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UCS Networking – Deep Dive

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UCS LAN Deep Dive - Agenda

- High-level System Overview
- Fabric Forwarding Mode of Operations
- Uplink Pinning
- Chassis / Fabric Extender
- Server Connectivity Options
- Recommended Topologies
- C-Series Integration



High-level System Overview

System Components: High-level Overview



Unified Management

Fabric Interconnect (FI)

- 10 GbE unified fabric switch
- Connects up to 160 servers

UCS Fabric Extender (FEX)

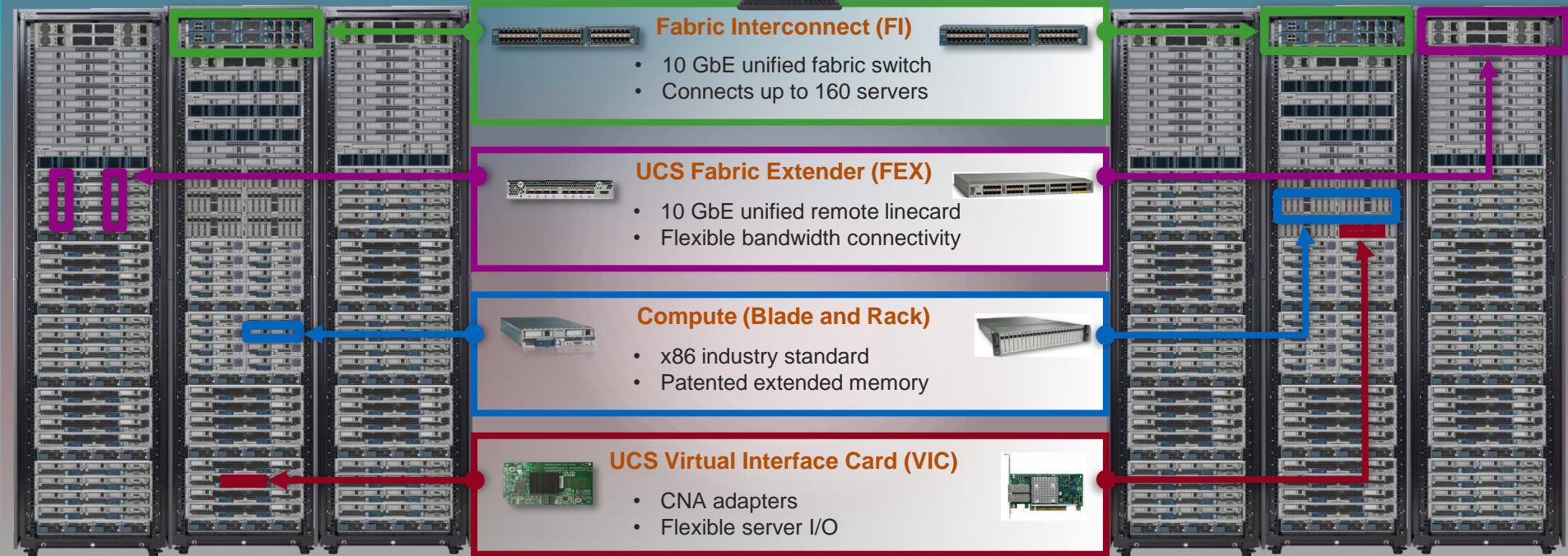
- 10 GbE unified remote linecard
- Flexible bandwidth connectivity

Compute (Blade and Rack)

- x86 industry standard
- Patented extended memory

UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC)

- CNA adapters
- Flexible server I/O



UCS Fabric Portfolio

UCS Fabric Interconnect

UCS Fabric Interconnect – UCS 6248

- 1RU
- 32 unified base ports and 1 expansion slot
- Line rate – 960Gbps

UCS Fabric Interconnect – UCS 6296

- 2RU
- 48 unified base ports and 3 expansion slots
- Line rate – 1920 Gbps



UCS Fabric Extender

UCS IO Module (IOM) – 2204 or 2208

- 4 or 8 10GbE fabric links (to Fabric Interconnect)
- 16 or 32 10GbE server links (to servers)

Nexus 2232PP or Nexus 2232TM

- 8 10GbE fabric links (to Fabric Interconnect)
- 32 10GbE server links (to servers)



UCS VIC Adapters

UCS VIC1240 plus Pass-through (PT) Expansion Card - Blades

- VIC1240: Up to 4 x 10 GbE
- PT: Expands VIC1240 up to 8 x 10GbE
- Up to 256 vPCIe

UCS VIC 1280 - Blades

- Up to 8 x 10GE ports
- Up to 256 vPCIe

UCS VIC 1225 - Racks

- Up to 2 x 10GE ports
- Up to 256 vPCIe



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Cisco UCS 6200 Series Fabric Interconnects

Flexibility

Scalability

Multi-purpose

Product Features and Specs	UCS 6248UP
Switch Fabric Throughput	960 Gbps
Switch Footprint	1RU
1 Gigabit Ethernet Port Density	48
10 Gigabit Ethernet Port Density	48
8G Native FC Port Density	48
Port-to-Port Latency	2.0us
# of VLANs	4096*
Layer 3 Ready (future)	✓
40 Gigabit Ethernet Ready (future)	✓
Virtual Interface Support	63 per Downlink
Unified Ports (Ethernet or FC)	✓

*1024 with current 2.1 release

UCS 6248: Unified Ports

Dynamic Port Allocation: Lossless Ethernet or Fibre Channel



Native Fibre Channel



Lossless Ethernet:
1/10GbE, FCoE, iSCSI, NAS

Benefits

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

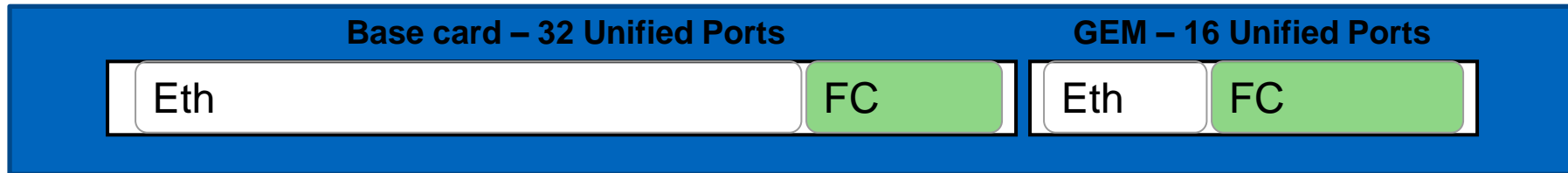
Use-cases

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

UCS 6248: Unified Ports

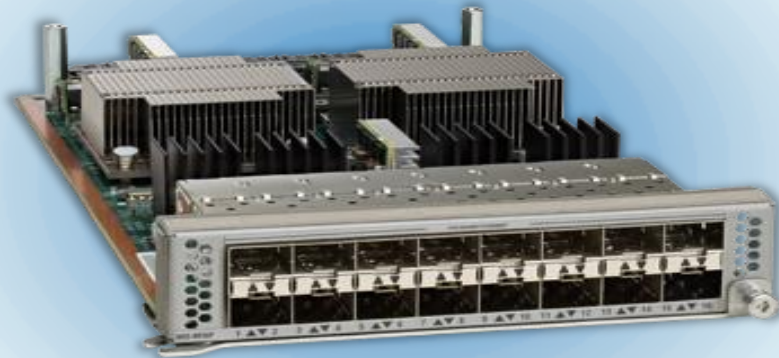
Dynamic Port Allocation: Lossless Ethernet or Fibre Channel

- Ports on the base card or the Unified Port GEM Module can be Ethernet or FC
- Only a continuous set of ports can be configured as Ethernet or FC
- Ethernet Ports have to be the 1st set of ports
- Port type changes take effect after next reboot of switch for Base board ports or power-off/on of the GEM for GEM unified ports.



Generic Expansion Module (GEM)

Unified Port GEM for UCS 6200 Series



UCS-FI-E16UP

- 16 “Unified Ports”
- Ports can be configured as either Ethernet or Native FC Ports
- Ethernet operations at 1/10 Gigabit Ethernet
- Fibre Channel operations at 8/4/2/1G
- Uses existing Ethernet SFP+ and Cisco 8/4/2G and 4/2/1G FC Optics

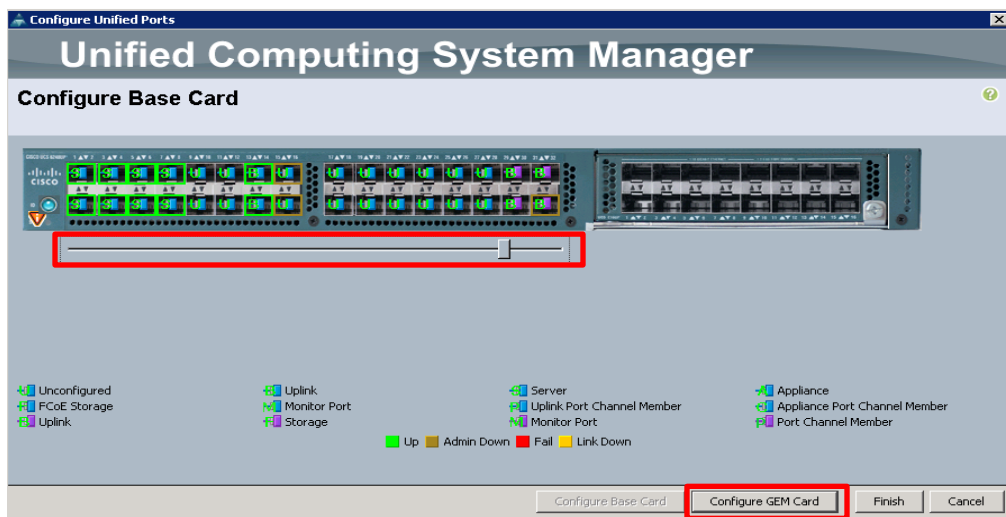
Flexibility

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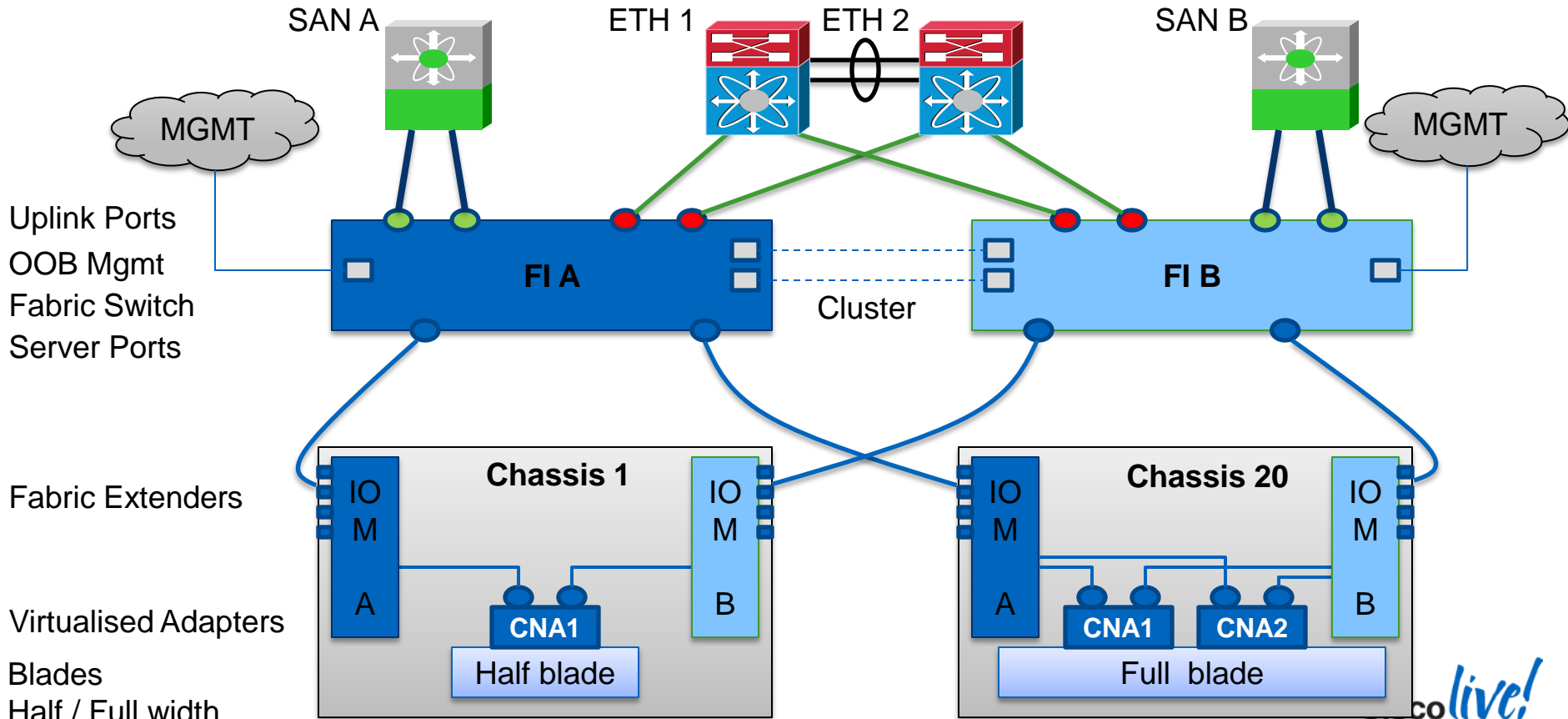
Simplicity

Unified Port Screen

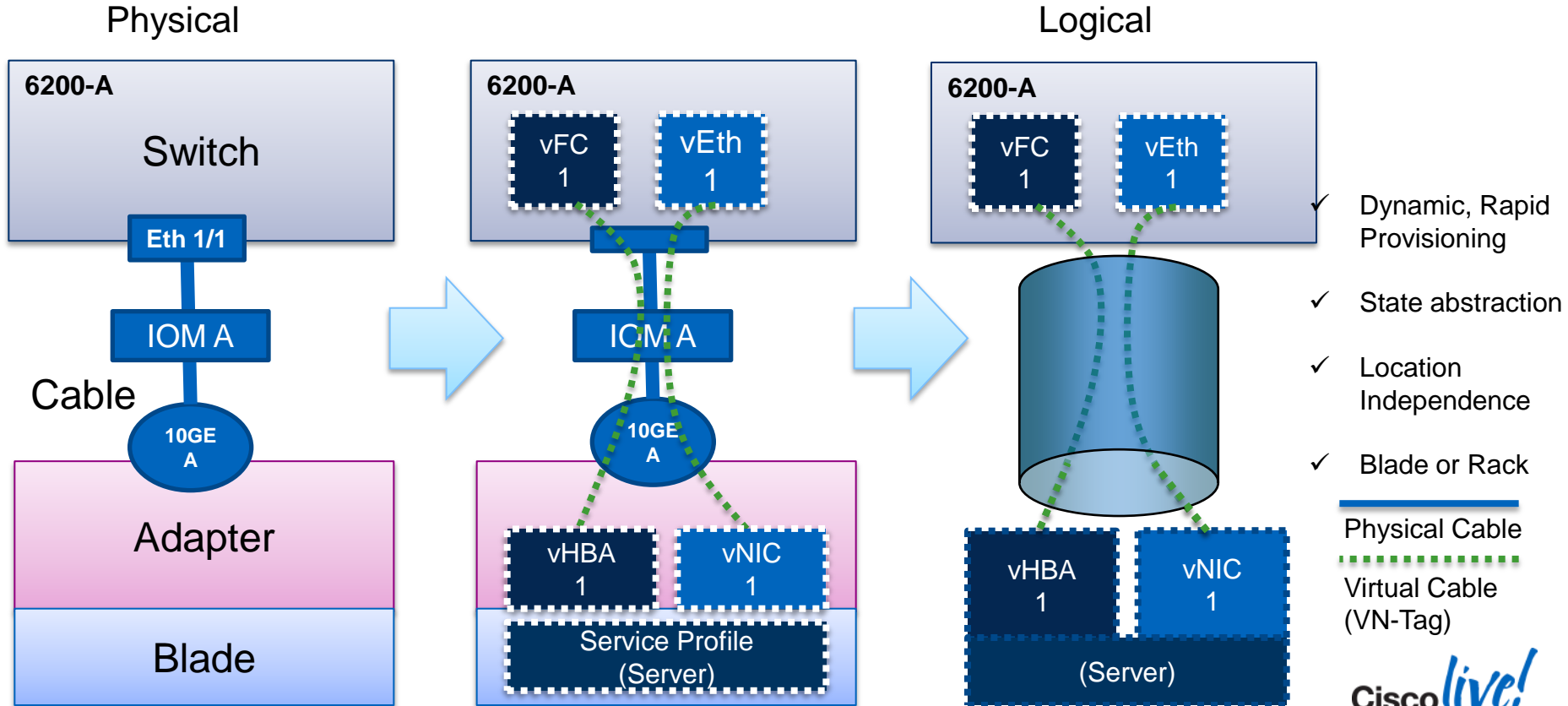
- Configured on a per FI basis
- Slider based configuration
- Reboot is required for the new port personality to take into affect
- Recommendation is to configure GEM card, therefore GEM is only needed to be rebooted



Logical Architecture



Abstracting the Logical Architecture





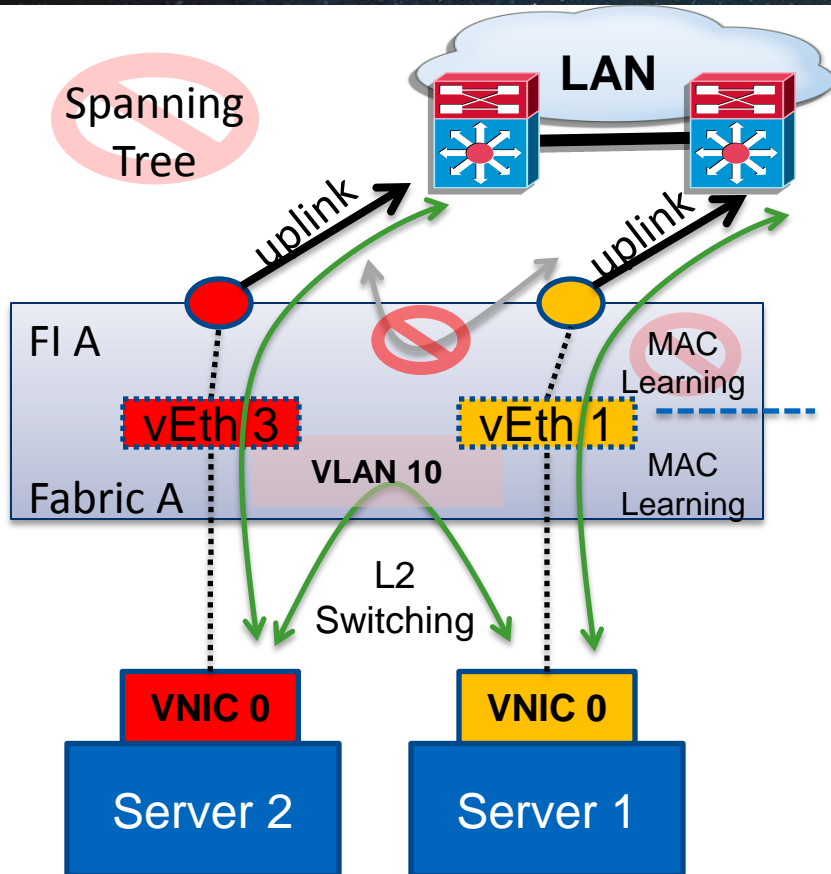
Fabric Forwarding Mode of Operations

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Modes of Operation

- End-host mode (EHM): Default mode
 - No spanning-tree protocol (STP); no blocked ports
 - Admin differentiates between server and network ports
 - Using dynamic (or static) server to uplink pinning
 - No MAC address learning except on the server ports; no unknown unicast flooding
 - Fabric failover (FF) for Ethernet vNICs (**not** available in switch mode)
- Switch mode: User configurable
 - Fabric Interconnects behave like regular ethernet switches
 - STP parameters are lock

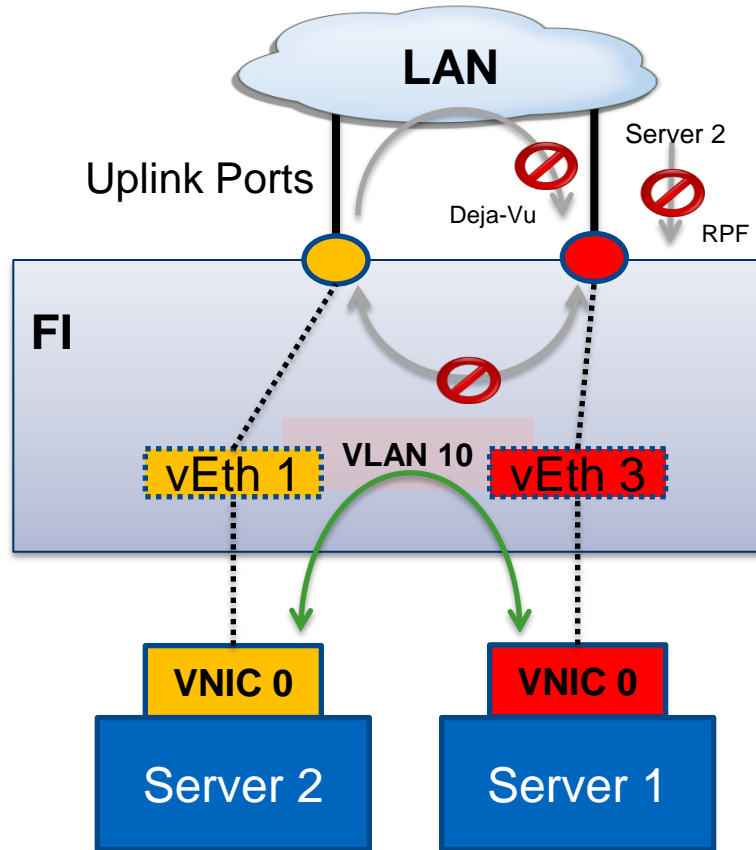
End Host Mode



- Completely transparent to the network
 - Presents itself as a bunch of hosts to the network
- No STP – simplifies upstream connectivity
- All uplinks ports are forwarding – never blocked

End Host Mode

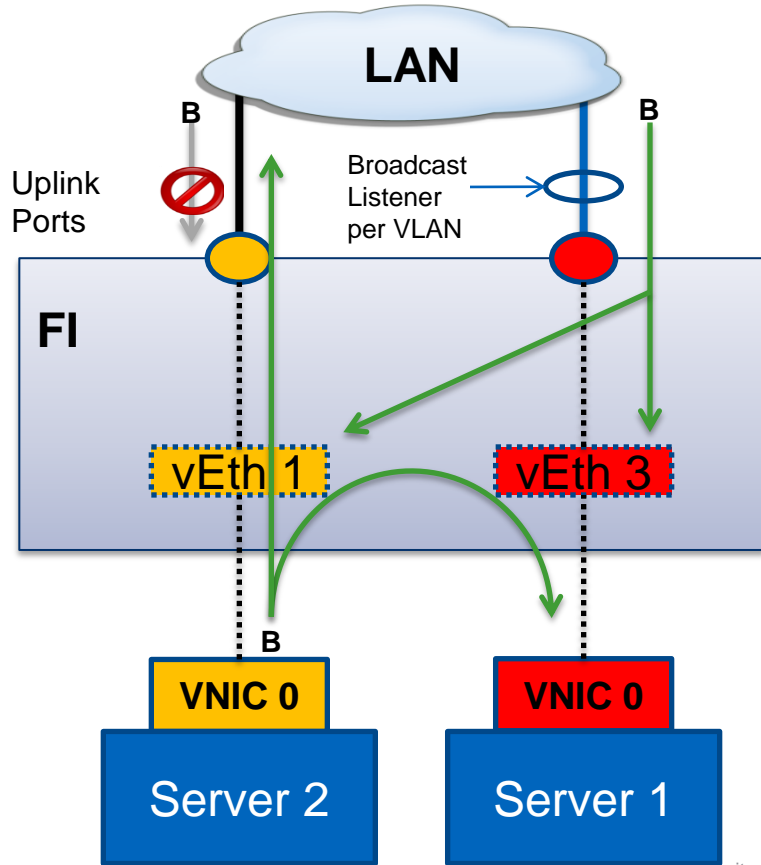
Unicast Forwarding



- MAC/VLAN plus policy based forwarding
 - Server pinned to uplink ports
- Policies to prevent packet looping
 - déjà vu check
 - RPF
 - No uplink to uplink forwarding
- No unknown unicast or multicast
 - igmp-snooping can be disabled on per-VLAN basis

