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# Convergência na Rede de Transporte para 5G

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# Agenda

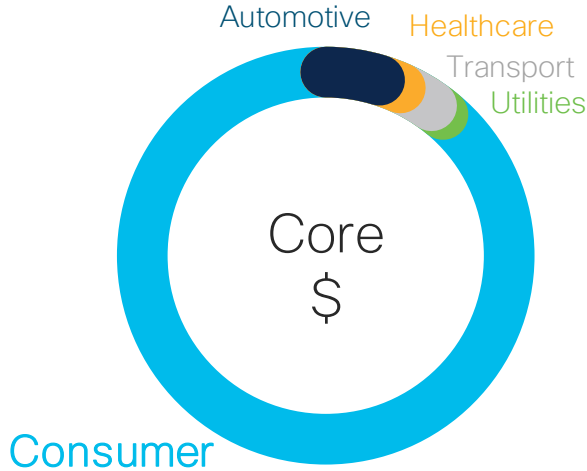
1. Requisitos para nova Converged SDN Transport Network
2. Converged SDN Transport
3. Segment Routing
4. Converged Access & Aggregation Portfolio
5. Conclusão

# Session Takeaway

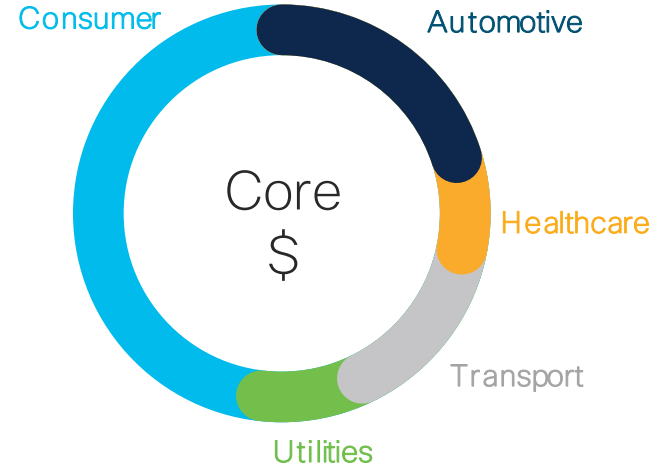
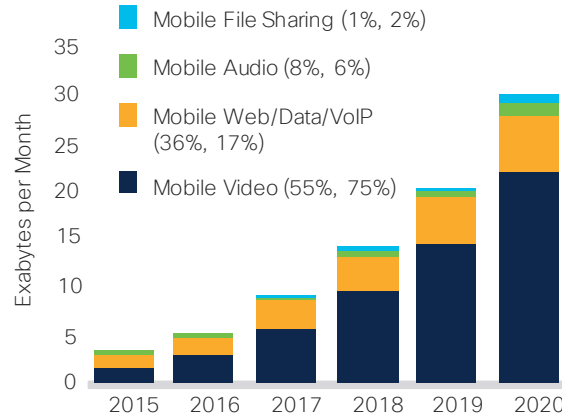
- Understand the needs for Converged SDN Transport
- Learn the Technology & Platforms to build it

# Requisitos para nova Converged SDN Transport Network

# Mobile Operator Revenue Growth Opportunities



53% CAGR 2015-2020

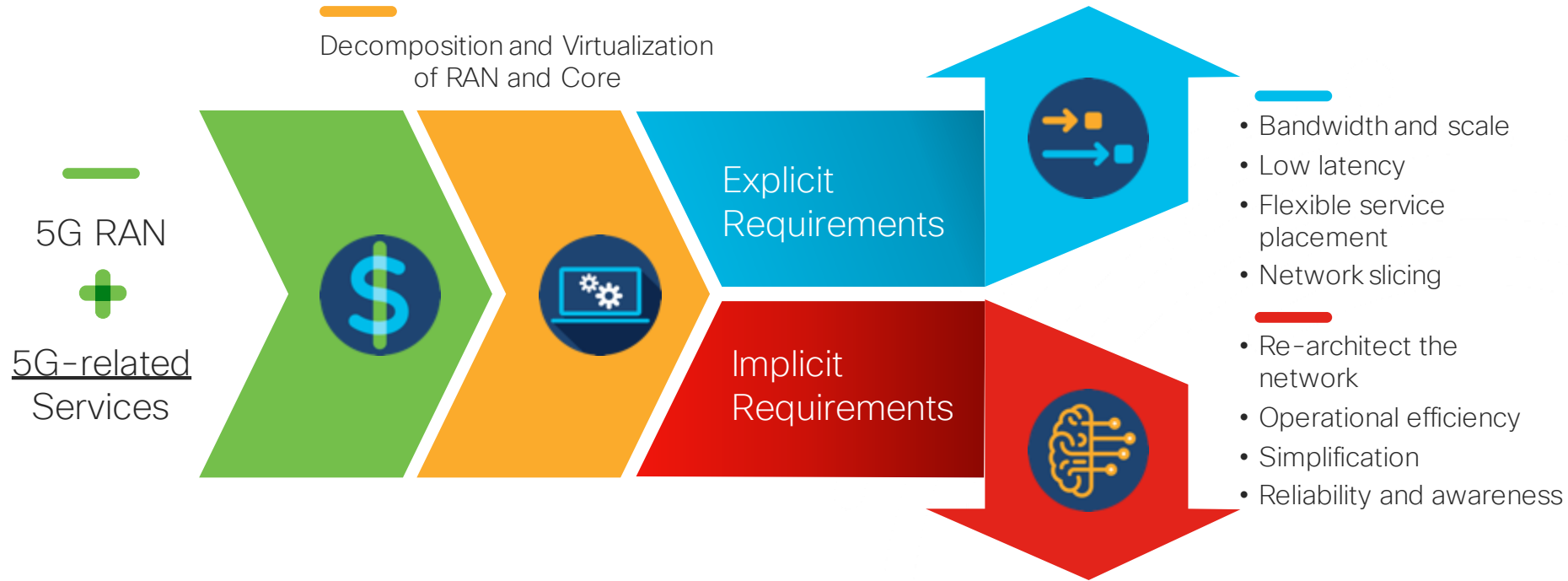


**Today**  
Operator business mostly focused on the saturated **consumer** market

Video drives traffic... but not revenue

**2025**  
Vertically targeted services will accelerate operator business growth

# Evolving Transport Requirements



# 5G - Key Use Case Categories

## Enhanced Mobile Broadband (inc. Fixed Wireless Access)

- Extra capacity delivered through new 5G frequency bands
- Not too concerned with connection density or latency



Increased bandwidth and capacity

## Massive Machine-type Communication

- Focused on low power wide area NB-IoT with high connection density and energy efficiency



Scale, Reliability

## Ultra-reliable, Low Latency Communication

- For mission critical use cases (self driving, Public safety, ...)
- 1-25 msec latency



Push data plane to the edge, intelligence in network

Source: [Recommendation ITU-R M.2083](#)

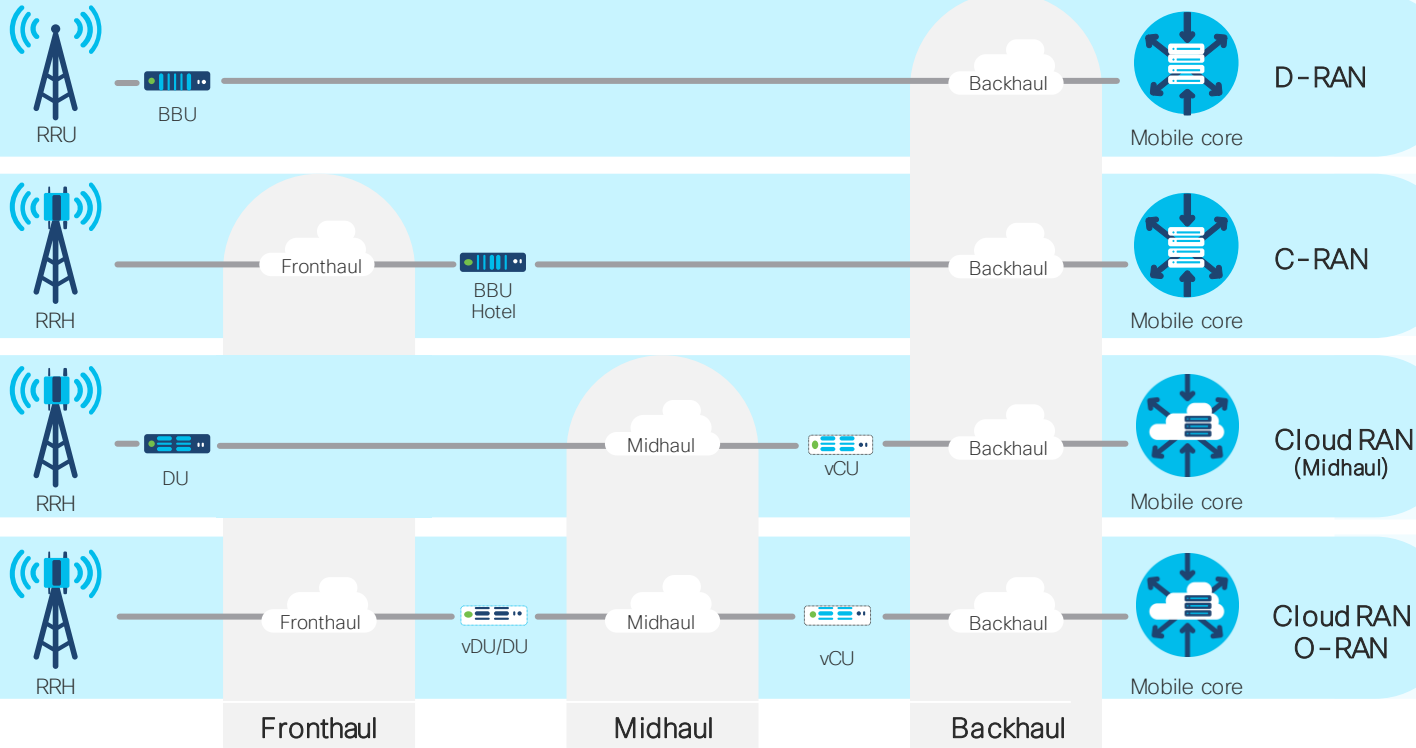
## Emerging - Low Latency

- Low latency applications, entertainment



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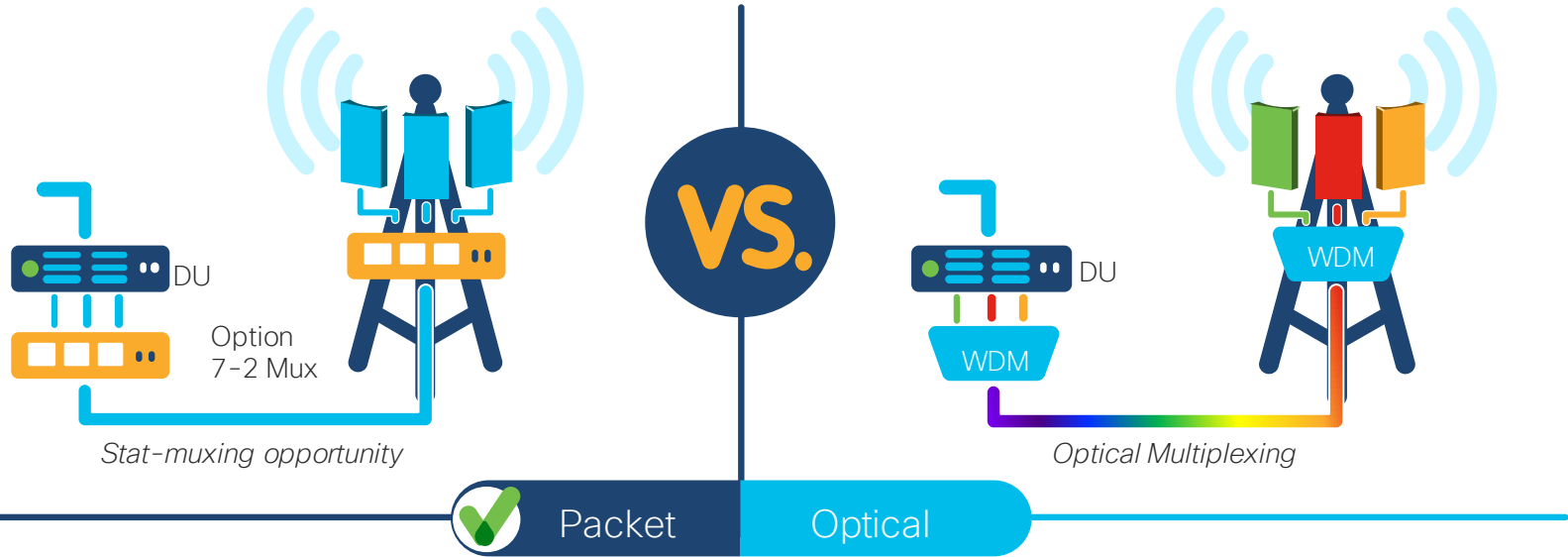
# RAN Transport Changes



