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# Cisco ASR 9000 Architecture

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# Cisco ASR9000 – Next-Gen Edge Routing Platform

## Key Design Goals & System Benefits

Architectural Design for Longevity

Product Portfolio with significant HW and SW commonality

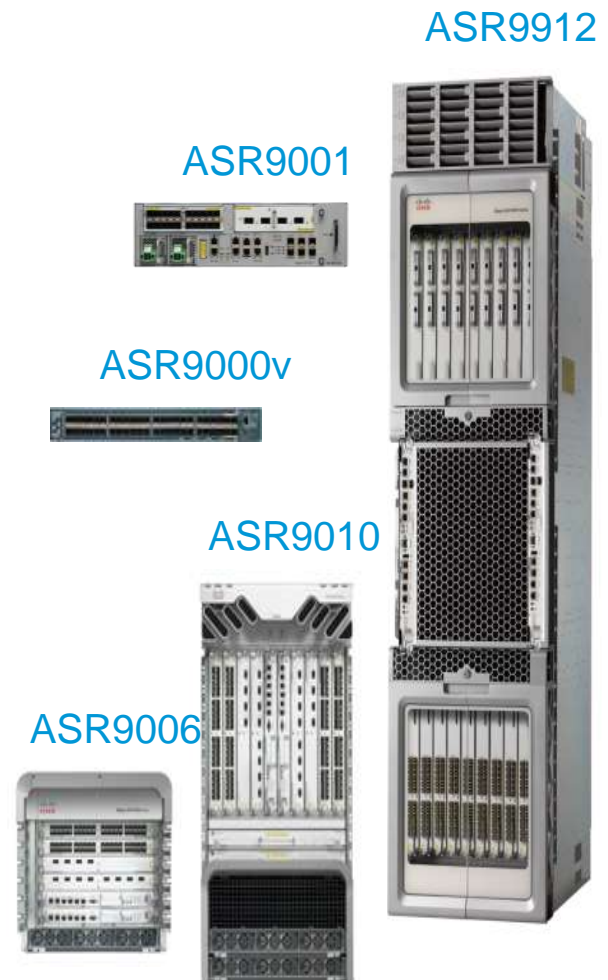
Highly integrated Network Processors for High Speed Scale and Feature Flexibility

Cisco IOS XR based

- Truly modular, full distributed OS

- Enhanced for the Edge (L2 and L3)

- nV (Network Virtualization) for Operational Simplicity



# Agenda

ASR9000 Hardware Overview

- System Introduction and Chassis Overview

- System Components

Carrier Class, Scalable System Architecture

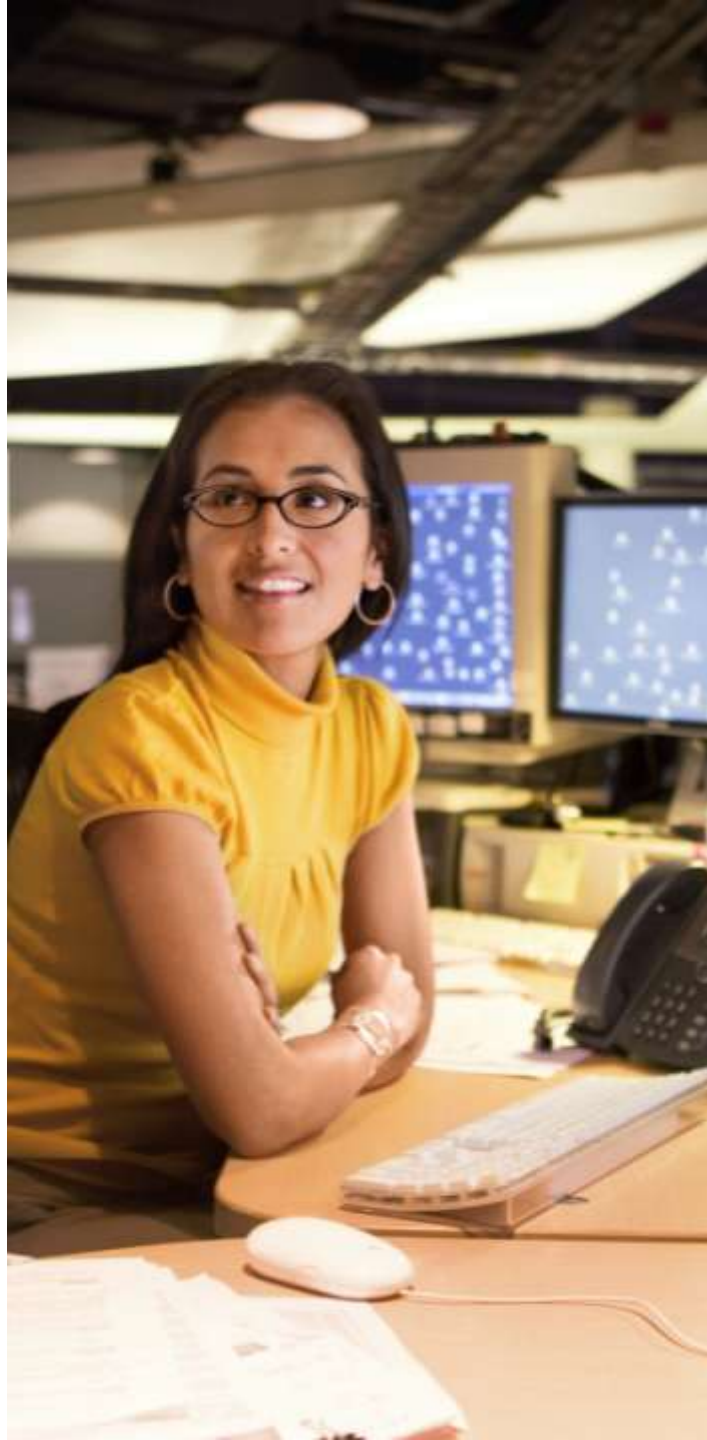
- Fabric Architecture

- Linecard Architecture

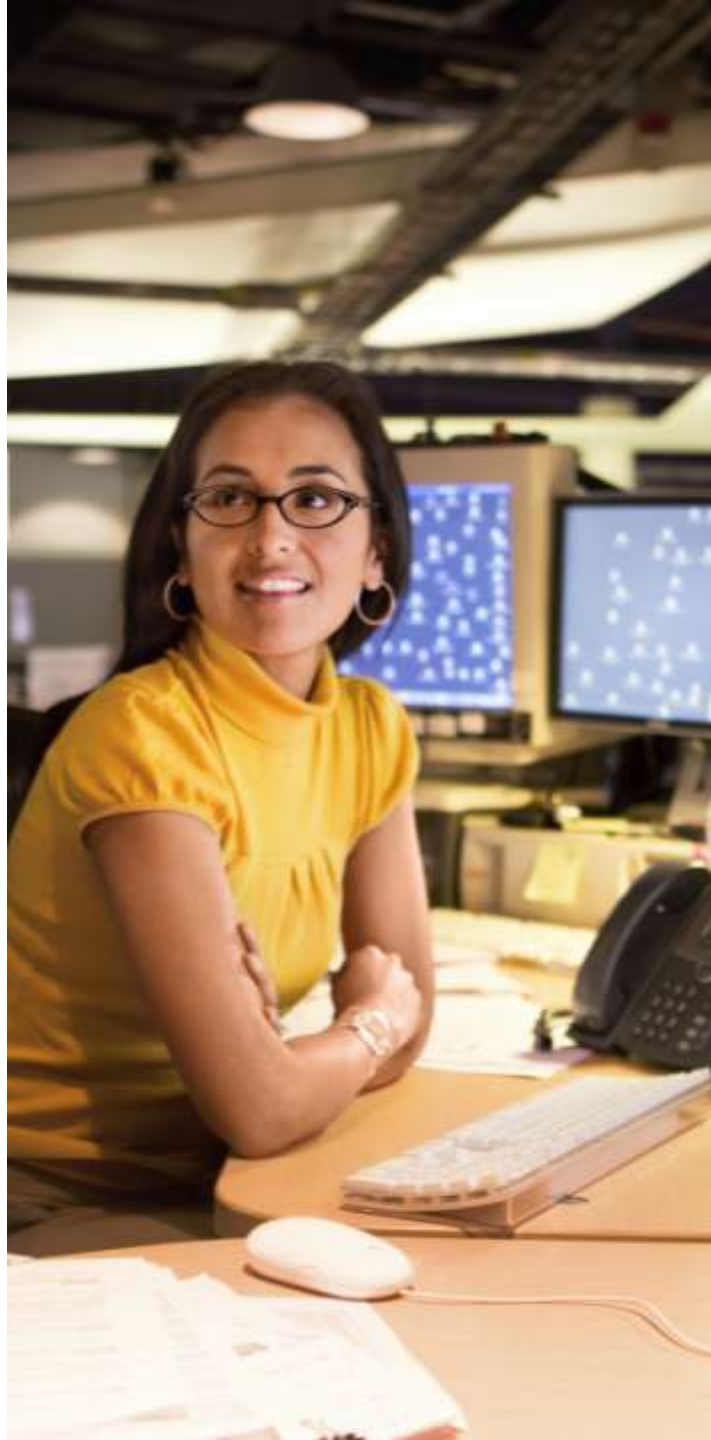
Cisco nV – Network Virtualization

Summary

# ASR 9000 Hardware Overview



# System Introduction and Chassis Overview



15Tbps\*

# ASR 9000 Chassis Overview

Identical hardware, software, and forwarding  
Across multiple physical form factors  
Flexibility in data- to control-plane relationship

120 Gbps\*



1.7 Tbps\*



3.5 Tbps\*



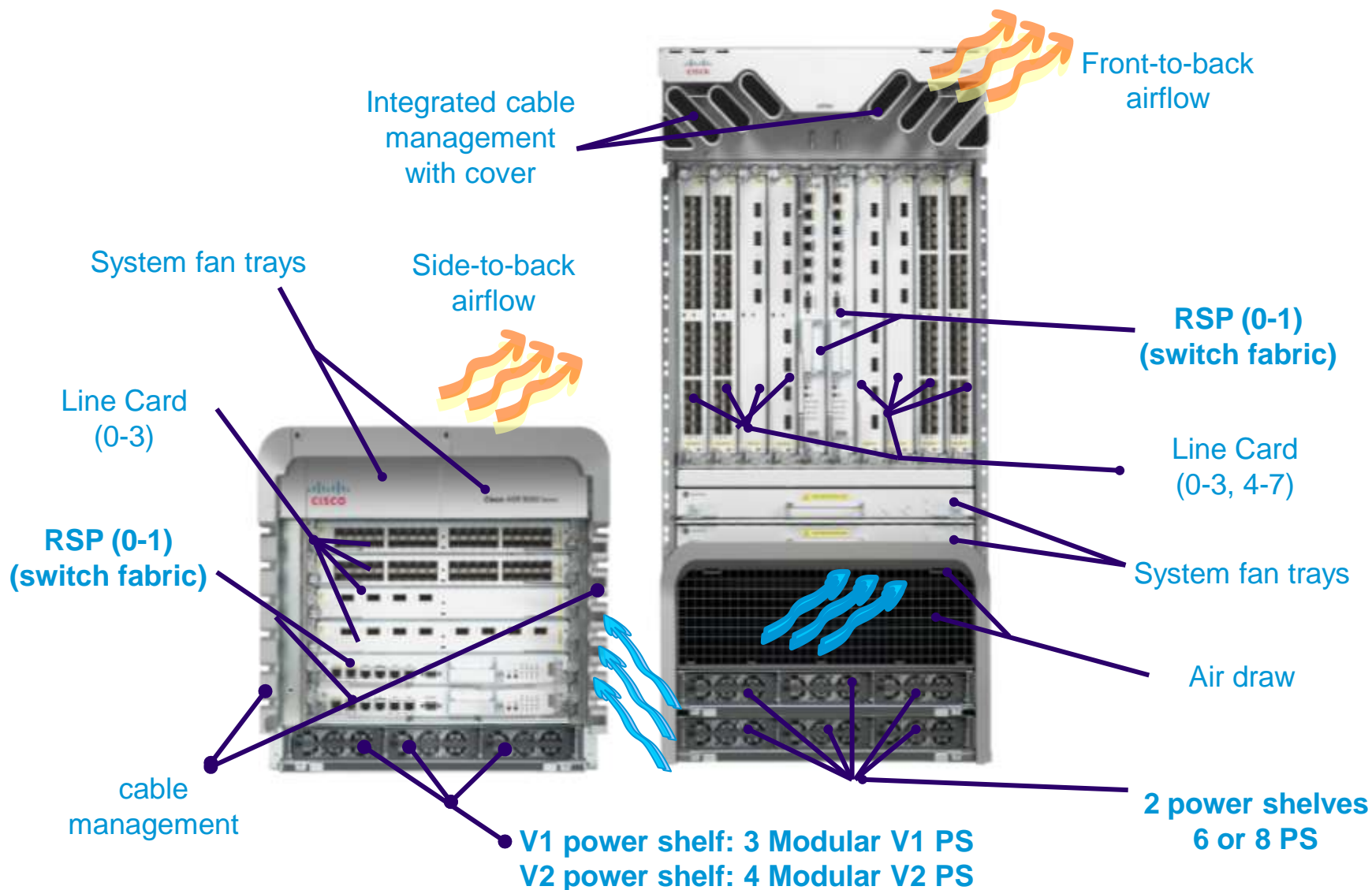
	ASR 9001	ASR 9006	ASR 9010	ASR 9922
Switch fabric capacity	120Gbps/system 4x10 + 2 I/O bays	440G/slot 4 I/O slots	440G/slot 8 I/O slots	770G/slot 20 I/O slot
Size	2RU	10RU	21RU	44RU
Max 1/10/100GE	40/12*	160/144/8*	320/288/16*	800/720/40*

Hardware in development to double fabric capacity and port density over 18-24mo

\*actual, shipping, year 2012, engineering-math, not doubled, usable densities



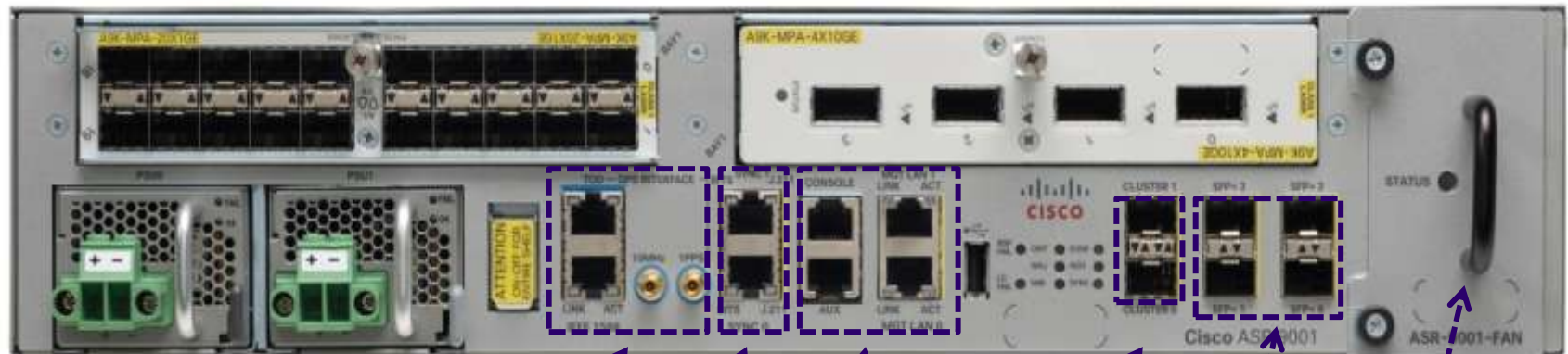
# ASR 9010 and ASR 9006 Chassis



# ASR 9001 Compact Chassis

Sub-slot 0 with MPA

Sub-slot 1 with MPA



Redundant  
(AC or DC)  
Power Supplies  
Field Replaceable

GPS, 1588

BITS

Console, Aux,  
Management

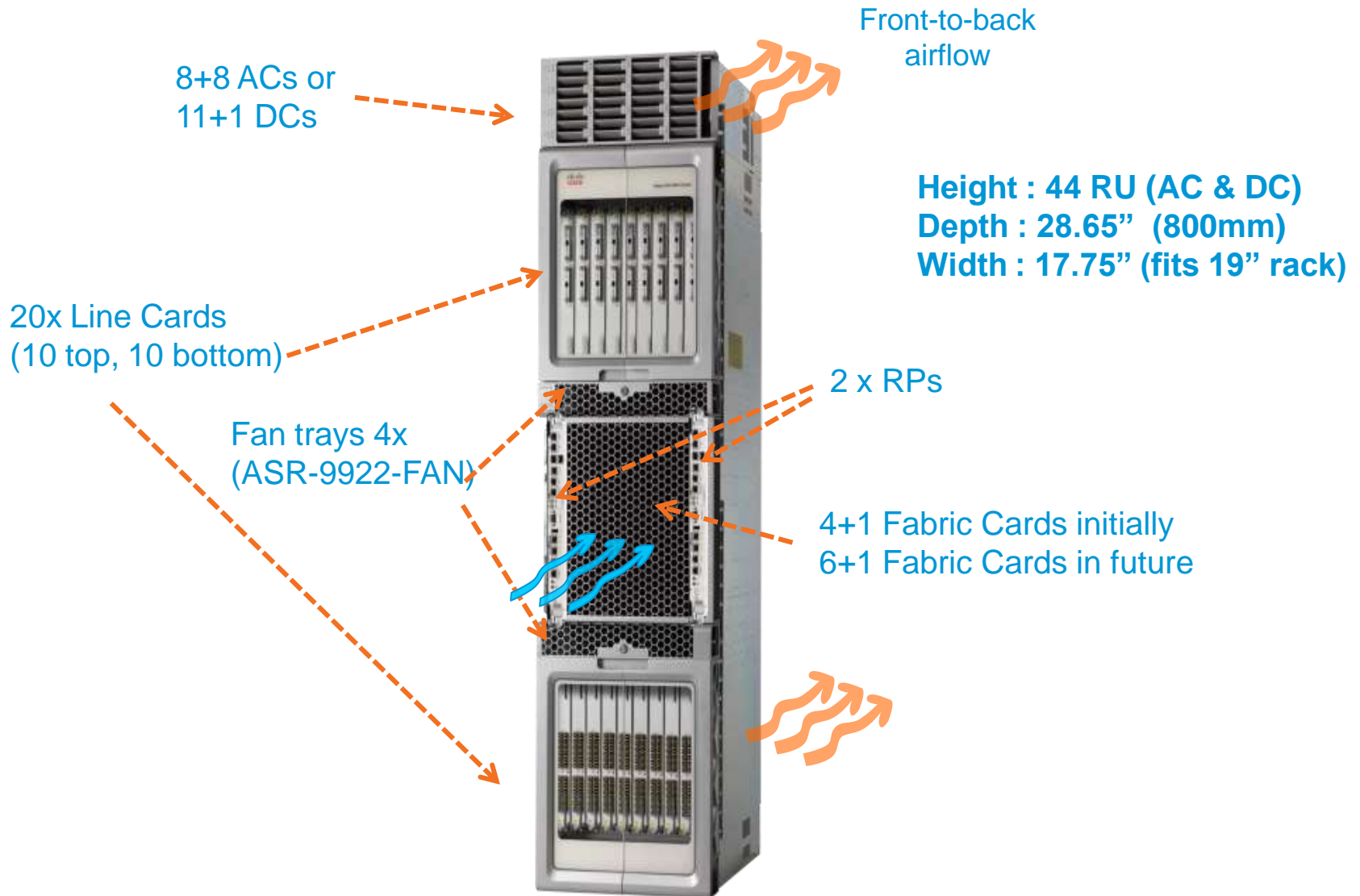
EOBC ports for nV  
Edge (2xSFP)

