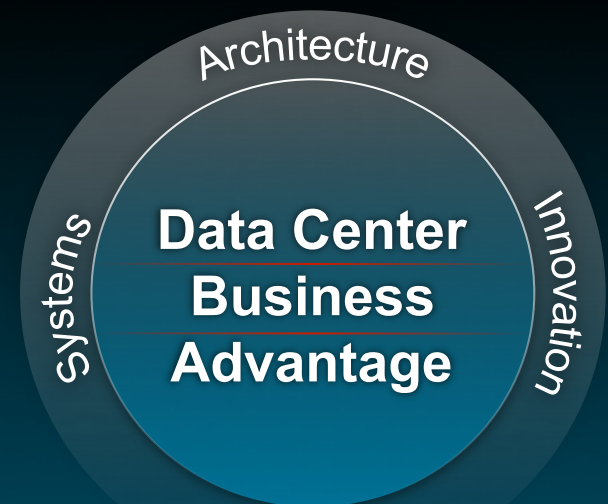




# Nexus 5000 and 2000 Series

Prashant Gandhi  
Product Management  
Server Access and Virtualization BU



# Agenda

- 8:40 – 9:00** Welcome & Registration
- 9:00 – 9:45** **The Data Center Journey to Virtualization and Cloud**  
*Cisco Data Center Business Advantage*
- 9:45 – 10:30** **Unified Network Services - Consistency, Flexibility, Simplification**  
*New Virtual Security Gateway with the Nexus 1000V & virtual WAAS solutions*
- 10:30 – 10h45** Case Study Video & Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:40** **Unified Fabric – Building the Network for Cloud ready Data Centers**  
*New Nexus 5500 and Nexus 7K innovations*
- 12:40 – 13:30** Lunch buffet
- 13:30 – 15:00** **Scaling the DC Architecture: be ready for the evolution to Cloud**  
*Network design, Fabric Path, Multi-hop FCoE and OTV*
- 15:00 – 15h15** Coffee Break
- 15:50 – 16:45** **Addressing Server Access Networking challenges**  
*Physical Server Networking & Virtual Server Networking considerations*
- 16:45** Closing

Business & Strategy

Technical Design

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# How the Data Center Must Adapt

## Five Architectural Attributes That Impact TCO

Simplicity

Easy Deployment, Configuration and Consistent Management

Scale

Massive Scalability, Large L2 Domains

Performance

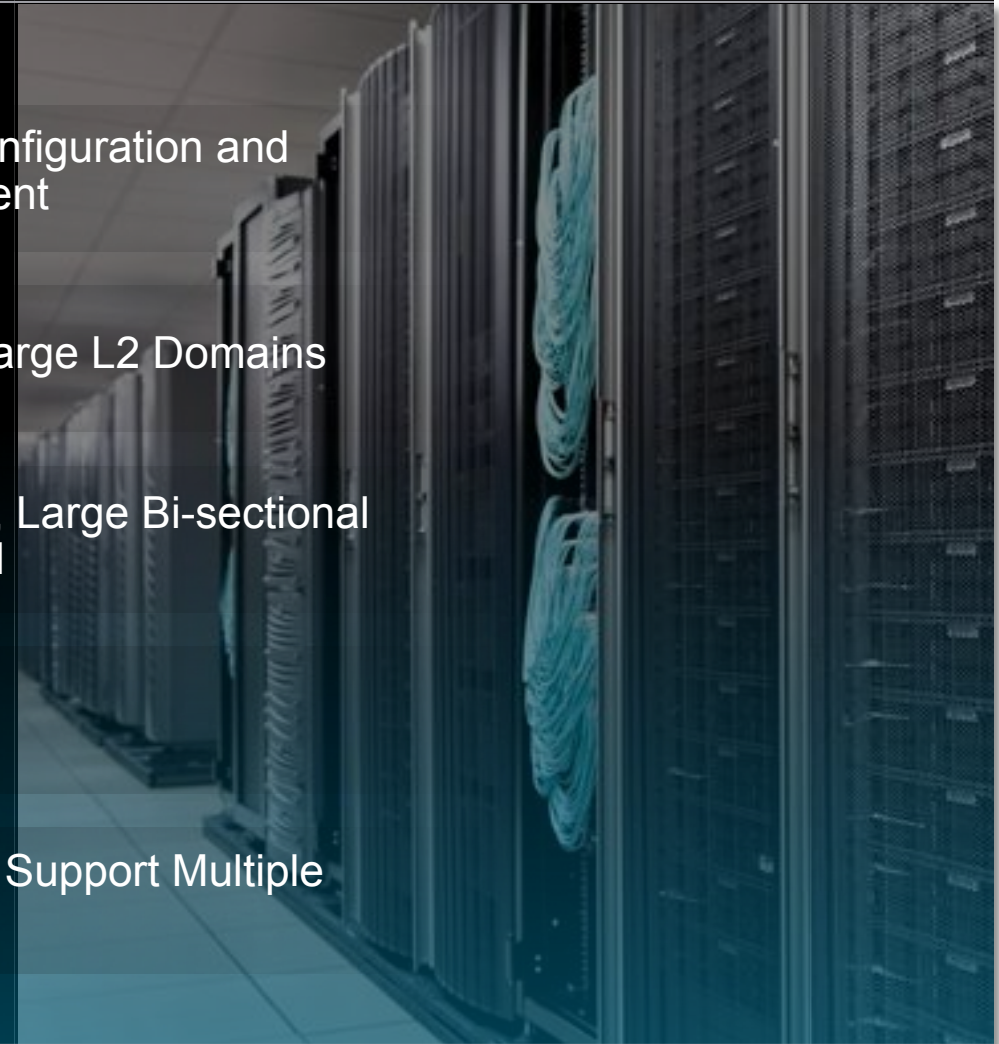
Deterministic Latency, Large Bi-sectional Bandwidth as Needed

Resiliency

High Availability

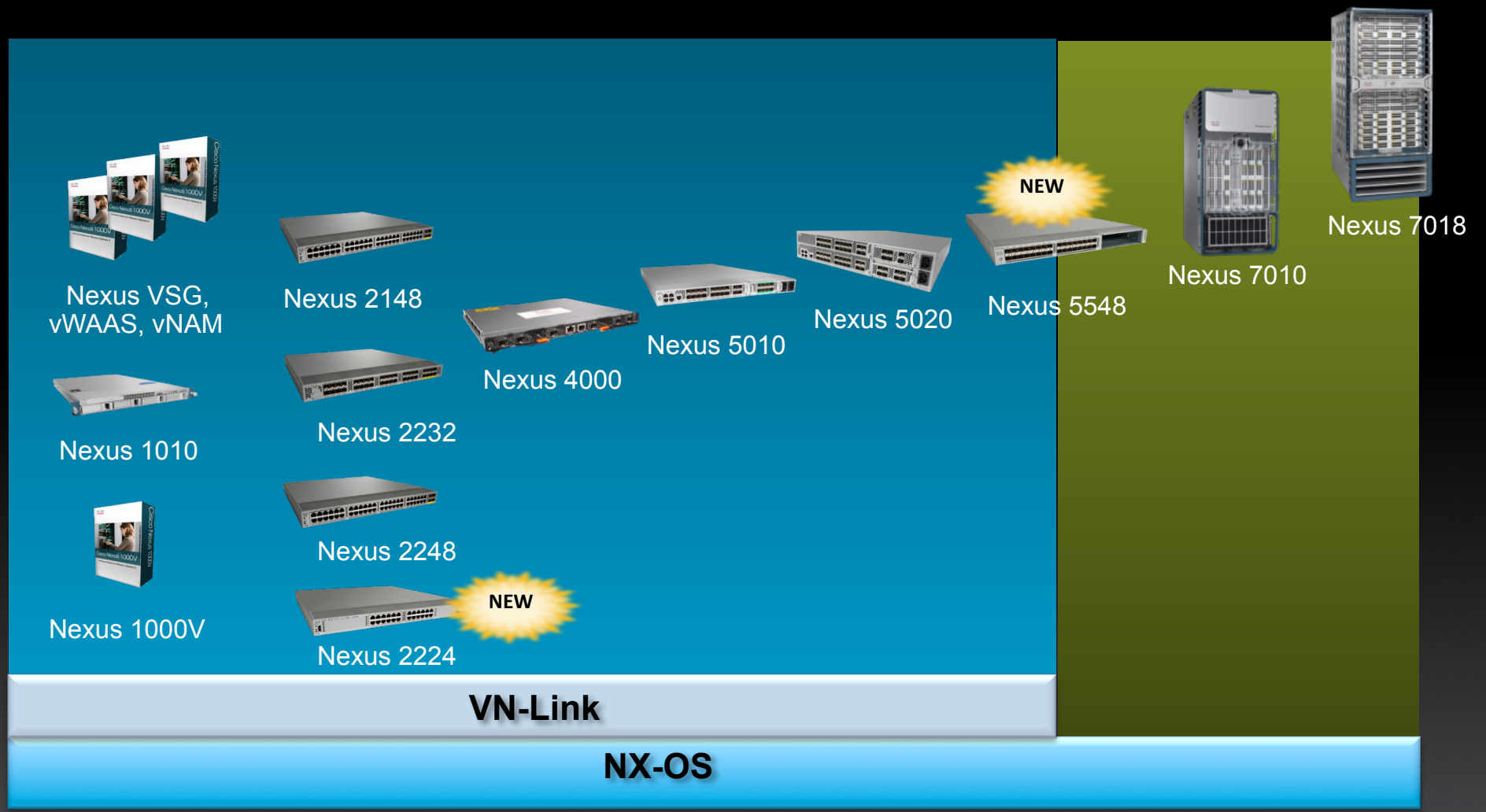
Flexibility

Single Architecture to Support Multiple Deployment Models



# Cisco Nexus Data Center Portfolio

## Industry Leading Technologies and Solutions



# Cisco Nexus Switch Portfolio

## Customer Traction

- Over 3000 customers have deployed Nexus switches in their datacenters
- Over 2.5 million 1 Gigabit Ethernet ports sold
- Over 1 million 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports sold
- Over 30% FCoE Attach Rate
- Worldwide customer base
- Enterprise, Mid-market, Service provider, and Public Sector

