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# Converged Access Architecture, Design and Deployment

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# Converged Access – Architecture, Design, and Deployment

## BRKARC-2665 – 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 this exciting new platform within your network – discussing various design considerations and placement within various network deployments.

You will learn how the Converged Access architecture is designed and operates, how roaming works seamlessly, as well as many of the Multicast, NetFlow, QoS, and Security features inherent within the solution.

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



# Converged Access – Architecture, Design, and Deployment

Your Instructor Today ... **Dave Zacks**

I am a **Distinguished Systems Engineer**, and have been with Cisco for 14+ years.

I work primarily with large, high-performance Enterprise network architectures, designs, and systems. I have over 20 years of experience with designing, implementing, and supporting highly available network systems and solutions that have included many diverse network technologies and capabilities, using multiple different topologies.

I have been involved with the Converged Access solution within Cisco for 3+ years.

**Quick note** – Throughout this presentation, the term “3x50” is used to refer to **both the Catalyst 3850 and 3650 platforms** together (saves space rather than spelling out 3850 / 3650 every time). **Only these two platforms are inferred when the term “3x50” is used in this presentation.**



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## ► Evolution ... Towards One Policy, One Management, One Network

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- Traffic Flows and Roaming

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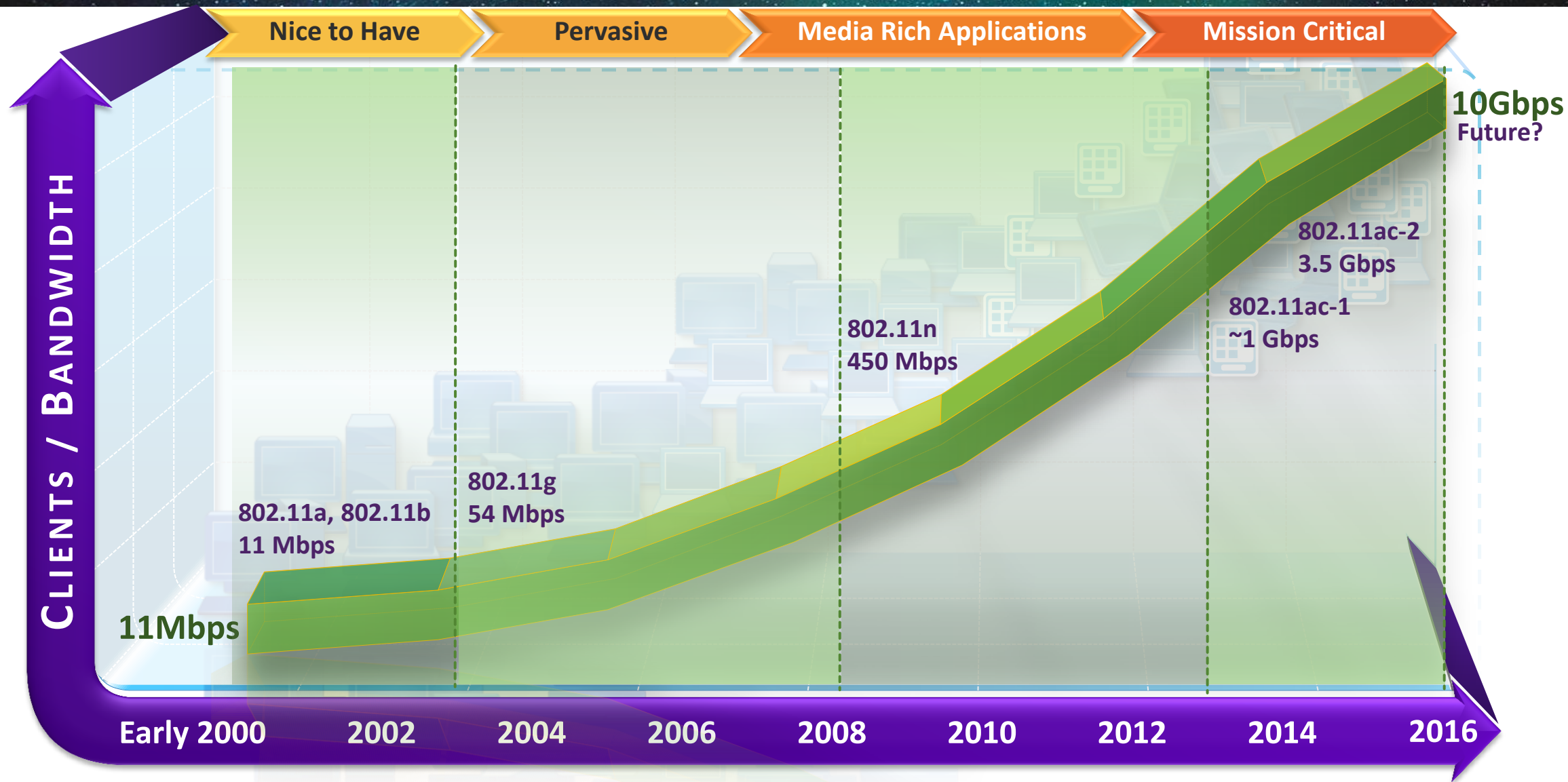
# Enterprise Wireless Evolution

## 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 2016?

Think about it, and choose the best answer

1

3

5

7





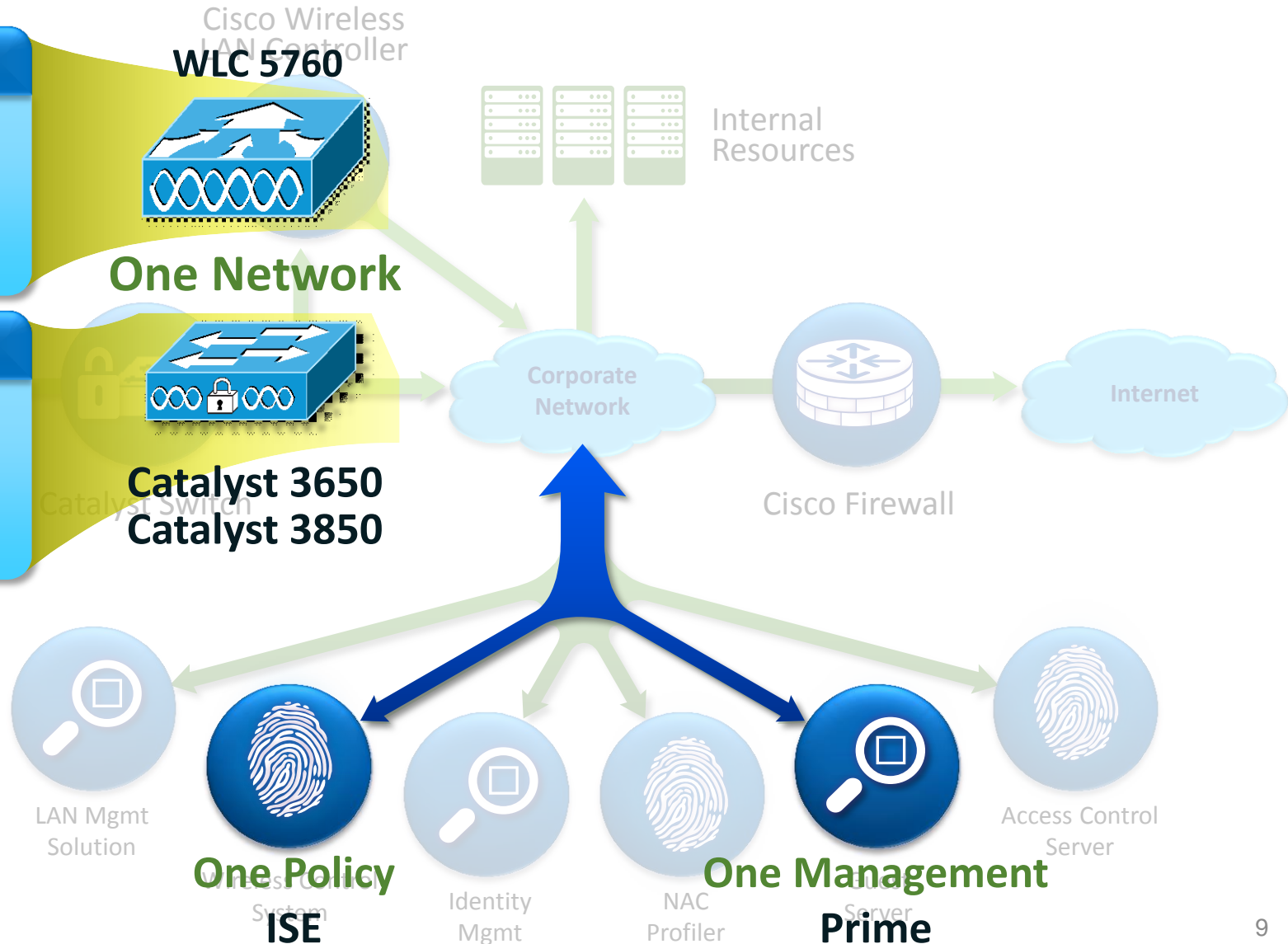
# One Network, with Converged Access – A New Deployment Mode for Wired / Wireless

## IOS Based WLAN Controller

- Consistent IOS and ASIC w/ Catalyst 3x50
- Required to scale beyond 200/250 AP or 8,000 / 16,000 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

Large stack bandwidth; 40G wireless / switch; efficient multicast; 802.11ac optimised

Unified Access - One Policy | One Management | One Network



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# Catalyst 3850 and 3650 Switches – 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

### WIRED

#### Features:

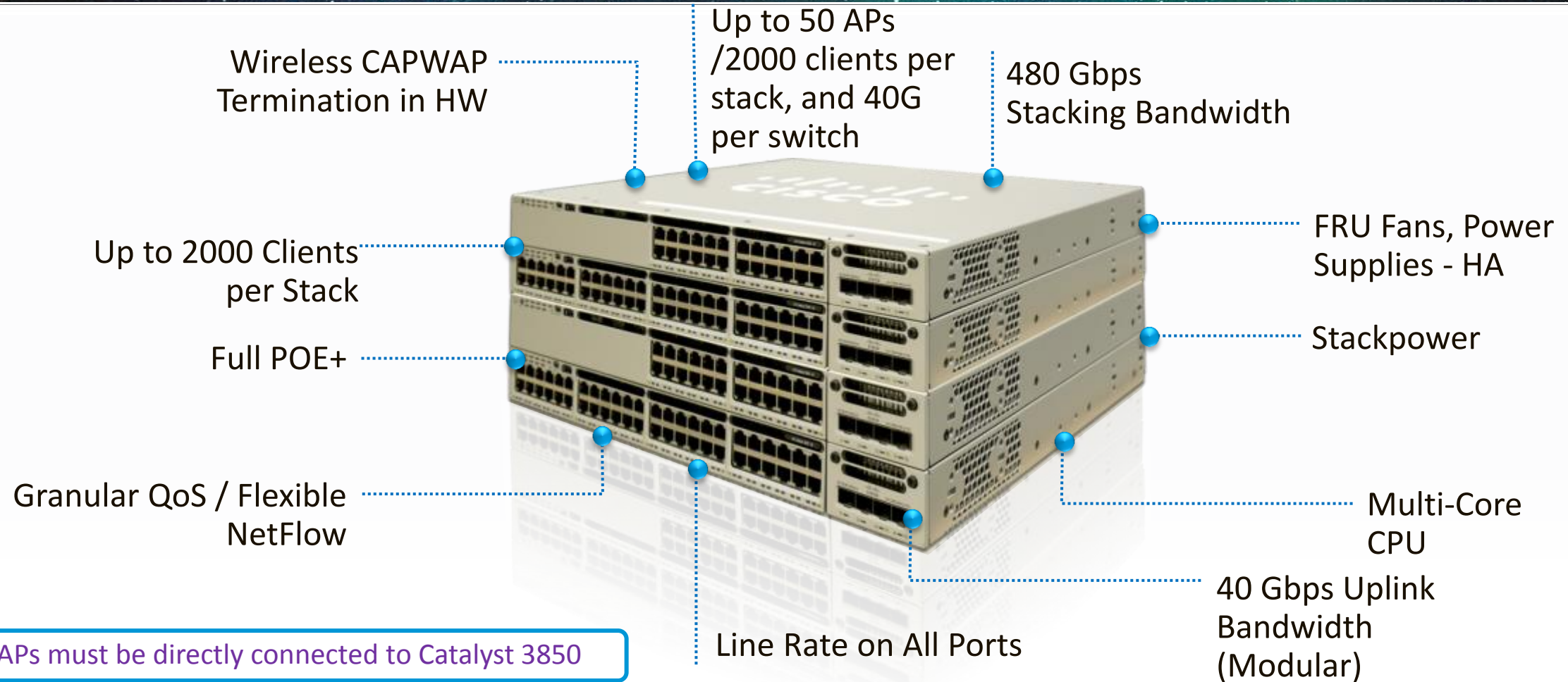
- Stacking and HA
- SGT & Advanced Identity
- Visibility and Control
- Flexible NetFlow
- Granular QoS
- Smart Operations
- EEM, scripting
- IOS-XE Modular OS

### Benefits

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

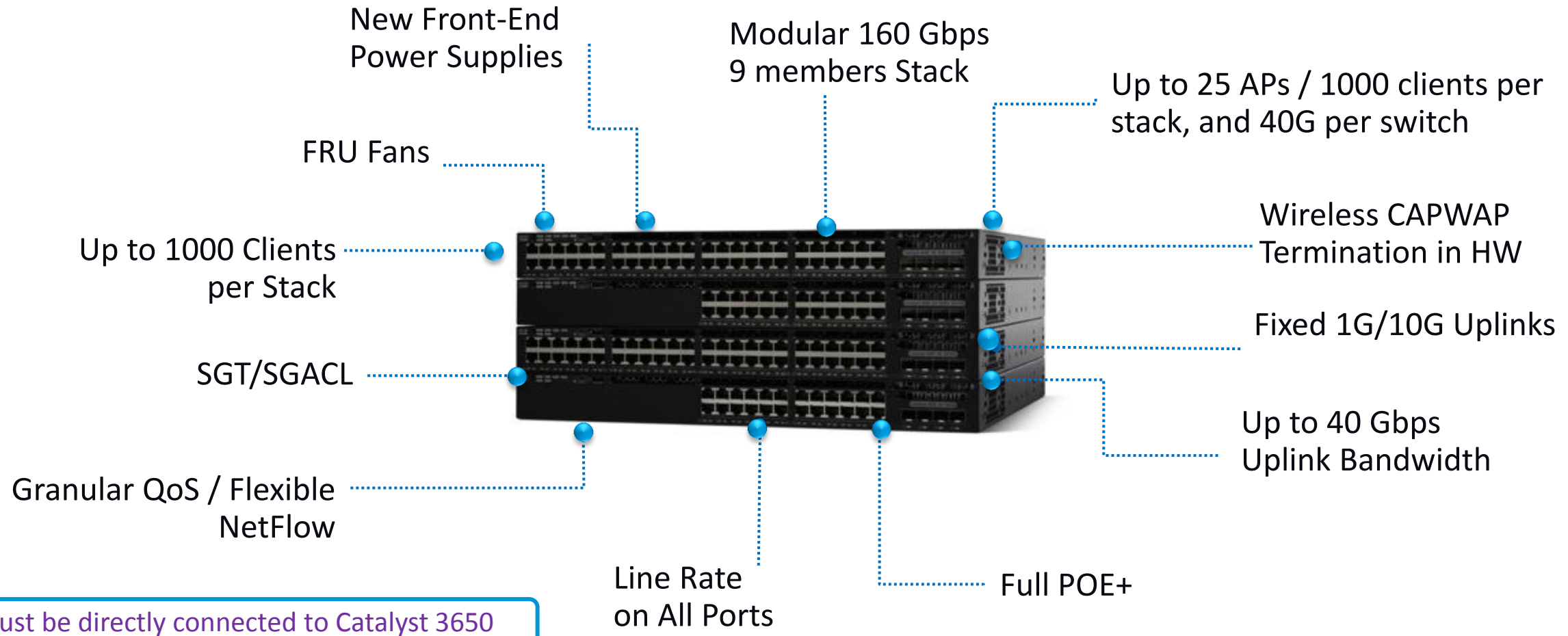


# Catalyst 3850 – Platform Overview



Built on Cisco's Innovative "UADP" ASIC

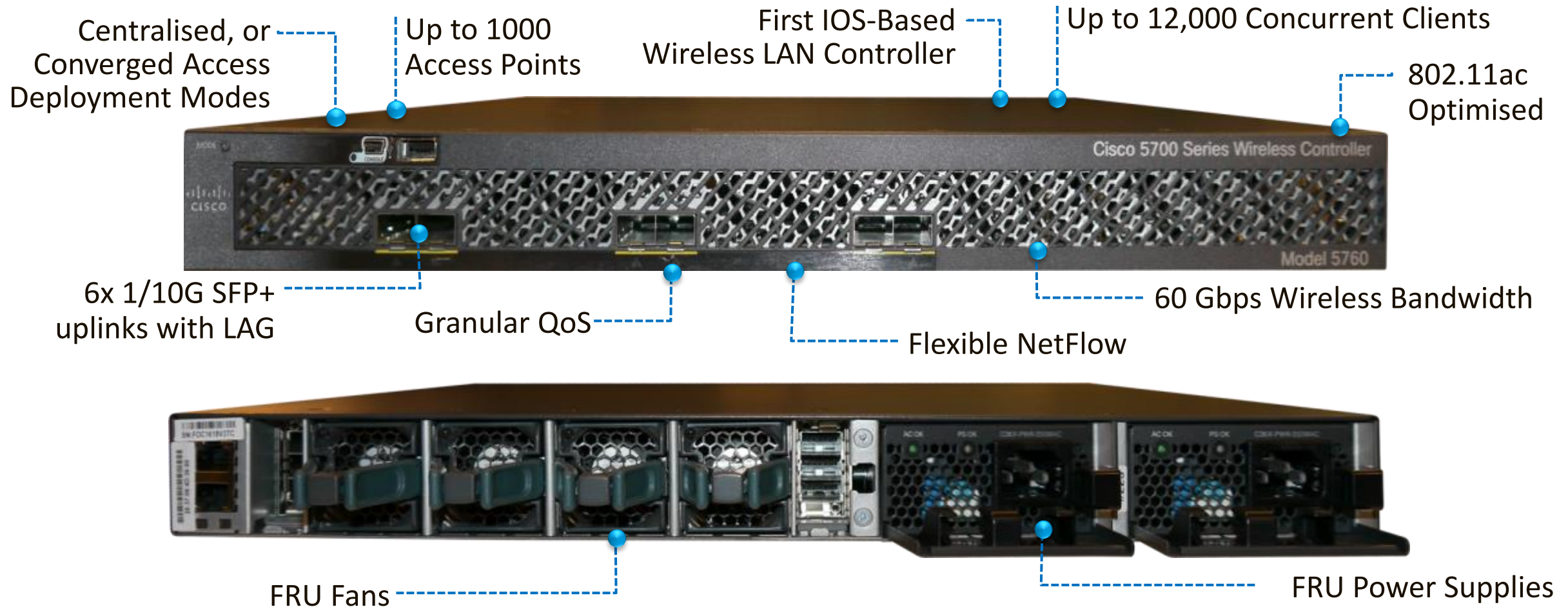
# New Catalyst 3650 Switch – Platform Overview



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# Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) 5760 – Platform Overview



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# Converged Access Architecture – What We're Going to Cover



## Corner Stones

**CA System Architecture**

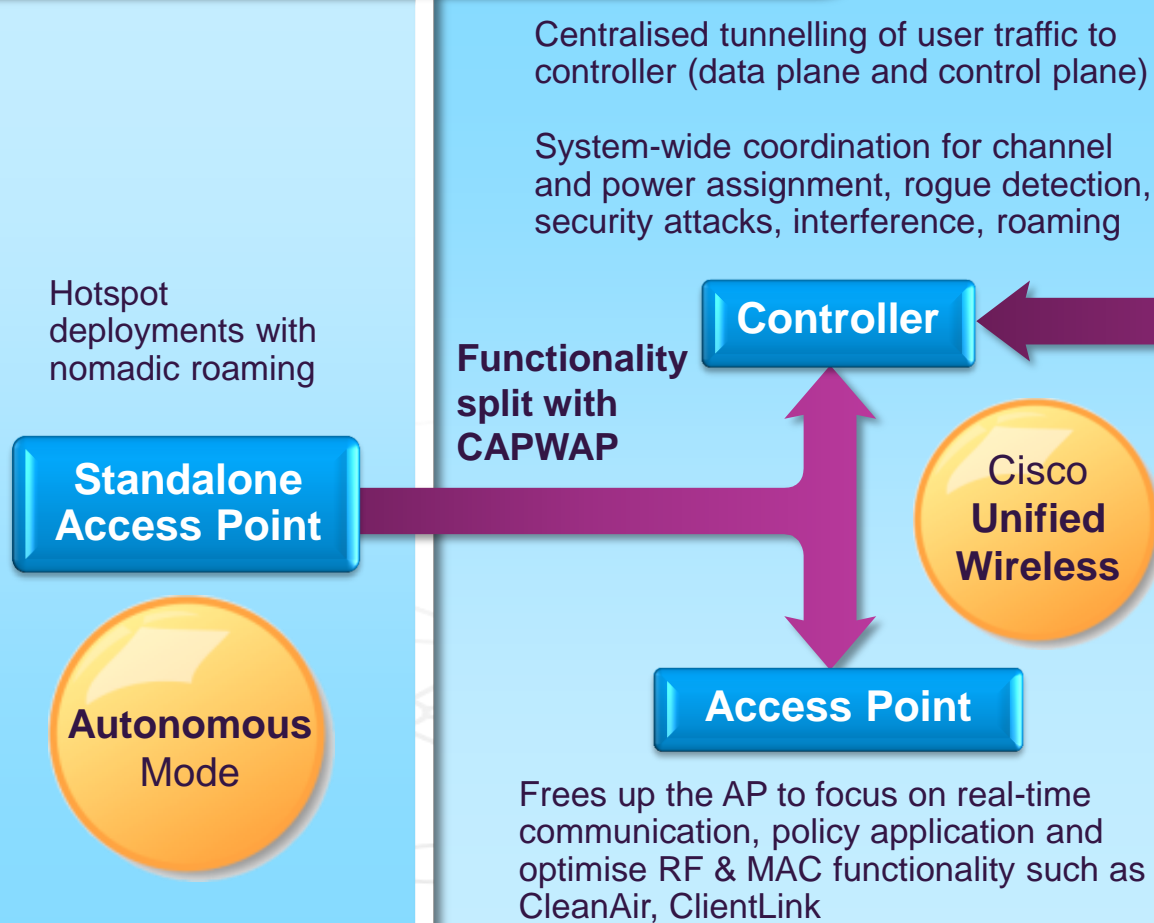
**Roaming, HA, QoS,  
Security, NetFlow, Mcast**

**Deployment and Design**

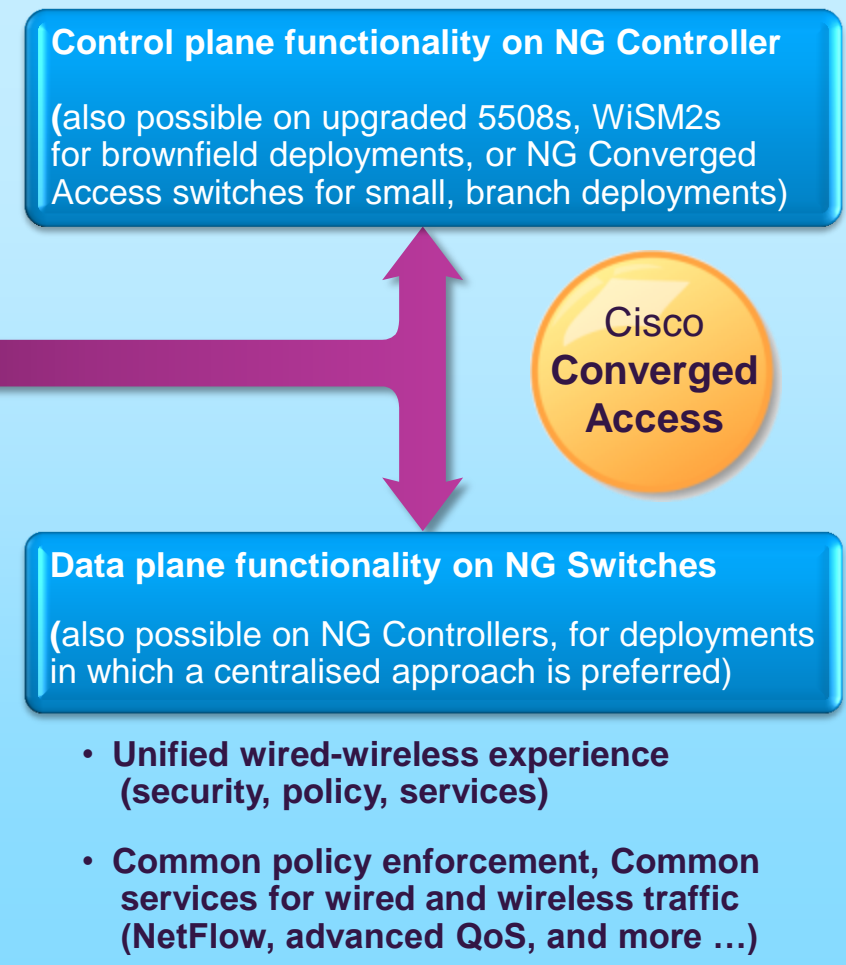
**Foundational Elements  
for the Converged Access Solution**

# Converged Access – Network Requirements Driving Wireless Evolution

## We've Been Here Before...



## Increased scalability, Centralised policy application

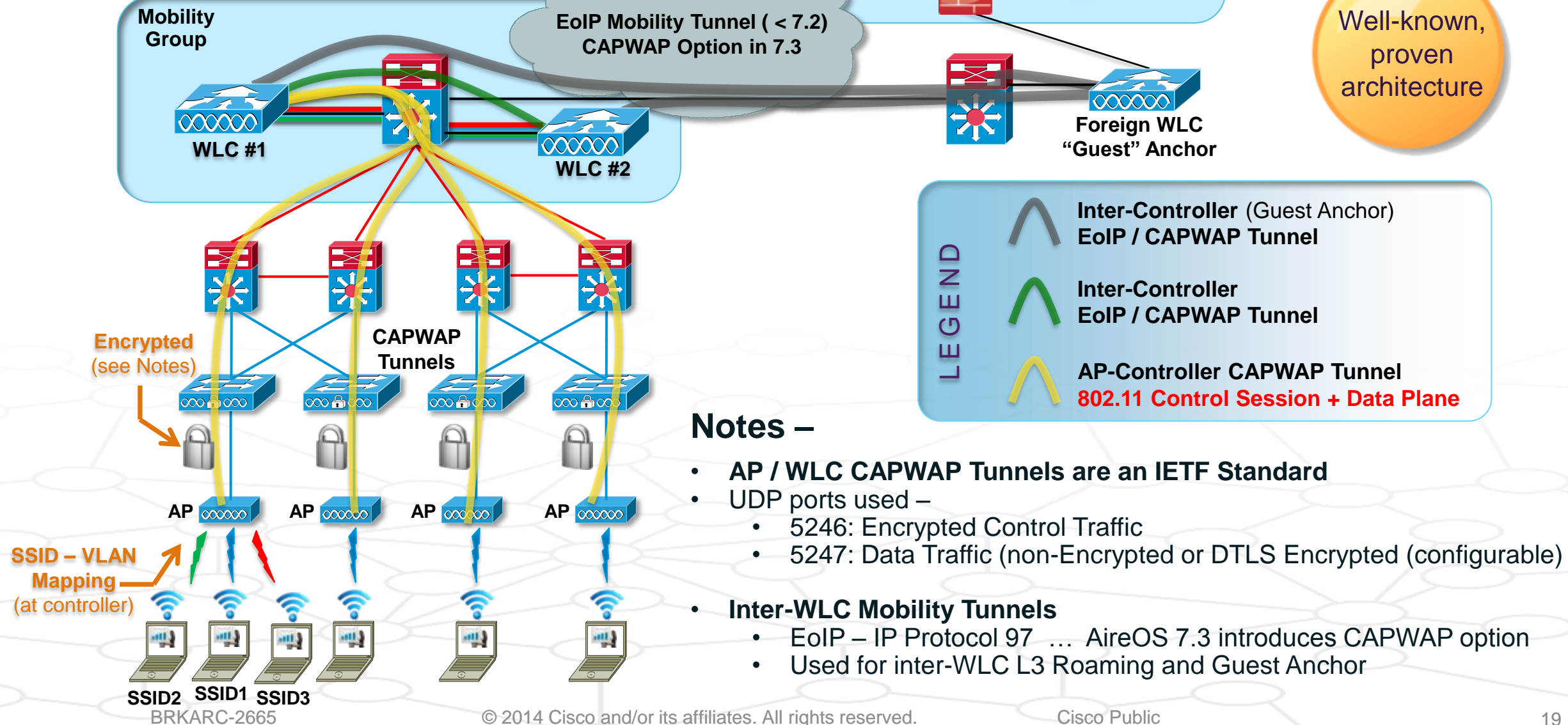


Scale and Services

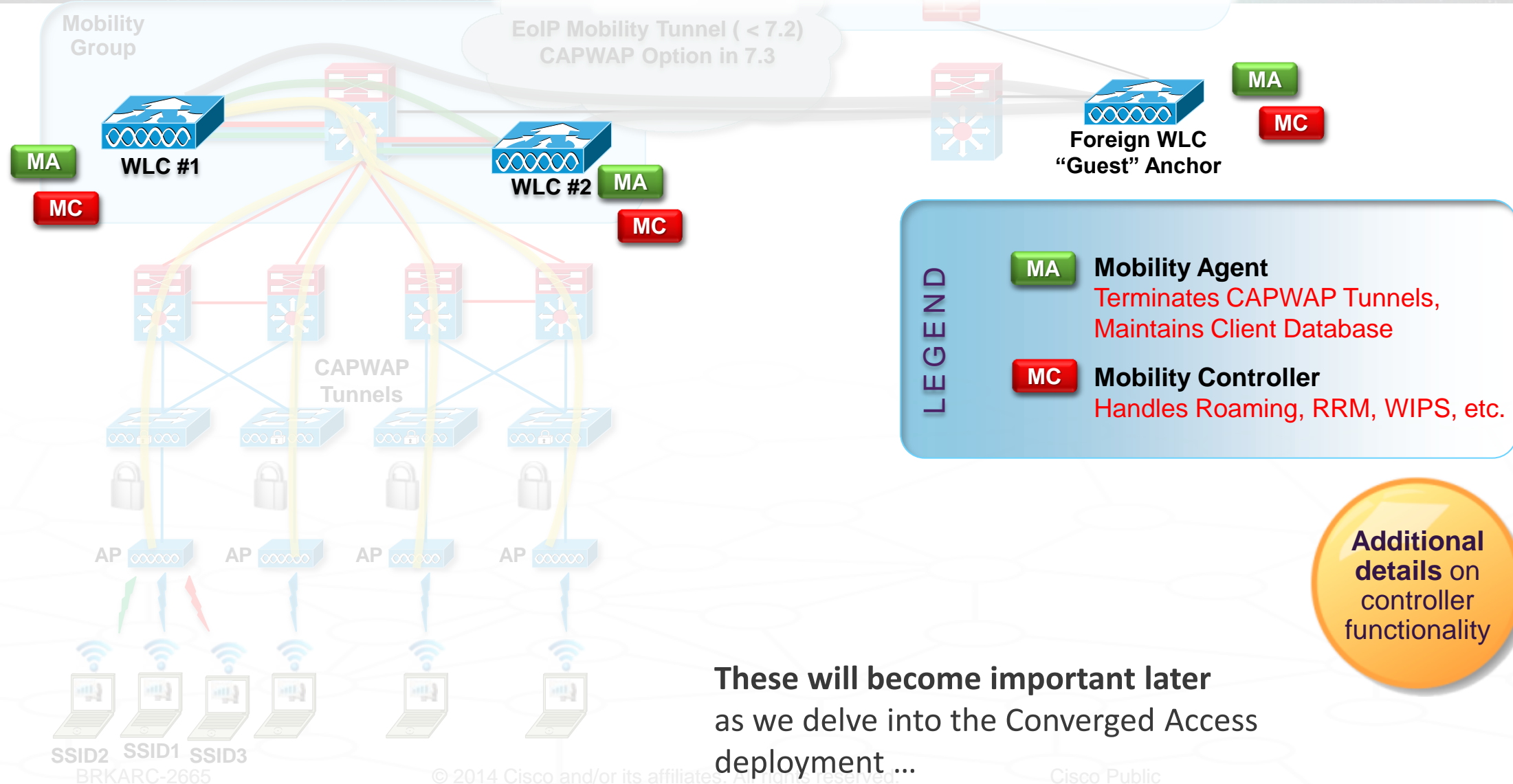
Performance and Unified Experience



# Architecture Constructs – CUWN Tunnel Types



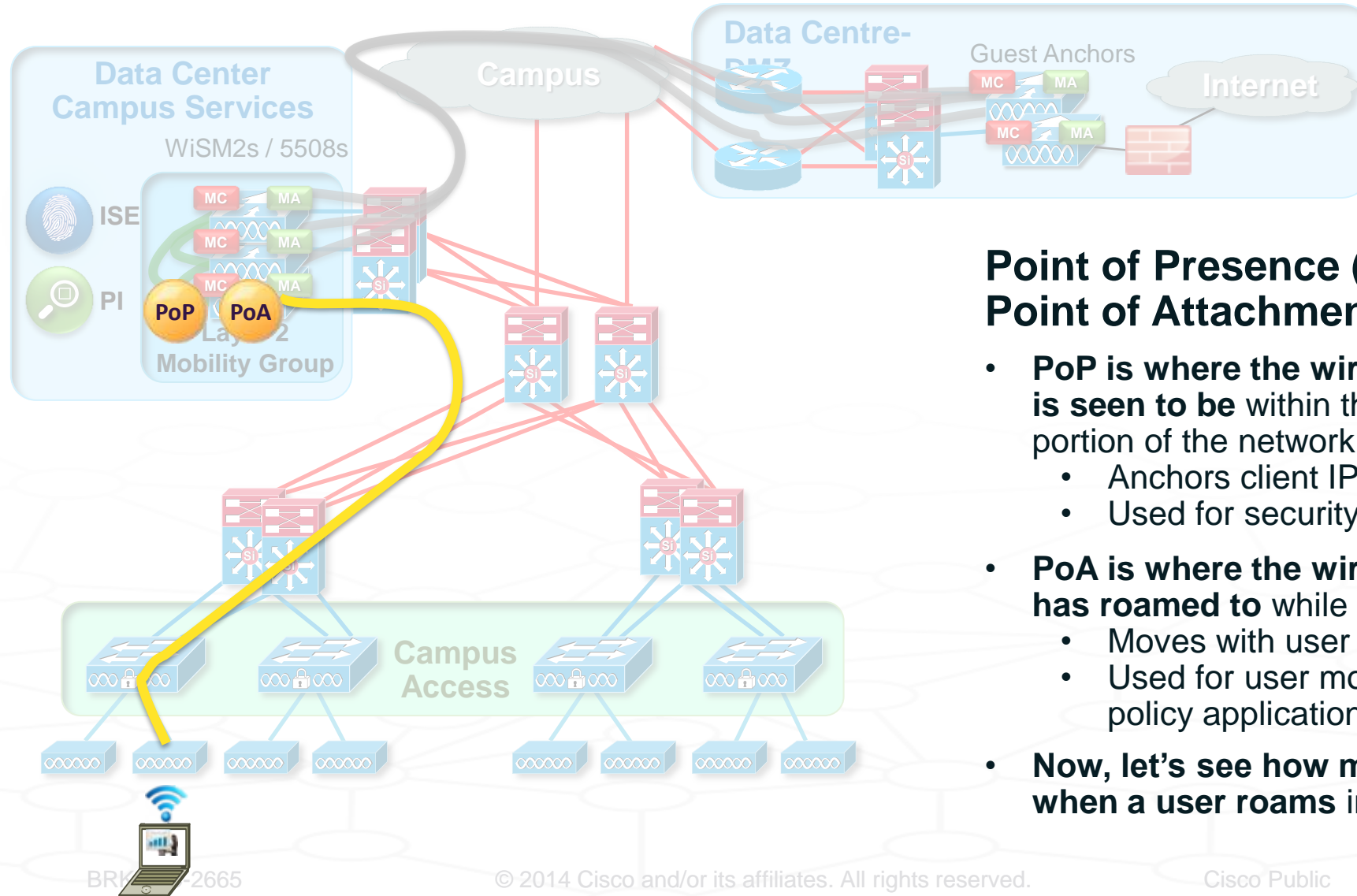
# Architecture Constructs – CUWN Control Functions



These will become important later as we delve into the Converged Access deployment ...