- Higher Speed Interfaces
- Lower Latency
- More Precise Timing & Synchronization
- Any-to-Any Connectivity



# Benefits of Packet-Based Fronthaul vs xDWDM



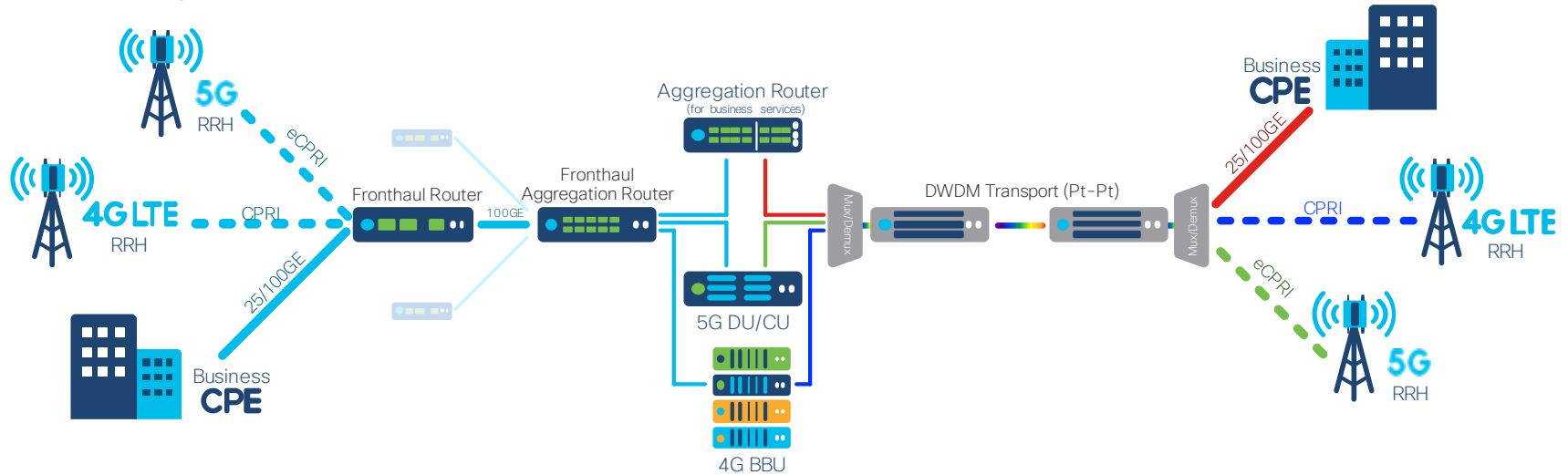
- ✓ Stat Mux Advantages
- ✓ Cost Effective
- ✓ Topology Independent

- ✓ Service Visibility & Transparency
- ✓ Scalable E2E Converged IP

- ✗ Optical multiplexing
- ✗ Non-scalable, architecturally rigid
- ✗ Point-to-point, topology dependent
- ✗ Limited service visibility
- ✗ Capex dependent scale

# Comparing TCO for fronthaul

## Packet vs optical fronthaul solutions



# Requisitos para nova Converged SDN Transport Network Resumo

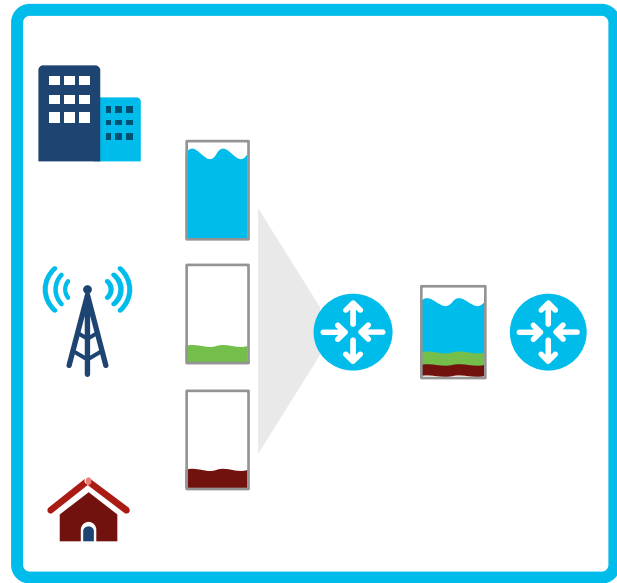
- **Traffic Increase** Transport
- **5G** requirements
- **Transport** architecture challenges
- **RAN** architecture changes

