

# What You Make Possible



# Converged Access Campus and Branch Design Guidance

BRKARC-2666



# Converged Access – Campus and Branch, Design Guidance

## BRKARC-2666 – Session Overview and Objectives

**Cisco is bringing together the best of wired and wireless networking into “One Network” with Converged Access.**

This session introduces the Converged Access solution, including the next-generation Catalyst 3850 switch and how you can employ it within your network – discussing design considerations and insertion point placement within a Branch and Campus network.

You will learn how this switch works with existing Wireless Infrastructure, how roaming works seamlessly, and the QoS and Security features you need to be aware of.

This session is targeted to Network Managers, Architects and Administrators.



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# Evolving User Workspace – Megatrends



## BYOD

- Secure access
- Customised experience
- Guest access



## Mobility

- Seamless roaming
- Optimal client performance
- Cloud access/VXI



## Video

- Multicast streaming
- Video conferencing
- Reliable performance

## IT Requirement

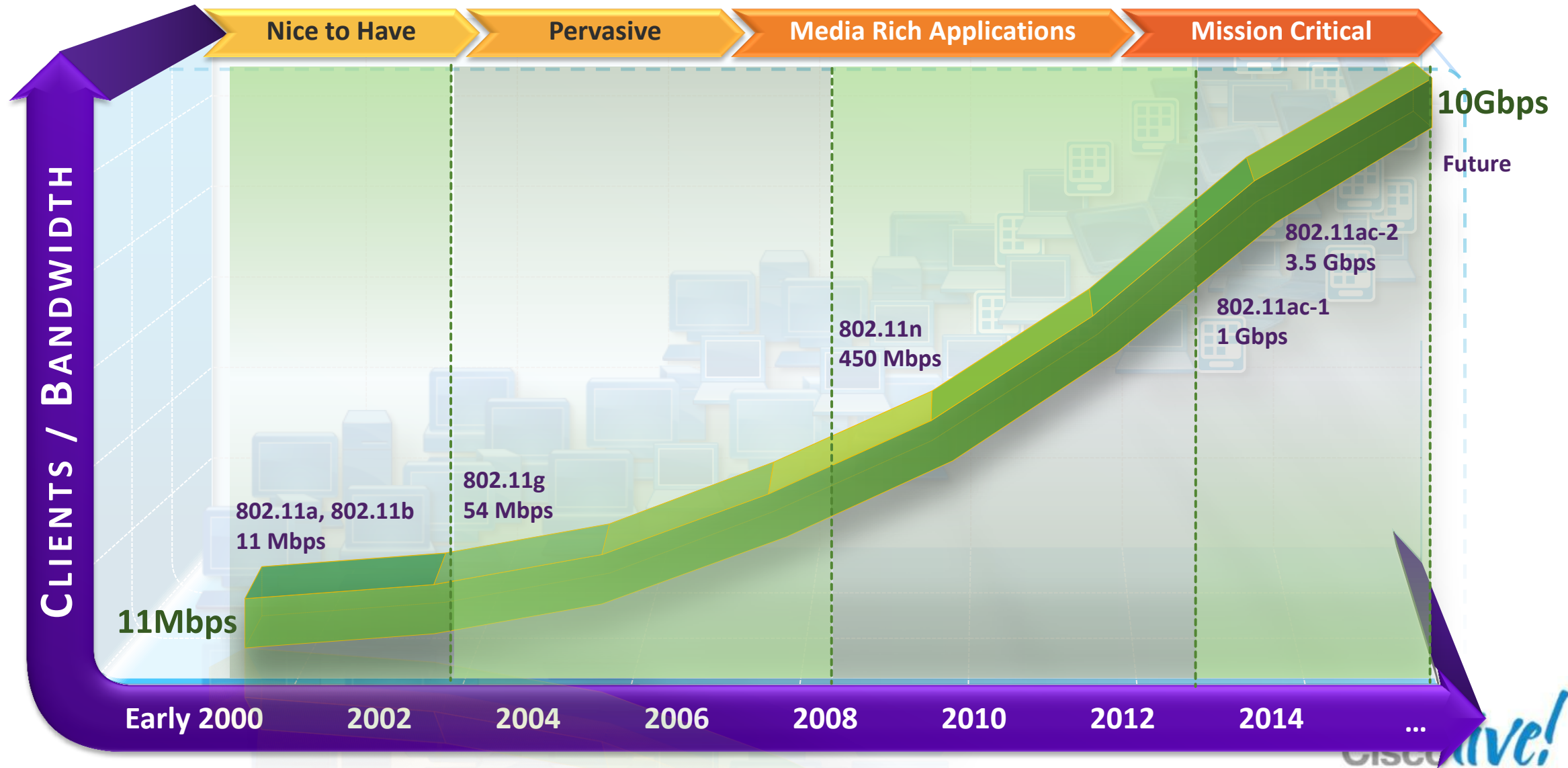
Deliver an  
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# Enterprise Wireless Evolution –

## From Best-Effort to Mission-Critical and Very High Density



# Wireless Standards – Past, Present, and Future





# How Many Mobile Data Devices – Do You Think You Will Carry Everywhere in 2015?

Think about it, and choose the best answer

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# Unified Access –

Uncompromised User Experience in Any Workspace



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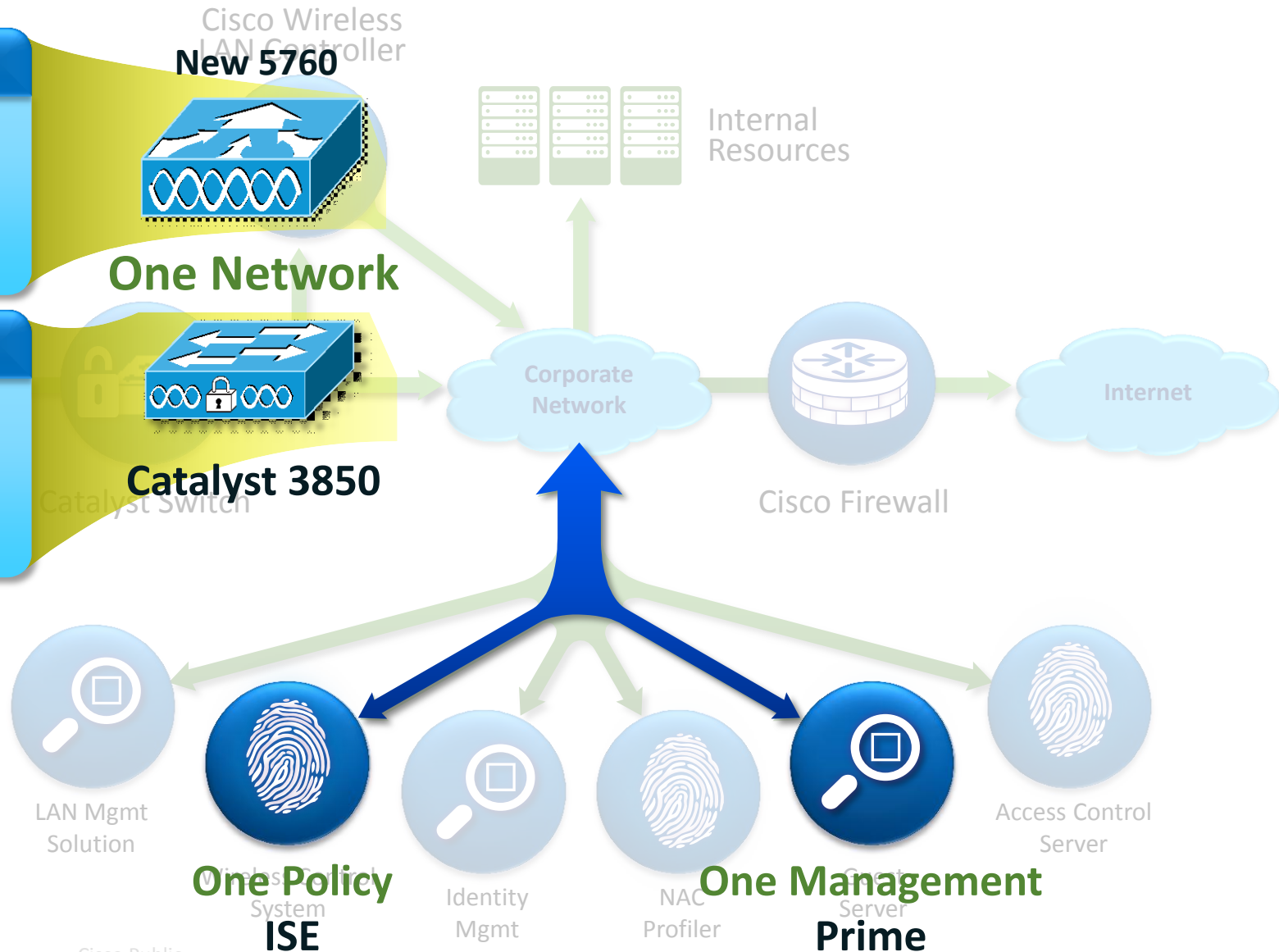
# One Network, with Converged Access – A New Deployment Option for Wired / Wireless

## IOS Based WLAN Controller

- Consistent IOS and ASIC as Catalyst 3850
- Required to scale beyond 250 AP or 16K client domains

## Converged Access Mode

- Integrated wireless controller
- Distributed wired/wireless data plane (CAPWAP termination on switch)



# Converged Wired / Wireless Access –

## Benefits – Overview



**Single platform** for wired and wireless

Common IOS, same administration point, one release



Network wide **visibility** for faster troubleshooting

Wired and wireless traffic visible at every hop



Consistent security and Quality of Service **control**

Hierarchical bandwidth management and distributed policy enforcement



Maximum **resiliency** with fast stateful recovery

Layered network high availability design with stateful switchover



**Scale** with distributed wired and wireless data plane

480G stack bandwidth; 40G wireless / switch; efficient multicast; 802.11ac fully ready

Unified Access - One Policy | One Management | One Network

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# Unified Access Components – Complete Overview

## One Policy

with Identity Services Engine (ISE)

- BYOD policy management
- Device profiling and posture
- Guest access portal

## One Management

with Cisco Prime 2.0

- Full wired and wireless management
- User/device centric view
- Intuitive troubleshooting workflows



## Catalyst 3850

- Industry's first fully integrated wired and wireless switch
- Wireless: 480G stack, 50 APs, 2K clients, 40G
- Flexible NetFlow, Granular QoS

## 5760 Wireless Controller

- Consistent IOS with Catalyst 3850
- 60G, 1K APs, 12K Clients, N+1 Redundancy
- Flexible Netflow, Granular QOS

**Best-in-Class Performance, Security, and Resiliency**

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# Catalyst 3850 – Single Platform for Wired and Wireless

20+ Years of IOS Richness – Now on Wireless

## WIRELESS

### Features:

- Centralised deployment
- L2/L3 Fast Roaming
- Clean Air
- Video Stream
- Radio Resource Management (RRM)
- Wireless Security
- Radio performance
- 802.11ac Ready

## WIRED

### Features:

- Stacking, StackPower
- Advanced Identity
- Visibility and Control
- Flexible NetFlow
- Granular QoS
- High Availability
- EEM, scripting
- IOS-XE Modular OS

## Benefits

- Built on **UADP** – Cisco's Innovative Flexparser ASIC technology
- Eliminates operational complexity
- Single Operating System for wired and wireless



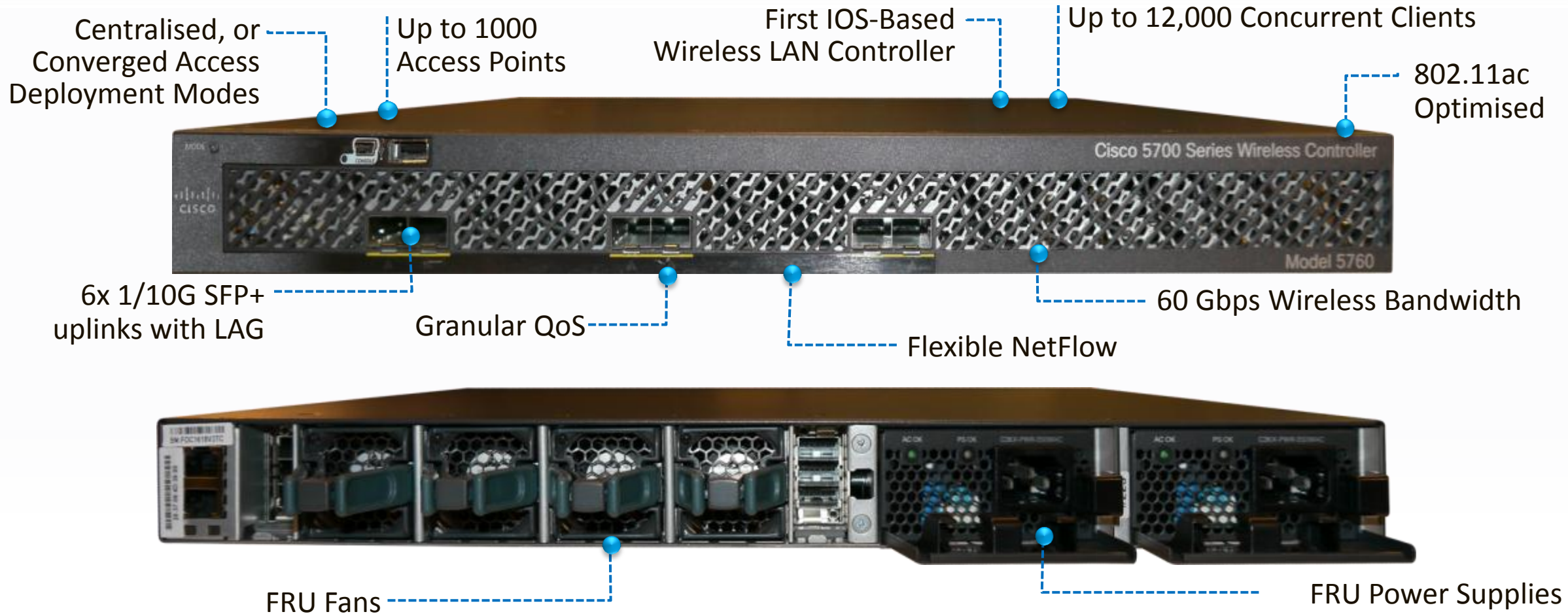
# Catalyst 3850 – Wireless Capabilities

- CAPWAP termination and DTLS in Hardware
- 40G wireless capacity per switch
  - Capacity increases with members
- 50 APs and 2000 clients per switch stack
- Wireless switch peer group support for faster roaming: latency sensitive applications
- Supports IPv4 and IPv6 client mobility
- **APs must be directly connected to Catalyst 3850**



**Best-in-Class  
Wired Switch –  
with Integrated  
Wireless Mobility  
functionality**

# WLC 5760 – Platform Overview



Built on Cisco's Innovative "UADP" ASIC

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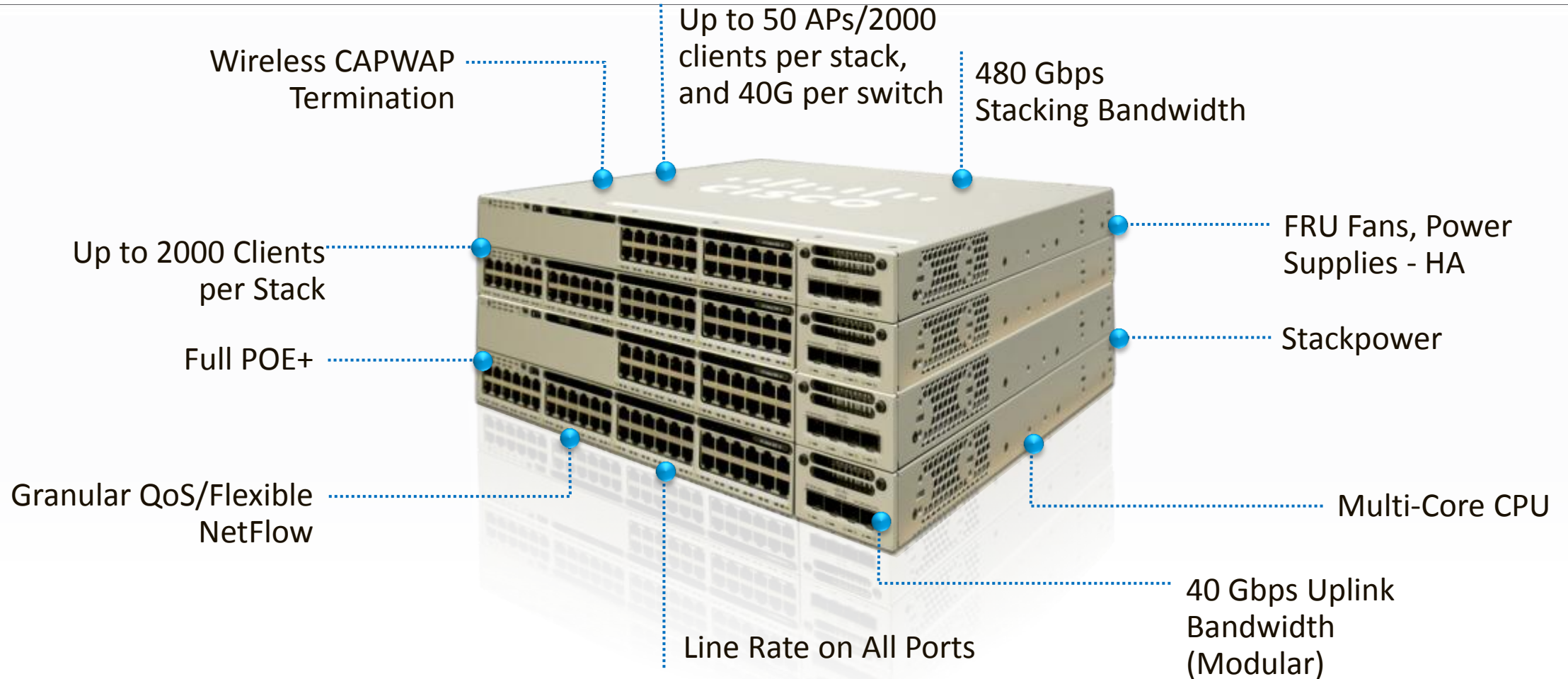
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# Catalyst 3850 – Platform Overview



Built on Cisco's Innovative "UADP" ASIC

# Catalyst 3850 –

## Network Modules



### WS-C3850-NM-4-1G

- 4 x 1G
- SFP
- Supported on WS-C3850-24 & WS-C3850-48 Port

### WS-C3850-NM-2-10G

- 4 x 1G OR 2 x 10G OR 2 x 1G + 1 x 10G
- SFP & SFP+
- Supported on WS-C3850-24 & WS-C3850-48 Port

### WS-C3850-NM-4-10G

- Auto-sensing – All Combinations
- SFP & SFP+
- Supported on WS-C3850-48 only

# Catalyst 3850 –

## Power Modules

### PWR Modules

PWR-C1-350WAC

PWR-C1-715WAC

PWR-C1-1100WAC

PWR-C1-440WDC

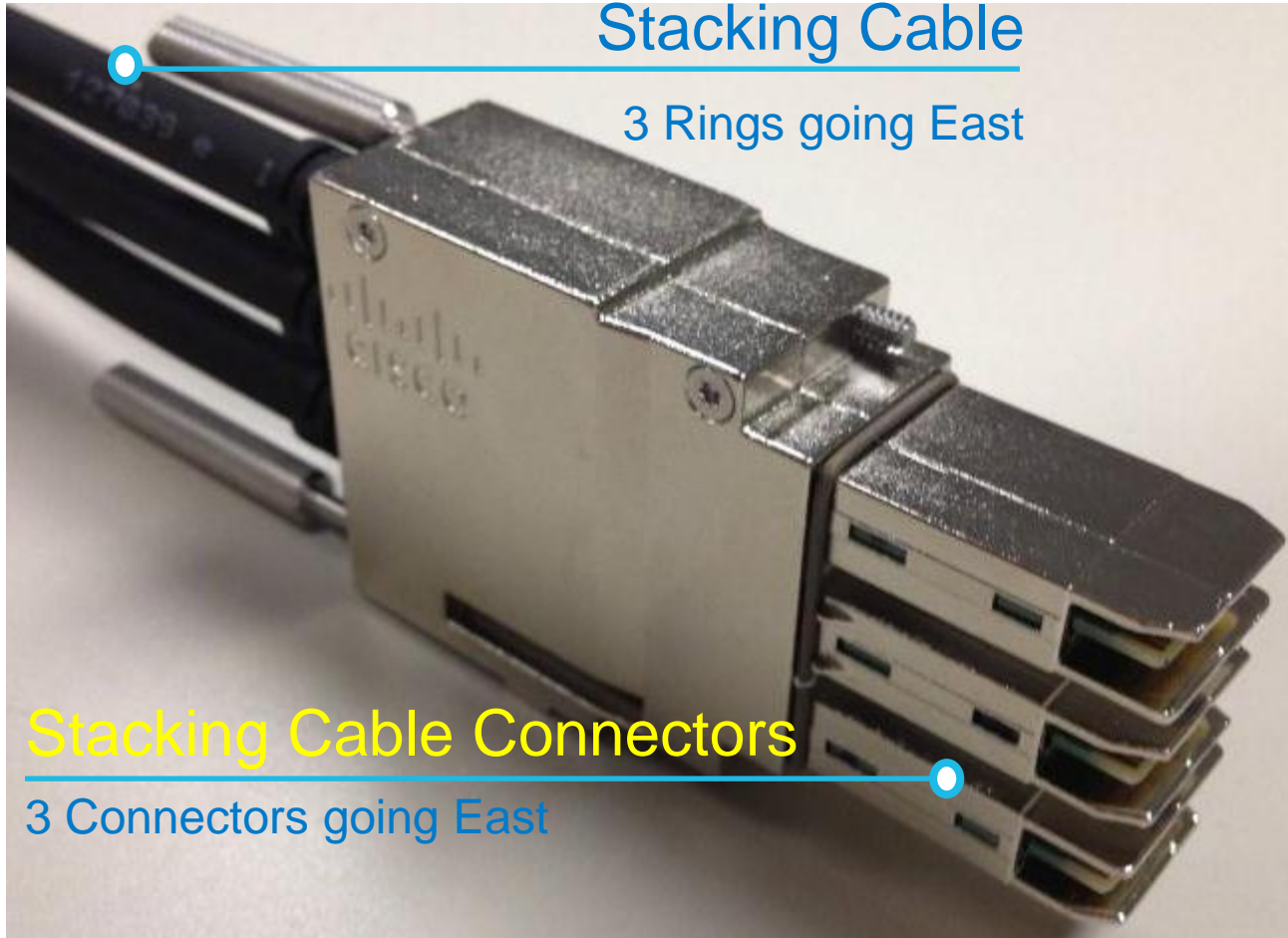
*Same as 3K-X Series*



- Power Modules is same as 3K but with a new PID
- Classic 3K Power Module can work on Catalyst 3850s
- No Interworking with classic 3Ks for StackPower

# Catalyst 3850 –

## Stacking Cable, Close-up





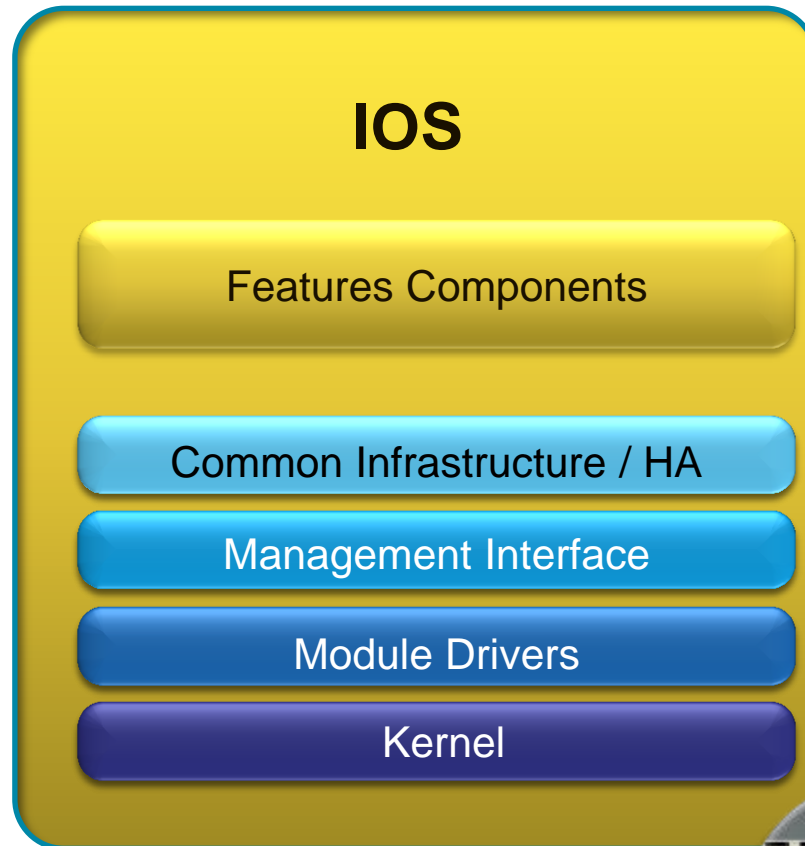
# IOS-XE –

## Evolution

### IOS-XE

- Modern IOS to enable multi-core CPU
- Easy customer migration
- While maintaining IOS functionality and look and feel
- Allow hosted applications like Wireshark

IOS 12.2(52)SE



IOS XE version 3.2.0 SE  
IOSd version 15.0(1) EX

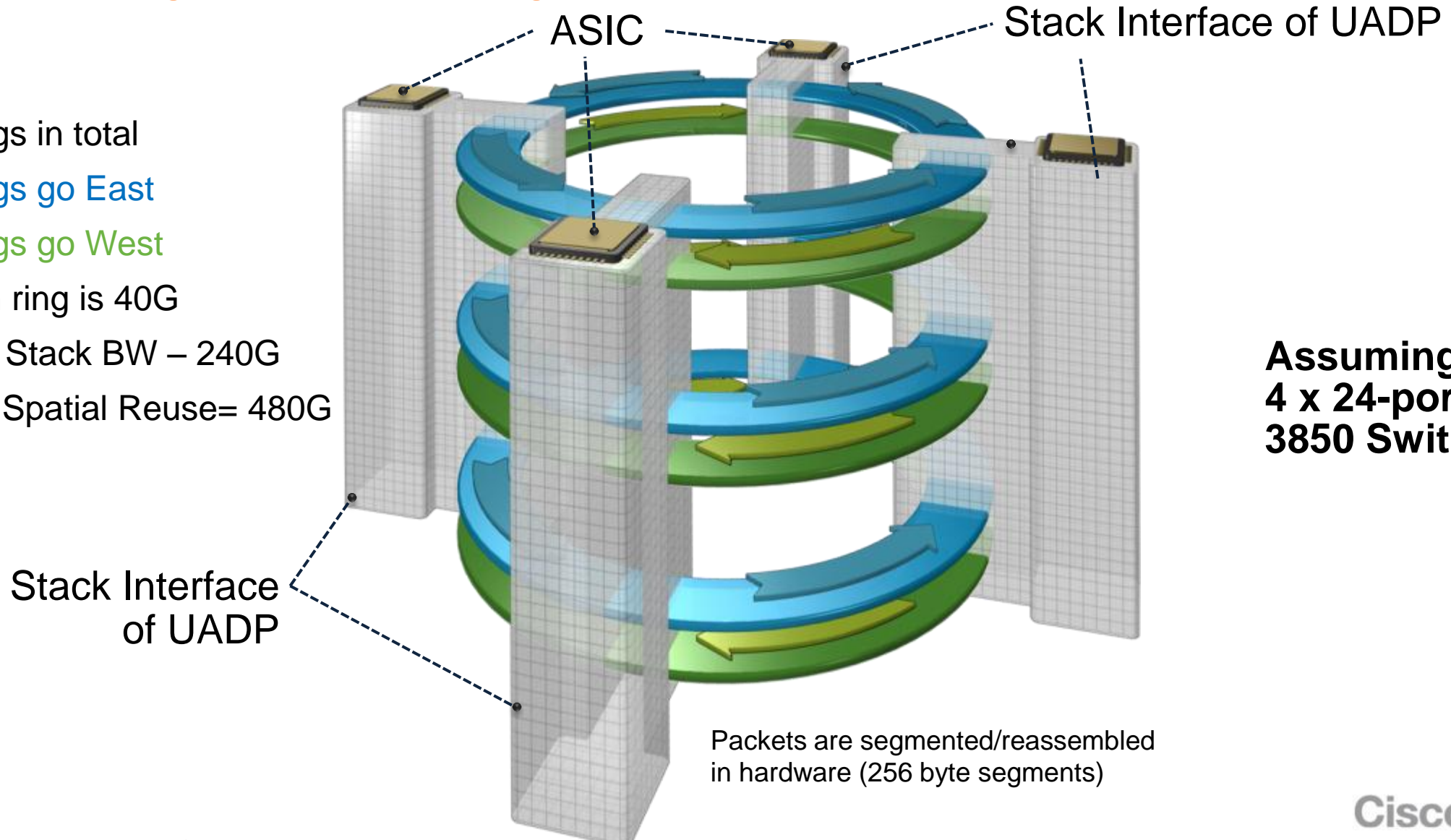


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# Catalyst 3850 –

## Understanding the Stack Ring

- 6 rings in total
- 3 rings go East
- 3 rings go West
- Each ring is 40G
- Total Stack BW – 240G
- With Spatial Reuse= 480G

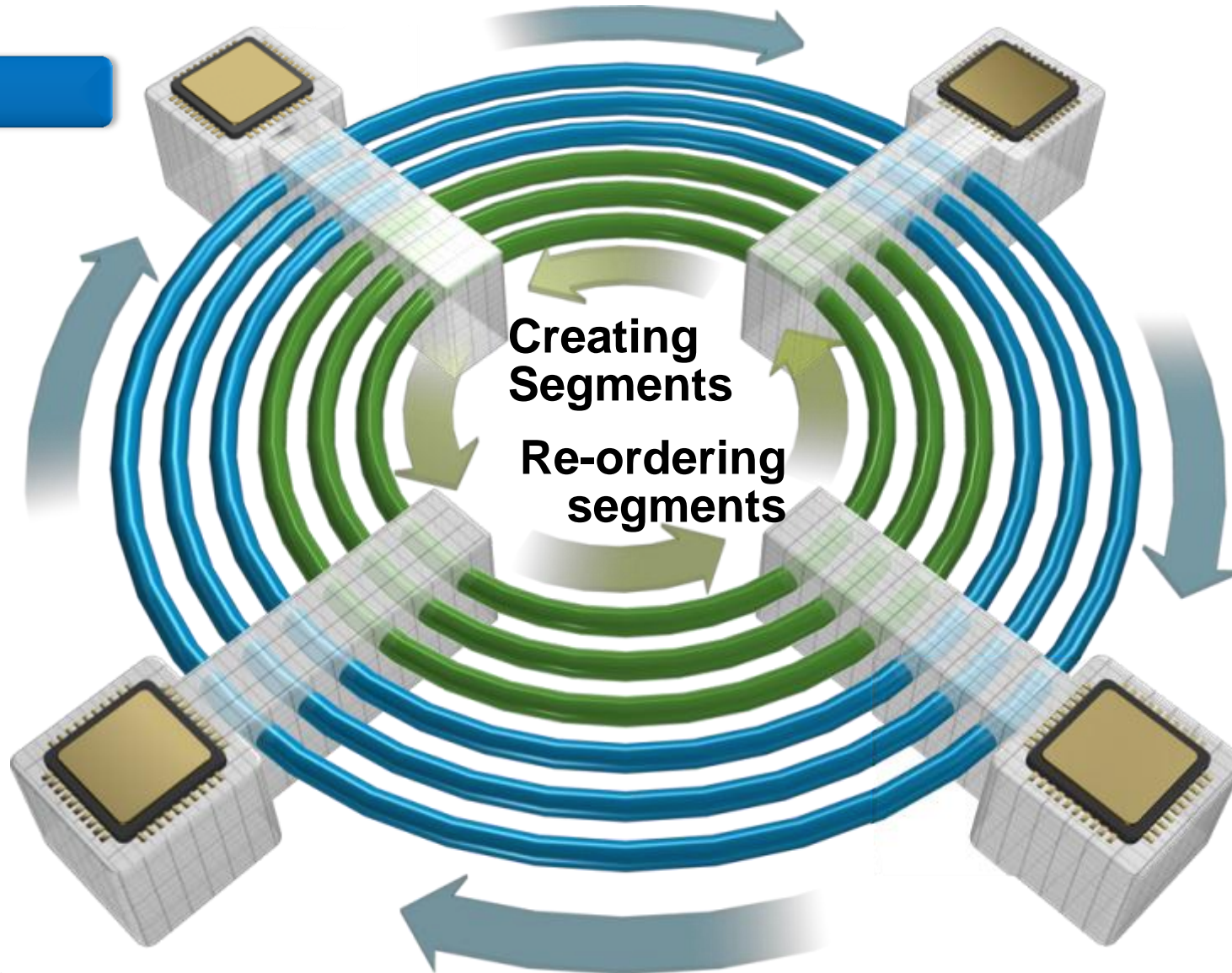


**Assuming  
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3850 Switches**

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## Unicast Packet Path

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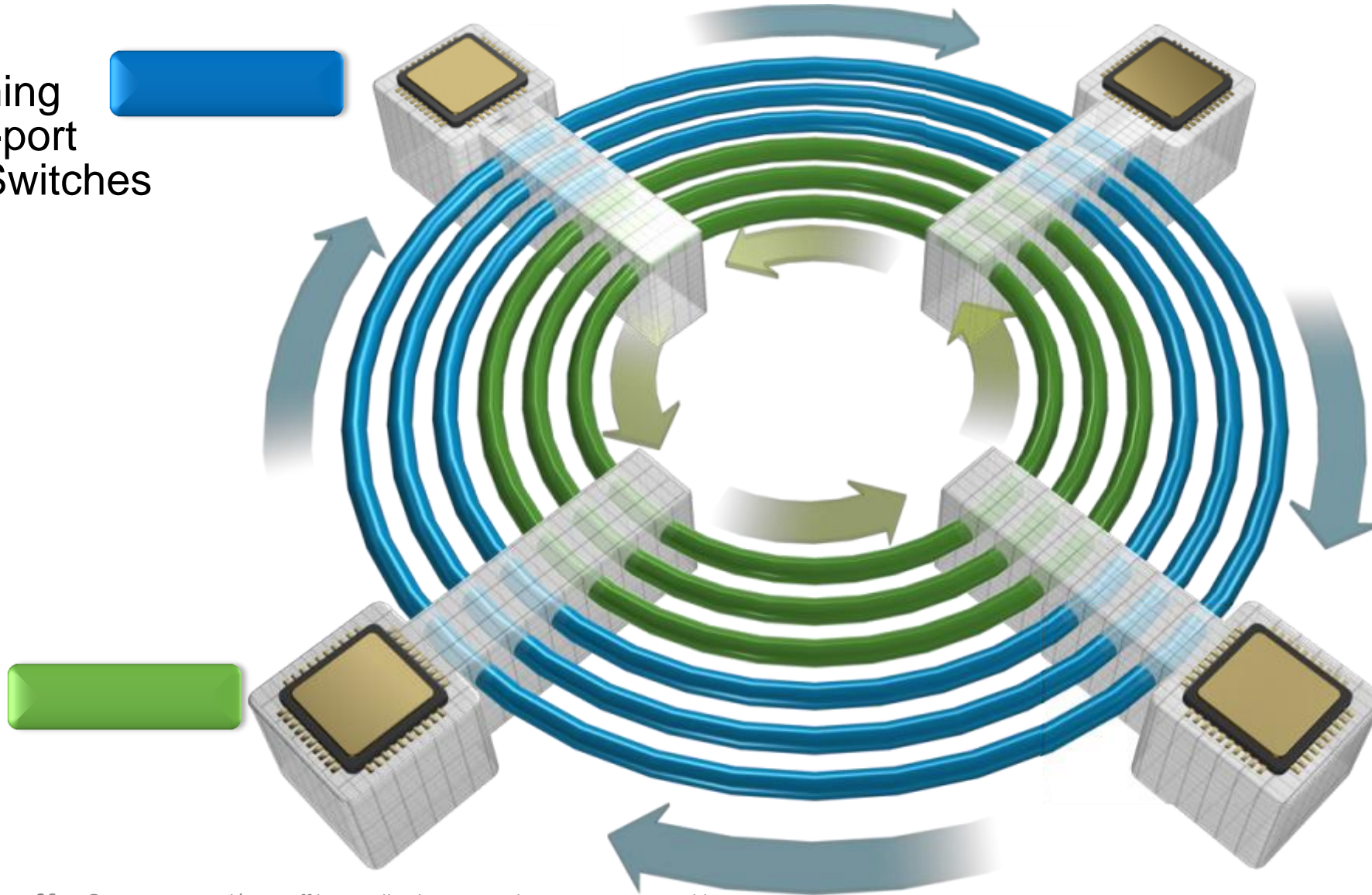
Destination  
Stripping  
Packet travels  $\frac{1}{2}$   
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## Unicast Packet Path – Spatial Reuse

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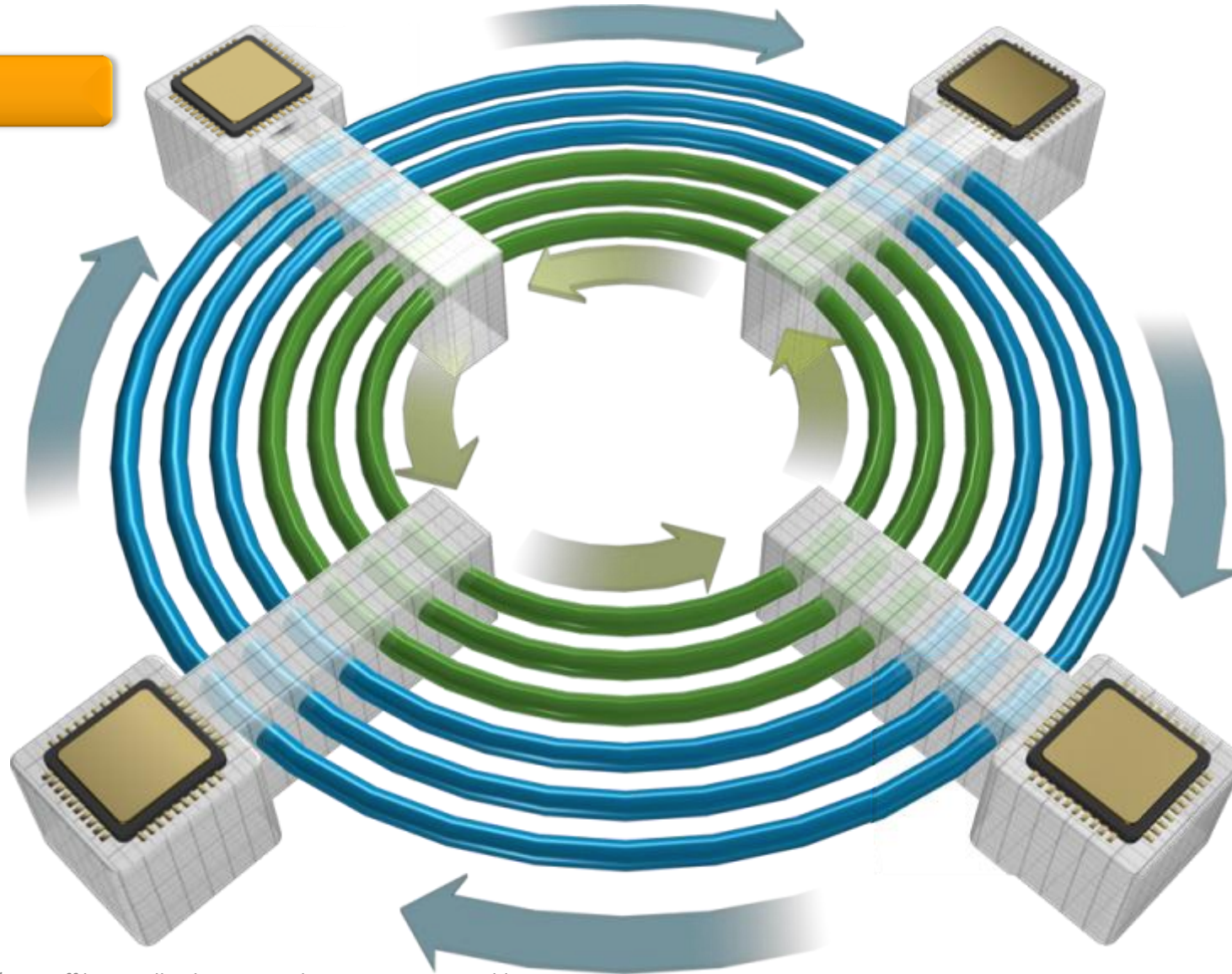
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## Multicast Packet Path on the Stack Ring

