

# Die wunderbare Welt auf Schicht 2

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# Agenda

TOI := Transfer of Information

Erklärung der Technik  
(Abkürzungen und Begriffe)

Grundlage, Voraussetzung und Motivation

Unified I/O und Unified Fabric  
DCE, CEE und DCB und die Standards

Quo Vadis Layer 2  
VSS, vPC, FabricPath und TRILL



ca. 60-90 Minuten



# Motivation I



Server  
Anwendung  
Speicher



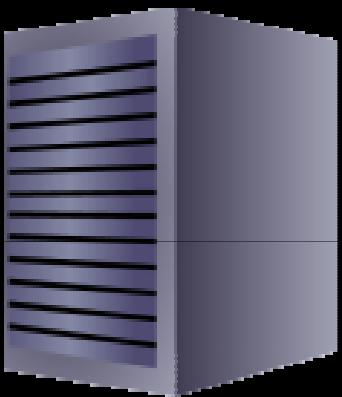
Verbindung



Fat-Client

Ist-Stand (vielfach)  
Dezentrale Systeme  
100M/1G NIC + 2xHBA

# Motivation II



NIC 1 für LAN (VLAN 42 := Produktion)

NIC 2 für LAN (VLAN 42 := Produktion)

HBA 1 für SAN (VSAN 33 := Produktion)

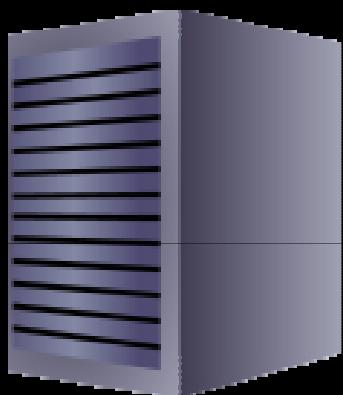
HBA 2 für SAN (VSAN 33 := Produktion)

Managementzugang

VLAN   := virtual LAN  
VSAN   := virtual SAN

Realer Server,  
der nächste Schritt: Virtualisierung

# Motivation III



PCI-X  
PCIe

1Gb		NIC 1 für LAN (VLAN 42 := Produktion)
1Gb		NIC 2 für LAN (VLAN 42 := Produktion)
1Gb		HBA 1 für SAN (VSAN 33 := Produktion)
1Gb		HBA 2 für SAN (VSAN 33 := Produktion)
100Mb		Managementzugang
1Gb		NIC 3 für VMkernel
1Gb		NIC 4 für VMkernel
1Gb		NIC 5 für Service Console
1Gb		NIC 6 für Service Console
1Gb		NIC 7, ... für LAN (VLAN 43 ... n)

Bei einem Verhältnis von hier 8:1 und ehemals 550 Mbit/s pro Server benötigen wir 4.4 Gbit/s für die Uplinks der VM-Uplinks (Produktion)

Eine vmnic pro VM?

# The Case for 10GE to the Server

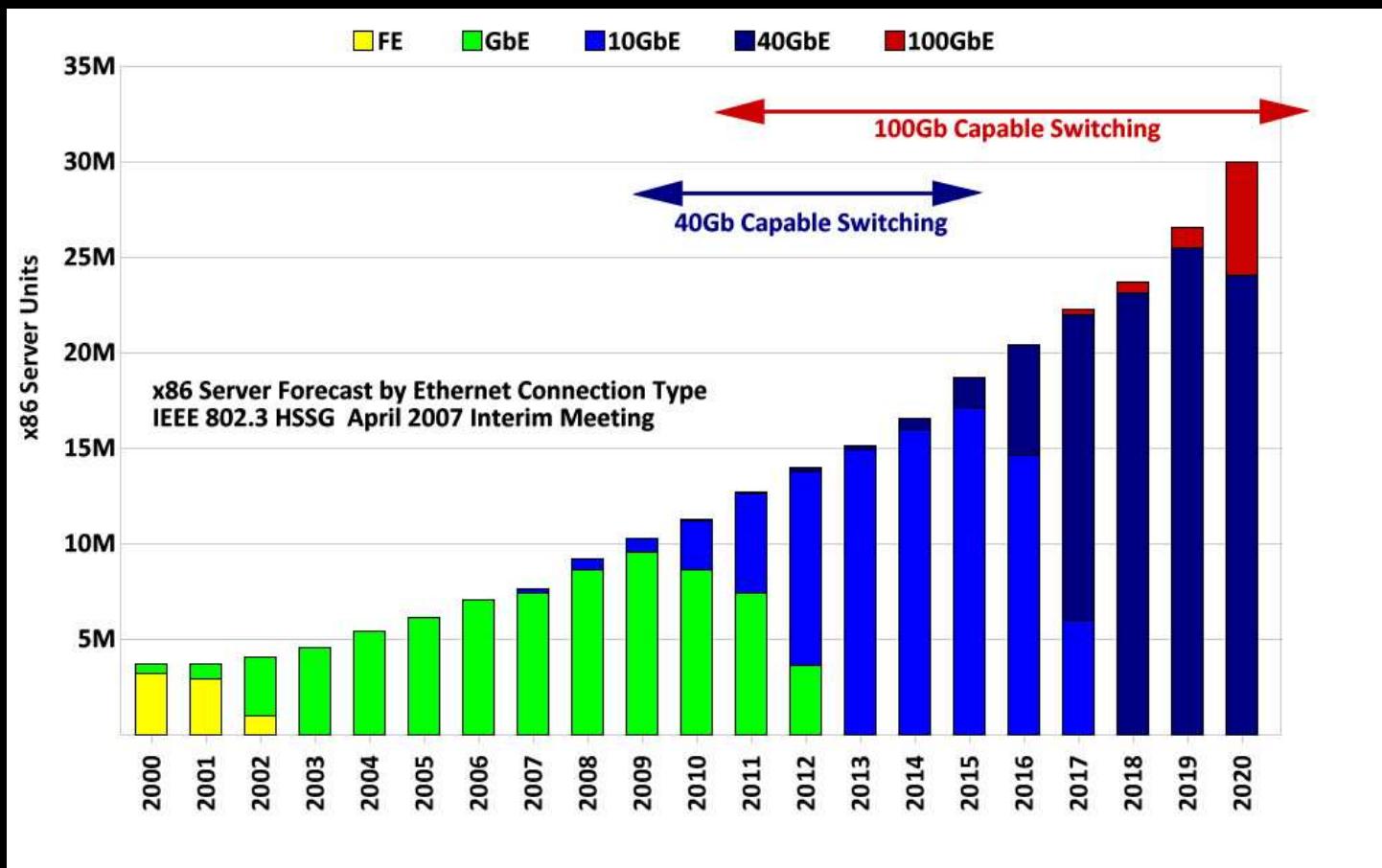
Multi-Core CPU architectures allowing bigger and multiple workloads on the same machine

Server virtualization driving the need for more I/O bandwidth per server

Growing need for network storage driving the demand for higher network bandwidth to the server

10GE LAN on server Motherboards (LoM)  
beginning mid-2008 (*source: Broadcom* )

# 10/40/100 Gigabit Ethernet



Prognose vom Frühjahr 2007

# Marketing und Standards



DCE := Data Center Ethernet 

CEE := Converged Enhanced Ethernet

DCB := Data Center Bridging 

# DCB Data Center Bridging



Feature / Standard	Benefit
Priority Flow Control (PFC) <b>IEEE 802.1Qbb</b>	Enable multiple traffic types to share a common Ethernet link without interfering with each other
Bandwidth Management <b>IEEE 802.1Qaz</b>	Enable consistent management of QoS at the network level by providing consistent scheduling
Congestion Management <b>IEEE 802.1Qau</b>	End-to-end congestion management for L2 network
Data Center Bridging Exchange Protocol ( <b>DCBX</b> )	Management protocol for enhanced Ethernet capabilities
L2 Multipath for Unicast and Multicast	Increase bandwidth, multiple active paths. No spanning tree (TRILL IETF, L2MP Cisco)

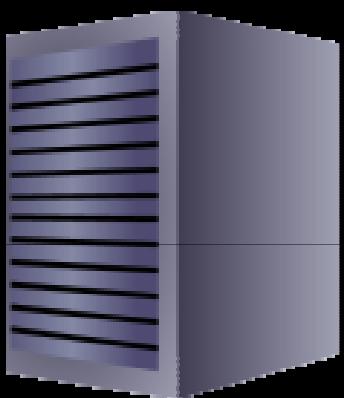
FCoE  
**IEEE 802.3Qbh**

T11 FC-BB-05 Standard since 03-JUN-09  
(VN-TAG)