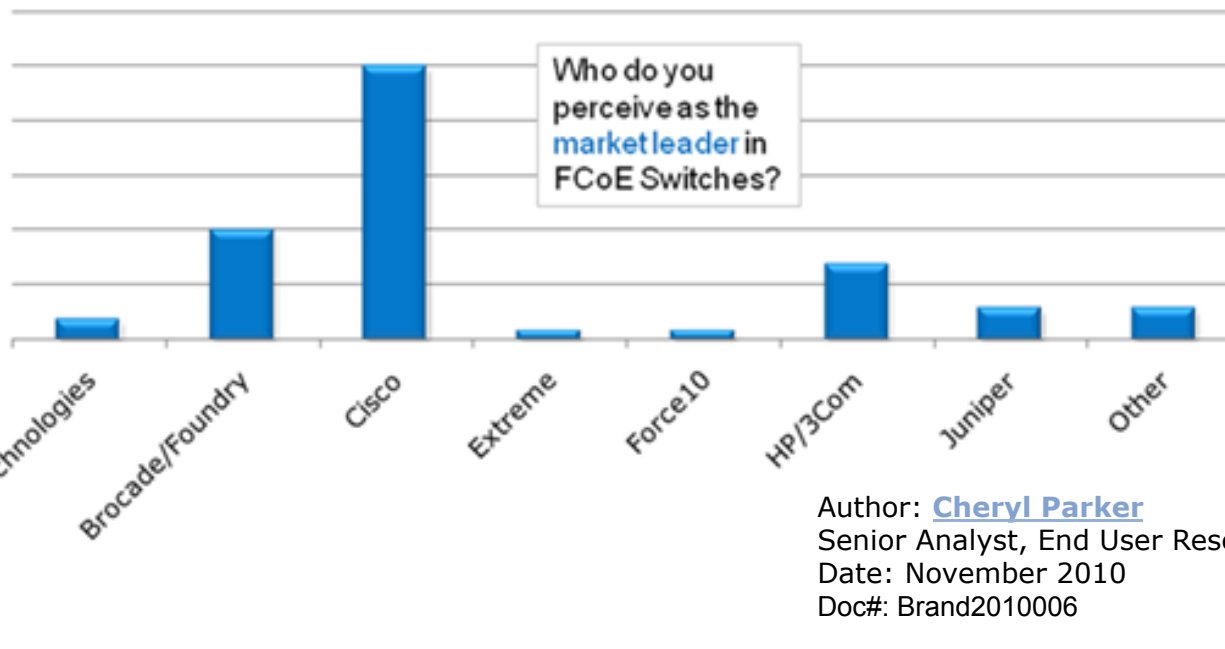


**Continued Success Stories with Cisco Nexus Switches**

# Cisco FCoE Leadership

## Market Leader

FCoE Switch Brand Leader Survey: November 2010



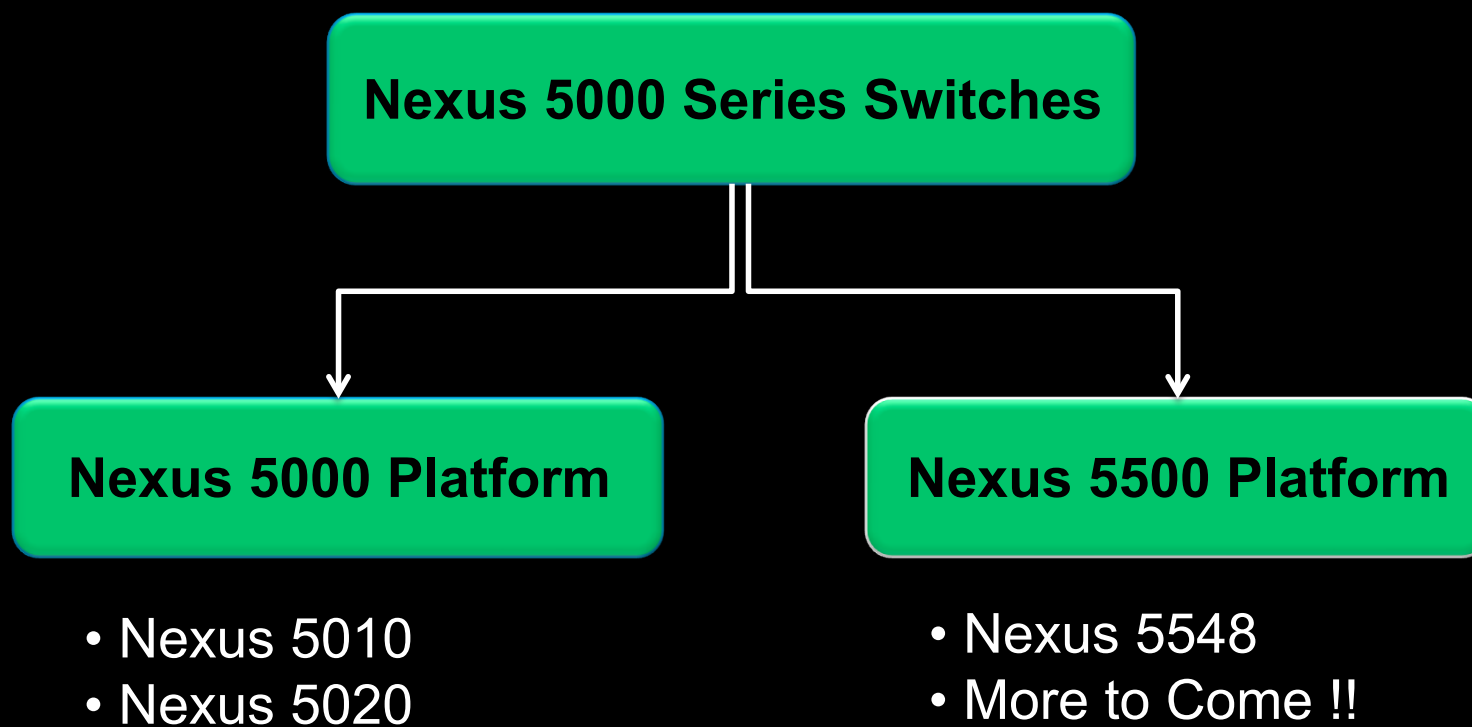
Author: [Cheryl Parker](#)  
 Senior Analyst, End User Research  
 Date: November 2010  
 Doc#: Brand2010006

Price: \$2,950



# Nexus 5000 Series

## Switch Product Hierarchy



# Infrastructure Simplicity

ONE platform for all Server-Access switching needs

Device Consolidation  
Common platform for  
LAN / SAN / HPC needs

Pay As You Grow!  
Flexible port configurations

**Unified Ports**  
1GE, Lossless 10GE,  
FCoE, 1/2/4/8G FC

**FEX support:**  
100M/1000M BaseT,  
1/10G SFP, 1/10G BaseT

40GReady

50% Reduction  
in Management Points &  
Cabling Costs

Build Highly Scalable PODs  
Beyond 640 10GE ports or  
960 GE ports



Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Switches

Cisco Nexus 5548 Switch

Cisco Nexus 5020 Switch  
Cisco Nexus 5010 Switch

**Industry-leading density in  
1RU form-factor**  
48 10GE ports in 1RU

Low power / Cooling  
< 7W/port

Back-to-Front &  
Front-to-Back Airflow



# Data Center Access Switching Family Overview

## Nexus 5000 Series Switches and Fabric Extenders

### Nexus 5020



#### 56-port Layer 2 Switch

- 40 fixed ports 10GE/FCoE/DCB
- 2 Expansion Module Slots

### Nexus 5010



#### 28-port Layer 2 Switch

- 20 fixed ports 10GE/FCoE/DCB
- 1 Expansion Module Slot

### Nexus 5548



#### 48-port Switch

- 32 fixed ports 1/10GE/FCoE/DCB
- 1 Expansion Module Slot



#### Ethernet

6 ports 10GbE, FCoE, DCB



#### Ethernet + FC

- 4 Ports 10GbE, FCoE, DCB
- 4 ports 1/2/4G FC



#### Fibre Channel

8 ports 1/2/4G FC



#### Fibre Channel

6 ports 2/4/8G FC



#### Ethernet

16 ports 1/10GbE, FCoE, DCB



#### Ethernet + FC

- 8Ports 1/10GbE, FCoE, DCB
- 8ports 1/2/4/8GFC

## Fabric Extenders

Virtual Line Cards

### Nexus® 2232 FEX



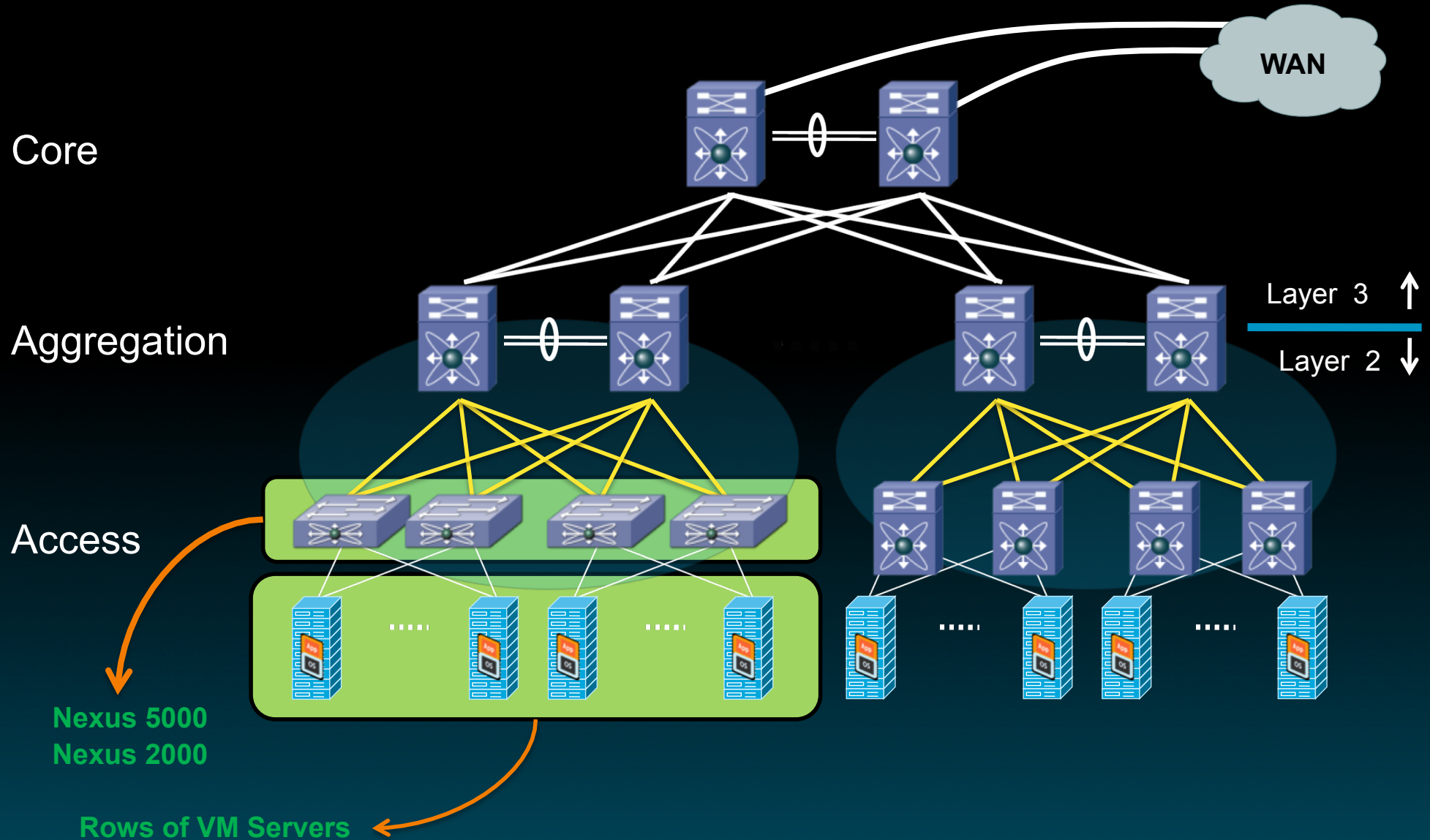
32x 10 GE Data Center Bridging (DCB)/FCoE  
8x 10 GE DCB/FCoE uplinks

### Nexus 2248 FEX



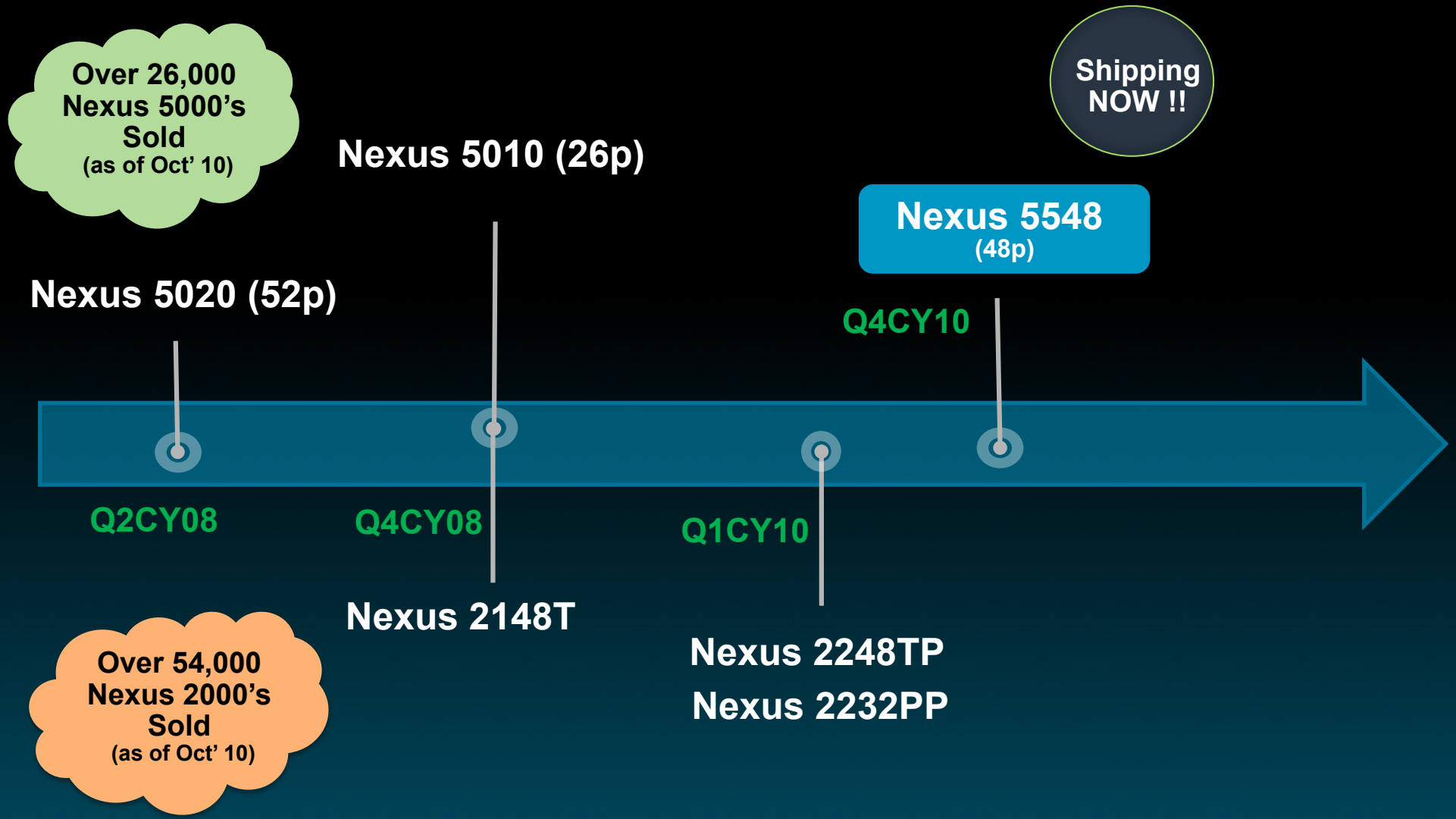
48 Fixed 100M/1GbE ports  
4 Fixed 10GbE uplinks