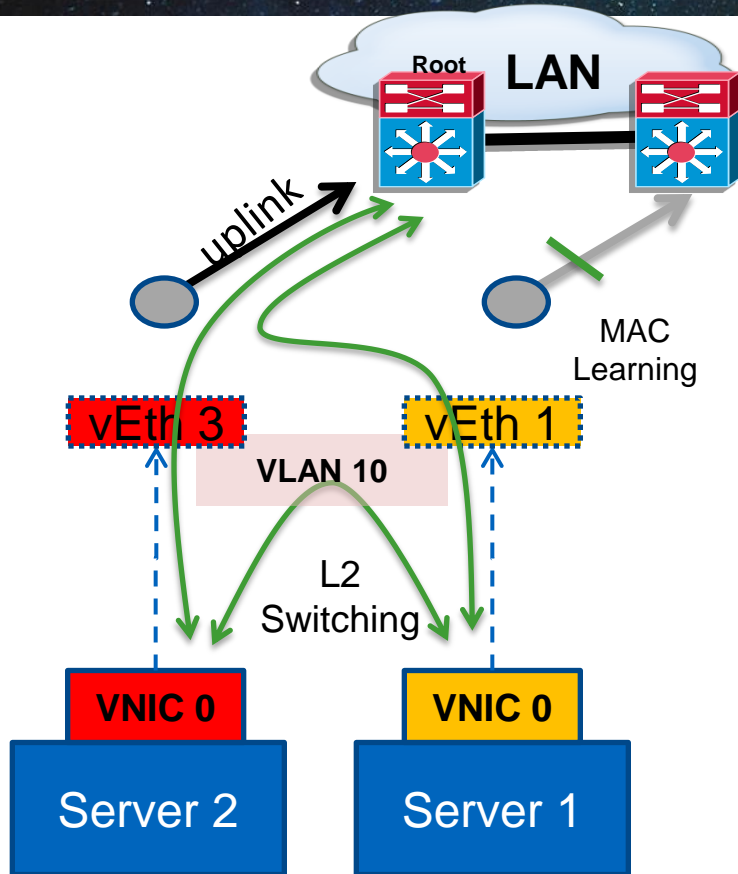
End Host Mode

Multicast Forwarding

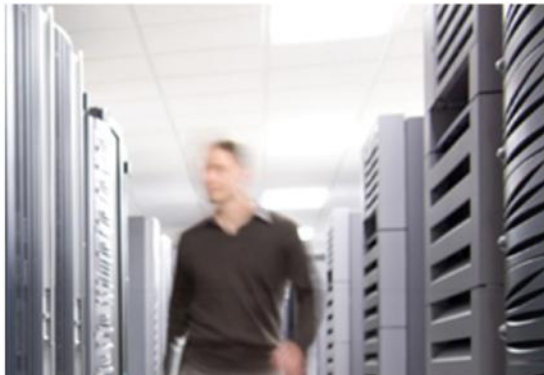


- Broadcast traffic for a VLAN is pinned on exactly one uplink port (or port-channel) i.e., it is dropped when received on other uplinks
- Server to server multicast traffic is locally switched
- RPF and déjà vu check also applies for multicast traffic

Switch Mode

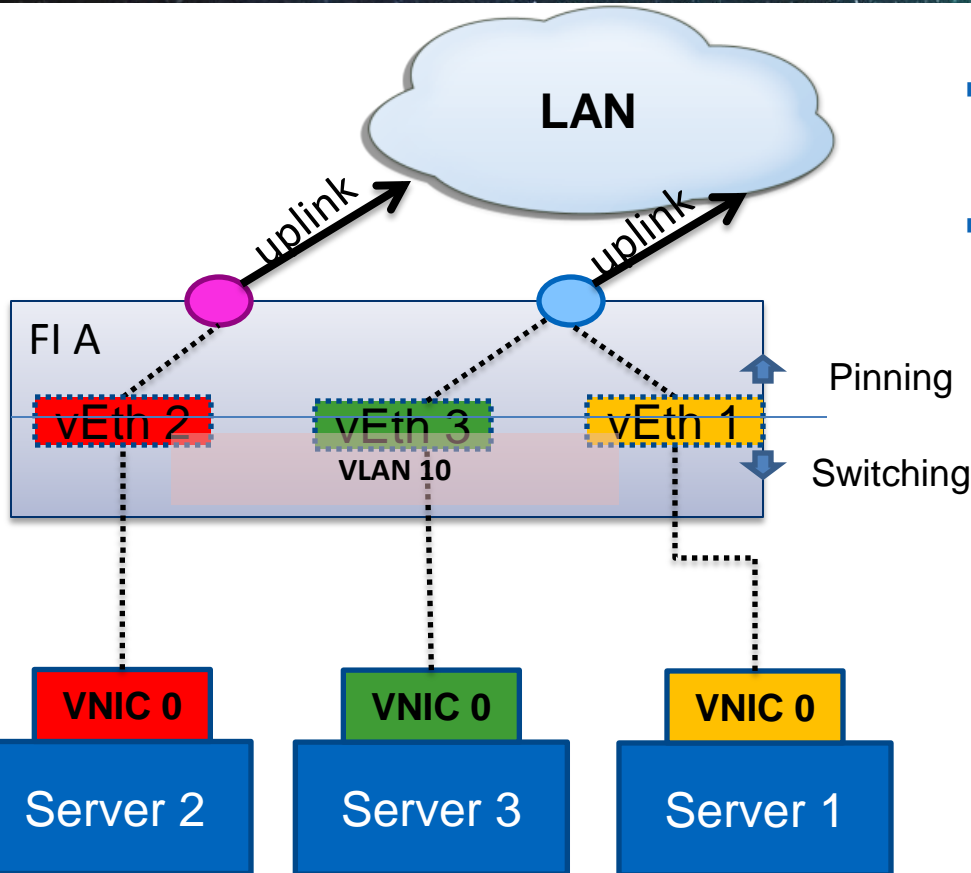


- Fabric Interconnect behaves like a normal L2 switch
- Rapid-STP+ to prevent loops
 - STP parameters are not configurable
- Server vNIC traffic follows STP forwarding states
 - Use VPC to get around blocked ports
- VTP is not supported
- MAC address learning on both uplinks and server links



Uplink Pinning

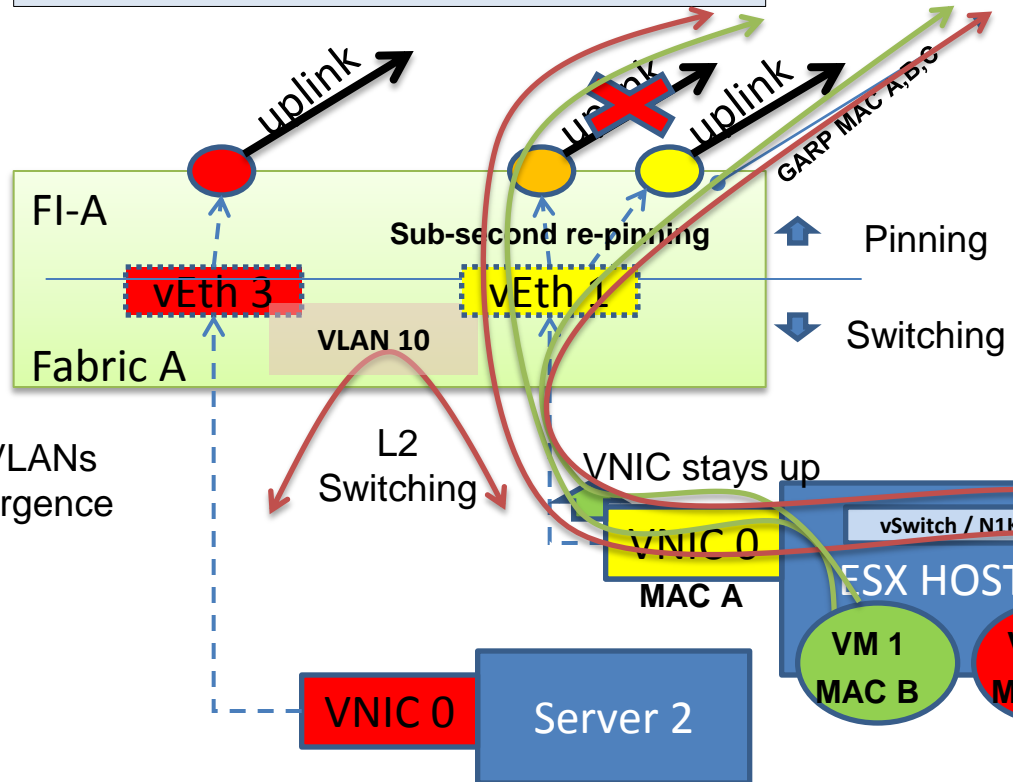
End Host Mode - Dynamic Pinning



- UCSM manages the vEth pinning to the uplink
- UCSM will periodically vEth distribution and redistribute the vEths across the uplinks

End Host Mode – Individual Uplinks

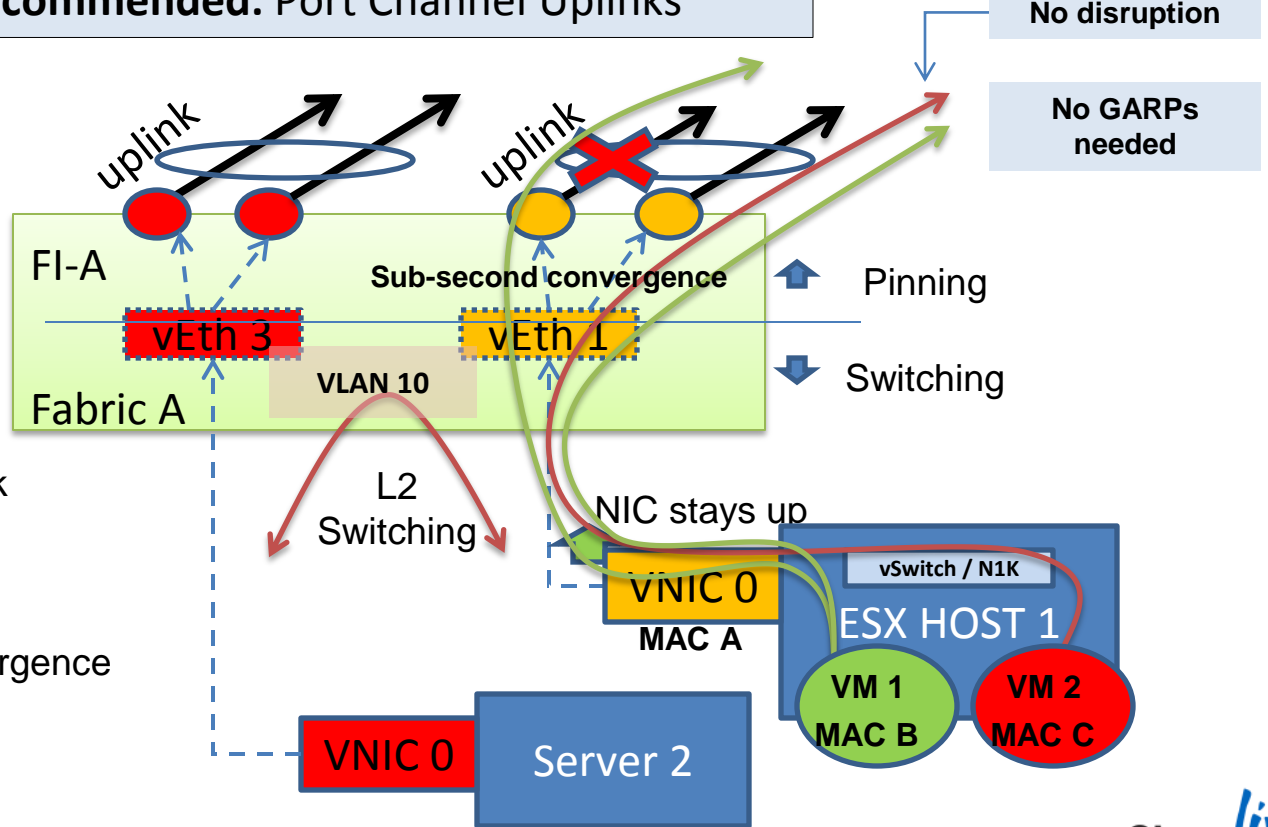
Dynamic Re-pinning of failed uplinks



- ✓ All uplinks forwarding for all VLANs
- ✓ GARP aided upstream convergence
- ✓ No STP
- ✓ Sub-second re-pinning
- ✓ No server NIC disruption

End Host Mode – Port Channel Uplinks

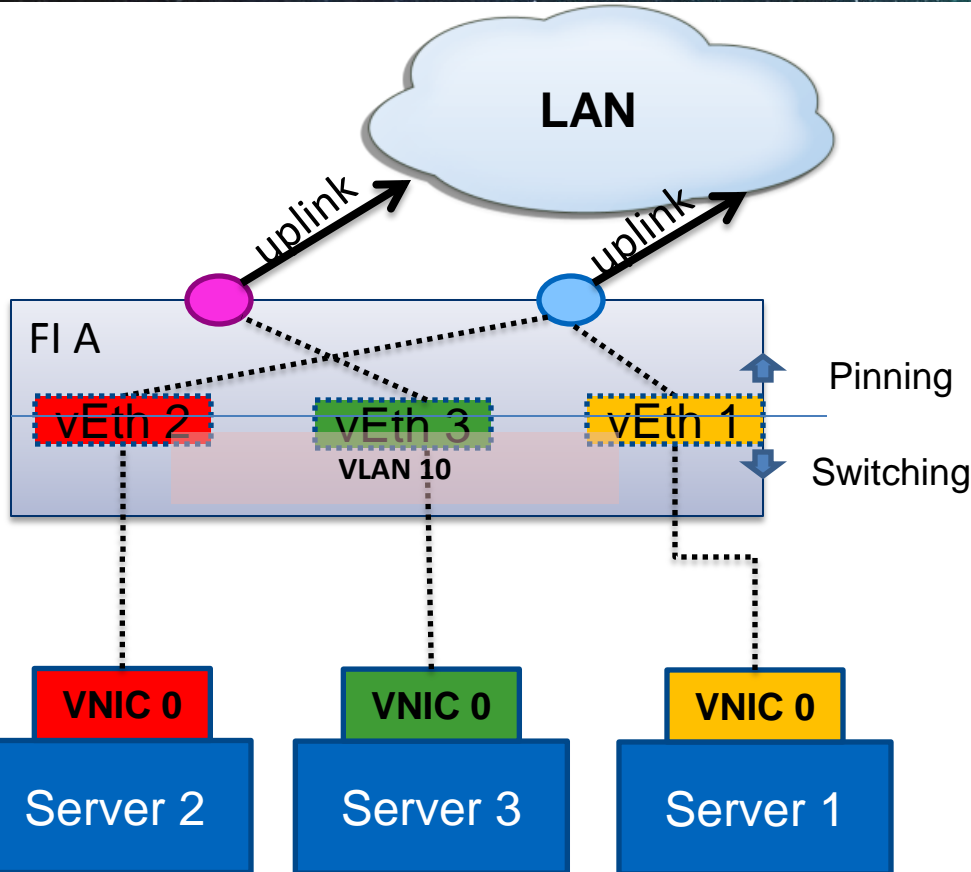
Recommended: Port Channel Uplinks



- ✓ More Bandwidth per Uplink
- ✓ Per flow uplink diversity
- ✓ No Server NIC disruption
- ✓ Fewer GARPs needed
- ✓ Faster bi-directional convergence
- ✓ **Fewer moving parts**

RECOMMENDED

End Host Mode – Static Pinning



Administrator Pinning Definition

vEth Interfaces	Uplink
vEth 1	Blue
vEth 2	Blue
vEth 3	Purple

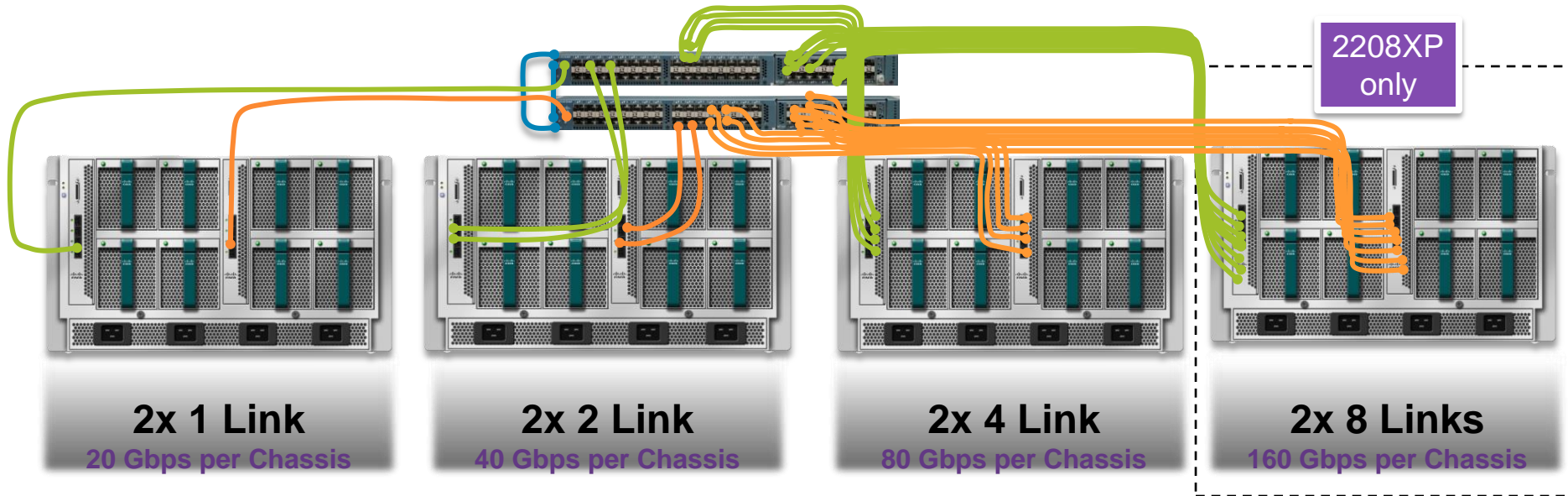
- Administrator controls the vEth pinning
- Deterministic traffic flow
- Pinning configuration is done under the LAN tab -> LAN Pin groups and assigned under the vNIC
- No re-pinning within the same FI
- Static and dynamic pinning can co-exist



Chassis / Fabric Extender

UCS Fabric Topologies

Chassis Bandwidth Options

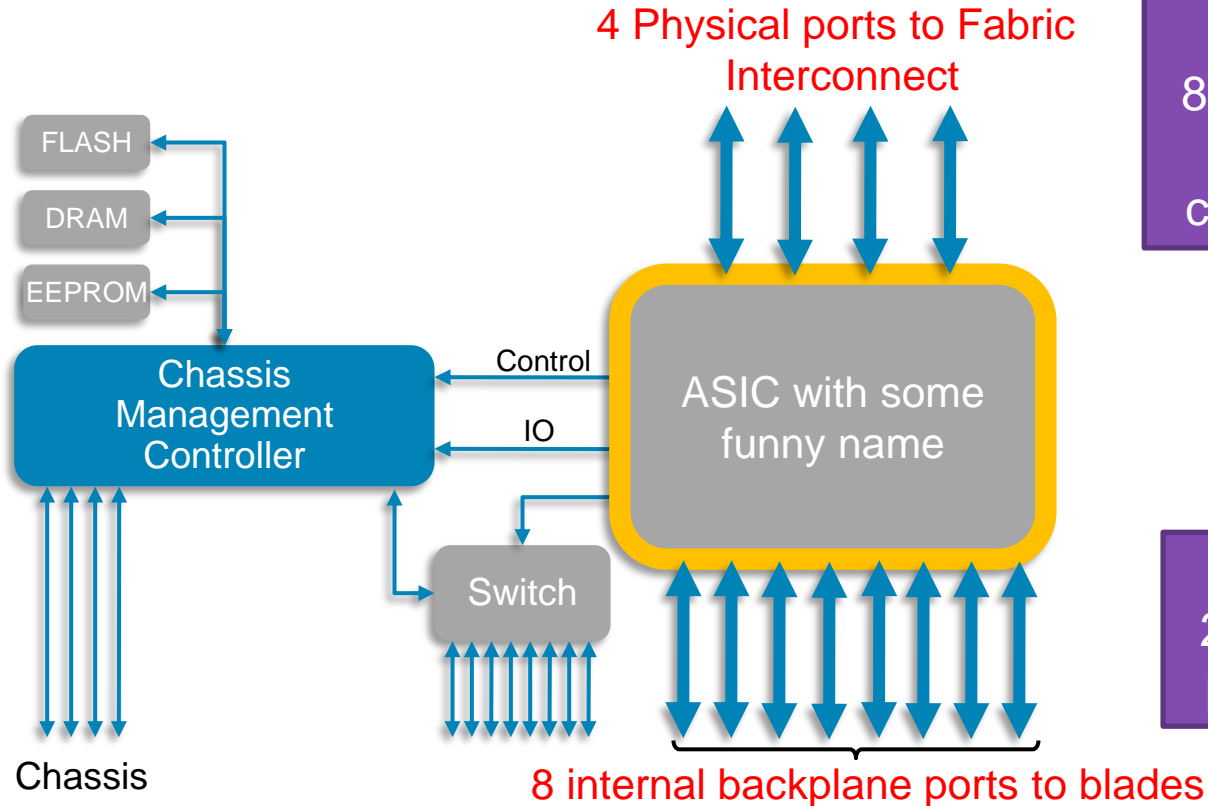


What are Those IOMs?

- A IOM (sometimes called 'Fabric Extender') provides
 - A 1GE switch used for internal management (1GE per slot)
 - A number of 10G-KR sever facing links (HIF)
 - A number of Fabric links (NIF)
- NIC cards on the servers use those HIF ports for external connectivity
- Each IOM provides a separate dedicated IO channel for internal management connectivity
- There is no local switching on IOMs – traffic is always switched by the FIs

Let's go back in time a bit...