Adapter

NIC  
HBA  
CNA  
VIC

# Unified I/O



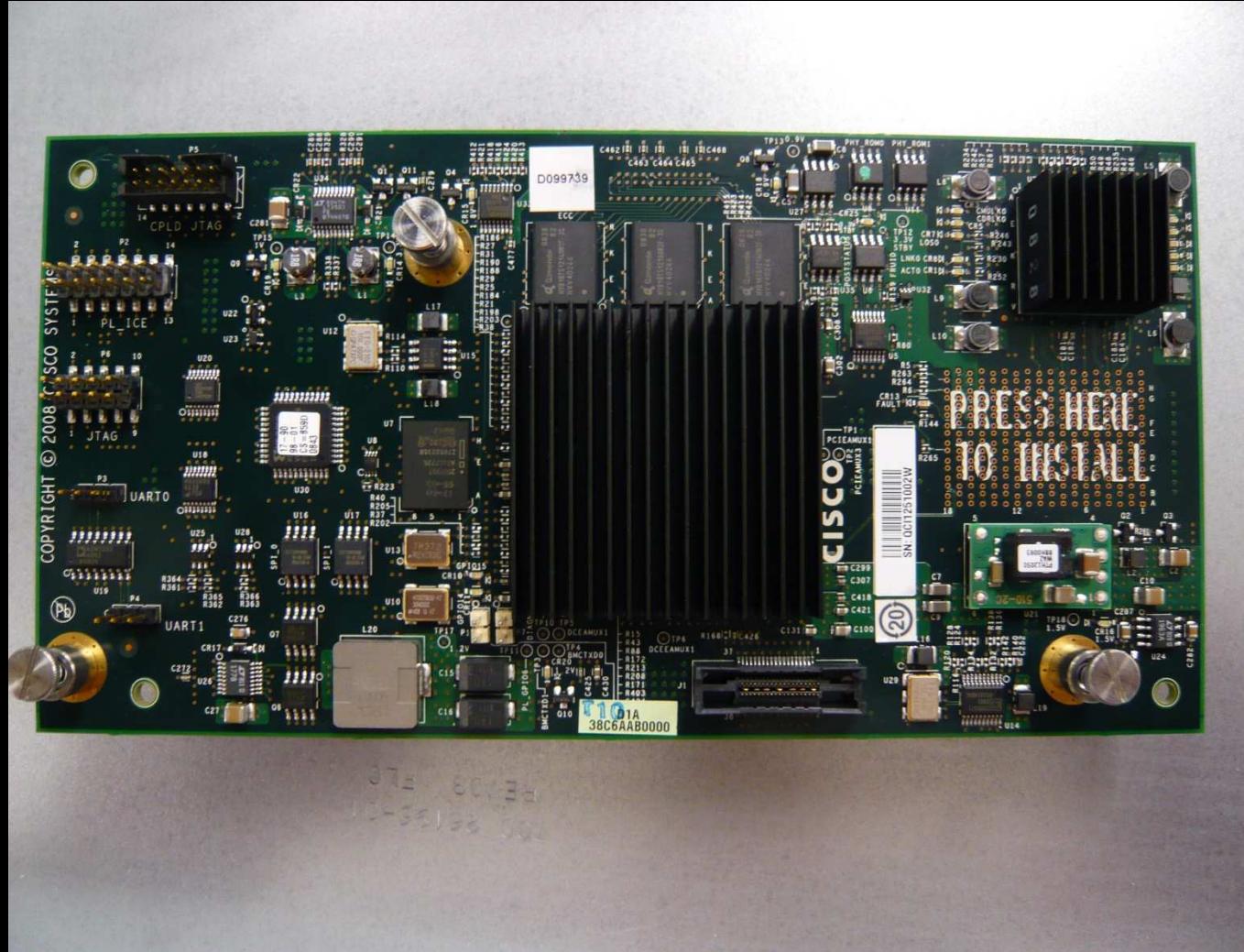
CNA



CNA := Converged Network Adapter

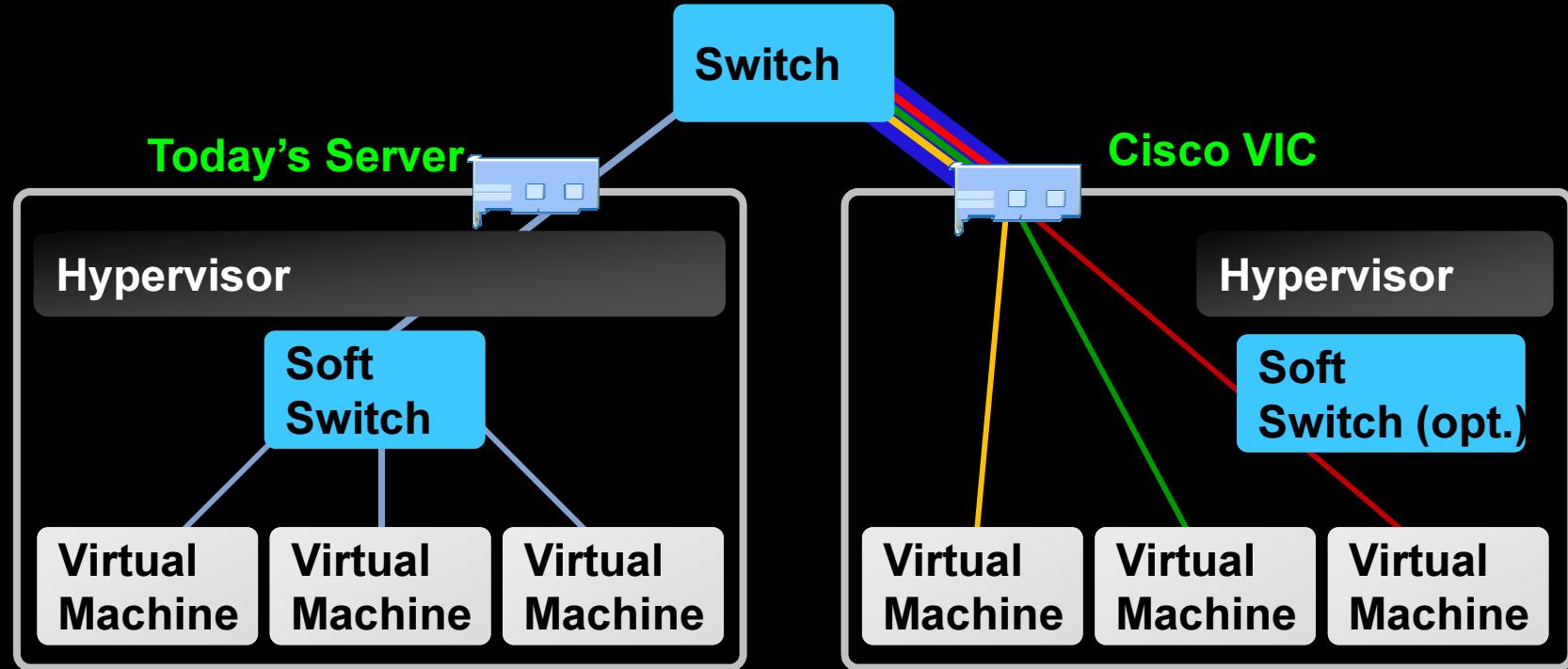
CNA := NIC + HBA

# Unified I/O und Unified Fabric



VIC M81KR

# Cisco Virtualized Adapter



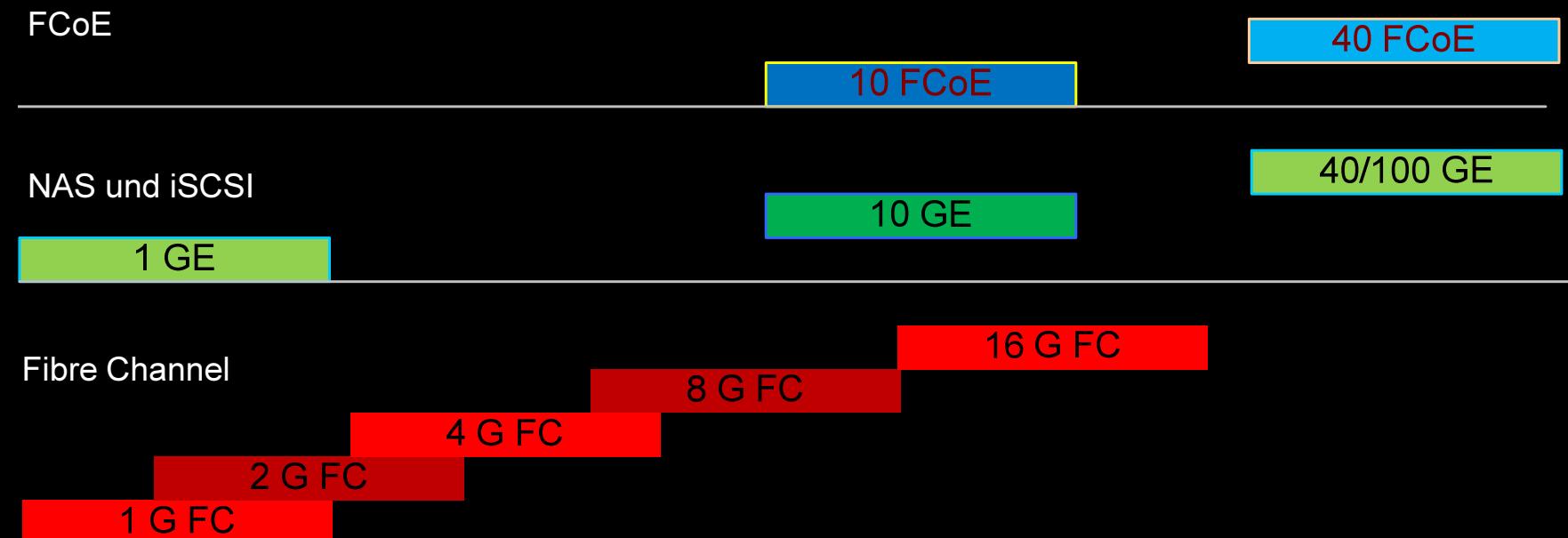
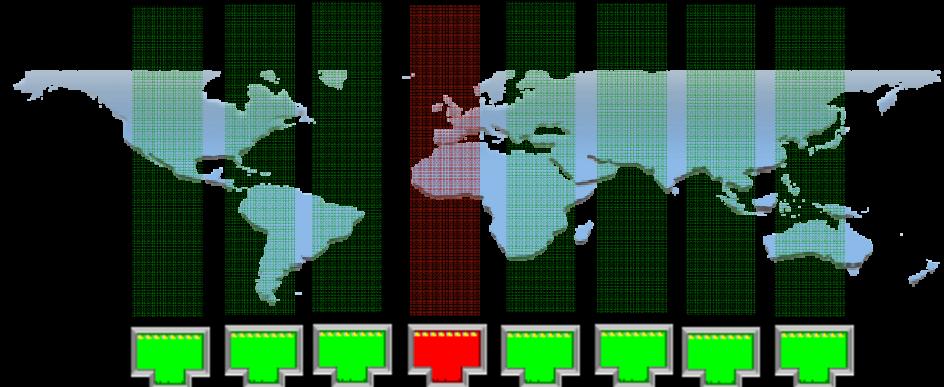
True wire once architecture – highly dynamic  
Network policy and visibility brought to VMs  
Hypervisor bypass support – increases performance

# Unified I/O

# Strategie

Gedankenspiel: Weltweiter Absatz

FC            100.000 Ports  
Ethernet    100.000.000 Ports



Welche Technologie wird zukünftig das bessere Preis/Leistungsverhältnis aufweisen?

# Who is Who

## T11 Group: Fibre Channel Standards

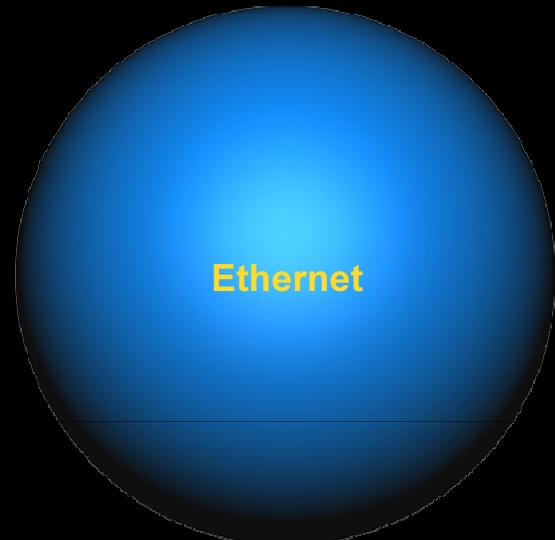
- Part of INCITS
- Has defined FC technologies for over 10 years; FCIA markets them
- Focuses on all things FC:
  - Physical Layer
  - Switching
  - Framing
  - Security
- Why it's important to FCoE:
  - Standardized method of transporting Fibre Channel frames over Ethernet
  - Standardized method for multi-hop FCoE



# Who is Who

**IEEE 802.1 Working Group:  
LAN Bridging Standards**

- Part of IEEE 802 (LAN and MAN committee)
- Defines LAN Bridging technologies
  - E.g., all about Ethernet switching
- The Data Center Bridging (DCB) Task Group is inside IEEE 802.1
  - DCB developed bridging extensions relevant for the Data Center environment
- Why it's important to FCoE:
  - Those bridging extensions enable I/O consolidation with FCoE



# When Are Standards “Done?”

Standard is technically stable,  
a.k.a "Done," when it moves from  
Development to Approval phase



# Status of the Standards



Technically stable in October, 2008  
Completed in June 2009  
Published in May, 2010



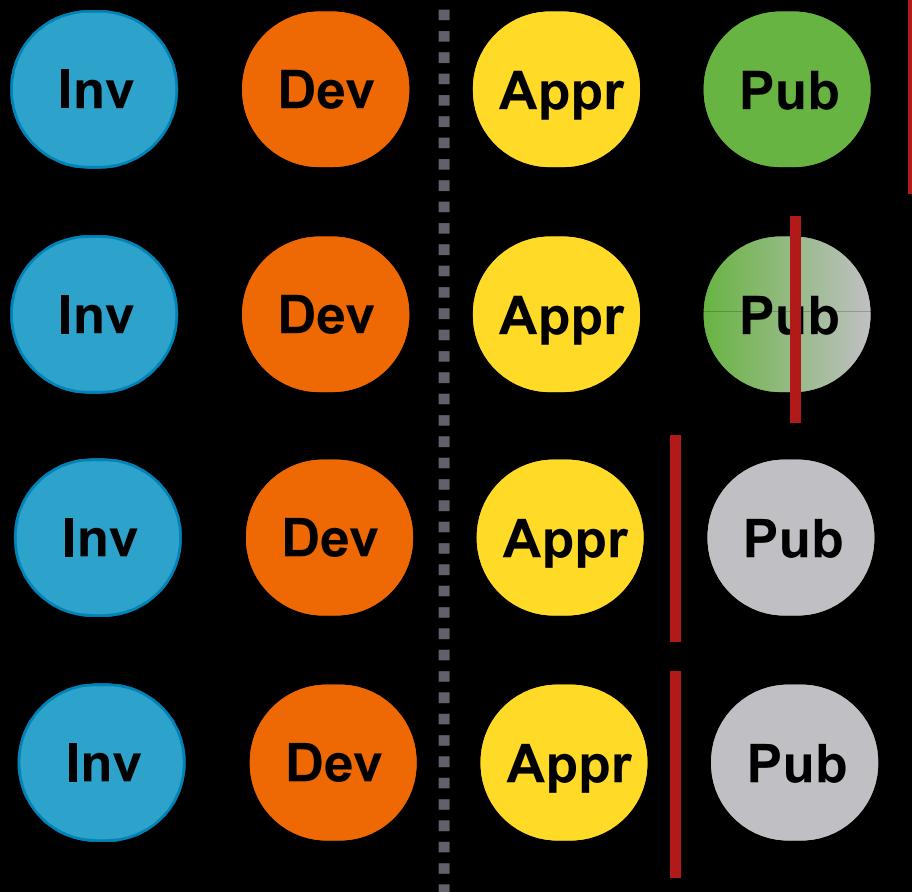
Completed in July 2010, awaiting publication