# Typical Data Center Design



# Cisco Nexus 5000 & Nexus 2000

## Market Momentum and Evolution



# Nexus 5500 Use Cases

A Versatile Unified (Ethernet & Storage) Platform

Ethernet

1  
Enterprise  
Data Center  
Access

3  
Mid-Market  
Data Center  
Aggregation



Storage

2  
LAN and SAN  
Convergence

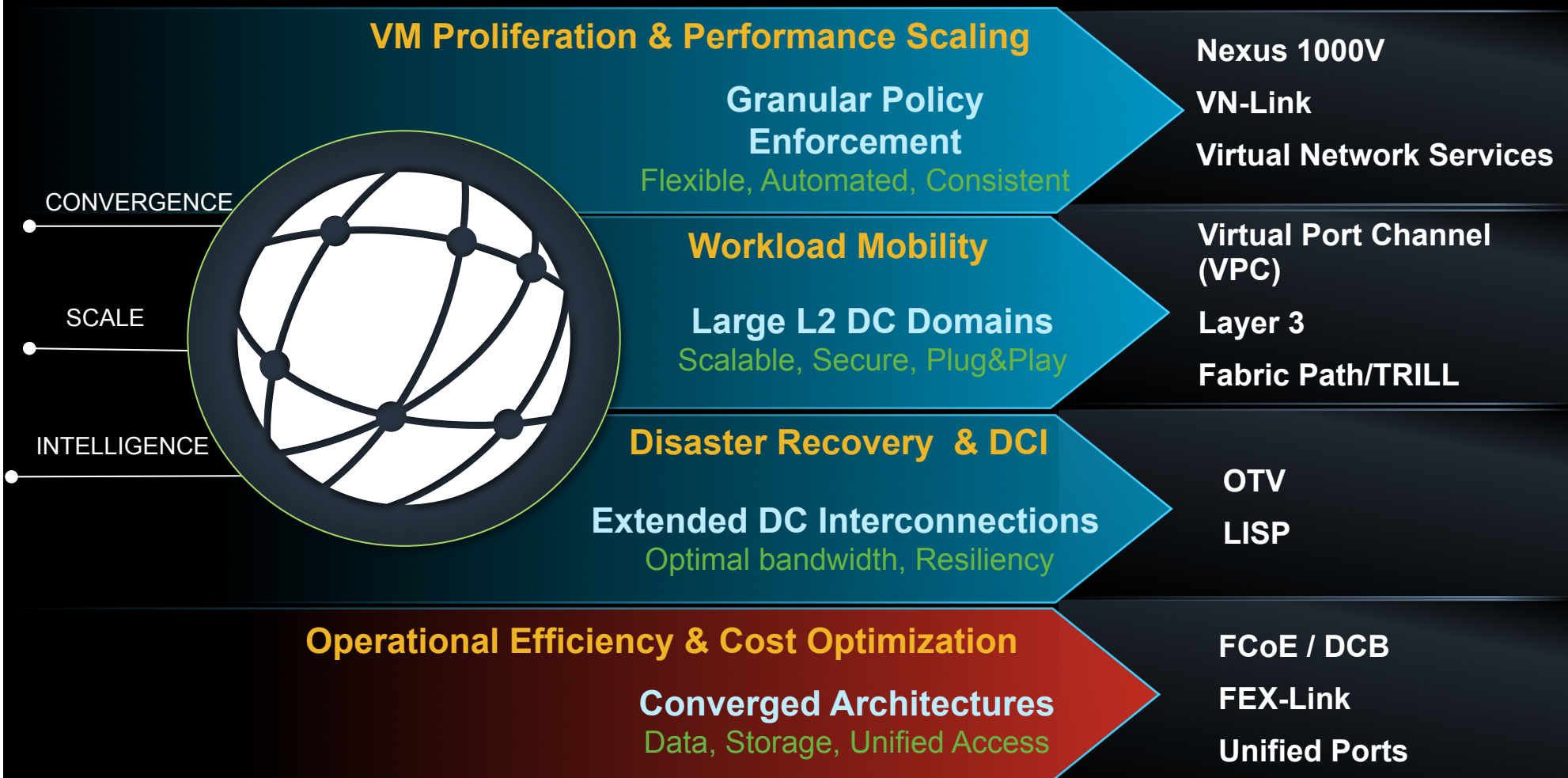
4  
High-Density  
Native FC



# Unified Fabric & Unified Network Services

## Keys to the Next Generation Data Centers

Cisco Innovations



# Nexus 5000 and Fabric Extenders Delivering an Unique Architecture

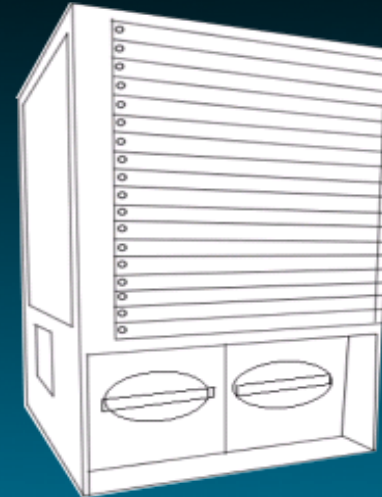
Nexus 5000 Parent Switch



Cisco Nexus<sup>®</sup> 2000 FEX



Distributed Modular System

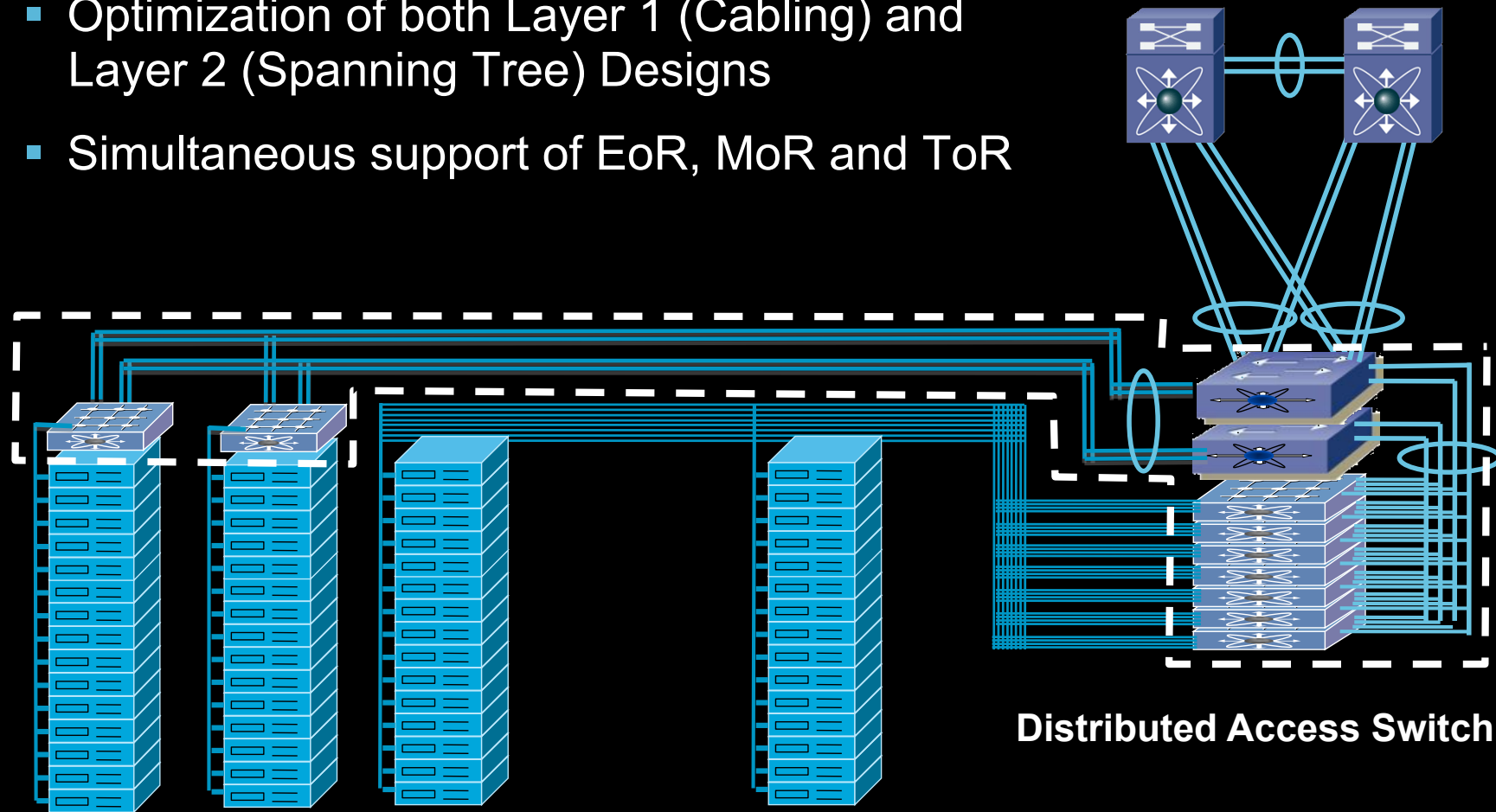


- Nexus 5000 + FEX combines logically as a Distributed Modular System
- Nexus 2000 FEX is a Virtual Line Card to the Nexus 5000
- Nexus 5000 maintains all management & configuration
- No Spanning Tree between FEX& Nexus 5000

# Nexus 5000 and Fabric Extenders

## Ease of Insertion into Existing Environments

- Optimization of both Layer 1 (Cabling) and Layer 2 (Spanning Tree) Designs
- Simultaneous support of EoR, MoR and ToR

