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# Cisco ASR 9000 System Architecture

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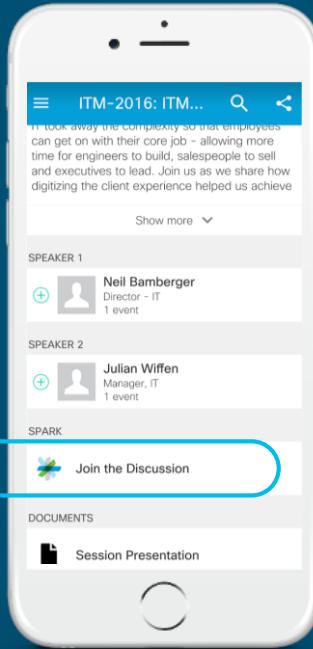


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# Agenda

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- Conclusion

# ASR 9000 Products Introduction

# Cisco ASR 9000 System Comprehensive Portfolio

Compact & Powerful Access/Aggregation	Flexible Service Edge	High Density Service Edge and Core
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Small footprint with full IOS-XR for distributed environments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Optimized for ESE and MSE with high M-D scale for medium to large sites</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scalable, ultra high density service routers for large, high-growth sites</li></ul>
<b>One Platform, One OS, One Family</b>		
<b>nV Satellites</b> ASR 9000v, NCS5000 		
<b>ASR 9901</b>  <b>ASR 9001</b> 	<b>ASR 9006</b>  <b>ASR 9904</b> 	<b>ASR 9010</b>  <b>ASR 9910</b> 
<b>Fixed 2RU</b> 240 Gbps	<b>4 LC/10RU</b> 7 Tbps	<b>8 LC/21RU</b> 14 Tbps
<b>2 LC/6RU</b> 16 Tbps	<b>4 LC/14RU</b> 32 Tbps	<b>8 LC/21RU</b> 64 Tbps
<b>MSE</b>	<b>E-MSE</b>	<b>CE</b>
<b>Peering</b>	<b>P/PE</b>	<b>Mobility</b>
		<b>Broadband</b>

# ASR 9901 Highlights



## Form Factor & BW

- *2 RU box with 2 Tomahawk NPU (ASR 9001 is 2 RU with 2 Typhoons)*
- *Depth of ~23 inches,(9001 is 18")*
- *456G Duplex BW (9001 is 120G Duplex)*



## SW & Licensing

- *64 bit XR only*
- *PAYG mode for 120G,240G,360G and 456G*
- *Full feature parity with Tomahawk feature-set*

## Ports / Port Density

- *Fixed ports available; no MPAs*
- *42 ports on the faceplate : 16X1G, 24X1/10G, 2X100G(QSFP28)*
- *1G ports : LAN & MACSEC  
10G ports: LAN & MACSEC  
100G port : LAN & MACSEC*

## Mechanicals & Commons

- *Redundant Power & Fan-trays*
- *Front to back Airflow*
- *NEBS, EMC Compliant*
- *All ports/power cabling on front plate; fan trays on backside*
- *Typical Power Consumed : 1200W*

# ASR 9901 Port mapping



0	2	4	6
1	3	5	7

1GE

GRP 0	GRP 1	GRP 2
8	10	12
9	11	13
14	15	17
16	18	19

10/1 GE

20
21

100GE

GRP 3	GRP 4	GRP 5
22	24	26
23	25	27
28	30	32
29	31	33

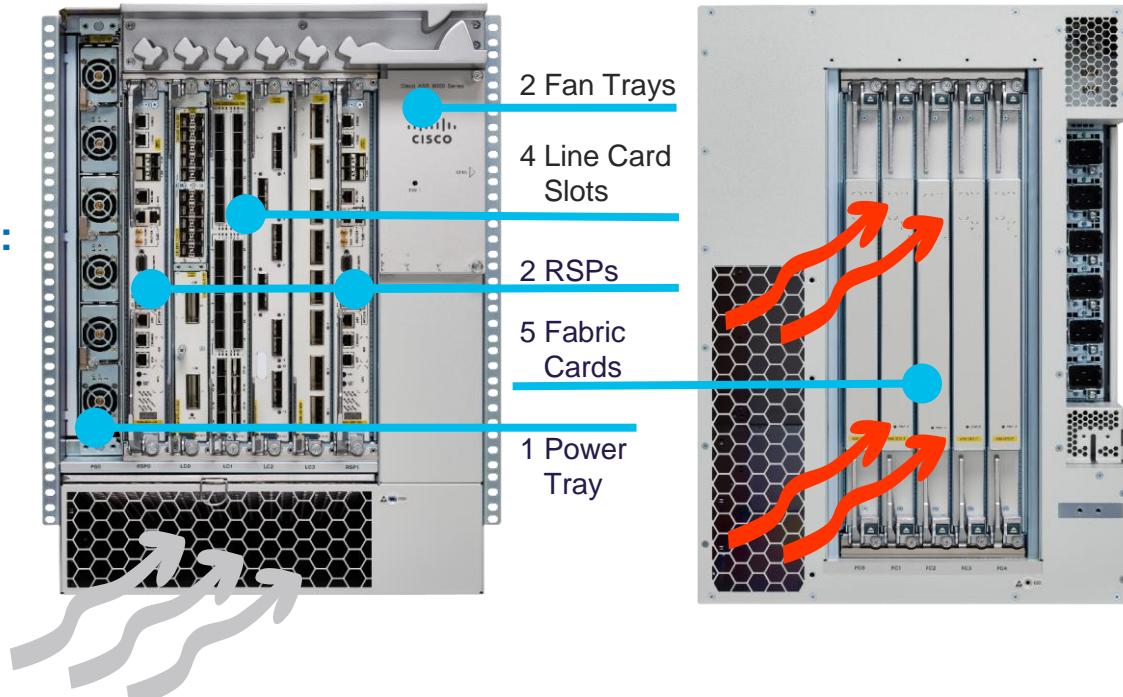
10/1 GE

34	36	38	40
35	37	39	41

1GE

# Cisco ASR 9906 Overview

- ✓ **Scalable for Dense 100GE Applications** for future investment protection
- ✓ **Greater Capacity, Greater Flexibility:** Start with 2 RSPs, then add fabric cards to scale beyond 460G and enable N+1 fabric redundancy
- ✓ **Mid-Plane design** allows for compact chassis footprint



# RSP880-LT

- RSP880-LT is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation route processor card
  - 880Gbps/slot throughput (redundant configuration)
  - 4 Core Intel Broadwell 1.8GHz processor
  - Available in both TR (16GB)/ SE (32GB) variants
  - Line Cards Supported
    - Tomahawk
    - Typhoon
    - VSM
    - SIP-700
  - Chassis Supported
    - 9006/9010/9910/9906/9904
  - **Feature parity cXR with RSP880 at FCS (eXR support planned for 6.4.x)**
  - Similar Control Plane Scale to RSP880
  - **No support for nV-Cluster and 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications**

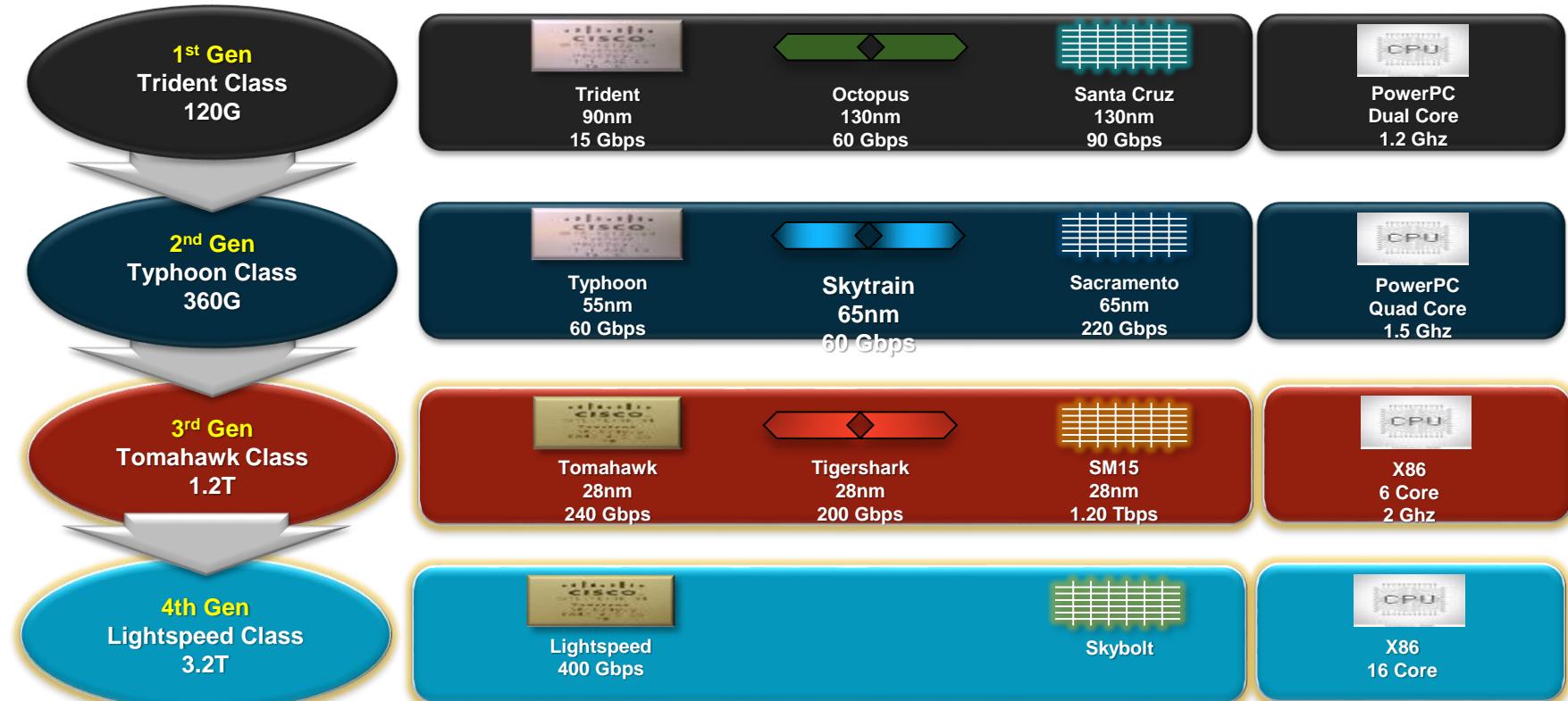
**RSP880-LT provides is a cost effective migration path for RSP440 customers.**

Hardware Differences	
RSP880	RSP880-LT
8 Cores, 1.9Ghz	4 Cores, 2.4Ghz
4 SFP+ external ports	No external SFP+ ports
2x32GB SSD	2x128GB SSD

# Comparison of RSP880-LT to RSP880

	RSP880-LT	RSP880/A99-RSP
Bandwidth/Slot	880Gbps (Dual RSP)***	880Gbps (Dual RSP)
RIB Scale**	26M/27M (IPv4/IPv6)	26M/27M (IPv4/IPv6)
RIB Learning Rate	95K IPv4 Routes/sec	78K IPv4 Routes/sec
Platforms Supported	ASR 9904, 9006, 9010, 9910, 9906	<b>RSP880:</b> ASR 9904, 9006, 9010 <b>A99-RSP:</b> ASR 9910, 9906
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Application Support	Not Supported	Supported
eXR Support	Planned for support in 6.4.x	Supported

# ASR 9000 Linecards Evolution



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# ASR 9K Ethernet Line Card Overview

-TR, -SE

2nd LC Typhoon  
NPU: 60Gbps,  
~45Mpps



A9K-36x10GE    A9K-2x100GE    A9K-24x10GE



A9K-MOD80

A9K-MOD160



A9K-40GE    A9K-4T16GE

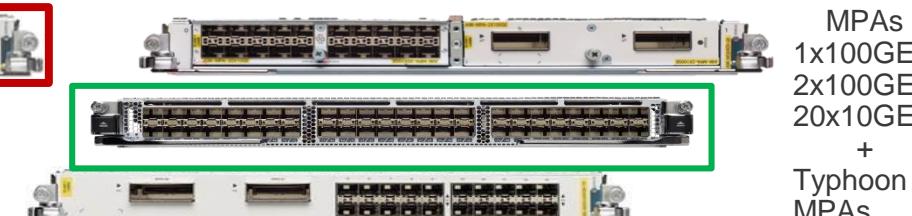


MPAs  
20x1GE  
2x10GE  
4x10GE  
1x40GE  
2x40GE

3rd LC Tomahawk  
NPU: 240Gbps,  
~150Mpps



A9K-4x100GE    A9K-8x100GE    A9K-12x100GE



MOD400/MOD200

24/48x10/1G LC

A9K-400G-DWDM

MPAs  
1x100GE  
2x100GE  
20x10GE  
+  
Typhoon  
MPAs

# Cost Optimized 4x100GE LAN Line card

HW Specs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tomahawk based, 5-fabric linecard with: 2x NPU and 5Mbit internal TCAM</li><li>Supported on all ASR 90xx and 99xx systems</li></ul>
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parity with Tomahawk TR linecards at FCS except for Timings features (post FCS)</li><li>Features not supported: <b>VidMon, Cluster, LISP, NSH, BNG, Satellite, MPLS-TP</b></li></ul>
Scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Limited scale for TCAM dependent features; rest of the scale on-par with other Tomahawk –TR cards</li></ul>
SW support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>cXR: 6.2.3, 6.3.2, 6.4.1 and onwards. SMU option possible for 6.1.4, 6.3.1, subject to business case</li><li>eXR: 6.4.1</li></ul>

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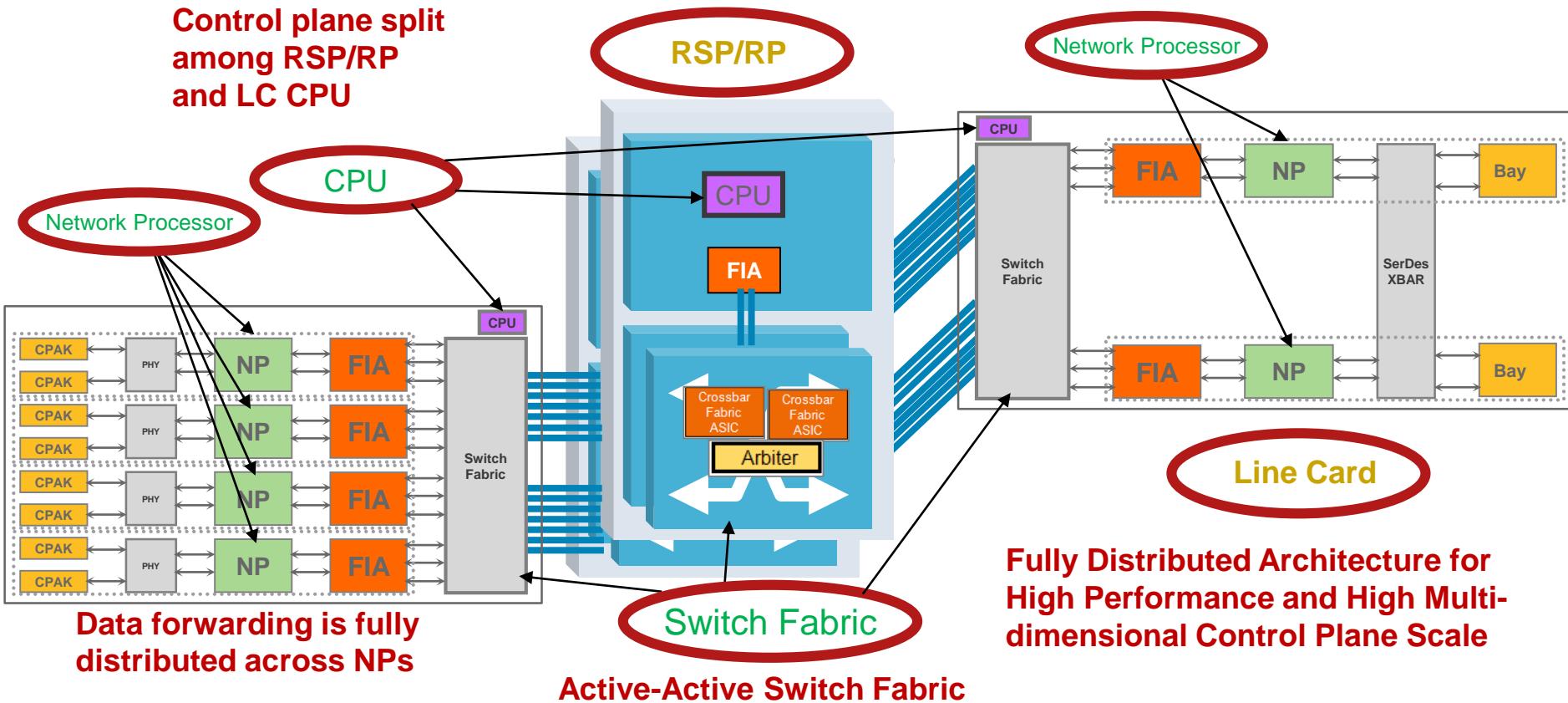
Which of the following RSP is supported in all of ASR9006, ASR9010, ASR9904, ASR9906 and ASR9910?

