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End-to-End QoS Implementation and Operation with Nexus

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Session Objectives

- Provide a refresh of QoS Basics
- Understand the basic switch architecture for the Nexus switch family
- Provide a detailed understanding of QoS on Nexus platforms
- Learn how to configure QoS on Nexus devices through real-world configuration examples



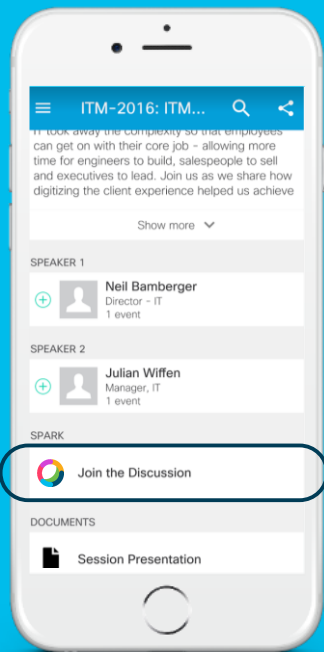
Session Non-Objectives

- Data Center QoS Methodology
- Nexus hardware architecture deep-dive
- Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) QOS



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Questions?

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- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Events Mobile App
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install Webex Teams or go directly to the team space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the team space

Congestion Happens Everyday!



Why QoS in the Data Center?

**Assign
Color to Traffic**



**Manage
Congestion**



**Maximize
Throughput**



Maximize Throughput and Manage Congestion!

Can Traffic Control help or confuse



... or hurt

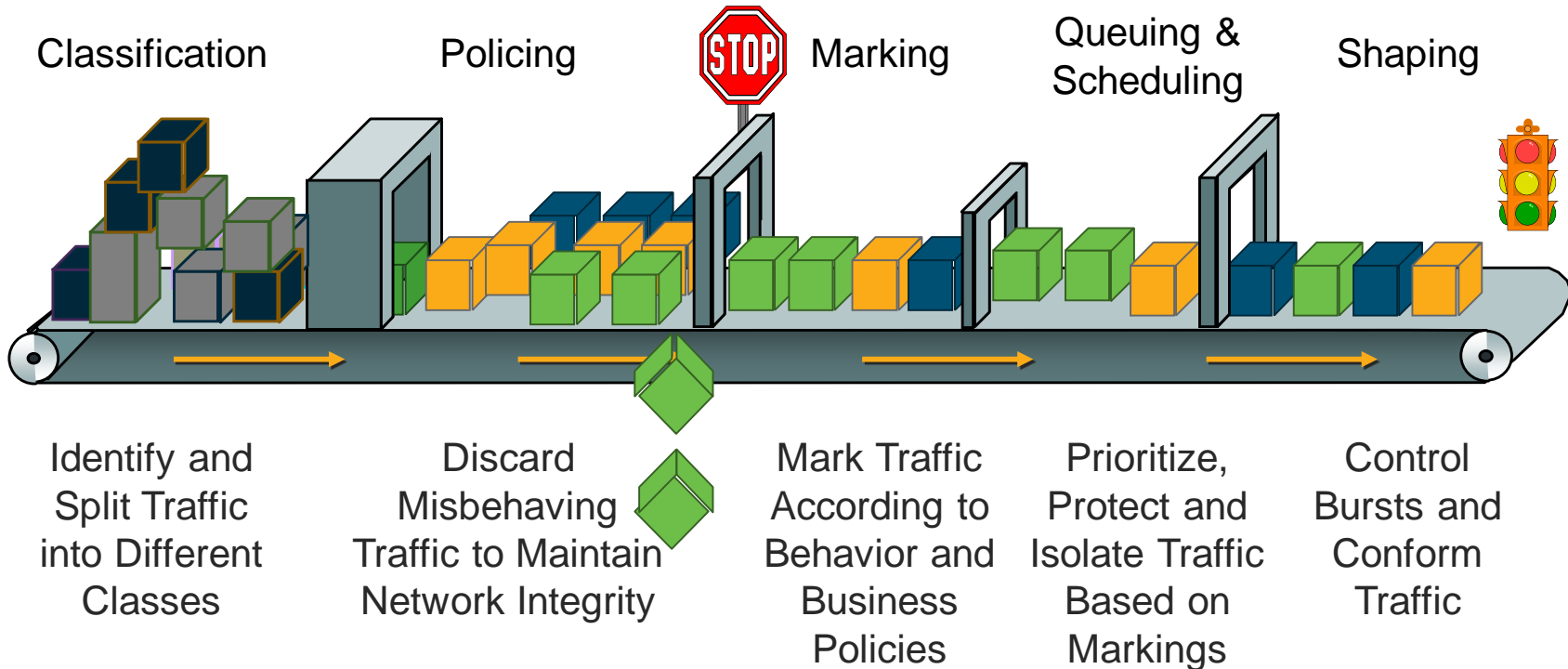


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The QoS Toolset

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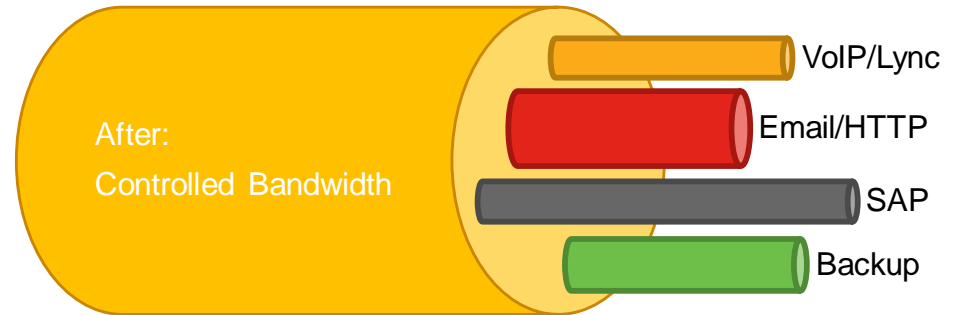
Traffic Management Tools

- Classification
 - Traffic Categorization based on traffic attributes
- Marking
 - Assigning different/new attribute (priority) to traffic
- Policing
 - Limit misbehaving flows



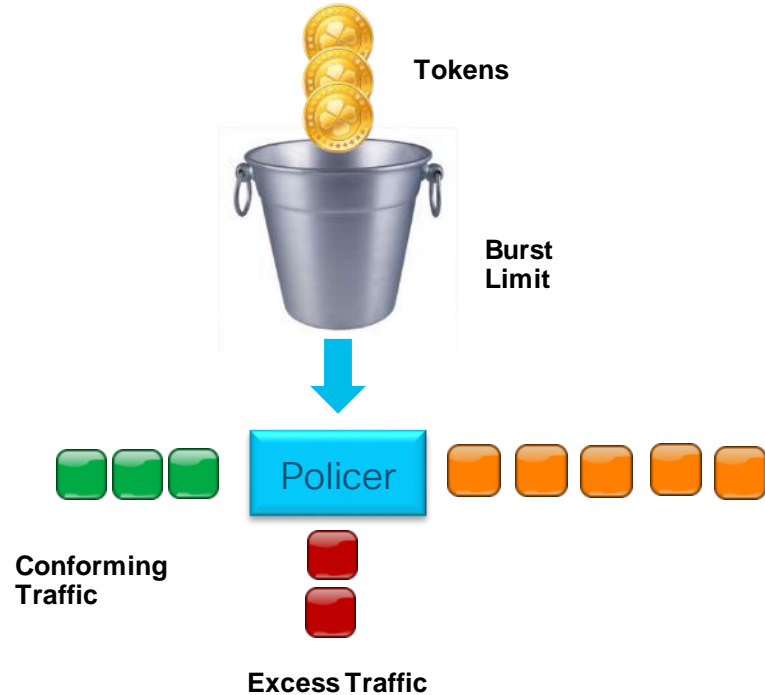
Classification and Marking – Two sides of a coin

- Identify traffic
 - DSCP
 - IP PREC
 - CoS
 - ACLs
- Re-map Traffic
 - Like to Like (i.e. CoS to CoS)
 - Like to Unlike (i.e. DSCP to COS)
 - Needs mapping tables
 - Also called Mutation



Policing – Limit Misbehaving Traffic

- Single rate Two Color Policer
 - Conform Action (permit)
 - Exceed Action (drop)
- Two rate Three Color Policer
 - Conform Action (permit)
 - Exceed Action (markdown)
 - Violate Action (drop)



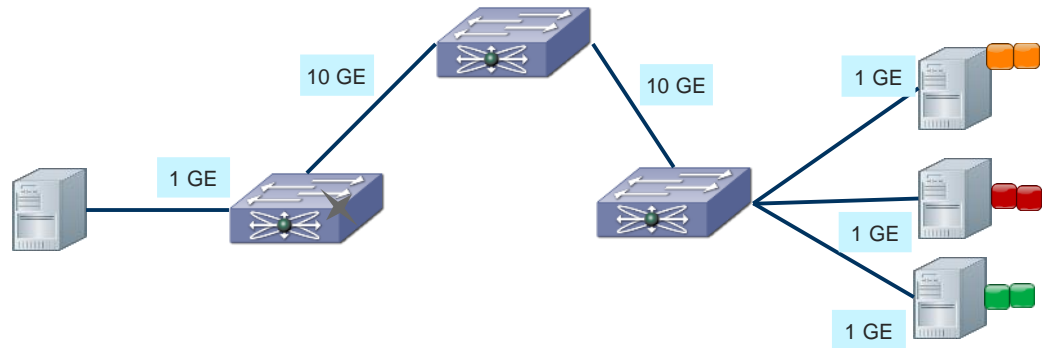
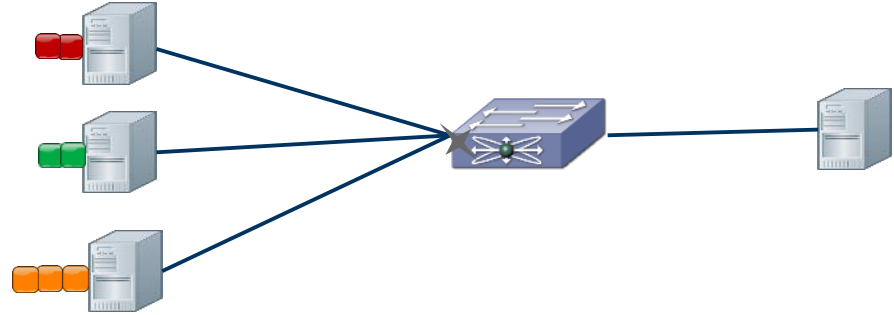
Congestion Management Tools

- Buffering
 - Storing packets in memory
- Queuing
 - Buffering packets according to traffic class
- Scheduling
 - Order of transmission of buffered packets
- Shaping
 - Smooth burst traffic



Buffering – Why do we need it?

- Many to One Conversations
 - Client to Server
 - Server to Storage
 - Aggregation Points
- Speed Mismatch
 - Client to WAN to Server



4 Class Queuing Model example

Class	CoS	Queues
Priority	5-7	PQ
No-Drop	3, 4	Q2
Better than Best-Effort	2	Q1
Best-Effort	0, 1	Default-Q

8 Class Queuing Model

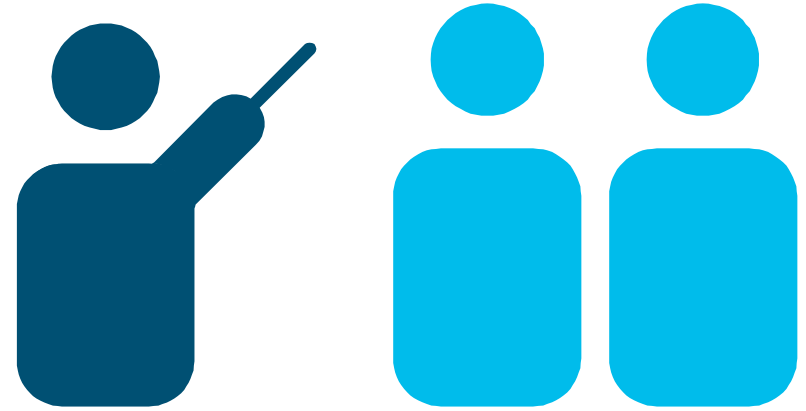


Class	DSCP	Queues
Priority	CS6 (CS7)	PQ
Platinum	EF	
Gold	AF41	Q7
Silver	CS4	Q6
No-Drop	CoS3	Q5
Bronze	AF21	Q4
Management	CS2	Q3
Scavenger	AF11	Q2
Bulk Data	CS1	Q1
Best-Effort	0	Default-Q

- Matches often a Campus QoS concept
- No-Drop still with CoS3 (DSCP 24-30 are “unusable”)
- Valid but most complex

Scheduling – Who goes first?

- Defines **Order of transmission**
- The **Priority-Queue** always serviced first
- **Normal Queues** serviced only after Priority Queue empty
- Different Scheduling algorithms for normal queues



Common Scheduling Algorithms

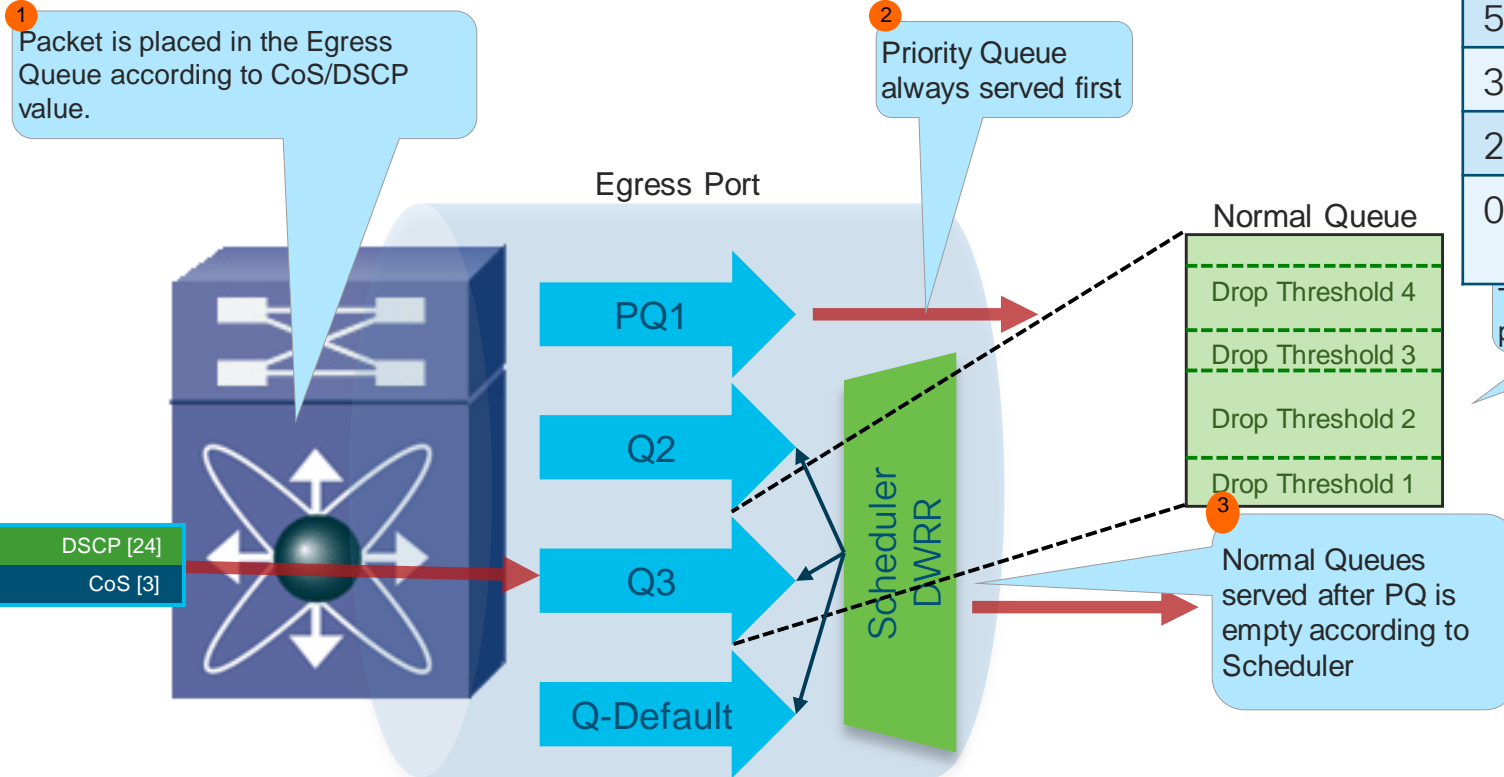
- Deficit Weighted Round Robin
 - Variable sized packets
 - Uses a deficit counter
- Shaped Round Robin
 - More even distributed ordering
 - Weighted interleaving of flows
- Round Robin (RR)
 - Simple and Easy to implement
 - Starvation-free
- Weighted Round Robin (WRR)
 - Serves n packets per non-empty queue
 - Assumes a mean packet size

Congestion Avoidance Tools

- Tail Drop (TD)
 - Drop packets at **tail of the queue**
 - **Single threshold** per queue
- Weighted Random Early Drop (WRED)
 - One or more thresholds per queue
 - Threshold associated with **DSCP or COS**

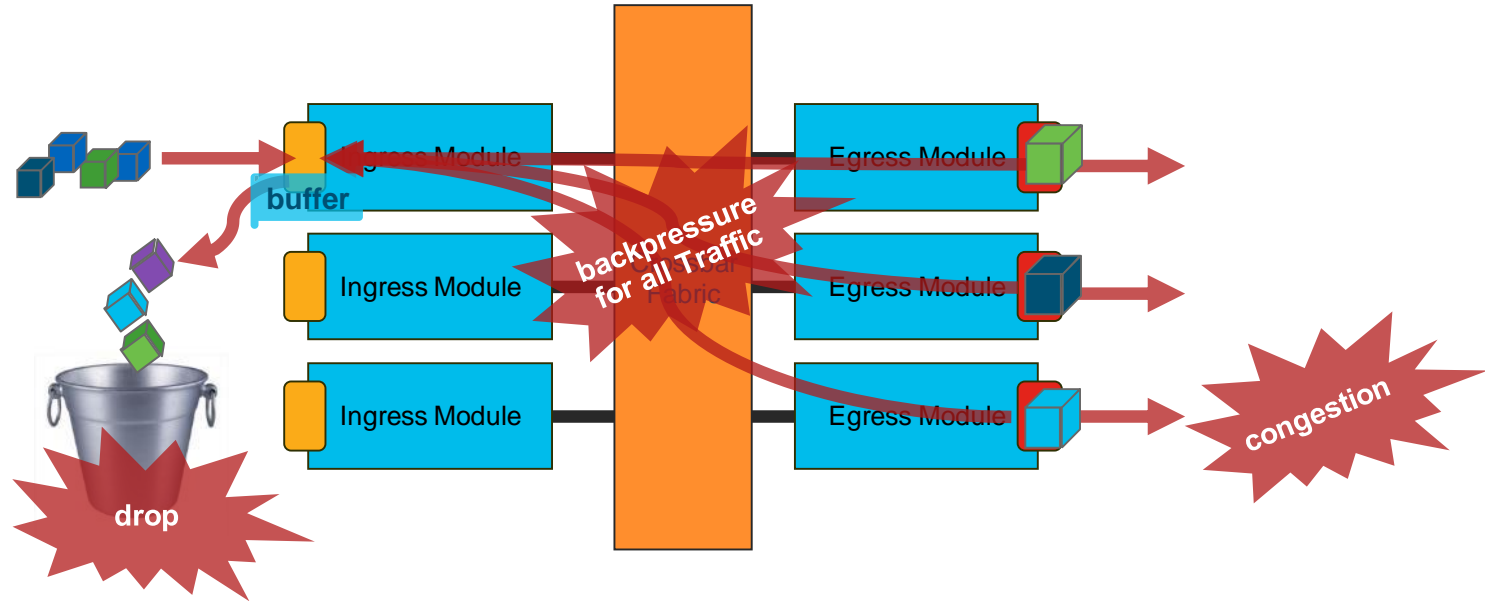


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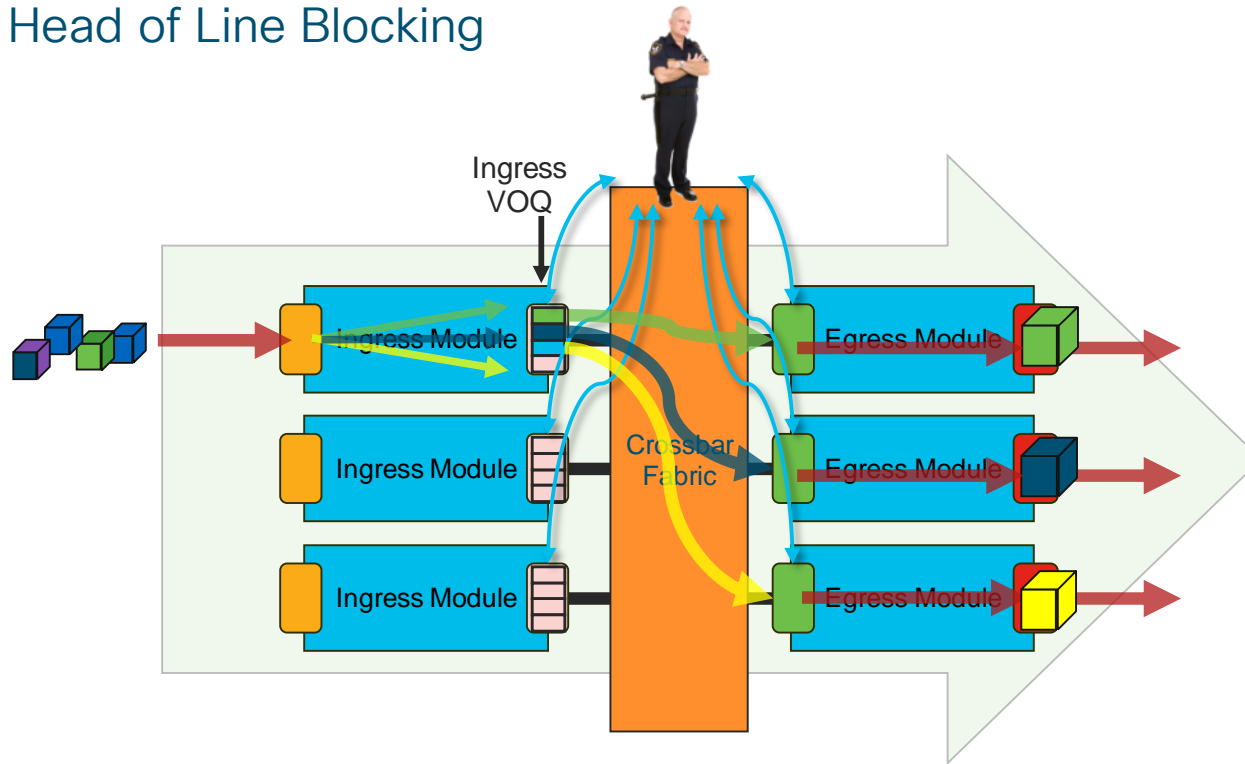
Head of Line Blocking

What is the Problem?



