

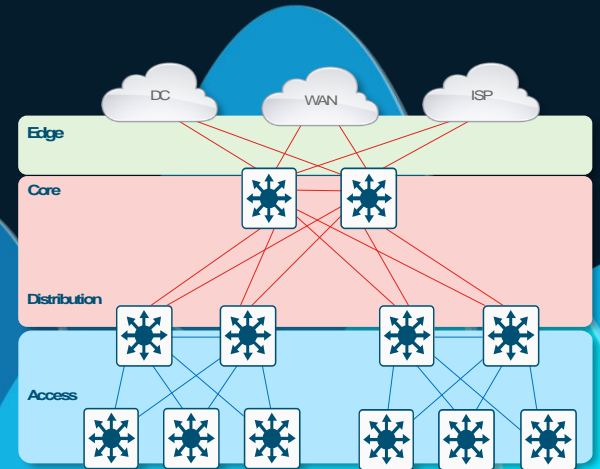


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123 – Enterprise Campus Wired Design Fundamentals

Back to Basics

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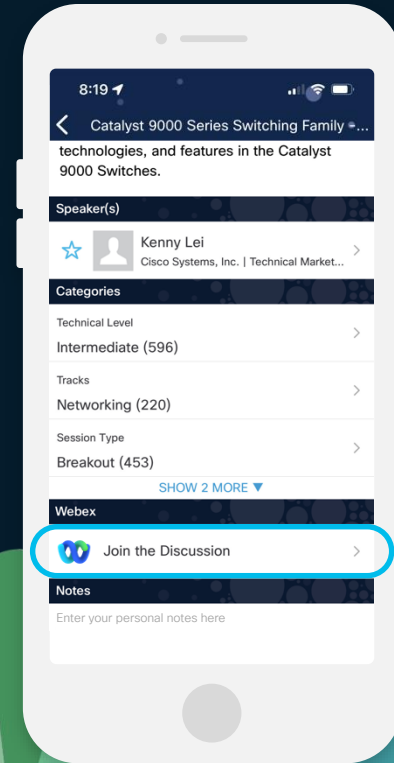
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What this session is NOT

This session is NOT intended as a Deep-Dive or CVD!

The goal is to understand *basic reasons & rationale* for each Campus design 😊

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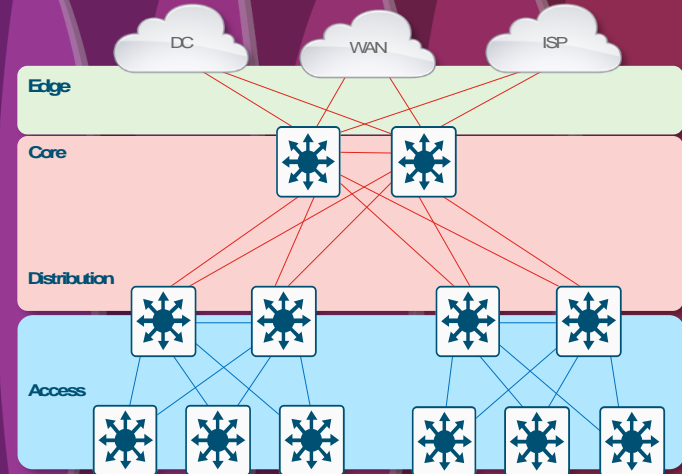
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- [Building for the Campus of the Future - BRKENS-2599](#)

Agenda

- 1 What is a Campus Network?
- 2 1-2-3 or 4+ Tier Design
- 3 ECMP vs. StackWise
- 4 MPLS vs. EVPN vs. SD-Access
- 5 Wireless & Security Notes
- 6 Summary & References

Campus Networks

- ❖ What is “Campus”?
- ❖ Place in Network (PIN)
- ❖ Multi-Layer Model
- ❖ Chassis Considerations
- ❖ Cabling Considerations
- ❖ Feature Considerations



Campus = Geography

Buildings are spread out. Multiple floors per building

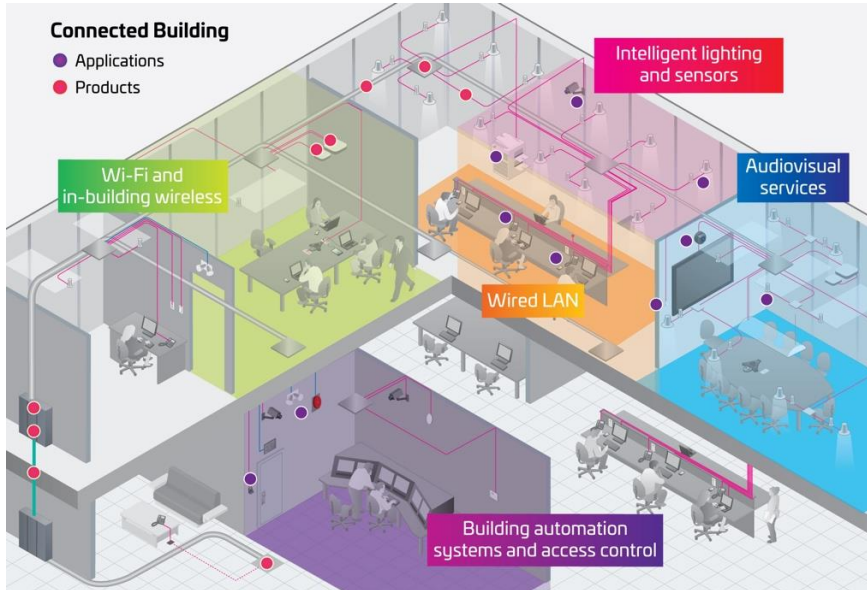


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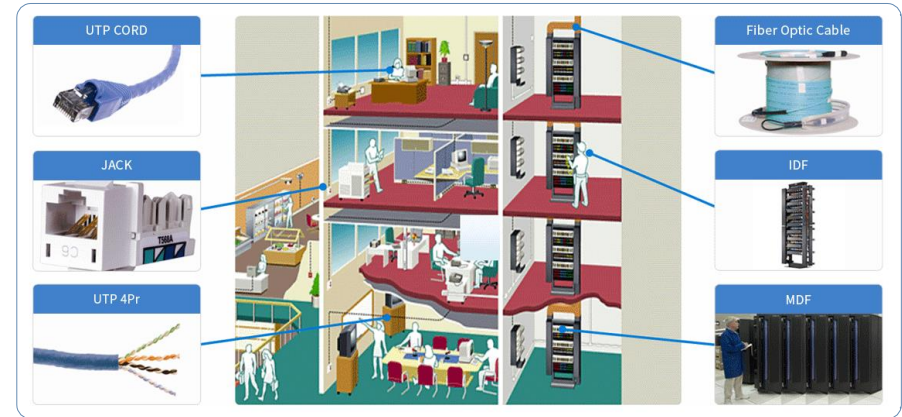
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Campus Networks

Building MDF/IDF & Wiring Closets



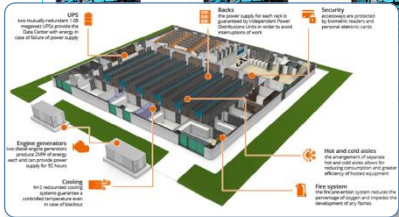
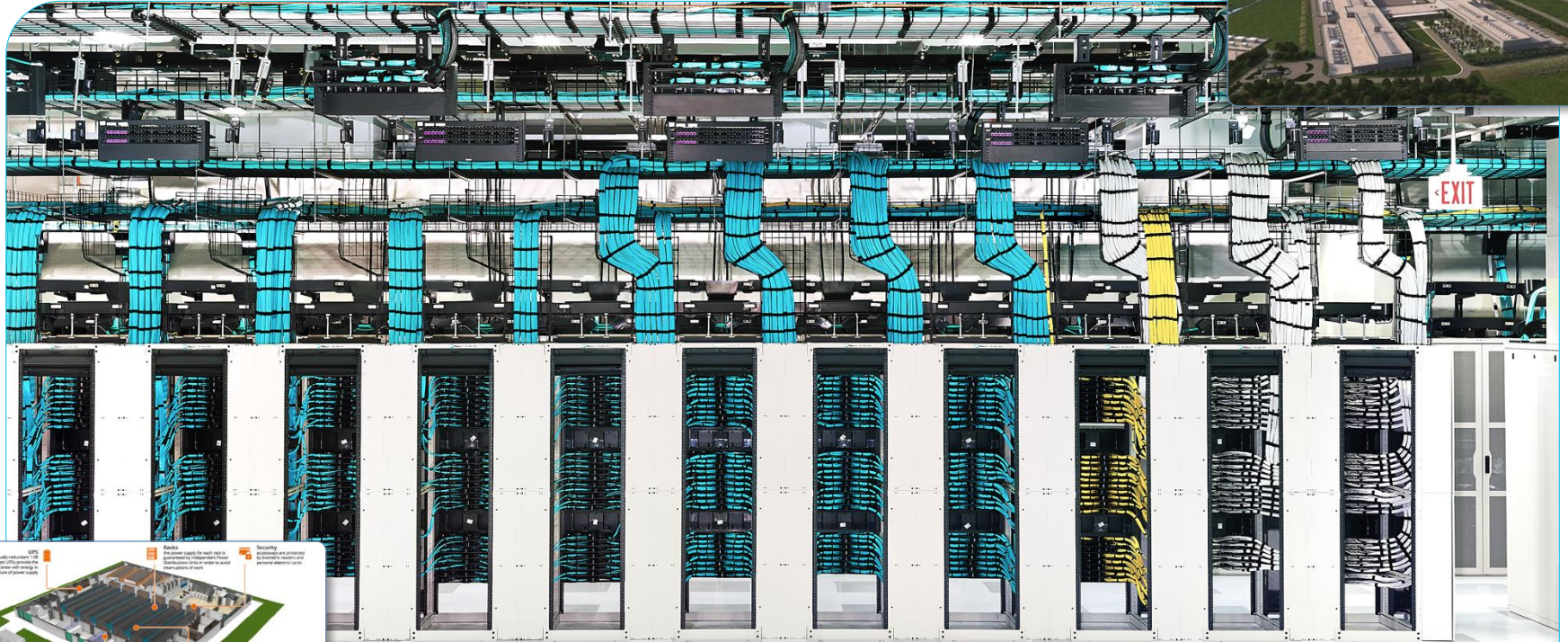
MDF = Main Distribution Framework (Core & Edge)
IDF = Intermediate Distribution Framework (Distro & Access)



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Campus ≠ Data-Center

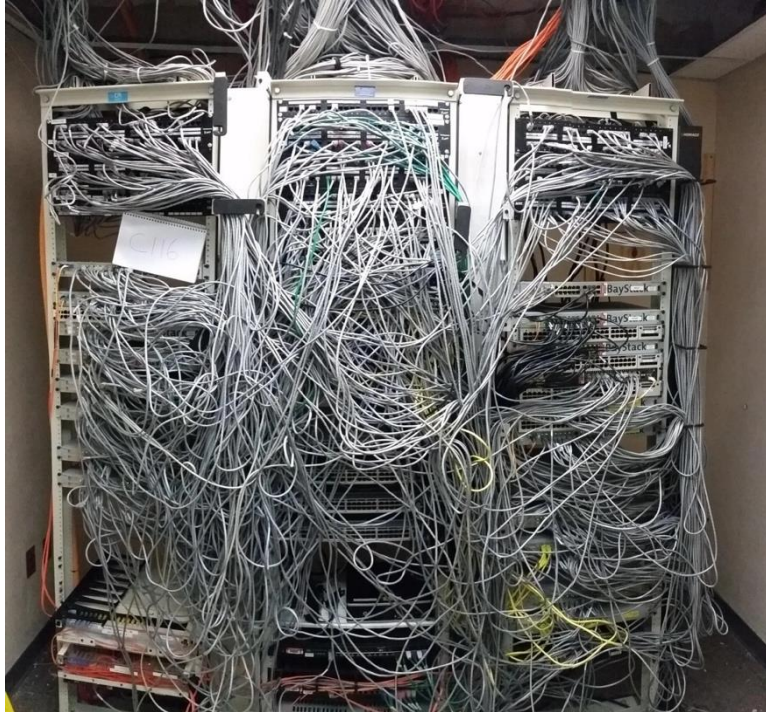
One or few large buildings nearby. Usually a single floor.



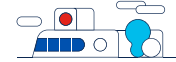
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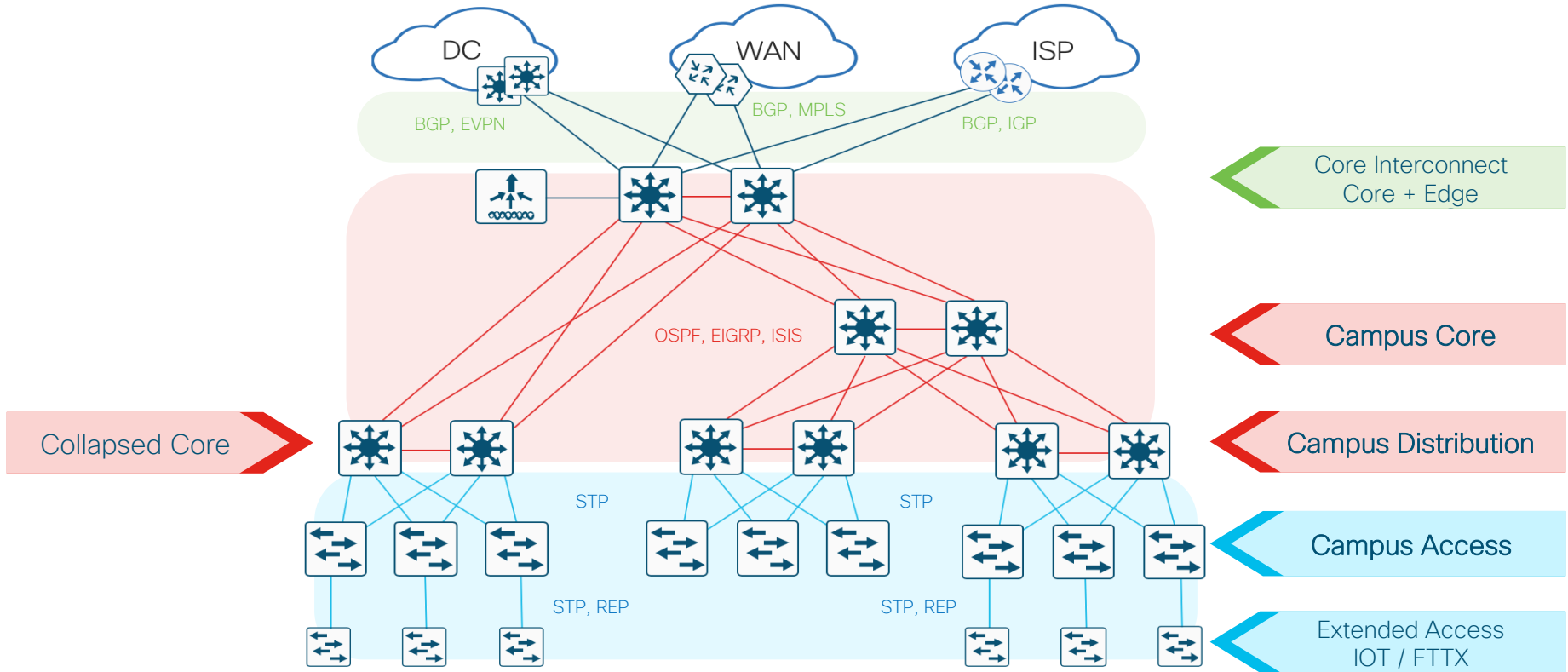
Campus Networks - Real Life