- **RSP880-LT**
- RSP880



# ASR 9000 Hardware Architecture

# ASR 9000 System Architecture “At-a-Glance”



# ASR 9000 Switch Fabric High-Level Architecture

3-Stage Non-Blocking Fabric (Separate Unicast and Multicast Crossbars)

**Fabric frame format:**

Super-frame

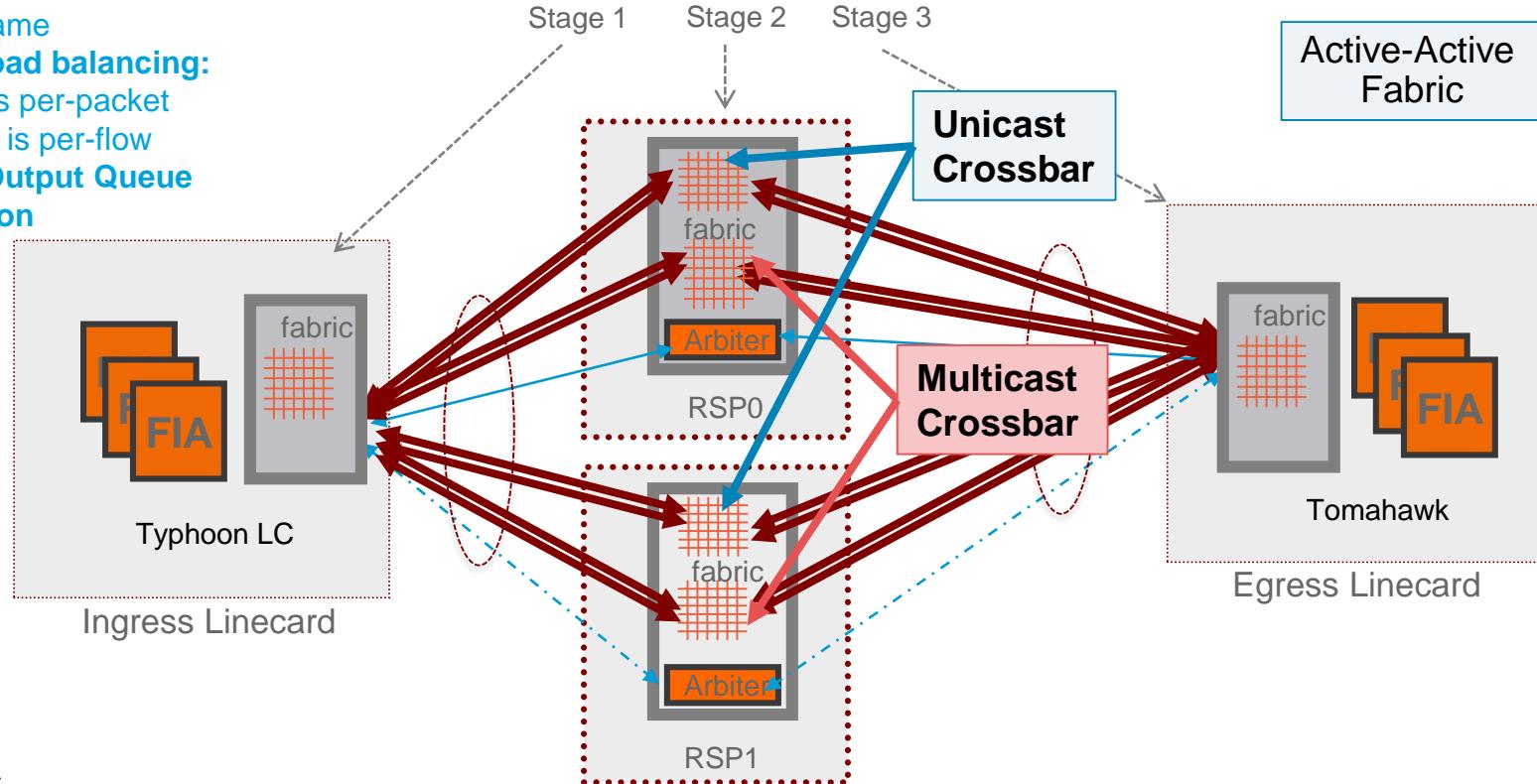
**Fabric load balancing:**

Unicast is per-packet

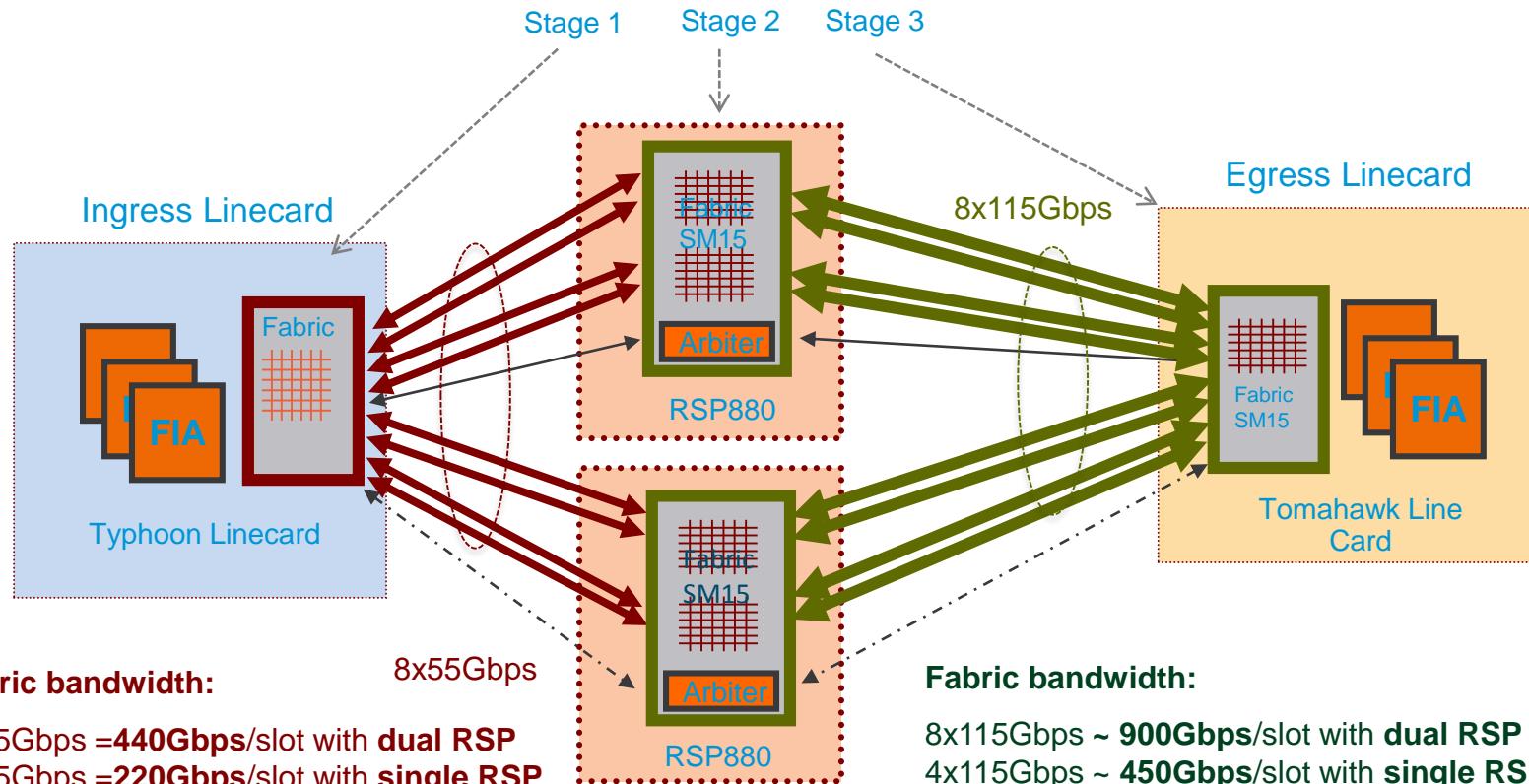
Multicast is per-flow

**Virtual Output Queue**

**Arbitration**

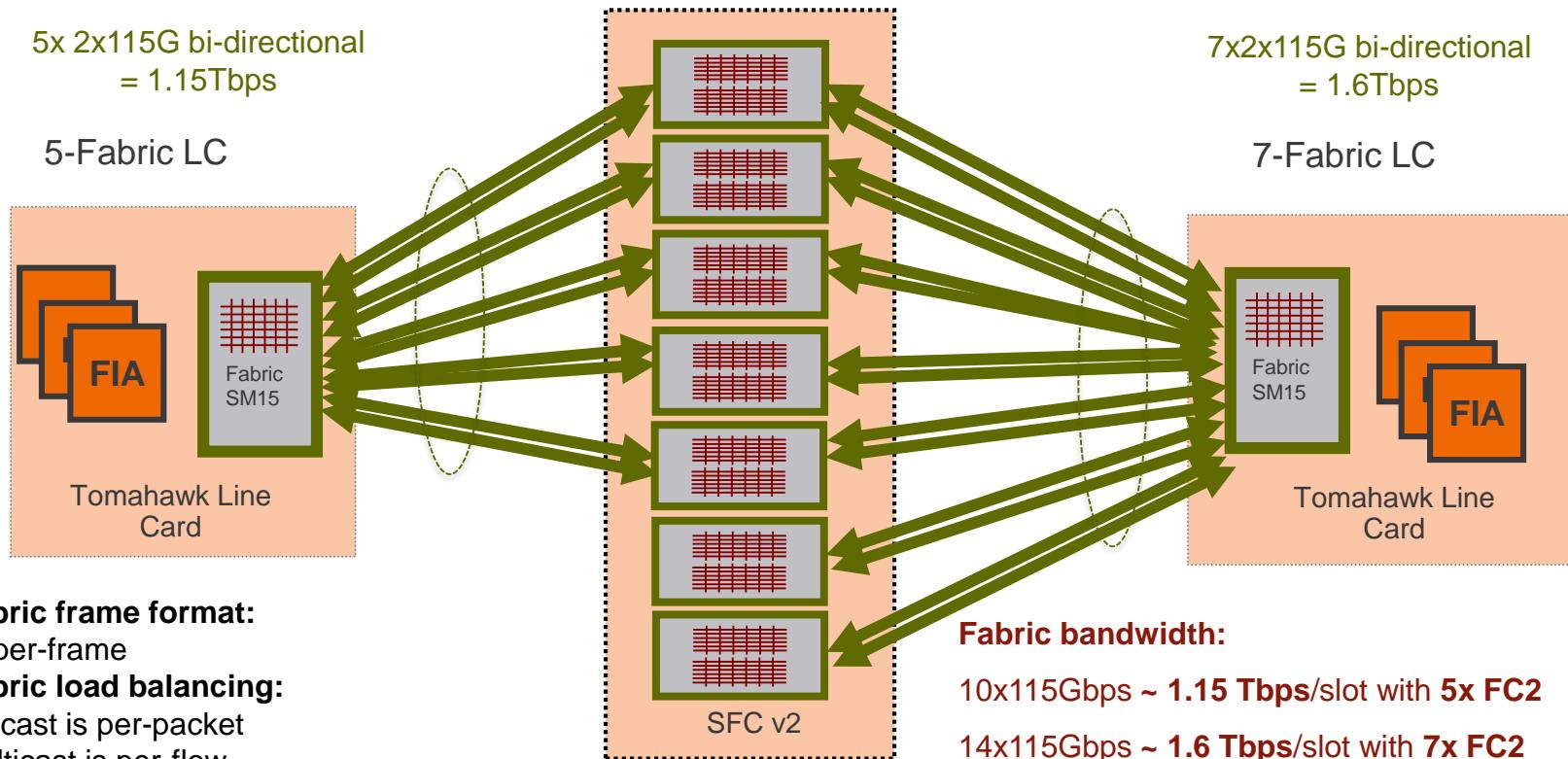


# ASR90xx – RSP880 and Mixed LC



# ASR99xx Switch Fabric Card (FC2)

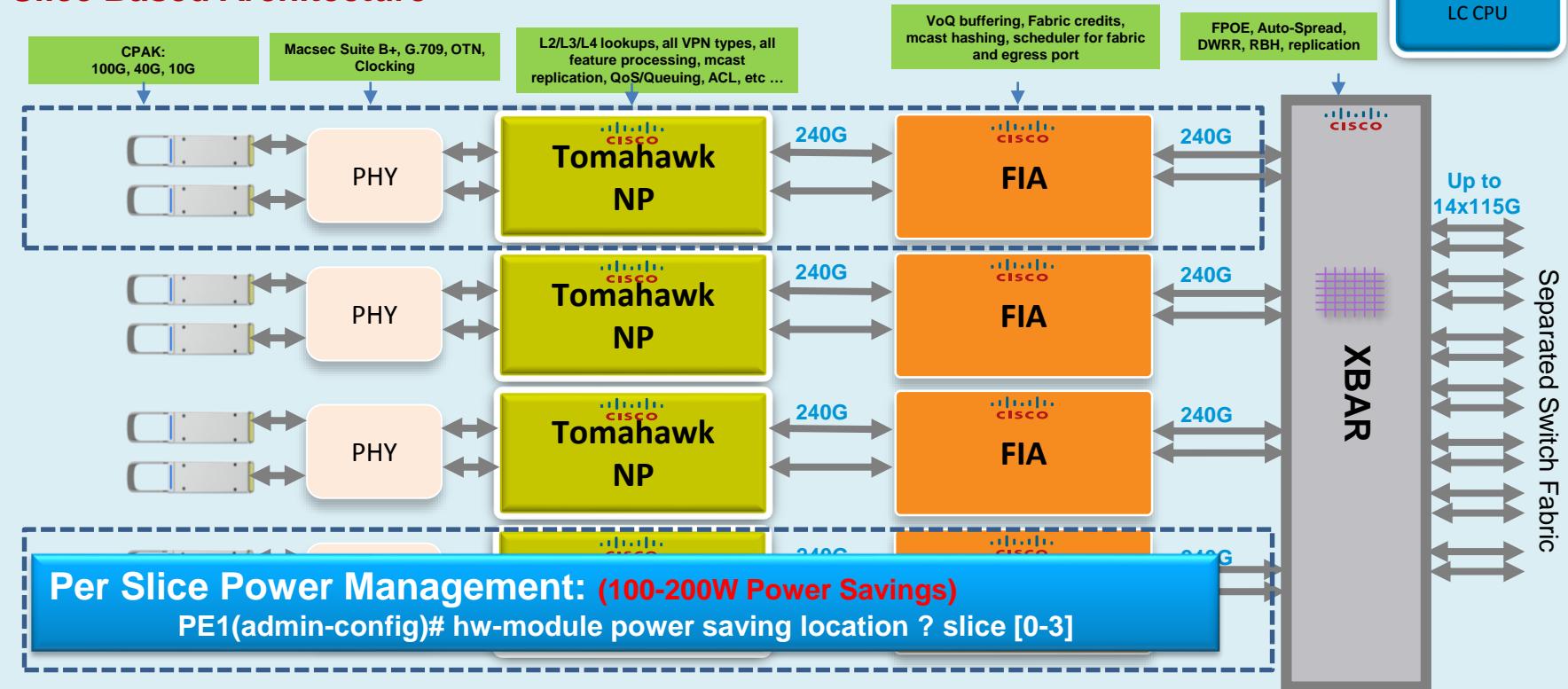
6+1 All Active 3-Stage Fabric Planes, Scale to 1.6Tbps/LC, Separated Ucast/Mcast Crossbars



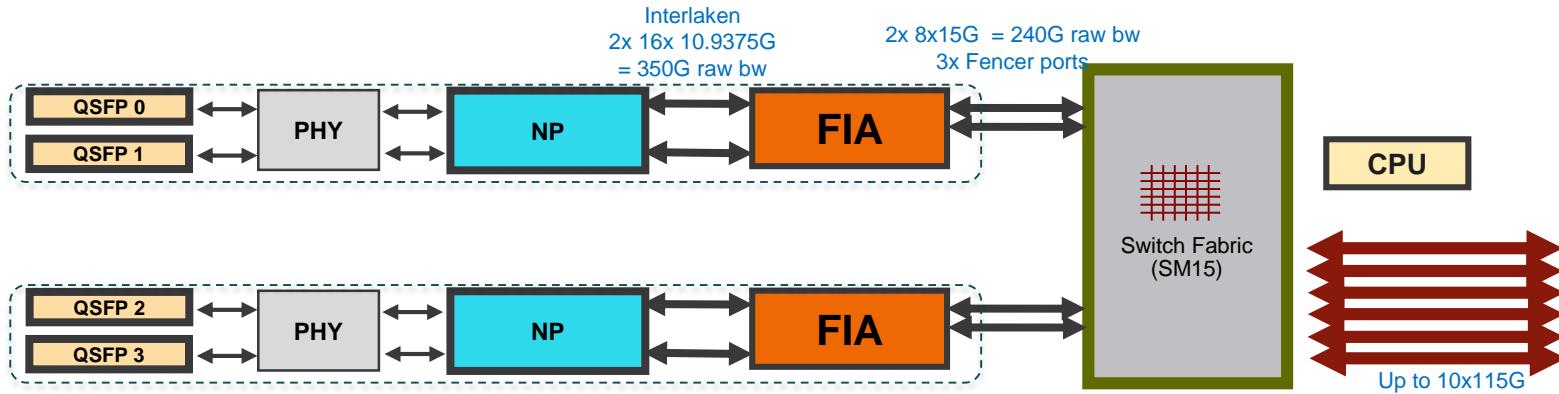
# Tomahawk LC: 8x100GE Architecture



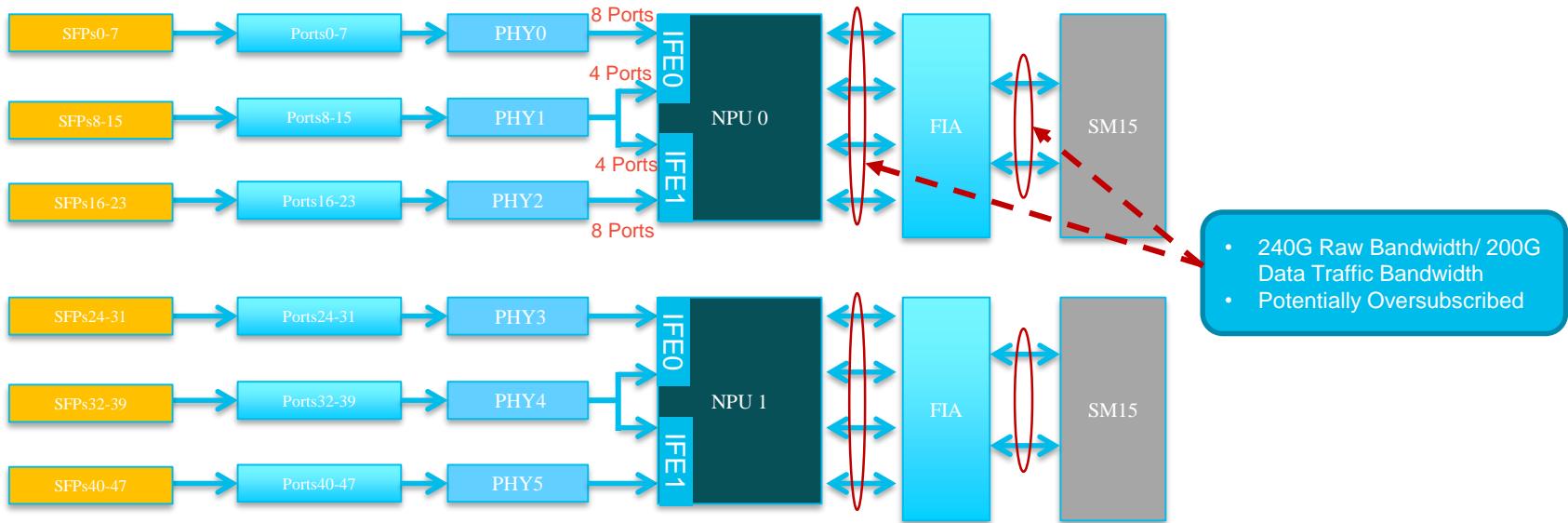
## Slice Based Architecture



# 4x100GE LAN-based linecard architecture



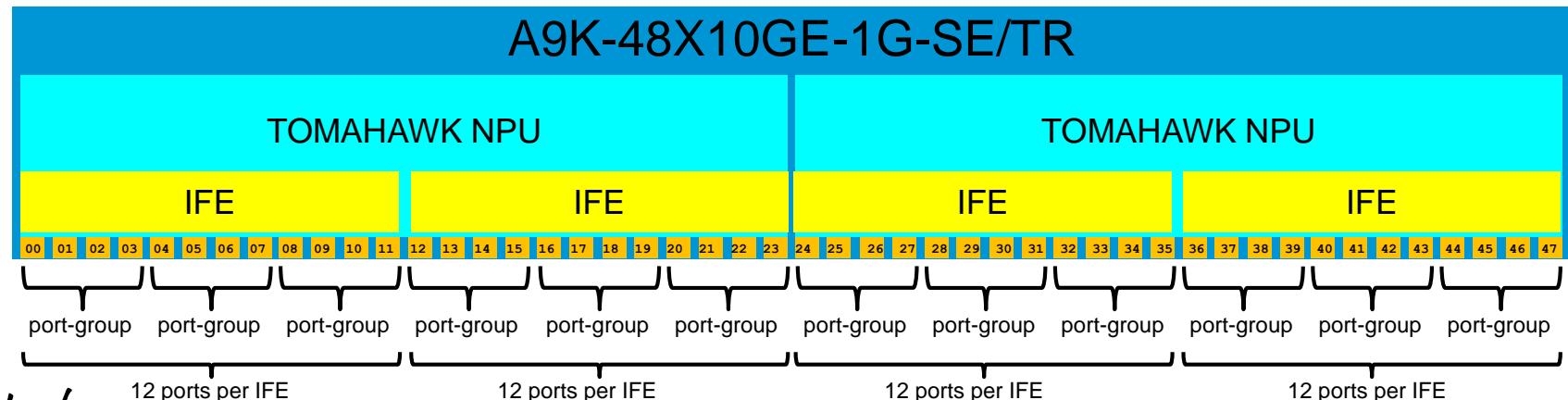
# A9K-48x10G-1G Architecture



- Supports all 1G and 10G. 1G and 10G are configurable follow certain rule
- 48-port has a two NPU slices with shared 80Mb TCAM
- Phy does not support OTN Framing or MACSec

# A9K-48x10G-1G Port Organization

- A9K-48X10GE-1G-SE/TR has two NPU slices, A9K-24X10GE-1G-SE/TR has one
- Each NPU slice consists of two Interface Engines (IFE)
- Interface Ports are organized in port-groups
- Each IFE consists of three port-groups
- Each port-group consists of 4 interface ports



# A9K-48x10-1G Port Speed Rules

- Interface Port Speed is configurable: 1G / 10G
- Per default, all ports are 10G
- The 4 Rules:
  1. All ports in a port-group (group of four ports) have to have the same speed.
  2. If the first port-group on an IFE (group of three port-groups) is configured for 1G, then all ports in that same IFE must be 1G.
  3. If the first port-group of an IFE is 10G, then the other two port-groups in that same IFE can be any combination of 1G or 10G.
  4. When configuring port speeds, all ports of a given linecard need to be configured together in one single CLI command.
- Deviations from these rules will result in a CLI rejection
- Changing port speed on an interface does not impact traffic on other interfaces

# Possible Port Speed Combination per IFE

- 5 possible port speed combinations for each IFE
- IFE are independent of each other for port speed configuration

Interface Engine (IFE)												
	P0	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11
Configuration 1	1G											
Configuration 2	10G	10G	10G	10G	1G							
Configuration 3	10G	1G	1G	1G	1G							
Configuration 4	10G	10G	10G	10G	1G	1G	1G	1G	10G	10G	10G	10G
Configuration 5	10G											

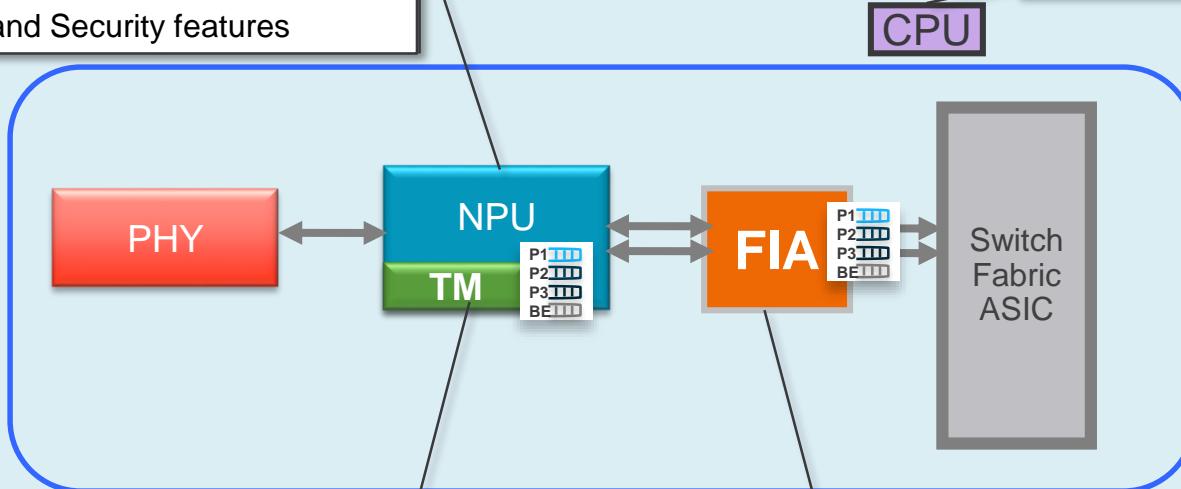
# Line Card Components

Main forwarding engine L2 and L3 lookups  
Multicast replication toward Optics  
User level QoS and Security features

Runs distributed control plane protocols for increased scale

BFD, CFM, ARP

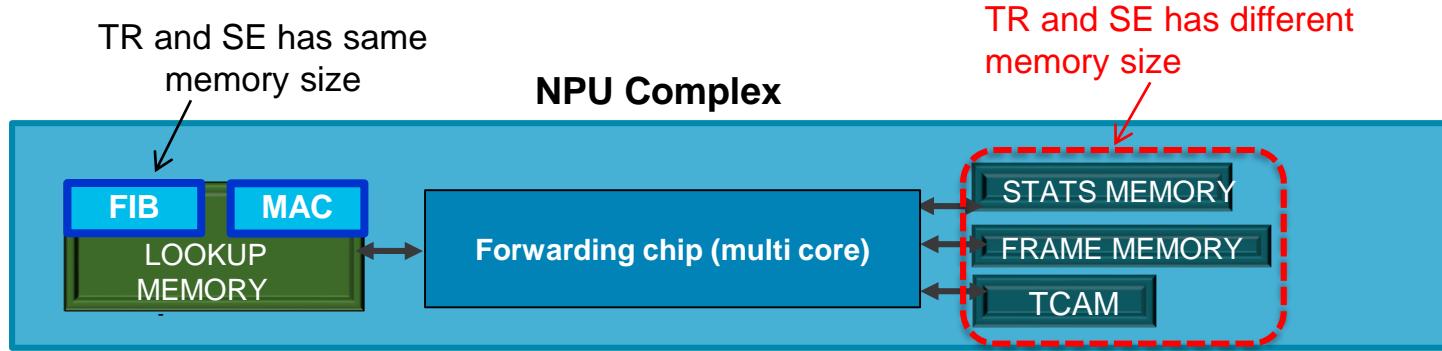
Receive FIB table from RP and program hardware forwarding table



Dedicated queue ASIC – **TM (traffic manager)** per NPU for QoS functions  
User Configurable Queue on TM.  
Default Port Queue Always Created.