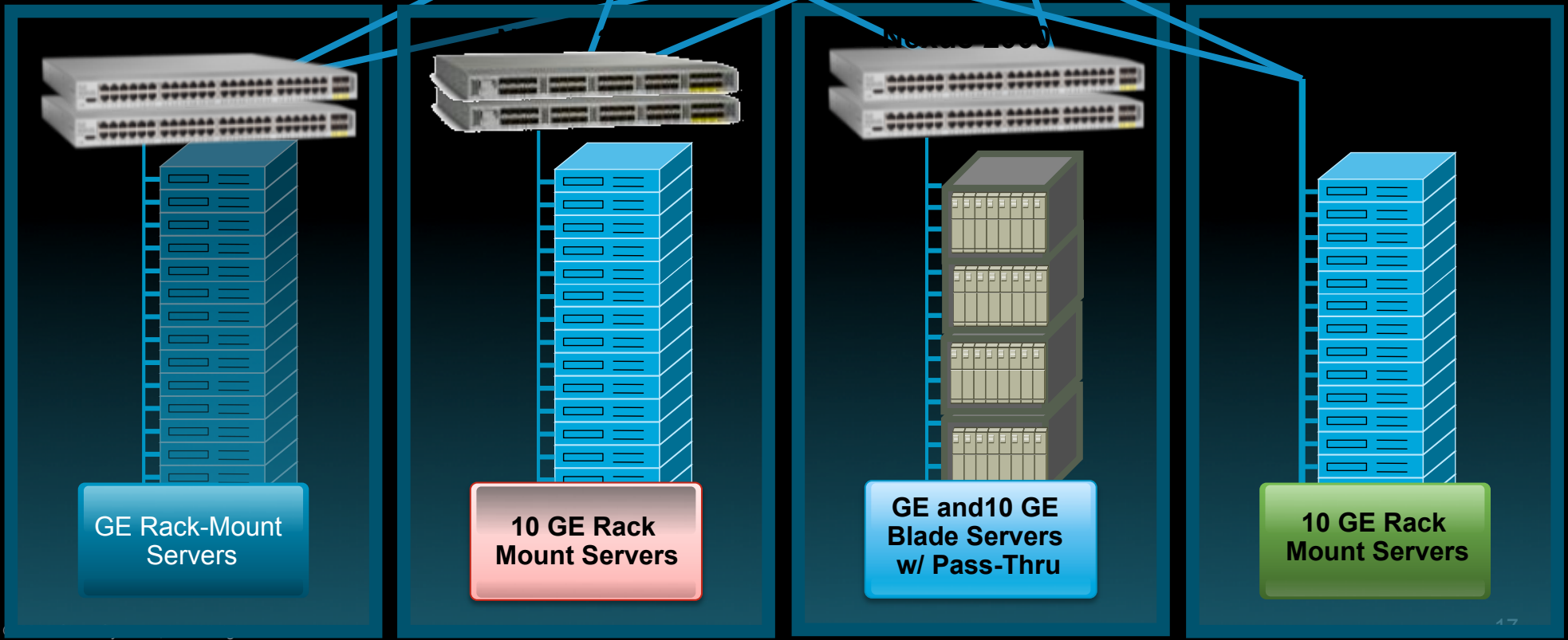


**Distributed Access Switch**

**Combination of EoR and ToR cabling**

# Nexus 5000 and Fabric Extenders

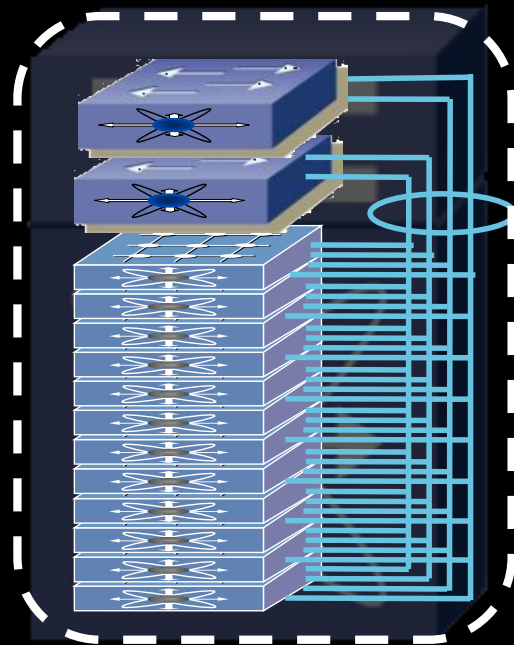
## Versatility and Flexibility



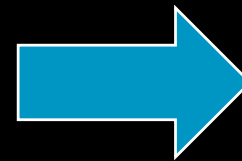
# Nexus 5000 and Fabric Extenders

## Upgrading the Supervisors

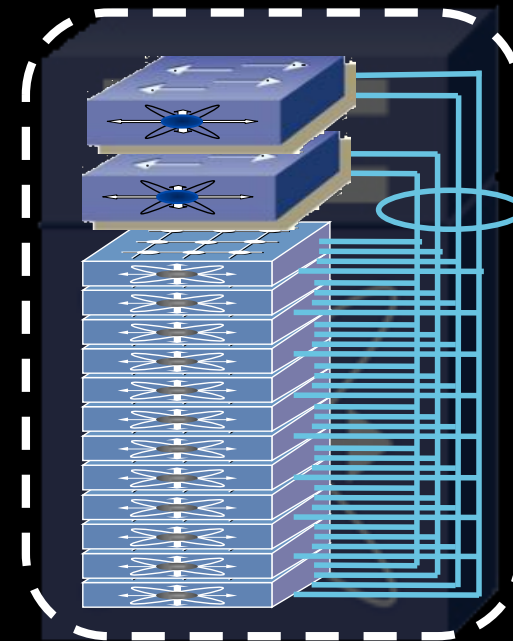
- Nexus 5000/5500 parent switch provides the forwarding functionality for the Virtualized Access Switch
- Upgrading the Nexus 5000 to Nexus 5500 parent switch upgrades the capabilities of the entire virtualized access switch



**Nexus 5000 Parent Switch**  
DCB, Ethernet, FCoE, FC



“Supervisor”  
Upgrade

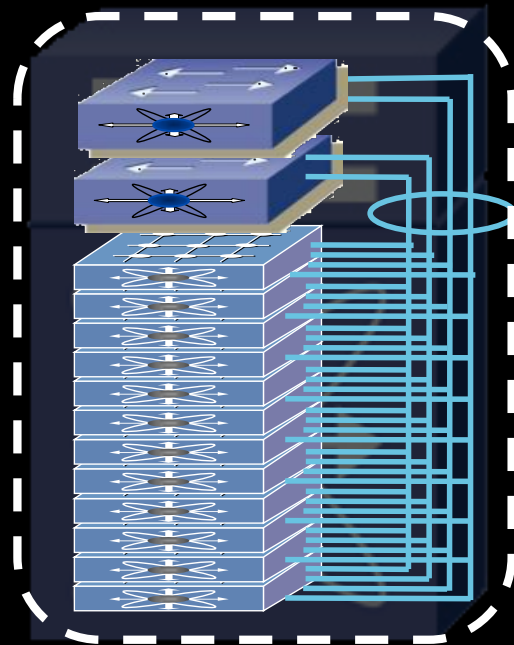


**Nexus 5500 Parent Switch**  
DCB, Ethernet, FC, FCoE, Layer 3, FabricPath

# Nexus 5000 and Fabric Extenders

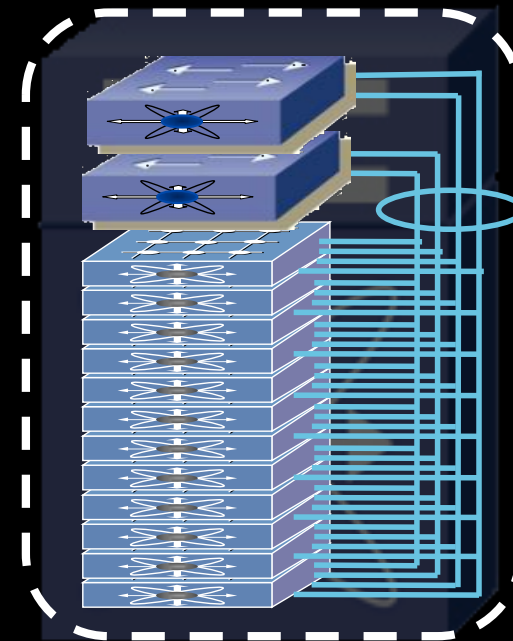
## Upgrading the Linecards

- Virtualized Access Switch provides for additional flexibility for end station migration
- Addition or replacement of Nexus 2000 upgrades the 'line cards' for the virtualized switch



**Nexus 5000 Parent Switch**  
DCB, Ethernet, FCoE, FC

“Line Card”  
Upgrade



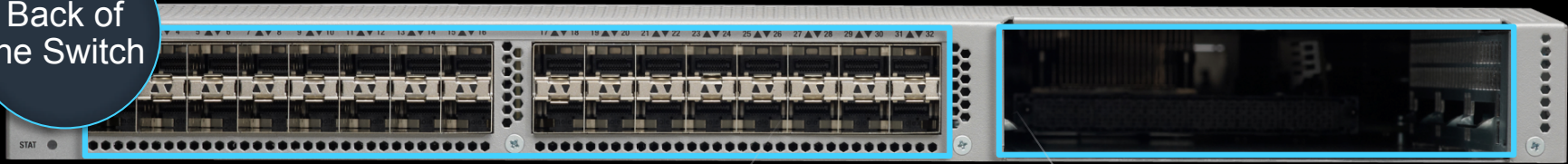
**Nexus 5500 Parent Switch**  
DCB, Ethernet, FC, FCoE, Layer 3, FabricPath

# Cisco Nexus 5548P Switch

## Switch Front and Back View

Shipping NOW !!

Back of the Switch



32 Fixed SFP+ Ports  
Line Rate  
Hardware Capable of 1/10 Gigabit Ethernet \*  
Traditional Ethernet or Fibre Channel over Ethernet

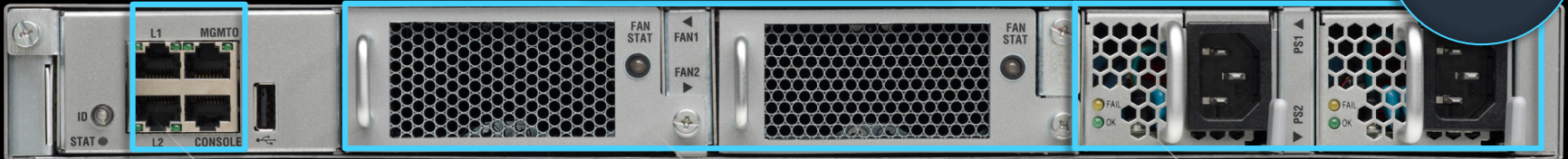
Expansion Modules (GEM2)

16p SFP+ Ethernet Ports  
8p Eth + 8p Native FC

\* 1G Support available in Q1CY11

Front to Back Airflow

Front of the Switch



Mgmt 0, Console, USB

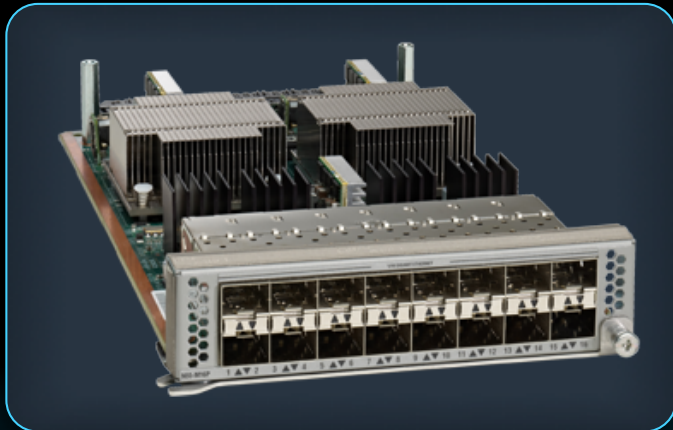
Redundant Fan Modules

Redundant 750W AC Power Supplies

# Generic Expansion Modules

## Multiple Port Scalable Modules

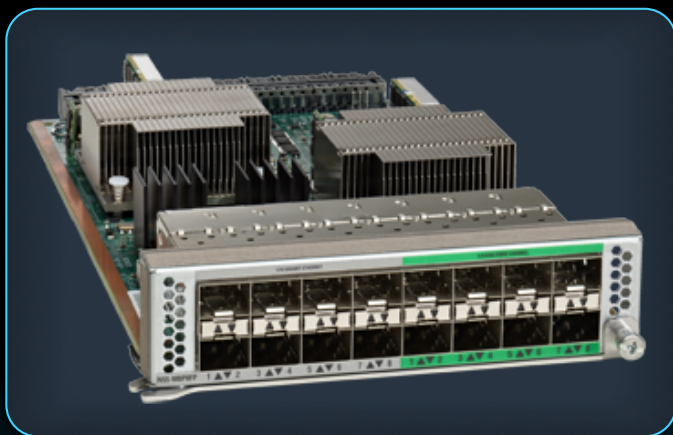
Shipping  
NOW !!



### N55-M16P

16p SFP+ Ethernet Ports  
All Ethernet Ports hardware  
capable of 1/10 Gigabit Ethernet \*

*\* 1G Support available in Q1CY11*



### N55-M8P8FP

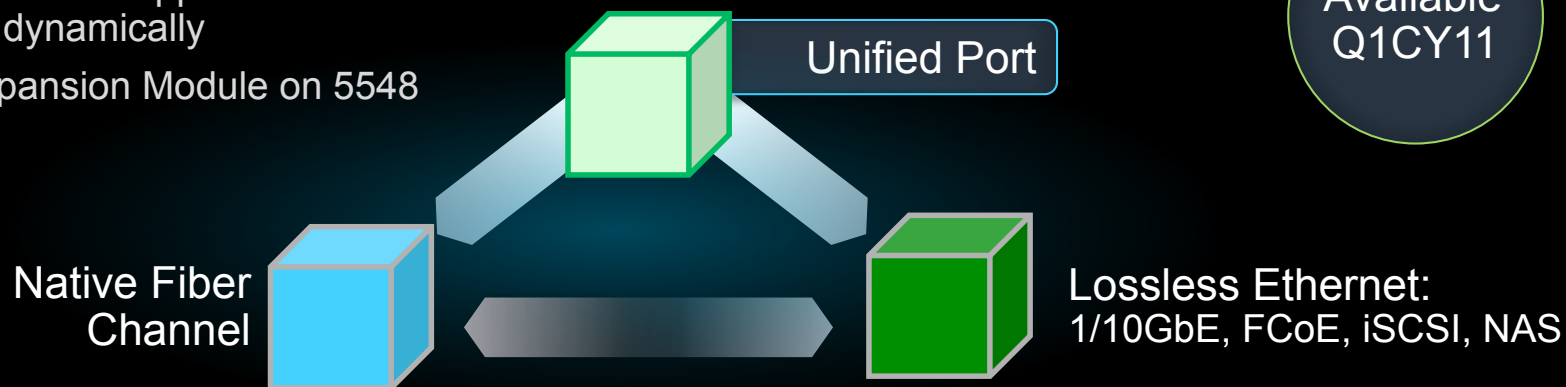
8p SFP+ Ethernet Ports  
8p Native FC Ports 8/4/2/1G  
All Ethernet Ports hardware  
capable of 1/10 Gigabit Ethernet \*

*\* 1G Support available in Q1CY11*

# Unified Ports

## Dynamic Ports Allocation: Lossless Ethernet or Fiber Channel

- Convert protocol support on the same port dynamically
- 16 port Expansion Module on 5548



### Benefits

- Simplify switch purchase - remove ports ratio guess work
- Increase design flexibility
- Remove specific protocol bandwidth bottlenecks

### Use-cases

- Flexible LAN & storage convergence based on business needs
- Service can be adjusted based on the demand for specific traffic

# Generic Expansion Modules

## Unified Port Scalable Modules

Available  
Q1CY11



### N55-M16UP

16 “Unified Ports”