# Converged SDN Transport

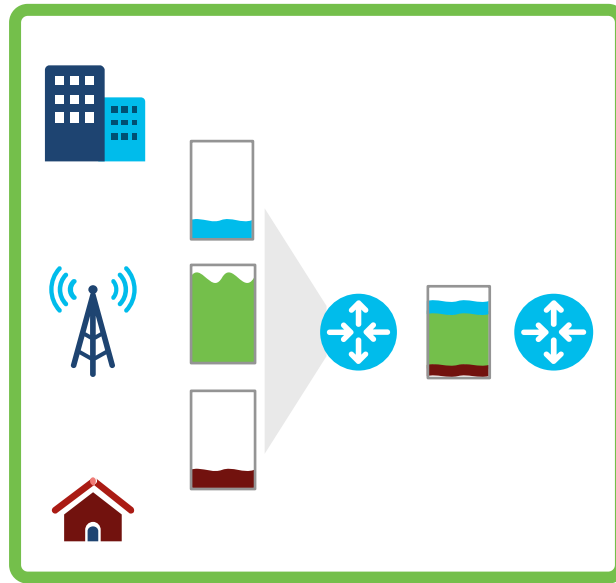
# Main Goals for New Architecture

- **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

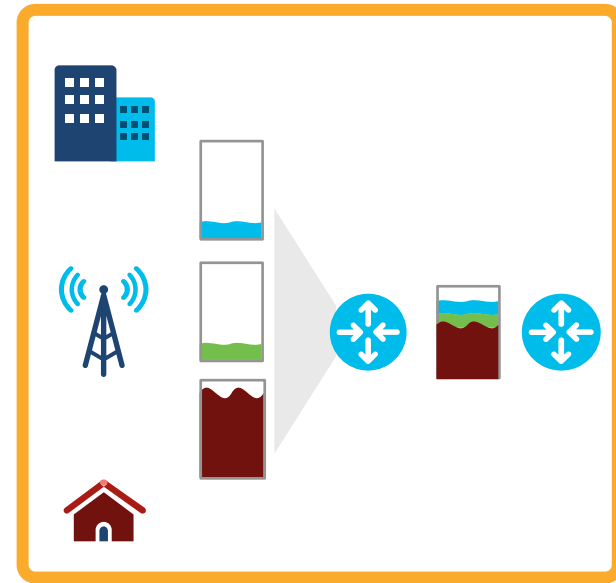
# Convergence Efficiency



4PM

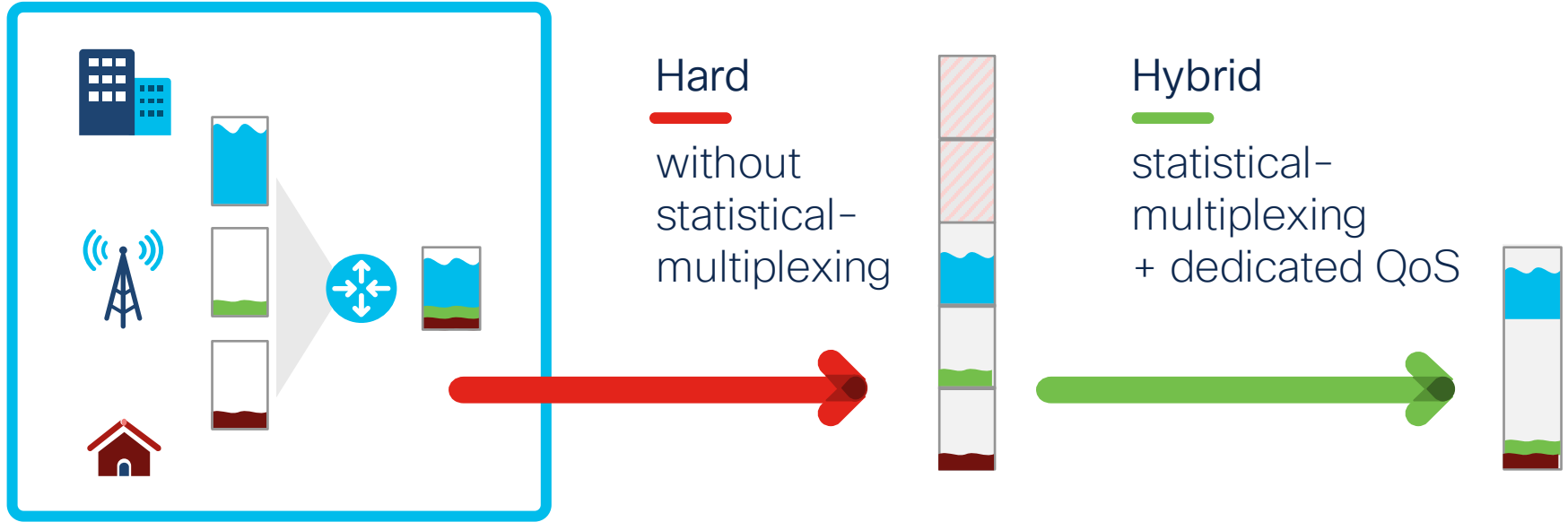


6PM

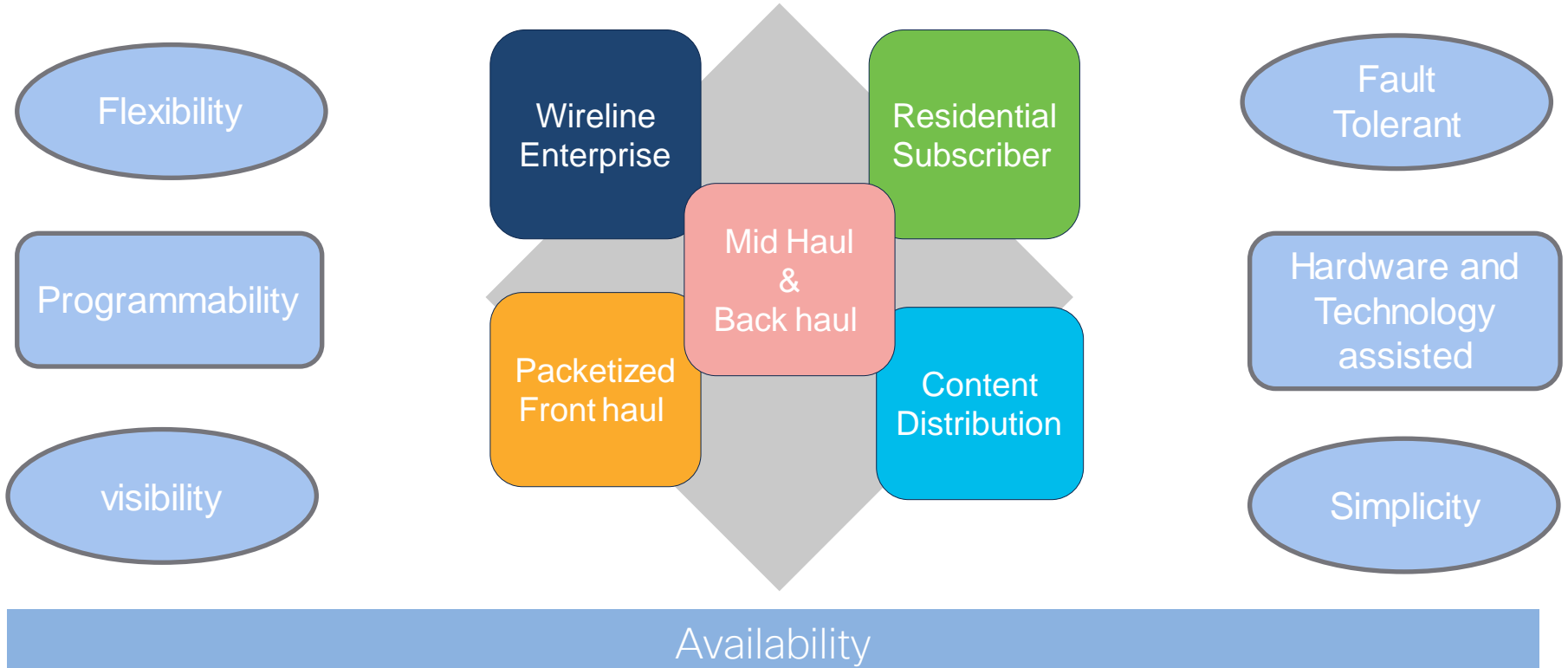


8PM

# Slicing on Stat-Mux

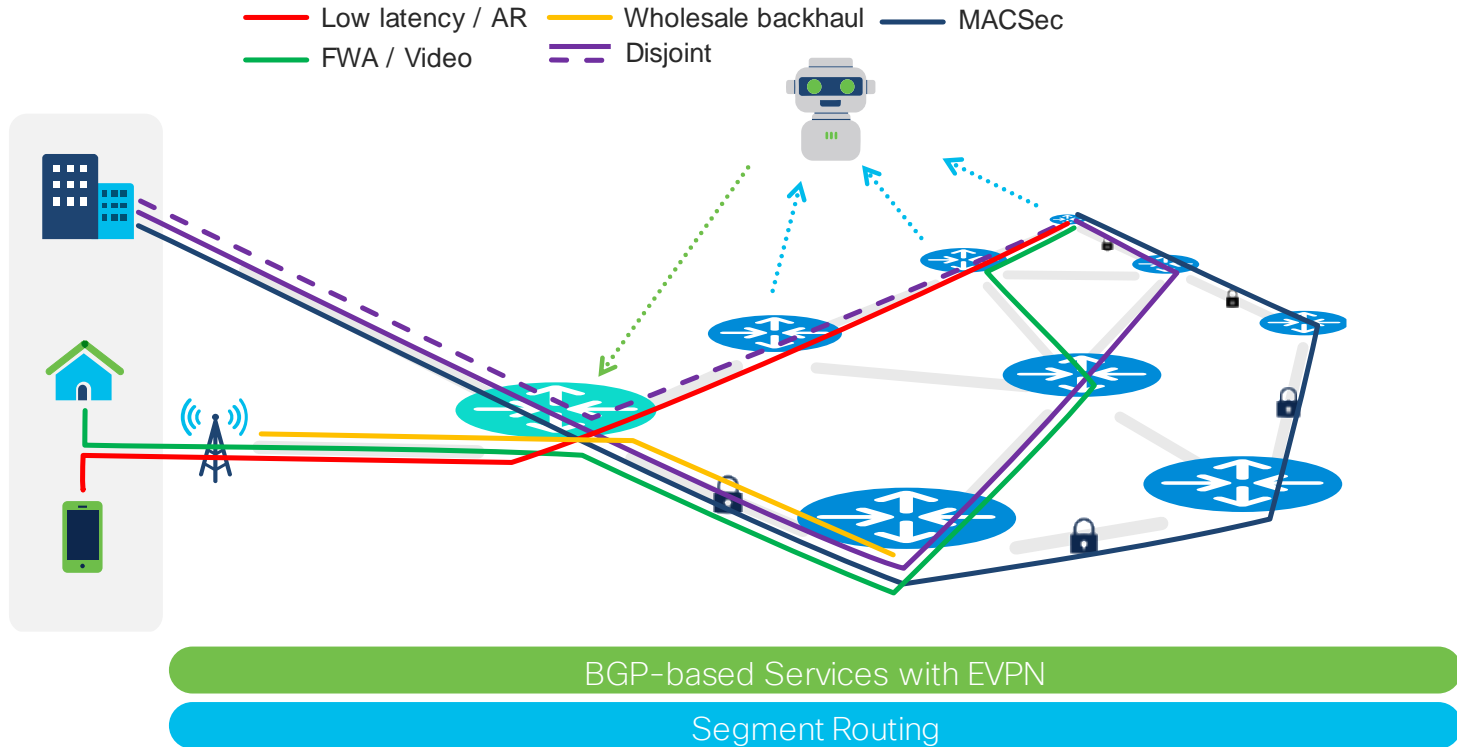


# Transport Convergence



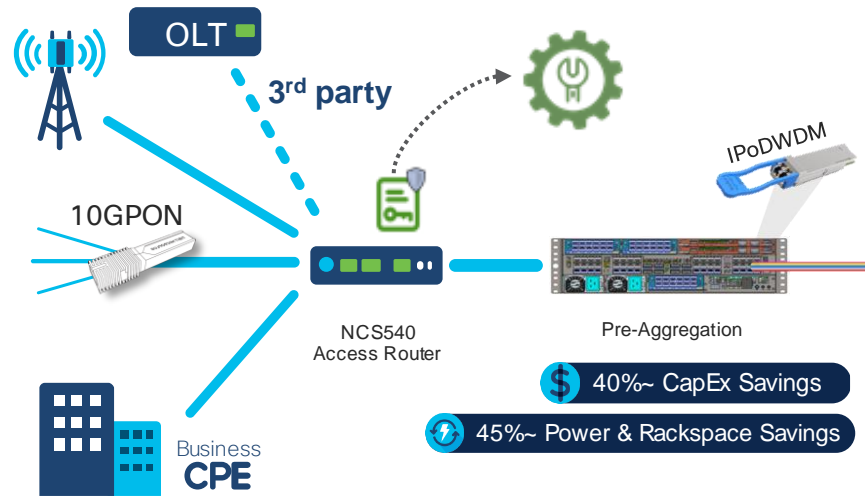


# Differentiated Services over Converged Transport



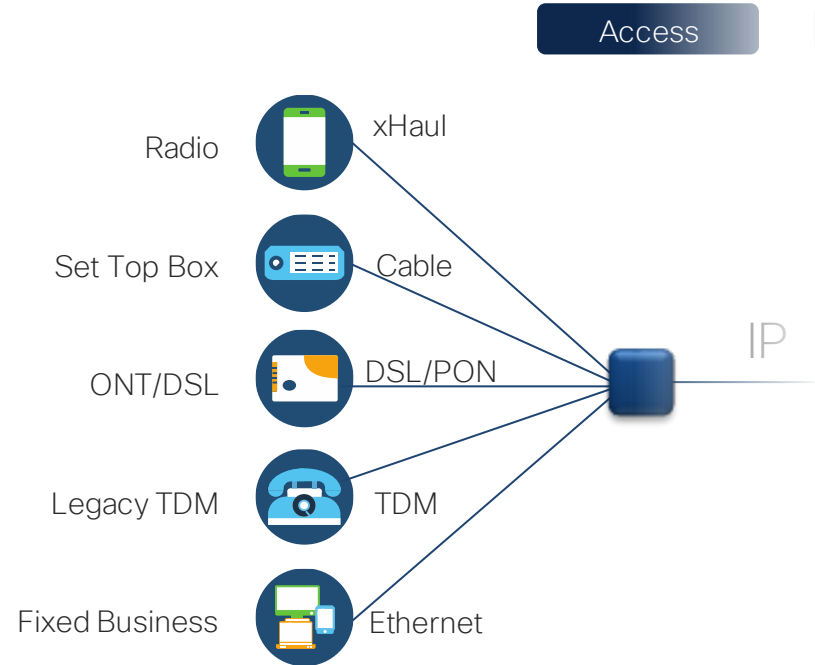
# Intelligence in the Access

- Multi-service
- Network Slicing
- Synchronization
- Integrated Automation
- Telemetry
- Fronthaul Gateway
- Security

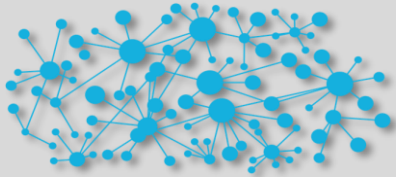


# Benefits of Converging to IP

- Scalable any-to-any service connectivity
- Efficient load-sharing using statistical multiplexing
- Simplification by reducing the:
  - number of protocols and network touch-points
  - stitching points in service and transport paths
  - service-related state in the transport
- Consistent OAM and traffic flow control (Traffic Engineering)