Provides data connection to switch fabric  
Manage VoQ, Superframe and loadbalancing data traffic across switch fabric  
Mccast replication table for replication toward NPs

# Network Processor Architecture Details



- TCAM: VLAN tag, QoS and ACL classification
- Stats memory: interface statistics, forwarding statistics etc
- Frame memory: buffer, Queues
- Lookup Memory: forwarding tables, FIB, MAC, ADJ
- TR/SE
  - Different TCAM/frame/stats memory size for different per-LC QoS, ACL, logical interface scale
  - Same lookup memory for same system wide scale mixing different variation of LCs doesn't impact system wide scale

-TR: transport optimized, -SE: Service edge optimized

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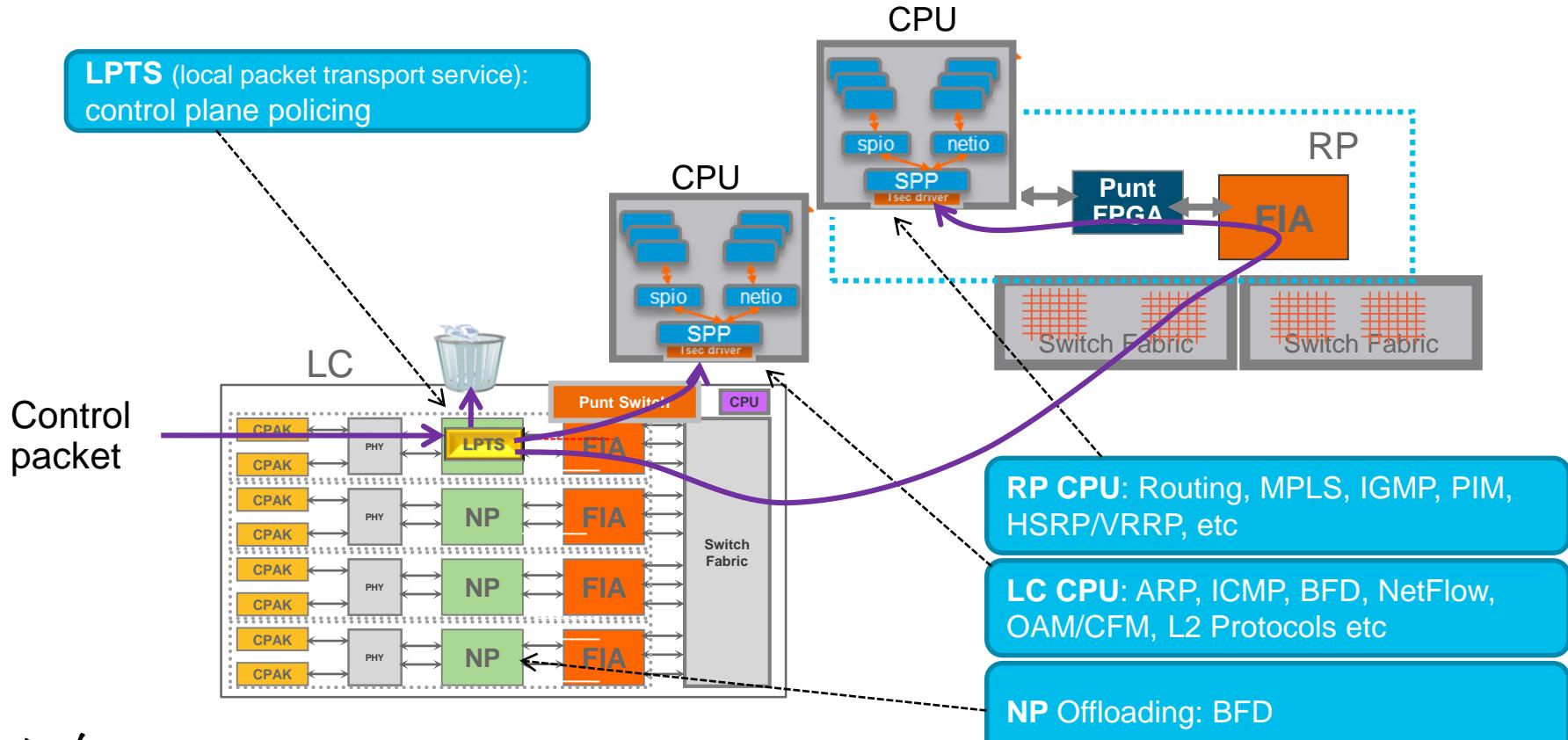
For the A9K-48x10G-1G linecard, if the first port-group of an IFE is configured as 1G, what is the possible port speed for the other two port-groups of the same IFE?

- 10G
- 10G or 1G
- 1G

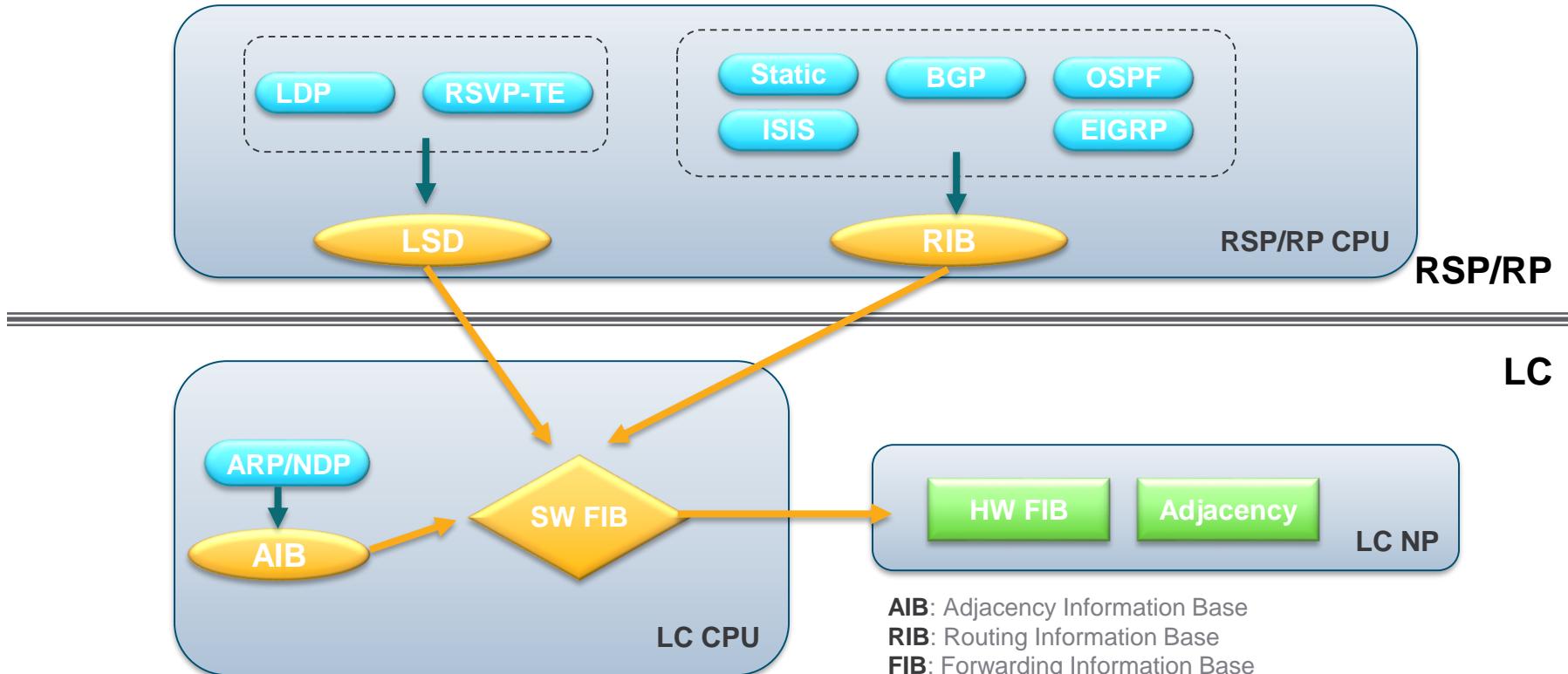


# ASR 9000 Distributed Control Plane

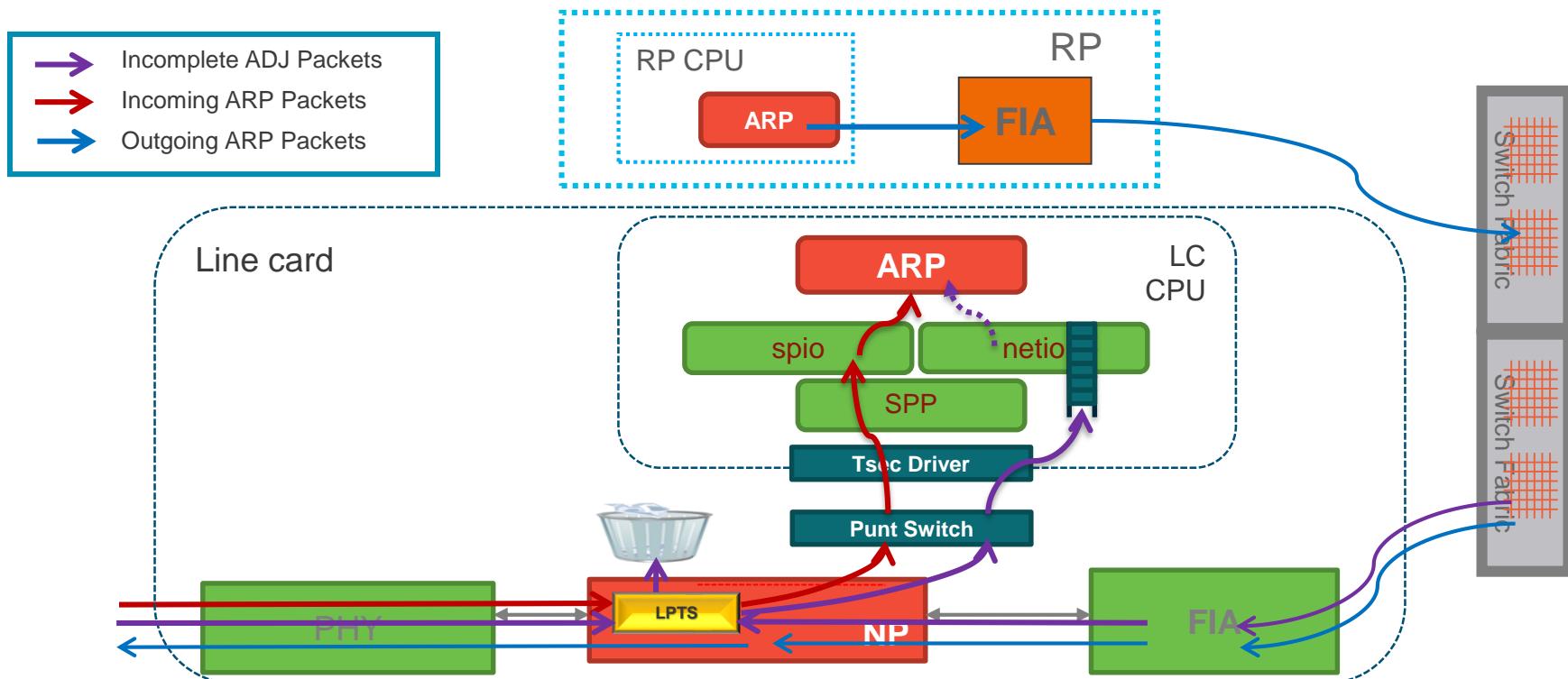
# ASR9000 Fully Distributed Control Plane



# L3 Control Plane Architecture



# Distributed ARP Processing

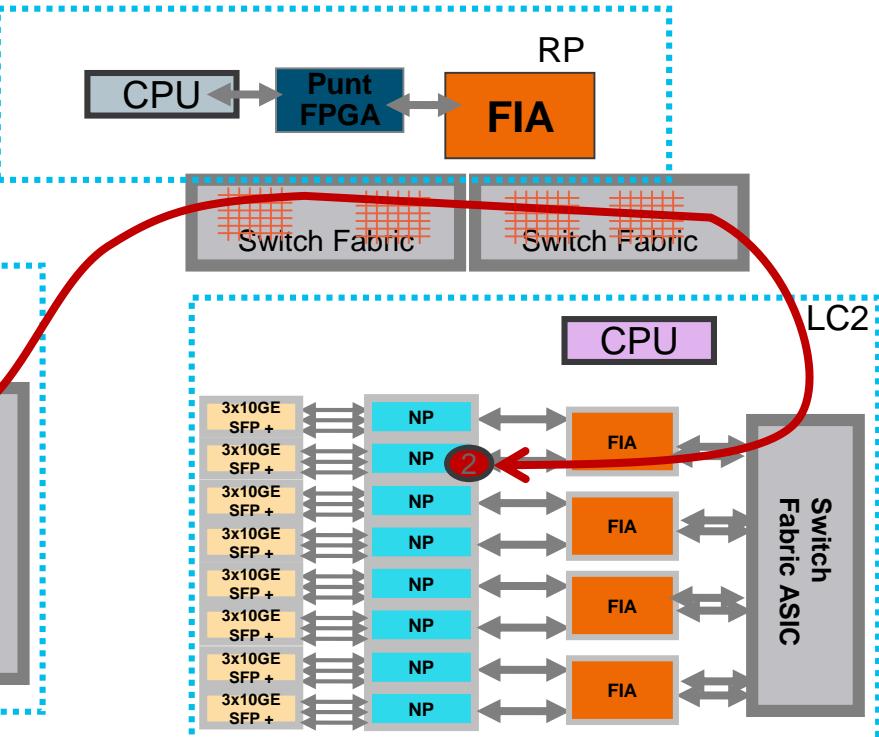
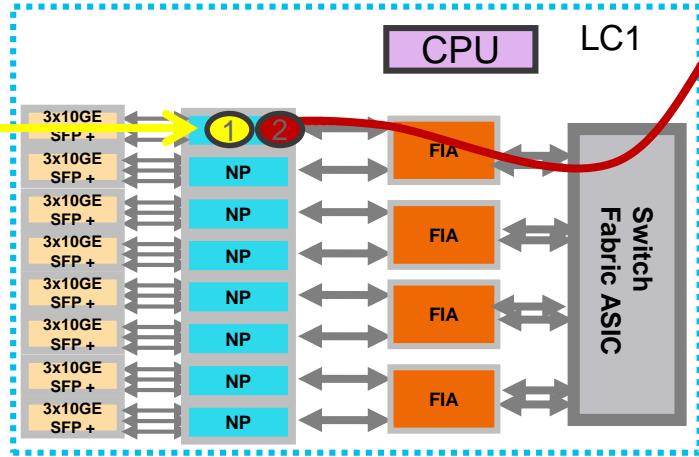