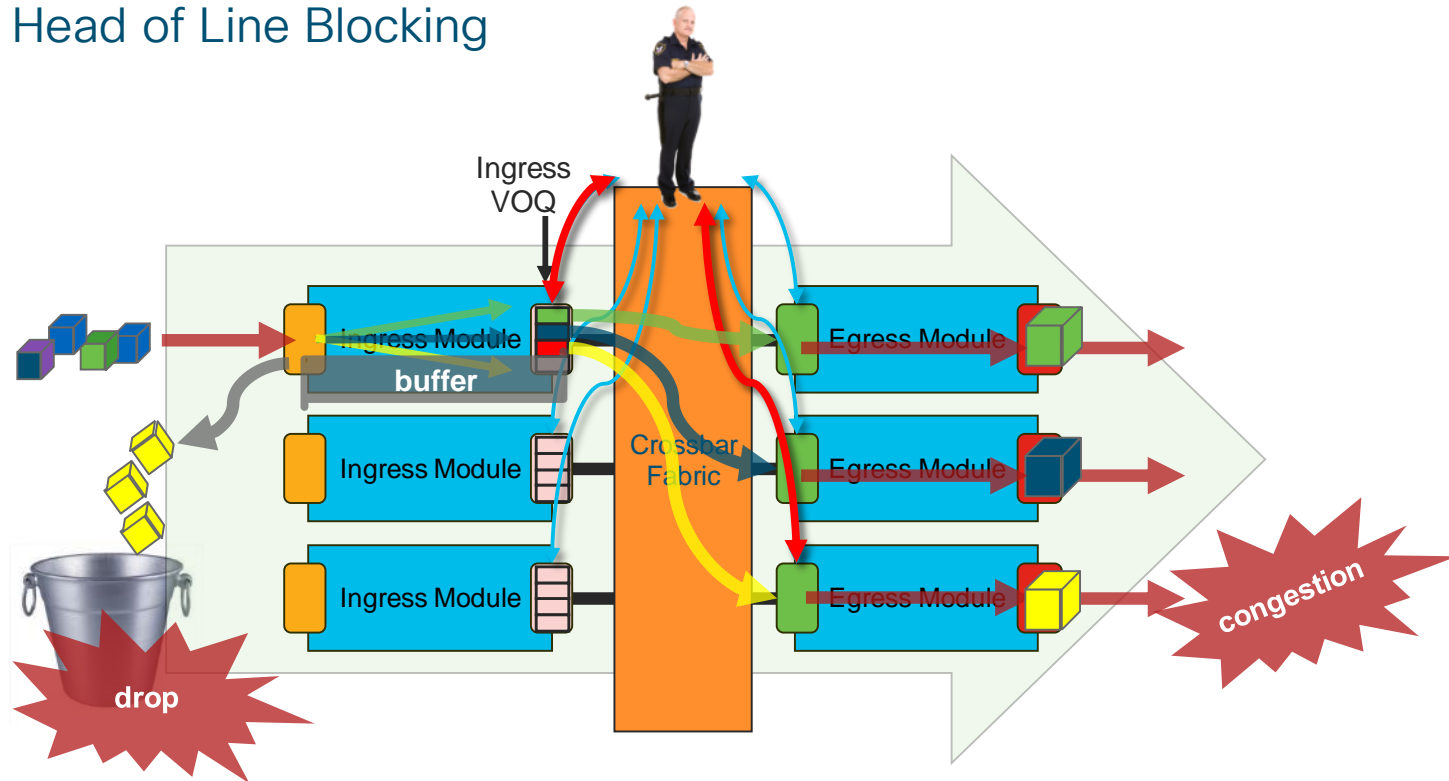
Virtual Output Queues

Avoid Head of Line Blocking

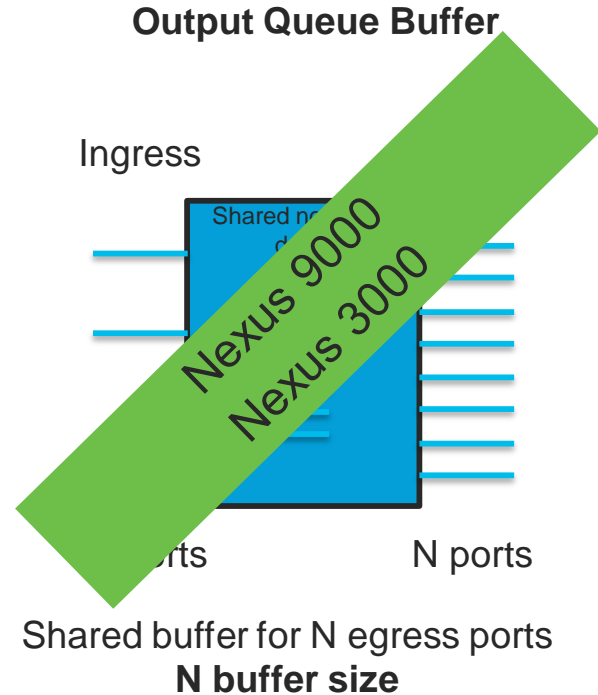
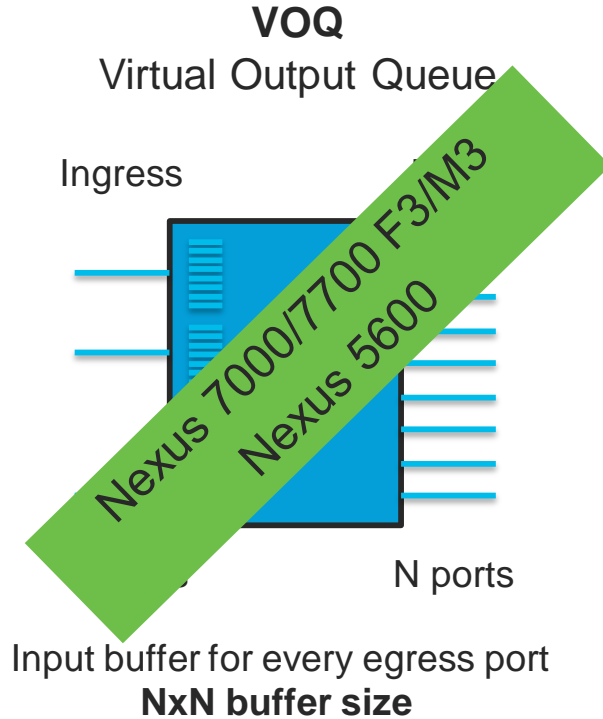


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Buffering on Nexus Models compared



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Nexus uses Modular QOS CLI (MQC)

3 Block Construct

Class-Map

What Traffic do we care about?

- DSCP
- CoS
- IPPREC
- ACLs

Policy-Map

What actions do I take on the classes?

- Policing
- Marking
- Scheduling
- Queueing

Service-Policy

Where do I apply this policy?

- System Wide
- VLAN
- Interface
- Port-channels

Three Different Types

Class-map

QoS

- CoS
- DSCP
- PREC
- ACLs

Queuing

- CoS
- DSCP

Network-QoS

- CoS
- Protocol (FCoE)

Policy-map

QoS

- Marking
- Policing
- Mutation

Queuing

- Buffering
- Queuing
- Scheduling

Network-QoS

- Congestion-Control
- Pause / MTU per VL

Service-policy

QoS

- Interfaces
- Vlans
- Port-channel
- System-qos

Queuing

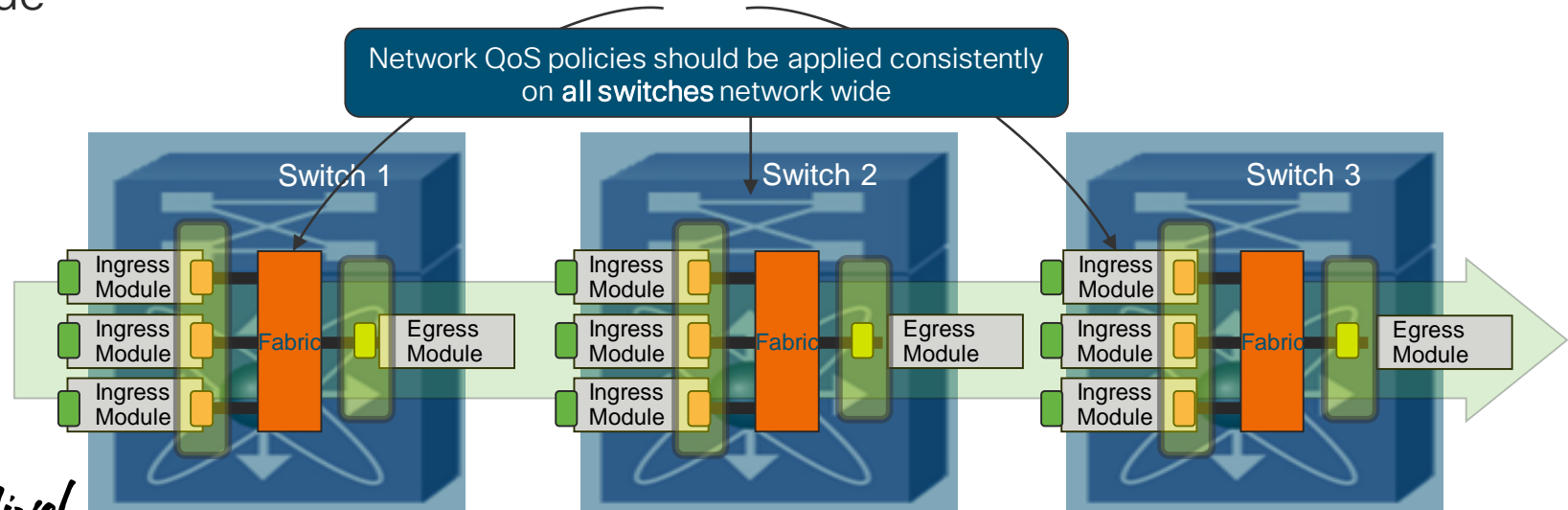
- Interfaces
- Port-channels
- System-qos

Network-QoS

- System-qos

Network-QoS Policy

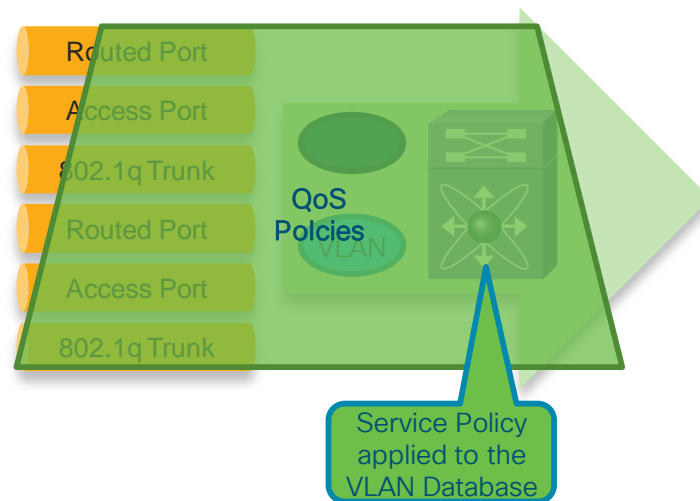
- Define global queuing and scheduling parameters for all interfaces in switch
 - Identify drop/no-drop classes, MTU and WRED/TD, etc.
- One network-QoS policy per system, applies to all ports
- Assumption is network-QoS policy defined/applied consistently network-wide





System based Policy attachment

- System based QoS Policy gets globally applied to all interfaces and VLAN
- System based QoS Policy is configured in System QoS

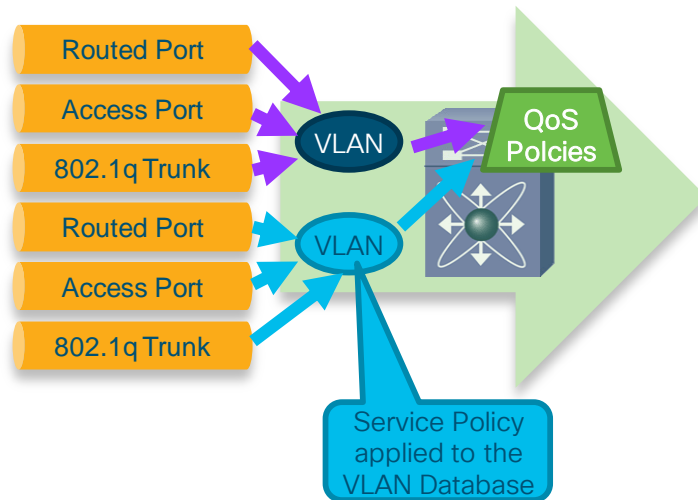


```
Nexus(config)# system qos
Nexus(config-sys-qos)# service-policy input myPolicy
```



VLAN based QoS Policy attachment

- VLAN based QoS Policy is configured in VLAN Database
- No SVI (aka L3 VLAN Interface) required

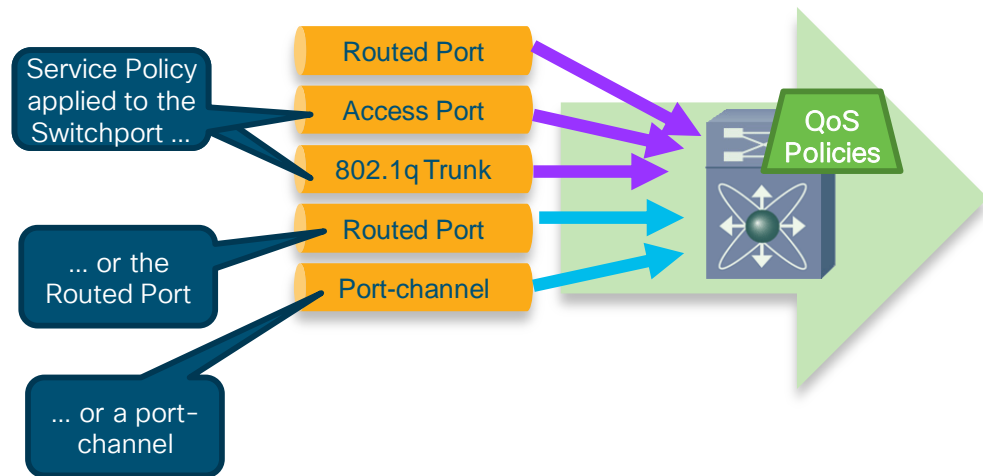


```
Nexus(config)# vlan configuration <vlan-id>  
Nexus(config-vlan)# service-policy input myPolicy
```



Interface based QoS Policy attachment

- Interface based QoS Policy takes precedence over VLAN
- Can also be attached to port-channel and applies to all member-ports
- No Egress QoS policies on L2 ports!

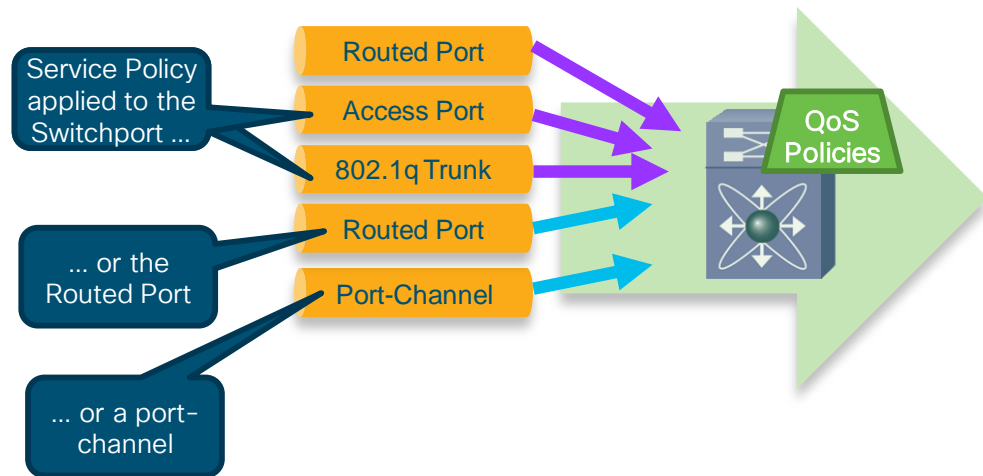


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Nexus(config)# interface ethernet 1/1
Nexus(config-if)# service-policy input myPolicy
```



Interface based Queuing Policy attachment

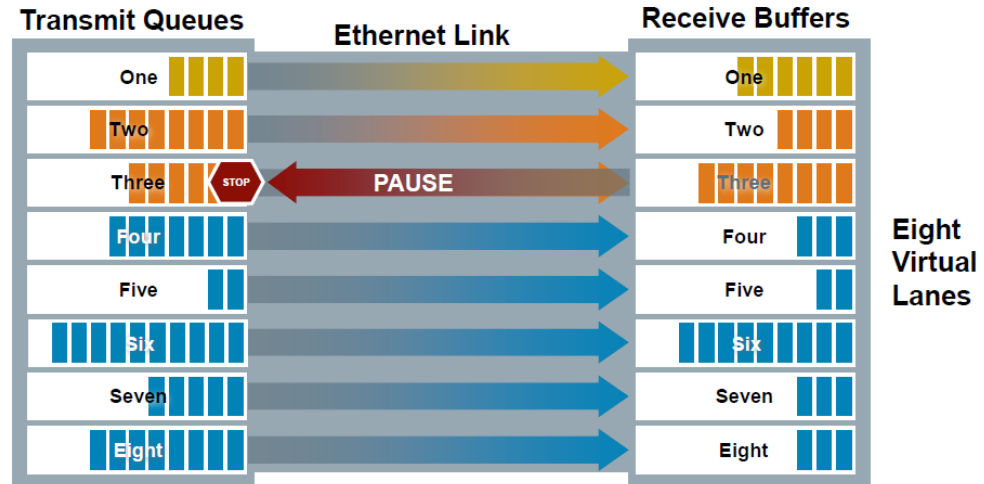
- Interface based QoS Policy takes precedence over VLAN
- Interface based QoS Policy is configured under the respective Interface
- Queuing Policy can be attached to port-channel also



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Nexus(config)# interface ethernet 1/1
Nexus(config-if)# service-policy input myPolicy
```

New QoS Capabilities

- Priority Flow Control (802.1Qbb)
 - Enables Lossless Ethernet using per traffic class pause
 - During congestion, no-drop priority is paused
 - No effect on other priority values



DC QoS Capabilities

- DCBXP (802.1Qaz)
 - LLDP with new TLV Values
 - **Negotiates capabilities** (like PFC) with other devices
- ECN (Explicit Congestion Notification)
 - Congestion Notification without dropping packets
 - Uses **two LSB bits in DiffServ field** in IP header



ECN	ECN Behavior
0x00	Non ECN Capable
0x10	ECN Capable Transport (0)
0x01	ECN Capable Transport (1)
0x11	Congestion Encountered

Data Center Converged Infrastructure

- Simplification of the infrastructure by using Ethernet for data and storage traffic
- FCoE
 - Replaces Fibre Channel stack with Ethernet
- RoCE
 - RoCE extends RDMA capabilities over Ethernet



RoCE vs RoCEv2 (non-drop) FC/FCoE

- Requirement for FCoE and RoCEv1:
 - PFC
 - ETS
- Requirement for RoCEv2
 - PFC
 - ETS
 - ECN (optional)

FCoE	RoCE v1	RoCE v2
Applications	Applications	Applications
FCP	RDMA API	RDMA API
FC Transport	IB Transport	IB Transport
FCOE	IB Network	UDP/IP
Ethernet	Ethernet	Ethernet

To Trust or Not To Trust?

- Data Centre architecture provides a new set of **trust boundaries**
- Virtual Switch extends the **trust boundary into the Hypervisor**
- Nexus Switches **always trust CoS and DSCP**



Overlay QOS



Overlay QoS

MPLS network

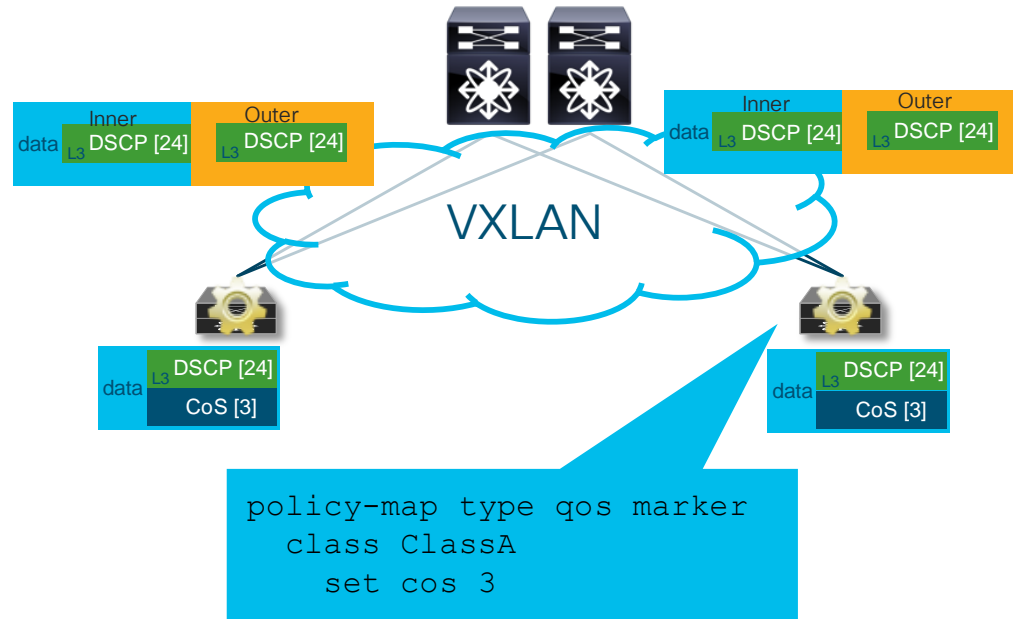
- Mapping between IP priorities
COS, DSCP, IP precedence
happen on the transition between
Ethernet/IP to
MPLS network
- CoS to EXP is mapped
- EXP can be changed in the MPLS
network, it policy map is defined

EXP	COS	DSCP	IP pres
0	0	0	0
1	1	8	1
2	2	16	2
3	3	24	3
4	4	32	4
5	5	40	5
6	6	48	6
7	7	56	7

Overlay QoS

VXLAN

- On the ingress VTEP original DSCP is mapped to outer DSCP value
- In VXLAN fabric DSCP in outer header is used as packet priority
- On the egress VTEP, call value needs to be marked by **policy-map type qos** to the egress Ethernet header



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Nexus 9000 Overview

- Modular and Fixed chassis
- Optimized for high density 10G/25G/40G/100G
- Standalone and ACI Mode
- Built with Cisco Silicon
 - Advanced QoS capabilities



Cisco Nexus 9000 QoS Features

- Traffic classification
 - DSCP, CoS, IP Precedence and ACL
- Packet marking
 - DSCP, CoS, and ECN
- Strict Priority Queuing and DWRR
- Ingress and egress policing
- Tail Drop and WRED with ECN
- Shared buffer capability
- Egress Queuing



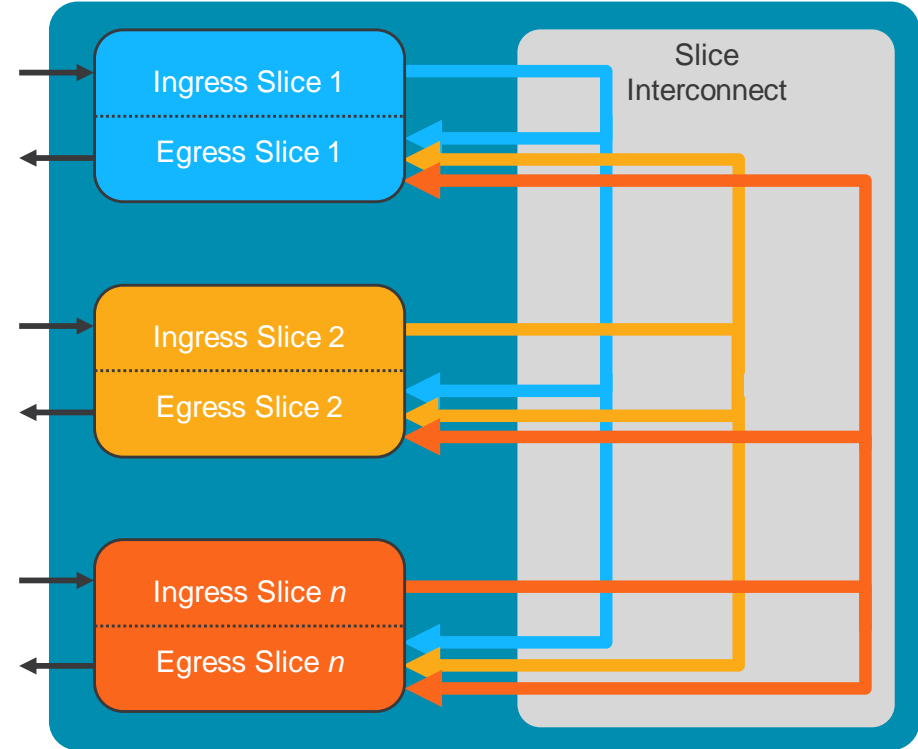
Buffering – Nexus 9000

- Each ASIC is composed of a number of slice. Each slice has buffer assigned.
- The buffer is divided in logical pools, where pool represent class of traffic.
- ASICs implement dynamic queue limit to allow fair buffer usage to each port.