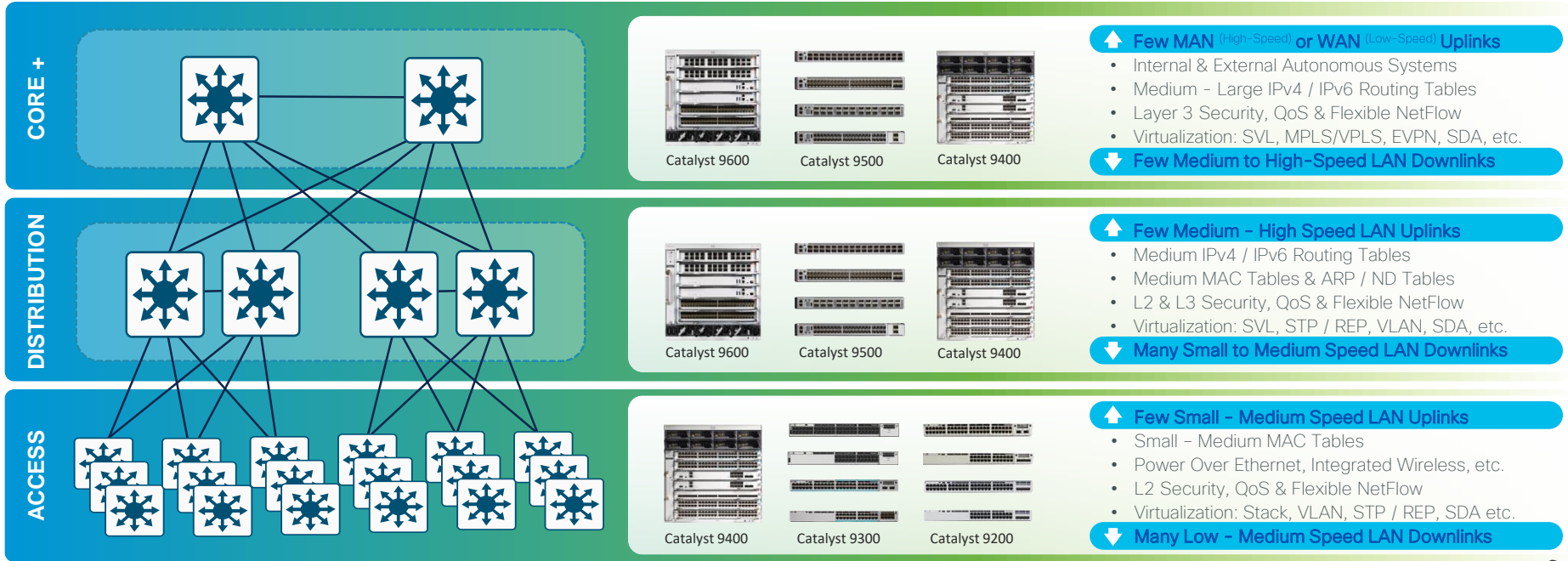
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Campus PINs & Topology



Campus Multi-Layer Model



Always 3 “Logical” Layers

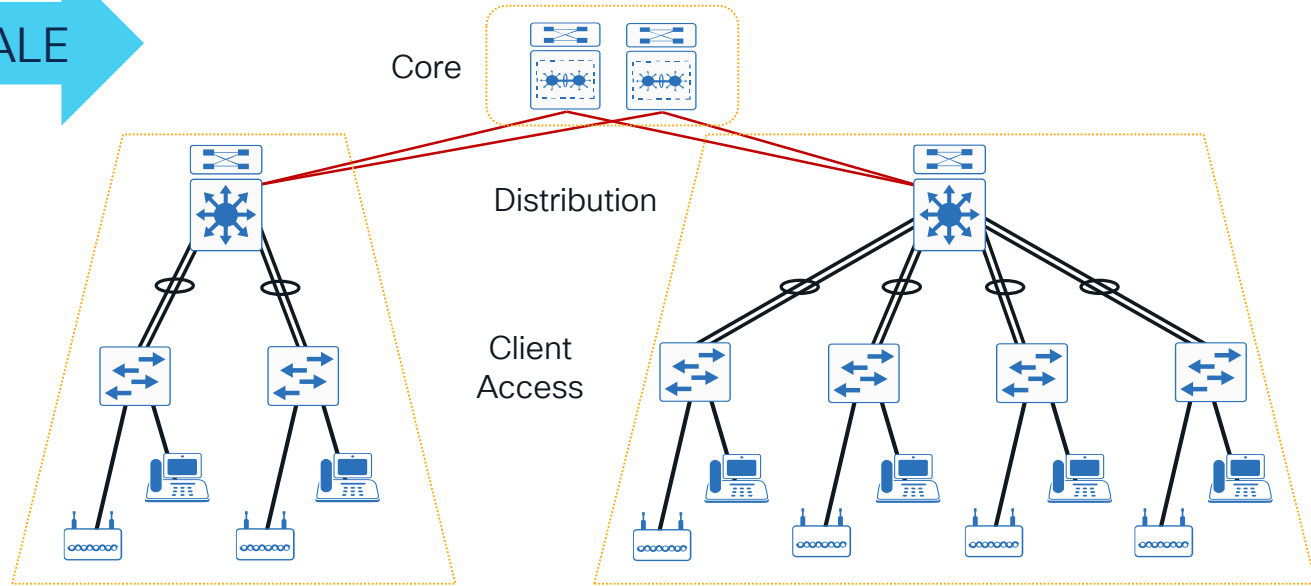
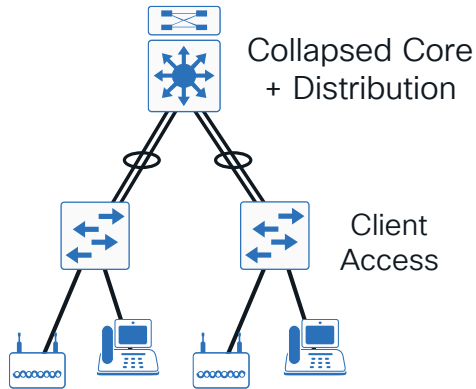
- Each layer provides a **specific set of functions**
- Each layer has a **specific set of requirements**

If you ‘collapse’ layers
your device needs
to support
all ‘logical’ functions



Campus Design Fundamentals

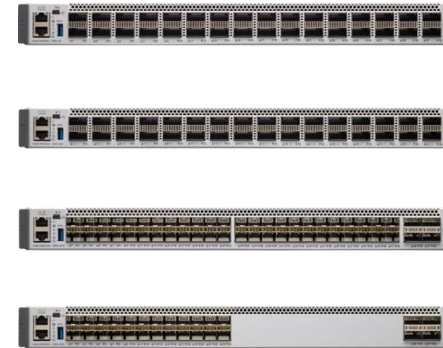
Hierarchical design model – Scalability & Stability



Fault Domain



Modular vs. Fixed Platforms



Modular

PROs

- **More Flexible**
- Longer Life-Cycle
- Higher Port Density
- More Power/Cooling
- Redundant Processors

CONs

- **More Complex**
- BW limit by Chassis
- Slow(er) Dev & Test
- Lower MTBF
- Higher COGs

Fixed

PROs

- **Less Complex**
- Swap Chassis for BW
- Faster Dev & Test
- Higher MTBF
- Lower COGs

CONs

- **Less Flexible**
- Shorter Life-Cycle
- Lower Port Density
- Less Power/Cooling
- Single Processor

Modular Platform Features & Benefits

Redundancy, Expansion, Efficiency & Flexibility



Highest Resiliency

SSO & NSF



- Redundant Supervisors
- StackWise® Virtual
- Easy Upgrades with ISSU & GIR
- Redundant Fans (Fan-Tray)
- Redundant PSUs (1:1, N+1)



Highest Flexibility



- SUP1 for Small Designs
- SUP2/XL for Large Designs
- Custom ASIC Scale Templates
- Traditional Multi-Layer Designs
- Fabric Overlay Designs



Highest Efficiency



- Lowest Watts per Port
- 3000W Power Supplies
- Titanium Rated (95%) PSUs
- AC and/or DC Power
- Configurable Power Priority



Longest Lifecycle



- Start w/ SUP1 & few Gen1 LCs
- Add Gen1 LCs as Access grows
- Replace SUP1 with SUP2
- Gen1 LCs get a 2X boost
- Add new Gen2 LCs as Core grows



Most Port Options

Mixes of RJ45, SFP & QSFP



C9600-LC-40YL4CD
40x 50G SFP + 2x 100G + 2x 400G QSFP



C9600X-LC-32CD
32x 100G or 24x + 8x 400G QSFP



C9400-LC-48XS
48x 1/10G SFP

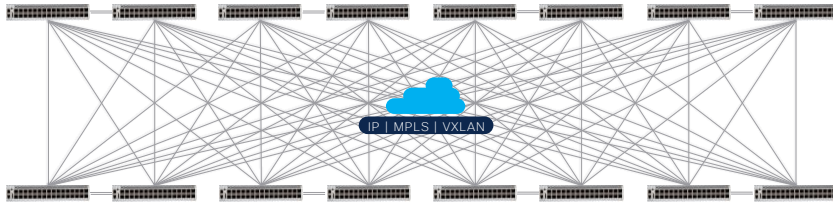


C9400-LC-48HX
48 x 10G mGig + UPOE®

Modular Design for Large Campus

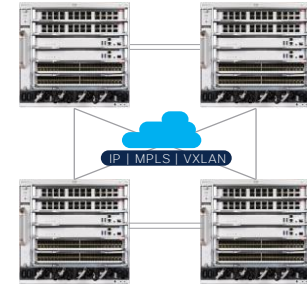
Architecture Perspective – Full Mesh vs. Hierarchical Design

Fixed System Design



- Static
- Costly
- Complex

Modular System Design



- Simple
- Scalable
- Sustainable

Modular System Benefits



Sustainable

- Reduce Energy Demand
- Reduce Carbon footprint
- Environmental efficient



Cost

- Reduce cost – CAPEX | OPEX
- License & Service Management
- Reduce product life-cycle TCO



Operation

- Proven for large Enterprise
- Day 0 – N scalable architecture
- Simplified Tools and Management



Flexible

- Pay-As-You-Grow model
- Elastic Aggregation. Static Core.
- Simple and large L2 boundaries



Resilient

- Non-stop communication
- Protected network performance
- Reduced MTTR and MTBF

Copper vs. Fiber Media



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Category 5, 6 & 7

Unshielded (UTP) Shielded (STP)

RJ45 (Access to Endpoints)



Category	Frequency	Distance	Data Rate	Shielding
5E	100-350 MHz	100m	1000 Mbps	UTP or STP
6	250-550 MHz	1G - 100m 10G - 50m	1 Gbps 10 Gbps	UTP or STP
6A	500-550 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	UTP or STP
7	600 MHz	100m	10 Gbps	Shielded only



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OM3, OM4 & OM5

Multi-Mode (MMF) Single-Mode (SMF) Wave-Division Multiplex (WDM)

SFP (Access & Distribution)

QSFP (Core & Edge)

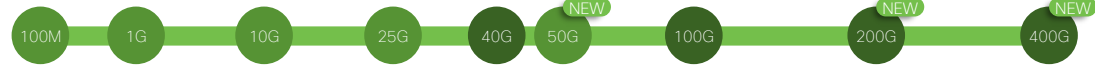


Multimode

- Short distance cable runs (less than 1000ft.)
- High bandwidth support
- Higher cable cost
- Lower electronics cost
- Easier to terminate due to larger core size

Single Mode

- Long distance cable runs (greater than 1000ft.)
- Highest bandwidth support
- Lower cable cost
- Higher electronics cost
- Harder to terminate due to smaller core size



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100GE & 400GE – A Better Alternative

Provide a seamless migration path from 40GE QSFP

Designation	Speed
D	400GE
C	100GE
Q	40GE

Catalyst 9600



C9600X-SUP2 & LC-32CD



C9600-SUP1 & LC-24C

Catalyst 9500



C9500X-28C8D



C9500-32C

Catalyst 9400



C9400X-SUP2XL



C9400-SUP1XL

Catalyst 9300



C9300X-NM-4C



C9300X-NM-2C



Reduced CapEx through reuse of existing cabling



Single-Lane optics provide port densities similar to 40G



Gradual migration options with support for Dual-Rate optics



Reduced OpEx through savings in power and cooling

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25GE & 50GE - A Better Alternative

Provide a seamless migration path from 1/10GE SFP

Designation	Speed
L	50GE
Y	25GE
X	10GE

Catalyst 9600



C9600X-SUP2 & LC-40YL4CD



C9600-SUP1 & LC-48YL

Catalyst 9500



C9500X-60L4D



C9500-48Y4C

Catalyst 9400



C9400X-SUP2XL



C9400-SUP1XL-Y

Catalyst 9300



C9300X-NM-8Y



C9300-NM-2Y



Reduced CapEx through reuse of existing cabling



Single-Lane optics provide port densities similar to 10G



Gradual migration options with support for Dual-Rate optics



Reduced OpEx through savings in power and cooling

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Campus Networks

L2/L3 Unicast Technologies

IPv4 Unicast

- MP-BGP, VPNv4
- Internet (v4), NAT, PBR
- MPLS-VPN, VRF-Lite
- IPv4 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

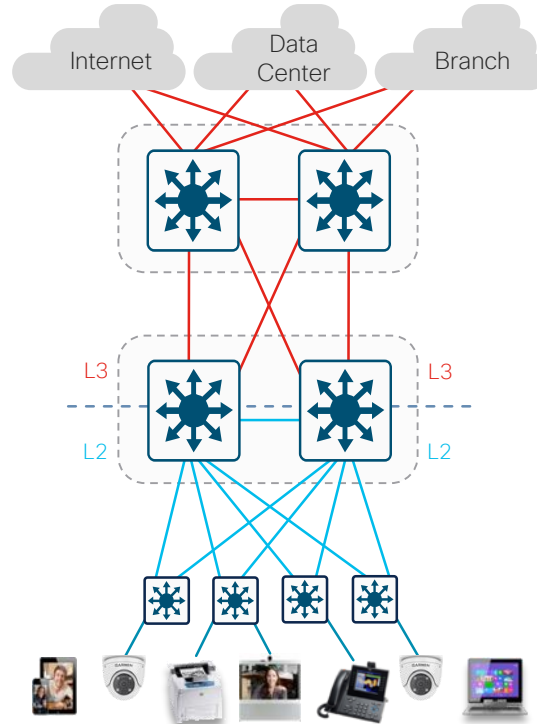
Core

- EIGRP, OSPFv2, ISIS, RIP
- SVI, HSRP/VRRP
- ARP, DHCP Relay
- IPDT/SISF, DAI
- BFD, Echo
- IPv4 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Distribution