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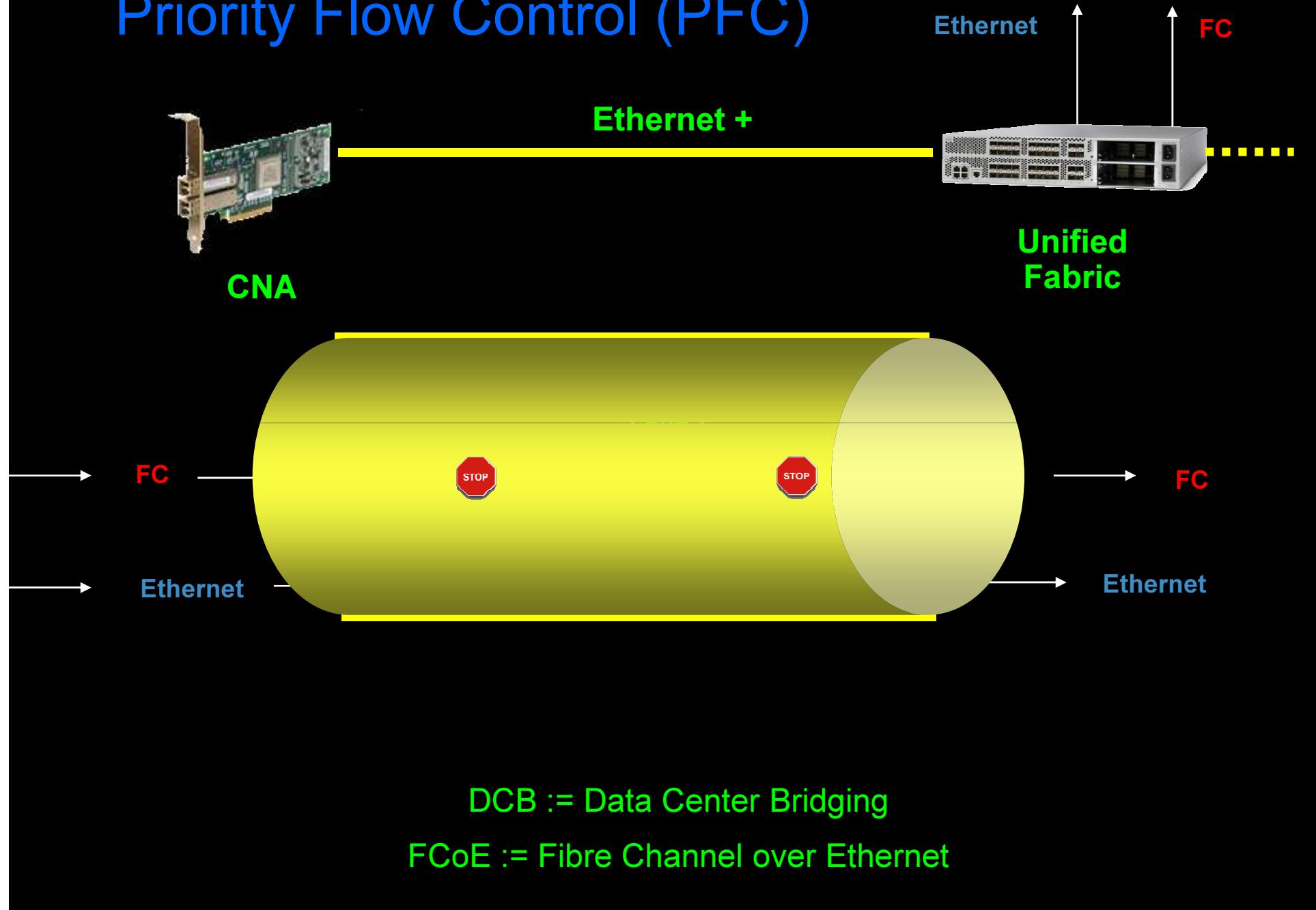


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**IEEE 802.1Qbb**

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# Bandwidth Management

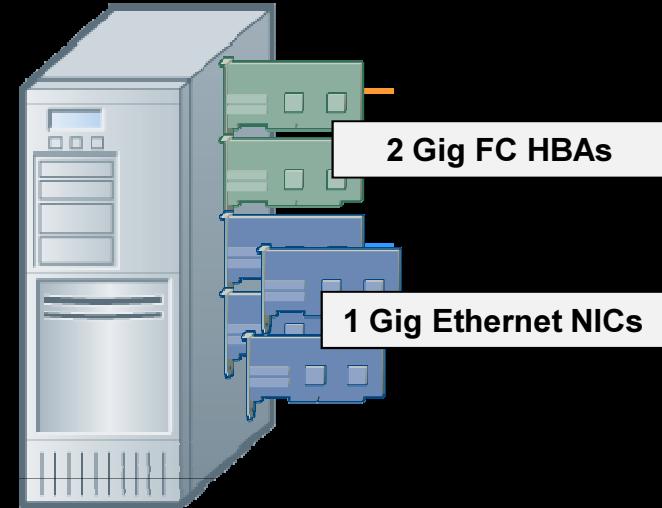
Bandwidth Management

**IEEE 802.1Qaz**

# Enhanced Transmission Selection

## Bandwidth Management

- Once feature fcoe is configured, 2 classes are made by default
- By default, each class is given 50% of the available bandwidth

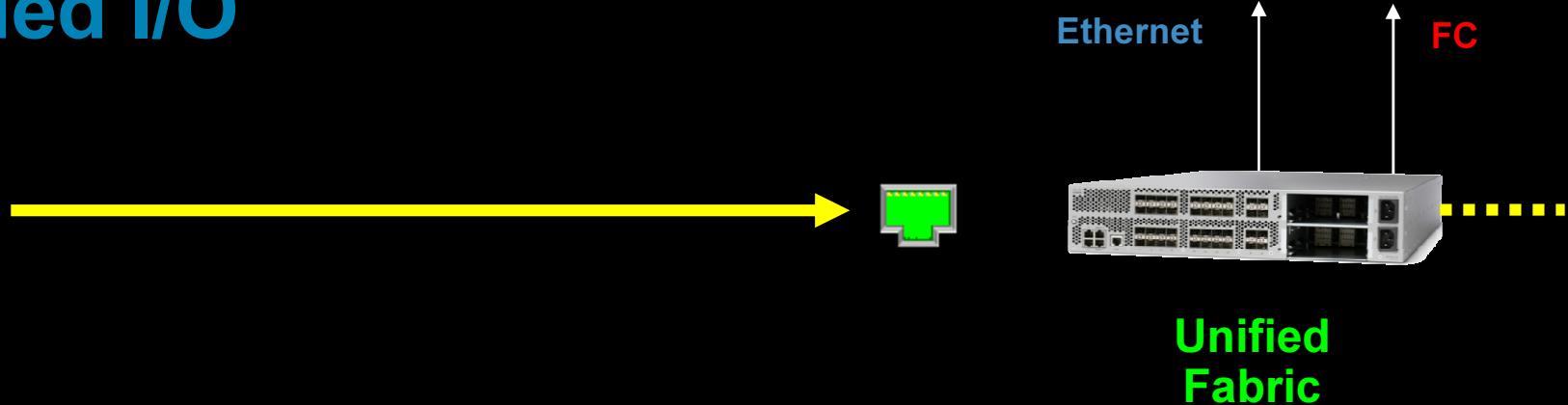


```
tme-n5k-2# show queuing interface eth 1/3
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Interface Ethernet1/3 TX Queuing		
qos-group	sched-type	oper-bandwidth
0	WRR	50
1	WRR	50

- Best Practice : FCoE and Ethernet each receive 50%
- Can be changed through QoS settings when higher demands for certain traffic exist (i.e. HPC traffic, more Ethernet NICs)

# Unified I/O



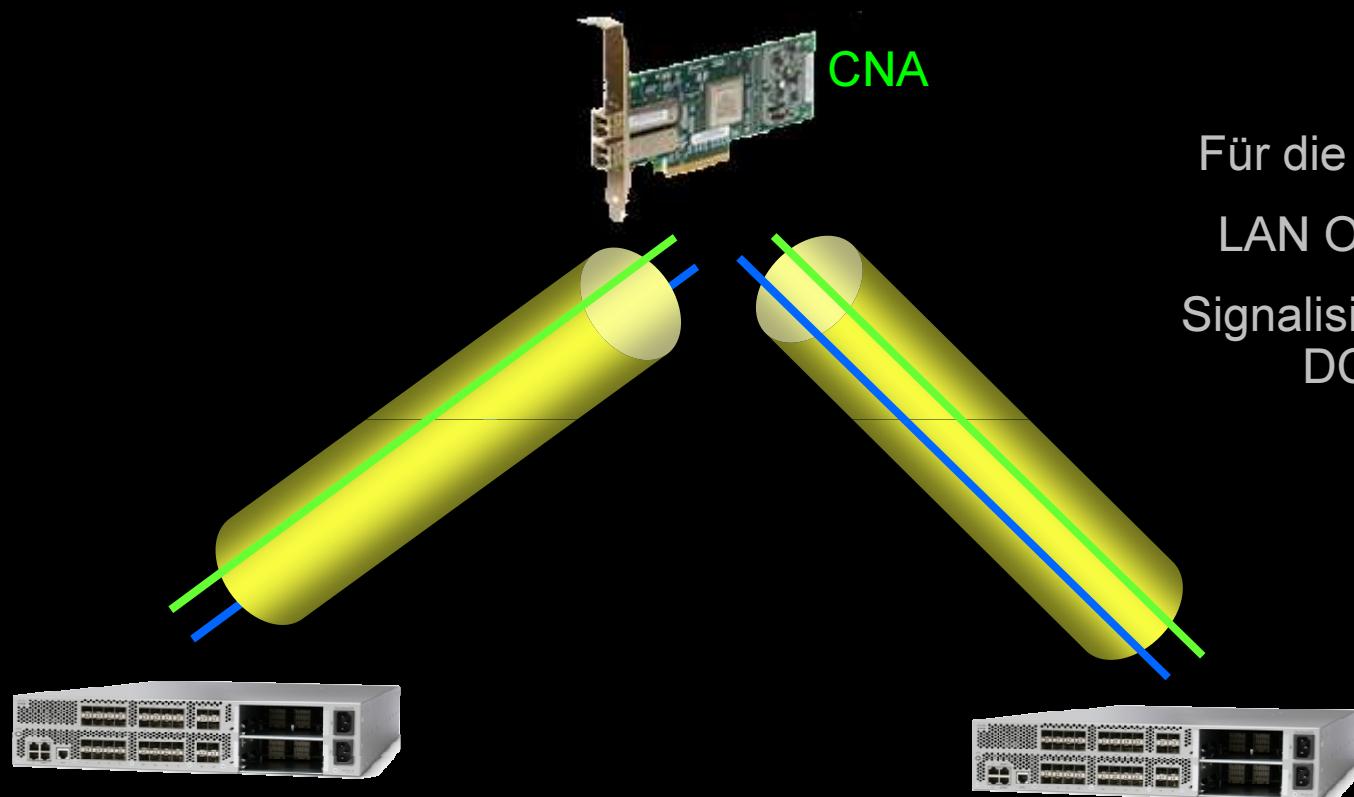
```
N5k(config)# policy-map type queuing policy-fcoe  
N5k(config-pmap-que)# class type queuing class-default  
N5k(config-pmap-c-que)# bandwidth percent 40  
N5k(config-pmap-c-que)# class type queuing class-fcoe  
N5k(config-pmap-c-que)# bandwidth percent 60  
N5k(config-pmap-c-que)# system qos  
N5k(config-sys-qos)# service-policy type queuing input policy-fcoe
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input policy either on the interface the CNA is attached to or globally to the system qos

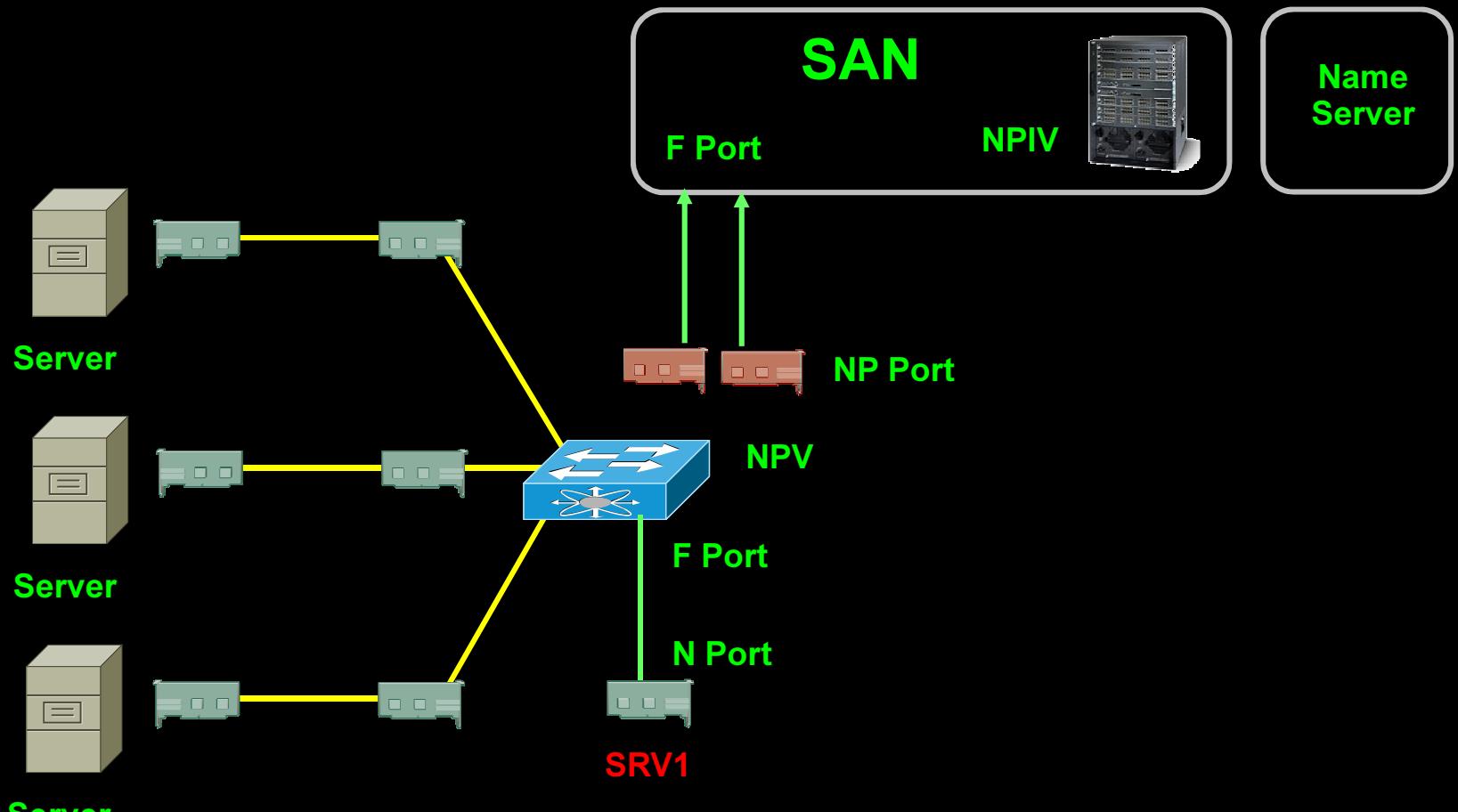
# Data Center Bridging Exchange Protocol