# MAC Learning and Sync

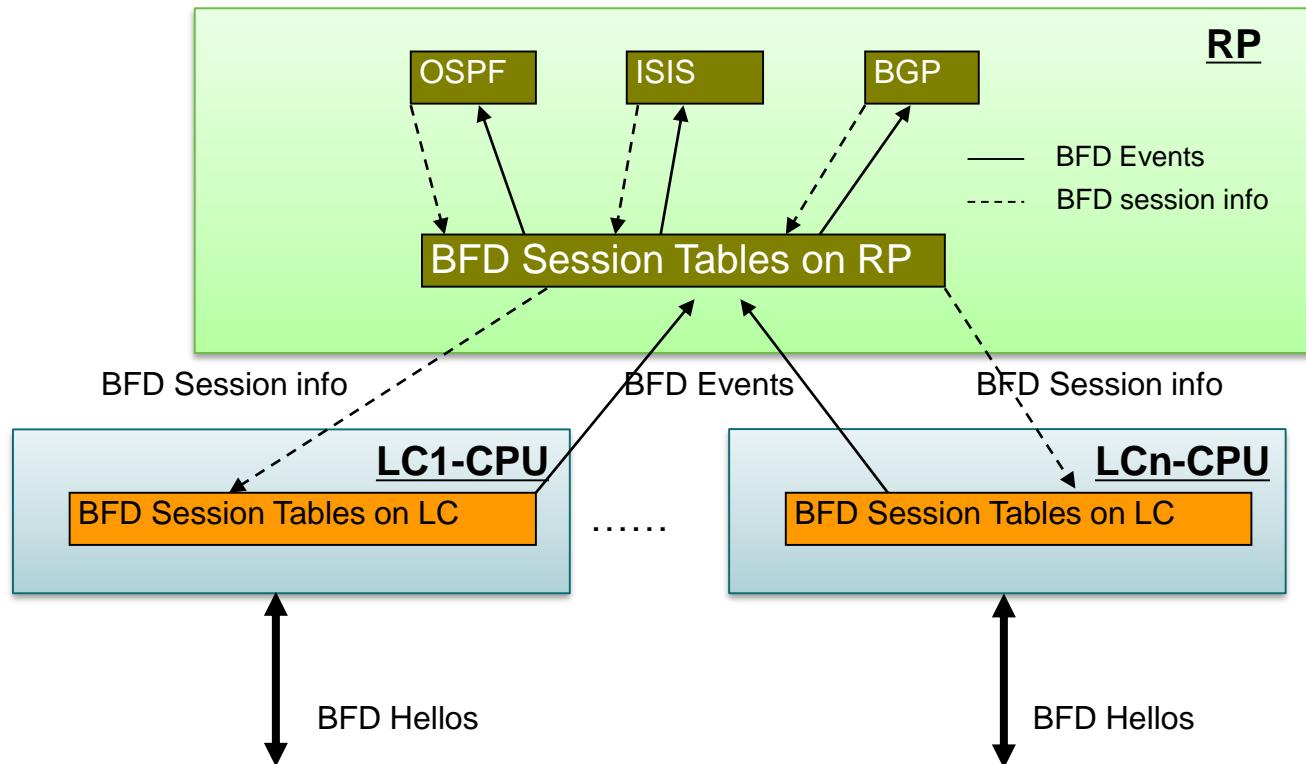
- ① NP learn MAC address in hardware (around 4M pps)
- ② NP flood MAC notification (data plane) message to all other NPs in the system to sync up the MAC address system-wide. MAC notification and MAC sync are all done in hardware

Hardware based MAC learning: ~4Mpps/NP

Data packet

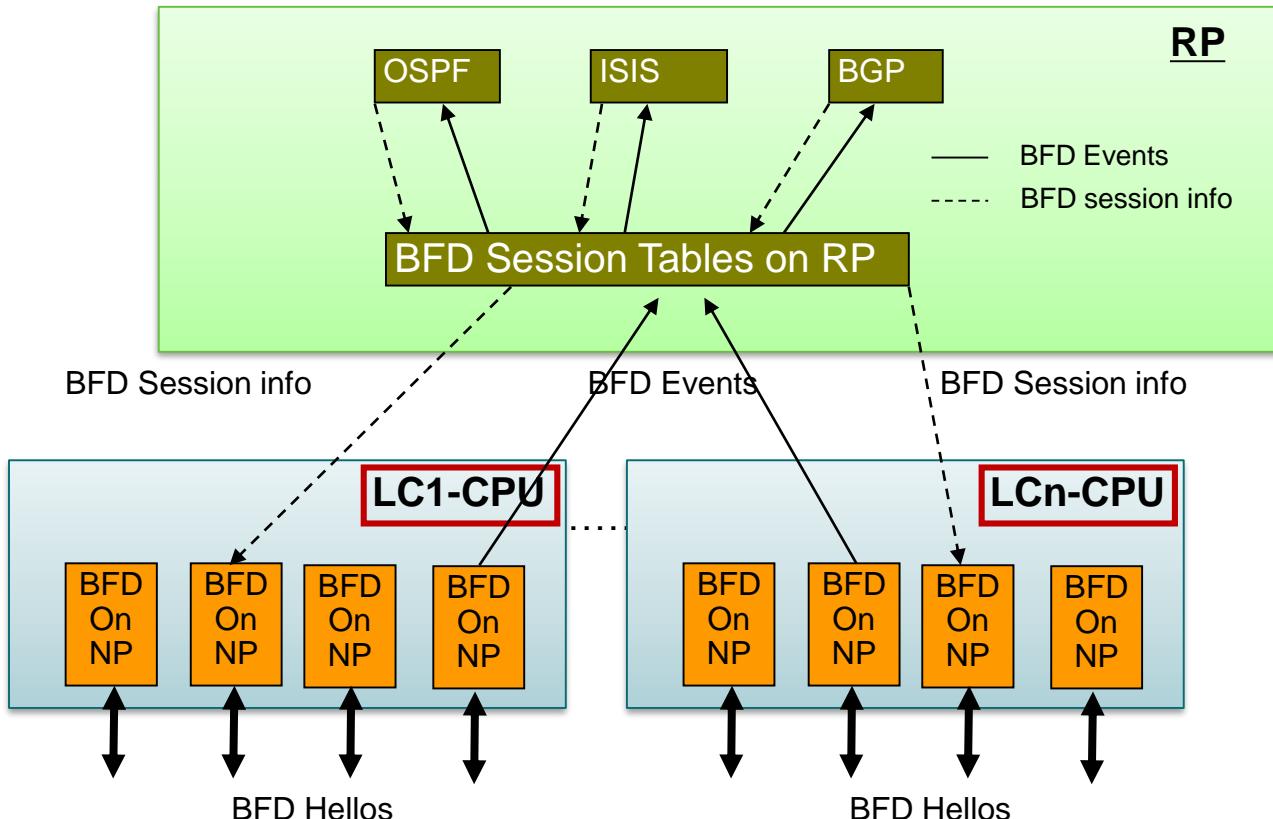


# Distributed BFD Architecture

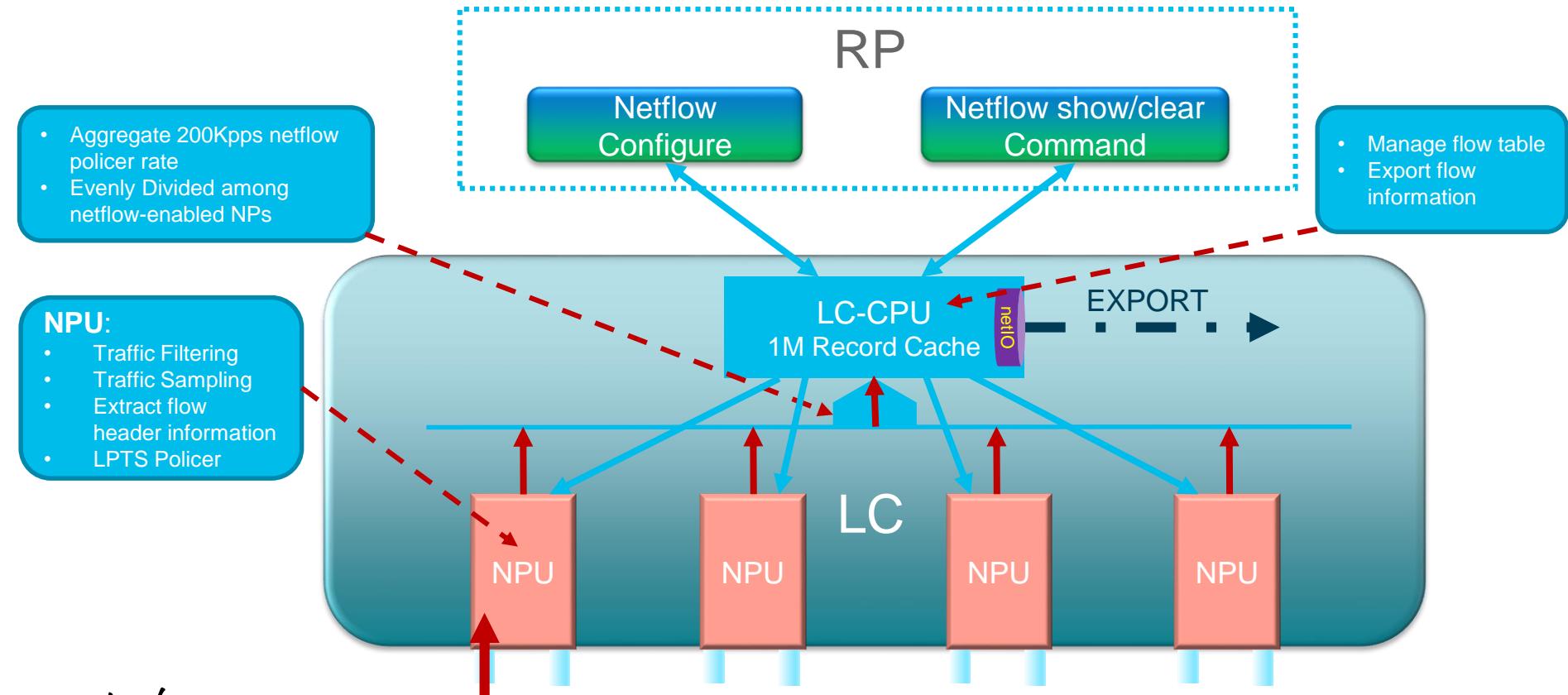


# HW-offloaded BFD

```
hw-module bfd-hw-offload enable location 0/0/CPU0
```



# Distributed Netflow Architecture



# Pop Quiz ????

In an ASR9906 system which has 2 RSP, 4 linecards and 5 switch fabric cards, how many total CPUs are available to host ASR9000 control-plane functionalities?

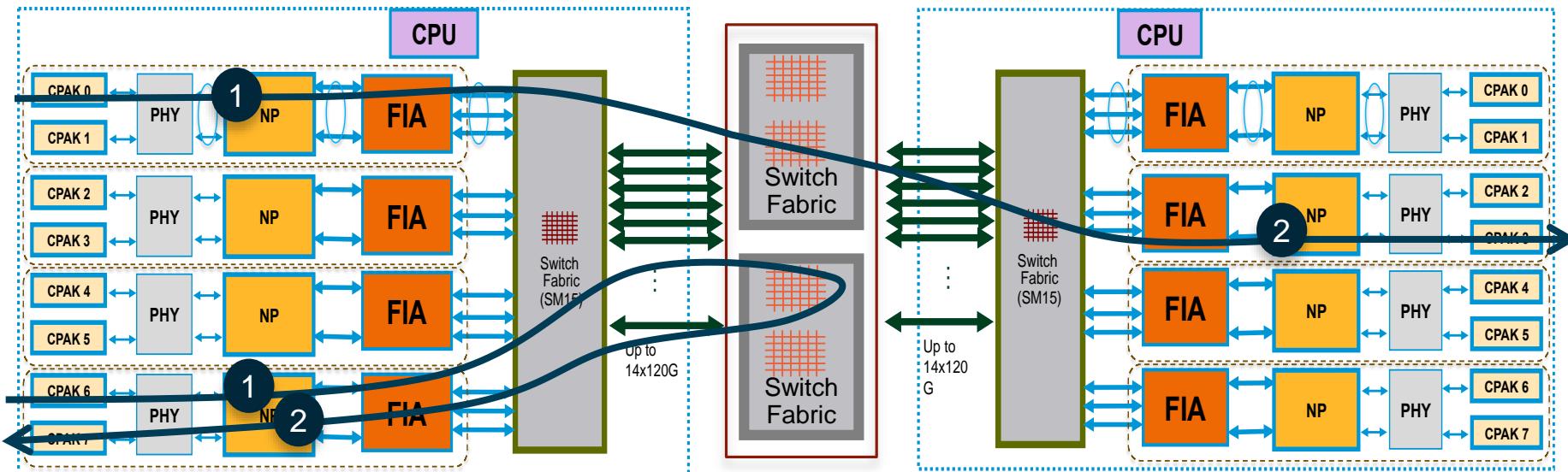
- 2
- 4
- 6
- 11



# ASR 9000 Data Packet Processing

# Distributed Two-Stage Packet Processing

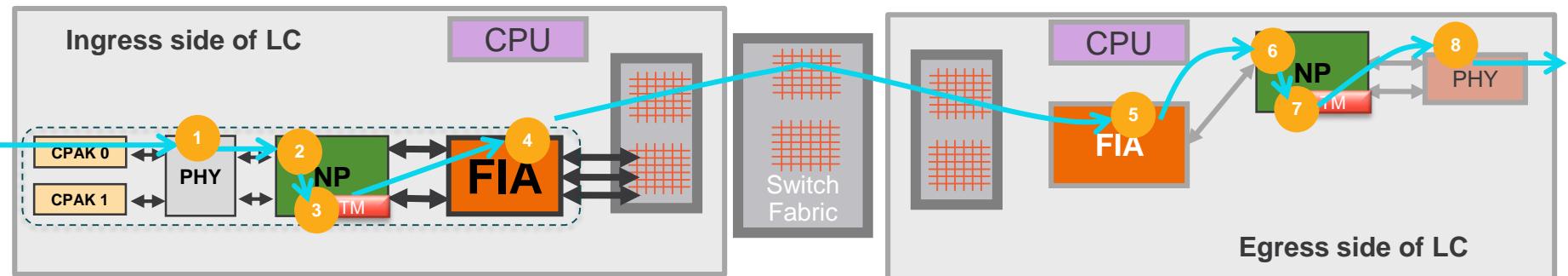
- Ingress lookup yields packet egress port and applies ingress features
- Egress lookup performs packet-rewrite and applies egress features



