

# Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker

Gain Scalable, Deep Visibility into Network Traffic

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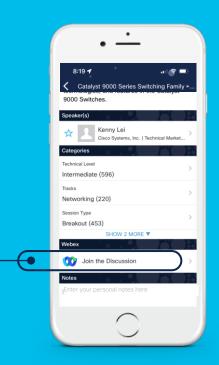
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# Agenda

- Advantages of Packet Brokering
- Limitations of Conventional Solutions
- Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Overview
- User Interface Demonstration
- Closing Comments

## Advantages of Packet Brokering



Increase network security



Verify compliance



Improve network troubleshooting



Visibility into capacity planning



## Limitations of Conventional Solutions



Scale out becomes increasingly complex



Brokering rules are static



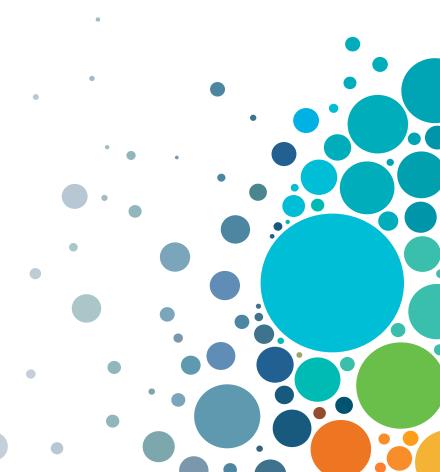
Different hardware to manage



Higher bandwidth options are expensive



Introducing
Nexus Dashboard
Data Broker
(NDDB)



# How can we create a brokering solution that will handle speeds from the DC?

Use the same switches that are in the DC!



## Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Components



9500 Series

3000 Series

3500 Series



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NDDB Controller



## Controller Deployment Options

VM

- Install on any Linux distribution
- Flexible deployment

Nexus Dashboard

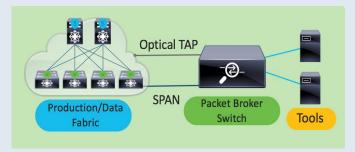
- App on DC App Center
- Install on Nexus Dashboard



## Monitoring Categories



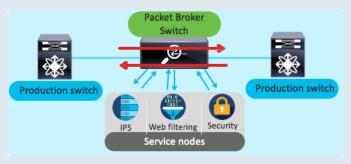
#### Out-Of-Band Monitoring



- Non-intrusive, production traffic not interrupted
- Use TAP or SPAN to receive a copy of the packet
- Filter and forward traffic to tools for analysis



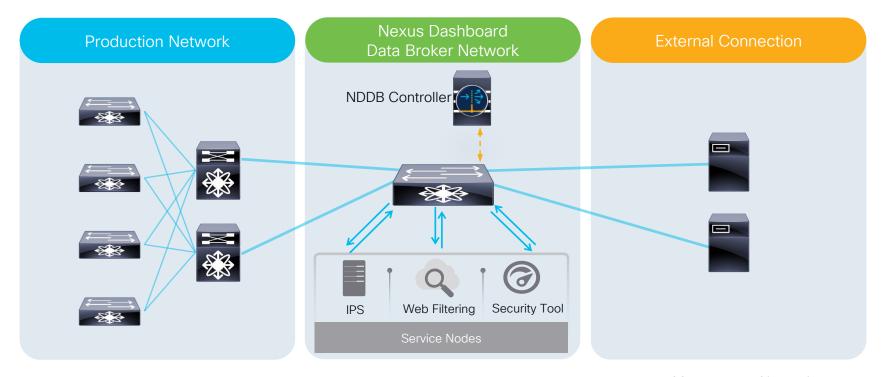
#### In-Band / Inline Monitoring



- Intrusive, in the path of production traffic
- Each tool processes the packet sequentially
- Production traffic is impacted, tools may decide to drop the packets