Data Center Bridging Exchange Protocol  
**(DCBX)**

# DCBX



# I/O Consolidation (NPV or FC Mode)



NPIV

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N Port ID Virtualization

NPV

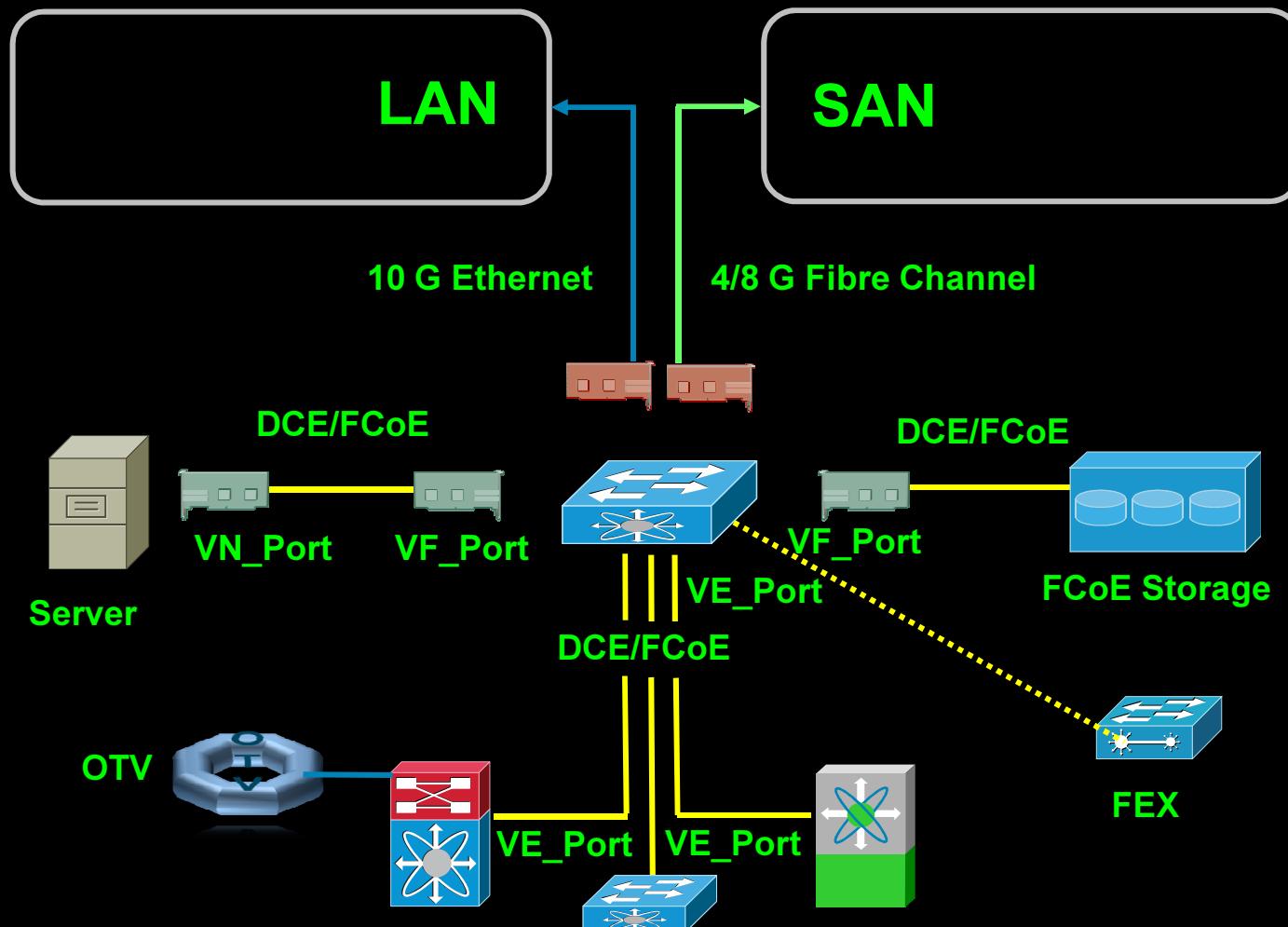
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N Port Virtualizer

(Fabric Device Feature)

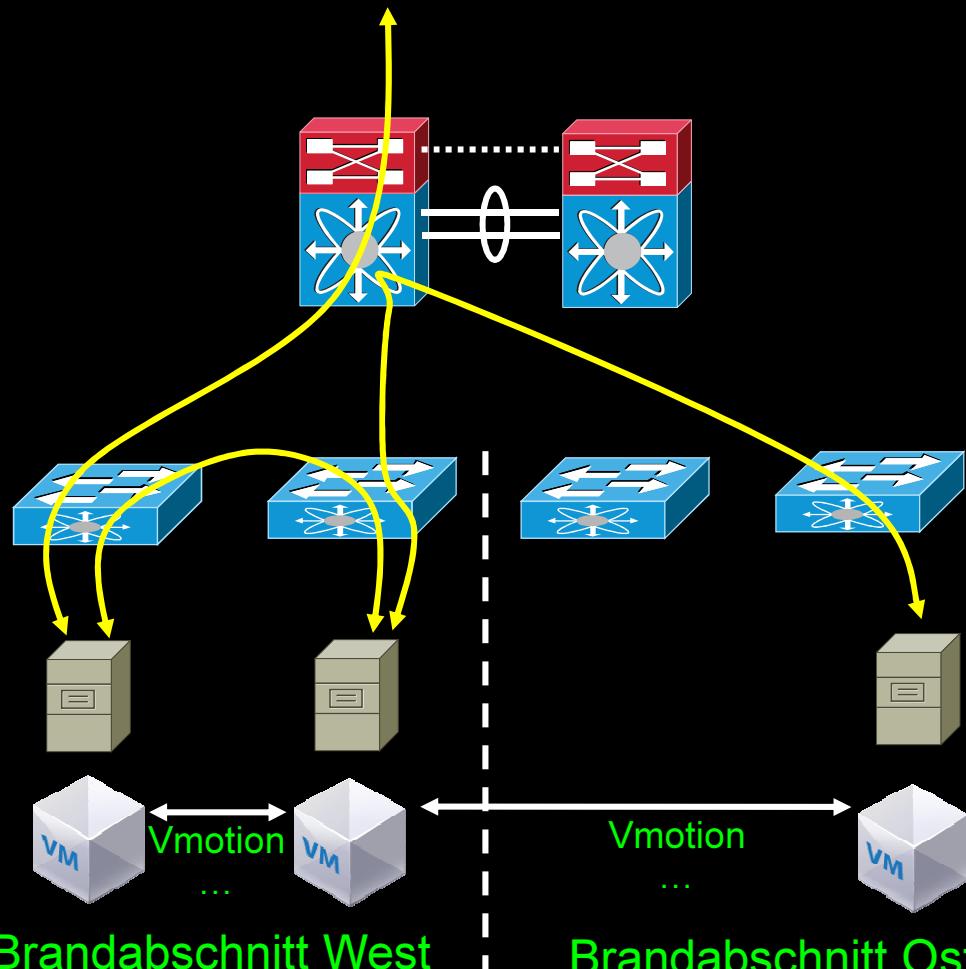
(Edge Device Feature)

# Unified Fabric (VE Ports)



Schicht 2

# Kommunikationsbeziehungen



Cluster, Vmotion & Co  
erfordern  
„wieder“ Layer 2  
End-to-End  
Order evtl.  
LISP

**VSS**  
**Catalyst 6500**  
**vPC**  
**Nexus 5000 & 7000**

**TRILL**  
(evtl. 1H2011?)  
**IETF WG**  
**L2MP / FabricPath**  
(jetzt)  
**Cisco**

Ehemals Silo-Architektur und Nord-Süd Kommunikation.  
Zunehmend zusätzlich Ost-West Kommunikation