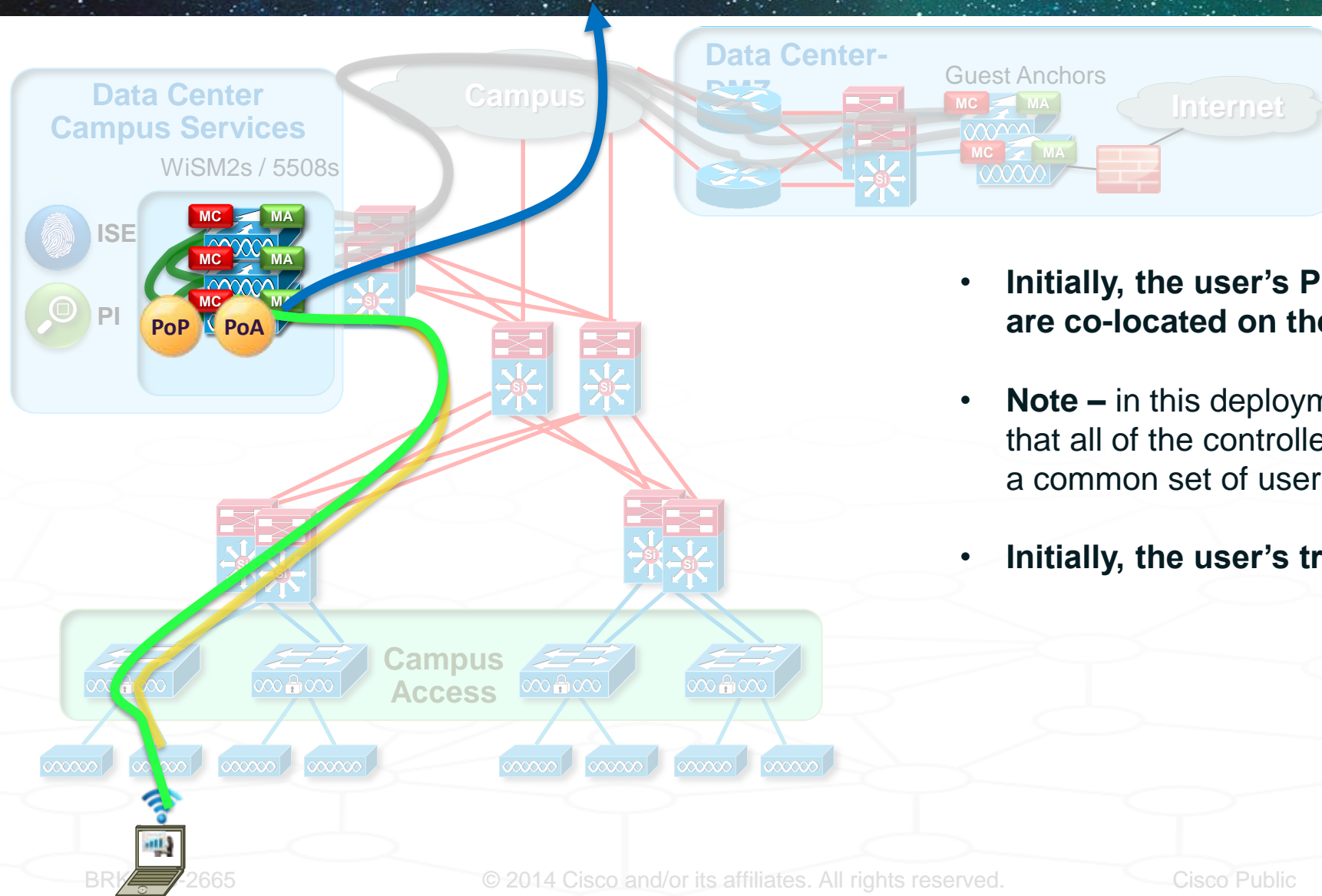
# Architecture Constructs – Point of Presence (PoP), Point of Attachment (PoA)



## 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 ...**

# Architecture Constructs – Layer 2 Roaming (Campus Deployment)

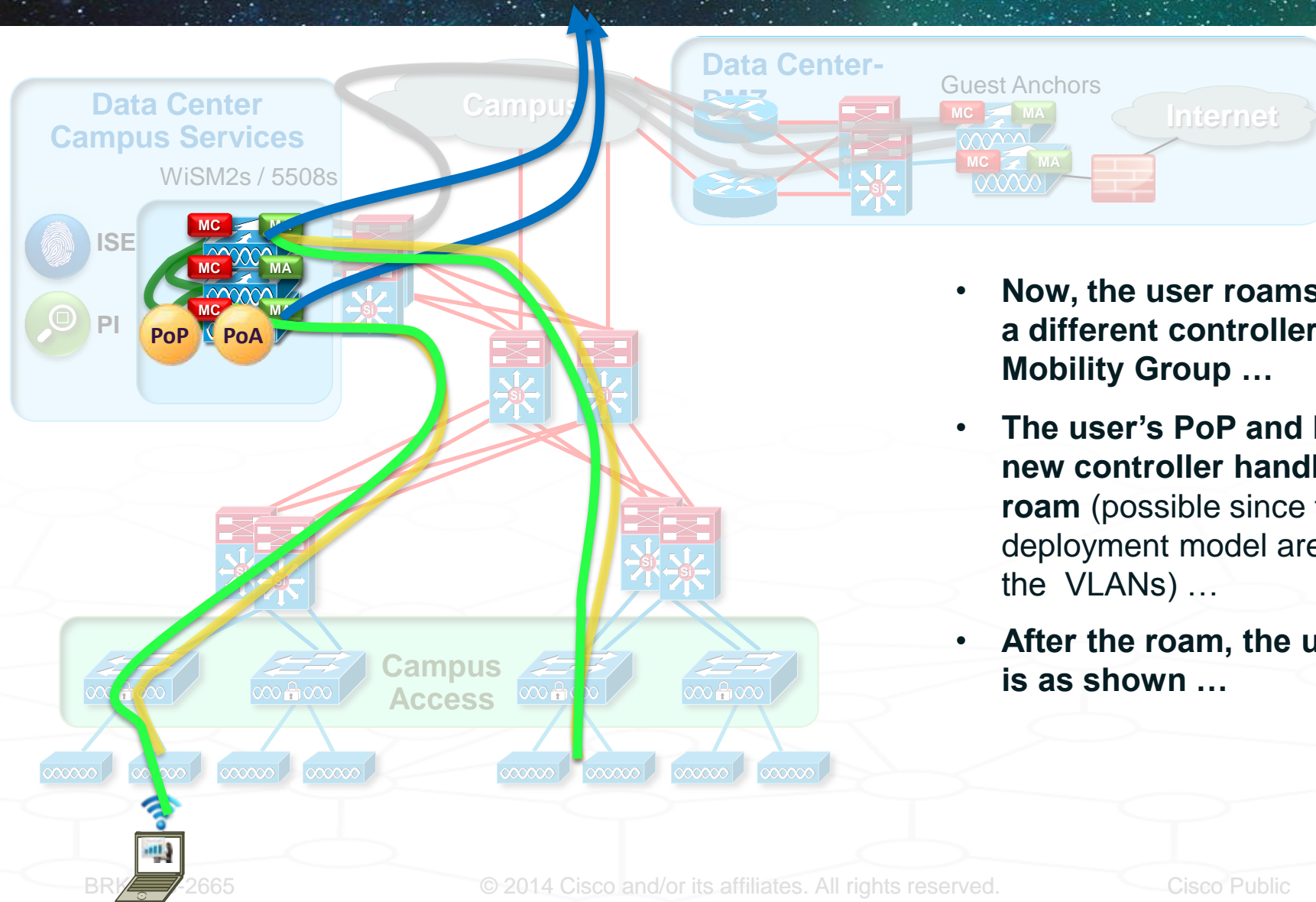


- **Initially, the user's PoP and PoA are co-located on the same controller**
- **Note** – in this deployment model, it is assumed that all of the controllers within the DC share a common set of user VLANs at Layer 2
- **Initially, the user's traffic flow is as shown ...**



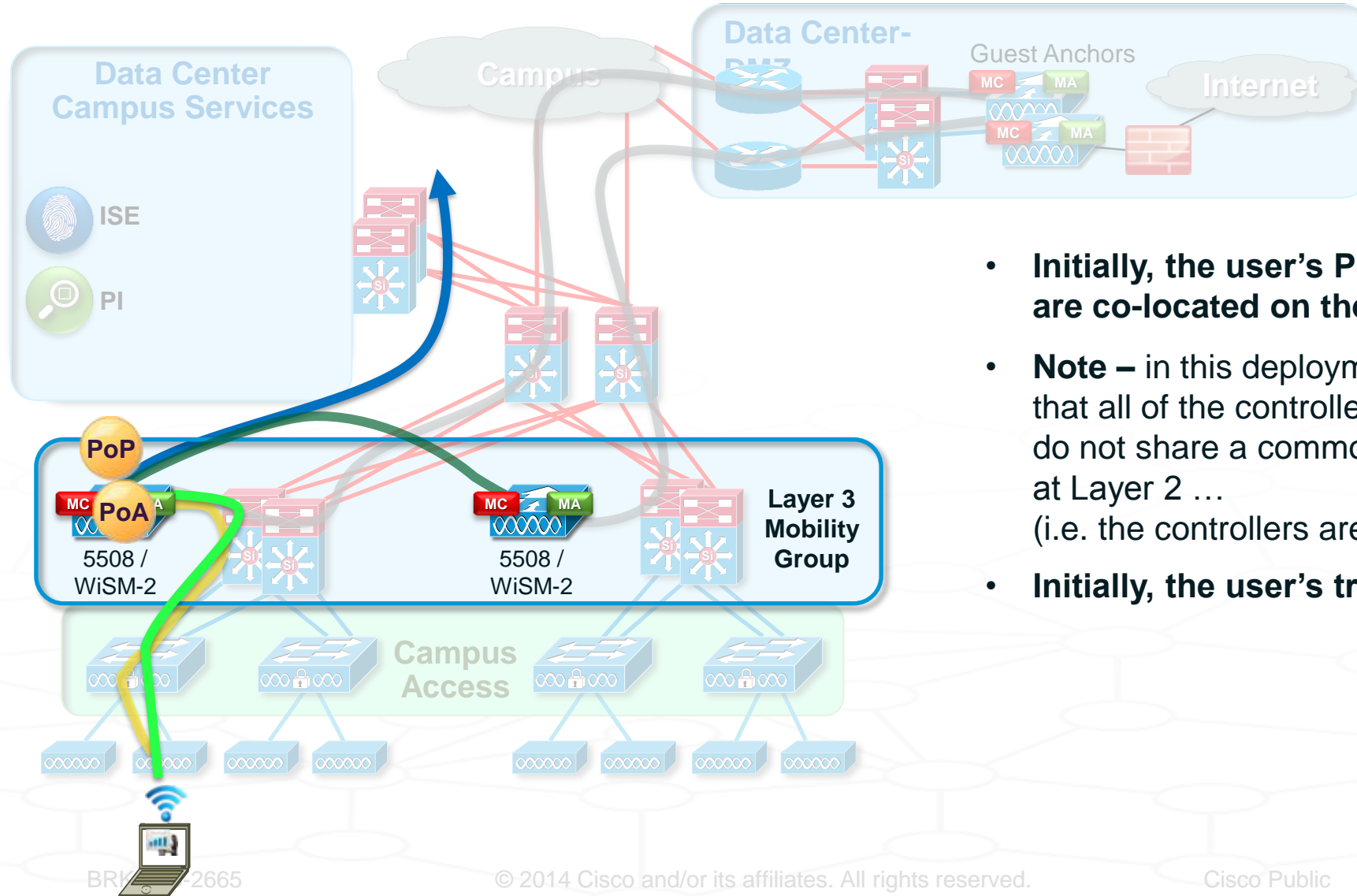
# Architecture Constructs – Layer 2 Roaming (Campus Deployment)

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)

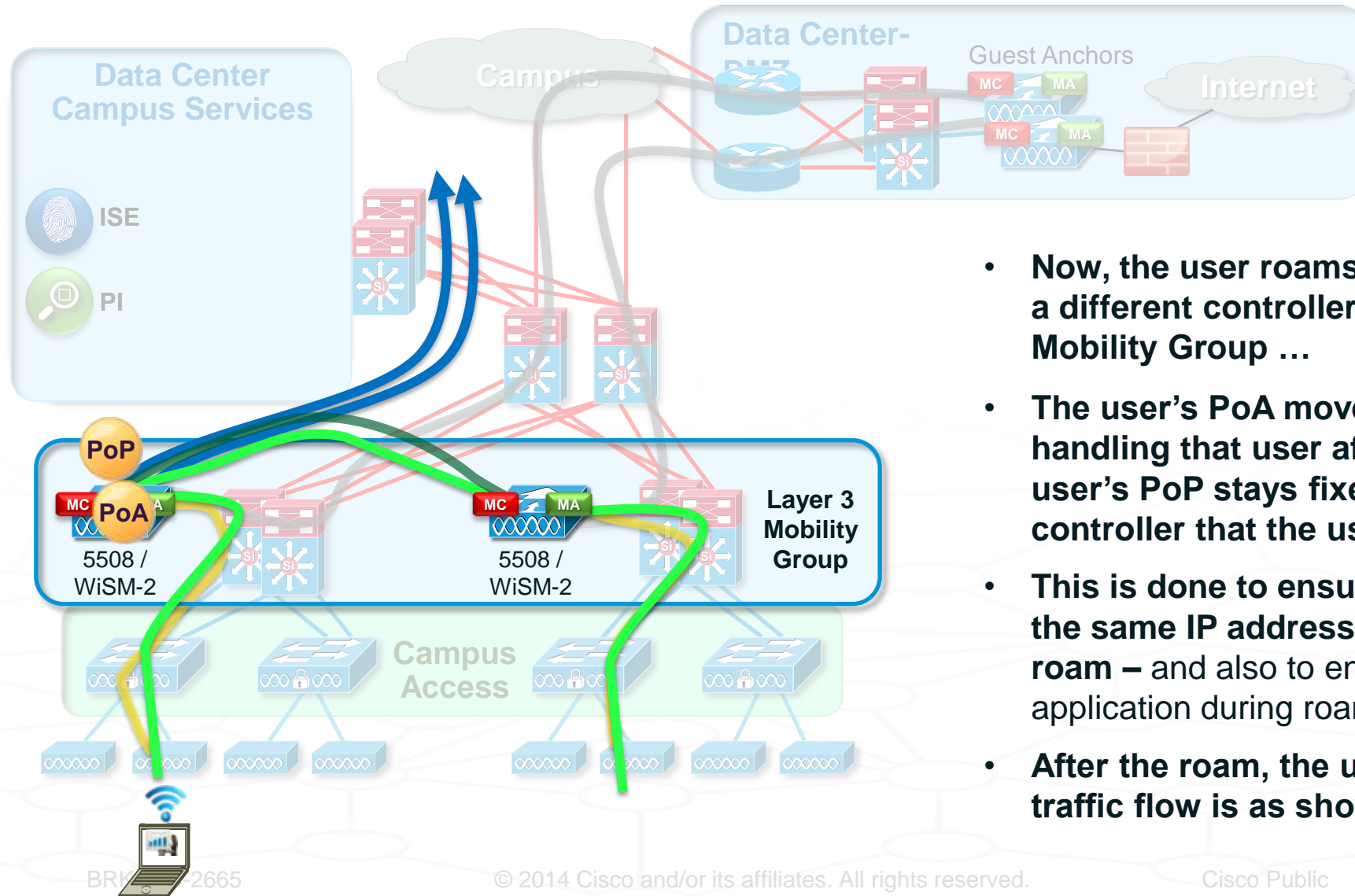


- **Initially, the user's PoP and PoA are co-located on the same controller**
- **Note** – in this deployment model, it is assumed that all of the controllers across the Campus do not share a common set of user VLANs at Layer 2 ... (i.e. the controllers are all L3-separated)
- **Initially, the user's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



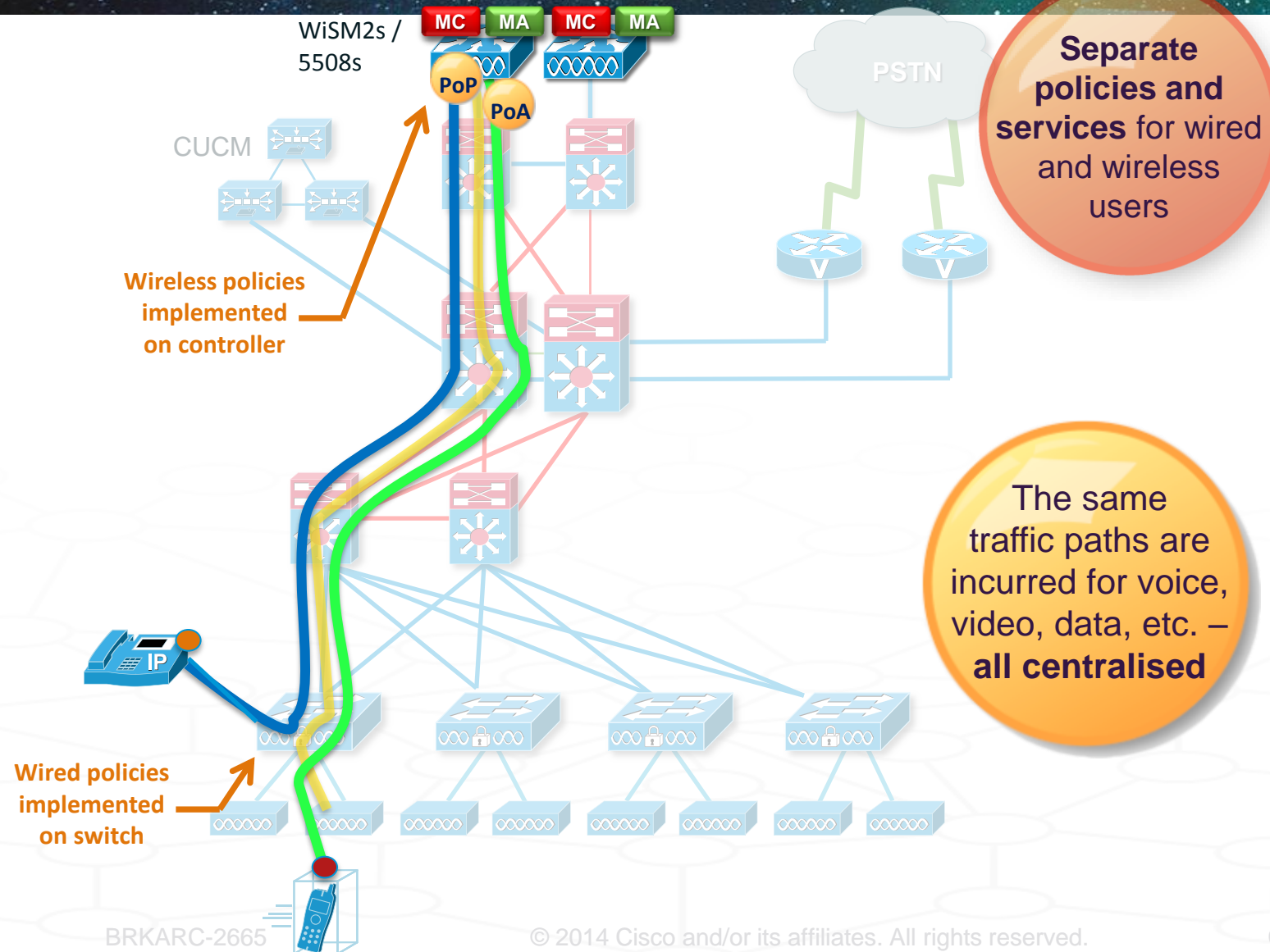
# Architecture Constructs – Layer 3 Roaming (Campus Deployment)

Symmetric  
Mobility  
Tunnelling



- Now, the user roams to an AP handled by a different controller, within the same Mobility Group ...
- The user's PoA moves to the new controller handling that user after the roam – but the user's PoP stays fixed on the original controller that the user associated to
- 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 ...

# Architecture Constructs – Traffic Flow



## 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 centralized controller, in both directions ...**

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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## **Converged Access Architecture –**

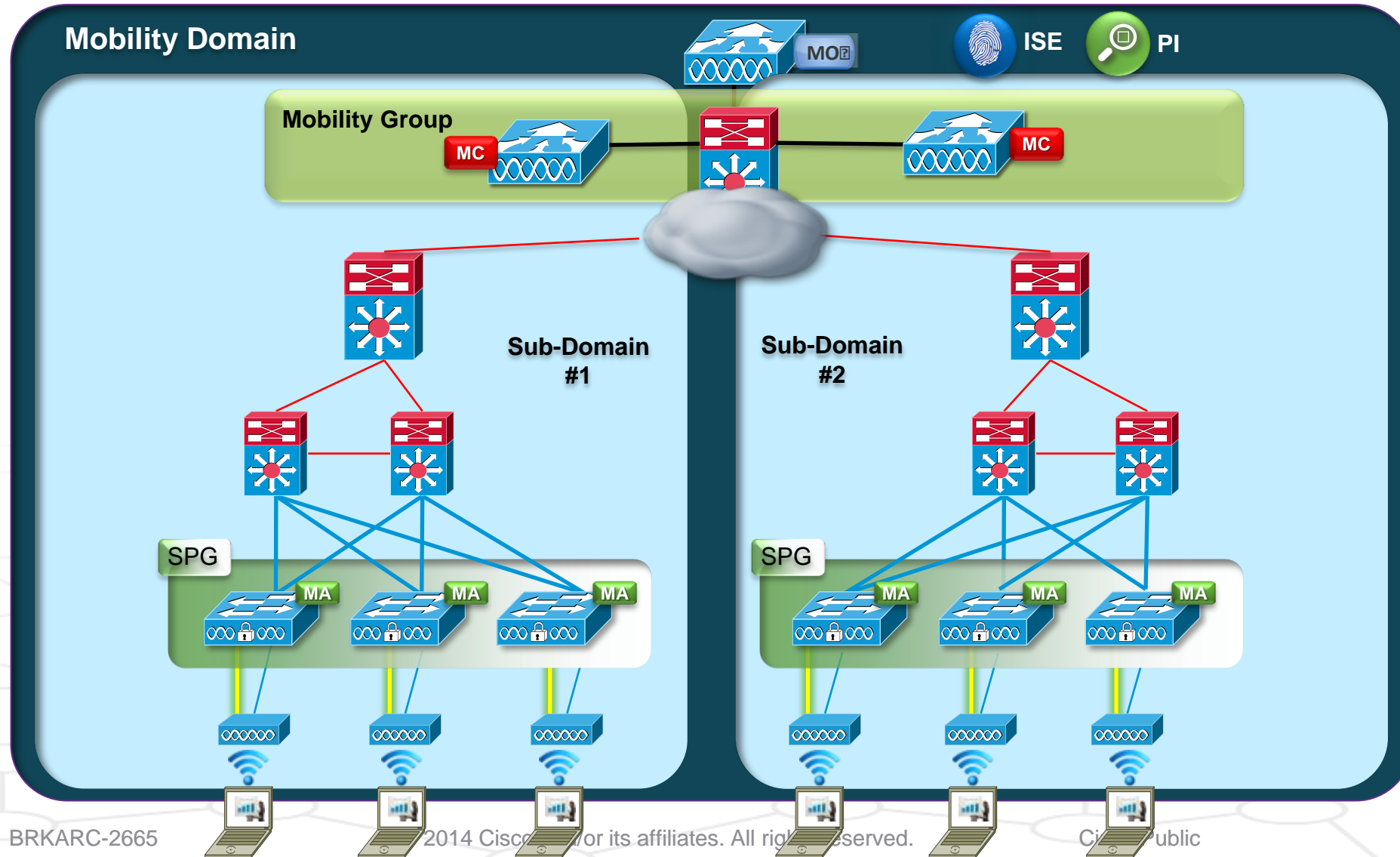
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# Converged Access – Deployment Overview

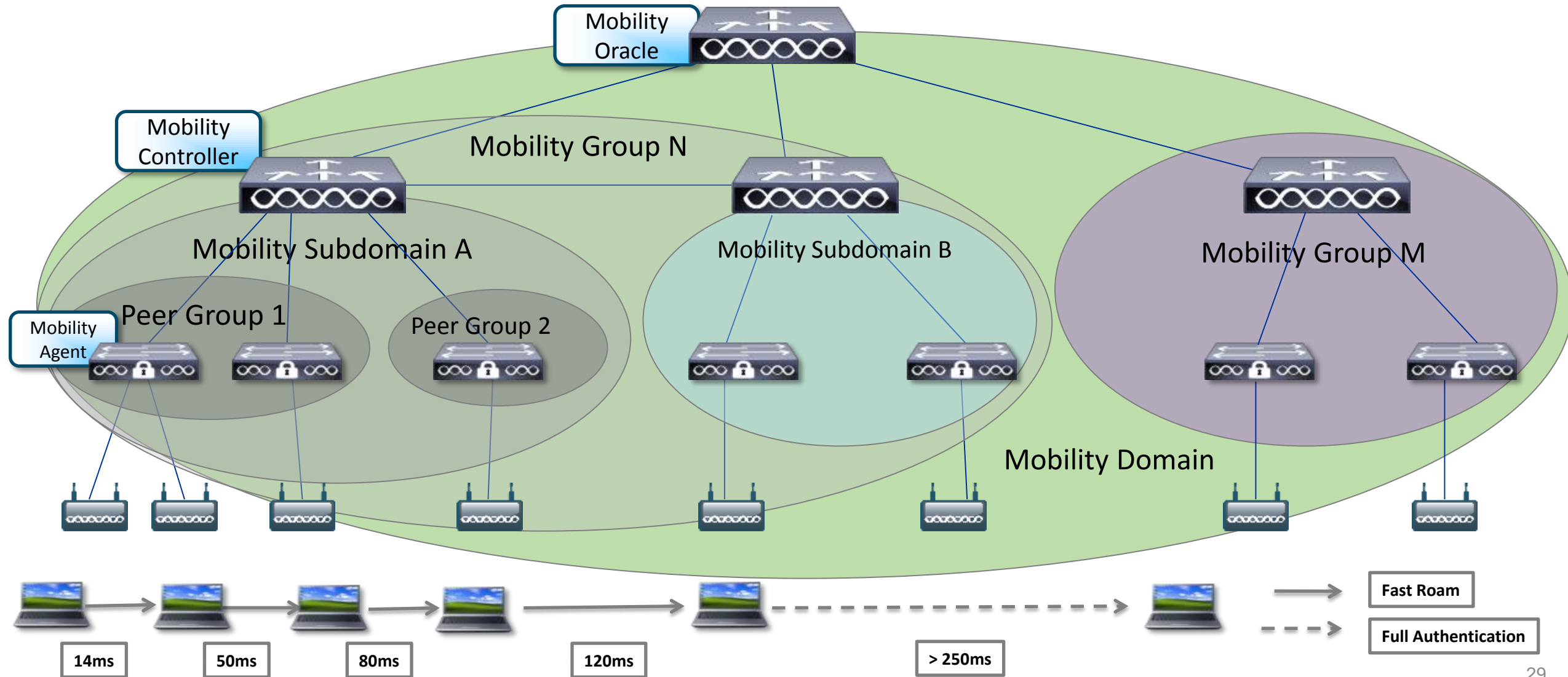




# Converged Access – Mobility Architecture



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# Converged Access – Components – Physical and Logical Entities

## Physical Entities –

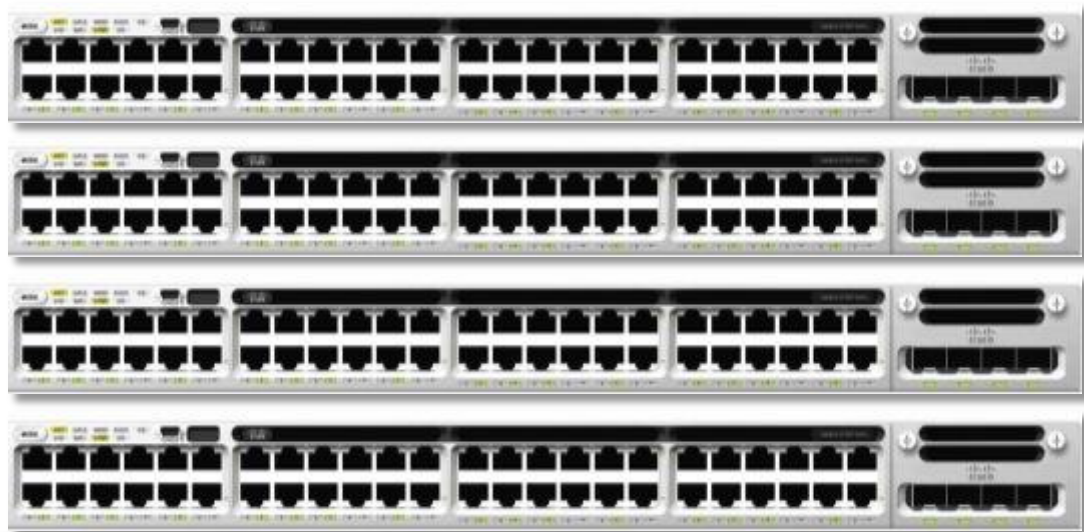
- **Mobility Agent (MA)** – Terminates CAPWAP tunnel from AP
- **Mobility Controller (MC)** – Manages mobility within and across Sub-Domains
- **Mobility Oracle (MO)** – Superset of MC, allows for Scalable Mobility Management within a Domain

## 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 a Distribution Block



# Converged Access – Physical Entities – Catalyst 3850 / 3650 Switch Stack



Best-in-Class  
Wired Switches –  
with Integrated  
Wireless Mobility  
functionality

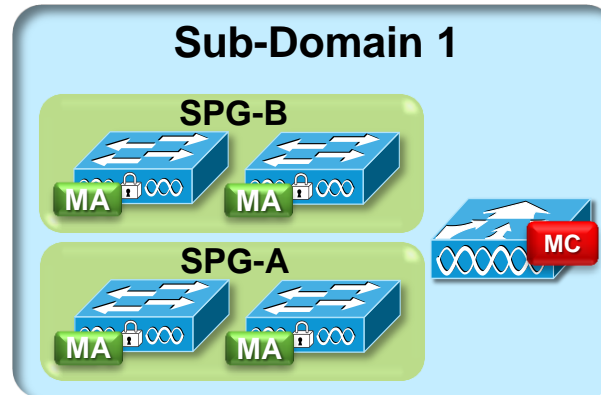
MA

- 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 / 3650 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 (SPGs)



- Made up of multiple Catalyst 3x50 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)