# Converged SDN Transport Toolkit



Mixed SLA Services



Unified Fabric - SR/ BGPVPN



Network Slicing & Virtualization



Automation & Programmability

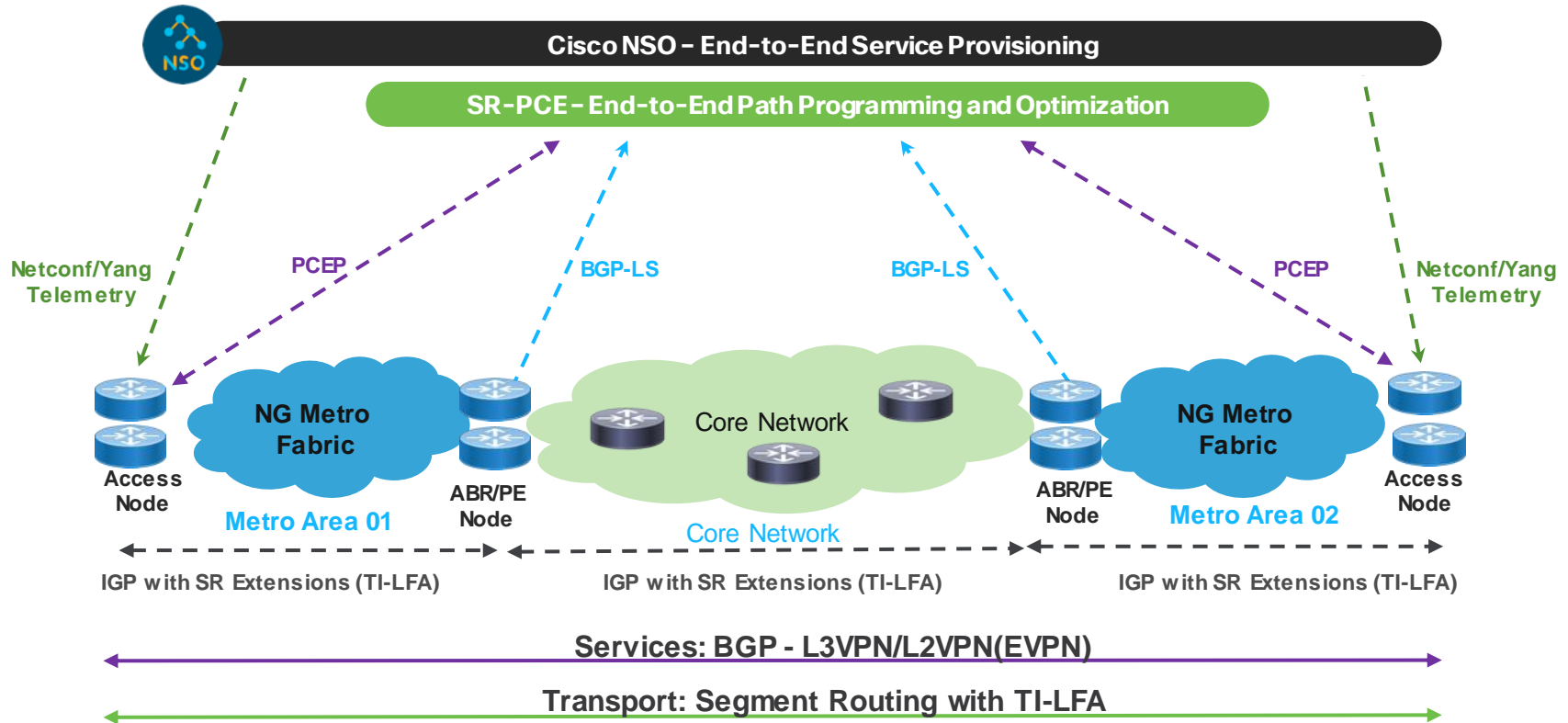


Timing & Latency

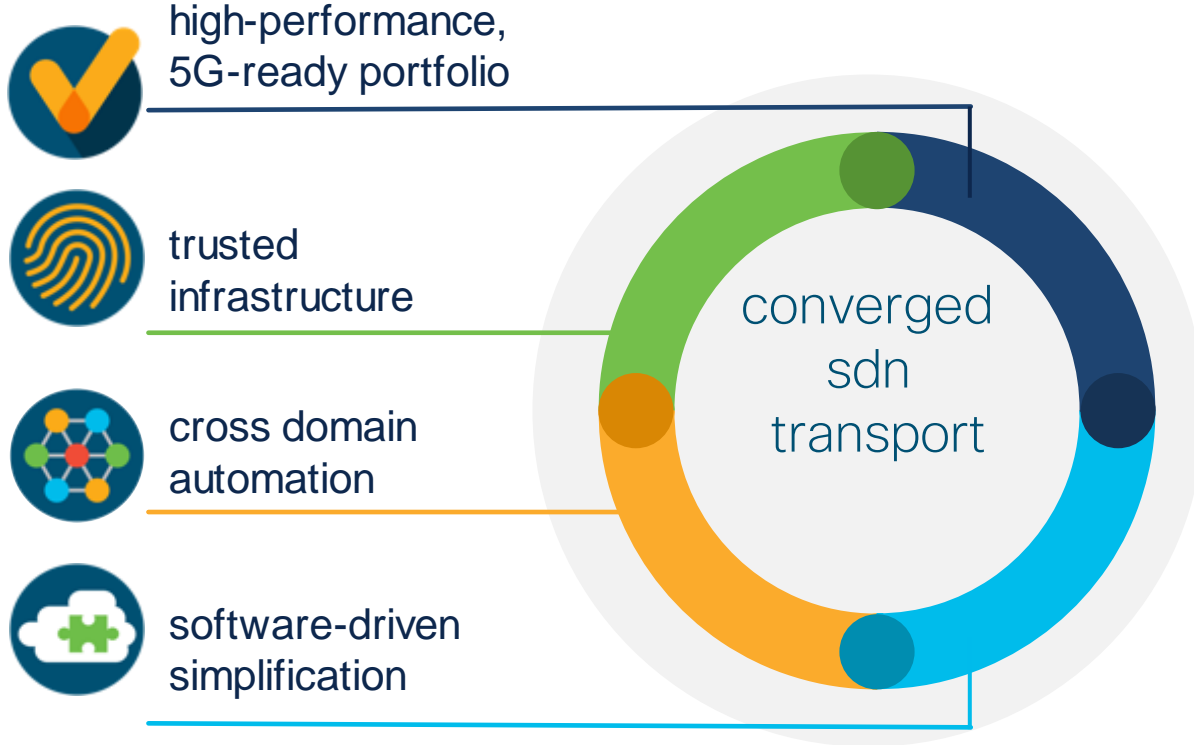


Security & Visibility

# Converged SDN Transport – End to End



# IP Transport Foundations “Done Right”



Lowering TCO by 62%



60% improved capital efficiency



66% better OPEX utilization



81% faster time-to-service

# Converged SDN Network Resumo

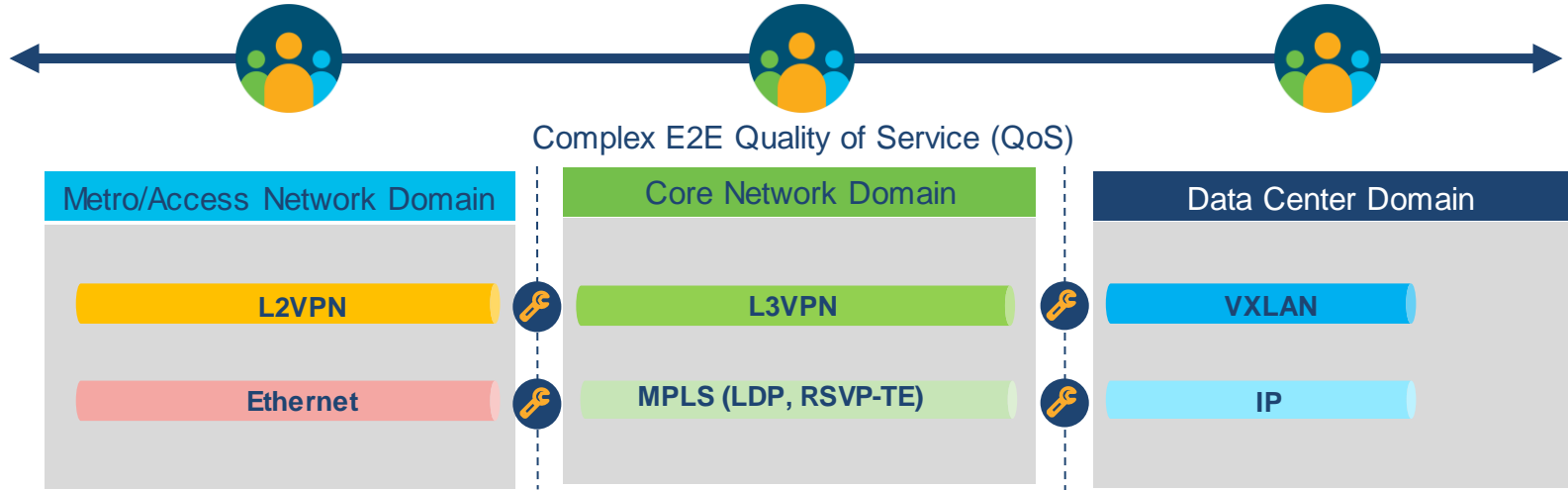
- **Access Intelligence** Changes
- **Convergence** requirements
- **Transport Toolkit**
- **Architecture** End to End

# Segment Routing



# Problem statement: Today's service creation


Limited Cross-domain Automation, Cumbersome Service Assurance



End-to-end service provisioning is lengthy and complex

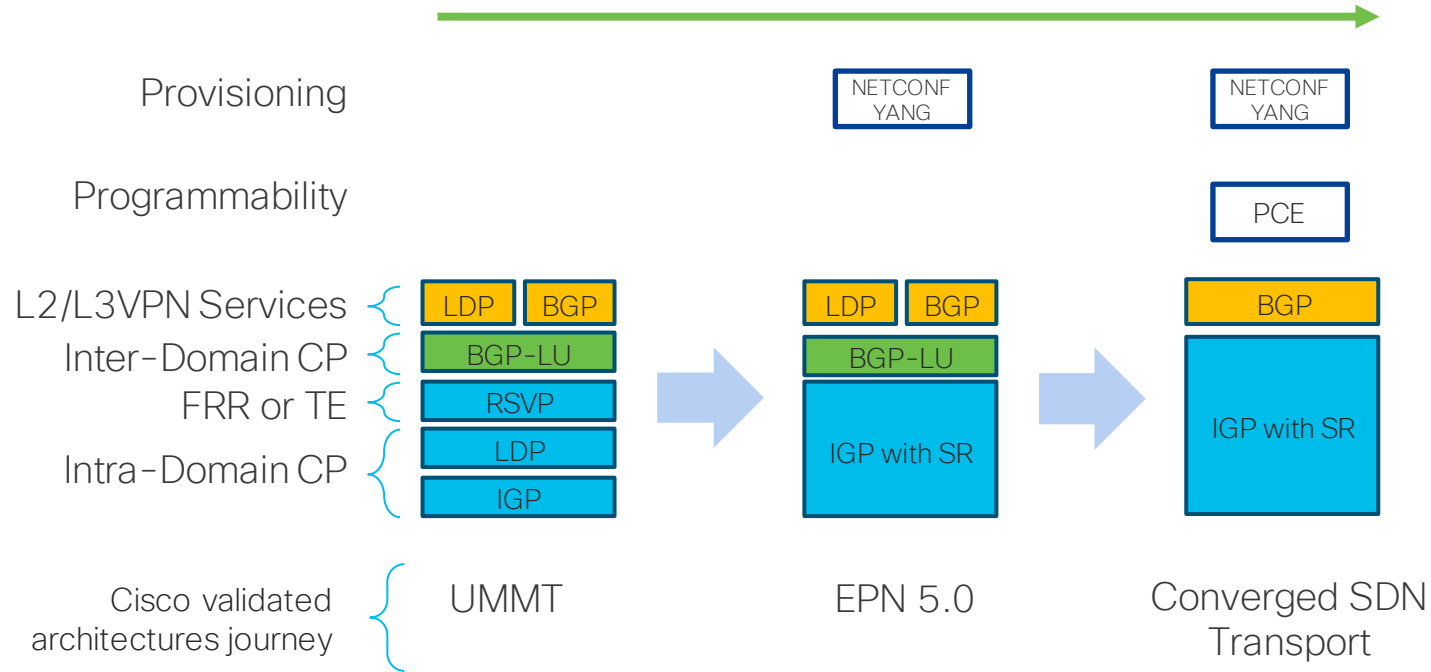
- Routing protocols are blind to applications (Shortest-path for any traffic)
- Multiple network domains under different management teams
- Manual operations
- Heterogeneous underlay and overlay networks

# 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

# SP Networking - Simplification Journey



# Why Segment Routing – MPLS

The 2 faces  
of segment  
routing



## A LS IGP protocol extension bringing network simplification/optimization

- Eliminates LDP and RSVP-TE
  - Simple, less state and adjacencies
- No IGP to LDP synchronization
  - Eliminates delays in activating a path
- Topology independent FRR using **post convergence** back up path
  - 50 ms protection
  - Microloop avoidance
  - 100% coverage of network topologies

