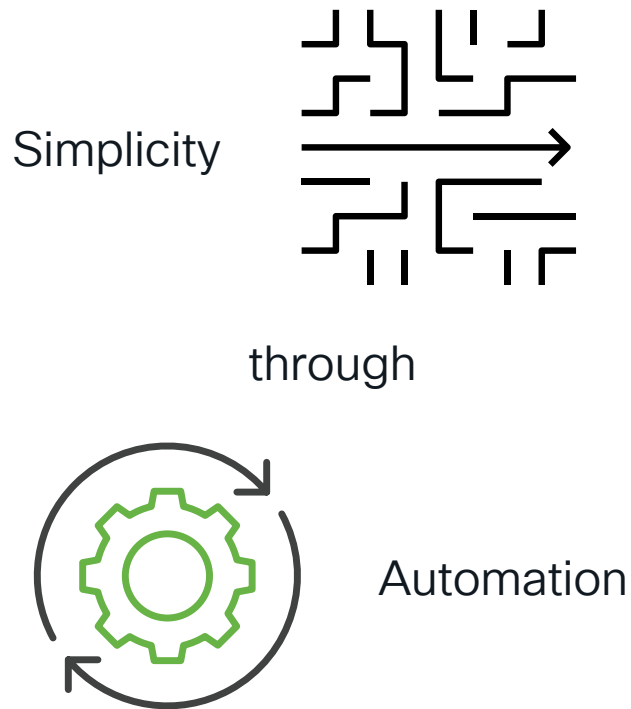
# Cisco SD-WAN

Joining fabrics is now a simplified experience



# Current Challenges

Cisco SD-WAN meets the needs of a growing and demanding enterprise.



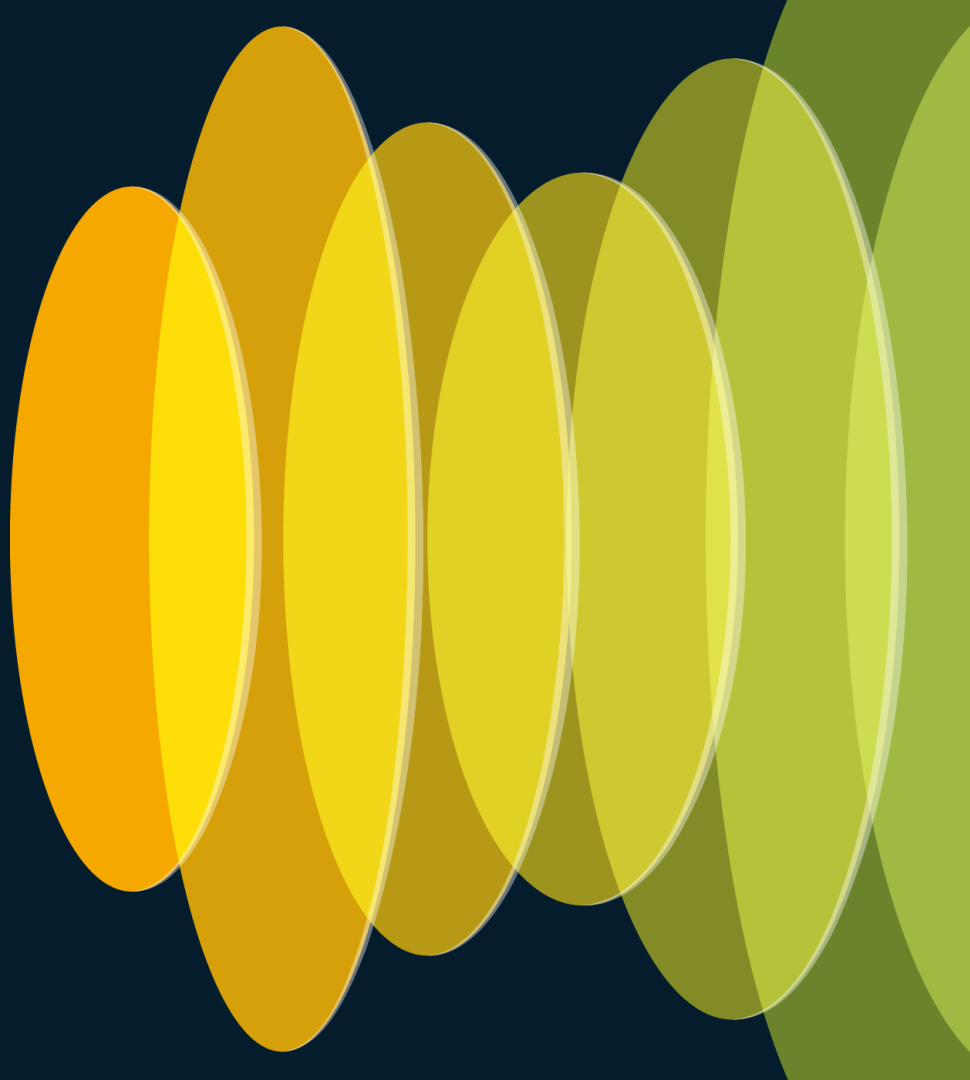
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What and how would you  
interconnect in your SD-  
WAN fabrics?

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# The Solution



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## Cisco SD-WAN Interconnects

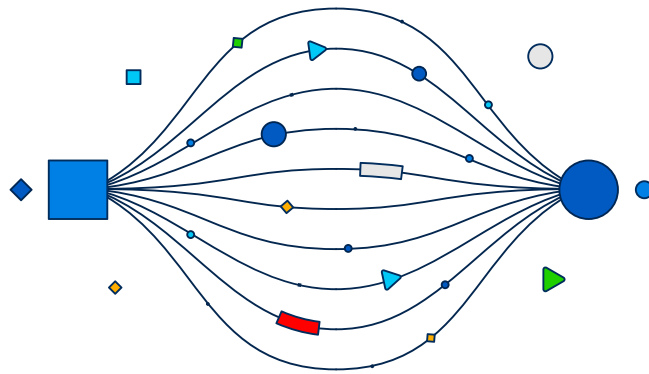


- A network-to-network interconnect (NNI)
- Leverages eBGP over IPsec for route propagation and data transmissions
- Highly available with redundancy at device and protocol levels
  - Redundant IPsec Tunnels
  - Redundant eBGP sessions
- Deployed by a seamless automated workflow from the Meraki dashboard