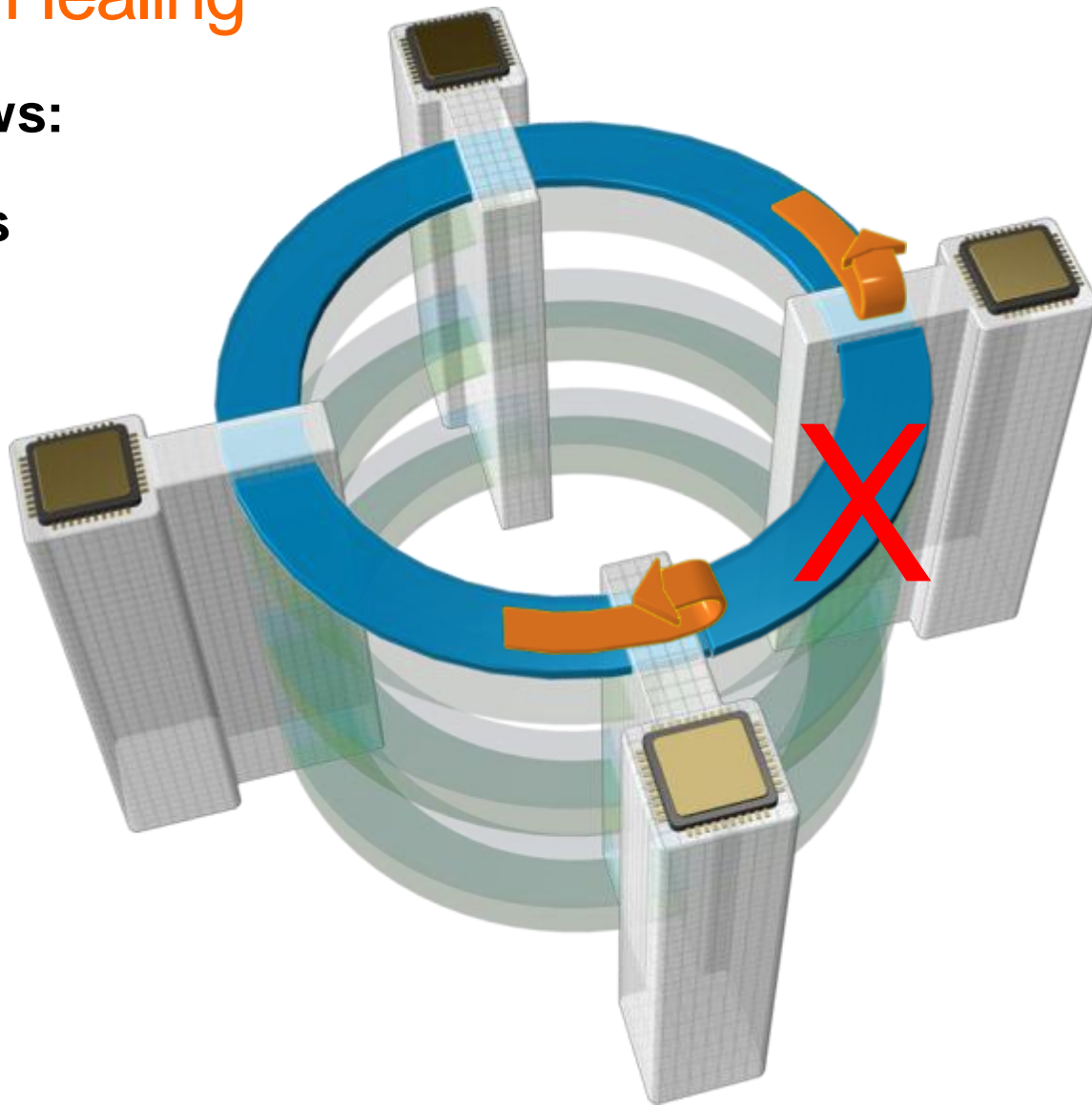
Assuming  
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Source Stripping  
Packet travels  
the full rings  
Taken out by  
source, when packet  
reach back

# Catalyst 3850 – Stack Ring Healing

Example shows:  
4 x 24-port  
3850 Switches



Detection is by hardware  
Software is notified  
immediately  
Ring Wrap initiated  
immediately > 1 ms

For Recovery –  
Hardware detects other side  
Software validates the link  
and so it brings up the  
connection gracefully

Unwrap is slower than Wrap

# Catalyst 3850 –

## HA Redundancy – Shift from 3750-X

### Catalyst 3750-X – StackWise-Plus

- Hybrid control-plane processing
- N:1 stateless control-plane redundancy
- Distributed L2/L3 Forwarding Redundancy
- Stateless L3 protocol Redundancy



### Catalyst 3850 – StackWise-480

- Centralised control-plane processing
- 1+1 Stateful redundancy (SSO)
- Distributed L2/L3 Forwarding Redundancy
- IOS HA Framework alignment for L3 protocol



# Catalyst 3850 –

## Stacking, vs. Catalyst 6500

Active and Standby Members run IOSd, WCM, etc.  
Synchronise information  
Active controls Data plane programming for all members  
Member switches act as Line cards – connected via the Stack Cable



Active and Standby Supervisors  
Run IOS on Supervisors  
Synchronise information  
Active programs all DFCs  
DFCs run a subset of IOS for LCs



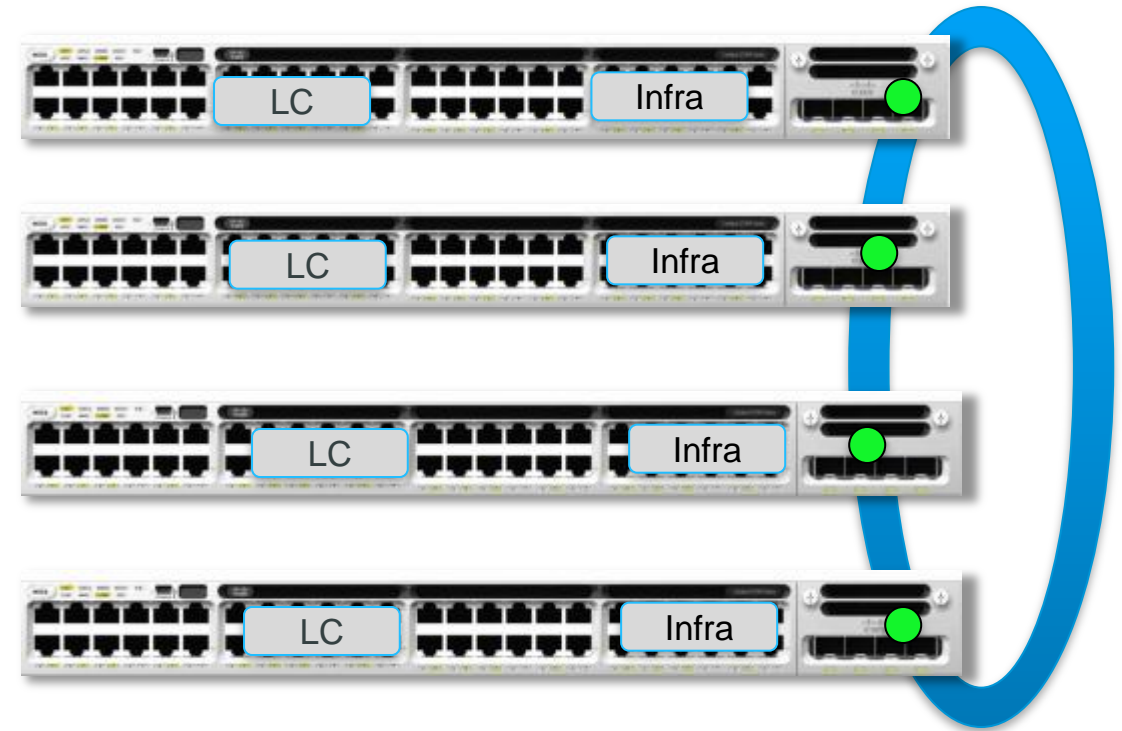
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## Software HA Processes on Stack Members – Roles and Definitions

- Route Processor Domain – a set of SW processes (e.g. IOSd, WCM) that implement the centralised Active and Standby portions of the stack control plane
- Line Card Domain – a set of SW processes (e.g. FED, Platform Manager) that implement the distributed Line Card portions of the stack control plane
- Infra Domain – Support SW for the RP and LC Domains
- Active Switch – supports the Active RP Domain, a LC Domain and Infra Domain
- Standby Switch – supports the Standby RP Domain, a LC Domain and Infra Domain
- Member Switch – supports a LC Domain and Infra Domain.
- Election – assigning roles or functions within the stack

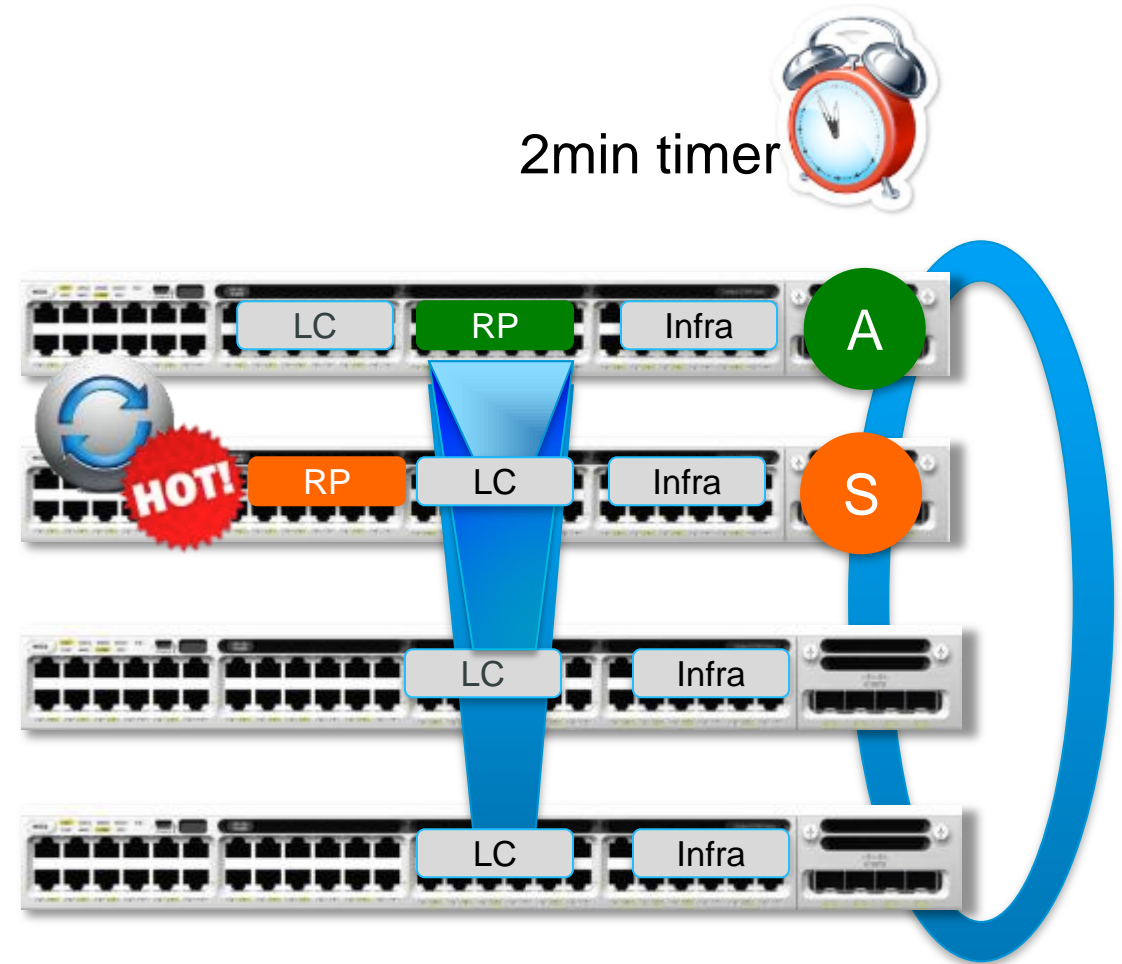
# Catalyst 3850 – Stack Discovery

- Switches boot
- Stack Interfaces brought online
- Infra and LC Domains boot in parallel
- Stack Discovery Protocol discovers Stack topology – broadcast, followed by neighbourcast
- In full ring, discovery exits after all members are found
- In an incomplete ring, system waits for 2mins
- Active Election begins after Discovery exits
- Election based on Highest Priority OR Lower MAC



# Catalyst 3850 – Stack Formation

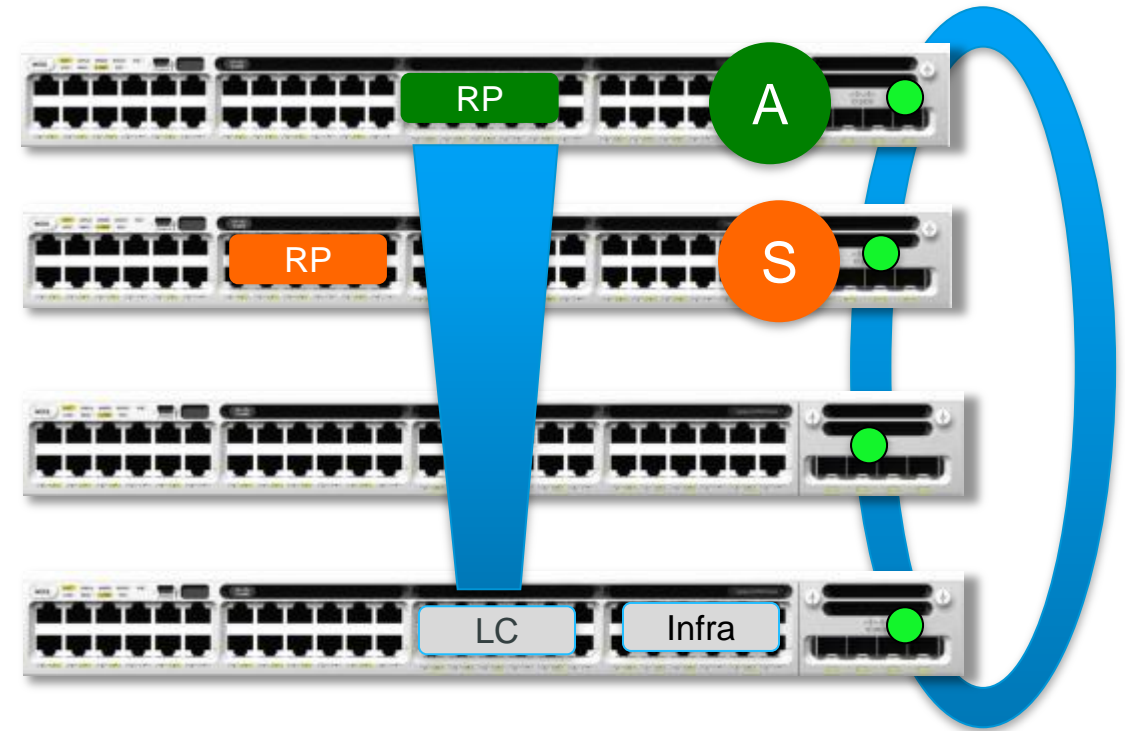
- Active starts RP Domain (IOSd, WCM, etc) locally
- Programs hardware on all LC Domains
- Traffic resumes once hardware is programmed
- Starts 2min Timer to elect Standby in parallel
- Active elects Standby
- Standby starts RP Domain locally
- Starts Bulk Sync with Active RP
- Standby reaches “Standby Hot”



# Catalyst 3850 –

## Stack Member Addition

- Stack discovery initiated and completed
- Plug in the member, completing full ring
- Power up the member
- Stack Discovery process runs and completes immediately after discovery happens
- Active detects the new addition, and programs the hardware of the member
- Active is not pre-empted by powering on another member even if it was High Priority

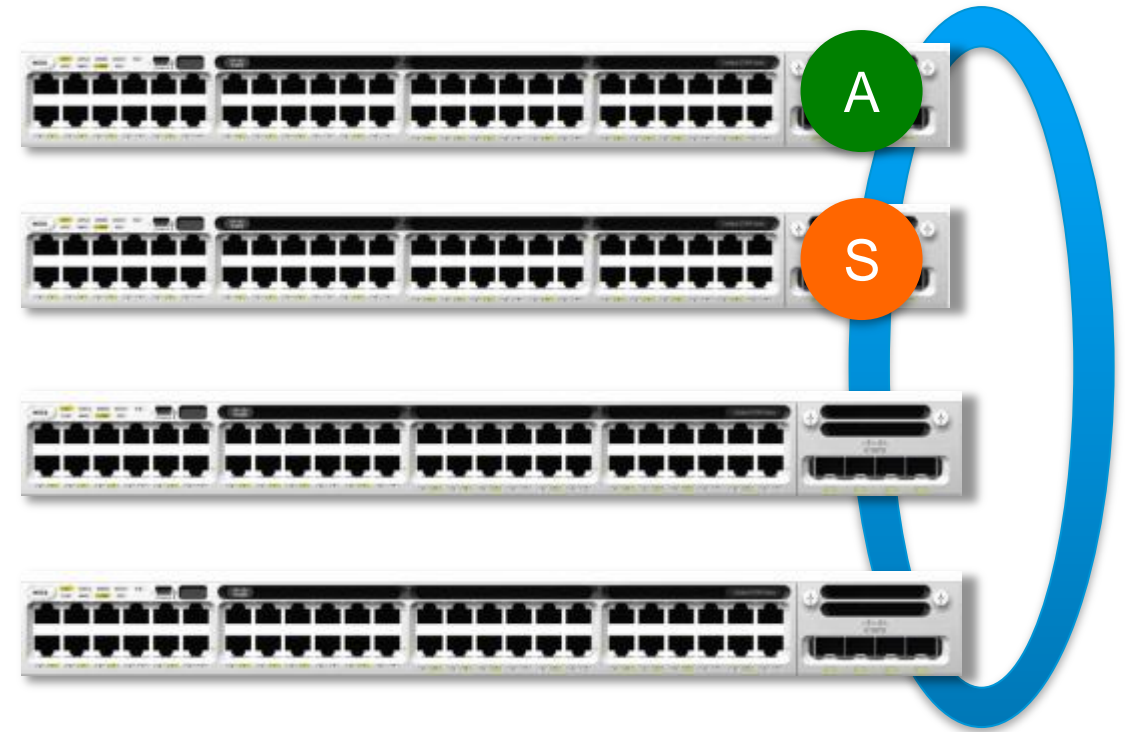




# Catalyst 3850 –

## Stack Member Deletion

- Stack discovery initiated and completed
- Active detects member removal – and Clean up process is initiated
- Clean-up involves removing TCAM entries referencing removed member, MAC addresses, CDP tables – more like all ports on the member are shutdown
- Half Ring



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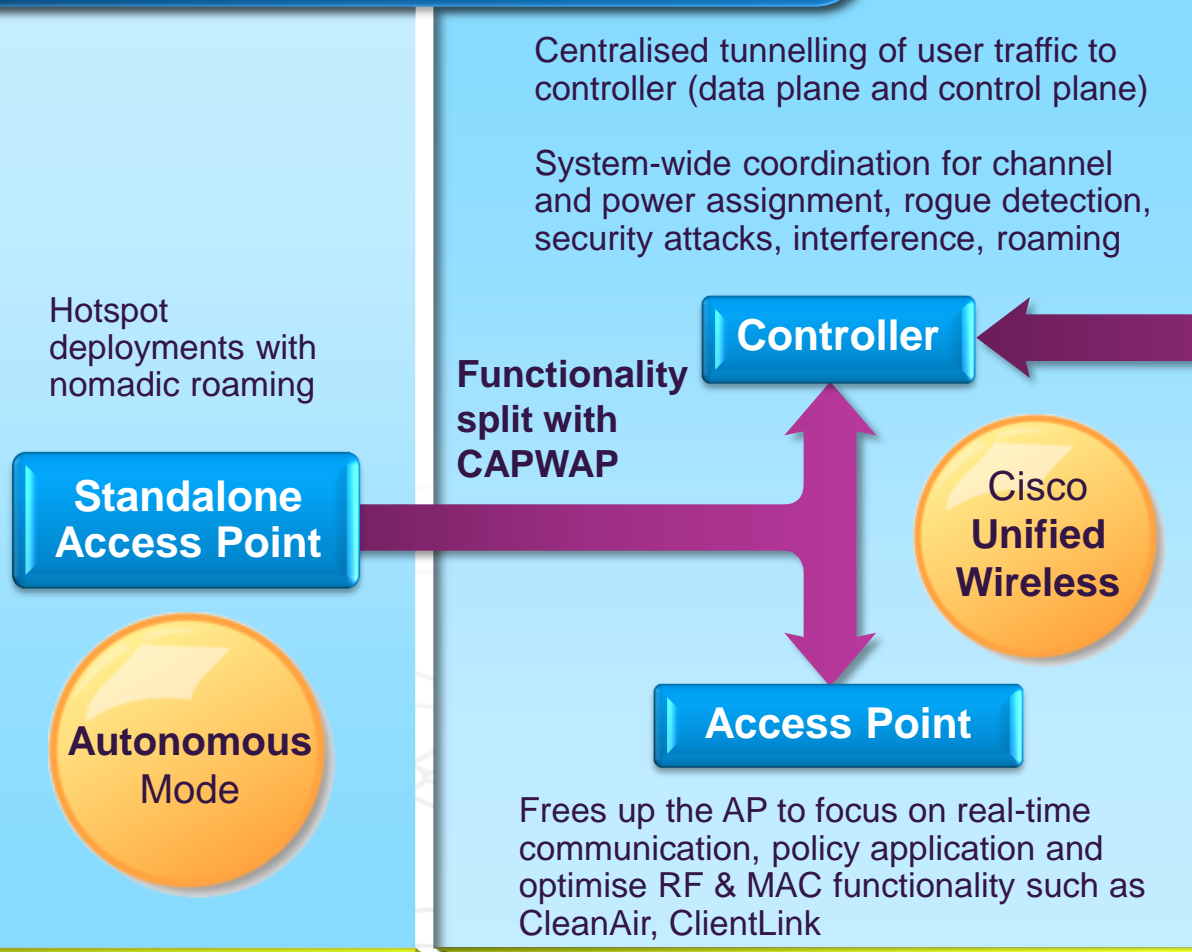
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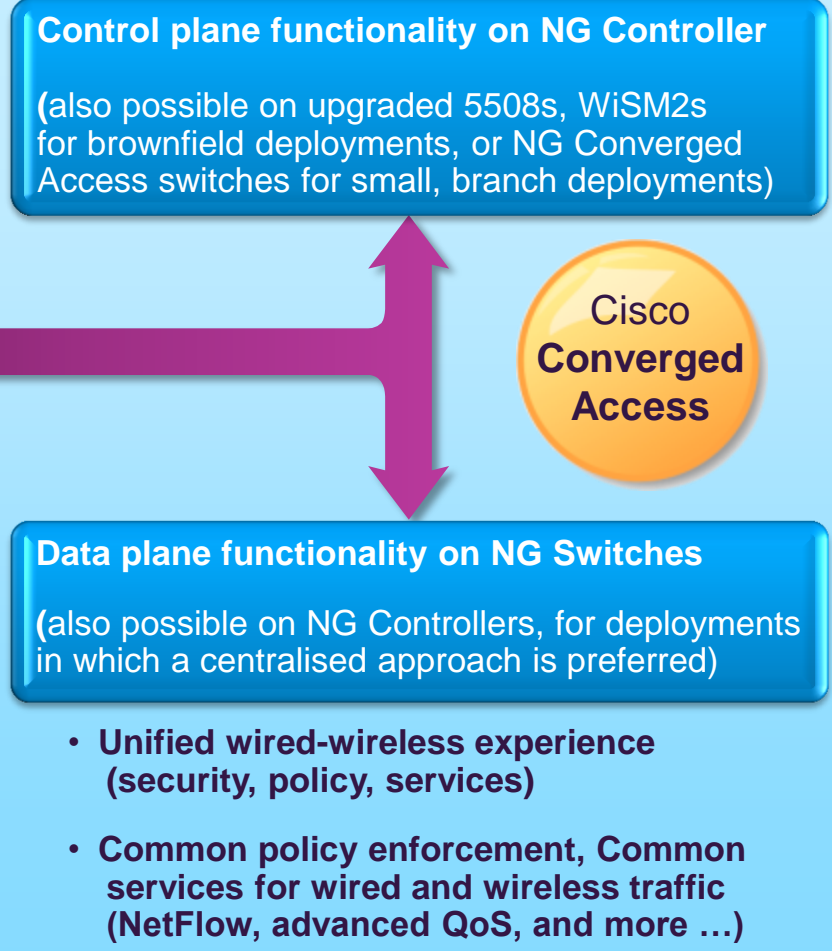
# Cisco Converged Access –

## Network Requirements Driving Wireless Evolution ...

### We've Been Here Before...



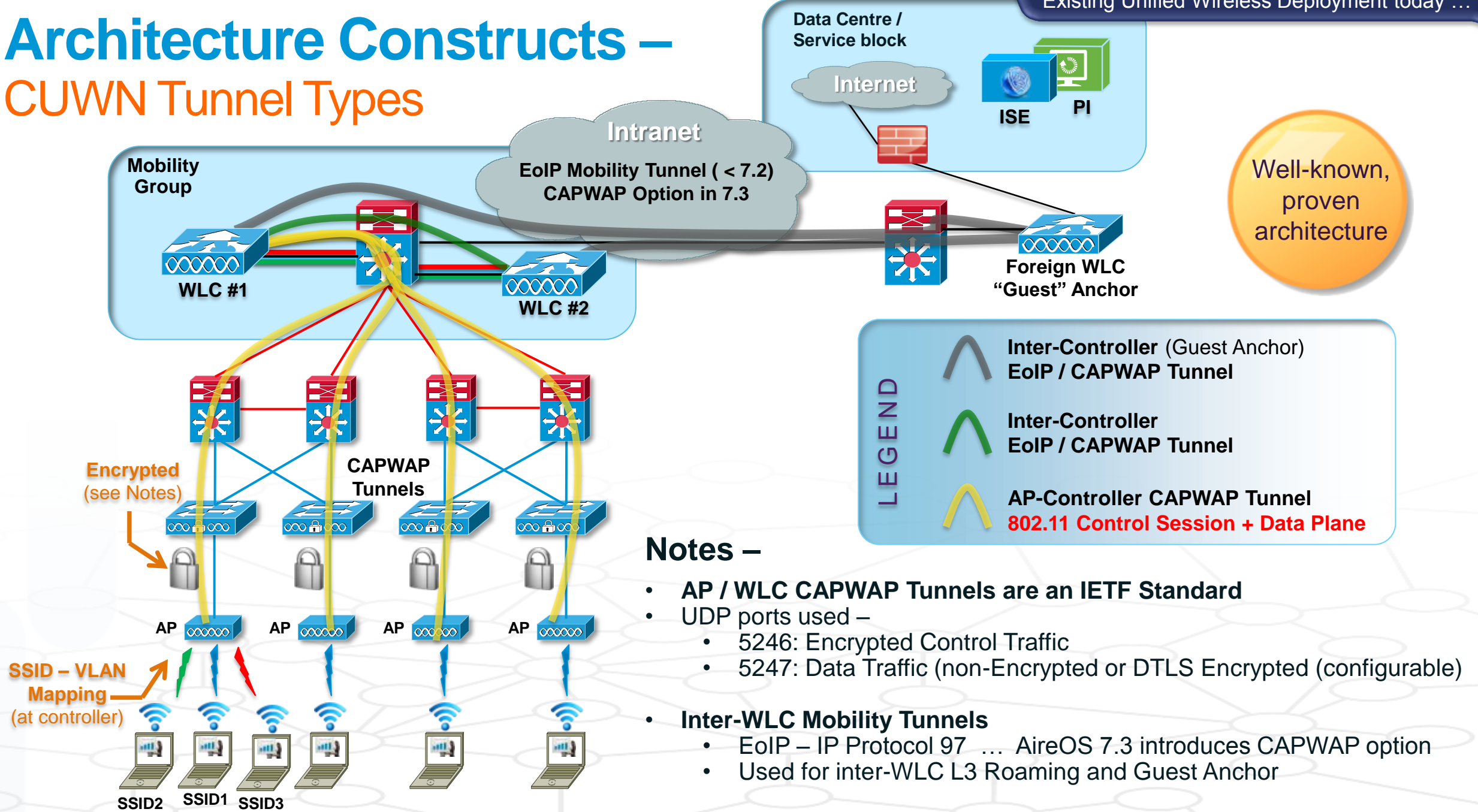
### Increased scalability, Centralised policy application



### Scale and Services

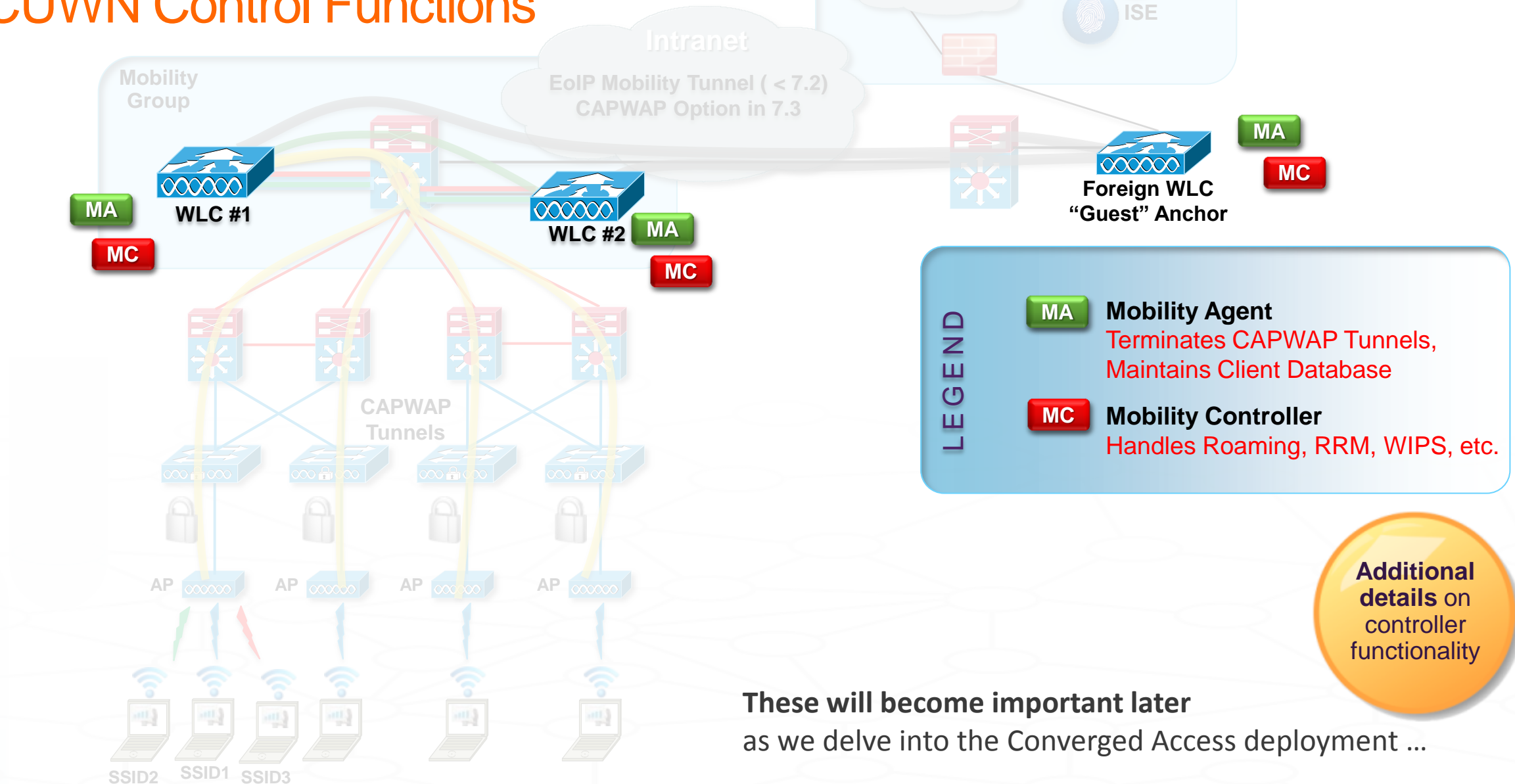
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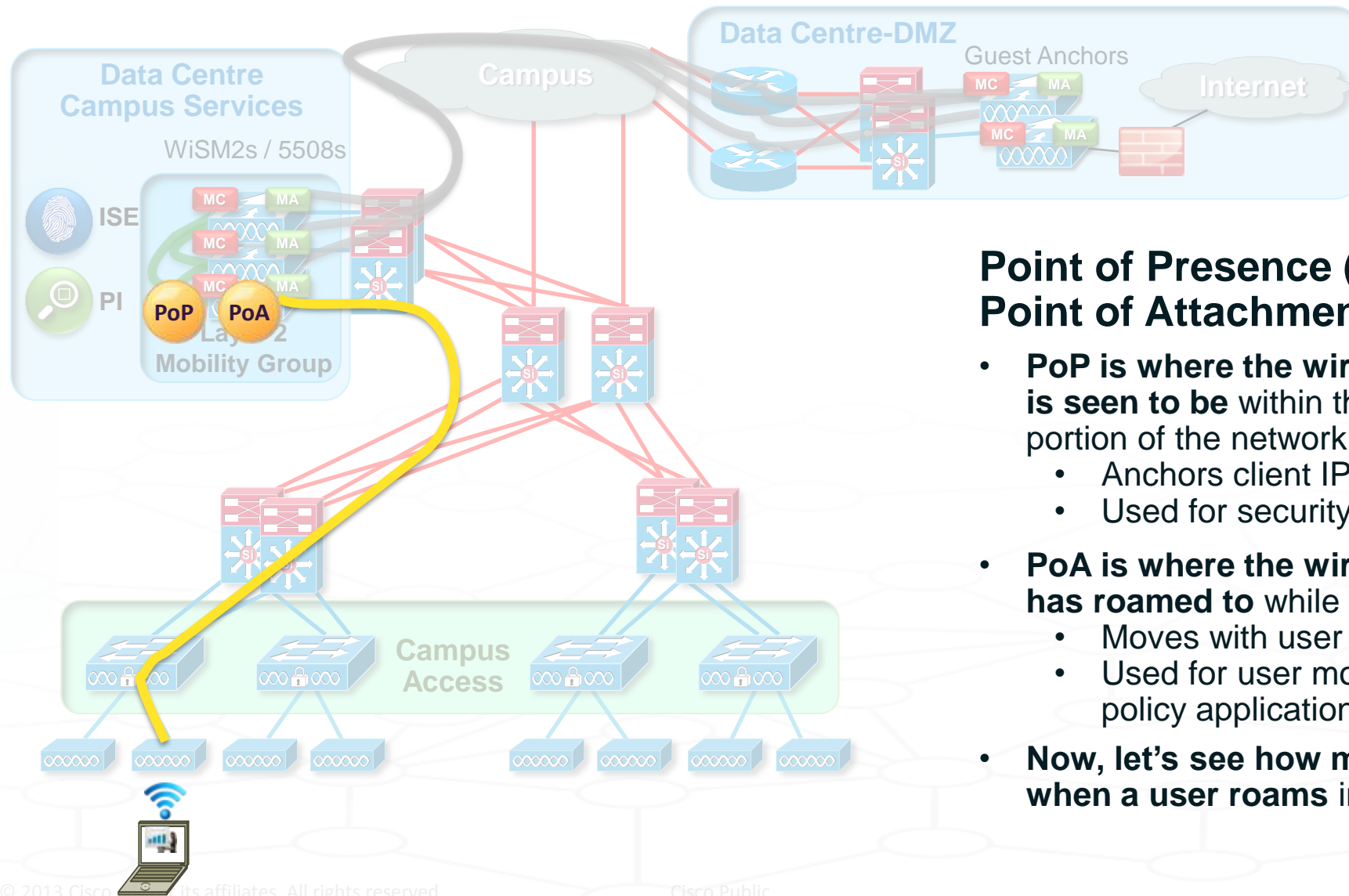
## CUWN Control Functions





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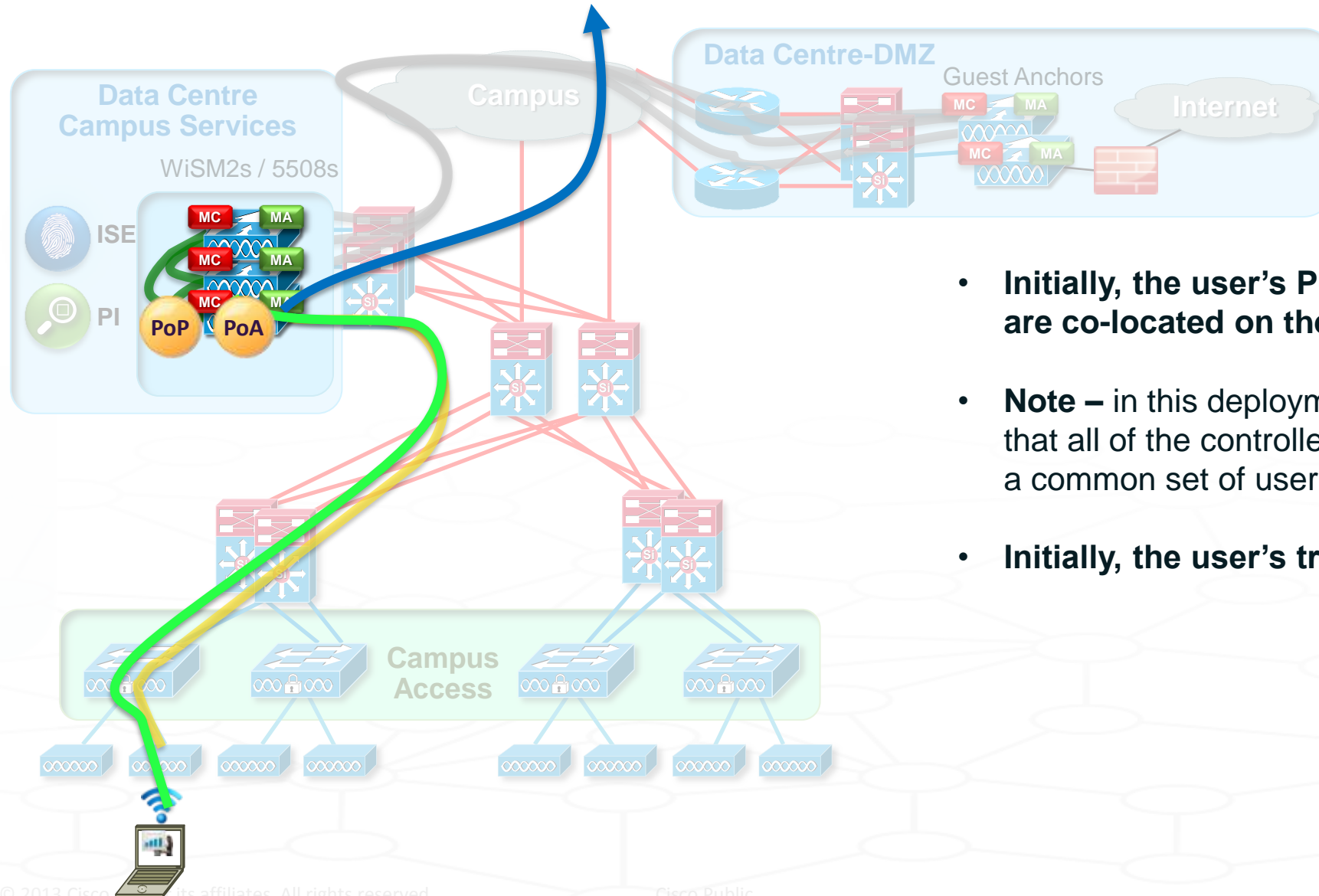


### Point of Presence (PoP) vs. Point of Attachment (PoA) –

- **PoP is where the wireless user is seen to be** within the wired portion of the network
  - Anchors client IP address
  - Used for security policy application
- **PoA is where the wireless user has roamed to** while mobile
  - Moves with user AP connectivity
  - Used for user mobility and QoS policy application
- **Now, let's see how mobility works when a user roams** in this deployment model ...