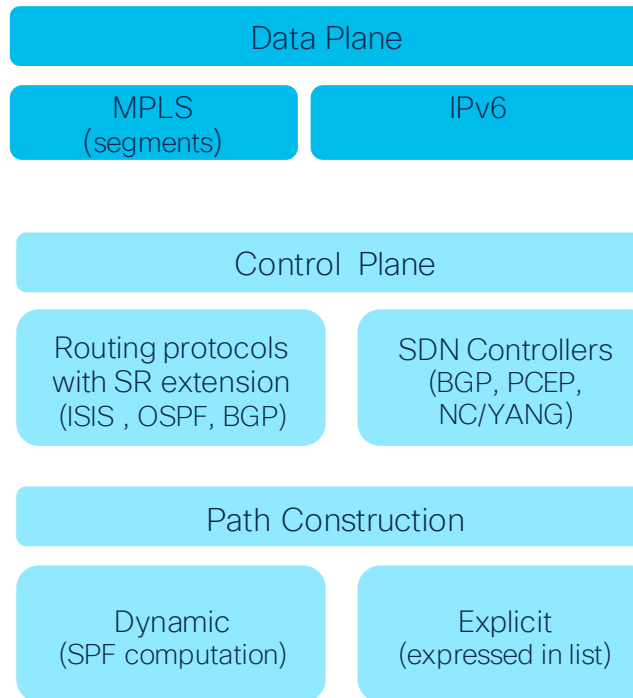
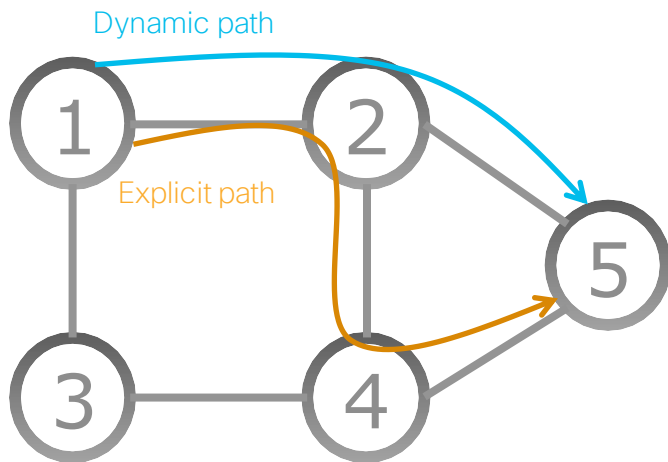
Easy troubleshooting



## An IP/MPLS architecture designed with SDN in mind

- Right **balance** between **distributed** intelligence and **centralized** optimization and programming
  - SR-TE
- **Applicability across all network types**
  - (SP, OTT/Web, GET) across (WAN, Metro/Agg, DC)
  - MPLS and IPv6 dataplanes
  - SDN controller

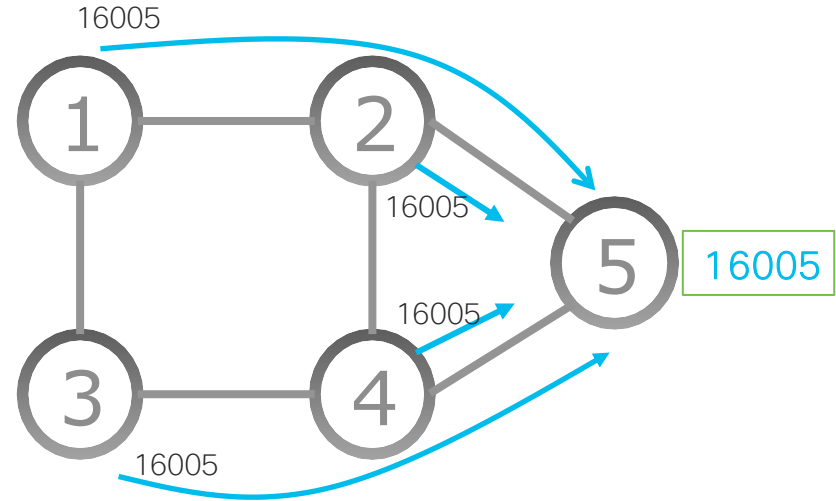
# Segment Routing (SR)



# SR Segments

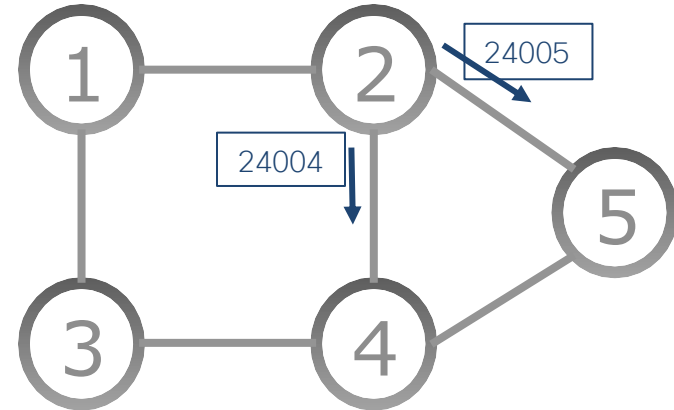
## IGP Prefix Segment

- 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
  - $\text{SRGB} + \text{Index} \Rightarrow 16000 + 5 = 16005$



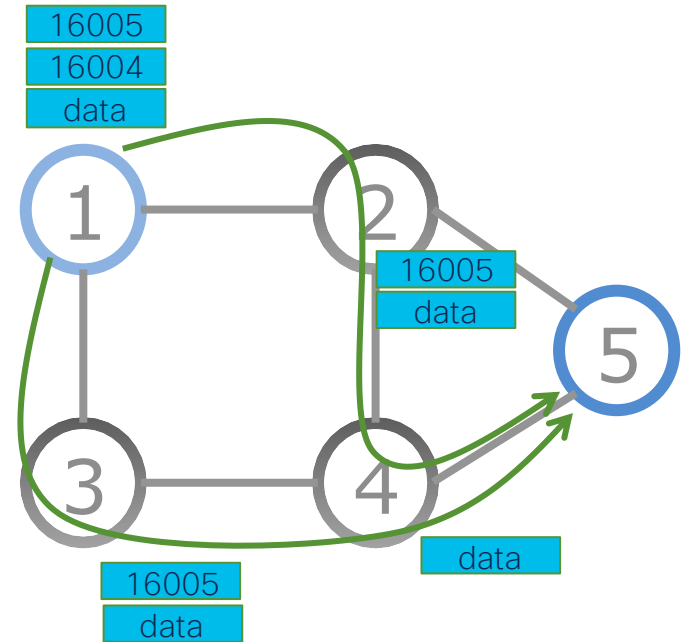
## IGP Adjacency Segment

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- Forwarded on IGP adjacency
- Local scope



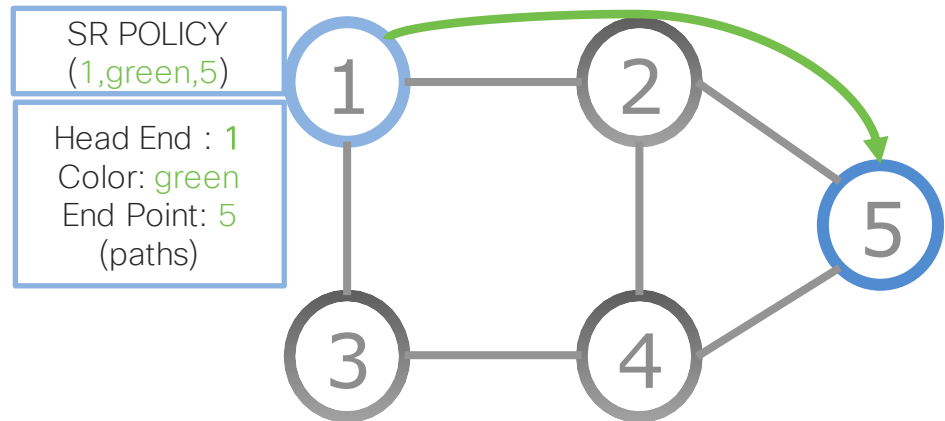
# Combining IGP Segment SR Policy

- 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

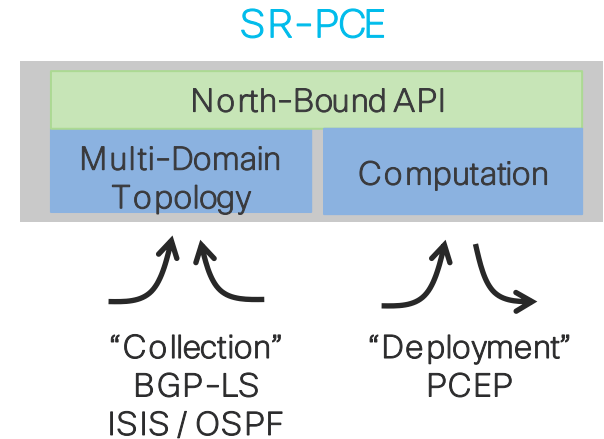
- An SR Policy is uniquely identified by a tuple(head-end, color, end-point)
- At a given head-end, an SR Policy is uniquely identified by a tuple (color, end-point)
- Policy Color
  - BGP advertises as ext. community
  - Defines certain treatment
- Multiple candidate paths
  - explicit or dynamic