Fixed 4x10G  
SFP+ ports

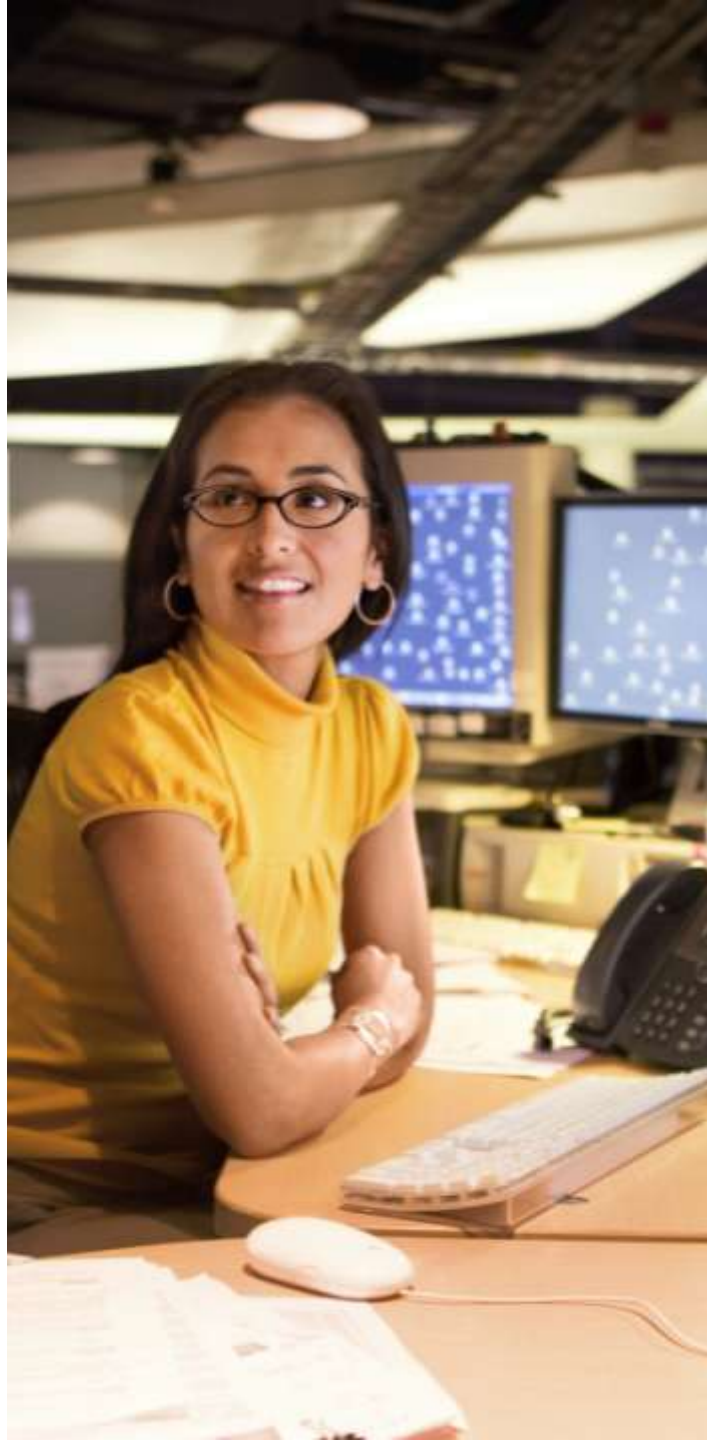
Fan Tray  
Field Replaceable



# ASR9922 Large Scale Chassis



# System Components



# Power and Cooling



ASR-9010-FAN



ASR-9006-FAN

- Fans unique to chassis
- Variable speed for ambient temperature variation
- Redundant fan-tray
- Low noise, NEBS and OSHA compliant



Power Supply

## DC Supplies

A  
B

1.5 kW <sup>1)</sup>

A  
B

2.1 kW

## AC Supplies

A

3 kW

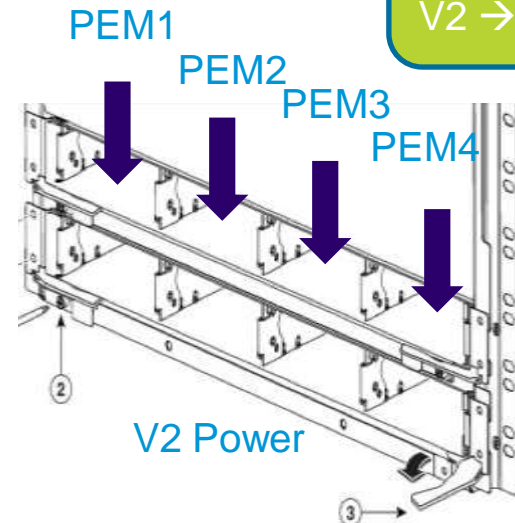
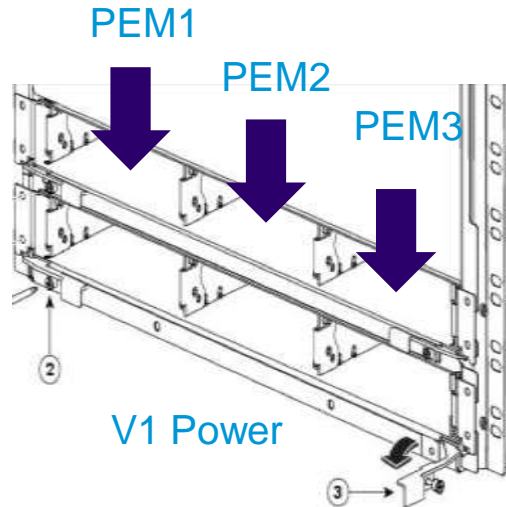
B

3 kW

- Single power zone
- All power supplies run in active mode
- Power draw shared evenly
- 50 Amp DC Input or 16 Amp AC for Easy CO Install

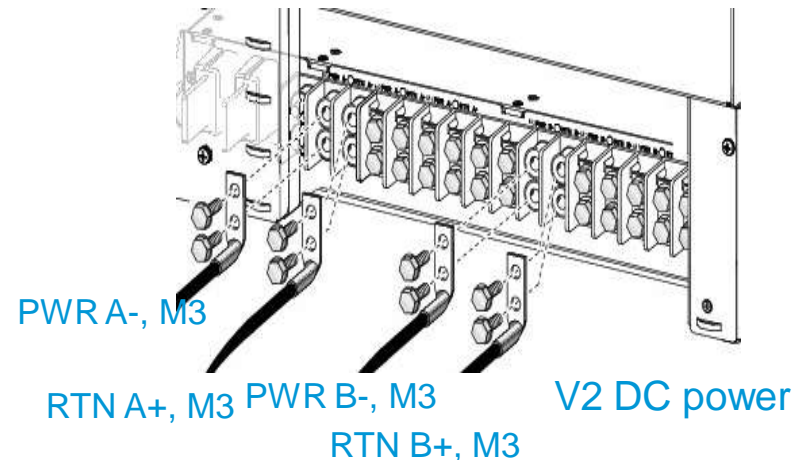
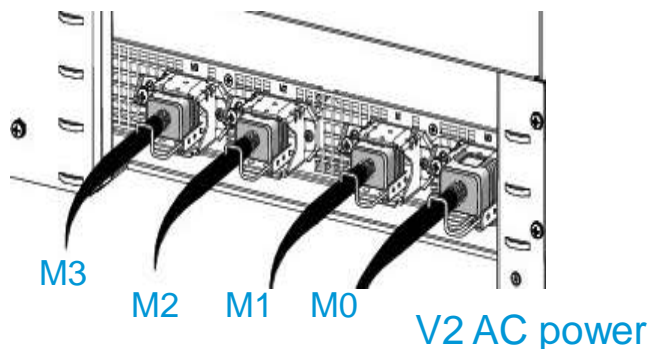
# Version 1 Power vs Version 2 Power System

## PEM Insertion from the Front




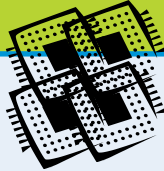
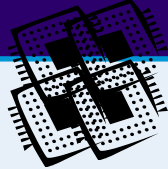
Power Switch:  
V1 → in the back  
V2 → in the front

## Power Feed Cabling from the Back



# Route Switch Processors (RSPs) and Route Processors (RPs)

RSP used in ASR9006/ASR9010, RP used in ASR9922

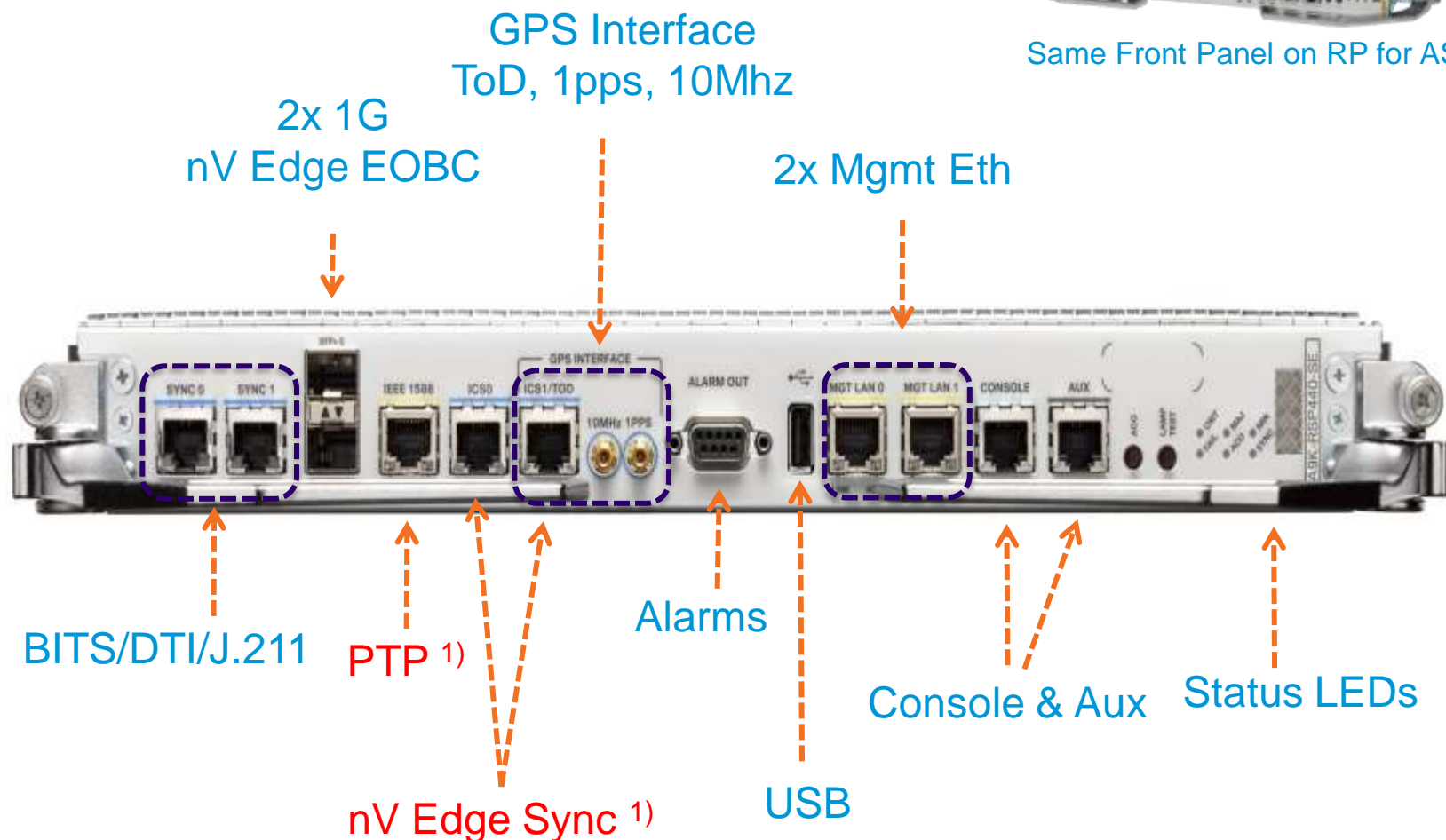
	RSP	RSP440	9922-RP
			
Processors	PPC/Freescale	Intel x86	Intel x86
	2 Core 1.5GHz	4 Core 2.27 GHz	4 Core 2.27 GHz
RAM	RSP-4G: 4GB RSP-8G: 8GB	RSP440-TR: 6GB RSP440-SE: 12GB	-TR: 6GB -SE: 12GB
nV EOBC ports	No	Yes, 2 x 1G/10G SFP+	Yes, 2 x 1G/10G SFP+
Switch fabric bandwidth	92G + 92G (with dual RSP)	220+220G (with dual RSP)	660+110 (7-fabric model)



# RSP440 – Faceplate and Interfaces

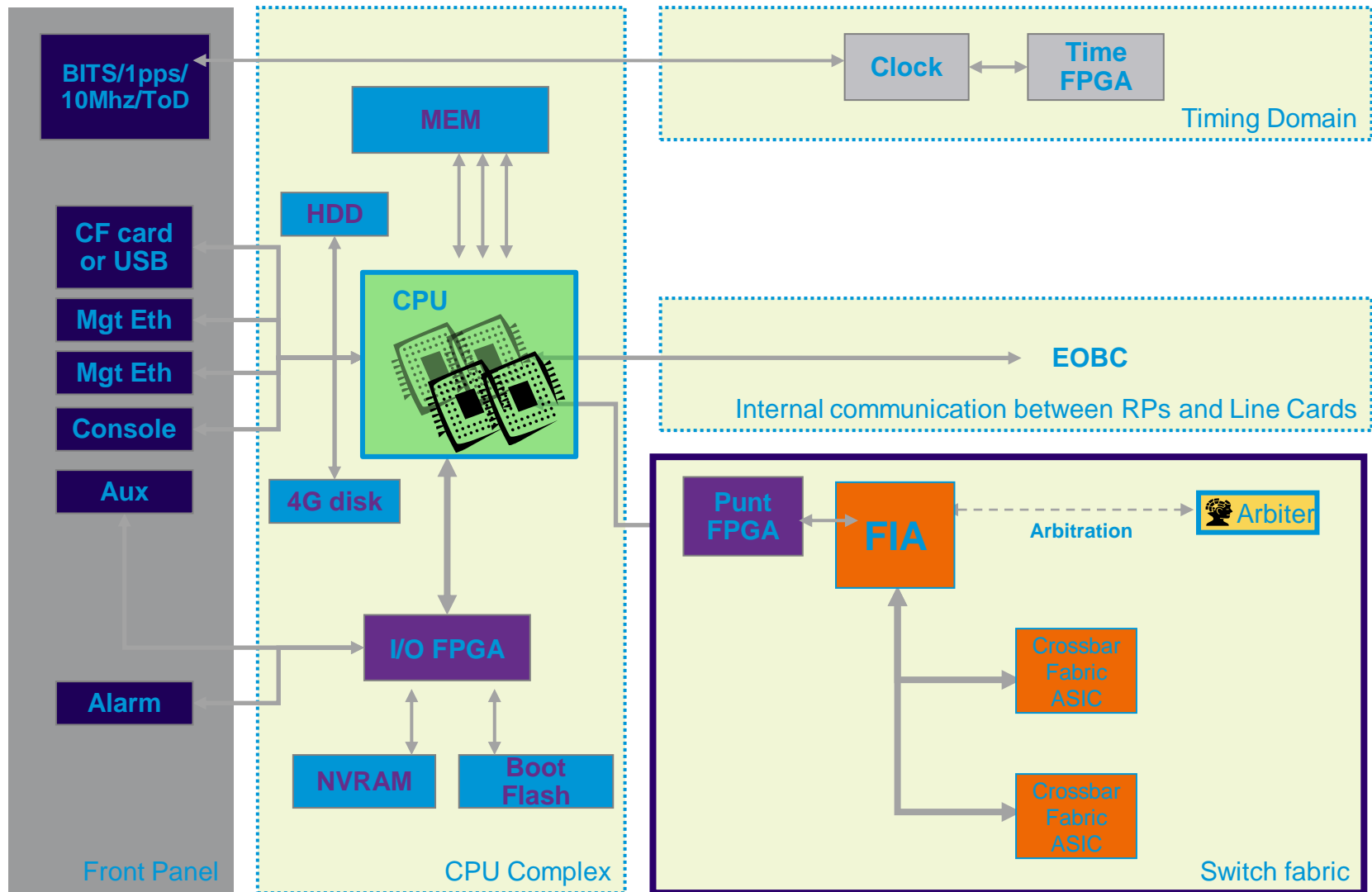


Same Front Panel on RP for ASR9922



1) Future SW support

# RSP Engine Architecture



# ASR 9000 Ethernet Line Card Overview

-L, -B, -E

First-generation LC  
(Trident)



A9K-40G

A9K-4T

A9K-8T/4

A9K-2T20G

A9K-8T

A9K-16T/8

-TR, -SE

Second-gen LC  
(Typhoon)



A9K-24x10GE

A9K-2x100GE



A9K-MOD160

A9K-MOD80



A9K-36x10GE



MPAs  
20x1GE  
2x10GE  
4x10GE  
1x40GE  
2x40GE

# Modular SPA Linecard

20Gbps, feature rich, high scale, low speed Interfaces

## Quality of Service

- 128k Queues
- 128k Policers
- H-QoS
- Color Policing

## Scalability

- Distributed Control and Data Plane
- 20Gbits, 4 SPA Bays
- L3 i/f, route, session protocol – scaled for MSE needs

## High Availability

- IC-Stateful Switch Over Capability
- MR-APS
- IOS-XR base for high scale and Reliability

## Powerful & Flexible QFP Processor

- Flexible uCode Architecture for Feature Richness
- L2 + L3 Services LFR, PPP, HDLC, MLPPP, LFI
- L3VPN, MPLS, Netflow, 6PE/6VPE



SIP-700



SPAs

## SPA Support

- ChOC-3/12/48 (STM1/4/16)
- POS: OC3/STM1, OC12/STM4, OC-48/STM16, OC192/STM64
- ChT1/E1, ChT3/E3, CEoPs, ATM

# ASR 9000 ISM (Integrated Service Module)

CDS Streaming:  
TV and internet streaming  
Error repair

CGN (carrier grade NAT):  
NAT44, DS-Lite  
NAT64



Feature	ASR 9000 ISM Capabilities
Applications	Ultra-Dense VoD, TV, Internet Streaming, Error Repair, CGv6
Bandwidth	30-40 Gbps streaming capacity ~3 Gbps cache fill rate
Compatibility	Works with all CDS appliances
Concurrent Streams	Up to 8,000 SD equivalent
Content Cache	3.2 TBytes at FCS - Modular Design
Video Formats	MPEG2 & AVC/H.264
Transport	MPEG over UDP / RTP
Session Protocols	RTSP / SDP
Environmental	NEBS / ETSI compliant

**CDS: Manage 8,000 streams up to 40G per second**  
**CGv6: 20M translations, 1M translations/sec., ~15Gbps throughput / ISM**