# Constraints for Scaling Layer 2 Network

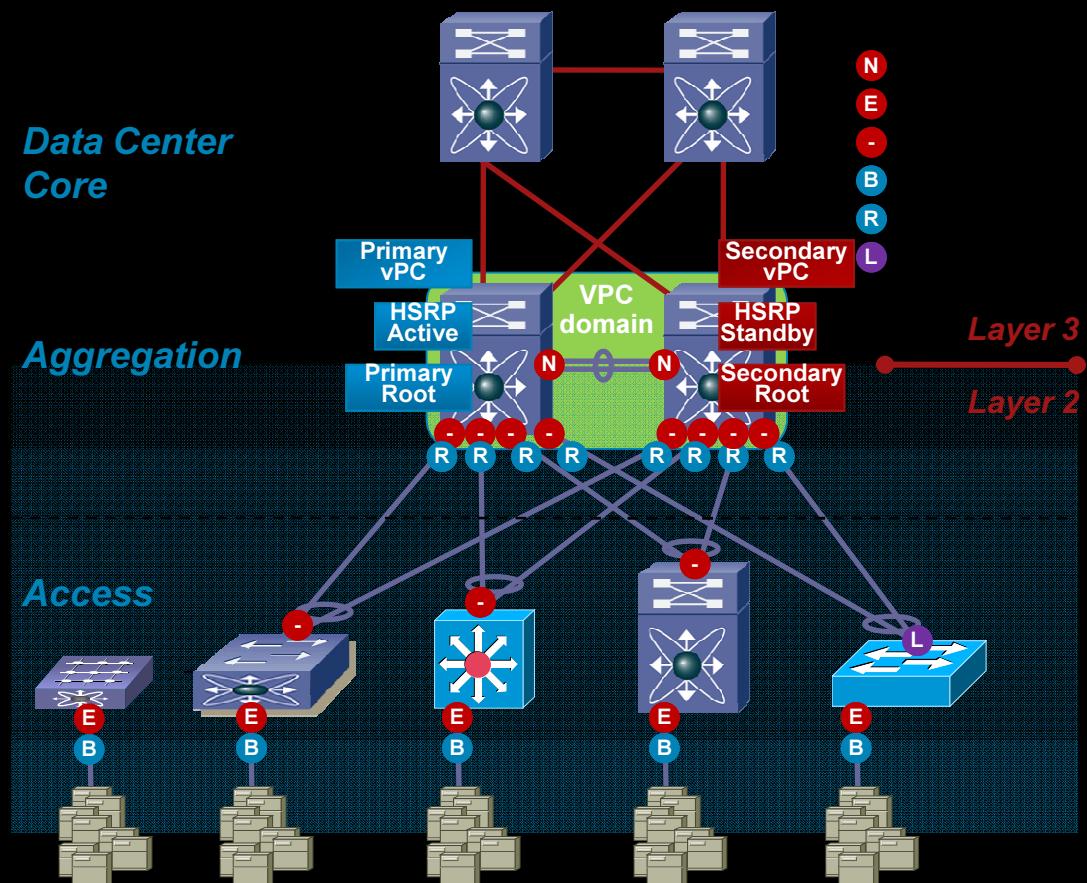
Port Density on Switches

Over-subscription Ratio

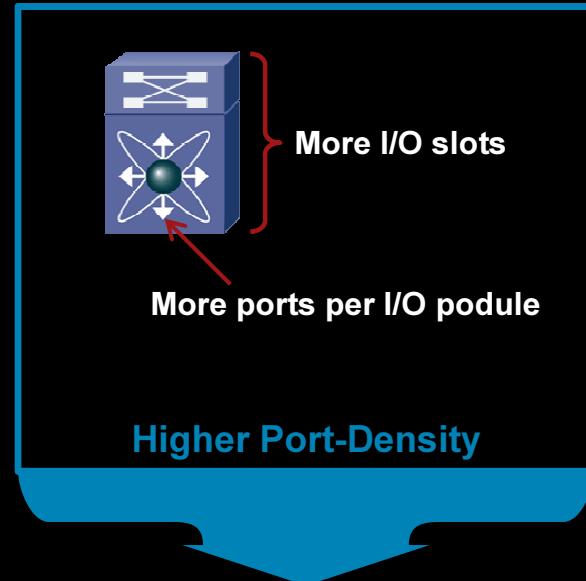
Complex STP Configuration

X-Chassis Port-Channel

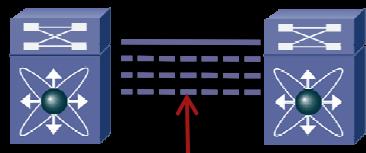
MAC Table Size



# Existing Options for Layer 2 Expansion



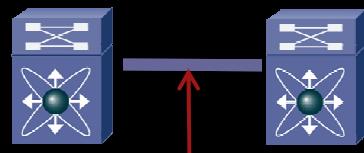
## Wasted Bandwidth



STP only allows single active link between 2 devices

## Multiple Inter-Switch Links

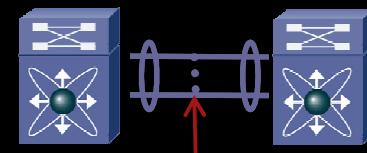
## Higher Port Cost



Use interface with speed equals to the combination of multiple lower-speed links

## Higher Interface Speed

## Limited Scale

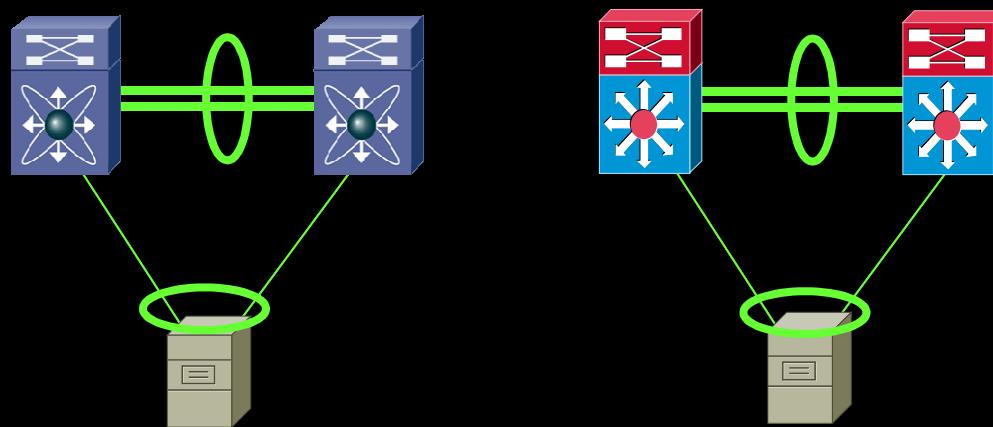


More ports in a bundle (up to 16-port today)

## Port-Channel/Link-Aggregation

# VSS und vPC

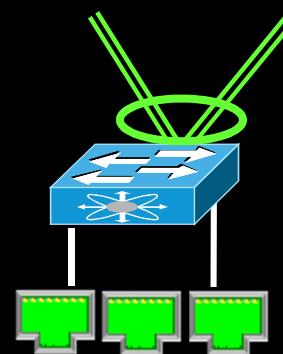
- VSS           := Virtual Switching System
- vPC           := Virtual Port Channel (EC)