# The Solution

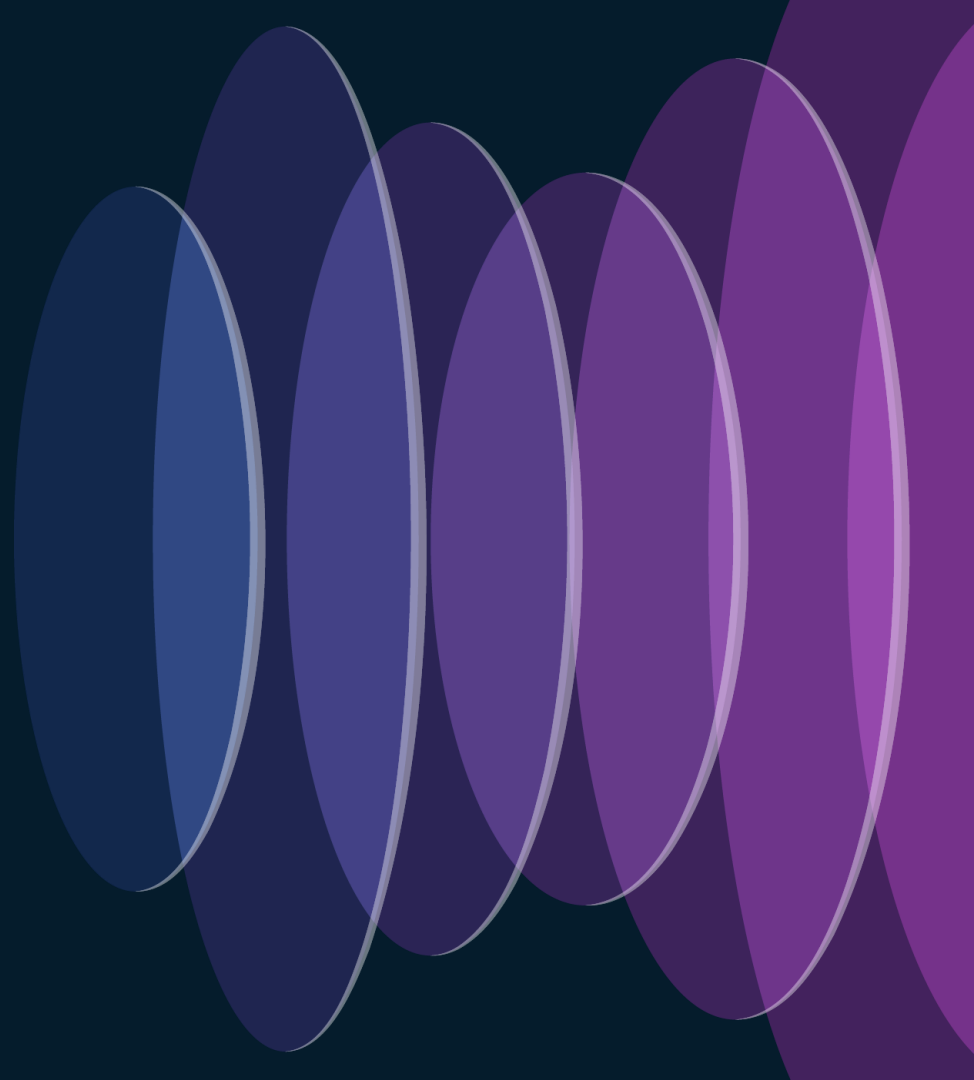
An interconnect built with redundancy and configured through the power of automation.

- Meraki AutoVPN network interconnect with Cloud-delivered Catalyst SD-WAN (CDCS) Service VPN
- Dual-Collocated Devices
- eBGP over IPsec



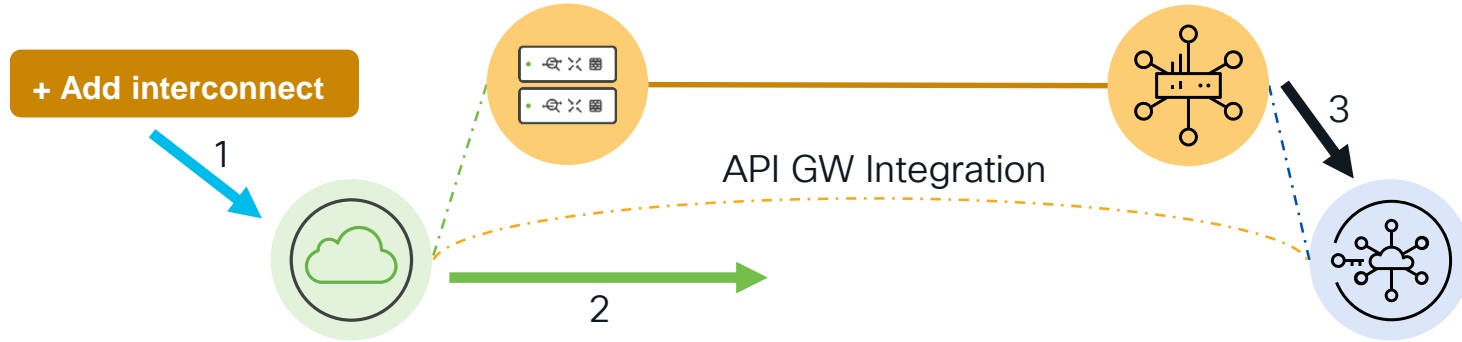


# Automated Deployment Mechanisms



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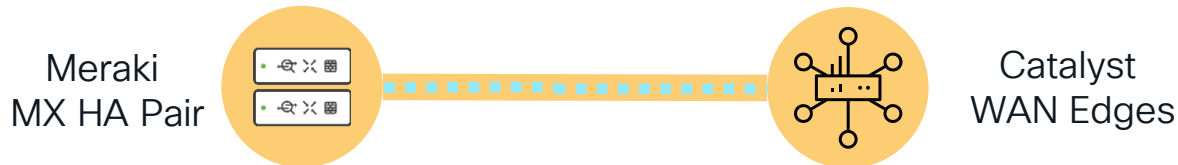
## OAuth & Interconnect Configuration



1. User Input for Interconnect (Blue)
2. API Requests for Realtime Configuration & Monitoring (Green)
3. Passive Information Updates (Black)

# Automated Deployment Mechanism

## Configuration parcel management



### IPsec: Create Tunnels

Primary Tunnel - 169.254.250.1/30  
Secondary Tunnel - 169.254.250.5/30

### BGP: Add Neighbors

Primary Neighbor - 169.254.250.2  
Secondary Neighbor - 169.254.250.6

#### → Primary Routes:

AS\_PATH=61000 ; WEIGHT=20

#### → Secondary Routes:

AS\_PATH=61000 61000; WEIGHT=10

### IPsec: Create Service VPN Tunnels

Primary Edge - 169.254.250.2/30  
Secondary Edge - 169.254.250.6/30

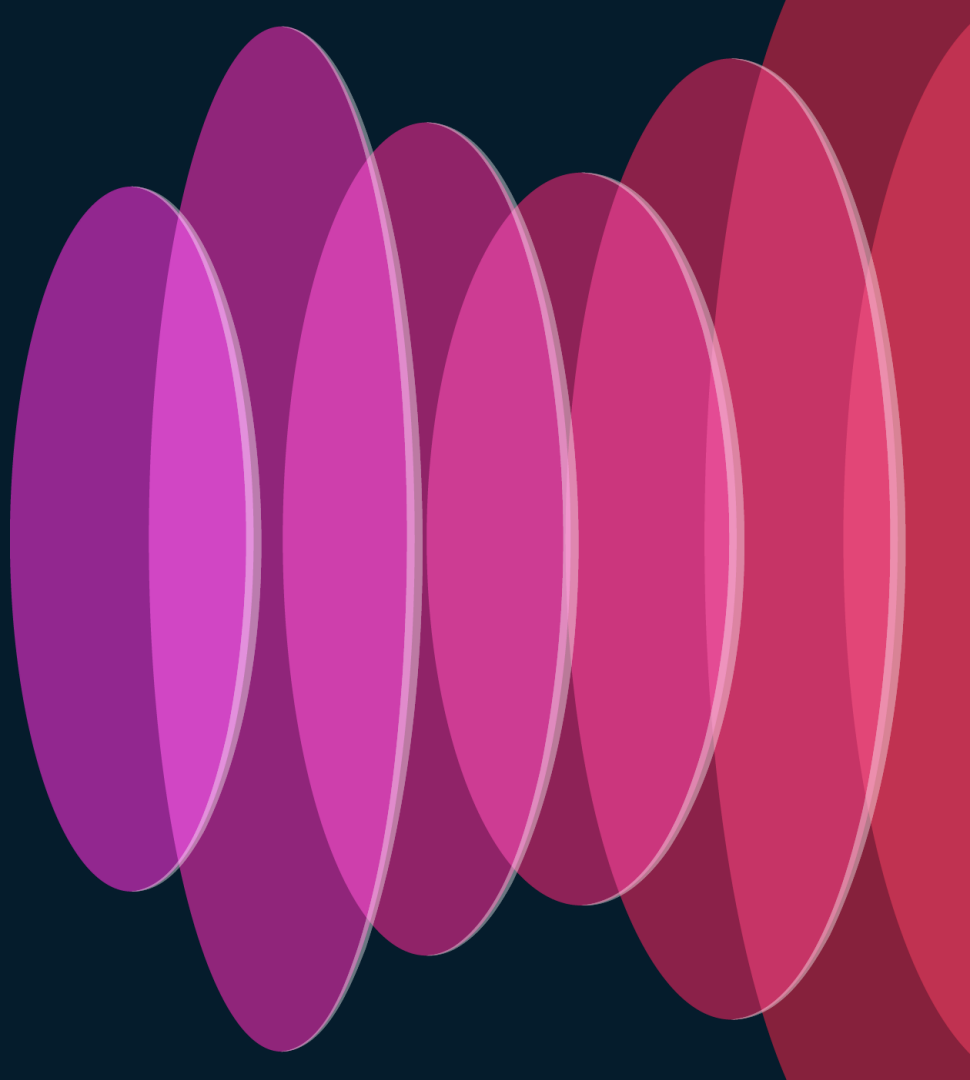
### BGP: Add Neighbors & Redistribute

Primary Neighbor - 169.254.250.1  
Secondary Neighbor - 169.254.250.5  
redistribute omp, connected  
propagate-aspath