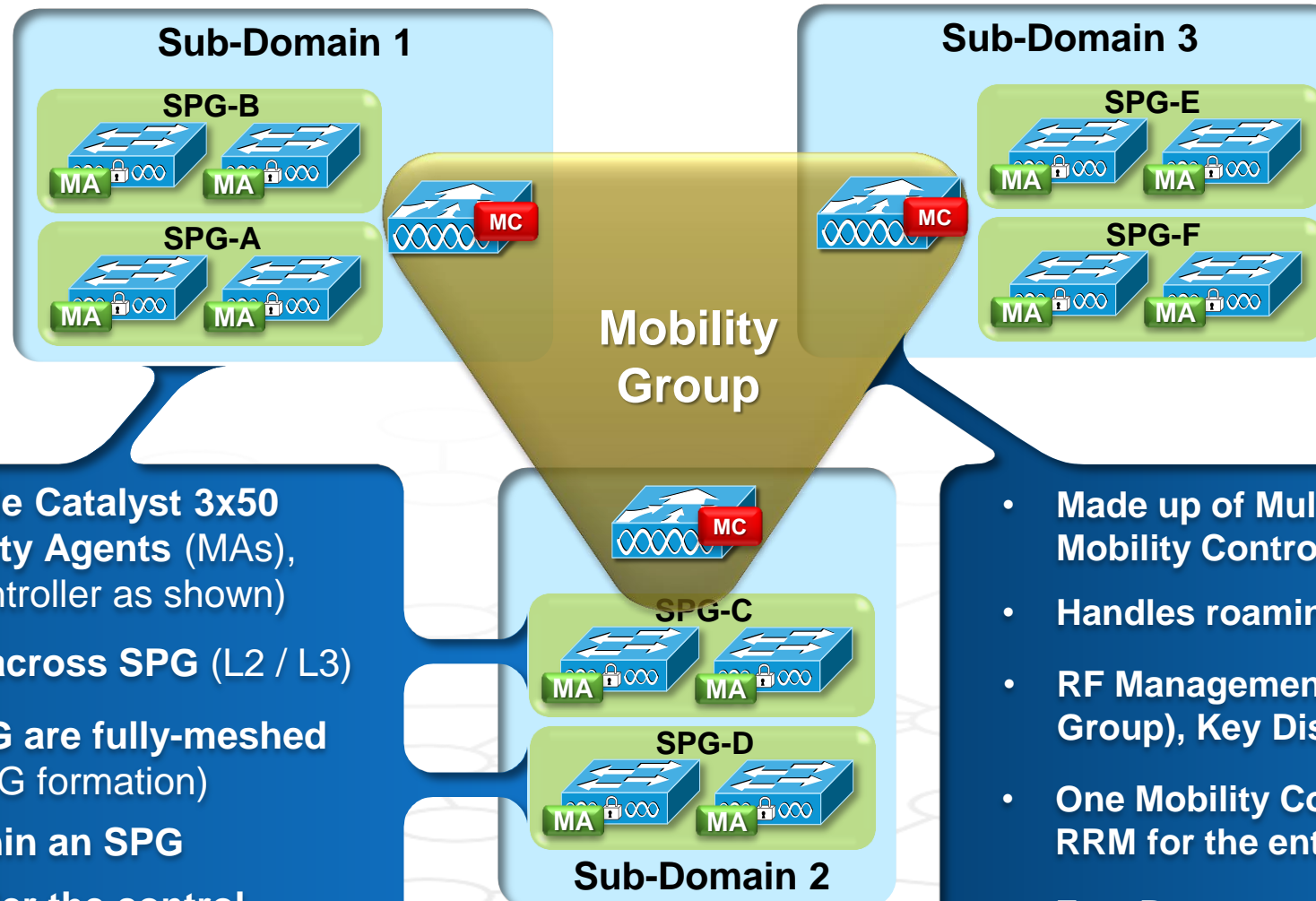
Roamed traffic between SPGs moves via the MC(s) servicing those SPGs

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





# Converged Access – Logical Entities – Switch Peer Groups and Mobility Group



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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



For Your Reference

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	3650 as MC (3.3.1SE)	3850 as MC (3.3.1SE)	WLC2504 (7.6)	WLC5760 (7.6)	WLC5508 (7.6)	WiSM2 (7.6)
Max APs Supported per MC	25	50	75	1000	500	1000
Max APs Supported in overall Mobility Domain	200	250	5400	72000	36000	72000
Max Clients Supported per MC	1000	2000	1000	12000	7000	15000
Max Clients Supported in overall Mobility Domain	8000	16000	72000	864000	504000	1.08M
Max number of MC in Mobility Domain	8	8	72	72	72	72
Max number of MC in Mobility Group	8	8	24	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in Sub-domain (per MC)	16	16	350	350	350	350
Max number of SPGs in Mobility Sub-Domain (per MC)	8	8	24	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in a SPG	16	16	64	64	64	64
Max number of WLANs	64	64	16	512	512	512



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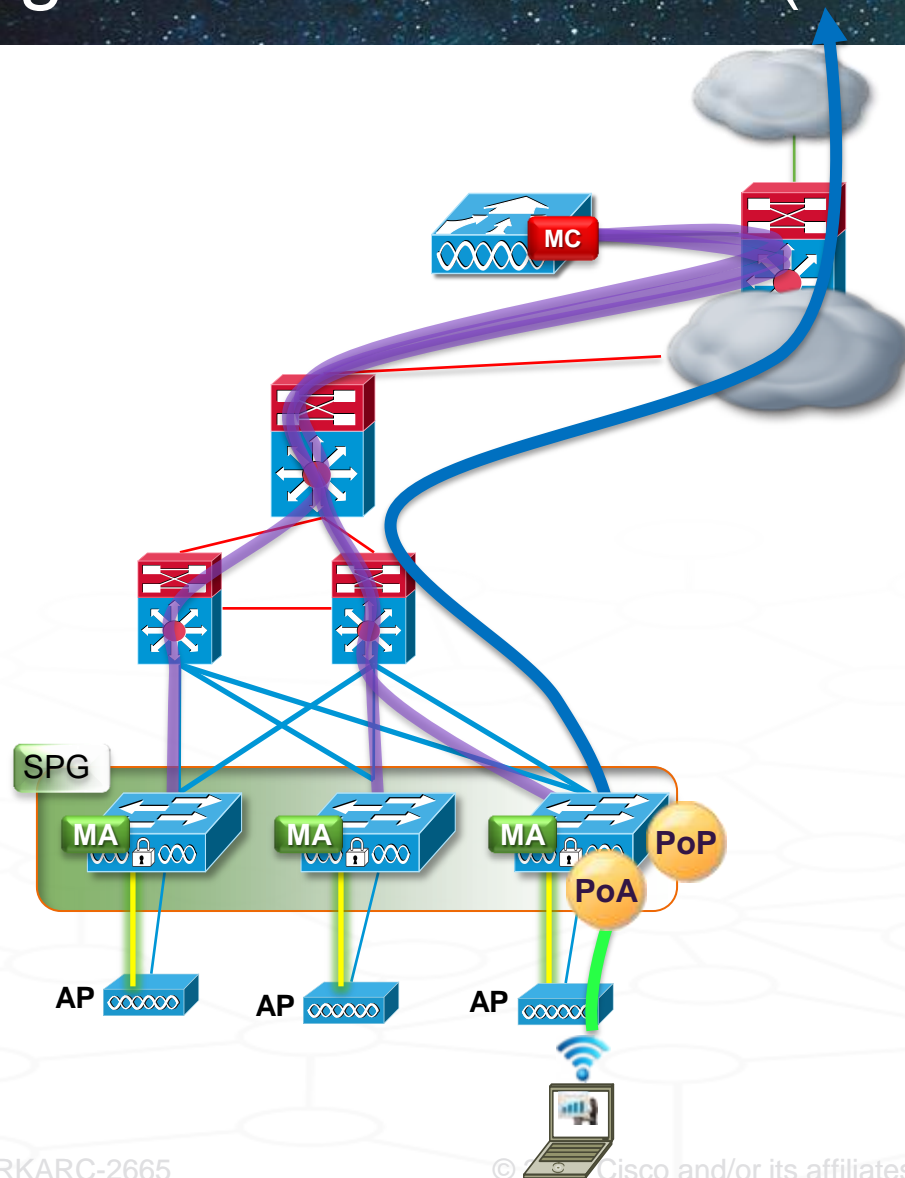
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# Converged Access – Roaming – Point of Presence (PoP), Point of Attachment (PoA)



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

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

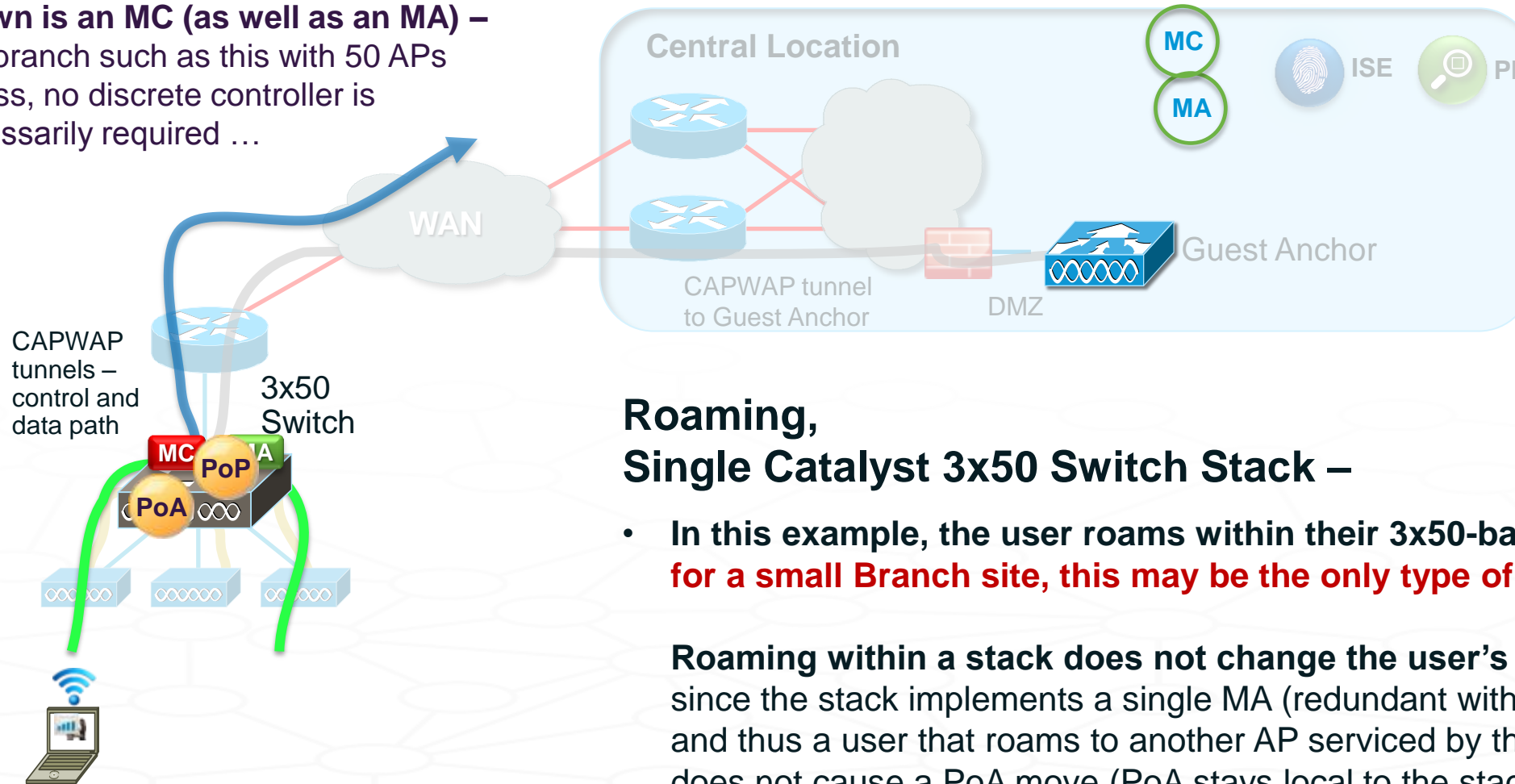
- **PoP** is where the wireless user is seen to be within the wired portion of the network
- **PoA** is where the wireless user has roamed to while mobile
- **Before a user roams, PoP and PoA are in the same place**

**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 3x50 Stack

Notice how the 3x50 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 ...

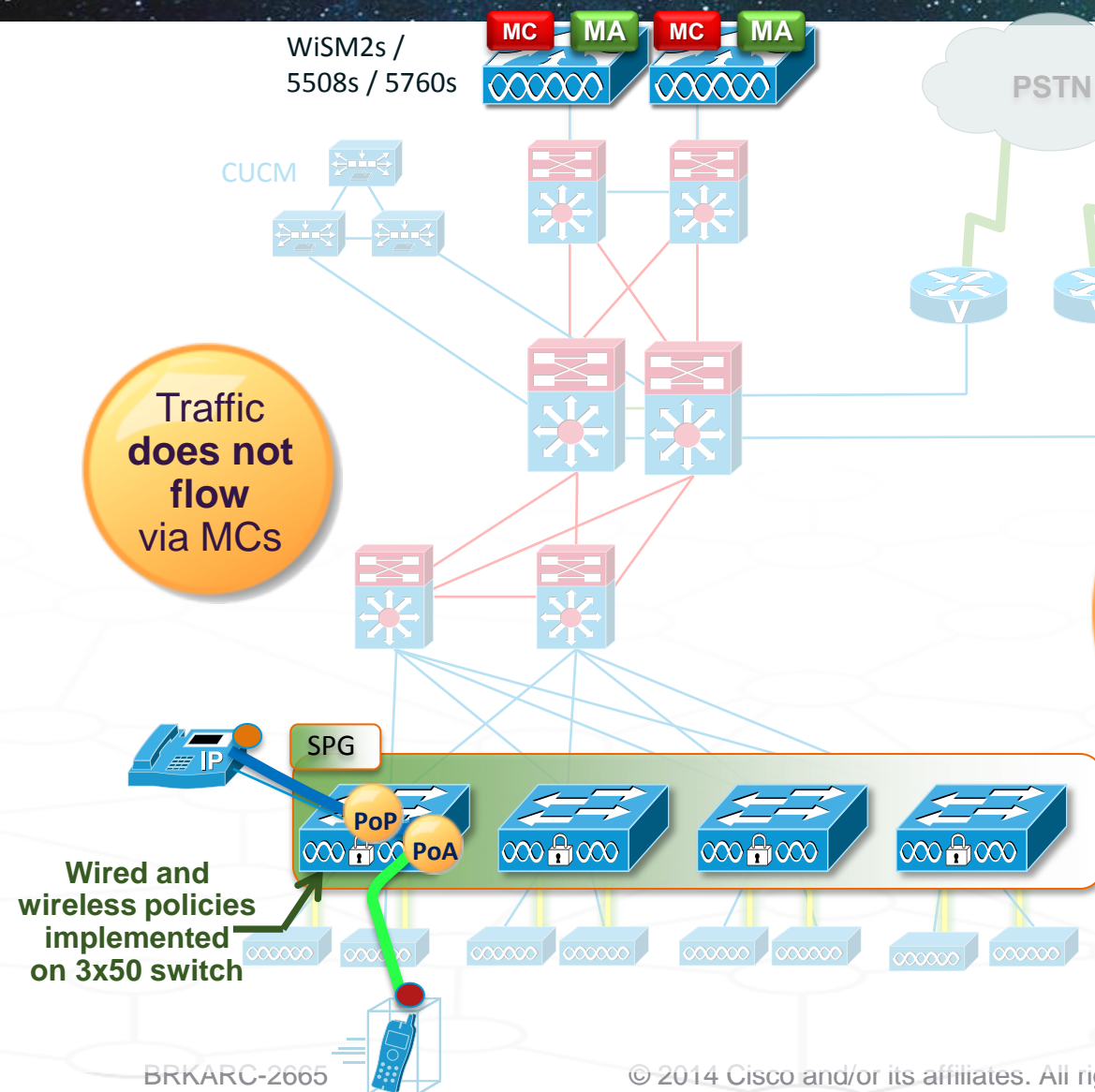


## Roaming, Single Catalyst 3x50 Switch Stack –

- In this example, the user roams within their 3x50-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)

# Converged Access – Traffic Flow



Converged policies and services for wired and wireless users

Traffic does not flow via MCs

More efficient since traffic flows are localised to the 3x50 switch –  
**Performance Increase**

## Traffic Flows, Comparison (Converged Access) –

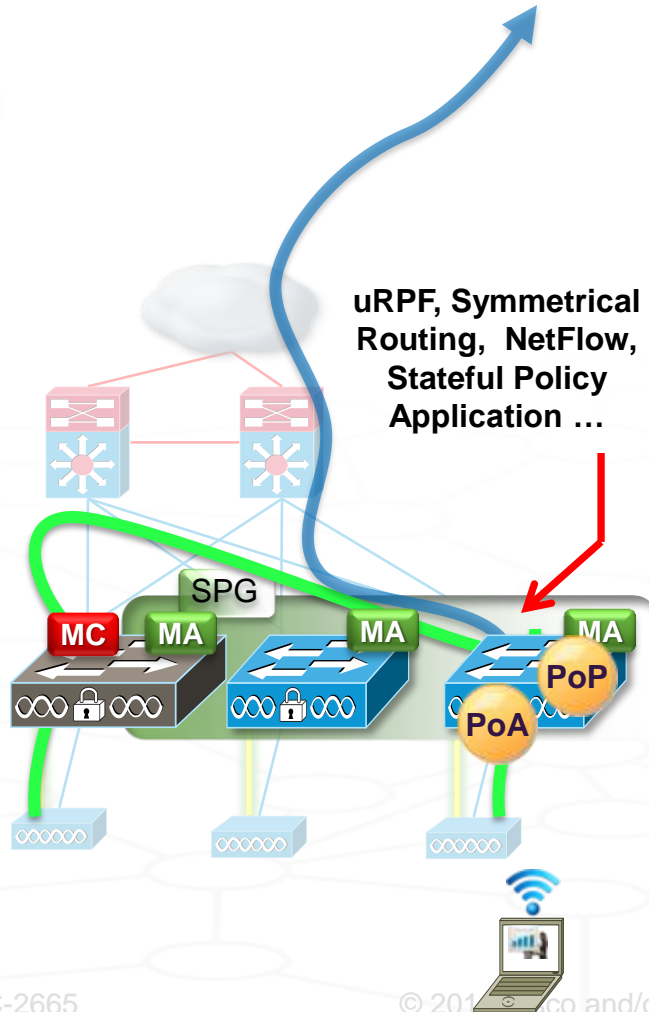
- Now, our VoIP user is on a Cisco Converged Access network, and is again making a call from a wireless handset to a wired handset ...
- **We can see that all of the user's traffic is localised to their Peer Group, below the distribution layer, in both directions ...**

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 and Roaming – Branch, L2 / L3 Roam (within SPG)

Very  
common  
roaming  
case



Roaming  
across Stacks  
(larger branch)

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

- Now, let's examine a roam at a larger branch, with multiple 3x50-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**

**The user may or may not have roamed across an L3 boundary (depends on wired setup) – however, users are always\* taken back to their PoP for policy application**

Again, notice how the 3x50 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 Traffic Flow and

```
L09-3850s-3# show wireless client summary
```

```
Number of Local Clients : 1
```

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN State		Protocol
001e.65b7.7d1a	L09-AP1142-1	2	UP	11n (5)

```
L09-3850s-3# show wcdb database all
```

```
Total Number of Wireless Clients = 1
```

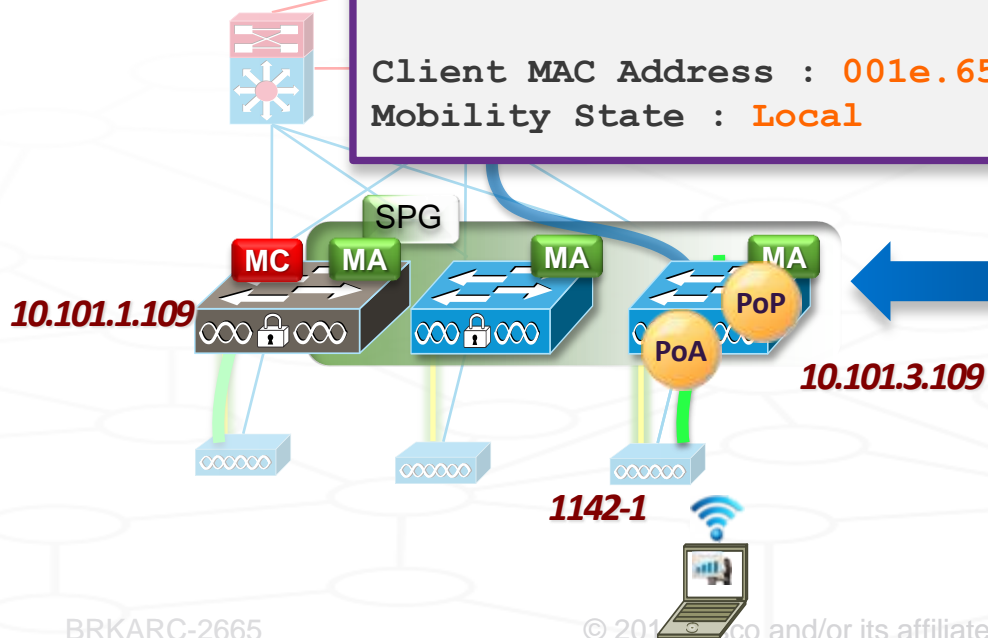
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Local Clients = 1
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Mac Address	VlanId	IP Address	Src If	Auth	Mob
001e.65b7.7d1a	2003	10.101.203.1	0x009350C0000000E4	RUN	LOCAL

```
L09-3850s-3# show wireless client mac 001e.65b7.7d1a detail
```

```
Client MAC Address : 001e.65b7.7d1a
```

```
Mobility State : Local
```





# Converged Traffic Flow and

```
L09-3850s-3# show capwap summary
```

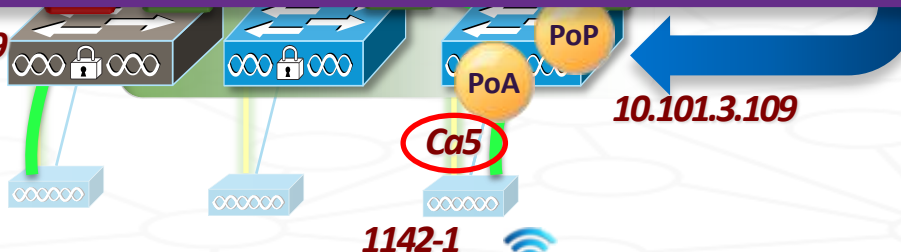
Name	APName	Type	PhyPortIf	Mode	McastIf
Ca1	-	mob	-	unicast	-
Ca2	-	mob	-	unicast	-
Ca5	L09-AP1142-1	data	Gi1/0/7	multicast	Ca4

Name	SrcIP	SrcPort	DestIP	DstPort	DtlsEn	MTU
Ca1	10.101.3.109	16667	10.101.1.109	16667	No	1464
Ca2	10.101.3.109	16667	10.101.2.109	16667	No	1464
Ca5	10.101.3.109	5247	10.101.3.98	31901	No	1449

```
L09-3850s-3# show ip dhcp snooping binding
```

MacAddress	IpAddress	Lease (sec)	Type	VLAN	Interface
00:1E:65:b7:7d:1a	10.101.203.1	10617	dhcp-snooping	2003	Capwap5

10.101.1.109



10.101.3.109

```
L09-3850s-3# show mac address dynamic | inc Ca
```

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2003 001e.65b7.7d1a DYNAMIC Ca5
```

within SPG)

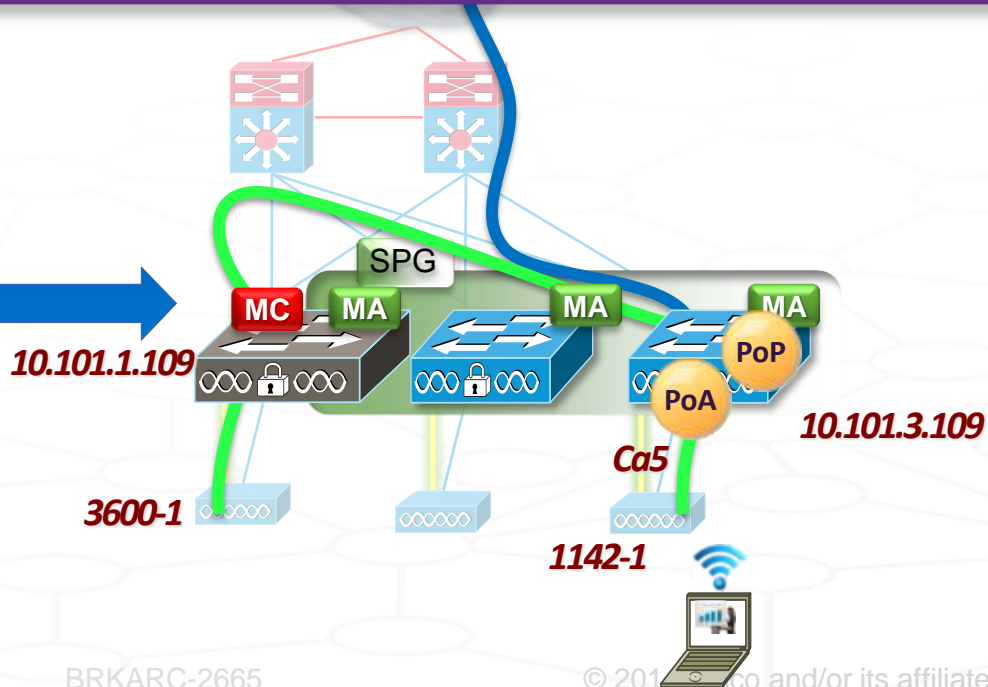
```
L09-3850-1# show wireless client summary
```

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN State	Protocol
001e.65b7.7d1a	3600-1	2 UP	11n (5)

```
L09-3850-1# show wcdb database all
```

```
Total Number of Wireless Clients = 1
Foreign Clients = 1
```

Mac Address	VlanId	IP Address	Src If	Auth	Mob
001e.65b7.7d1a	2001	10.101.203.1	0x00C55A40000000A6	RUN	FOREIGN





# Converged Access – Traffic Flow and Roaming – Branch, L2 / L3 Roam (within SPG)

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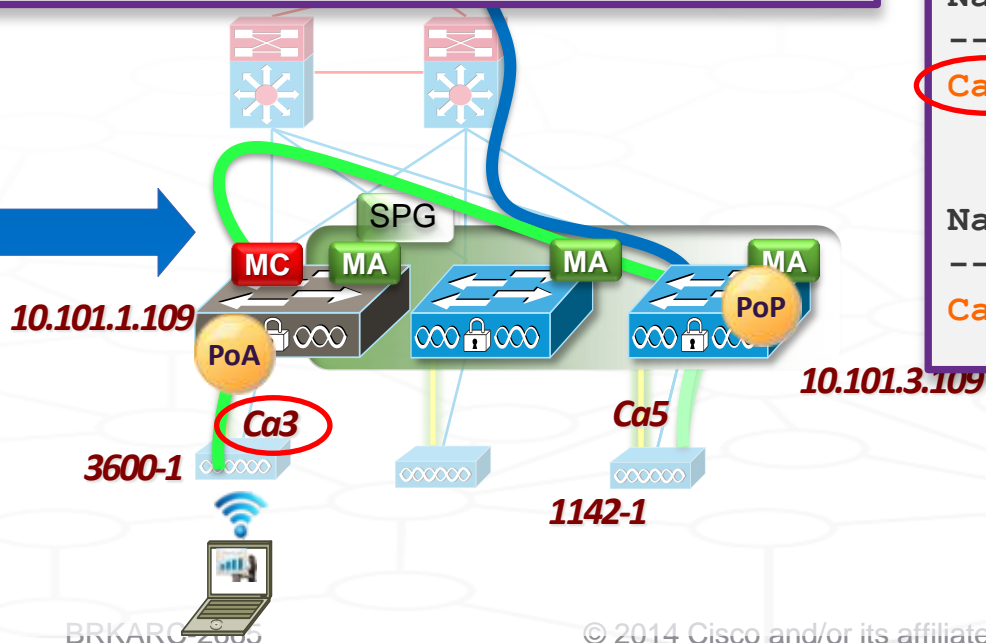
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...
Client MAC Address : 001e.65b7.7d1a
Mobility State Foreign
Mobility Anchor IP Address : 10.101.3.109
```

```
L09-3850-1# show mac address dynamic | inc Ca
4095 001e.65b7.7d1a DYNAMIC Ca3
```

```
L09-3850-1# show capwap summary
```

Name	APName	Type	PhyPortIf	Mode	McastIf
<b>Ca3</b>	<b>3600-1</b>	data	Gi1/0/9	multicast	Ca1

Name	SrcIP	SrcPort	DestIP	DstPort	DtlsEn	MTU
<b>Ca3</b>	<b>10.101.1.109</b>	5247	<b>10.101.1.98</b>	16370	No	1449



# Converged Traffic Flow

```
L09-3850s-3# show wireless client summary
```

```
Number of Local Clients : 1
```

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN	State	Protocol
001e.65b7.7d1a	10.101.1.109	2	UP	Mobile

```
L09-3850s-3# show wcdb database all
```

Mac Address	VlanId	IP Address	Src If	Auth	Mob
001e.65b7.7d1a	2003	10.101.203.1	0x00B72D4000000002	RUN	ANCHOR

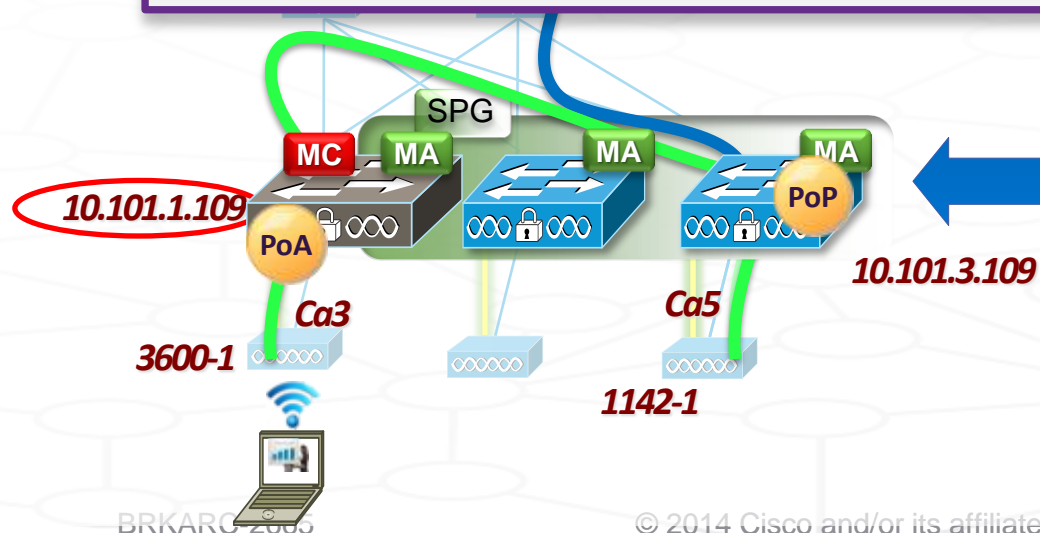
```
L09-3850s-3# show wireless client mac 001e.65b7.7d1a detail
```

```
...
```

```
Client MAC Address : 001e.65b7.7d1a
```

```
Mobility State : Anchor
```

```
Mobility Foreign IP Address : 10.101.1.109
```





# Converged Traffic Flow

```
L09-3850s-3# show ip dhcp snooping binding
```

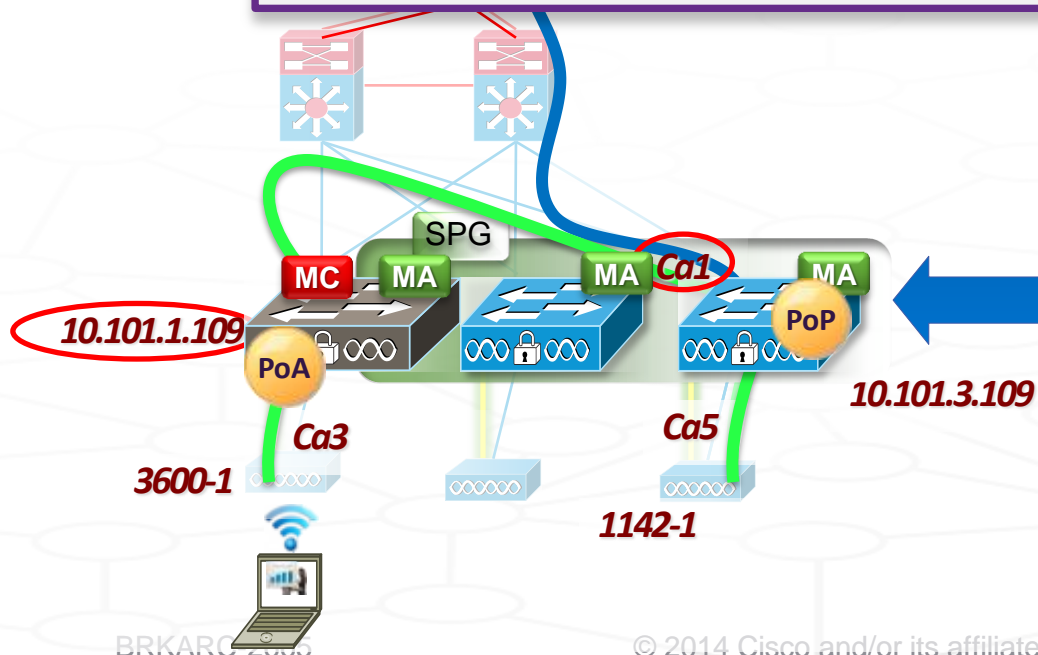
MacAddress	IpAddress	Lease(sec)	Type	VLAN	Interface
00:1E:65:b7:7d:1a	10.101.203.1	10720	dhcp-snooping	2003	Capwap1

```
L09-3850s-3# show capwap summary
```

Name	APName	Type	PhyPortIf	Mode	McastIf
Ca1	-	mob	-	unicast	-

Name	SrcIP	SrcPort	DestIP	DstPort	DtlsEn	MTU
Ca1	10.101.3.109	16667	10.101.1.109	16667	No	1464

```
L09-3850s-3# show mac address dynamic | inc Ca
2003 001e.65b7.7d1a DYNAMIC Ca1
```

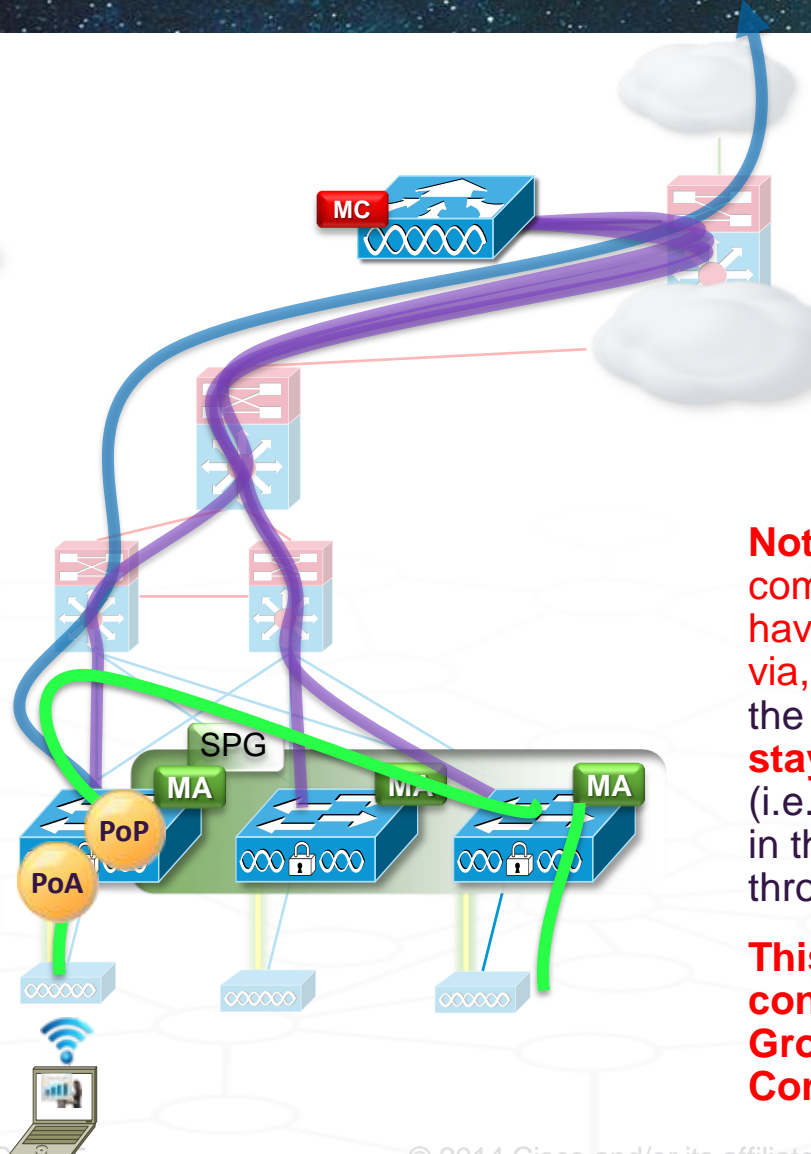


## Overall observation –

This looks exactly the same as a Layer 3 inter-controller roam in CUWN ... because it is exactly the same process – Just distributed, rather than centralized ...