# ASR 9000 Optical Interface Support

All Linecards use Transceivers

Based on Density and Interface Type the Transceiver is different

1GE (SFP) T, SX, LX, ZX, CWDM/DWDM

10GE (XFP & SFP+): SR, LR, ZR, ER, DWDM

40GE (QSFP): SR4, LR4

100GE (CFP): SR10, LR4, DWDM <sup>1)</sup>

All 10G and 40G Ports do support G.709/OTN/FEC

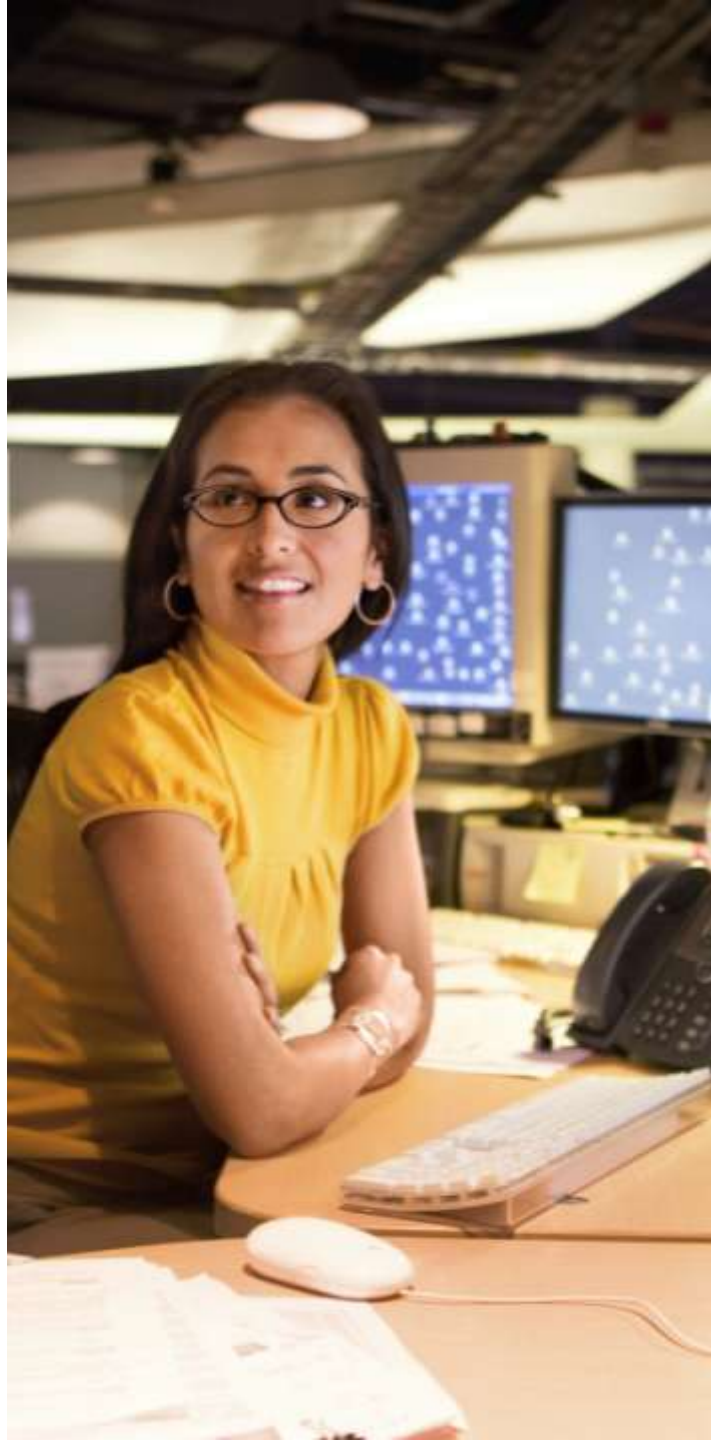
For latest Transceiver Support Information

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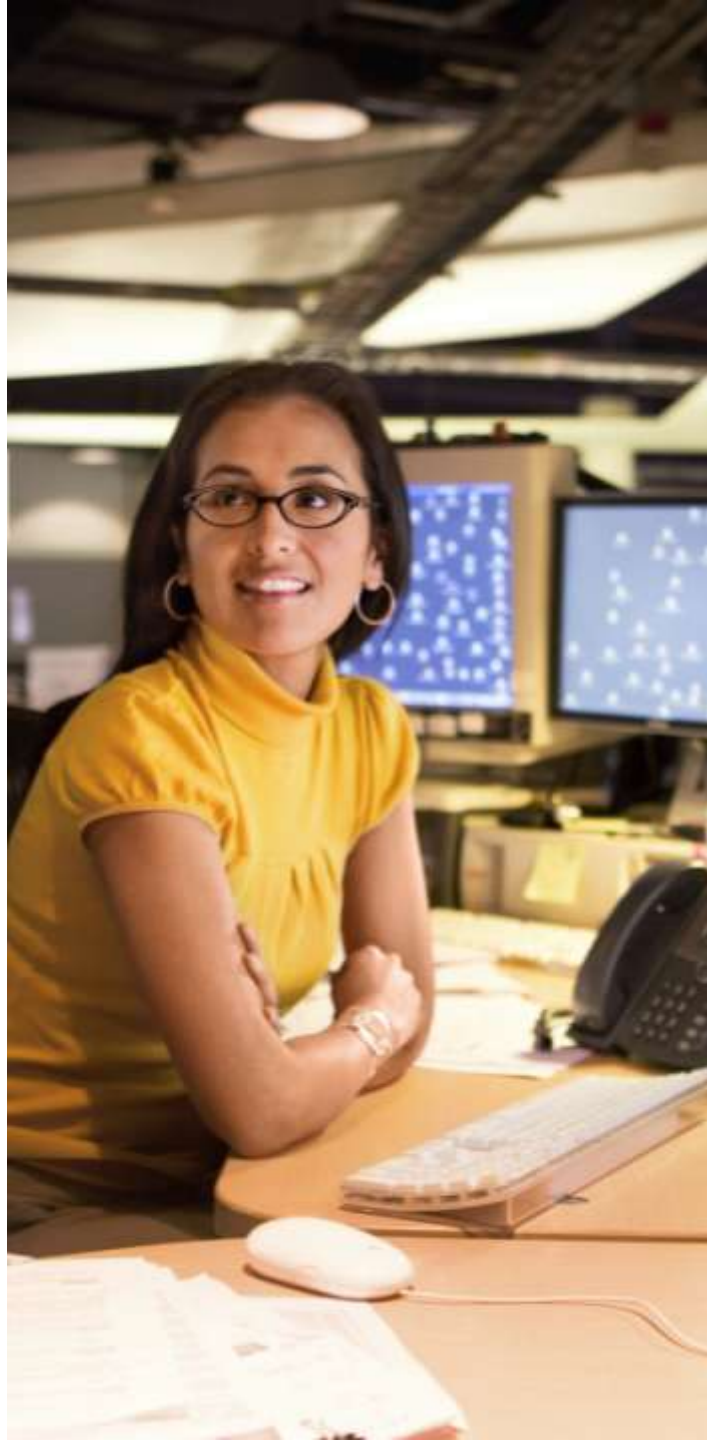


1) Using Optical Shelf (ONS15454 M2/M6)

# Carrier Class, Scalable System Architecture

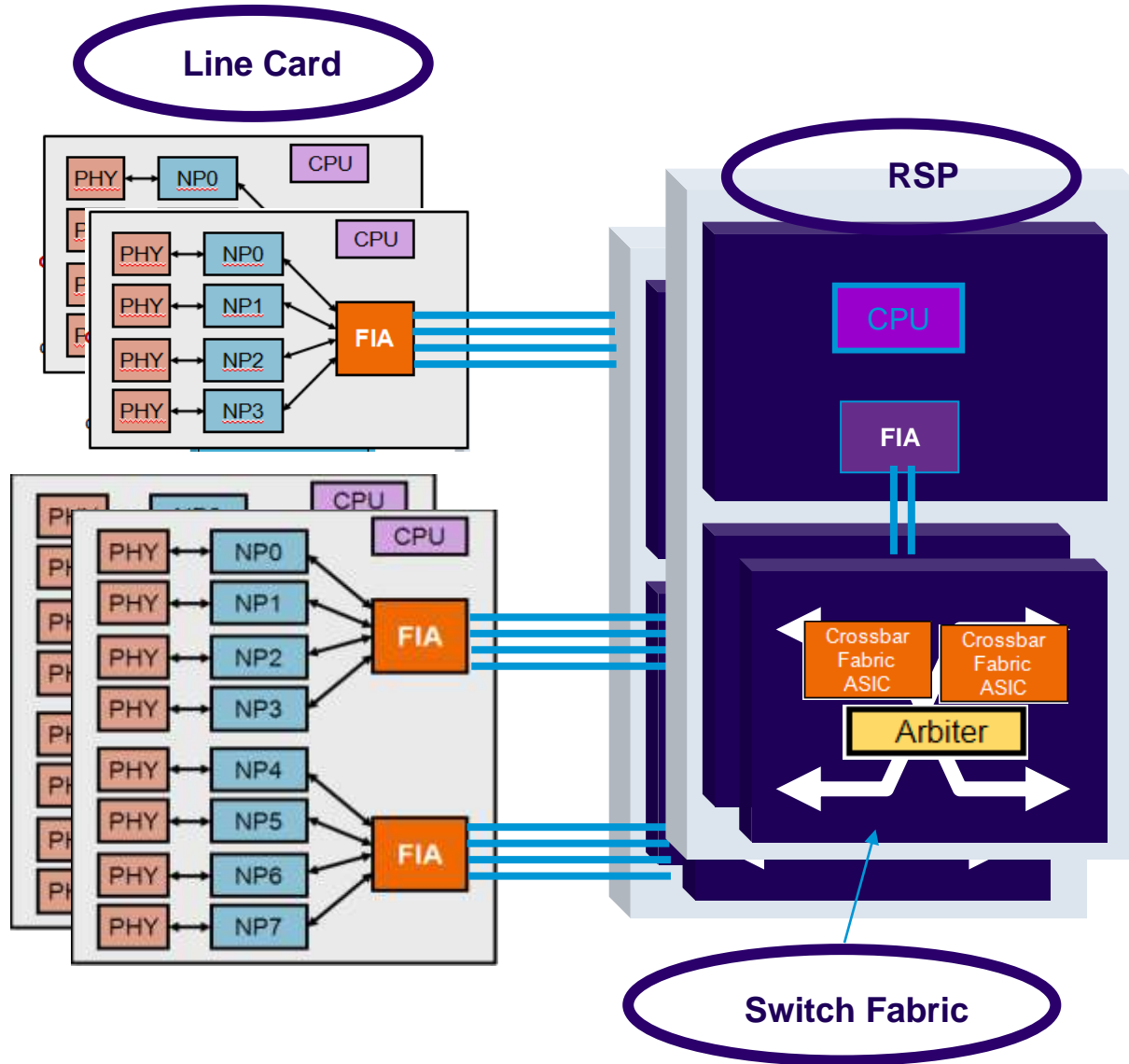


# Fabric Architecture



# Cisco ASR9000 System Architecture

“At a Glance”



# ASR9000 Switch Fabric Overview

## 3-Stage Fabric

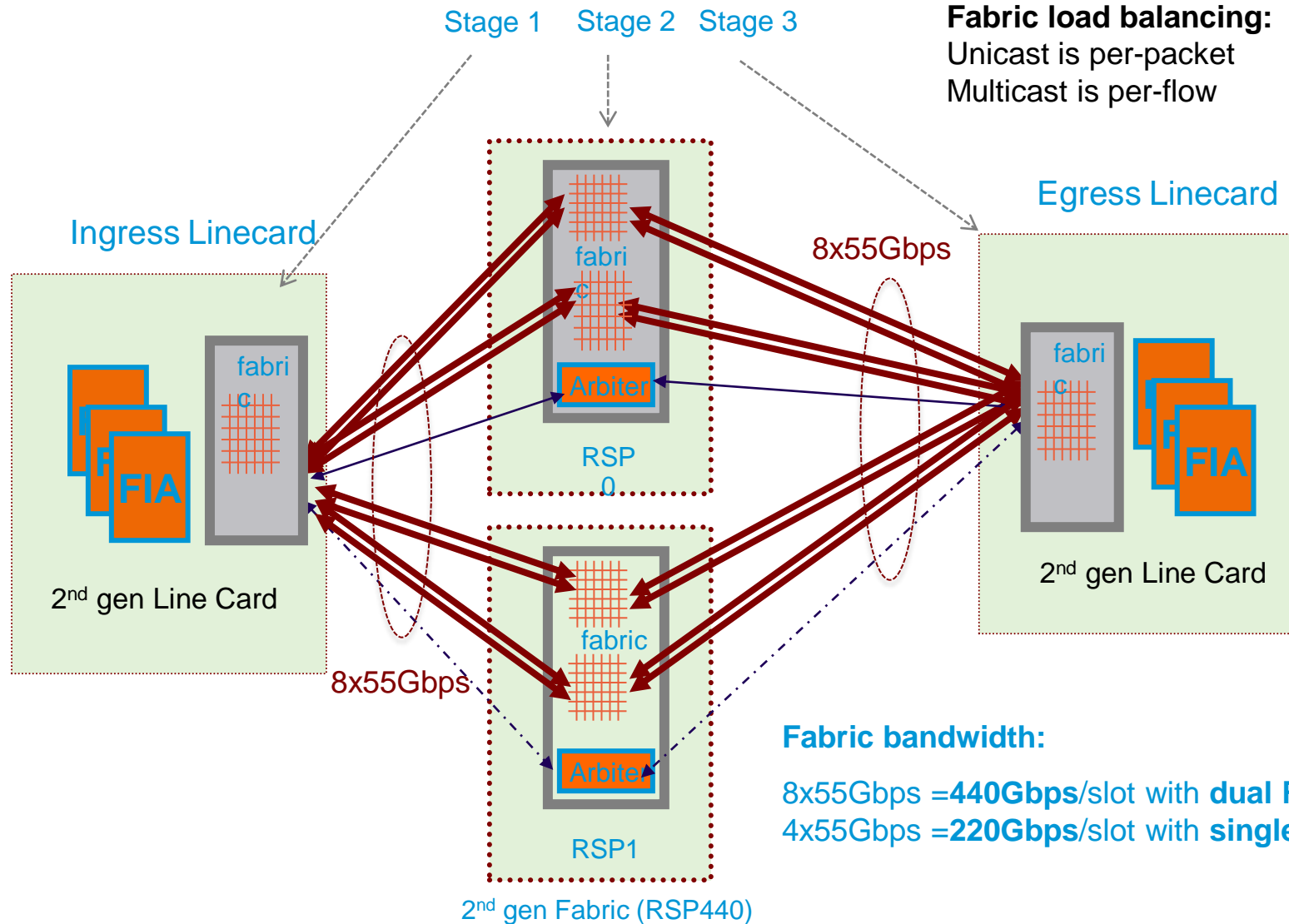
**Fabric frame format:**

Super-frame

**Fabric load balancing:**

Unicast is per-packet

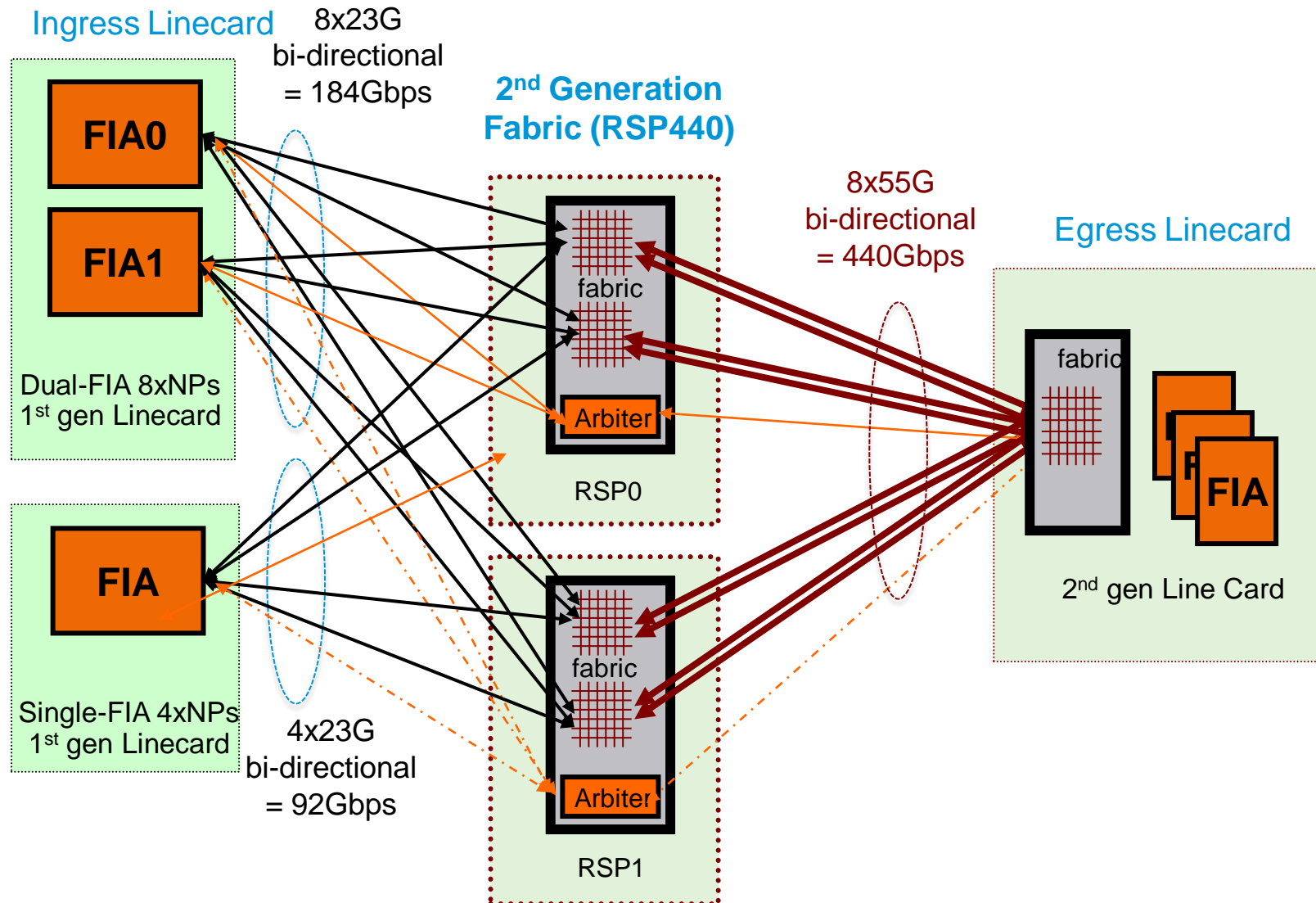
Multicast is per-flow





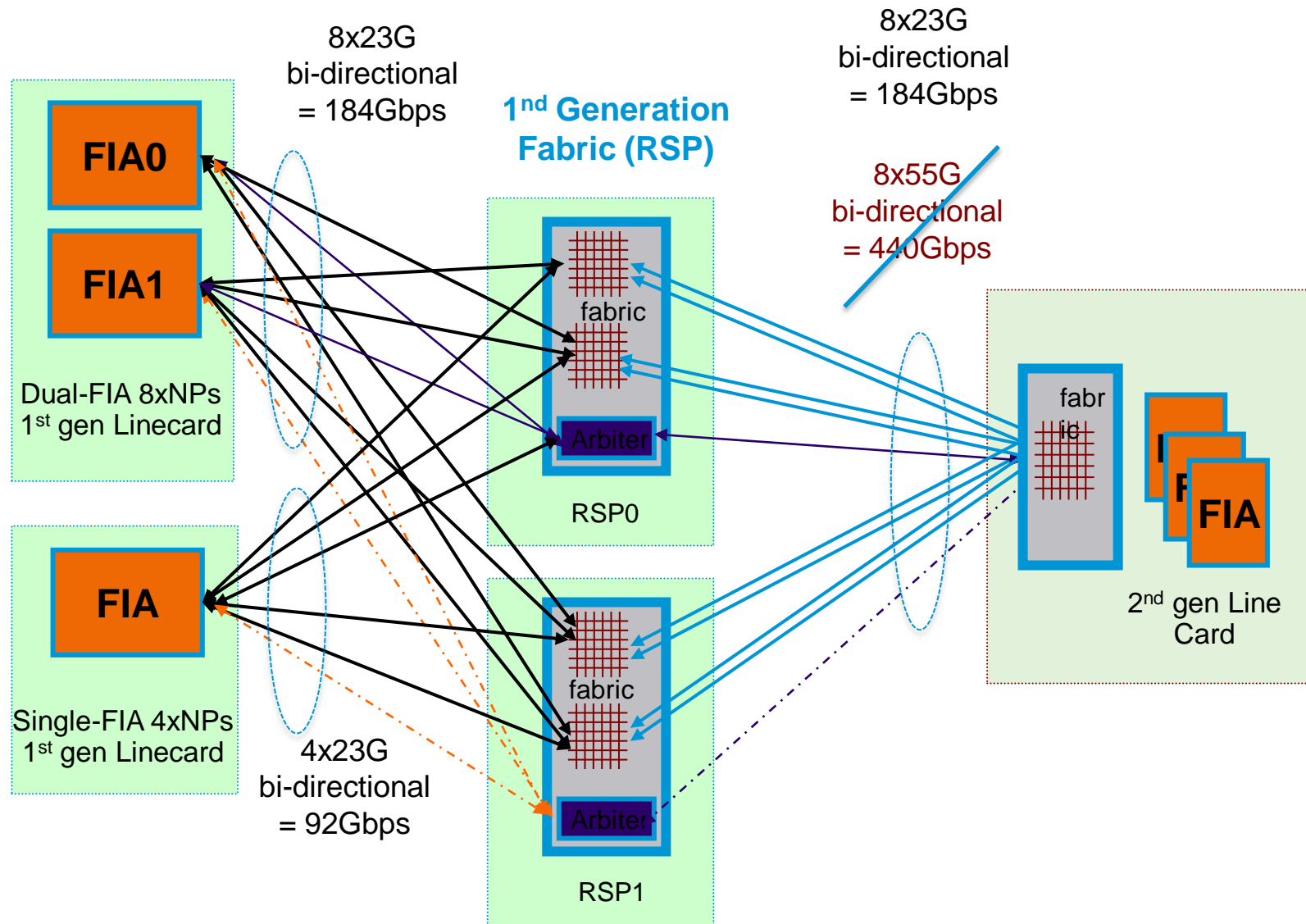
# 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Generation switch fabric compatibility