- PVST, MST, REP/RENN
- 802.1Q, DTP
- VLANs, VTP
- DHCP Snooping
- MAC Leaning
- L2 SSO

Access



IPv6 Unicast

- MP-BGP, VPNv6
- Internet2 (v6), NAT64, PBR
- MPLS-VPN, VRF-Lite
- IPv6 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Core

- EIGRPv6, OSPFv3, ISISv6, RIPng
- SVI, HSRPv6/VRRPv6
- NDP, DHCPv6 Relay
- SISF (v4/v6), RA Guard
- BFDv6, Echo
- IPv6 SSO, NSF/NSR, GIR

Distribution

- PVST, MST, REP/RENN
- 802.1Q, DTP
- VLANs, VTP
- DHCPv6 Snooping
- MAC Leaning
- L2 SSO

Access

Campus Networks

L2/L3 Multicast Technologies

IPv4 Multicast

- PIM-SM, SSM and Bidir
- AutoRP, BSR RP, MSDP
- MVPN, Multicast VRF-Lite
- Multicast load splitting
- IPv4 multicast HA

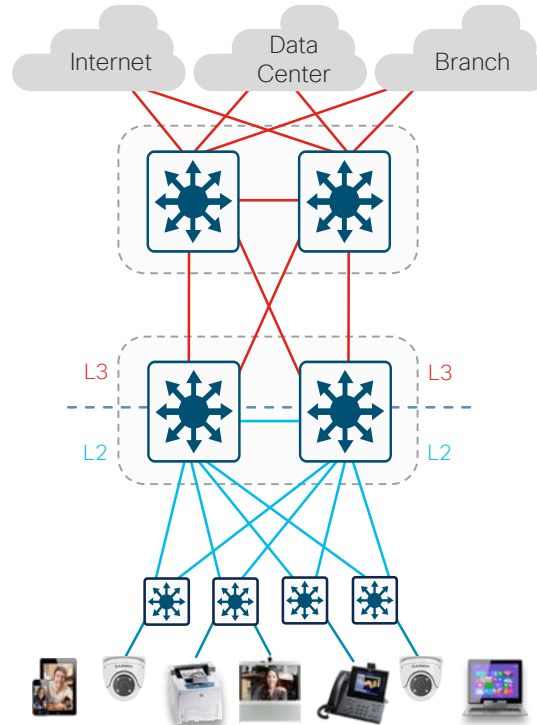
Core

- Dual-stack IPv4 / IPv6
- PIM-SM, SSM and Bidir
- IGMPv2,v3 snooping
- Stub multicast routing
- PIM BFD
- IPv4 multicast HA

Distribution

- IGMP v1,v2,v3 snooping
- IPv4 multicast QoS & ACL
- IGMP v1,v2 filtering

Access



IPv6 Multicast

- PIM-SM and SSM
- IPv6 BSR RP
- IPv6 embedded RP
- IPv6 multicast HA

Core

- Dual-stack IPv4 / IPv6
- PIM-SM and SSM
- MLDv1,v2 snooping
- HW register and RPF
- HSRP-aware PIM
- IPv6 multicast HA

Distribution

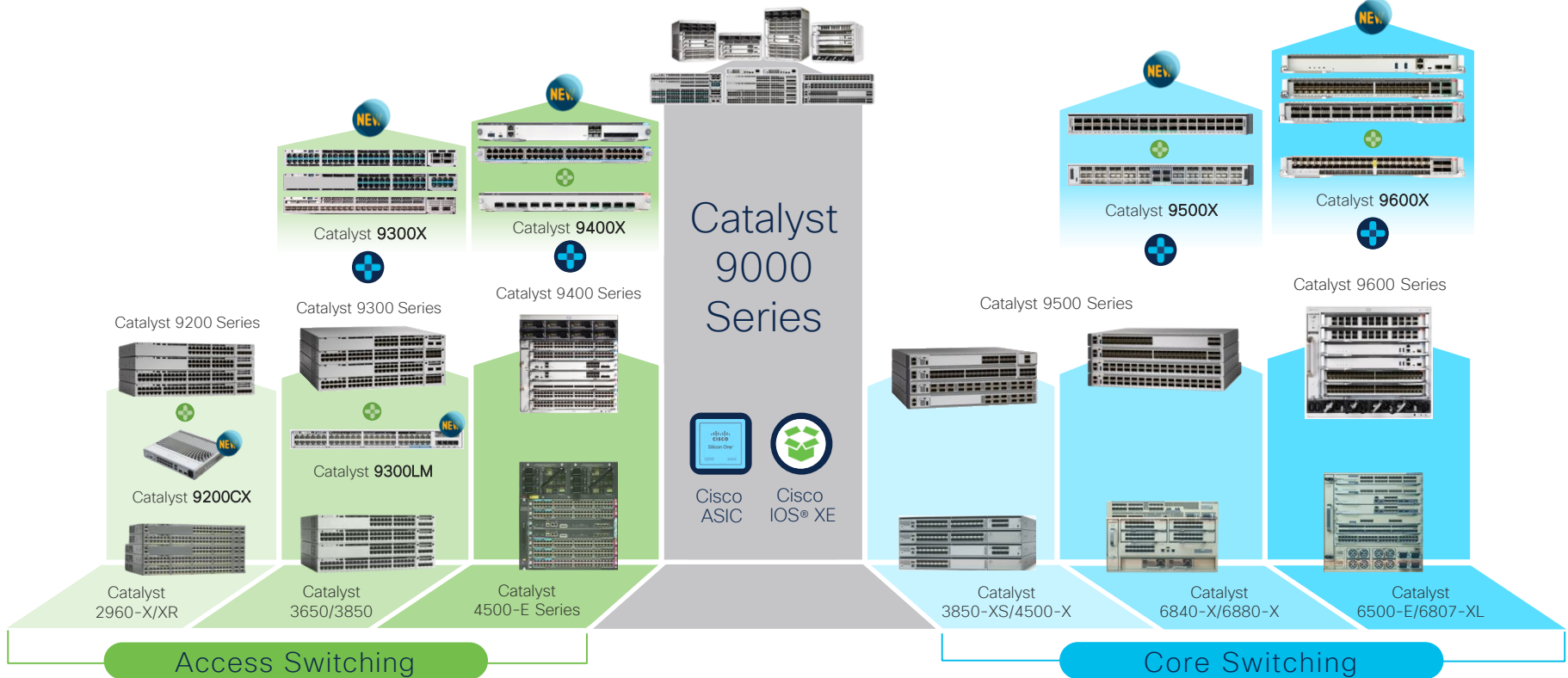
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Access

Cisco Catalyst 9000 Switching Portfolio

One Family from Access to Core – Common Hardware & Software

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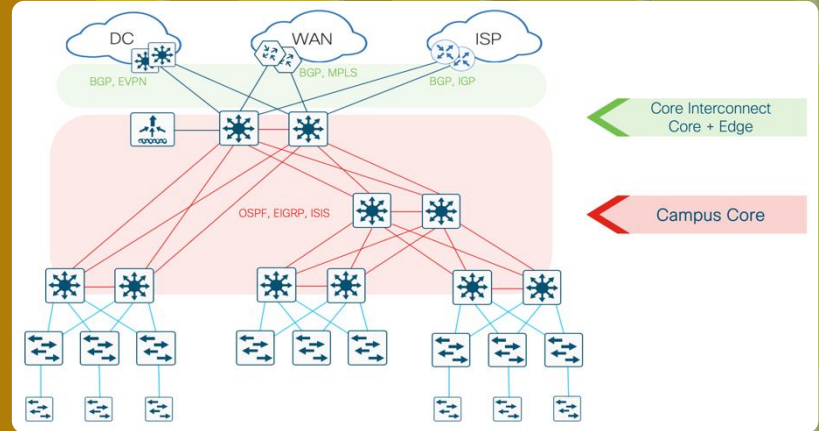
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Campus PINs

❖ **Campus Core**
(Baseline)

❖ **Campus Core +**
Interconnect

❖ **Campus Core +**
Edge



Campus Core (Baseline)

The **Core PIN (Tier 3)** focuses on connecting multiple Distribution layers to an Interconnect (if applicable) and/or other network domains

- Other names: [MDF](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Medium & Large Campus

Main goal is a simple, high-bandwidth, L3 transport between other network layers

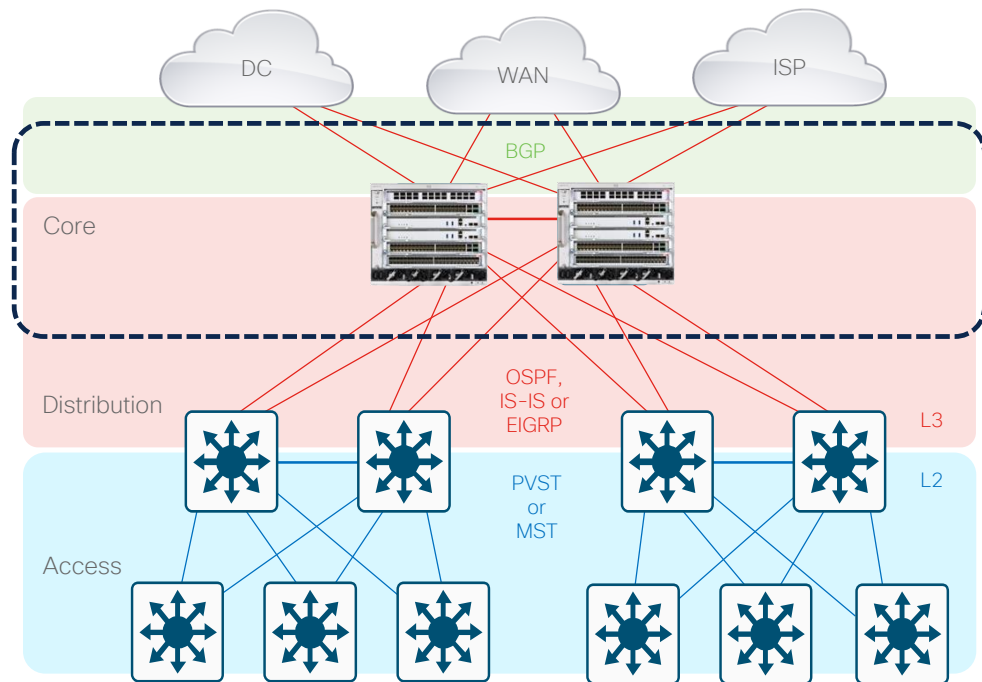
Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)

- North: [BGP](#) or [IGP \(ABR\)](#), [PIM + MSDP](#)
- South: [OSPF](#), [IS-IS](#) or [EIGRP](#), [PIM](#)

Tends to use **minimal L3 features**

- [Limited ACLs](#) (e.g. inter-area route-maps, remote access)
- [Limited QoS](#) (e.g. many-to-one WRED, aggregate policers)
- [Limited NetFlow](#) (e.g. inter-area, aggregate flows)

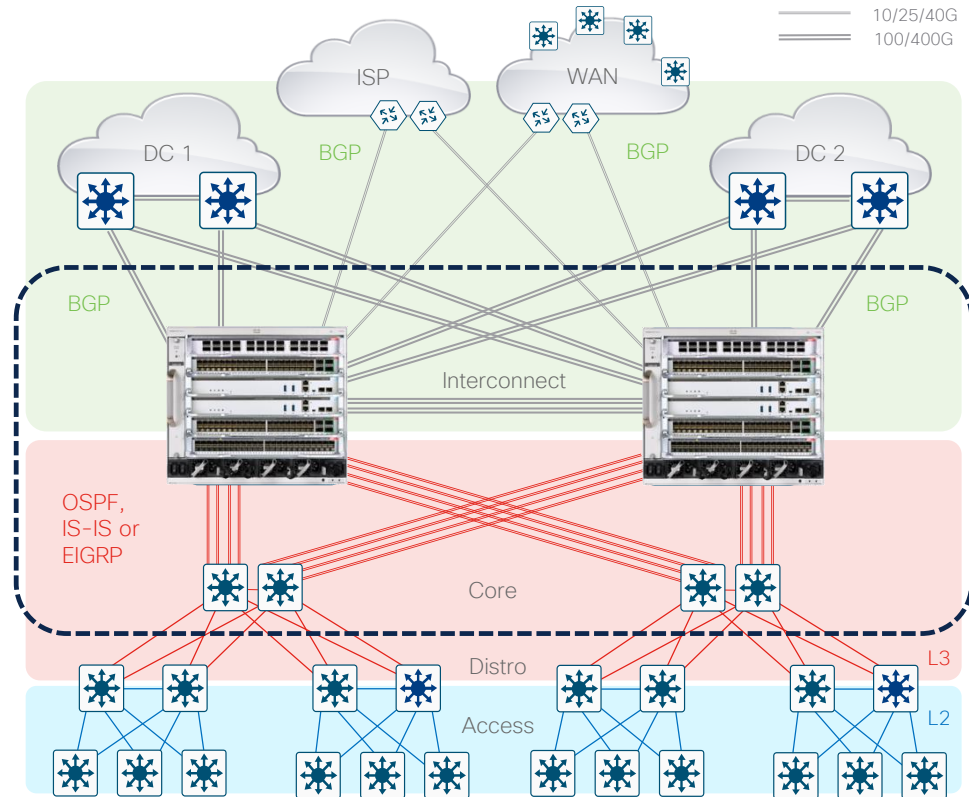
Tends to require **high L3 forwarding scale**



Campus Core Interconnect

The **Interconnect PIN** (Tier 4) is an extension of the Core, used to connect multiple Core layers (areas) and/or other network domains.

- Other names: [Backbone](#), [Super Core](#), [MAN](#), [DCI](#)
- Common in Large & Very-Large Campus
- Main goal is to distribute the bandwidth and density requirements of multiple Core layers
 - Similar attributes & requirements as Core PIN
- Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)
 - North: [BGP](#) or [IGP \(ABR/ASBR\)](#), [PIM + MSDP](#)
 - South: [OSPF](#), [IS-IS](#) or [EIGRP](#), [PIM](#)
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 - [Limited NetFlow](#) (e.g. inter-area, aggregate flows)
- Tends to require higher L3 scale



Campus Core + Edge (SP/WAN)

The **Core-Edge PIN** (Tier 4) focuses on connecting multiple Campus areas to remote domains (SP/WAN) and/or to the Internet.