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

Very common roaming case



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.**

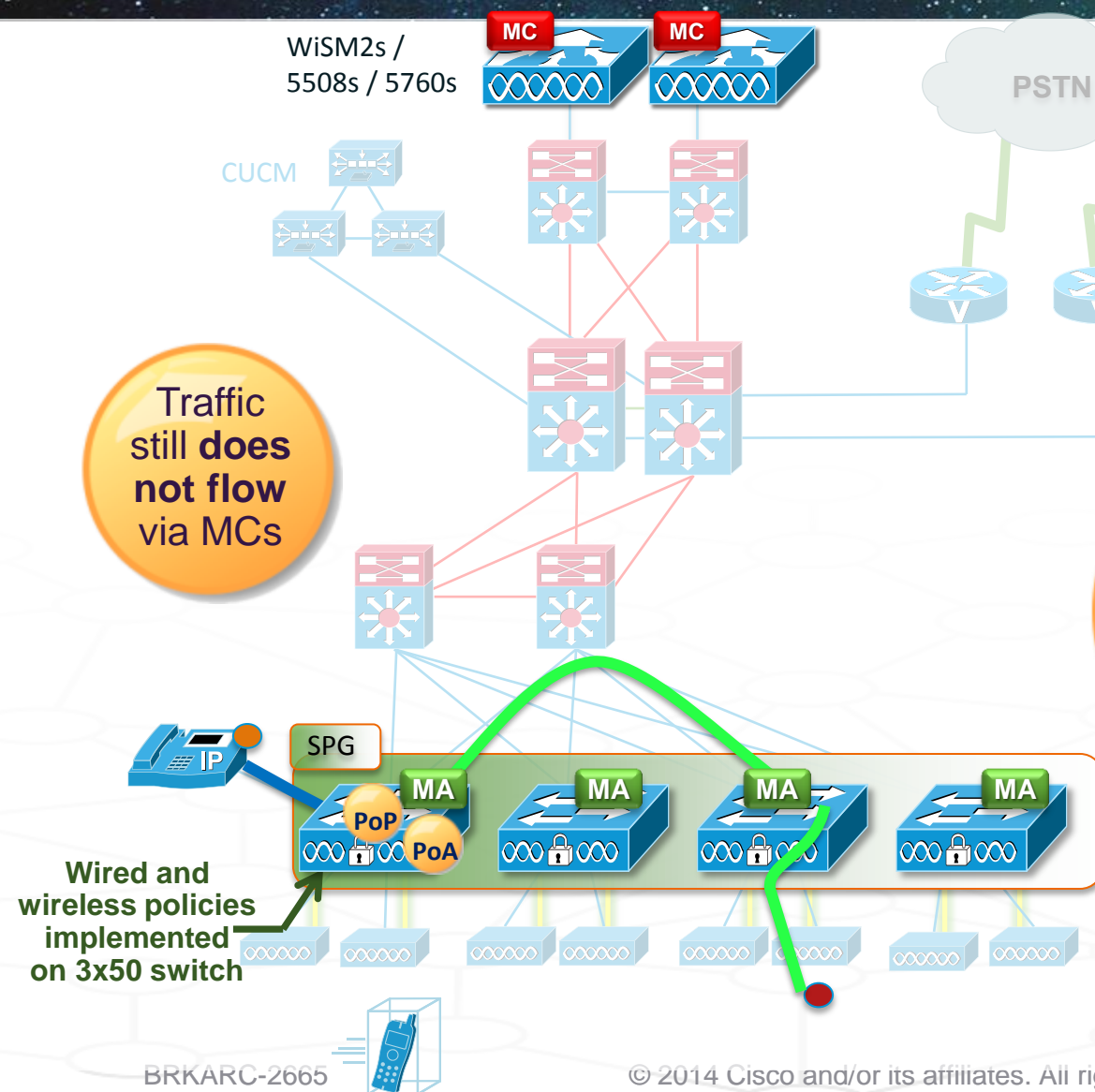
## Roaming, Within an SPG (Campus) –

- 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**

The user may or may not have roamed across an L3 boundary (depends on wired setup) – **however, users are always\* taken back to their PoP** for policy application



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



Converged policies and services for wired and wireless users

Traffic still does not flow via MCs

More efficient since traffic flows are still localised to the SPG – Performance & Scalability

## Traffic Flows, Comparison (Converged Access) –

- 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 SPGs)

Less common roaming case



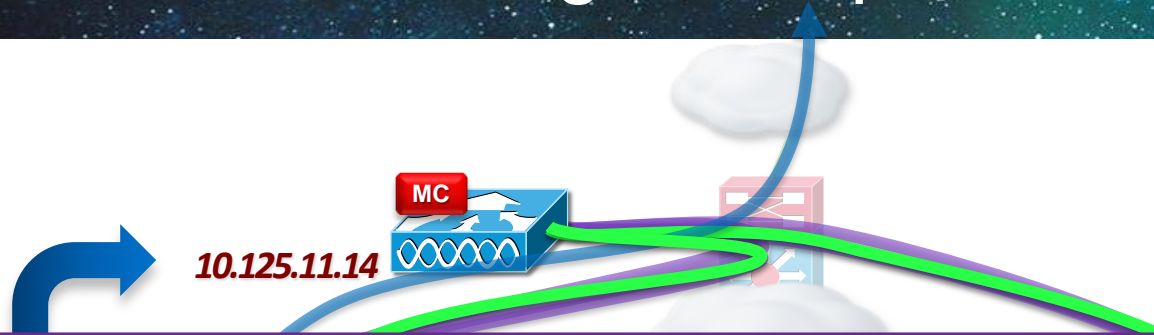
## Roaming, Across SPGs (Campus) –

- Now, let's examine a few more types of user roams
- **In this example, the user roams across Switch Peer Groups –** since SPGs are typically formed around floors or other geographically-close areas, **this type of roam is possible, but less likely than roaming within an SPG**

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 SPGs)



**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 – L2 Roam (adjustable via setting)

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

MAC Address	State	Anchor IP	Associated IP
001e.65b7.7d1a	Local	0.0.0.0	10.101.1.109

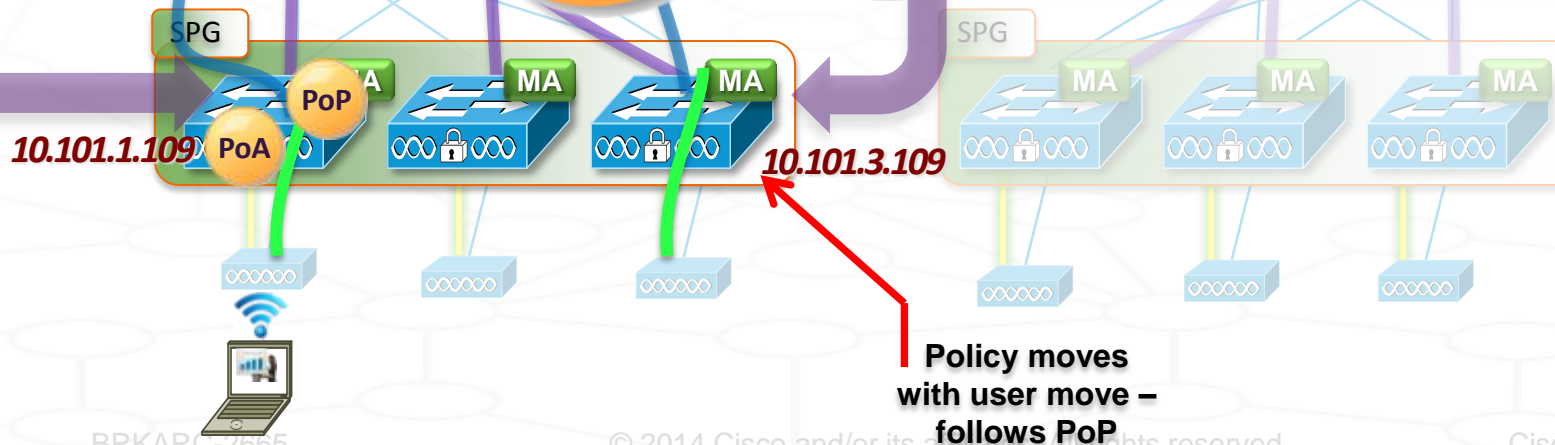
```
wlan UA-D3 4 UA-D3
client vlan 3000
no mobility anchor sticky
security dot1x authenticat
session-timeout 86400
no shutdown
```

Move of the  
user's entire  
Mobility  
Context

Roaming  
across network  
(L2 extension below  
distribution layer  
in this example)

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

MAC Address	State	Anchor IP	Associated IP
001e.65b7.7d1a	Local	0.0.0.0	10.101.3.109



## Roaming, Within an SPG (Layer 2) –

- Now, let's examine a few more types of user roams
- In this example, the user roams within a Switch Peer Group ...

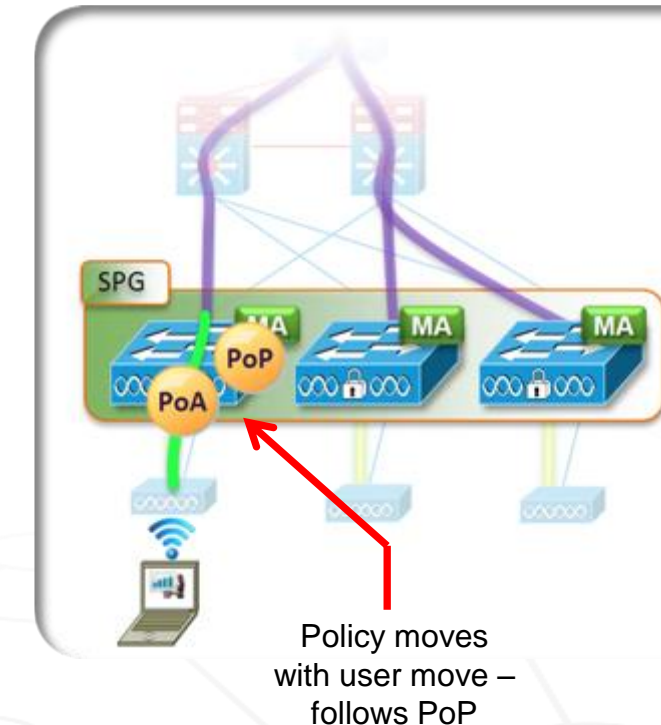
This type of L2 VLAN extension below the distribution layer may or may not be present in a given Enterprise network deployment – however, if this setup is present, an available setting allows for L2 roaming (move of both PoP and PoA)



# Converged Access – Traffic Flow and Roaming – L2 Roam (impact of policy moves)

## As Noted –

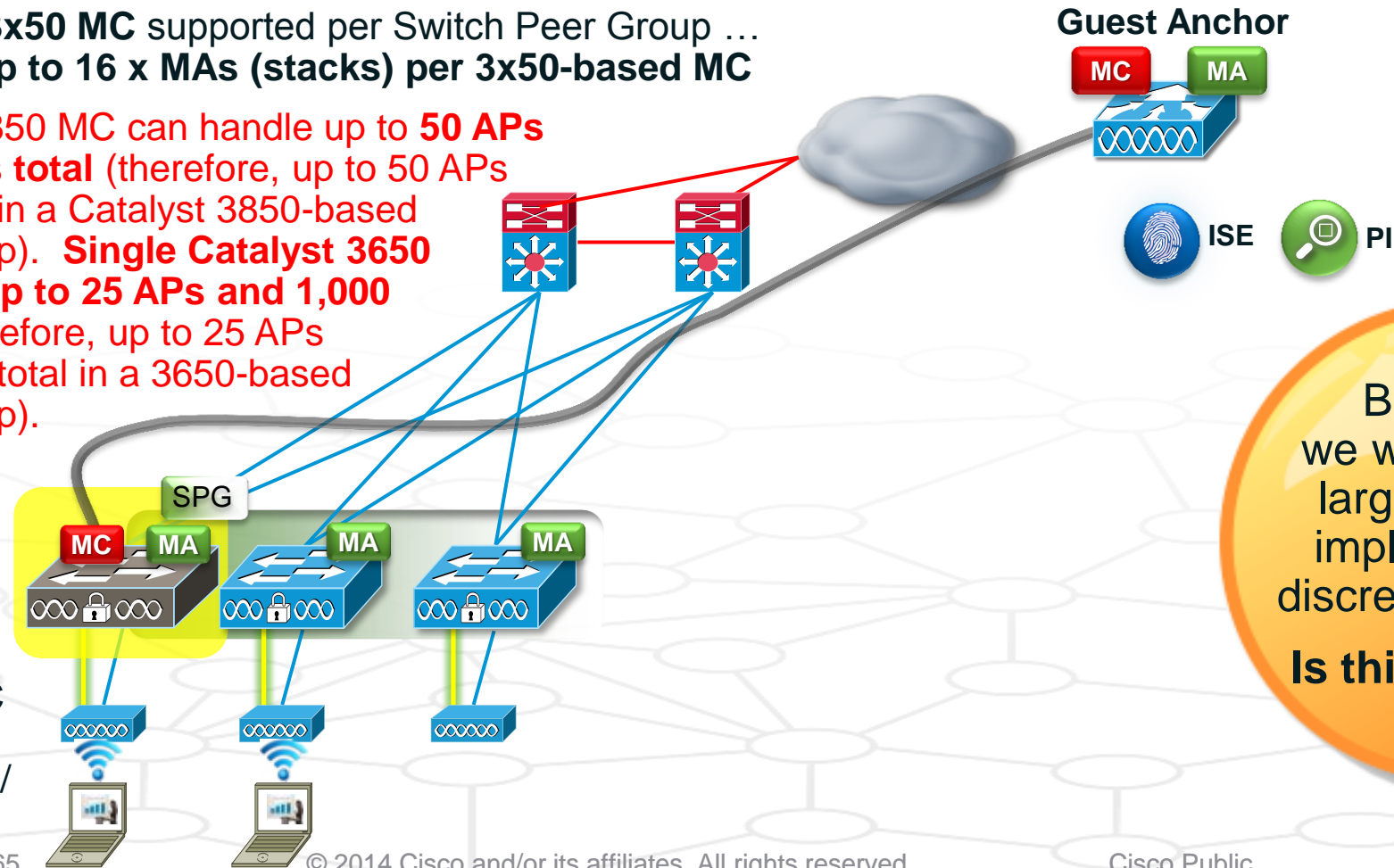
- When a user roams in a L2 environment, an optional setting allows for both the user's PoA and PoP to move.
- The benefits that accrue to a PoP move for an L2 user roam are **reduced end-to-end latency** for the user (less traffic hops), as well as a **reduction of state held within the network** (as the user needs to be kept track of only at the roamed-to switch).
- The drawback to a PoP move for an L2 user roam are likely **increased roam times**, as user policy may be retrieved from the AAA server, and applied at the roamed-to switch. The combination of these two elements may introduce a level of non-deterministic behaviour into the roam times if this option is used.
- **Default Behaviour –**
  - **L2 Roams Disabled** – by default, all roams (whether across an L3 boundary or not) carry the user's traffic from their roamed-to switch (where the user's PoA has moved to), back to the original switch the user associated through (where the user's PoP remains). In this case, **the user's policy application point remains fixed**, and roam times are more **deterministic**.
  - However, if desired, **this behaviour can be modified via a setting to allow for an L2 roam** – assuming the network topology involved allows for the appropriate Layer 2 extension across the network.



# Converged Access – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Functionality

As we saw previously, we can also optionally use a Catalyst 3x50 switch as an MC + co-located MA for a Switch Peer Group ... let's explore this in more detail –

- Single Catalyst 3x50 MC supported per Switch Peer Group ...
- which can have up to 16 x MAs (stacks) per 3x50-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). **Single Catalyst 3650 MC can handle up to 25 APs and 1,000 clients total** (therefore, up to 25 APs and 1,000 clients total in a 3650-based Switch Peer Group).
- MC handles inter-SPG roaming, RRM, Guest Access, etc.
- More scalable MC capability can be provided by 5760 / 5508 / WiSM2



But what if we want to scale larger, **without** implementing a discrete controller?  
**Is this possible?**



# Converged Access – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Scaling

## Switch Peer Group / Mobility Group Scaling with Catalyst 3x50 –

- **Up to 8 x Catalyst 3x50 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 3850s
- **Up to 200 APs total and 8,000 clients supported (maximum)** across a Mobility Group made up solely of Catalyst 3650s

### Guest Anchor

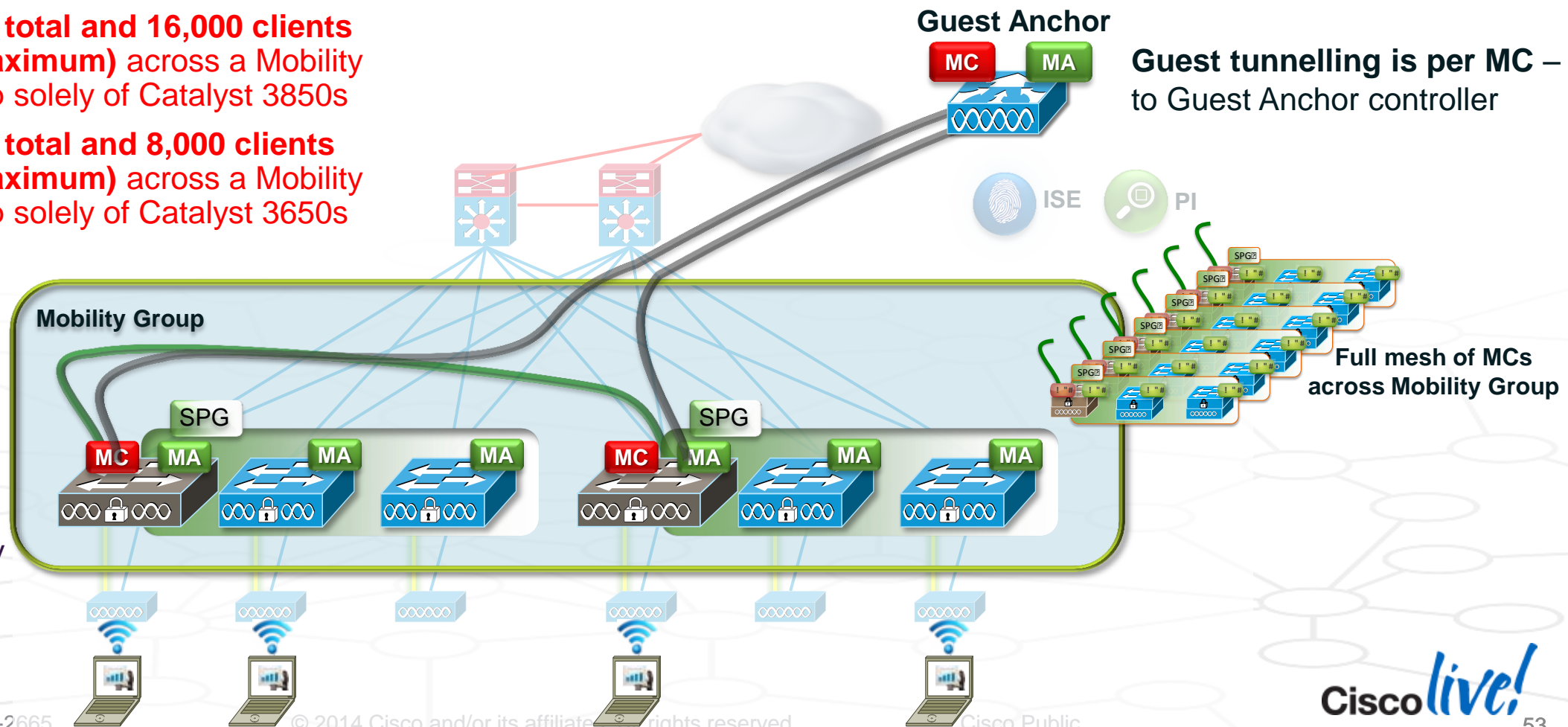


**Guest tunnelling is per MC –**  
to Guest Anchor controller



**Licensing**  
is per MC  
not pooled  
across MCs

**RRM, etc. is**  
coordinated  
across the  
**MCs** in the  
same Mobility  
Group





# Converged Access – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Roaming

There are multiple roaming scenarios with Catalyst 3x50-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 3x50 switches operating as MCs
  - Catalyst 3x50-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 ...

**Converged Access –  
Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming**

**Roaming, within a Stack (3850 Switches as MCs)**

- Initially, all clients in this example are on their initial, local AP
- 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

**Converged Access –  
Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming**

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

- Now, the client roams to an AP serviced by another switch in 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)

**Converged Access –  
Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming**

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

- Now, let's examine a more complex roam where the user roams to a separate SPG
- In this example – the user roams to a separate SPG, onto the PoP that is serving as MC for that SPG
- The user 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)

**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-separated)

**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



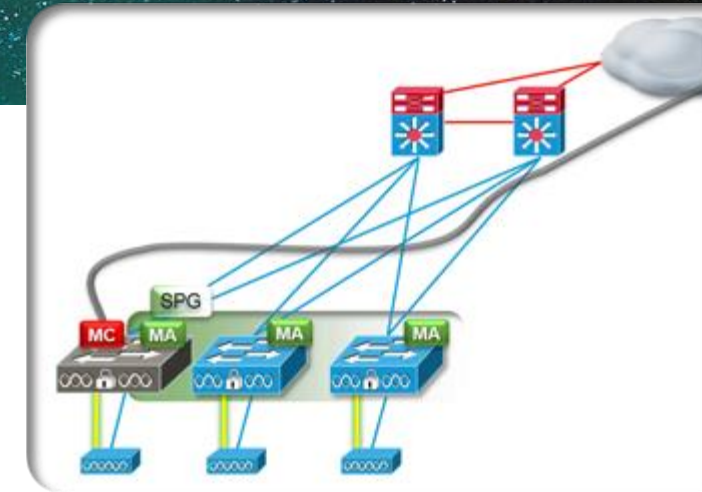
# Converged Access – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – When to Use

## Considerations –

- **Many larger designs (such as most Campuses) will likely utilise a discrete controller, or group of controllers, as MCs.** Combined with Catalyst 3x50 switches as MAs, this likely provides the most scalable design option for a larger network build.
- **However, if using 3x50 switches as MCs for smaller builds – and with the scaling limits detailed previously in mind – we can determine where to best use this ....**
- **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 3x50 switches.
- **Cons –**
  - **OpEx complexity** – due to some additional complexity that comes into roaming situations when using multiple 3x50 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.

## Conclusion –

In smaller designs (such as branches), the use of Catalyst 3x50 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.



**Roaming  
details**  
provided on  
Reference  
slides

# Converged Access – Additional Areas of Interest – Reference Material

**Additional topics exist, which time precludes us covering here ...**

**However, these are detailed in the Reference Slides which accompany this presentation ...**

**Scalability Details** – for both CUWN and Converged Access deployments

**Catalyst 3x50-based MCs** – Examination of Roaming details, and additional design options

**Lobby Issue and Solution** – Examination of issues with Building entrances / common lobbies, and their impact on client distribution, DHCP scope usage, etc. in Converged Access deployments

Please refer to these slides for additional information on these topics, and feel free to reach out to the presenter with any questions that you may have.



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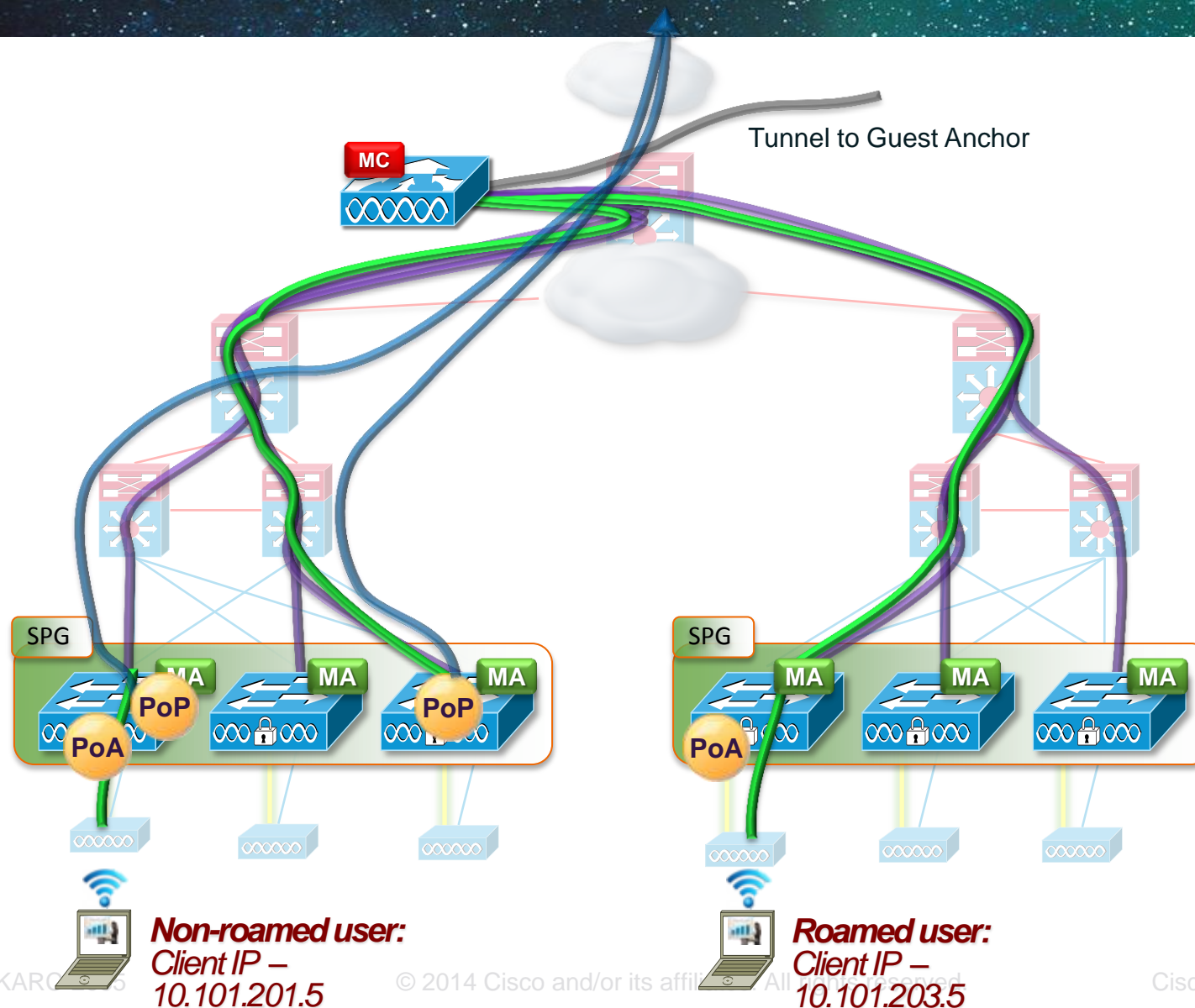
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# High Availability – State Held within the Network – for Local and Roamed Users

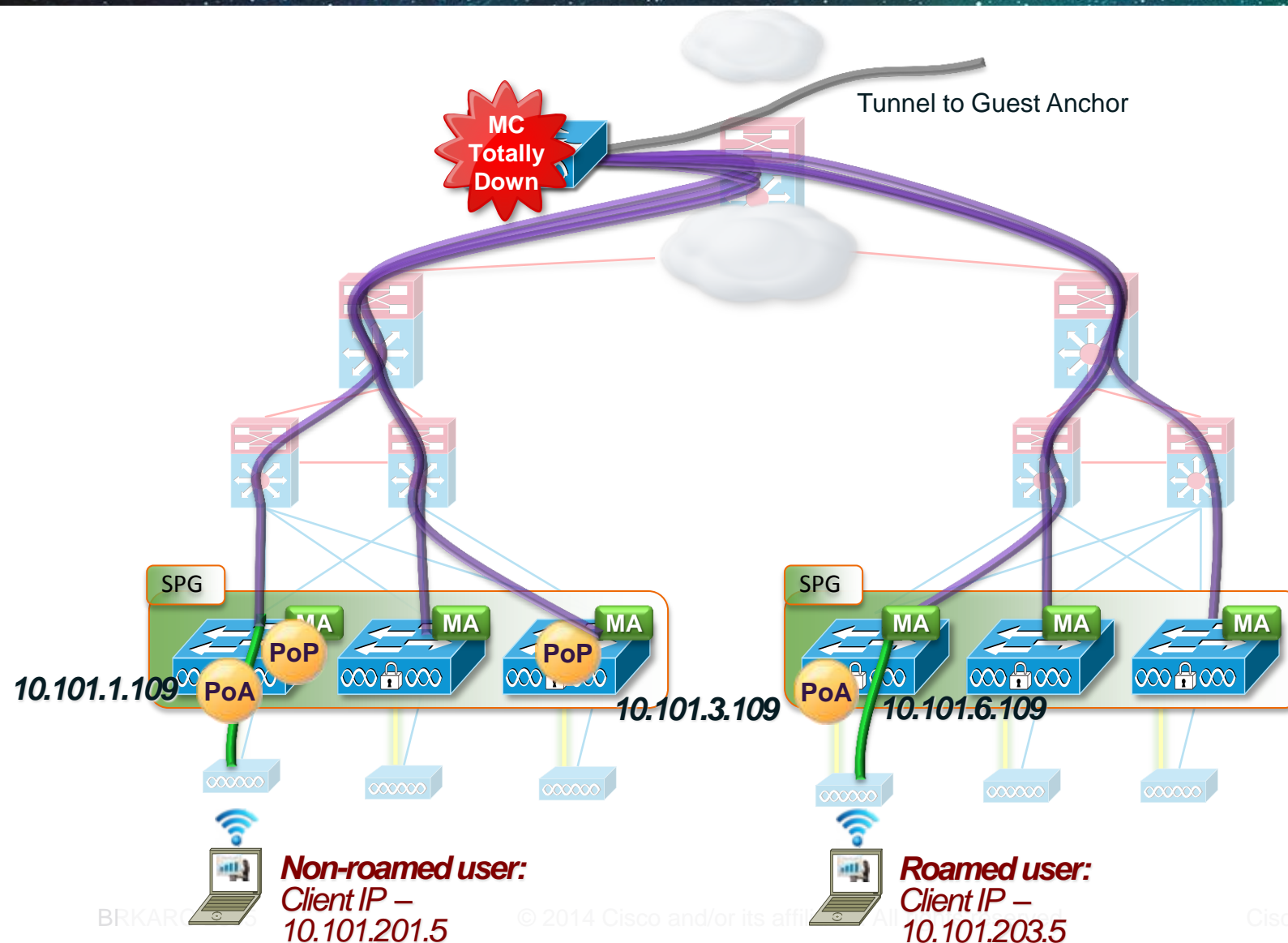


## Roamed and Local users, High Availability Considerations –

- State for users is held within the network (on MAs and MCs) – in this case, we are using a discrete controller (5760, 5508, or WiSM2) as an MC
- **In this example as shown,** we have two users – one local (non-roaming), and the other roamed across SPGs (same MC) ...
- **Note that in this case, the roamed user's client IP address is associated with the IP address pool on the right-hand switch in the left-side SPG (where the user originally associated) ...**