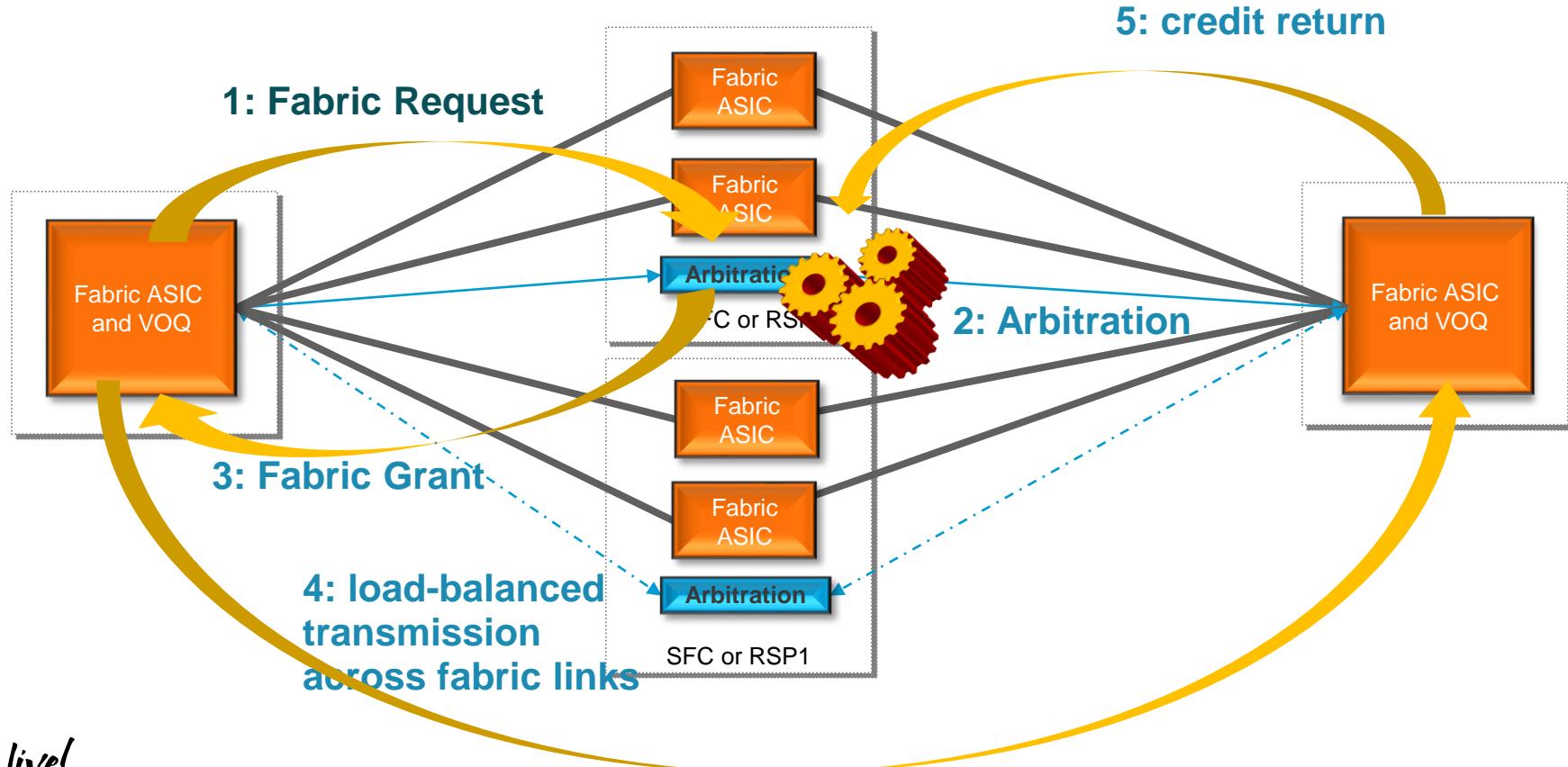
Uniform packet flow for simplicity and predictable performance

# ASR9000 Life of a Packet – Tomahawk LC

- 2 • Ingress L2/L3 FIB lookup, ACL/QoS lookup
  - Ingress PBR/ABR, ACL, uRPF
  - Ingress QoS: classification, marking, policing
  - Packet Punting
  - Ingress ECMP/LAG hashing
- 4 • Buffering packet from NP
  - Requesting fabric credit
  - Manage superframe and load-balancing packet across fabric
  - Manage system VoQ
- 6 • Egress L2/L3 FIB lookup, ACL/QoS lookup
  - Egress PBR/ABR, ACL, uRPF
  - Egress QoS: classification, marking, policing, shaping
  - Incomplete Adj Packet Punting
  - Egress ECMP/LAG hashing
- 8 • MACSEC Encryption
  - G.709/OTN/WAN-PHY/LAN-PHY
  - Line Clocking

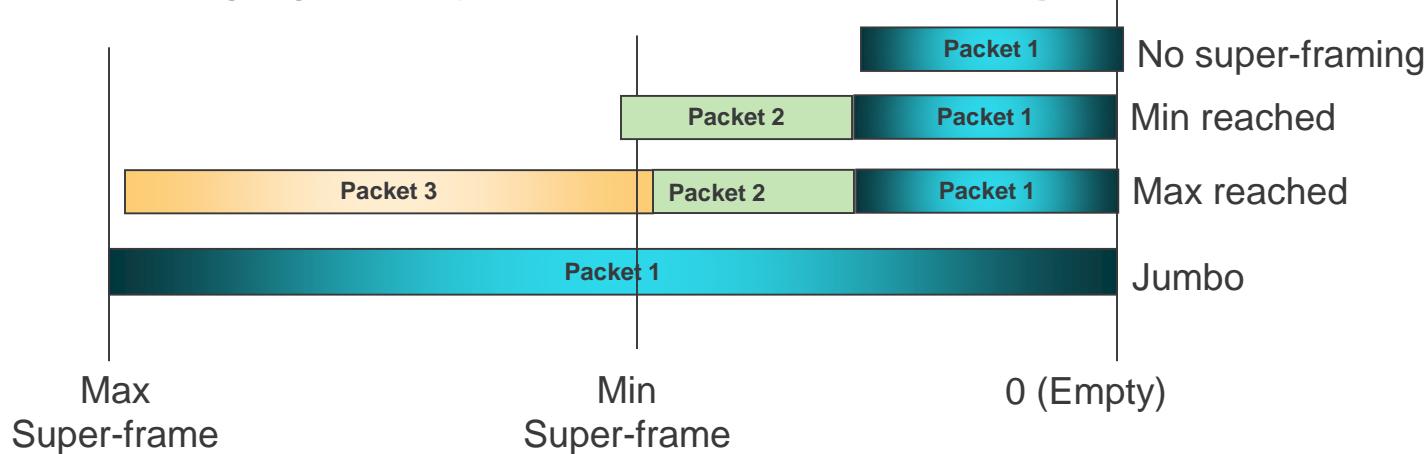


# Switch Fabric Arbitration

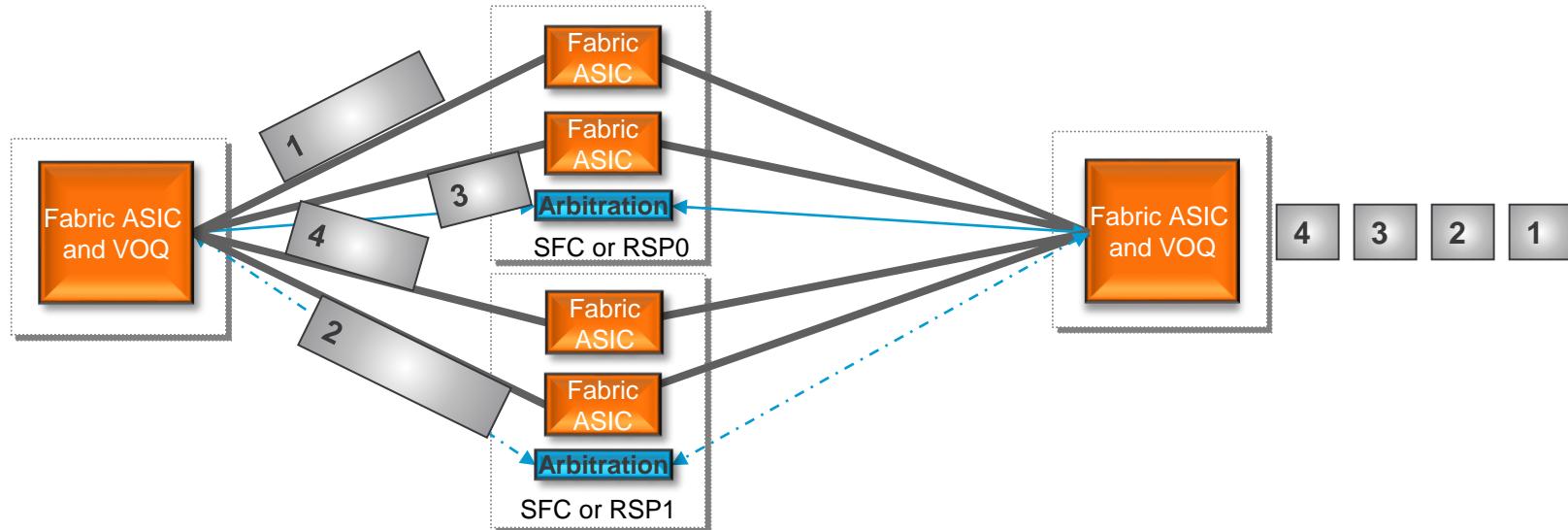


# Fabric Super-framing Mechanism

- **Multiple unicast frames** from/to same destinations aggregated into **one super frame**
- Super frame is created if there are frames waiting in the queue, up to 32 frames or when min threshold met, can be aggregated into one super frame
- Super frame only apply to unicast, **not multicast**
- Super-framing significantly **improves total fabric throughput**

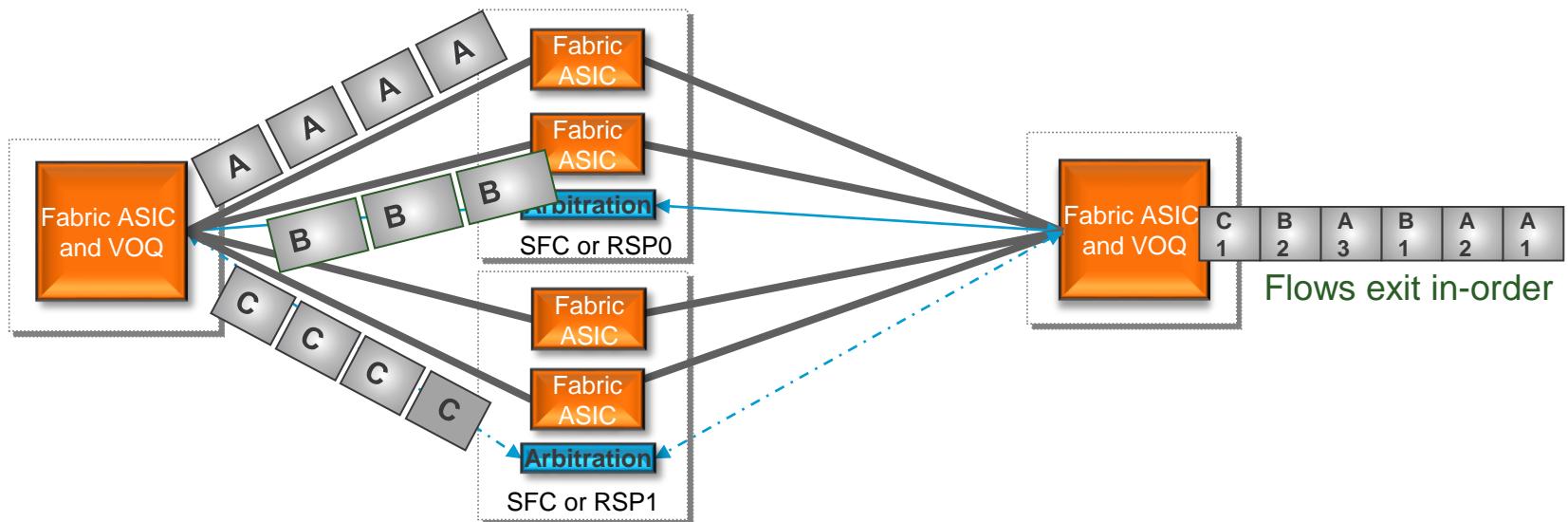


# Fabric Load Balancing – Unicast



- Unicast traffic sent across first available fabric link to destination (maximizes efficiency)
- Each frame (or super frame) contains sequencing information
- All destination fabric ASIC have re-sequencing logic
- Additional re-sequencing latency is measured in nanoseconds

# Fabric Load Balancing – Multicast



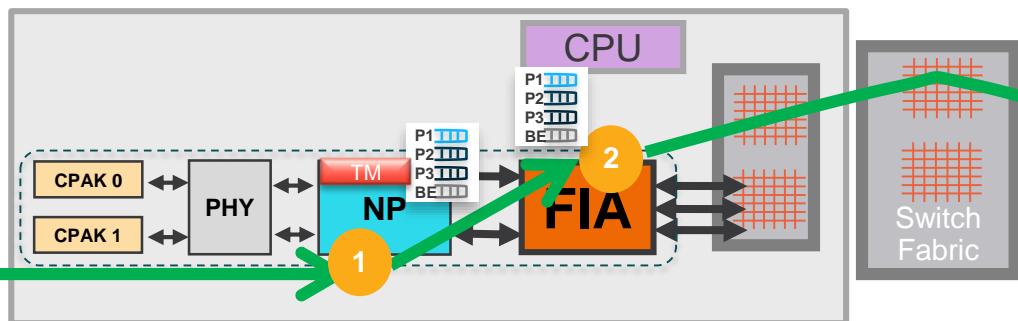
- Multicast traffic hashed based on (S,G) info to maintain flow integrity
  - Very large set of multicast destinations preclude re-sequencing
- Multicast traffic is non arbitrated – sent across a different fabric plane

# ASR 9000 QoS Architecture

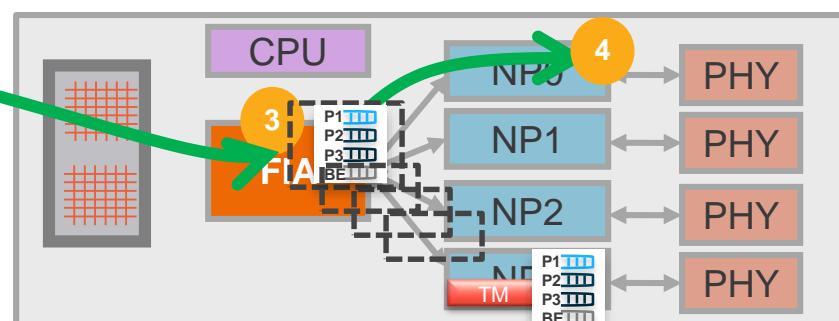
# ASR9000 Priority-Based QoS Architecture

- Dedicated Traffic Manager(TM) for Traffic Queuing
- User Configurable QoS Policy on Ingress/Egress NP
- End-to-End priority propagation → Guarantee bandwidth, low latency for high priority traffic
- Unicast VOQ and back pressure

Ingress side of LC



Egress side of LC



1  
• Ingress (sub)-interface QoS Queues  
• User Configurable Ingress QoS Policy

User-configuration with Ingress MQC

2  
• 4xVOQ per VQI  
• Up to 8K VOQs per TSK FIA (vs 4k per SKT FIA)