What Is a “Slice”?

- Self-contained forwarding complex controlling subset of ports on single ASIC
- Separated into Ingress and Egress functions
- Ingress of each slice connected to egress of all slices
- Slice interconnect provides non-blocking any-to-any interconnection between slices

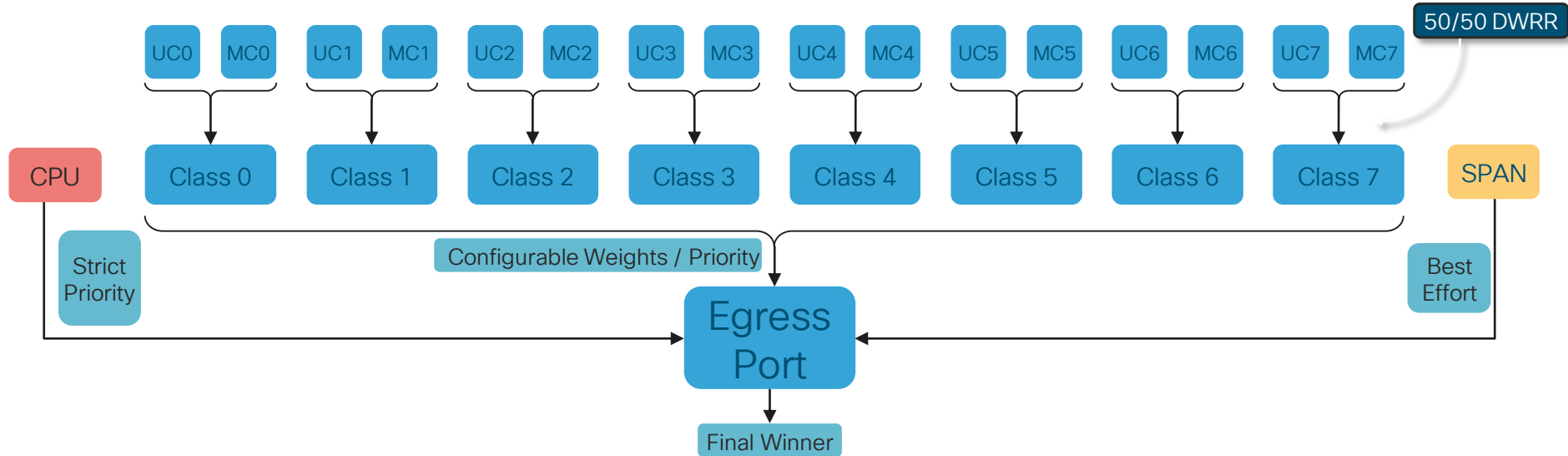


Dynamic Buffer Protection

- Buffer is shared dynamically any queue can use shared buffer
- Dynamic Buffer Protection prevents any queue unfair use shared buffer
- The basic algorithm uses dynamic queue length threshold, and account for usage of unicast and multicast



Queuing and Scheduling



- 8 user classes and 16 queues per output port (8 unicast, 8 multicast)
- QOS-group drives class; egress queuing policy defines class priority and weights
- Dedicated classes for CPU traffic and SPAN traffic

Nexus 9000 CloudScale

Nexus 9000 – Cloud Scale

LSE

- 1.8T chip – 2 slices of 9 x 100G each
- X9700-EX modular linecards; 9300-EX TORs

LS1800FX

- 1.8T chip – 1 slice of 18 x 100G with MACSEC
- X9700-FX modular linecards; 9300-FX TORs

S6400

- 6.4T chip – 4 slices of 16 x 100G each
- E2-series fabric modules; 9364C TOR

LS3600FX2

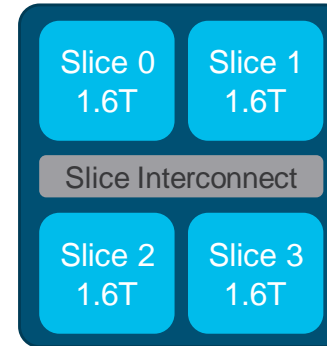
- 3.6T chip – 2 slices of 18 x 100G with MACSEC + CloudSec
- 9300-FX2 TORs



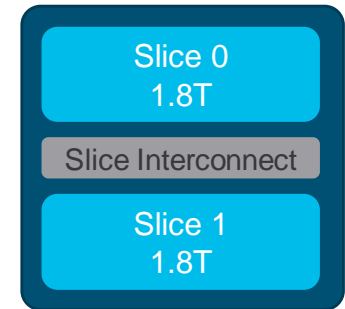
LSE – 18 x 100G



LS1800FX – 18 x 100G



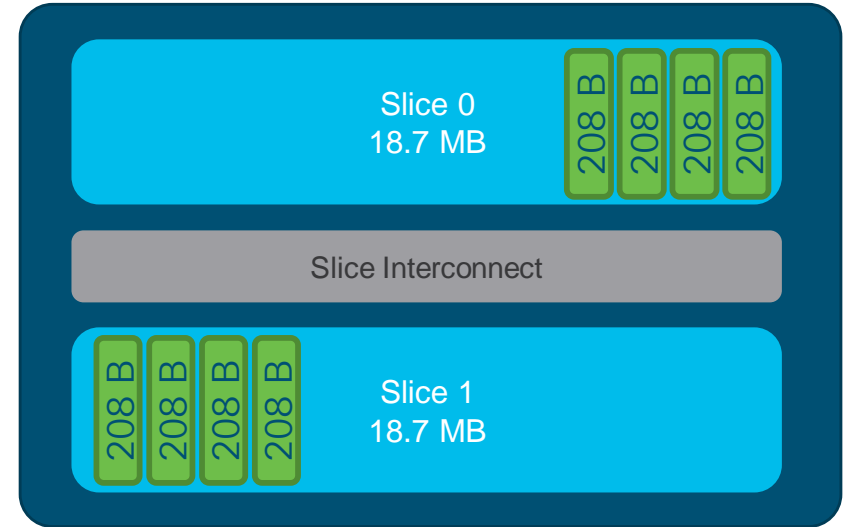
S6400 – 64 x 100G



LS3600FX2 – 36 x 100G

LSE Buffer

- Physically each slice divided in cells
- Each cell is 208bytes
- Per slice allocated 88 000 cells
- Two slices, each 18.7MB of buffer, total of 37.4MB



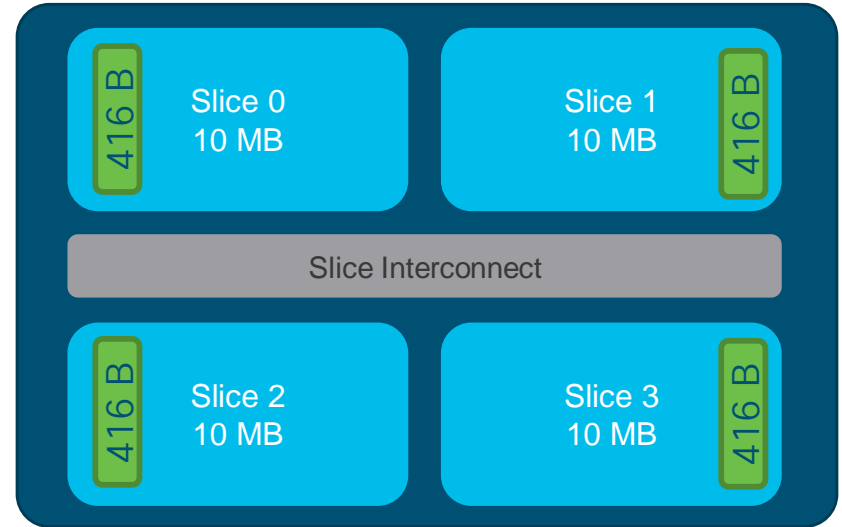
LS1800FX Buffer

- Physically each slice divided in cells
- Each cell is 416 bytes
- Per slice allocated 44 000 cells
- Single slice 40.8 MB of buffer



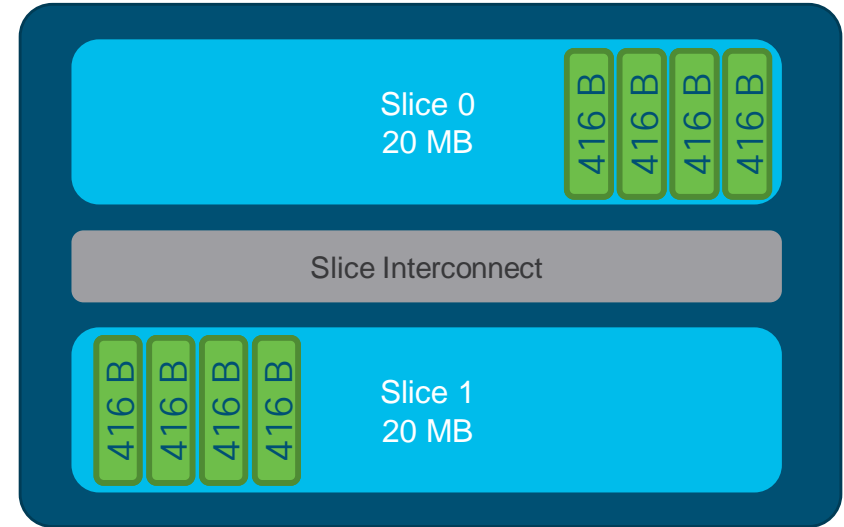
S 6400 Buffer

- Physically each slice divided in cells
- Each cell is 416 bytes
- Per slice allocated 24 000 cells
- Four slices, each 10 MB of buffer, total of 40 MB
- ECN statistics

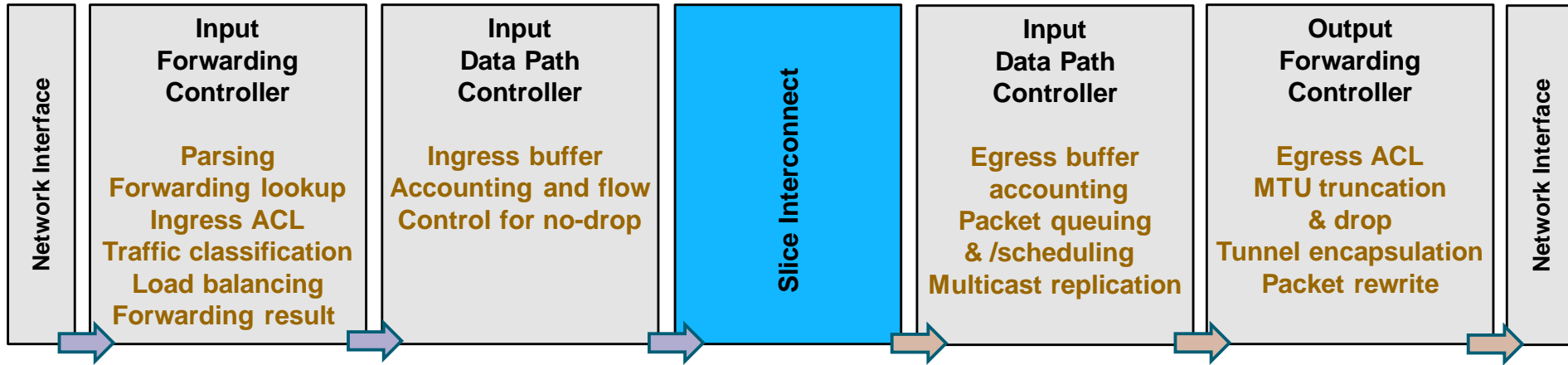


LS3600FX2 Buffer

- Physically each slice divided in cells
- Each cell is 416bytes
- Per slice allocated 48 000 cells
- 2 Slices, each 20MB of buffer, total of 40MB
- ECN statistics
- Buffer Sharing between slices



Life of a Packet in Cloud Scale ASIC



WRED/ ECN Configuration

- ECN parameters are configurable at per queue level.
- ECN is disabled by default along with WRED
- Packet Threshold below minimum – Transmit
- Packet Threshold between minimum and maximum – Mark ECN bits
- Packet Threshold above maximum – Drop

```
random-detect [minimum-threshold min-threshold {packets | bytes | kbytes | mbytes} maximum  
threshold max- threshold {packets | bytes | kbytes | mbytes} drop-probability value weight value]  
threshold {burst- optimized | mesh-optimized}} [ecn]
```

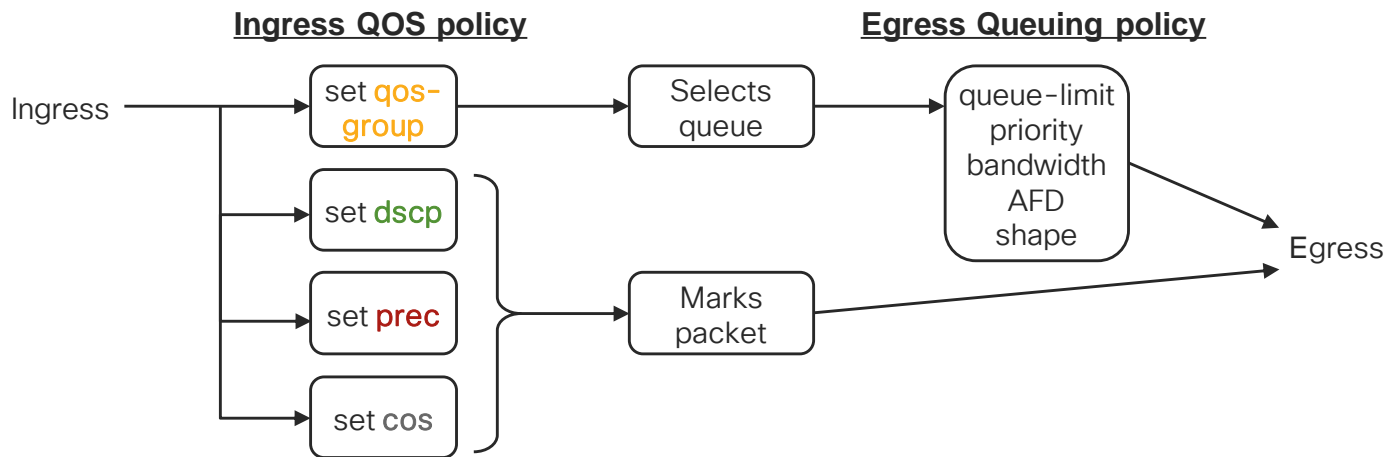
Nexus 9000 QoS Configuration Model

- Uses QOS-Groups to tie together QoS, Queuing and Network-QoS policies
- QoS-Group has no direct relation with priority values
- QoS-Groups defined (set) in `policy-map type qos`.
- QoS-groups referenced (match) in policy type queuing and policy-map type network-qos

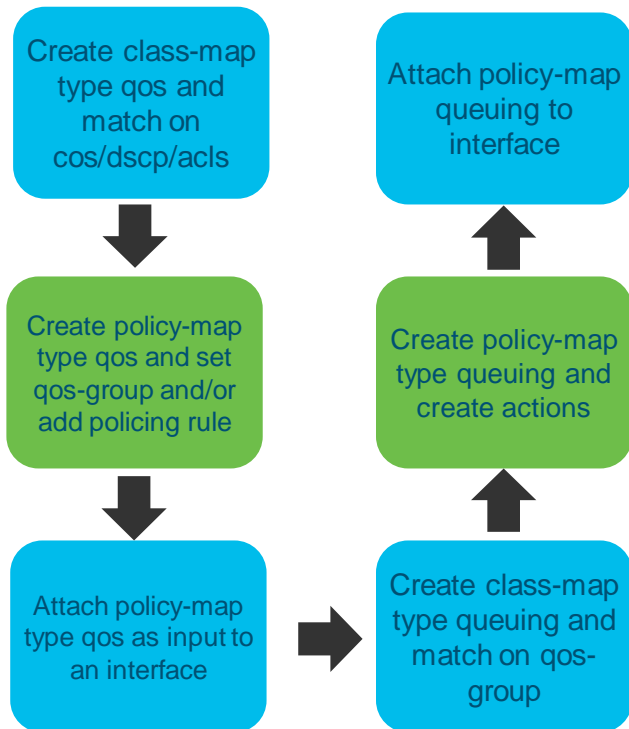


Ingress QOS / Egress Queuing Policies

- Default QOS behavior:
 - **Trust** received QOS markings
 - All user data goes to q-default
- To select egress queue, use “set **qos-group**” in ingress QOS policy
- To set/change packet markings, use “set **cos** / **precedence** / **dscp**” in ingress QOS policy
- To change queuing behavior, manipulate egress queuing policies



Putting it all together



```
class-map type qos class_foo
  match cos 3-4

policy-map type qos pm1
  class type qos class_foo
    set qos-group 1
  police cir 20 mbytes conform transmit violate drop
  class type qos class-default
    set qos-group 0

interface ethernet 1/1
  service-policy type qos input pm1

class-map type queuing class-foo
  match qos-group 1

policy-map type queuing policy-foo
  class type queuing class-foo
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing class-default
    bandwidth percent 80

interface ethernet 1/3
  service-policy type queuing output policy-foo
```


Nexus 9000 QoS Golden Rules

- QoS is **enabled by default** and cannot be disabled
- CoS and DSCP are **TRUSTED** by default
- Use QoS-Groups to tie policies together
- Queuing and QoS policies are applied to a physical interface or at system level



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M1

NEXUS 7000

1G / 10G



M2

10G / 40G / 100G

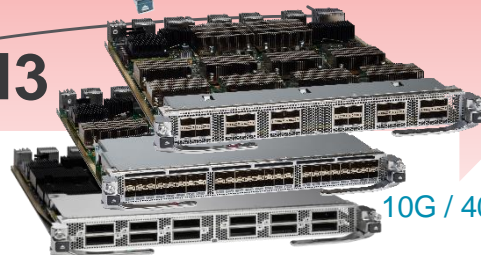


M-Series Modules

L2/L3/L4 with large forwarding tables and rich feature set

M3

M3 delivers best of M- and F-series capabilities



10G / 40G / 100G

NEXUS 7700

NEXUS 7000

F1

10G



F2/F2E

10G

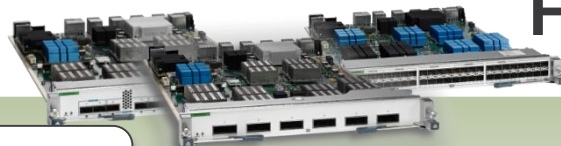


F-Series Modules

High performance, low latency with streamlined feature set

F3

10G / 40G / 100G



F3 closes the F/M feature gap!