## NDDB Implementation

### Inline Deployment

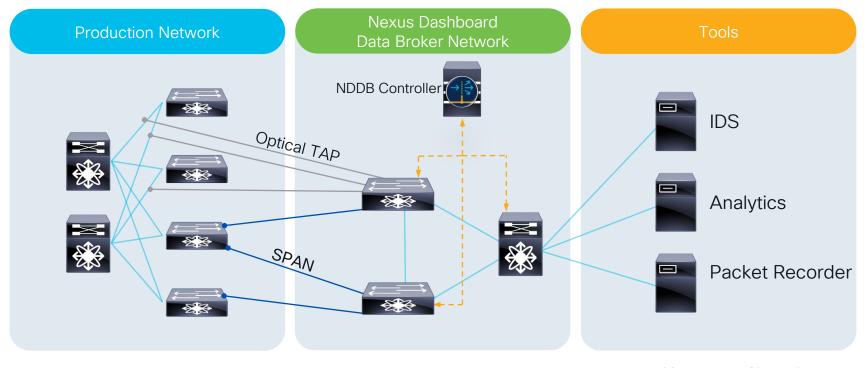






## NDDB Implementation

Vendor Agnostic

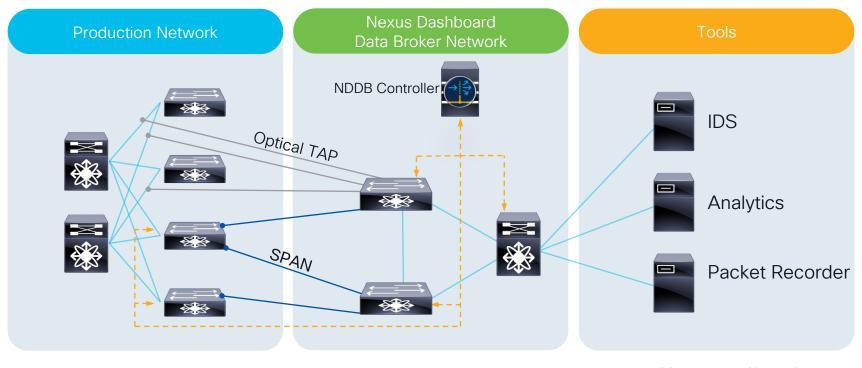




Management Network

## NDDB Implementation

#### Cisco Network

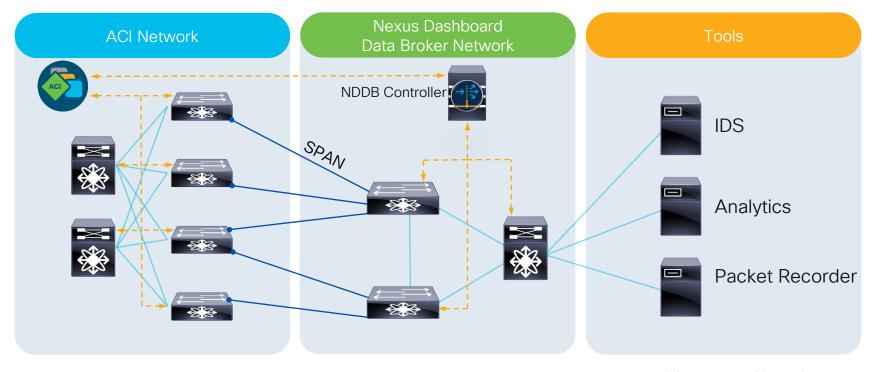




Management Network

## **ACI SPAN Automation**

#### Onboard APIC Controllers

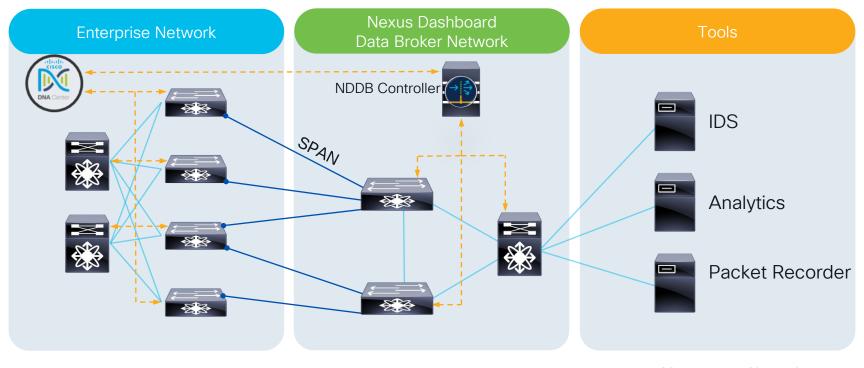






## **Enterprise Network SPAN Automation**

Onboard DNAC Controllers

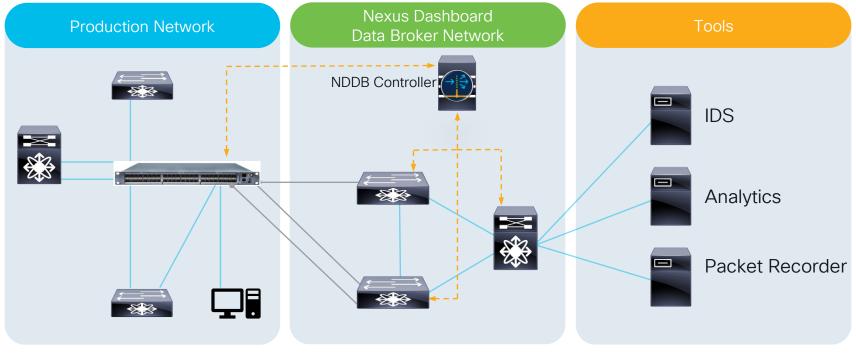


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## Nexus 3550-F as TAP Switch

Onboard N3550-F as L1 Active TAP



Management Network



## Controller API

**Automate NDDB** 

**Customer Automation Tools** 



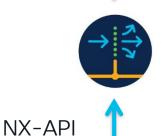
**REST API** 

Automate NDDB Operations

Change rules dynamically

React to changes in the network

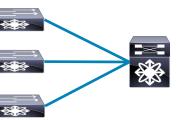
NDDB Controller Layer



- Controller writes rules to switching layer