# High Availability – MC Failure – and the Effect on the MC's Sub-Domain and Anchor Connections

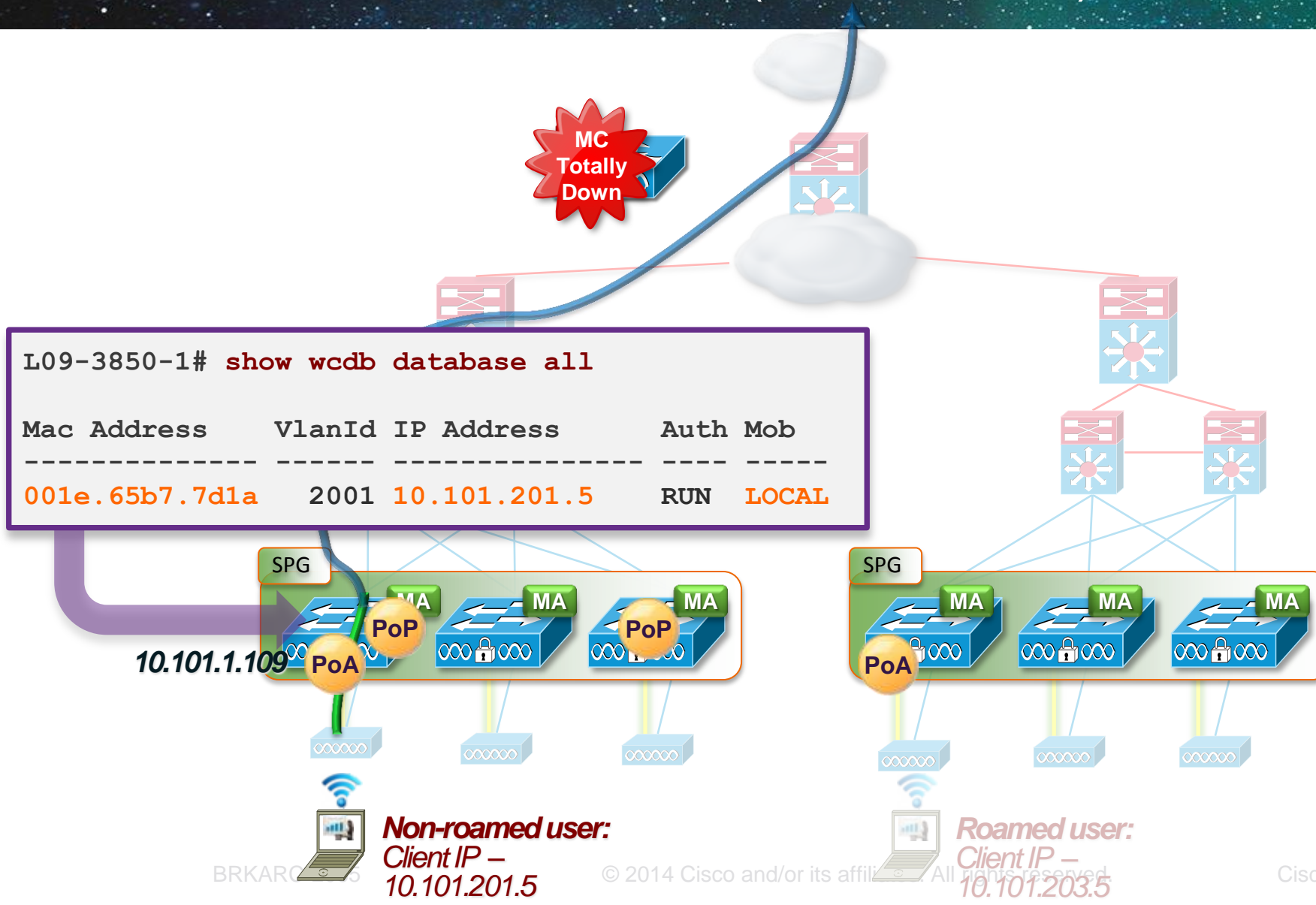


## Roamed and Local users, High Availability Considerations –

- Now, the MC fails (power down in this case) ... let's examine the effects ...
- When the MC for a given Sub-Domain goes down, all of the tunnels serviced by that MC go down – this includes all MA-MC tunnels (purple tunnels as shown on this diagram), as well as any MC-Guest Anchor tunnel (if present – grey tunnel as shown on this diagram)

**Note that all of the tunnel connections between switches within the SPGs themselves stay up – as these are pre-formed at SPG creation, and once up, do not depend on the MC to stay up ...**

# High Availability – MC Failure – Effect on Local (Non-Roamed) Clients

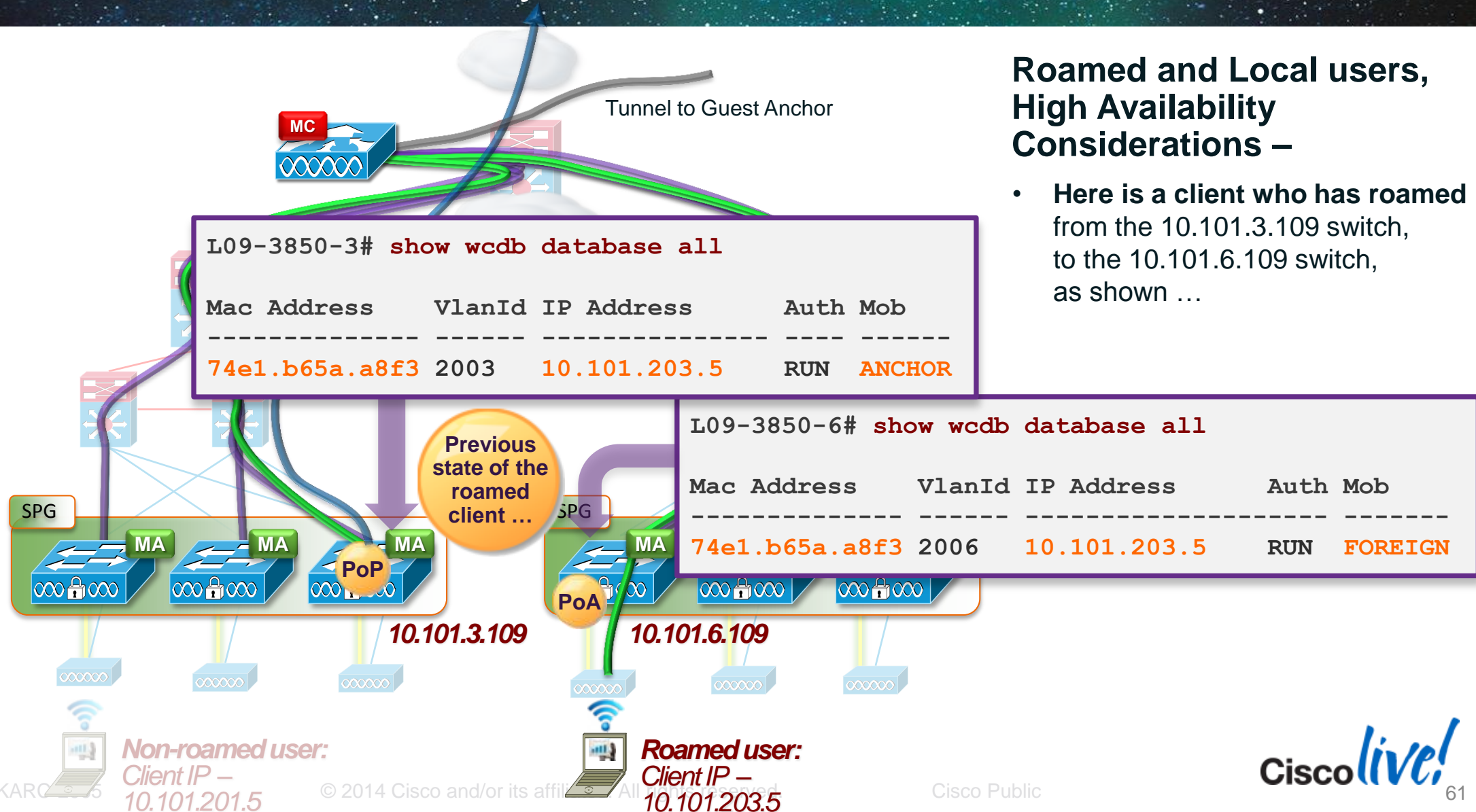


## Roamed and Local users, High Availability Considerations –

- For a local (non-roamed) user, the effect of an MC failure is not that severe ...
  - The local user still continues to operate, as their traffic flow is terminated locally at their MA switch ...
  - However, the user may be missing some services (Guest Access, RRM, Fast Roaming, etc) for the duration of the MC failure ... as these functions depend on the MC servicing the SPG(s) ...
- ... and as well, **inter-SPG roaming will be affected**, as shown on the following slides



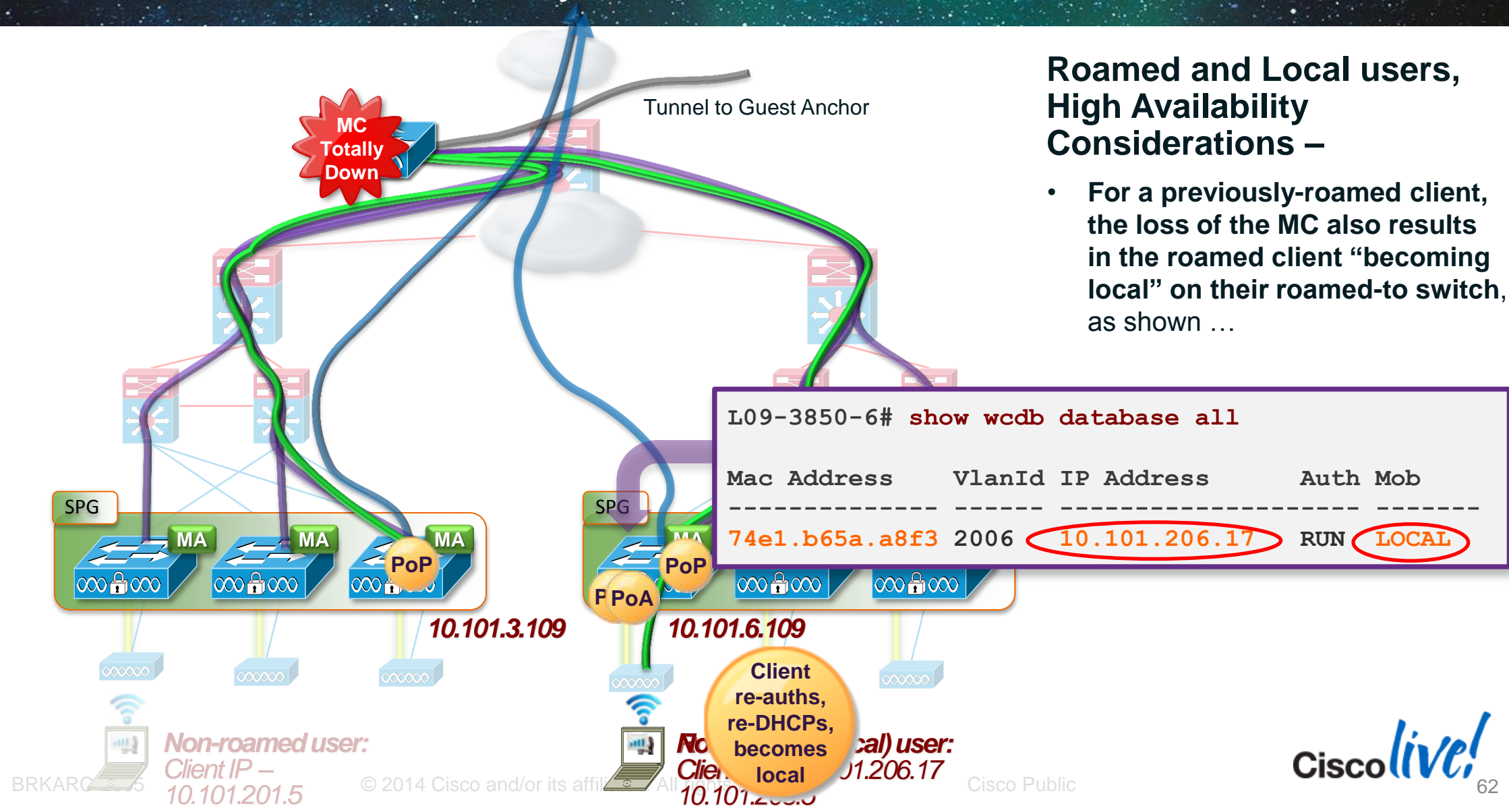
# High Availability – MC Failure – Effect on Previously-Roamed Clients



## Roamed and Local users, High Availability Considerations –

- Here is a client who has roamed from the 10.101.3.109 switch, to the 10.101.6.109 switch, as shown ...

# High Availability – MC Failure – Effect on Previously-Roamed Clients

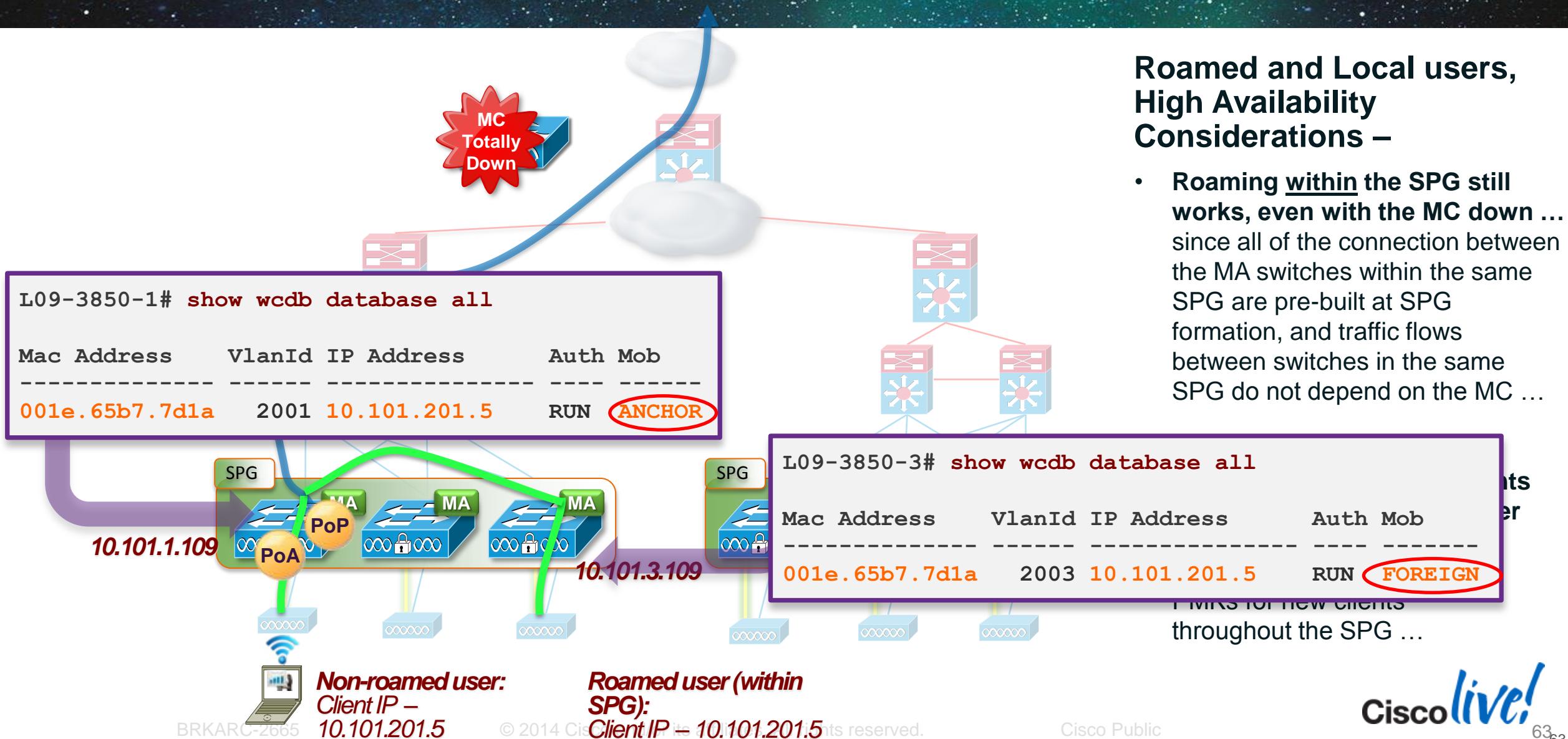


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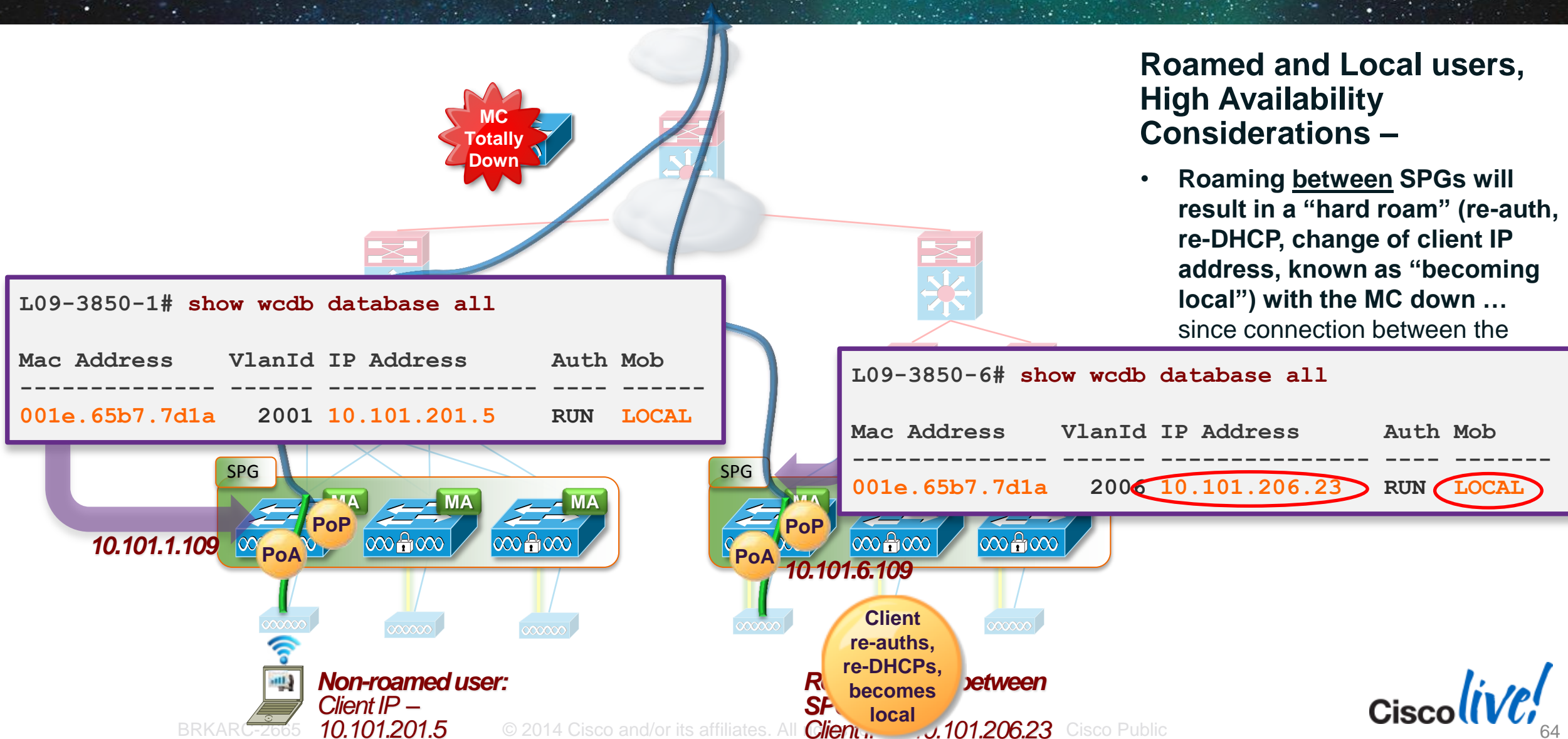
- For a previously-roamed client, the loss of the MC also results in the roamed client “becoming local” on their roamed-to switch, as shown ...



# High Availability – MC Failure – Effect on Intra-SPG Client Roams after MC Down

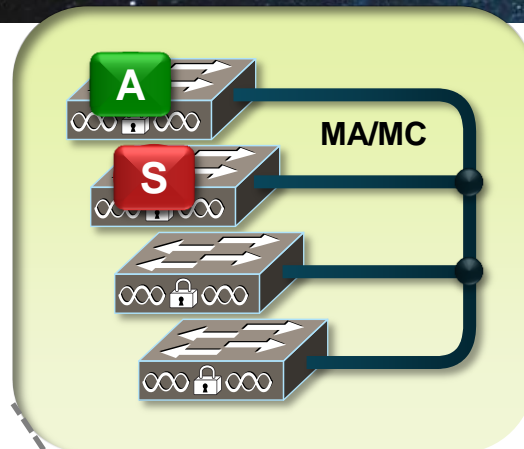


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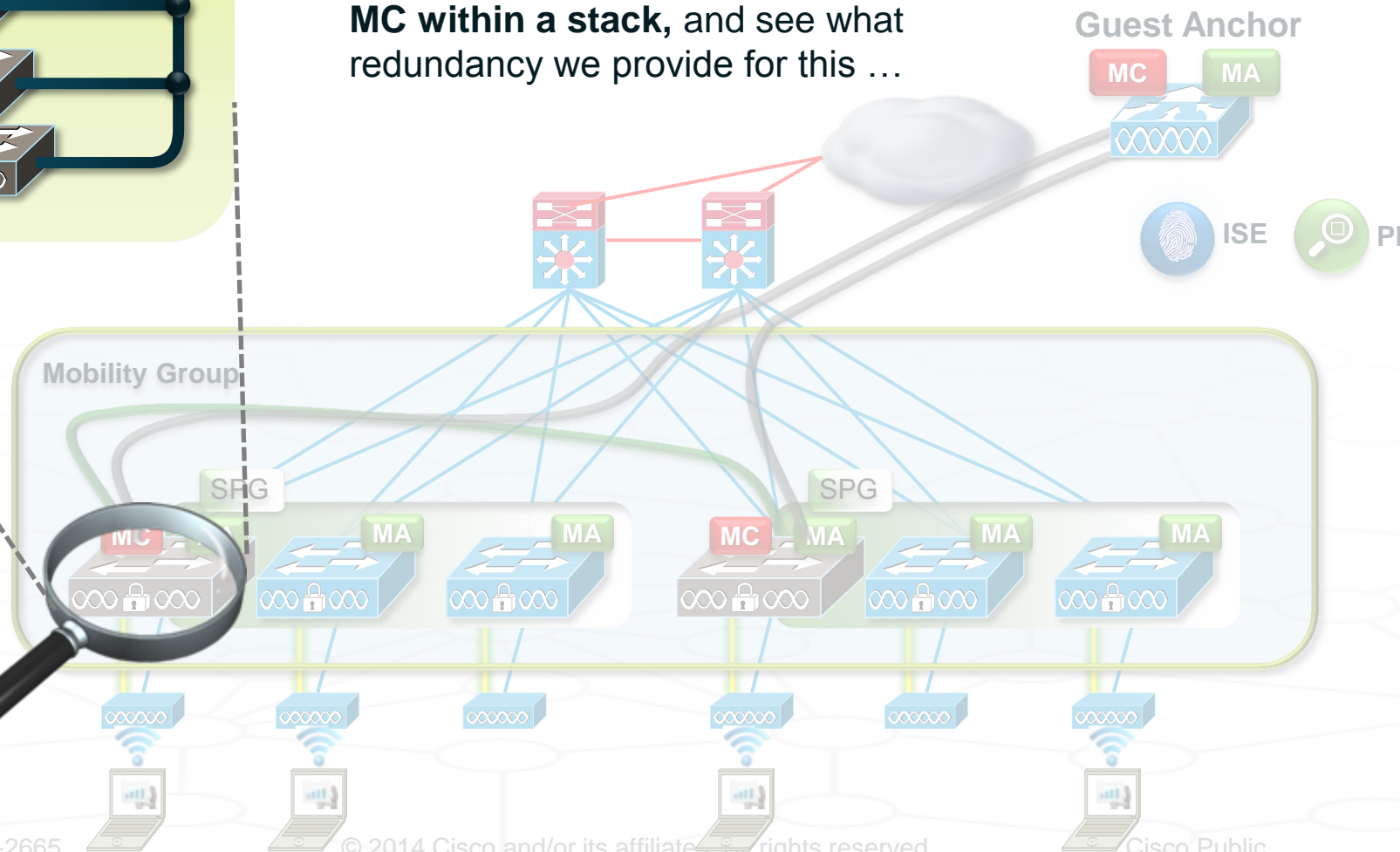


# High Availability – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Fault Tolerance in Stack

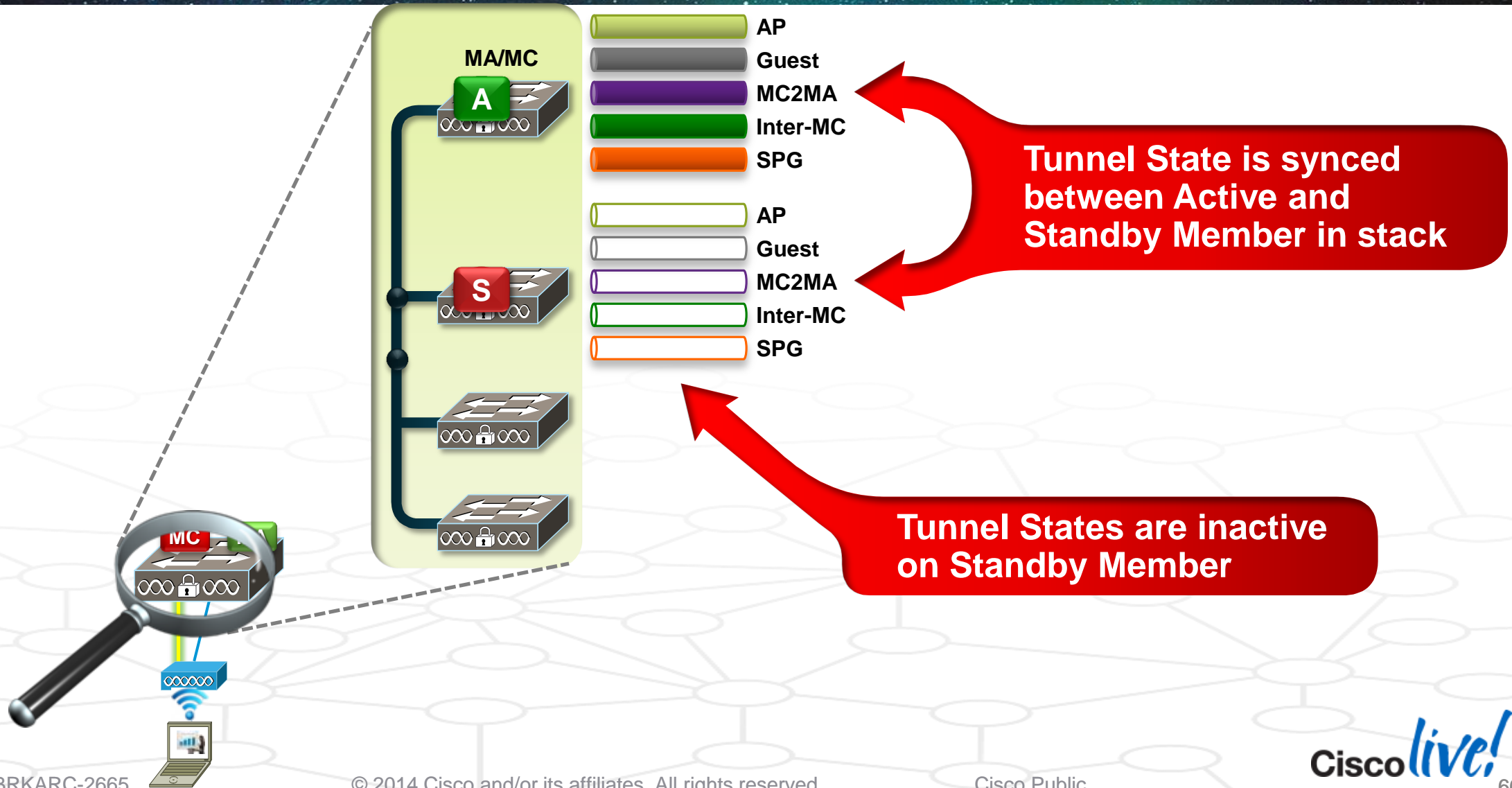


## Examining state within the stack (for MC) –

- Let's examine the state maintained by the MC within a stack, and see what redundancy we provide for this ...

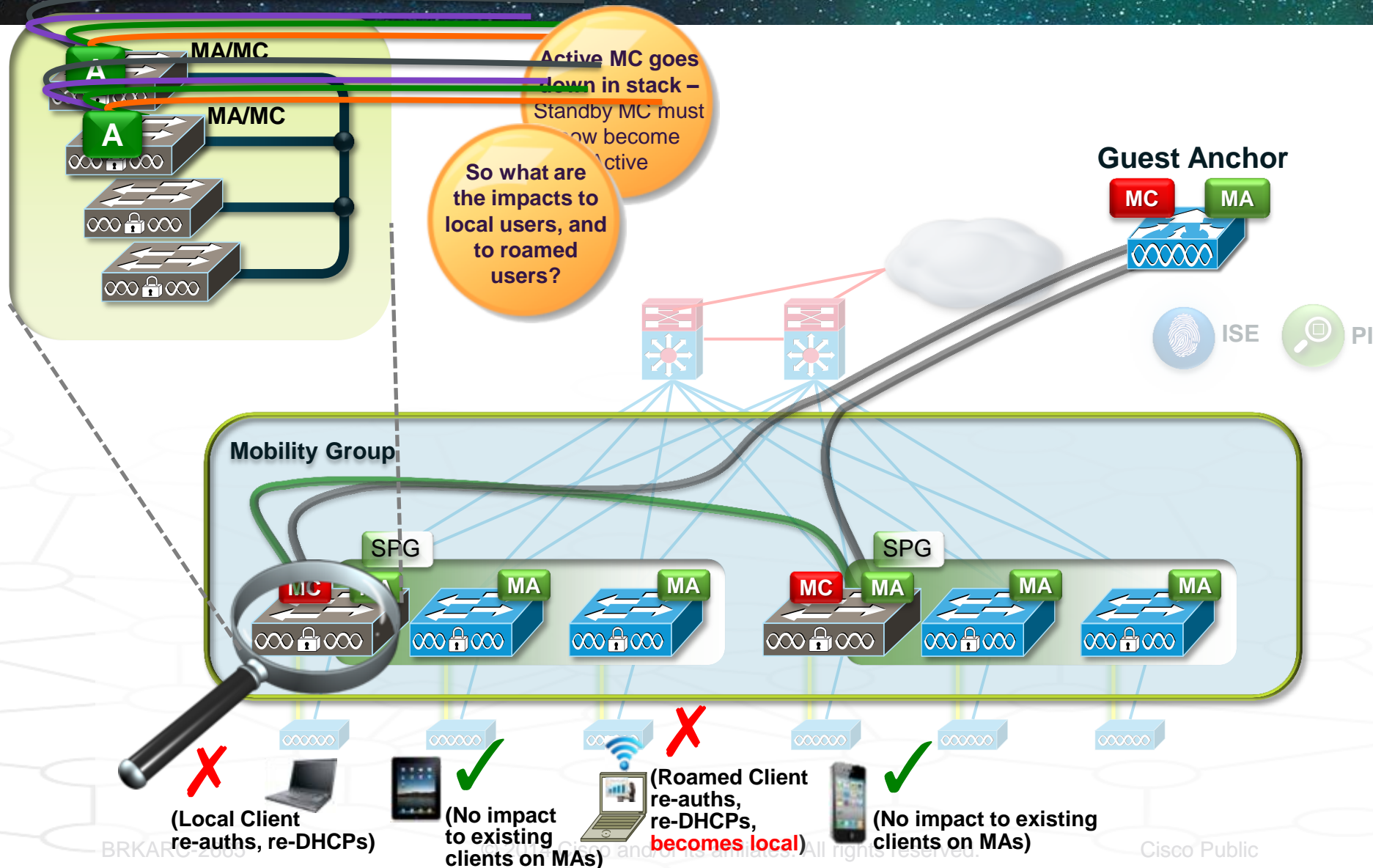


# High Availability – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Tunnel SSO





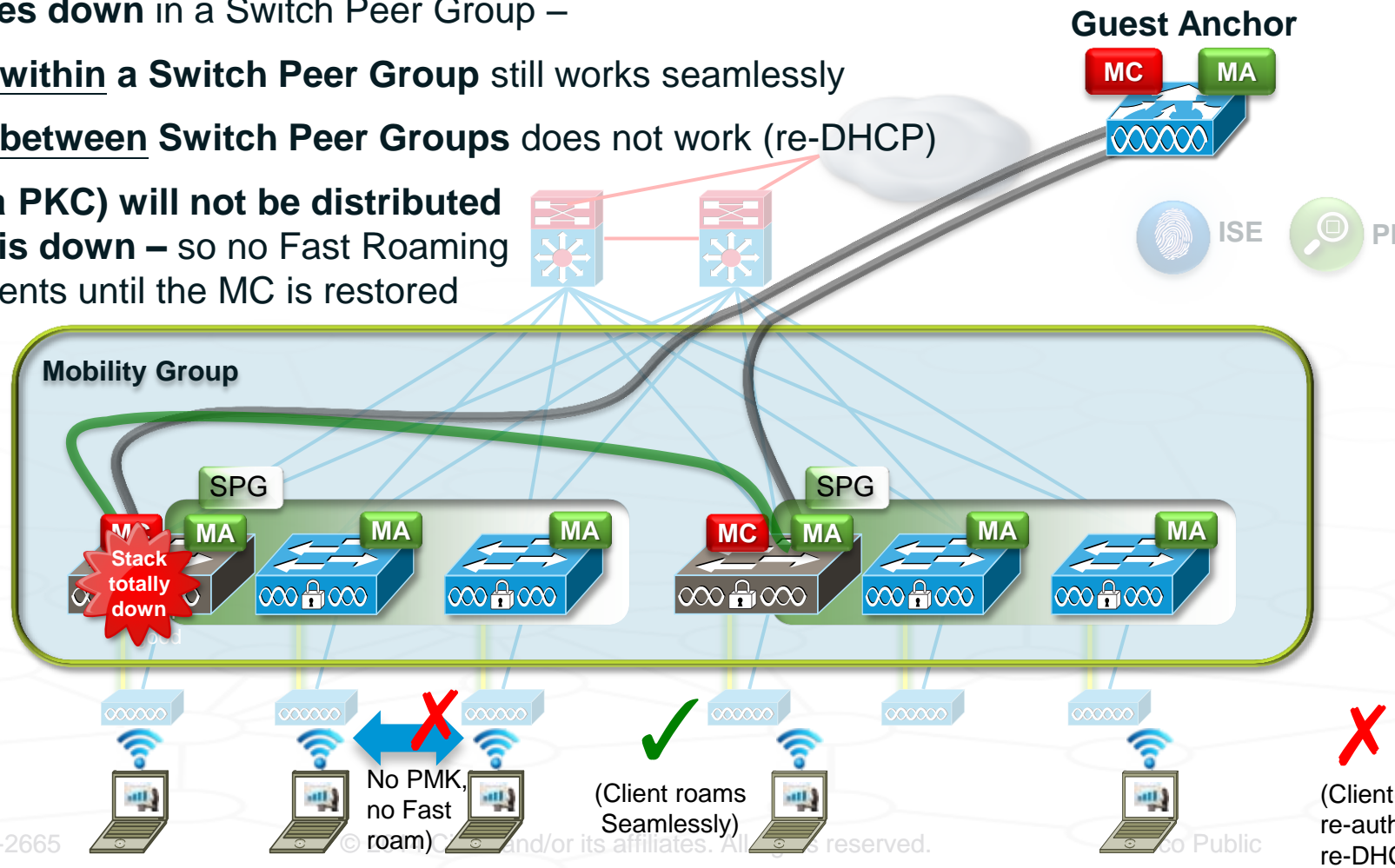
# High Availability – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Fault Tolerance in Stack