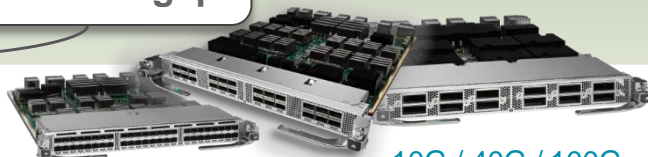
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10G



10G / 40G / 100G

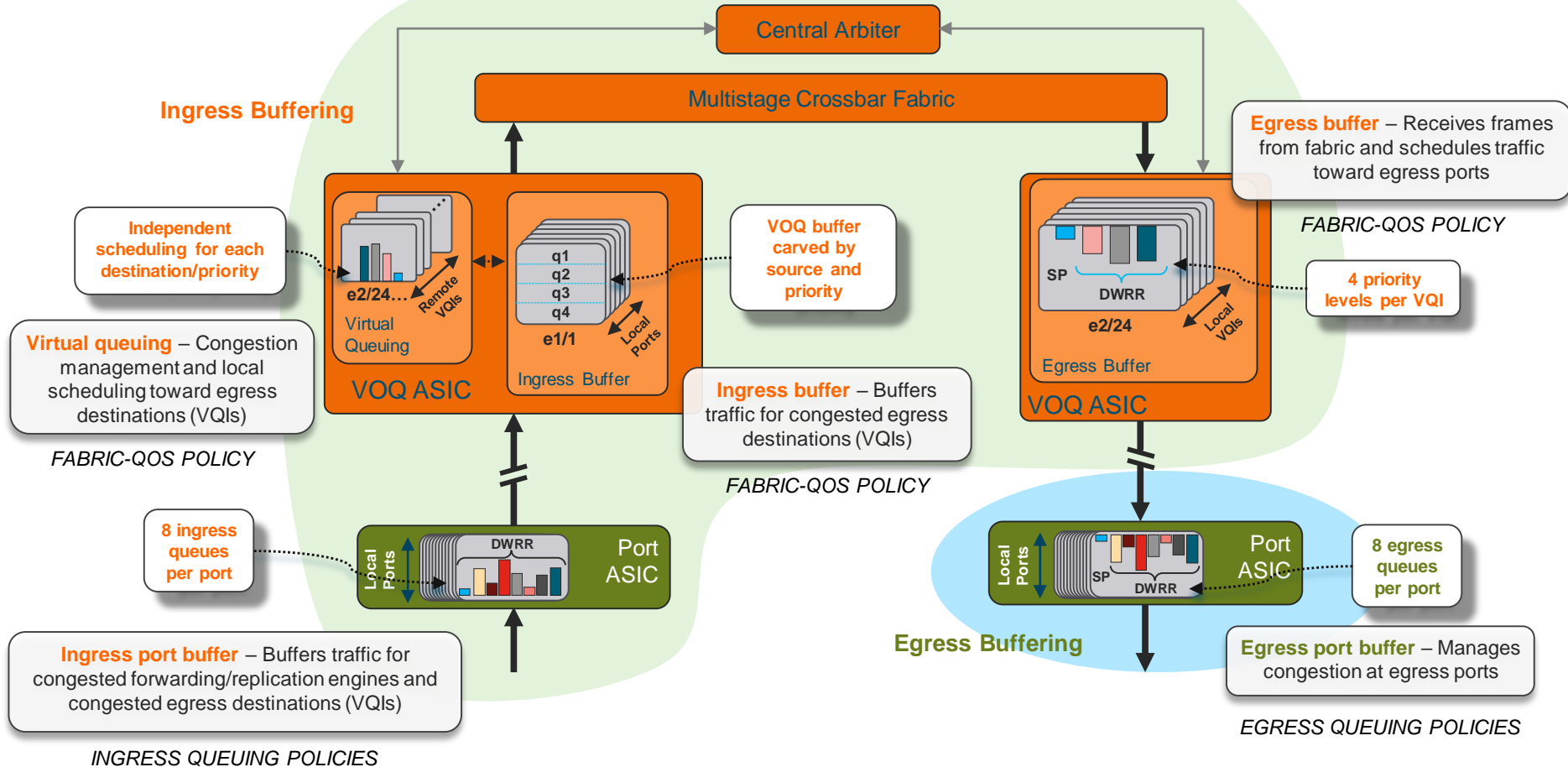
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NEXUS 7700

Cisco live!

M2 – Hybrid Ingress/Egress Buffered





M2 I/O Module Buffering Capacity

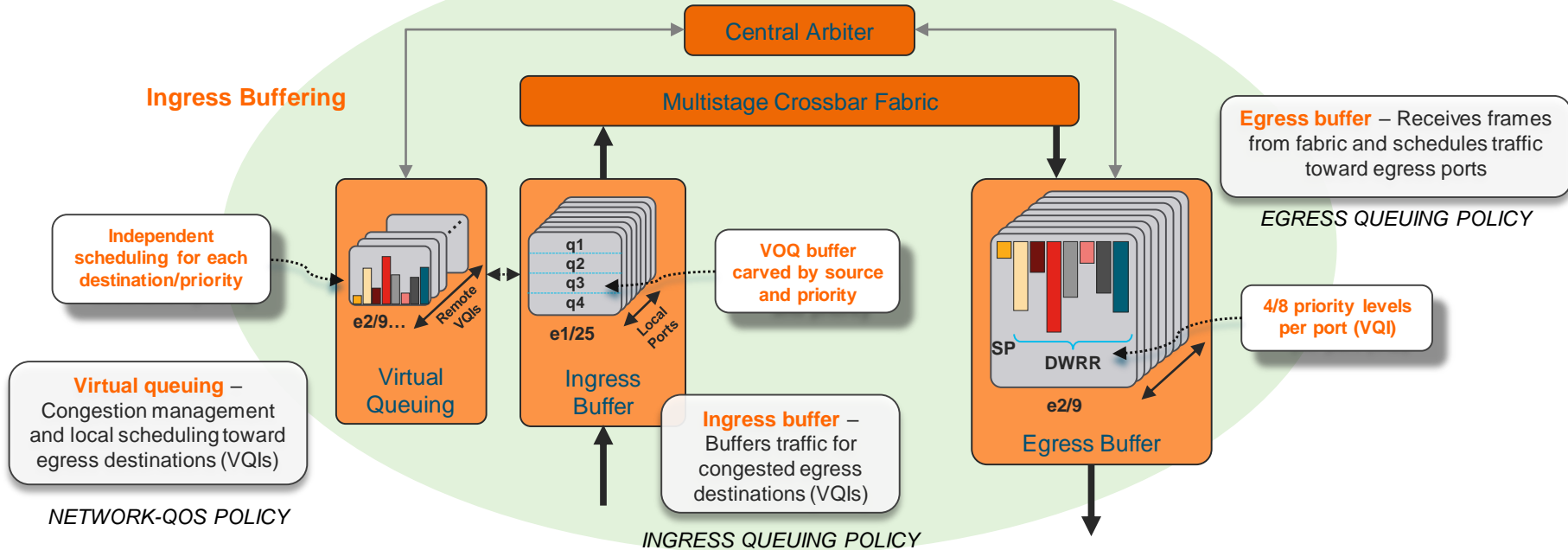
Ingress

M2 Module	Ingress Queue Structure	Ingress Port Buffer	Ingress VOQ Buffer
24-port 10G N7K-M224XP-23L	8q2t	5.2MB / port	4.5MB / port
6-port 40G N7K-M206FQ-23L	8q2t	20.8MB / port	18MB / port
2-port 100G N7K-M202CF-22L	8q2t	62.8MB / port	54MB / port

Egress

M2 Module	VOQ Structure	Egress VOQ Buffer (Credited)	Egress VOQ Buffer (Uncredited)	Egress Queue Structure	Egress Port Buffer
24-port 10G N7K-M224XP-23L	1p3q	295KB / port	512KB / 6 ports	1p7q4t	5MB / port
6-port 40G N7K-M206FQ-23L	1p3q	1.2MB / port	1MB / 3 ports	1p7q4t	20.7MB / port
2-port 100G N7K-M202CF-22L	1p3q	3MB / port	1MB / port	1p7q4t	30.2MB / port

F3/M3 – Ingress Buffered



F3/M3 I/O Module Buffering Capacity



Ingress

Module	Total VOQ Buffer Per Module	Ingress Queue Structure	Ingress VOQ Buffer
M3 48-port 10G	1500MB	4q1t	31.25MB / port
F3 48-port 10G	72MB	4q1t	1.5MB / port
M3 24-port 40G	3000MB	4q1t	125MB / port
F3 24-port 40G	144MB	4q1t	6MB / port

Egress

Module	Egress VOQ Structure	Egress VOQ Buffer (Credited)	Egress VOQ Buffer (Uncredited)
M3 48-port 10G	1p7q1t	512KB / port	4MB / 24 ports
F3 48-port 10G	1p7q1t	295KB / port	512KB / 8 ports
M3 24-port 40G	1p7q1t	2MB / port	4MB / 6 port
F3 24-port 40G	1p7q1t	1.1MB / port	512KB / 2 ports

Egress Queuing - Logical View

default-4q-8e-out-policy

default-4q4q-8e-out-policy

default-4q-7e-out-policy

default-4q-6e-out-policy

default-4q-4e-out-policy

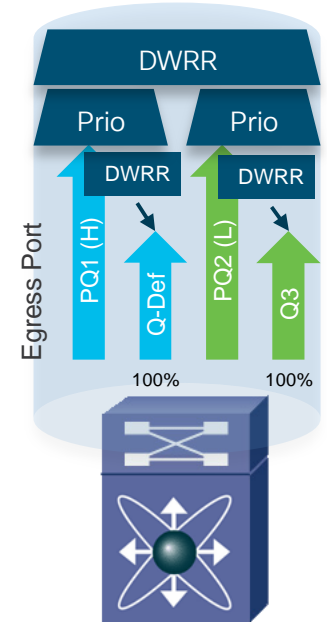
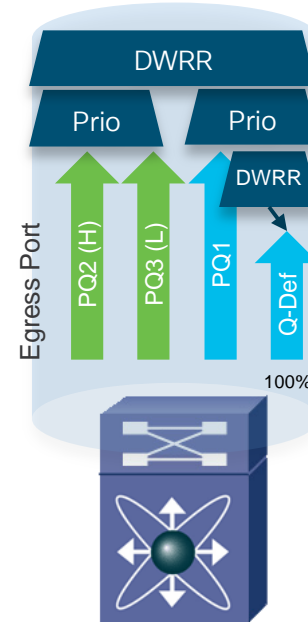
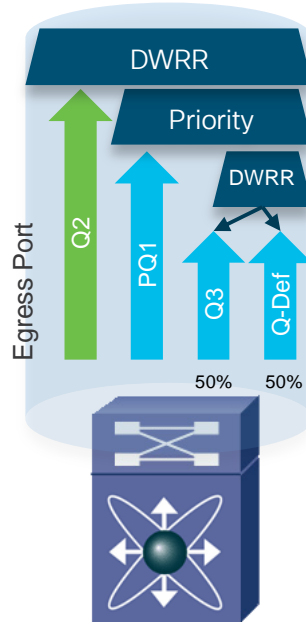
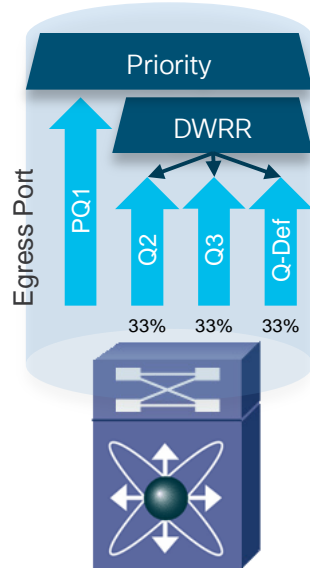
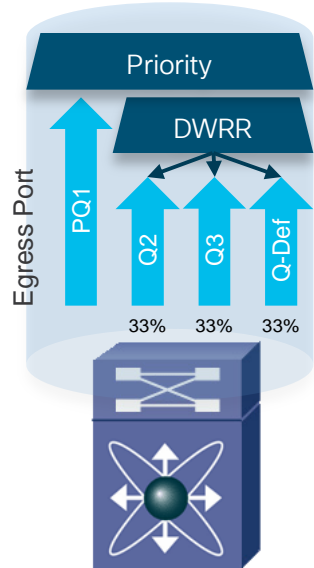
PQ1 **Q2** **Q3** **Q-Def.**
(5,6,7) (3,4) (2) (0,1)

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(3) (5,6,7) (2,4) (0,1)

PQ2. **PQ3** **PQ1** **Q-Def.**
(4) (3) (5,6,7) (0-2)

PQ1 **Q-Def.** **PQ2** **Q3**
(5,6,7) (0) (4) (1,2,3)



DSCP to CoS / CoS to DSCP – Mapping Tables

```
N7k# show table-map | grep -a 2 dscp-  
cos-map
```

Table-map **dscp-cos-map**
default **copy**

```
N7k# show system internal ipqos global-  
defaults | grep -a 12 cos-dscp-map
```

table-map: **cos-dscp-map** (len: 12)

default **copy**

Bit array:

Values set:

0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56
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CoS 2
mapped to
DSCP 16-23

```
N7k# show table-map | grep -a 2 cos-  
dscp-map
```

Table-map **cos-dscp-map**
default **copy**

```
N7k# show system internal ipqos global-  
defaults | grep -a 12 dscp-cos-map
```

table-map: **dscp-cos-map** (len: 12)

default **copy**

Bit array:

Values set:

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

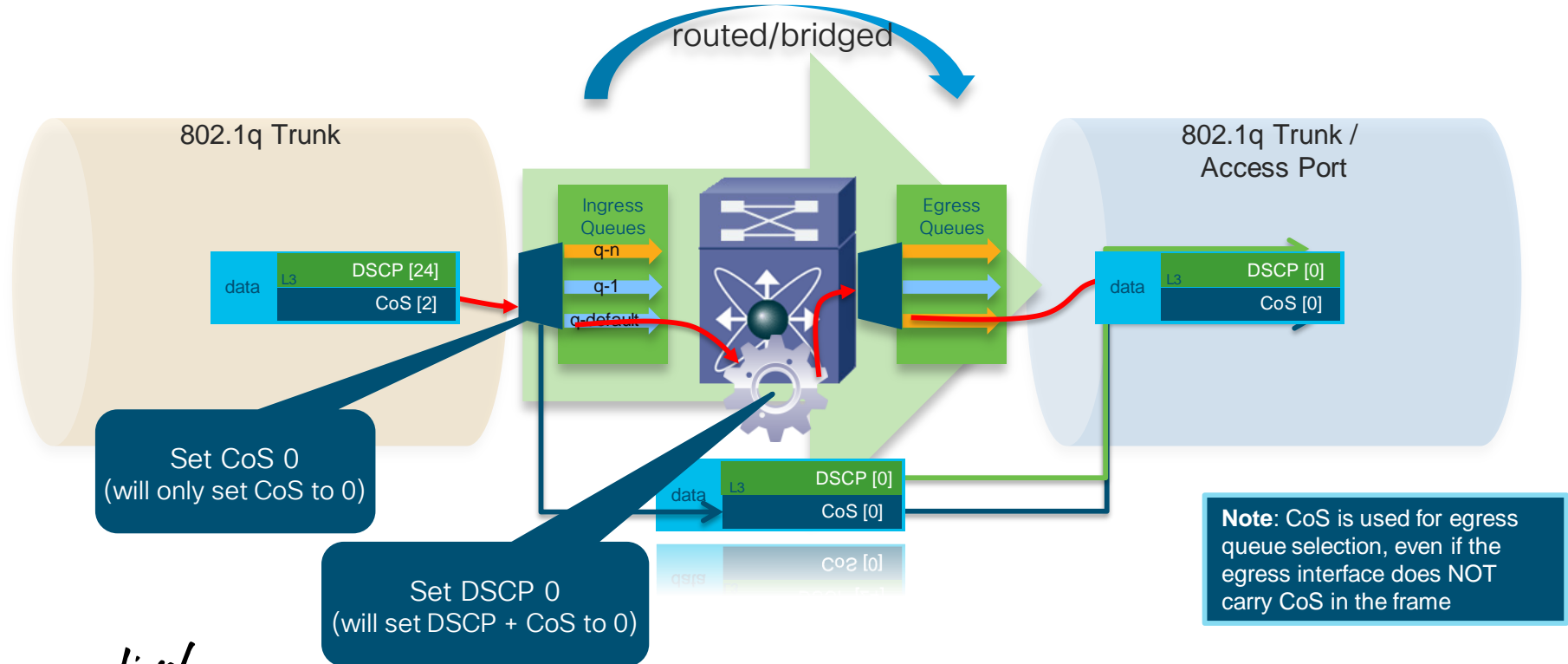
DSCP 24-31
mapped to
CoS 3

CoS or DSCP to Queue Mapping

- Default **CoS to Queue Mapping** for Nexus 7000/7700 (F- and M-Series I/O Module)
 - Ingress: CoS to Queue
 - Egress: CoS to Queue
- **DSCP to Queue Mapping** for Nexus 7000/7700 (F- and M-Series I/O Module)
 - Ingress: DSCP to Queue
 - Egress: CoS to Queue
- Global Configuration (Admin/Default VDC) required to enable DSCP to Queue Mapping:

```
N7k(config)# hardware qos dscp-to-queue ingress module type {all | f-series | m-series}
```

Changing the Default Trust



Nexus 7000 QoS Golden Rules

- QoS is **enabled by default** and cannot be disabled
- CoS and DSCP are **TRUSTED by default**
- Default Queuing and QoS policies are applied to all physical interfaces across all VDCs
- For bridged traffic, CoS is preserved, DSCP is unmodified
- For routed traffic, DSCP is copied to CoS (first 3 bits)
 - Ex: DSCP 40 (b101000) becomes CoS 5 (b101)



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Nexus 5000 Series Overview

10G/40G



Nexus 5600

High 10G Density
40G Flexibility
100G Uplinks
Unified Ports
Buffers/Tables

Nexus 5500

Flexibility
10G Uplinks

Nexus 5010/5020

Scalability
(Large Buffers
and Tables)

Fabric Innovations

VXLAN

Density

Programmability

Network Visibility

LAN/SAN Convergence

FabricPath

FEX Architecture

- ✓ 20K+ Customers Over 5 Years
- ✓ 25M+ Ports Shipped
- ✓ 125K+ Chassis Shipped
- ✓ 75%+ Market Share*

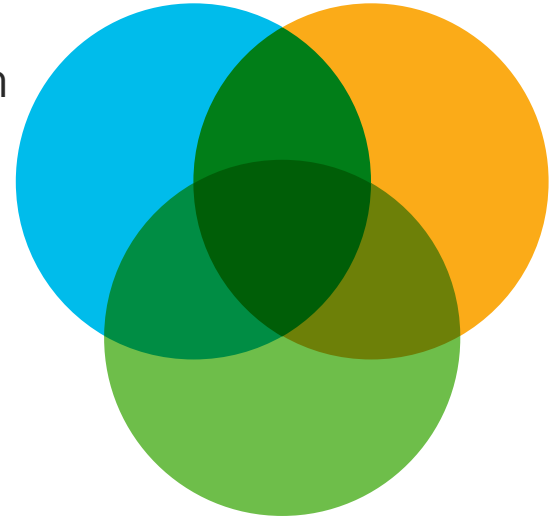
CUSTOMER VALUE

CISCO INNOVATION

Key Concepts – Common Points

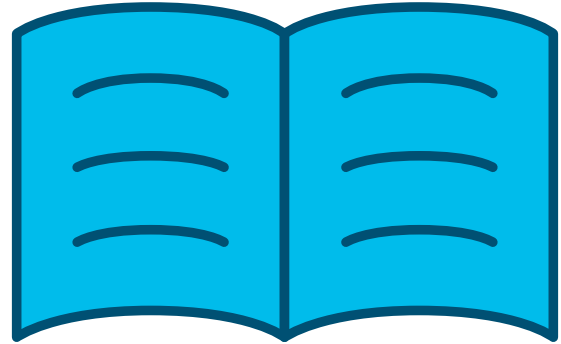
Nexus 7000 compared to Nexus 5000 QoS

- Nexus 5000/6000 & Nexus 7000 F-Series I/O Modules share the Ingress Buffer Model
- Ingress buffering and queuing occur at VOQ of each ingress port
- Egress scheduling enforced by egress port
- No Egress QOS Policies



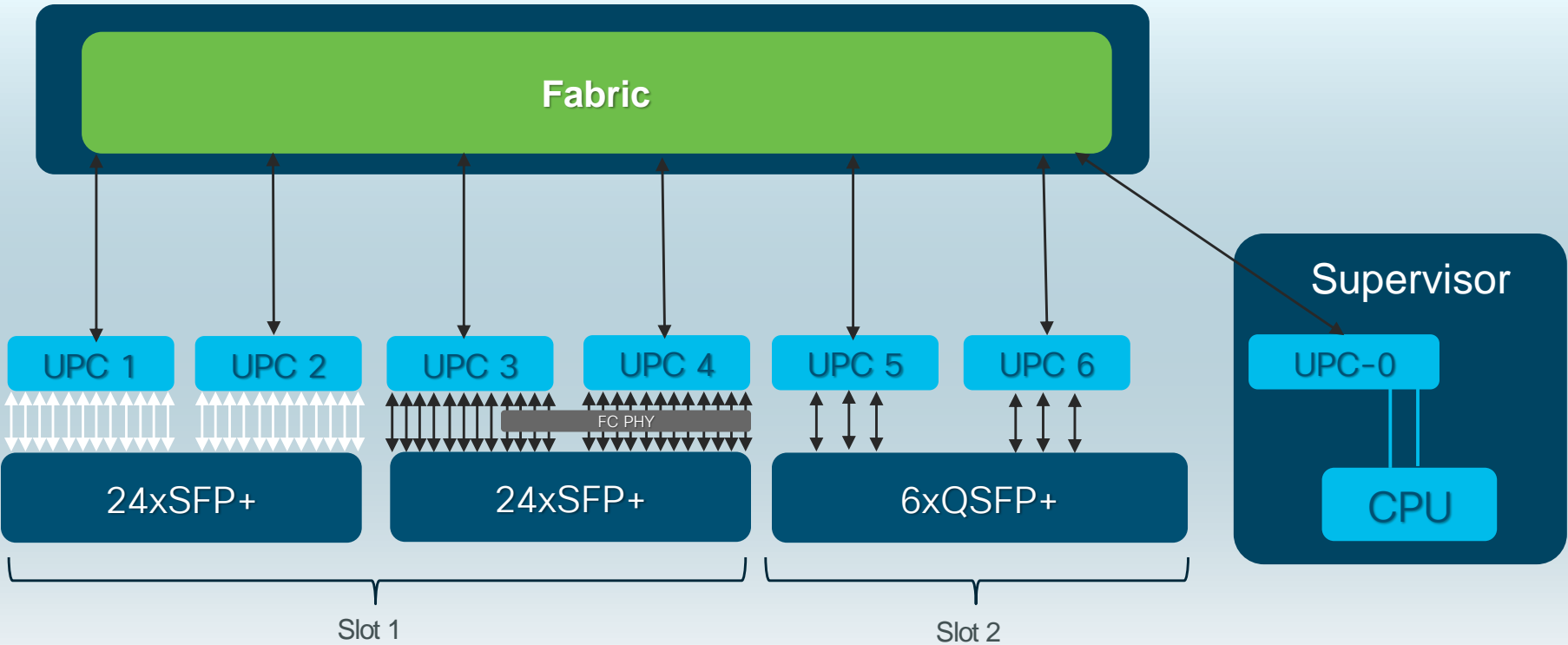
Cisco Nexus 5600 QoS Features

- Traffic classification
 - DSCP, CoS, IP Precedence and ACL
- Packet marking
 - DSCP, CoS, and ECN
- Strict Priority Queuing and DWRR
 - Priority Flow Control
 - DCBX 802.1Qaz
- Ingress policing (No egress policing)
- Flexible buffer management