- NIC
  - Teaming: Active-Passive
  - Teaming: TLB
  - Teaming: EC

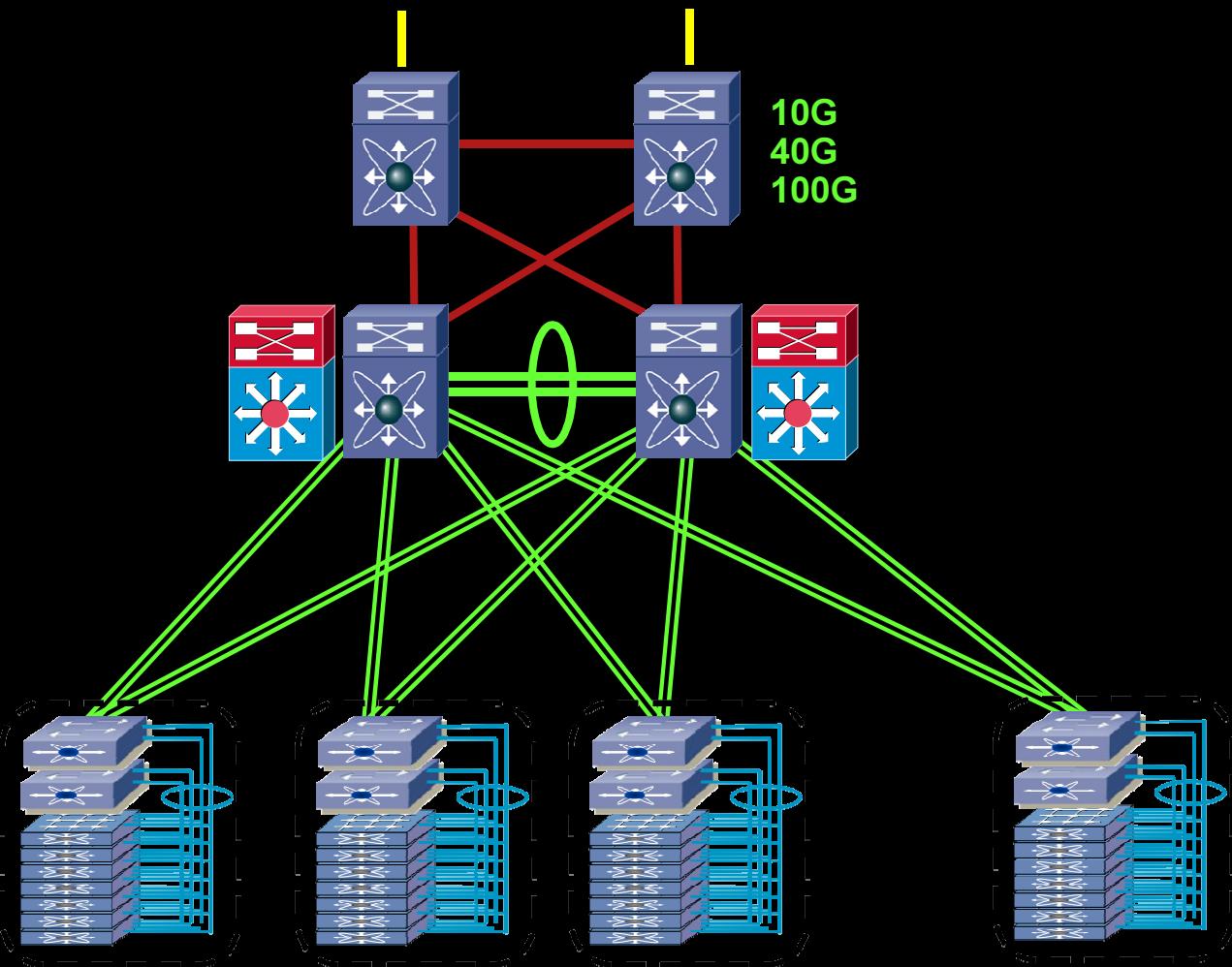
# VSS & vPC

- Limitierung:  
zwei und genau  
zwei zentrale  
Systeme



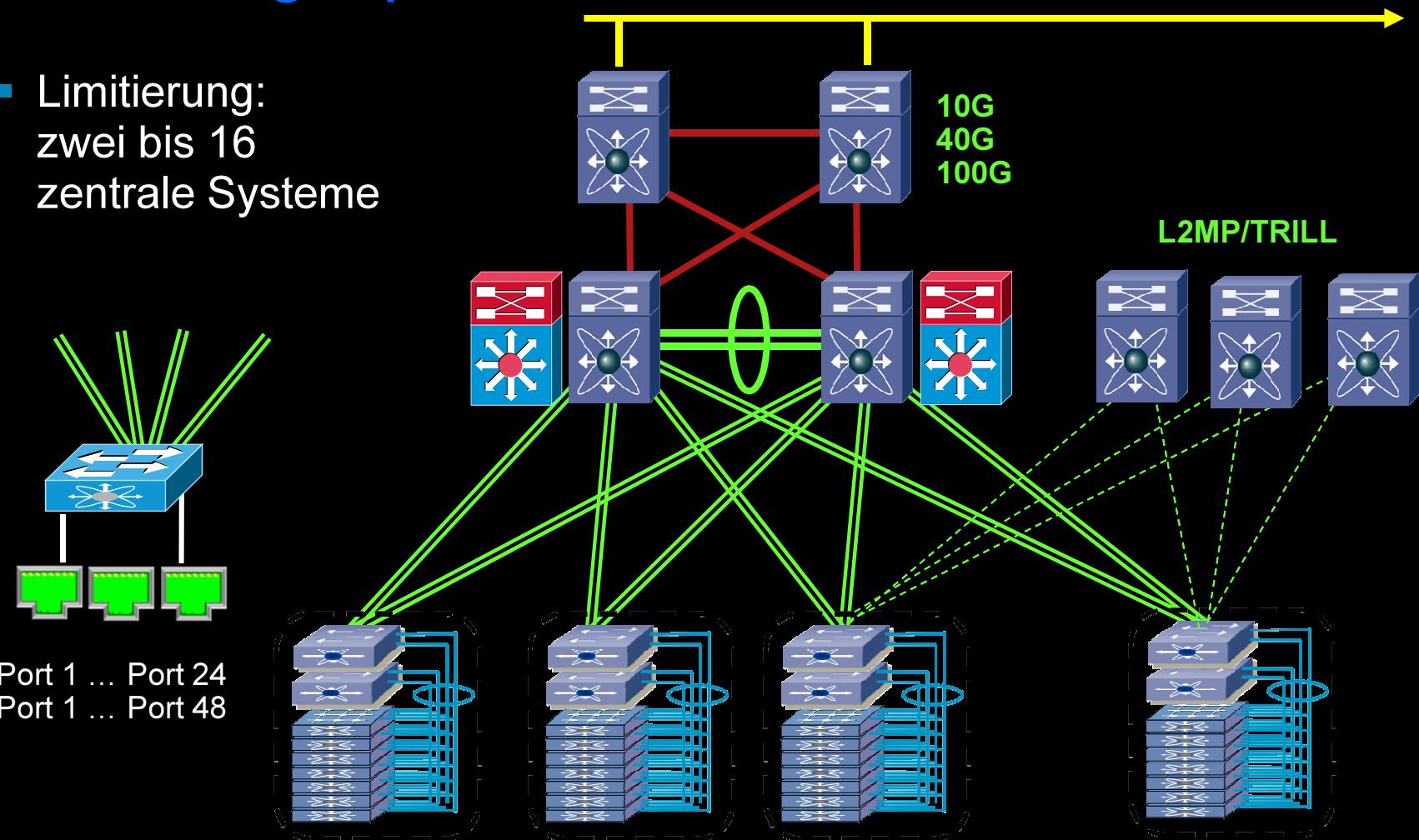
Port 1 ... Port 24  
Port 1 ... Port 48

- Limitierung:  
8 oder 16 Member  
per EtherChannel

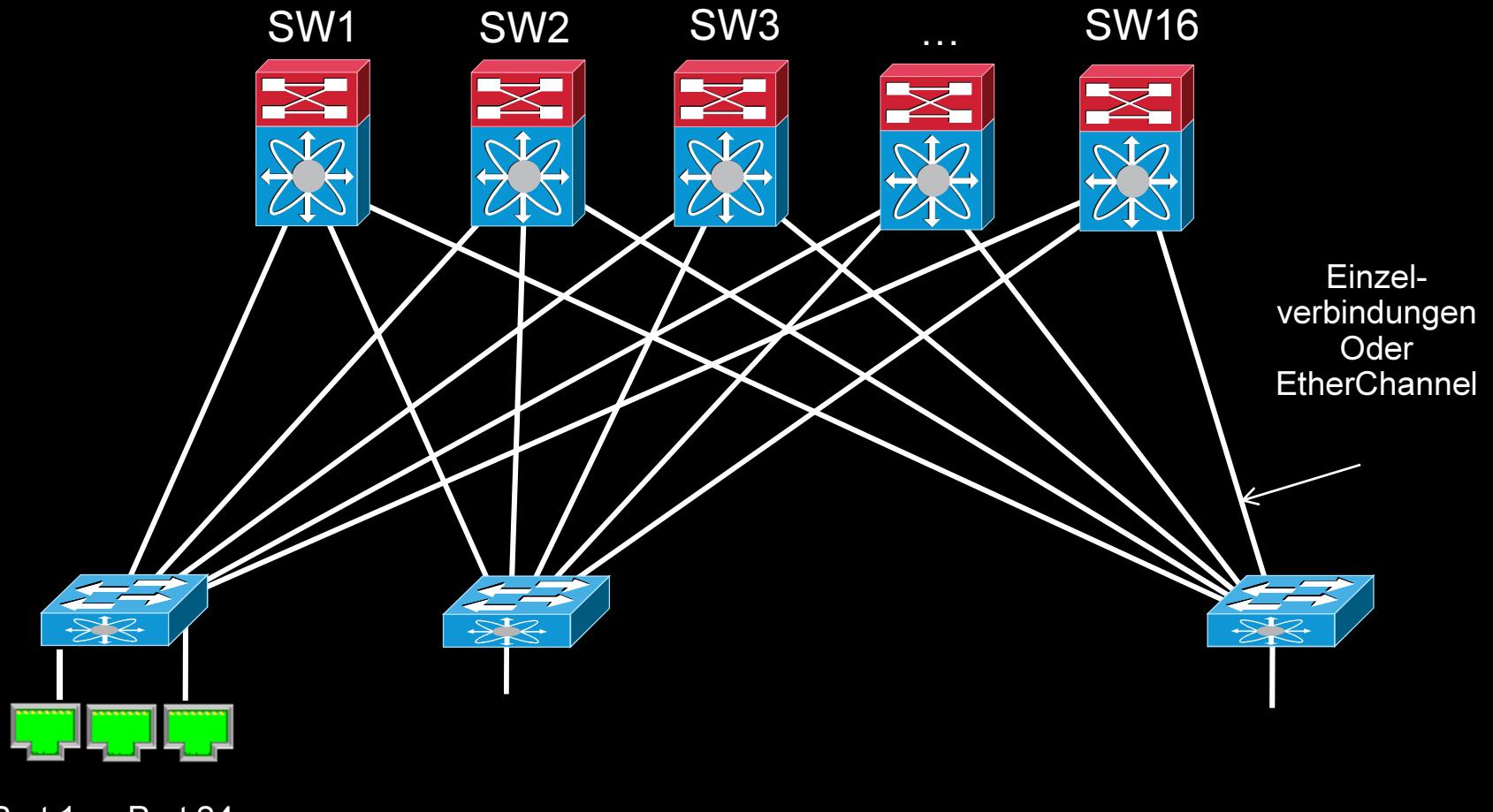


# Skalierungsoption: FabricPath

- Limitierung:  
zwei bis 16  
zentrale Systeme



# Maximal skalierbare Schicht 2 Umgebungen



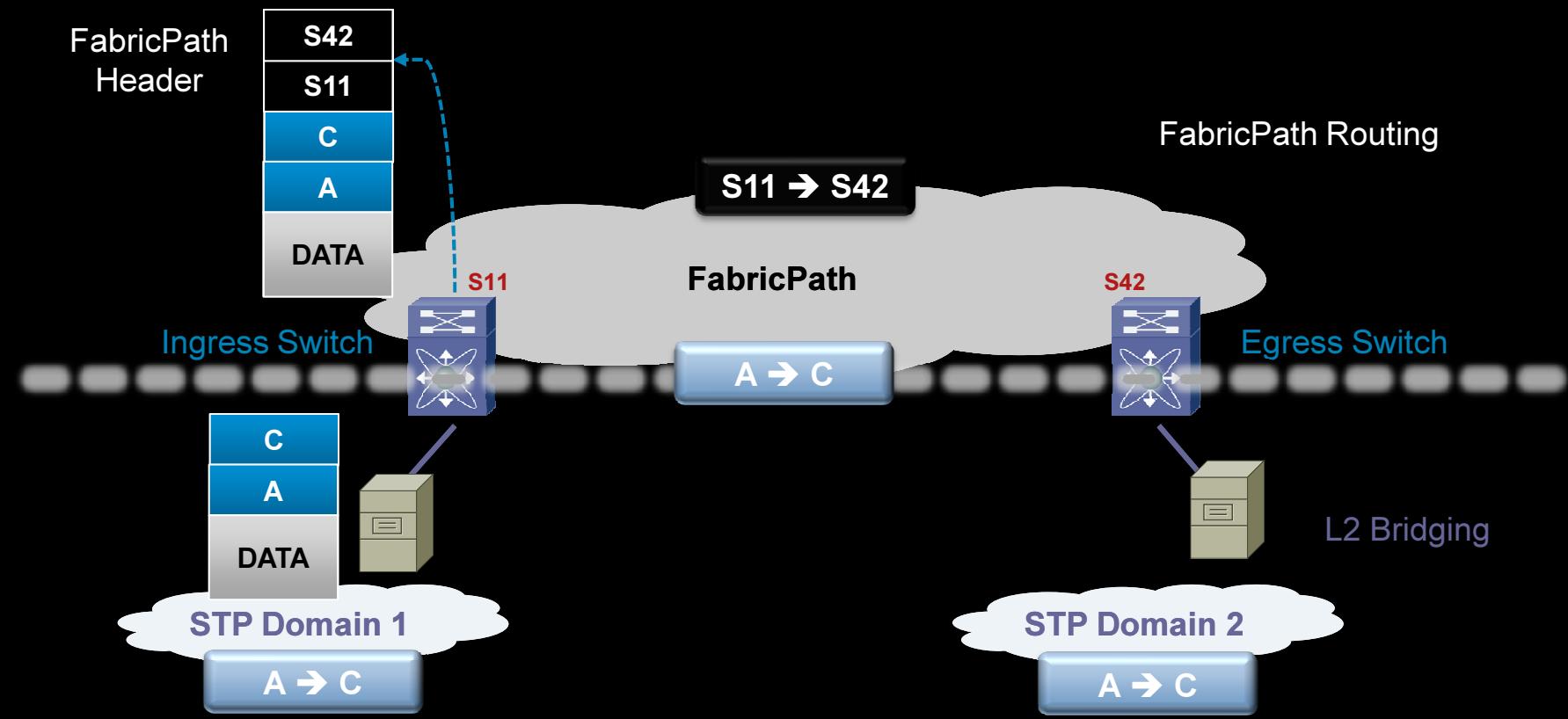
Aufgabe:

Mehr als 2 zentrale Systeme (Spines)  
aber schliefenfreiheit auf Schicht 2 ohne  
Spanning-Tree (STP)

# Data Plane Operation

## Encapsulation to creates hierarchical address scheme

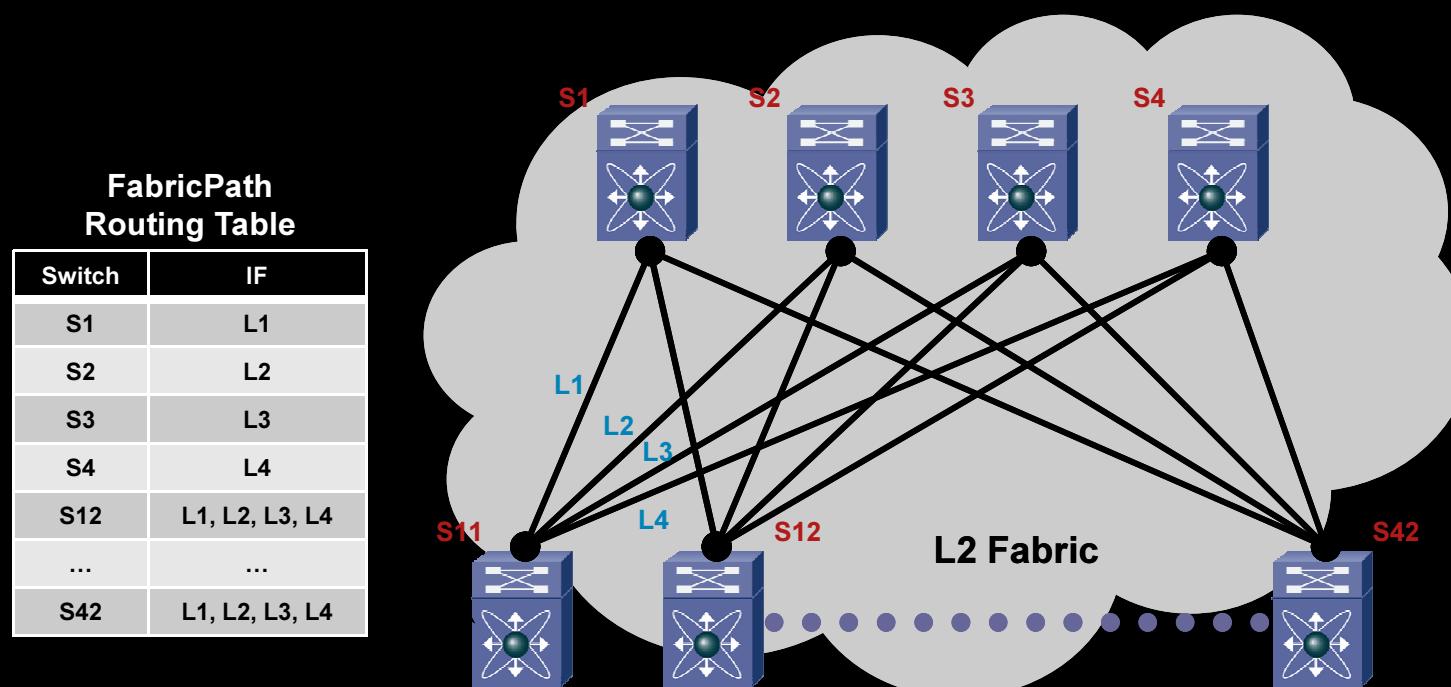
- FabricPath header is imposed by ingress switch
- Ingress and egress switch addresses are used to make “Routing” decision
- No MAC learning required inside the L2 Fabric



# Control Plane Operation

**Plug-N-Play L2 IS-IS is used to manage forwarding topology**

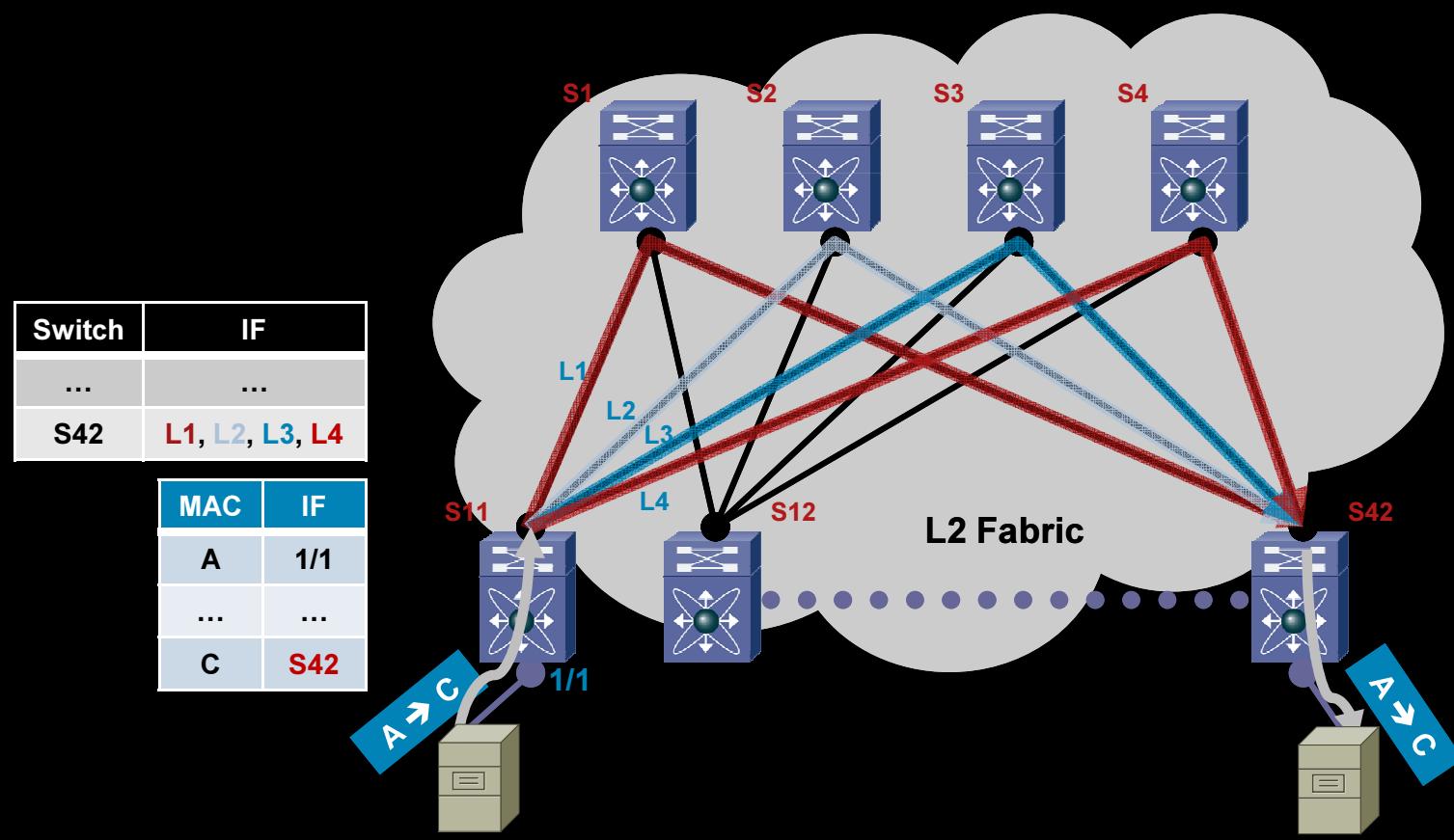
- Assigned switch addresses to all FabricPath enabled switches automatically (no user configuration required)
- Compute shortest, pair-wise paths
- Support equal-cost paths between any FabricPath switch pairs