# High Availability – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Fault Tolerance across Stacks

## Switch Peer Group Fault Tolerance with Catalyst 3x50 –

- If an Catalyst 3x50-based stack, operating as an MC, completely goes down in a Switch Peer Group –
  - Roaming within a Switch Peer Group still works seamlessly
  - Roaming between Switch Peer Groups does not work (re-DHCP)
  - PMKs (via PKC) will not be distributed if the MC is down – so no Fast Roaming for new clients until the MC is restored

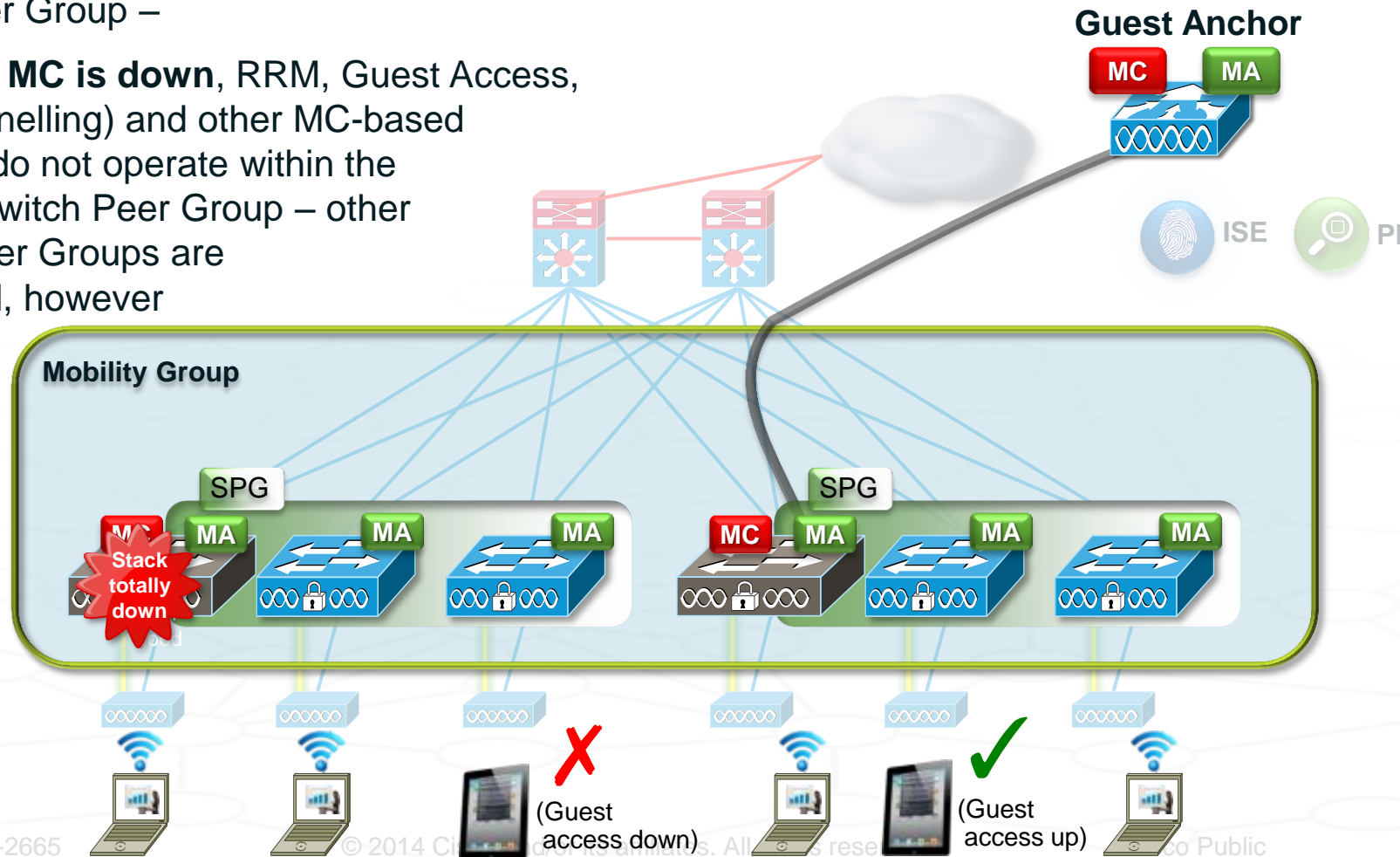




# High Availability – Catalyst 3x50-based MCs – Fault Tolerance across Stacks

## Switch Peer Group Fault Tolerance with Catalyst 3x50 –

- If an Catalyst 3x50-based MC is completely down in a Switch Peer Group –
  - When the MC is down, RRM, Guest Access, (guest tunnelling) and other MC-based functions do not operate within the affected Switch Peer Group – other Switch Peer Groups are unaffected, however



# High Availability – WLC 5760

Two 5760 units can be stacked for 1:1 redundancy, using stack cables

One 5760 elected as Active and the other becomes Hot-Standby

Bulk and Incremental Configuration are synchronised

Redundancy is supported both at Port level and System level

AP CAPWAP information is sync'd: APs will not disconnect and continue to be associated to the controller

Significantly reduces network downtime

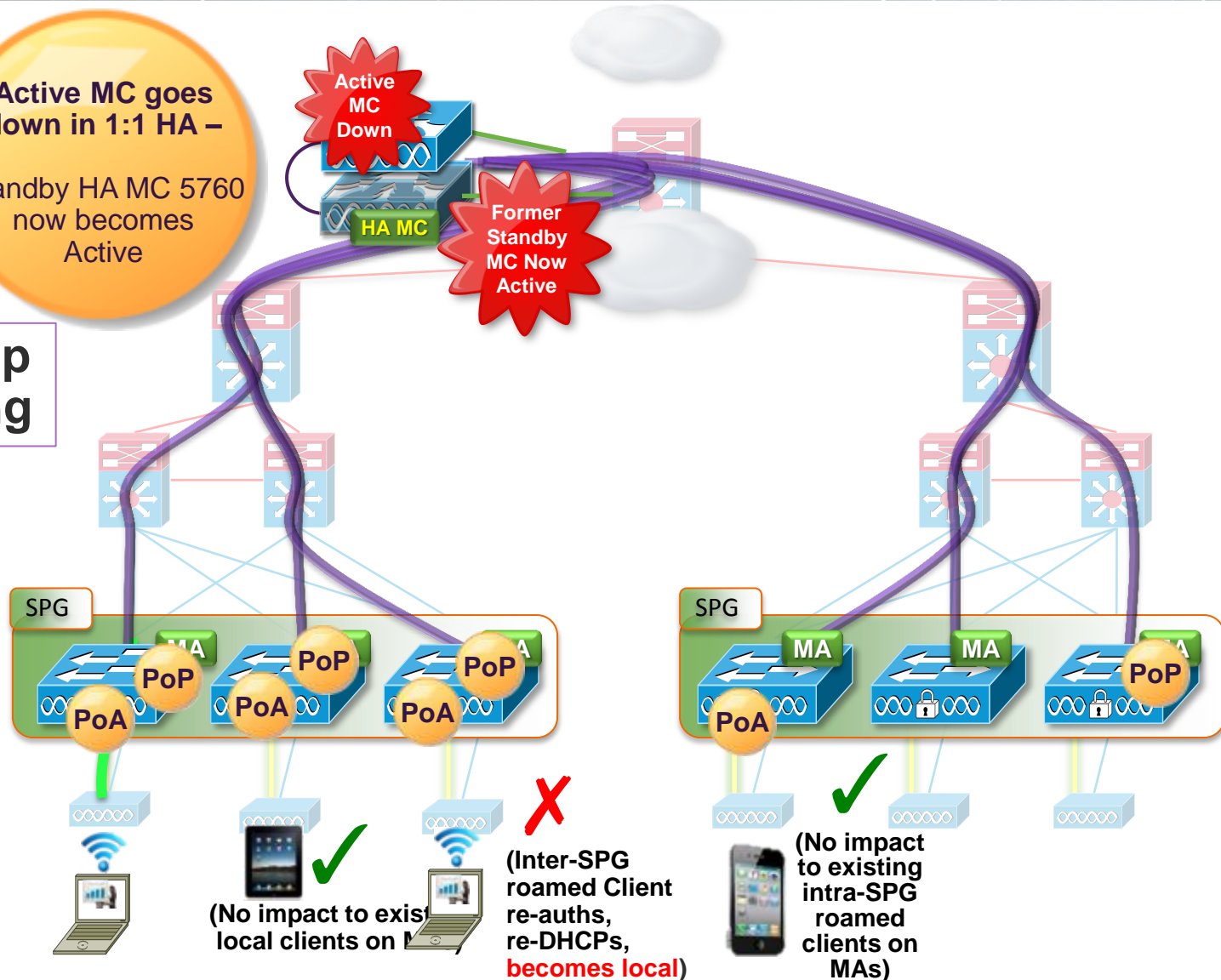




# High Availability – WLC 5760-based MCs – Impact on Clients

Active MC goes down in 1:1 HA – Standby HA MC 5760 now becomes Active

APs stay up and running



(No impact to existing local clients on MAs) **X**  
 (Inter-SPG roamed Client re-auths, re-DHCPs, becomes local)

**✓**  
 (No impact to existing intra-SPG roamed clients on MAs)

## Roamed and Local users, High Availability Considerations

- **Local users on their MAs** have no impact following a HA MC failover event
- **Intra-SPG roamed users** also have no impact following the MC HA failover
- **All previously-roamed clients (inter-SPG)** will result in a “hard roam” after MC failover (re-auth, re-DHCP, change of client IP address, known as “becoming local”)
- **Any new intra-SPG or inter-SPG roaming** happening after MC HA failover from local MA clients will be handled normally

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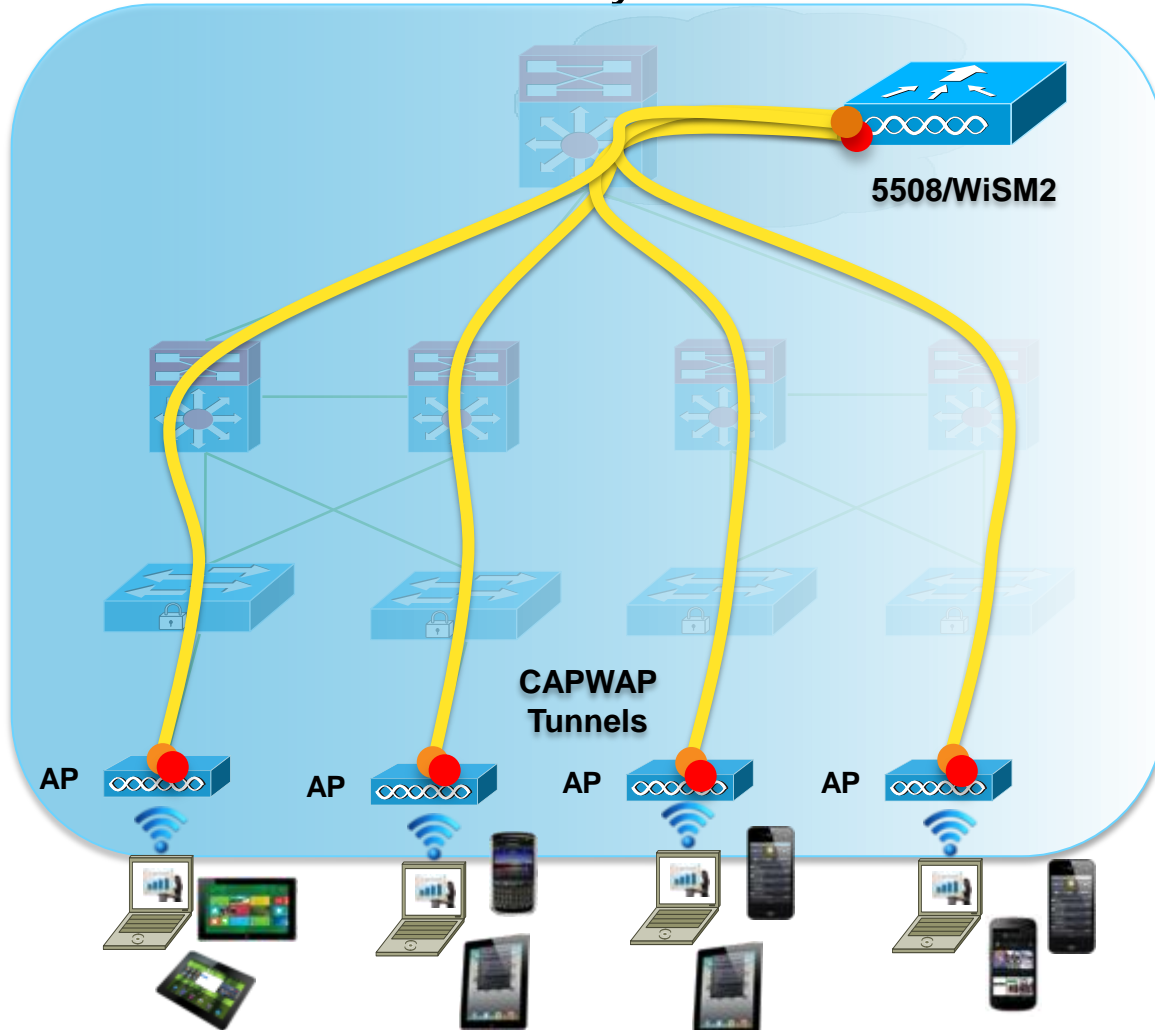
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# CUWN Architecture – Overview – Challenges of QoS

## Current Mobility Architecture



### Challenges –

- Overlay model with multiple points of policy application\*
- Limited **visibility** into applications at the edge
- Lack of **granular classification** at the edge
- Software based **QoS**

\* Overlay model applies to CUWN local mode and FlexConnect centralised mode

# Wireless QoS Today – How It's Enabled

The screenshot shows the Cisco WLC configuration page for 'Corporate WLAN'. The 'QoS' tab is active, and the 'Quality of Service (QoS)' dropdown menu is open, displaying four options: Platinum (voice), Gold (video), Silver (best effort), and Bronze (background). A red circle highlights the dropdown menu, and a red arrow points from a text box to it.

**Quality of Service (QoS)** Platinum (voice)

**Override Per-User Bandwidth Contracts (k)**

	DownStream	UpStream
Average Data Rate	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Burst Data Rate	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Average Real-Time Rate	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Burst Real-Time Rate	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Clear**

**Override Per-SSID Bandwidth Contracts (k)**

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**Clear**

Under the WLAN one of four QoS profiles can be assigned. By default each profile has a default .1p assigned, but it can be modified using the Wired QoS Protocol options.

\*NOTE: Assignment of QoS profile to WLAN



# How Do We Enable QoS Today?

## Wired – mls-based CLI Exposes Hardware

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```

```
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C3750-X(config-if-range)# srr-queue bandwidth
C3750-X(config-if-range)# priority-queue
```

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last box with mls cli - Cat 3750

# QoS – What's New with Converged Access

## Wired (Cat 3850)

- Modular QoS based CLI (MQC)
  - Alignment with 4500E series (Sup6, Sup7)
  - Class-based Queueing, Policing, Shaping, Marking
- More Queues
  - Up to 2P6Q3T queueing capabilities
  - Standard 3750 provides 1P3Q3T
  - Not limited to 2 queue-sets
  - Flexible MQC Provisioning abstracts queueing hardware

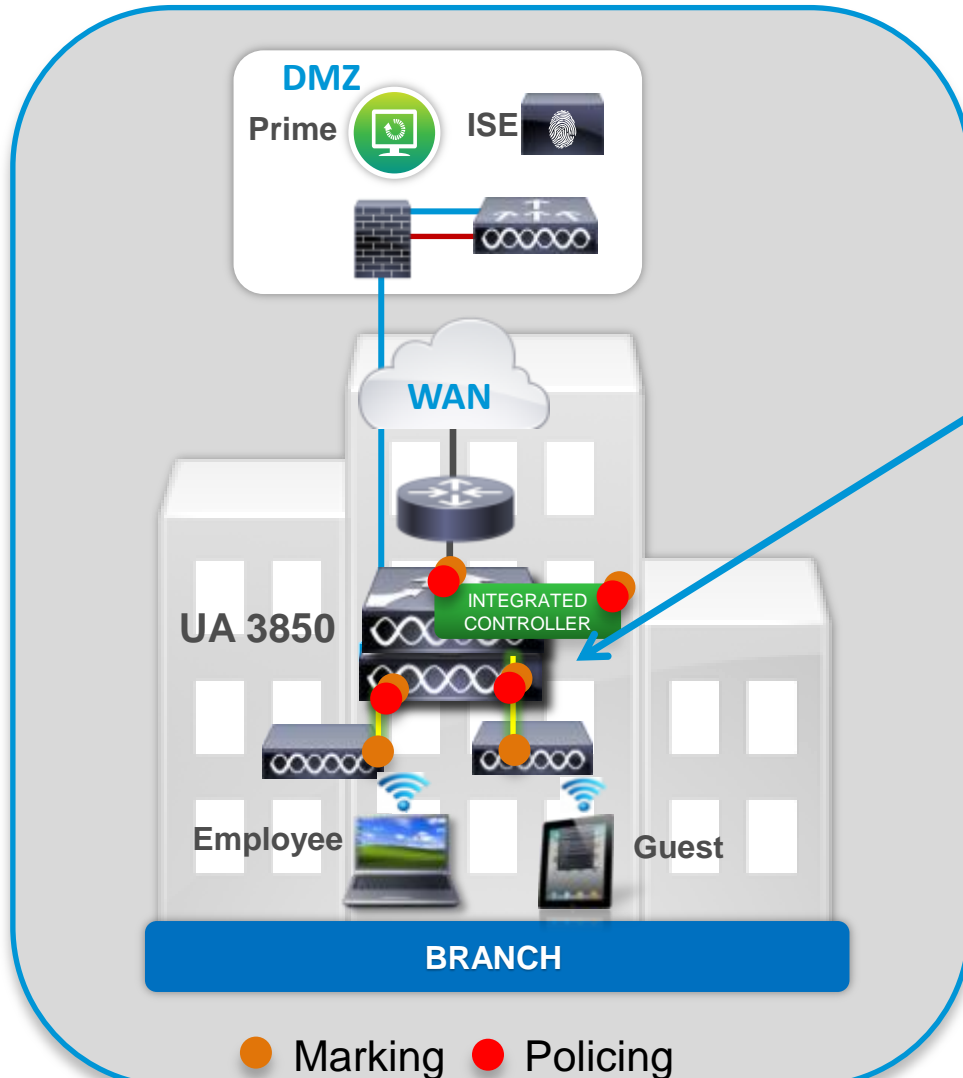
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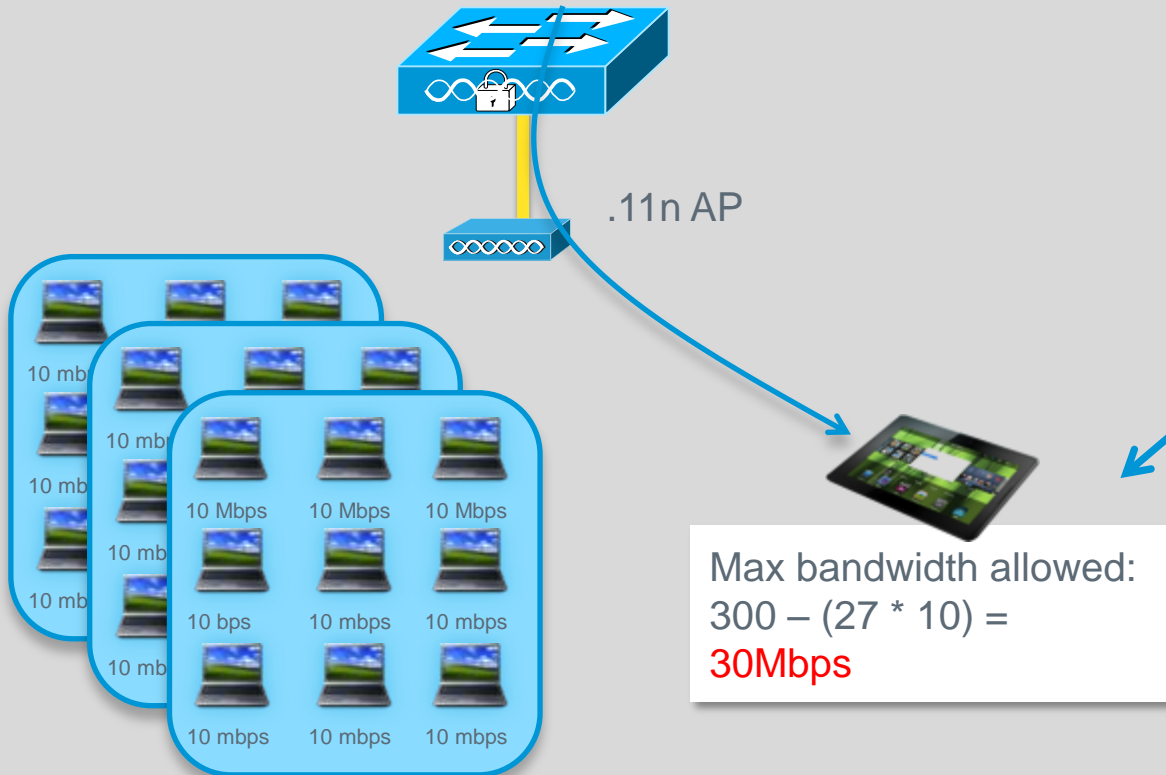
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## With the CT 5760 or CAT 3850 / 3650

Usage based fair allocation **without configuration**



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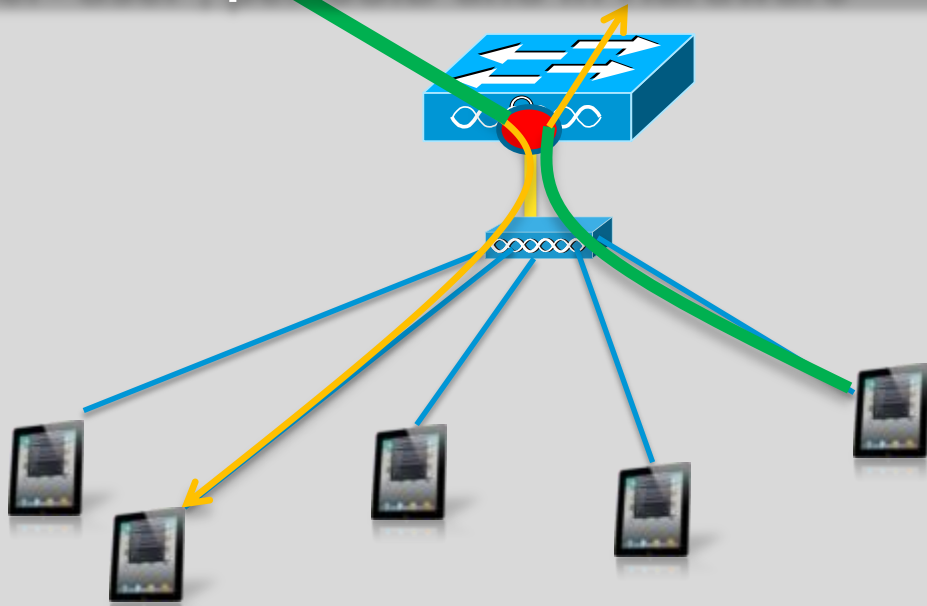
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# QoS – What's New with Converged Access

## With the 3850 / 3650

**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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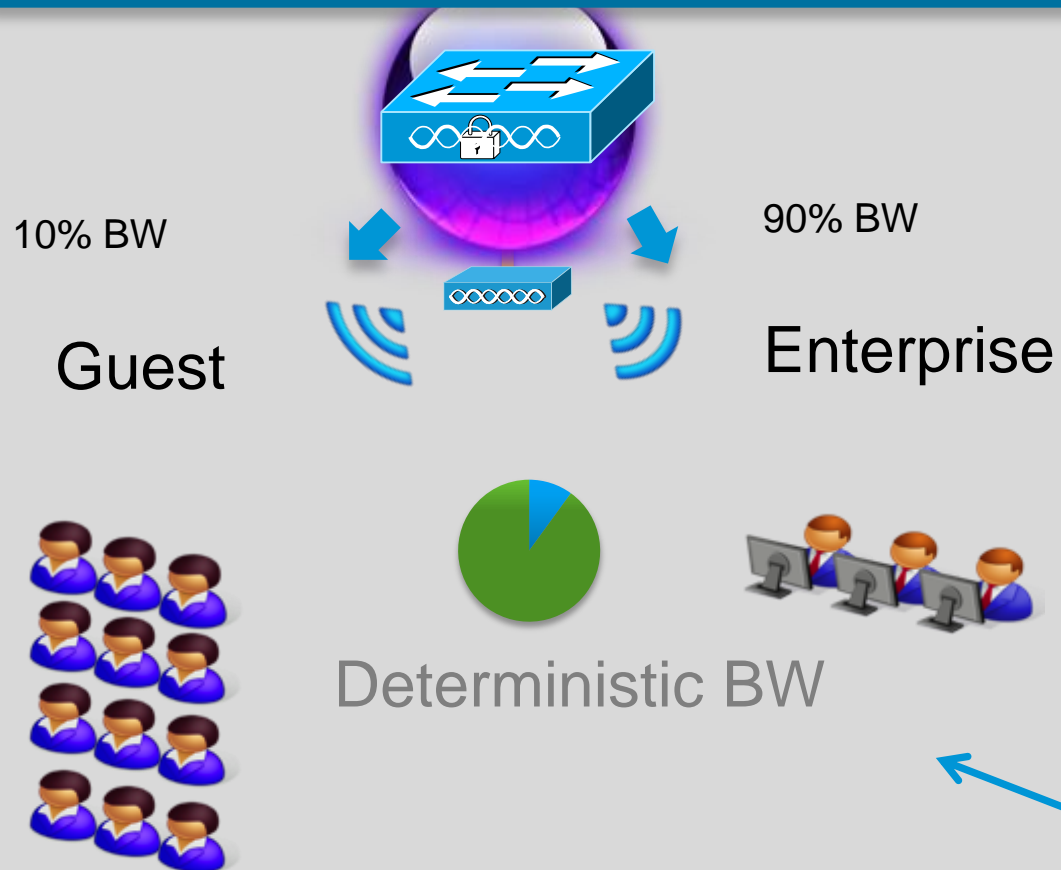
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C3750-X(config-if-range)# priority-queue out
```

**policy-map 3850-QoS**

**class PRIORITY-QUEUE**  
priority level 1  
police rate percent 20

**class CONTROL-MGMT-QUEUE**  
bandwidth remaining percent 30  
queue-limit dscp cs2 percent 80  
queue-limit dscp cs3 percent 90  
queue-limit dscp cs6 percent 100

**class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA-QUEUE**  
bandwidth remaining percent 5  
queue-limit dscp af23 percent 80  
queue-limit dscp af22 percent 90  
queue-limit dscp af21 percent 100

**class BULKDATA-QUEUE**  
bandwidth remaining percent 35  
queue-limit dscp af13 cs1 percent 80  
queue-limit dscp af12 percent 90  
queue-limit dscp af11 percent 100

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# Wireless Queuing and Approximate Fair Drop (AFD)

Into a wired port



Out of a wireless port





# Application Visibility – Without Control – Catalyst 3x50

```

flow record fr-avc
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
match flow direction
match application name
match wireless ssid
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
collect wireless ap mac address
collect wireless client mac address
end
    
```

```

flow monitor fm-avc
record fr-avc
cache timeout inactive 200
end
    
```

```

wlan <>
ip flow mon fm-avc input
ip flow mon fm-avc output
end
    
```

```

Cat3850# sh avc client 8c70.5a20.35b4 top 10 application agg
Cumulative Stats:
    
```

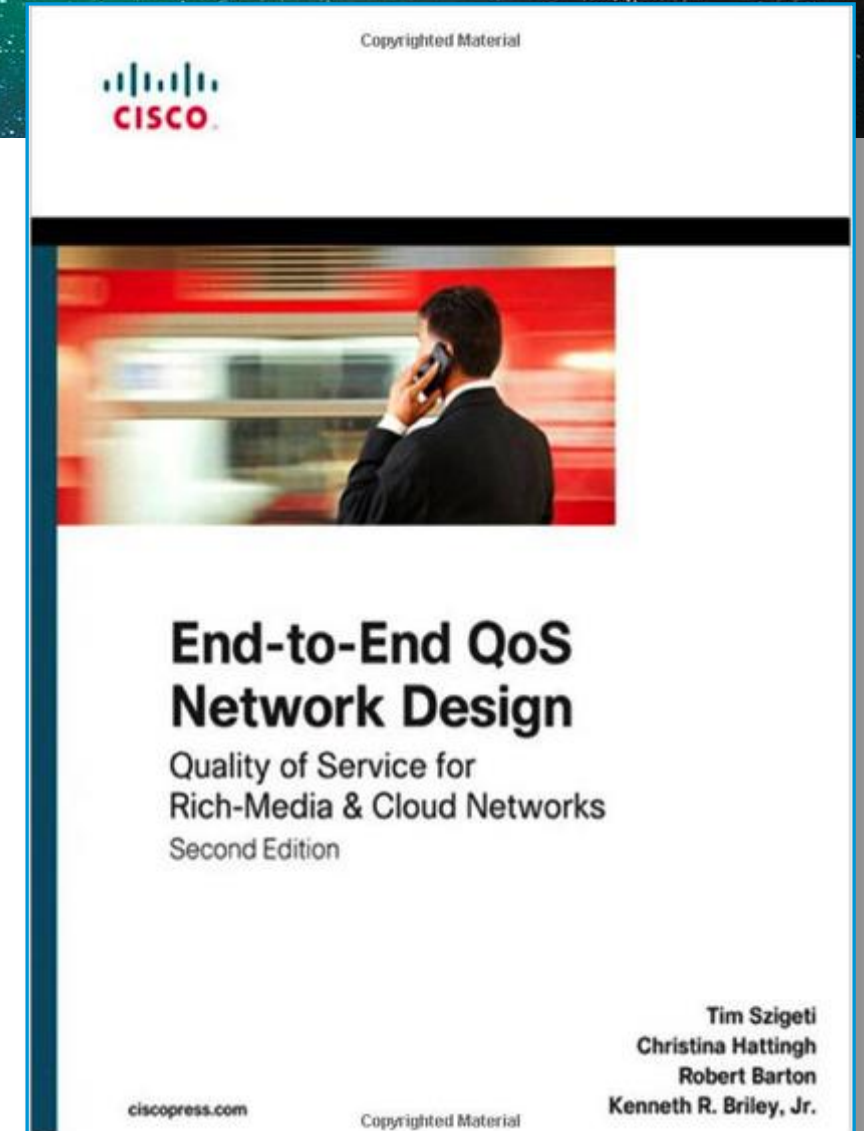
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1	http	69451	72146465	1038	67
2	youtube	16284	17117601	1051	15
3	rtmpe	9349	9266013	991	8
4	hulu	8096	7974952	985	7
5	unknown	1686	126067	74	0
6	rtmp	1593	1723269	1081	2
7	netflix	1305	1371679	1051	1
8	ssl	937	530577	566	0
9	dns	748	70418	94	0
10	facebook	512	372629	727	0