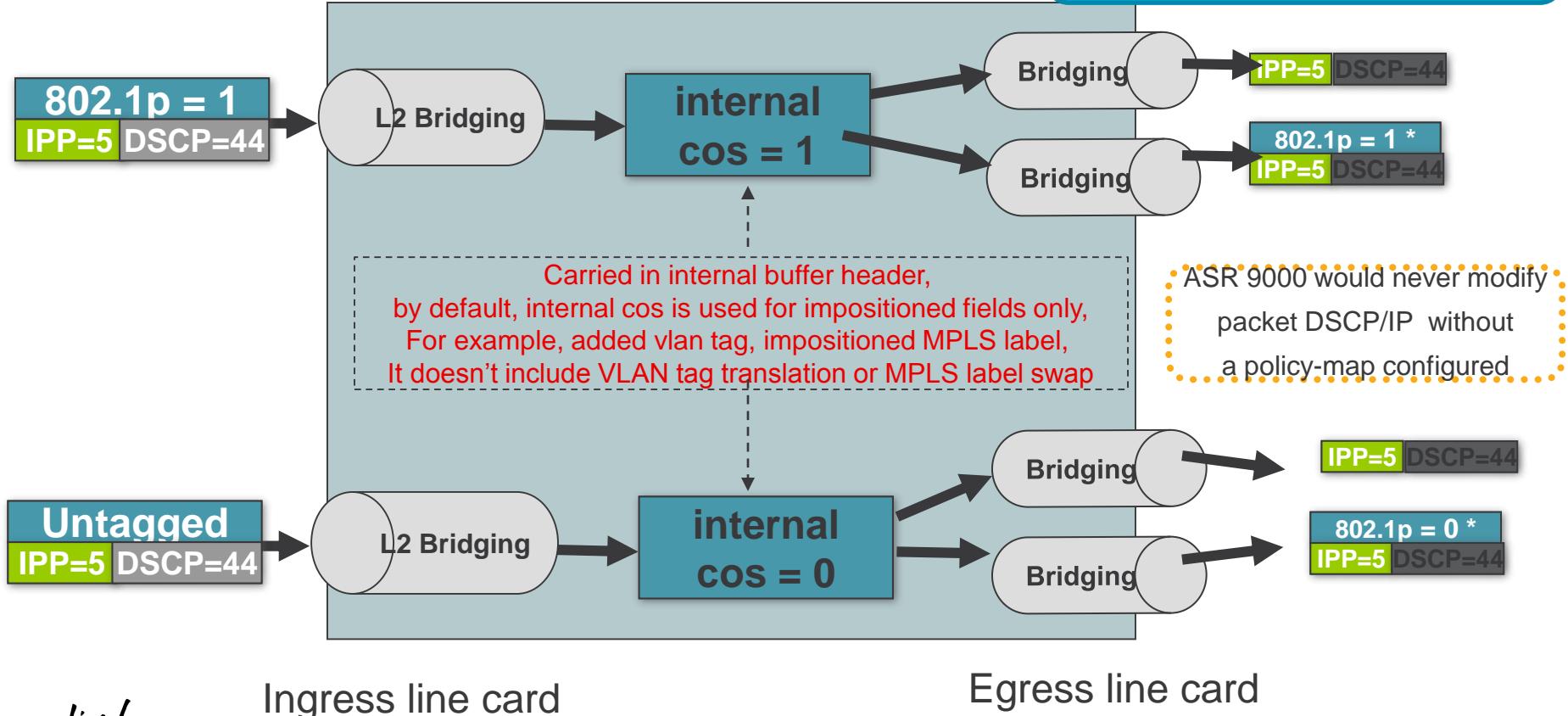
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4x Egress Destination Qs per VQI, aggregated at egress port rate

4  
Egress (sub)-interface QoS Queues  
User-configuration with Egress MQC

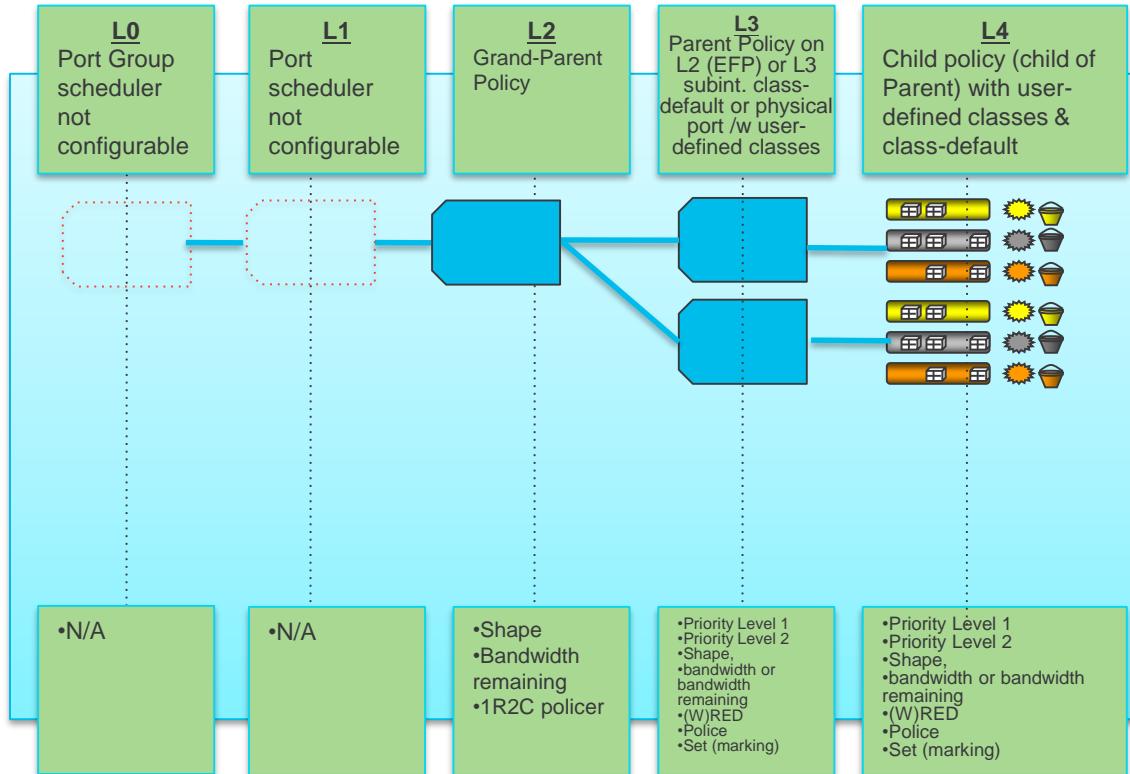
Implicit Configuration Not User-controllable

# Default Implicit Trust Model

L2 IF: trust outer Cos  
L3 IF: trust DSCP  
L3 MPLS: trust outer EXP



# 3-Layer Hierarchical QoS (H-QoS)



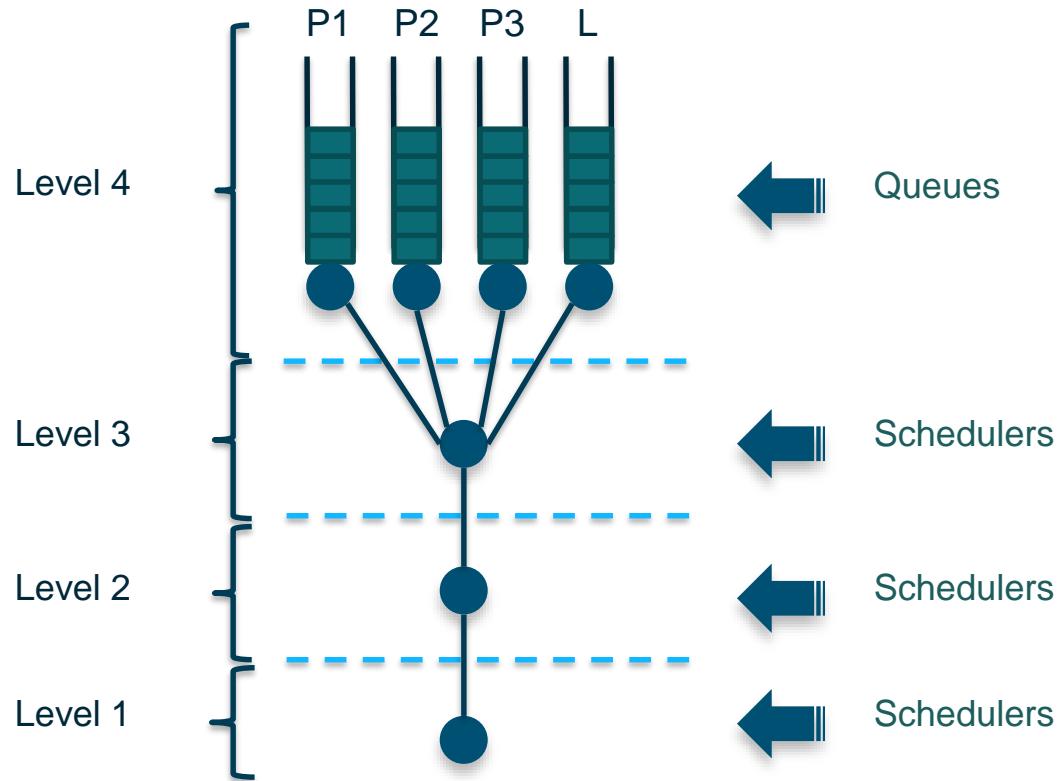
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policy-map child
  class Pr1
    police rate 64 kbps
    priority level 1
  class Pr2
    police rate 10 mbps
    priority level 2
  class C13
    bandwidth 3 mbps
  class C14
    bandwidth 1 mbps
  !
policy-map parent
  class parent1
    shape average 100 mbps
    service-policy child
  class parent2
    shape average 25 mbps
    service-policy child
  class class-default
  !
policy-map grand-parent
  class class-default
    shape average 500 mbps
    service-policy parent
  
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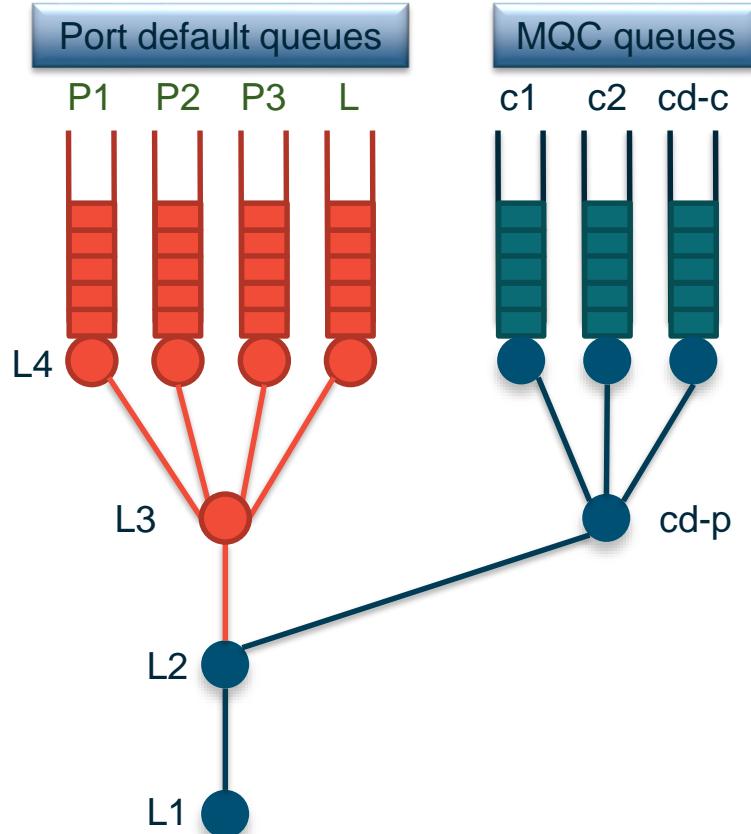
# H-QoS – Supported Classification/Policy

Policy-map hierarchy level	Classification support	Policy Support
Grand-parent	Only class-default	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shape Average</li><li>• Bandwidth remaining</li><li>• 1R2C policer with only drop/transmit action(no set/mark, Tomahawk card only)</li></ul>
Parent	User defined fields with restrictions based on format/interface types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority/WRED Queue and Queue-limit on Leaf only</li><li>• Policer/Shaper/Marking/non-Priority Queue/Bandwidth/Bandwidth Remaining</li></ul>
Child	User defined fields with restrictions based on format/interface types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority/WRED Queue and Queue-limit on Leaf only</li><li>• Policer/Shaper/Marking/non-Priority Queue/Bandwidth/Bandwidth Remaining</li></ul>

# Default Interface Queues



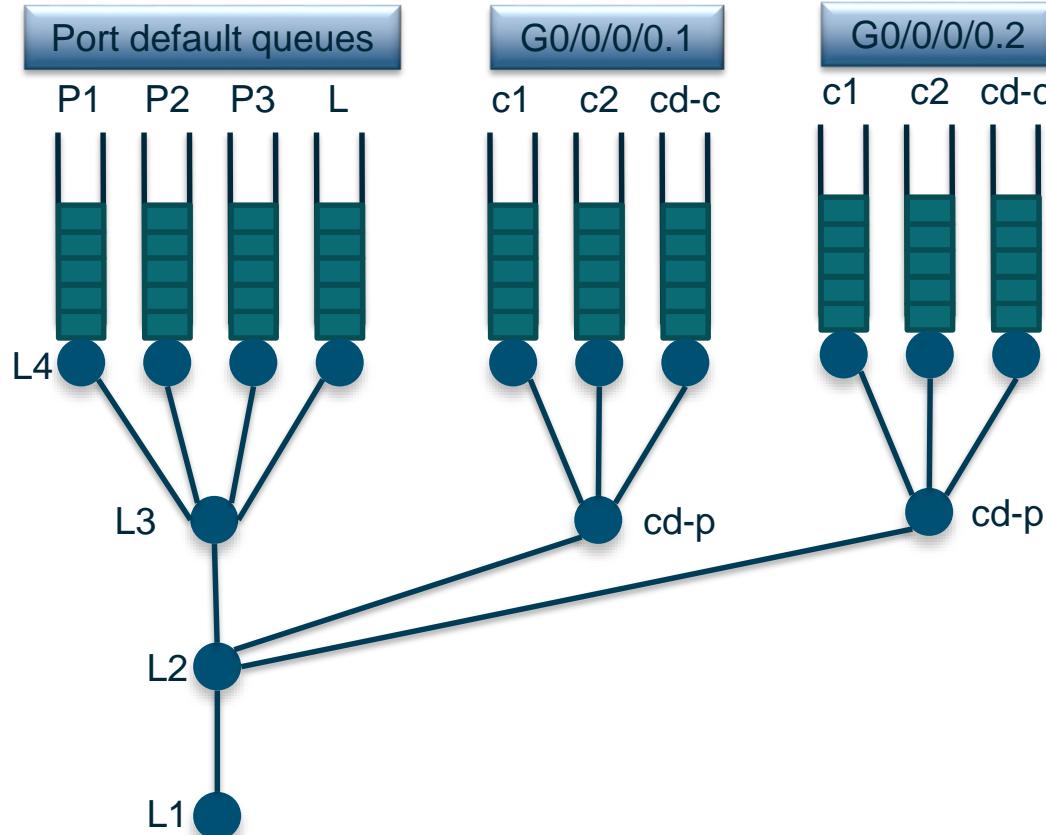
# MQC Hierarchy in Queuing ASIC



```
policy-map child
  class c1
    priority level 1
    police rate 640 kbps
  class c2
    bandwidth 20 mbps
  class class-default      cd-c
    bandwidth 1 mbps
!
policy-map parent
  class class-default      cd-p
    shape average 35 mbps
    service-policy child
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0
  service-policy output parent
```

- Inactive entity (Red circle)
- Active entity (Blue circle)

# MQC Hierarchy in Queuing ASIC



```
policy-map child
  class c1
    priority level 1
    police rate 640 kbps
  class c2
    bandwidth 20 mbps
  class class-default
    bandwidth 1 mbps
!
policy-map parent
  class class-default
    shape average 35 mbps
    service-policy child
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0.1
  service-policy output parent
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0.2
  service-policy output parent
```

# Pop Quiz ????

For an incoming **untagged** layer 2 frame, what is the priority value used when the frame is processed inside ASR9000?