Ports can be configured as either  
Ethernet or Native FC Ports

Ethernet operations at 1/10 Gigabit  
Ethernet

Fibre Channel operations at 8/4/2/1G

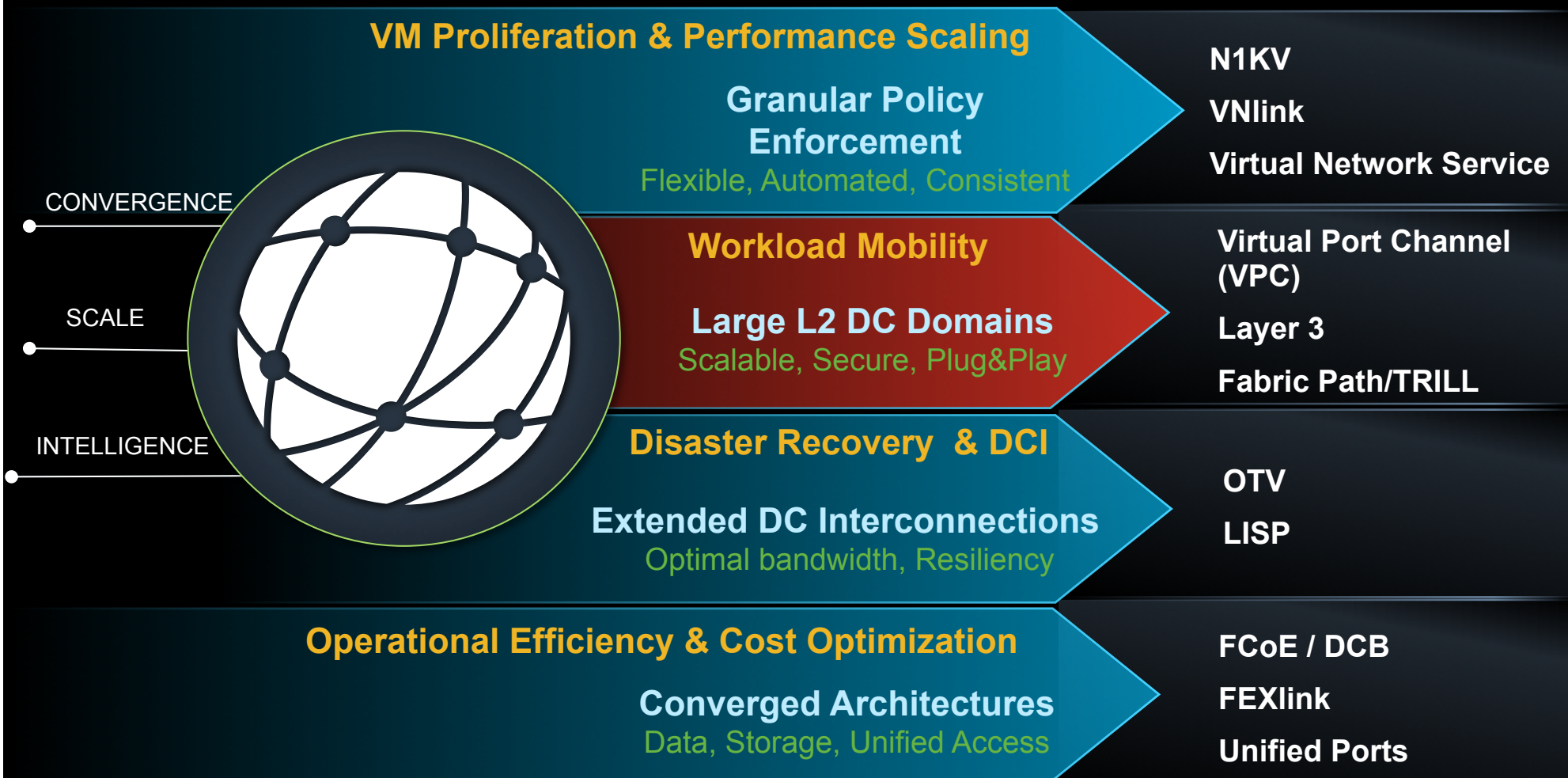
Uses existing Ethernet SFP+ and Cisco  
8/4/2G and 4/2/1G FC Optics

Flexibility **AND** Simplicity

# Unified Fabric & Unified Network Services

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# Layer 3 on Nexus 5548P

Flexibility, Choice, and Future-Proofing

Available  
Q1CY11

Layer 3 Module



Front of  
the Switch

## N55-D160L3

- Field Replaceable Module
- In-Rack Upgradeability
- No Un-mounting Required



Flexibility

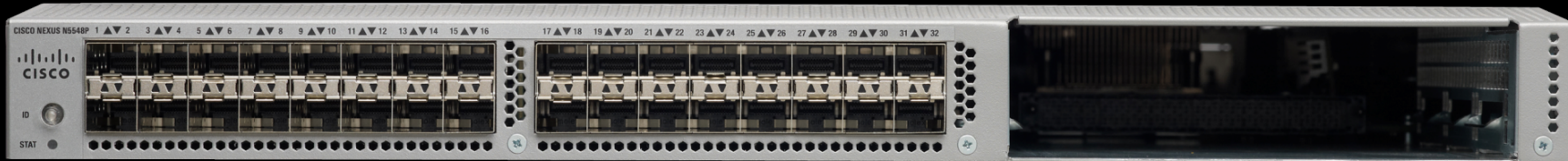
Choice

Future  
Proofing

# Nexus 5500 Platform

## Layer 3 Features

Q1'CY11



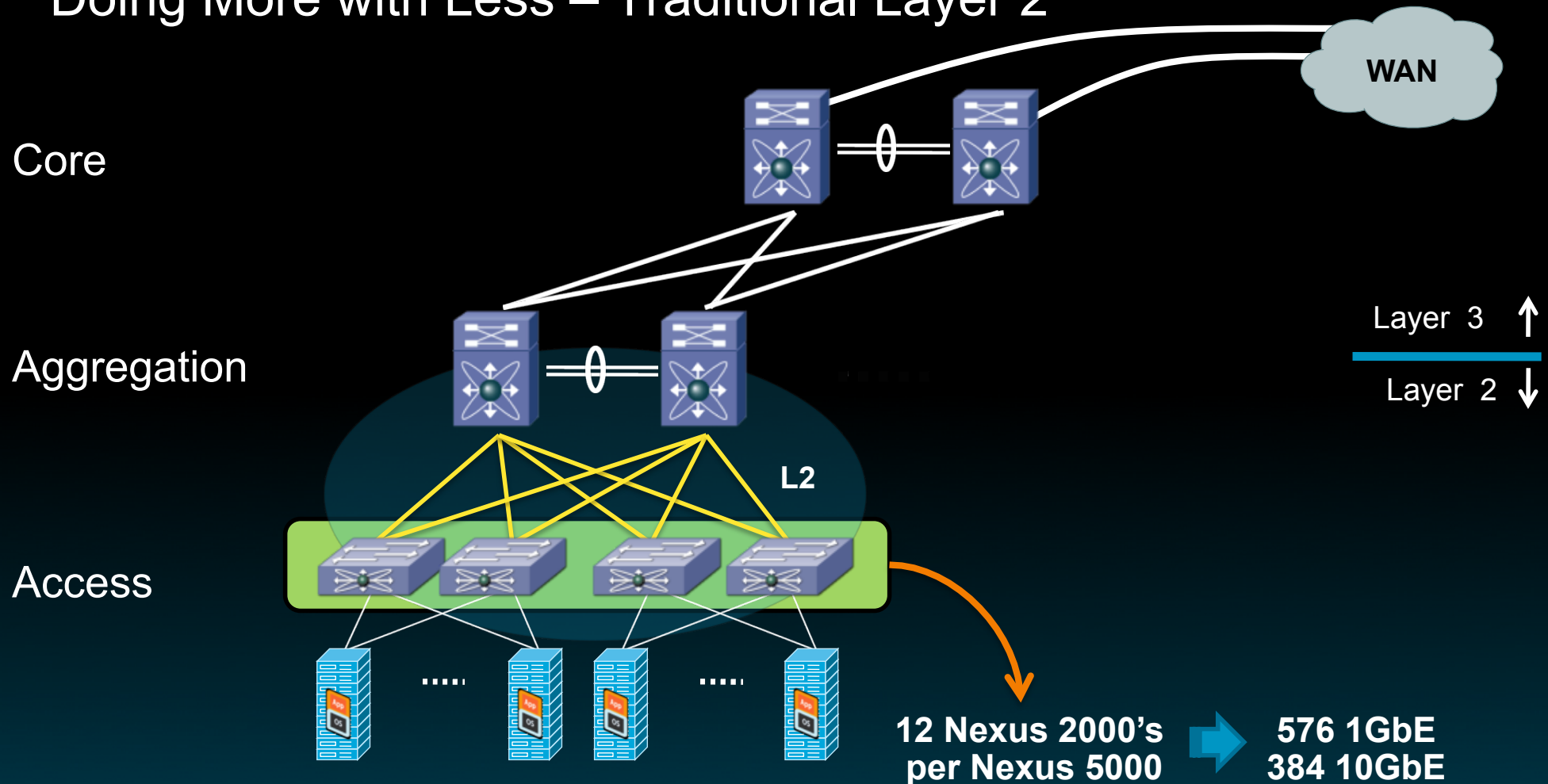
### Layer 3 Feature Support

\* Post FCS Support

Interfaces: Routed, SVI, port-channel	Up to 16K IPv4 /32 Host Routing Table
16-way L3 ECMP	8K IPv4LPM Routing Table
IPv4 Routing: Static, RIPv2, OSPFv2, EIGRP, BGP	IPv6 Routing: OSPFv3, RIP-NG, EIGRP*
Policy-based Routing (PBR)*	IGMP v1, v2, v3; PIM
HSRP, VRRP, GLBP*	4K L3 IP Multicast groups
RACL	VRF-Lite (IP VPNs)
Unicast RPF (uRPF)	Bcast/Mcast suppression
BiDirectional Forward Detection (BFD)*	QoS marking, scheduling and policing (MQC)

# Nexus 5000 Series Design Options

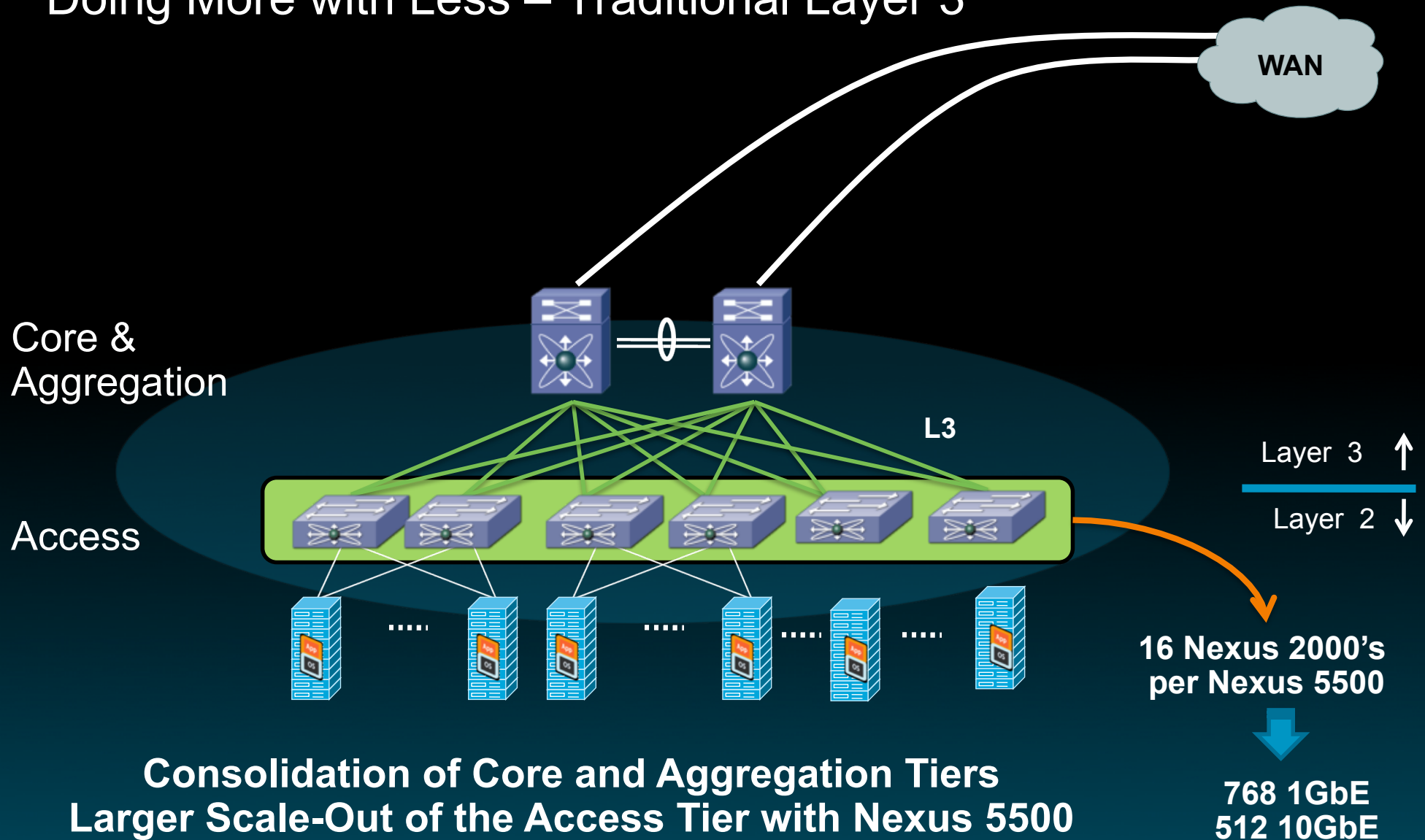
## Doing More with Less – Traditional Layer 2