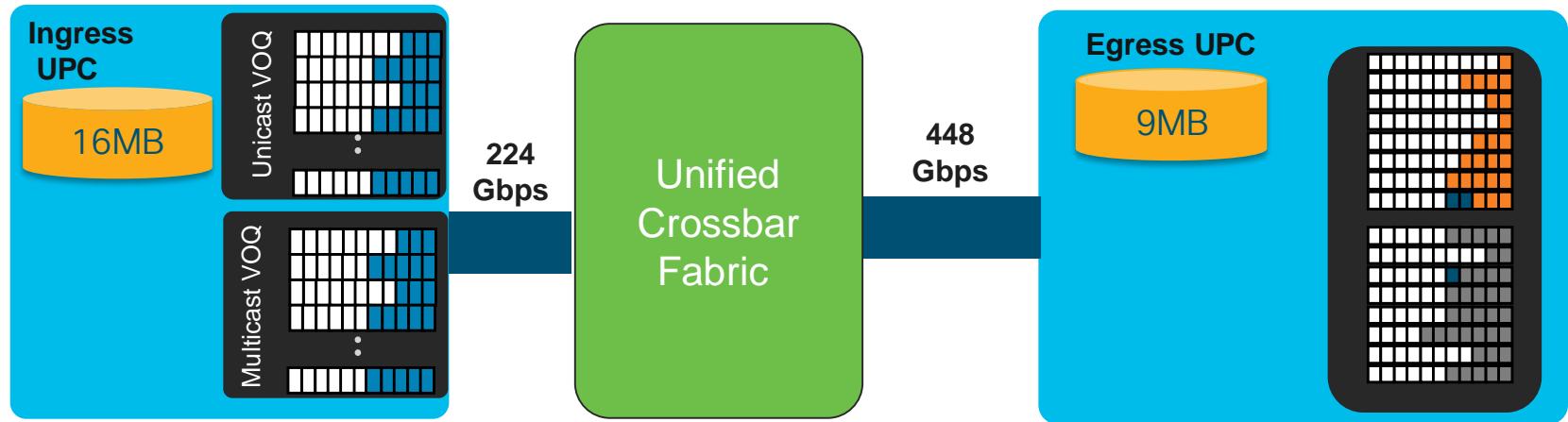


Cisco Nexus 5672UP Internal Architecture



Packet Buffering

- 25MB packet buffer is shared by every three 40 GE ports or twelve 10 GE ports.
- Buffer is 16MB at ingress and 9MB at egress.
- Unicast packet can be buffered at both ingress and egress.
- Multicast Buffered at egress only



Nexus 5600 QoS Processing

Ingress UPC

Trust CoS/DSCP and
Match on COS/DSCP/ACL

If Buffer Usage Crosses Threshold:
• Tail drop for drop class
• Assert Pause for no-drop COS

VoQs
(8 per egress port)

Crossbar
Fabric

MAC

Traffic
Classification

Ingress
Cos/DSCP
Marking

Ingress
Policing

Forwarding

Per-class
Buffer Usage
Monitoring

Make a forwarding decision

Ingress Buffer

Egress Queues

MAC

WRED/ECN
Marking

Egress
Scheduling

Strict Priority +
DWRR Scheduling

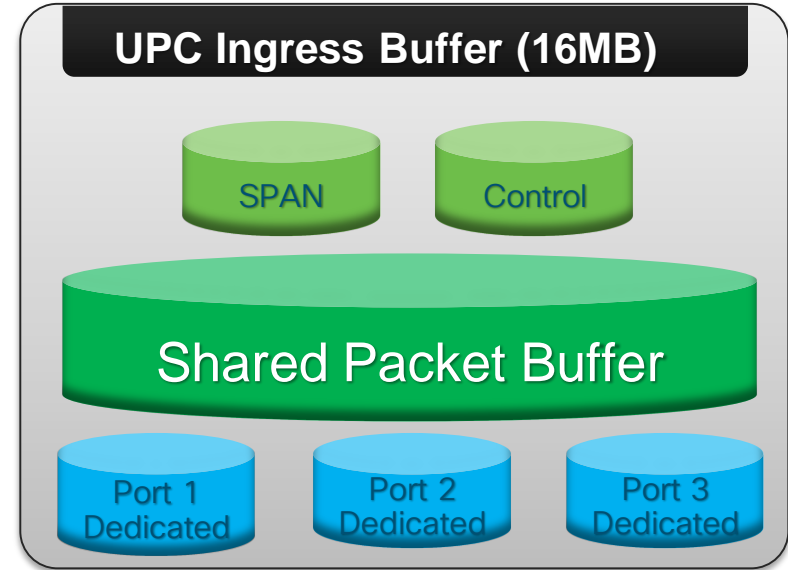
Egress
Buffer

Egress UPC

Flexible Buffer Management

Ingress Buffer

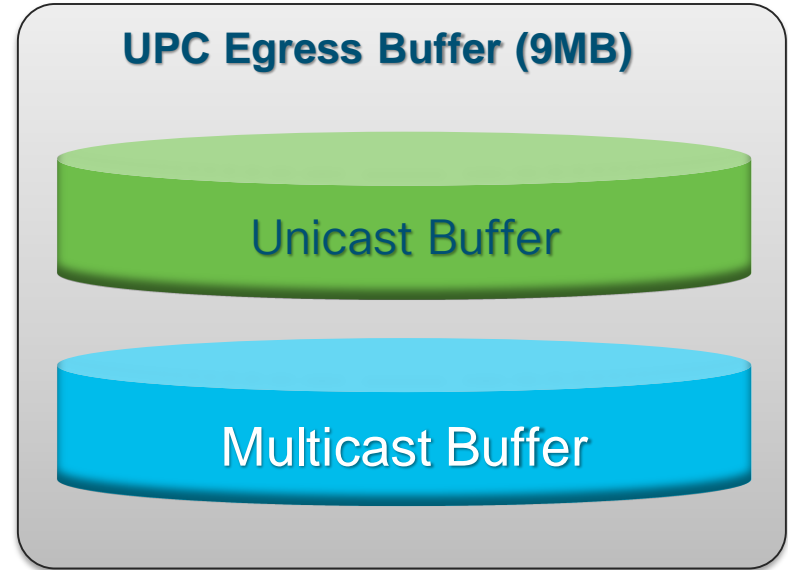
- Shared buffer is good for burst absorption.
- Dedicated buffer is good for predictable performance for each port.
- On by default, no configuration needed
- Long-distance FCoE, video editing (i.e., AVID), Big Data, and distributed storage



Flexible Buffer Management

Egress Buffer

- 9-MB packet buffer is shared among three 40 GE or twelve 10 GE.
- CLI is provided to allocate buffer from unicast to multicast.
- Unicast traffic can be buffered at egress and ingress.
- Multicast is buffered at egress in case of interface oversubscription.





Default Egress Buffer Allocation

- Software provides CLI to tune the egress buffer allocation.
- At egress, unicast buffer is allocated on a per-port basis. For multicast, the egress buffer is shared among all ports.
- Use "hardware multicast-buffer-tune" to assign unicast buffer to multicast pool on egress

Buffer pool	10GE Port	40GE Port
Unicast (per port)	363 KB	650KB with 10G fabric mode 635KB with 40G fabric mode
Multicast (per ASIC)	4.3 MB	6.6 MB

WRED/ ECN Configuration

- ECN parameters are configurable only at system level.
- ECN is disabled by default along with WRED
- Packet Threshold below minimum – Transmit
- Packet Threshold between minimum and maximum – Mark ECN bits
- Packet Threshold above maximum – Drop

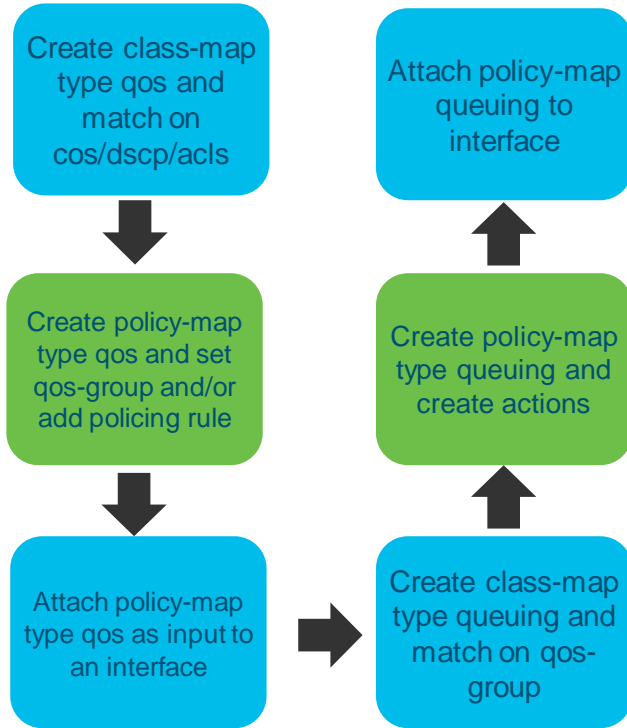
```
switch(config)# hardware random-detect min-thresh 10g 10g-min-threshold 40g 40g-min-threshold max-thresh 10g 10g-max-threshold 40g 40g-max-threshold ecn qos-group qos-group-number
```

Nexus 5600/6000 QoS Configuration Model

- Uses **QoS-Groups** to tie together QoS, Queuing and Network-QoS policies
- QoS-Group has no direct relation with priority values
- QoS-Groups defined (set) in **policy-map type qos**.
- QoS-groups referenced (match) in **policy type queuing** and **policy-map type network-qos**



Putting it all together



```
class-map type qos class_foo
  match cos 3-4

policy-map type qos pm1
  class type qos class_foo
    set qos-group 1
  class type qos class-default
    set qos-group 0

interface ethernet 1/1
  service-policy type qos input pm1

class-map type queuing class-foo
  match qos-group 1

policy-map type queuing policy-foo
  class type queuing class-foo
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing class-default
    bandwidth percent 80

interface ethernet 1/3
  service-policy type queuing input policy-foo
```

Nexus 5600 QoS Golden Rules

- WRED is enabled by default and cannot be disabled
- CoS and DSCP are **TRUSTED** by default
- Use QoS-Groups to tie policies together
- No Egress QOS policies



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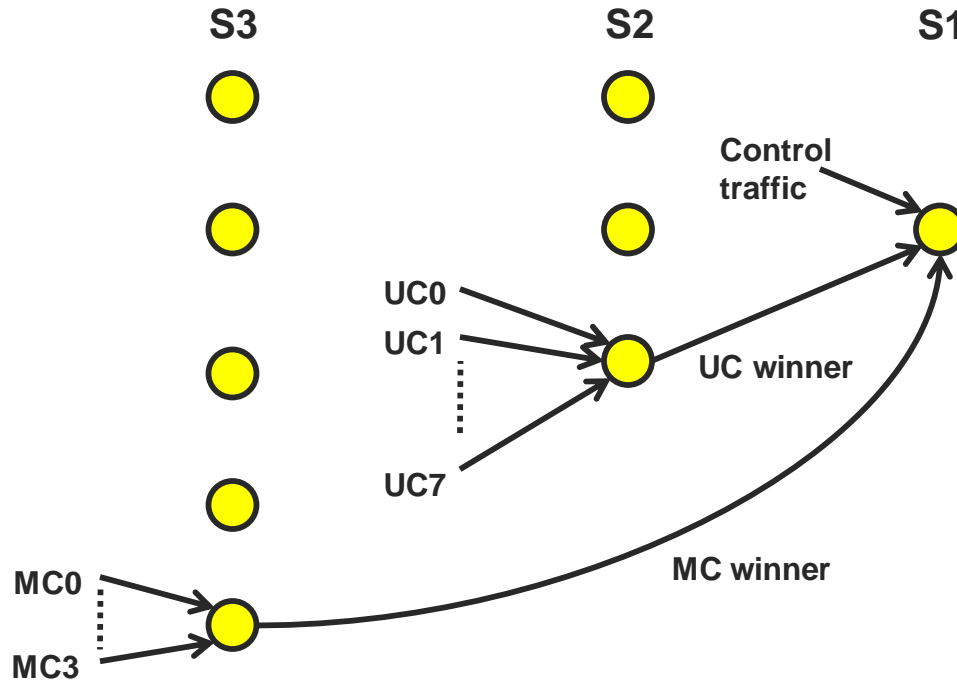
Cisco Nexus 3000 QoS Features

- Traffic classification
 - DSCP, CoS, IP Precedence and ACL
- Packet marking
 - DSCP, CoS, and ECN
- Strict Priority Queuing and DWRR
- Tail Drop and WRED with ECN
- Shared buffer capability
- Egress Queuing
- 3-level hierarchical scheduling

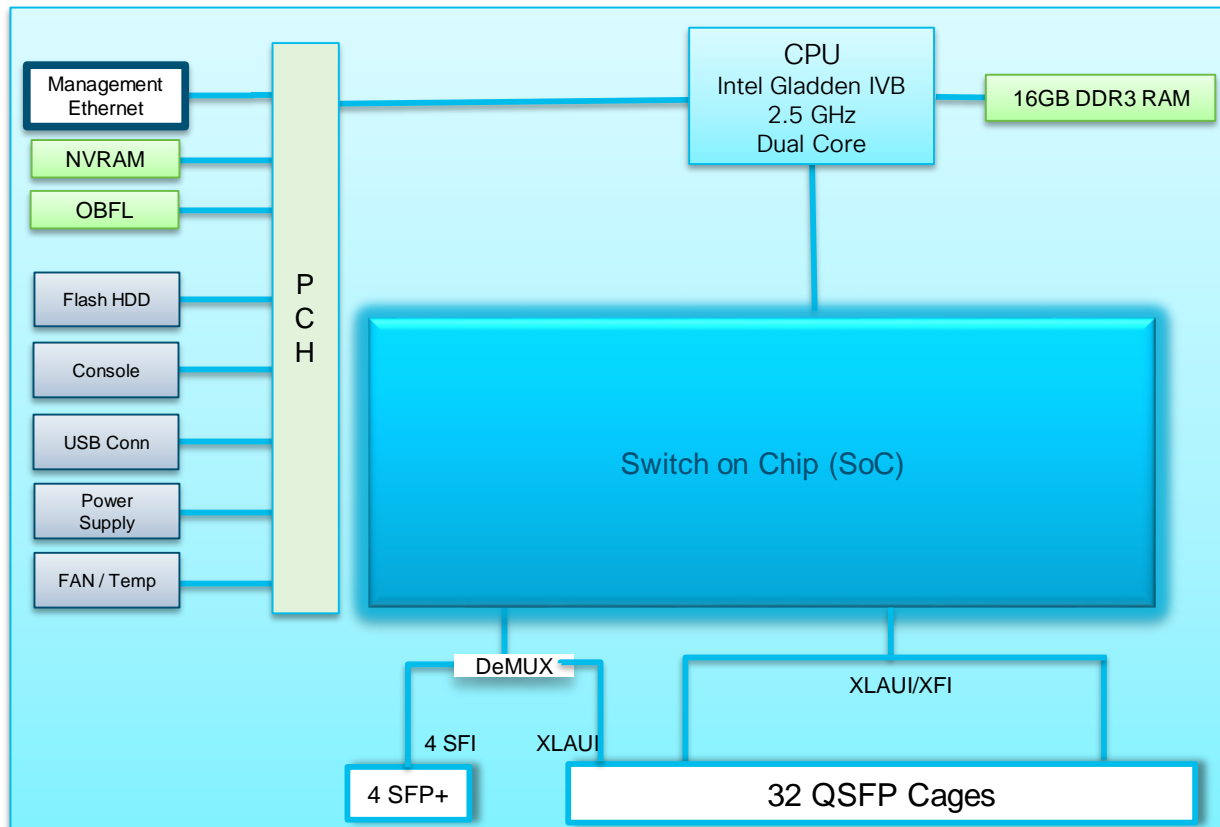


Hardware Scheduler Implementation

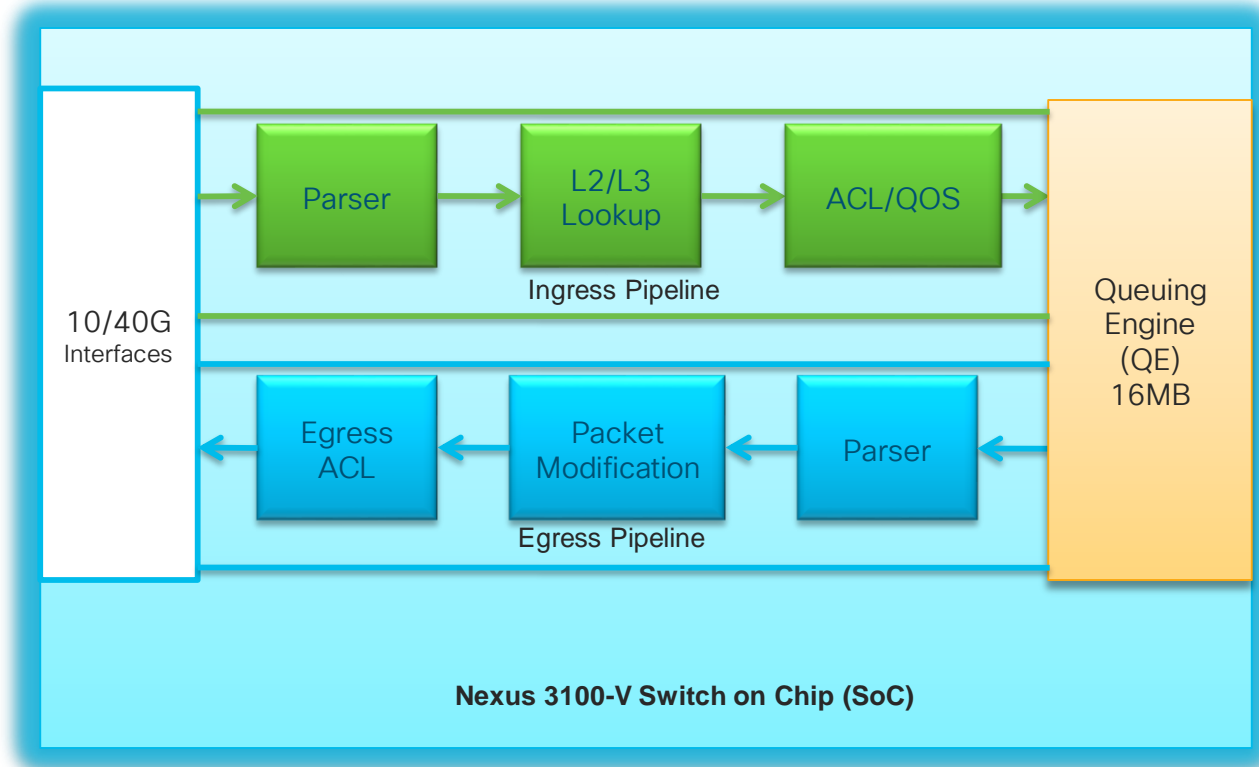
- 3 level scheduling hierarchy



Nexus 3132Q-V Architecture



Nexus 3100-V - Packet Flow



Dynamic Buffer Protection

- Buffer is shared dynamically any queue can use shared buffer
- Dynamic Buffer Protection prevents any queue unfair use shared buffer
- The basic algorithm uses dynamic queue length threshold, and account for usage of unicast and multicast



Nexus 3000 QoS Golden Rules

- QoS is **enabled by default** and cannot be disabled
- CoS and DSCP are **TRUSTED** by default
- Use QoS-Groups to tie policies together
- Queuing and QoS policies are applied to a physical interface or at system level

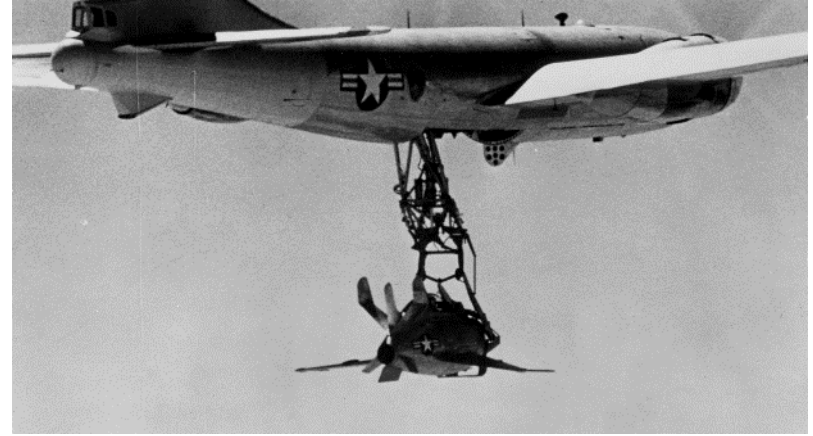


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FEX Overview

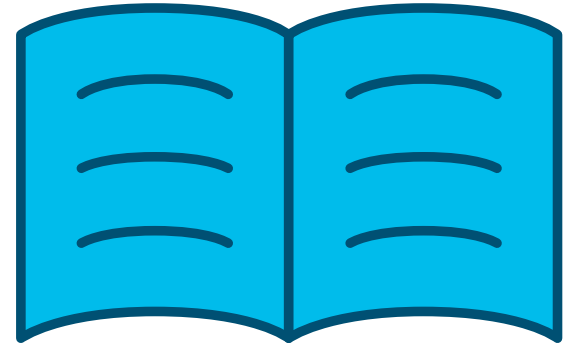
- Scalable and Extensible Fabric
- Single point of management
- Homogeneous and consistent policies



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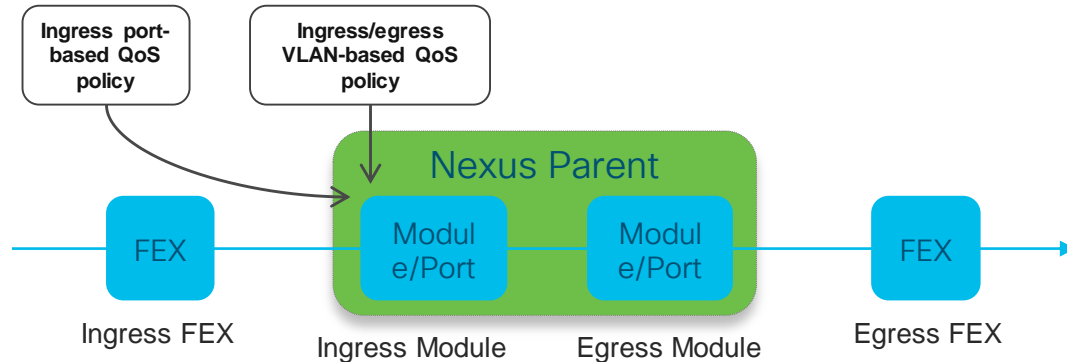
Cisco Nexus 2000 QoS Features

- Traffic classification
 - DSCP, CoS
 - ACL classification (FEX offload) on Nexus 5600/6000
- Strict Priority Queuing and DWRR
- Priority Flow Control
- Queue-limit Carving