### OMP: Auto-Translate BGP→OMP

AS\_PATH → OMP Preference:  
*Enabled*

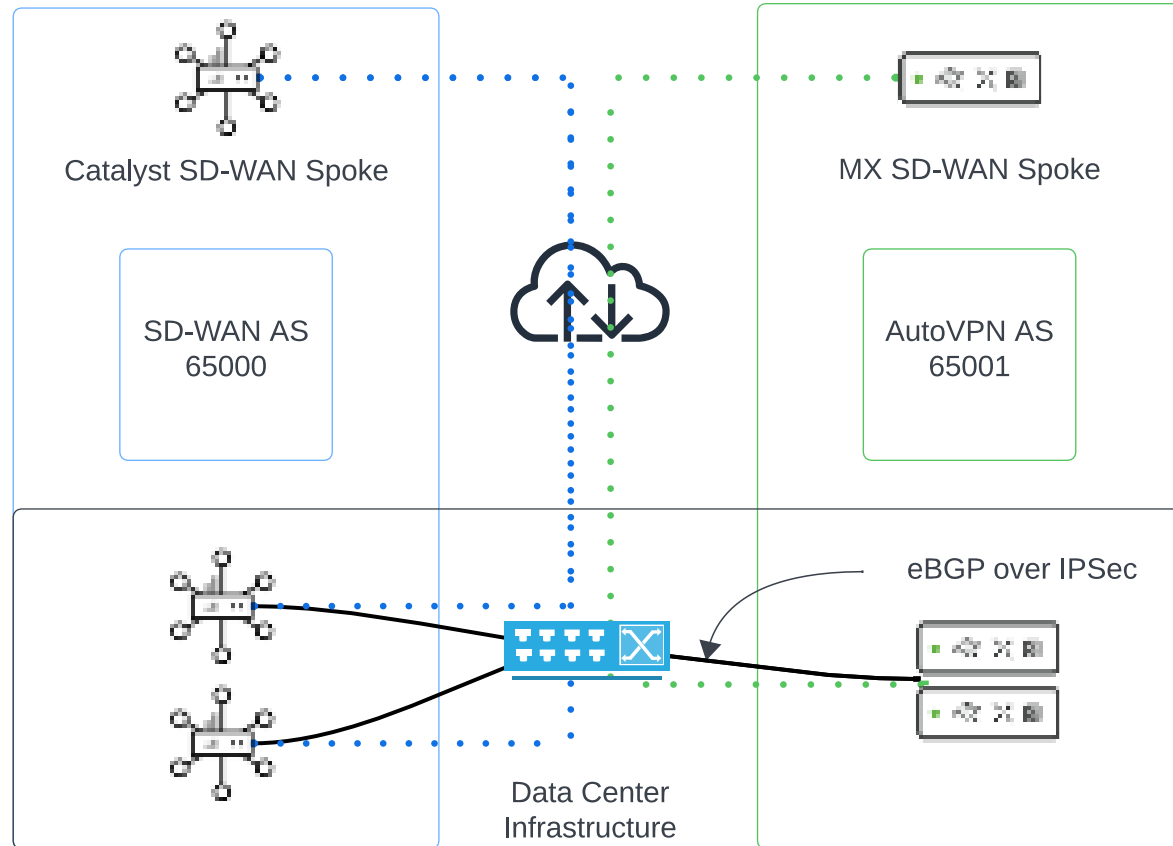
# Network Architecture



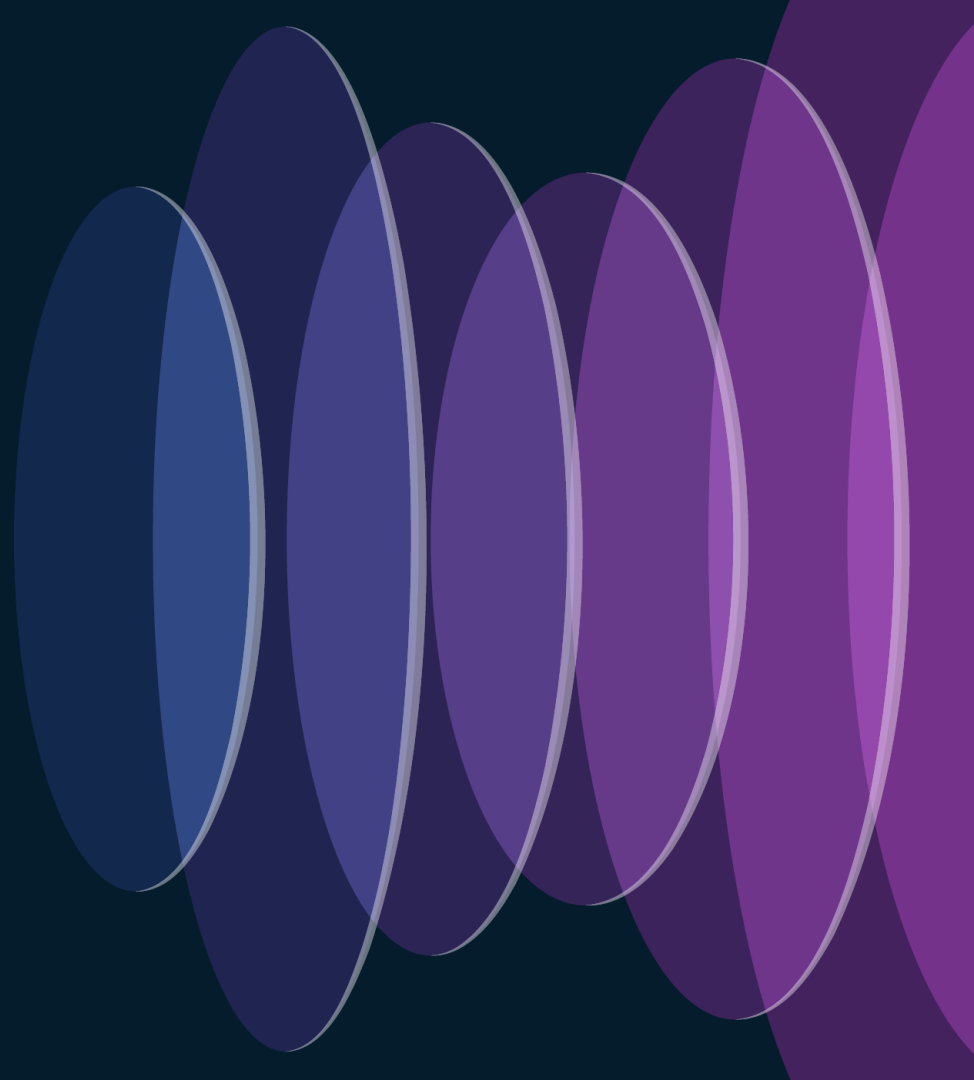
# Network Architecture

## Overview

- Joining Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN and Cisco Meraki SD-WAN
- eBGP over IPsec
- Hub to Hub Routing
- Collocated