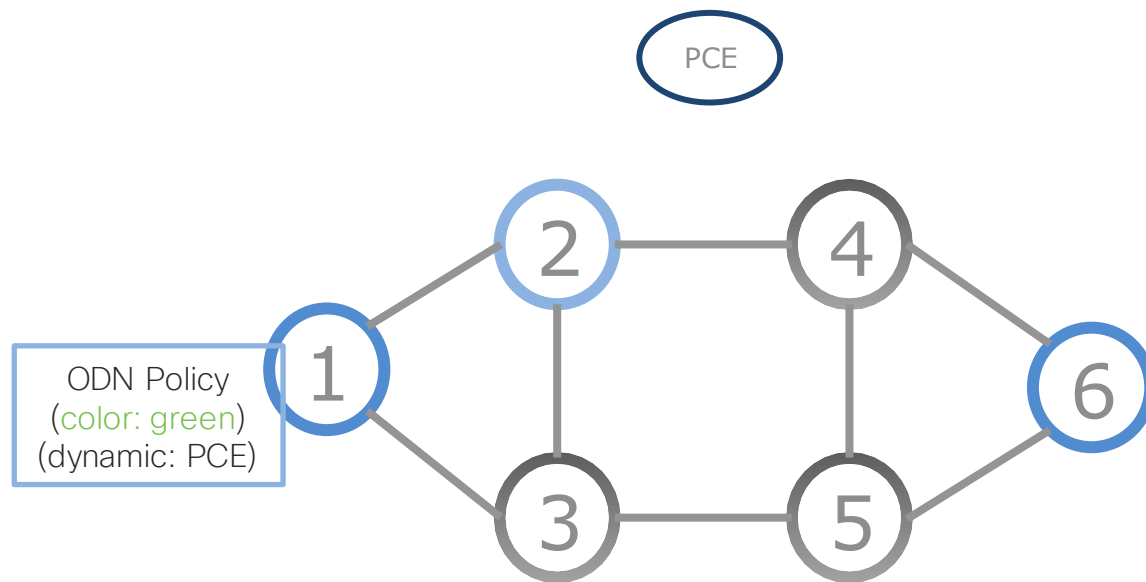
# Programmable SDN Transport: SR PCE

- 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

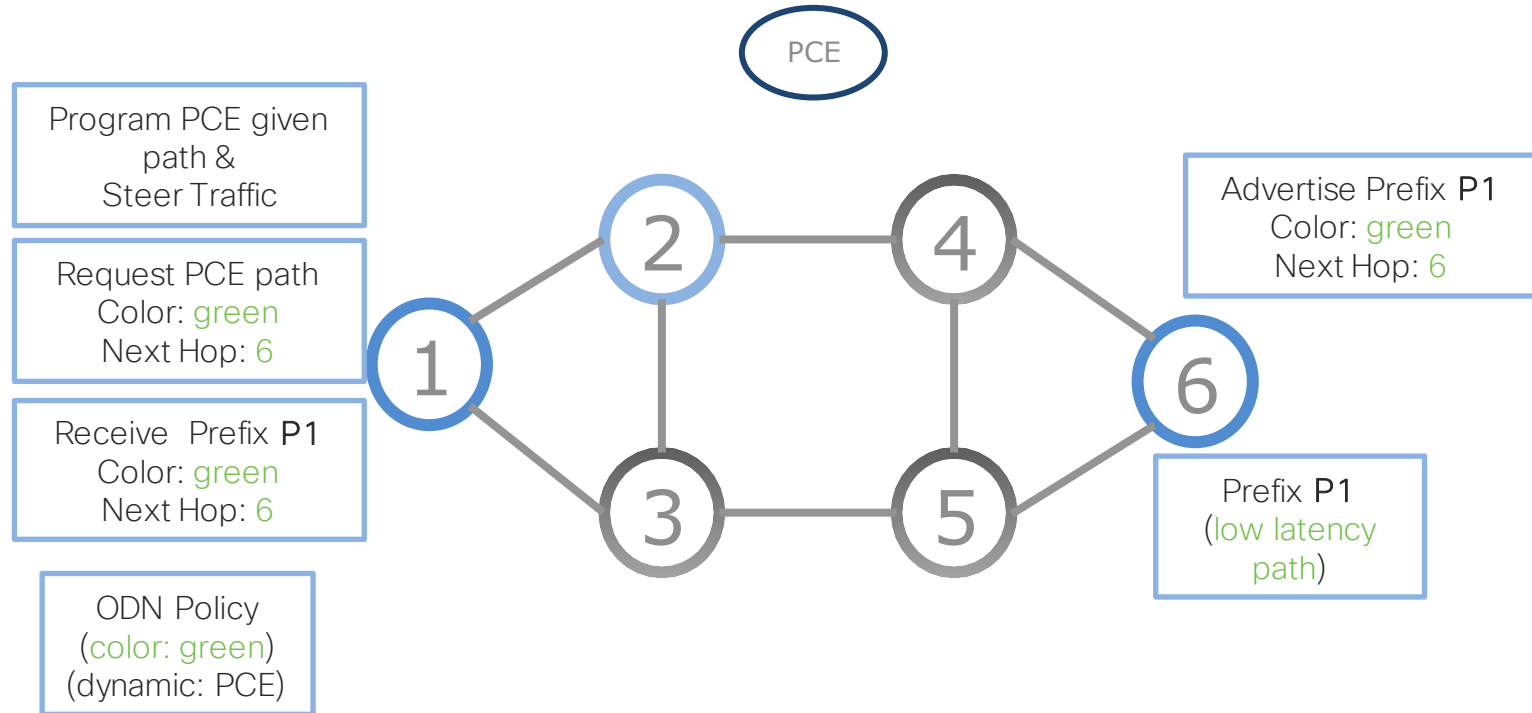


# SR On Demand Next (ODN) Hop

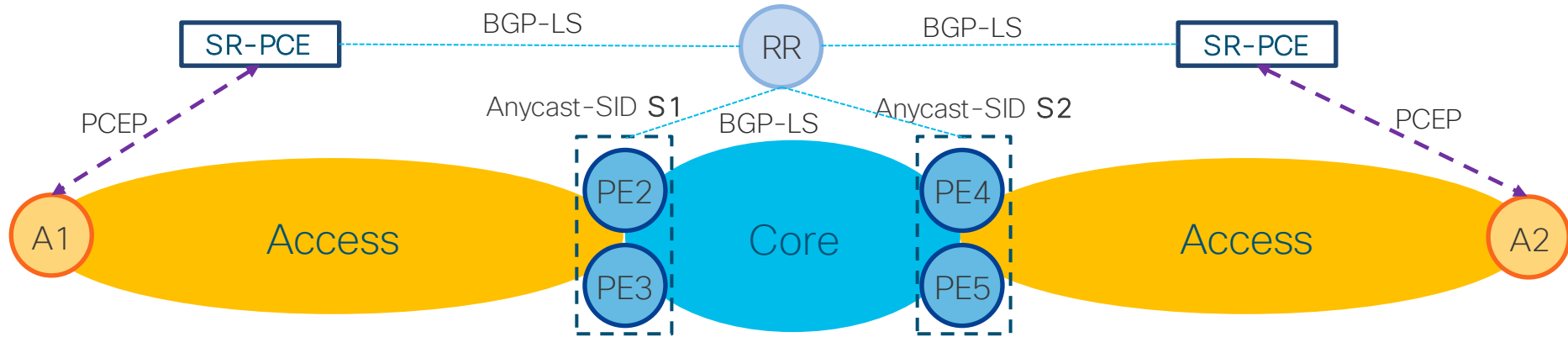
- Head End requests PCE for colored path
- End point advertises color using BGP
- Path Initiates when certain end point advertises the color



# SR On Demand Next (ODN) auto steering



# Inter-Domain SR-TE Policy 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

# Performance Monitoring

## PM Toolkit

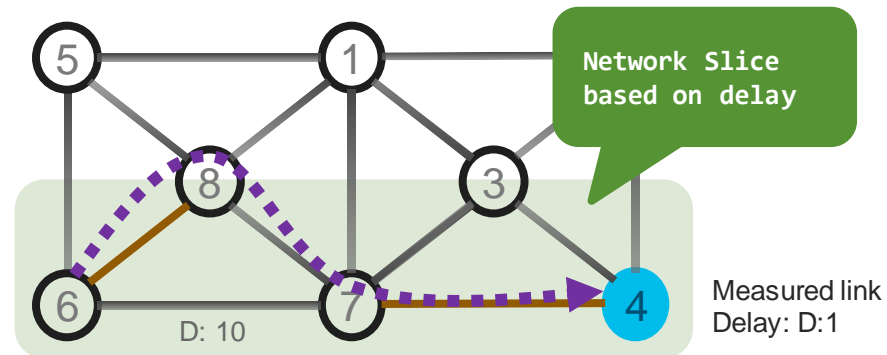
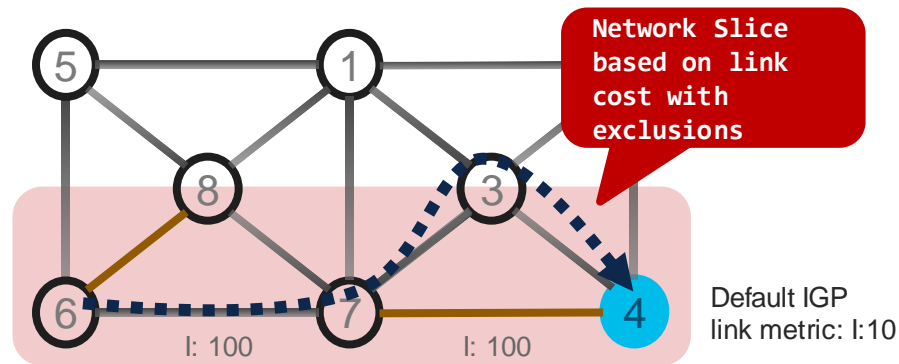
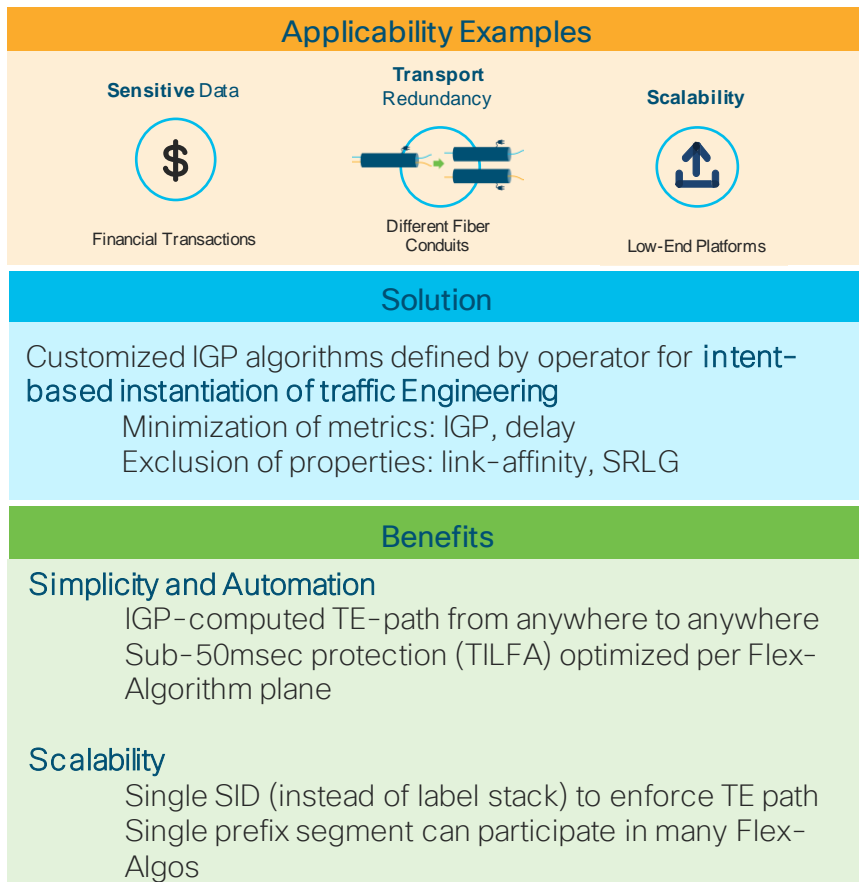
### SR-PM



- Delay, Loss, Liveness Monitoring
  - Per-Link Measurement
  - End-to-End (SR Policy) Measurement
- Advertisement of Link Metrics in IGP
- Standard Probe Packet Encoding
- Intent-based Network & Service Monitoring