## System With 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Fabric



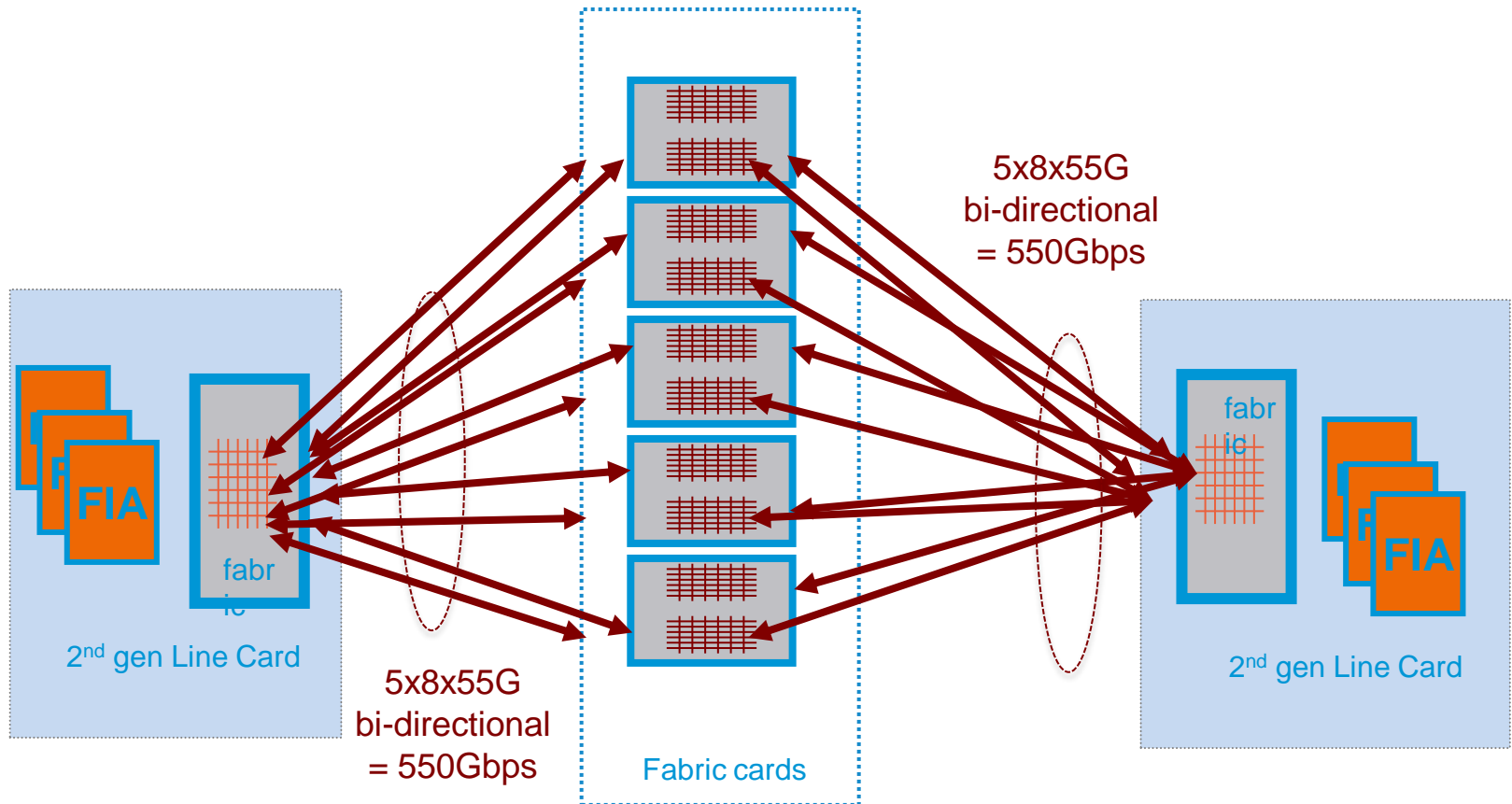
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## System with 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Fabric



# ASR 9922 Fabric Architecture : 5-plane System

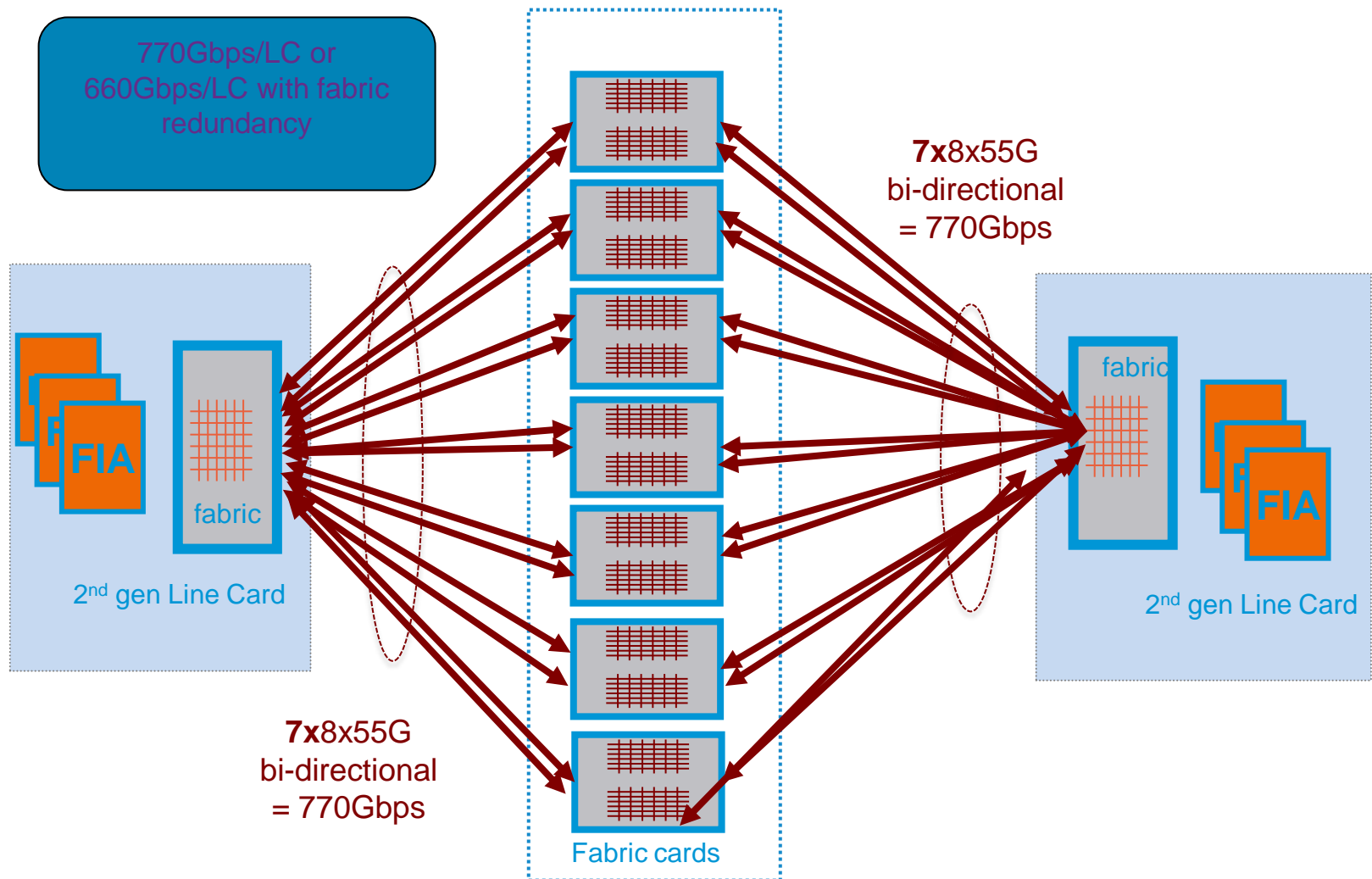
Supported Today



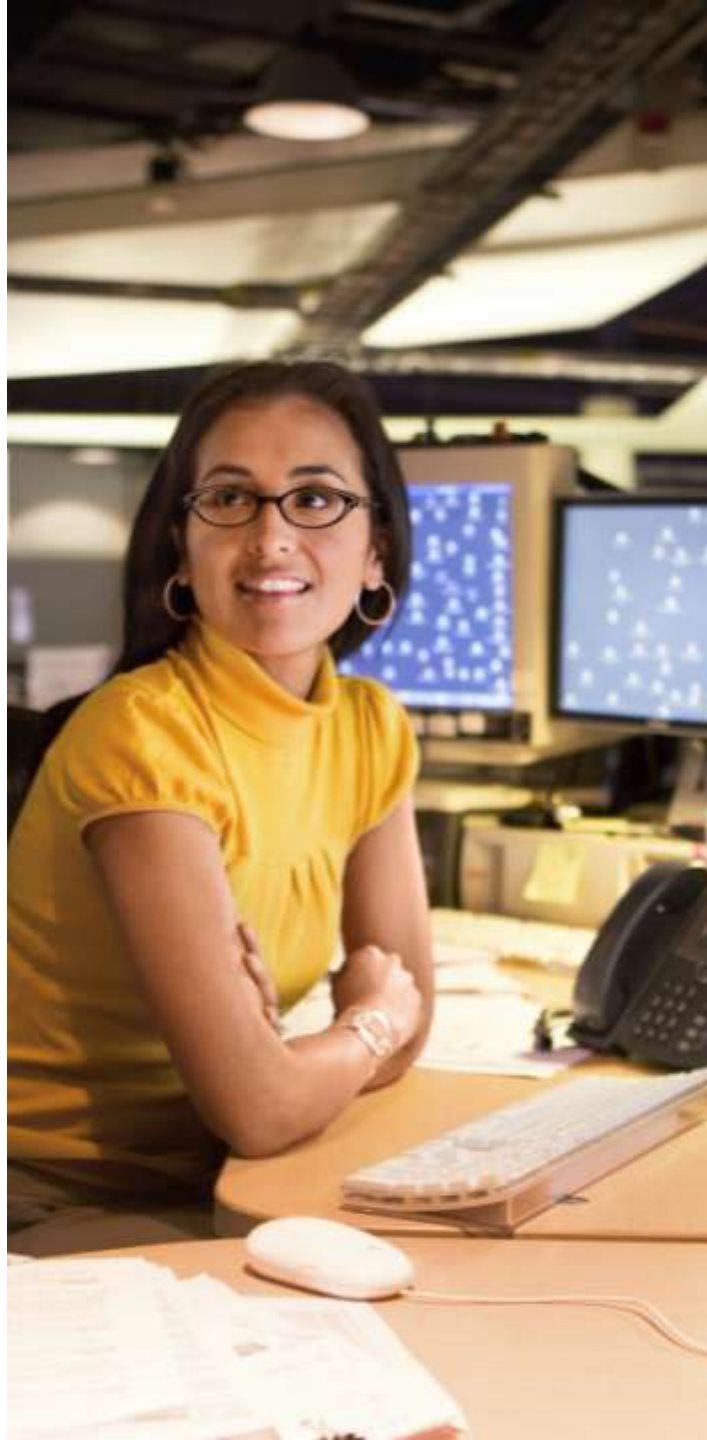
550Gbps/LC or 440Gbps/LC with fabric redundancy

# ASR 9922 Fabric Architecture : 7-plane System

Not supported today !



# Linecard Architecture





# Generic Linecard Architecture – Components

## Pluggable physical interfaces

- speeds: GE, 10GE, 40GE, 100GE
- form factors: SFP, SFP+, XFP, QSFP, CFP
- media/reach: T, SR, LR, ZR, LR4, SR10
- colors: gray, CWDM, DWDM, Tunable

## CPU

CPU

- Distributed Control planes
- SW switched packets
- Inline Netflow
- Program HW forwarding tables

## Network Processor

NP

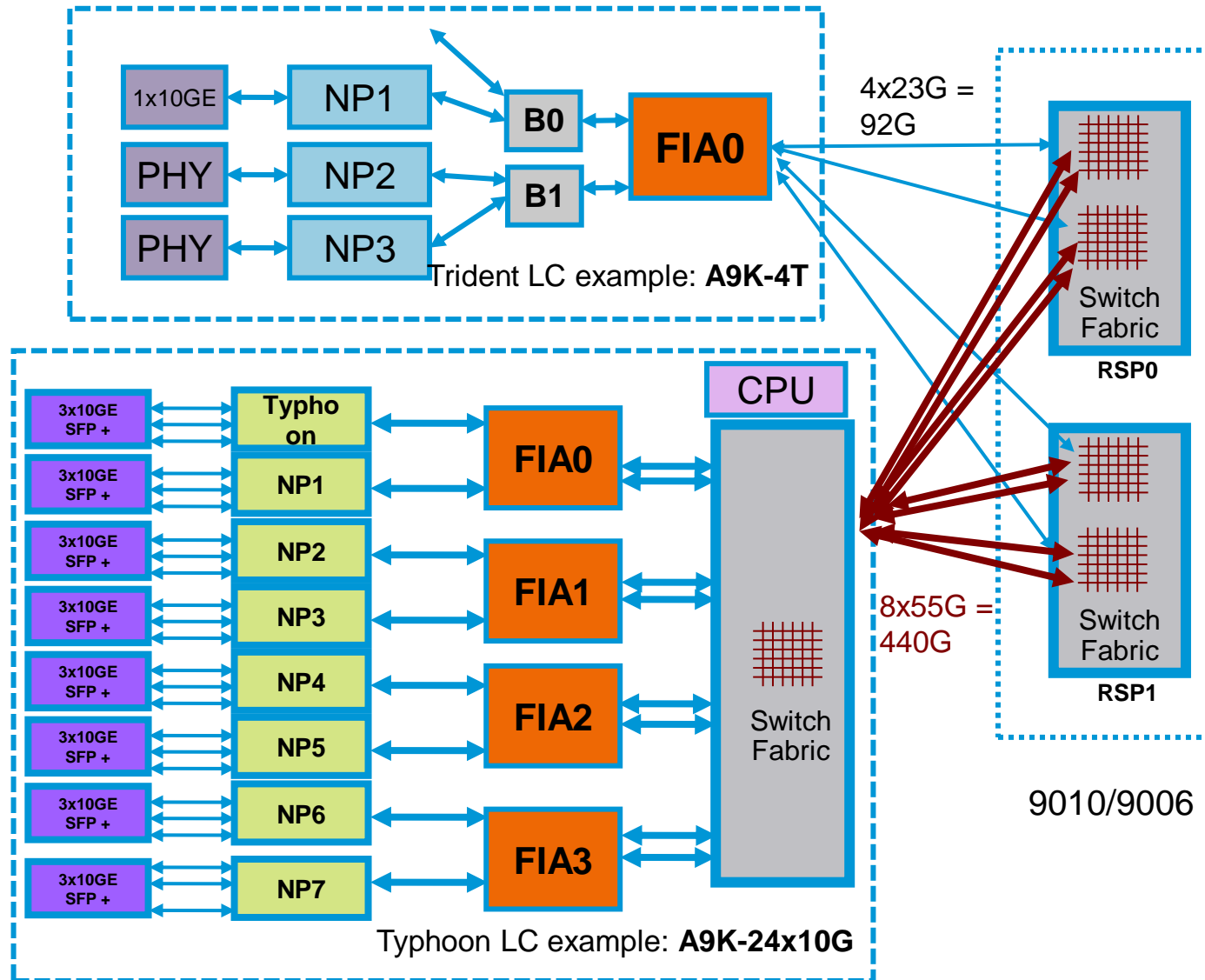
- forwarding and feature engine for the LC
- scales bandwidth via multiple NPs
  - up to 8 NPs/LC for performance vs. density options
- highly integrated silicon as opposed to multiple discrete components
  - shorter connections, faster communication channels
  - higher performance, density with lower power draw
  - simplified software development model