- Other names: [Edge Device](#), [Internet Edge](#)
- Common in Medium to Very-Large Campus

Main purpose is to collapse Core & Edge layers

Tends to be **L3 routed** (north & south)

- North: **MP-BGP + Inter-AS**, NAT/PAT, PIM + MSDP
- South: **BGP or IGP (ABR/ASBR)**, PIM + MSDP

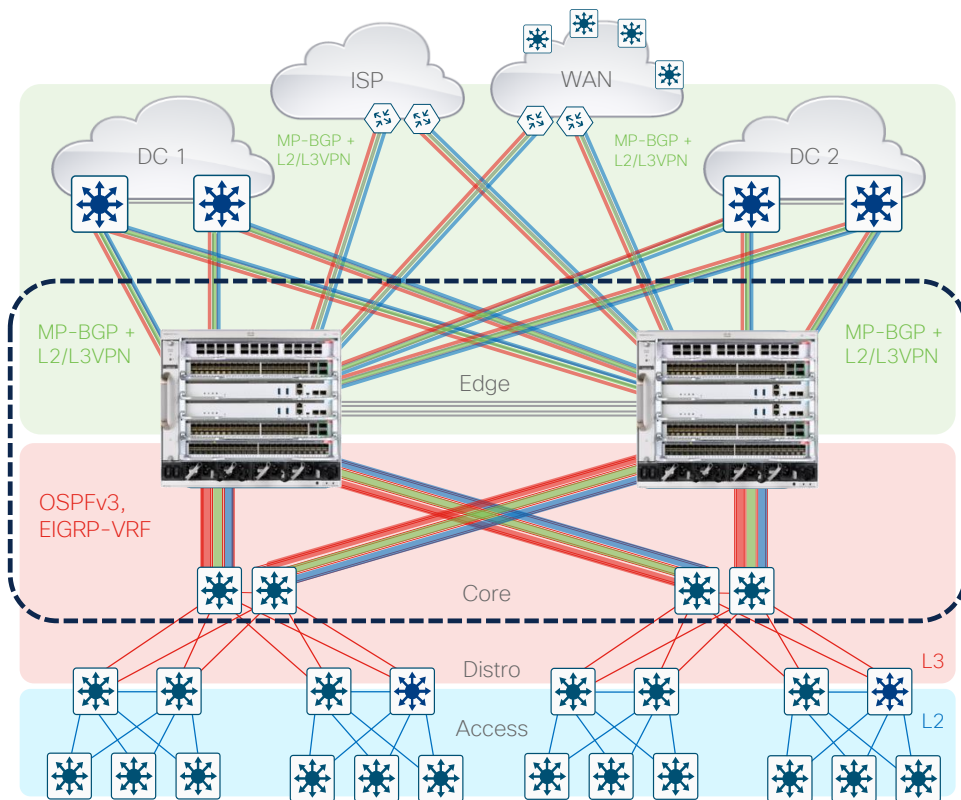
Tends to use **Virtualization & Tunnels**

- VRF-Lite, MPLS/VPLS, SR, MVPN
- GRE/MGRE, IPsec, DMVPN
- QinQ, L2oMGRE, OTV, EVPN

Tends to use **multiple L3/VRF** features

- **Edge Security ACLs** (e.g. RACL, CBAC, ZBFW)
- **Hierarchical QoS** (e.g. Class-based Queuing, Shaping)
- **Policy Based Routing** (e.g. WAAS & WCCP)
- **WAN NetFlow** (e.g. L3/VRF FNF, WAN ETA)

Tends to require **highest L3/VRF & feature scale**

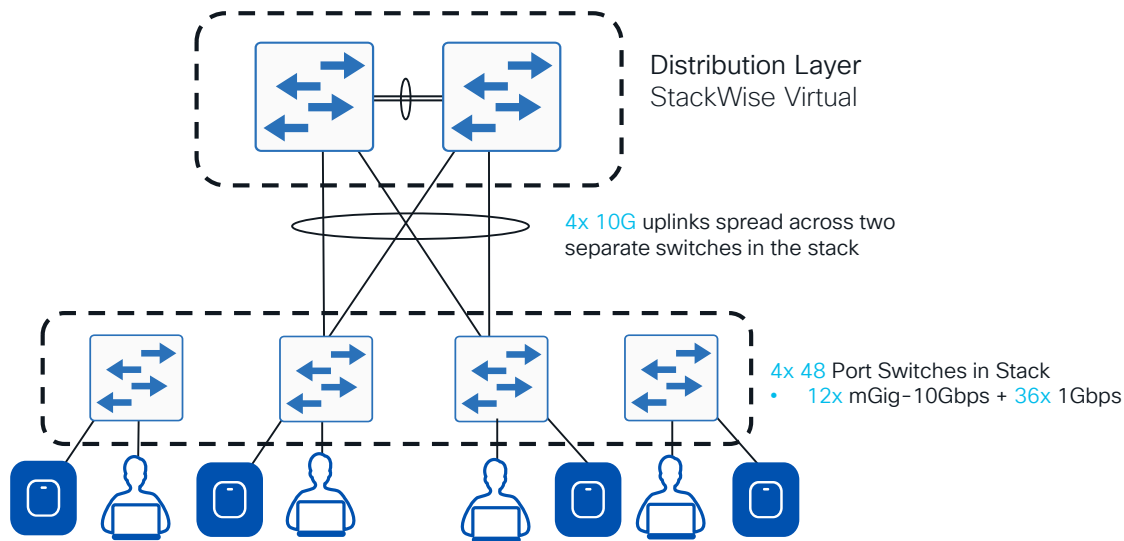


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Campus Design Fundamentals

Access Layer - Oversubscription Ratios



Soft recommendation for Access to Distribution $\leq 20:1$

Access Uplinks: **40 Gbps**

Potential Downlinks:
48 x 10 Gbps
+
144 x 1 Gbps

SUM: **624 Gbps**

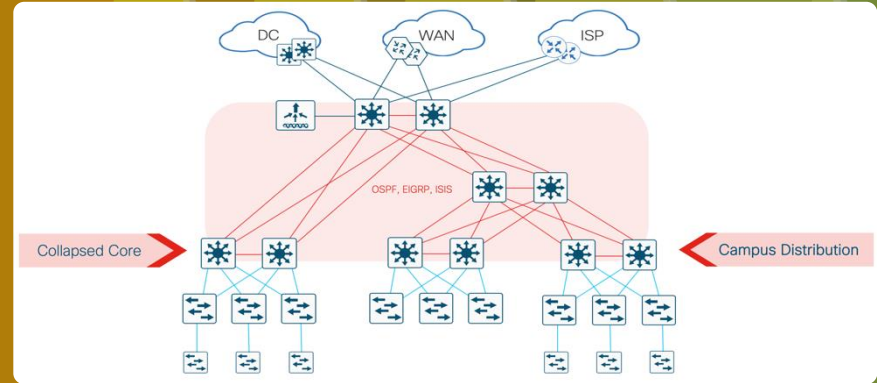
Oversubscription ratio:
~15.6 : 1

Campus PINs

❖ **Campus Distribution**
(Baseline)

❖ **Collapsed Core +**
Distribution

❖ **Campus Distro +**
Extended Access



Campus Distribution (Baseline)

The **Distribution PIN** (Tier 2) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers and the Core layer.

- Other names: [Collapsed Core](#), [Aggregation](#), [IDF](#)
- Common in Small to Large Campus

Main purpose is to “distribute” connectivity (fan-out) from the Core/WAN to the Access

- Reduces need for high port-density in Core layer
- Also applicable to [L3 Routed Access](#)

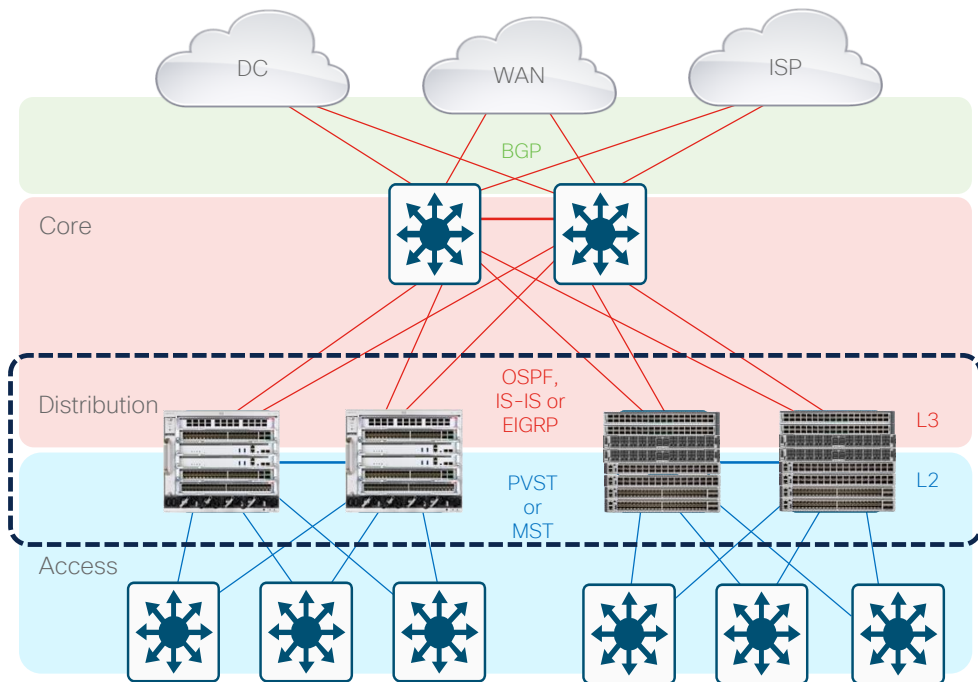
Tends to be both **L3 routed** (north) and **L2 switched** (south)

- North: **SVI, HSRP/VRRP, ARP/ND, IGP, PIM**
- South: **VLAN, 802.1Q, STP, MAC, IGMP**

Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3 features**

- **Access Security** (e.g. IPDT/SISF, VACLs, PACLs, etc)
- **Access QoS** (e.g. NBAR, Classification & Marking)
- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **med-high L2/L3 & feature scale**



Campus Collapsed Core

The **Collapsed Core** (Tier 2) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers and the WAN/Edge layer.

- Other names : [Distribution](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Small Campus or Medium Branch

Main purpose is to collapse Core & Distribution layers

- Mostly for small(er) sites, with low(er) port density
- Similar attributes & requirements as Core + Distribution
- Also applicable to [L3 Routed Access](#)

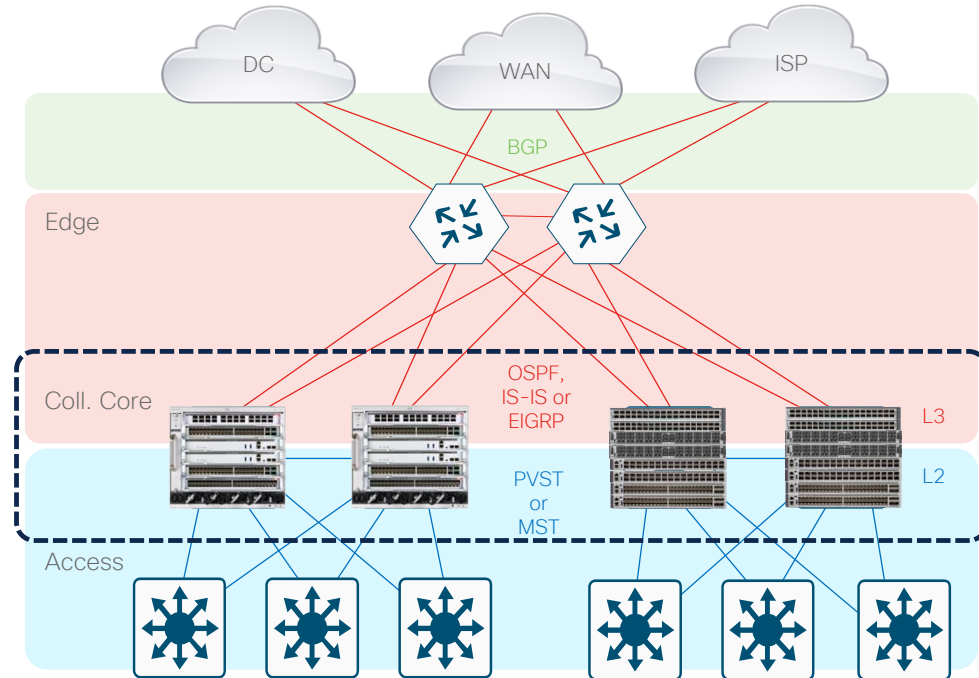
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Tends to use **multiple L2 & L3 features**

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- [Access NetFlow](#) (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **high L2/L3 & feature scale**



Campus Distro + Ext. Access

The **Distribution + Ext. Access PIN** (Tier 2+) focuses on connecting multiple Access layers, including an Extended Access (IOT/FTTX) layer, to the Core layer.

- Other names: [Distribution](#), [BDF](#)
- Common in Very-Large Campus or Large Branch

Main purpose is to “distribute” connectivity (fan-out) from the Core/WAN to the Access + Ext. Access

- Reduces need for high port-density in Core layer

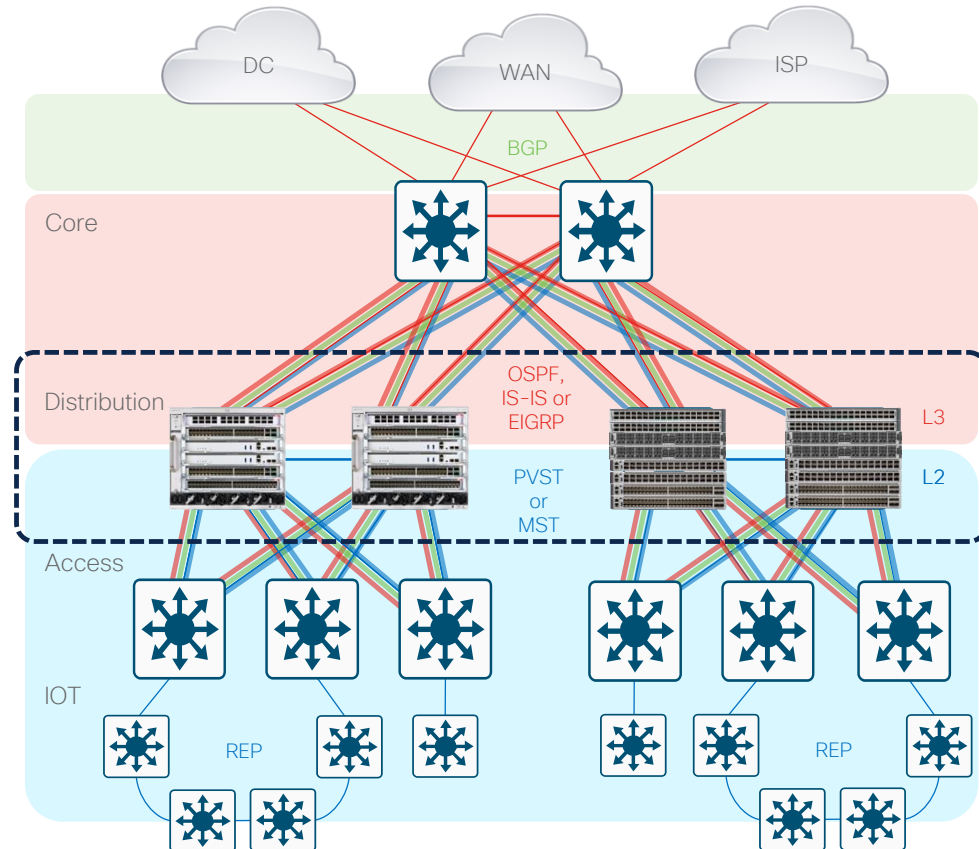
Tends to be **both L3 routed (north)** and **L2 switched (south)**