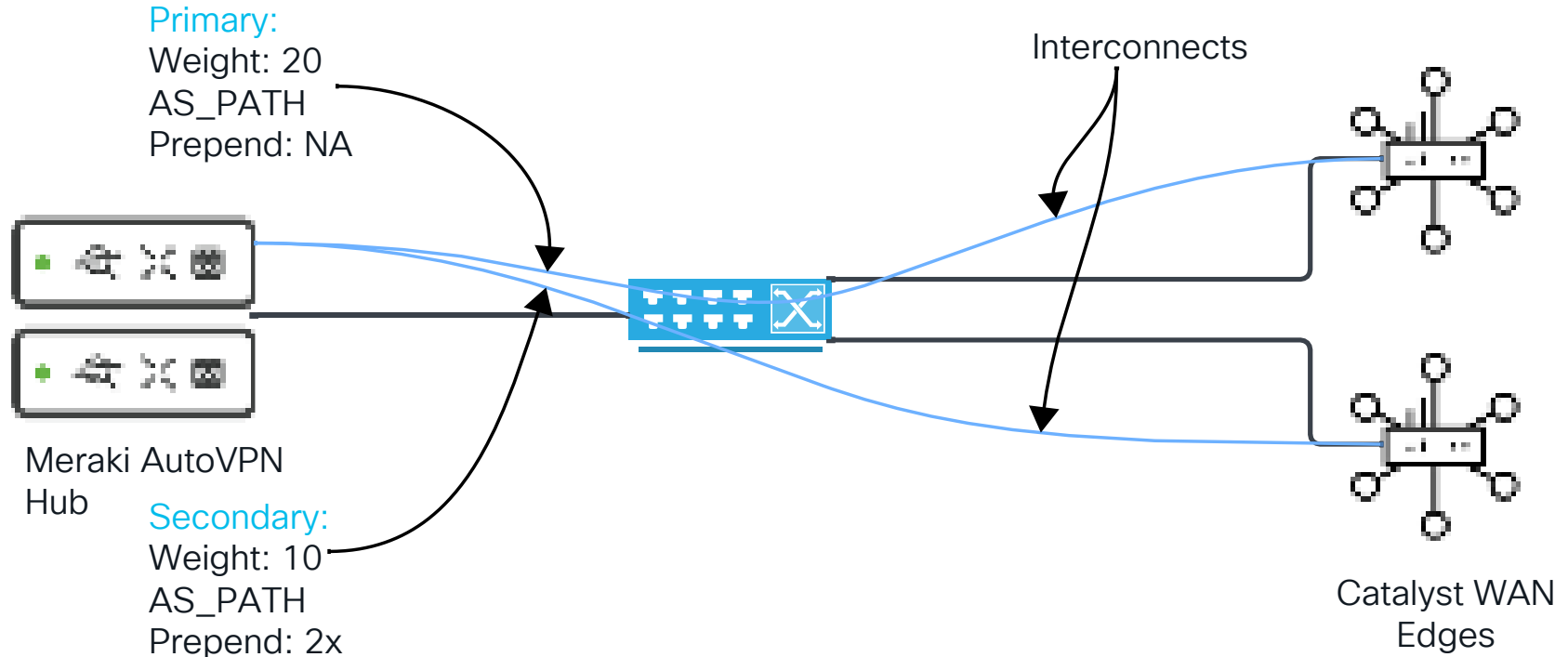


# Dynamic Routing Behaviors



# Routing Behaviors

## Interconnect Default Routing Behavior



# Routing Behaviors

## Catalyst WAN Edge Routing Tables

- Primary and Secondary interconnects
- Deterministic routing with AS\_PATH Attribute

### Primary Catalyst Edge

OUTPUT: show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf 1

*>	10.106.106.0/24	10.0.0.1	0	61000	i
*>	10.249.1.0/24	10.0.0.1	0	61000	i
*>	192.168.121.0	10.0.0.1	0	61000	i

AS\_PATH



### Secondary Catalyst Edge

OUTPUT: show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf 1

*>	10.106.106.0/24	10.0.0.5	0	61000	61000	i
*>	10.249.1.0/24	10.0.0.5	0	61000	61000	i
*>	192.168.121.0	10.0.0.5	0	61000	61000	i







# Routing Behaviors


## Meraki MX Route Table

Route Status

Next Hop Address

IP VERSION	SUBNET/PREFIX	NAME	VLAN	NEXT HOP	DESTINATION	TYPE	REPORTED
All	10.0.1.0/24	Search by name	Search by VLAN ID	Search by network	Search by destination	External BGP	Current
Stat	Version	Subnet	Name	VLAN	Next hop	Destination	Type
		10.0.1.0/24	External	—	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.2	External BGP
		10.0.1.0/24	External	—	10.0.0.6	10.0.0.6	External BGP

### Catalyst Edge 1


Status: 

Next hop: 169.254.250.0/32

Weight: 20

Router ID: 169.254.250.2

### Catalyst Edge 2

Status: 

Next hop: 169.254.250.4/32

Weight: 10

Router ID: 169.254.250.6

# Routing Behaviors

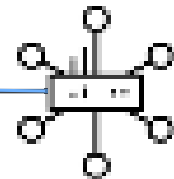
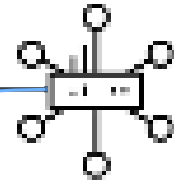
## MX SD-WAN Route Propagation