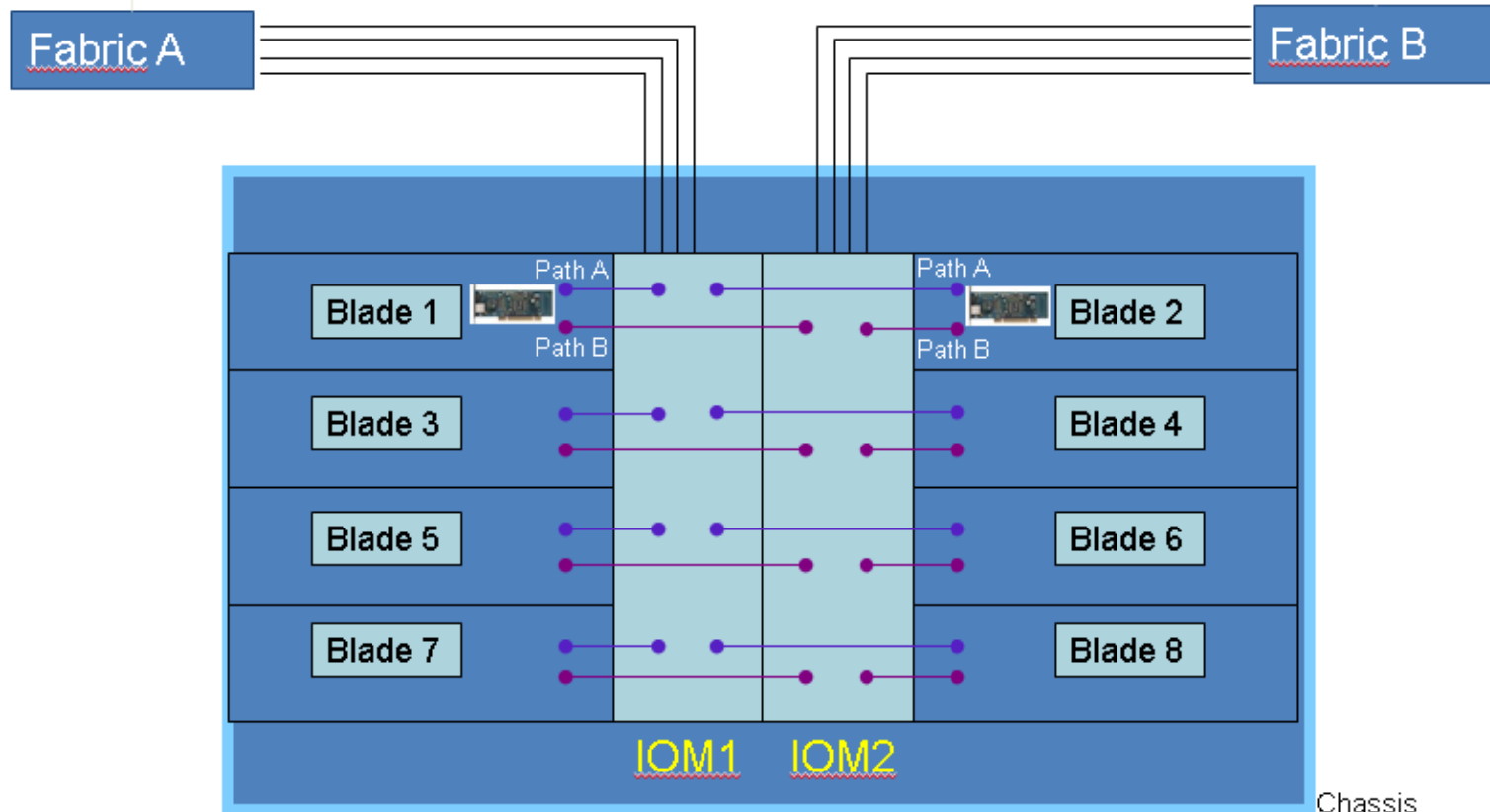
2104XP
Gen 1 IOM



Up to
80Gbps
per
chassis

Up to
20Gbps
per slot

So this is what we had with the 2104XP



Today: UCS 2204 IO Module

Dual 20 Gbps to Each Blade Server



UCS-IOM-2204XP

- **Bandwidth increase**
 - 40G to the Network
 - 160G to the hosts (redundant)
 - (2x10G per half-width slot; 4x10G per Full-width slot)
- **Latency** Lowered to 0.5us within IOM
- **Investment Protection** with Backward Compatibility

UCS 2208 IO Module

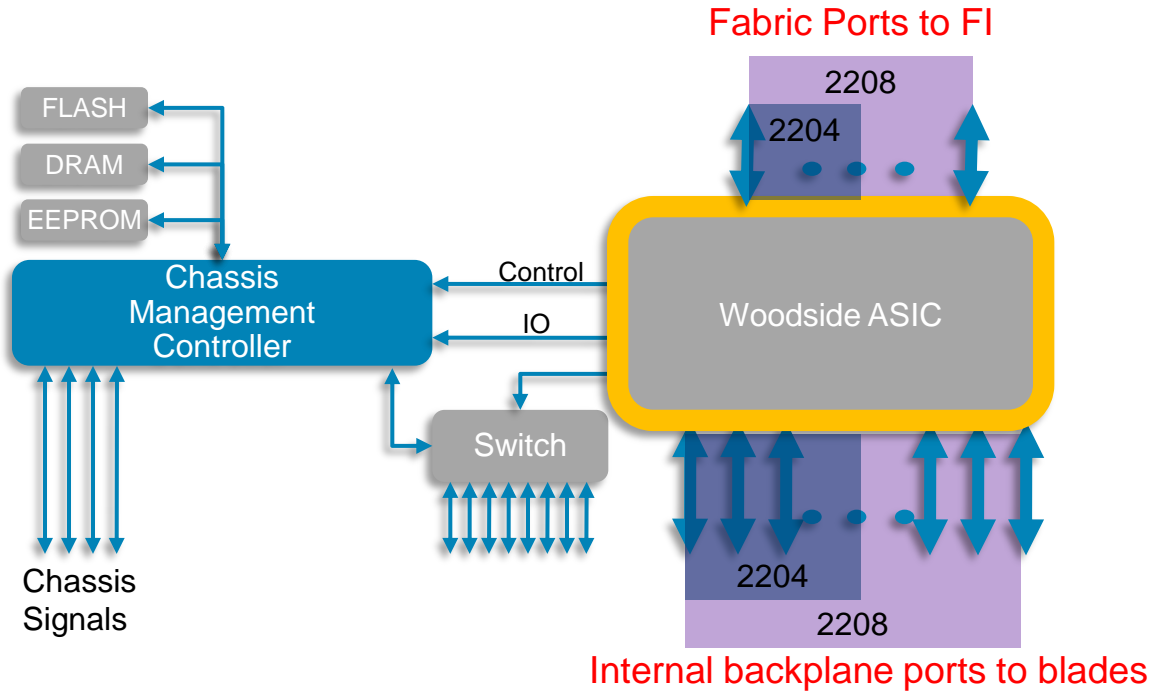
Enable Dual 40 Gbps to Each Blade Server



UCS-IOM-2208XP

- **Bandwidth increase**
 - 80G to the Network
 - 320G to the hosts (redundant)
 - (4x10G per half-width slot; 8x10G per full-width slot)
- **Latency** Lowered to 0.5us within IOM
- **Investment Protection** with Backward Compatibility

220x-XP Architecture



No Local Switching – ever!
Traffic goes up to FI

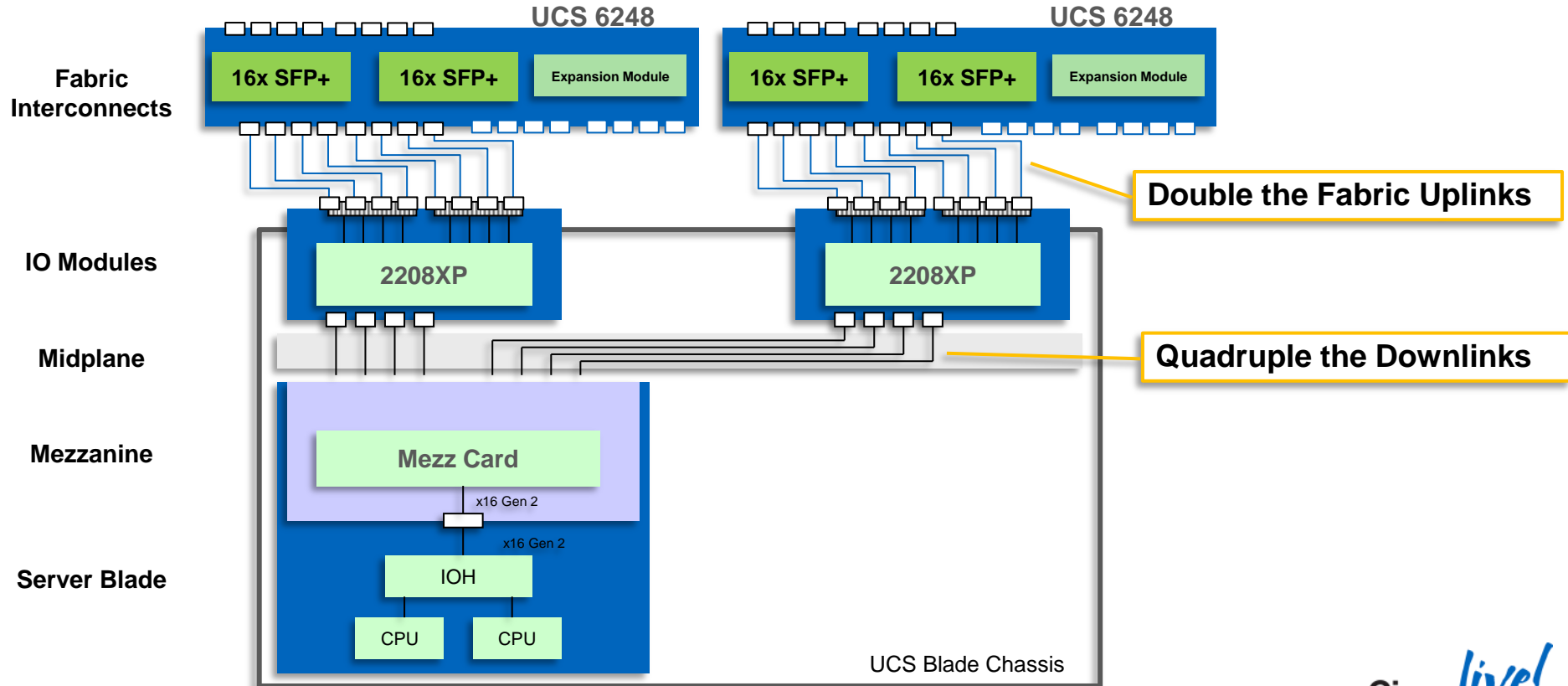
Feature	2204-XP	2208-XP
ASIC	Woodside	Woodside
Fabric Ports (NIF)	4	8
Host Ports (HIF)	16	32
CoS	8	8
Latency	~ 500ns	~ 500ns

Blade Northbound Ports

- These interfaces (show int brief – NXOS shell) are backplane traces
- Eth *x/y/z* nomenclature where
 - x = chassis number
 - y = is always 1
 - z = host interface port number

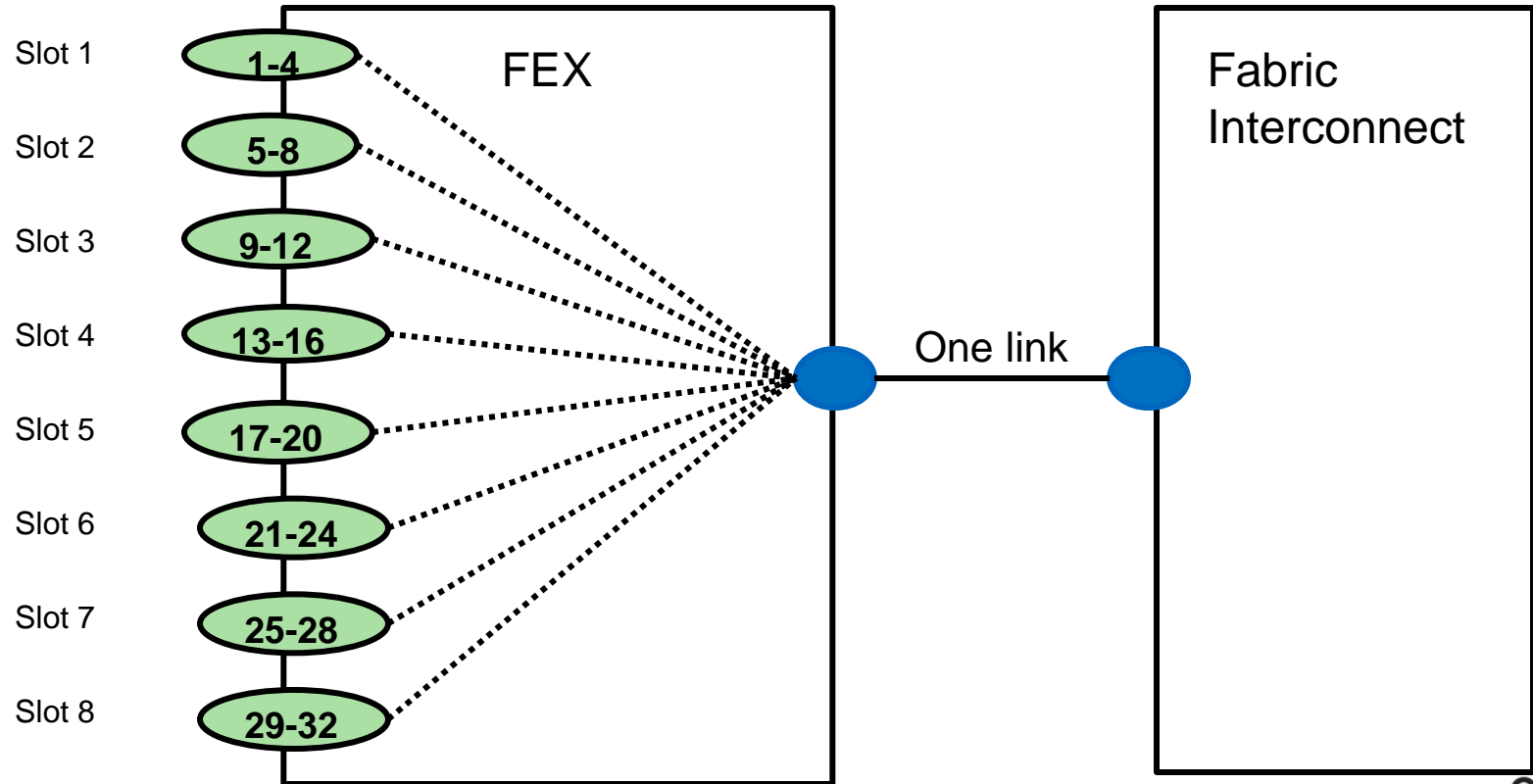
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Ethernet      VLAN   Type Mode   Status Reason                               Speed   Port  
Interface                                           Ch #  
-----  
Eth1/1/1      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/2      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/3      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/4      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/5      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/6      1      eth  access down  Administratively down  10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/7      1      eth  access up    none                    10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/8      1      eth  access up    none                    10G (D)  --  
Eth1/1/9      1      eth  trunk up     none                    10G (D)  --  
call-spring-B#
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UCS Internal Block Diagram



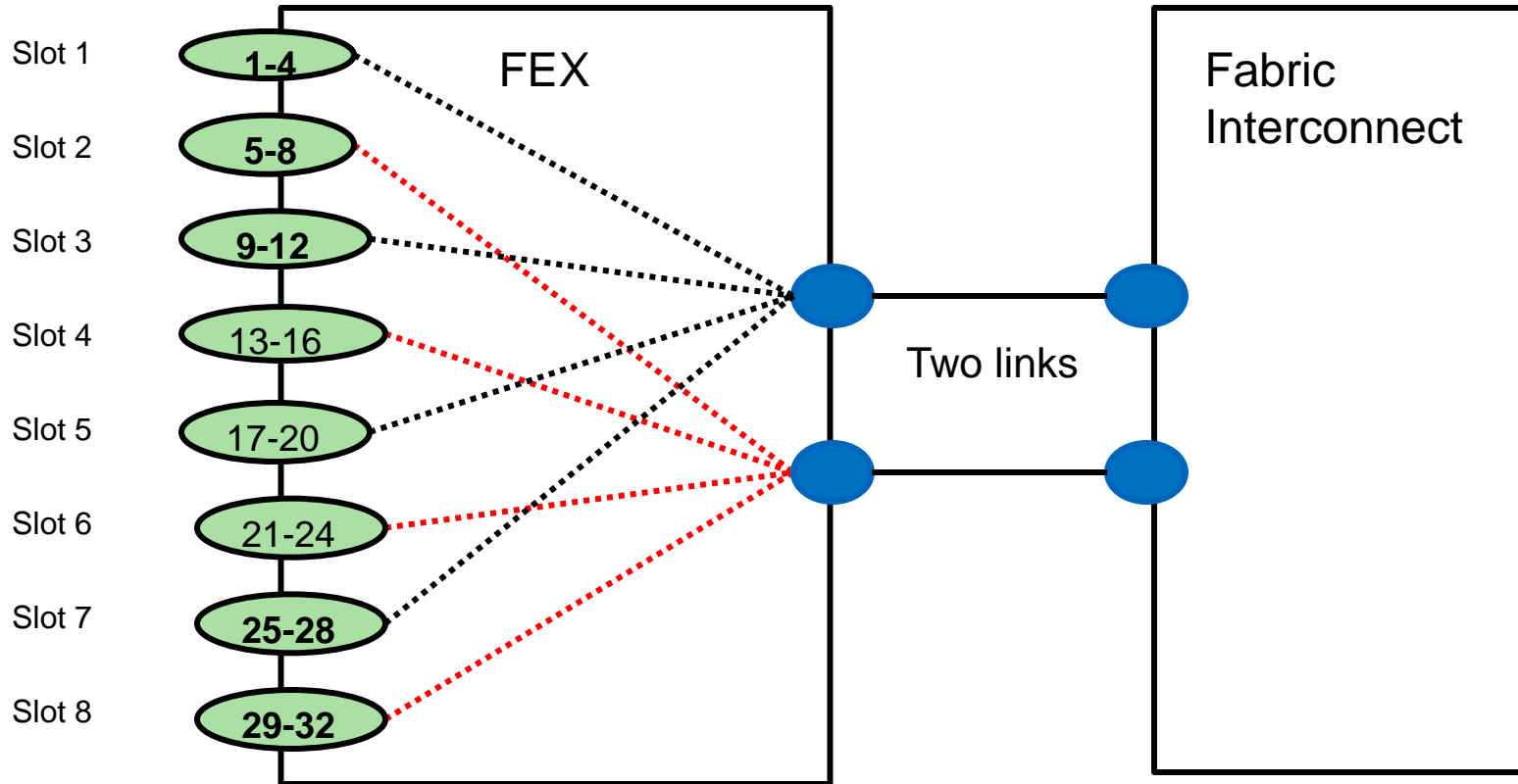
IO Module HIF to NIF Pinning

2208XP – 1 Link



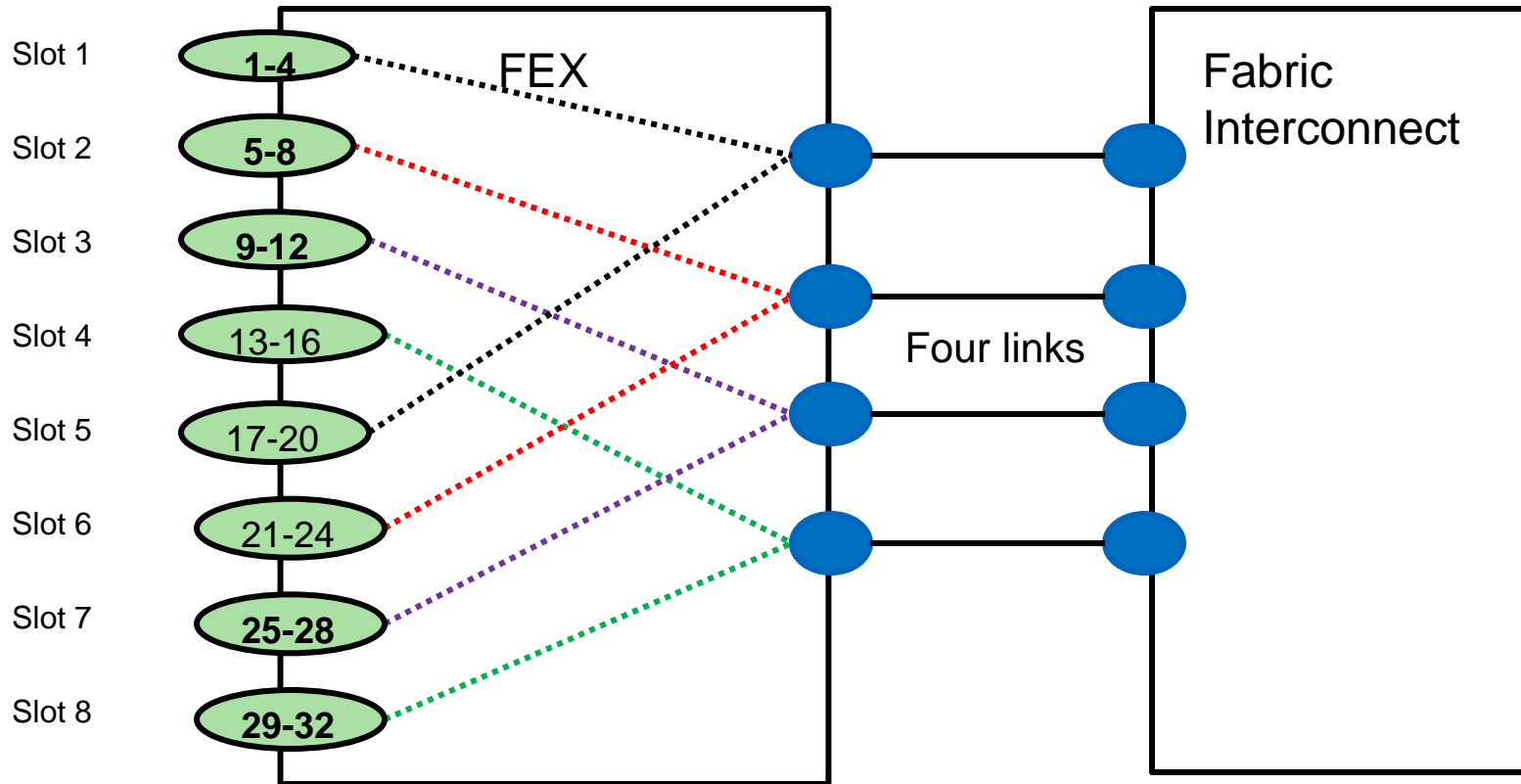
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2208XP – 2 Link