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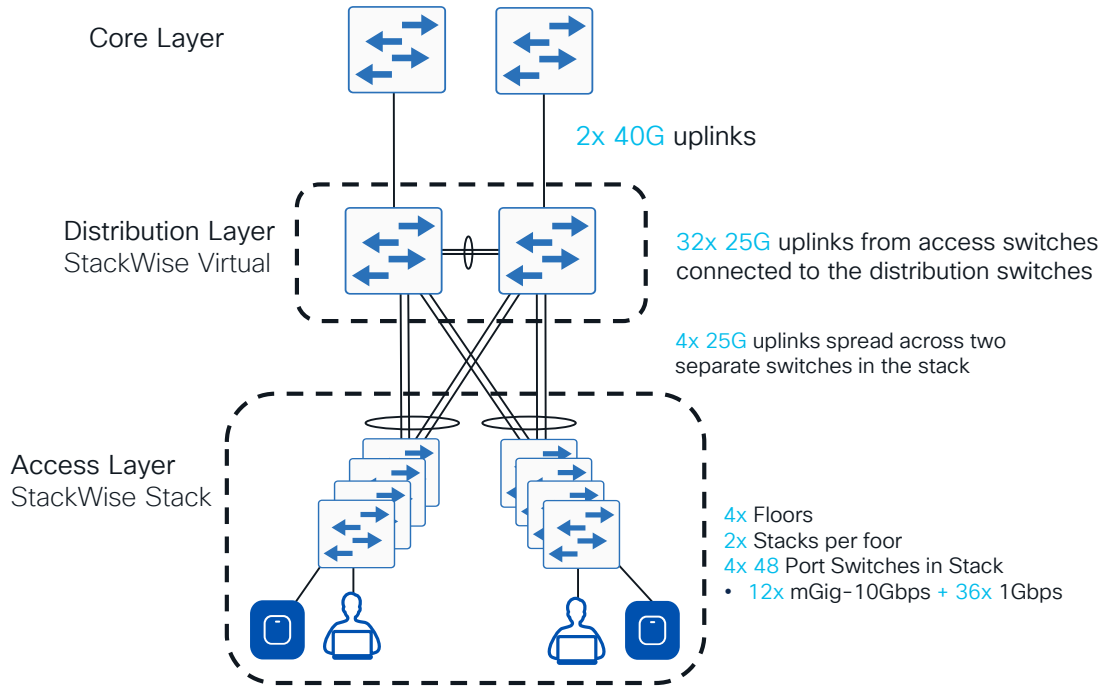
Tends to require **highest L2/L3 & feature scale**





Design Fundamentals

Distribution Layer - Oversubscription Ratios



Soft recommendation for
Distribution to Core $\leq 4:1$

Distribution Uplinks: **80 Gbps**

From Access Layer:

4 x 2 x 4 x 25 Gbps

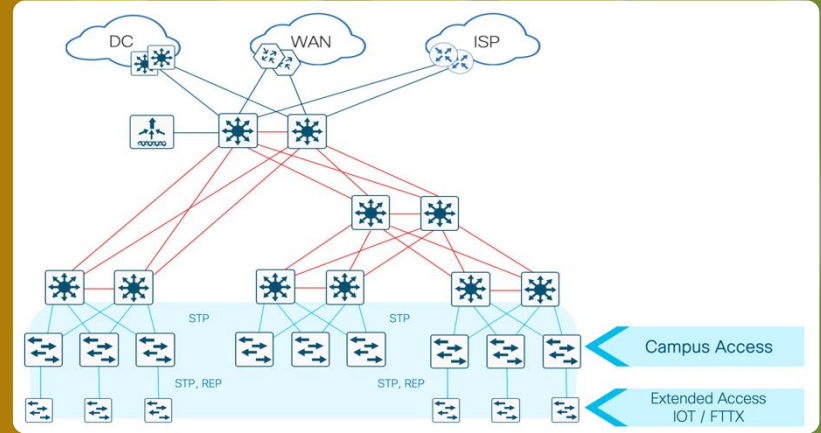
SUM: **800 Gbps**

Oversubscription ratio:

10 : 1

Campus PINs

- ❖ **Campus Access**
(Baseline)
- ❖ **Routed Access**
- ❖ **Extended Access +**
IOT / FTTX



Campus Access (Baseline)

The **Access PIN** (Tier 1) focuses on connecting Users & Devices, or an Extended Access (if applicable), to the Distribution layer

- Other names: [IDE](#), [Wiring Closet](#)
- Common in all Campus & Branch networks

Main purpose is to connect users to network

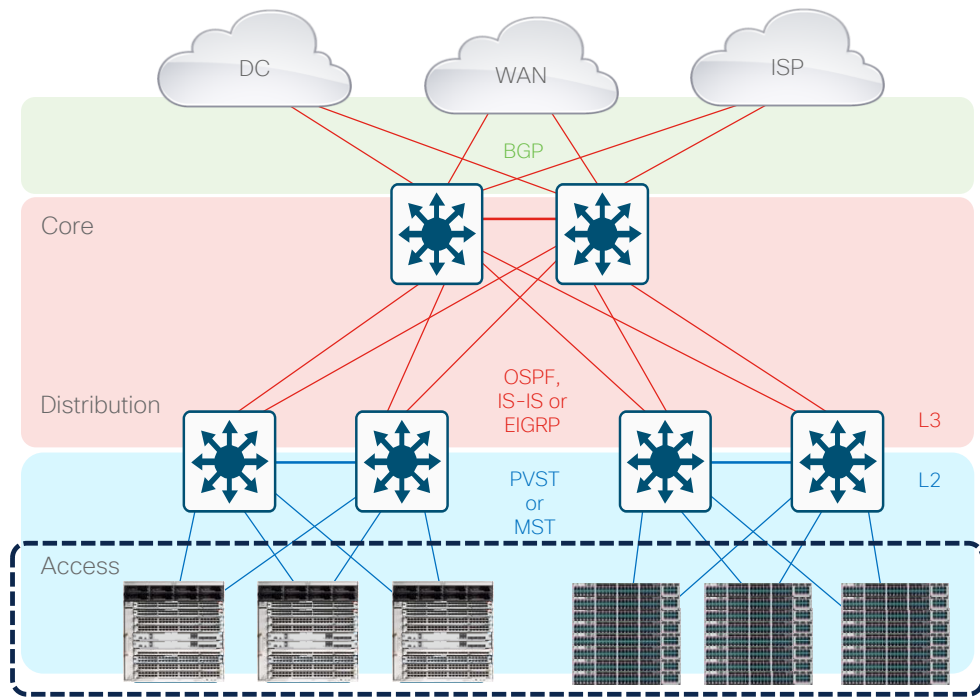
Tends to be **L2 switched** (north & south)

- North: [VLAN](#), [802.1Q](#), [STP](#), [MAC](#), [IGMP Snooping](#)
- South: [AAA](#), [STP](#), [Portfast](#), [Storm-Control](#)

Tends to use **multiple L2** features & services

- **Access Security** (e.g. 802.1x, VACLs, PACLs, etc)
- **Access QoS** (e.g. L2 CoS, Classification & Marking)
- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **low-med L2 & feature scale**



Extended Access (IOT / FTTX)

The **Extended Access PIN** (Tier 1) is an extension of the Access, to connect multiple Access layers (areas) to the Distribution layer

- Other names: High-End Access, IOT, FTTX
- Common in Very-Large Campus or Large Branch

Main goal is to extend the size and scale of the Access layer and connect more hosts

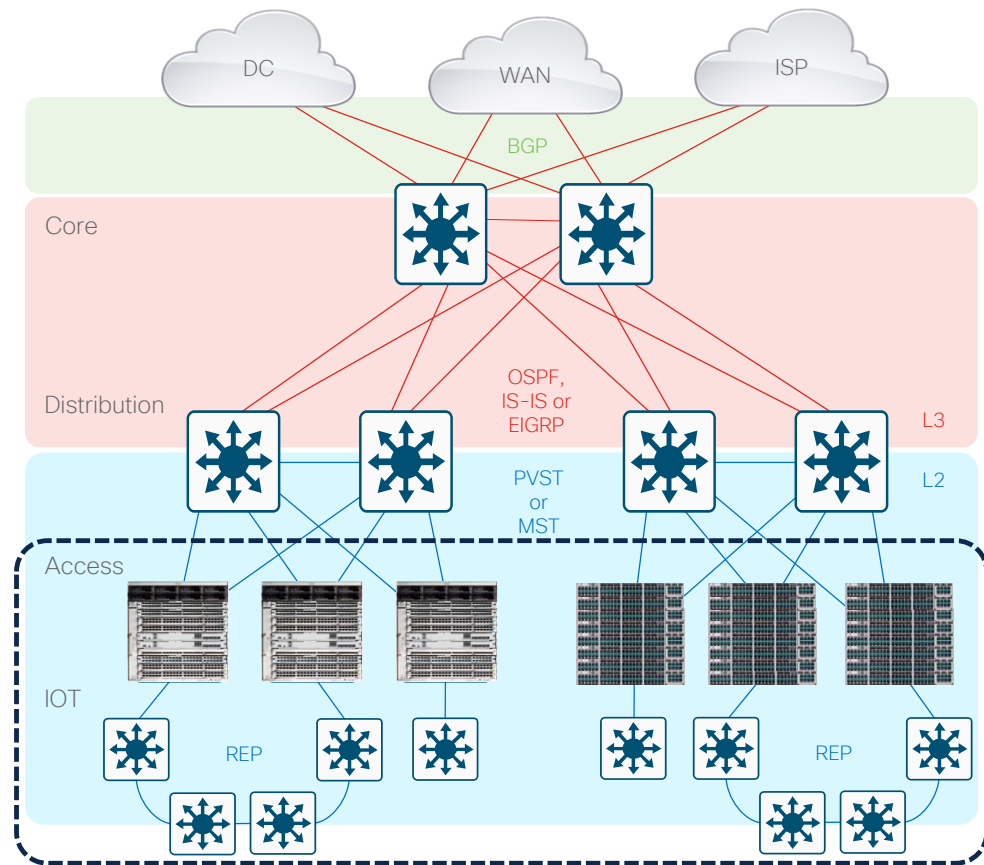
Tends to be **L2 switched** (north & south)

- North: VLAN, 802.1Q, STP/REP, MAC, IGMP Snooping
- South: AAA, STP/REP, Portfast, Storm-Control

Tends to use **multiple L2** features & services

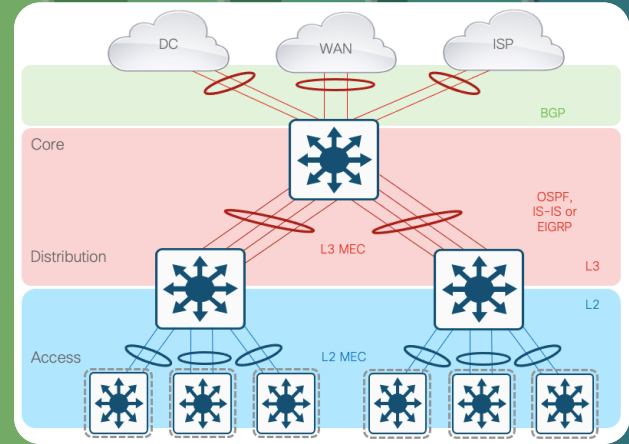
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- **Access NetFlow** (e.g. AVC, FNF, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **med-high L2 & feature scale**



Campus Architecture

- ❖ **Equal Cost Multi-Path**
(Traditional)
- ❖ **StackWise**
(Access Stacking)
- ❖ **StackWise Virtual**
(Core/Distro Stacking)



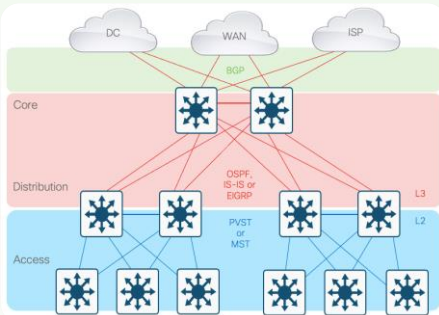
Campus Architectures

Control-Plane & Data-Plane Redundancy



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ECMP (L2/L3 Paths)

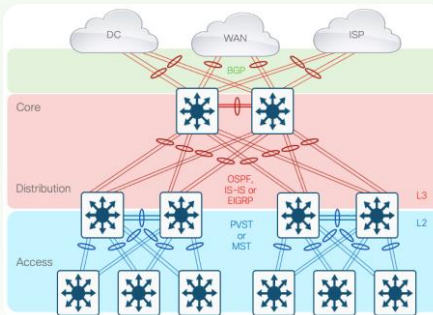


- Complex Topology
- More Nodes, Less Cables
- More Neighbors (+ Tuning)
- Protocol Load-Balancing (ECMP)
- Node-level Redundancy

L1 : Single Connections
 L2: STP, MST, REP + ECMP (Port Cost)
 L3: FHRP, IGP, BGP + ECMP (Port Cost)
 More Neighbors = Requires Protocol Tuning

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EtherChannel (L2/L3 LAG)

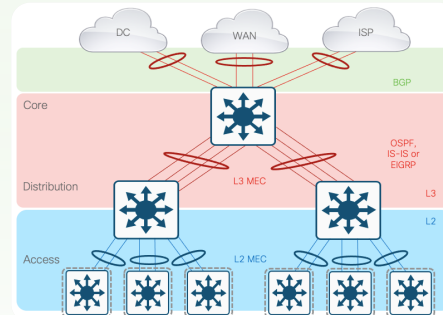


- Complex Topology
- Same Nodes, More Cables (2-8)
- Same Neighbors (+ Tuning)
- EtherChannel Load-Balancing
- Node & Link-level Redundancy

L1 : Multiple Connections
 L2: STP, MST, REP + ECMP (Portchannel Cost)
 L3: FHRP, IGP, BGP + ECMP (Portchannel Cost)
 More Neighbors = Requires Protocol Tuning

3

StackWise (L2/L3 MEC)



- Simple Topology
- Same Cables, Less Nodes
- Less Neighbors (No Tuning)
- Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)
- Layer-level Redundancy

L1 : Multiple Connections
 L2: L2 MEC (No STP or REP)
 L3: IGP, BGP + L3 MEC (No FHRP)
 Fewer Neighbors = No Protocol Tuning



Campus + EtherChannel

Using **EtherChannel** focuses on combining multiple physical links into a single logical link

- Other names: Portchannel, Link-Aggregation (LAG)
- Common in Medium & Large Campus