```
Last Interval (90 seconds) Stats:
```

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3	youtube	5752	6262985	1088	7
4	rtmp	1593	1723269	1081	2
5	netflix	1305	1371679	1051	2
6	unknown	797	76004	95	0
7	dns	265	29420	111	0
8	flash-video	206	196639	954	0
9	ssl	148	62384	421	0
10	hulu	82	25238	307	0

# Quality of Service – Recommended Reading

- **Comprehensive QoS design guidance for PINs and platforms –**
  - **Campus** [Catalyst 3750 / 4500 / 6500](#)
  - **WLAN** [WLC 5508 / Catalyst 3850/3650](#)
  - **Data Centre** [Nexus 1000V / 2000 / 5500 / 7000](#)
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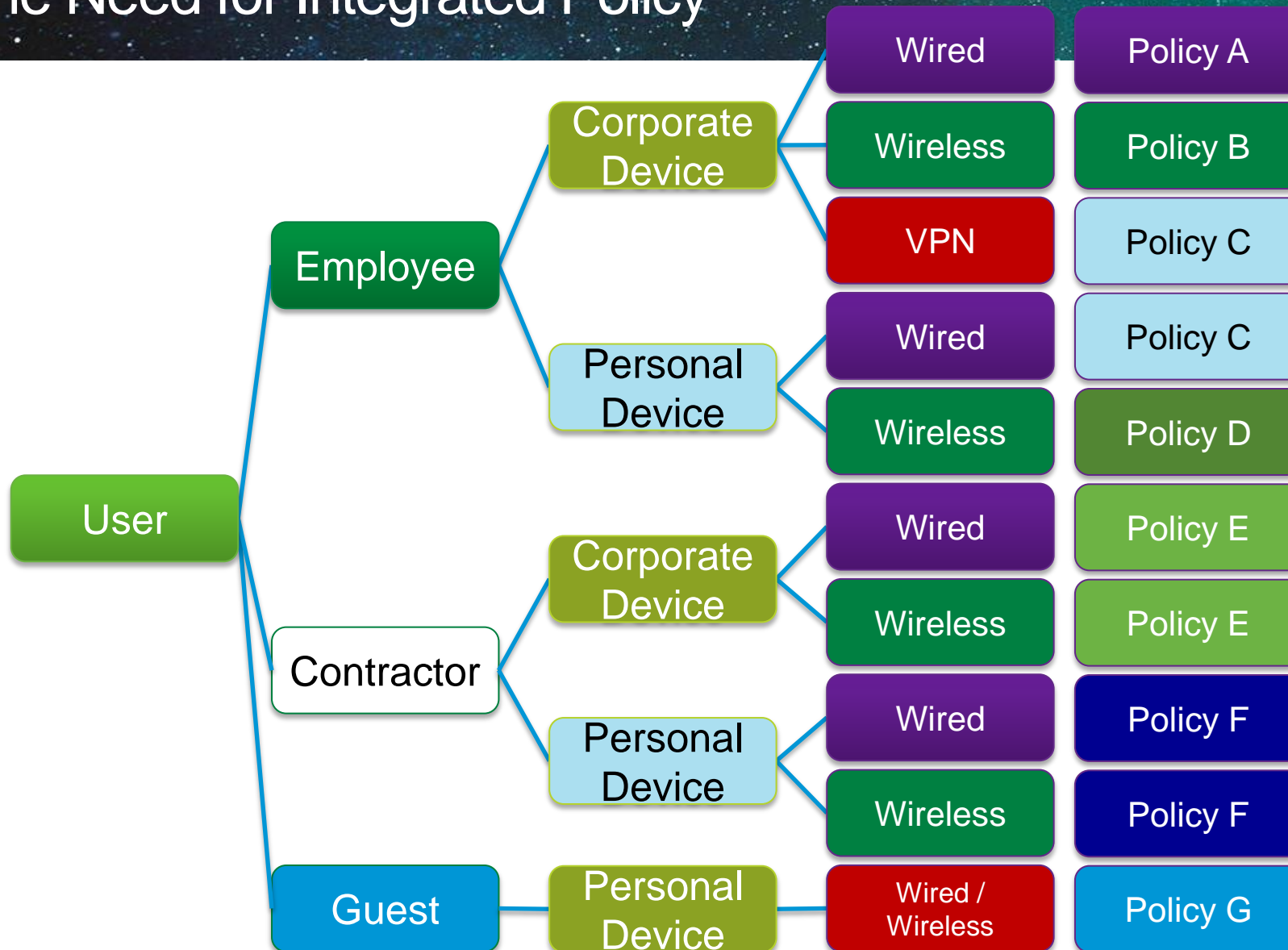
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# Converged Access – The Need for Integrated Policy



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



# Today – Inconsistent Central Policy Definition

## One Policy to the Rescue!

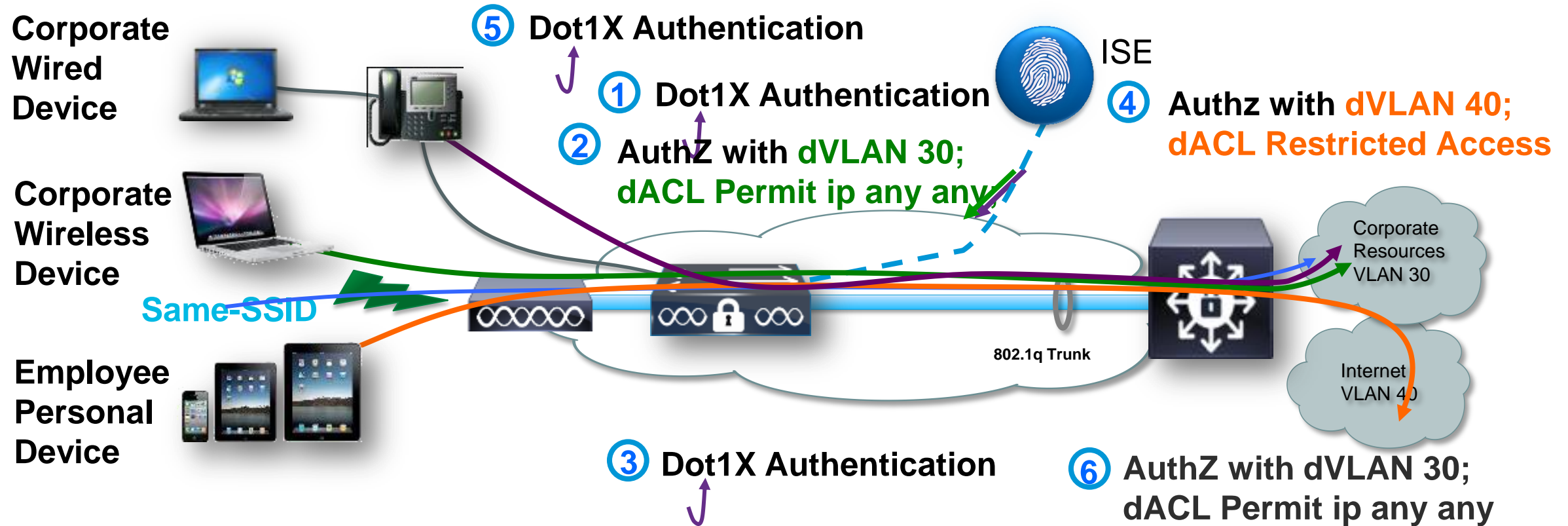
Feature		
ACL Application	dACL, Filter-ID, per-User ACL	Airespace-ACL-Name
VLAN Assignment	Tunnel-Type, Tunnel-Medium-Type, Tunnel-Private-Group-ID	As with wired but PLUS Airespace-Interface-name
QoS	Platform dependent ☹️ (C3PL, MQC, ...)	Airespace-QoS-Level, Airespace-DSCP

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

# 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 A <b>ID 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 A <b>ID 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 A <b>ID 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:

Description:

\*Condition Expression

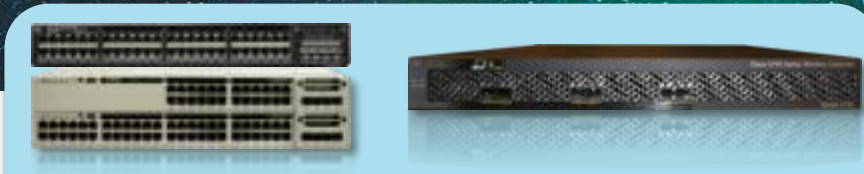
Condition Name	Expression	OR
<input type="text"/>	Radius:NAS-Port-Type Equals Ethernet	OR
<input type="text"/>	Radius:NAS-Port-Type Equals EEE 802.11	

**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



	Catalyst 3650 & 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 Insp.	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



	Catalyst 3650 & 3850	CT5760	CT5508
<b>IP Theft, DHCP Snooping, Data Gleaning</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>IOS ACL</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>Adaptive wIPS, WPS</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>CIDS</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>TrustSec SGT / SGACL</b>	YES	YES	SXP
<b>Guest Access</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>IPv6 RA Guard</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>MFP</b>	YES	YES	YES
<b>IP Device Tracking</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>CoPP</b>	Static	Static	NO



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# Multicast on Converged Access WLC – Default State

- Multicast forwarding is disabled on CA Controller by default –  
Multicast frames received at the controller level are not forwarded to / from APs
- IGMP Snooping is disabled –  
The Controller does not know which AP needs multicast forwarding
- Both Multicast forwarding and IGMP snooping are needed, use the following commands –  

```
(config)# wireless multicast
```

 enables IP mcast  

```
(config)# ip igmp snooping
```

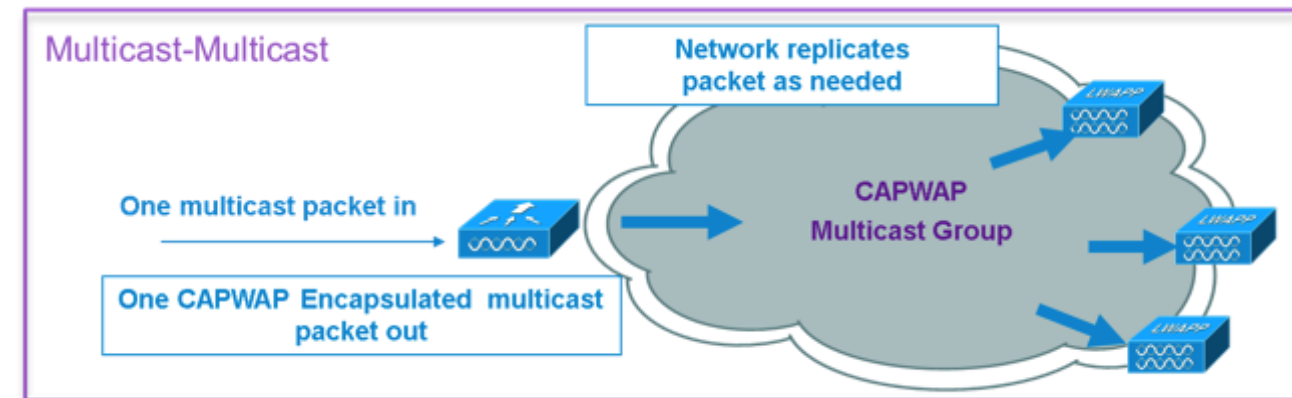
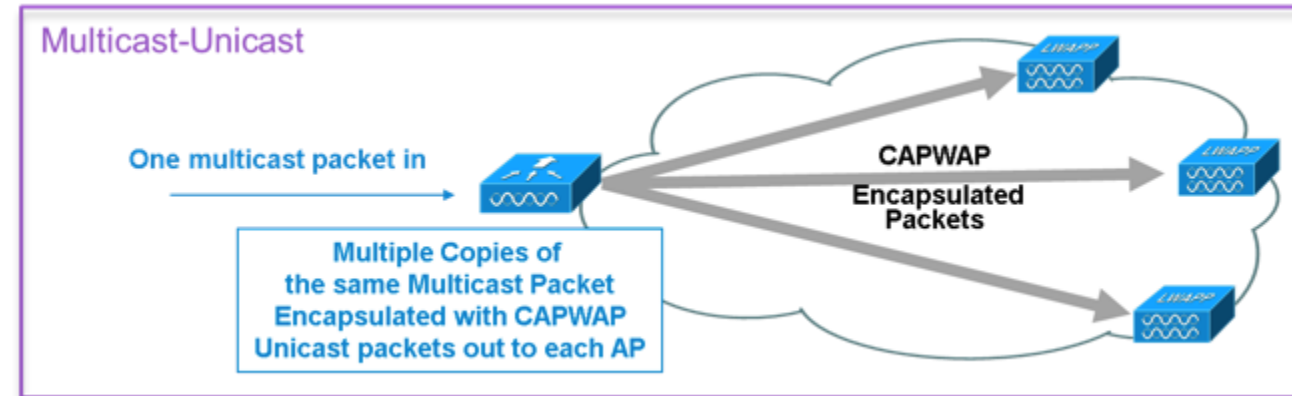
 enables snooping for IPv4  

```
(config)# ipv6 mld snooping
```

 enables snooping for IPv6
- As in CUWN, CAPWAP multicast-multicast mode can be configured on the Controller –  

```
(config)# ap capwap multicast <ip mcast @>
```

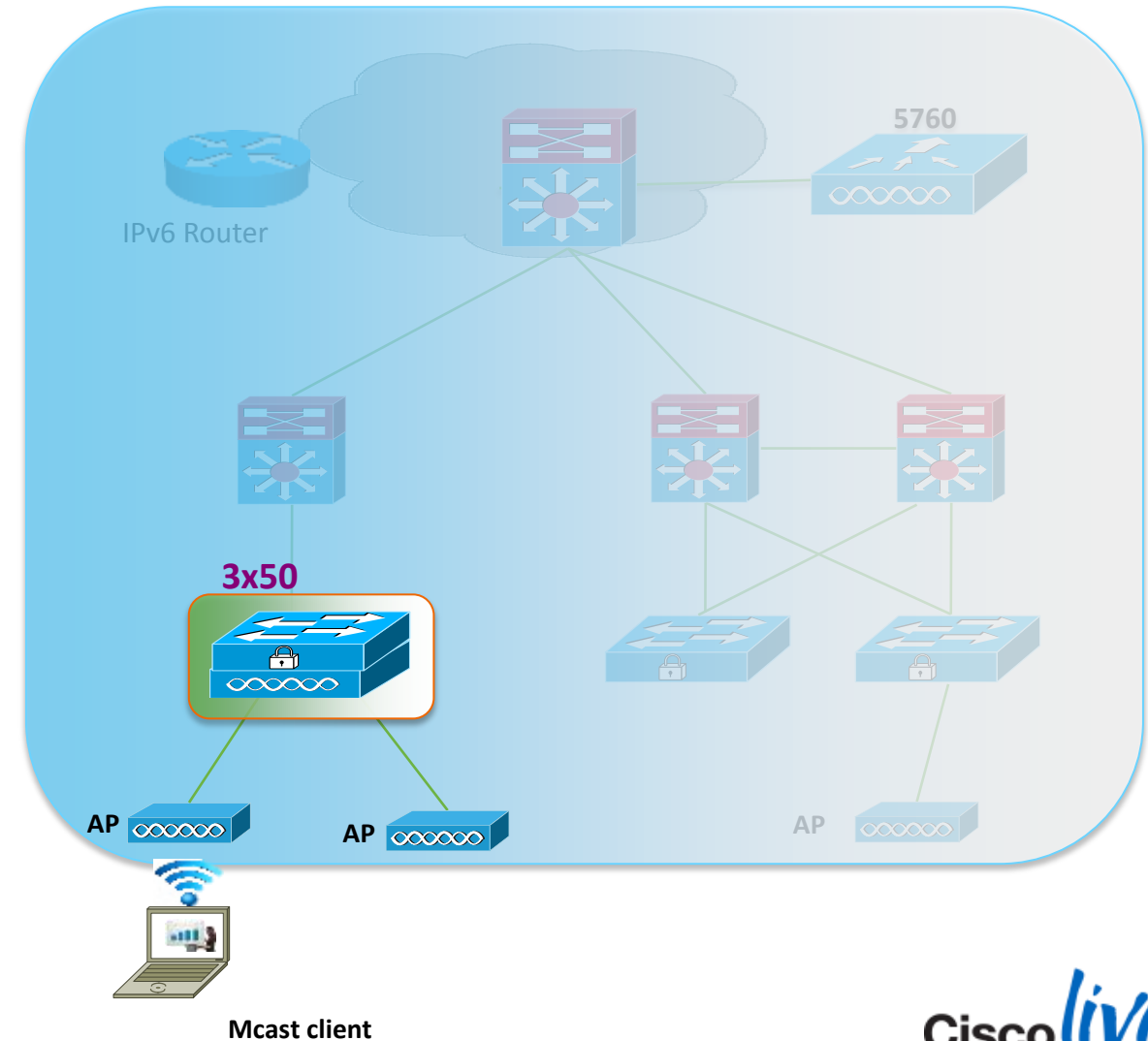
  
By default multicast-unicast is used





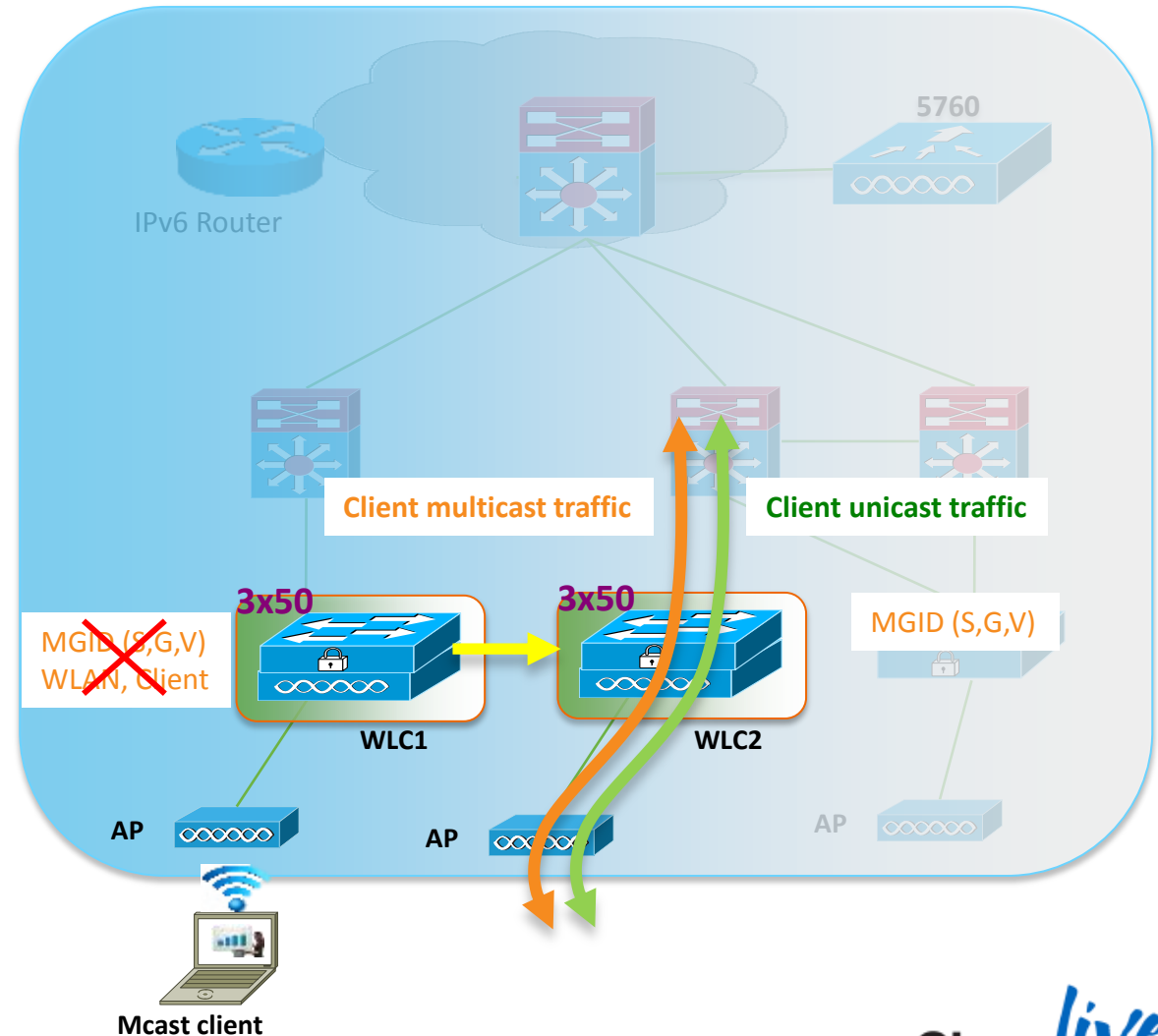
# Multicast on Converged Access WLC – Roaming – Intra-WLC

- Intra-WLC roaming –
  1. WLC notifies IOS with client move notification
  2. IOS updates the capwap ports for MGIDs (groups) to which the client was subscribed
  3. WLC checks with the Medianet configuration and AP capability to see if the group should be allowed in the new AP.
  4. If allowed, WLC adds all the new MGID to the new AP and deletes the client reference from the MGID from the old AP.



# Multicast on Converged Access WLC – Roaming – Inter-WLC, Layer 2

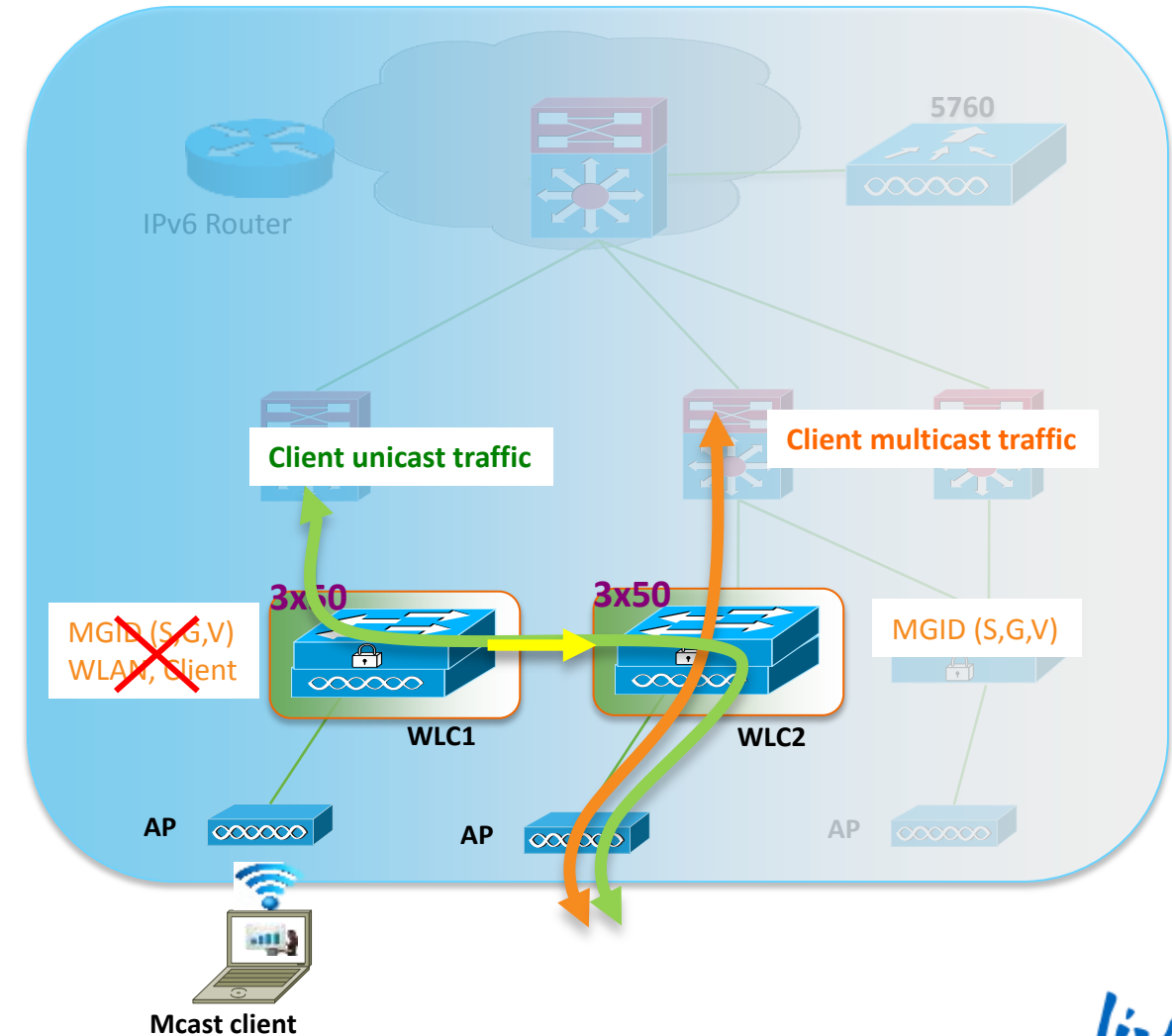
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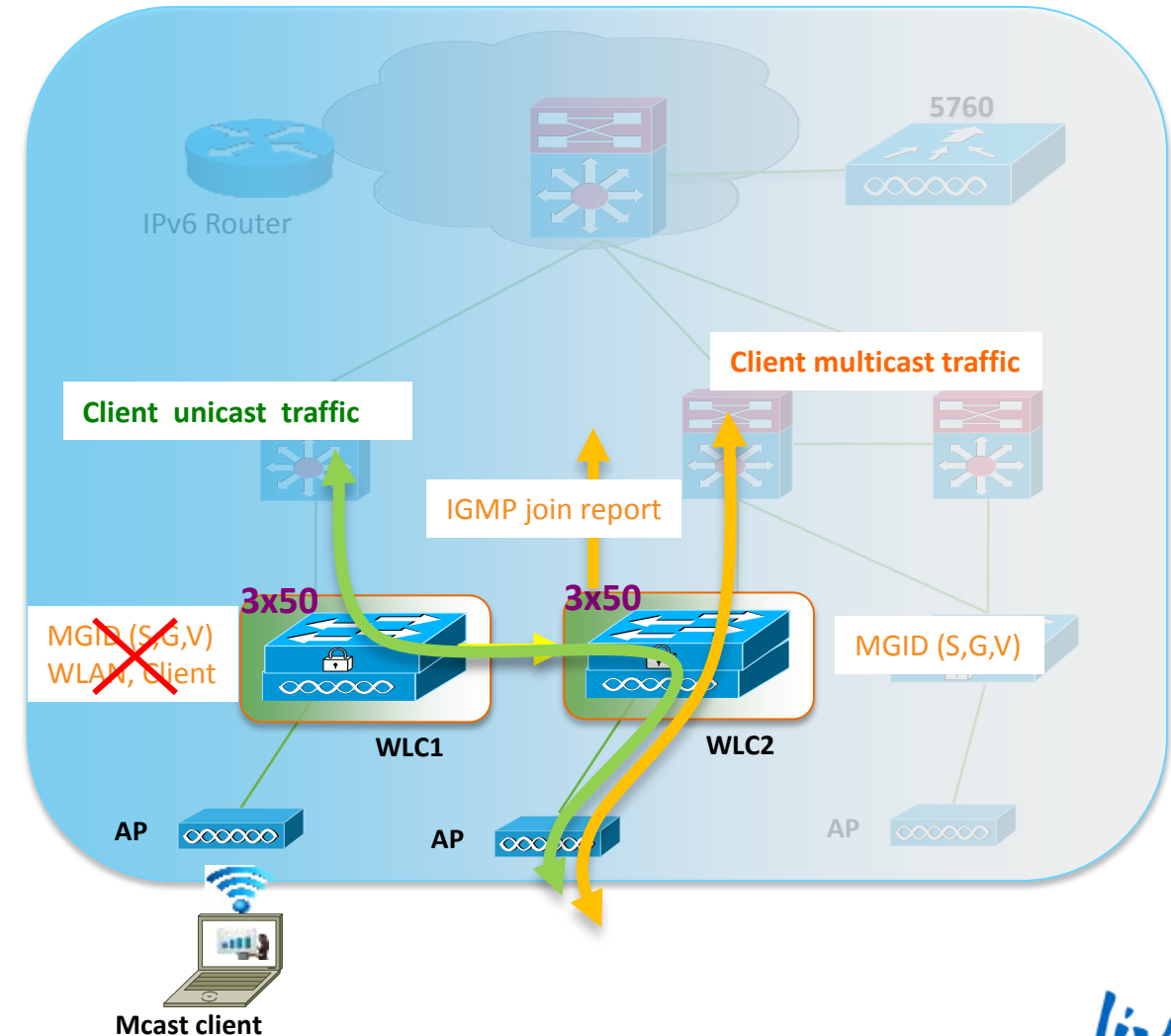
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- Inter-WLC Layer 2 roaming,  
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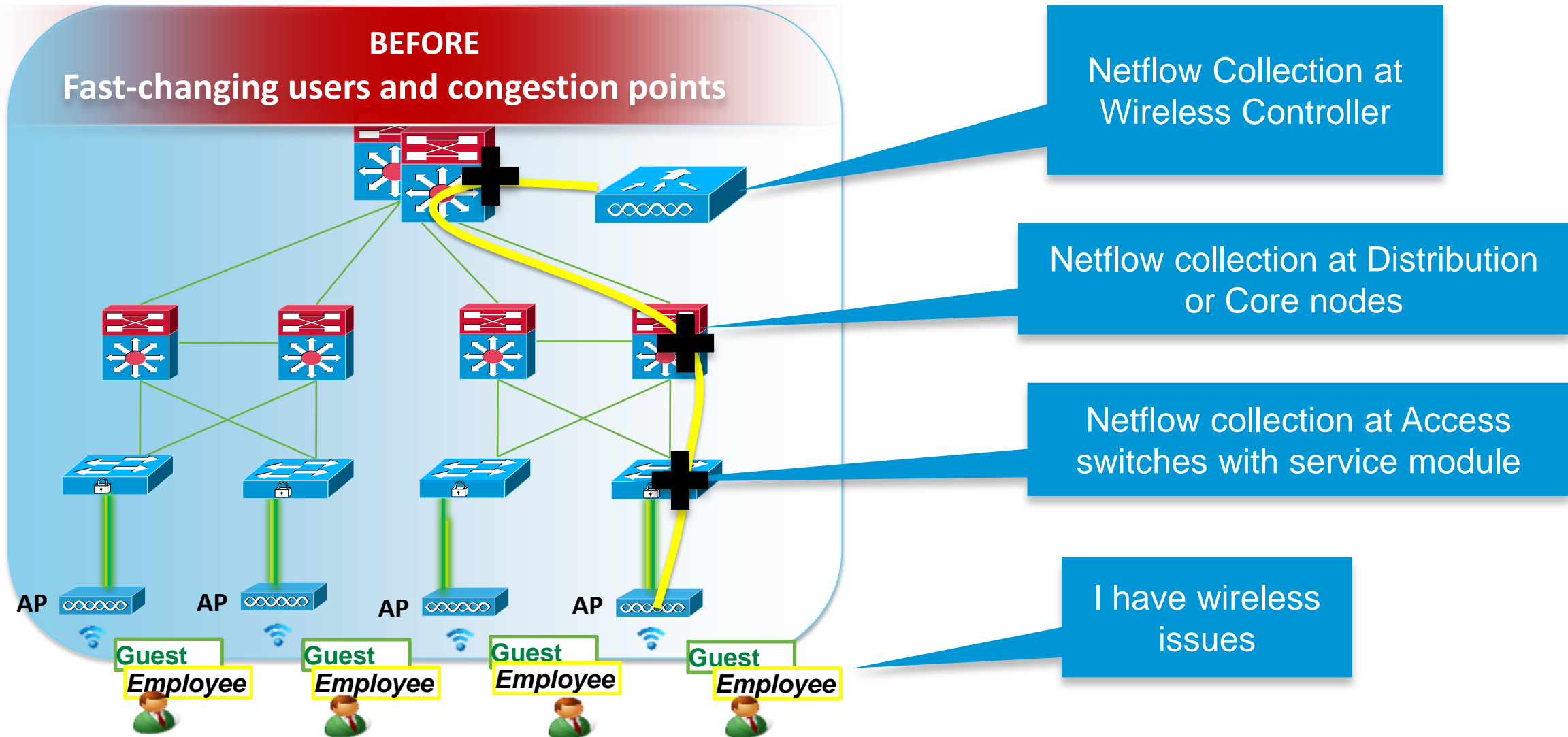
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My application is taking too long  
to load

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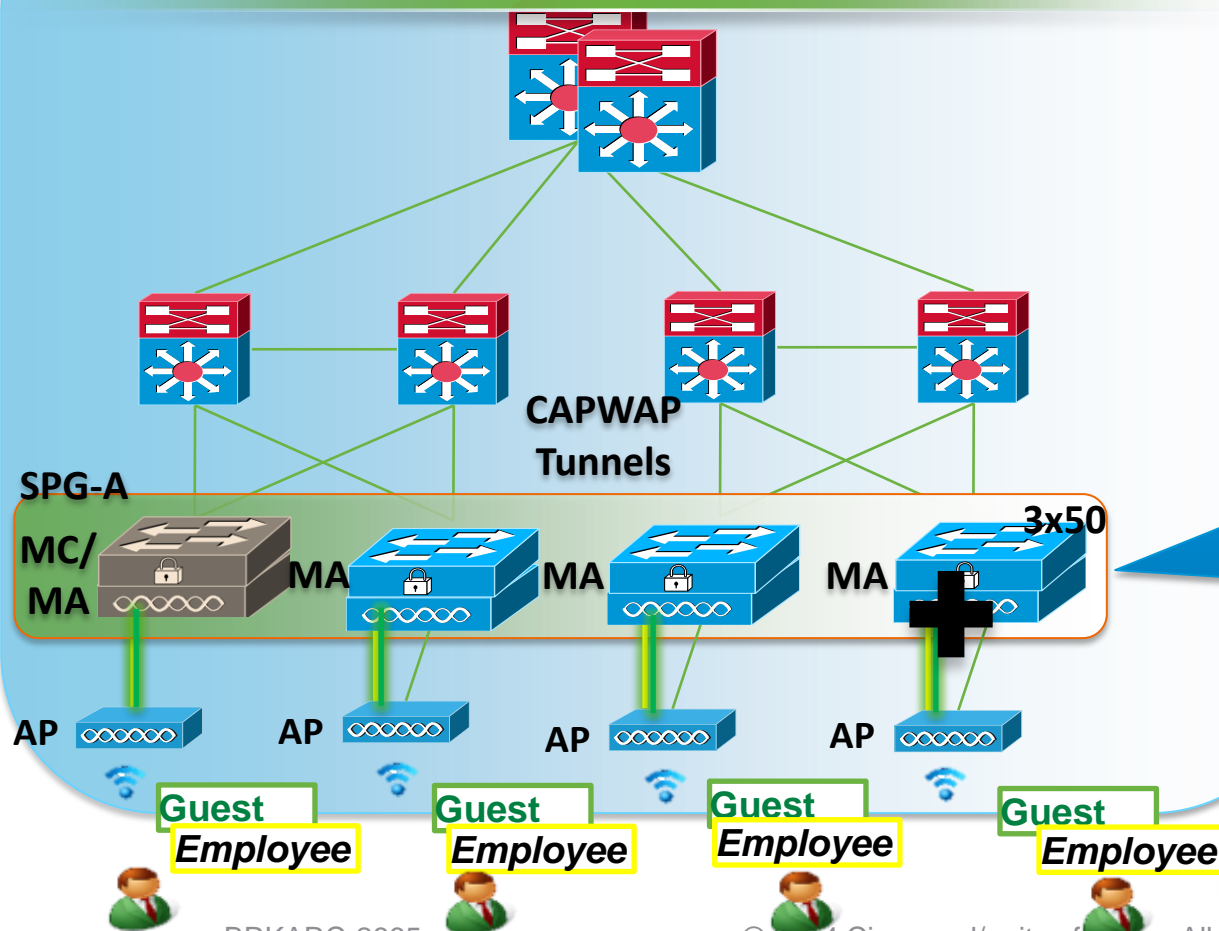
# Troubleshooting with NetFlow – Before Converged Access



# NetFlow Visibility – For Wired and Wireless Traffic

**AFTER**

**Granular visibility and real-time feedback**



## Prime Assurance Manager



## Real-time Monitoring

- Unprecedented visibility to wireless traffic
  - Client
  - AP
  - SSID view
- SSID VLAN Mapping
- Top talkers

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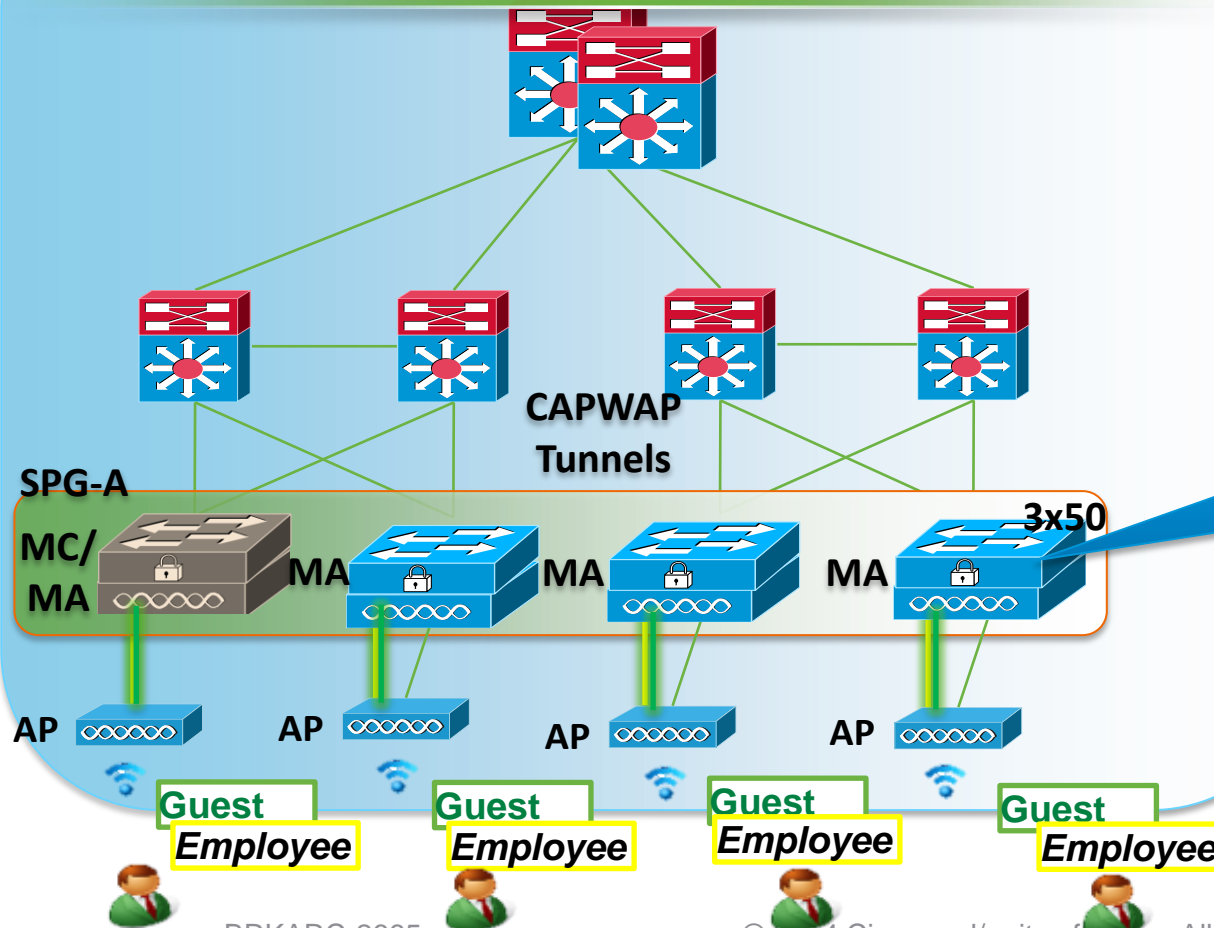


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## Prime Assurance Manager

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**Granular visibility and real-time feedback**



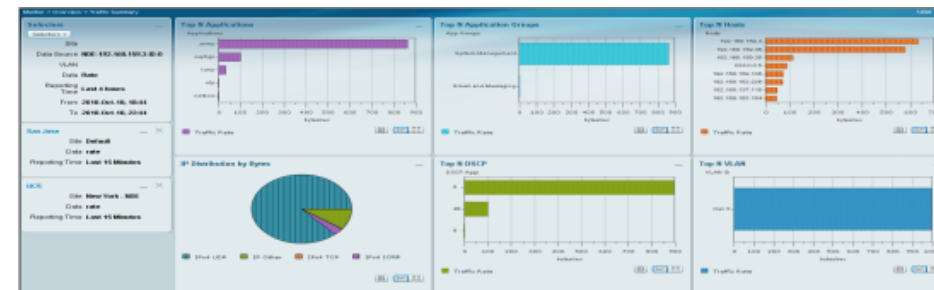
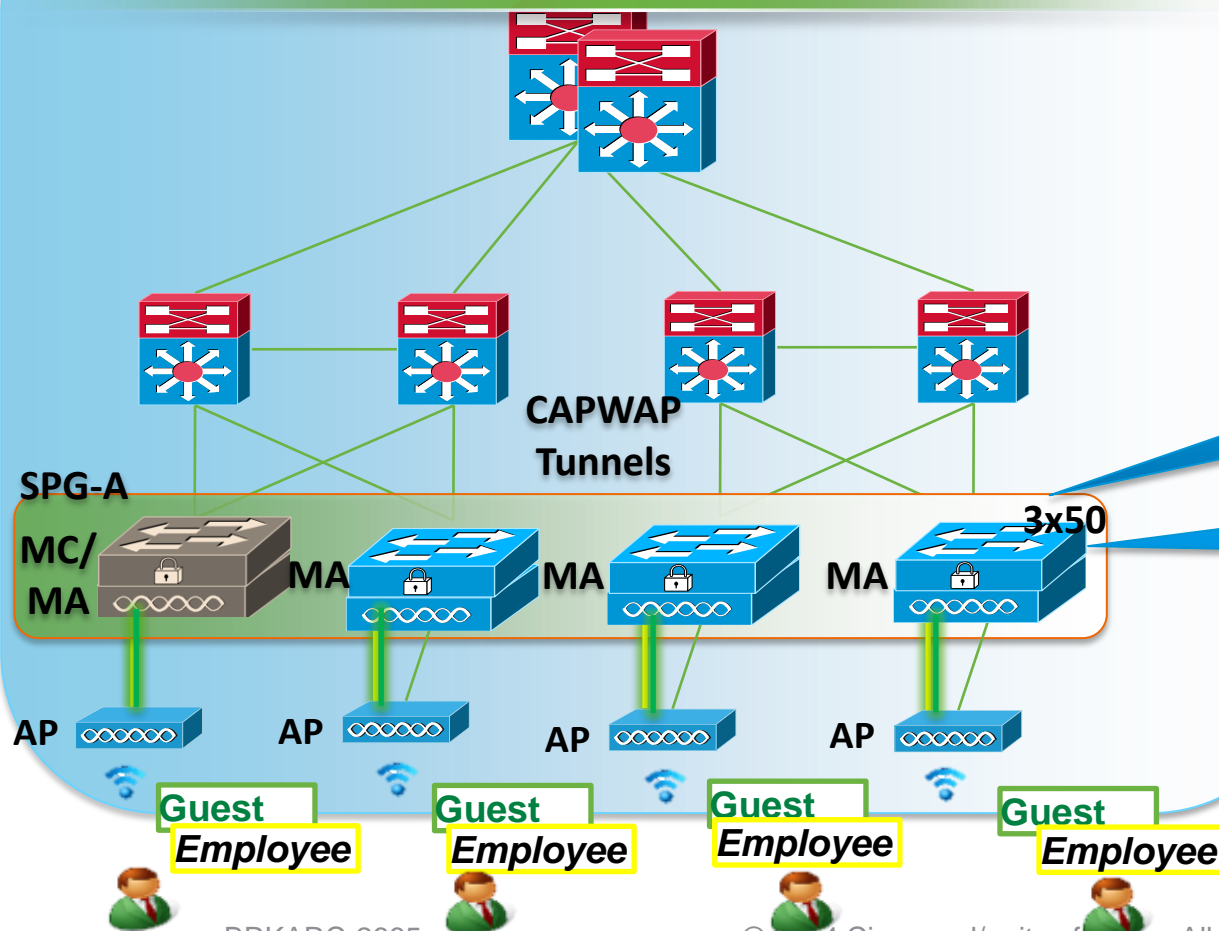
```
# flow exporter CISCO-PI-COLLECTOR
# description CISCO PRIME INFRA FNF COLLECTOR
# destination 10.100.1.82 transport udp 2055 source vlan 4093
```

# NetFlow Visibility – For Wired and Wireless Traffic

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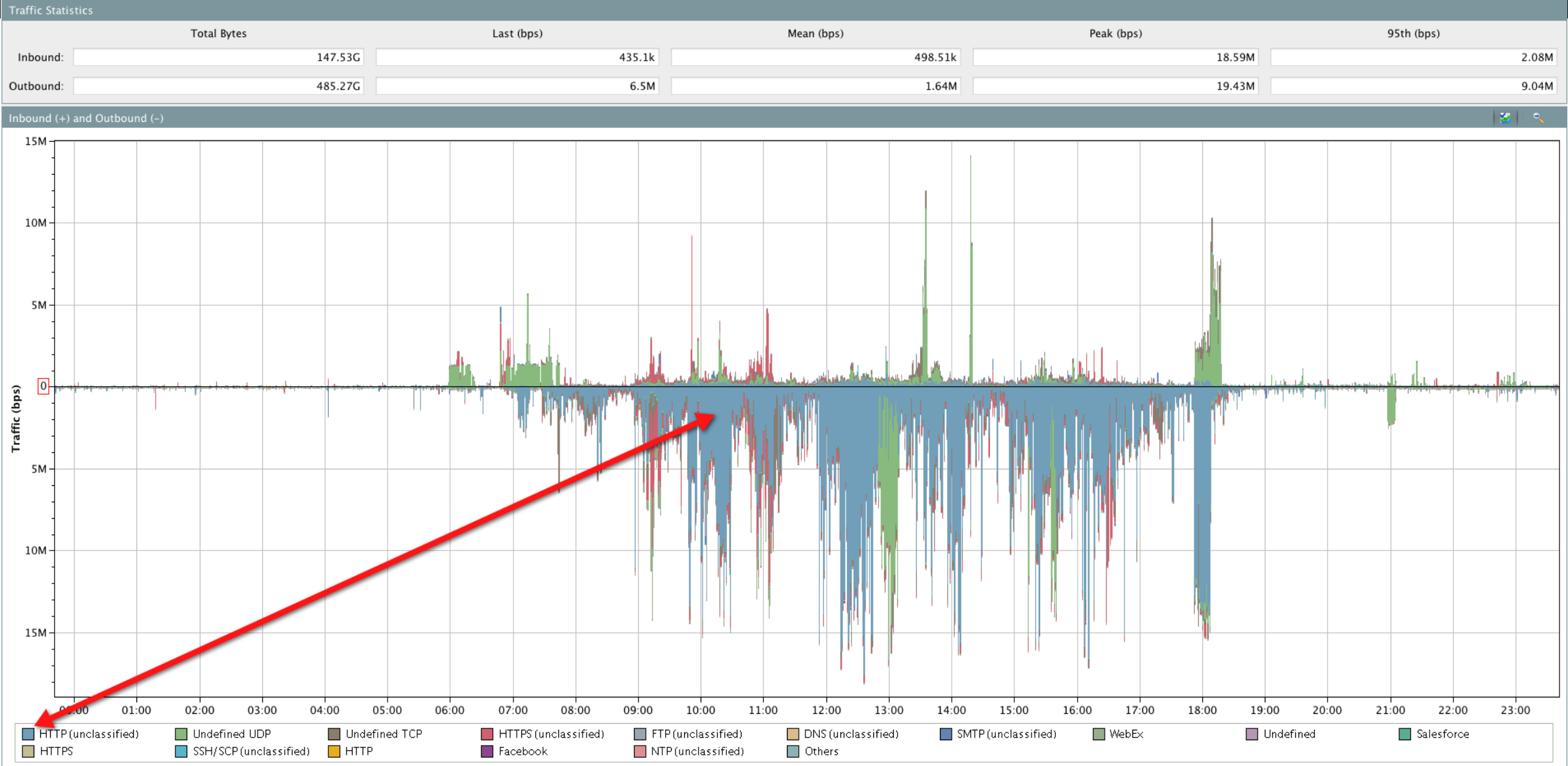