AutoVPN Peer

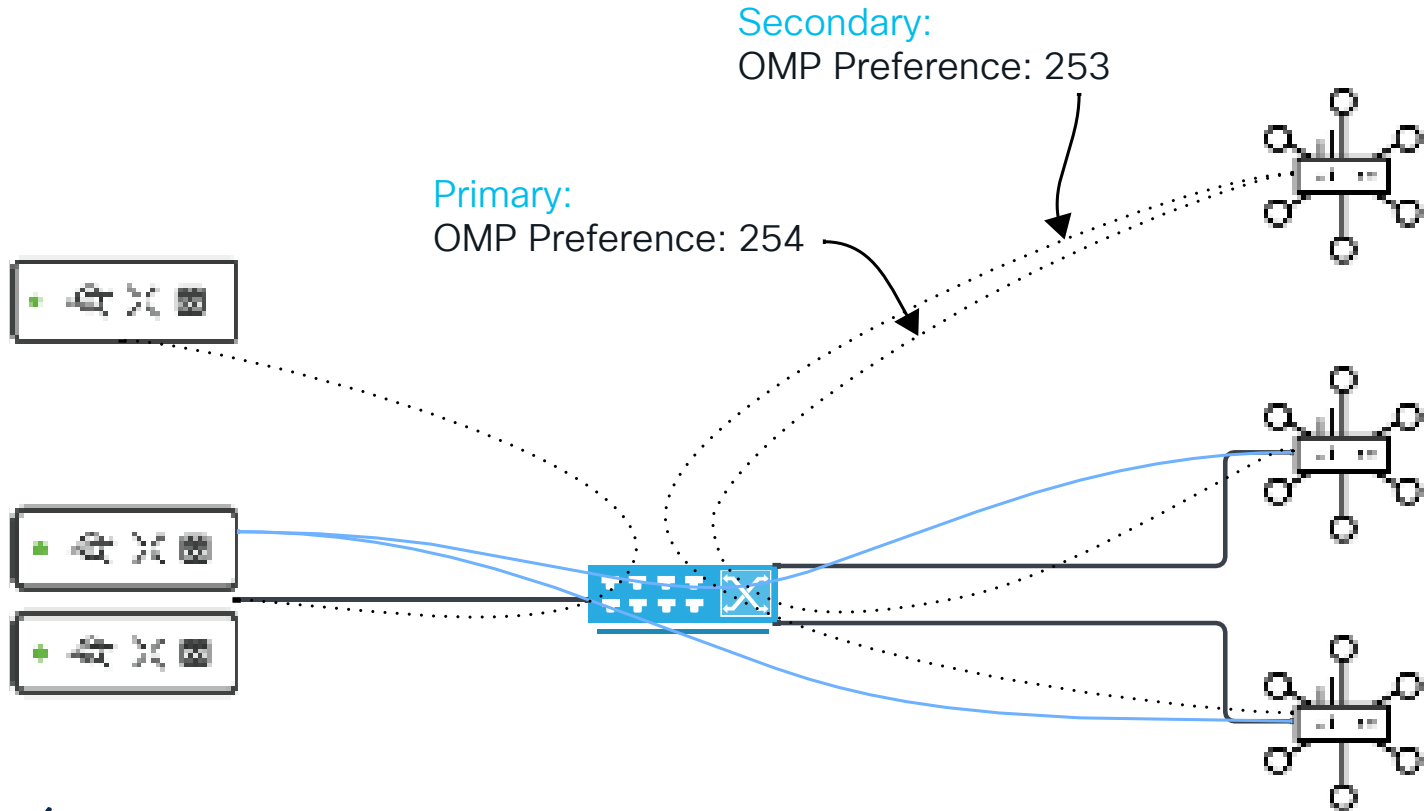


AutoVPN (iBGP)  
Primary interconnect routes

Primary:  
Weight: 20  
AS\_PATH  
Prepend: NA



# Catalyst SD-WAN Route Propagation



# Routing Behaviors

## Catalyst SD-WAN Route Propagation

Auto-Translation  
BGP → OMP Logic

Max OMP Route Preference [255] - BGP AS\_PATH Length  
= Translated OMP Preference

Interconnect Received AS-  
PATH Lengths

Primary AS\_PATH Length → "61000" = 1  
Secondary AS\_PATH Length → "61000 61000" = 2

Interconnect Translated  
OMP Preferences

Primary OMP Route Preference → 255 - 1 = **254**  
Secondary OMP Route Preference → 255 - 2 = **253**

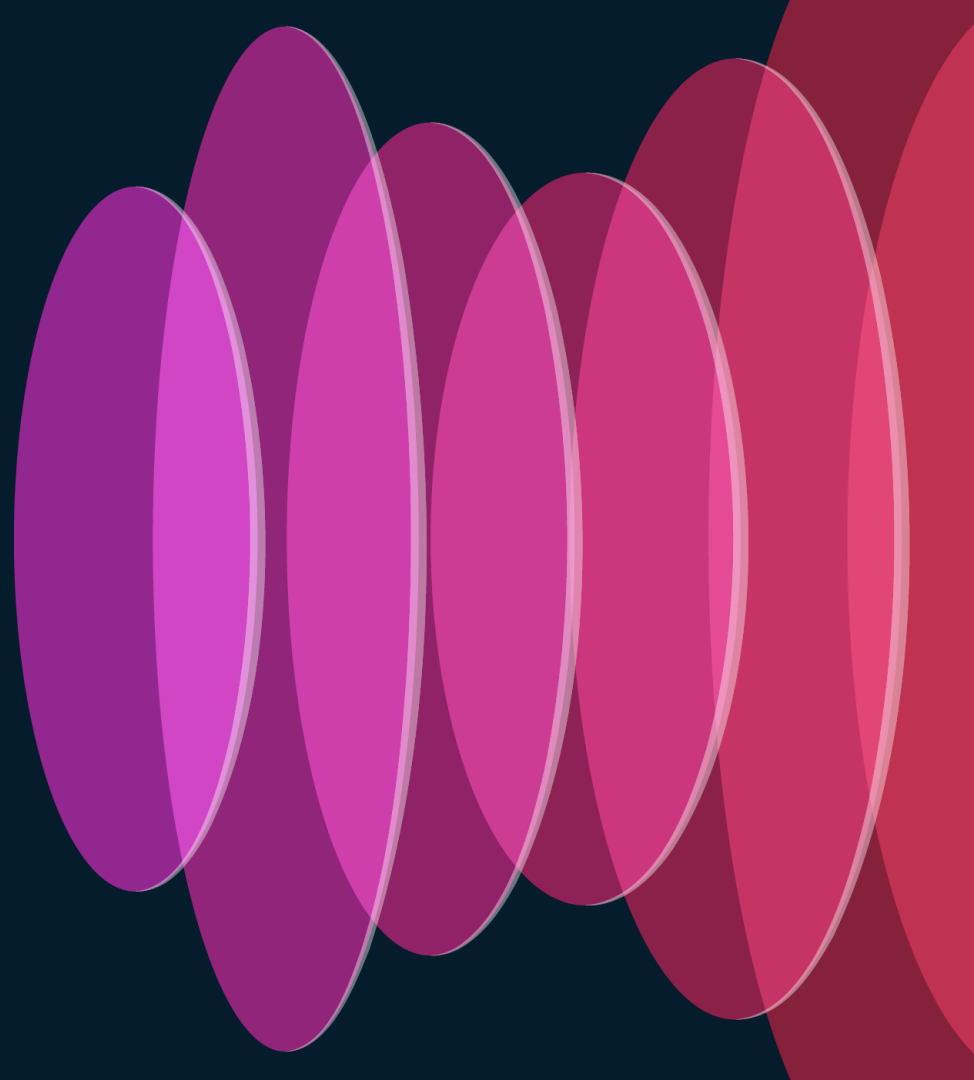
OUTPUT: show sdwan omp routes

[R = Resolved, I = Installed]

OMP Pref.

	1.1.1.150	1	1009	C,R	installed	99.2.1.211	biz-internet	ipsec	253
10.106.106.0/24	1.1.1.54	1	1009	R	installed	99.2.1.211	biz-internet	ipsec	253
	1.1.1.54	2	1008	C,I,R	installed	99.2.1.210	public-internet	ipsec	254
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# Dynamic Recovery Behaviors





# Recovery Behaviors

## Primary Device Failover Behavior

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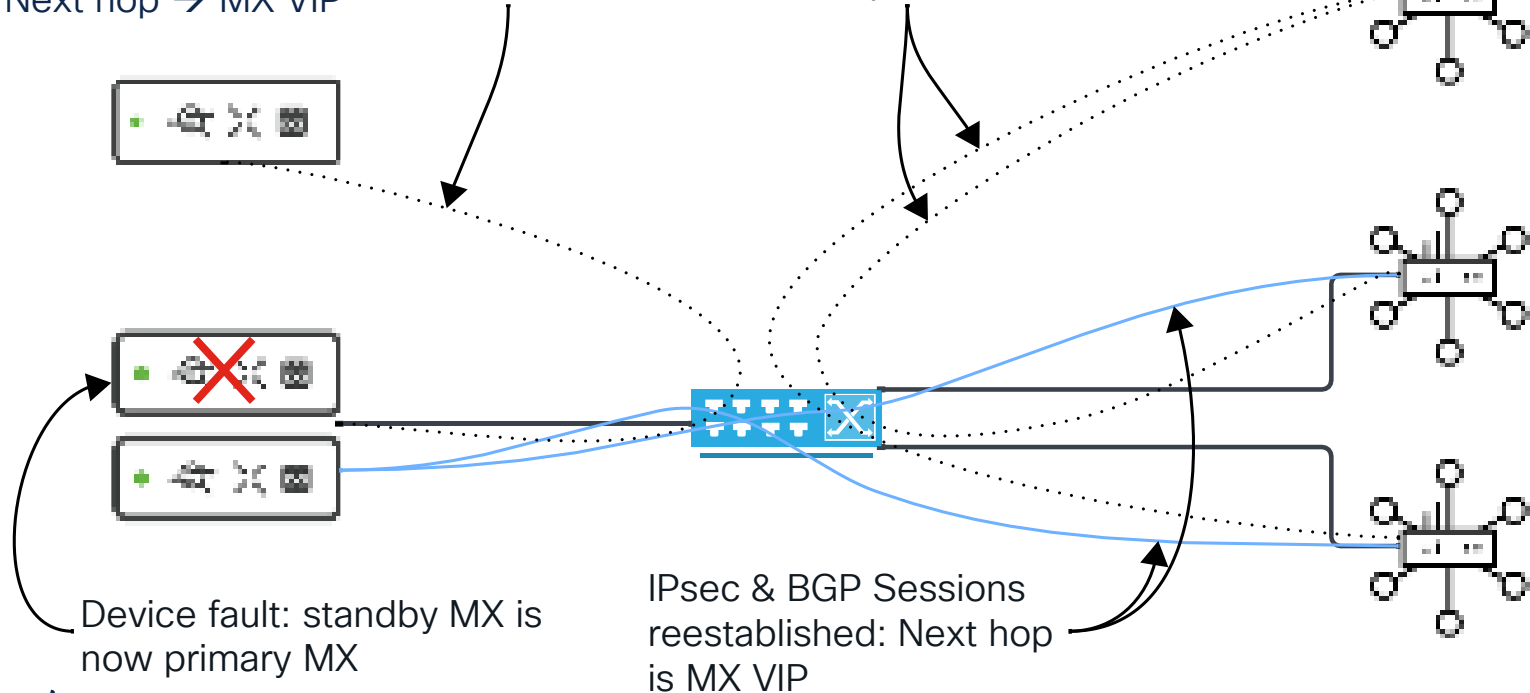
Primary interconnect routes