Main goal is to increase bandwidth, and provide link-level redundancy between network layers

- Mostly for large(r) sites, with high(er) port density
- Similar attributes & requirements as existing PIN(s)

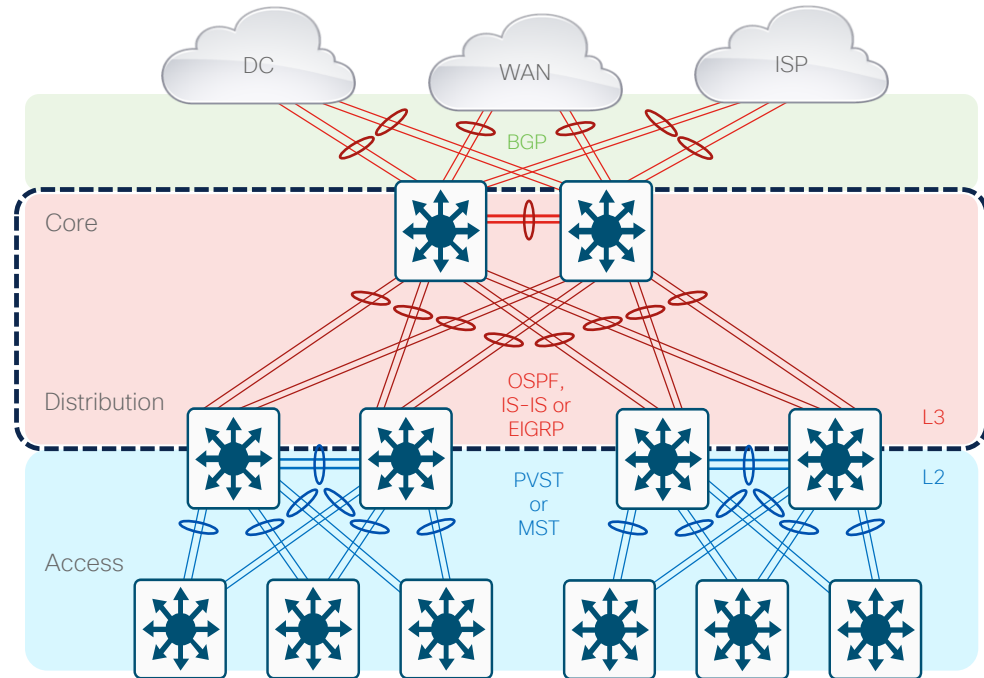
Can be used for both **L2 & L3 links** (north & south)

- North: BGP or IGP, PIM
- South: STP or REP, IGMP/MLD

Tends to require **special L2/L3 features**

- Portchannel ACLs (e.g. L2/L3 RAACL)
- Portchannel QoS (e.g. L2/L3 aggregate policers)
- Portchannel NetFlow (e.g. L2/L3 FNF)

Tends to require **less L2/L3 forwarding scale**



StackWise Virtual Core/Distro

The **StackWise Virtual (SVL) Core PIN** focuses on combining Core and/or Distribution into a single virtual switch to connect to outside areas.

- Typically, the same layer as Distribution or Core (Tier 2-3)
- The same 'physical' topology as a multi-layer network

Main goal is to simplify and expand the Distribution and/or Core layer

Same L2/L3 protocols & features as Distro/Core

- North: SVI, ARP/ND, IGP/BGP, PIM
- South: VLAN, 802.1Q, MAC, IGMP (No STP)

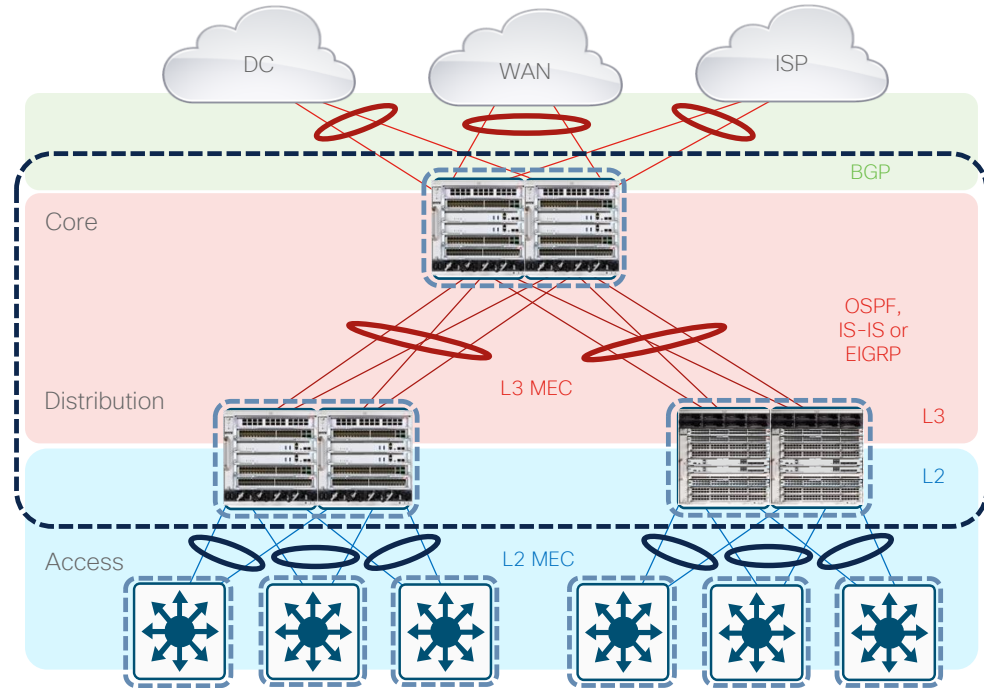
Leverages **Stateful Switchover (SSO)**

- Active/Standby Control-Plane (synchronized)
- Works with NSF/NSR for L3 protocols

Leverages **Multi-chassis EtherChannel (MEC)**

- Active/Active Data-Plane (both switches forwarding)
- L2 & L3 Portchannel (neighbor sees single neighbor)

Tends to require med-high L2, L3 & feature scale



StackWise Access

The **StackWise Access PIN** focuses on combining multiple Access switches into a single virtual switch to increase access-layer port density.

- Typically, the same layer as Access (Tier 1)
- The same 'physical' topology as a multi-layer network

Main goal is to expand port density of Access layer

Same L2 protocols & features as Access

- North: VLAN, 802.1Q, STP, MAC, IGMP Snooping
- South: AAA, STP, Portfast, Storm-Control

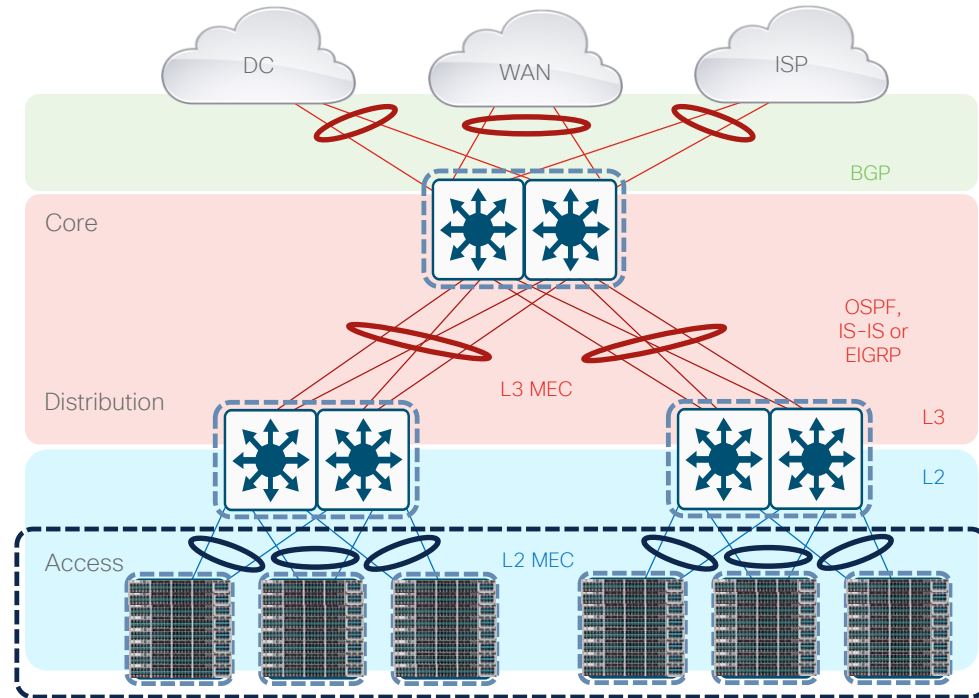
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Tends to require med-high L2 + feature scale

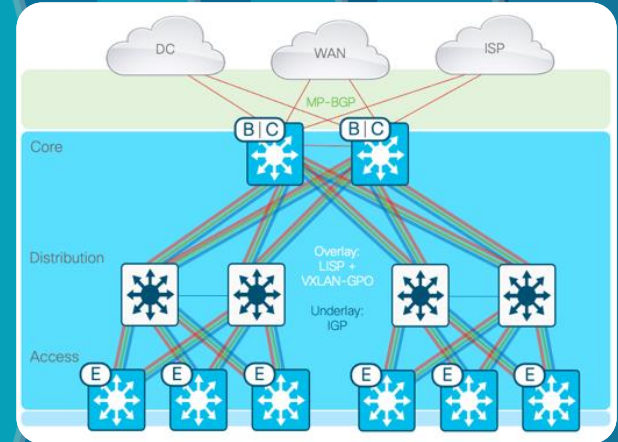


Campus Solutions

❖ **MPLS / VPLS**
(L2/L3VPN)

❖ **EVPN + VXLAN**
(L2/L3VNI)

❖ **LISP + VXLAN**
(L2/L3VNI)



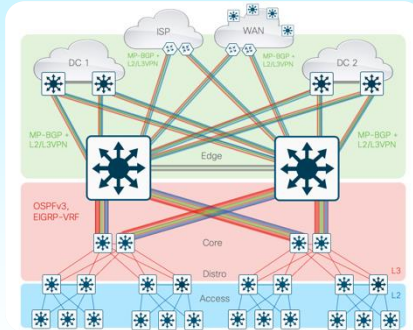
Campus Solutions & Designs

Providing additional services (beyond basic PINs)



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MPLS (L2/L3VPN)

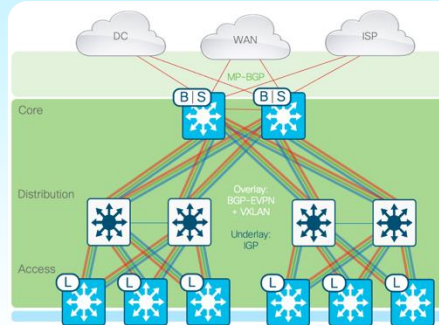


- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VPN Overlay
- Virtual Private Networks
- L3 VRF-based Segmentation
- WAN/Edge + VPN Services

MPLS/VPLS, LDP, SR, MP-BGP, PIC
MVPN, LSM, Extranet, MSR
SSO, NSF/NSR, ECMP, GIR
VPN-FNF, Uniform/Pipe QoS, PBR, IPACL

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EVPN (L2/L3VNI)

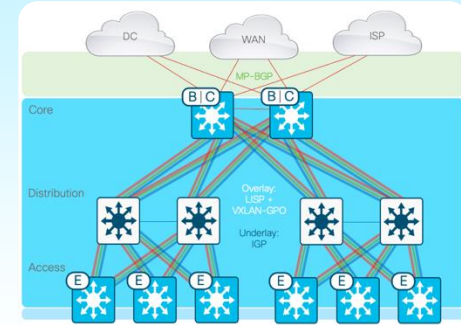


- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VNI Overlay
- Virtual Network Instances
- L2/L3 VNI-based Segments
- Common WAN/LAN Services

MP-BGP/EVPN, VXLAN, VRF-Lite
L2 TRM, L3 TRM, L2 BUM
SSO, NSF/NSR, ECMP, GIR
Fabric-FNF, Uniform QoS, IPACL/OGACL

3

SDA (L2/L3VNI + SGT)



- L3 Underlay + L2/L3 VNI Overlay
- VNIs + Scalable Group Tagging
- L2/L3 VNI + SGT Segments
- LAN Services + Group-Based Policy

LISP, VXLAN, MP-BGP, VRF-Lite
LISP HER, Native, L2 BUM
SSO, NSF/NSR, ECMP, GIR
Fabric-FNF, App QoS, SGACL



MPLS-VPN Provider Edge

The **Provider-Edge PIN** (Tier 3-4) focuses on connecting multiple Campus areas to remote domains (SP/WAN) using MPLS-VPN.

Main goal is to connect EVPN fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

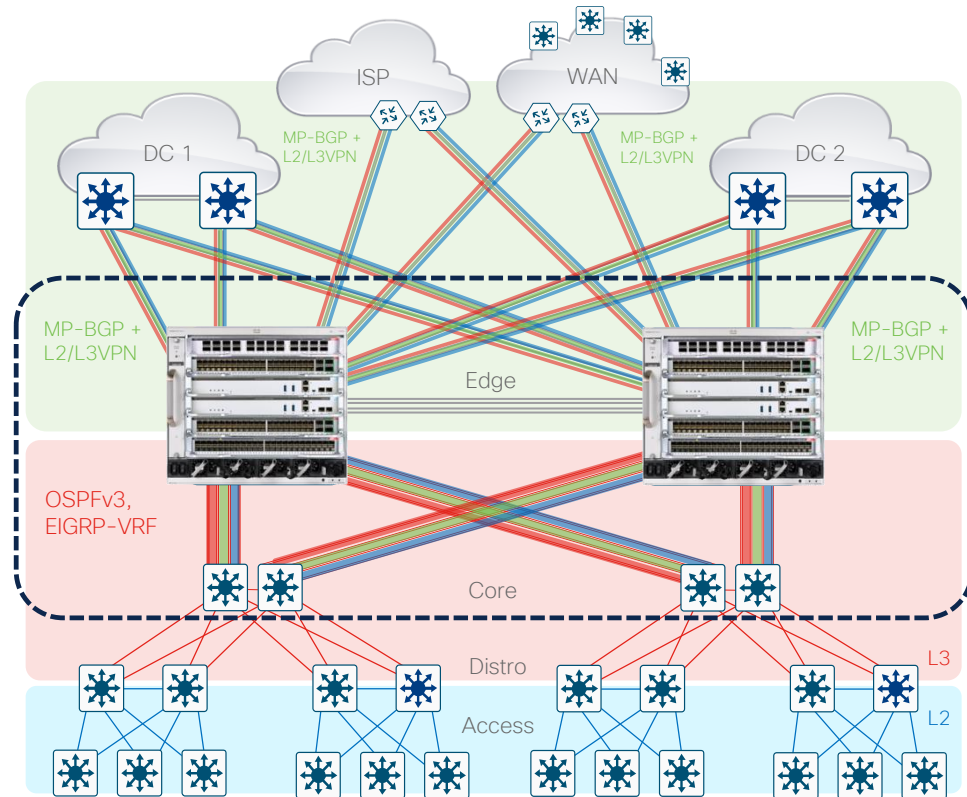
- Control-Plane: **MPLS, EoMPLS/VPLS, MVPN**
- Data-Plane: **LDP, mLDP**
- Policy-Plane: **VPN ID**

Tends to use **Overlay-aware Features**

- **IP or OG ACLs** (e.g. destined Outside)
- **Uniform/Pipe QoS** (e.g. separate Inner vs. Outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF-Lite, Leaking)
- **MPLS-aware NetFlow** (e.g. VPN ID in FNF)

May require **multiple encapsulation(s)**

Tends to require **high L2/L3 & feature scale**



EVPN Border & Spine

The **EVPN Border & Spine PIN** focuses on connecting an EVPN Fabric and/or other network domains.