- Controller sees switching layer as 1 large switch

NDDB Switching Layer





Performs packet brokering at line rate

## Features to Highlight

#### General

- Flexible architecture
- Vendor/tool agnostic
- NetFlow/sFlow generation
- ACI/DNAC integration
- All functions performed in hardware
- Speeds from 1G to 400G

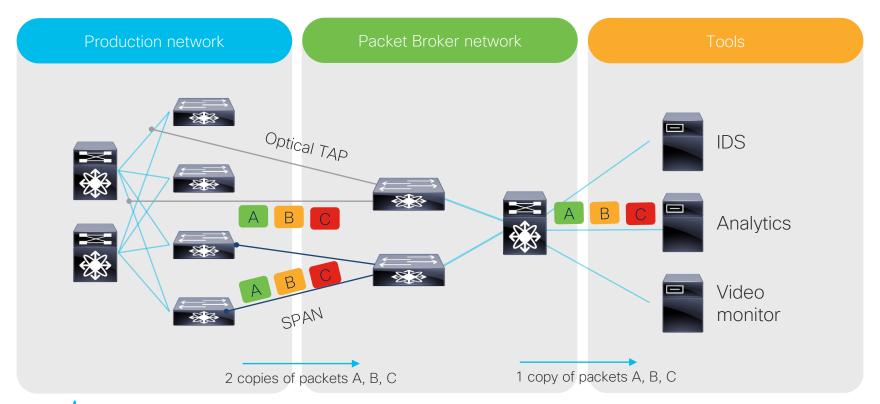
#### **Filtering**

- · L2-L4 values
- Standard EtherTypes
- Custom EtherTypes
- Custom filters with byte matching
- Filter ACI EPGs

#### **Packet Modification**

- Add Q-in-Q tag
- MPLS stripping
- VLAN stripping
- VXLAN stripping
- GRE stripping
- PTP time stamping
- Packet truncation

## When about De-duplication feature?





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## NDDB Demonstration



## **Closing Comments**



Scalable solution with high bandwidth



No new hardware or software to learn



SPAN session automation



Hands-on learning with the NDDB controller



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