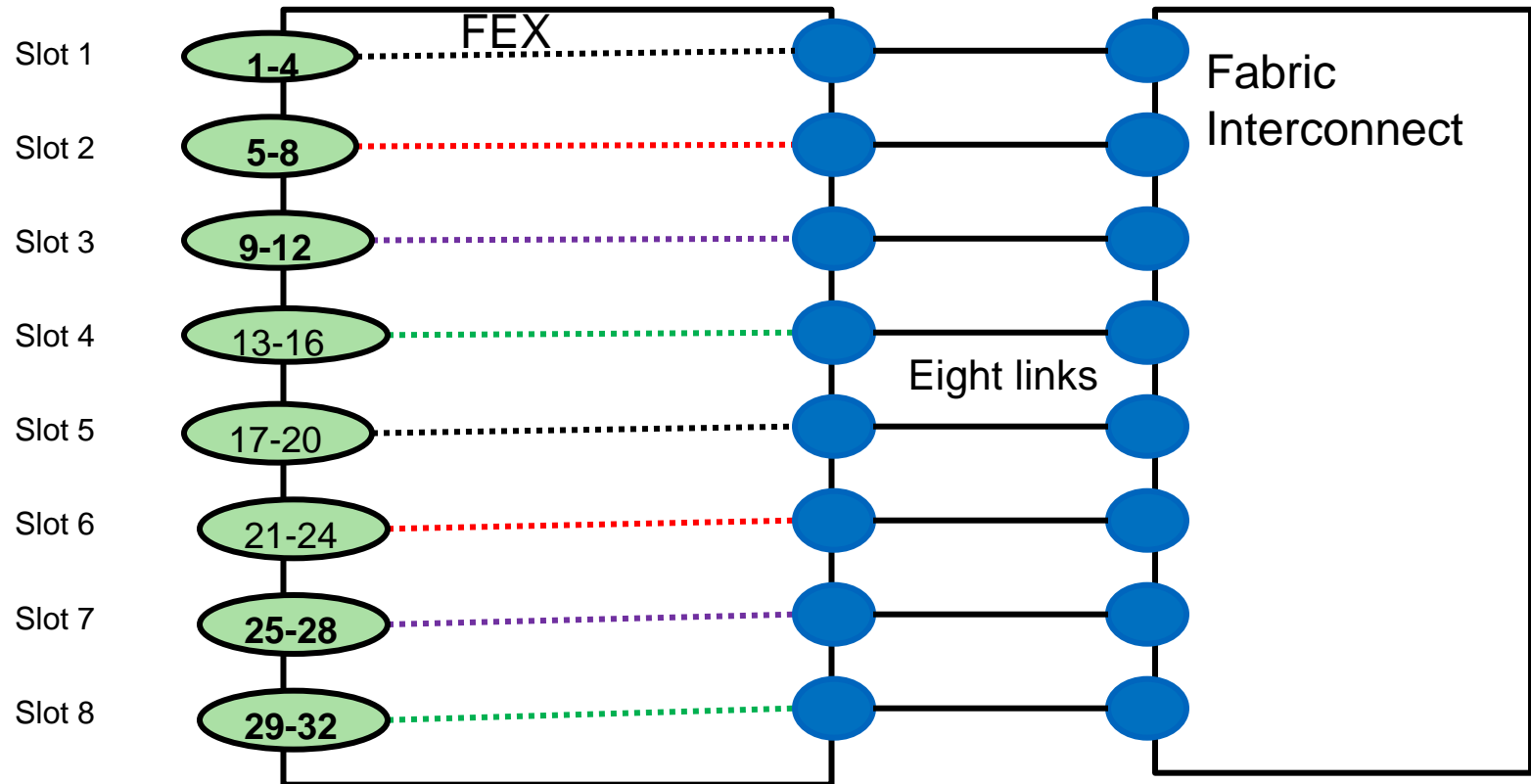
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2208XP – 4 Link



IO Module HIF to NIF Pinning

2208XP – 8 Link

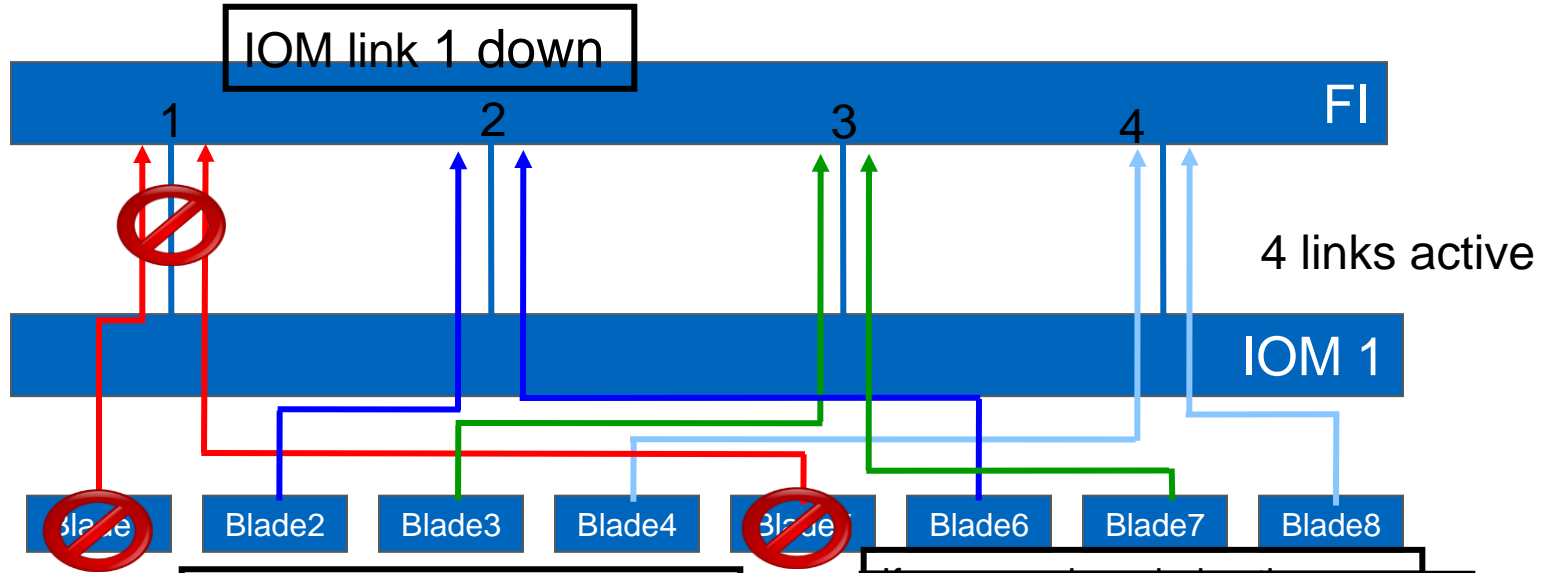


IOM and Failover

- What happens in a 4-link topology when you loose 1 link?
 - Server interfaces pinned to that link go down*
 - The remaining 3 links still pass traffic for the other blade servers
 - To recover the failed servers' vNICs, re-acknowledged of the chassis is required
 - After a re-ack UCS falls back to 2 links with regards to blade to fabric port mapping
 - That's because the link count must be a power of 2!

* unless you enabled Fabric Failover

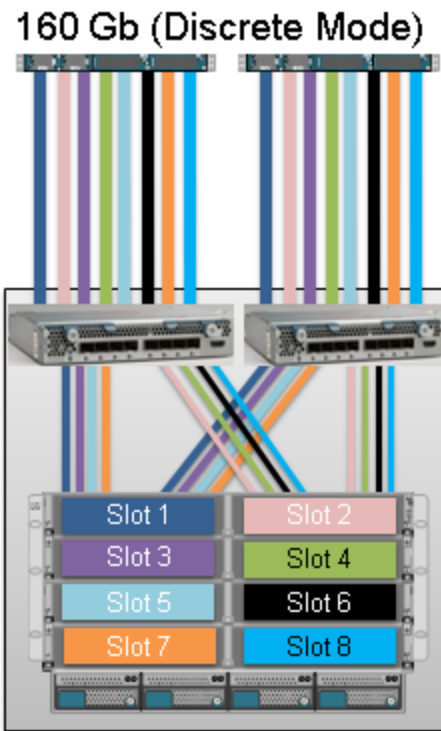
IOM and Failover



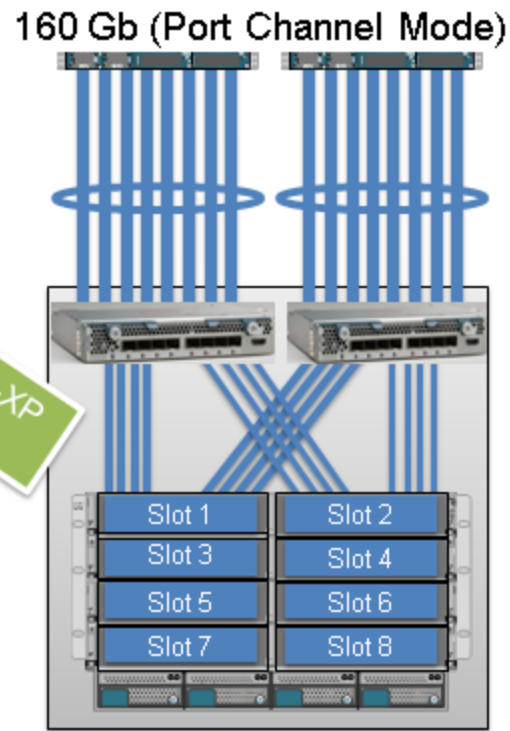
Lose connectivity on mezzanine port mapped to IOM 1 for blades 1 and 5

If you re-acknowledge the blades, IOM 1 will use the mezzanine port as configured, and blades 1, 3, 5, 7 will use one uplink, and blades 2, 4, 6, 8 will use a different uplink.

Increased Bandwidth Access to Blades



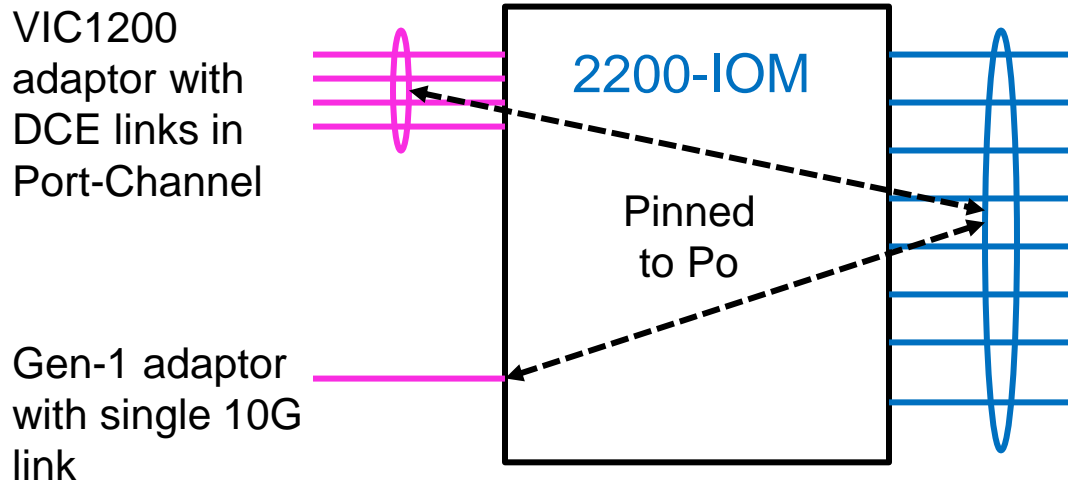
- 6100 to 2208
- 6200 to 2208



- 6200 to 2208

Port-channel Pinning

- No slot based pinning
- No invalid link count for NIF ports (no “power of 2” rule)

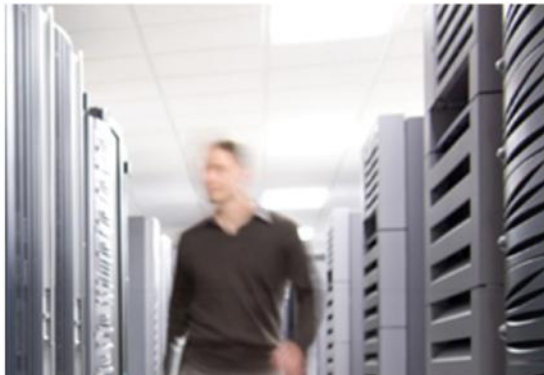


Port-channel Pinning

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Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)# sh port-channel summary
Flags:  D - Down          P - Up in port-channel (members)
        I - Individual    H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
        s - Suspended     r - Module-removed
        S - Switched      R - Routed
        U - Up (port-channel)

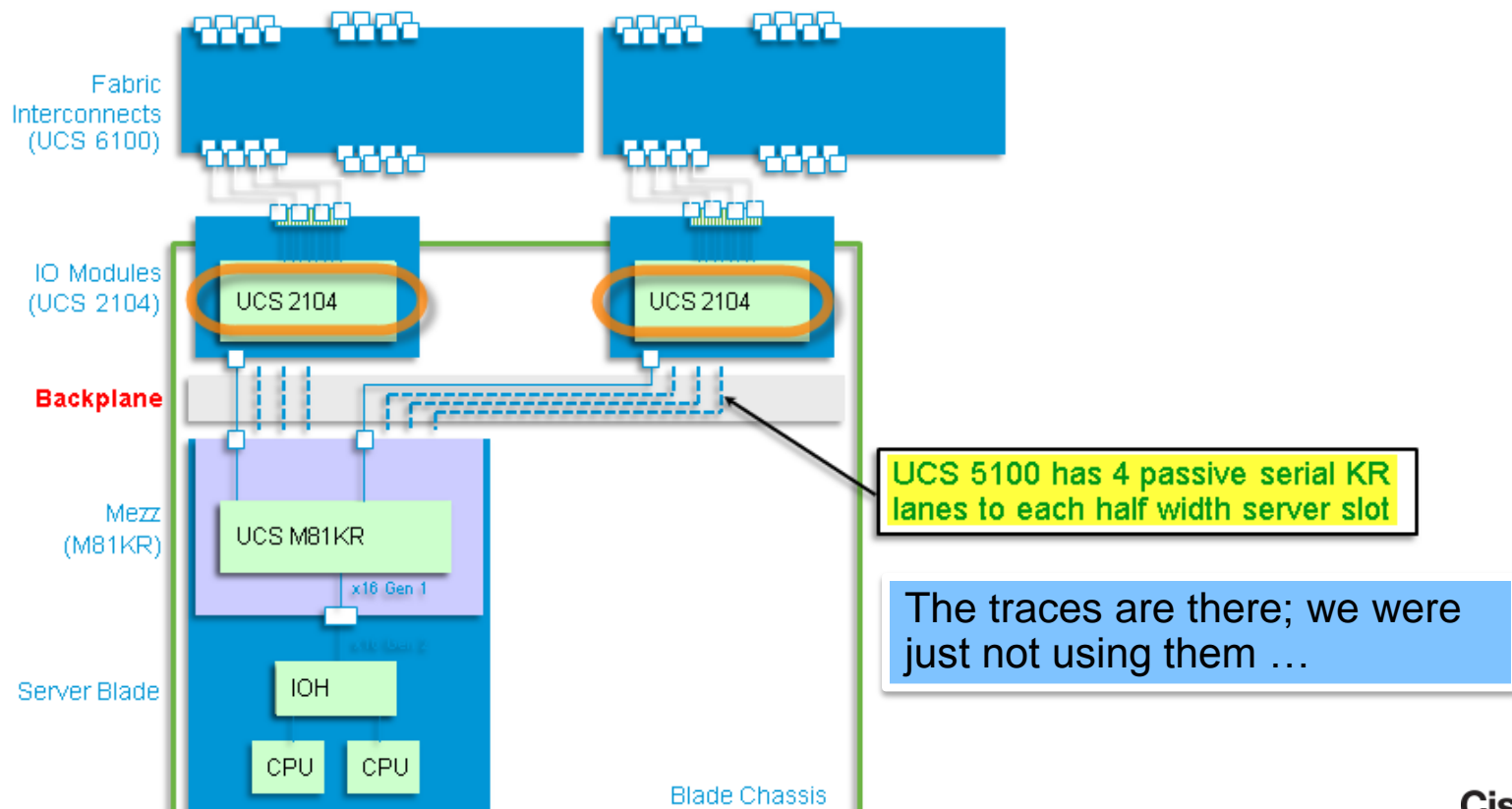
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Group  Port-      Type  Protocol  Member Ports
Channel
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1      Po1(SU)     Eth   LACP      Eth1/1(P)   Eth1/2(P)
220    Po220(SU)   Eth   LACP      Eth1/23(P)  Eth1/24(P)
1025   Po1025(SU)  Eth   NONE      Eth1/17(P)  Eth1/18(P)  Eth1/19(P)
                                   Eth1/20(P)
1280   Po1280(SU)  Eth   NONE      Eth1/1/29(P) Eth1/1/30(P) Eth1/1/31(P)
                                   Eth1/1/32(P)
1282   Po1282(SU)  Eth   NONE      Eth1/1/25(P) Eth1/1/26(P) Eth1/1/27(P)
                                   Eth1/1/28(P)
1285   Po1285(SU)  Eth   NONE      Eth1/1/21(P) Eth1/1/23(P)
1287   Po1287(SD)  Eth   NONE      Eth1/1/17(D) Eth1/1/19(D)
Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)# sh vifs int Po1280

Interface  MAX-VIFS  VIFS
-----
Po1280     0         Veth782, Veth785, Veth789, Veth791, Veth792, Veth8978,
Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)#
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Server Connectivity

Let's go back in time once more



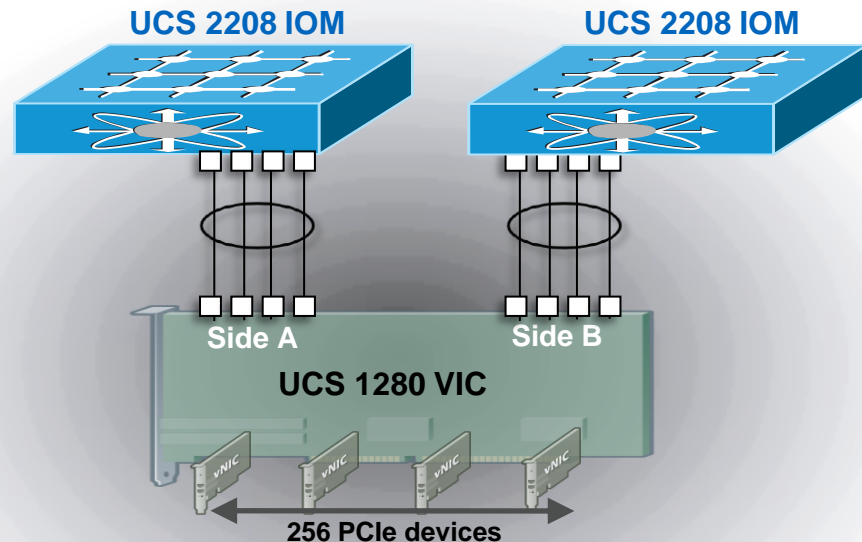
UCS Cisco 1280 VIC Adapter

Customer benefits

- Dual 4x 10 GE (80 Gb per host)
- VM-FEX scale, up to 112 VM interfaces /w ESX 5.0

Feature details

- Dual 4x 10 GE port-channels to a single server slot
- Host connectivity PCIe Gen2 x16
- PCIe Gen 2 x16 bandwidth limit is 32 Gbps
- HW Capable of 256 PCIe devices
 - OS restriction apply
- PCIe virtualisation OS independent (same as M81KR)
- Single OS driver image for both M81KR and 1280 VIC
- FabricFailover supported
- Eth hash inputs : Source MAC Address, Destination MAC Address, Source Pprt, Destination Port, Source IP address, Destination, P address and VLAN
- FC Hash inputs: Source MAC Address Destination MAC Address, FC SID and FC DID

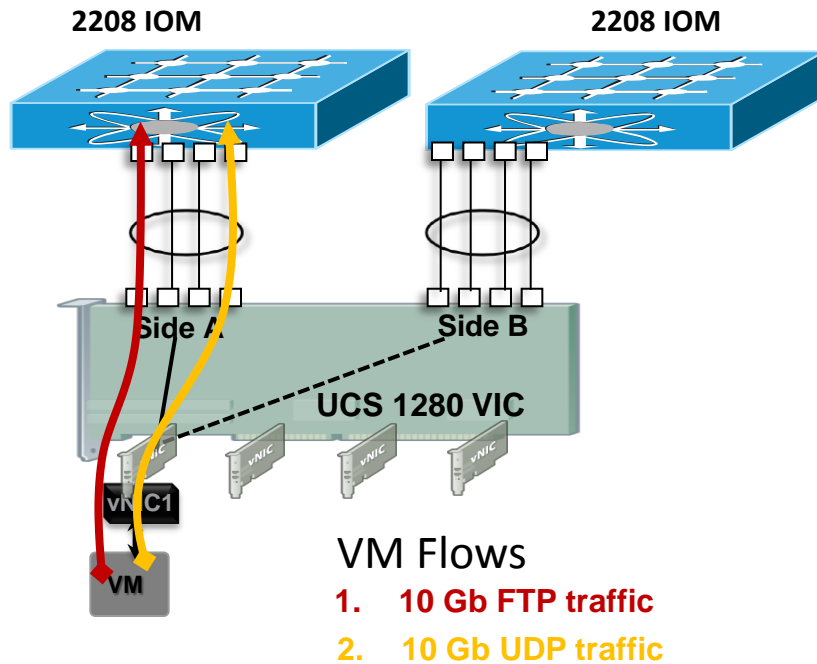


All M3 blades
& B230M2
& B440M2



Connectivity IOM to Adapter

Up to 32 Gbps (PCIe speed) throughput per vNIC using flow based port-channel hash



- Implicit Port-channel between UCS 1280 VIC adapter and UCS 2208 IOM
- 7-Tuple Flow based hash
- A vNIC is active on side A or B.
- A vNIC has access to up to 32 Gbps throughput .

What does the OS See?

The screenshot displays the Cisco Unified Computing System Manager interface. The main window shows a 'Fault Summary' for vNIC Interfaces with 0 faults. A 'Local Area Connection 2 Status' dialog box is open, showing connection details for 'Local Area Connection 2'. A 'Network Connection Details' dialog box is also open, providing a detailed view of the network connection properties.