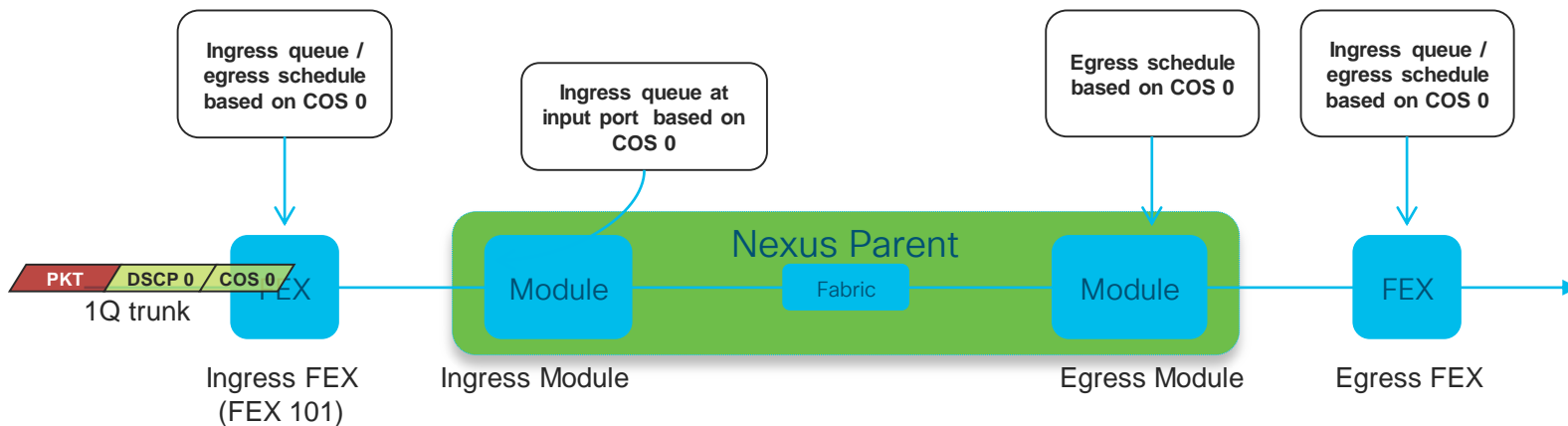


FEX QoS Policies

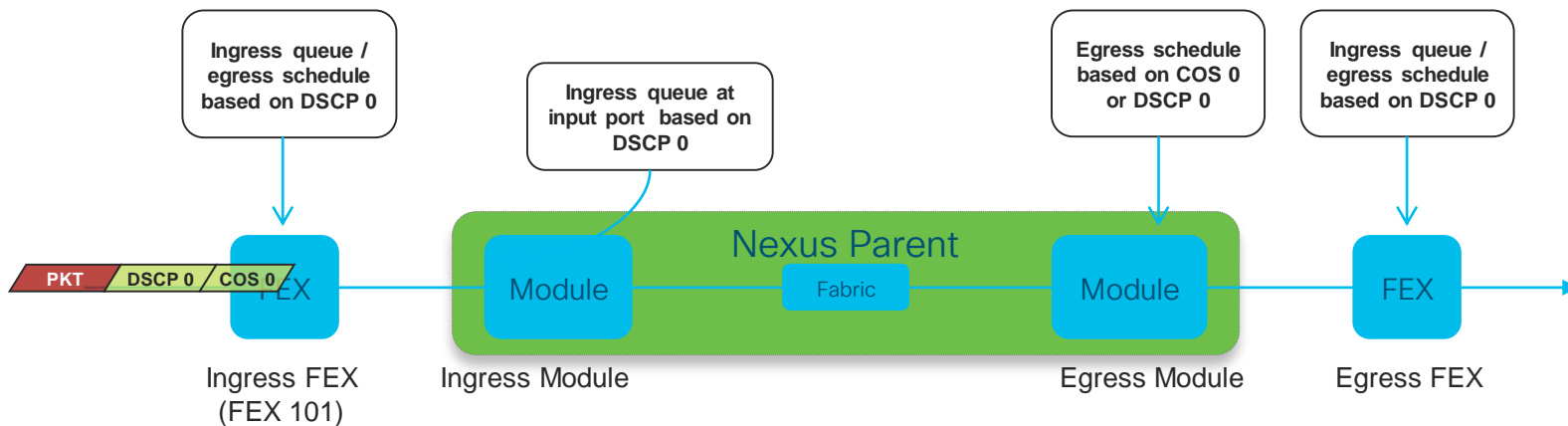
- Support for ingress port-based QoS policies on FEX HIF ports
- Support for ingress/egress VLAN-based QoS policies on FEX VLANs
- FEX QoS policies applied at ingress module of parent switch
 - No support for remarking, policing policies



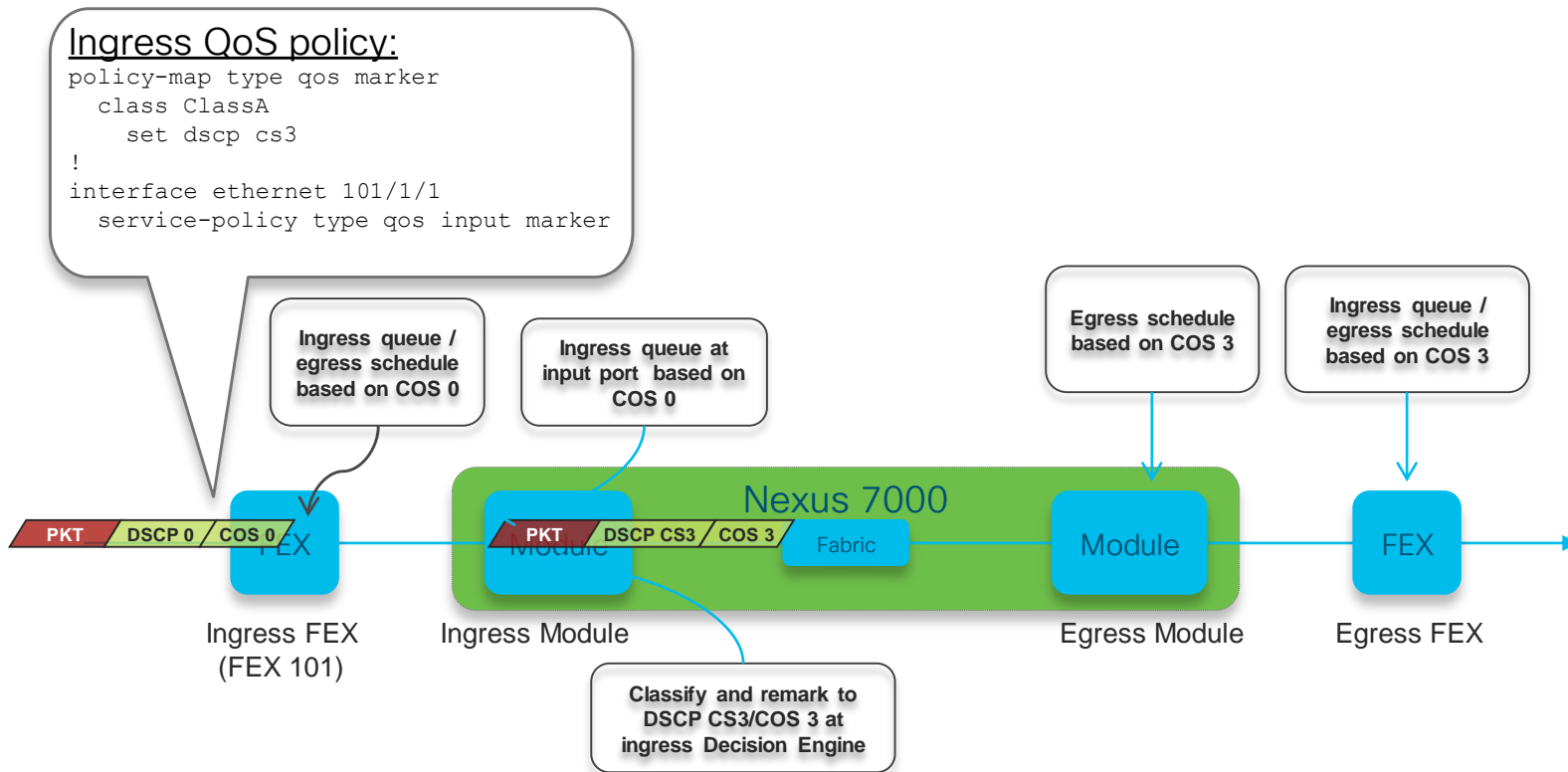
FEX QoS Packet Flow Example (CoS2Q)



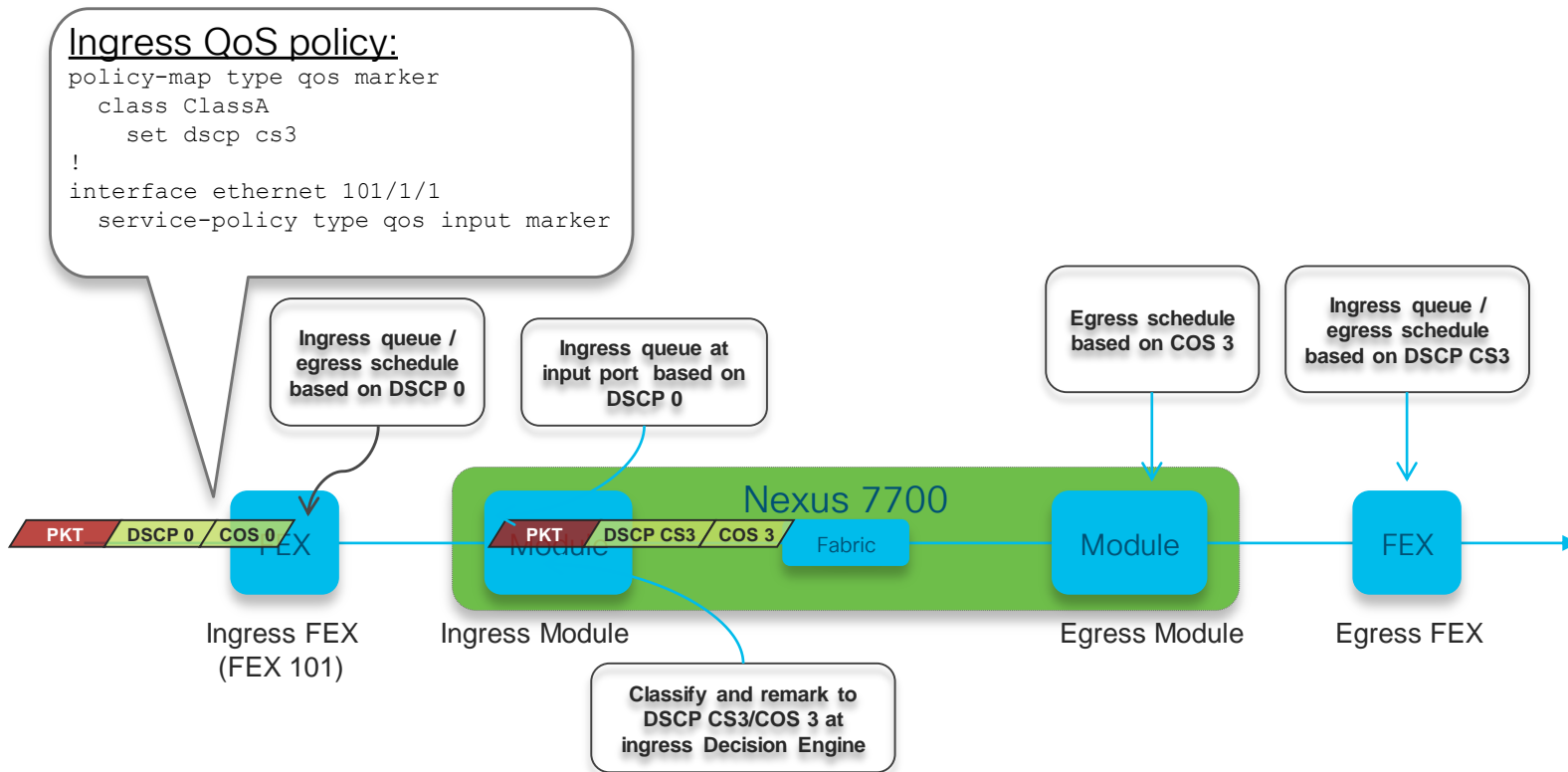
FEX QoS Packet Flow Example (DSCP2Q)



FEX QoS Packet Flow Example (With Ingress Marking Policy and COS-to-Queue)



FEX QoS Packet Flow Example (With Ingress Marking Policy and DSCP-to-Queue)



FEX Policy Offload (Nexus 5600/6000 only)

- TCAM resources on a FEX to perform ACL-based classification
- The feature is disabled by default
- By default, a FEX classifies packets on CoS value
- Both system level and interface level policies are offloaded to the FEX

```
switch# configure terminal
fex chassis_ID
hardware card-type qos-policy-offload
```

FEX Policy with Nexus9000 as parent

- The FEX QoS policy is applied to the hardware resources of the fabric port associated with the FEX HIF port
- Classification is based on the COS value.
- System level input queueing for DWRR and Strict priority scheduling for HIF to NIF traffic and for NIF to HIF traffic
- Queuing:
 - 4 queues are present on the FEX
 - The scheduling is done per port and each port has its own scheduler.

FEX Queuing Policies – Nexus 7000

- On Nexus 7000 with FEX + M-Series parent modules, network-qos and F-series ingress queuing class-maps drive FEX queuing configuration
- Ingress queuing class-maps drive:
 - Both ingress and egress COS/DSCP-to-queue mapping
- Enabling DSCP-to-queue on parent switch enables DSCP-to-queue on FEX
 - DSCP-to-queue only active in the HIF→NIF direction
 - NIF→HIF direction always uses COS-to-queue mapping, based on COS transmitted by parent switch to FEX

FEX Queue-Limit – Nexus 7000

- Provides FEX queue-limit configuration option
- Manages buffer thresholds on FEX based on platform capabilities
- Default has queue-limit enabled
- Configuration applied per-VDC (on Nexus 7000/7700)
- Different FEX models have different capabilities

Nexus 2000 QoS Golden Rules

- FEX QoS classification on COS or DSCP unless FEX offload enabled
- FEX queuing driven implicitly by parent switch queuing configuration
- No support for per-queue shaping, policing or marking
- Drop thresholds are tail-drop only, no WRED support



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What do we want to achieve?

Company XYZ's Business Goals

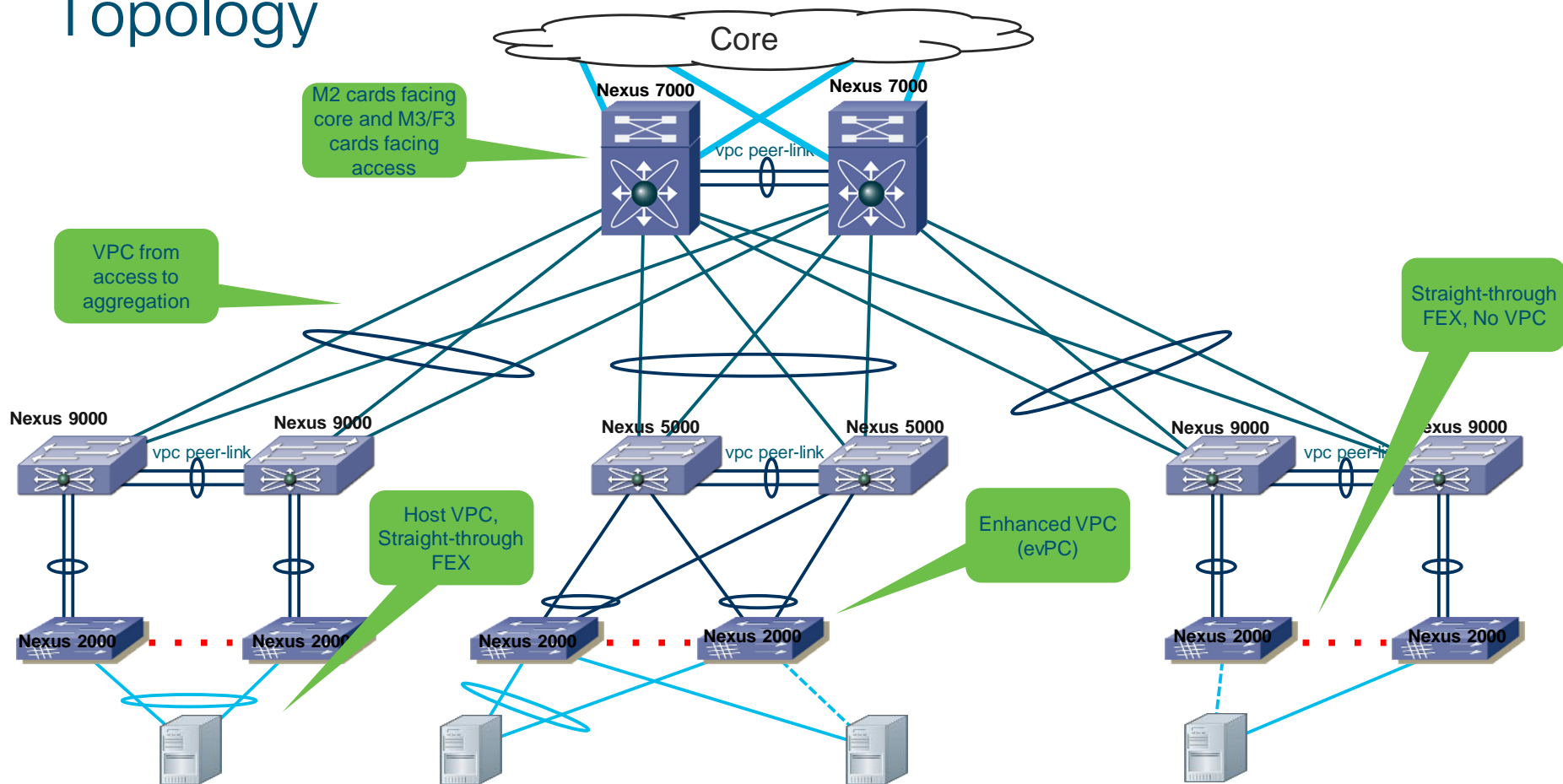
- Make sure no disruption in network services
 - *Put control traffic in priority queue*
- Video/voice hosting also an business objective
 - *Put voice traffic in priority queue*
 - *Dedicated bandwidth to video traffic*
- Flexibility in moving applications across servers
 - *Dedicated bandwidth to vmotion/mobility*
 - *Everything else best-effort*



Translating to the language of QoS

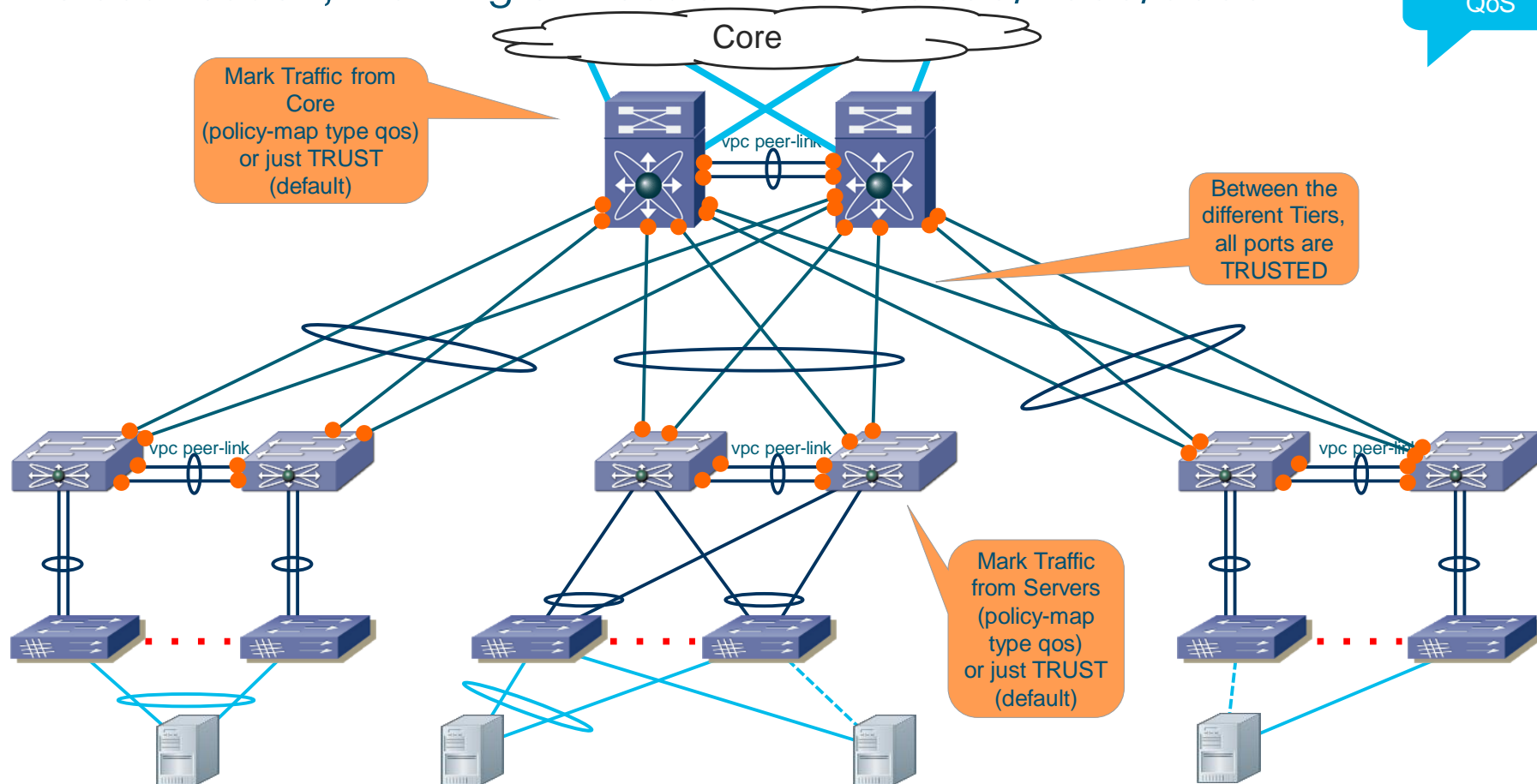
Application	CoS	Queuing (Scheduling)	Queue-Limit (Buffer)	Character
Best Effort	0, 1	BW remaining 50%	60%	High Volume / Less Important
vMotion / Live Migration	2	BW remaining 20%	10%	Medium Volume / Important
Multimedia	3, 4	BW remaining 30%	20%	Medium Volume Very Important
Strict Priority	5	Priority Queue	10%	Low Volume / Important / Delay Sensitive
Network Control	6,7			Low Volume / Very important

Topology



Classification, Marking & Trust on Nexus 5000/7000/9000

Type:
QoS



Classification & Marking: Nexus 7000

```
ip access-list ACL_QOS_LOWPRIO
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_VMOTION
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_STRICTPRIO
  10 permit ...
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_LOWPRIO_COS1
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_LOWPRIO
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_VMOTION_COS2
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_VMOTION
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA_COS4
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO_COS5
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_STRICTPRIO
```

```
policy-map type qos PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
  class CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO_COS5
    set cos 5
  class CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA_COS4
    set cos 4
  class CM_QOS_VMOTION_COS2
    set cos 2
  class CM_QOS_LOWPRIO_COS1
    set cos 1
!
interface Ethernet1/1
  service-policy type qos input PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
!
vlan configuration 100
  service-policy input PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
```

Classification & Marking: Nexus 5600 (1)

```
ip access-list ACL_QOS_LOWPRIO
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_VMOTION
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
  10 permit ...
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_LOWPRIO COS1
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_LOWPRIO
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_VMOTION COS2
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_VMOTION
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA COS4
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO COS5
  match cos 5
```

```
policy-map type qos PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
  class CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO COS5
    set qos-group 5
  class CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA COS4
    set qos-group 4
  class CM_QOS_VMOTION COS2
    set qos-group 3
  class CM_QOS_LOWPRIO COS1
    set qos-group 2
!
system qos
  service-policy type qos input PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
```