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc6374>

# Slicing: SR IGP Flexible Algorithms



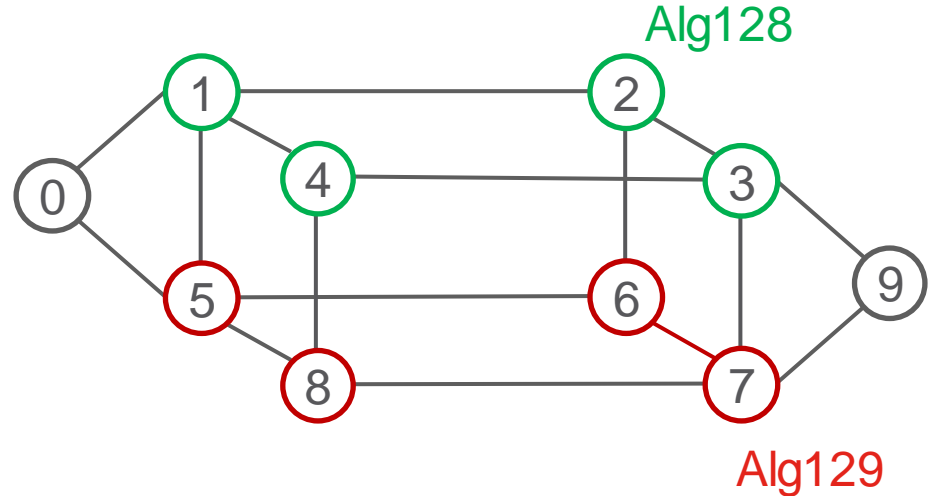
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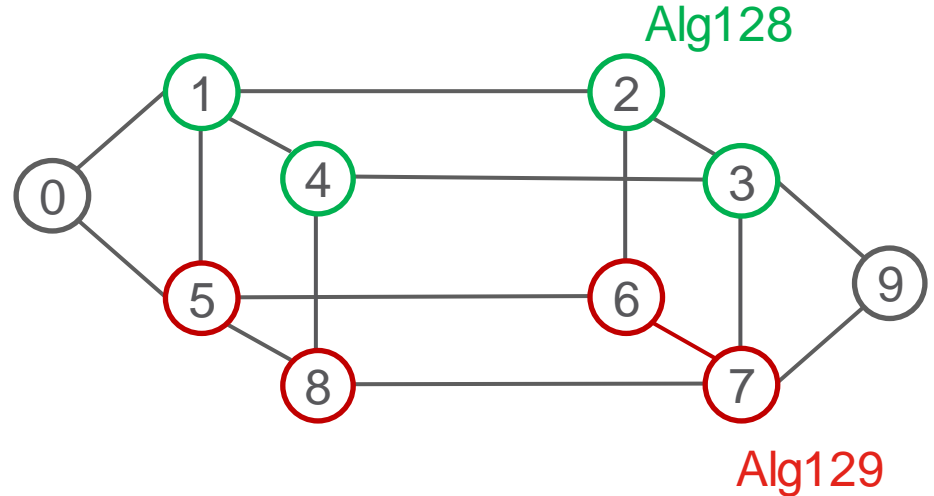
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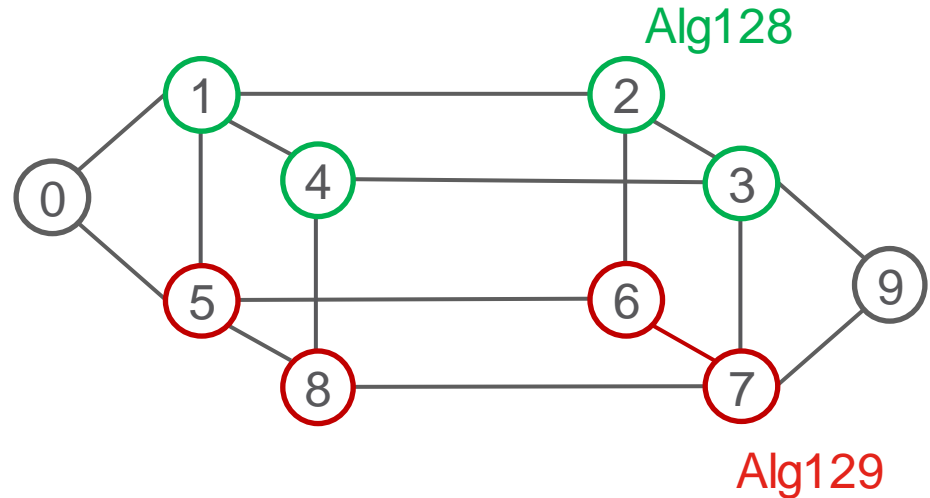
- If a node advertises participation in a Flex-Algo likely it also advertises a prefix SID for that Flex-Algo

Node 9 advertises

Prefix SID 16009 for ALGO 0  
Prefix SID 16809 for ALGO 128  
Prefix SID 16909 for ALGO 129

Node 2 advertises

Prefix SID 16002 for ALGO 0  
Prefix SID 16802 for ALGO 128



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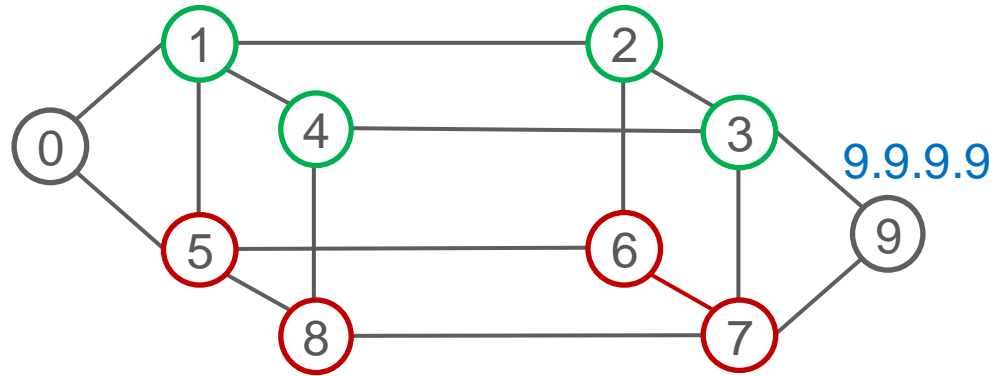
- Flex-Algo Prefix SID's can be advertised as additional prefix-SID's of the existing loopback address

Node 9 advertises loopback0 **9.9.9.9/32** with

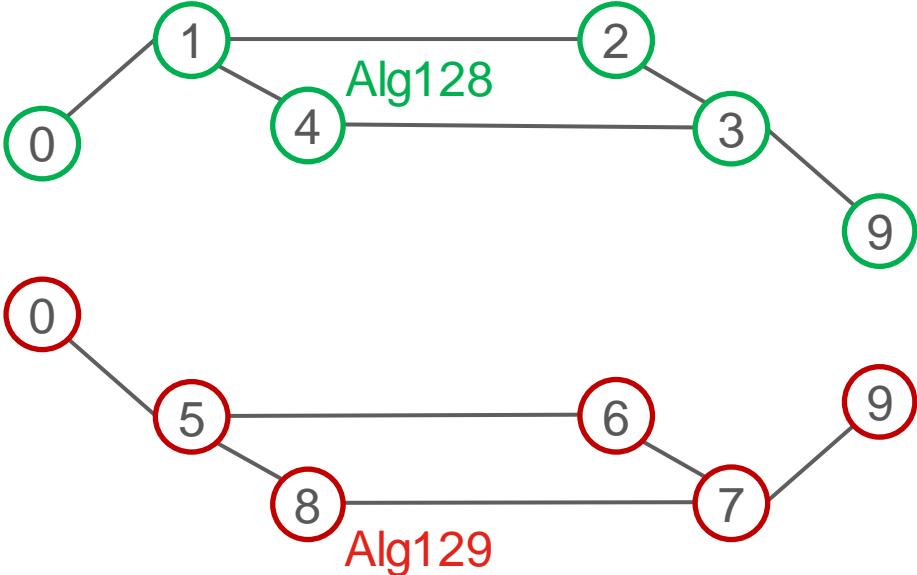
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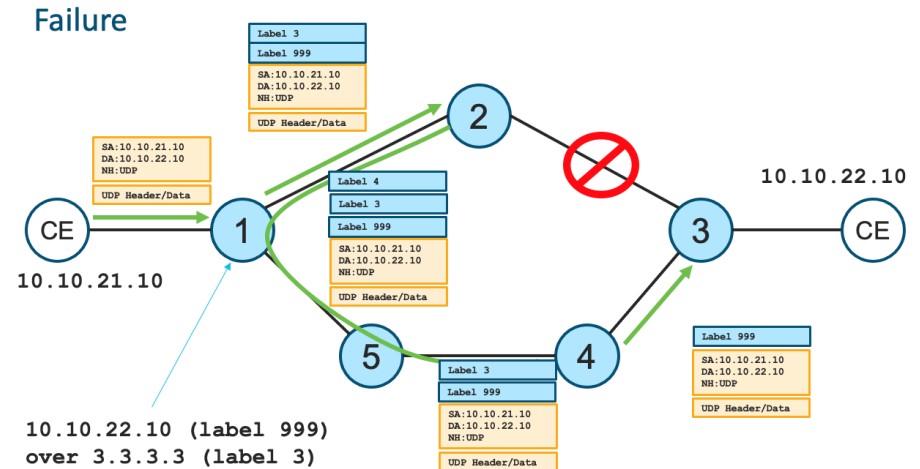


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# Topology Independent LFA (TI-LFA)

- 100%-coverage 50-msec link and node protection
- Prevents transient congestion and suboptimal routing
  - leverages the post-convergence path, planned to carry the traffic
- Simple to operate and understand
  - automatically computed by the IGP
- Incremental deployment
  - also protects LDP and IP traffic



# Transport Use-case Requirements

	5G xHaul	Cisco Solution
Bandwidth	✓	Silicon and Optics Innovation
Scalability	✓	Segment Routing
End to end Programmability	✓	Segment Routing
Synchronization	✓	Built-in
Security	✓	Built-in

# Segment Routing Resumo

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

# Cisco Validated Network Designs



<http://xrdocs.io/design>

Converged SDN Transport High-Level Design

<https://xrdocs.io/design/blogs/latest-converged-sdn-transport-hld>

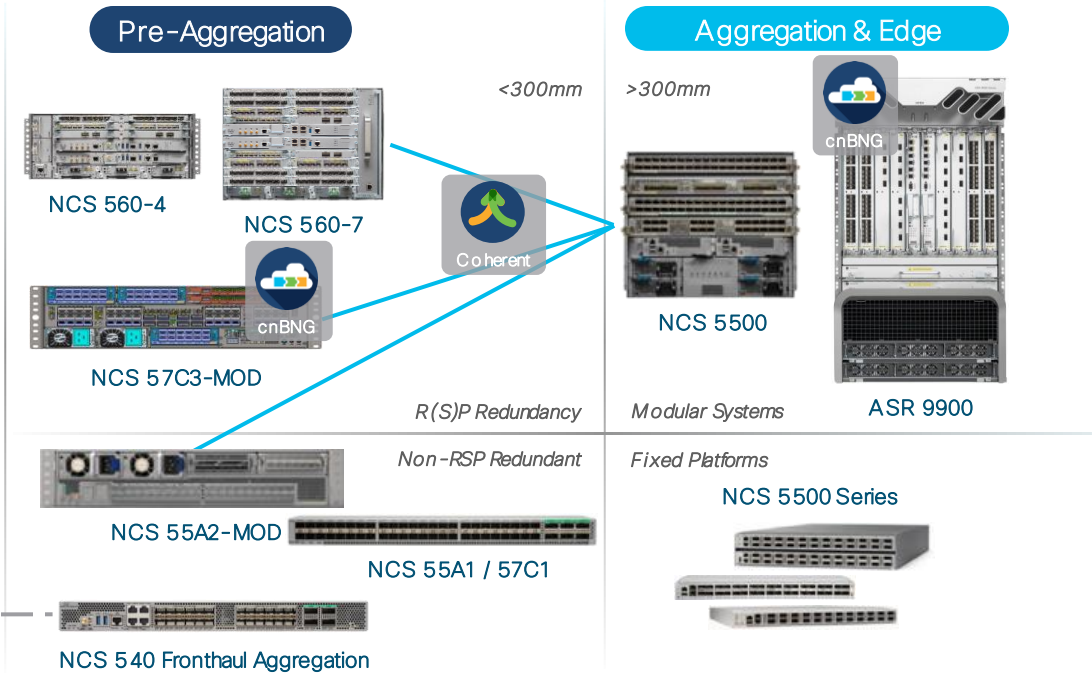
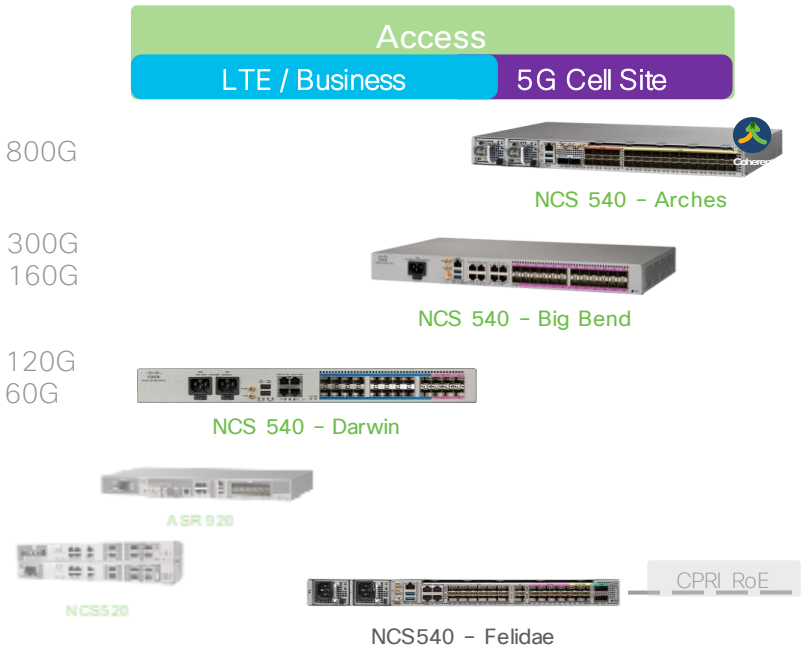
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# Converged Portfolio