Local Area Connection 2 Status

General

Connection

- IPv4 Connectivity: No Internet access
- IPv6 Connectivity: No Internet access
- Media State: Enabled
- Duration: 1 day 22:10:54
- Speed: 40.0 Gbps

Activity

Sent: 2,496,676 Bytes | Received: 1,859,456 Bytes

Buttons: Properties, Disable, Diagnose, Close

Network Connection Details

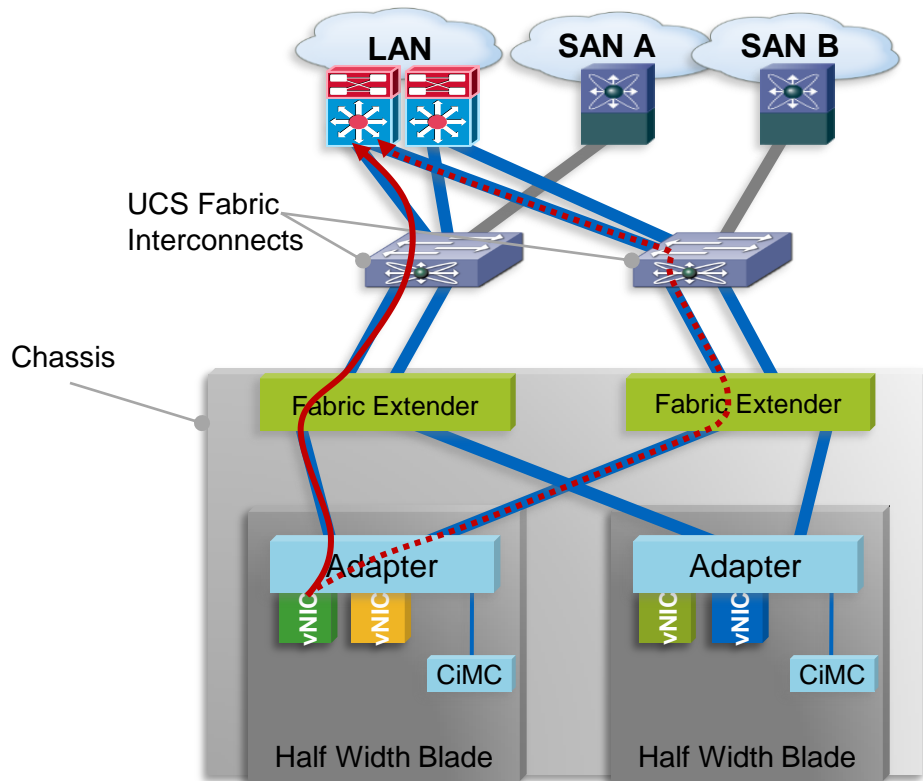
Network Connection Details:

Property	Value
Connection-specific DN...	ucslab.cisco.com
Description	Cisco VIC Ethernet Interface #2
Physical Address	00-25-B5-99-00-06
DHCP Enabled	Yes
IPv4 Address	192.168.66.100
IPv4 Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Lease Obtained	Tuesday, September 04, 2012 7:19:12 AM
Lease Expires	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:20:10 AM
IPv4 Default Gateway	
IPv4 DHCP Server	192.168.66.1
IPv4 DNS Server	192.168.66.254
IPv4 WINS Server	
NetBIOS over Tcpip En...	Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address	fe80::8127:294f:d507:2603%13
IPv6 Default Gateway	
IPv6 DNS Server	

Buttons: Close

Fabric Failover

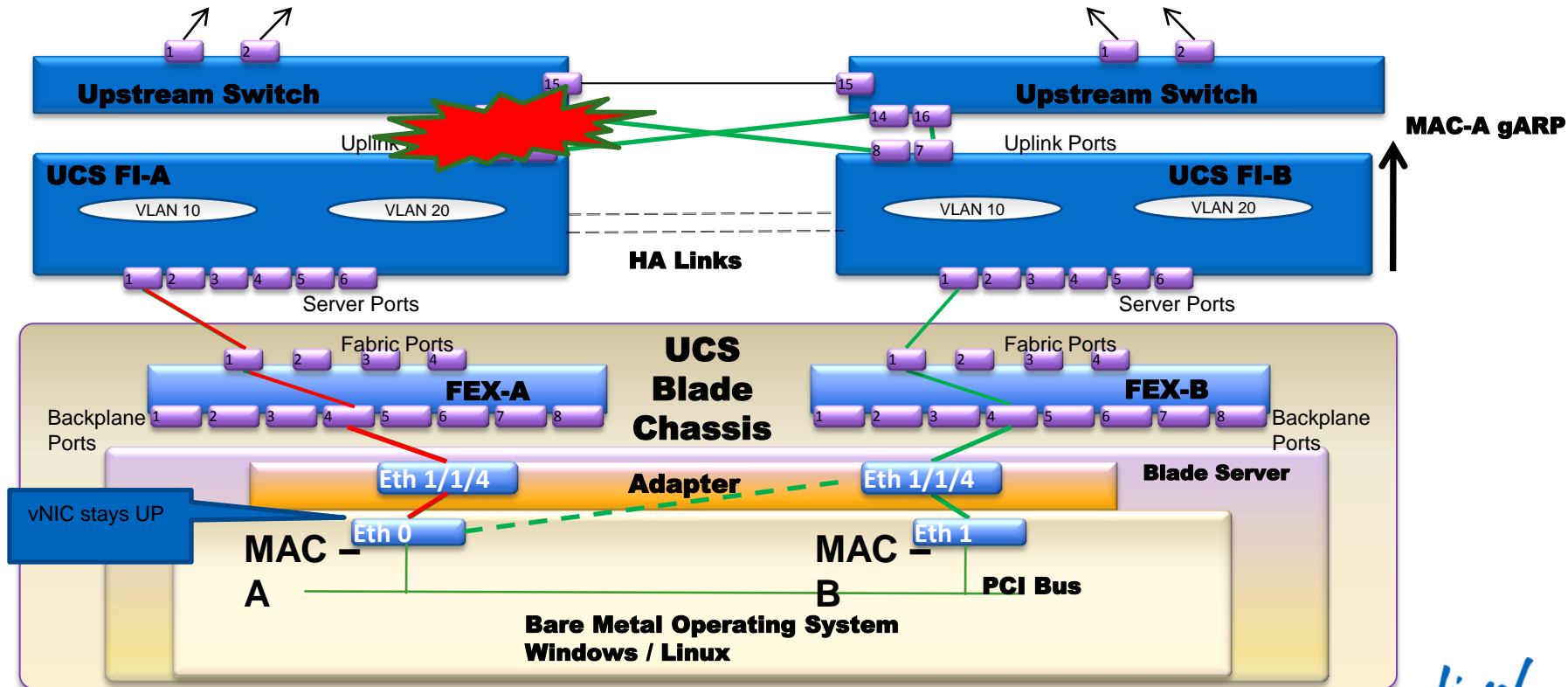
End Host Mode (only)



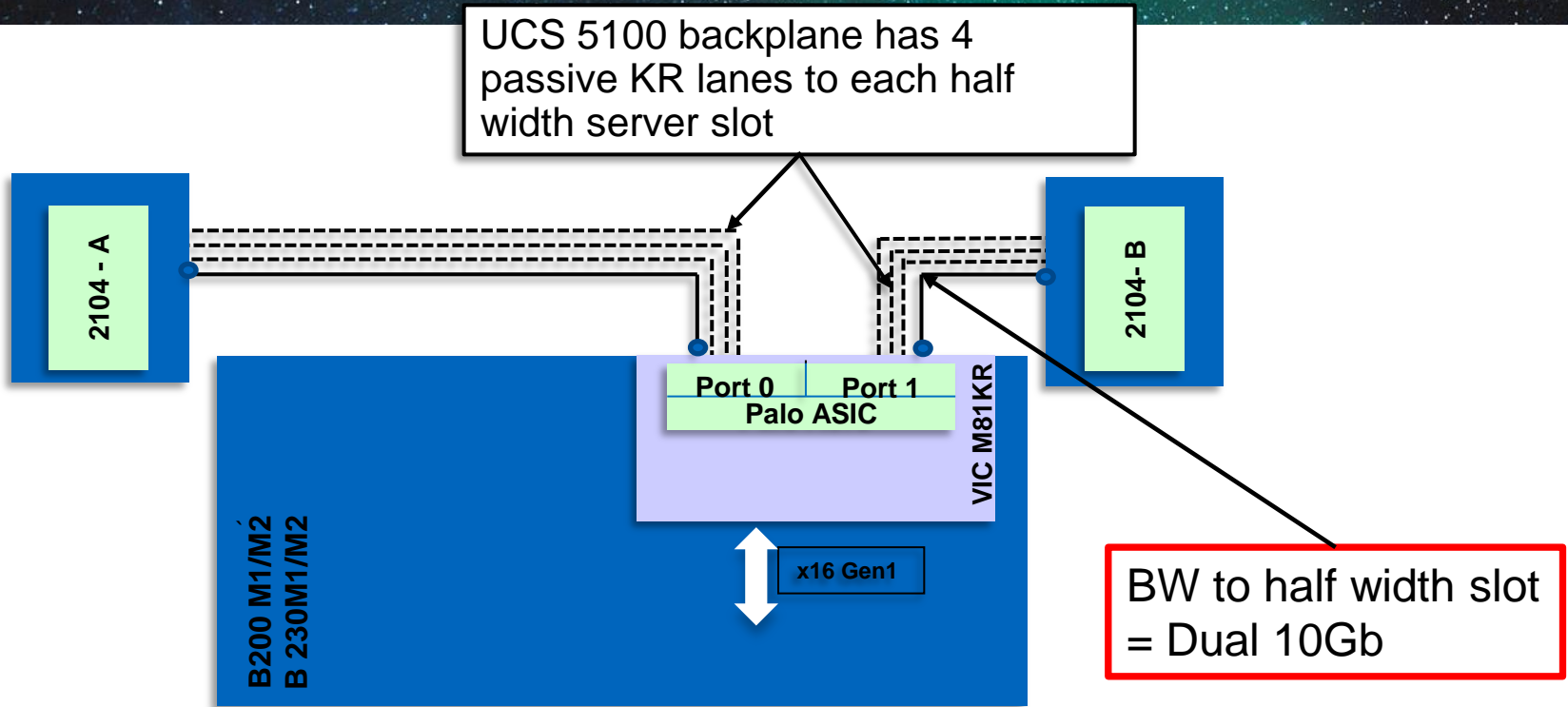
- Fabric provides NIC failover capabilities chosen when defining a service profile
- Traditionally done using NIC bonding driver in the OS
- Provides failover for both unicast and multicast traffic
- Works for any OS on bare metal and hypervisors