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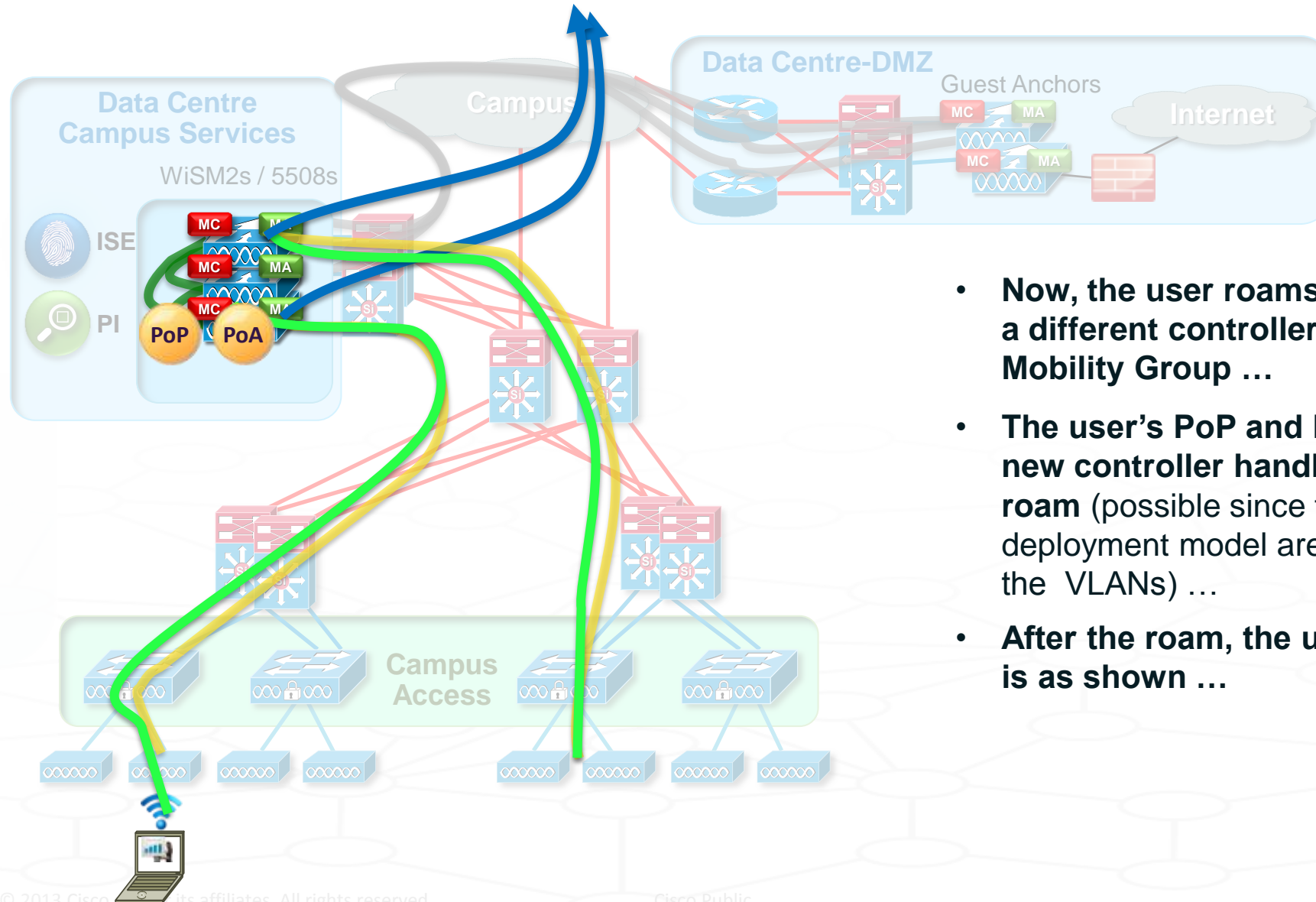
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- **Note** – in this deployment model, it is assumed that all of the controllers within the DC share a common set of user VLANs at Layer 2
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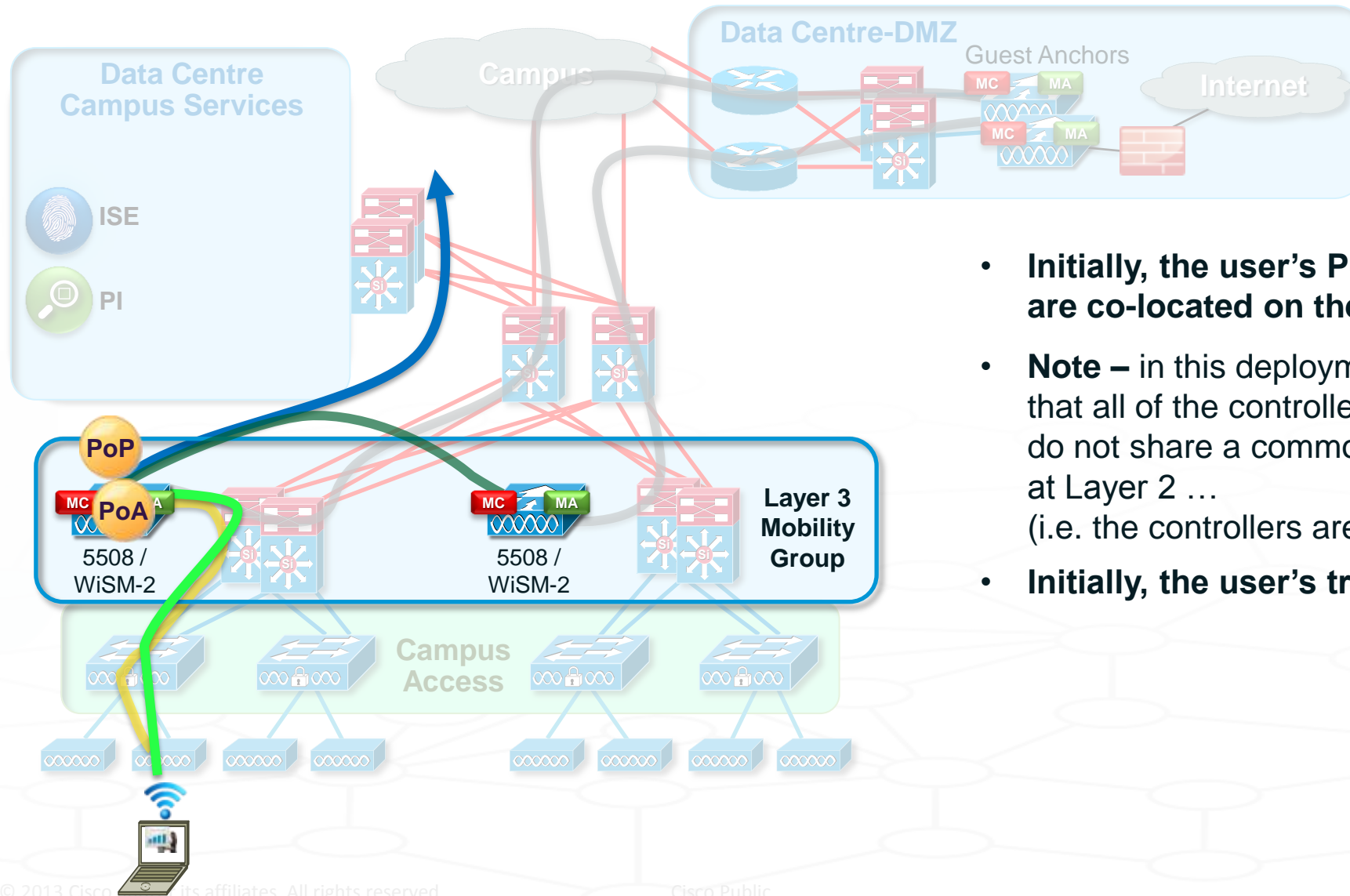
Move of  
the user's  
entire Mobility  
Context



- **Now, the user roams to an AP handled by a different controller, within the same Mobility Group ...**
- **The user's PoP and PoA both move to the new controller handling that user after the roam (possible since the controllers in this deployment model are all L2-adjacent within the VLANs) ...**
- **After the roam, the user's traffic flow is as shown ...**

# Architecture Constructs –

## Layer 3 Roaming (Campus Deployment)

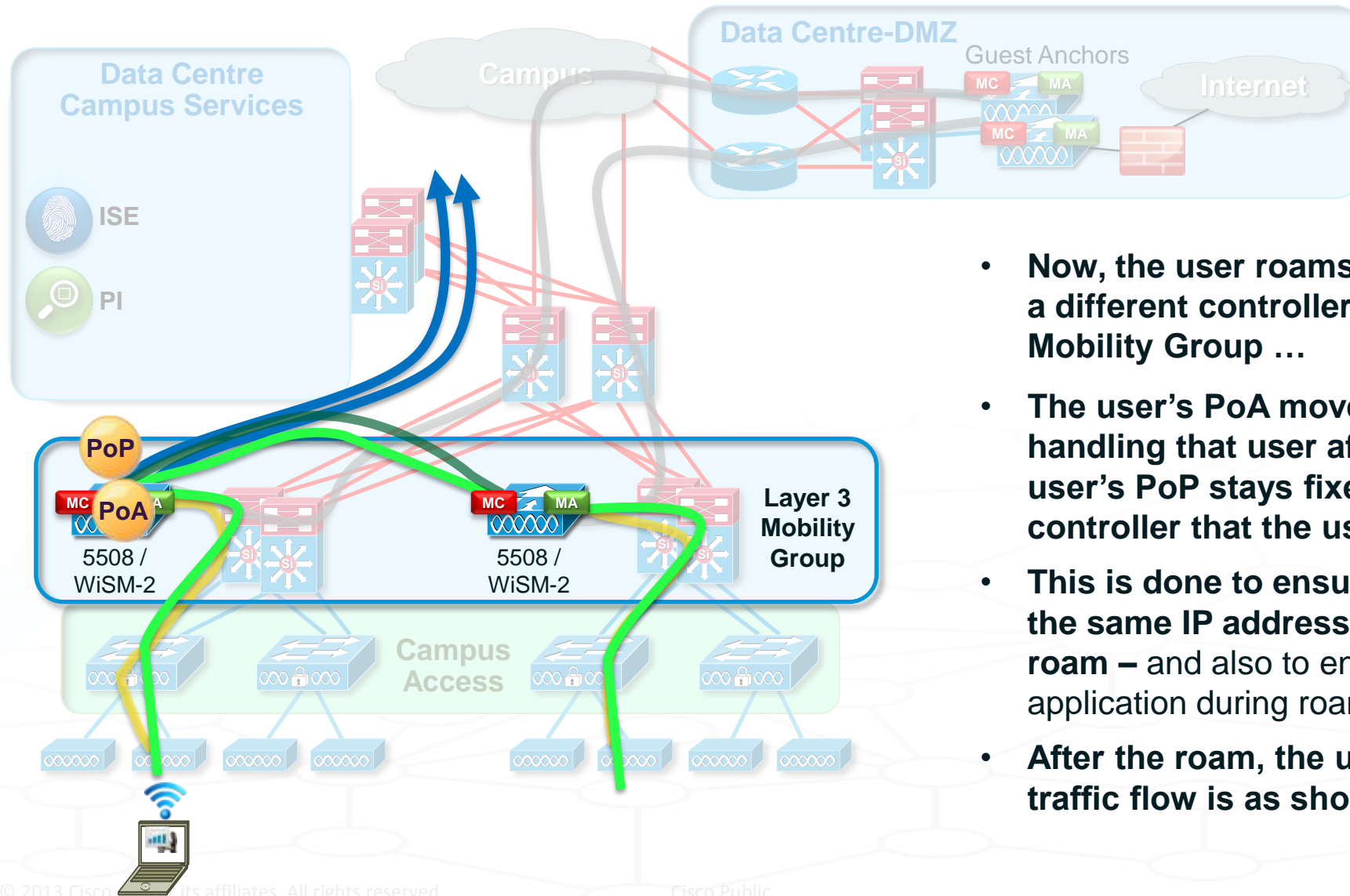


- **Initially, the user's PoP and PoA are co-located on the same controller**
- **Note** – in this deployment model, it is assumed that all of the controllers across the Campus do not share a common set of user VLANs at Layer 2 ... (i.e. the controllers are all L3-separated)
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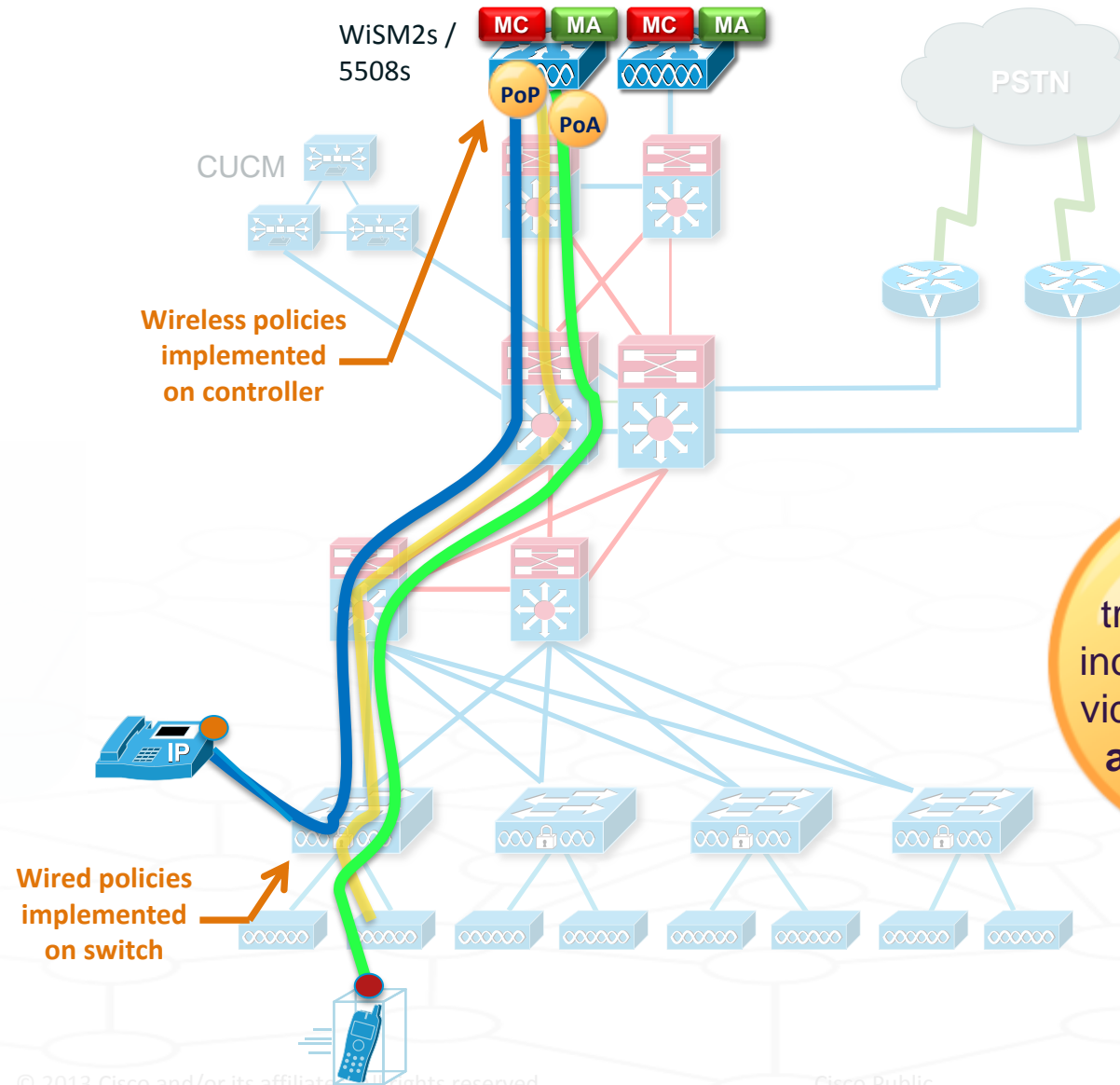
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Symmetric  
Mobility  
Tunnelling

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- This is done to ensure that the user retains the same IP address across an L3 boundary roam – and also to ensure continuity of policy application during roaming
- After the roam, the user's traffic flow is as shown ...

# Unified Wireless – Traffic Flow



Separate policies and services for wired and wireless users

## Traffic Flows, Unified Wireless –

- In this example, a VoIP user is on today's CUWN network, and is making a call from a wireless handset to a wired handset ...
- **We can see that all of the user's traffic needs to be hairpinned back through the centralised controller, in both directions ...**

The same traffic paths are incurred for voice, video, data, etc. – **all centralised**

In this example, a total of **9 hops** are incurred for each direction of the traffic path (including the controllers – Layer 3 roaming might add more hops) ...



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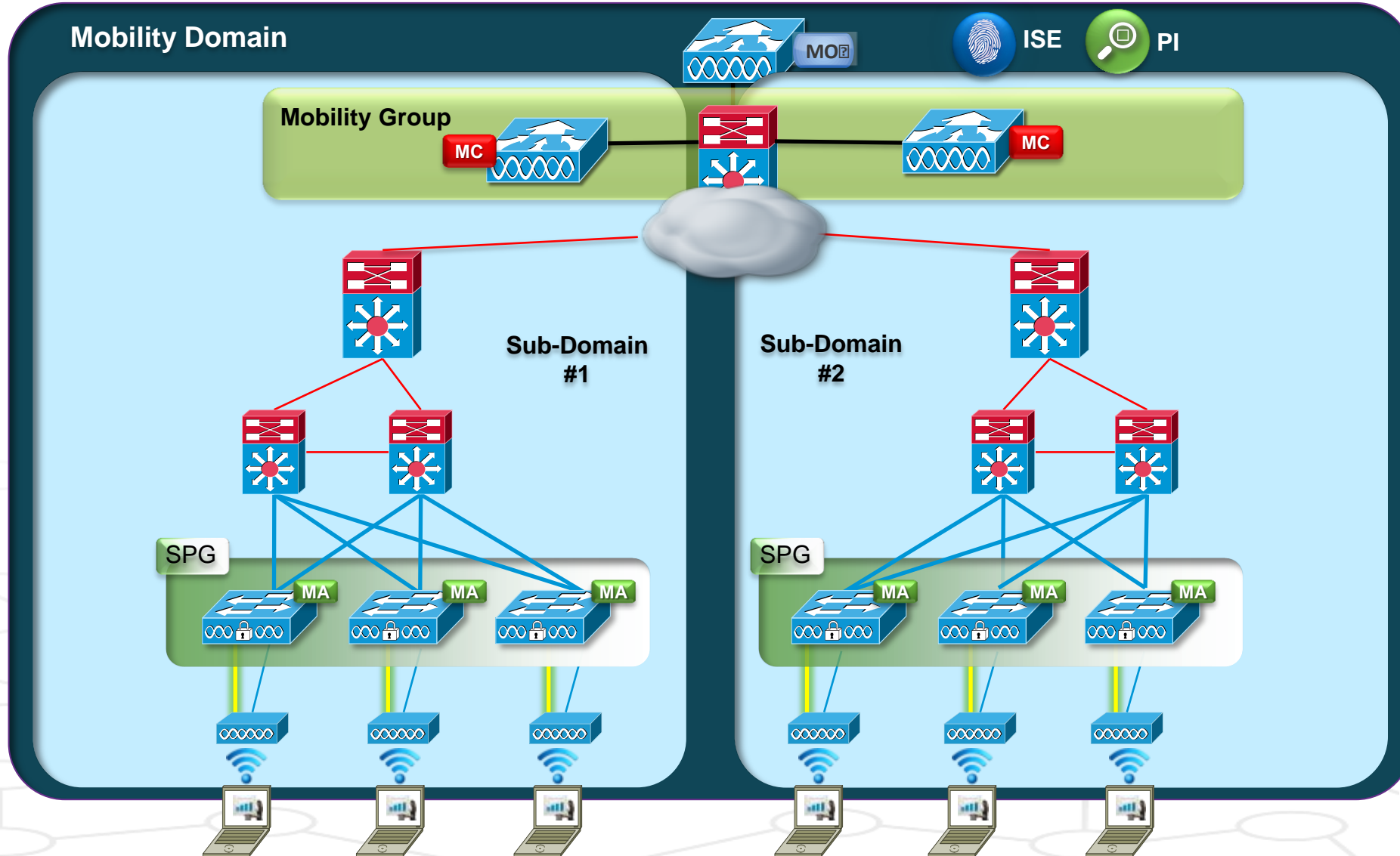
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# Converged Access – Deployment Overview





# Converged Access – Components – Physical vs. Logical Entities

## Physical Entities –

- **Mobility Agent (MA)** – Terminates CAPWAP tunnel from AP
- **Mobility Controller (MC)** – Manages mobility within and across Sub-Domains
- **Mobility Oracle (MO)** – Superset of MC, allows for Scalable Mobility Management within a Domain

## Logical Entities –

- **Mobility Groups** – Grouping of Mobility Controllers (MCs) to enable Fast Roaming, Radio Frequency Management, etc.
- **Mobility Domain** – Grouping of MCs to support seamless roaming
- **Switch Peer Group (SPG)** – Localises traffic for roams within Distribution Block

**MA, MC, Mobility Group functionality** all exist in today's controllers (4400, 5500, WiSM2)

# Converged Access – Physical Entities – Catalyst 3850 Switch Stack



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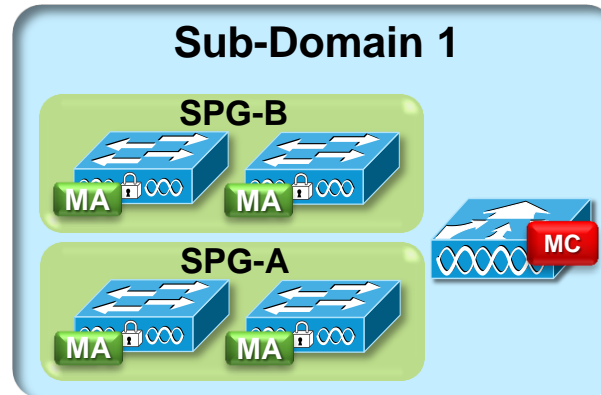
MA

- Can act as a **Mobility Agent (MA)** for terminating CAPWAP tunnels for locally connected APs ...

MC

- as well as a **Mobility Controller (MC)** for other Mobility Agent (MA) switches, in small deployments
  - MA/MC functionality works on a Stack of Catalyst 3850 Switches
  - MA/MC functionality runs on Stack Master
  - Stack Standby synchronises some information (useful for intra-stack HA)

# Converged Access – Logical Entities – Switch Peer Groups



- Made up of multiple Catalyst 3850 switches as Mobility Agents (MAs), plus an MC (on controller as shown)
- Handles roaming across SPG (L2 / L3)
- MAs within an SPG are fully-meshed (auto-created at SPG formation)
- Fast Roaming within an SPG
- Multiple SPGs under the control of a single MC form a Sub-Domain

**SPGs are a logical construct, not a physical one ...**

**SPGs can be formed across Layer 2 or Layer 3 boundaries**

**SPGs are designed to constrain roaming traffic to a smaller area, and optimise roaming capabilities and performance**

Current thinking on best practices dictates that **SPGs will likely be built around buildings, around floors within a building, or other areas that users are likely to roam most within**

Roamed traffic within an SPG moves directly between the MAs in that SPG (CAPWAP full mesh)

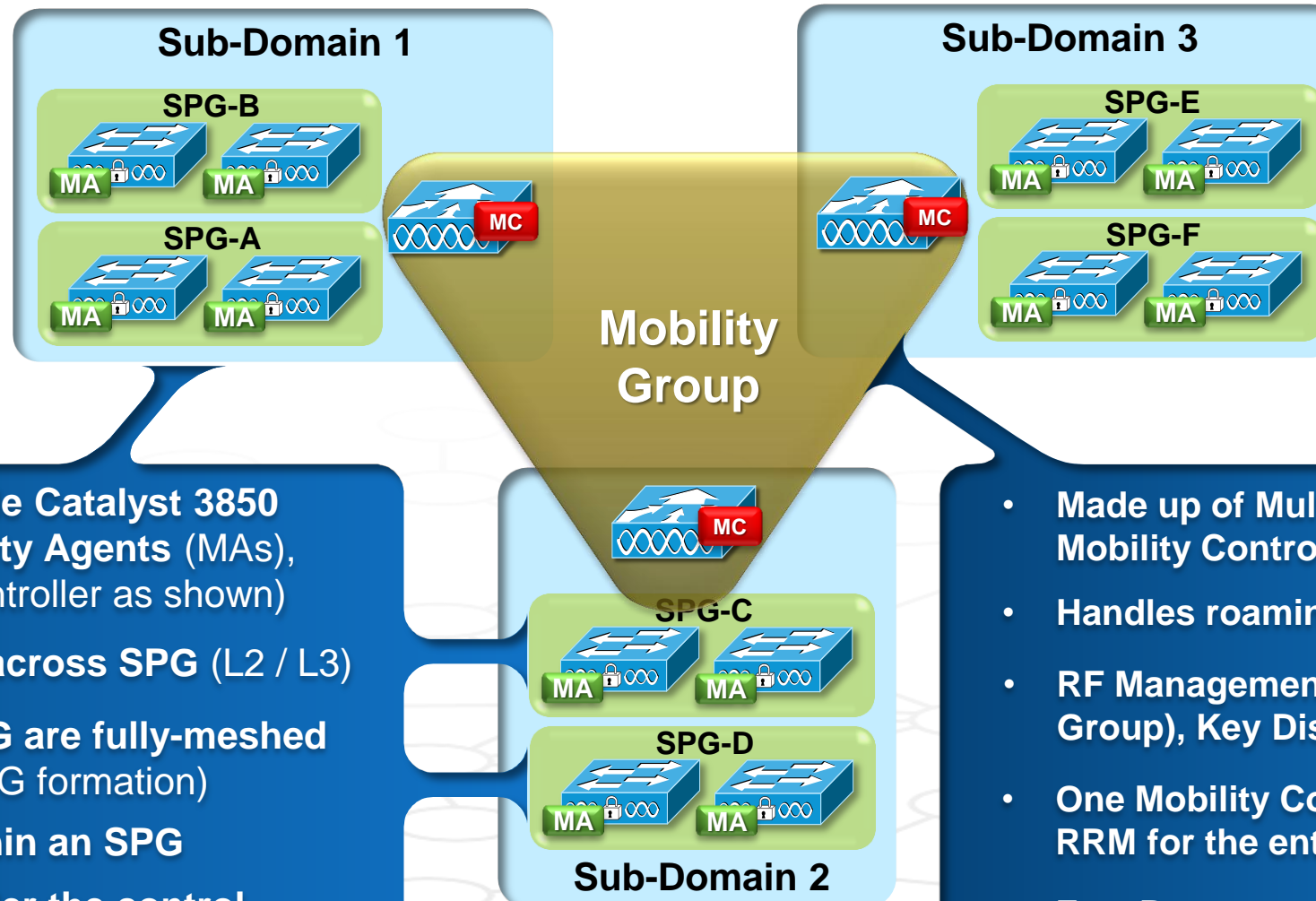
Roamed traffic between SPGs moves via the MC(s) servicing those SPGs



**Hierarchical architecture**  
is optimised for scalability and roaming

# Converged Access –

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- Made up of Multiple **Mobility Controllers (MCs)**
- Handles roaming across **MG** (L2 / L3)
- **RF Management (RRM, handled by RF Group)**, **Key Distribution for Fast Roaming**
- **One Mobility Controller (MC)** manages **RRM** for the entire **RF Group**
- **Fast Roams** are limited to **Mobility Group member MCs**



# Converged Access – Scalability Considerations

As with any solution – there are scalability constraints to be aware of ...

- These are summarised below, for quick reference
- Full details on scalability – for both CUWN as well as Converged Access deployments – is located in the Reference section at the end of this slide deck

Scalability	3850 as MC	5760	5508	WiSM2
Max number of MCs in a Mobility Domain	8	72	72	72
Max number of MCs in a Mobility Group	8	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in a Sub-domain (per MC)	16	350	350	350
Max number of SPGs in a Mobility Sub-Domain (per MC)	8	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in a SPG	16	64	64	64
Max number of WLANs	64	512	512	512

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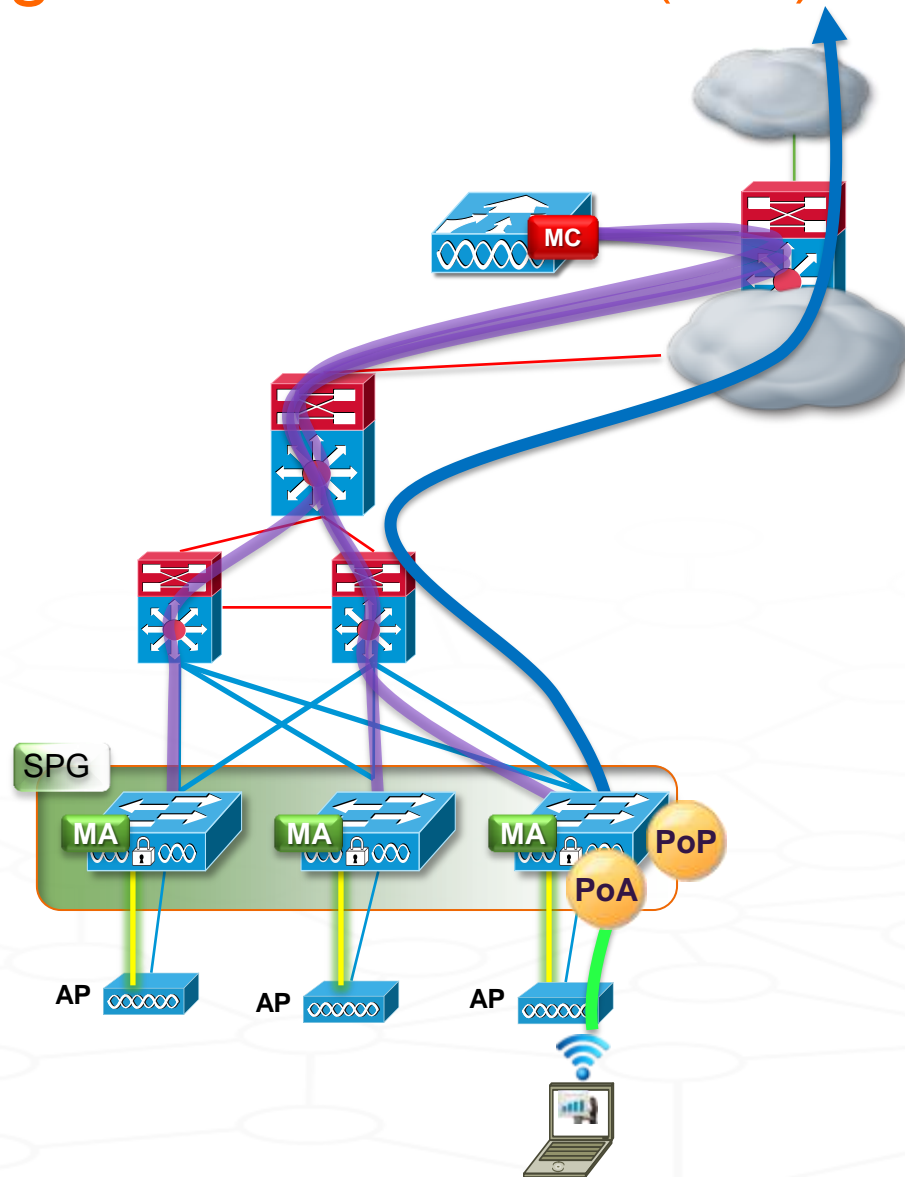
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Summary



# Converged Access –

## Roaming – Point of Presence (PoP), Point of Attachment (PoA)



If users associate and remain stationary, this is their traffic flow

### Point of Presence (PoP) vs. Point of Attachment (PoA) –

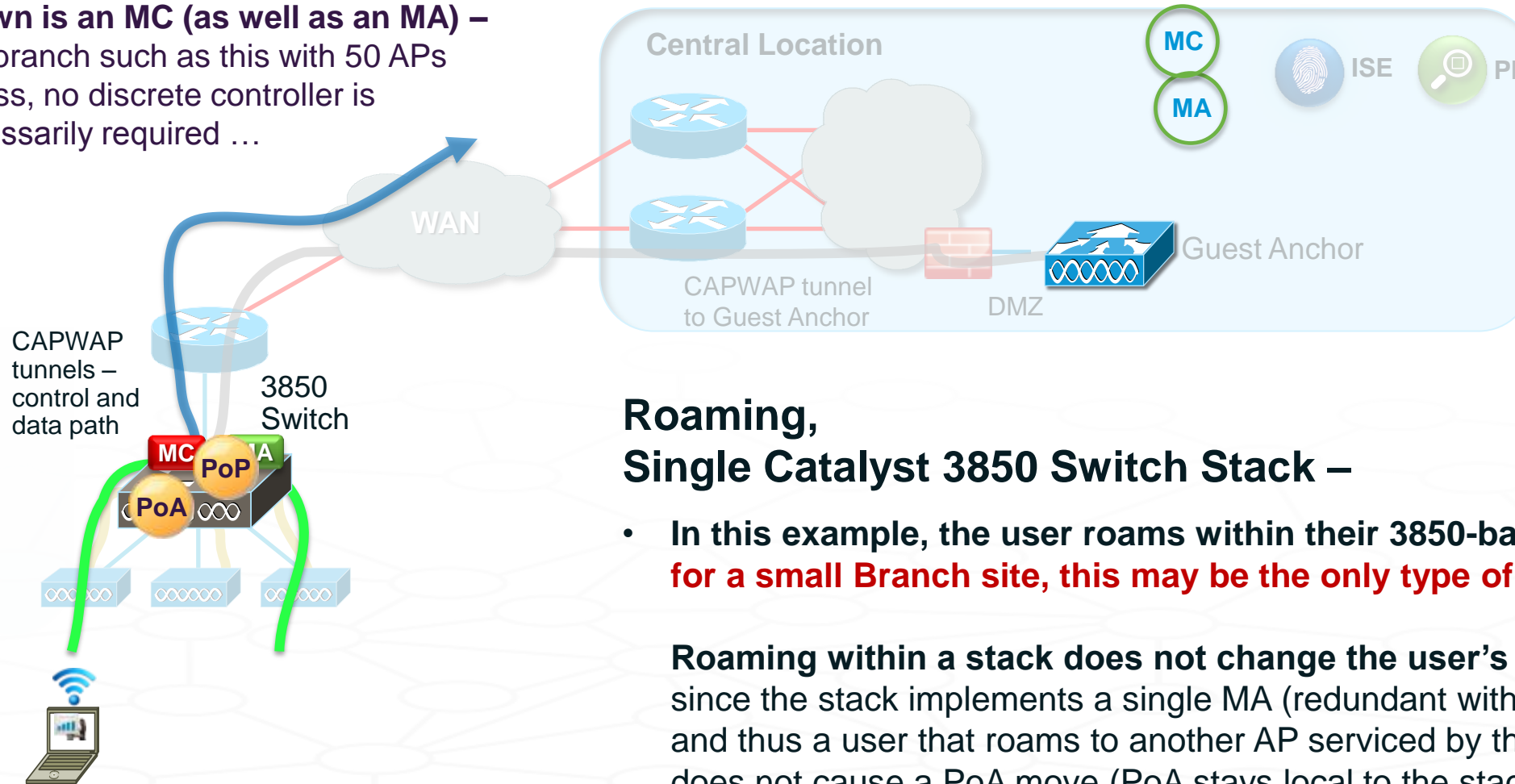
- **PoP** is where the wireless user is seen to be within the wired portion of the network
- **PoA** is where the wireless user has roamed to while mobile
- **Before a user roams, PoP and PoA are in the same place**

**Note** – for the purposes of illustrating roaming, we are showing the purple connections herein that indicate the connections between the MAs and their corresponding MC for the Switch Peer Group (or Groups) involved on each slide ... notice that, in this example, **the traffic does NOT flow through the MC ...**

# Converged Access –

## Traffic Flow and Roaming – Branch, Single Catalyst 3850 Stack

Notice how the 3850 switch stack shown is an MC (as well as an MA) – in a branch such as this with 50 APs or less, no discrete controller is necessarily required ...



Roaming  
across Stack  
(small branch)

### Roaming, Single Catalyst 3850 Switch Stack –

- In this example, the user roams within their 3850-based switch stack – **for a small Branch site, this may be the only type of roam**

**Roaming within a stack does not change the user's PoP or PoA –** since the stack implements a single MA (redundant within the stack), and thus a user that roams to another AP serviced by the same stack does not cause a PoA move (PoA stays local to the stack)



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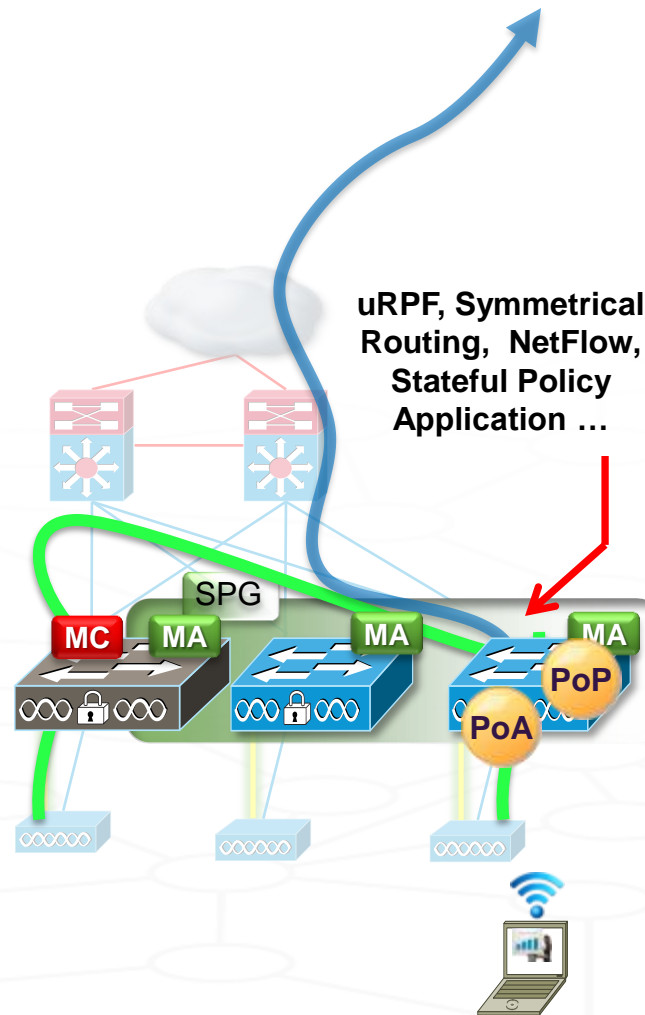
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Roaming  
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(larger branch)

### Roaming, Within a Switch Peer Group (Branch) –

- Now, let's examine a roam at a larger branch, with multiple 3850-based switch stacks joined together via a distribution layer
- In this example, the larger Branch site consists of a single Switch Peer Group – and the user roams within that SPG – **again, at a larger Branch such as this, this may be the only type of roam**

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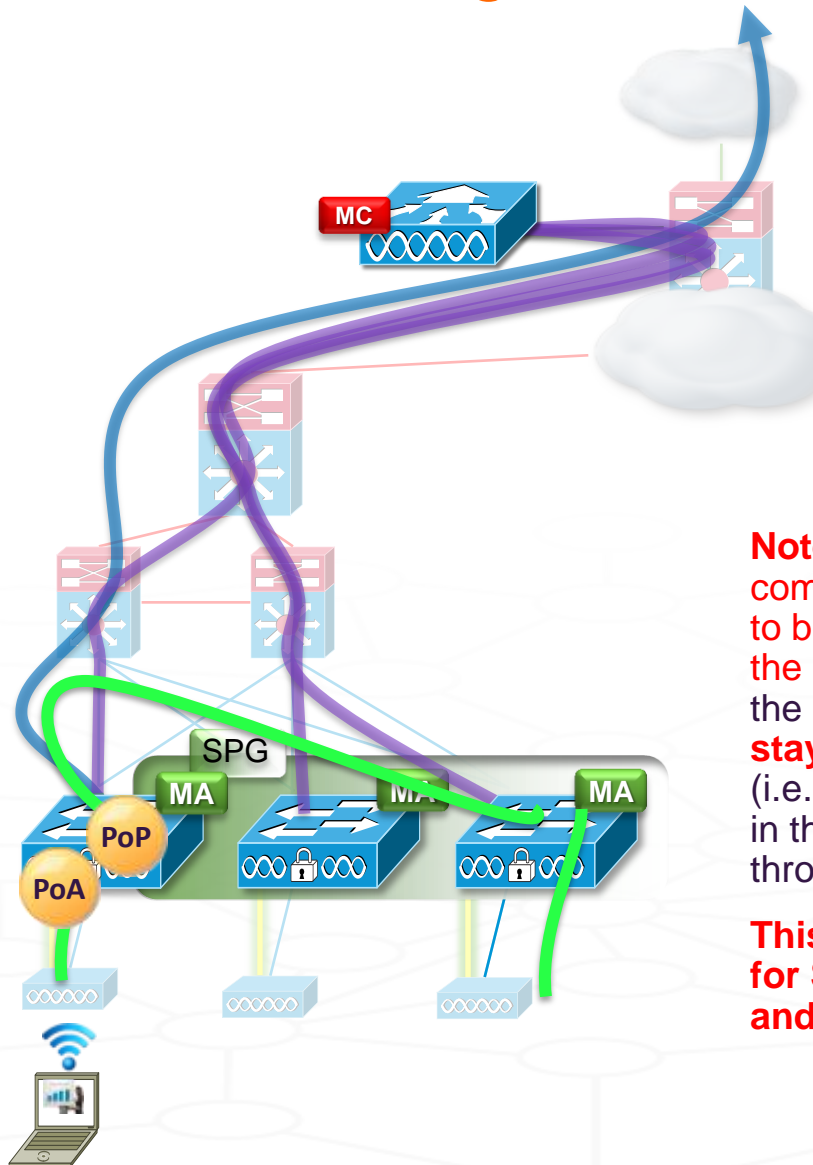


Again, notice how the 3850 switch stack on the left is an MC (as well as an MA) in this picture – in a larger branch such as this with 50 APs or less, no discrete controller is necessarily required ...

*\* Adjustable via setting, may be useful for L2 roams (detailed on slides in following section of this slide deck)*

# Converged Access –

## Traffic Flow and Roaming – Campus L2 / L3 Roam (within SPG)



Roaming  
within an SPG  
(L3 behaviour  
and default L2  
behaviour)

**Note** – the traffic in this most common type of roam did **not** have to be transported back to, or via, the MC (controller) servicing the Switch Peer Group – **traffic stayed local to the SPG only** (i.e. under the distribution layer in this example – not back through the core).