**Canonical 3-Tier Architecture**  
**Unique Scale-Out of the Access Tier with Nexus 5000**

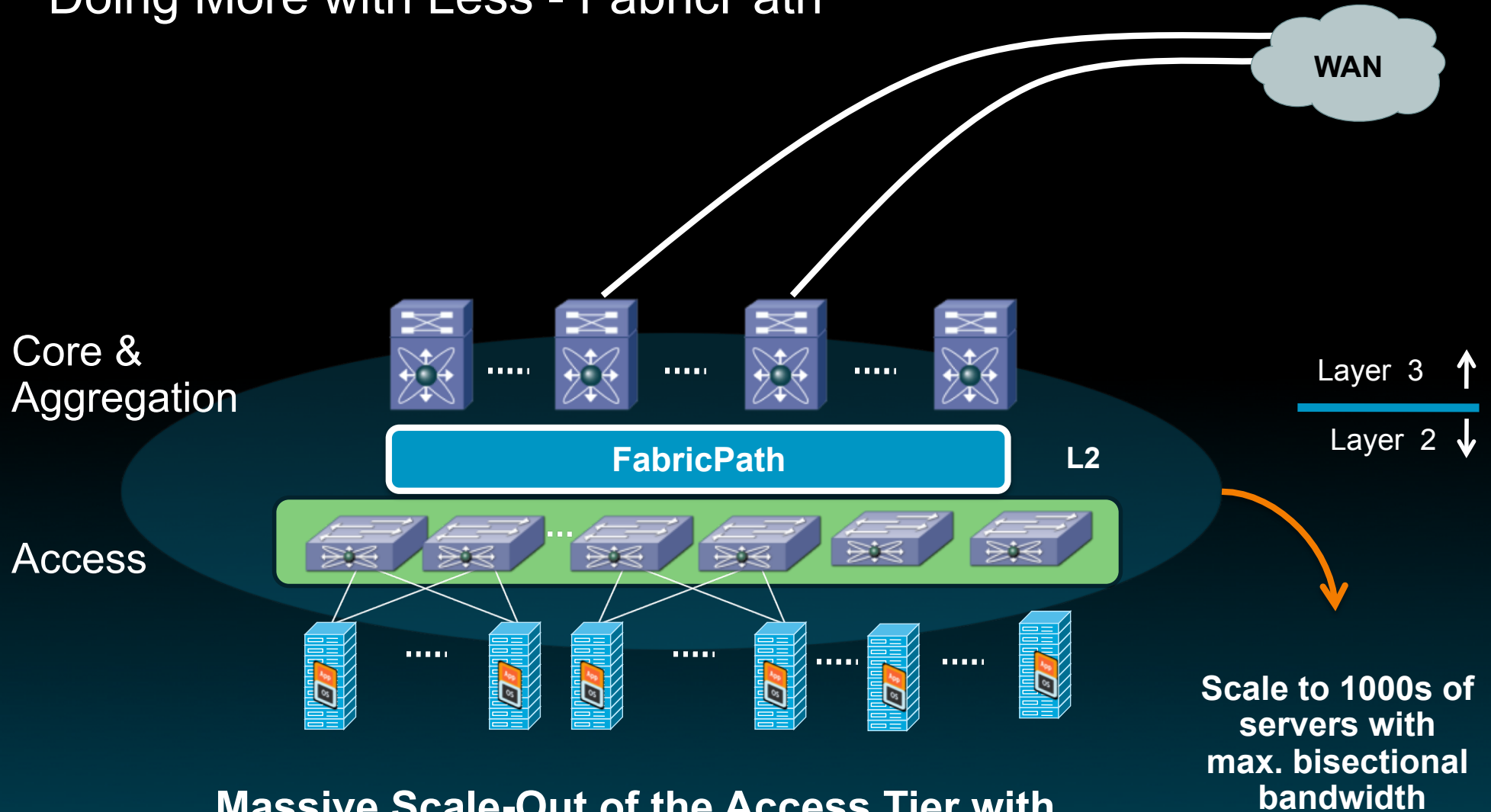
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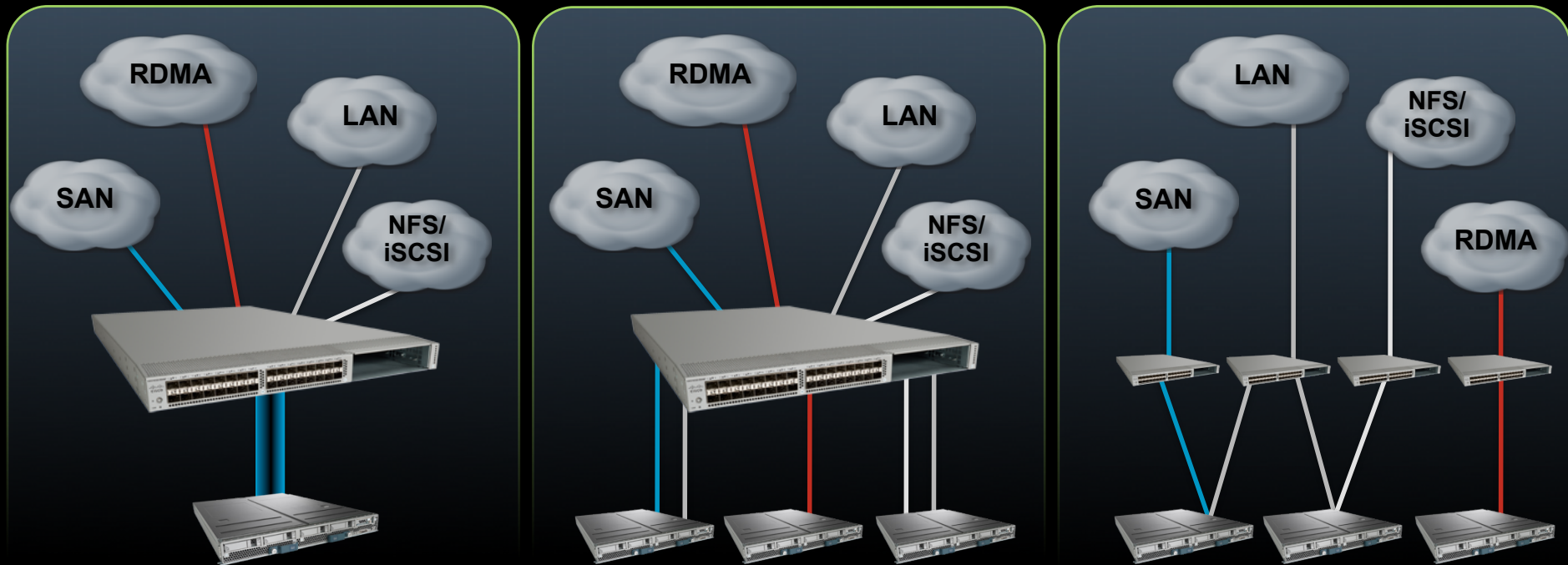
## Doing More with Less - FabricPath



**Massive Scale-Out of the Access Tier with Nexus 5500 and Nexus 7000 with FabricPath**

# Nexus 5500 Series

## Network/Device/Fabric Consolidation



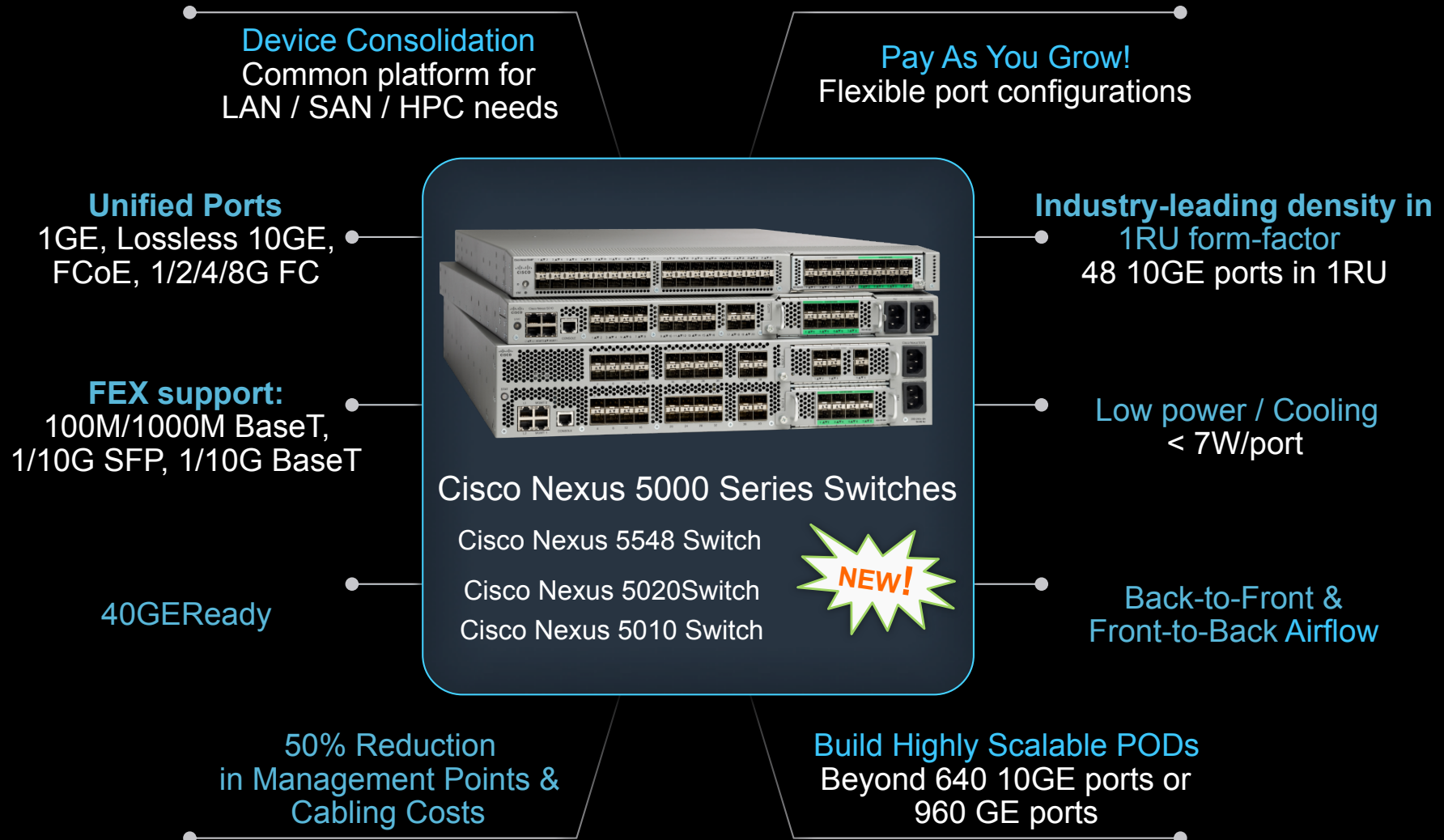
**Unified Wire** – Multiple Services to drive Device & Cable Consolidation

**Unified Device** – Multiple Services to drive Device Consolidation over separate cables

**Unified Platform** – Discrete services over separate cables with a consistent choice of platform throughout an organization

# Infrastructure Simplicity

ONE platform for all Server-Access switching needs



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Oct 7, 2010

## *Provisioning for Microbursts*



**By Fergal Toomey - Chief Scientist and Co-Founder at Corvil**

In my last blog entry I discussed the prevalence of ‘microbursts’ in market data feeds – short, occasional bursts of activity in the feed during which data rates reach levels much higher than average. We saw that during busy periods the LatencyStats.com feeds can send many high-rate microbursts in succession, each burst lasting much less than one second. If the data rate during a microburst exceeds the capacity of a network link or a feed handler, the excess data will be forced to queue. This adds latency to the feed messages, and in the worst case messages may be discarded if a system runs out of buffer space to hold waiting data.

How should network and computing systems be engineered to handle microbursts? A simple but rather conservative approach is to ensure that the available capacity always exceeds the highest microburst data rate measured at some short timescale. For example, if the speed of a network link carrying a market data feed exceeds the feed’s highest 1-millisecond data rate, then the link will never be continuously busy for more than 1 millisecond at a time. Therefore no data will be delayed on the link for more than 1 millisecond.