Fabric Failover

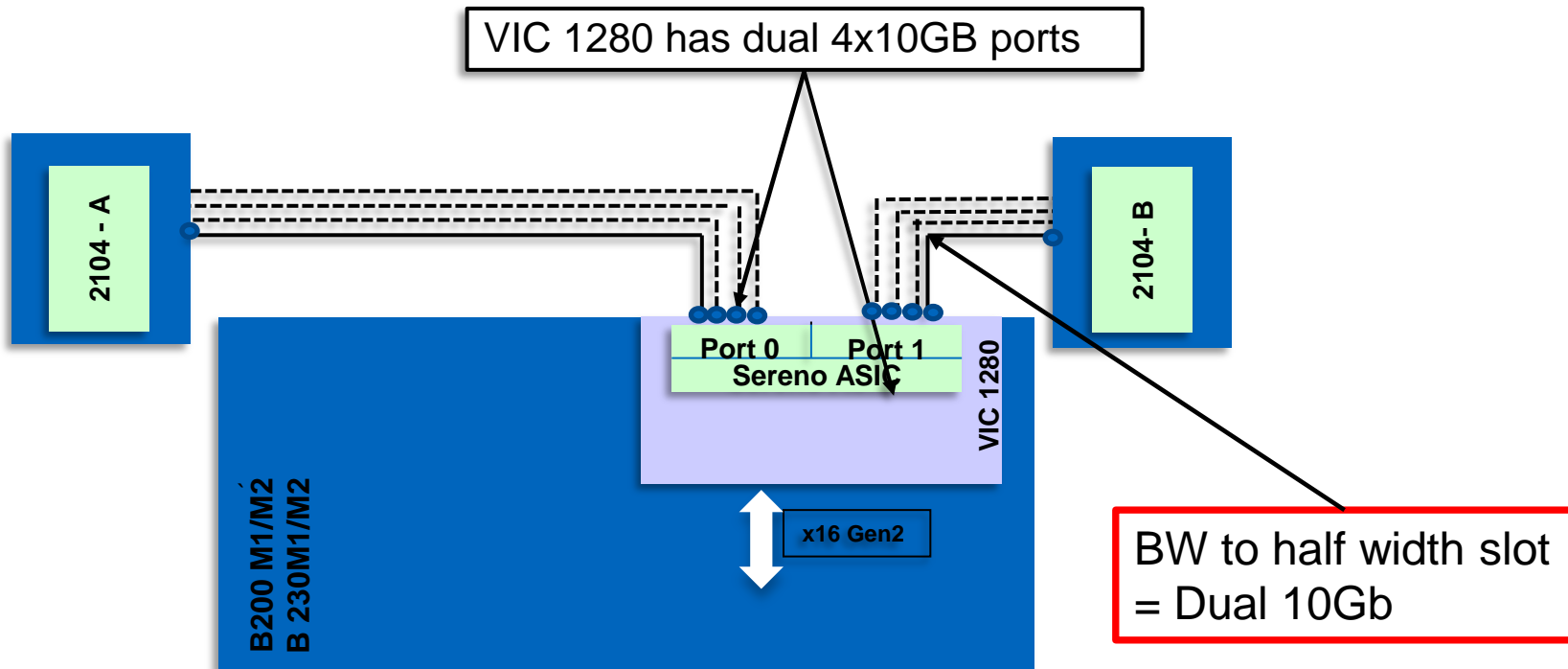
Bare Metal OS



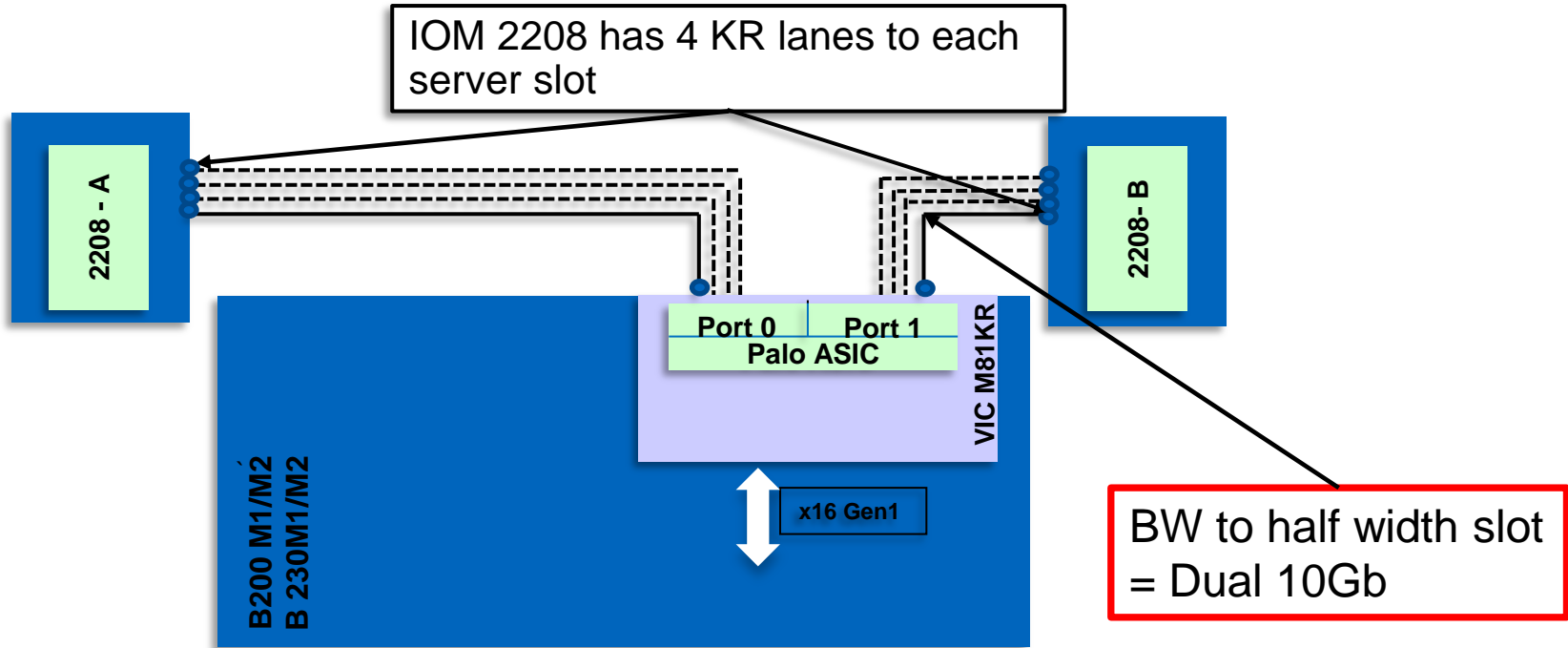
IOM 2104 with M81KR in M1/M2 Blades



IOM 2104 with VIC 1280 in M2 Blades



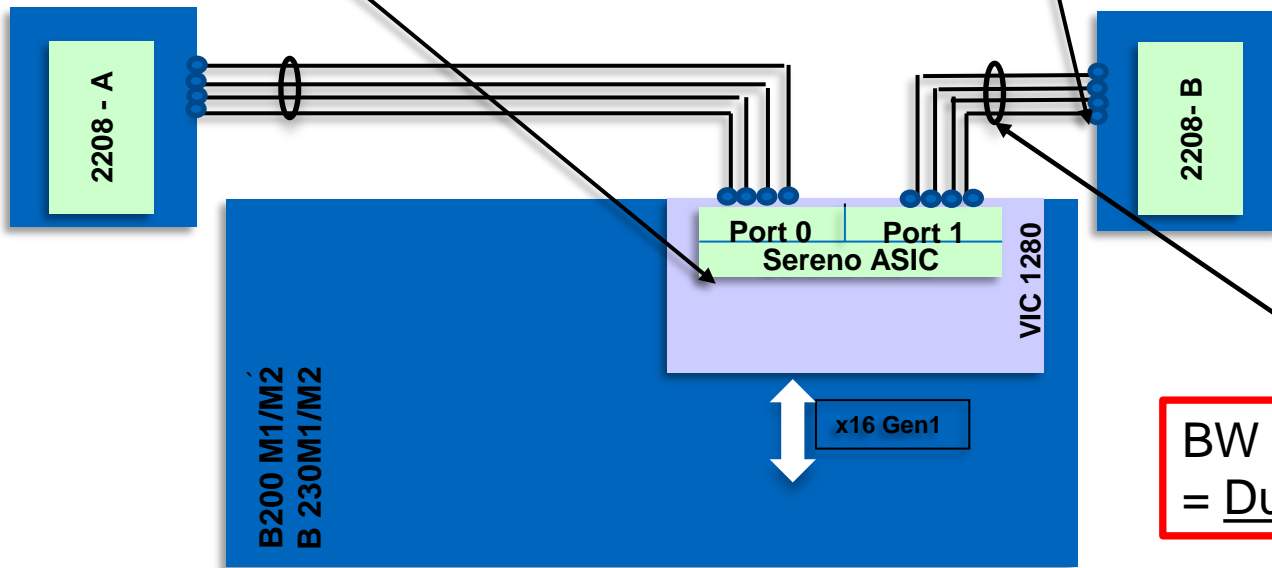
IOM 2208 with M81KR in M1/M2 Blades



IOM 2208 with VIC 1280 in M2 Blades

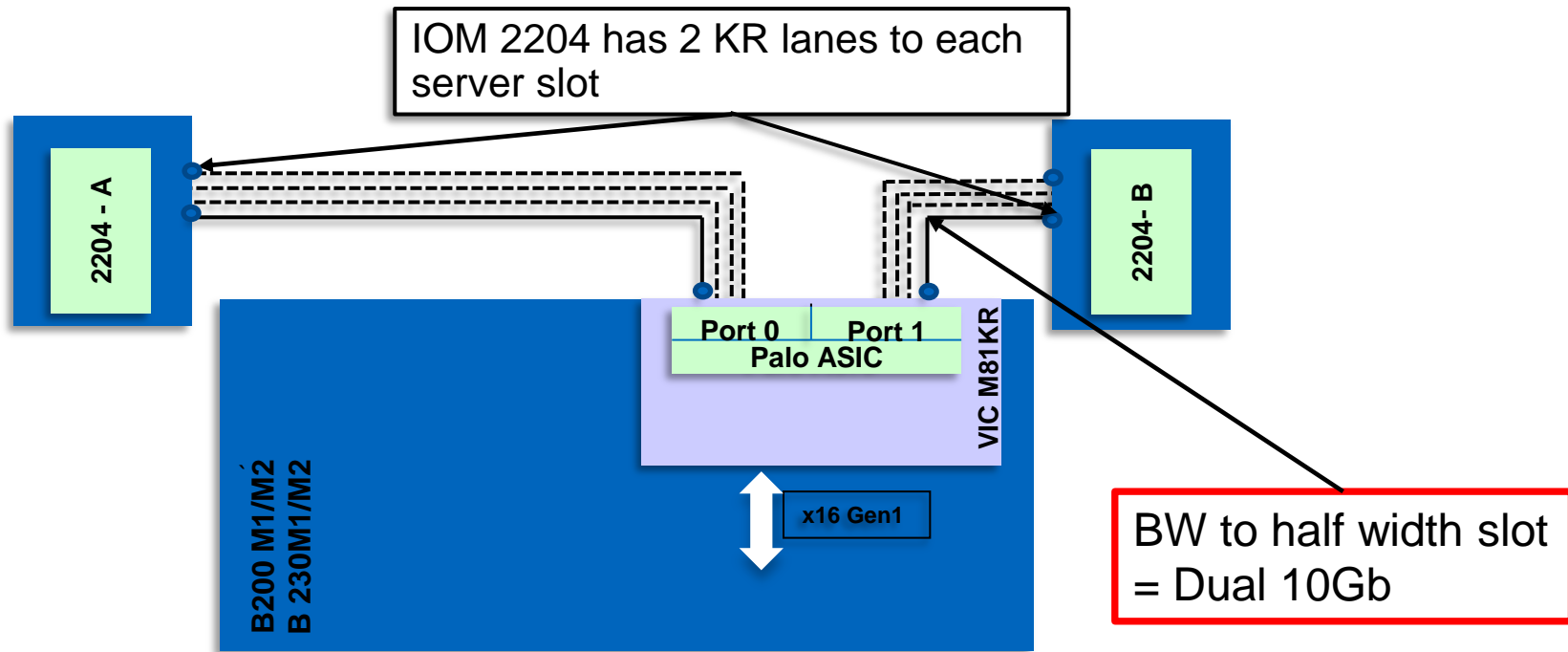
VIC 1280 has dual 4x10GB ports

IOM 2208 has 4 KR lanes to each server slot

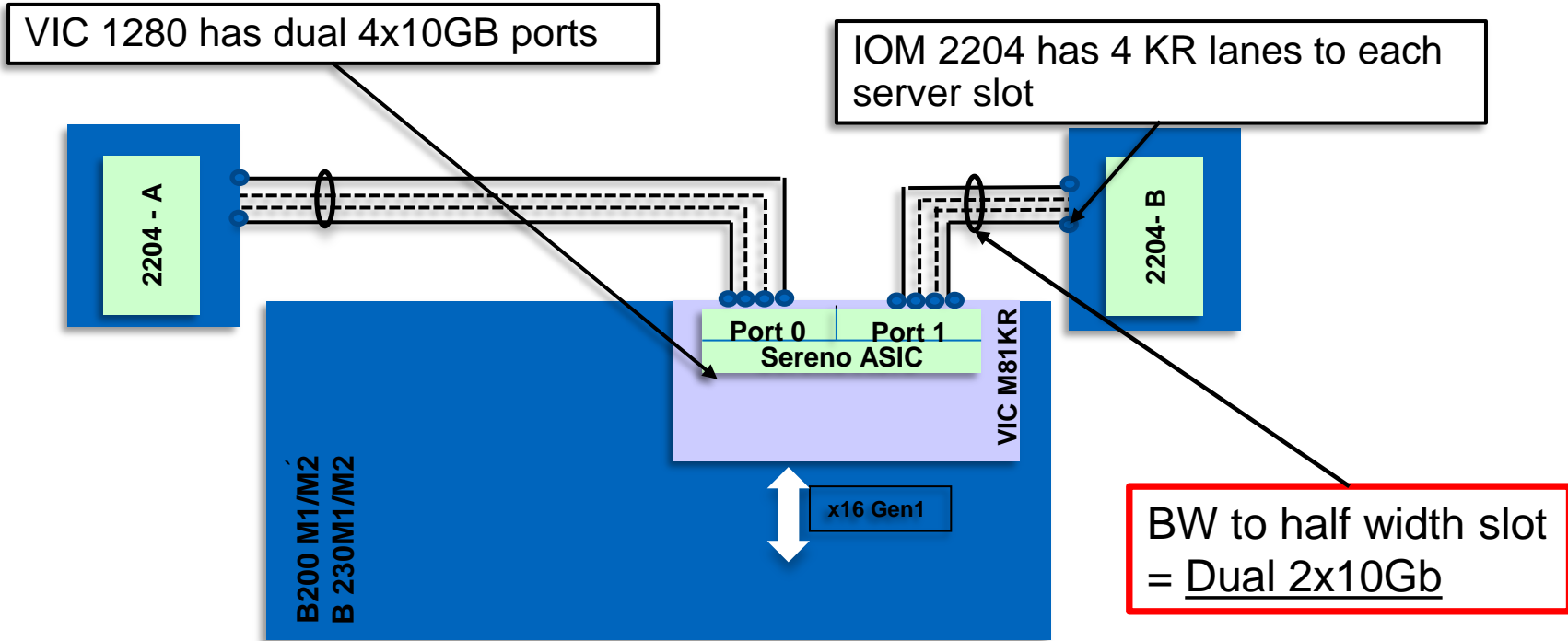


BW to half width slot
= Dual 4x10Gb

IOM 2204 with M81KR in M1/M2 Blades



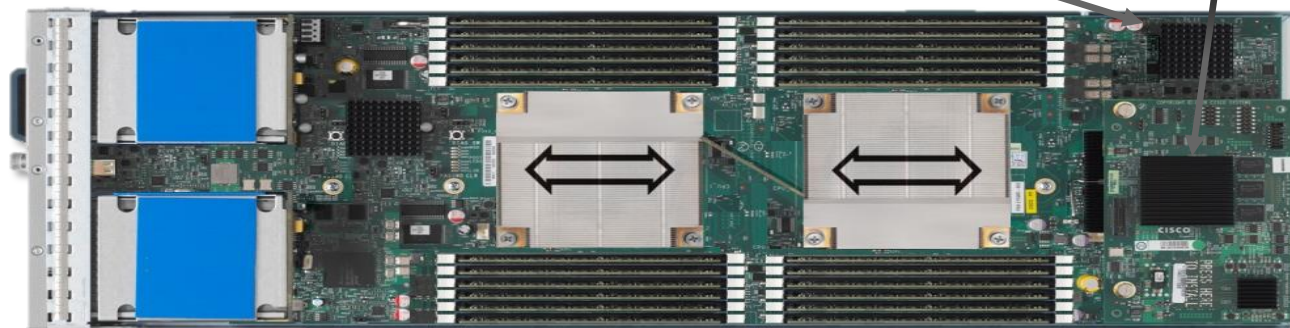
IOM 2204 with VIC 1280 in M2 Blades



UCS B200 M3



Half width blade
form factor



Modular LOM
Slot

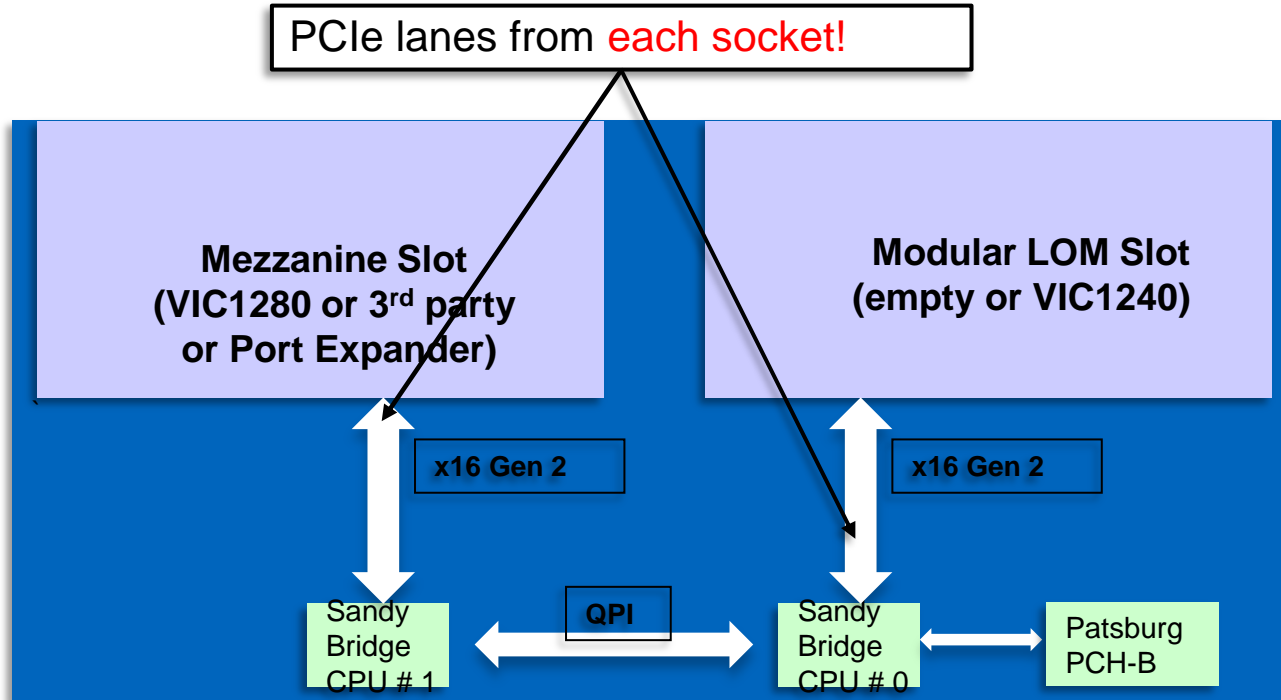
Mezzanine
Slot

Connectors to
the backplane

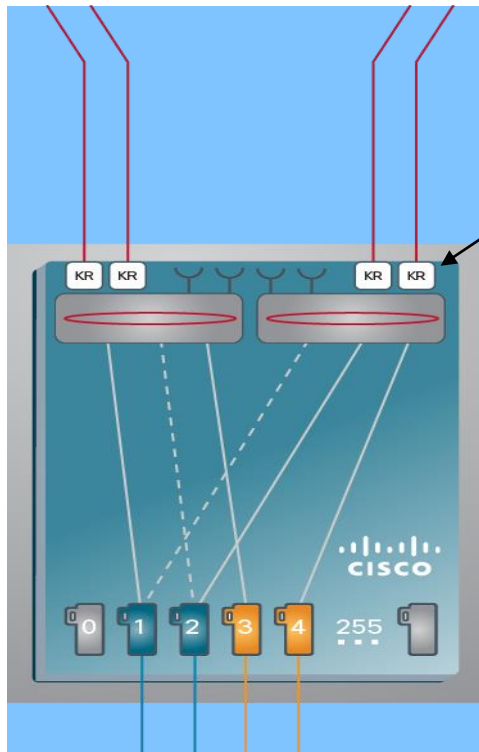
1. mLOM Slot: Supports only the VIC 1240
2. Mezz Slot: Supports VIC 1280 & 3rd party Gen 3 Mezz cards
3. M81KR **NOT** supported on the M3 (Romley blades)

B200 M3 I/O Block Diagram

Modular LOM and Mezzanine slot

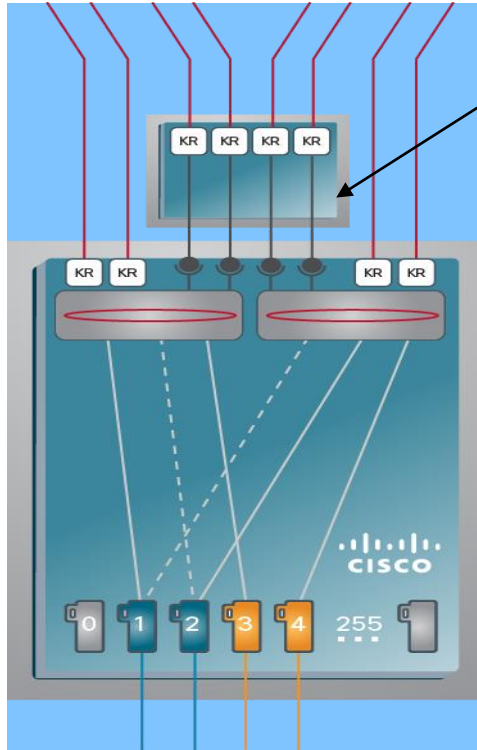


Introducing UCS VIC 1240 Modular LOM



- ❑ Based on Sereno ASIC (VIC 1280 uses the same ASIC)
- ❑ PCIe Devices 256 (vNICs or vHBA)
- ❑ Support VM-FEX
- ❑ Base option supports dual 2x10Gb (2 lanes to each FI)

Port Expander Card for VIC 1240

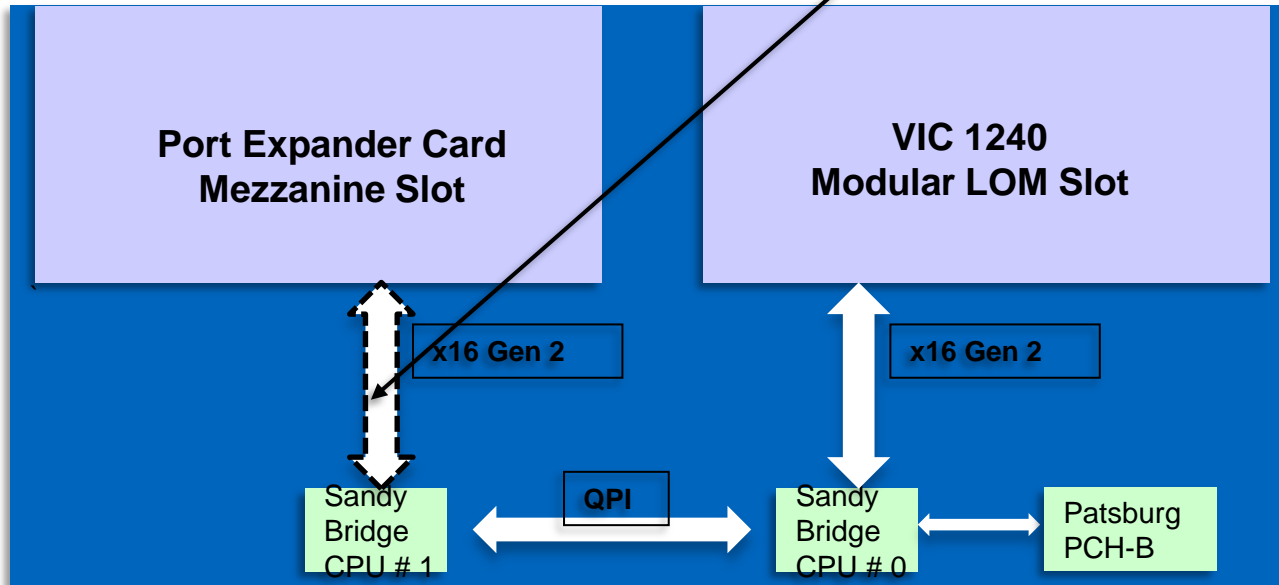


- Option to enable all port of 2nd Gen VIC ASIC (Sereno)
- 4 ports to each FI
- Fits in the Mezzanine slot of B200M3
- Port Expander has no PCIe presence
- It is a “passive connector” device

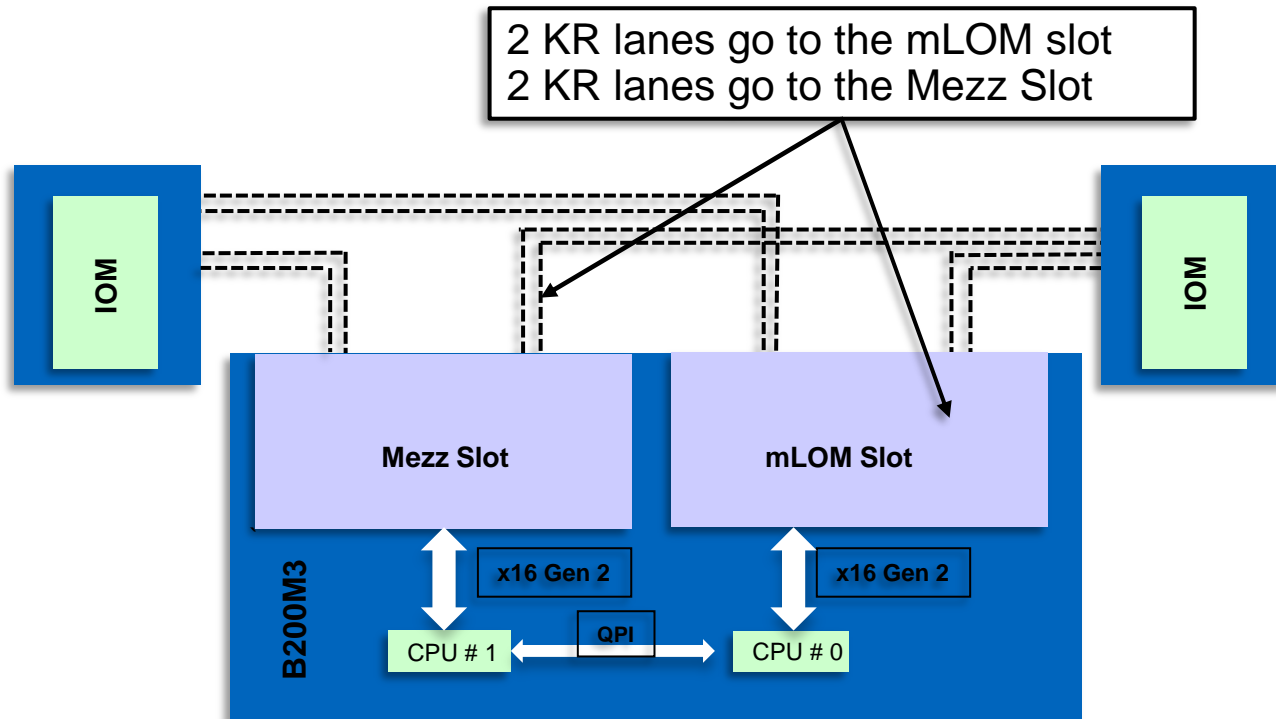
B200 M3 I/O Block Diagram

VIC 1240 and Port Expander Card for VIC 1240

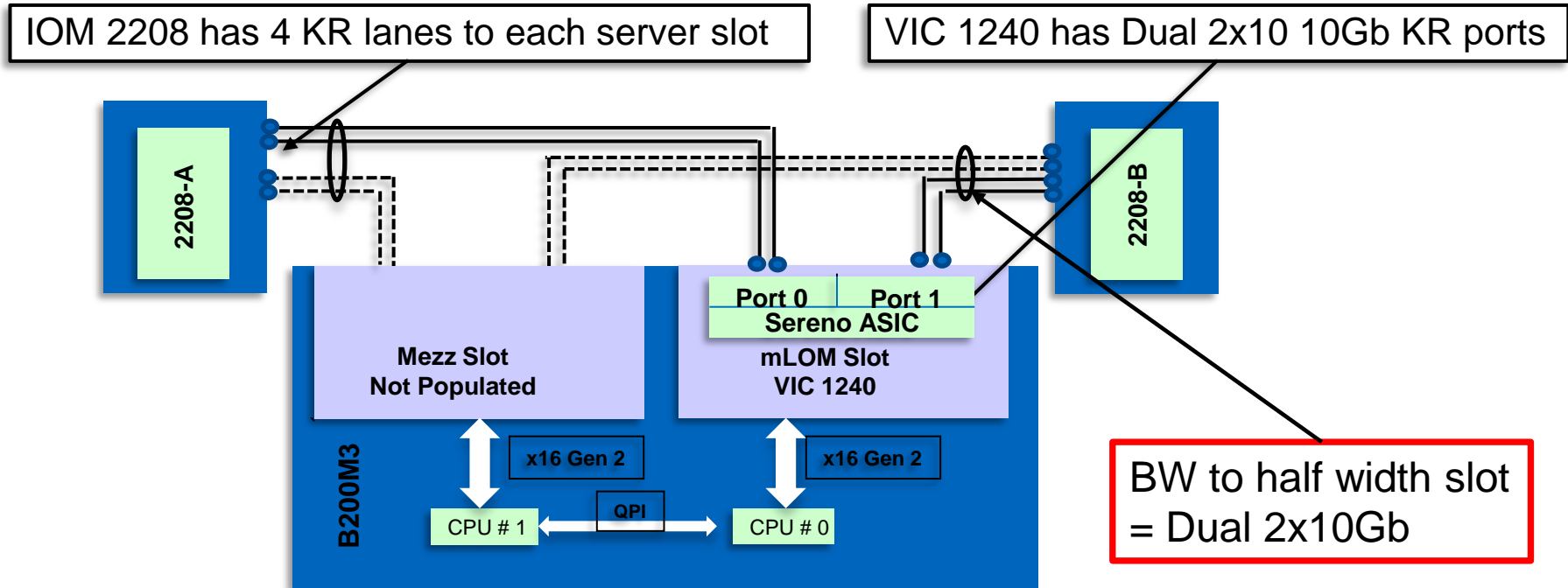
Port expander card does not connect to the PCIe lanes
It enables all ports on the mLOM



Backplane Lanes for B200 M3

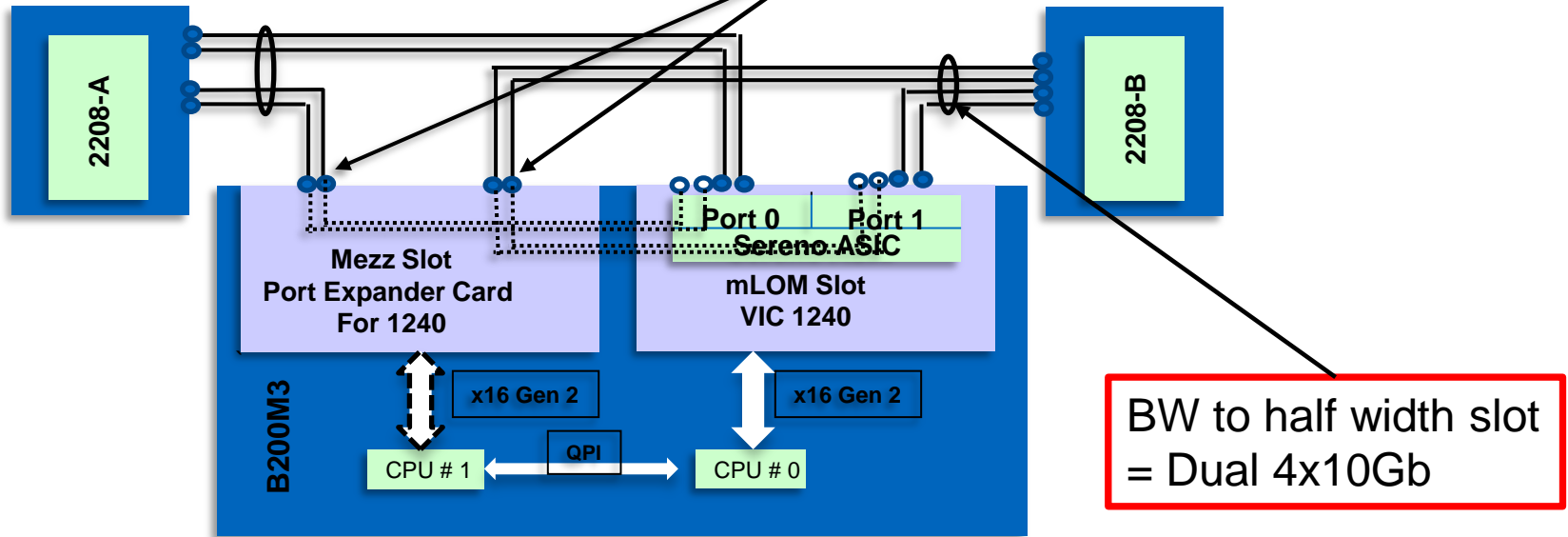


IOM 2208 with VIC1240 in B200M3



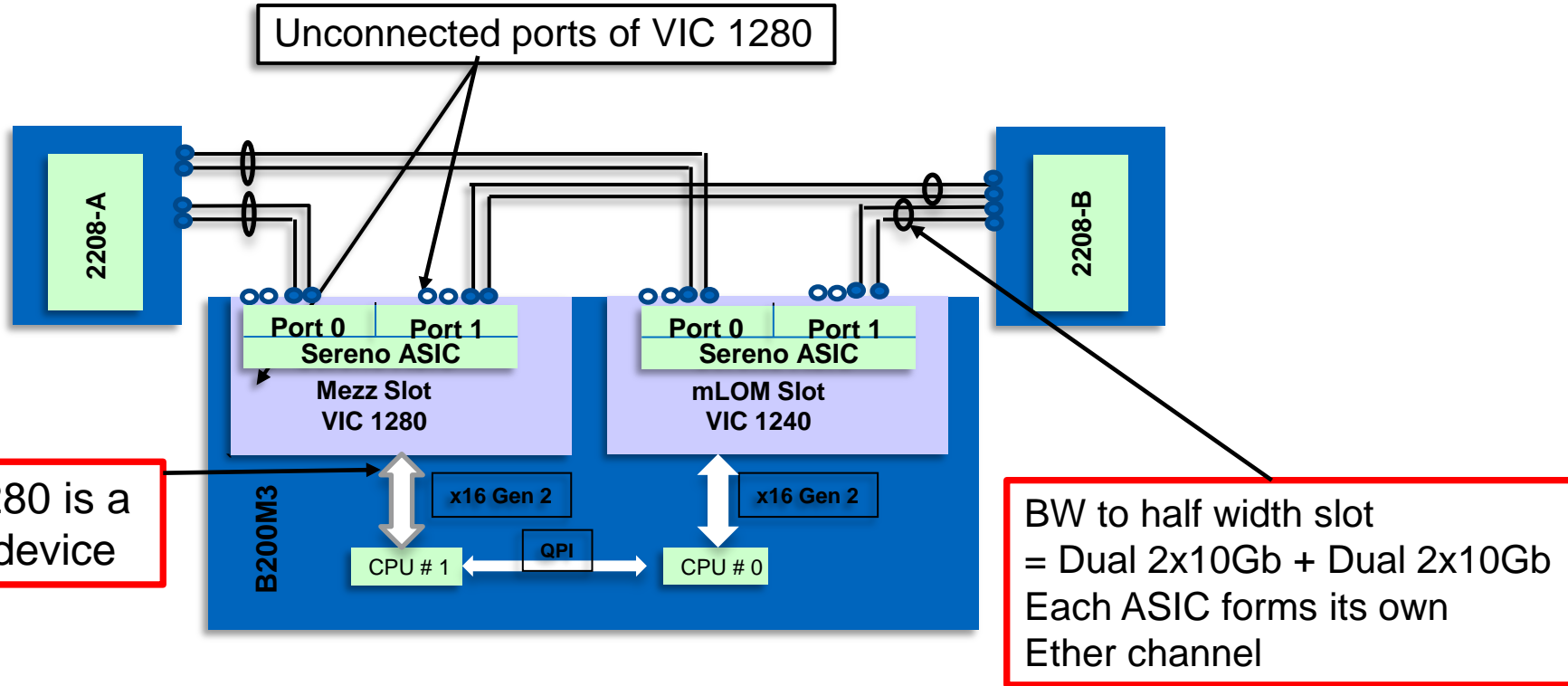
IOM 2208 with VIC1240 & Port Expander in B200M3

Port Expander for VIC 1240 enables 2 additional ports of Sereno ASIC to each fabric