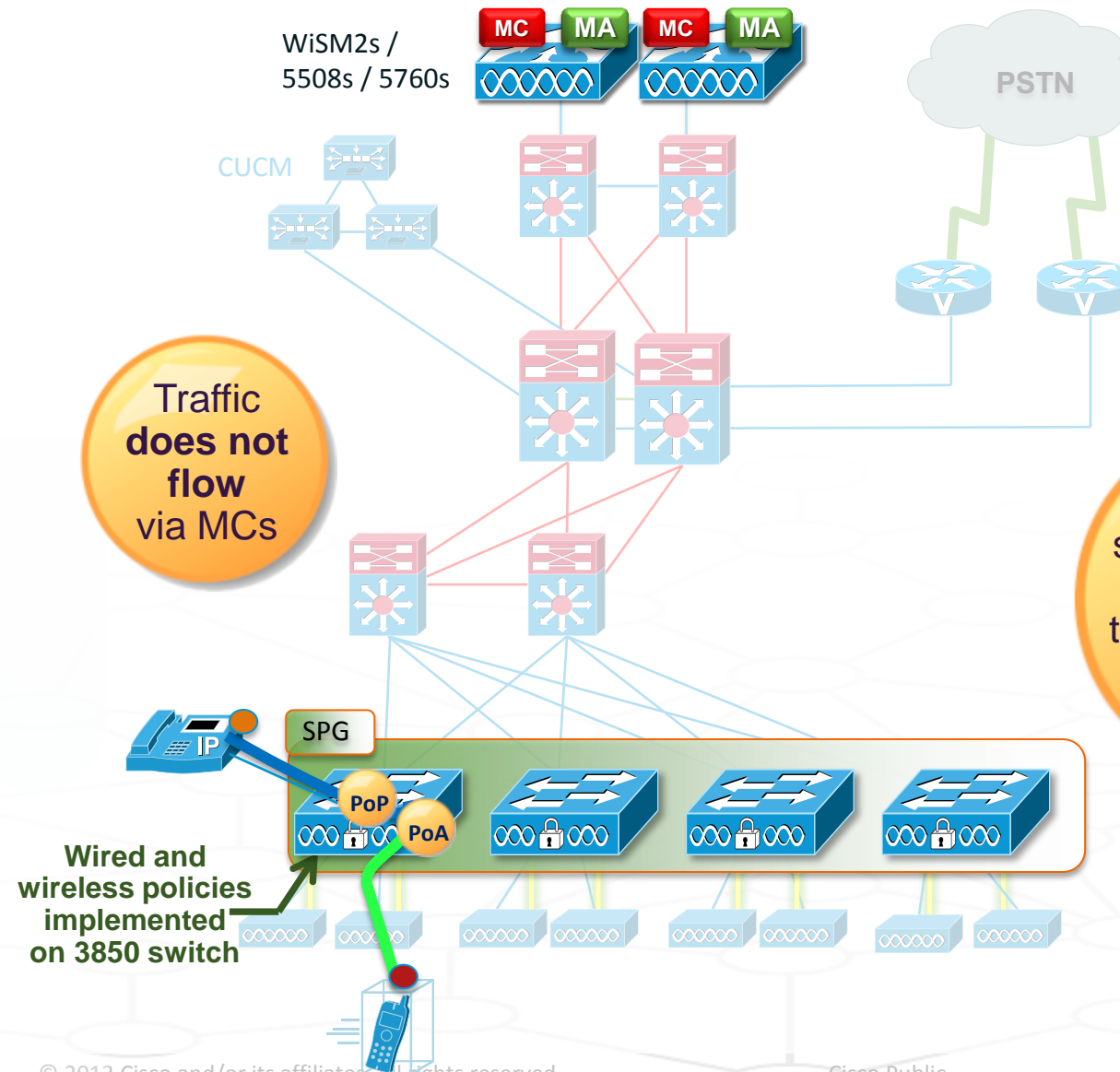
**This is an important consideration for Switch Peer Group, traffic flow, and Controller scalability.**

### Roaming, Within an SPG (Campus) –

- Now, let's examine a few more types of user roams
- **In this example, the user roams within their Switch Peer Group** – since SPGs are typically formed around floors or other geographically-close areas, **this is the most likely and most common type of roam**

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# Converged Access – Traffic Flow



Converged policies and services for wired and wireless users

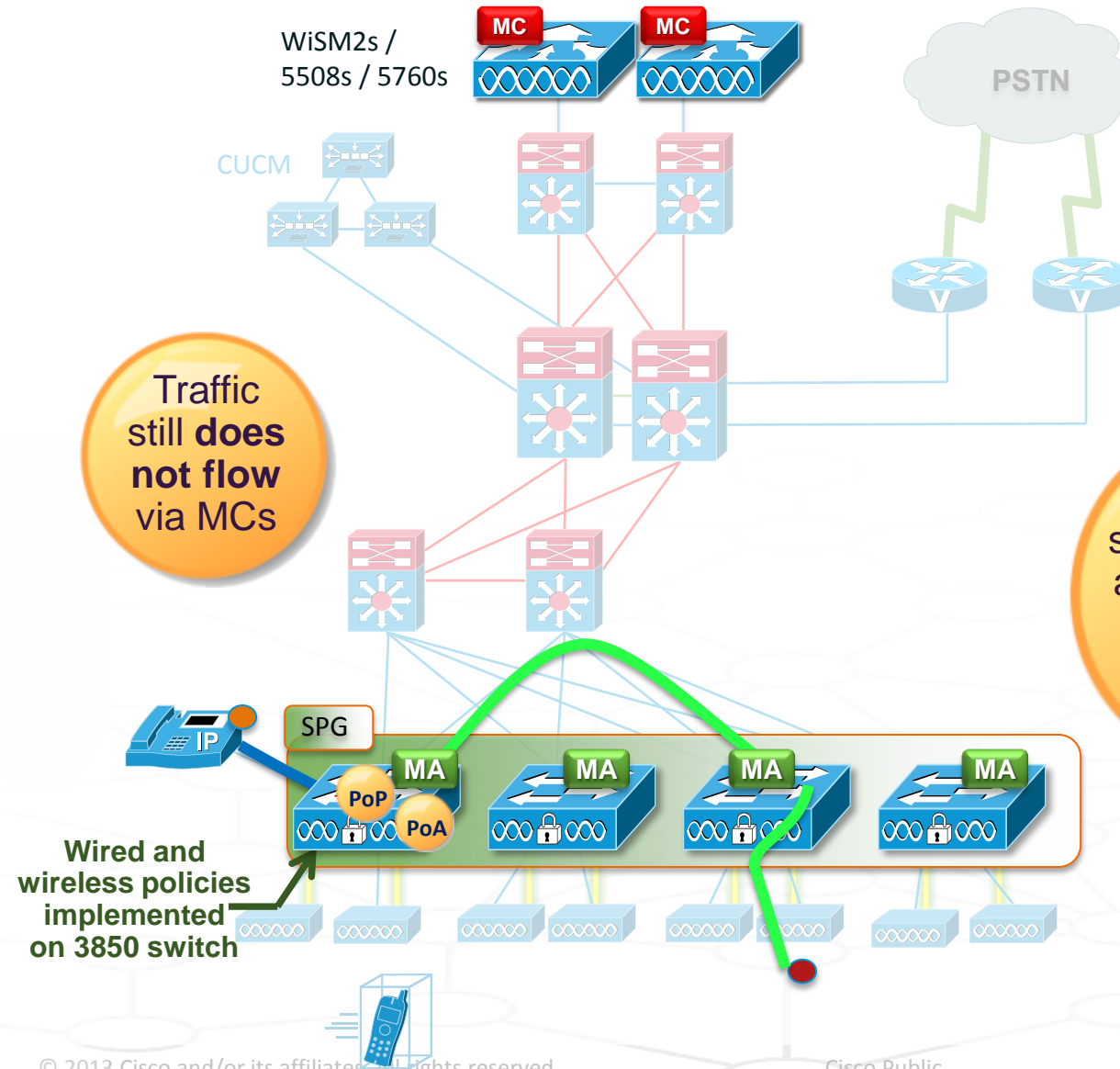
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- Now, our VoIP user is on a Cisco Converged Access network, and is again making a call from a wireless handset to a wired handset ...
- **We can see that all of the user's traffic is localised to their Peer Group, below the distribution layer, in both directions ...**

More efficient since traffic flows are localised to the 3850 switch –  
**Performance Increase**

In this example, a total of **1 hop** is incurred for each direction of the traffic path (assuming no roaming) ... two additional hops may be incurred for routing ...

# Converged Access – Traffic Flow – with Intra-SPG Roam



Converged policies and services for wired and wireless users

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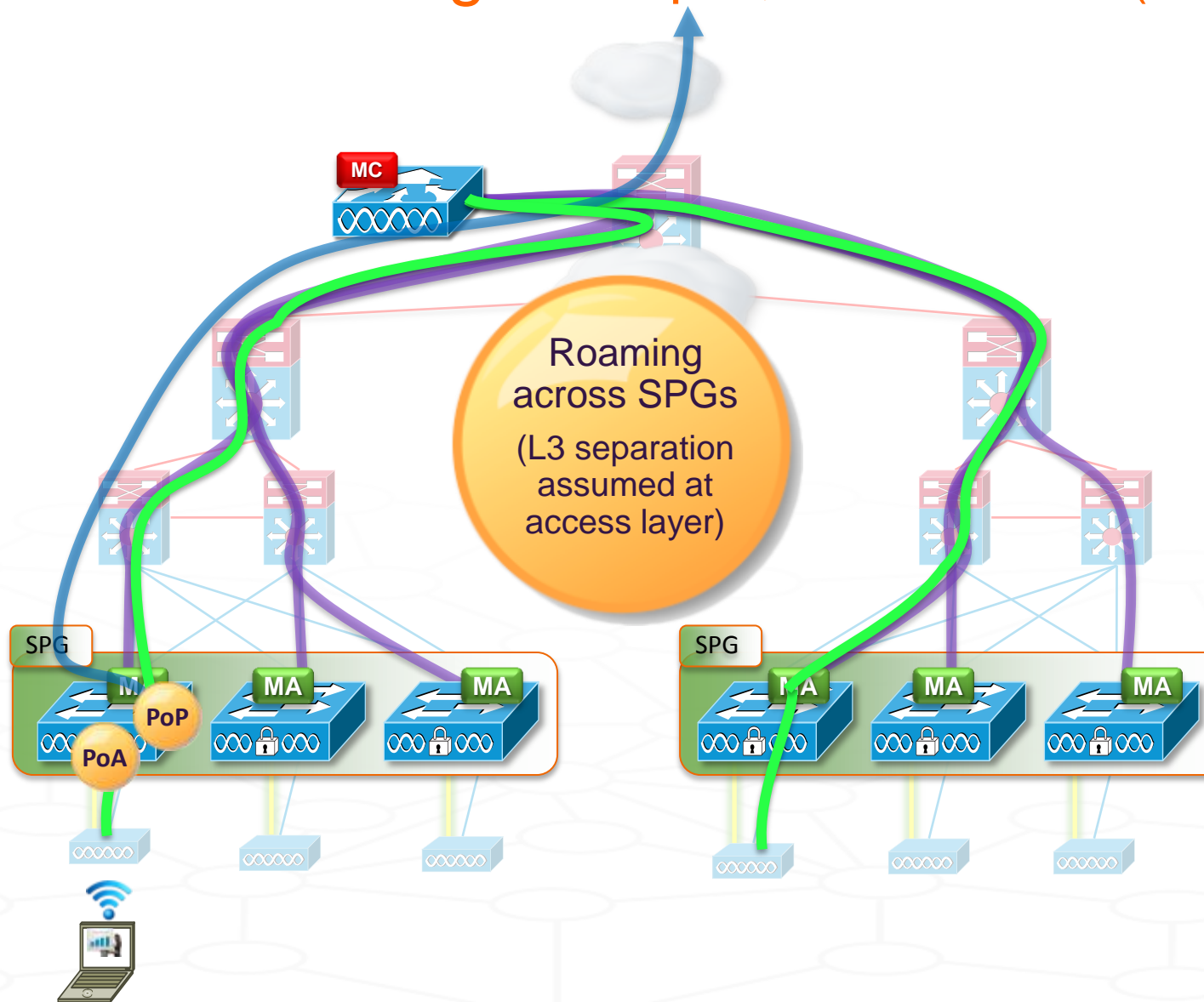
- Now, our VoIP user on the Cisco Converged Access network roams, while a call is in progress between the wireless and wired handsets ...
- **We can see that all of the user's traffic is still localised to their Switch Peer Group, below the distribution layer, in both directions ...**

In this example, a total of **3 hops** is incurred for each direction of the traffic path (assuming intra-SPG roaming) ... two additional hops may be incurred for routing ...



# Converged Access –

## Traffic Flow and Roaming – Campus, L2 / L3 Roam (across Switch Peer Groups)



### Roaming, Across SPGs (Campus) –

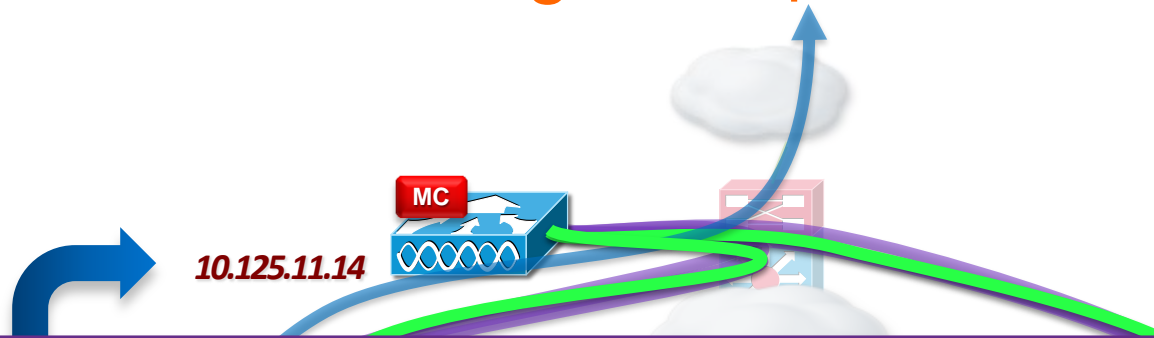
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**Typically, this type of roam will take place across an L3 boundary (depends on wired setup) – however, users are always\* taken back to their PoP for policy application**



# Converged Access –

## Traffic Flow and Roaming – Campus, L2 / L3 Roam (across Switch Peer Groups)



**Overall view –**  
across the entire  
Sub-Domain  
controlled by  
the MC

```
L09-5760-1# show wireless mobility controller client summary
```

```
Number of Clients : 5
```

```
State is the Sub-Domain state of the client.
```

```
* indicates IP of the associated Sub-domain
```

```
Associated Time in hours:minutes:seconds
```

MAC Address	State	Anchor IP	Associated IP	Associated Time
001e.65b7.7d1a	Local	10.101.1.109	10.101.6.109	00:04:36
b817.c2f0.61b2	Local	0.0.0.0	10.101.7.109	00:21:07
74e1.b65a.a8f3	Local	10.101.3.109	10.101.1.109	00:03:27
cc08.e028.6fdd	Local	0.0.0.0	10.101.1.109	00:04:57
a467.06e2.813d	Local	0.0.0.0	10.101.3.109	00:02:56

Roamed client, Switch 1 to Switch 6 (inter-SPG)

Stationary client, Switch 7

Roamed client, Switch 3 to Switch 1 (intra-SPG)

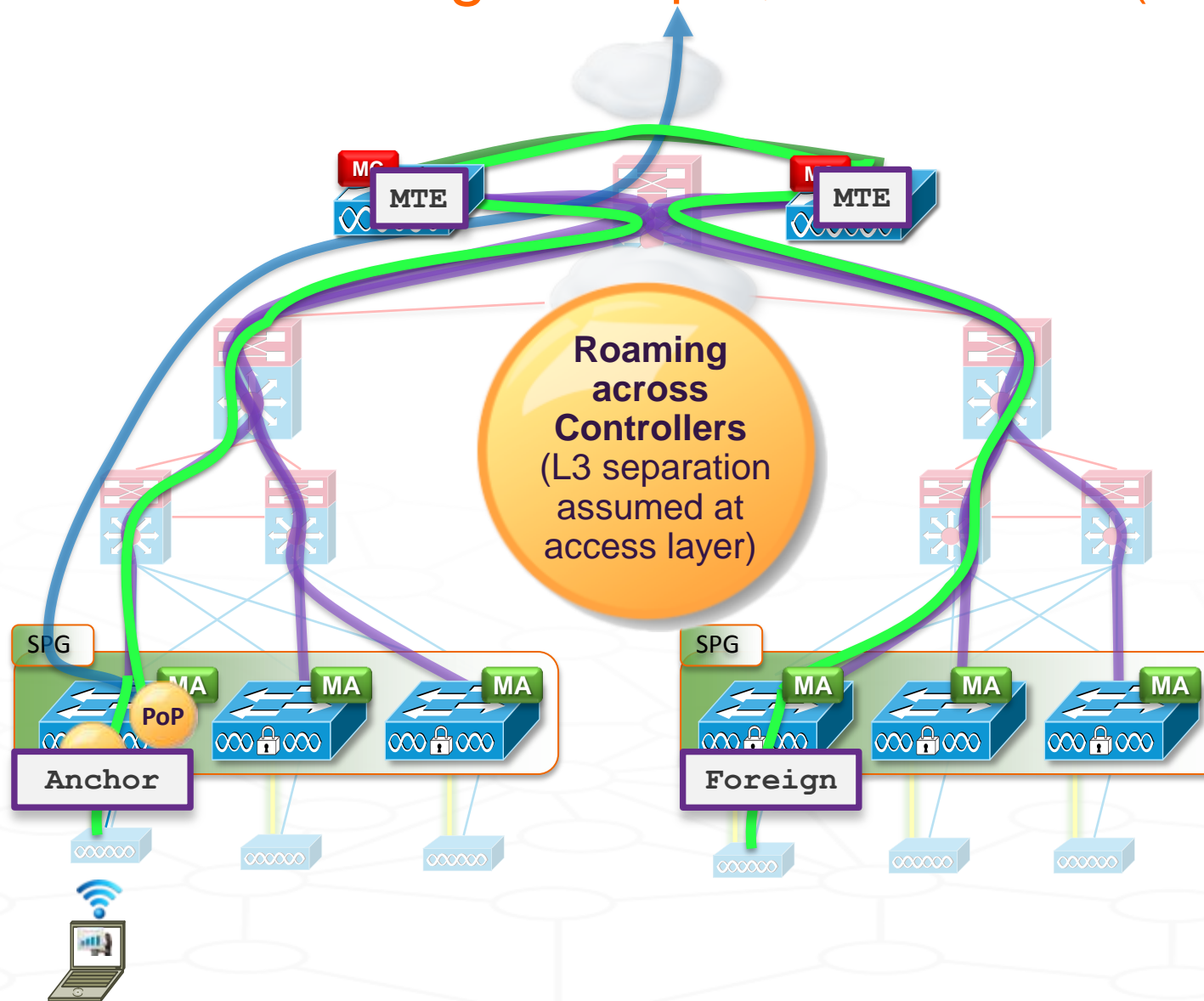
Stationary client, Switch 1

Stationary client, Switch 3



# Converged Access –

## Traffic Flow and Roaming – Campus, L2 / L3 Roam (across SPGs and MCs)



### Roaming, Across SPGs and MCs (Campus) –

- Now, let's examine a few more types of user roams
- **In this example, the user roams across Switch Peer Groups and Controllers – (within the same Mobility Group) ... again, this type of roam is possible, but less likely than intra-SPG roaming**

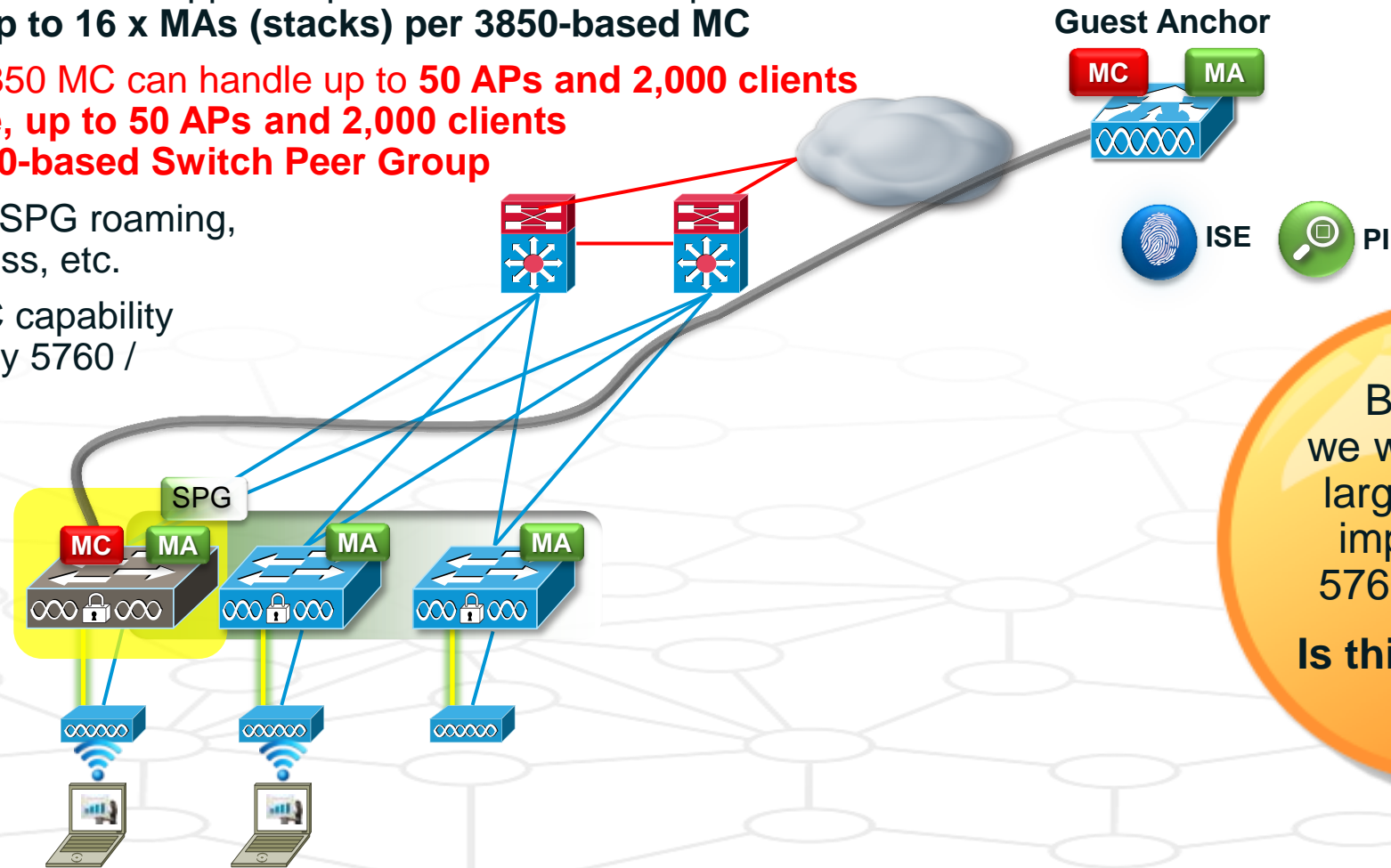
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# Converged Access –

## Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Functionality

As we saw previously, we can also optionally use a Catalyst 3850 switch as an MC + co-located MA for a Switch Peer Group ... let's explore this in more detail –

- Single Catalyst 3850 MC supported per Switch Peer Group ...
- which can have up to 16 x MAs (stacks) per 3850-based MC
- Single Catalyst 3850 MC can handle up to 50 APs and 2,000 clients total ... therefore, up to 50 APs and 2,000 clients in a Catalyst 3850-based Switch Peer Group
- MC handles inter-SPG roaming, RRM, Guest Access, etc.
- More scalable MC capability can be provided by 5760 / WiSM2



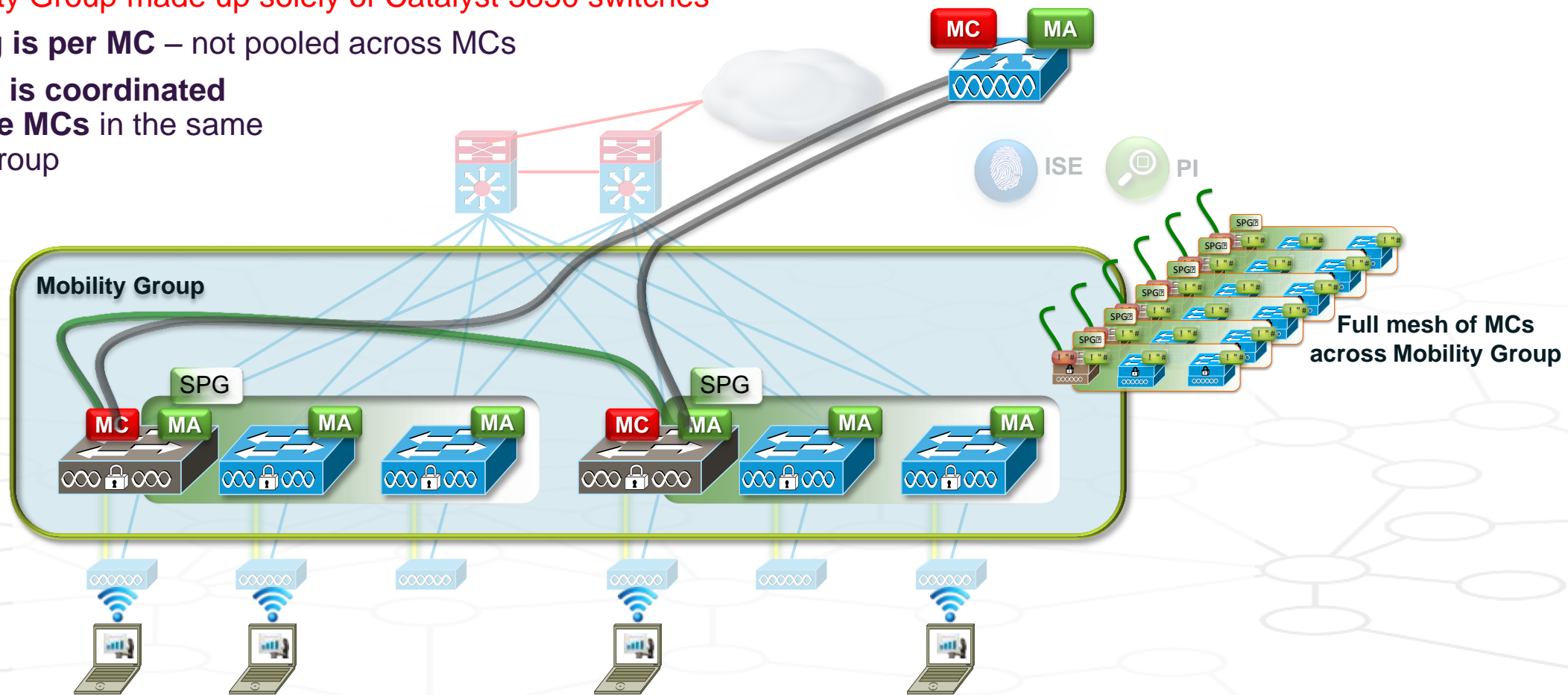
But what if we want to scale larger, **without** implementing 5760 / WiSM2?  
**Is this possible?**

# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Scaling

## Switch Peer Group / Mobility Group Scaling with Catalyst 3850 –

- **Up to 8 x Catalyst 3850 MCs** can be formed into a Mobility Group
- **Up to 250 APs total and 16,000 clients supported (maximum)** across a Mobility Group made up solely of Catalyst 3850 switches
  - Licensing is per MC – not pooled across MCs
  - RRM, etc. is coordinated across the MCs in the same Mobility Group

- Guest tunnelling is per MC – to Guest Anchor controller

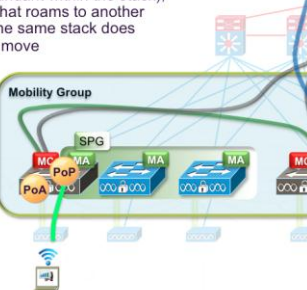
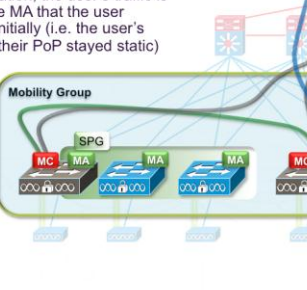
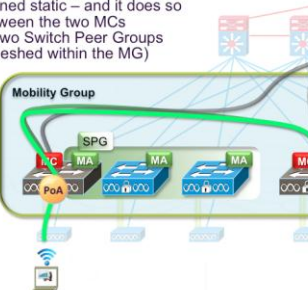
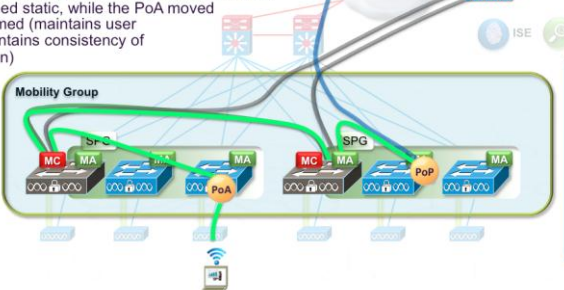




# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming

There are multiple roaming scenarios with Catalyst 3850-based MCs –

- These replicate the traffic flow expectations seen elsewhere with Converged Access
- Traffic within an SPG flows directly between MAs – traffic between SPGs flows via MCs
  - Which, in this case, are Catalyst 3850 switches operating as MCs
  - Catalyst 3850-based MC deployments are likely to be common in branches and even possibly smaller Campuses
  - Larger deployments are likely to use discrete controllers (5760, 5508, WiSM2s) as MCs, for scalability and simplicity
  - Rather than detail every roaming case here, these are summarised below – Full details are given in the Reference section at the end of this slide deck ...

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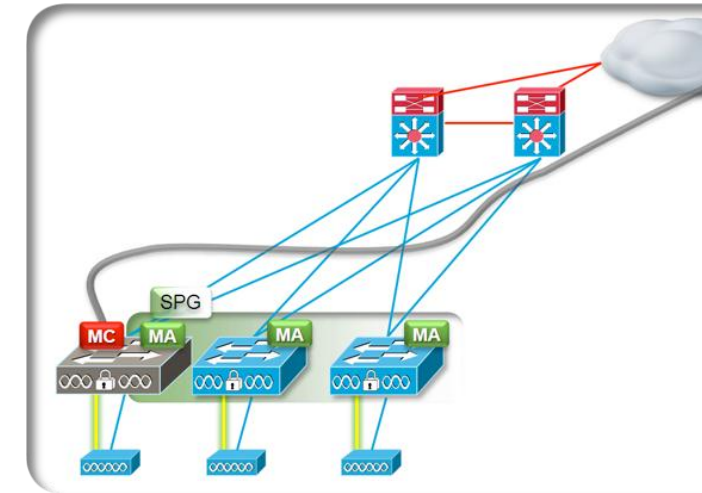


# Converged Access –

## Catalyst 3850-based MCs – When to Use

### Considerations –

- **Many larger designs (such as most Campuses) will likely utilise a discrete controller, or group of controllers, as MCs.** Combined with Catalyst 3850 switches as MAs, this likely provides the most scalable design option for a larger network build.
- **However, if using 3850 switches as MCs for smaller builds – and with the scaling limits detailed on the previous slide in mind – we need to determine where to best use this capability.**
- **Pros –**
  - **CapEx cost savings** – via the elimination of a discrete-controller-as-MC in some designs (typically, smaller use cases and deployments) ... cost also needs to take into consideration licensing on the Catalyst 3850 switches.
- **Cons –**
  - **OpEx complexity** – due to some additional complexity that comes into roaming situations when using multiple 3850 switch-based MCs (as detailed in the preceding slide). While not insurmountable, this does need to be factored in as part of the decision process.



**Roaming details**  
provided on  
Reference  
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### Conclusion –

In smaller designs (such as branches), the use of Catalyst 3850 switches as MCs is likely workable. In mid-sized designs, this may also be workable, but does lead to some additional roaming considerations (as detailed on the following slides). In large campus deployments, the use of controllers as MCs is more likely, due to economies of scale.



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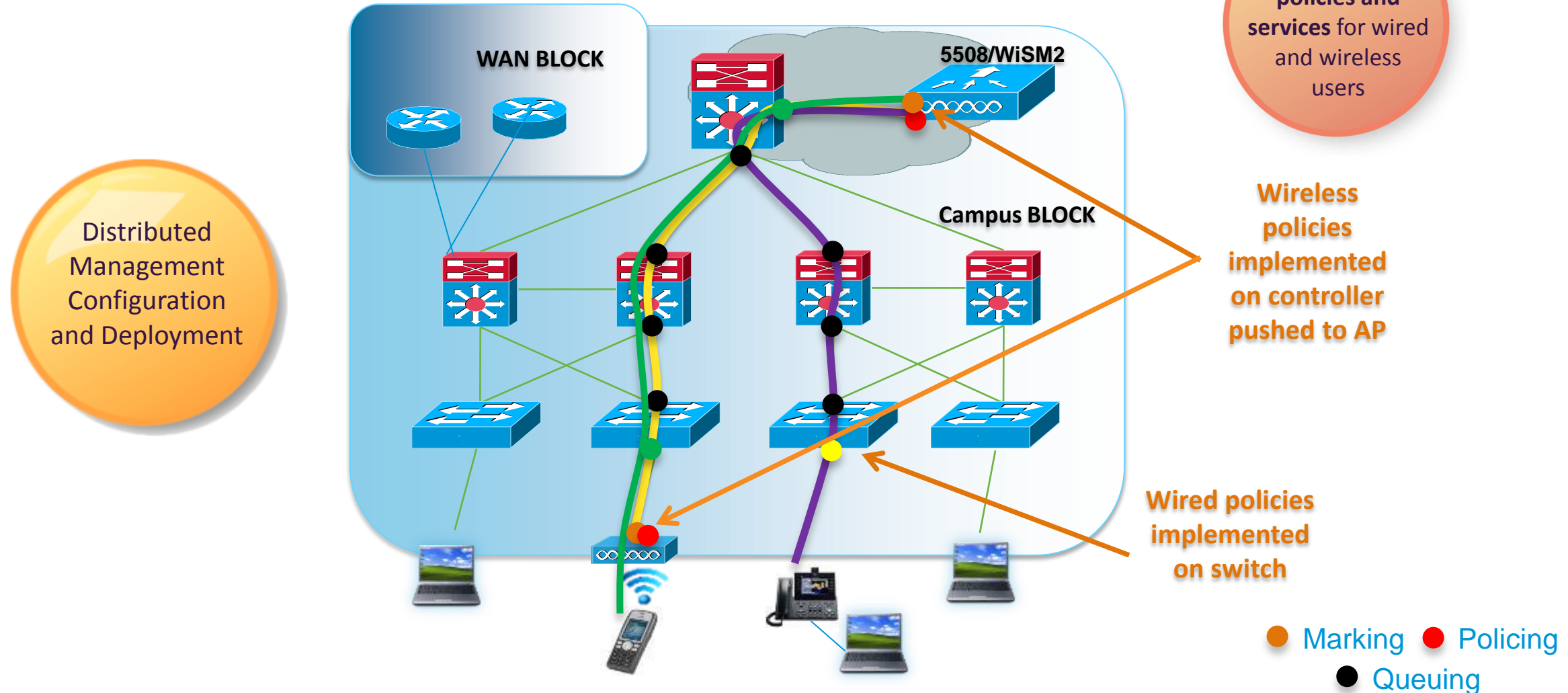
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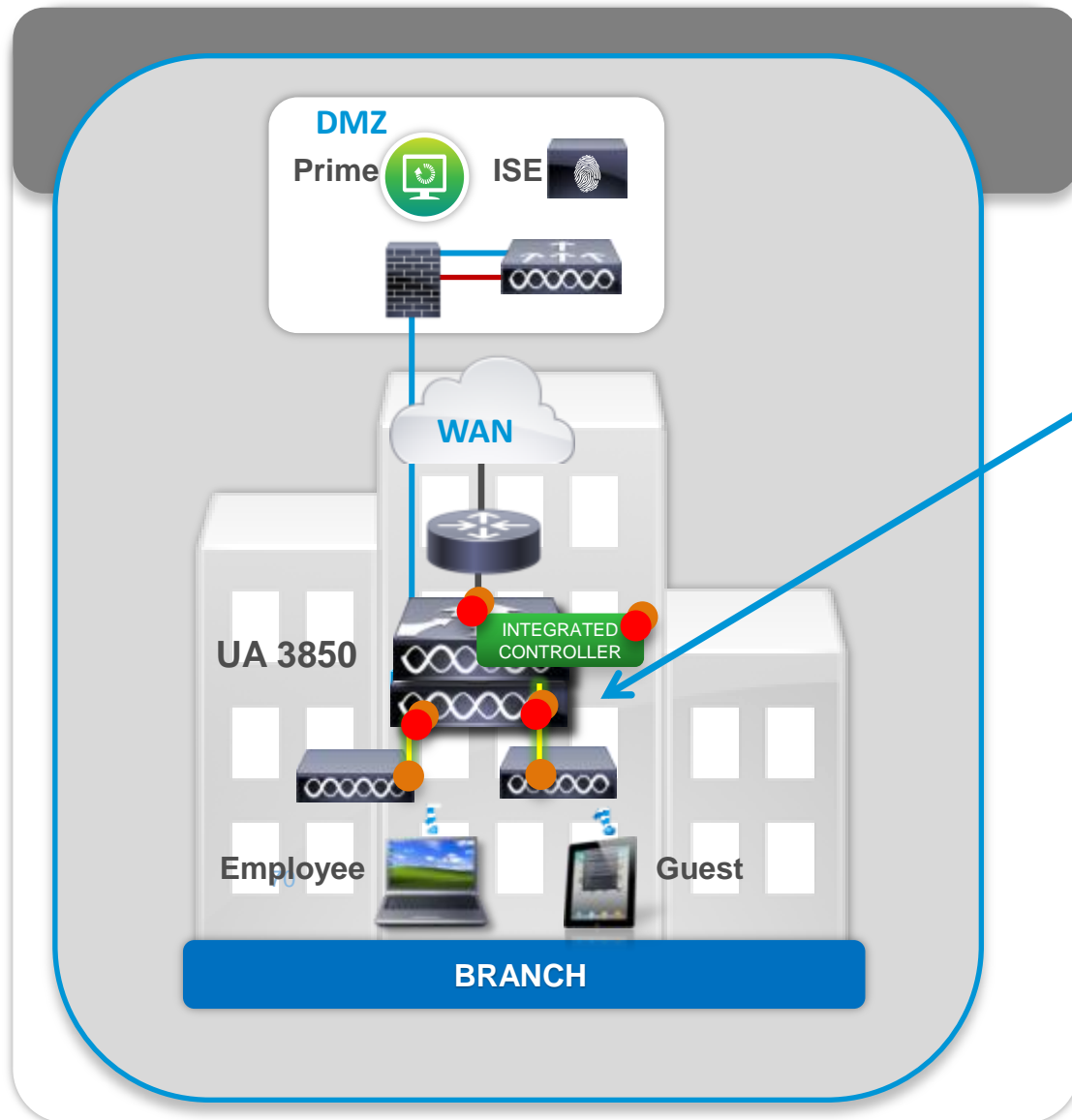
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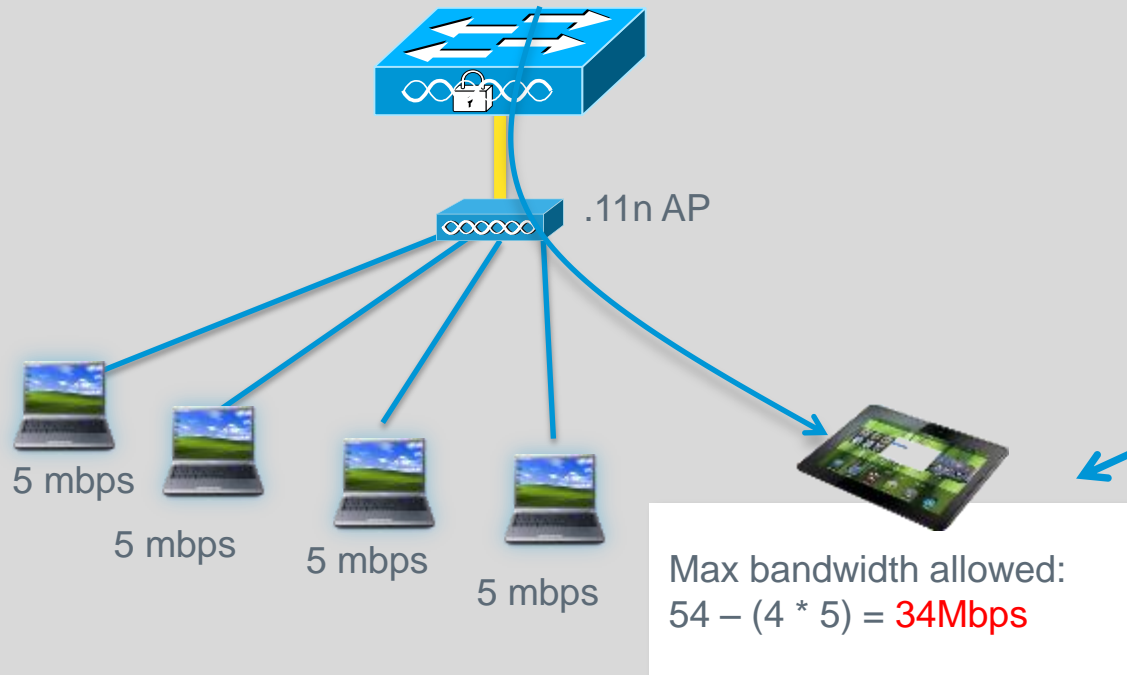
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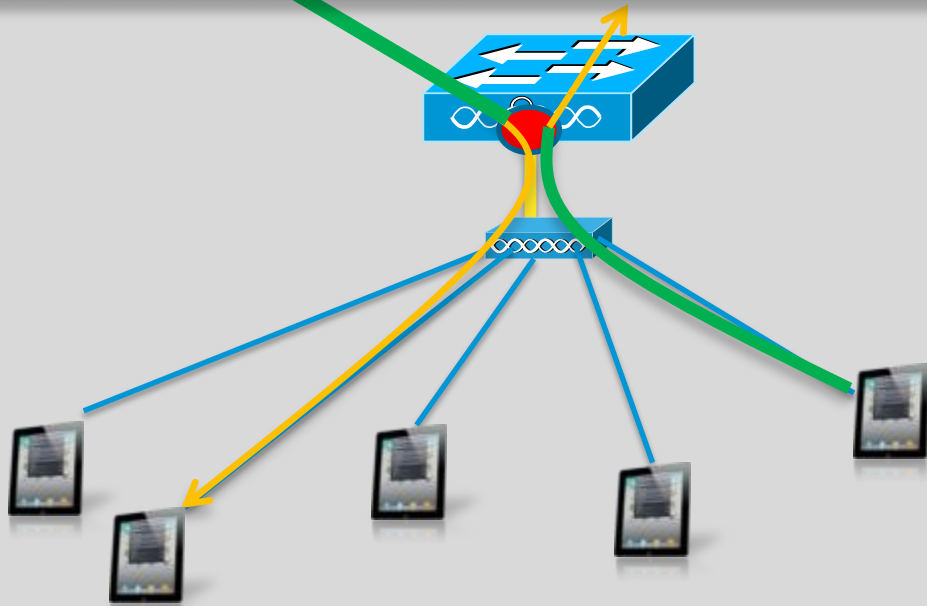
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## With the 3850

**Bidirectional policing** at the edge per- user , per-SSID and in **Hardware**



- SSID: BYOD
- QoS policy on 3850 used to police each client bidirectionally
- Policy can be sent via AAA to provide specific per-client policy
- Allocate Bandwidth or police/shape SSID as a whole

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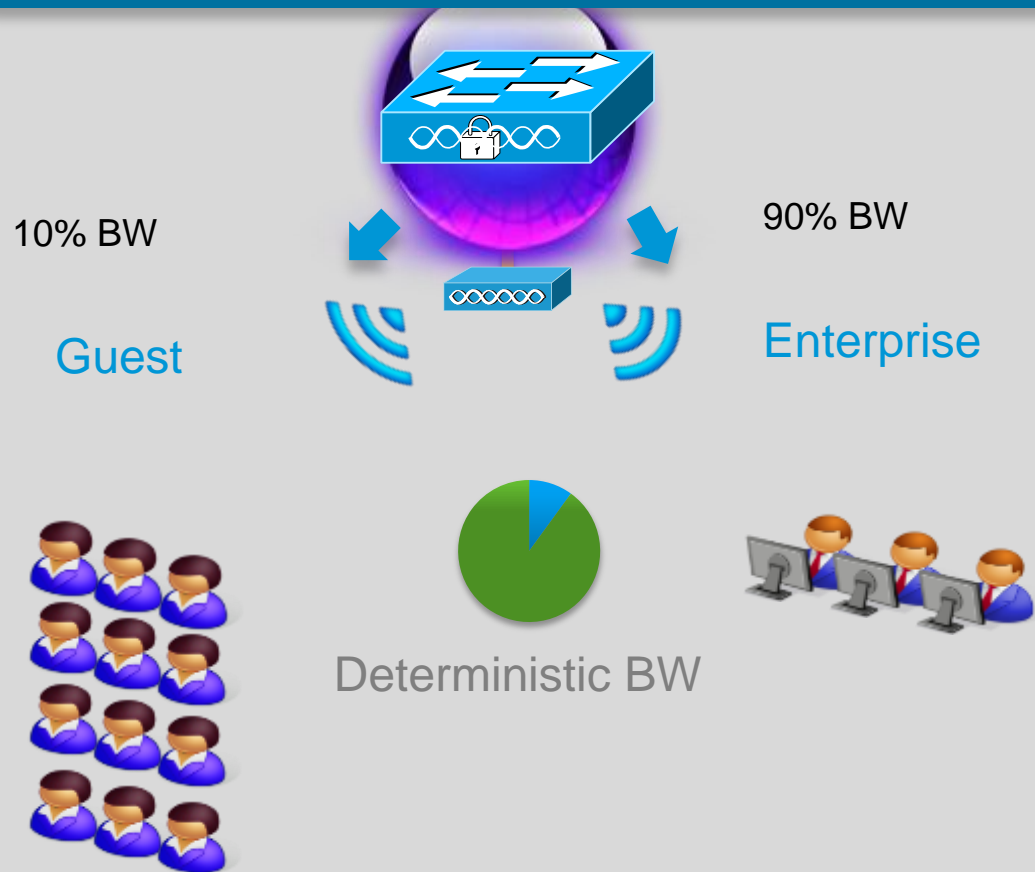
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Deterministic bandwidth is allocated per SSID