# Unicast with FabricPath

**Forwarding decision based on ‘FabricPath Routing Table’**

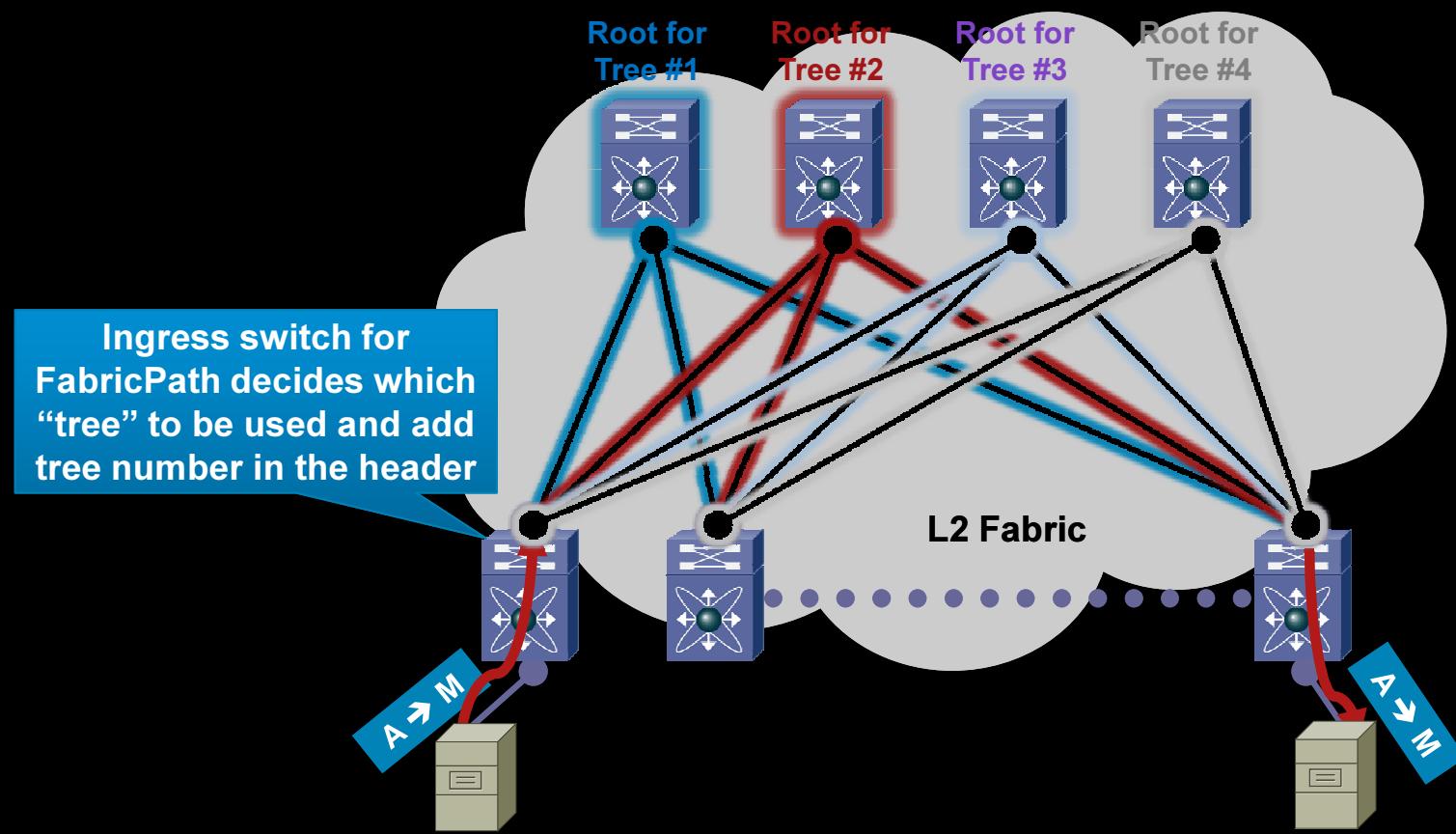
- Support more than 2 active paths (up to 16) across the Fabric
- Increase bi-sectional bandwidth beyond port-channel
- High availability with N+1 path redundancy



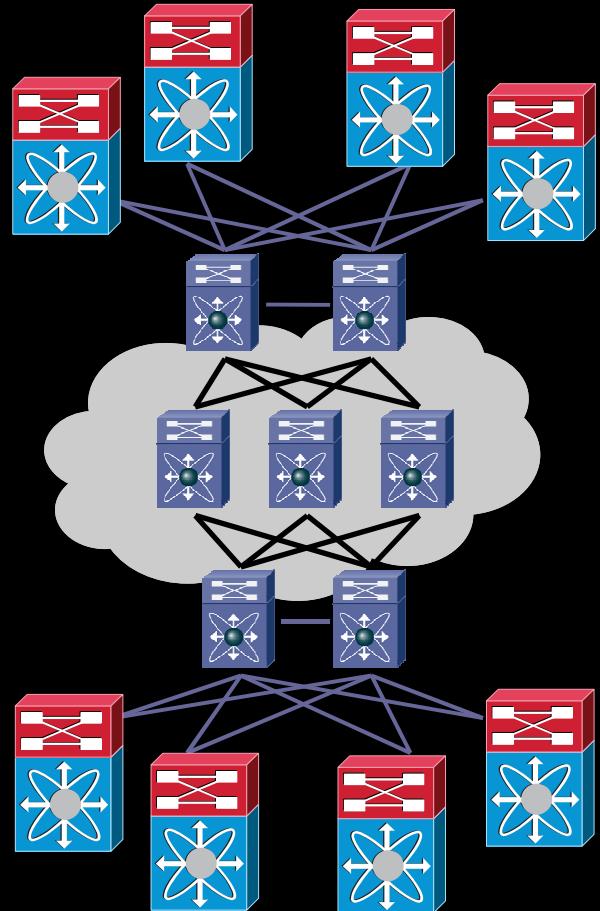
# Multicast with FabricPath

## Forwarding through distinct ‘Trees’

- Several ‘Trees’ are rooted in key location inside the fabric
- All Switches in L2 Fabric share the same view for each ‘Tree’
- Multicast traffic load-balanced across these ‘Trees’



# Use Case: L2 Internet Exchange Point



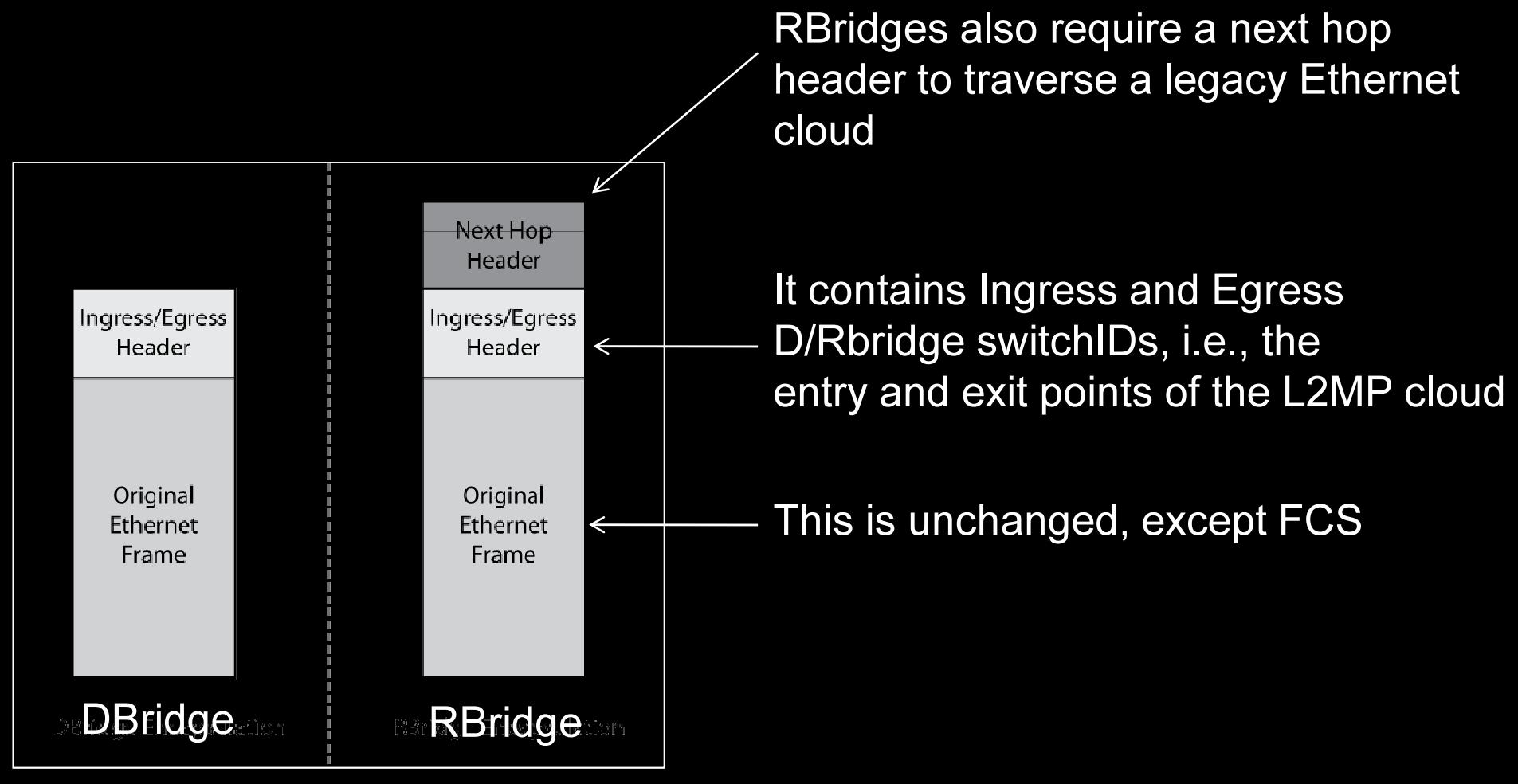
## *IXP Requirements*

- Layer 2 Peering enables multiple providers to peer their internet routers with one another
- **10GE non-blocking fabric**
- Scale to thousands of ports

## *FabricPath Benefits for IXP*

- Transparent Layer 2 fabric
- **Scalable to thousands of ports**
- **Bandwidth not limited by chassis / port-channel limitations**
- **Simple to manage, economical to build**

# L2MP Bridges require an additional Ingress/Egress header



Schicht 2

# Schicht 2 zwischen Rechenzentren

# Die Aufgabe



Rechenzentrum  
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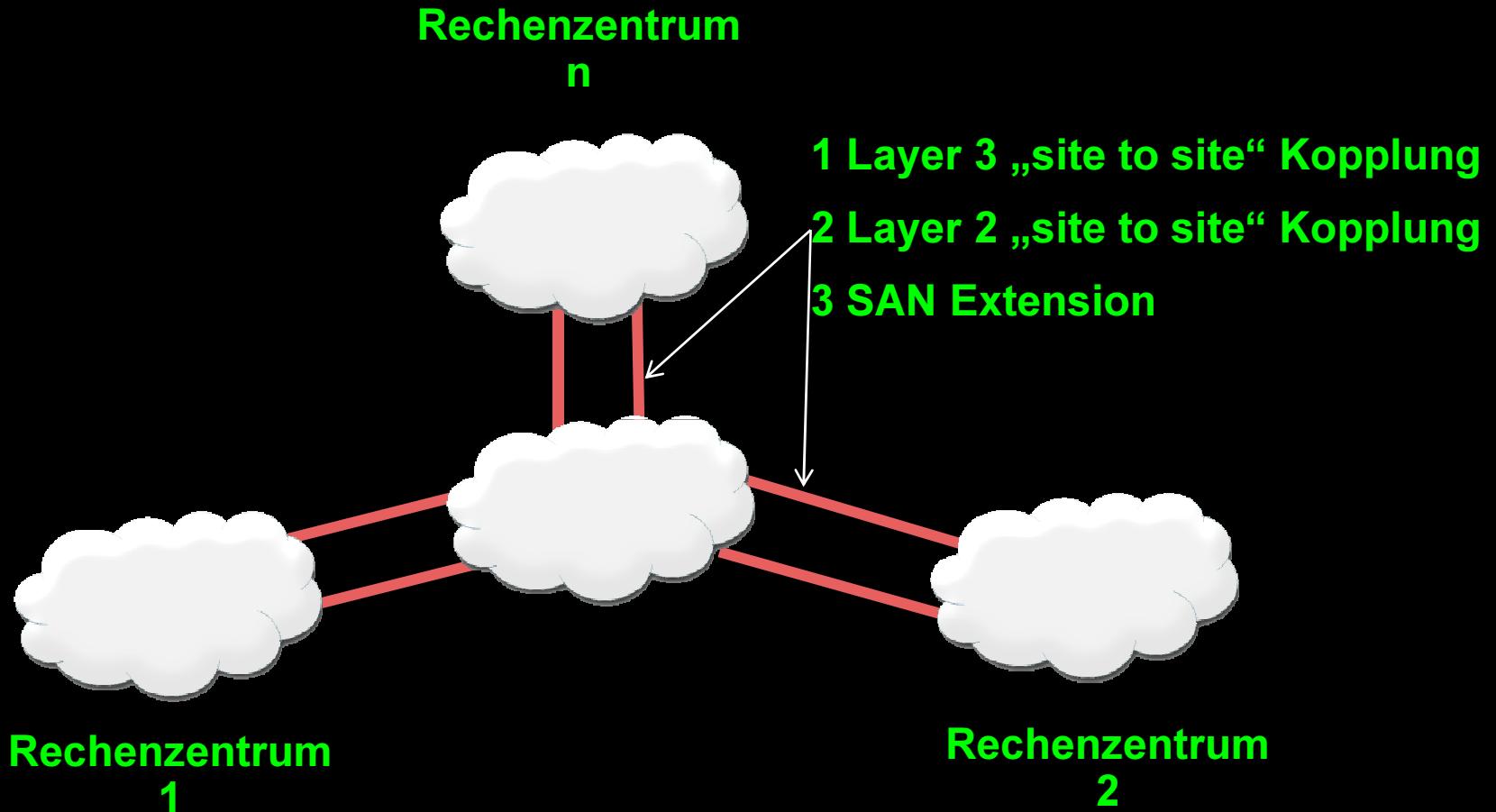
Verbindung