Next hop → MX VIP

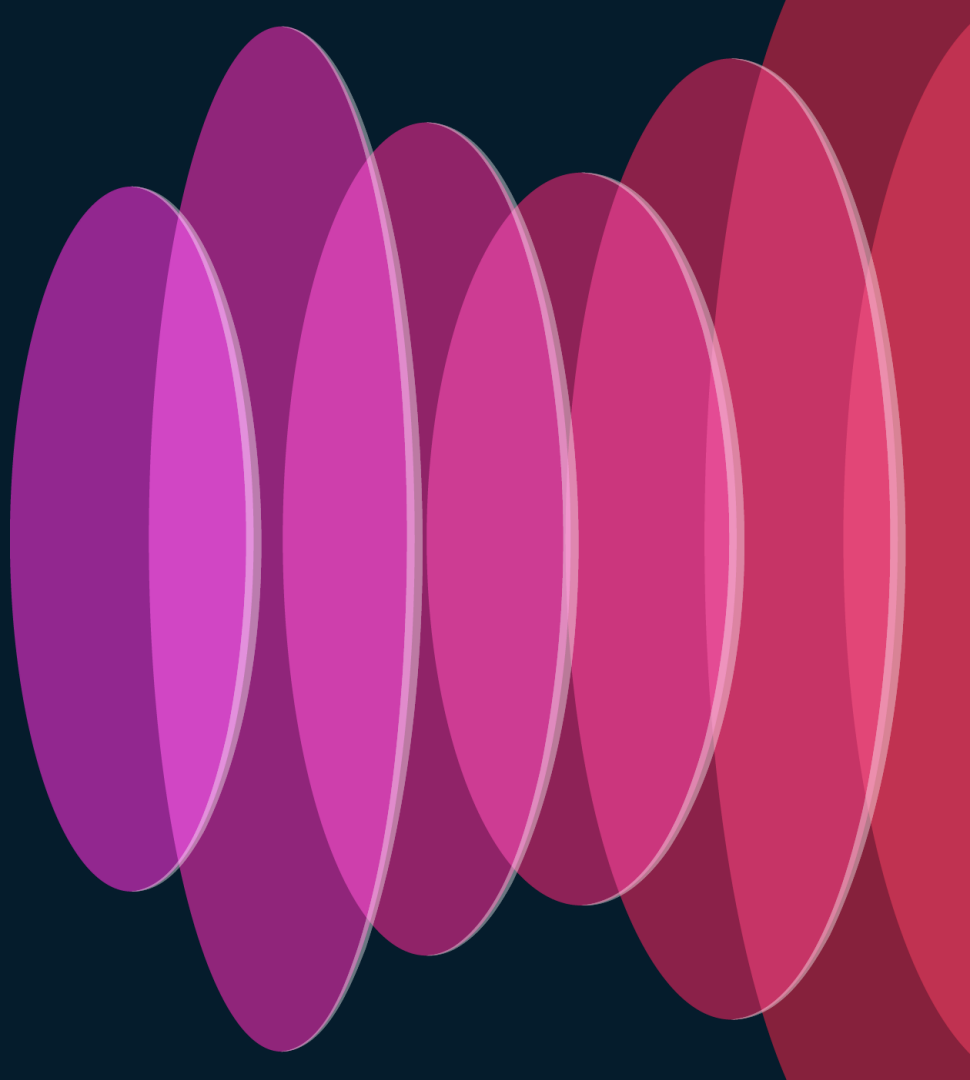
### SD-WAN Overlay (OMP)