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```

Policy-map PER-PORT-POLICING
Class VOIP
  set dscp ef
  police 128000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
Class VIDEO
  set dscp CS4
  police 384000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
Class SIGNALING
  set dscp cs3
  police 32000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
Class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
  set dscp af21
Class class-default
  set dscp default
  
```

upstream and downstream

AAA support for dynamic Client based QoS and Security policies

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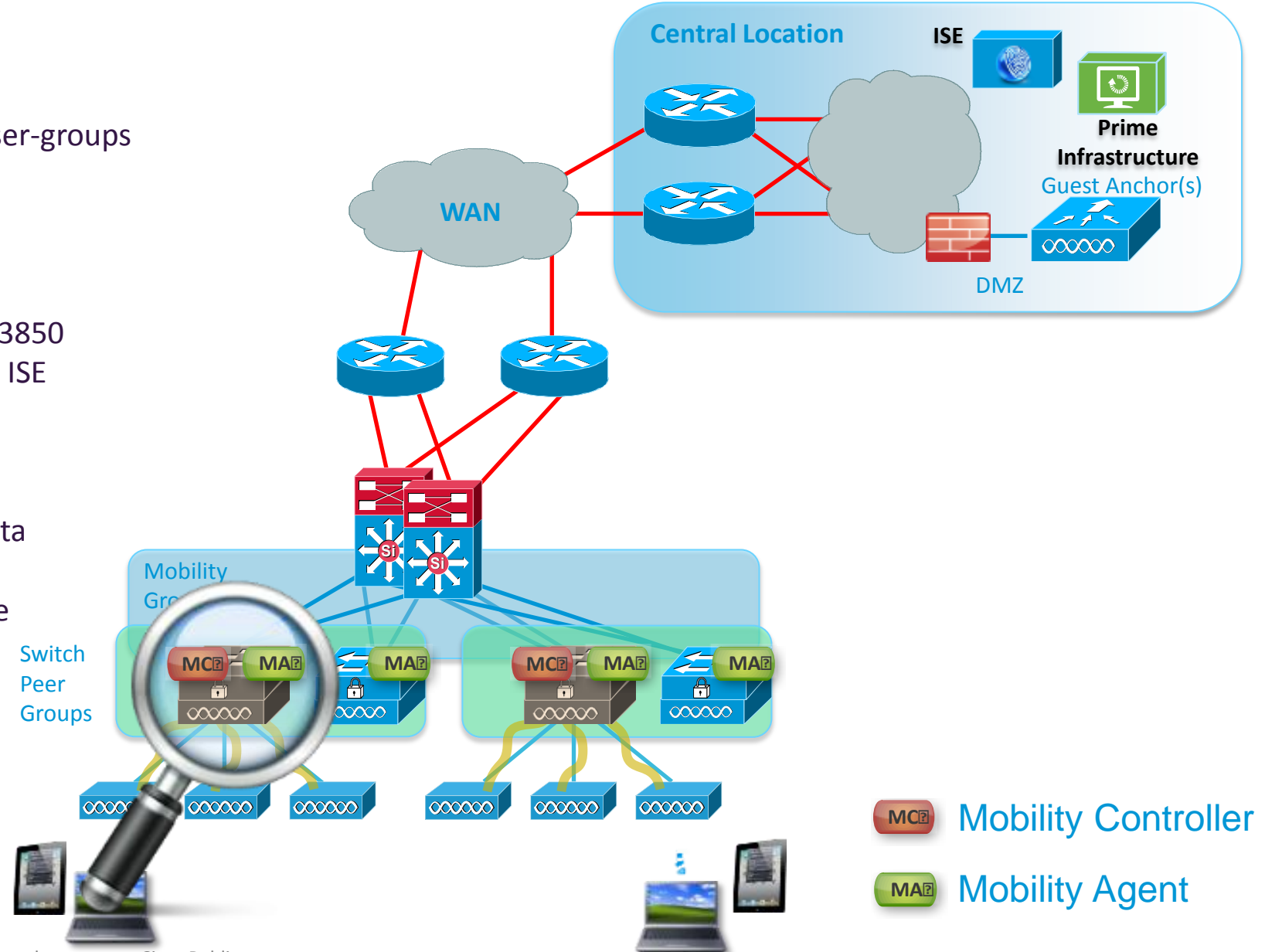
# Converged Access, Deployment –

## Goals:

- Simplify transition to MQC
- Use ISE to incrementally add new users/user-groups
- Limit management of QoS policies

## Details of Deployment:

- Provision a default policy for all clients on 3850
- Manage new users based on exception via ISE
- ISE provisioned policy overrides default
- Deploy 2 SSIDs – FACULTY, STUDENT
- Faculty and Students are authenticated
- Both groups provided Voice, Video and Data guarantees
- Each group is given a bandwidth guarantee





# Converged Access, Deployment – Classification and Marking

```
Policy-map client-default
class class-default
set dscp 0
```

## Interface Configuration:

```
wlan FACULTY 3 FACULTY
aaa-override
client vlan 67
```

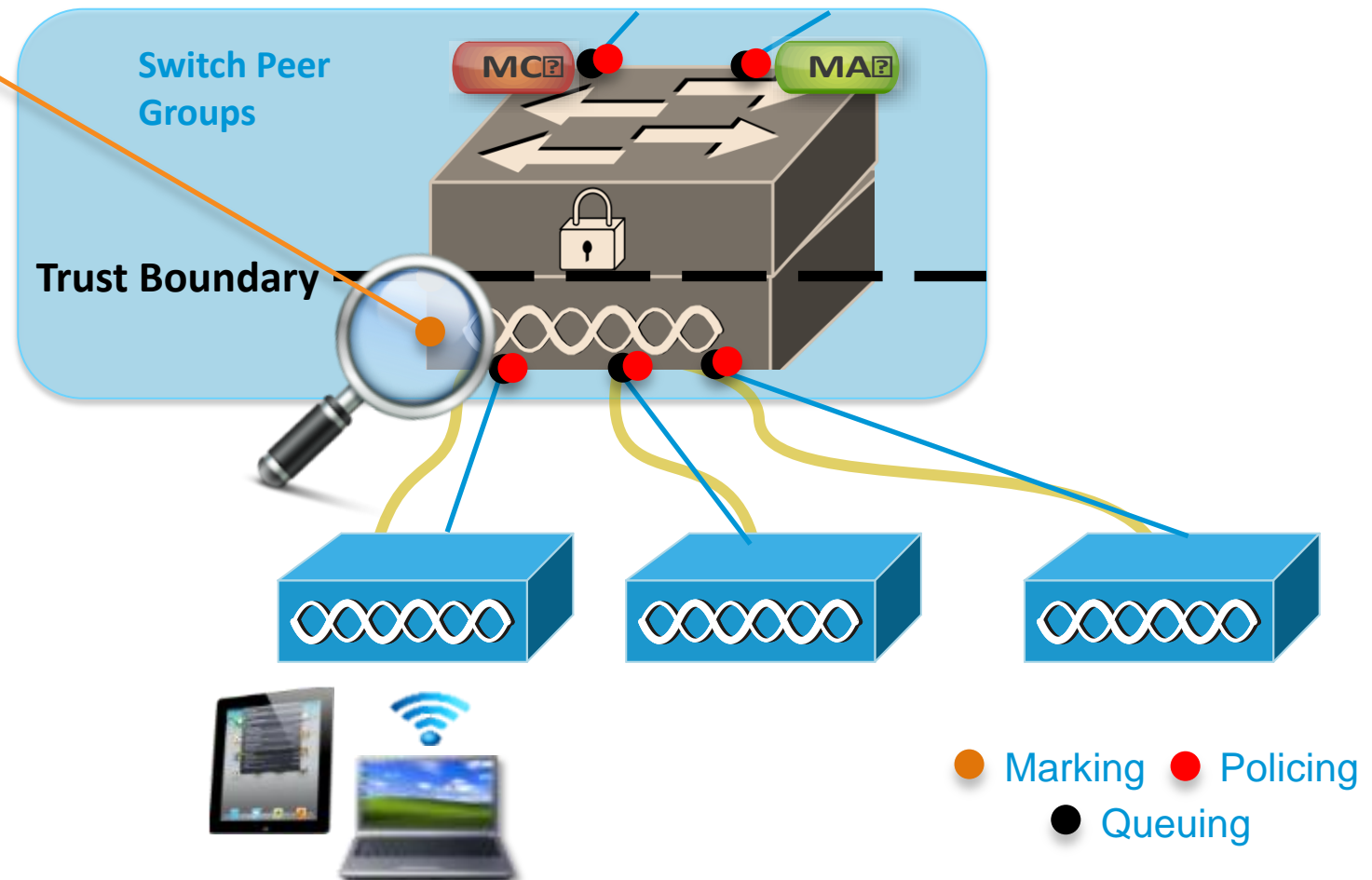
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```
service-policy client in client-default
service-policy client out client-default
```

```
wlan STUDENT 4 STUDENT
aaa-override
client vlan 68
```

...

```
service-policy client in client-default
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```



# Converged Access, Deployment – Bandwidth Unfairness

```
table-map dscp2dscp
default copy
```

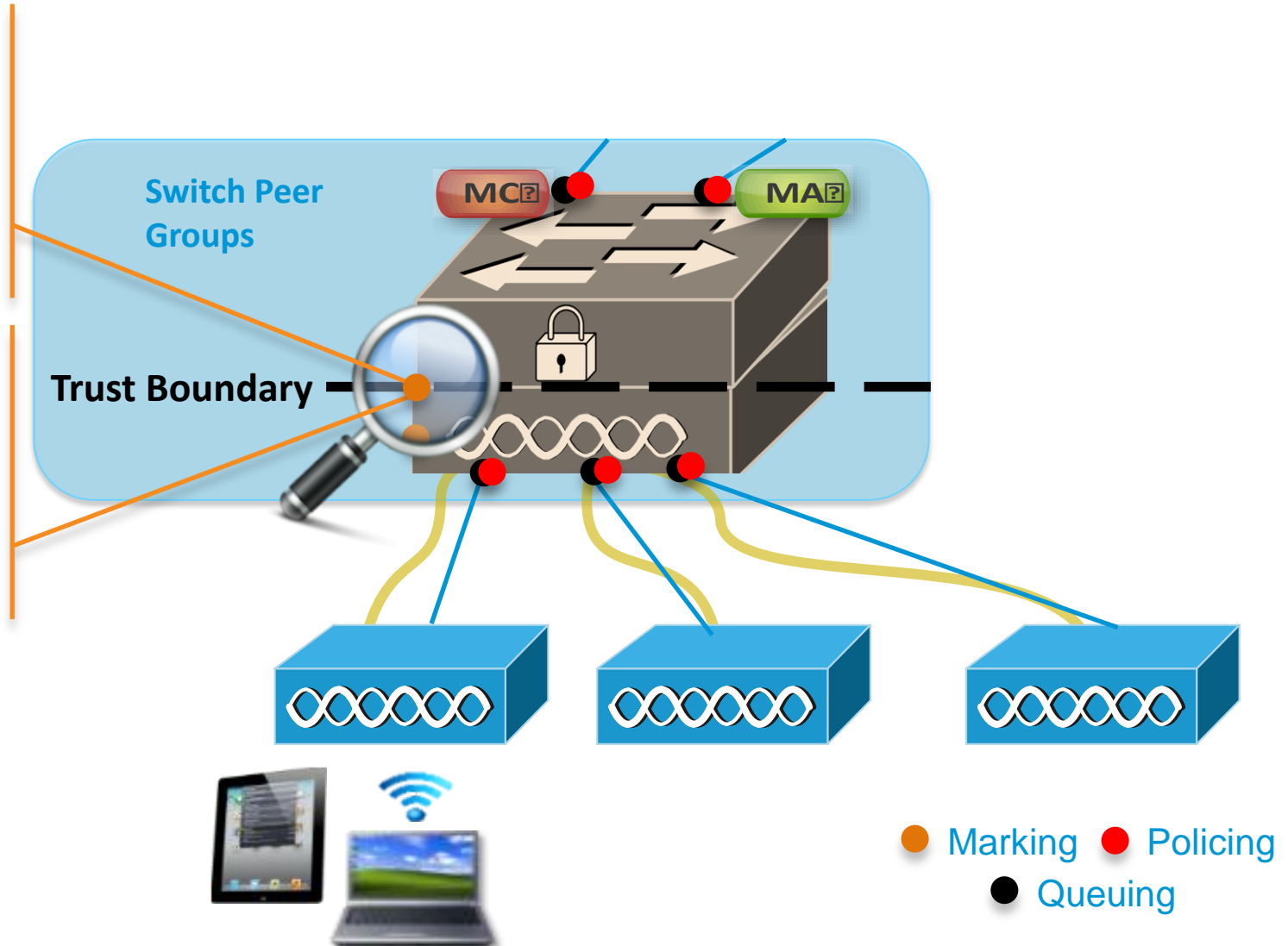
```
Policy-map TRUST-BW-FACULTY
Class class-default
  set dscp dscp table dscp2dscp
  set wlan user-priority dscp table dscp2up
  bandwidth remaining ratio 90
```

```
table-map dscp2dscp
default copy
```

```
Policy-map TRUST-BW-STUDENTS
Class class-default
  set dscp dscp table dscp2dscp
  set wlan user-priority dscp table dscp2up
  bandwidth remaining ratio 10
```

## Interface Configuration:

```
wlan FACULTY 3 FACULTY
  aaa-override
  client vlan 67
...
service-policy out TRUST-BW-FACULTY
```



# Converged Access, Deployment – Classification and Marking

## Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE)

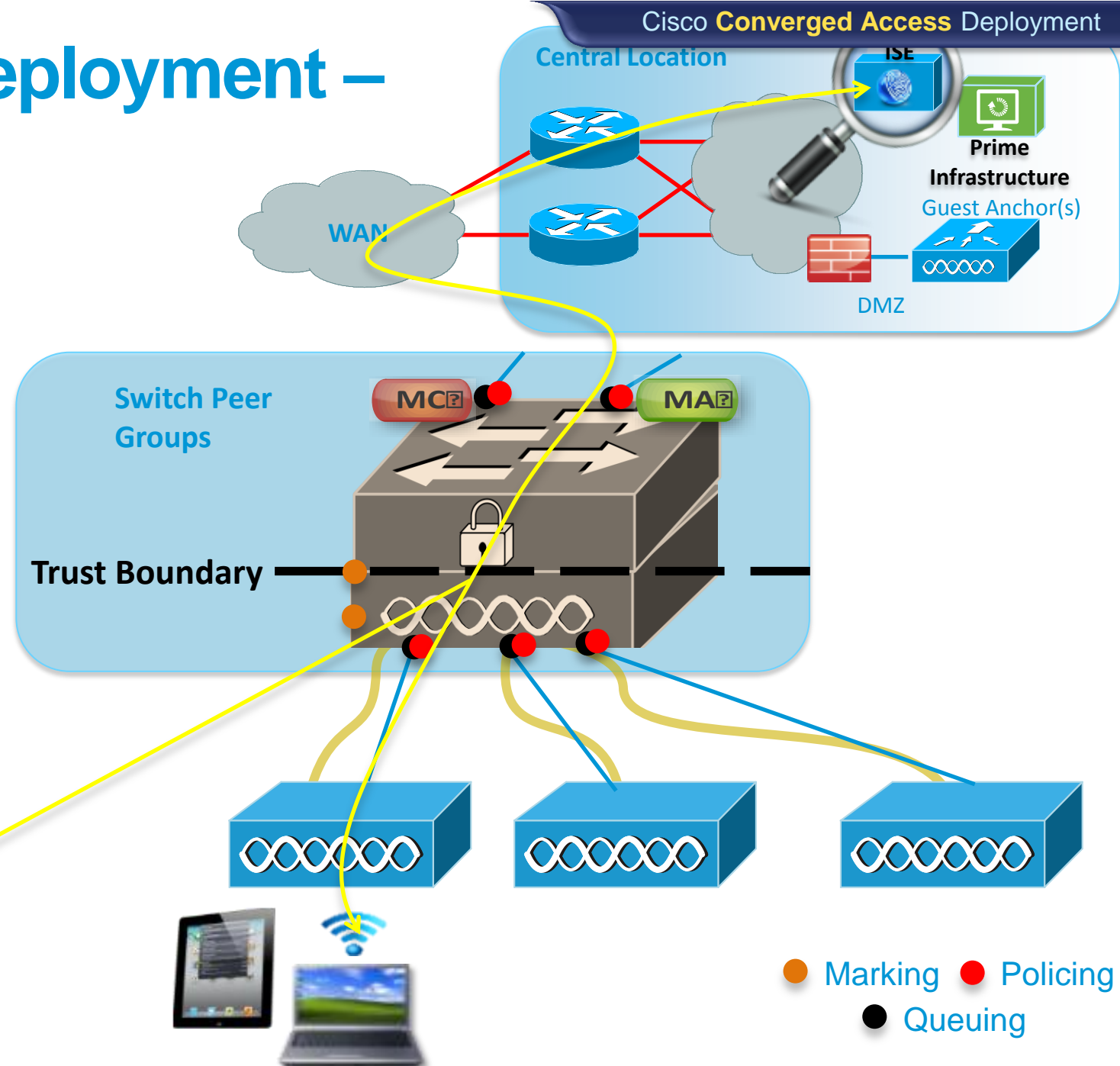
- Group configured for FACULTY
- Group configured for FACULTY via ISE or AD
- QoS policy name provided per Group
- **QoS policy name pushed to 3850 from ISE**

## Per user MQC policy

- QoS Policy pre-configured on 3850
- After client authentication, policy applied to client on ingress

```

policy-map FACULTY
class VOIP
  set dscp ef
  police 128000 conf transmit exceed drop
class VIDEO
  set dscp AF41
  police 384000 conf transmit exceed drop
class SIGNALING
  set dscp cs3
  police 32000 conf transmit exceed drop
class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
  set dscp af21
class class-default
  set dscp default
  
```



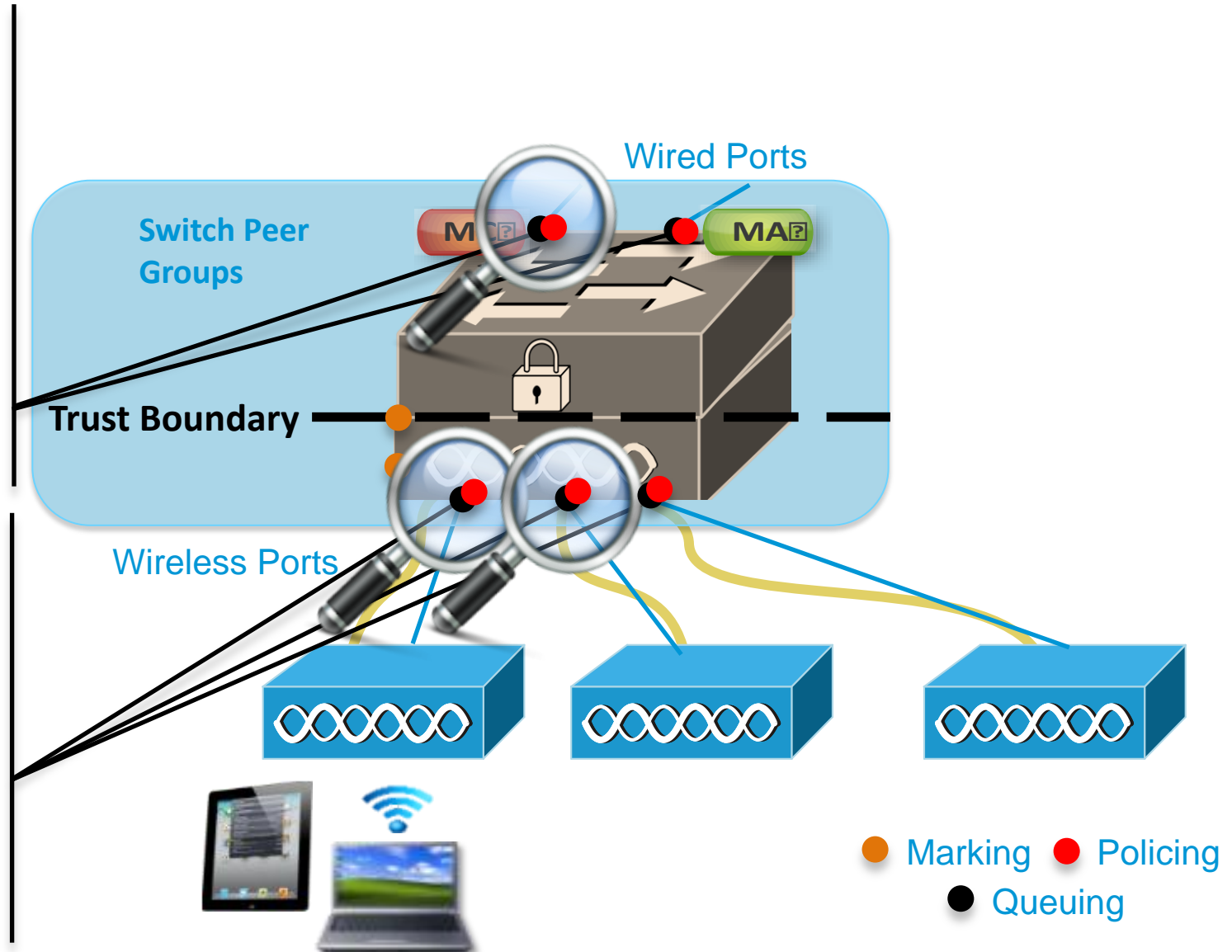
# Converged Access, Deployment – Queuing

```

policy-map 2P6Q3T
  class PRIORITY-QUEUE-1
    priority level 1
    police rate per 10 conf tran exceed drop
  class PRIORITY-QUEUE-2
    priority level 2
    police rate per 20 conf tran exceed drop
  class CONTROL-MGMT-QUEUE
    bandwidth remaining percent 20
  class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA-QUEUE
    bandwidth remaining percent 20
  class SCAVENGER
    bandwidth remaining percent 5
  class class-default
    bandwidth remaining percent 25
  
```

```

policy-map port_child_policy
  class RT1
    priority level 1
    police 500000 conf tran exceed drop
  class RT2
    priority level 2
    police 500000 conf tran exceed drop
  class non-client-nrt-class
    bandwidth remaining ratio 7
  class class-default
    bandwidth remaining ratio 63
  
```



# Converged Access, Deployment –

## Converged Mobility

```
L09-3850-1#show policy-map int wireless client
L09-3850-1#sh wireless client sum
Number of Local Clients : 1
```

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN State	Protocol
c8aa.2123.345d	10.101.2.109	4 UP	Mobile

WLAN State	Protocol
4 UP	11n(2.4)

Mac Address	VlanId	IP Address	Src If	Auth	Mob
c8aa.2123.345d	3000	10.101.255.1	0x00DCD1C00000000B	RUN	ANCHOR

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN State	Protocol
c8aa.2123.345d	APd48c.b5e4.4e8a	4 UP	11n(2.4)

```
L09-3850-1#show policy-map int wireless client
```

```
Client C8AA.2123.345D iifid:
0x0105C38000000019.0x00CBD9000000003E.0x00CE020000000040.0x00F4BC0000000041
```

```
Service-policy input: FACULTY
```

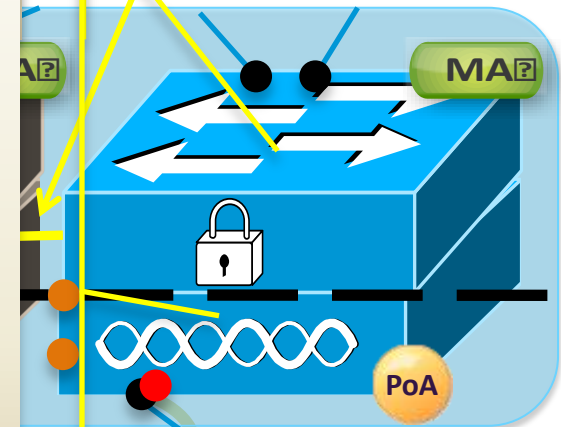
```
Class-map: VOIP (match-any)
Match: ip dscp ef (46)
QoS Set
dscp ef
police:
  cir 128000 bps, bc 4000 bytes
  conformed 0 bytes; actions:
    transmit
  exceeded 0 bytes; actions:
    drop
  conformed 0000 bps, exceed 0000 bps ...
```

```
e23:345d
```

```
System
```

```
port
0 (86413)
```

## Mobility Tunnel





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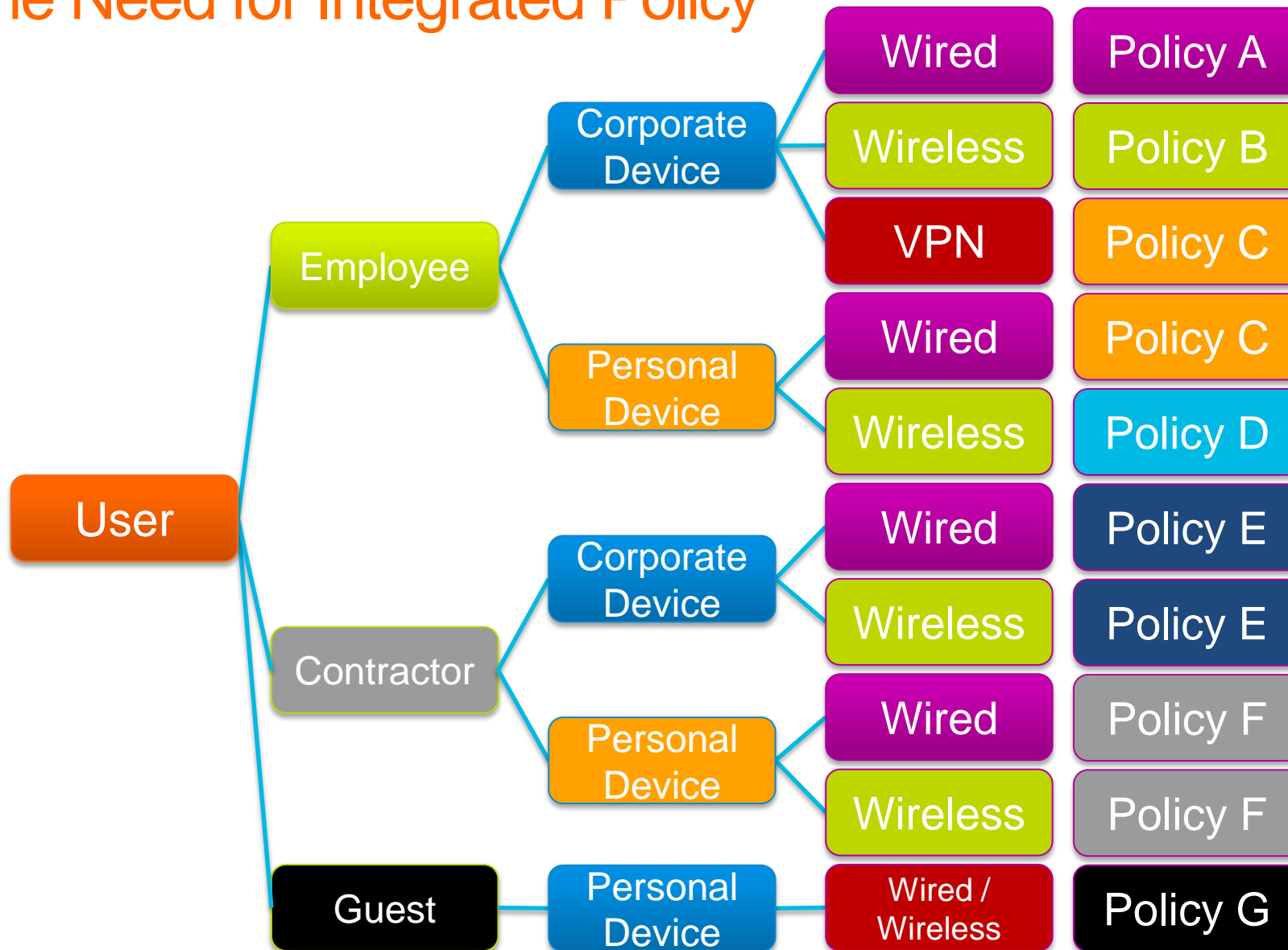
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# Converged Access – The Need for Integrated Policy



How to **define and apply** security policy **consistently** across every device on the network?

# Policy Definition – Where?

## Distributed and/or Centralised

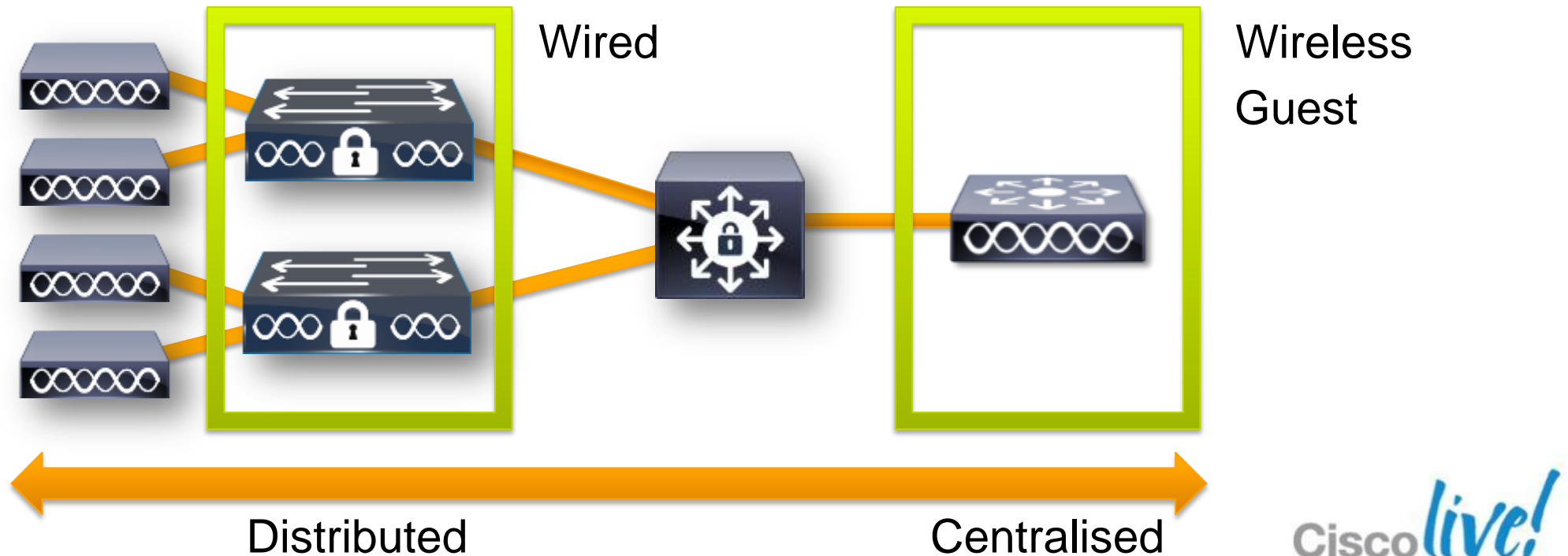
- On-Device Policy
  - AAA services (mandatory)
  - Local Policy Objects
  - Local Policy
  - Users
- Central Policy
  - Users / External Databases
  - Central Policy Objects
  - Central Policy and Control
  - Profiling
- Typically a Combination of both



# Policy Application – Where?

## Distributed and/or Centralised

- Prior to Converged Access, policy application was **applied at different places** for wired, wireless and guests
- With Converged Access, policy application is **distributed**, allowing for **better scalability**



# Today – Inconsistent Central Policy Definition

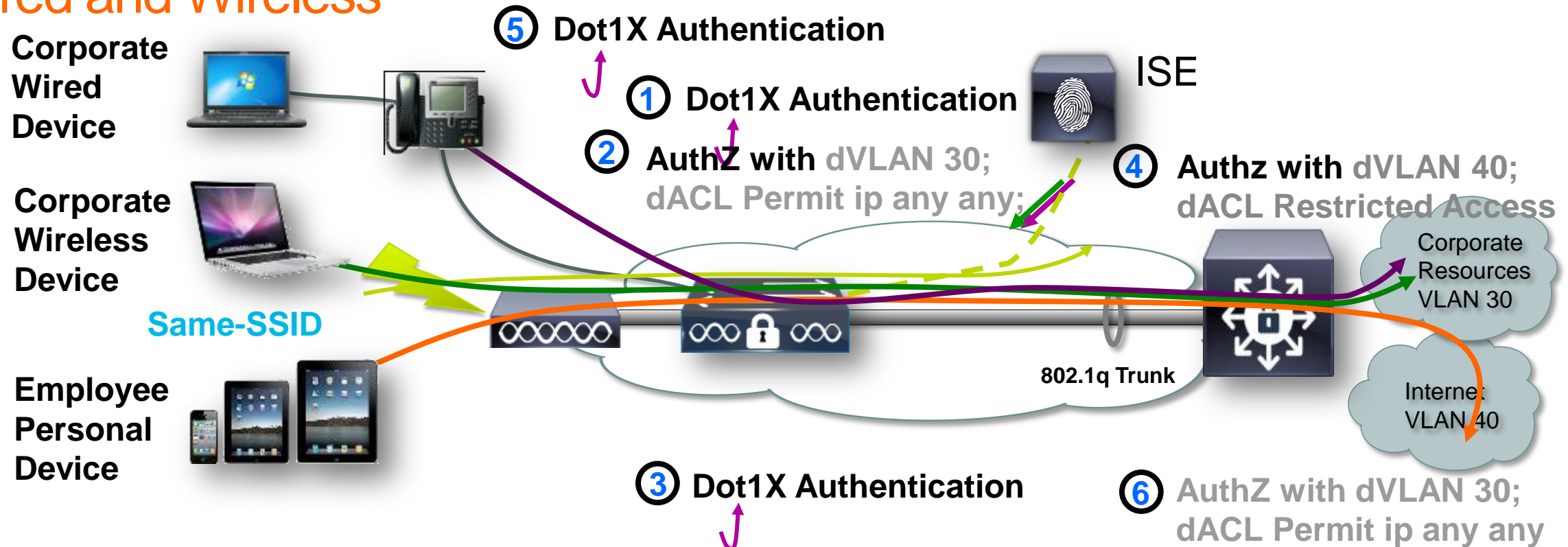
## One Policy to the Rescue!

Feature		
ACL Application	dACL, Filter-ID, per-User ACL	Airespace-ACL-Name
VLAN Assignment	Tunnel-Type, Tunnel-Medium-Type, Tunnel-Private-Group-ID	As with wired but <b>PLUS</b> Airespace-Interface-name
QoS	Platform dependent ☹️ (C3PL, MQC, ...)	Airespace-QoS-Level, Airespace-DSCP

C3PL: Cisco Classification Configuration Policy Language  
MQC: Modular QoS CLI



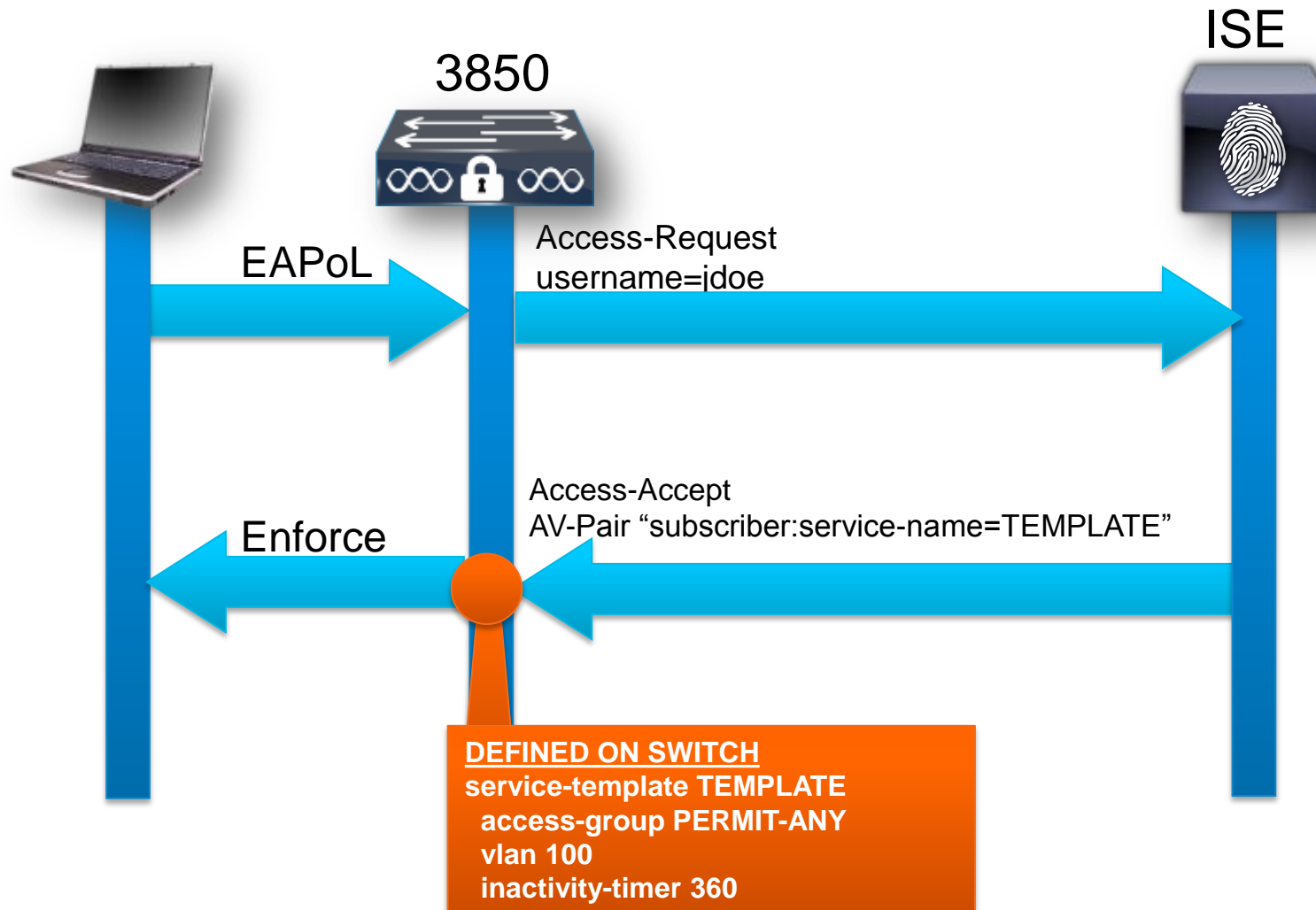
# One Policy – Wired and Wireless



- Employee using the same SSID, can be associated to different VLAN interfaces and policy after EAP authentication
- Employee using corporate wired and wireless device with their AD user id can be assigned to same VLAN 30 to have full access to the network
- Employee using personal iDevice with their AD user id can be assigned to VLAN 40 and policy to access internet only

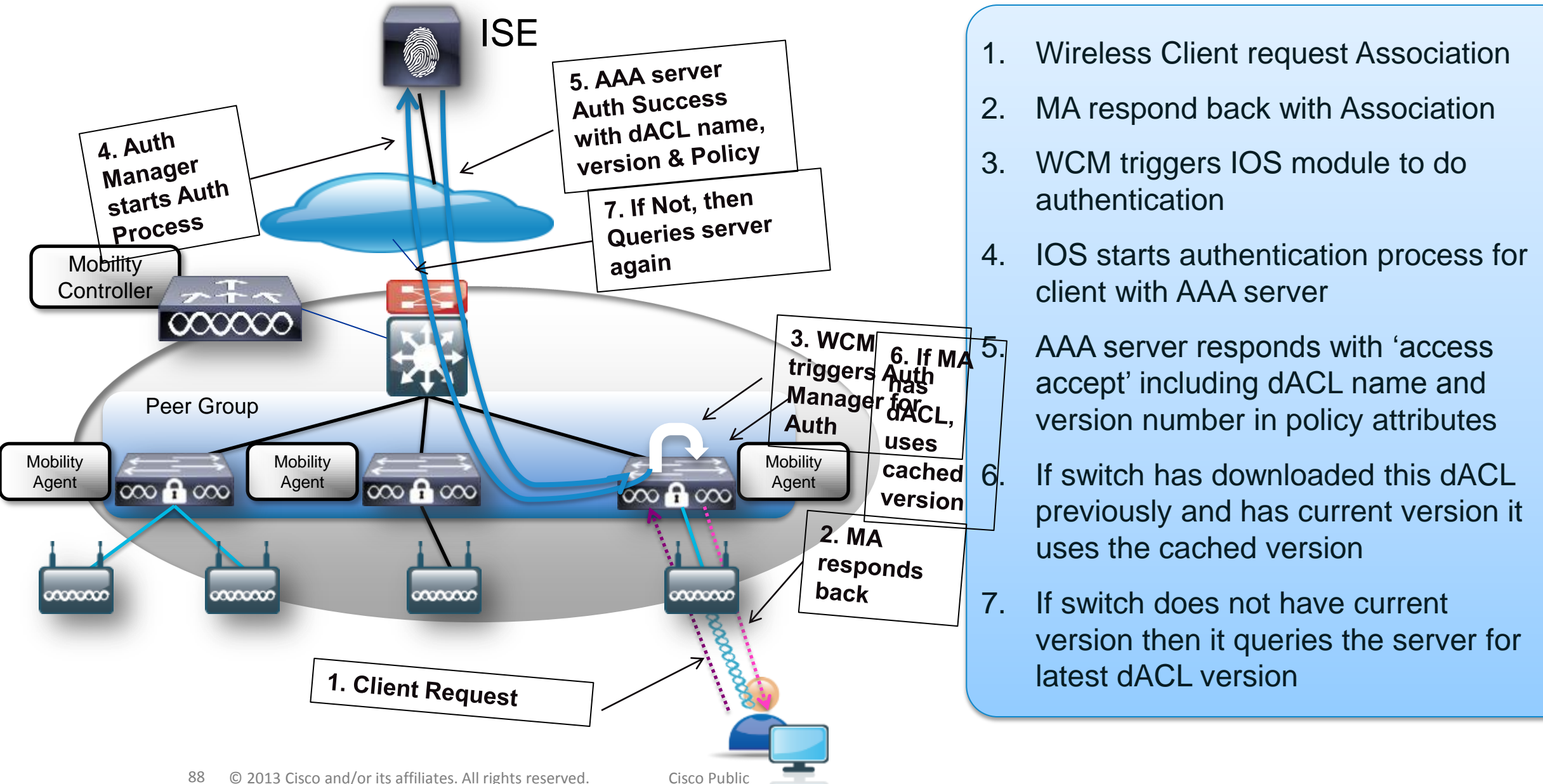
# Applying a Template –

## Similar to Applying a Port ACL via *filter-id*



- Media Independent
- Can also be triggered via RADIUS CoA
- Service-Templates activation can be a local Control Policy action
- If it doesn't exist, it can be downloaded similar to a dACL

# Downloadable ACL



# Downloadable ACL (continued)

- Downloadable ACLs can be defined **identical** for both Wired and Wireless clients
- They provide network policy enforcement based on a user / device authorisation profile
- Policy can be changed on the fly and it will be pushed on-demand (NAD keeps track of version)

Downloadable ACL List > **New Downloadable ACL**

**Downloadable ACL**

\* Name

Description

\* DACL Content