- Typically, the same layer as Core or Edge (Tier 3-4)

Main goal is to connect EVPN fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

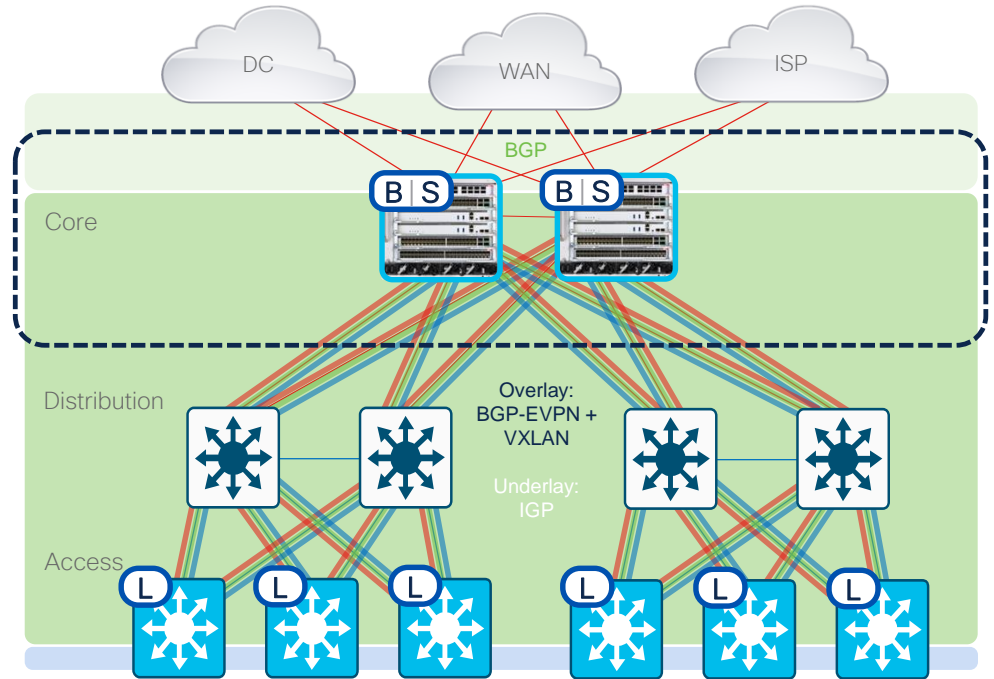
- Control-Plane: **BGP-EVPN (RR), TRM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNID**

Tends to use Overlay-aware Features

- **IP/OG ACLs** (e.g. destined Outside)
- **Uniform QoS** (e.g. copy Inner, queue Outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF-Lite, Leaking)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. VRF/VNID in FNF)

May require multiple encapsulation(s)

Tends to require high L2/L3 & feature scale



EVPN Leaf

The **EVPN Leaf PIN** focuses on connecting Wired endpoints to an EVPN Fabric domain.

- Typically, the same layer as Access or Extended (Tier 1)

Main goal is to connect Endpoints to EVPN network

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L2 Hand-off**

- North (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP
- South (outside): L2 VLAN (L3 SVI), STP, IGMP

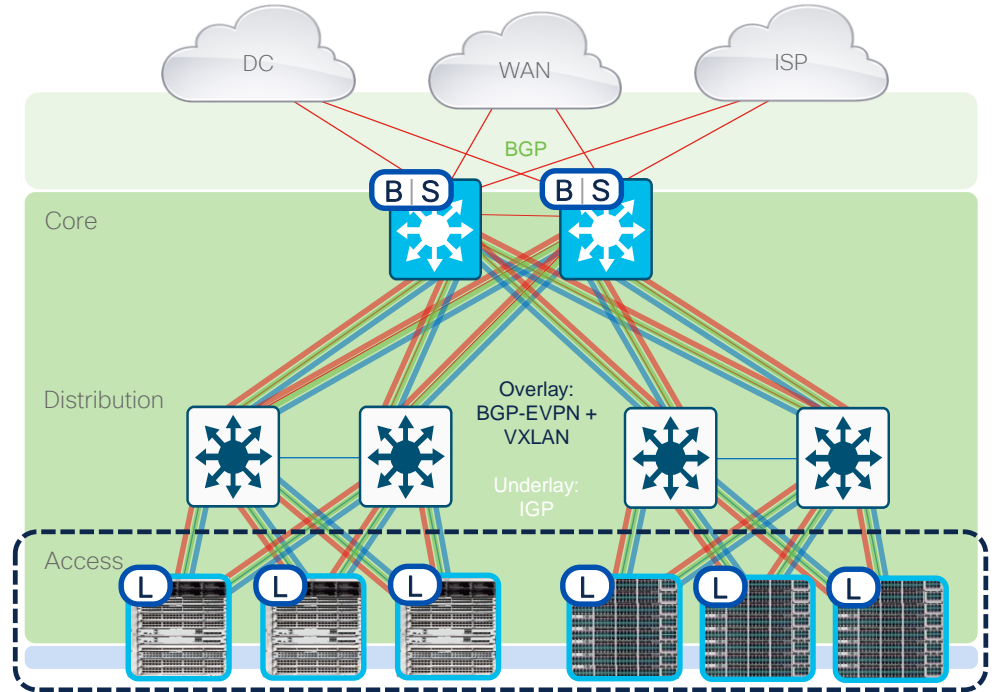
Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

- Control-Plane: **BGP-EVPN, TRM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNI**

Tends to use Overlay-aware features

- **IP/OG ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VRF Leaking)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. FNF + VNID)

Tends to require med-high L2/L3 & feature scale



SD-Access Border & CP

The **SDA Border & CP PIN** focuses on connecting an SDA Fabric and/or other network domains.

- Typically, the same layer as Core or Core/Edge (Tier 3-4)

Main goal is to connect SDA fabric to other networks

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L3 Hand-off**

- North (outside): L3 MP-BGP + Inter-AS, PIM + MSDP
- South (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP

Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

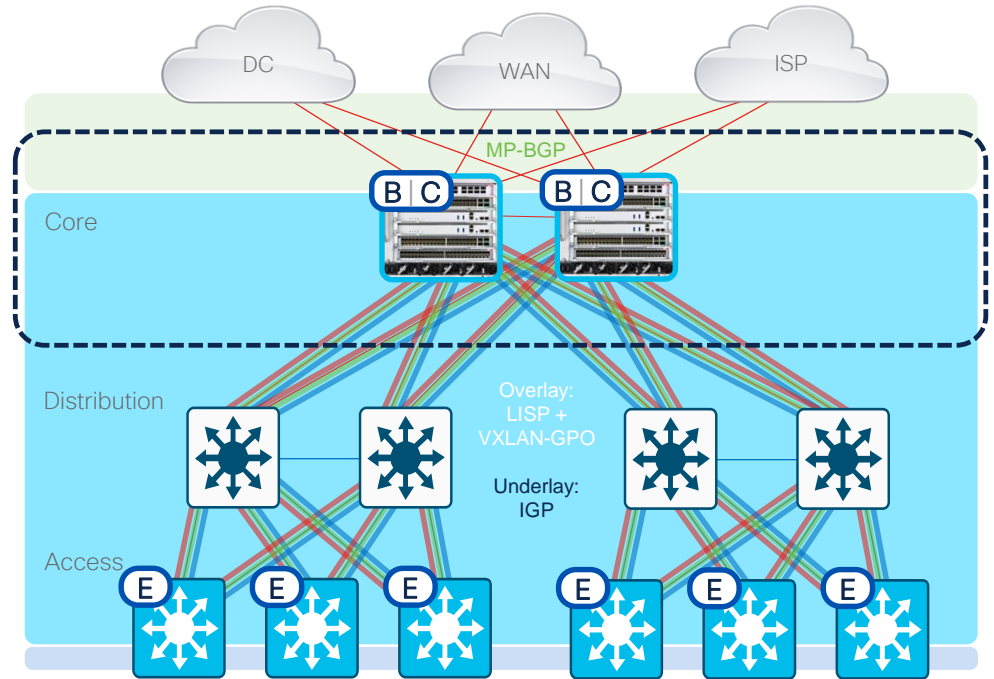
- Control-Plane: **LISP (XTR, MS/MR), PIM**
- Data-Plane: **VXLAN-GPO**
- Policy-Plane: **L2/L3 VNI + SGT**

Tends to use Overlay-aware features

- **Security Group ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform Pipe QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VN Extranet, or VRF-Lite)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. VRF/VNID + SGT FNF, NaaS/ETA)

May require multiple encapsulation(s)

Tends to require higher L3 & feature scale



SD-Access Edge

The **SDA Edge PIN** focuses on connecting Wired/Wireless endpoints to an **SDA Fabric domain**.

- Typically, the same layer as Access or Extended (Tier 1)

Main goal is to connect Endpoints to SDA network

Uses a **L3 Underlay + L2 Hand-off**

- North (inside): L3 IGP, PIM + MSDP
- South (outside): L2 VLAN (L3 SVI), STP, IGMP

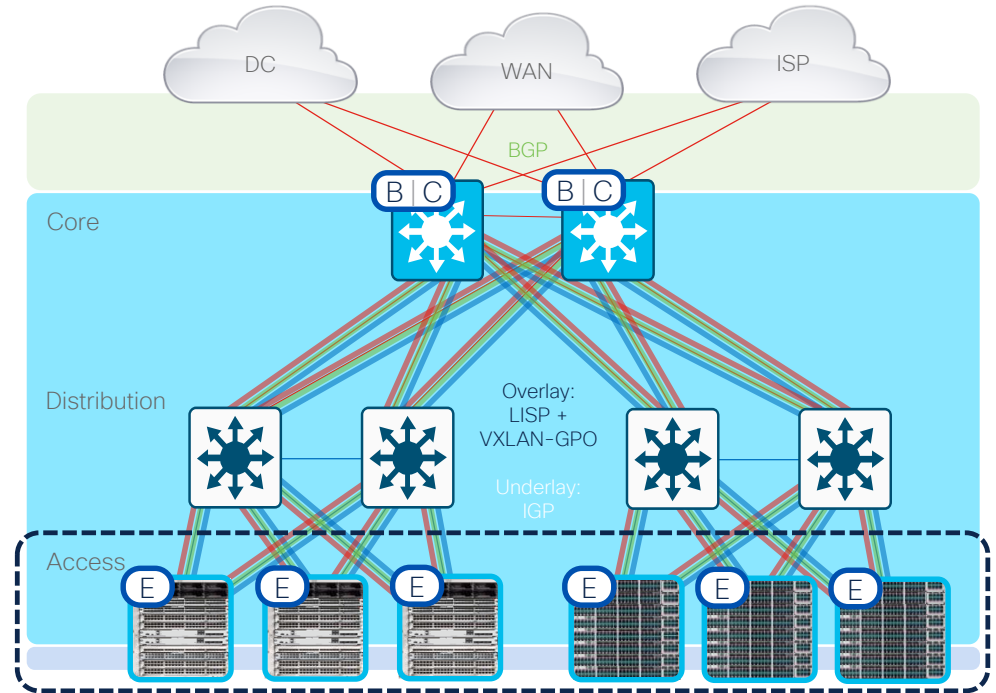
Uses a **Virtualized L2/L3 Overlay**

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- Data-Plane: **VXLAN-GPO**
- Policy-Plane: **VN + SGT**

Tends to use **Overlay-aware** features

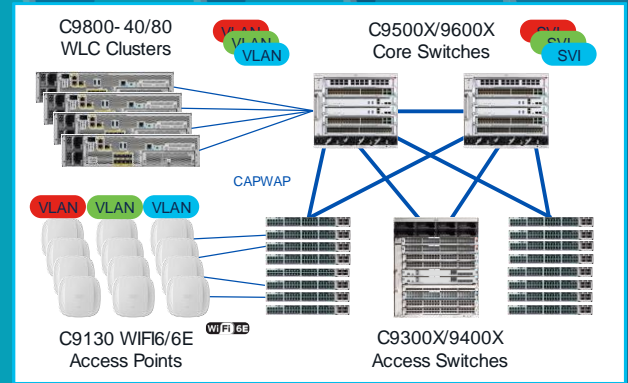
- **Security Group ACLs** (e.g. destined outside)
- **Uniform Pipe QoS** (e.g. copy inner, queue outer)
- **Inter-VRF Routing** (e.g. VN Extranet)
- **Fabric NetFlow** (e.g. FNF, NaaS)

Tends to require **higher L3 & feature scale**



Wireless & Firewall

- ❖ Central Wireless
- ❖ Firewalls, VRFs & ACLs



Wireless LAN

The **Central Wireless PIN** focuses on connecting Wireless APs centrally to one or multiple WLCs.

- WLC is typically connected to Core, Edge or DC (Tier 3+)
- APs are typically connected to Access (Tier 1)

Main goal is to connect Wireless Endpoints (via APs) to a Wireless LAN (WLAN) - centrally in the network

Uses a **L2/L3 Underlay + L2 Hand-off**

- North (to WLC): L2 VLAN + 802.1Q, L3 SVI, IGP
- South (to AP): L2 VLAN + 802.1Q, STP, IGMP

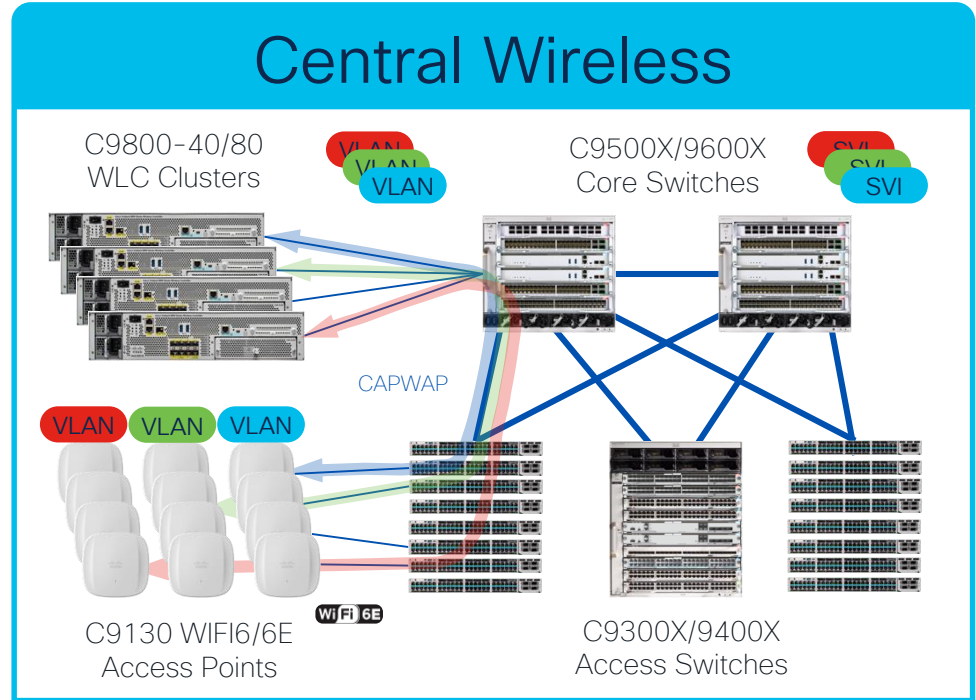
Uses a **Tunneled L2 Overlay**

- Control-Plane: **CAPWAP, DTLS, LWAPP**
- Data-Plane: **CAPWAP, DTLS**

Tends to require **L2 (WLAN) features**

- **L2 ACLs** (e.g. VACL, MAC ACL)
- **L2 QoS** (e.g. VLAN QoS)
- **L2 NetFlow** (e.g. FNF, AVC, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **higher L2/L3 + feature scale**



Firewalls, VRFs & ACLs

The **Firewall (DMZ) PIN** focuses on controlling access into or out of different network areas.