## Fabric Interface ASIC

FIA

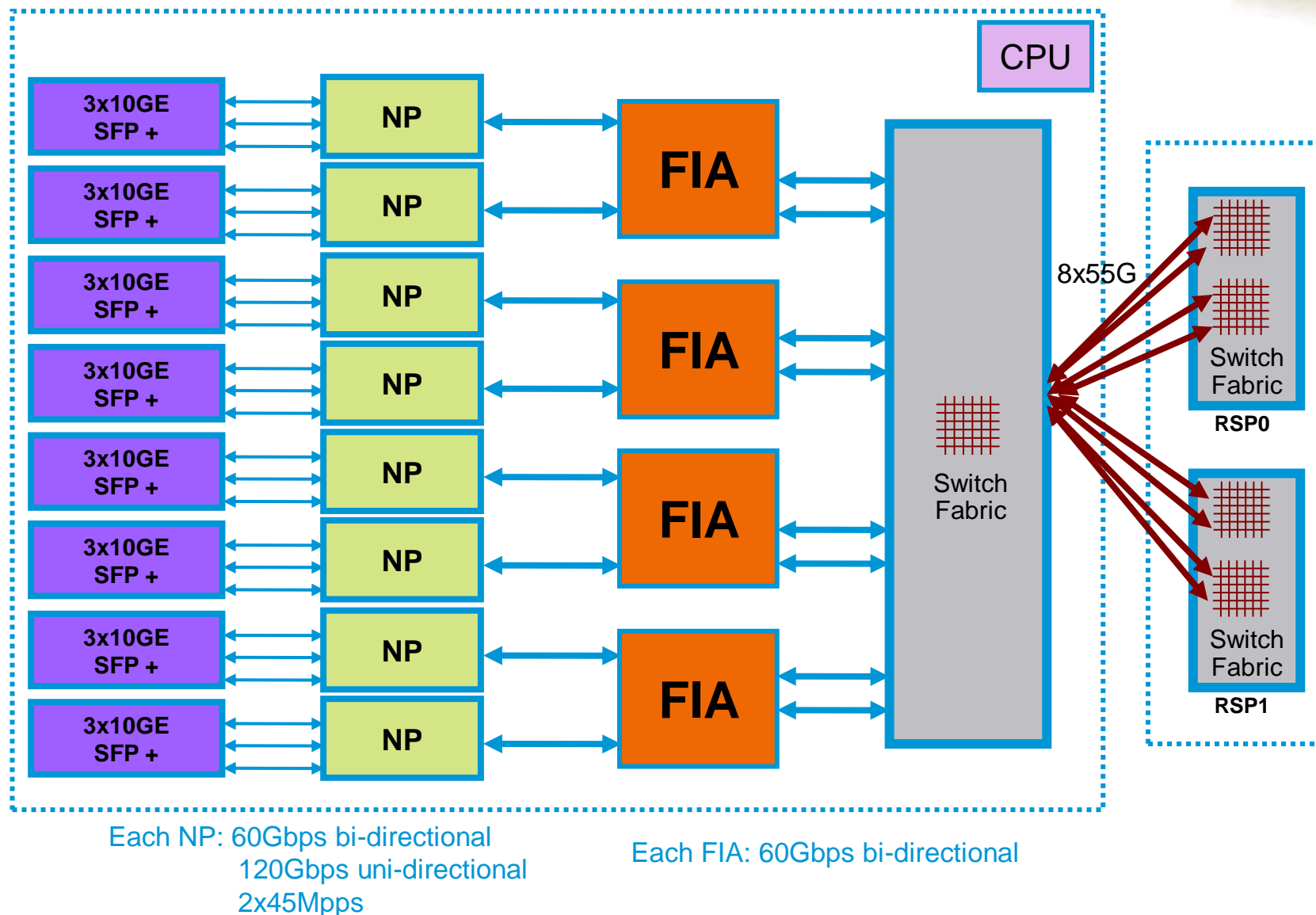
- interface between forwarding processor and system switch fabric
- arbitration, framing, accounting in HW
- provides buffering and virtual output queuing for the switch fabric
- QoS awareness for Hi/Lo and ucast/mcast
  - total flexibility regarding relative priority of unicast vs. multicast