- 2
- COS bit
- 802.1p Value
- 0



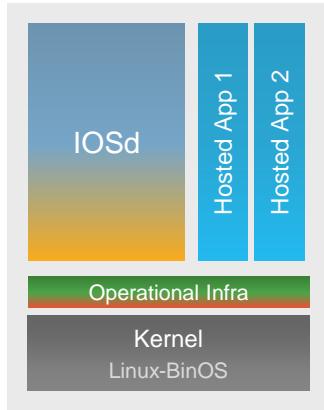
# IOS-XR & IOS-XR 64 Bit

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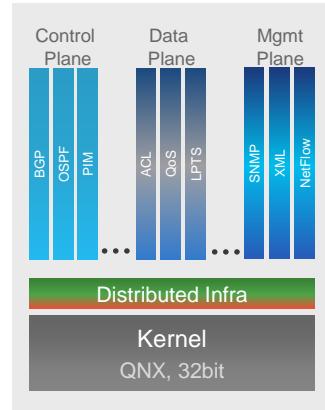
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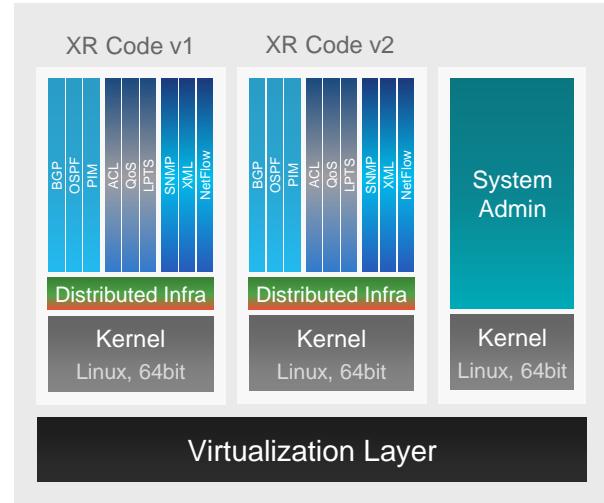
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Classic IOS-XR



IOS-XR 64 Bit



1990s



2000s



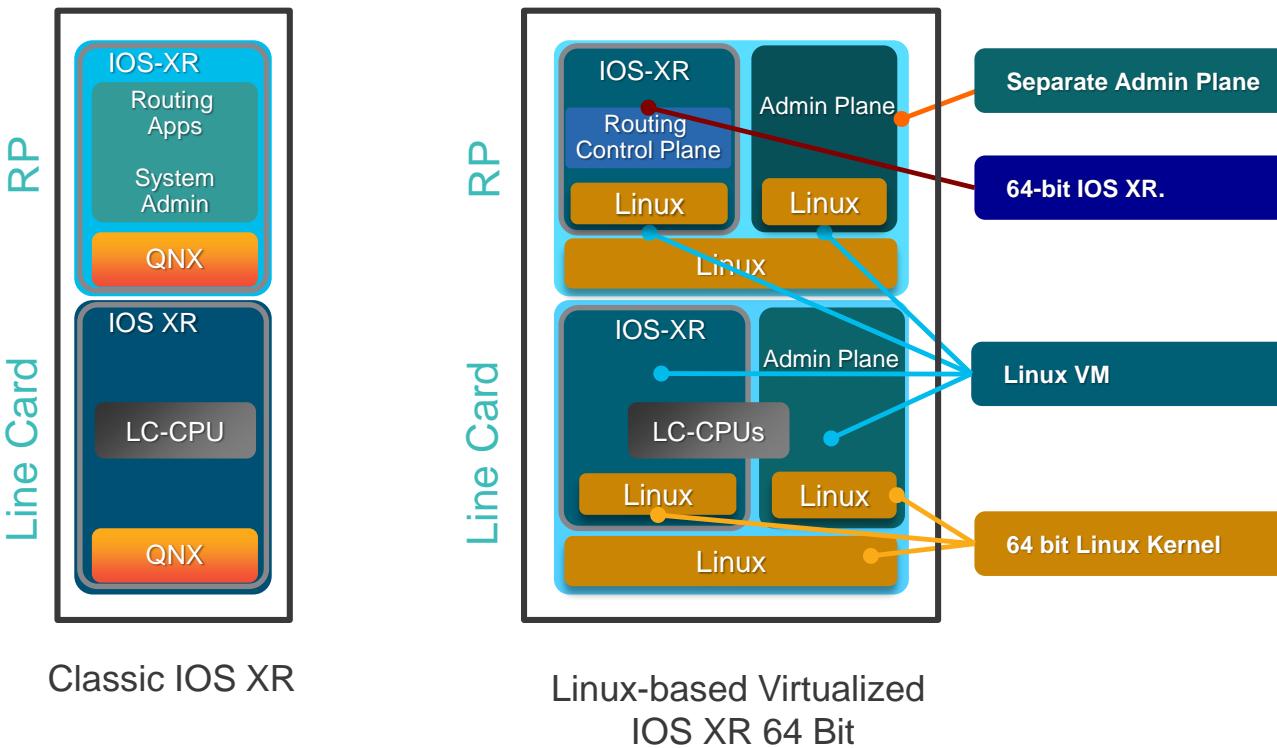
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# IOS XR Evolution: XR 64 bit Architecture



# IOS XR 64 Bit Packaging

## Bootable Images

Minimum Image	asr9k-mini-x64-6.1.2.iso	Core packages: OS, Admin, Forwarding, Modular Services Card, Basic Routing, SNMP, Alarm Correlation
Golden ISO	Customized ISO image includes mini ISO + required packages + SMUs + XR config	

## Optional Feature Packages

asr9k-eigrp-x64-1.0.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-isis-x64-1.1.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-ospf-x64-1.1.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-m2m-x64-2.0.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-mgbl-x64-3.0.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-mpls-te-rsvp-x64-1.2.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm	asr9k-mpls-x64-2.1.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-mcast-x64-2.0.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-optic-x64-1.0.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-li-x64-1.1.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm asr9k-k9sec-x64-3.1.0.0-r612.x86_64.rpm
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# IOS XR 64 Bit Packaging - GISO – Golden ISO

- GISO is a customized iso which is built as per individual customer needs.
- GISO contains Mini ISO + rpms + SMUs + config

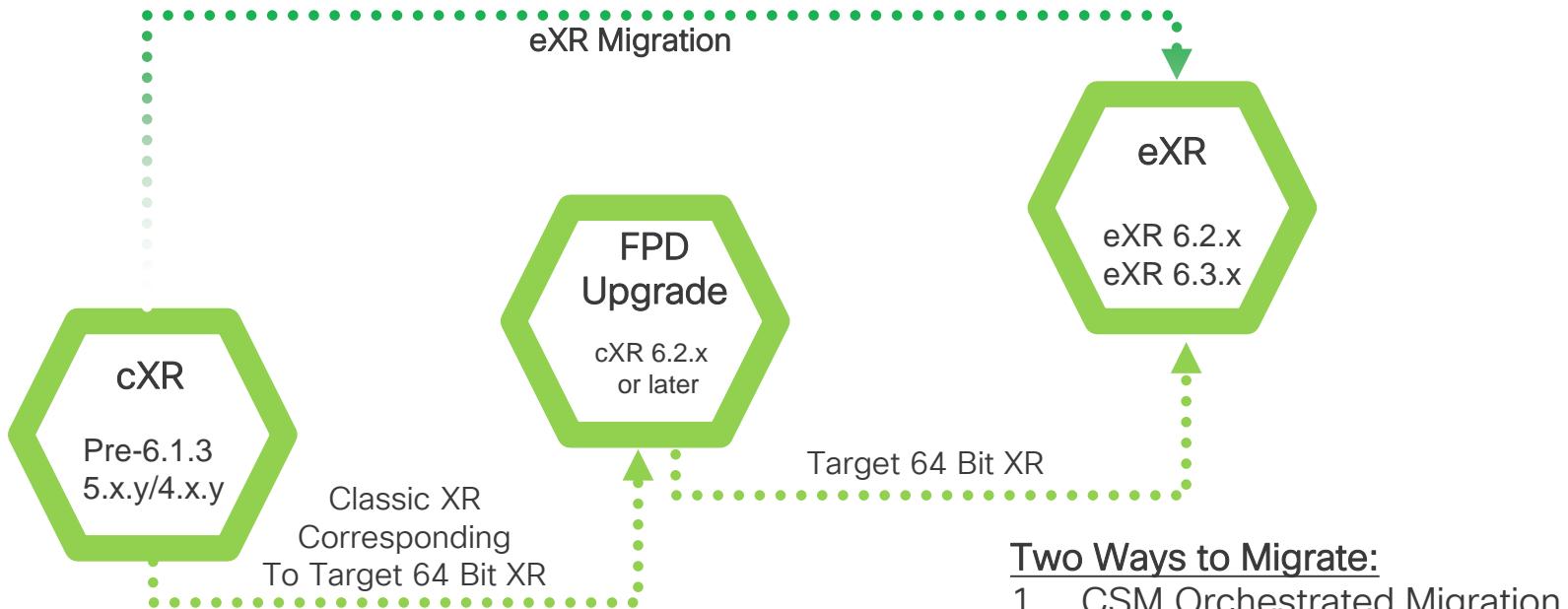
How to build GISO: use tool provided on the router at /pkg/bin/gisobuild.py in XR domain.

Usage: gisobuild.py [-h] -i BUNDLE\_ISO [-r RPMREPO] [-c XRCONFIG] [-l GISOLABEL]  
[-m] [-v]

Example: **gisobuild.py -i asr9k-mini-x.iso -r . -c config-file -l v1**

Script Parameter	Expansion	Explanation	Required/optional
-i	BUNDLE_ISO	Path to mini ISO	Required
-r	RPMREPO	Path to RPM repo	Optional
-c	XRCONFIG		Optional
-l	GISOLABEL	ISO Label	Optional
-m	migration	To build migration tar for ASR9K only.	Optional
-v	version	Print script version and exit	Optional
-h	help	Print help menu	N/A

# Migrating Classic XR to IOS XR 64 Bit



Follow below link for details:

[https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/routers/asr9000/migration/guide/b-migration-to-ios-xr-64-bit/b-migration-to-ios-xr-64-bit\\_chapter\\_011.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/routers/asr9000/migration/guide/b-migration-to-ios-xr-64-bit/b-migration-to-ios-xr-64-bit_chapter_011.html)

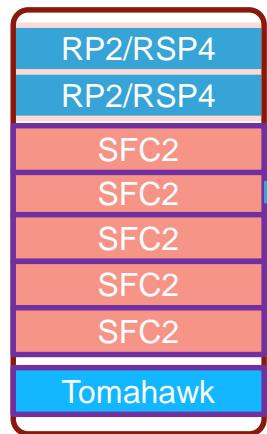


# Migration Pre-requisites

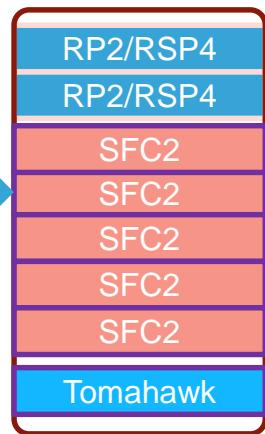
HW Component Check	Upgrade cXR	Operational Status	Backup cfg to External Server (Calvados, XR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All hardware components, Chassis, RSP/RP, LC, FC, FAN and PEM, should be supported in ASR9K 64 bit. Any unsupported hardware may fail to boot after migration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any pre-6.1.3 release needs to be upgraded to classic XR corresponding to target IOS XR 64 Bit version</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All hardware components must be in operational state before migration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Back up admin/XR configuration to external server</li></ul>

# ASR 9000 System Migration Example to Lightspeed

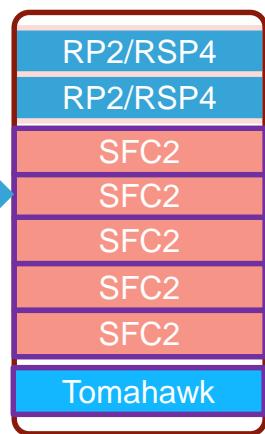
Classic XR 5.3.4



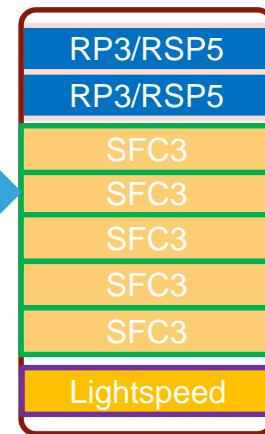
Classic XR 6.5.1



64 Bit XR 6.5.1



64 Bit XR 6.5.1



Upgrade FPD with  
cXR 6.5.1 FPD

# Questions?



# Conclusion

- **ASR9000 - Truly Carrier-Class Edge Router Provides:**
  - Rich Features, Flexible Service Capability
  - Variety of Hardware to Meet Different Capacity Requirements
- **Fully Distributed Architecture for High Performance and System Scalability**
- **Uniform, Open and Modularized Software Architecture**

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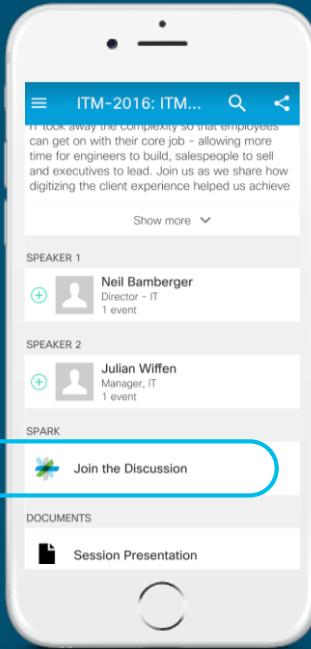


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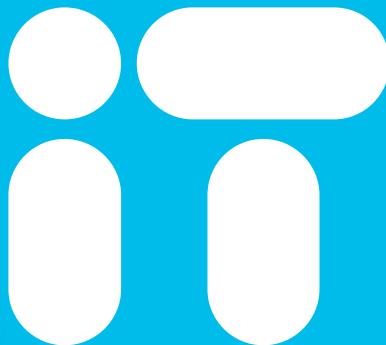
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