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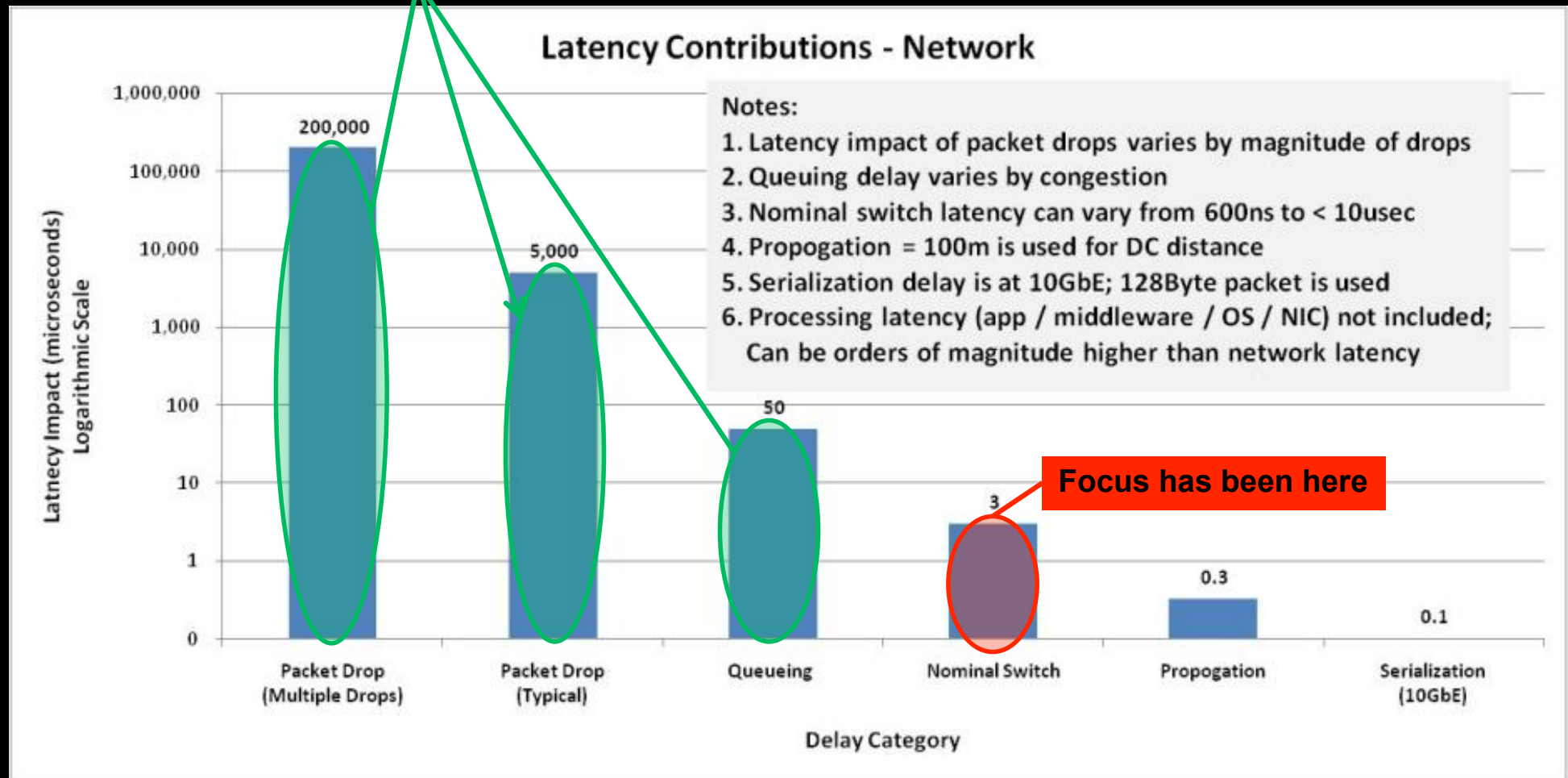
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# Network Latency Contributions by Category

(Y-Axis in Logarithmic Scale)

When focus should be here



Focus has been here

# Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB) Nexus 5000 FCoE Deployment



## Deployment Requirements:

- Maximum throughput at the interface between the Cisco SAN and the Ethernet infrastructure
- Support for 10 Gigabit Ethernet connectivity
- Unified Fabric capability for future growth and consolidation of data and storage networks

## Why ZIB selected Nexus 5000:

- Unified Fabric allows for flexible development of the IP and SAN infrastructure.
- Consolidated data and storage networks will decrease costs for adapters, cabling, and power consumption
- Cost-effective scalability of data transfer through the increased availability of adapter slots in a server
- End-to-end redundancy for maximum failure protection

## Customer Feedback

*The [Nexus 5020] switches have increased the throughput at this bottleneck between the SAN and the 10-gigabit Ethernet network in a particularly cost-effective way.”*

Wolfgang Pyszkalski, Zuse Institute Berlin  
IT Services Department Manager

- ZIB solves urgent problems in science, technology, environment, or society through mathematical analysis
- The ZIB supercomputer is one of the top computers in Germany
- As one of two operators of the HLRN supercomputer system, ZIB acts as a service provider for many other scientific institutions.

# Fiat Powertrain Technologies (FPT) Nexus 5000 Deployment



## Deployment requirements:

- Achieving complete virtualization
- Removing the physical hurdles created by differing LAN and SAN architectures
- Improving protection of legacy IT investment

## Why FPT selected Nexus 5000:

- Nexus 5000 Unified Fabric and Virtualization features with support for legacy equipment
- Investment protection
- Significant power and cooling savings.
- Reduction in switch ports; extension of FCoE technology beyond SAN for wider DC availability
- **Cisco Data Center 3.0 vision: consolidate, virtualize, automate**



## Customer Feedback

*“Before, we were unable to complete virtualization mainly because of the physical limitations imposed by separate LAN and SAN architectures. The Cisco Nexus platform has bridged this gap by creating one virtual environment.”*

*-Paolo Vallotti, Chief Technology Officer, Fiat Powertrain Technology*

- FPT, formed in 2005, is the driving force behind the group’s vehicles, industrial machinery, marine engines, and power generators.
- It is one of the largest companies in the powertrain sector with operations in nine countries. IT plays a vital role in supporting these global operations.

# The City of Pforzheim, Germany Nexus 5000 Deployment



## Deployment requirements:

- Restructuring and modernizing the old data center structure
- Universal virtualization achieved through Unified Fabric, i.e. the merging of LAN and SAN via FCoE
- CAPEX and OPEX savings

## Why Pforzheim selected Nexus 5000:

- The facilitation of FCoE provides the key to virtualizing data centers
- Higher redundancy and increased scalability
- 10GE provides sufficient bandwidth so that network-oriented traffic, storage, and voice traffic can be transported via a medium
- Optimal costs and maintenance fees due to unified server geography and virtualization
- Provides a stable base for future expansion (UCS, 1000v)



## Customer Feedback

*“Cisco currently has a clear leadership role in the field of storage via Ethernet and FCoE...Nexus is not only a switch, rather a complex system with FCoE. With this product, Cisco has an absolute unique selling point that is helping all cities and their data centers.”*

*-Andreas Hurst, Director of IT for the City of Pforzheim*

- Pforzheim, Germany - a traditional city whose history is closely tied to that of the jewelry and watch-making industry.
- It is a very innovative and modern city and operates its own data center (DC) to handle all of the city's administrative and IT needs; due to its rising IT demands, Pforzheim is now modernizing its DC.

# Freudenberg IT Nexus 5000 Deployment

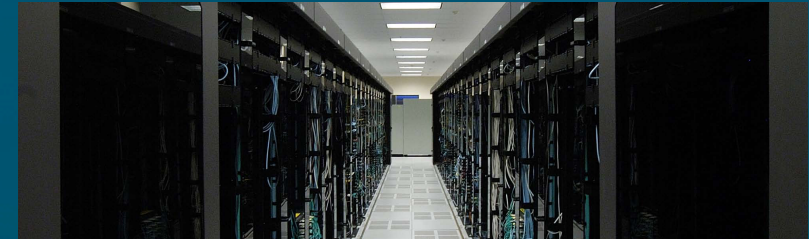


## Deployment requirements:

- Increasing technological demands and safety requirements
- Achieving successful virtualization of data center
- Efficient cabling between the individual racks in the data center

## Why Freudenberg IT selected Nexus 5000:

- Greater performance capacity through reduced complexity
- Guaranteed availability
- Foundation for future virtualization through merging LAN and SAN via FCoE
- Reduction of CAPEX and OPEX through use of virtualization



## Customer Feedback

*"The decision to opt for the Nexus line is based on our view into the future. The features it contains perfectly match our processes and in-service software upgrades (ISSU) reduce the maintenance window on the weekend."*

*-Ekkehard Spieth, Managing Director of Freudenberg IT Europe*

- Freudenberg IT, the most successful European IT spin-off from the international corporate group Freudenberg, offers services for both small and medium-sized companies as well as for major corporations
- As a service provider, it offers SAP consulting services and is successfully marketing and selling its own internally developed MES solution called Adicom

# Tele Sistemi Ferroviari (TSF) Nexus 2000/5000 Deployment



## Deployment requirements:

- Adopting a new business model and transforming its IT infrastructure from a cost center into a revenue generator
- Improving the consolidation of the IT infrastructure through data center virtualization
- Improving scalability and flexibility

## Why TSF selected Nexus 2000/5000:

- CAPEX and OPEX savings from agile, simplified infrastructure
- Total cost savings through reduction of cabling, power consumption
- Further improving the cloud computing framework by building up the Cisco Data Center 3.0 architecture



## Customer Feedback

*“There is a huge market for cloud computing services from companies that do not want to manage their own IT infrastructures. We are one of the first companies in Italy to address this type of market, using an extremely scalable and agile infrastructure that adapts easily and quickly to the needs of many customers.”*

*-Francesco Barbieri, Manager of Data Center Operations, TSF*

- Tele Sistemi Ferroviari (TSF) is one of the leading providers of ICT services to the transport and logistics industries in Italy
- It was set up as a spin-off from the ICT division of the Italian State Railways Group which remains TSF's biggest customer

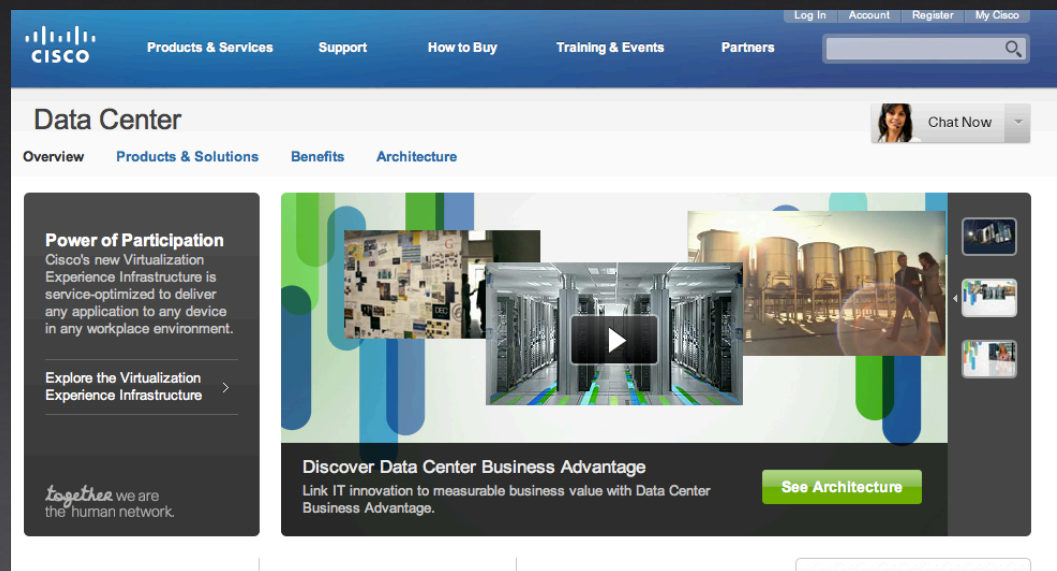
# Where to get more information

Data Center Business Advantage website:

[www.cisco.com/web/go/dcba](http://www.cisco.com/web/go/dcba)

New Nexus 5548P:

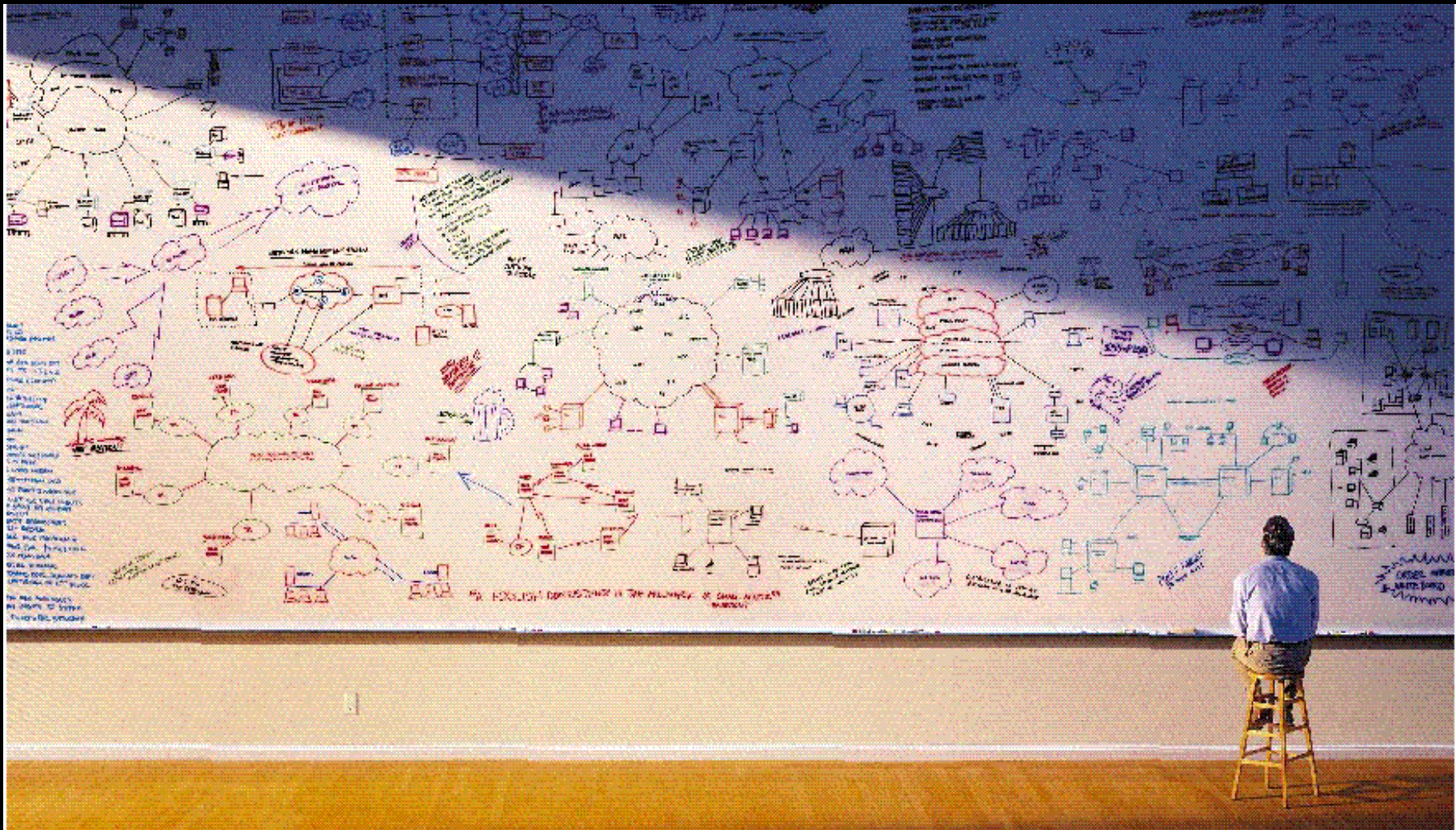
<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11215/index.html>



The screenshot shows the Cisco website's Data Center Business Advantage page. The top navigation bar includes the Cisco logo, 'Products & Services', 'Support', 'How to Buy', 'Training & Events', and 'Partners'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a 'Data Center' heading with a 'Chat Now' button. Below this are tabs for 'Overview', 'Products & Solutions', 'Benefits', and 'Architecture'. The main content is divided into two columns. The left column has a section titled 'Power of Participation' with a sub-heading 'Cisco's new Virtualization Experience Infrastructure is service-optimized to deliver any application to any device in any workplace environment.' and a button 'Explore the Virtualization Experience Infrastructure'. The right column features a large video player with a play button, a 'Discover Data Center Business Advantage' section with the text 'Link IT innovation to measurable business value with Data Center Business Advantage.' and a 'See Architecture' button. The bottom of the page has a slogan: 'Together we are the human network.'



# Q & A





# Delivering Greater Value with Nexus 5500

**Nexus 5010**  
(20 ports)  
N5K-C5010P  
LP: \$18,750

**Nexus 5548**  
(32 ports)  
N5K-C5548P-FA  
LP: \$25,600

- 60% More Ports
- 37% Higher Price
- Higher Performance
- New Features !!!
- Flexibility to Upgrade to
  - Layer 3
  - FCoE

**Nexus 5020**  
(40 ports)  
N5K-C5020P  
LP: \$36,900

**Nexus 5548**  
(48 ports)  
N5K-C5548P-FA + GEM  
LP: \$36,800

- 20% More Ports
- Same Price Point
- Higher Performance
- New Features !!!
- Flexibility to Upgrade to
  - Layer 3
  - FCoE

# Storage Licensing - Nexus 5000 Series

## A “New” Approach

Key Highlights	Nexus 5010	Nexus 5020	Nexus 5548P	Nexus 5596
Chassis-Based Licensing	✓	✓		
Port-Based Licensing			✓	✓
120-Day Trial License	✓	✓	✓	✓

### N55-8P-SSK9

- List Price: \$3,200
- 8-port Storage Protocol Services License
- Purchase up to (6) licenses on a N5548
- Initial 8-port license is enforced
- Subsequent 8-port licenses are honor-based

### N55-48PF-SSK9

- List Price: \$12,800
- Available only with N5548-N2K Bundles
- Discounted 48-port Storage Protocol Services License
- Eligible for SPIFF \$\$

# Nexus 5000 Series Storage Bundles

## Nexus 5548 Storage Bundles

Shipping  
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**N5K-C5548P-B-S16**  
**LP: \$37,000**

- “Intro” Bundle
- N5548P Chassis
- M8P8FP Expansion Module
- 8 Native FC 8G Optics
- 16-port Storage License



**N5K-C5548P-B-S48**  
**LP: \$43,000**

- “All-In” Bundle
- N5548P Chassis
- M8P8FP Expansion Module
- 8 Native FC 8G Optics
- 48-port Storage License

# Nexus 5000 Series – Storage Bundles

## Summary

### 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Platform

N5K-C5010P-B-S  
**\$23,300**

N5K-C5020P-B-S  
**\$45,000**

### 2nd Generation Platform

N5K-C5548P-B-S16  
**\$37,000**

N5K-C5548P-B-S48  
**\$43,000**

- ❖ **N5K-C5010P-LAB-S** has gone End of Sale effective Q1FY11 and been replaced with **N5K-C5010P-B-S**
- ❖ **N5K-C5020P-LAB-S** has gone End of Sale effective Q1FY11 and been replaced with **N5K-C5020P-B-S**

# Selling the Nexus 5000 Series

## Nexus 5xxx - Nexus 2xxx Bundles

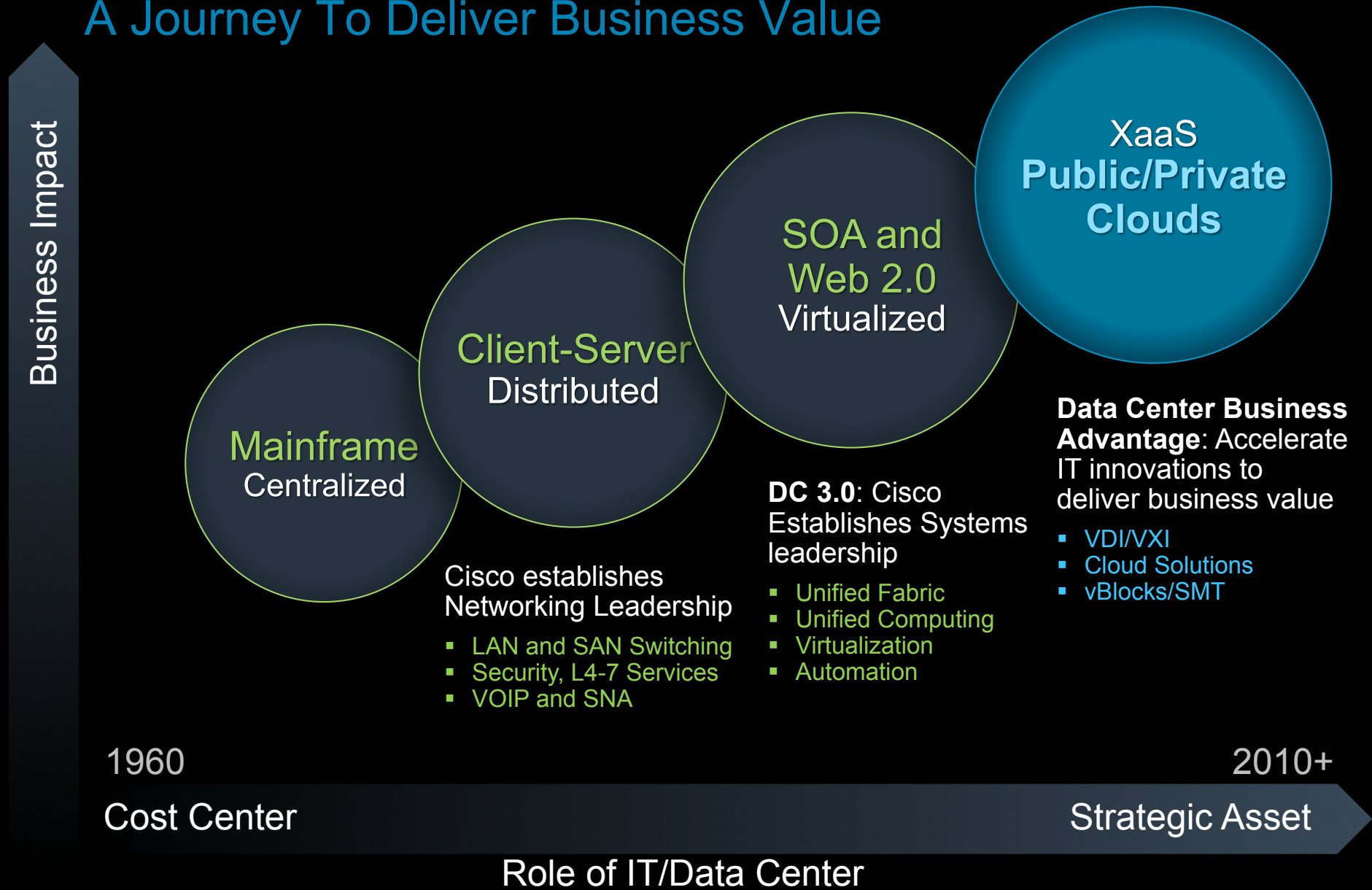
- Q1 Valid until Q1FY11
- Q2 Valid until Q2FY11
- Q4 Valid until Q4FY11

3 Dimensions: Host Port Density, Host Interface Speed, 5K-2K Interconnect Type

	SR Interconnect	FET Interconnect	Optional Interconnects	
128 Ports Density		N5020P-4N2232PF-B \$85,500 (Q2)		1/10G Interface Speed
		<b>N5548PM-4N2232PF</b> \$84,000 (Q4)		
192 Ports Density	N5010P-N2248TP-BE \$70,000 (Q1)	N5010P-4N248TF-B \$53,000 (Q2)	N5010P-4N2248TP-B \$46,000 (Q2)	100M/1G Interface Speed
	<b>N5548P-4N2248TR</b> \$74,000 (Q2)	<b>N5548P-4N2248TF</b> \$57,000 (Q4)	<b>N5548P-4N2248TP</b> \$52,000 (Q4)	
288 Ports Density	N5020P-N2248TP-BE \$105,000 (Q1)	N5020P-6N2248TF-B \$79,500 (Q2)	N5020P-6N2248TP-B \$69,000 (Q2)	
	<b>N5548PM-6N2248TR</b> \$108,000 (Q2)	<b>N5548PM-6N2248TF</b> \$82,000 (Q4)	<b>N5548PM-6N2248TP</b> \$74,500 (Q4)	

# Data Center Evolution

A Journey To Deliver Business Value



# Nexus 5000 Series Generation Evolution

Product Features & Specs	Nexus 5010	Nexus 5020	Nexus 5548P
Switch Fabric Throughput	520Gbps	1.04Tbps	960Gbps
Switch Footprint	1RU	2RU	1RU
1 Gigabit Ethernet Port Density	8	16	48
10 Gigabit Ethernet Port Density	26	52	48
8G Native Fibre Channel Port Density	6	12	16
Port-to-Port Latency	~ 3.2us	~ 3.2us	~2.0us
No. of VLANs	512	512	4096
Layer 3 Capability			✓
1 Gigabit Ethernet Port Scalability	576	576	960
10 Gigabit Ethernet Port Scalability	384	384	640
40 Gigabit Ethernet Ready			✓

# Cisco Nexus 5500 Series Switch

## Breakthrough Innovation



### Convergence

- Ethernet (1/10 GbE) + Storage (FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NAS)
- Unified Ports – Dynamic allocation of multi-protocol ports



### Scalability

- 48 wire-rate ports in 1RU
- FEX-link - Over 900 FE/GE & 600 10GE ports
- FabricPath and TRILL



### Intelligence

- Policy-based VM connectivity and mobility with Nexus 1000V
- Provides secure VM traffic with Virtual Security Gateway based on Cisco vPath technology
- Layer 2/Layer 3

Industry's Highest Density  
& Performance for Fixed Switches