# ASR 9000 Line Card Architecture Overview



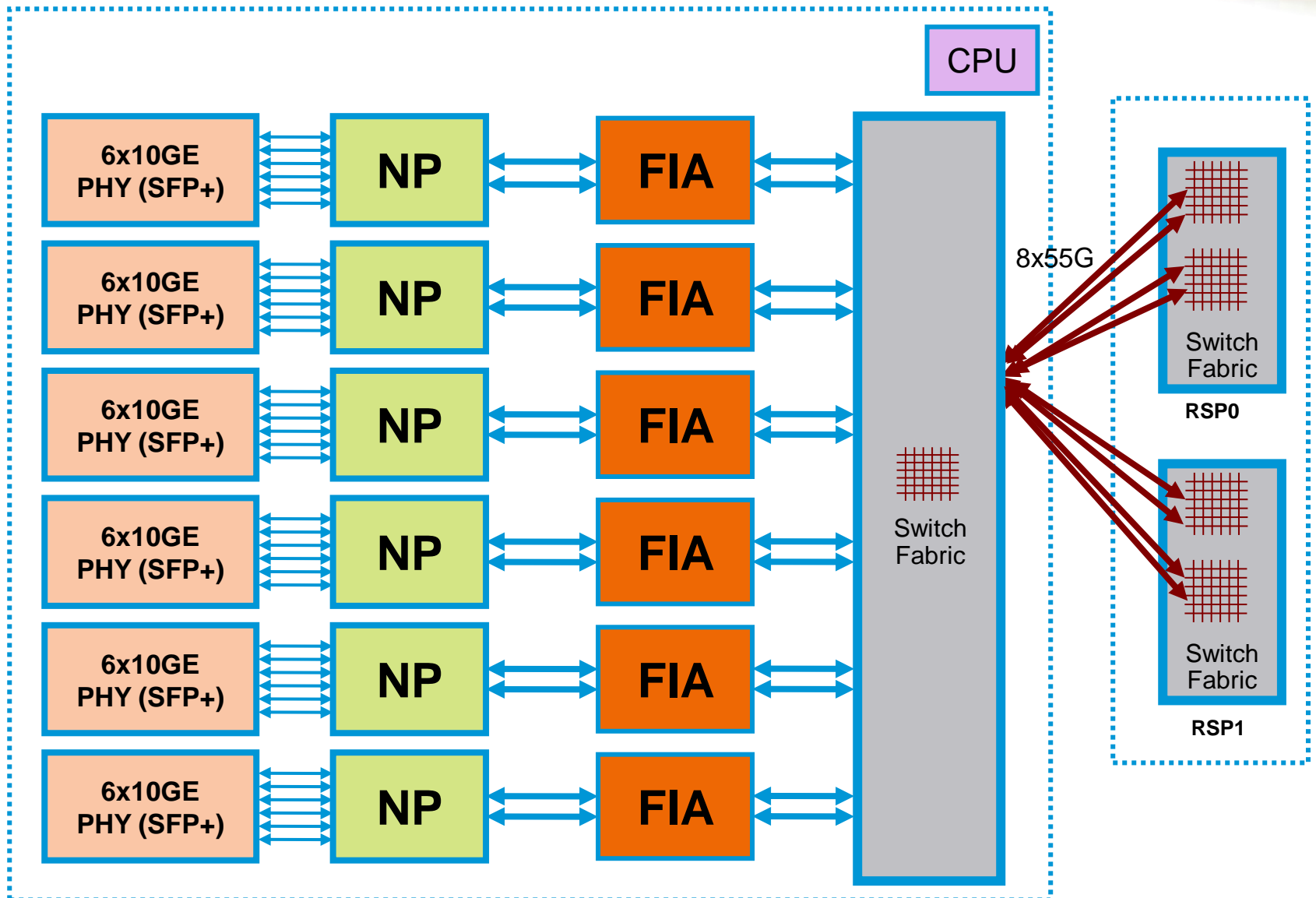


# 24port 10GE Linecard Architecture



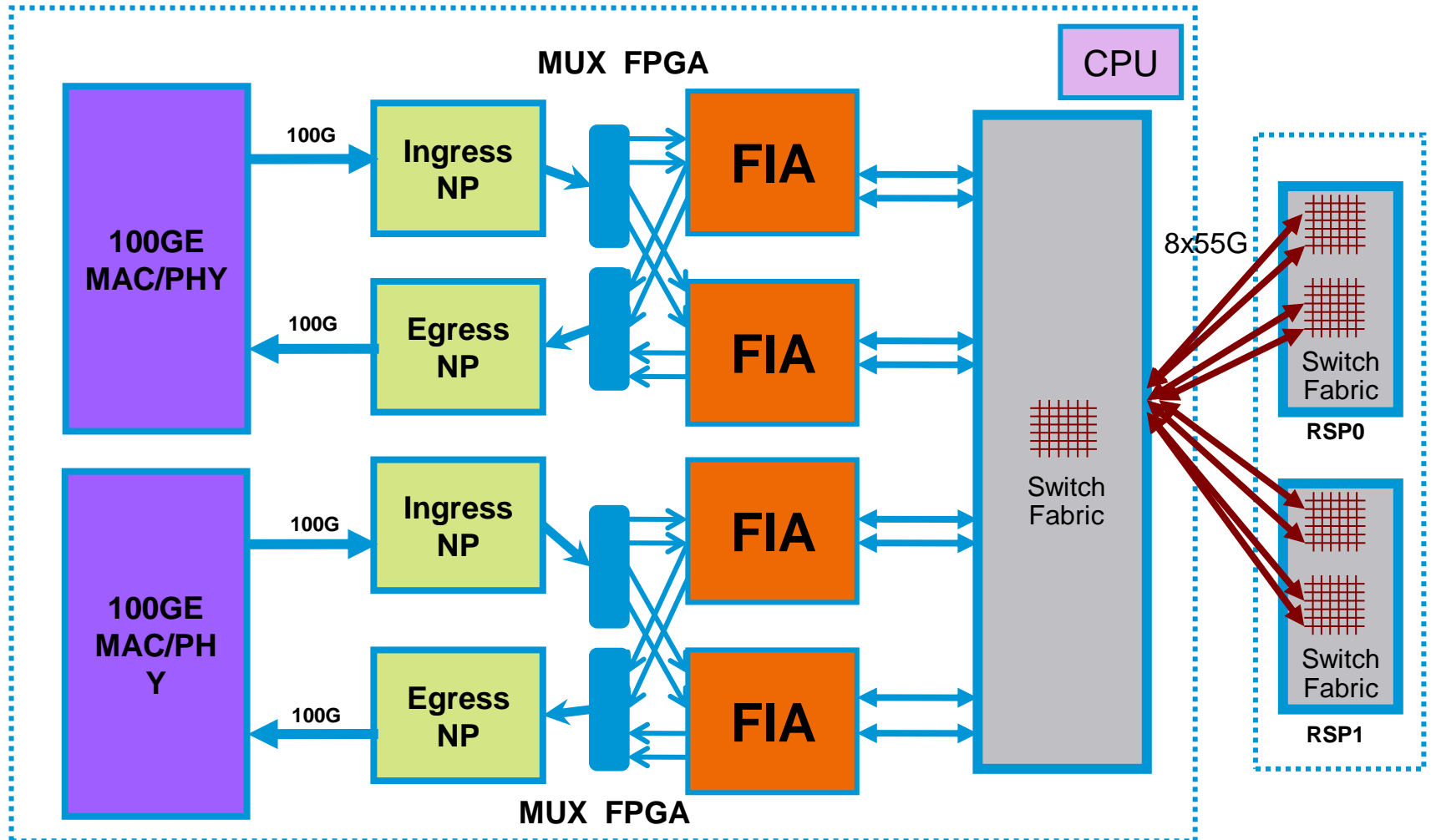


# 36port 10GE Linecard Architecture

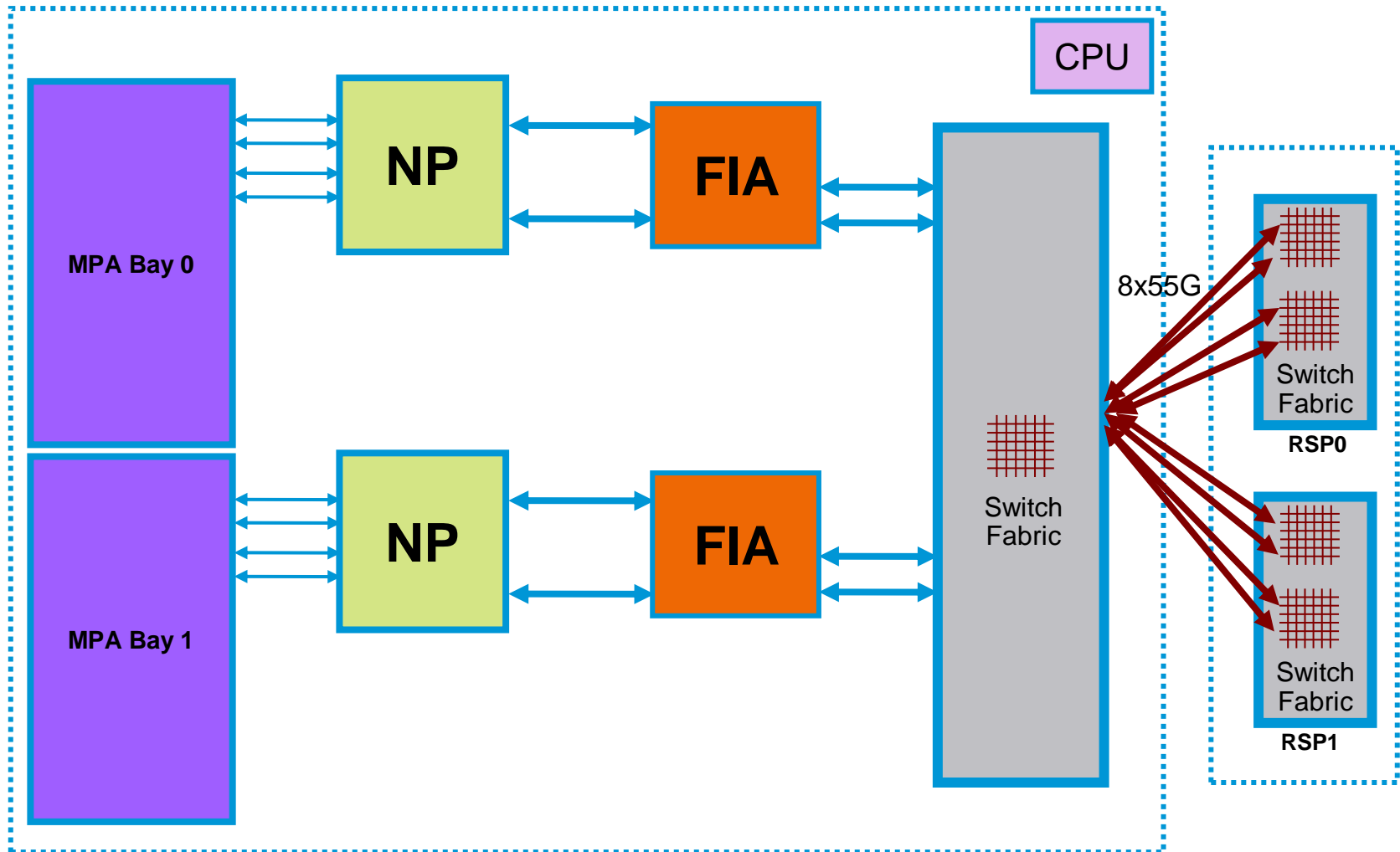




# 2port 100GE Linecard Architecture

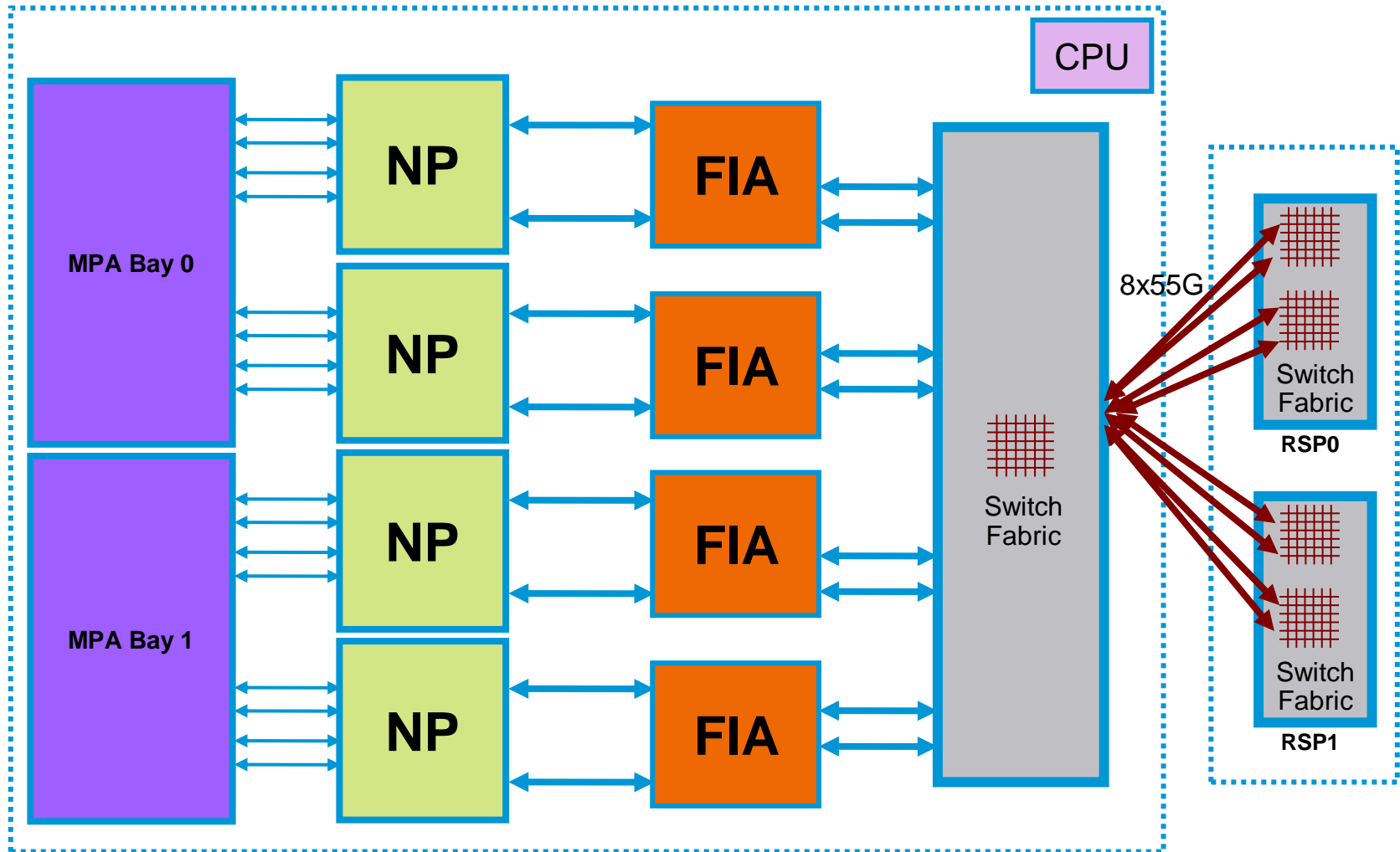


# Module Cards – MOD80



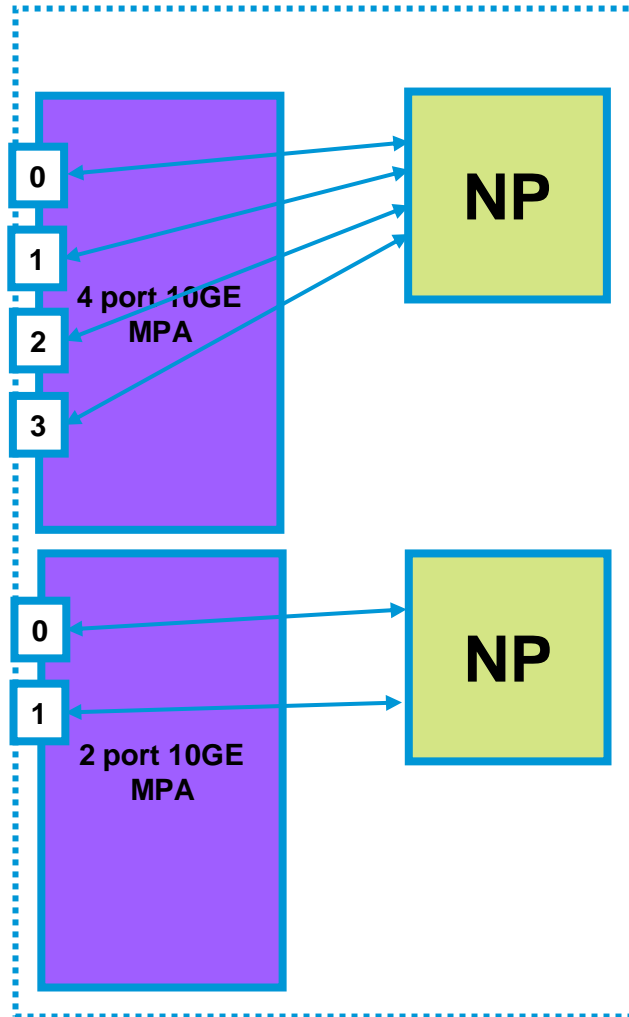


# Module Cards – MOD160

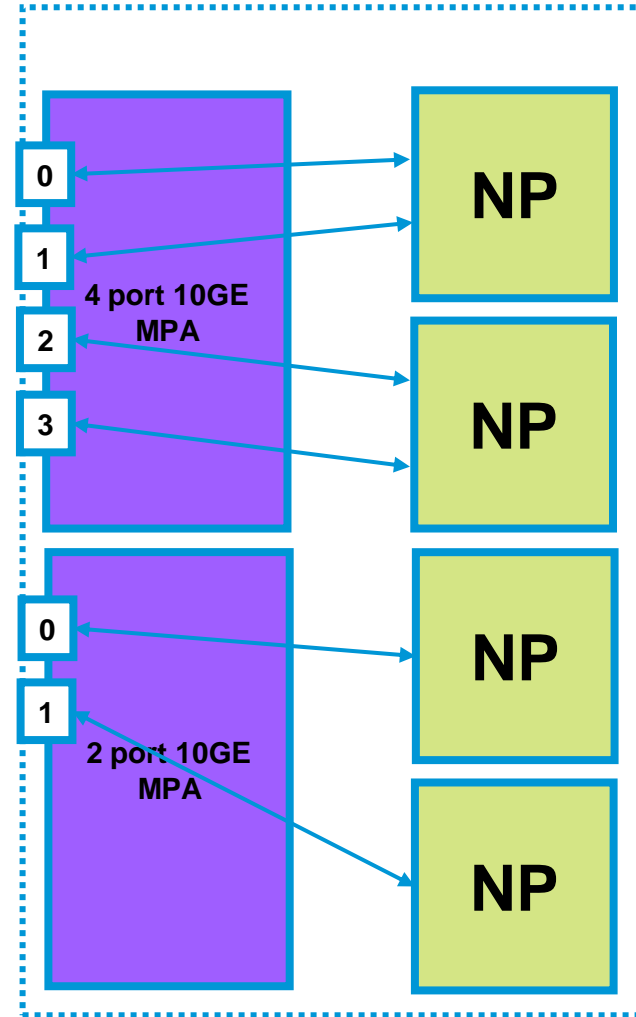


# MPA Port Mapping Examples for 10GE Ports

MOD80



MOD160

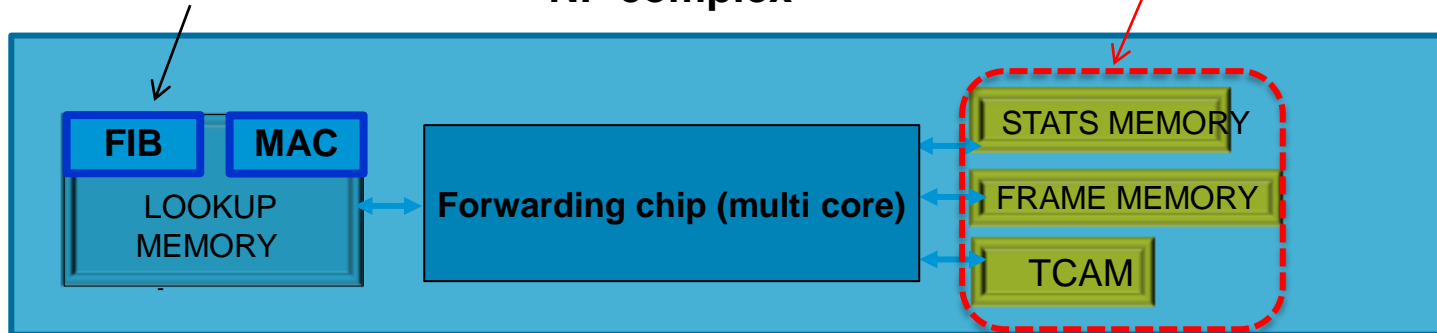


# Network Processor Architecture Details

-L/-B and -E, -TR and -SE  
has same memory size

**NP complex**

-L/-B and -E, -TR and -SE  
has different memory size



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

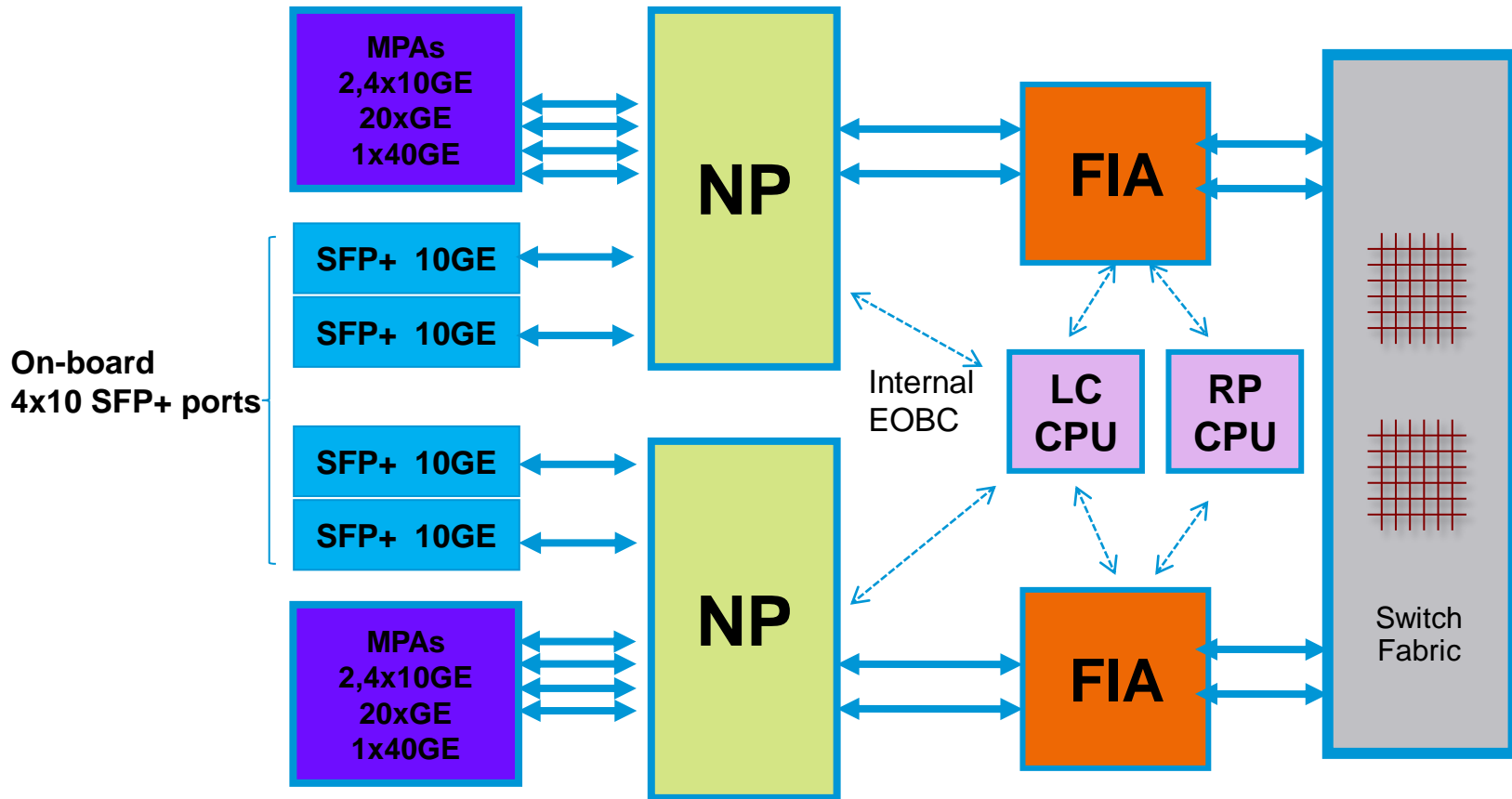
-TR/-SE, -L/-B/-E

Different TCAM/frame/stats memory size for different per-LC QoS, ACL, logical interface scale

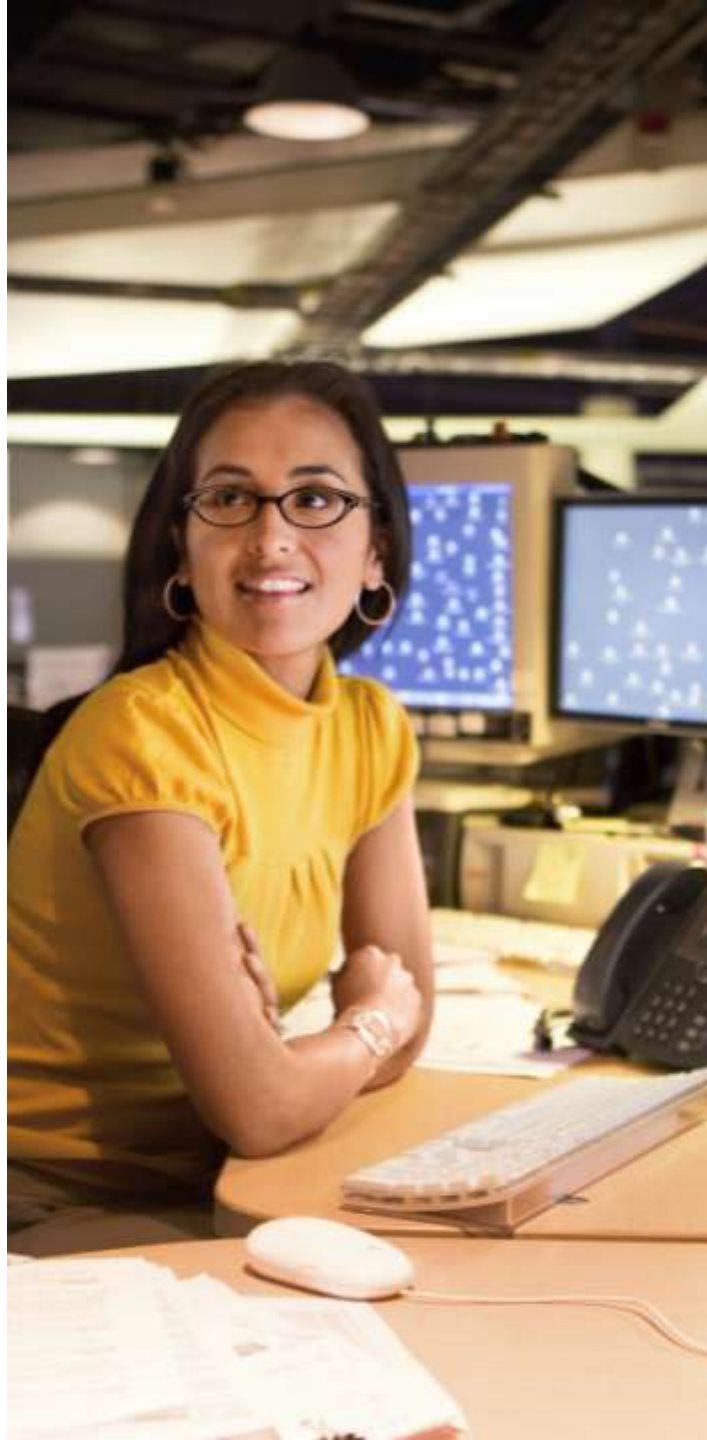
Same lookup memory for same system wide scale      mixing different variation of LCs doesn't impact system wide scale

# ASR9001 Architecture

Identical HW Components as the Modular Systems



# ASR 9000 nV Network Virtualization



# ASR 9000 nV Technology Overview

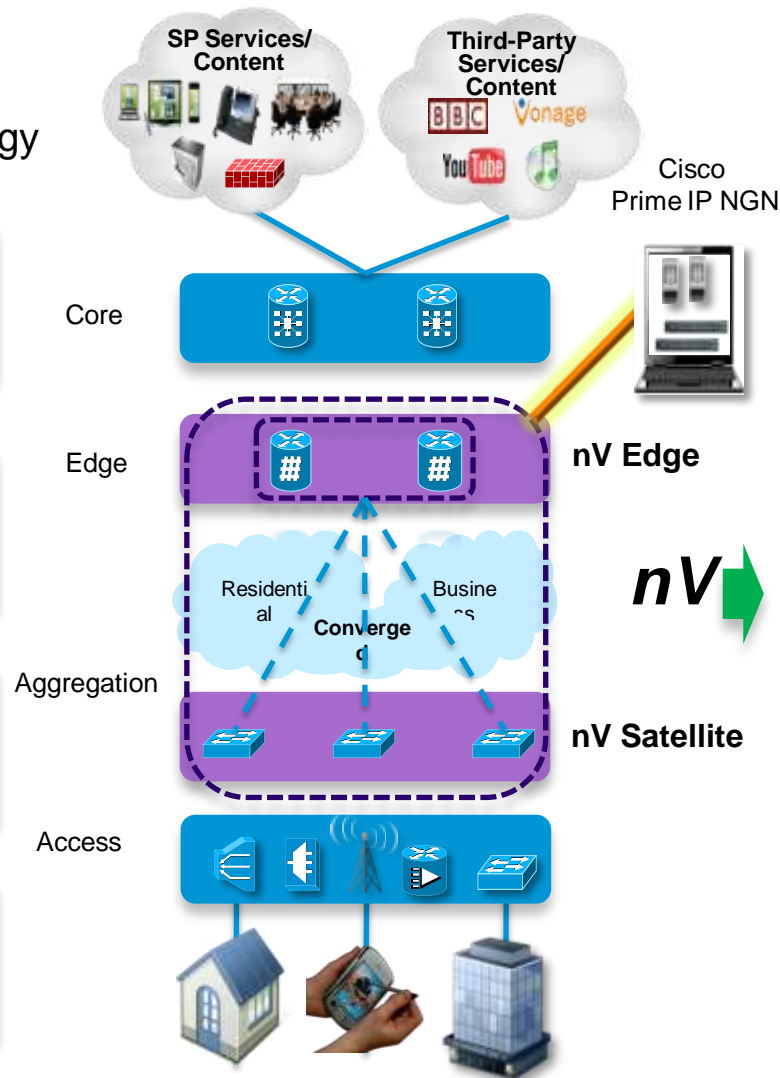
Before: **nV** Technology

Individual device to manage

Complex network protocols

Feature inconsistency, inter-operability

Physical port limit



After: **nV** Technology

One virtual system to manage

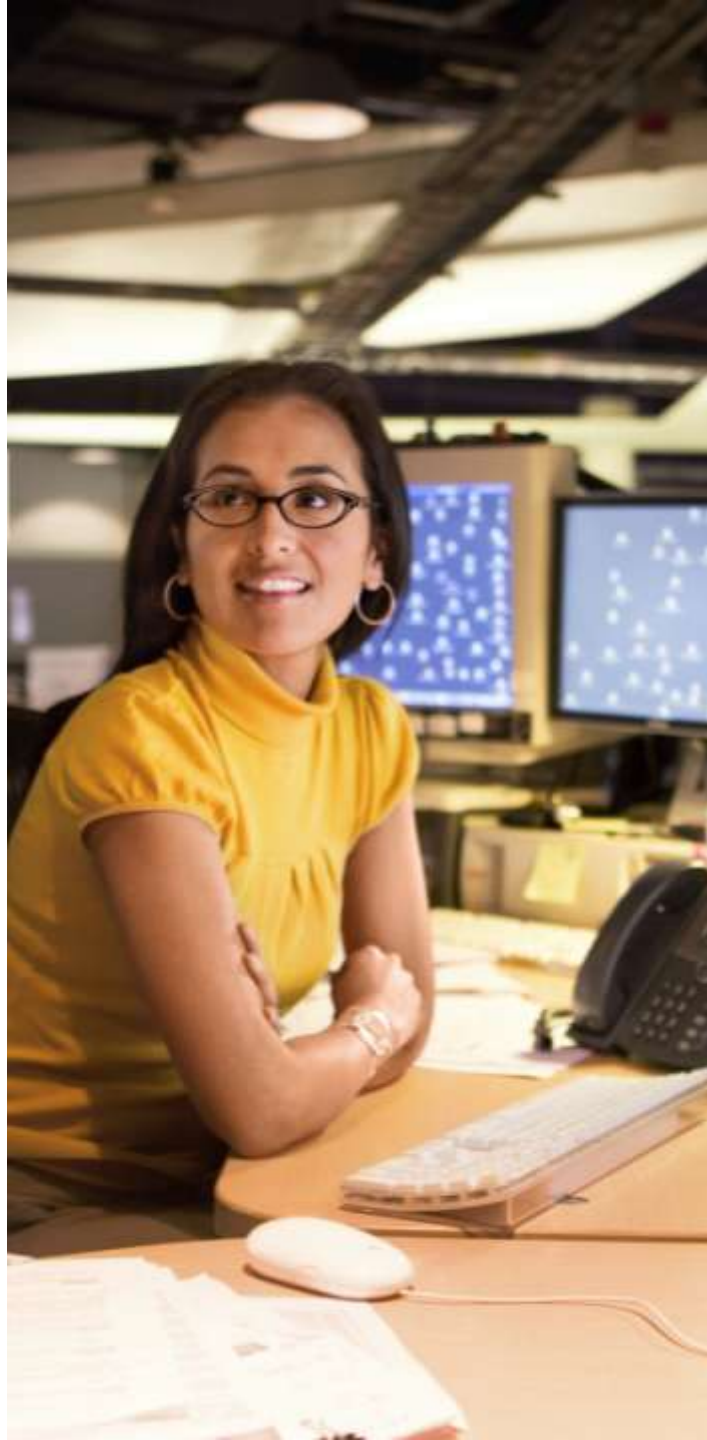
No network protocols within virtual system, Remote satellite is plug-n-play, zero touch

Single feature set, one release cycle

Scale to 10 of 1000s physical ports

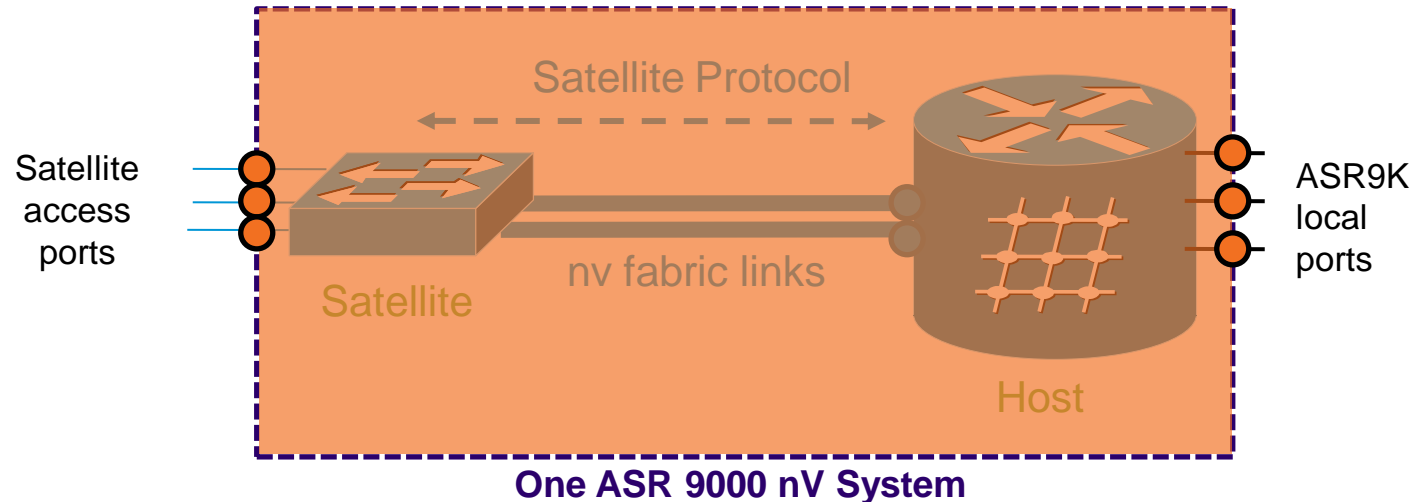


# nV Satellite



# ASR 9000 nV Satellite Overview

Plug and Play, zero Touch Satellite Access Device



Satellite and ASR 9000 Host run satellite protocol for auto-discovery, provisioning and management