```
permit udp any any eq domain
permit ip any 10.10.1.0 0.0.0.255
permit udp any any eq bootps
deny ip any 192.168.0.0 0.0.255.255
deny ip any 172.1.220.16 0.0.255.255
deny ip any 10.1.0.0 0.0.255.255
permit ip any any
```

# ISE Policy Definition Example – Same Authorisation Policy for Wired AND Wireless

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employee-Personal-Device	if <b>RegisteredDevices</b> AND (Radius-Service-Type-Frame AND ID <b>Wired-OR-Wireless-802.1x</b> AND Radius:Called-Station-ID EQUALS CERTIFICATE:subject Alternative Name AND Network Access:EapAuthentication EQUALS EAP-TLS AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS WS2008er2.corp1.rf-demo.com/Users/byod_user )	then Restricted-Access-Employee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor-Personal-Device	if <b>RegisteredDevices</b> AND (Radius-Service-Type-Frame AND ID <b>Wired-OR-Wireless-802.1x</b> AND Radius:Called-Station-ID EQUALS CERTIFICATE:subject Alternative Name AND Network Access:EapAuthentication EQUALS EAP-TLS AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS WS2008er2.corp1.rf-demo.com/Users/Domain Users )	Restricted-Access-Contractor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Guest-Personal-Device	if <b>RegisteredDevices</b> AND (Radius-Service-Type-Frame AND ID <b>Wired-OR-Wireless-802.1x</b> AND Radius:Called-Station-ID EQUALS CERTIFICATE:subject Alternative Name AND Network Access:EapAuthentication EQUALS EAP-TLS AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS WS2008er2.corp1.rf-demo.com/Users/Guest )	Internet-Access-Policy

Authorization Compound Condition List > New Authorization Compound Condition

**Compound Condition**

\* Name: Wired-OR-Wireless-802.1x

Description: A Condition To Match An 802.1X Based Authentication Request From Cisco Converged Access Platform.

\*Condition Expression

Condition Name	Expression	Operator	Value
	Radius:NAS-Port-Type	Equals	Ethernet
	Radius:NAS-Port-Type	Equals	EEE 802.11

Submit Cancel

## Attributes Details

Access-type = ACCESS\_ACCEPT  
 Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 1:101  
 Tunnel-Type = 1:13  
 Tunnel-Medium-Type = 1:6  
 DACL = corp-policy-1  
 cisco-av-pair = ip:sub-qos-policy-in=Standard-Employee  
 cisco-av-pair = ip:sub-qos-policy-out=Standard-Employee



# Converged Access – Security Features



	Cat 3850	CT5760	CT5508
BYOD Functionality	YES	YES	YES
Rogue detect / classify / contain, RDLP	YES	YES	YES
Port Security	YES	YES	NO
IP Source Guard	YES	YES	NO
Dynamic ARP Inspection	YES	YES	NO
LDAP, TACACS+, RADIUS	YES	YES	YES
LSC and MIC	YES	YES	YES
AP dot1x EAP-FAST	YES	YES	YES
Secure Fast Roaming	YES	YES	YES
802.1X-rev-2010 (MACsec / MKA)	H/W Ready	H/W Ready	NO

# Converged Access – Security Features, continued



	Cat 3850	CT5760	CT5508
IP Theft, DHCP Snooping, Data Gleaning	YES	YES	YES
IOS ACL	YES	YES	YES
Adaptive wIPS, WPS	YES	YES	YES
CIDS	YES	YES	YES
TrustSec SGT / SGACL	H/W Ready	H/W Ready	SXP
Guest Access	YES	YES	YES
IPv6 RA Guard	YES	YES	NO
MFP	YES	YES	YES
IP Device Tracking	YES	YES	NO
CoPP	Static	Static	NO



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# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Options

**Multiple options exist for how to assign user subnets in Converged Access.**

Several possible IP addressing deployment models exist for wired / wireless use ...

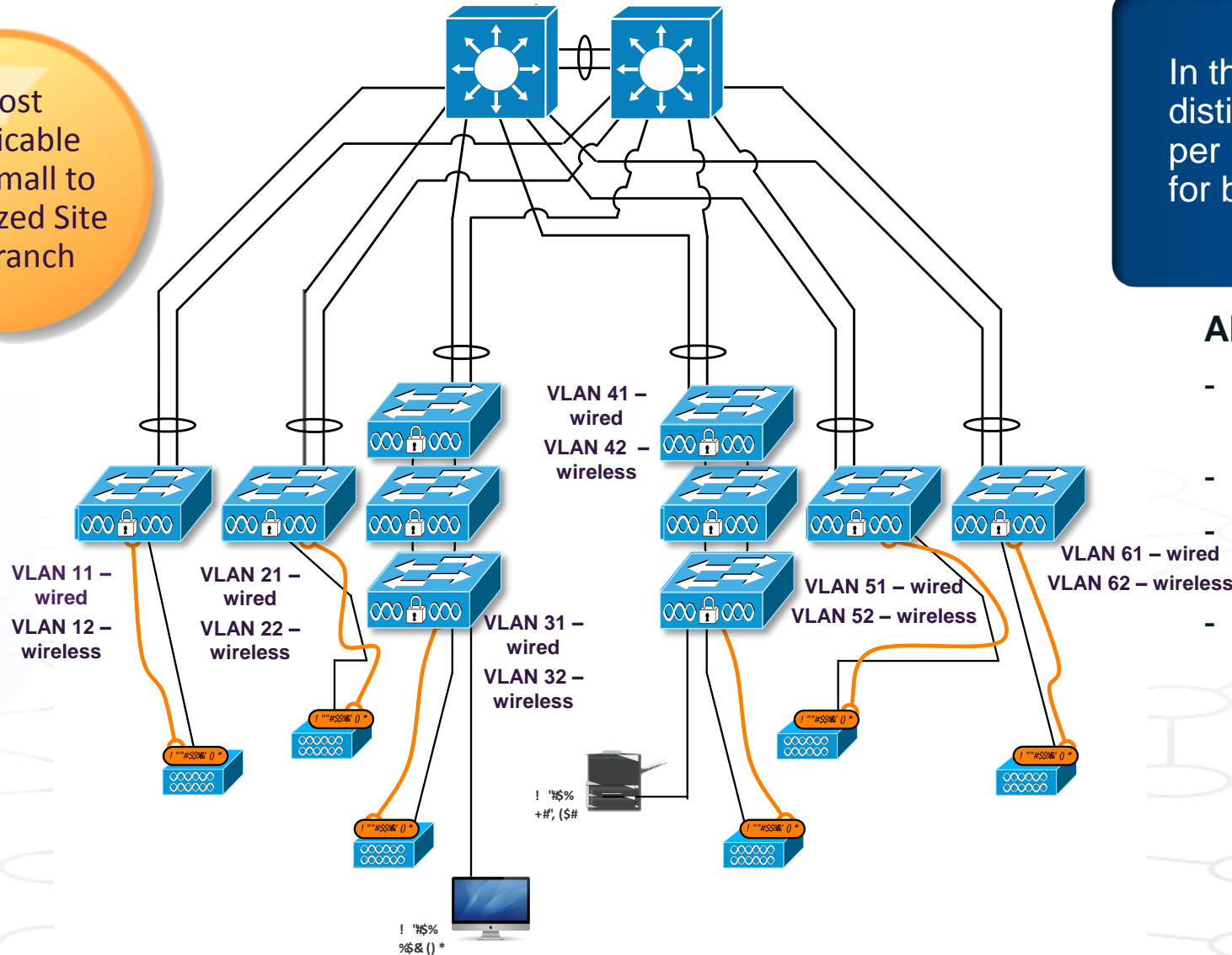
- Option 1** – Separate wired and wireless VLANs, per wiring closet
- Option 2** – Merged wired and wireless VLANs, per wiring closet
- Option 3** – Separate wired VLANs per wiring closet, spanned wireless VLAN across multiple wiring closets (below a single distribution)

There are trade-offs between each of these IP addressing design models ....

**On the following slides, we have summarised some of the possible advantages and considerations of each of these IP addressing options.** Further and more prescriptive guidance for IP address deployment in Converged Access requires additional solution validation.

# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 1

Most  
Applicable  
to a Small to  
Mid-Sized Site  
or Branch



## OPTION 1 – Separate VLANs / subnets per wiring closet, for wired and wireless

In this design option, separate and distinct subnets are configured per Converged Access wiring closet, for both wired and wireless users

### ADVANTAGES –

- Easy to understand – maps well to user expectations for wired design
- Can match any wired deployment (L2 / L3)
- Can create separate wired and wireless policies based on VLAN
- Eliminates DHCP contention wired/wireless

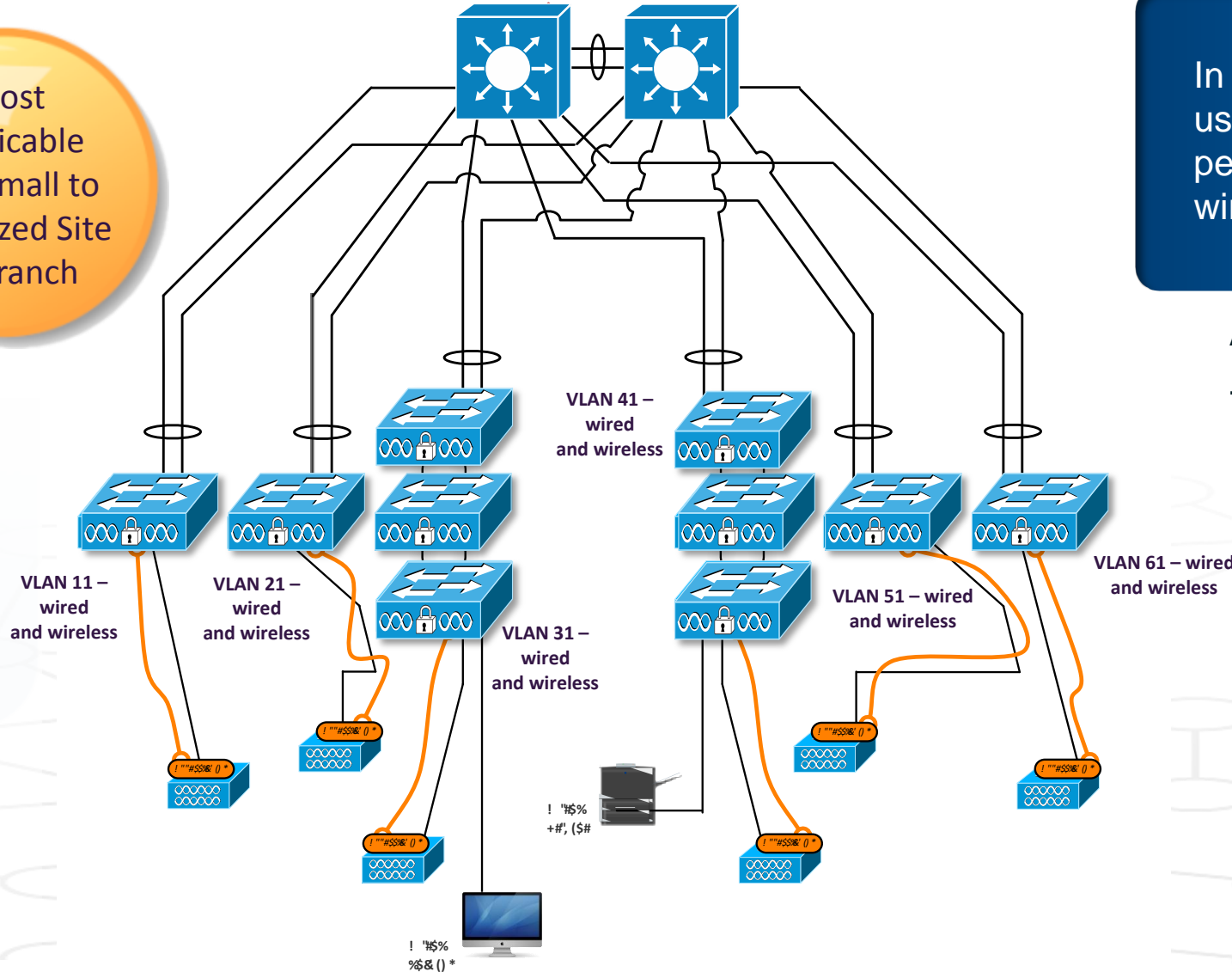
### CONSIDERATIONS –

- May lead to more subnets required
- May be hard to size wireless subnets for number of anticipated wireless clients, per wiring closet (may lead to wasted IP address space for wireless use, potentially)



# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 2

Most  
Applicable  
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## OPTION 2 – Merged VLANs / subnets per wiring closet, for wired and wireless

In this design option, wired and wireless users and devices share common subnets per CA wiring closet (i.e. one or more wired / wireless VLANs per wiring closet)

### ADVANTAGES –

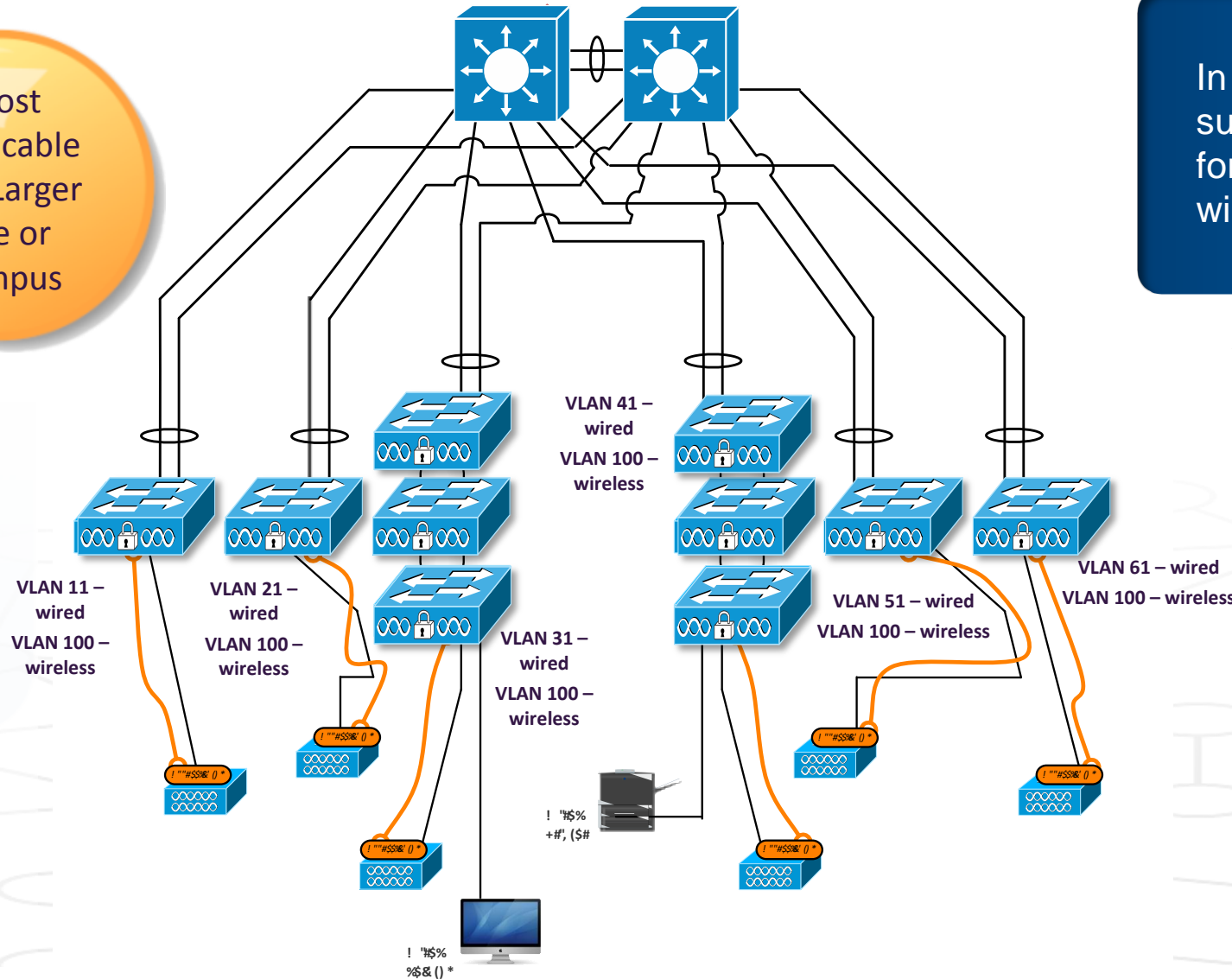
- Leads to fewer subnets req'd vs. Option 1

### CONSIDERATIONS –

- Potential dual-attached device issues (possible client-side bridging issues)
- No longer possible to apply separate per-VLAN policies for wired / wireless
- May be hard to size combined subnets appropriately for number of wired / wireless clients, per wiring closet (may be slightly more efficient vs. Option 1)
- Possible DHCP contention, wired / wireless

# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 3

Most  
Applicable  
to a Larger  
Site or  
Campus



## OPTION 3 – Separate wired VLANs / subnets per wiring closet, with wireless VLAN spanned

In this design option, separate and distinct subnets are configured per CA wiring closet, for both wired and wireless users, with wireless spanned below dist.

### ADVANTAGES –

- Can create separate wired and wireless policies based on VLAN
- Leads to fewer subnets req'd vs. Option 1 (only one wireless subnet below dist.)
- Easier to size wireless subnet(s) below distribution layer (closer correspondence to IP addressing in the CUWN model)

### CONSIDERATIONS –

- Optimised with VSS, or other similar single-switch-equivalent model, at distribution (to avoid L2 loops)
- Topology differs, wired vs. wireless



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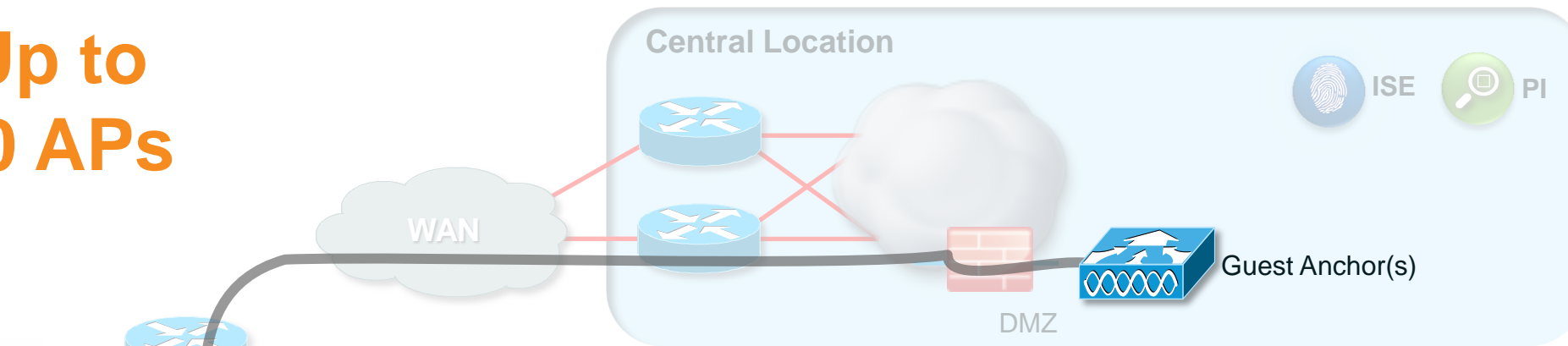
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# Converged Access –

## Small Branch – No Discrete Controllers, Catalyst 3850s as MC / MAs

Up to  
50 APs



Applicable  
to a Small  
Branch  
Deployment

### Characteristics –

- May be a lower-speed WAN link (bandwidth and latency a concern only for Guest traffic)
- **Allows for Advanced QoS, WAN optimisation, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic**
- **Supports Layer 3 roaming**
- **Supports VideoStream and optimised multicast**
- **Good availability due to MA/MC redundancy within the 3850 stack – provides wireless continuity with either WAN outage or switch failure within the stack**

Deployment could consist of multiple stacks – one stack as MC/MA, rest of stacks as MAs only





# Converged Access – Large Branch

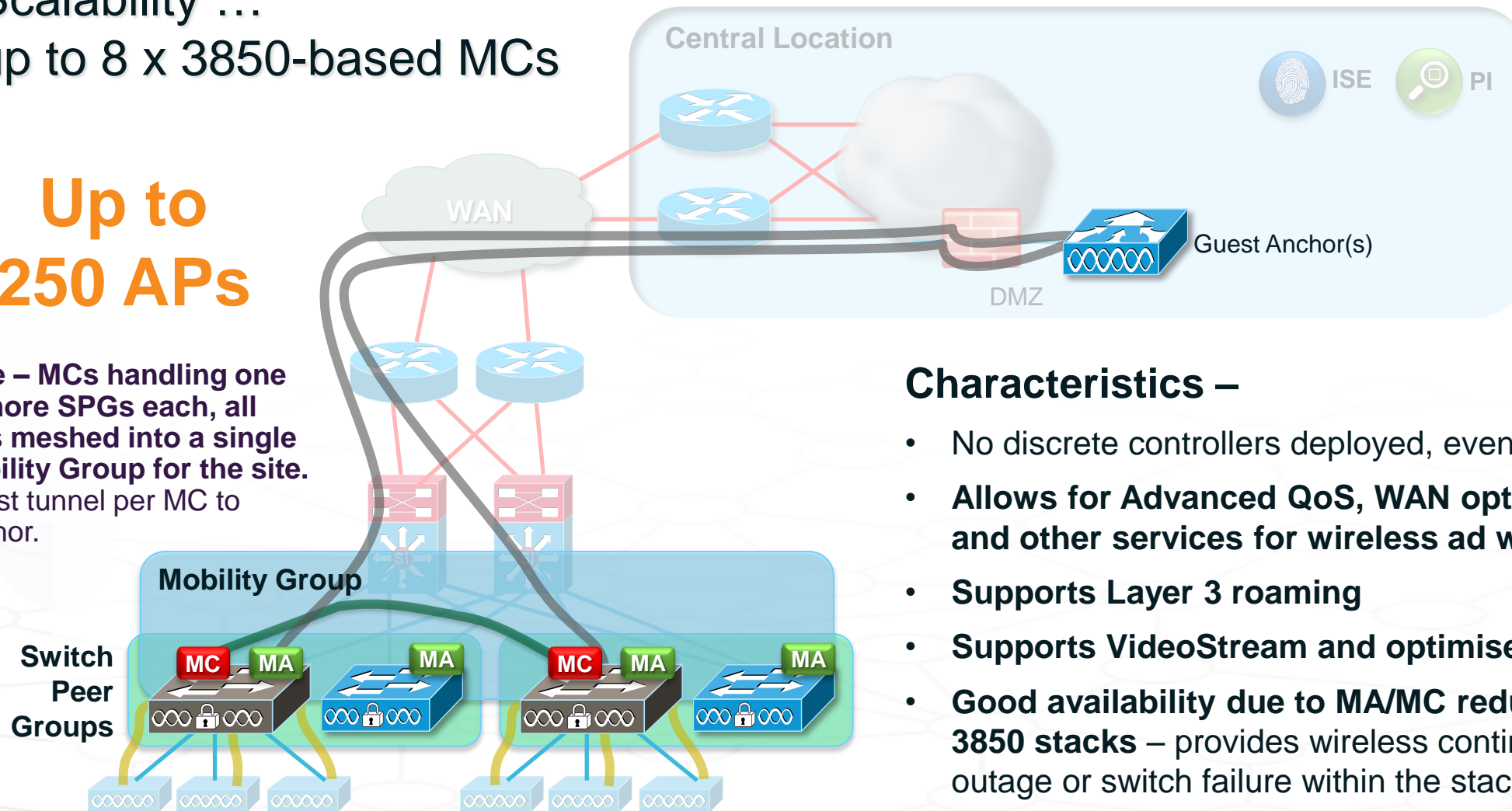