# Cisco Access & Aggregation Portfolio

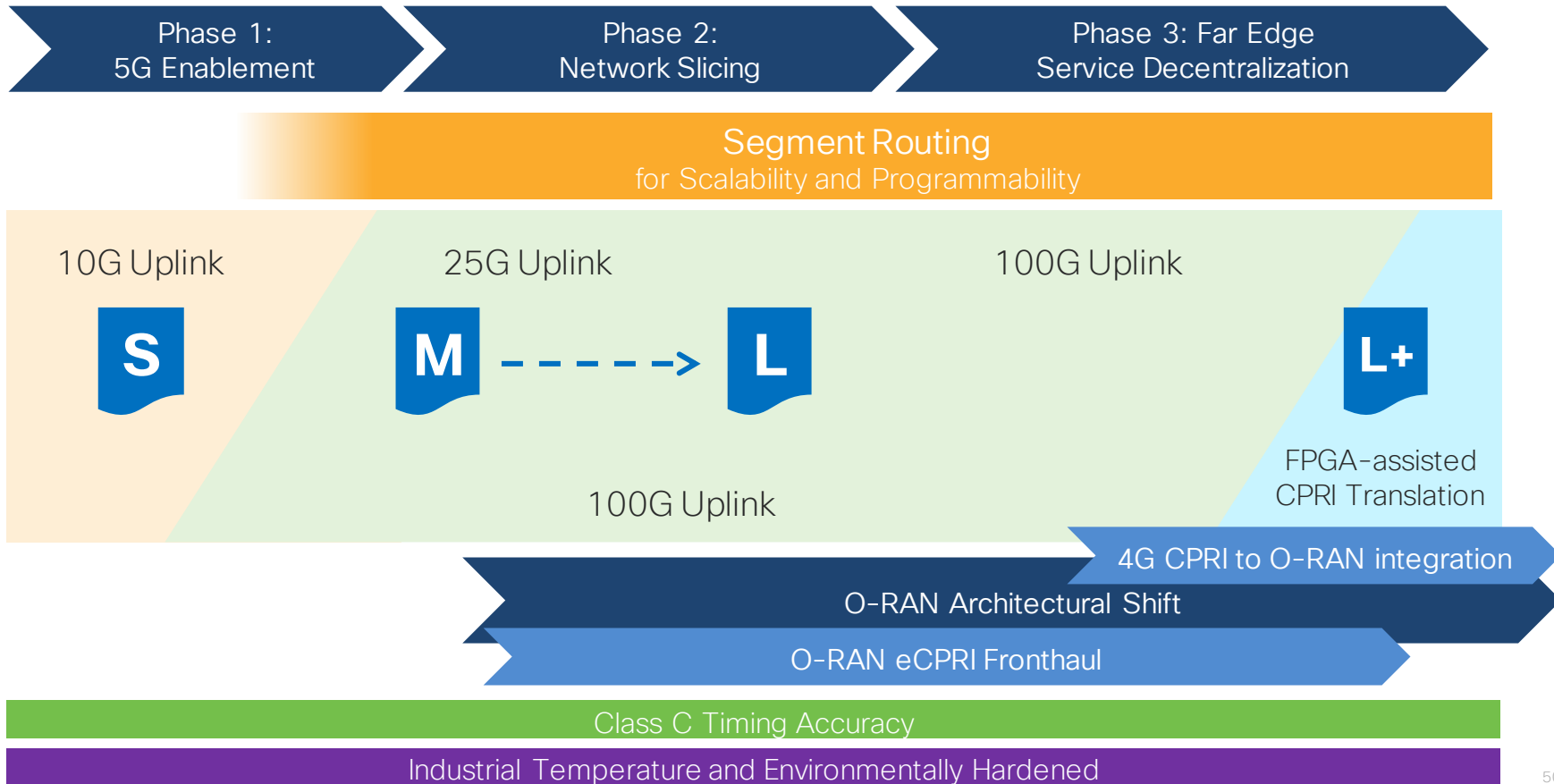


BGP-based Services with EVPN

Segment Routing

Embedded Security & Sync

# Cell Site Router Use Cases and Examples



# T-Shirt Sizes

*Specifics*

*Use Cases*

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Galapagos



Acadia



10G Uplink

Distributed RAN sites (migration)  
Rural with Low-band Spectrum, no growth  
*Not a stop-gap*, these low-scale sites will be around for quite some time

M

Everglades



25G Uplink



100G Uplink

Distributed RAN sites with some 5G mid-band carriers and limited expected growth

L

Felidae



100G Uplink  
FPGA-assisted  
CPRI Translation

Multi-service sites with multiple 5G mid/high-band carriers and potential growth due to refarming or eCPRI fronthaul

L+

Multi-service sites with additional need for 4G CPRI translation to O-RAN compliant eCPRI fronthaul

# Portfolio Highlights

## Right Sized



1 RU, <300mm –  
21 RU fully  
modular

## Speed & Density



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

## 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

# Portfolio Resumo

- NCS 5500 – Core
- NCS 560 – Aggregation
- NCS 540 – Access

# 540's Command Line Interface

# NCS 540 Scale – IPv4/IPv6 Routes, MPLS Labels, MAC Addresses

## LEM (Large Exact Match) Memory:

QAX: 256k

QUX: 64k

IPv4 Unicast /32 and /24  
IPv6 Unicast /48  
MPLS Labels (Local)  
MAC Addresses (Max QAX: 128k, QUX: 64k)

## LPM (Longest Prefix Match) or KAPS Memory:

QAX: v4: 128k-180k  
v6: 32k-48k

QUX: v4: 32k-40k  
v6: 8k-20k

IPv4 Unicast non-/32 and non-/24  
IPv6 Unicast non-/48  
IPv4 Multicast  
IPv6 Multicast

LPM/KAPS is Algorithmic memory = Scale depends on prefixes and prefix length distribution  
Numbers shown are official numbers from Broadcom for unicast prefixes (conservative – public Internet)

# Route Distribution Tweaks for QAX and QUX

- Moves IPv4 /24 from LEM to LPM

```
hw-module fib ipv4 scale host-optimized-disable
```

- Moves IPv6 /48 from LEM to LPM

```
hw-module fib ipv6 scale internet-optimized-disable
```

- Choose which one of the IPv6 prefix lengths will be stored in LEM (since 7.1.1)

```
hw-module fib ipv6 scale custom-lem 40|44|48|52|56|60|64
```



# DRAM & SRAM info

## - TOTAL buffer utilization command

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:NCS540X_LAB#show controller fia diagshell all "diag ing" location all  
Mon Aug 9 10:21:27.483 WEST
```

```
Node ID: 0/RP0/CPU0
```

```
R/S/I: 0/0/0
```

```
Ingress congestion statistics:
```

```
CORE 0:
```

```
-----Free DRAM BDBs: 98302  
Free minimum DRAM BDBs: 98301  
Free SRAM free buffers: 16384  
Free minimum SRAM free buffers: 16306  
Free SRAM PDBs: 16380  
Free minimum SRAM PDBs: 16368  
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:NCS540X_LAB#
```

SRAM (16384\*256B)  
4Mb available  
(100%)

DRAM 98302 BD available  
Each BDB can points up to 8 consecutive DBs  
(DRAM Buffer Descriptor) that belong to a  
particular VoQ.

Buffer Descriptor: 4096 bytes

# Examples

## Command that provide information related to congested queue

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:NCS540X_LAB#show controller fia diagshell all "diag cosq non" location all  
Fri Aug 13 12:40:24.108 WEST
```

```
Node ID: 0/RP0/CPU0
```

```
R/S/I: 0/0/0
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```
Core 0:
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Ingress VOQs Sizes (format: [queue_id(queue_size)]):
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[1288(93696B)]
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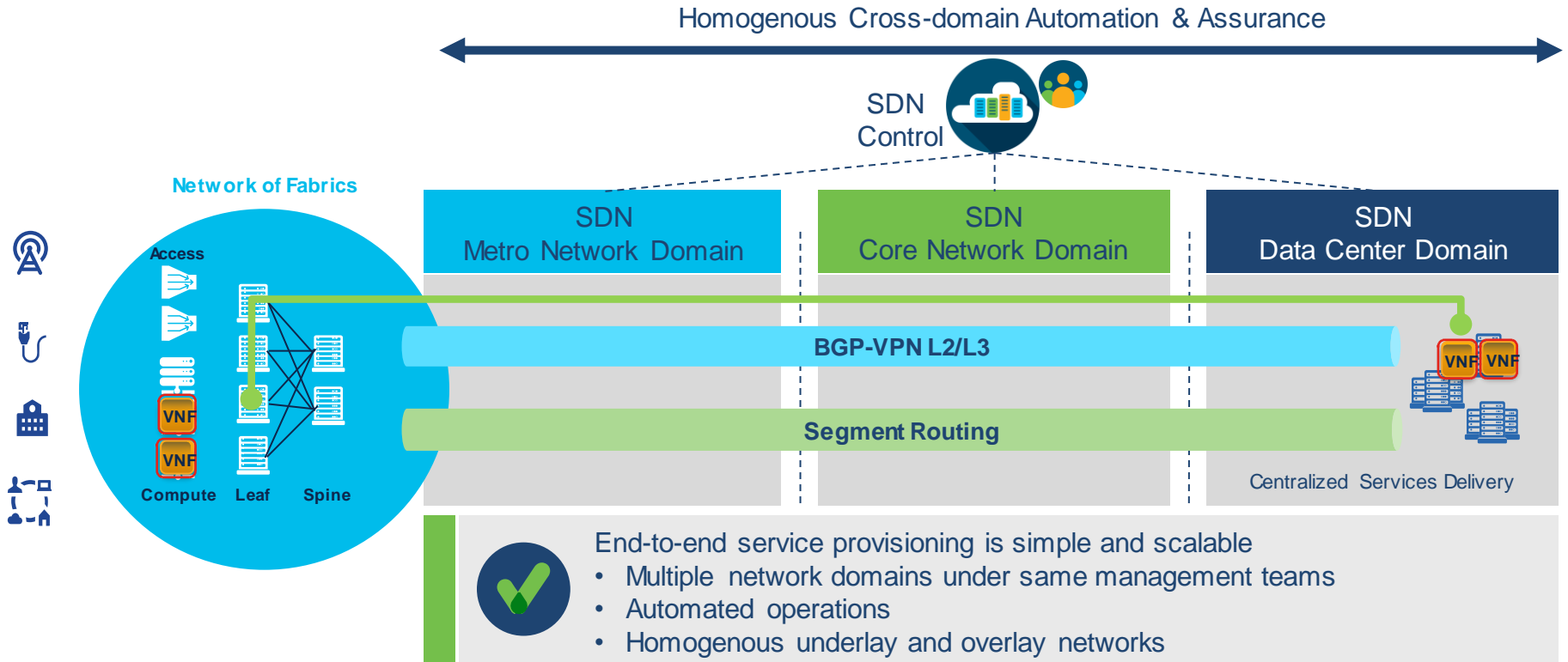
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Conclusão

# Segment Routing Unified Fabric vision



## 5G Needs from Transport

- Bandwidth (efficient usage)
- Latency awareness
- Network Slicing
- Reliability
- Simplicity = Programmability



The bridge to possible