Satellite and Host could be co-located or in different location. There is no distance limitation between satellite and Host

The connection between satellite and host is called “nv fabric link”, which could be L1 or over L2 virtual circuit (future)

Satellite access port have feature parity with ASR9K local ports  
→ it works/feels just as local port

# Satellite Hardware – ASR 9000v Overview

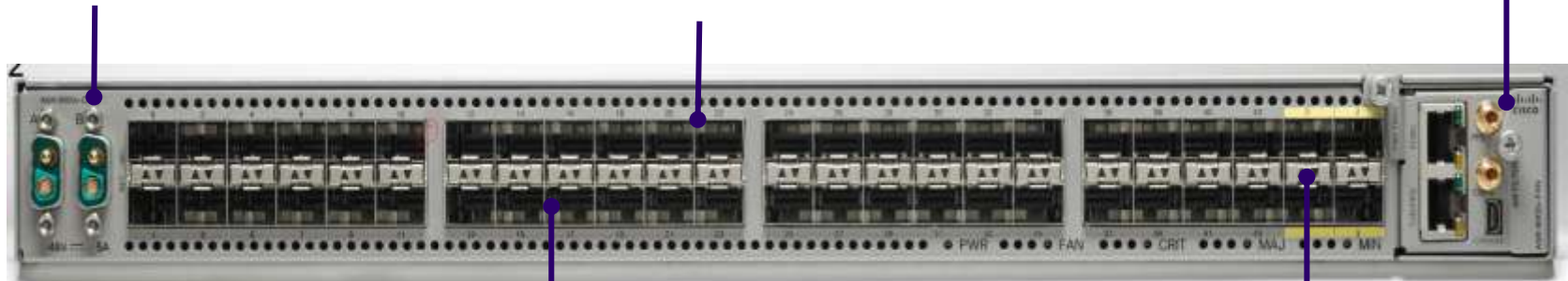
## Power Feeds

- Redundant -48vDC Power Feeds
- Single AC power feed
- Max Power 210W
- Nominal Power 159 W

## Field Replaceable Fan Tray

- Redundant Fans
- ToD/PSS Output
- Bits Out

## 1 RU ANSI & ETSI Compliant



## 44x10/100/1000 Mbps Pluggables

- Full Line Rate Packet Processing and Traffic Management
- Copper and fiber SFP optics
- Speed/duplex auto negotiation

## 4x10G SFP+

- Initially used as Fabric Ports ONLY (could be used as access port in the future)
- Copper and fiber SFP+ optics

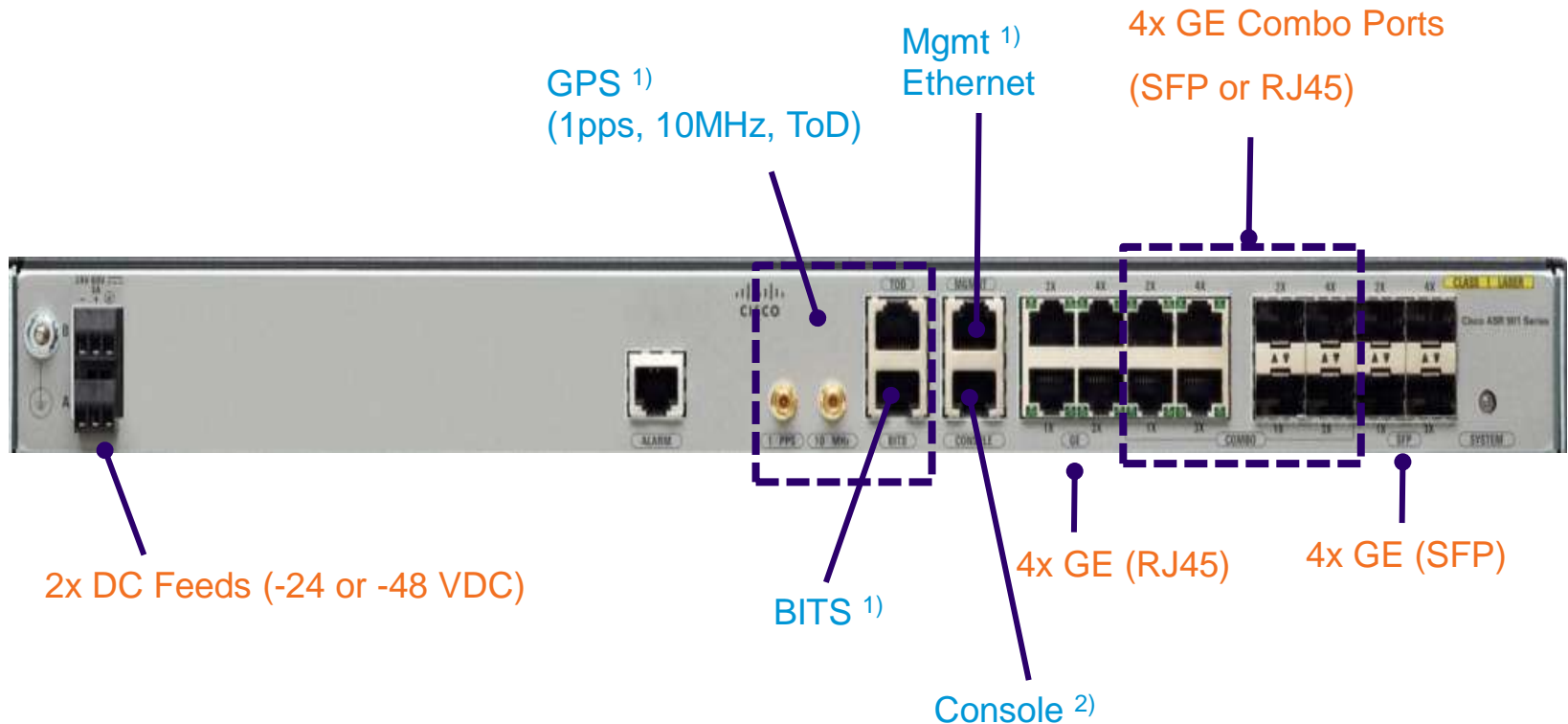
## Industrial Temp Rated

- -40C to +65C Operational Temperature
- -40C to +70C Storage Temperature

### SFP Support Information

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# Satellite Hardware – ASR901 Overview

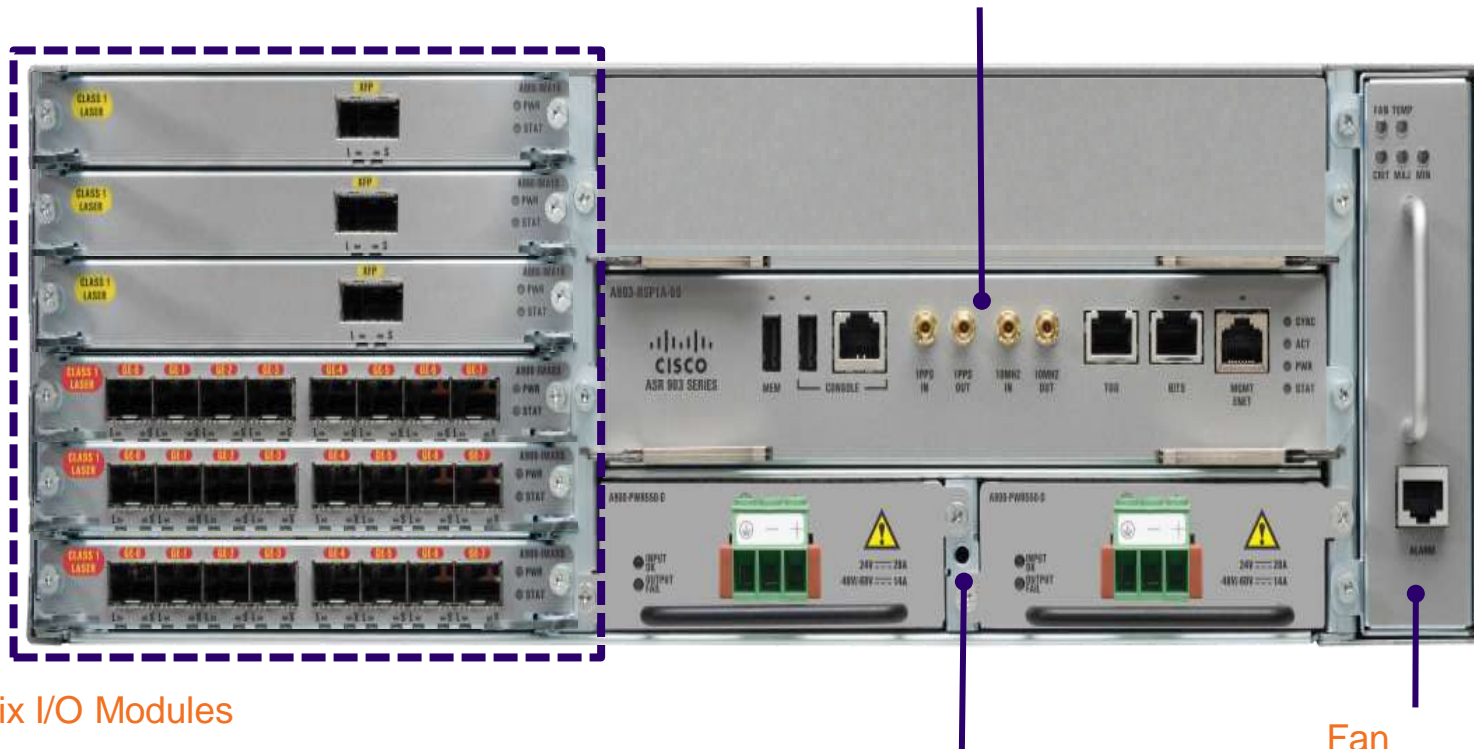


- 1) Not supported/used when operating in nV Satellite Mode
- 2) Used for low level debugging only

# Satellite Hardware – ASR903 Overview

## Router Switch Processor

- Currently only 1x RSP supported



## Six I/O Modules

- 1 port 10GE Module (XFP) – nV fabric links only
- 8 port 1GE Module (SFP) – access ports only
- 8 port 1GE Module (RJ45) – access ports only

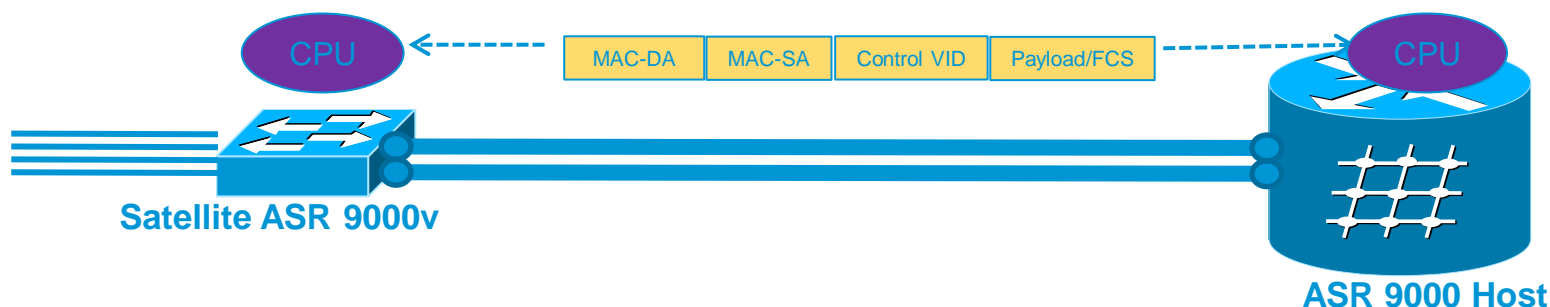
## 2x Power Modules

- DC PEM, 1x -24 or -48 VDC
- AC PEM, 1x 115..230 VAC

## Fan Module

# Satellite – Host Control Plane

## Satellite discovery and control protocol



### Discovery Phase

A **CDP-like** link-level protocol that discovers satellites and maintains a periodic heartbeat

**Heartbeat** sent once every second, used to detect satellite or fabric link failures.  
CFM based fast failure detection plan for future release

### Control Phase

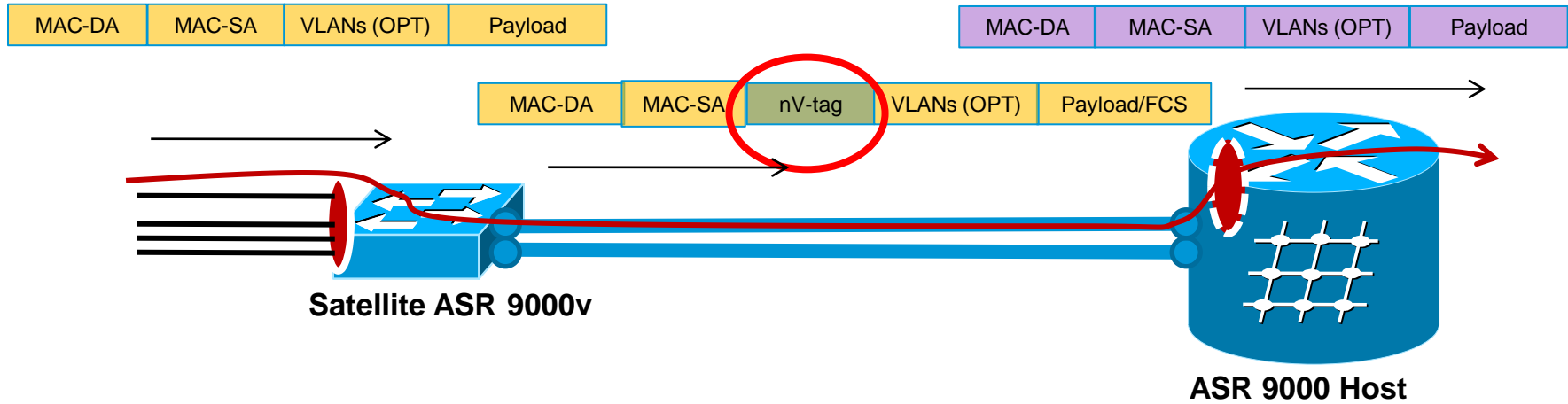
Used for **Inter-Process Communication** between Host and Satellite

Cisco proprietary protocol over TCP socket, it could get standardized in the future

**Get/Set style messages** to provision the satellites and also to retrieve notifications from the satellite



# Satellite – Host Data Plane Encapsulation



## On the Satellite

Satellite receives Ethernet frame on its access port

**Special nV-tag** is added

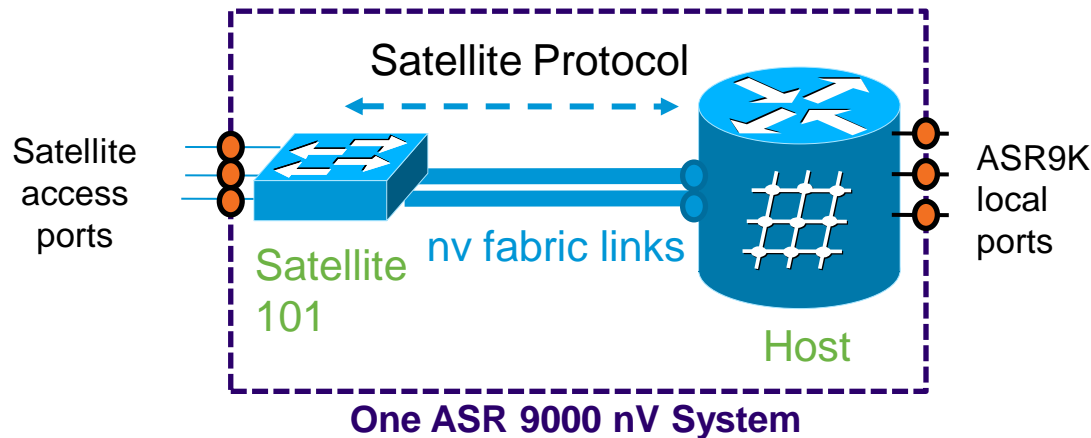
**Local xconnect** between access and fabric port (no MAC learning !)

Packet is put into fabric port egress queue and transmitted out toward host

## On the Host

- Host receives the packet on its satellite fabric port
- **Checks the nV tag**, then maps the frame to the corresponding satellite virtual access port
- Packet Processing identical to local ports (L2/L3 features, qos, ACL, etc all done in the NPU)
- Packet is forwarded out of a local, or satellite fabric port to same or different satellite

# Initial Satellite Configuration



**nv**

```
satellite 101 ← define satellite  
  type asr9000v  
  ipv4 address 10.0.0.101
```

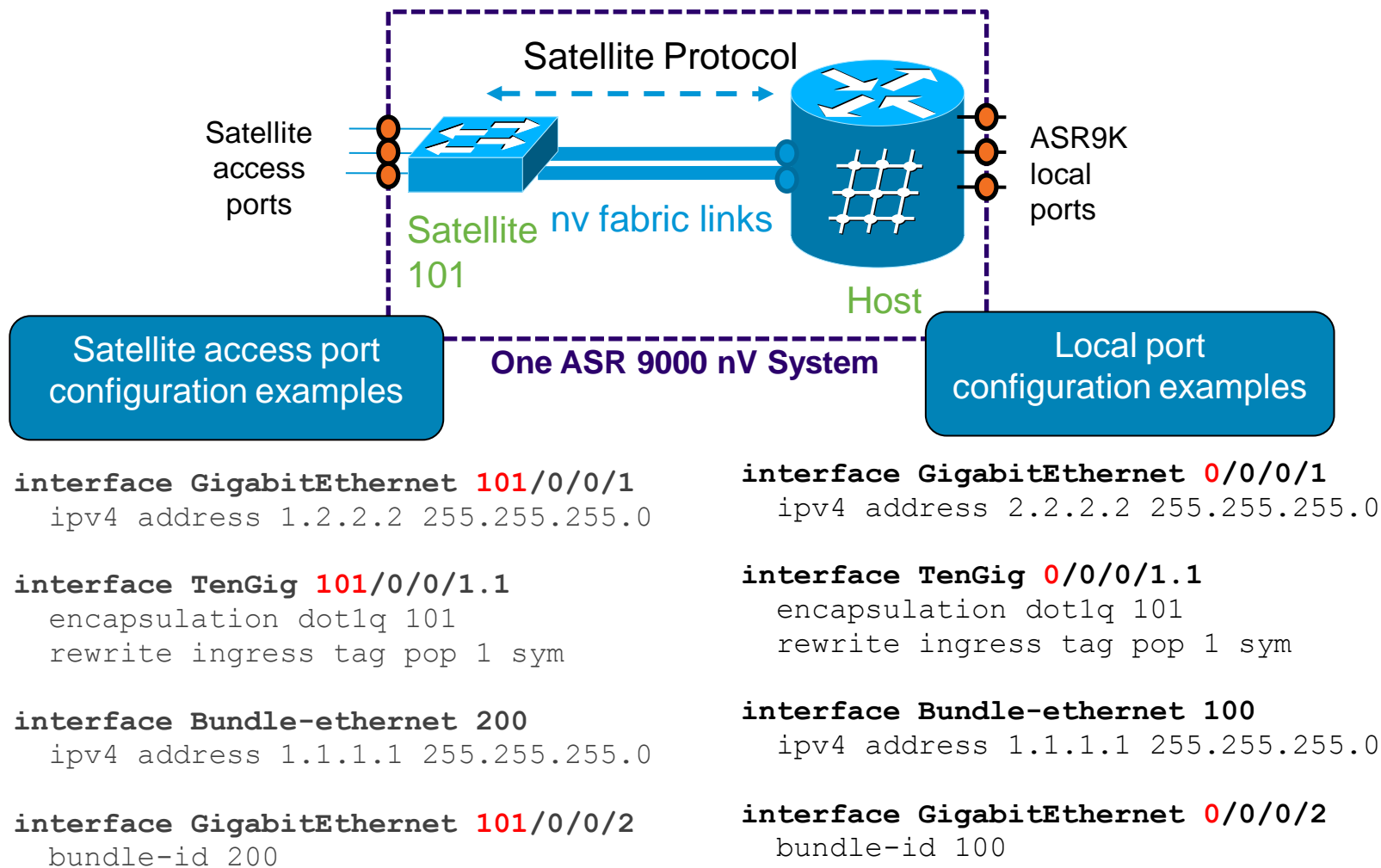
```
interface TenGigE 0/2/0/2 ← configure satellite  
fabric port  
  ipv4 point-to-point  
  ipv4 unnumbered Loopback100
```