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Scalability ...

up to 8 x 3850-based MCs

Up to  
250 APs

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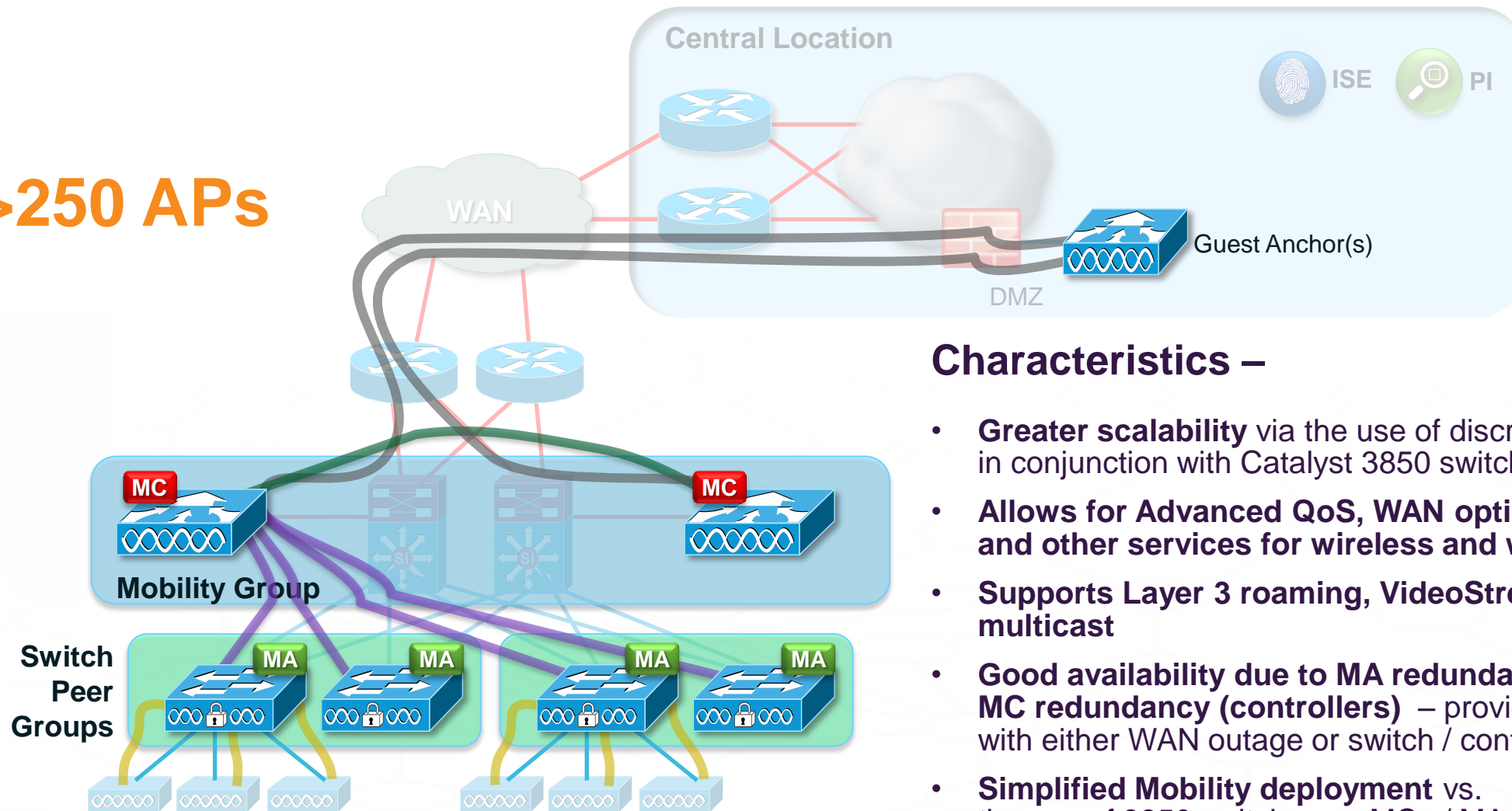
## Characteristics –

- No discrete controllers deployed, even at a larger branch
- **Allows for Advanced QoS, WAN optimisation, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic**
- **Supports Layer 3 roaming**
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# Converged Access – Large Branch

Controllers as MCs, Catalyst 3850s as MAs only, Multiple SPGs

>250 APs



Applicable  
to a Larger  
Branch or  
Small  
Campus

## Characteristics –

- **Greater scalability** via the use of discrete controllers as MCs, in conjunction with Catalyst 3850 switches as Mas
- **Allows for Advanced QoS, WAN optimisation, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic**
- **Supports Layer 3 roaming, VideoStream, and optimised multicast**
- **Good availability due to MA redundancy (3850 stacks) and MC redundancy (controllers)** – provides wireless continuity with either WAN outage or switch / controller failure
- **Simplified Mobility deployment vs. the use of 3850 switches as MCs / MAs**

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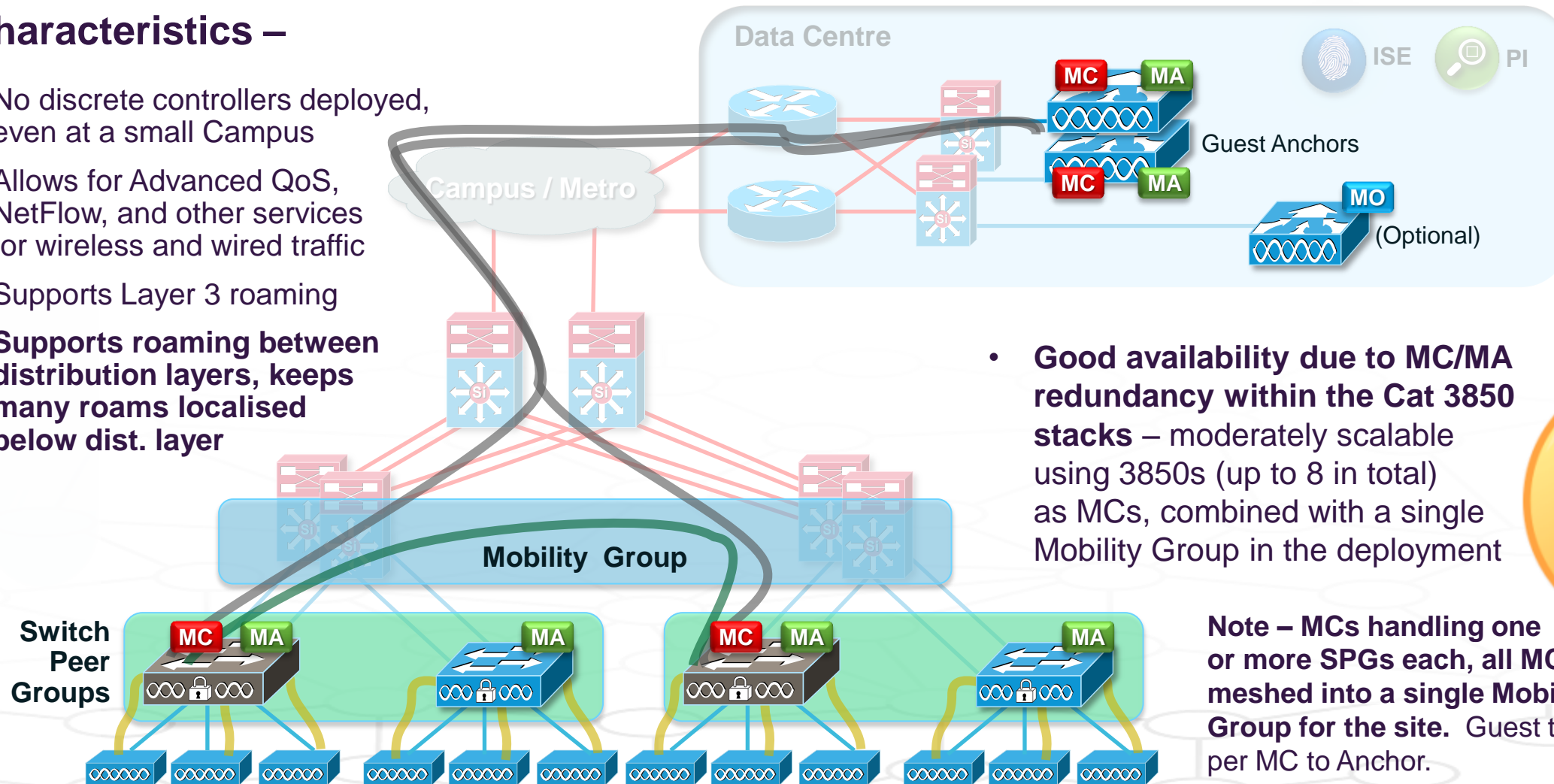
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Up to  
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## Characteristics –

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- Allows for Advanced QoS, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic
- Supports Layer 3 roaming
- **Supports roaming between distribution layers, keeps many roams localised below dist. layer**



- **Good availability due to MC/MA redundancy within the Cat 3850 stacks** – moderately scalable using 3850s (up to 8 in total) as MCs, combined with a single Mobility Group in the deployment

Applicable to a Small Campus Deployment

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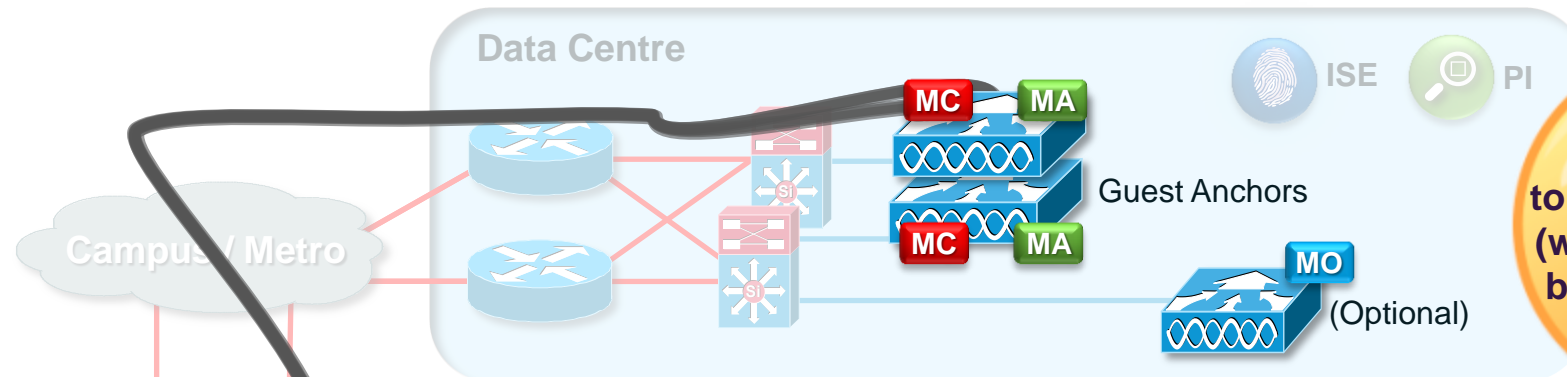
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## Small Campus – 3850s as MCs / MAs, Multiple Mobility Groups

Scalability.... > 8 x 3850 MCs, > 250 APs total (w/o inter-dist. roaming)

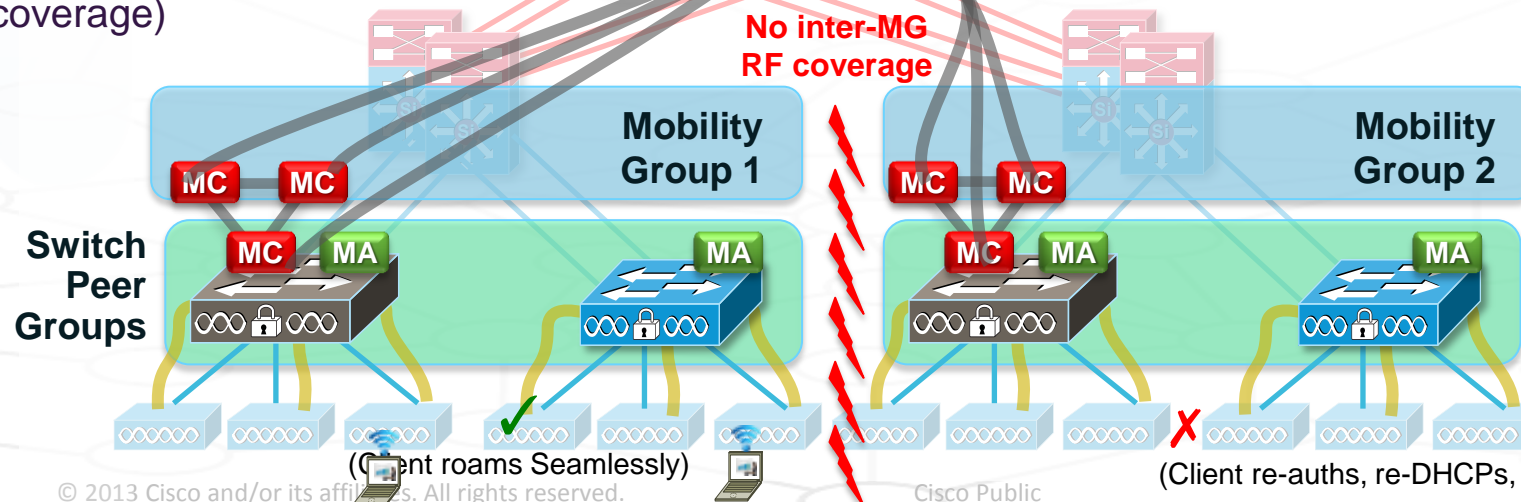
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- Supports Layer 3 roaming
- **No support for roaming across distribution layers** (no inter-dist. RF coverage)



May be Applicable to a Small Campus (without any inter-building wireless coverage)

- **Good availability due to MC/MA redundancy within the Cat 3850 stacks** – more scalable using Catalyst 3850s (up to 8 total per Mobility Group) as MCs, combined with multiple Mobility Groups in the deployment



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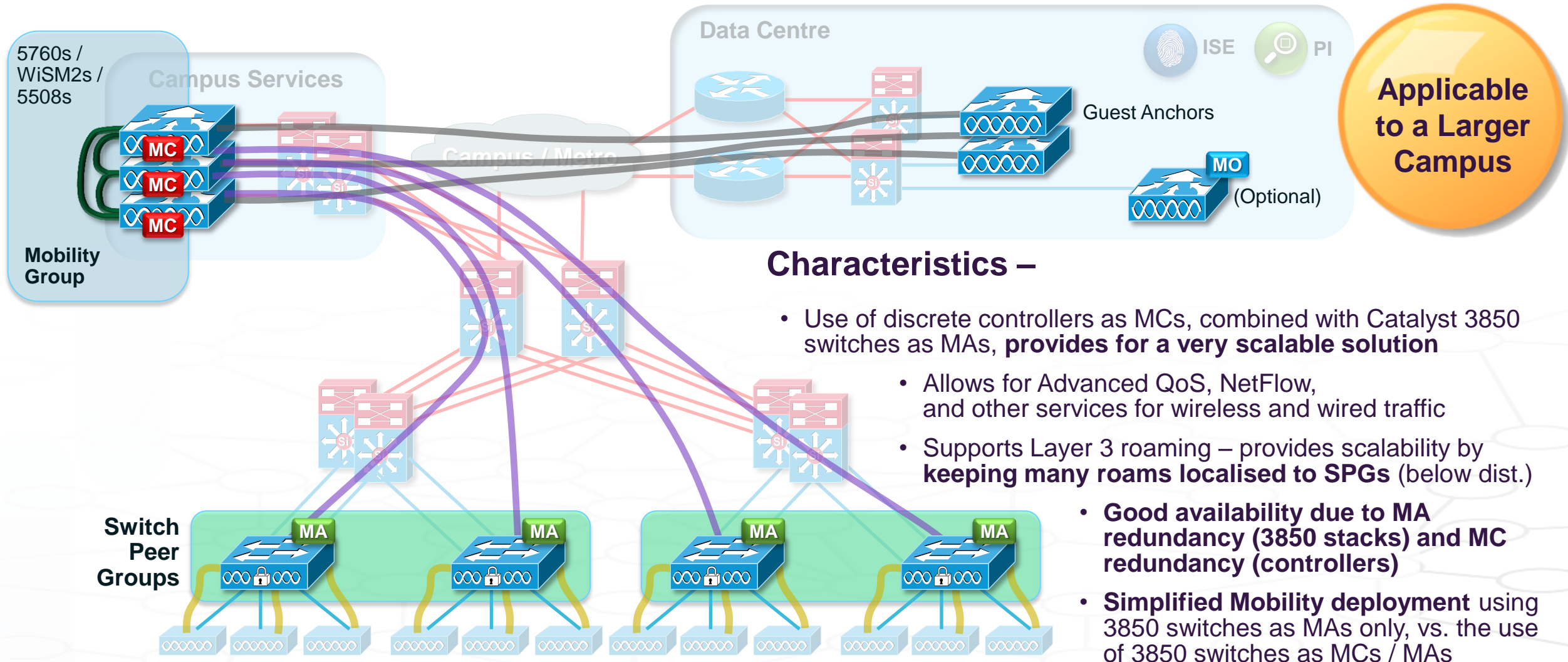
No inter-dist. roaming – no RRM and other MC-based functions across separate Mob. Groups



# Converged Access –

## Campus – Centralised MCs, 3850s as MAs only

### >250 APs



### Characteristics –

- Use of discrete controllers as MCs, combined with Catalyst 3850 switches as MAs, **provides for a very scalable solution**
- Allows for Advanced QoS, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic
- Supports Layer 3 roaming – provides scalability by **keeping many roams localised to SPGs (below dist.)**
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- **Simplified Mobility deployment** using 3850 switches as MAs only, vs. the use of 3850 switches as MCs / MAs



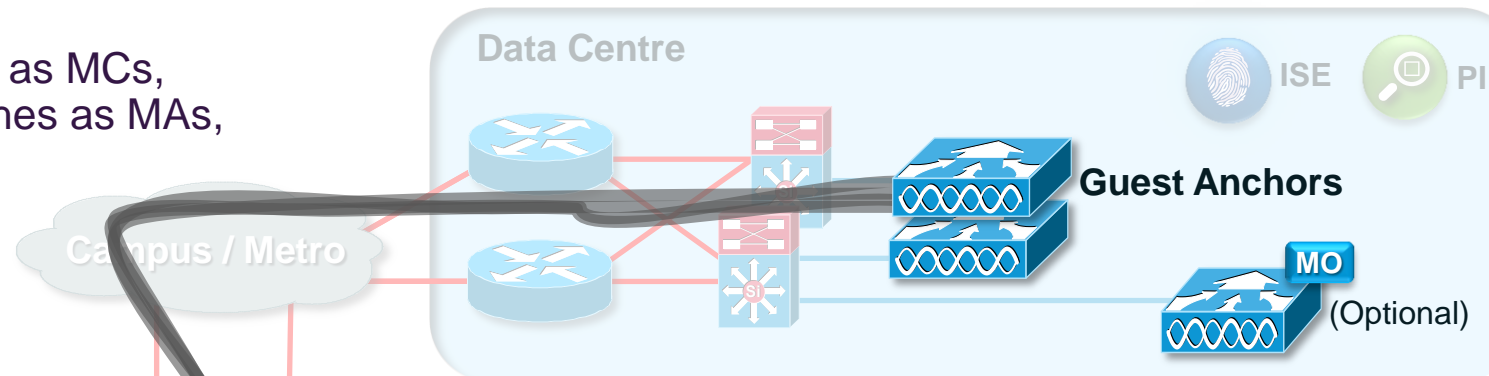
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## Campus – Distributed MCs, 3850s as MAs only

# >250 APs

### Characteristics –

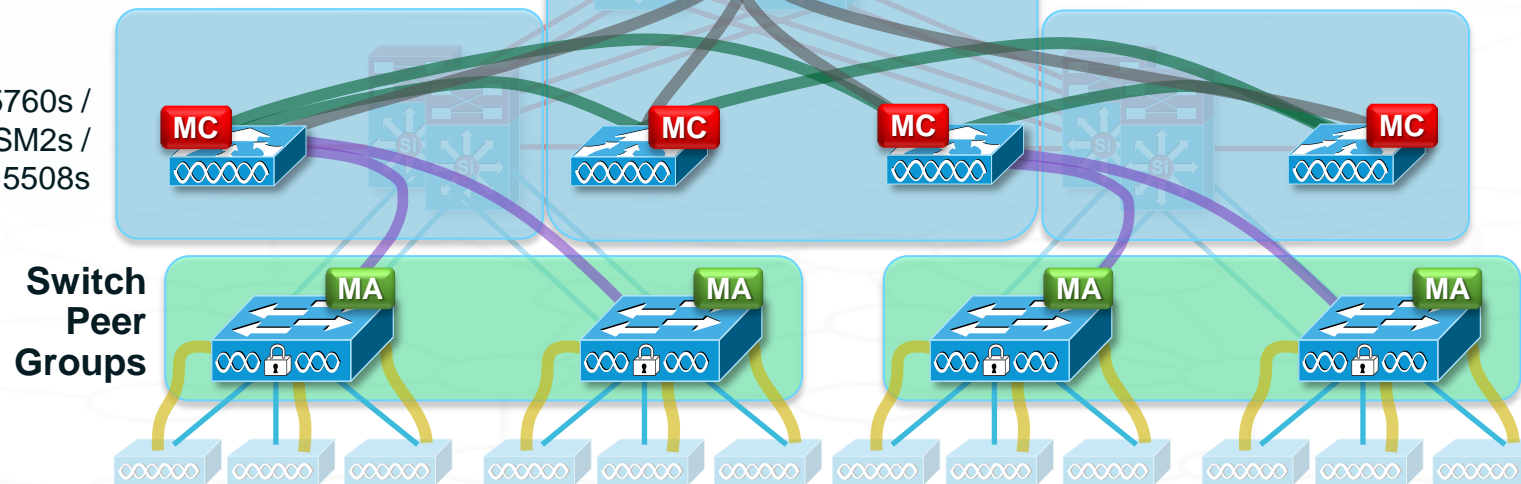
- Use of discrete controllers as MCs, combined with 3850 switches as MAs, provides for a very scalable solution
- Use of distributed controllers (vs. centralised in DC) may be more appropriate in some wireless deployments



Applicable to a Larger Campus

- Allows for Advanced QoS, NetFlow, and other services for wireless and wired traffic
- Supports Layer 3 roaming – provides scalability by **keeping many rooms localised to SPGs** (below distribution)

5760s /  
WiSM2s /  
5508s



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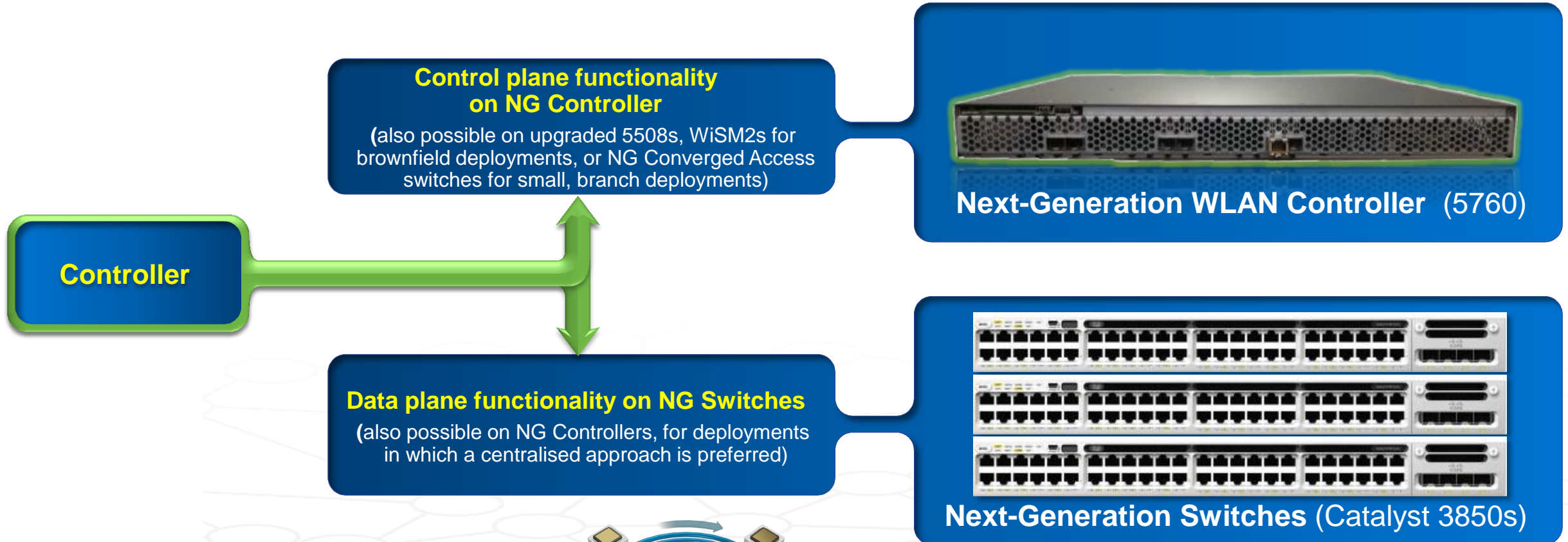
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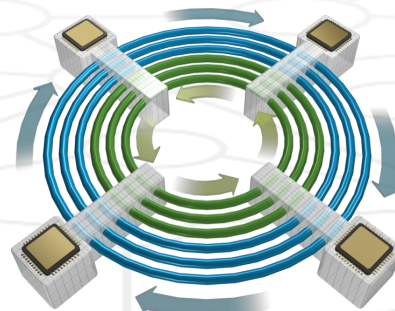


# Bringing Together Wired and Wireless –

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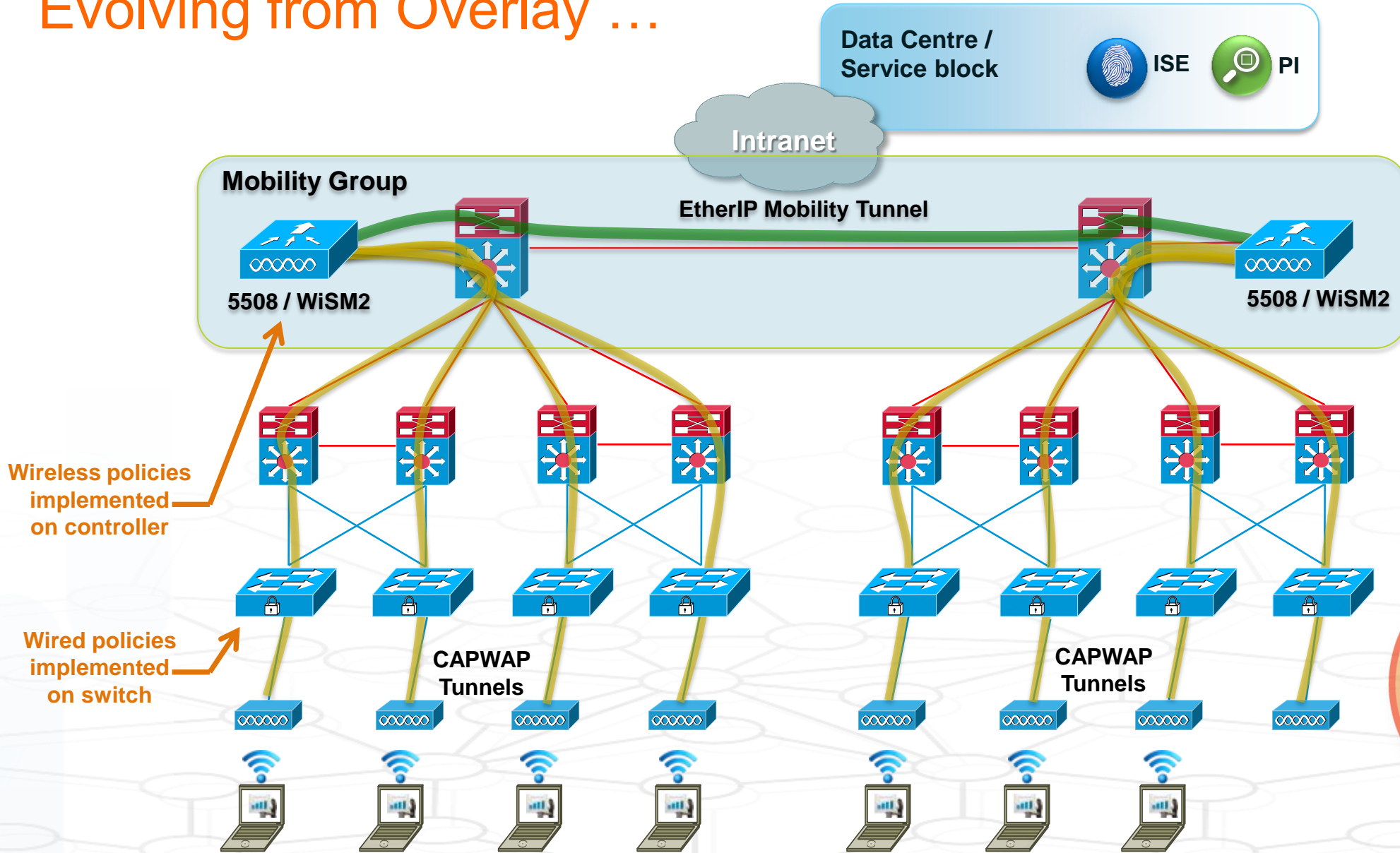


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# Converged Wired / Wireless Access – Evolving from Overlay ...



**Well-known and well-proven ...**  
Prior to Migration to Converged Access

**Separate policies and services** for wired and wireless users

**All wireless traffic centralised** via controllers as shown

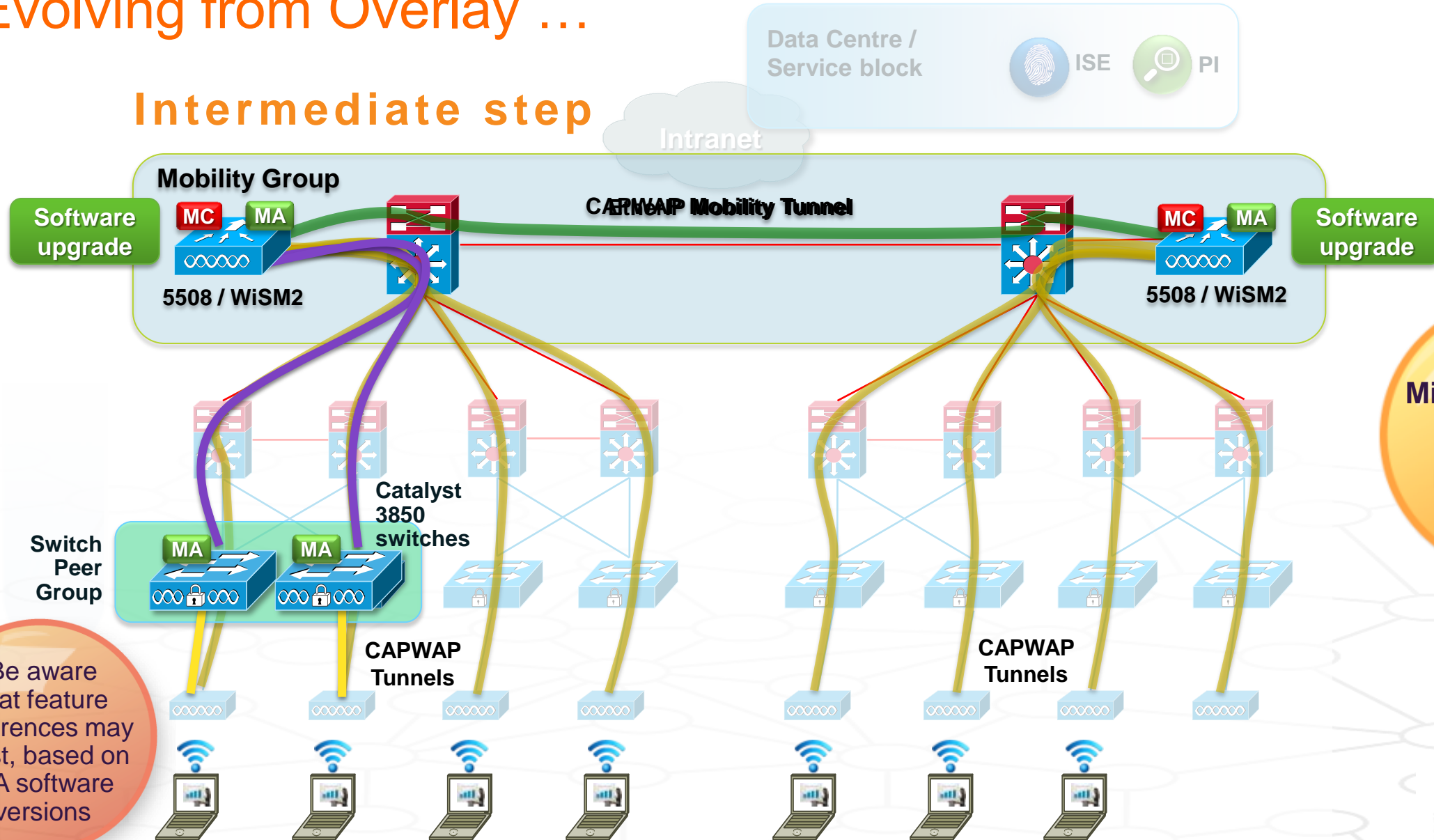




# Converged Wired / Wireless Access –

## Evolving from Overlay ...

### Intermediate step



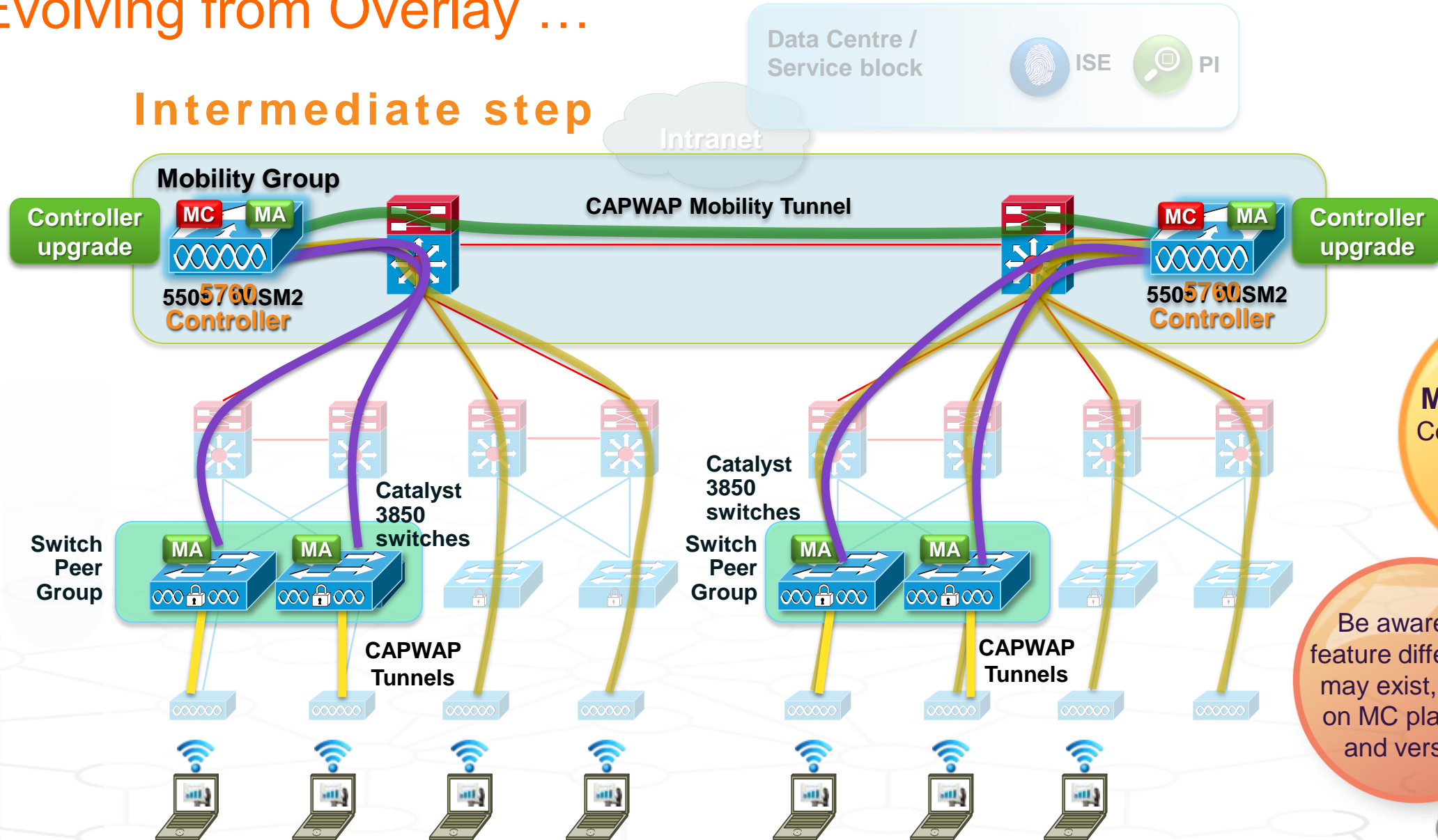
**Initial Migration Step –**  
Controller Upgrades,  
Implementation of First CA Switches

Be aware that feature differences may exist, based on MA software versions

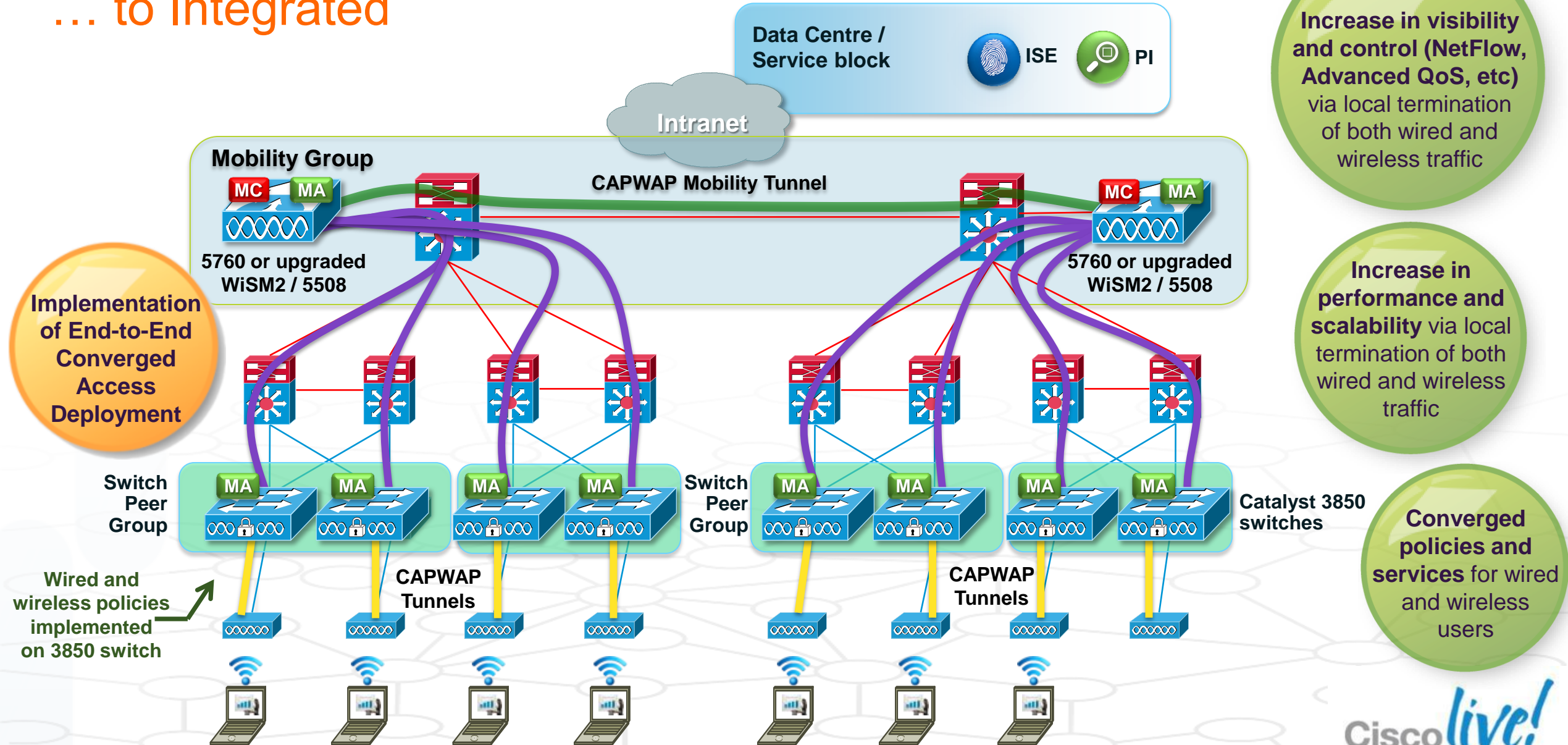


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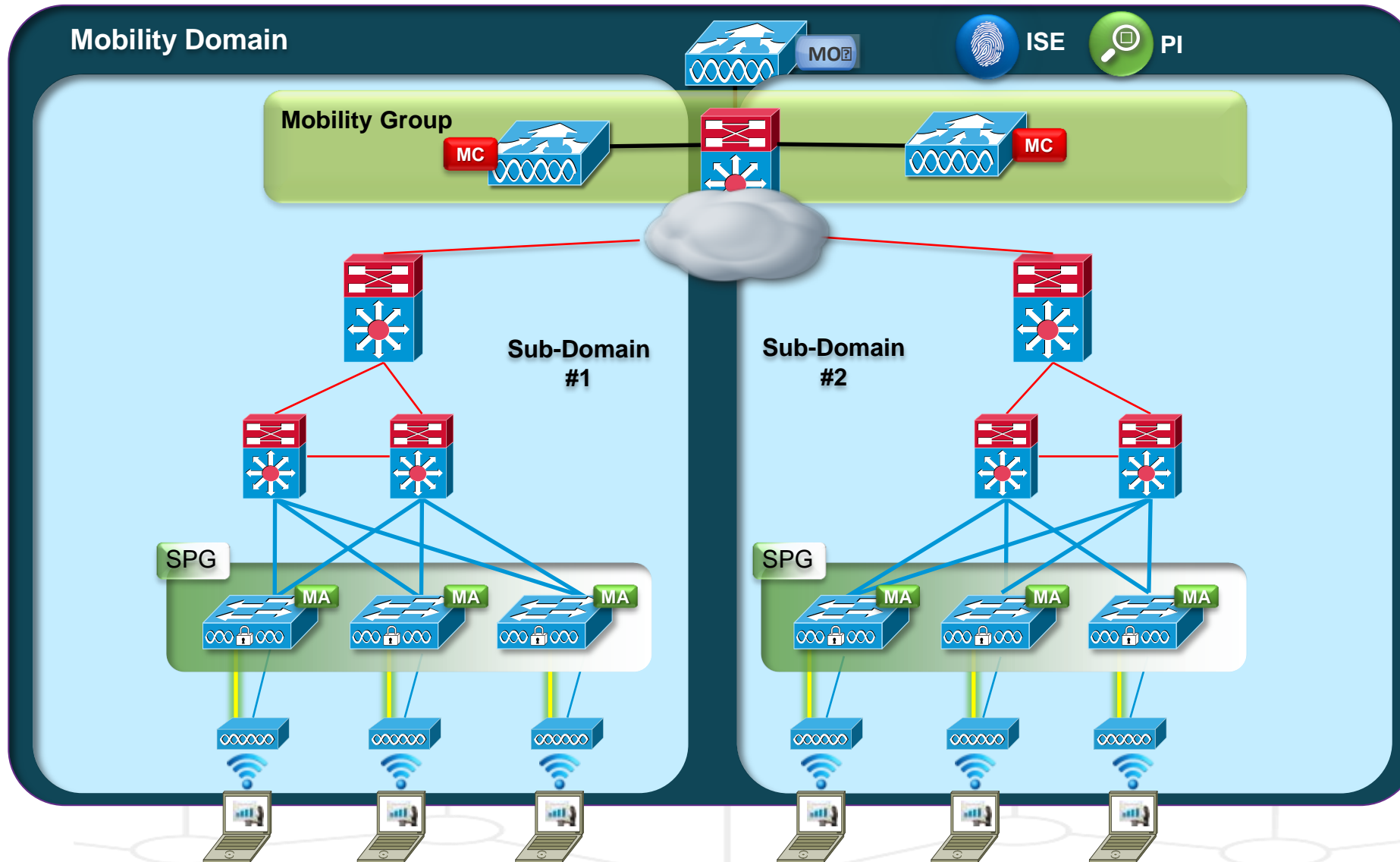
## Intermediate step



# Converged Wired / Wireless Access – ... to Integrated



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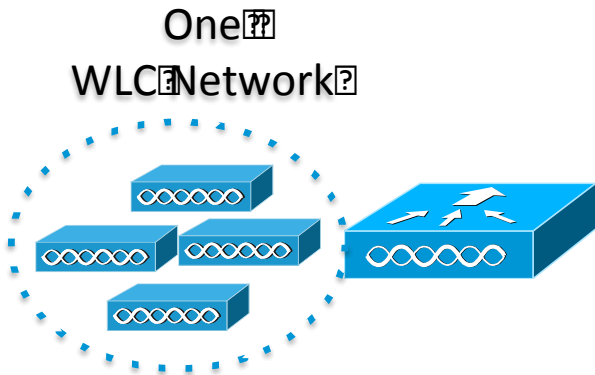


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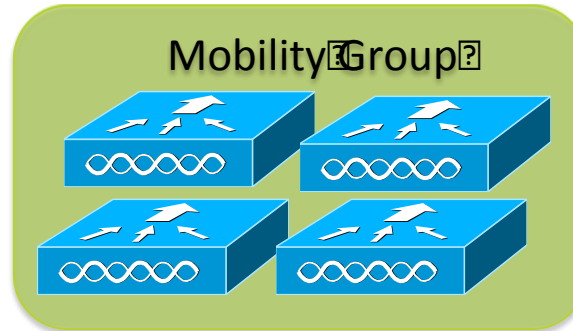
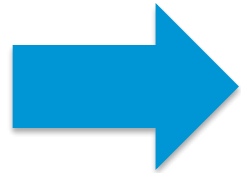
SCALABILITY

# Scalability –

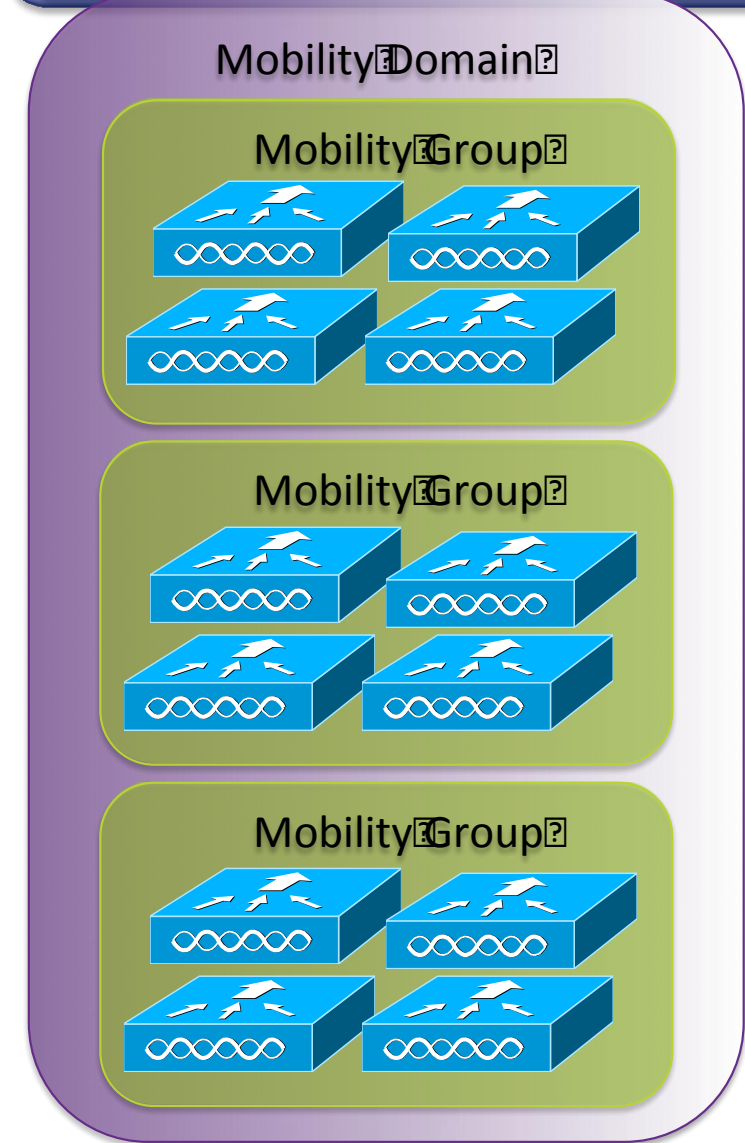
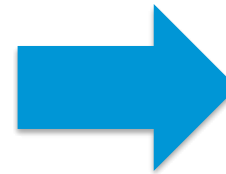
## CUWN – Using 5508 Controllers



- Up to 500 APs
- Up to 7K Clients
- Up to 3GB/O for AP Traffic



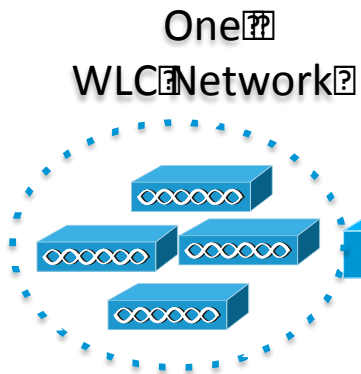
- Up to 12K APs
- Up to 168K Clients
- Up to 24 WLCs in the MG
- Up to 192GB/O for AP Traffic



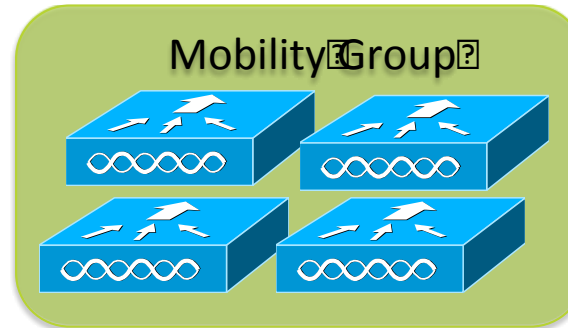
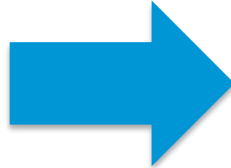
- Up to 36K APs
- Up to 504K Clients
- Up to 72 WLCs in the MD
- Up to 576GB/O for AP Traffic

- CT5508 rel 7.3
- Max theoretical scalability numbers
- Without Considering FlexConnect

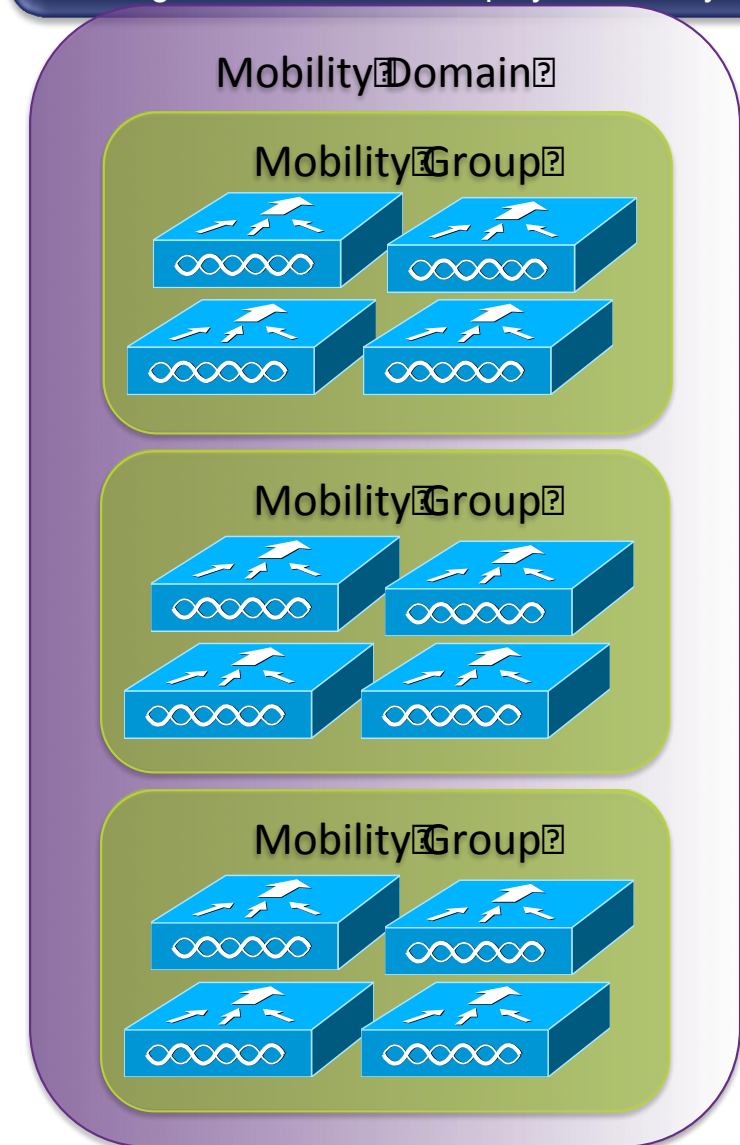
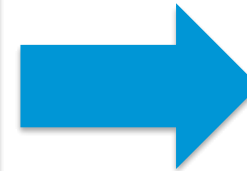
# Scalability – CUWN – Using WiSM2 Controllers



- Up to 1K APs
- Up to 15K Clients
- Up to 20GB/O for AP Traffic



- Up to 24K APs
- Up to 360K Clients
- Up to 24 WLCs in a MG
- Up to 240GB/O for AP Traffic



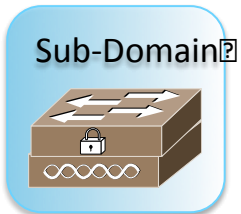
- Up to 72K APs
- Up to 1.08M Clients
- Up to 72 WLCs in a MD
- Up to 1.44TB/O for AP Traffic

- WiSM-2 rel 7.3
- Max theoretical scalability numbers
- Without considering FlexConnect

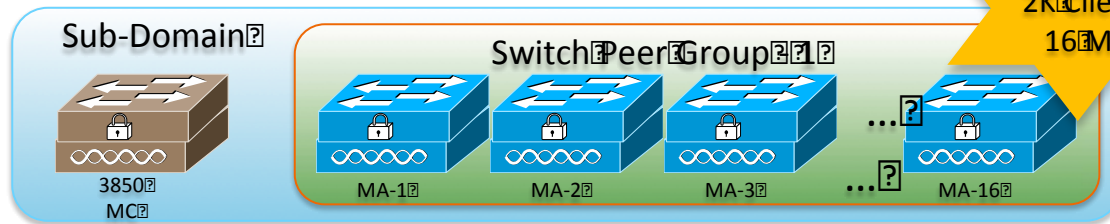
# Scalability – Converged Access – Using Catalyst 3850 as MC



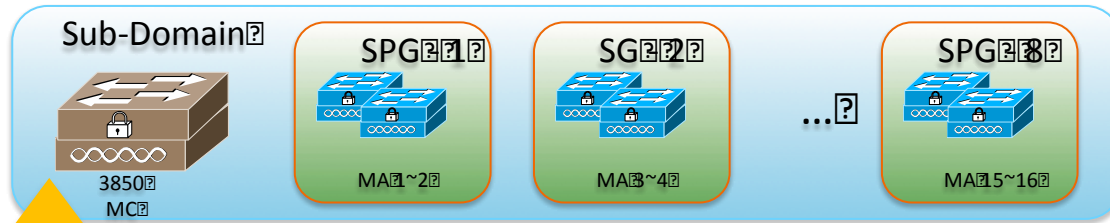
MA=Mobility Agent MC=Mobility Controller  
SPG=Switch Peer Group SD=Sub-Domain



- 1 MC, 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40GB/O for AP traffic



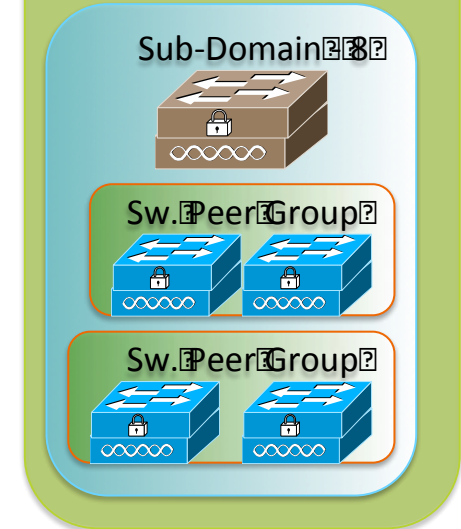
50 AP  
2K Clients  
16 MA



50 AP  
2K Clients  
8 SPG

- Up to 50 APs per SPG/MC
- Up to 2K Clients per SPG/MC
- Up to 16 MAs in a SPG/MC
- Up to 8 SPGs in a SD
- Up to 50GB/O for AP traffic

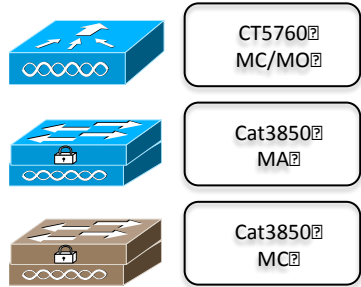
250 AP  
16K Clients  
8 SD



- Up to 250 APs per MD
- Up to 8 SDs per MD
- Up to 128 MAs per MD