QoS-Group # is mapping between Slide 1 & Slide 2

Classification & Marking: Nexus 5600 (2)

```
class-map type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG2 COS1
  match qos-group 2
class-map type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG3 COS2
  match qos-group 3
class-map type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG4 COS4
  match qos-group 4
class-map type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG5 COS5
  match qos-group 5
```

```
policy-map type network-qos PM N-QOS SYSTEM
  class type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG2 COS1
    set cos 1
  class type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG3 COS2
    set cos 2
  class type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG4 COS4
    set cos 4
  class type network-qos CM N-QOS MATCH QG5 COS5
    set cos 5
    queue-limit 20480 bytes
!
system qos
  service-policy type network-qos PM N-QOS SYSTEM
```

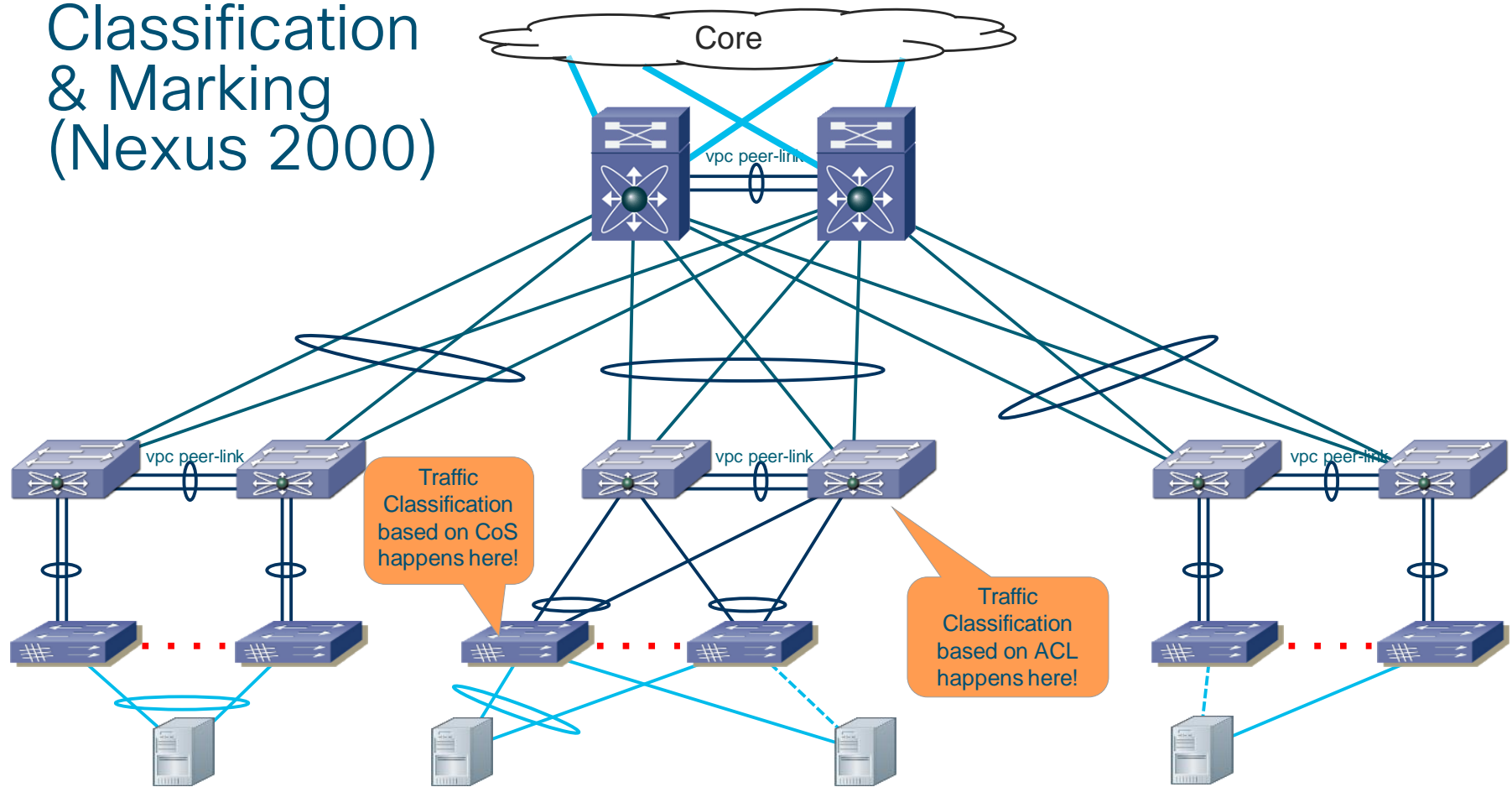
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Classification & Marking: Nexus 9000

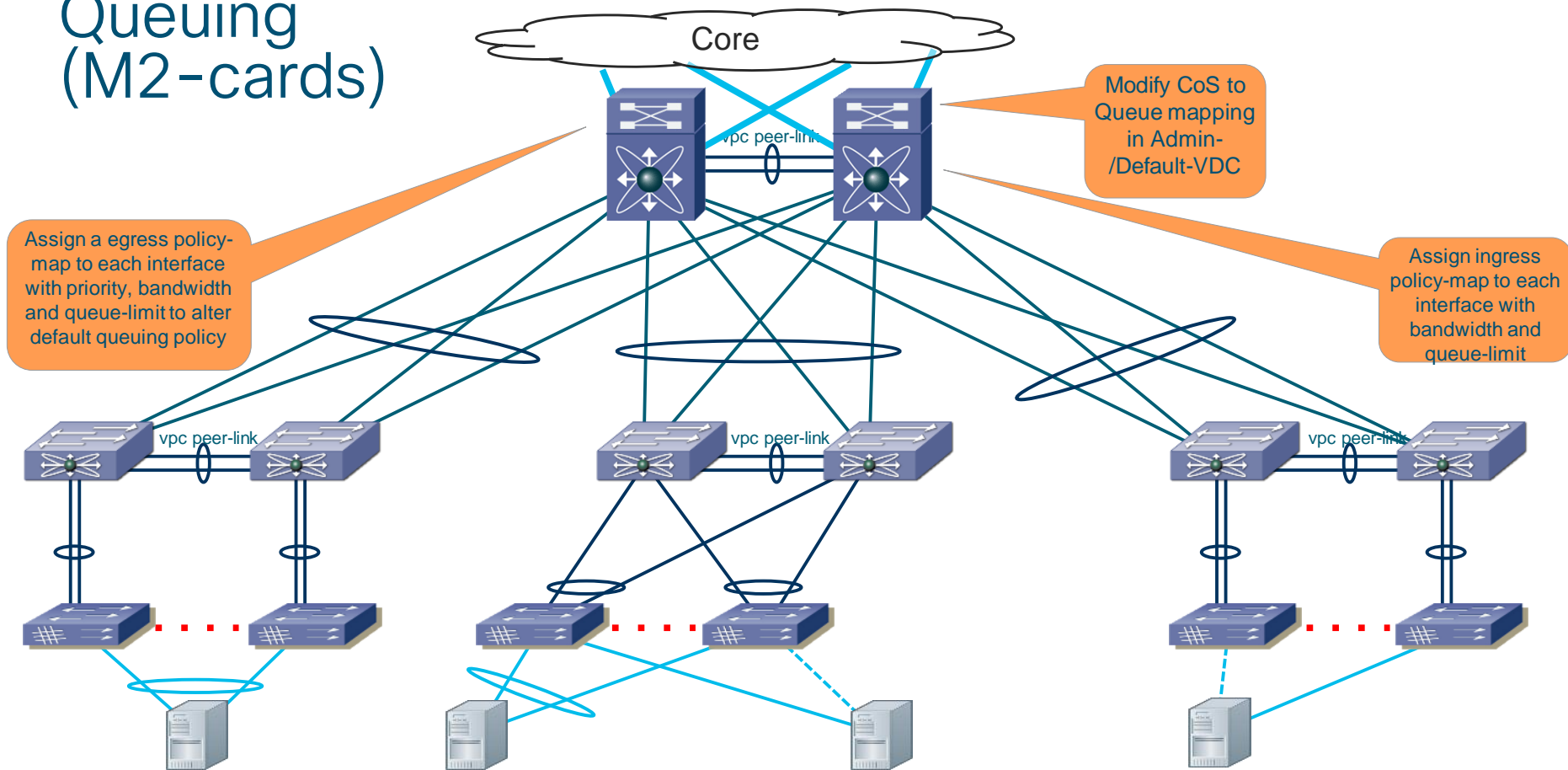
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  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_VMOTION
  10 permit ...
ip access-list ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
  10 permit ...
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_LOWPRIO_COS1
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_LOWPRIO
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_VMOTION_COS2
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_VMOTION
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA_COS4
  match access-group name ACL_QOS_MULTIMEDIA
!
class-map type qos match-any CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO_COS5
  match cos 5
```

```
policy-map type qos PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
  class CM_QOS_STRICTPRIO_COS5
    set qos-group 5
    set cos 5
  class CM_QOS_MULTIMEDIA_COS4
    set qos-group 4
    set cos 4
  class CM_QOS_VMOTION_COS2
    set qos-group 3
    set cos 2
  class CM_QOS_LOWPRIO_COS1
    set qos-group 2
    set cos 1
!
system qos
  service-policy type qos input PM_QOS_MARK_COS_IN
```

Classification & Marking (Nexus 2000)



Queuing (M2-cards)



CoS to Queue Mapping – M2 I/O Module

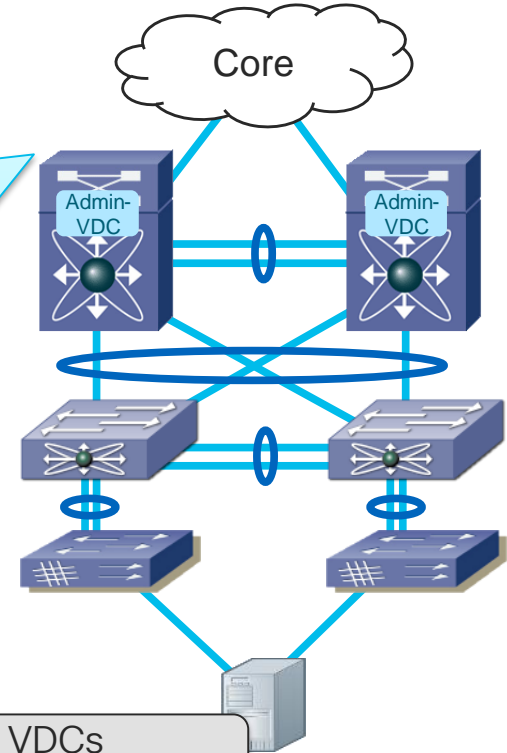
Example

Application	CoS	Queuing (Scheduling)	Queue-Limit (Buffer)	Queue (8q2t / 1p7q4t)	Character
Best Effort	0, 1	BW remaining 50%	60%	8q2t-in-q-default / 1p7q4t-out-q-default	High Volume / Less Important
vMotion / Live Migration	2	BW remaining 20%	10%	8q2t-in-q6 / 1p7q4t-out-q6	Medium Volume / Important
Multimedia	3, 4	BW remaining 30%	20%	8q2t-in-q2 / 1p7q4t-out-q2	Medium Volume Very Important
Strict Priority	5	Priority Queue	10%	8q2t-in-q1 / 1p7q4t-out-pq1	Low Volume / Important / Delay Sensitive
Network Control	6,7				Low Volume / Very important

CoS to Queue Mapping (on M2 cards)

Exmple (Admin- / Default-VDC)

```
class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q1
  match cos 5-7
class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q2
  match cos 3-4
class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q6
  match cos 2
class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q-default
  match cos 0-1
!
class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-pq1
  match cos 5-7
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  match cos 3-4
class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q6
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  match cos 0-1
```

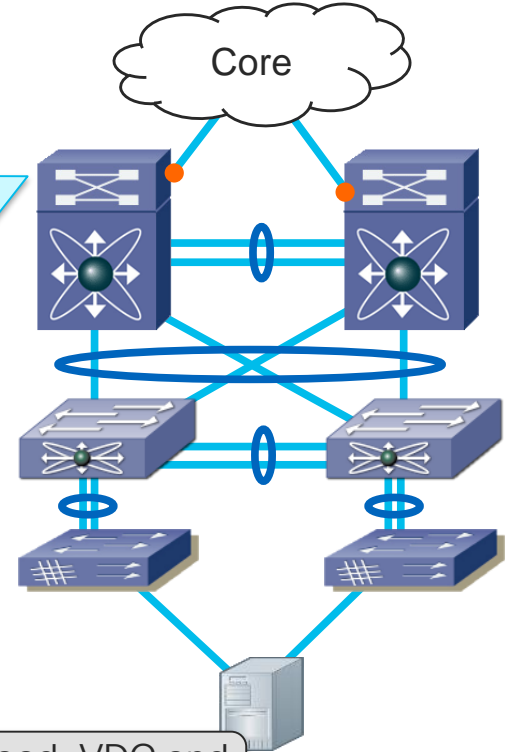


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Ingress Queuing Configuration on M2 cards

Example (Payload-VDC)

```
policy-map type queuing PM_QUEUE 10G-40G-100G IN
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q1
    queue-limit 10
    bandwidth remaining percent 10
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q2
    queue-limit 20
    bandwidth remaining percent 30
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q6
    queue-limit 10
    bandwidth remaining percent 10
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q-default
    queue-limit percent 50
    bandwidth percent 50
!
interface Ethernet1/1
  service-policy type queuing input PM_QUEUE 10G-40G-100G IN
```

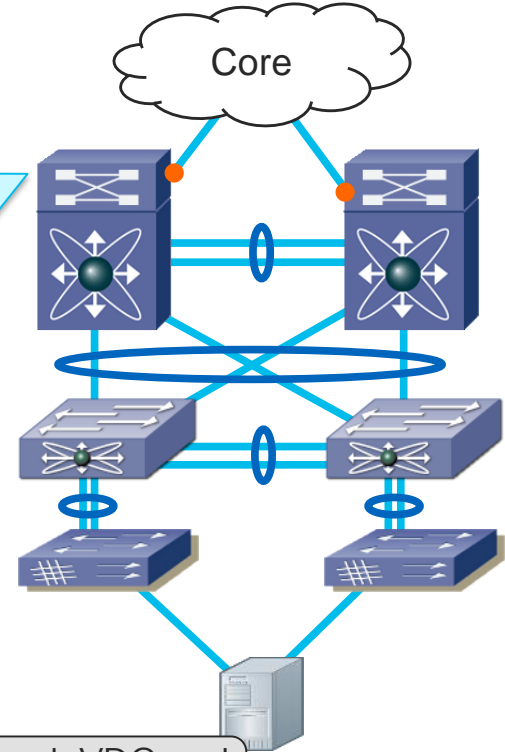


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Egress Queuing Configuration on M2 cards

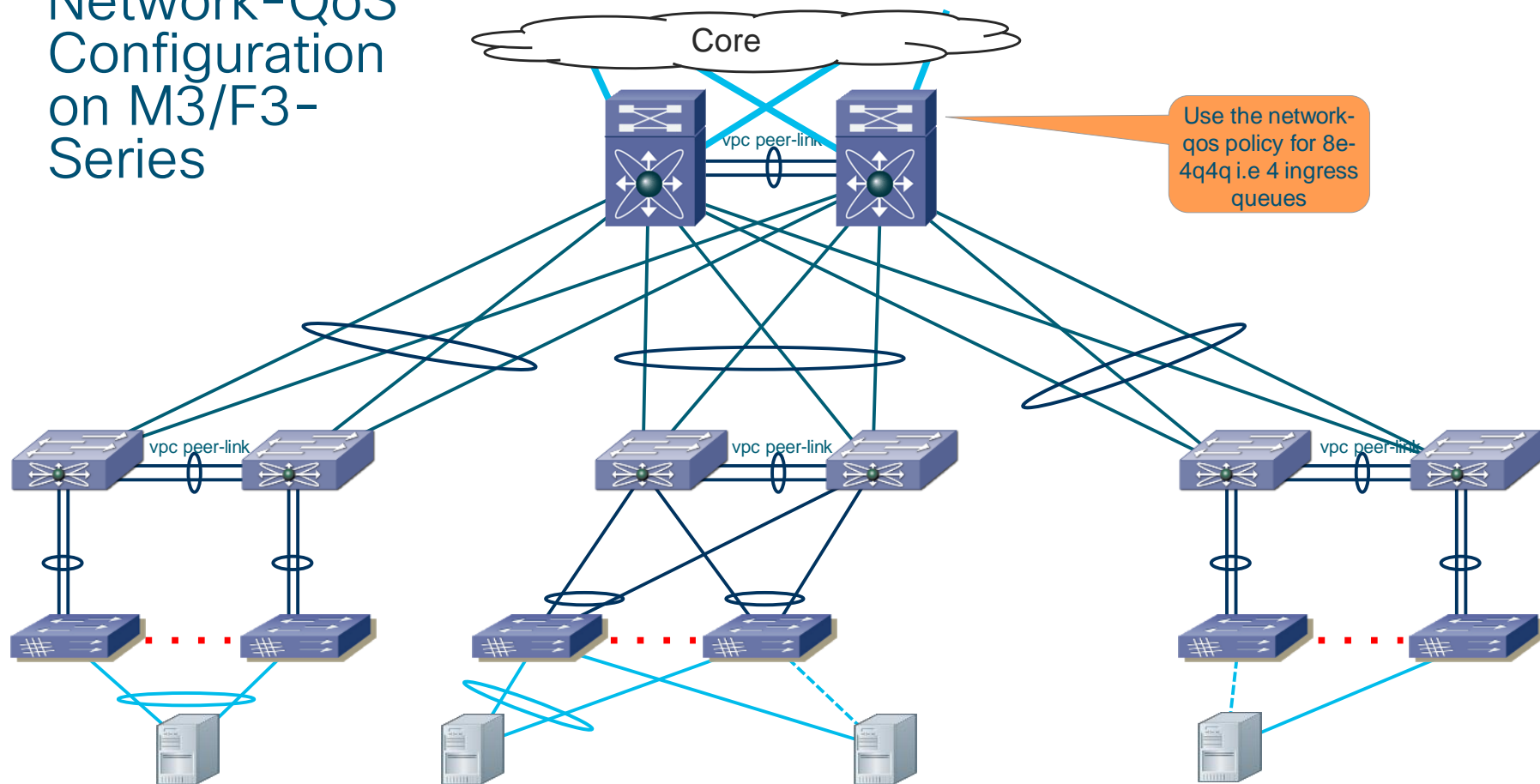
Example (Payload-VDC)

```
policy-map type queuing PM_QUEUE_10G-40G-100G_OUT
  class type queuing lp7q4t-out-pq1
    priority level 1
    queue-limit percent 10
  class type queuing lp7q4t-out-q2
    queue-limit percent 20
    bandwidth remaining percent 30
  class type queuing lp7q4t-out-q6
    queue-limit percent 10
    bandwidth remaining percent 20
  class type queuing lp7q4t-out-q-default
    queue-limit percent 50
    bandwidth remaining percent 40
!
interface Ethernet1/1
  service-policy type queuing output PM_QUEUE_10G-40G-100G_OUT
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Network-QoS Configuration on M3/F3-Series

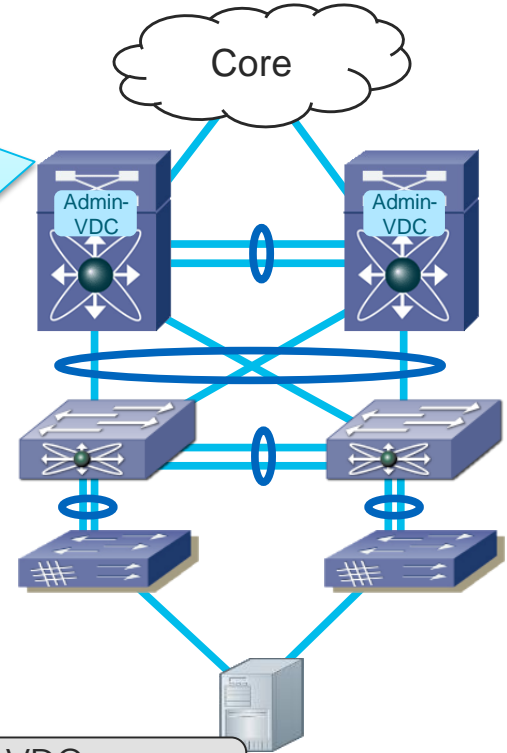


Network-QoS Configuration -M3/F3 cards

Example (Admin- / Default-VDC)

```
system qos
  service-policy type network-qos default-nq-8e-4q4q-policy

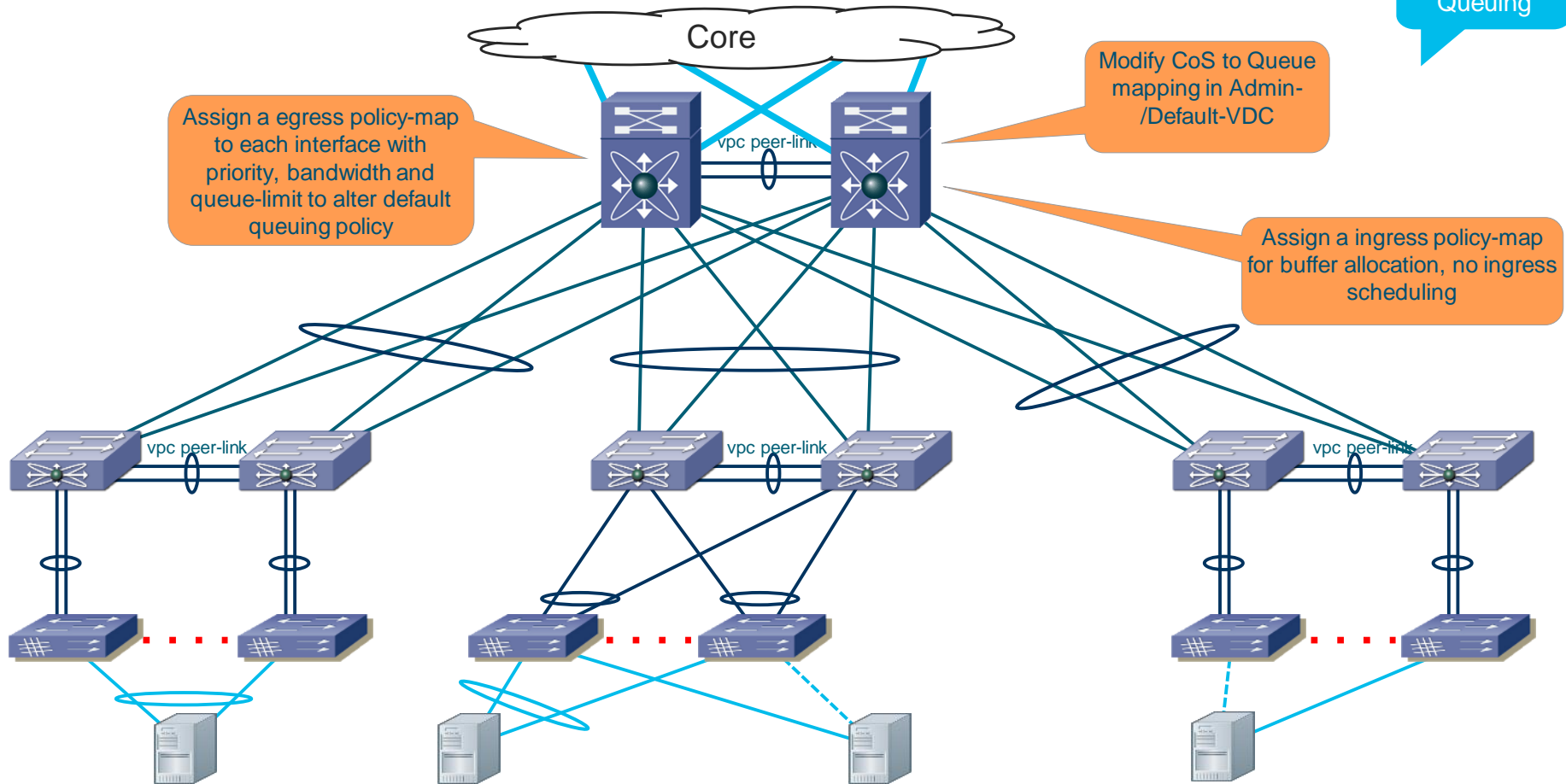
policy-map type network-qos default-nq-8e-4q4q-policy template 8e-4q4q
  class type network-qos c-nq-8e-4q4q
    match cos 0-7
    congestion-control tail-drop
    mtu 1500
```