Rechenzentrum  
2

Die simple Aufgabe: 2 Rechenzentren und eine Verbindung  
„Tür an Tür“

# Die Aufgabe



Die Aufgabe für Fortgeschrittene:  
n Rechenzentren und redundante Verbindung

# Die Möglichkeiten für DCI

L2TPv3

EoMPLS

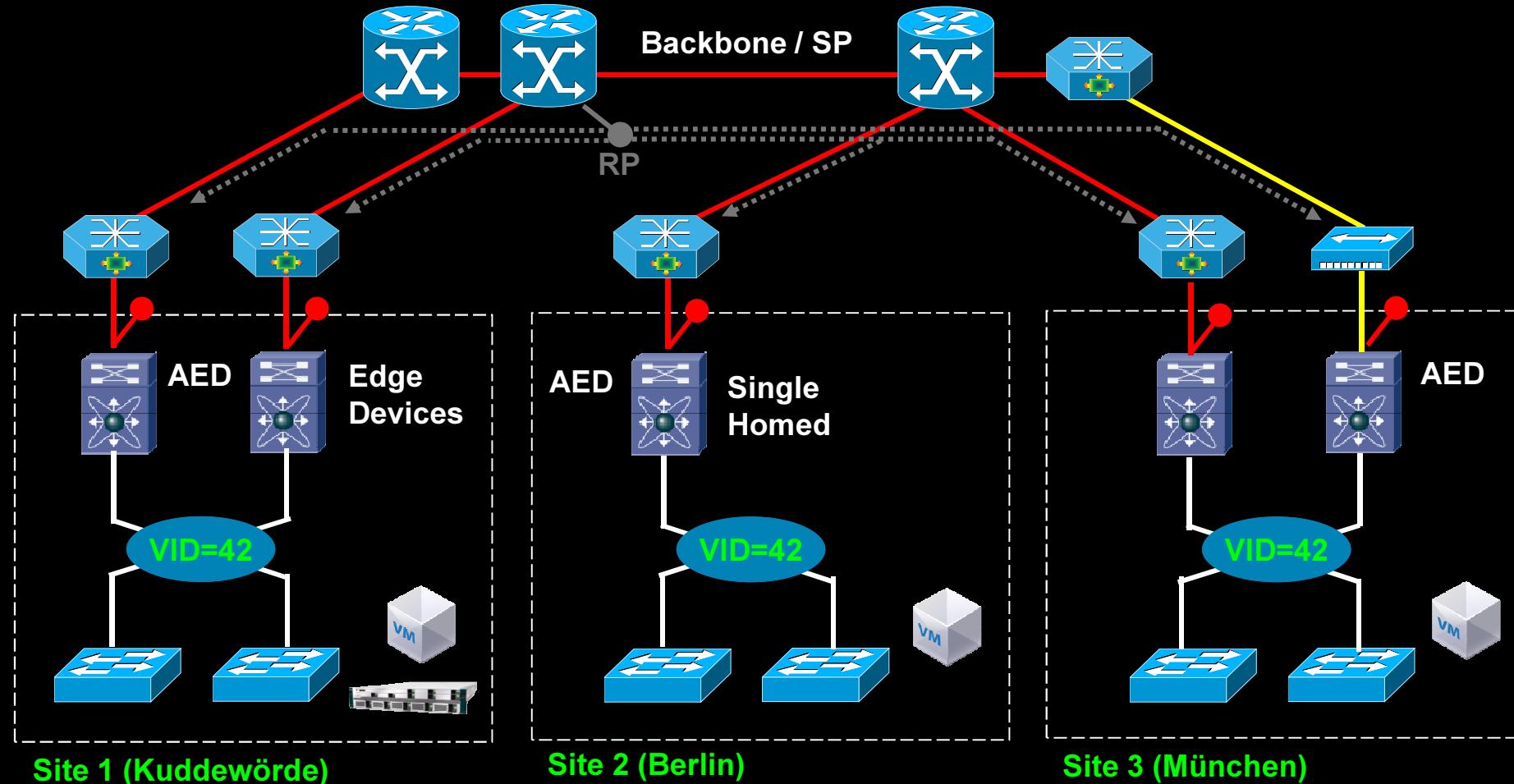
L2MP / TRILL

VPLS

VPLSoGRE

OTV

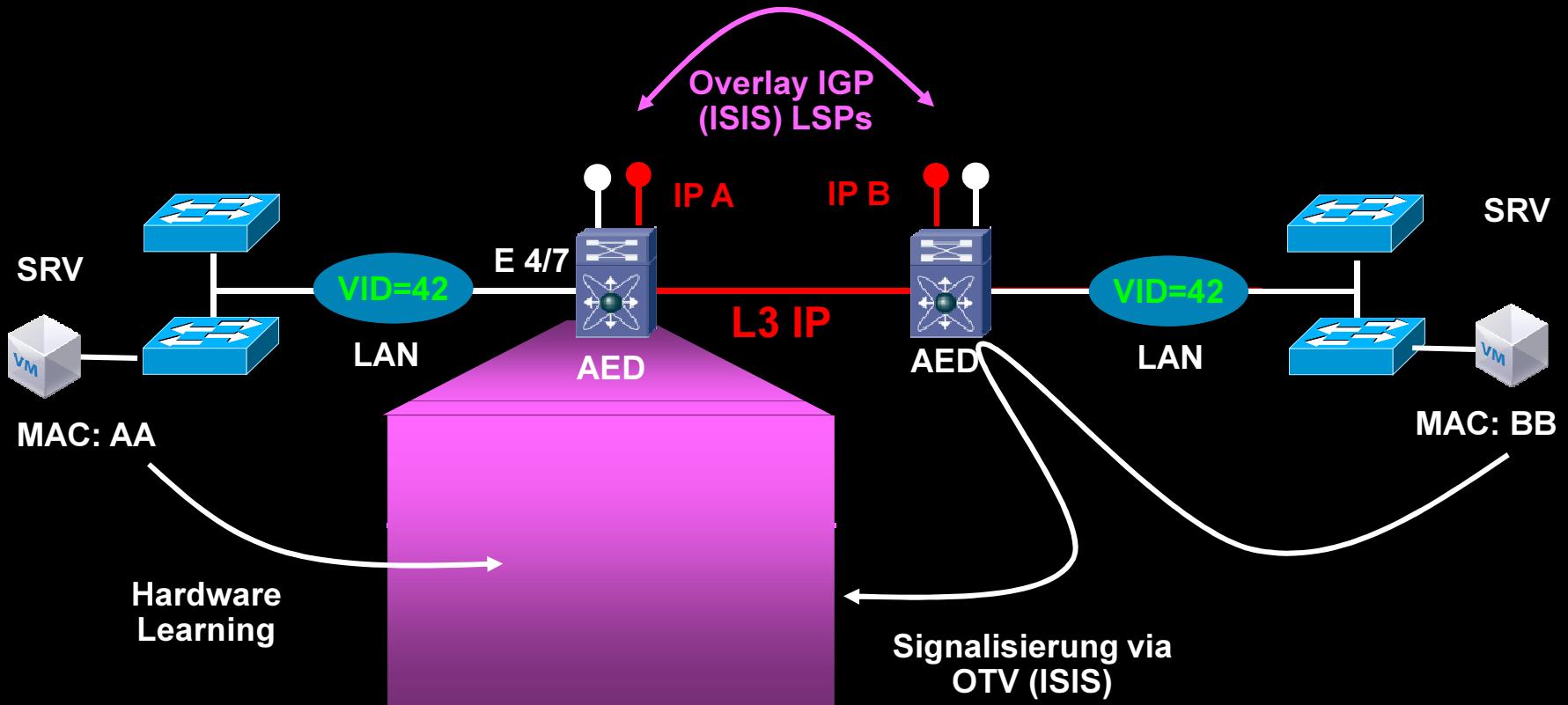
# Bestandteile der Lösung



AED := Authorized Edge Device (pro VLAN)

**L3**  
**Metro Ethernet**  
**L2 (LAN)**  
**MC Tree**

# OTV = MAC Bridging + MAC routing



**Sites: MAC Bridging**

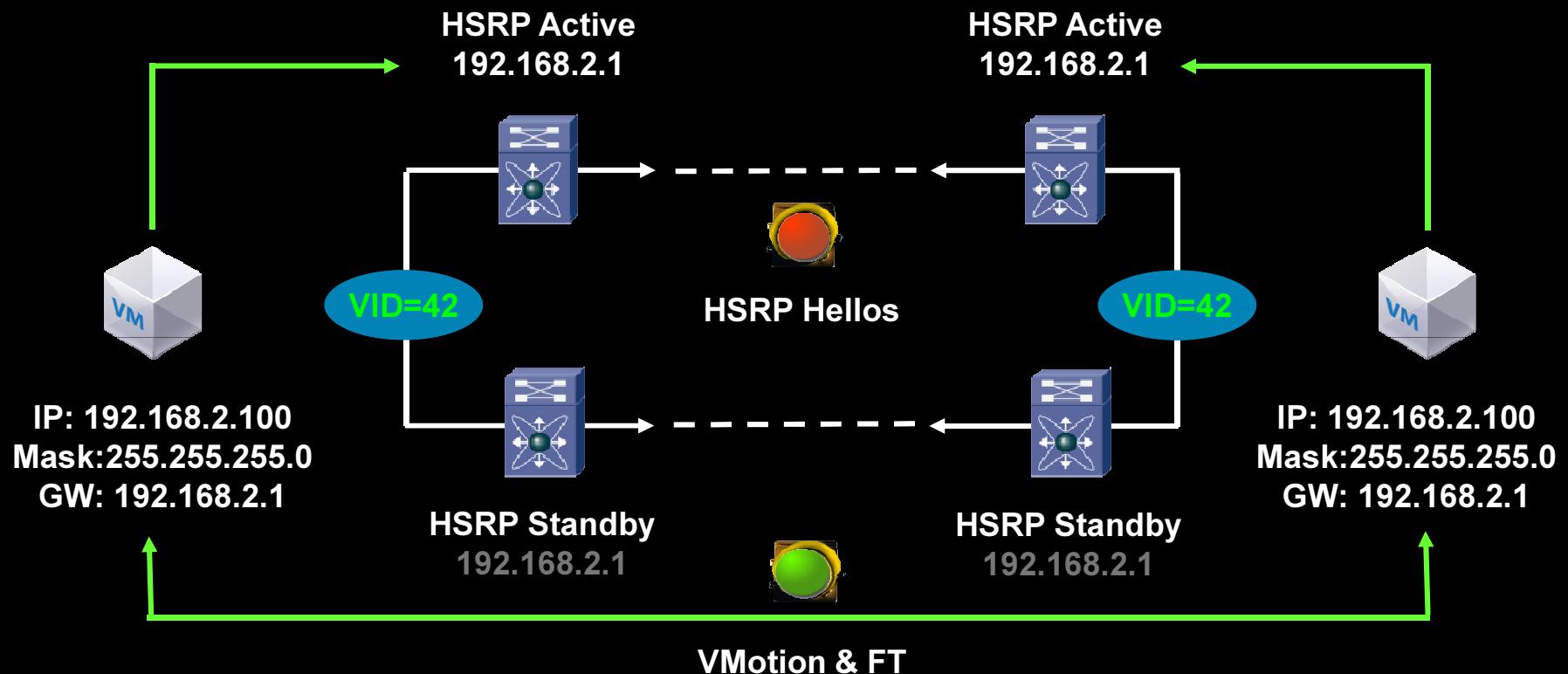
**Core: “MAC routing” via “overlaid IGP”**

**MAC table: “destination ports” und “IP routes”**

● **Overlay Interface**

● **Internal Interface**

# FHRP





SCO