- Up to 16K Clients per MD
- Up to 250GB/O for AP traffic

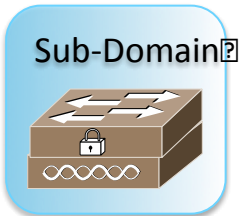


# Scalability – Converged Access – 5760 as MC, 3850s as MAs

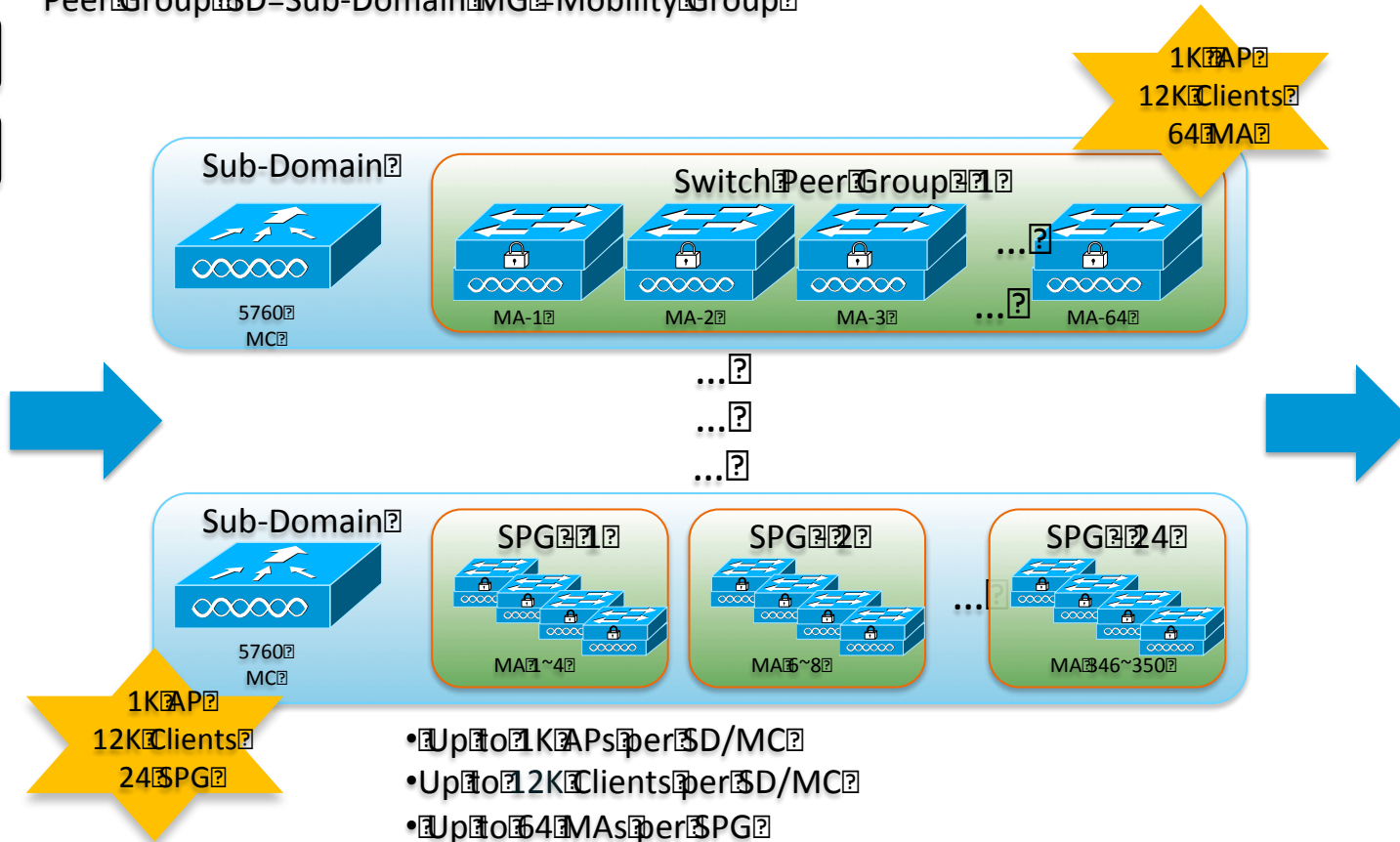


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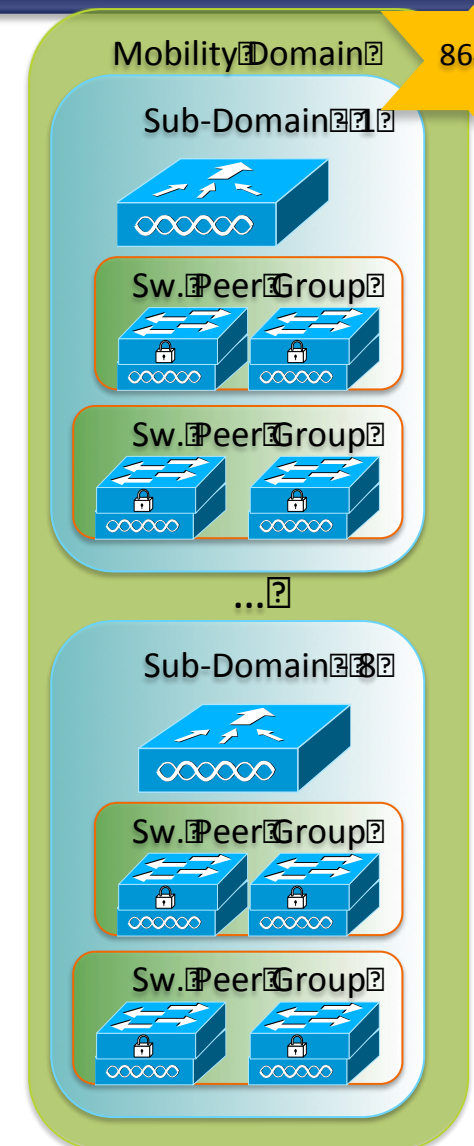
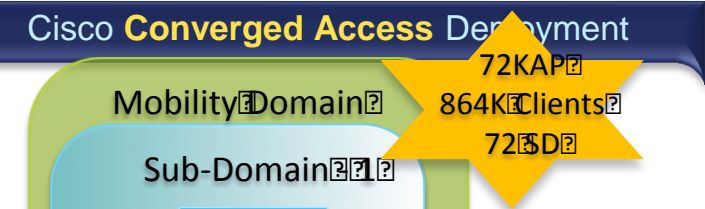
MC/MA on one Switch



- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40GB/O for AP Traffic

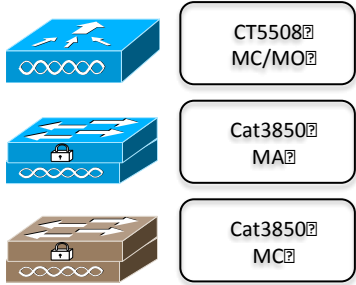


- Up to 1K APs per SD/MC
- Up to 12K Clients per SD/MC
- Up to 64 MAs per SPG
- Up to 24 SPGs per SD/MC
- Up to 24 SD/MC per MG
- Up to 350 MAs per SD/MC
- Up to 1TB/O for AP Traffic



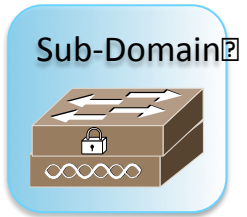
- Up to 72K APs per MD
- Up to 864K Clients per MD
- Up to 72 SDs per MD
- Up to 25,200 MAs per MD
- Up to 72TB/O for AP Traffic

# Scalability – Converged Access – 5508 as MC, 3850s as MAs

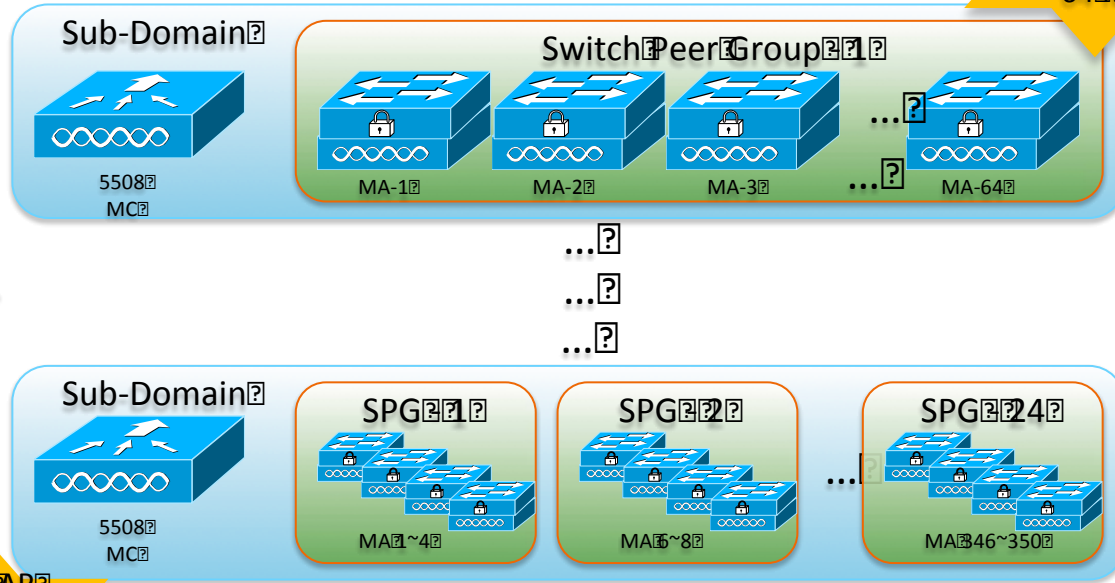
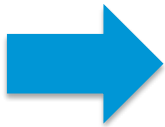


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MC/MA on one switch



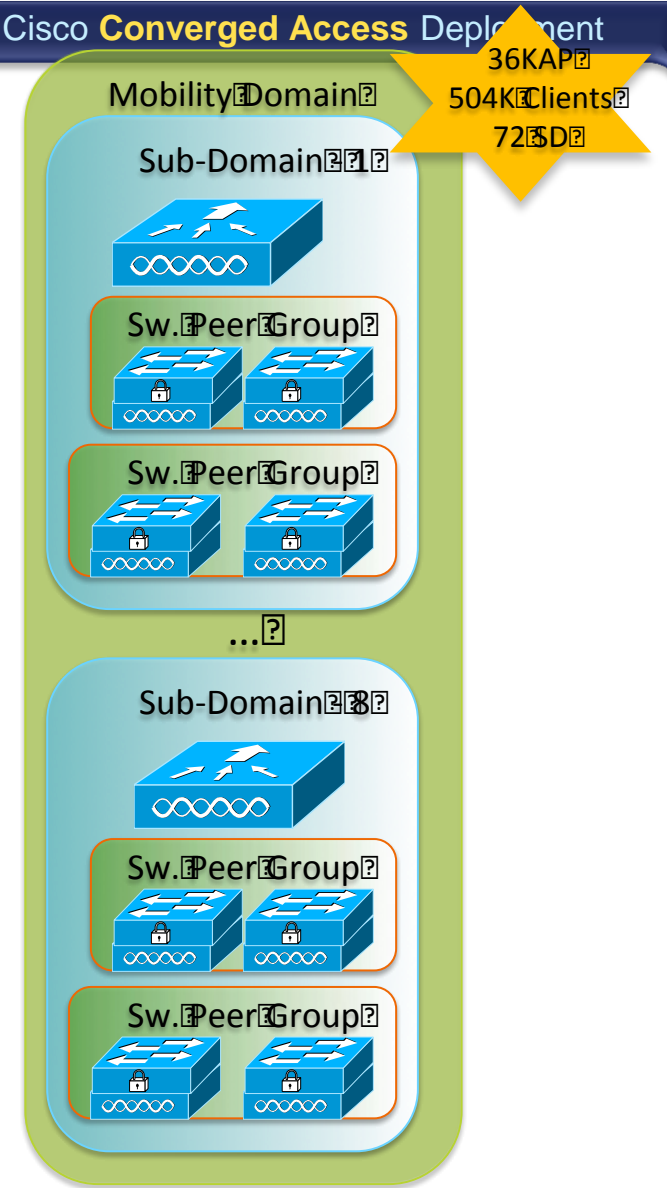
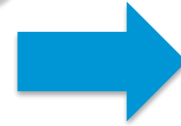
- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40GB/O for AP Traffic



500 APs  
7K Clients  
64 MA

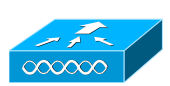
500 APs  
7K Clients  
24 SPG

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- Up to 24 SPGs per SD/MC
- Up to 24 SD/MC per MG
- Up to 350 MAs per SD/MC
- Up to 500GB/O for AP Traffic



- Up to 36K APs per MD
- Up to 504K Clients per MD
- Up to 72 SD per MD
- Up to 25,200 MAs per MD
- Up to 36TB/O for AP Traffic

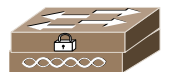
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MC/MO



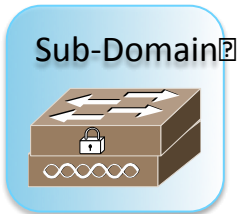
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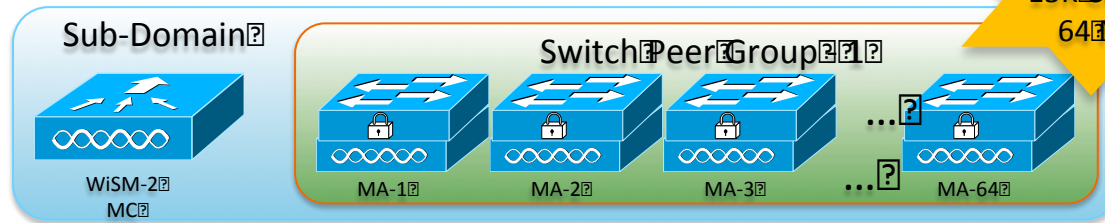
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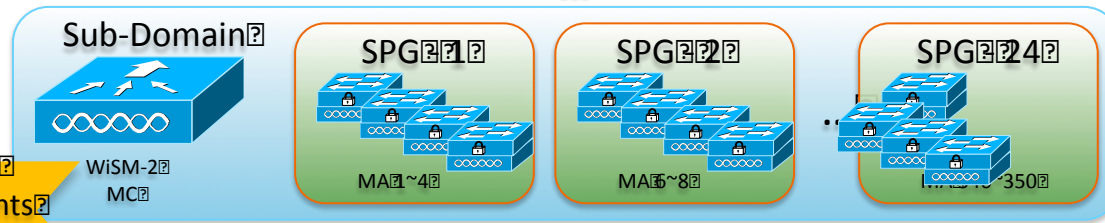
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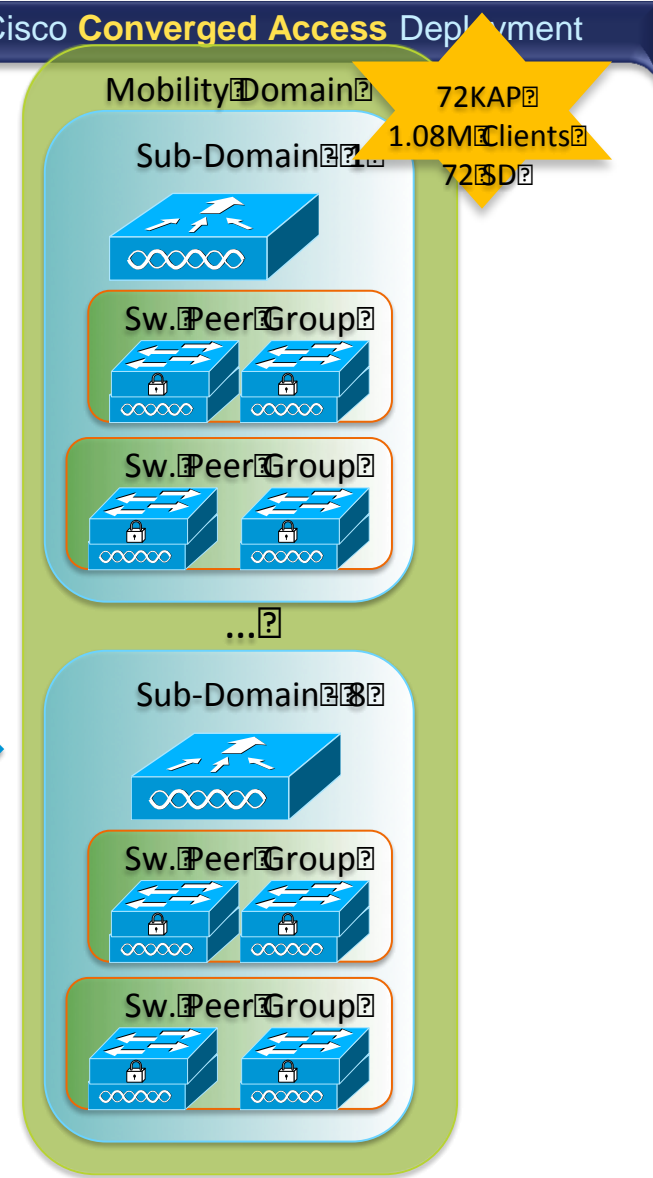


1K APs  
15K Clients  
64 MA



1K APs  
15K Clients  
24 SPGs

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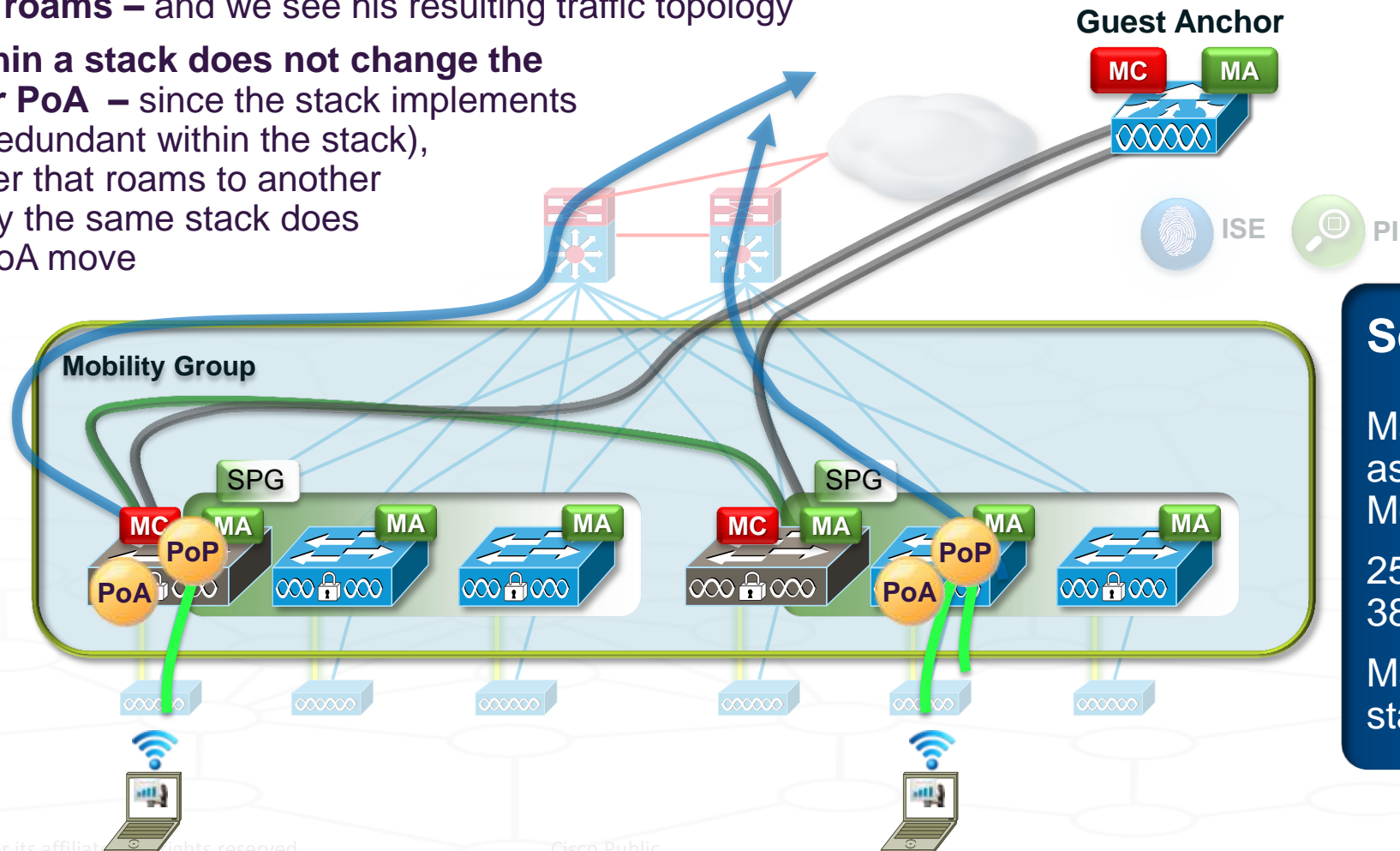
## CATALYST 3850-BASED MCs – ROAMING DETAILS



# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming, within a Stack

## Roaming, within a Stack (3850 Switches as MCs) –

- Initially, all clients in this example are on their initial, local Converged Access switches
- Now, a client roams – and we see his resulting traffic topology
- Roaming within a stack does not change the user's PoP or PoA – since the stack implements a single MA (redundant within the stack), and thus a user that roams to another AP serviced by the same stack does not cause a PoA move



No change  
to user's  
PoP or  
PoA

## Scalability –

Max of 8 x 3850 switches  
as MCs, grouped into a  
Mobility Group

250 APs total across all  
3850 MCs

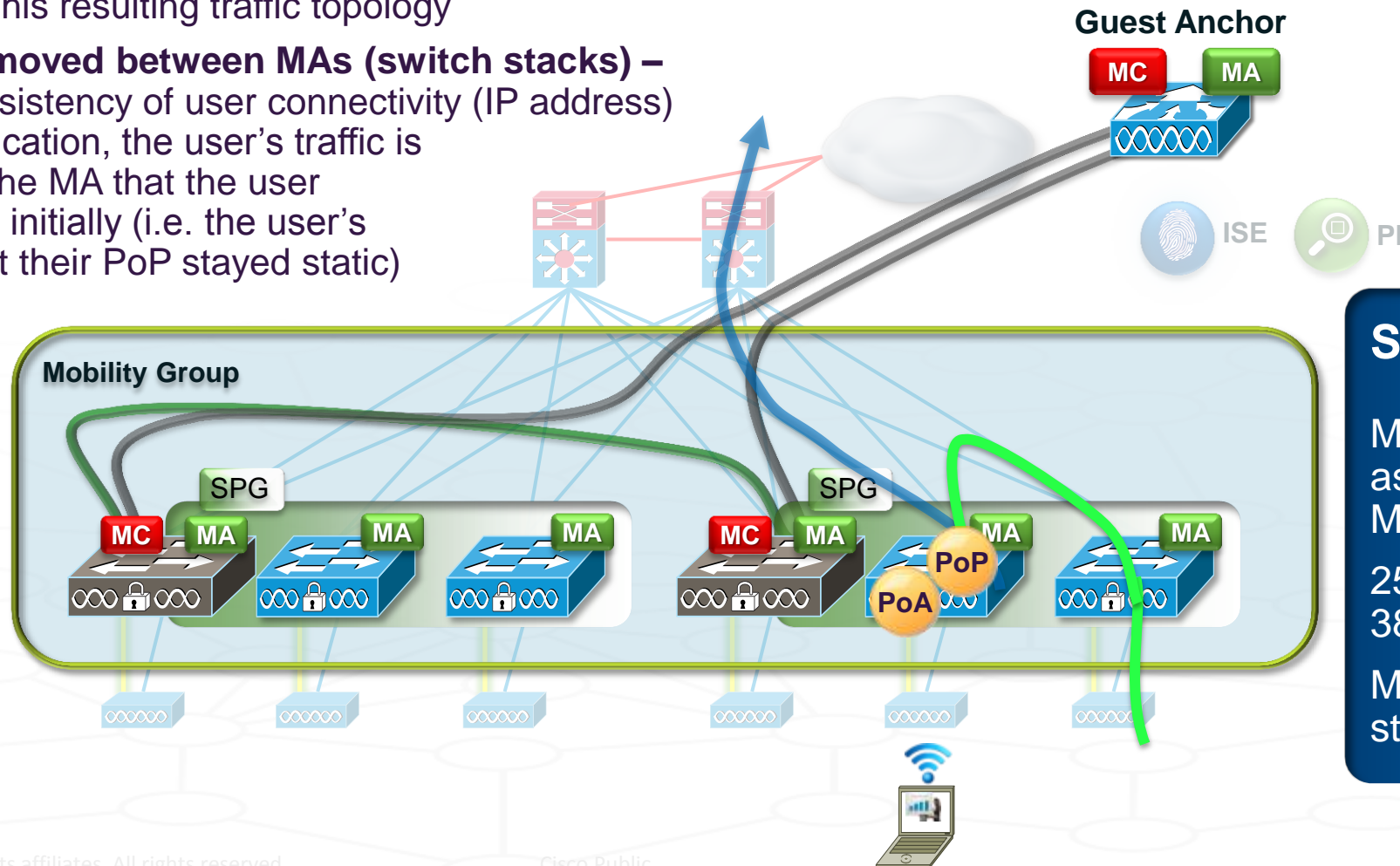
Max. 50 APs per 3850  
stack / SPG



# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming, within an SPG

## Roaming, within a Switch Peer Group (3850 Switches as MCs) –

- Now, the client roams to an AP serviced by another switch stack (within the same SPG)
- Let's examine his resulting traffic topology
- The user has moved between MAs (switch stacks) – to maintain consistency of user connectivity (IP address) and policy application, the user's traffic is transported to the MA that the user associated with initially (i.e. the user's PoA moved, but their PoP stayed static)



Most  
Common  
Roaming  
Case

## Scalability –

Max of 8 x 3850 switches as MCs, grouped into a Mobility Group

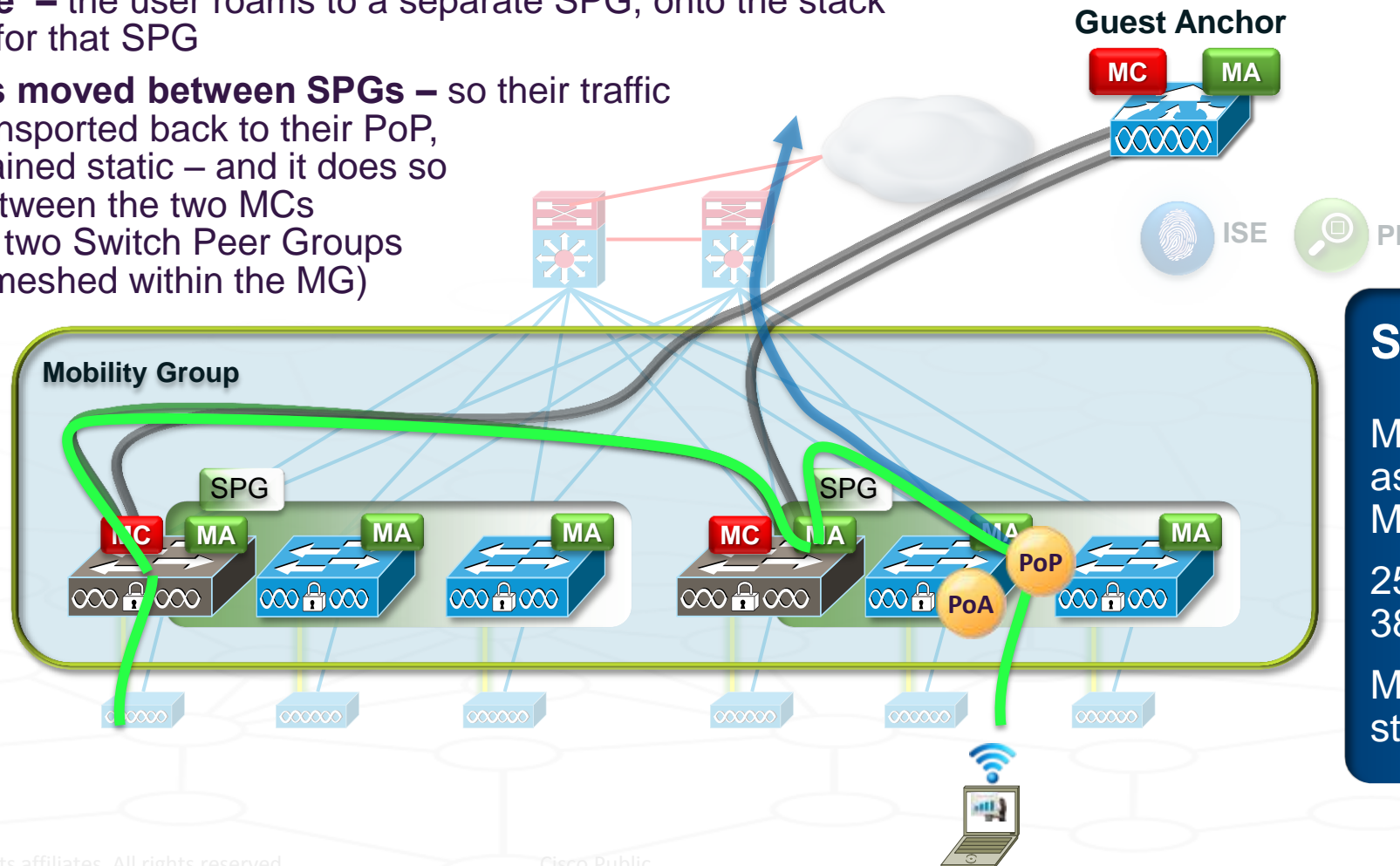
250 APs total across all 3850 MCs

Max. 50 APs per 3850 stack / SPG

# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming, across SPGs

## Roaming, across Switch Peer Groups (3850 Switches as MCs) –

- Now, let's examine a more complex roam where the user roams across SPGs
- In this example – the user roams to a separate SPG, onto the stack serving as MC for that SPG
- The user's has moved between SPGs – so their traffic needs to be transported back to their PoP, which has remained static – and it does so by transiting between the two MCs servicing these two Switch Peer Groups (MCs are fully meshed within the MG)



Roaming  
between SPGs  
(geographically-  
separated)

## Scalability –

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Mobility Group

250 APs total across all  
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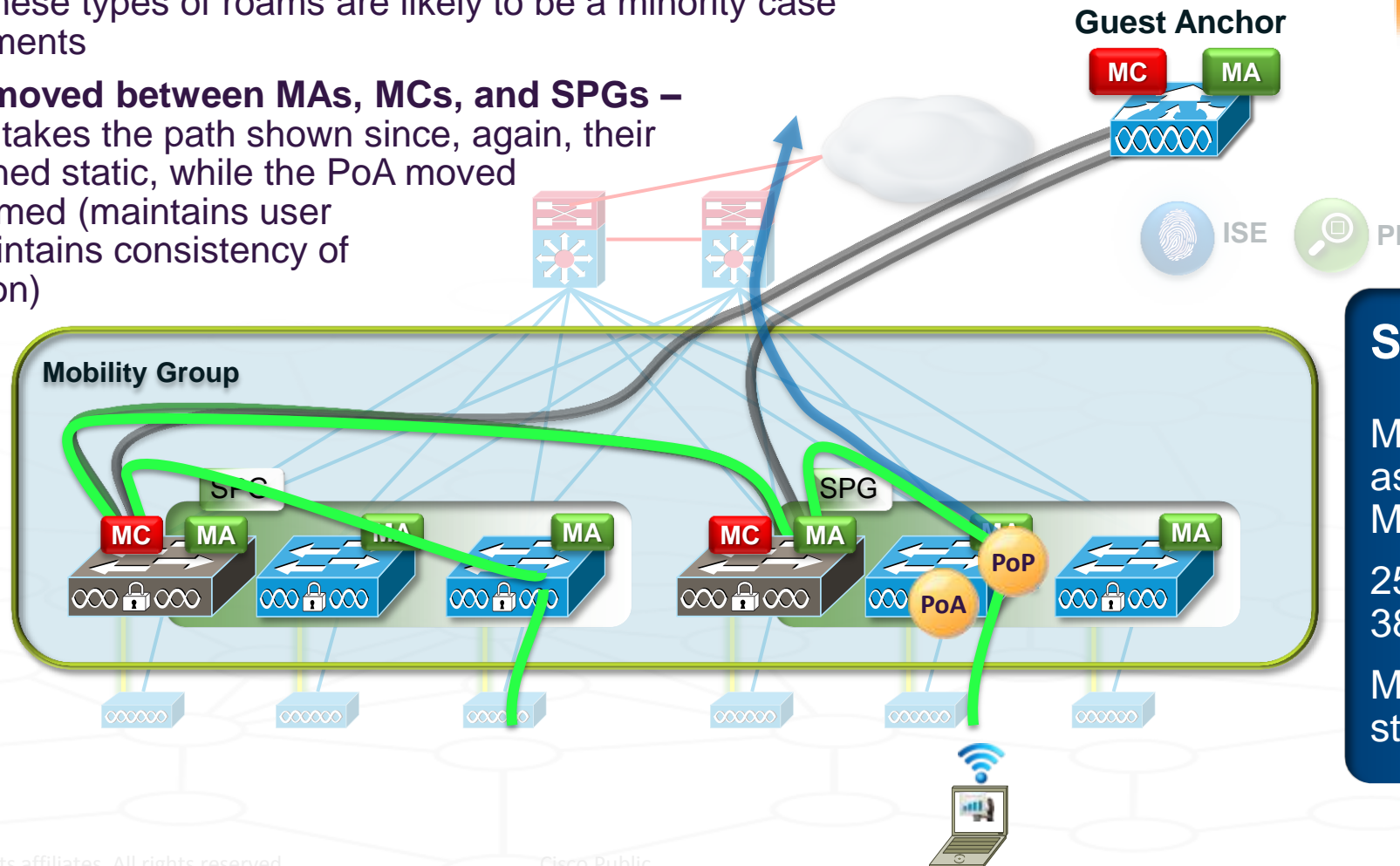
Max. 50 APs per 3850  
stack / SPG

# Converged Access –

## Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming, across SPGs & MCs

### Roaming, across Switch Peer Groups and MCs (3850 Switches as MCs) –

- Now, let's examine the most complex type of roam – across SPGs and MCs / MAs
- **Remember** – these types of roams are likely to be a minority case in most deployments
- **The user has moved between MAs, MCs, and SPGs –** and their traffic takes the path shown since, again, their PoP has remained static, while the PoA moved as the user roamed (maintains user IP address, maintains consistency of policy application)



Roaming  
between SPGs  
and MCs  
(geographically-  
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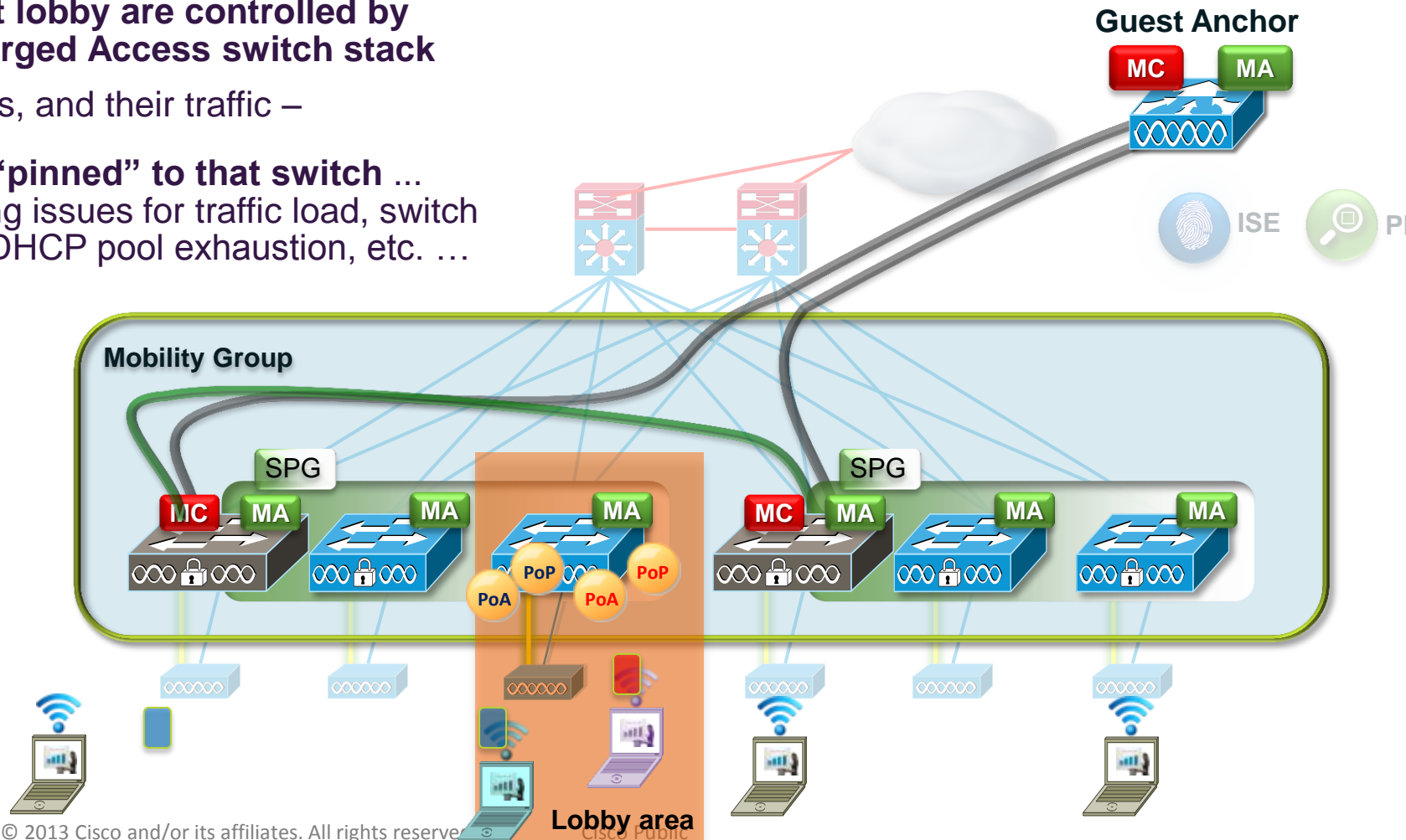
LOBBY ISSUE / SOLUTION

# Converged Access – Common Building Access – The “Lobby Issue”

## What happens when –

- Everyone enters the building via a common lobby
- APs in that lobby are controlled by one Converged Access switch stack
- All the users, and their traffic –
  - Gets “pinned” to that switch ... causing issues for traffic load, switch load, DHCP pool exhaustion, etc. ...

Many users could end up “staying in the lobby” logically



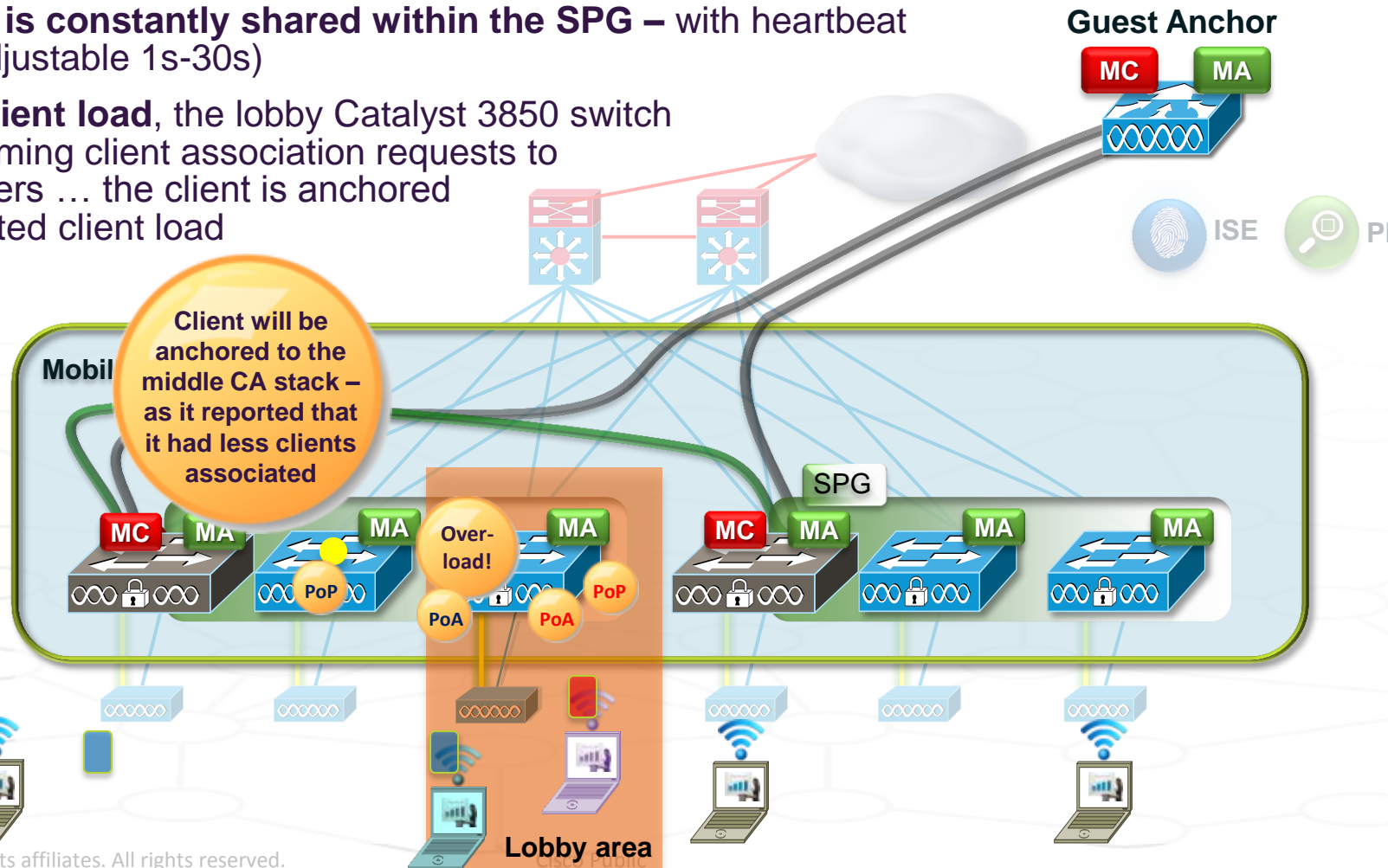


# Converged Access – Common Building Access – The “Lobby Solution”

## What can we do to address this issue?

- **User client association can be distributed** across Converged Access switches in the Switch Peer Group
- **User load info is constantly shared within the SPG** – with heartbeat (10s default, adjustable 1s-30s)
- **At a defined client load**, the lobby Catalyst 3850 switch distributes incoming client association requests to its SPG members ... the client is anchored based on reported client load

- **Addresses** traffic load, switch load, DHCP pool exhaustion, etc.



# Converged Access – Common Building Access – The “Lobby Solution”, Detail

- **What:** when configured, the client first PoA is load balanced across the switches in the SPG. When the client joins, the switch checks if its load is over a configurable threshold and send a message to anchor the client to least loaded switch in the SPG.
- **Why:** large number of clients could potentially attach to a single MA whose APs are situated close to the front door / lobby. This would result into congestion at that home switch, whereas other MAs would be under-utilised. This is even worse if the client’s data path is anchored at the home switch.
- **How to configure it:** the feature is ON by DEFAULT and it’s possible to change the threshold value. By default is 50% (of the max client allowed)

To configure a different threshold use the following command on a per MA basis –

```
3850 (config) # wireless mobility load-balance threshold ?
```

```
<100-2000> Threshold value for number of clients that can be anchored locally
```