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Queuing (M3/F3 cards)

Type:
Queuing



CoS to Queue Mapping – M3/F3 I/O Module

Example

Application	CoS	Queuing (Scheduling)-egress	Queue-Limit (Buffer)-ingress	Queue (Ingress/Egress)	Character
Best Effort	0,1	BW remaining 50%	50%	4q1t-8e-4q4q-in-q-default / 1p3q1t-8e-4q4q-out-q-default	High Volume / Less Important
vMotion / Live Migration	2	BW remaining 20%	10%	4q1t-8e-4q4q-in-q4 / 1p3q1t-8e-4q4q-out-q3	Medium Volume / Important
Multimedia	3, 4	BW remaining 30%	30%	4q1t-8e-4q4q-in-q3 / 1p3q1t-8e-4q4q-out-q2	Medium Volume Very Important
Strict Priority	5	Priority Queue	10%	4q1t-8e-4q4q-in-q1 / 1p3q1t-8e-4q4q-out-pq1	Low Volume / Important / Delay Sensitive
Network Control	6/7				Low Volume / Very important

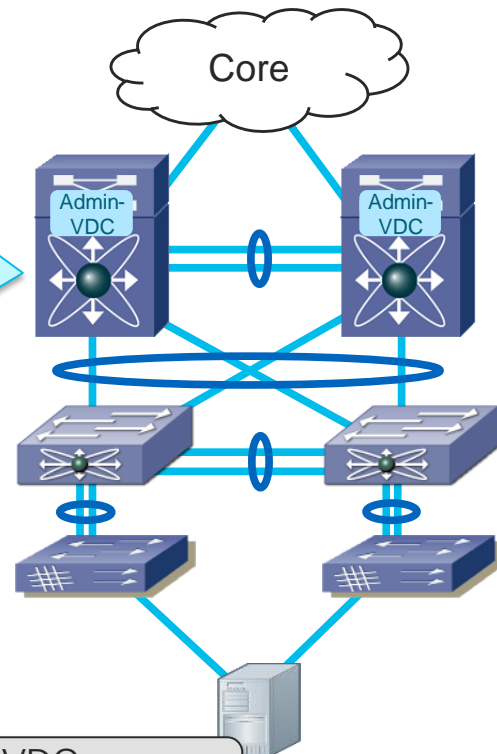
CoS to Queue Configuration –M3/F3 slides

Example (Admin- / Default-VDC)

Type:
Queuing

```
class-map type queuing match-any 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q1
  match cos 5-7
class-map type queuing match-any 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q-default
  match cos 0-1
class-map type queuing match-any 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q3
  match cos 3-4
class-map type queuing match-any 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q4
  match cos 2

class-map type queuing match-any 1p3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-pq1
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  match cos 3-4
class-map type queuing match-any 1p3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-q3
  match cos 2
class-map type queuing match-any 1p3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-q-default
  match cos 0-1
```



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Ingress Queuing Configuration for M3/F3 cards

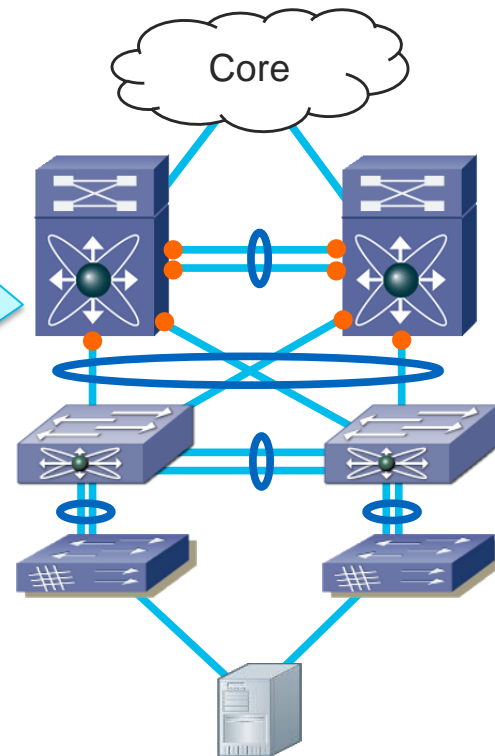
Example (Payload-VDC)

Type:
Queuing

```
qos copy policy-map type queuing default-8e-4q4q-in-policy prefix  
Custom-
```

```
policy-map type queuing Custom-8e-4q4q-in  
  class type queuing 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q1  
    queue-limit percent 10  
    bandwidth percent 25  
  class type queuing 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q-default  
    queue-limit percent 50  
    bandwidth percent 25  
  class type queuing 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q3  
    queue-limit percent 30  
    bandwidth percent 25  
  class type queuing 4qlt-8e-4q4q-in-q4  
    queue-limit percent 10  
    bandwidth percent 25
```

```
interface Ethernet1/1  
  service-policy type queuing input Custom-8e-4q4q-in
```



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Egress Queuing Configuration for M3/F3 cards

Example (Payload-VDC)

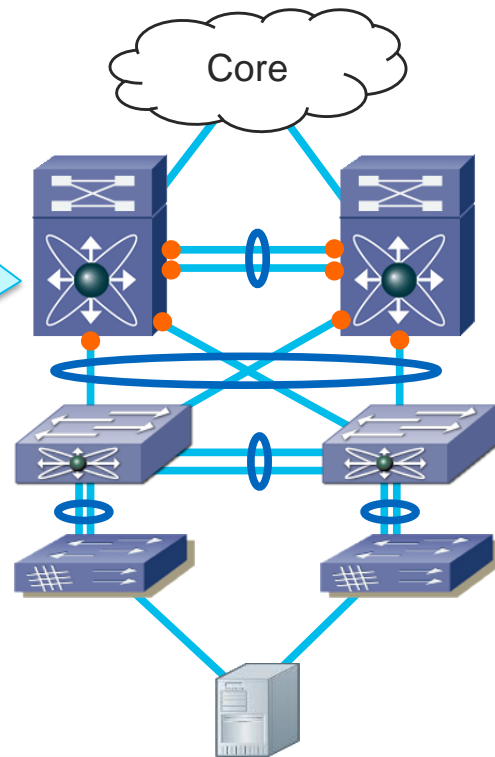
Type:
Queuing

```
qos copy policy-map type queuing default-8e-4q4q-out-policy prefix  
Custom-
```

```
policy-map type queuing Custom-8e-4q4q-out  
  class type queuing lp3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-pq1  
    priority level 1  
  class type queuing lp3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-q2  
    bandwidth remaining percent 30  
  class type queuing lp3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-q3  
    bandwidth remaining percent 20  
  class type queuing lp3qlt-8e-4q4q-out-q-default  
    bandwidth remaining percent 50
```

!

```
interface Ethernet1/1  
  service-policy type queuing output Custom-8e-4q4q-out
```



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CoS to Queue Mapping - Nexus 9000

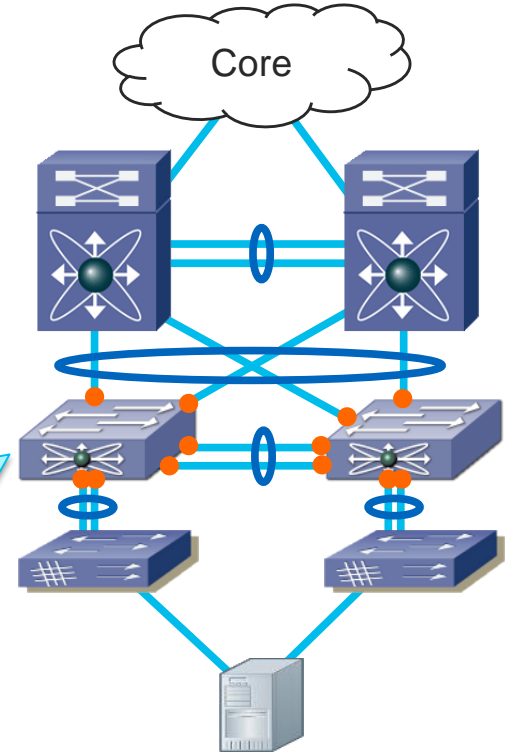
Example

Application	CoS	Queuing (Scheduling)	Queue limit (Alpha)	Queue (6q1t/ 1p6q0t)	Character
Best Effort	0,1	BW percent 40%	Default (9)	qos-group 0 (default)	High Volume / Less Important
vMotion / Live Migration	2,3	BW percent 20%	Default (9)	qos-group 3	Medium Volume / Important
Multimedia	4	BW percent 30%	Default (9)	qos-group 4	Medium Volume Very Important
Strict Priority	5	BW percent 10%	Default (9)	qos-group5 / priority	Low Volume / Important / Delay Sensitive
Network Control	6,7				Low Volume / Very important

Egress Queuing Configuration: Nexus9000

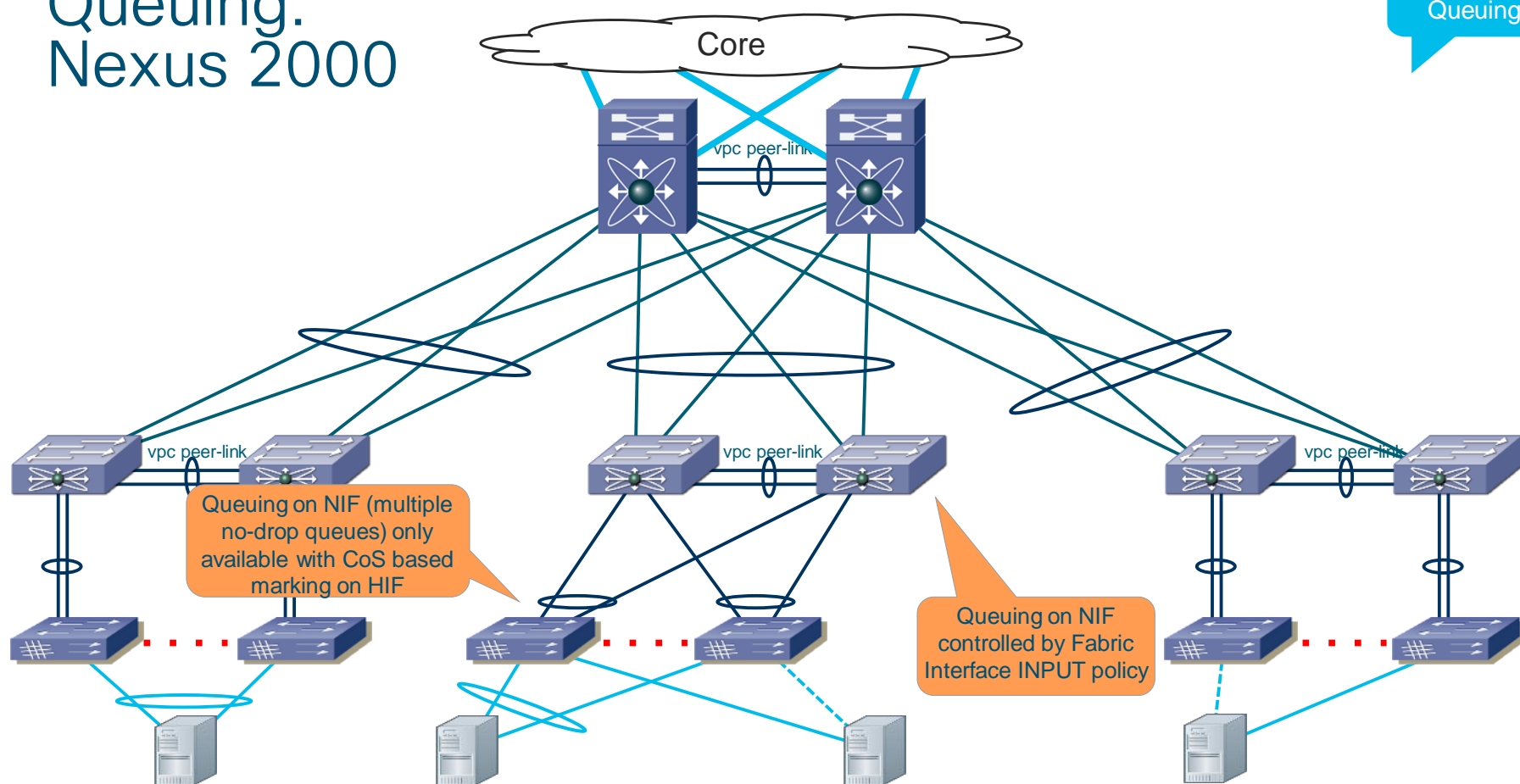
Example

```
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG3_COS2
  match qos-group 3
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG4_COS4
  match qos-group 4
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG5_COS5
  match qos-group 5
!
policy-map type queuing PM_QUEUING_SYSTEM_OUT
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG3_COS2
  bandwidth percent 20
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG4_COS4
  bandwidth percent 30
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG5_COS5
  priority
class type queuing class-default
  bandwidth percent 50
```



Queuing: Nexus 2000

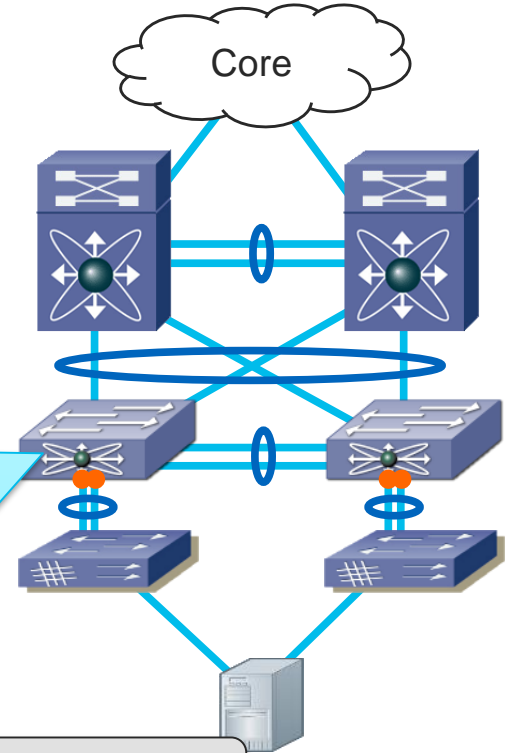
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Queuing Configuration (Nexus 2000)

Example

```
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG3_COS2
  match qos-group 3
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG4_COS4
  match qos-group 4
class-map type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG5_COS5
  match qos-group 5
!
policy-map type queuing PM_QUEUING_SYSTEM_N2K
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG3_COS2
  bandwidth percent 20
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG4_COS4
  bandwidth percent 30
class type queuing CM_Q_MATCH_QG5_COS5
  priority
class type queuing class-default
  bandwidth percent 40
```



Amount of Queues depend on FEX (Nexus 2000) Model

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**Assign
Color to Traffic**



**Manage
Congestion**



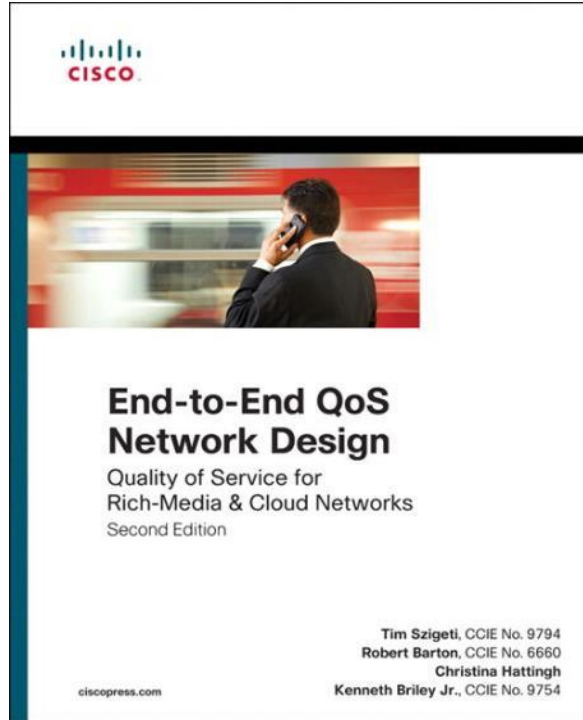
**Maximize
Throughput**



Maximize Throughput and Manage Congestion!



Recommended Reading



- End-to-End QoS Network Design: Quality of Service for Rich-Media & Cloud Networks, 2nd Edition
 - Tim Szigeti
 - Christina Hattingh
 - Robert Barton
 - Kenneth Briley
- ISBN-10: 1-58714-369-0
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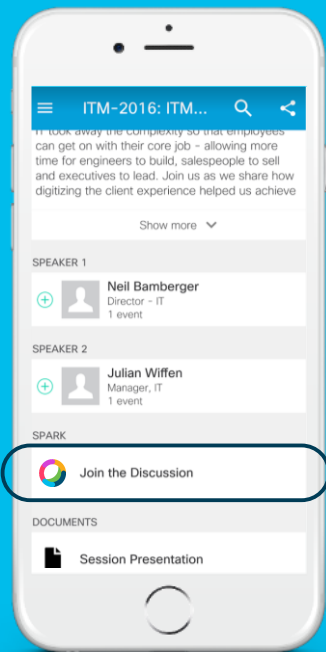
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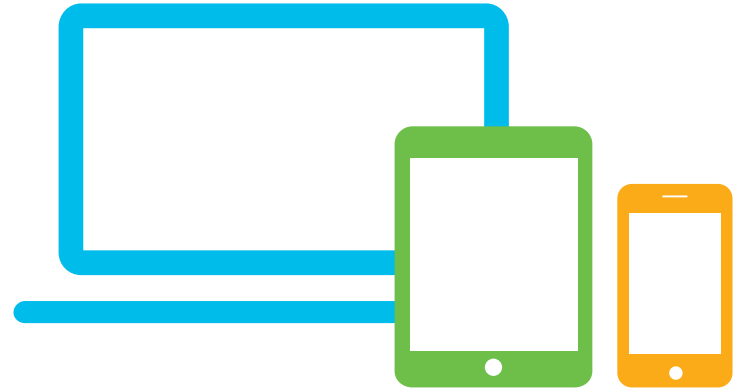
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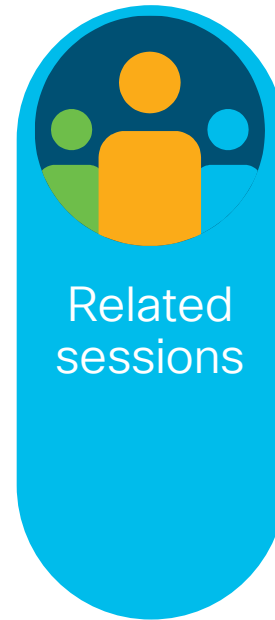
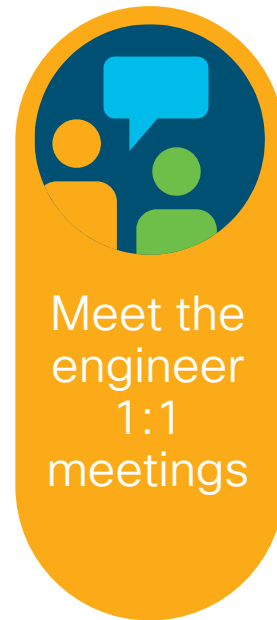
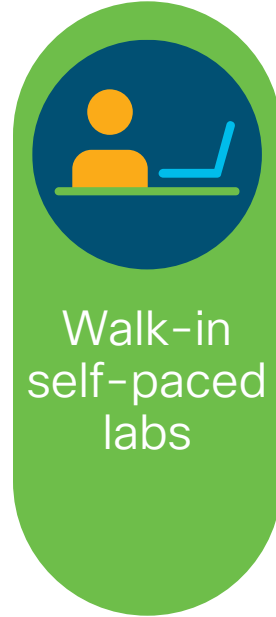
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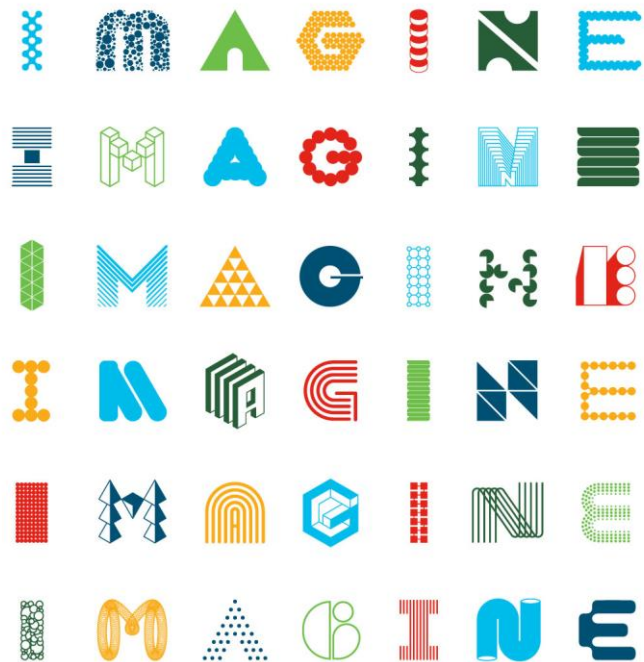


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