Primary interconnect routes

Next hop → same MX VIP



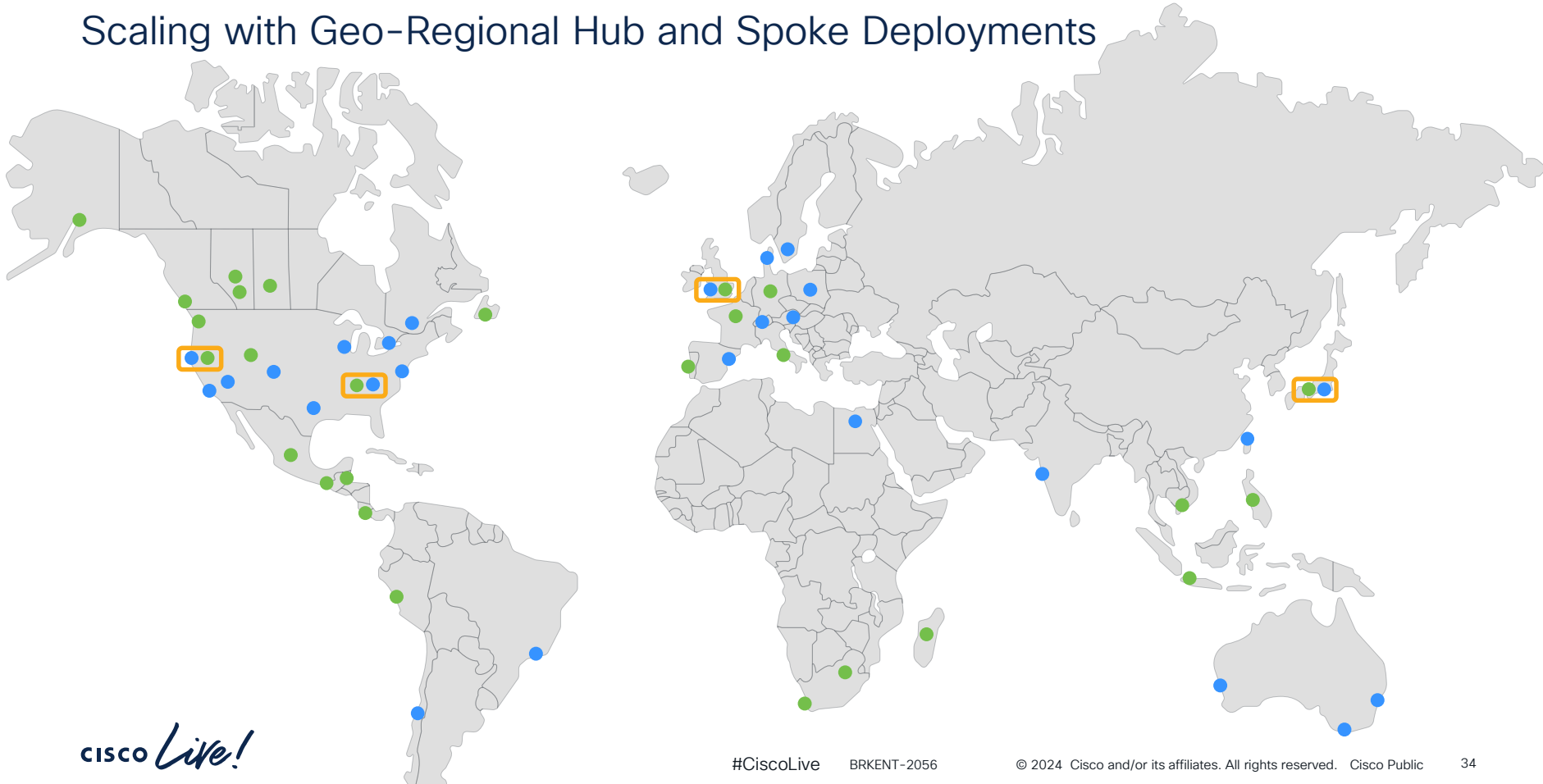
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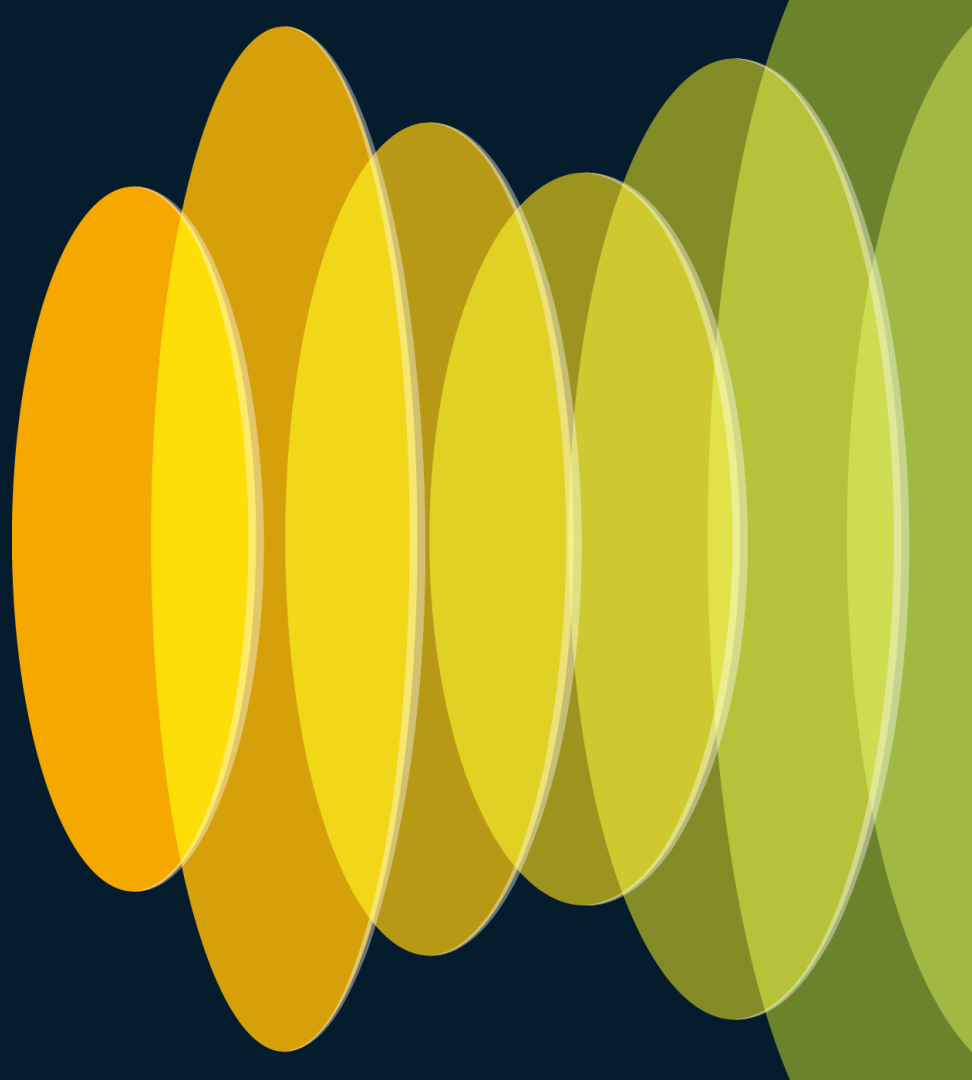


# Interconnects at Scale

Scaling with Geo-Regional Hub and Spoke Deployments



# Dashboard Monitoring



# Monitoring

## Cisco Meraki Dashboard

- Interconnect Health
  - eBGP Router statistics
  - IPsec VPN statistics
- Device health statistics
- Deep linking into the [Catalyst SD-WAN Manager](#)

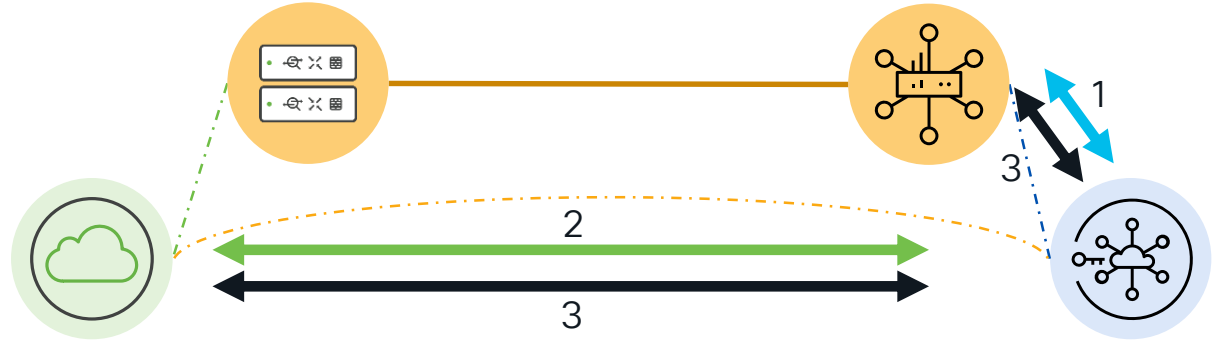
The screenshot shows the Cisco Meraki Dashboard interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Network, Secure Connect, Insight, and Organisation. The main content area is titled 'Interconnects' and includes a sub-header: 'Connect your Meraki SD-WAN fabric to Catalyst SD-WAN. Up to four Catalyst SD-WAN Interconnects per organization.' Below this, there is a table with columns 'Status' and 'Name'. A single entry is shown: 'SF Interconnect' with a green status icon. To the right, there is a detailed view for 'SF Interconnect', last updated 5 mins ago. This view is divided into two sections: 'Meraki peer' and 'Catalyst peer'. The 'Meraki peer' section lists two devices: 'SF012-MX1' (Primary) and 'SF012-MX2', both with 50% device utilization. The 'Catalyst peer' section lists two devices: 'SF 1' (Primary) and 'SF 2', both with 50% CPU and 35% memory usage. Below these sections, there are tabs for 'VPN' (All VPN-enabled subnets), 'Routes' (321), and 'Tunnels'. The 'Tunnels' section contains a table with columns: Status, Meraki device, Routes, Usage, and Catalyst device. The table lists four tunnels, all with a status of 'Active' or 'Standby'. The first two tunnels are 'SF012-MX1' and 'SF012-MX2', both with 132 routes and 100 GB usage. The last two tunnels are 'SF012-MX1' and 'SF012-MX2', both with 132 routes and 100 GB usage. The table also lists the Catalyst devices: 'SF Catalyst 1' and 'SF Catalyst 2'.