Full BW of 2nd Gen VIC ASIC exposed

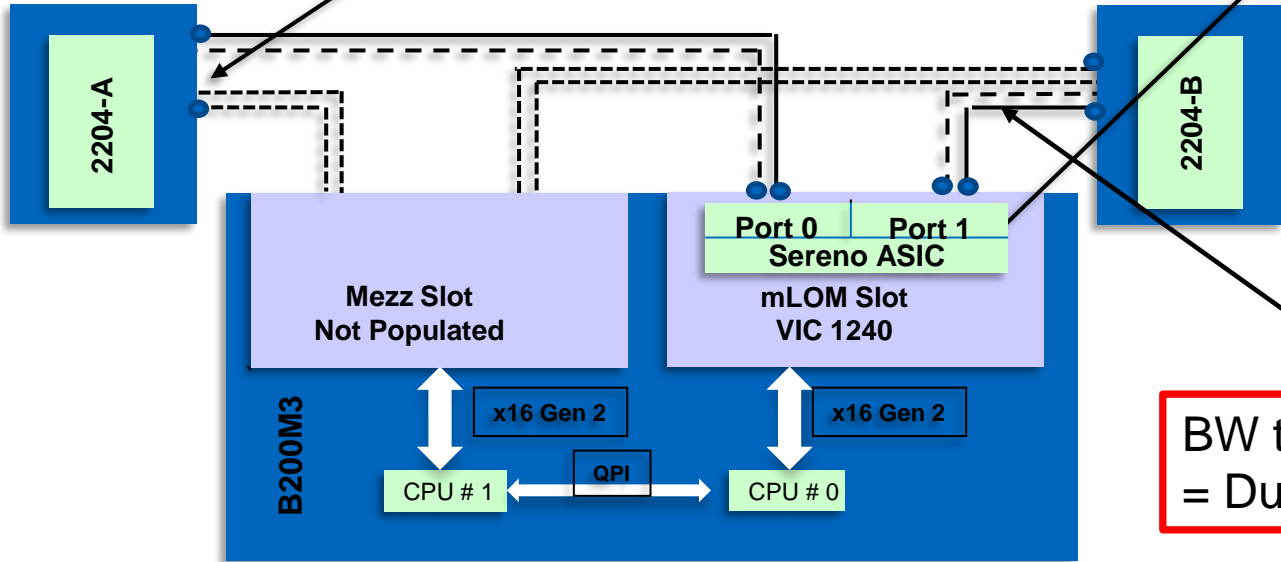
IOM 2208 with VIC1240 & VIC 1280 in B200M3



IOM 2204 with VIC1240 in B200M3

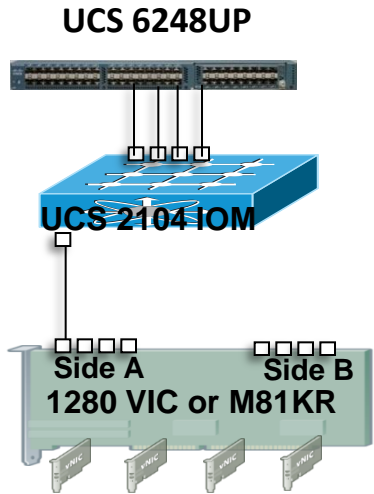
IOM 2204 has 2 KR lanes to each server slot
One lane to mLOM; one lane to Mezz slot

VIC 1240 has Dual 2x10 10Gb KR ports

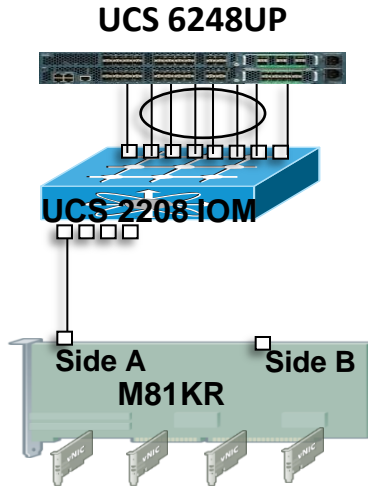


BW to half width slot
= Dual 10Gb

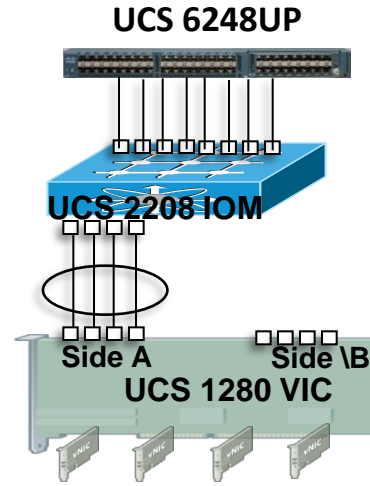
Topology Designs For Maximum Bandwidth



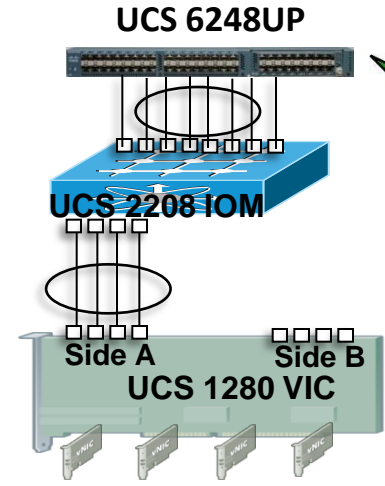
- **Shared IOM uplink bandwidth of 10Gbps**
- **vNIC Burst up to 10Gbps**
- **Shared IOM Uplink with 1 server**
- **Host port pinned to a discrete IOM uplink**



- **Shared IOM uplink bandwidth of 80Gbps**
- **vNIC Burst up to 10Gb**
- **Shared IOM Port-Channel with 8 servers**
- **Host port pinned to a discrete IOM port-channel**



- **Dedicated IOM uplink bandwidth of 10Gbps**
- **vNIC Burst up to 10Gbps** *(IOM uplink limitation)
- **Dedicated IOM Uplink**
- **Host port-channel pinned to discrete IOM uplink**



- **Shared IOM uplink bandwidth of 80Gbps**
- **vNIC Burst up to 32Gbps** *(PCIe Gen 2 limitation)
- **Shared IOM Port-Channel with 8 servers**
- **Host port-channel pinned to the IOM port-channel**

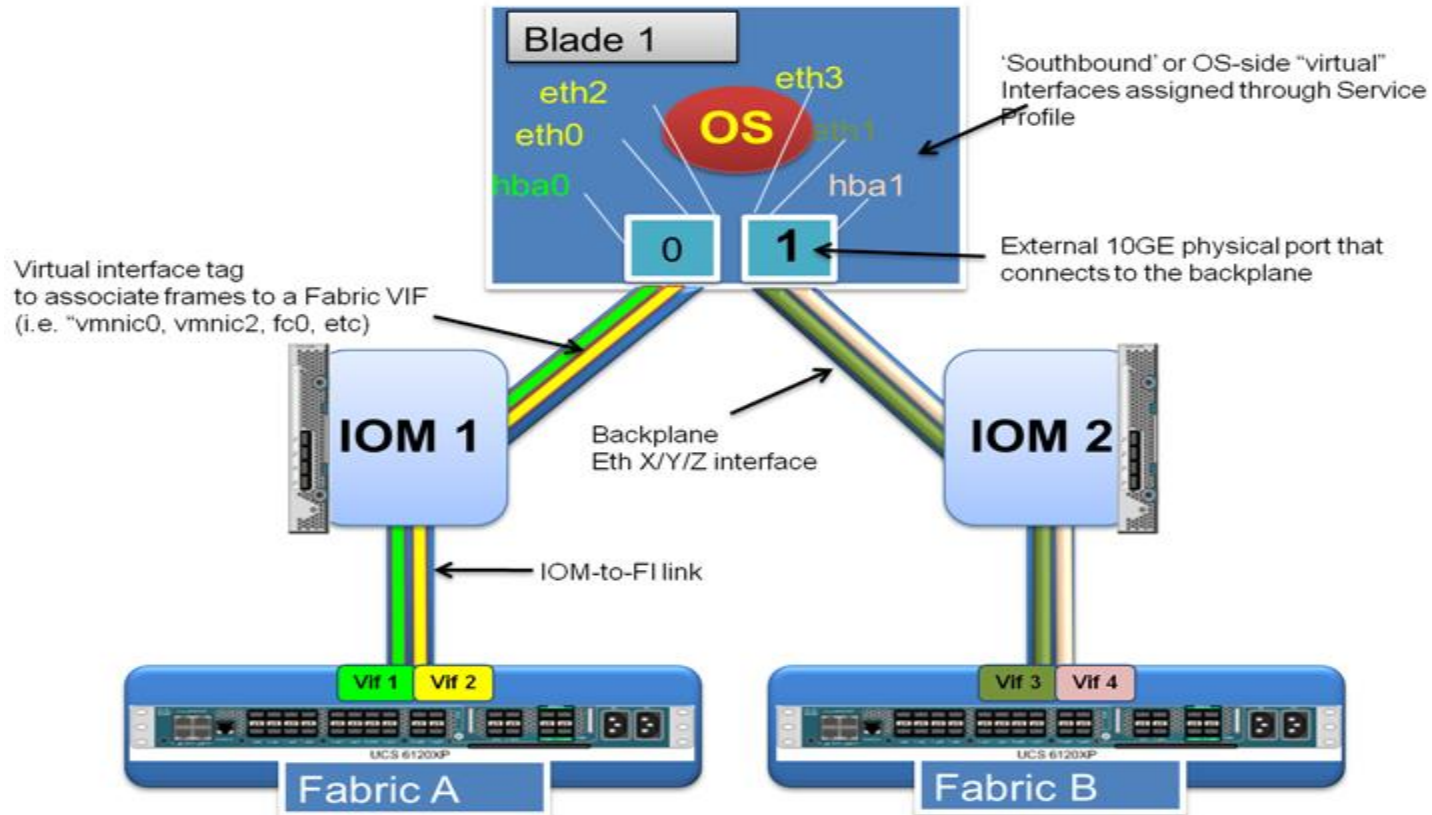


Virtual Interfaces (VN-TAG)

How Do Servers Communicate?

- We know servers with one mezz card present two (M81KR and non-Cisco adapters) or 2 x (4 x 10G) Base-KR 'external' or 'northbound' interfaces
- The OS knows nothing of this
- The OS sees PCI devices on the bus and loads device drivers for those devices
 - In UCS, the Service Profile controls the interfaces the OS sees
 - E.g.: a blade can be shown 6 x 10GE NICs and 2 x HBAs while another sees 8 x 10GE NICs and no HBAs
- This means the northbound physical interfaces between the adapter and the IOM can carry both Ethernet and FC traffic for several vNICs. We need a mechanism to identify the origin server
 - → Concept of Virtual Interface or VIF (see next slide)

Server Interface Virtualisation (Adapter FEX)



VN-Tag: Instantiation of Virtual Interfaces

- Virtual interfaces (VIFs) help distinguish between FC and Eth interfaces
- They also identify the origin server
- VIFs are instantiated on the FI and correspond to frame-level tags assigned to blade mezz cards
- A 6-byte tag (VN-Tag) is prepended by Palo and Menlo as traffic leaves the server to identify the interface
 - VN-Tag associates frames to a VIF
- VIFs are ‘spawned off’ the server’s EthX/Y/Z interfaces (examples follow)

VN-Tag at the Adapter (Mezz Card) Level

```
Hardy-the-new-A# connect adapter 1/1/1
adapter 1/1/1 # connect
adapter 1/1/1 (top):1# attach-mcp
adapter 1/1/1 (mcp):1# vnic
vnic id      : internal id of vnic, use for other vnic cmds
vnic name/mac : ucsd provisioned name (-n) or mac address (-m)
vnic type    : enet=ethernet, enet_pt=dynamic ethernet, fc=fcoe
vnic bb:dd.f : host pci bus/device/function id
vnic state   : state of vnic
lif          : internal logical if id, use for other lif/vif cmds
lif state    : state of lif
vif uif      : bound uplink 0 or 1, =:primary, -:secondary, >:current
vif ucsd     : ucsd id for this vif
vif idx      : switch id for this vif
vif vlan     : default vlan for traffic
vif state    : state of vif

-----
id  name      vnic      type  bb:dd.f  state  lif  state  uif  ucsd  idx  vlan  state
-----
 5 vnic_1      enet     08:00.0  UP     2  UP    - 0    970   860   1  UP
    =>1    969   873   1  UP
 6 vnic_2      enet     09:00.0  UP     3  UP    - 0    972   861   1  UP
    =>1    971   874   1  UP
 7 vnic_3      enet     0a:00.0  UP     4  UP    - 0    974   862   1  UP
    =>1    973   875   1  UP
adapter 1/1/1 (mcp):2# █
```


VIFs

- Ethernet and FC are muxed on the same physical links → **concept of virtual interfaces (vifs) to split Eth and FC**
- Two types of VIFs: veth and vfc
 - Veth for Ethernet and FCoE; vfc for FC traffic
- Each EthX/Y/Z or Po interface typically has multiple vifs attached to it to carry traffic to and from a server
- **To find all *vifs* associated with a EthX/Y/Z or Po interface, do this:**

```
UCS-TME-LAB-A(nxos)# sh vifs interface port-channel 1282
```

Interface	MAX-VIFS	VIFS
Po1282	0	Veth2046, Veth2047, Veth2048, Veth10244,

```
UCS-TME-LAB-A(nxos)#
```

FCoE: a Vfc Bound to a Veth

```
Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)# show vifs interface port-channel 1280

Interface      MAX-VIFS  VIFS
-----
Po1280         0         Veth782, Veth785, Veth789, Veth791, Veth792, Veth8978,
Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)# show vifs interface veth8978

Interface      MAX-VIFS  VIFS
-----
Veth8978       0         vfc786,
Hardy-the-new-A(nxos)#
```

Another Way to Find VIFs:

```
UCS-BRU-STAGING-A# show service-profile circuit name STATICSETUP-WIN2K3
Service Profile: STATICSETUP-WIN2K3
Server: 1/1
Fabric ID: A
  VIF          vNIC          Link State Overall Status Admin Pin Oper Pin Transport
  -----
    41          eth0          Up         Active     0/0      1/20    Unknown
    697          eth0          Up         Active     0/0      0/0     Ether
    698          vhbao         Up         Active     0/0      0/0     Fc
    8890         vhbao         Up         Active     0/0      0/0     Ether
UCS-BRU-STAGING-A#
```

```
UCS-BRU-STAGING-A(nxos)# sh run int vet697
version 4.0(1a)N2(1.1e)

interface vethernet697
 switchport trunk native vlan 27
 switchport trunk allowed vlan 27
 bind interface Ethernet1/1/1
 no pinning server sticky
 pinning server pinning-failure link-down

UCS-BRU-STAGING-A(nxos)# sh int ve697
vethernet697 is up
  Bound Interface is Ethernet1/1/1

Description: server 1/1, VNIC
Encapsulation ARPA
Port mode is trunk
Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
5 minute input rate 0 bytes/sec, 0 packets/sec
5 minute output rate 0 bytes/sec, 0 packets/sec
Rx
 11459643 input packets      7313025615 bytes
Tx
 24186526 output packets     11202354806 bytes

UCS-BRU-STAGING-A(nxos)#
```

Cisco Unified Computing System Manager - Hardy

Fault Summary

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Equipment Servers LAN SAN VM Admin

Filter: All

Servers

- Service Profiles
 - root
 - ESXi5-LocalBoot (testing vSphere 5)
 - Sub-Organizations
 - PreProduction
 - Sub-Organizations
 - cpaggen
 - ESXi-5.0-localboot (10.48.82.82)
 - ISCSI-Win2k8R2 (10.48.82.90)
 - ISCSI vNICs
 - vHBAs
 - vNICs
 - vNIC e0
 - Network backbone
 - vNIC e1
 - Network iSCSI-B2

- Service Profile Templates
- root
 - Sub-Organizations
 - Policies
 - root
 - Adapter Policies
 - BIOS Defaults
 - BIOS Policies
 - Boot Policies
 - Host Firmware Packages
 - IPMI Access Profiles
 - Local Disk Config Policies
 - Maintenance Policies

Logged in as cpaggen@10.48.58.84

New Options Pending Activities Exit

Servers > Service Profiles > root > Sub-Organizations > cpaggen > Service Profile ISCSI-Win2k8R2

General Storage Network ISCSI vNICs Boot Order Virtual Machines Policies Server Details FSM VIF Paths Faults Events

Filter Export Print

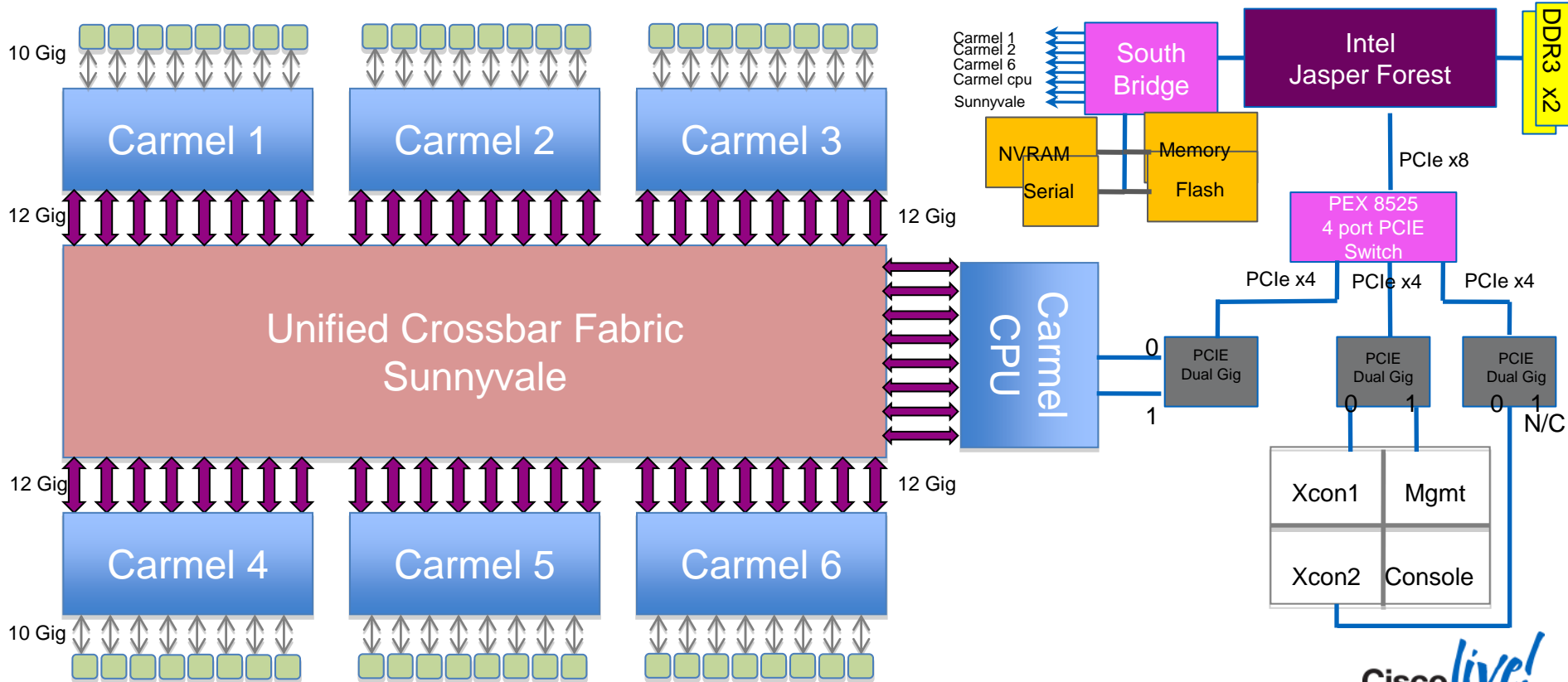
Name	Adapte...	FEX Hos...	FEX Netwo...	FI Serve...	v...	FI Uplink	Lin...	Sta...
Path 1	1/1	left/2	left/2	B/1/18				
Virtual Circuit 1060					e1	B/PortChannel 2	Up	
Virtual Circuit 1066					vHBA1	B/PortChannel 77	Up	
Virtual Circuit 1079					e0	B/PortChannel 2	Up	
Virtual Circuit 9258					unpinned		Up	
Path 1	2/2	right/2	right/2	A/1/17				
Virtual Circuit 1065					vHBA0	A/PortChannel 66	Up	
Virtual Circuit 1078					e0	A/PortChannel 1	Up	
Virtual Circuit 9257					unpinned		Up	

10.48.58.84 - PuTTY

```
Hardy-B (nxos) # sh vifs interface e1/1/2
Interface      MAX-VIFS  VIFS
-----
Eth1/1/2      60       Veth1060, Veth1079, Veth9258,
Hardy-B (nxos) # exit
Hardy-B # conn nx A
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
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Hardy-A (nxos) # show vifs interface e1/1/2
Interface      MAX-VIFS  VIFS
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Eth1/1/2      60       Veth1078, Veth9257,
Hardy-A (nxos) #
```

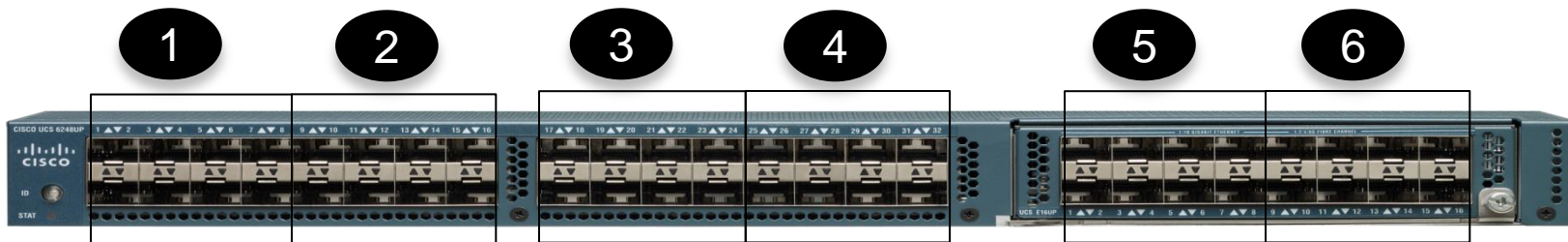
chassis 1 slot 2

UCS 6248 Hardware Diagram



Maximising the VIF Count

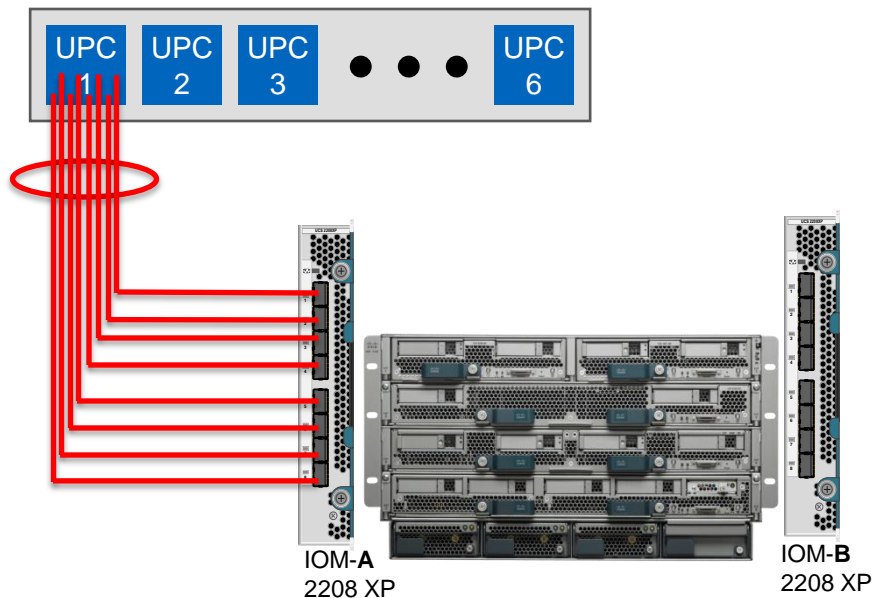
Fabric Interconnect VIF calculation



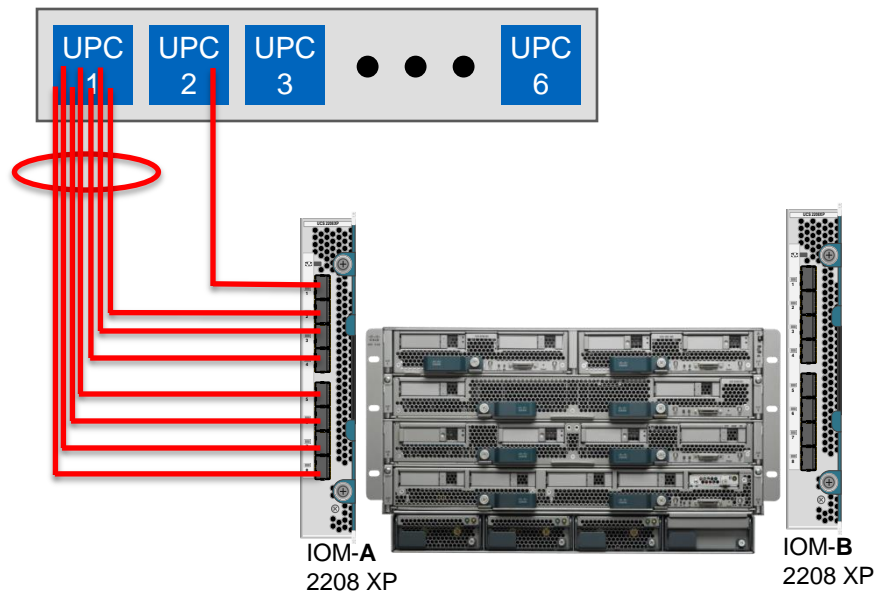
- Every 8 10GbE ports (on FI) are controlled by the same Unified Port ASIC
- Connect fabric links from IOM to the FI to the same UPC
- Virtual Interface (VIF) namespace varies depending on number and how the fabric links are connected to the FI ports.
 - Connecting to the same UPC (a set of eight ports), Cisco UCS Manager maximises the number of VIFs used in service profiles deployed on the servers.
 - If uplink connections are distributed across UPC, the VIF count is decreased. For example, if you connect seven (IOM) fabric links to (FI) ports 1-7, but the eighth fabric link to FI port 9, the number of available VIFs is based on 1 link – IOM port 8 to FI port 9.