- Typically connected to Core, Edge or DC (Tier 3+)
- Complex designs may use Distro or Access (Tier 1-2)

Main goal is to prevent unauthorized access to different network domains (segments).

- Evolved from “Edge” Access-Control Lists (ACLs)
- Can be either L2, L3 or VRF-aware
- Tends to focus on L4-L7 flows (with or w/o DPI)

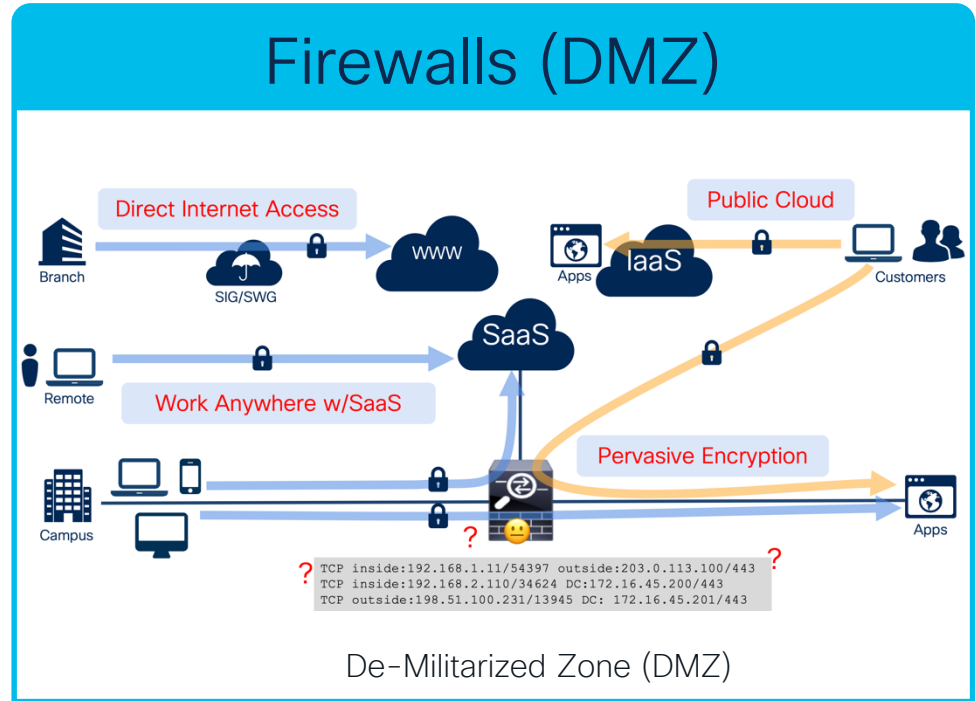
Uses a **L2 or L3/VRF + ACLs**

- North (outside): L2 802.1Q, L3 (SVI, Sub-Ints), IGP, BGP
- South (inside): L2 802.1Q, L3 (SVI, Sub-Ints), IGP, BGP

Tends to use **L2 & L3/VRF + DPI & ACL** features

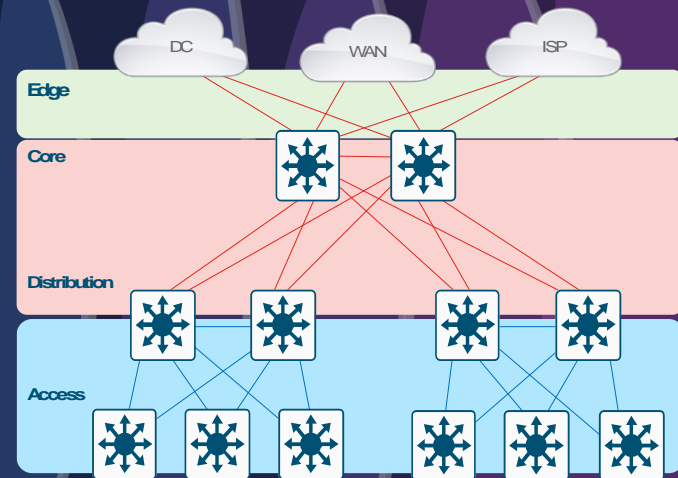
- **L4/App ACLs** (e.g. VACL, MAC ACL)
- **L4/App QoS** (e.g. VLAN QoS)
- **L4/App NetFlow** (e.g. FNF, AVC, EPA & ETA)

Tends to require **med-high L2/L3 & feature** scale

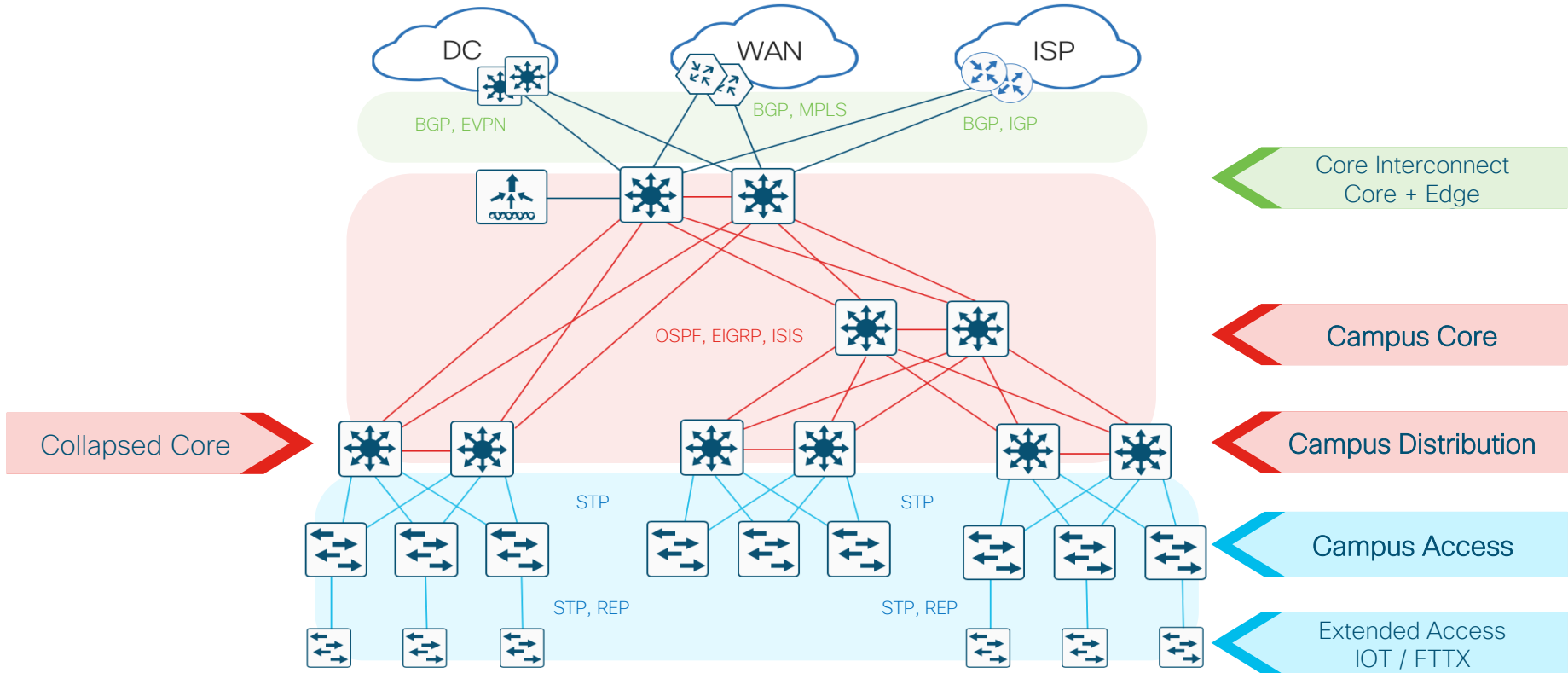


Wrap Up

- ❖ Know the Campus PINs
- ❖ Other References
- ❖ Keep Learning!! 😊



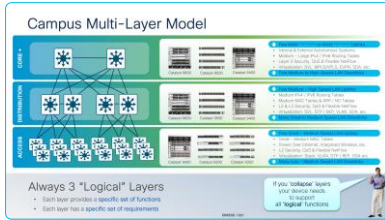
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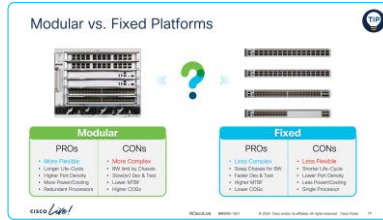
Remember: Campus Design Fundamentals



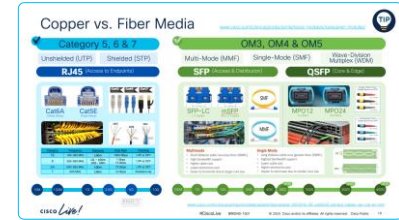
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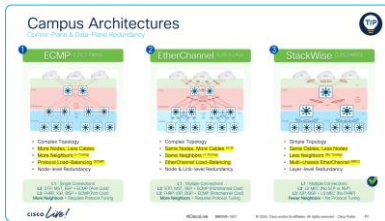
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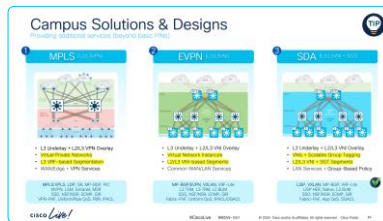
Fiber or Copper Links?



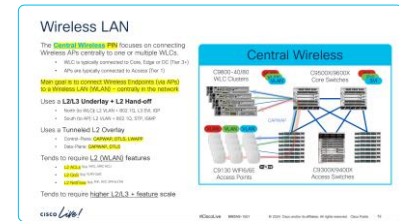
ECMP, EtherChannel or Stacking?



L2/L3 or MPLS or VXLAN?



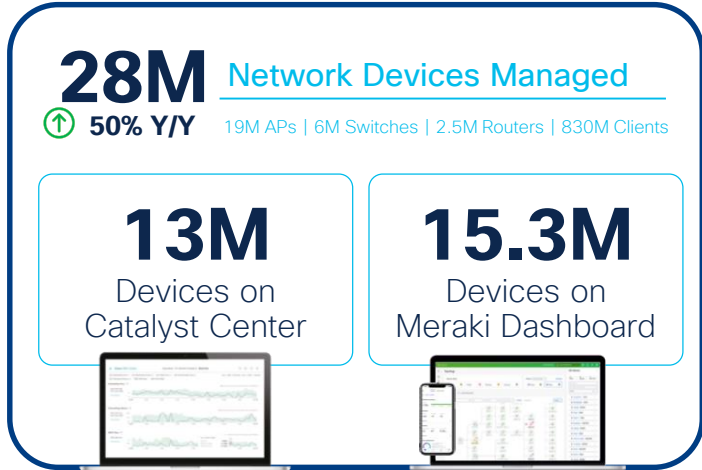
Wireless or Security Included?



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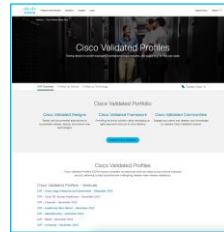
- Common Policy
- Secure Equipment Access
- SD-Access (LISP & EVPN)
- High-speed Encryption

Digital Experience

- Campus Automation
- AI Endpoint Analytics
- ThousandEyes Digital Experience
- AI Ops & Assurance

Operational Simplicity

- Cloud Managed Catalyst
- Infrastructure as a Code
- S3 & CloudWatch Integration
- Visibility, Control & Rollback



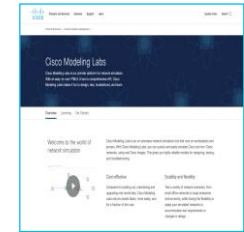
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Cisco Validated Design (CVD)

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The screenshot shows the Cisco Design Zone for Enterprise Networks landing page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Products and Services', 'Solutions', 'Support', and 'Learn'. The main header features the Cisco logo and the title 'Design Zone for Enterprise Networks' with a sub-headline 'Get thoroughly tested guidance for your enterprise network design and deployment.' Below this is a 'Contact support' button. The page is divided into 'All Guides', 'Featured Guides', and 'Resources' sections. Under 'Design guides by category', there are four icons representing: Cisco Digital Network and Architecture, Campus wired and wireless networks, WAN/branch and Internet edge, and Mobility. Each category has a brief description and a link to the 'Design Zone' for that category.

This section highlights featured design guides. It includes two video thumbnails: 'Software-Defined Access' and 'Software-Defined WAN'. Below each video is a short description and a link to the full guide. For example, the 'Software-Defined Access' guide is described as 'Design, provision, apply policy, and provide wired and wireless network assurance with a secure, intelligent campus fabric.'

The screenshot shows a forum thread on the Cisco Community website. The thread title is 'EN Validated Design & Deployment Guides'. The main content of the thread includes a section titled 'What are EN Validated Design & Deployment Guides?' which defines them as 'Technical solution design best practices based on common use cases.' It then lists 'Design Guides' and 'Deployment Guides' with brief descriptions. At the bottom, there is a table of 'EN Validated Design & Deployment Guide Solutions' with columns for 'SD-Access', 'SD-WAN', 'Security, Policy & Access', and 'Infrastructure'. The table shows links for each category.

Three overlapping book covers for Cisco Validated Design guides are shown. The top cover is 'Campus LAN Layer 2 Access with Simplified Distribution Deployment Guide'. The middle cover is 'Software-Defined Access Solution Design Guide'. The bottom cover is 'Campus LAN and Wireless LAN Solution Design Guide', dated May, 2020.

References – Multi-Layer Campus



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