**nv**

```
satellite-fabric-link satellite 101  
  remote-ports ← satellite to fabric port mapping  
  GigabitEthernet 0/0/0-9
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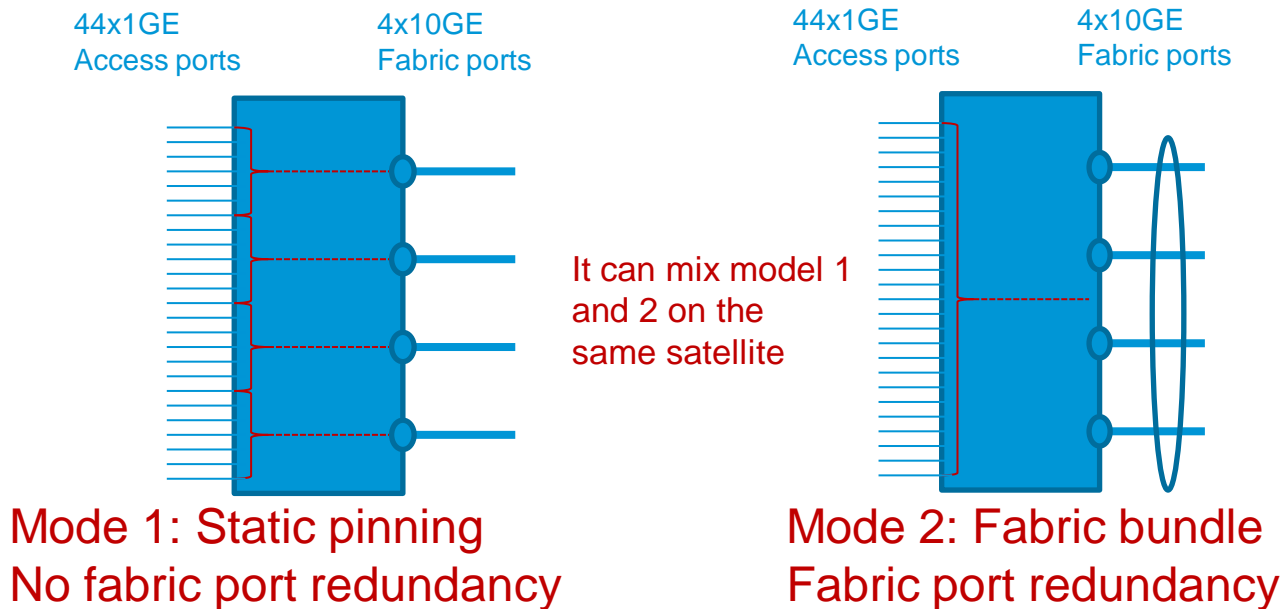
# Satellite Port Configuration

## Comparison to Local Port Configuration



# Satellite Deployment Models

## ASR9000v Example



Access ports are mapped to a single Fabric Link

Fabric Link failure does bring Access Port down

Fabric links are forming a Link-Bundle

Access port traffic is “hashed” across Bundle Members

Fabric link failure keeps all Access Ports up, re-hashing of Traffic

# Satellite Plug and Play

Configure, Install and Ready-to-Go



Critical Error LED ON → bad hardware, RMA



Major Error LED ON → Unable to connect to ASR9K host  
Missing the initial satellite configuration?

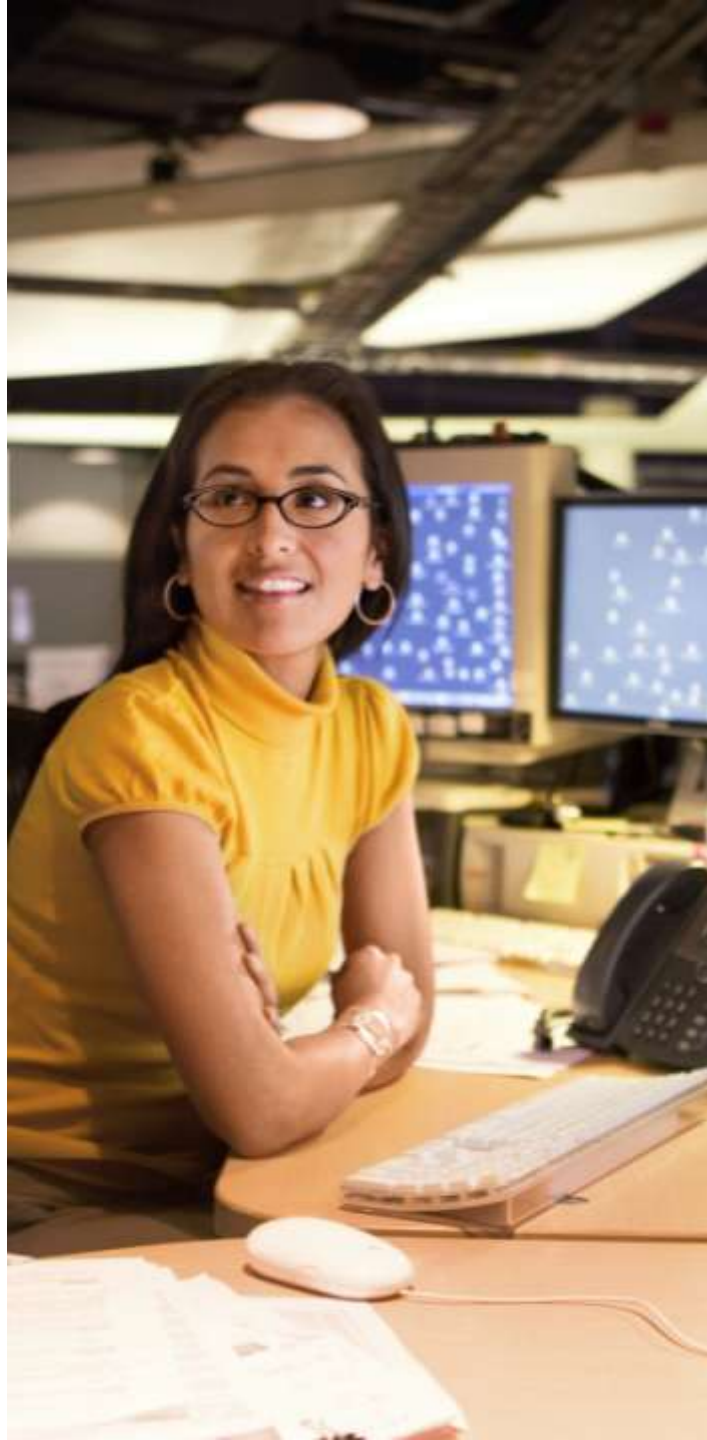
L1 issue, at least one of the uplink port light green?

Security check (optional), is the satellite SN# correct?



Status light green → ready to go, satellite is fully managed by Host

# nV Edge



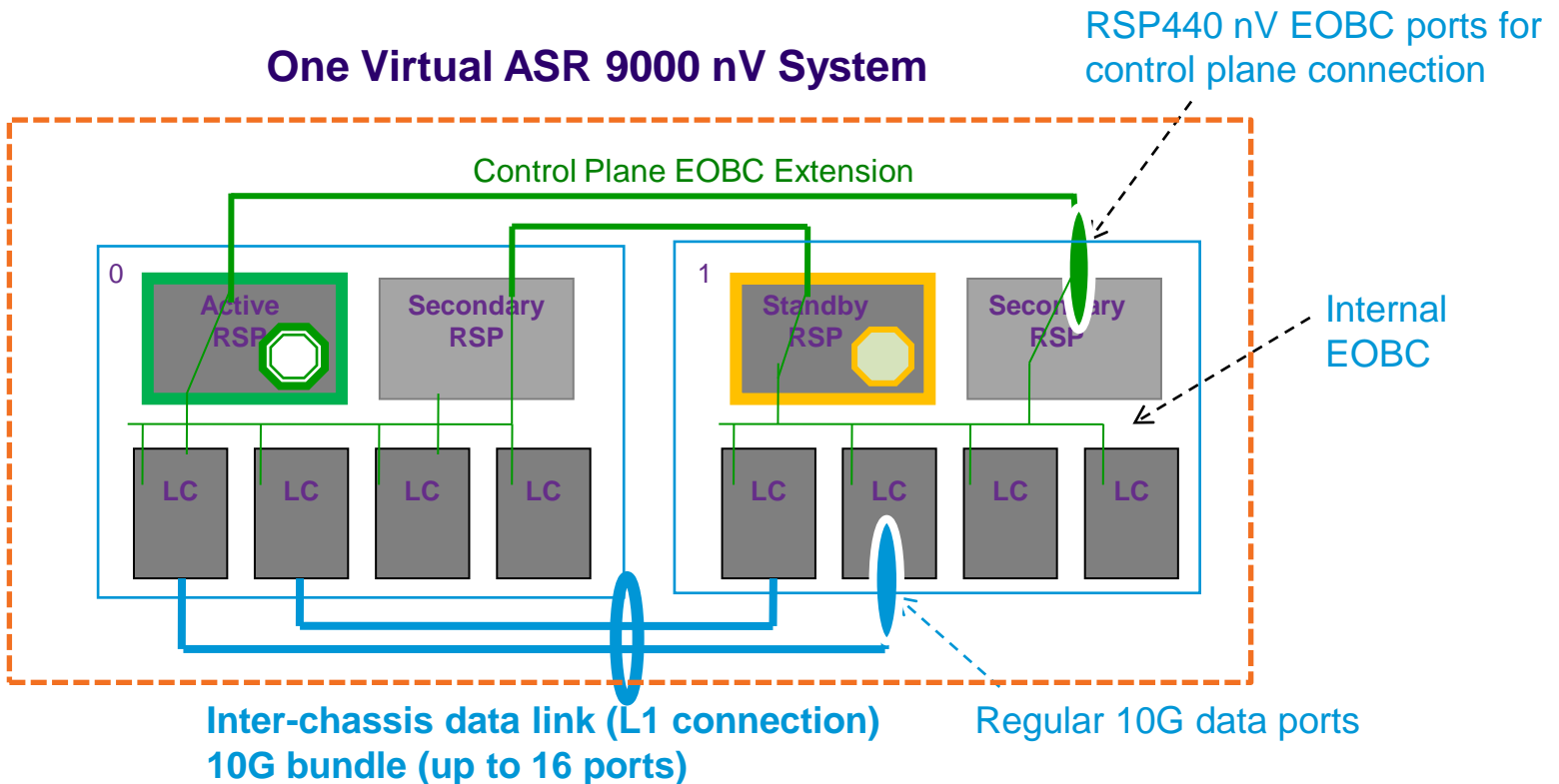


# ASR9000 nV Edge Overview



Single control plane, single management plane, fully distributed data plane across two physical chassis → one virtual nV system

# nV Edge Architecture Details



Control plane connection: Active RSP and standby RSP are on the different chassis, they communicate via external EOBC links

Data plane connection: bundle regular data links into special “nV fabric link” to simulate switch fabric function between two physical chassis for data packet

Flexible co-located or different location deployment (upto 10msec latency)

# nV Edge Configuration

Configure nV Edge globally

```
nv
edge-system
  serial FOX1437GC1R rack 1  ← static mapping of chassis serial# and rack#
  serial FOX1439G63M rack 0
```

Configure the inter-chassis fabric(data plane) links

```
interface TenGigE1/2/0/0
  nv edge interface
interface TenGigE0/2/0/0
  nv edge interface
```

NO need to configure the inter-chassis control plane EOBC ports. It's plug-and-play 😊

After this configuration, rack 1 will reload and then join cluster after it boot up  
Now you successfully convert two standalone ASR 9000 into one ASR 9000 nV Edge  
As simple as this !!!

# nV Edge Interface Numbering

## Interfaces on 1<sup>st</sup> Chassis (Rack 0)

GigabitEthernet0/1/1/0	unassigned	Up	Up
GigabitEthernet0/1/1/1.1	unassigned	Shutdown	Down
...			

## Interface on 2<sup>nd</sup> Chassis (Rack 1)

GigabitEthernet1/1/1/0	unassigned	Up	Up
GigabitEthernet1/1/1/1.22	unassigned	Shutdown	Down
...			

## Interfaces on a Satellite connected to the nV Edge Virtual System

GigabitEthernet100/1/1/0	unassigned	Up	Up
GigabitEthernet100/1/1/1.123	unassigned	Up	Up
...			

# nV Edge System Monitoring

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:ASR4-Rack0(admin)#**show dsc**

Thu Apr 12 03:01:12.225 UTC

Node	(	Seq#)	Role	Serial#	State
0/RSP0/CPU0	(	0)	ACTIVE	FOX1545GRM1	<b>PRIMARY-DSC</b>
0/RSP1/CPU0	(	31785)	STANDBY	FOX1545GRM1	NON-DSC
1/RSP0/CPU0	(	31763)	STANDBY	FOX1325G77H	NON-DSC
1/RSP1/CPU0	(	32001)	ACTIVE	FOX1325G77H	<b>BACKUP-DSC</b>

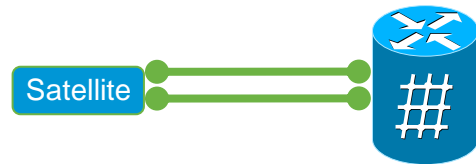
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:ASR4-Rack0#**show platform**

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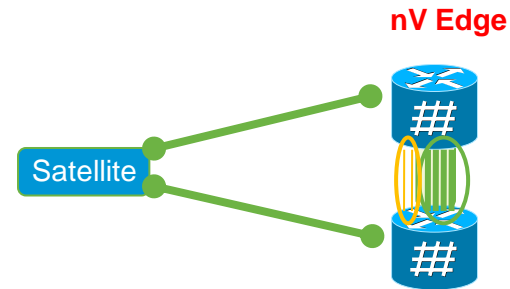
Node	Type	State	Config State
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<b>0/RSP1/CPU0</b>	<b>A9K-RSP440-SE (Standby)</b>	<b>IOS XR RUN</b>	<b>PWR,NSHUT,NMON</b>
0/0/CPU0	A9K-2x100GE-TR	IOS XR RUN	PWR,NSHUT,MON
0/1/CPU0	A9K-MOD160-TR	IOS XR RUN	PWR,NSHUT,NMON
0/1/0	A9K-MPA-2X40GE	DISABLED	PWR,SHUT,MON
0/1/1	A9K-MPA-20X1GE	OK	PWR,NSHUT,MON
0/3/CPU0	A9K-SIP-700	IOS XR RUN	PWR,NSHUT,MON
0/3/0	SPA-8XOC12-POS	OK	PWR,NSHUT,MON
0/3/1	SPA-2XCHOC12/DS0	OK	PWR,NSHUT,MON
0/3/2	SPA-2XOC48POS/RPR	OK	PWR,NSHUT,MON
<b>1/RSP0/CPU0</b>	<b>A9K-RSP440-SE (Standby)</b>	<b>IOS XR RUN</b>	<b>PWR,NSHUT,MON</b>
<b>1/RSP1/CPU0</b>	<b>A9K-RSP440-SE (Active)</b>	<b>IOS XR RUN</b>	<b>PWR,NSHUT,MON</b>
1/3/CPU0	A9K-24x10GE-TR	IOS XR RUN	PWR,NSHUT,MON
1/4/CPU0	A9K-24x10GE-SE	IOS XR RUN	PWR,NSHUT,MON

# nV Topologies

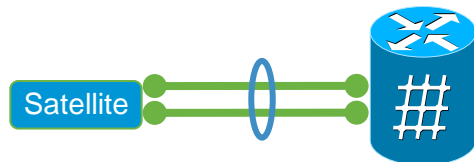
Single-homed, static pinning



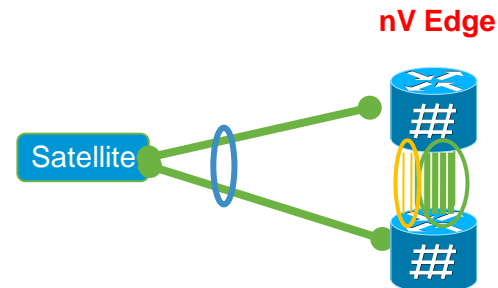
Dual-homed to nV Edge, static pinning



Single-homed, fabric bundle



Dual-homed to nV Edge, fabric bundle



# Cisco ASR9000 – Next-Gen Edge Routing Platform

## Key Design Goals & System Benefits

Architectural Design for Longevity

Product Portfolio with significant HW and SW commonality

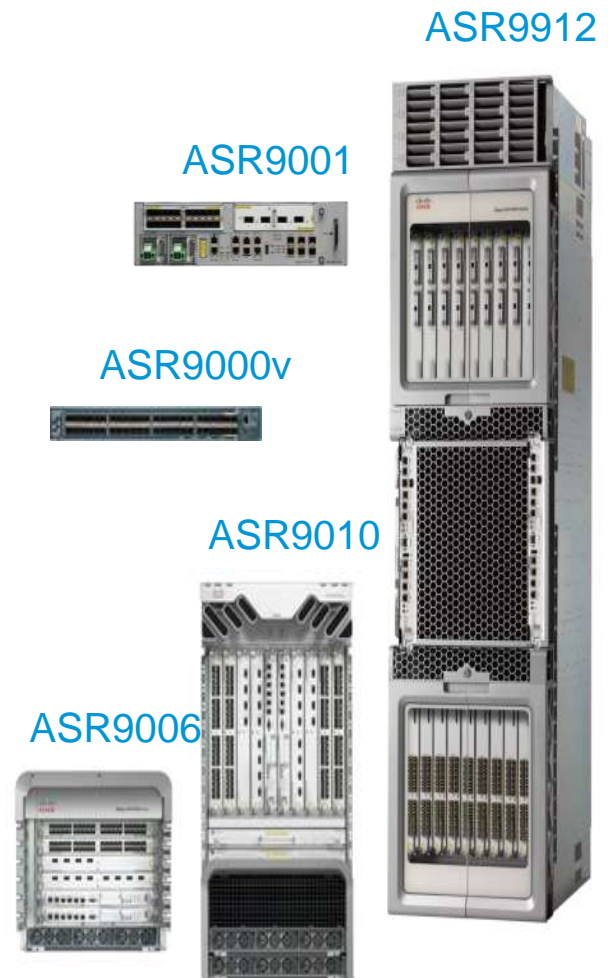
Highly integrated Network Processors for High Speed Scale and Feature Flexibility

Cisco IOS XR based

- Truly modular, full distributed OS

- Enhanced for the Edge (L2 and L3)

- nV (Network Virtualization) for Operational Simplicity





Thank you.