UCS FI and IOM Connectivity

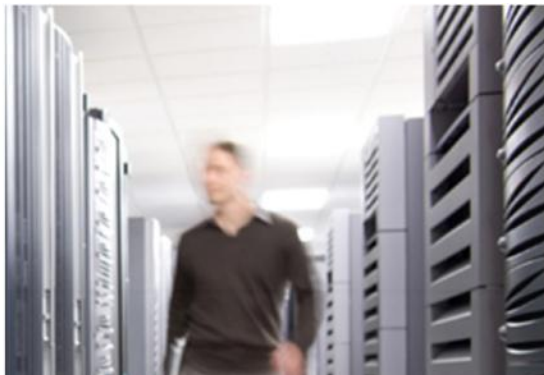
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- Recommended
- Maximise number of available VIFs to the host

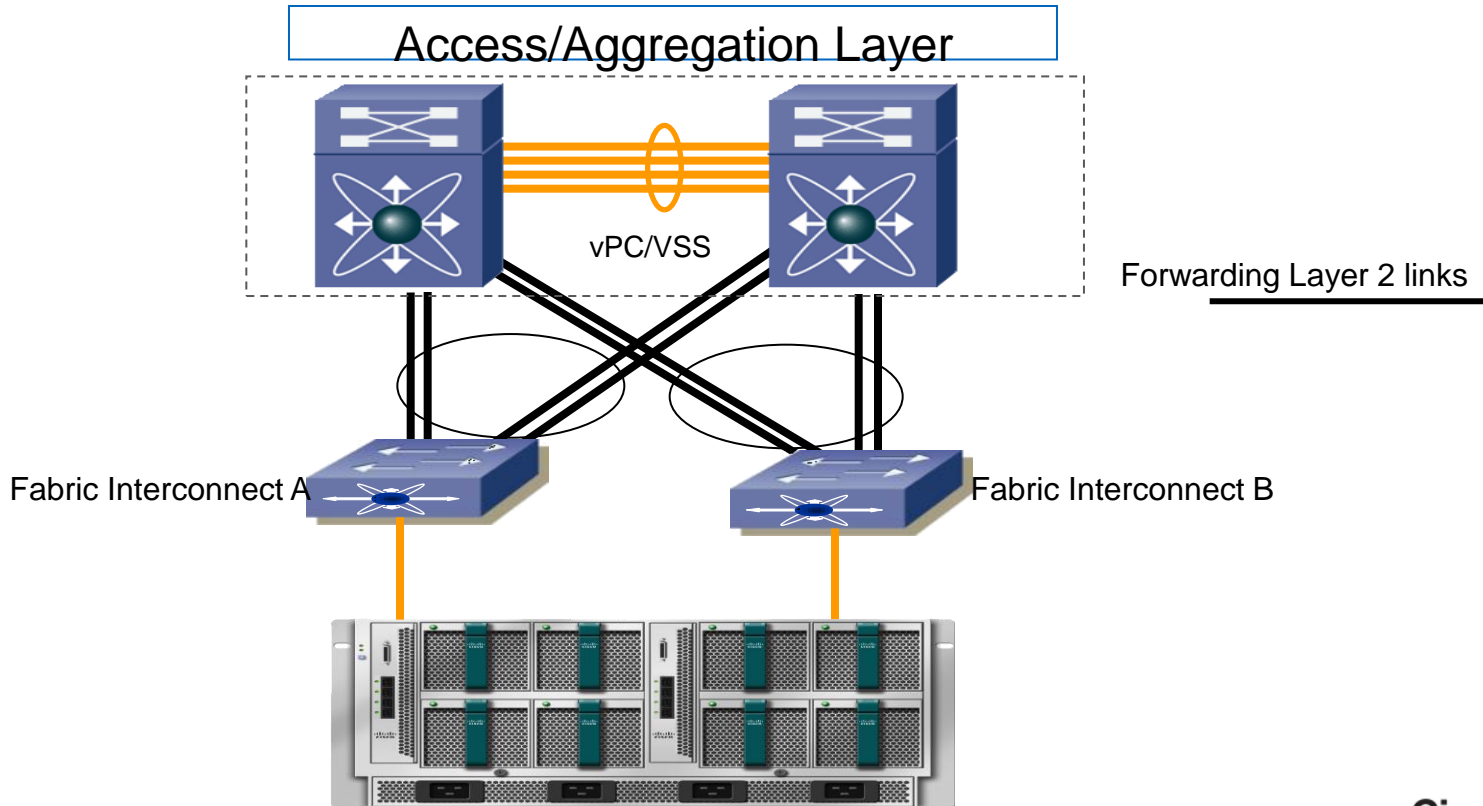


- Not recommended
- Minimal number of VIFs to the host

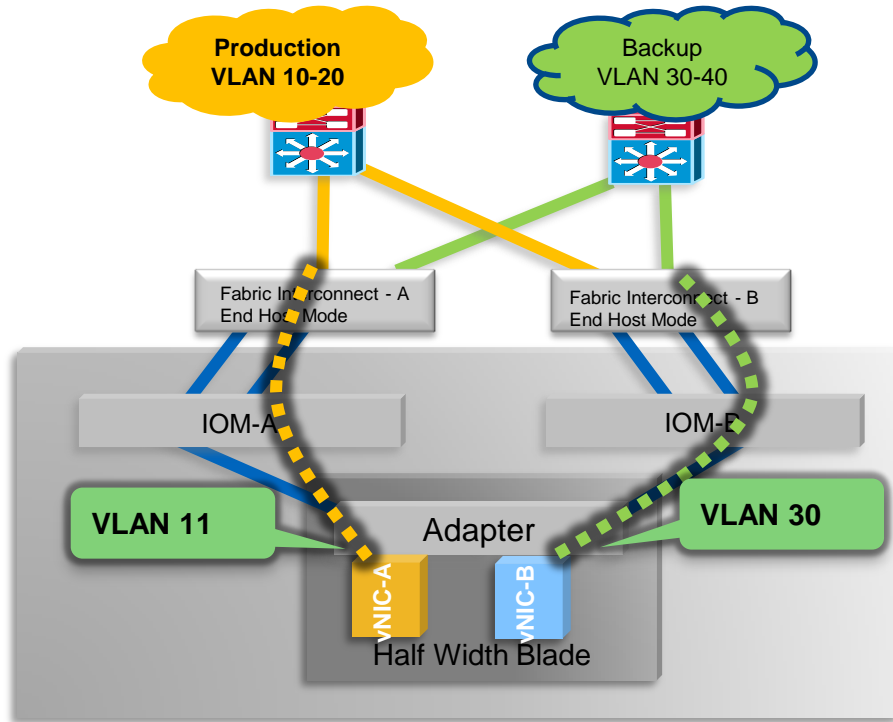


Topologies

Recommended Topology for Upstream Connectivity



Layer 2 Disjoint Topology



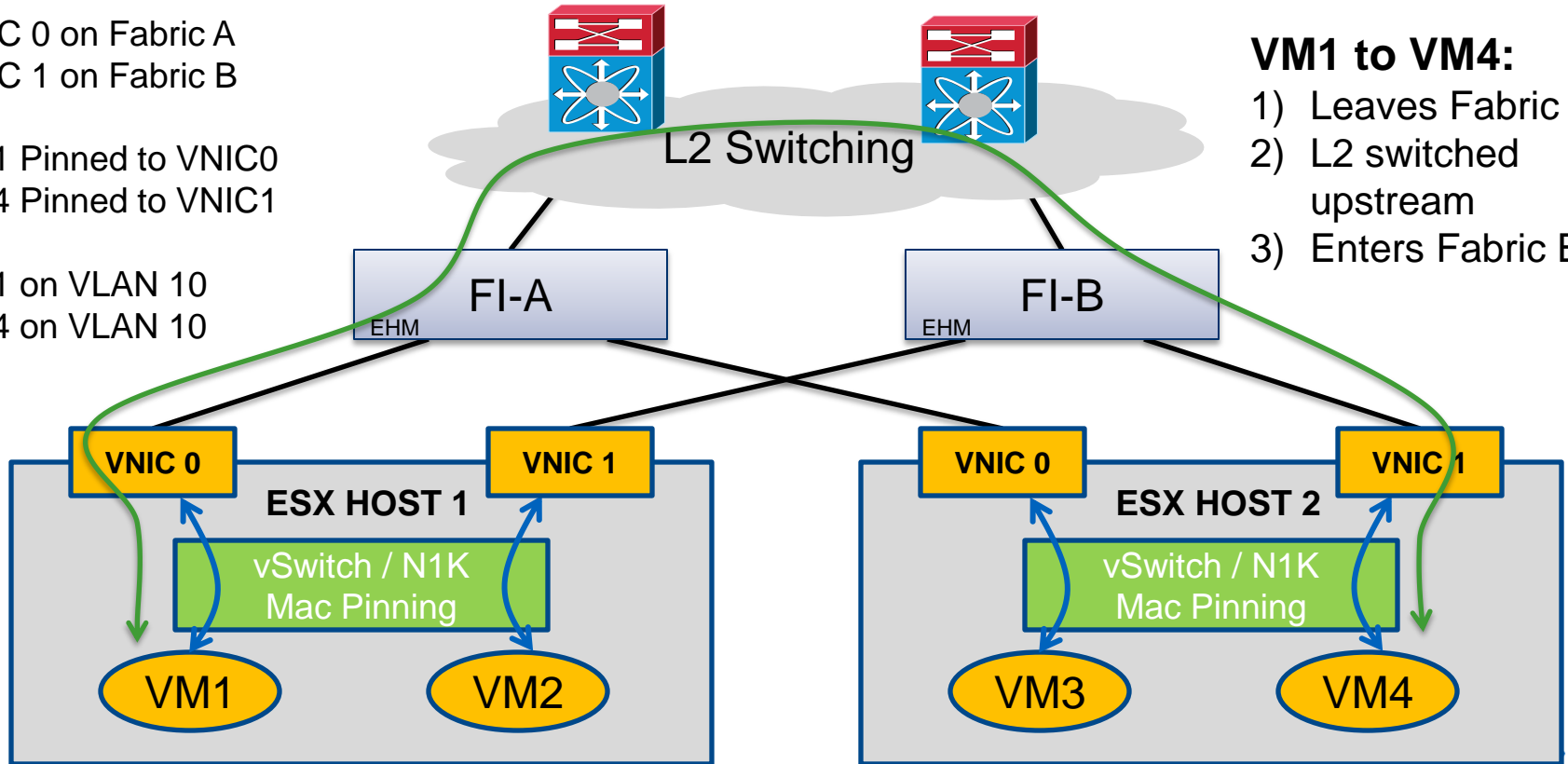
- A vNIC can only participate in one L2 network upstream
- Both dynamic and static pinning methods are supported

Inter-Fabric Traffic Example

- VNIC 0 on Fabric A
- VNIC 1 on Fabric B

- VM1 Pinned to VNIC0
- VM4 Pinned to VNIC1

- VM1 on VLAN 10
- VM4 on VLAN 10



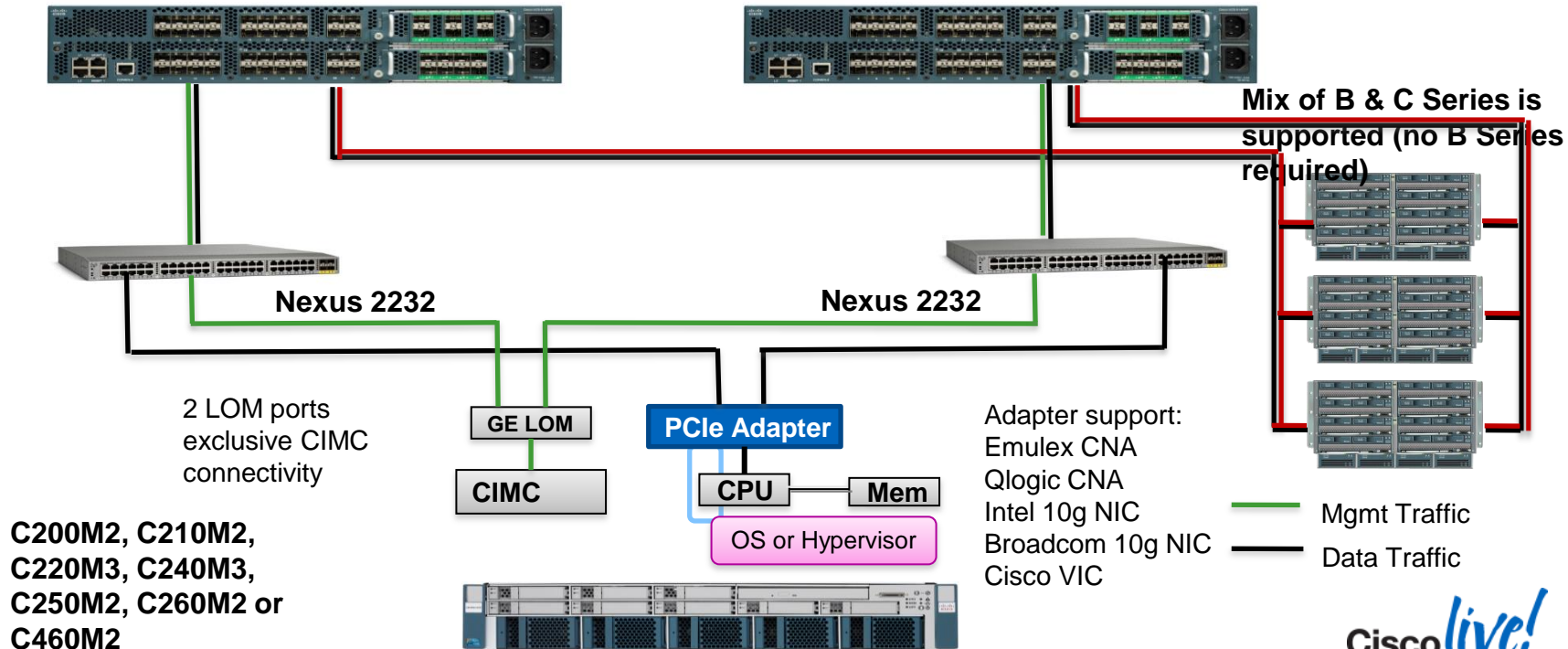
- VM1 to VM4:**
- 1) Leaves Fabric A
 - 2) L2 switched upstream
 - 3) Enters Fabric B



C-Series Integration into UCSM

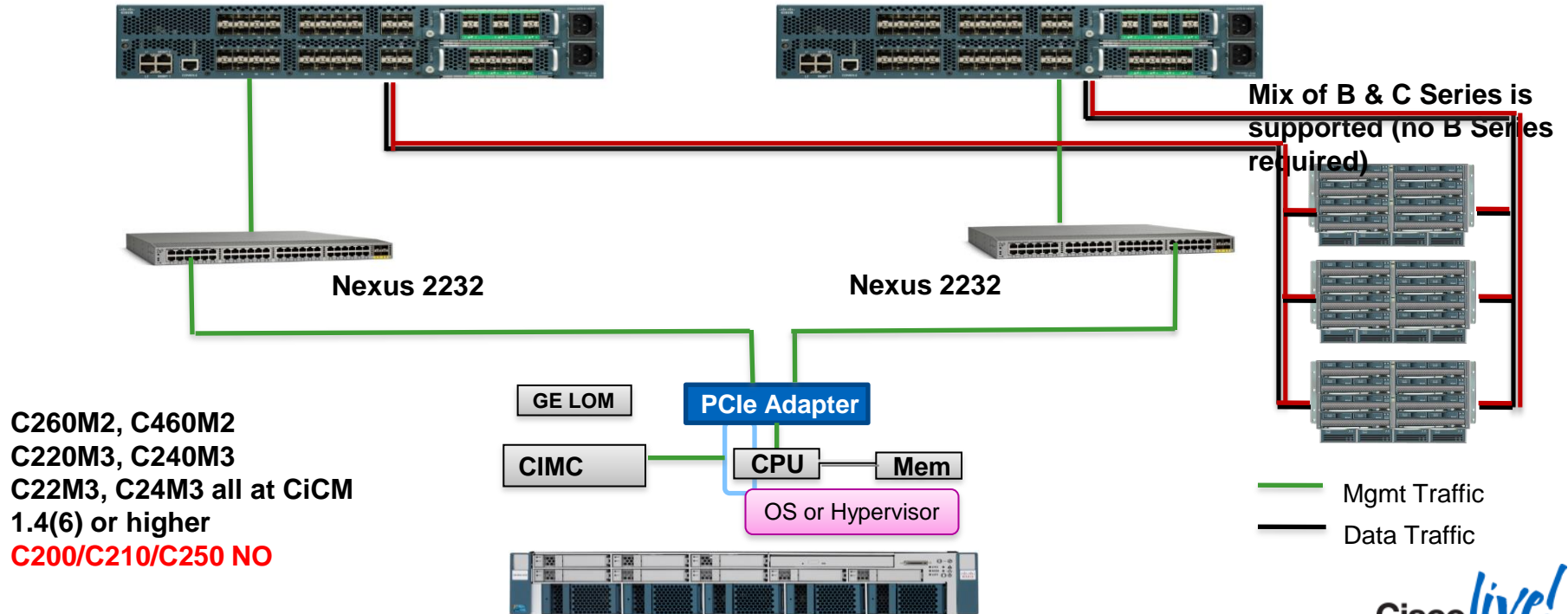
C-Series UCSM Integration

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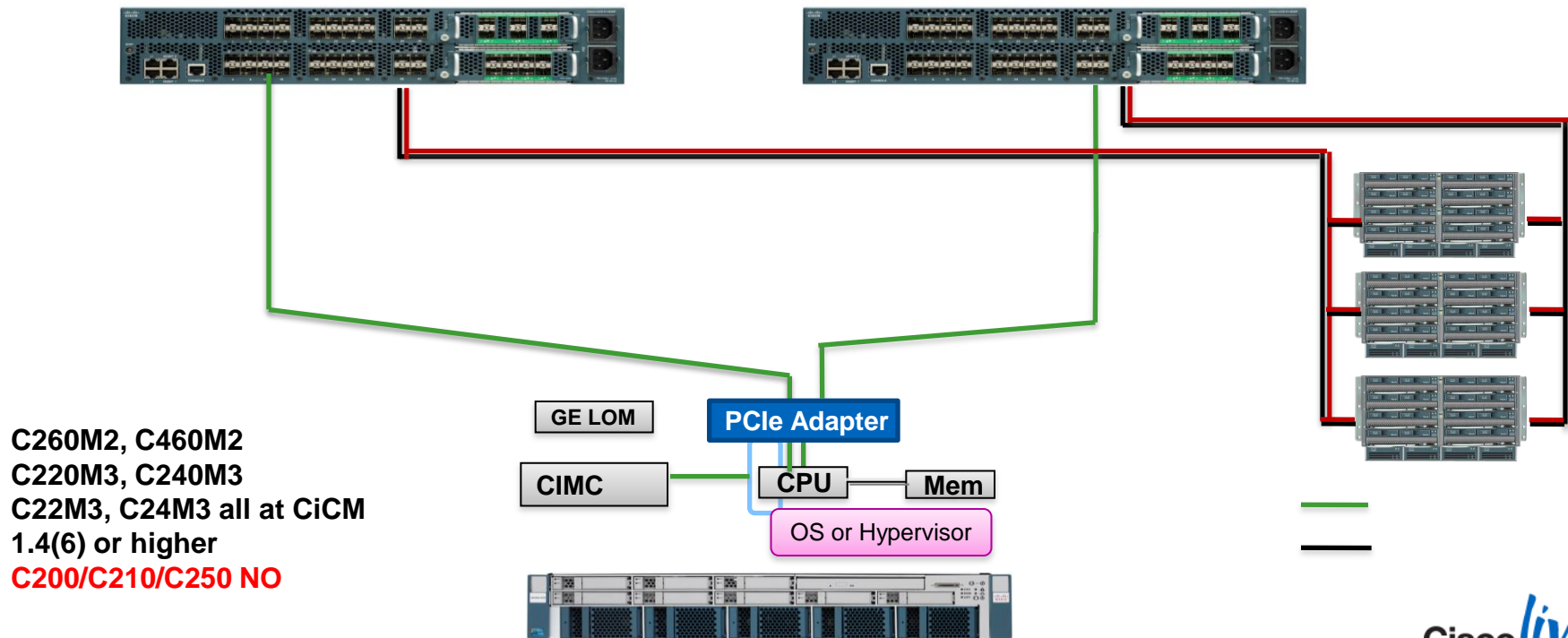


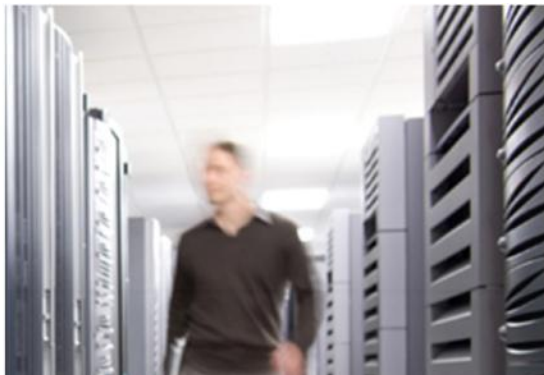
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Single Wire Management with VIC1225 and UCSM 2.1



UCSM 2.2: Direct Connect with VIC1225 (no FEX)





Wrapping Up

Recap

- UCS is first and foremost a server, not a switch
- Gen 1 vs Gen 2 components
 - 2208 and VIC 1280 allow port-channels
- VIC 1280 with 2208XP for maximum bandwidth
- End-host mode forwarding rules: dynamic pinning
- Preferred mode of operation should always be end-host mode
 - Very much plug and play, scalability, L2 multipathing, fabric failover
 - Switch mode: spanning-tree, practically no user configuration possible
- Operational consistency: C-series integration



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