Status	Meraki device	Routes	Usage	Catalyst device
Active	SF012-MX1	132 + 132 ↑	100 GB + 100 GB ↑	SF Catalyst 1
Standby	SF012-MX2	132 + 132 ↑	100 GB + 100 GB ↑	SF Catalyst 1
Down	SF012-MX1	132 + 132 ↑	100 GB + 100 GB ↑	SF Catalyst 2
Down	SF012-MX2	132 + 132 ↑	100 GB + 100 GB ↑	SF Catalyst 2



# Monitoring

## Monitoring API Flow



1. Passive Information Updates (Blue)
2. Cisco Meraki Passive Information Polling (Green)
3. Realtime Information Updates (Black)

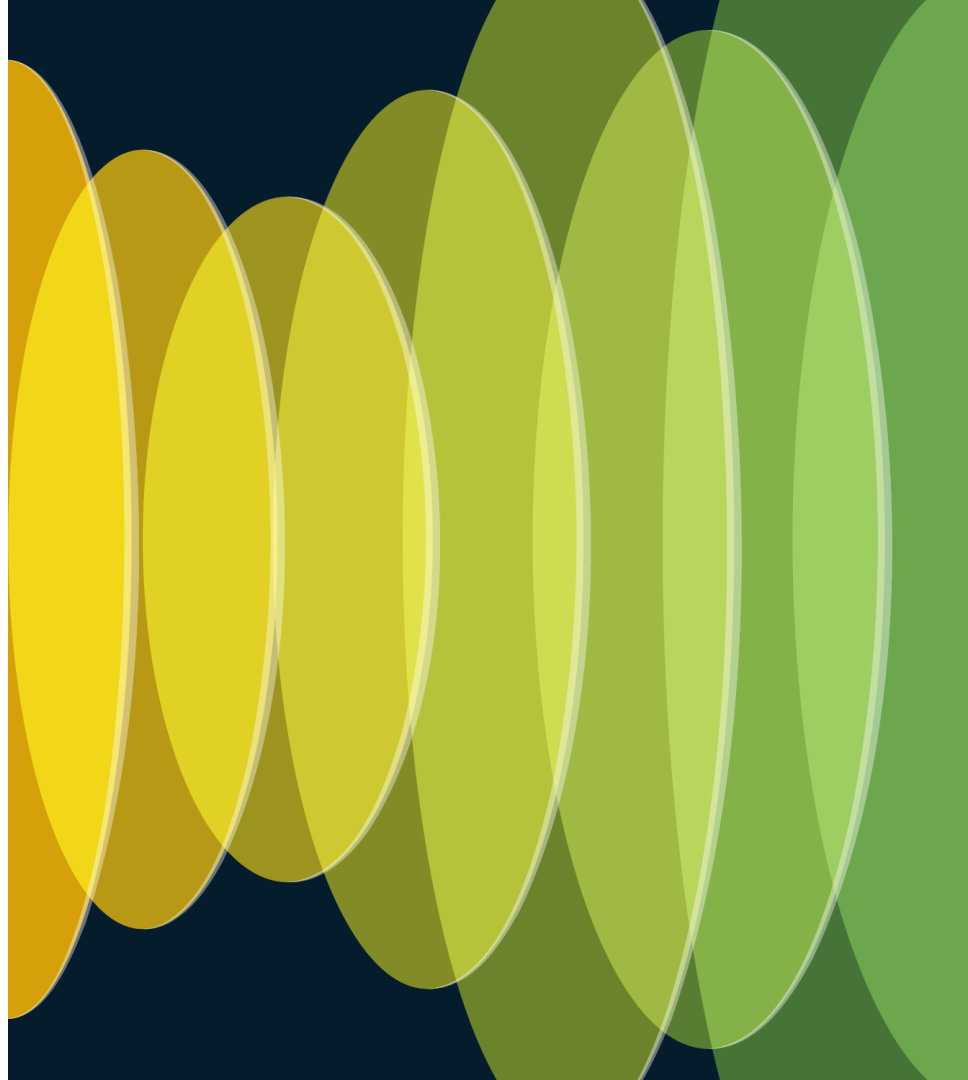
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about the interconnect?  
Why?

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# Demo





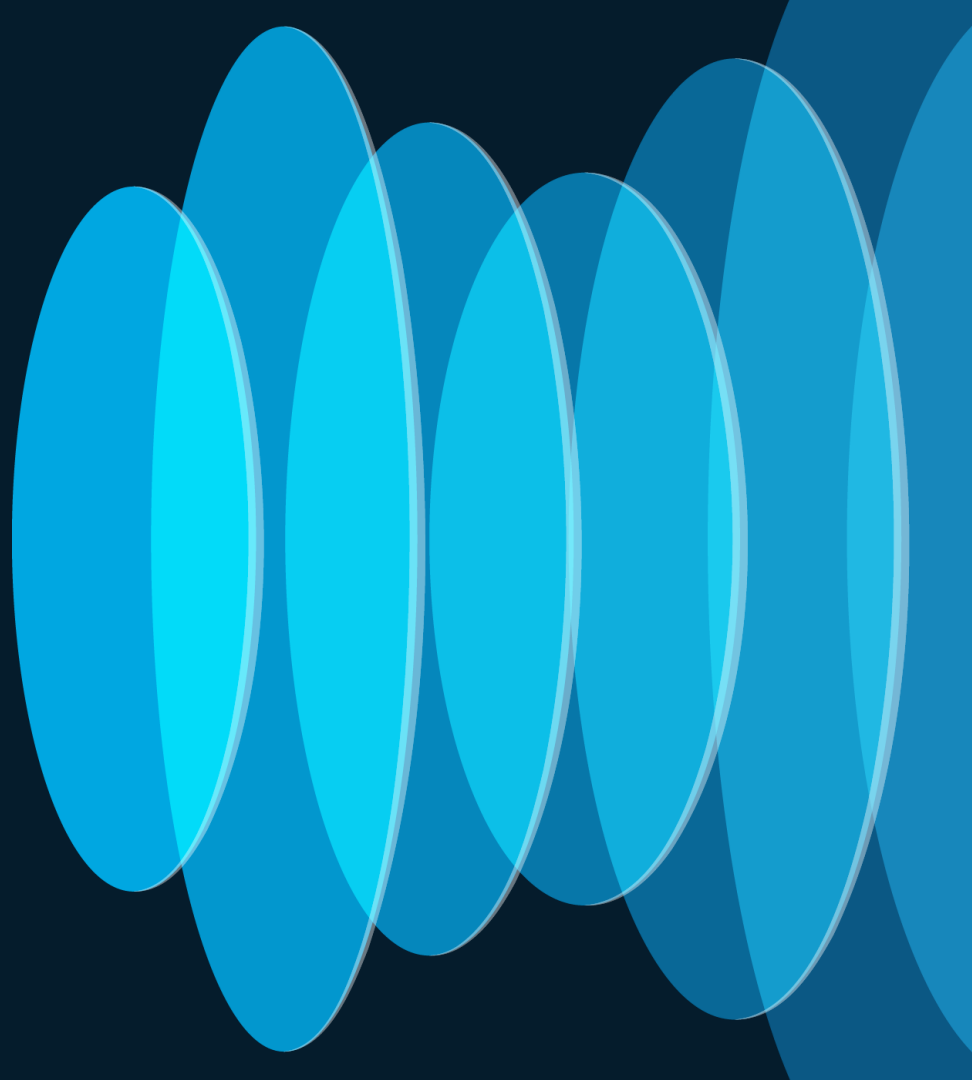
# The Solution

An automated and highly available solution which can dynamically recover from a variety of failure scenarios

- Delivered via [automation](#)
  - API-driven approach
- Highly redundant
  - [Dual](#) IPsec Tunnels
  - [Multihomed](#) eBGP
- Monitoring Flexibility
  - Use either the [Meraki Dashboard](#) or [Catalyst SD-WAN Manager](#)



# A Future of Possibility



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In terms of interoperability, what would you like to see next from Meraki and Catalyst SD-WAN?

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Interconnects Beta!

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## Conclusion

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