```
# flow monitor WIRED-PHONE-FNF- MONITOR
# record GLOBAL-FNF-POLICY
# exporter CISCO-PI-COLLECTOR
```

```
# flow monitor CA-WiFi-L3-SSID- FNF-MONITOR
# record GLOBAL-FNF-POLICY
# exporter CISCO-PI-COLLECTOR
```



# Capacity Planning – NetFlow-based



# Comprehensive Visibility – NetFlow-based

Host	Host Role	Peer	Port	Bytes
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	vip1.g-anycast1.cachefly.net (205.234.175.175)	80/tcp (http)	76.73M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-sv5-t1-2.pandora.com (208.85.42.22)	80/tcp (http)	75.73M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	ragana.canonical.com (91.189.91.13)	80/tcp (http)	73.18M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	s3-1.amazonaws.com (207.171.163.151)	80/tcp (http)	69.94M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-dc6-t1-3.pandora.com (208.85.46.23)	80/tcp (http)	69.01M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-sv5-t1-3.pandora.com (208.85.42.33)	80/tcp (http)	62.83M
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-sjl-t1-2.pandora.com (208.85.41.12)	80/tcp (http)	HTTP (unclas...
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	65.121.209.25	80/tcp (http)	
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	91.197.45.9	80/tcp (http)	
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-sjl-t1-1.pandora.com (208.85.41.11)	80/tcp (http)	
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	mediaserver-sv5-t1-1.pandora.com (208.85.42.21)	80/tcp (http)	
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	cds56.mia9.msecn.net (65.54.93.59)	80/tcp (http)	
spyglass.lancope.com (209.182.184.2)	Client	cds115.mia9.msecn.net (65.54.93.118)	80/tcp (http)	

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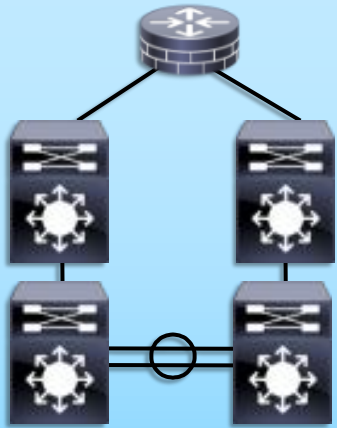
HTTP (unclassified)

Undefined UDP  
Undefined TCP



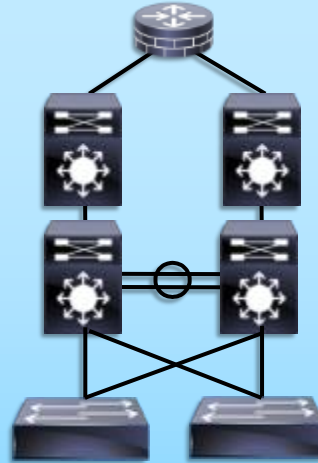
# NetFlow – Evolution for Wired and Wireless

## NetFlow Today



- Used in Distribution/WAN
- Use Cases: Capacity Planning, Application Visibility

## NetFlow in Wired Access



- End-to-End Visibility: L2, East-West Traffic, App ID, **UserID, PoE, Device Type\***
- Use Case: Collaboration, Security, Capacity Planning

## NetFlow in Converged Access



- Converged Access Visibility: **SSID, AP Name, Client ID, Device Type\***
- Use Case: BYOD, Mobility, Collaboration, Security, Capacity Planning

\* Some enhancements on roadmap  
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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 ....

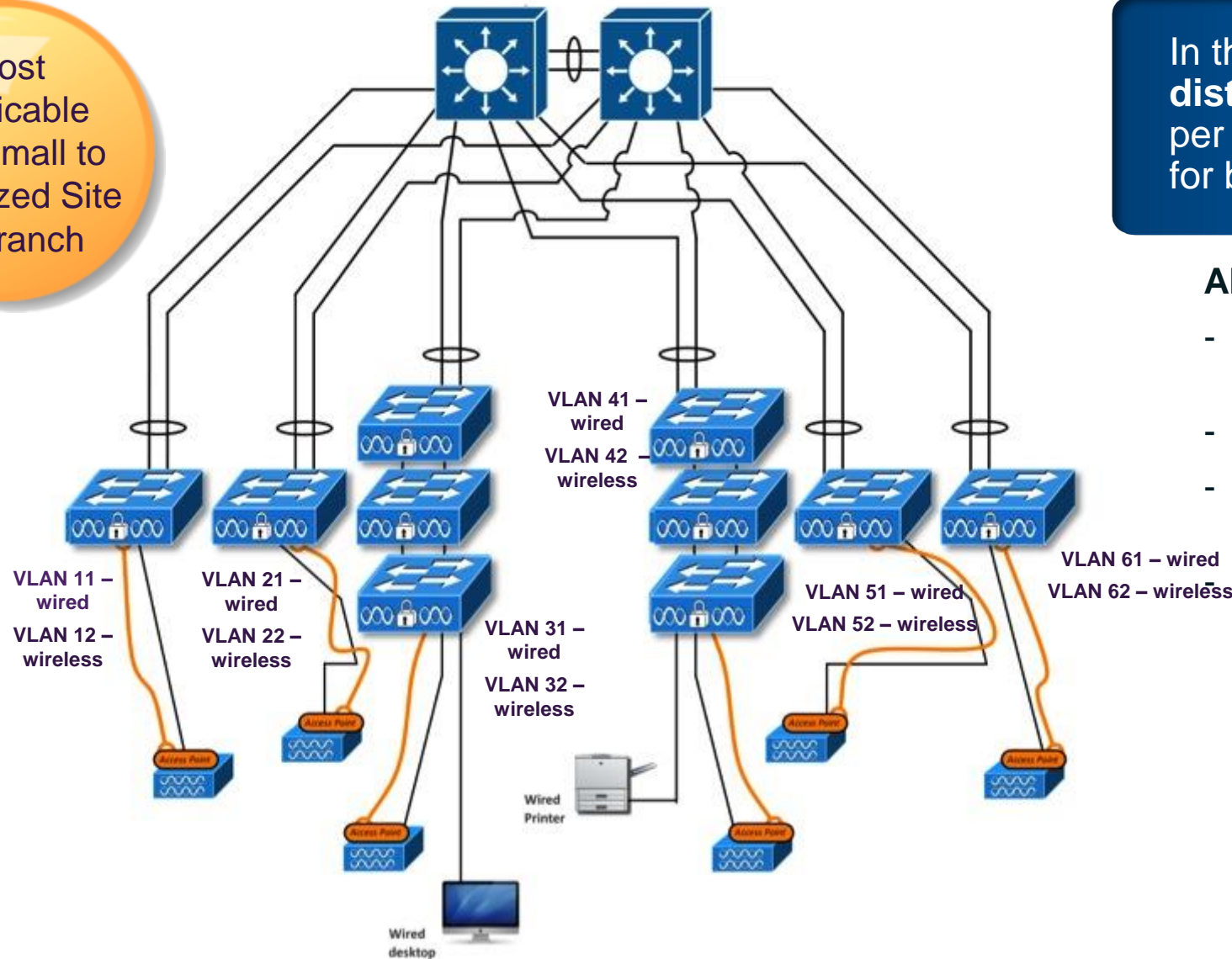
**All of the models presented here have been tested and validated.**

This is a customer / partner design choice based on current deployment and requirements.

# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 1

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

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



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 –

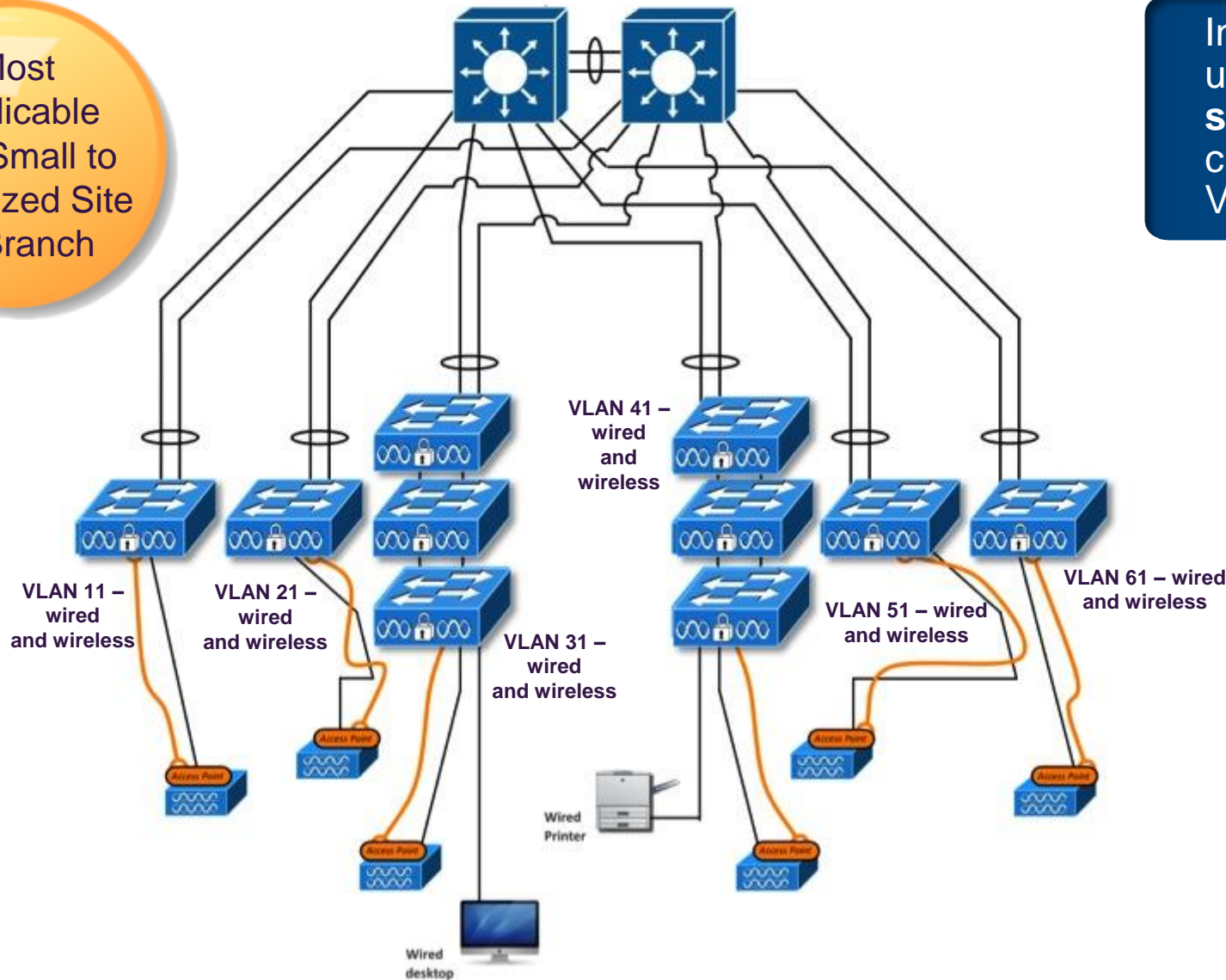
- May lead to more subnets required
- May be hard to size wireless subnets for number of anticipated wireless clients, per wiring closet (may lead to wasted IP address space for wireless use, potentially)



# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 2

**OPTION 2 – Merged VLANs / subnets per wiring closet, for wired and wireless**

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



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

## ADVANTAGES –

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

## CONSIDERATIONS –

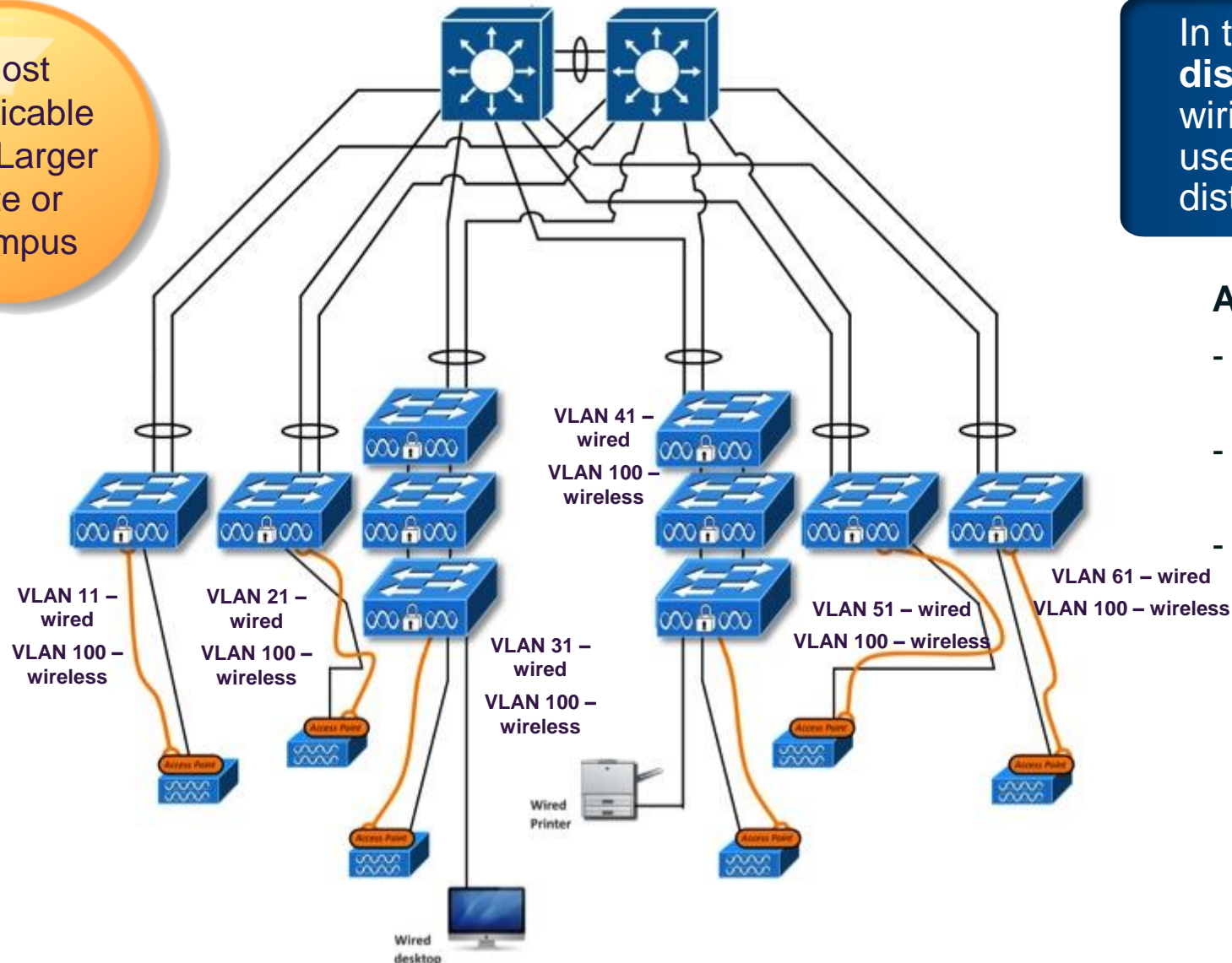
- Potential dual-attached device issues (possible client-side bridging issues)
- No longer possible to apply separate per-VLAN policies for wired / wireless
- May be hard to size combined subnets appropriately for number of wired / wireless clients, per wiring closet (may be slightly more efficient vs.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



# Converged Access – IP Addressing – Option 3

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

Most  
Applicable  
to a Larger  
Site or  
Campus



In this design option, **separate and distinct subnets** per Converged Access wiring closet for both wired and wireless users, with wireless spanned below the distribution layer

## 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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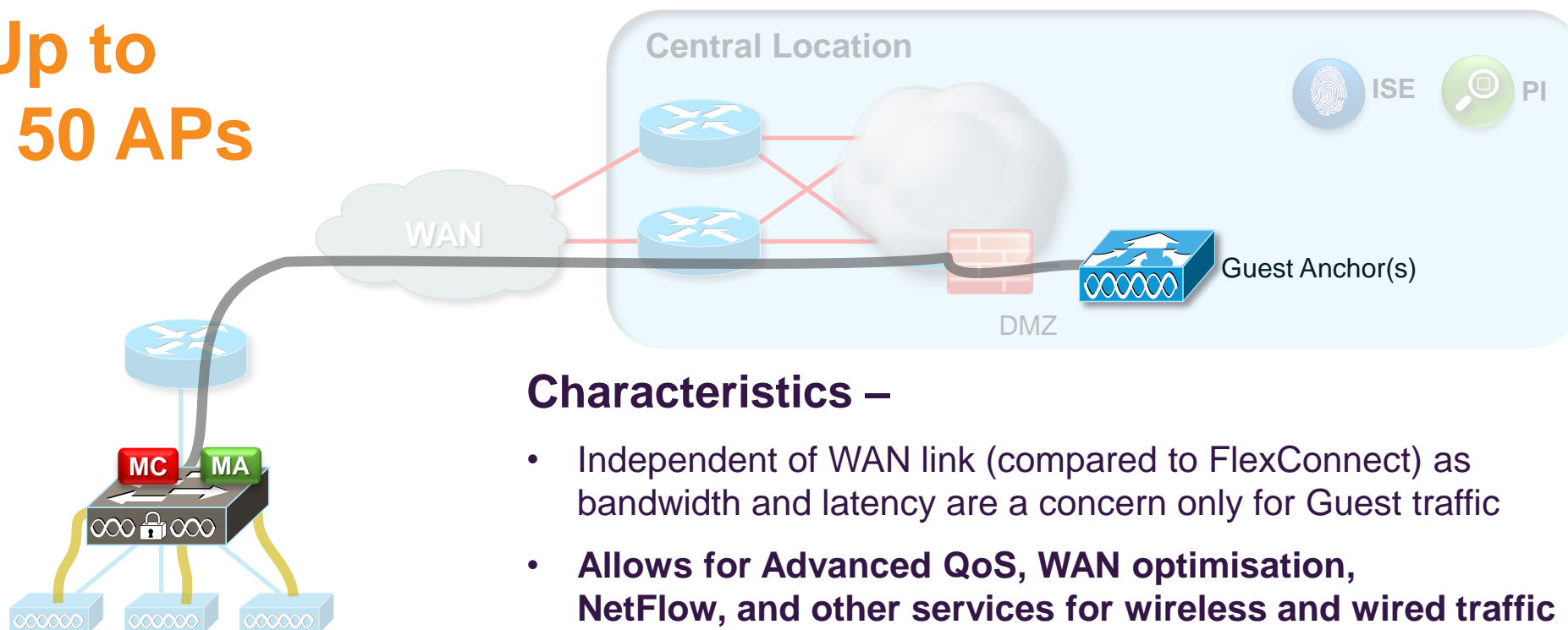
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# Converged Access – Small Branch

No Discrete Controllers, Catalyst 3x50s as MCs / MAs

Up to  
25 / 50 APs



Applicable  
to a Small  
Branch  
Deployment

## Characteristics –

- Independent of WAN link (compared to FlexConnect) as bandwidth and latency are 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 3x50 stack – provides wireless continuity with either WAN outage or switch failure within the stack**

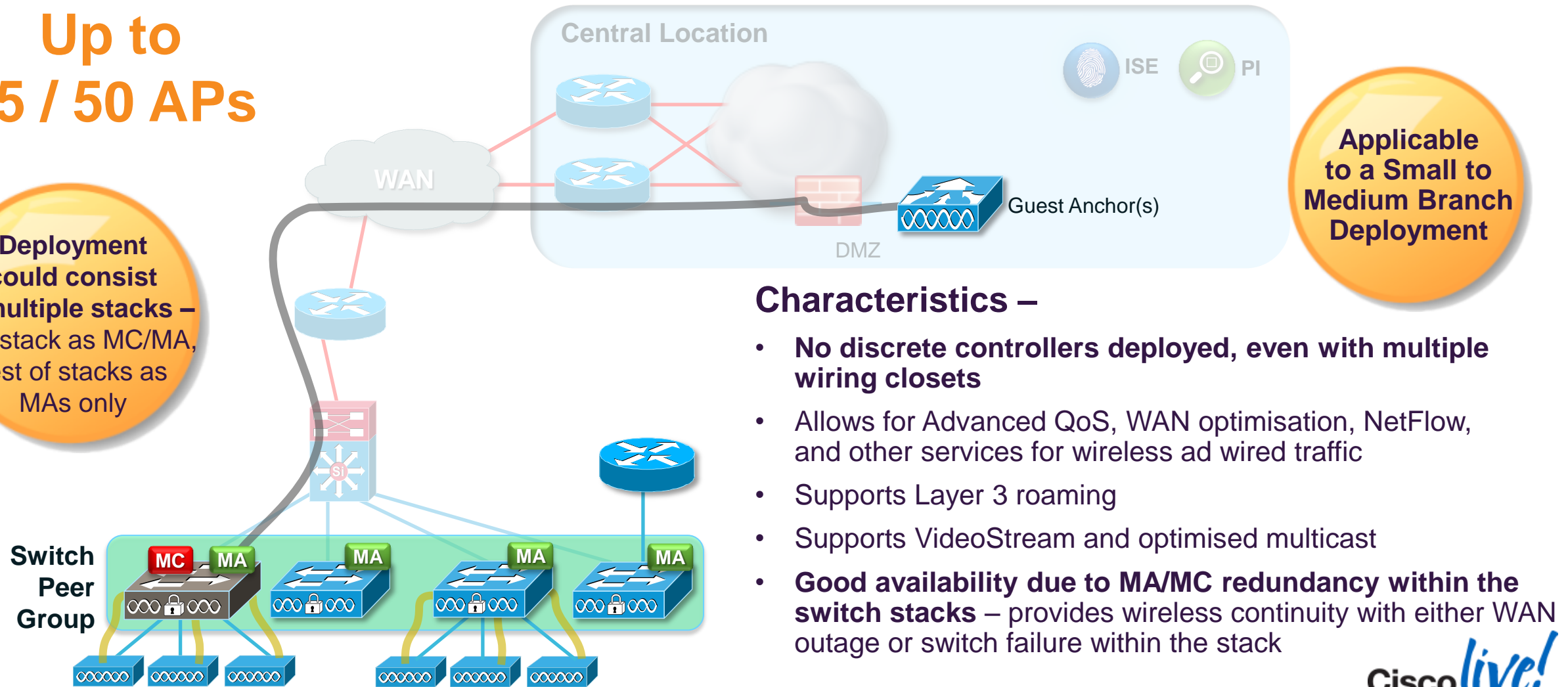


# Converged Access – Small / Medium Branch

No Discrete Controllers, Catalyst 3x50s as MCs / MAs, Single SPG

Up to  
25 / 50 APs

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



Applicable to a Small to Medium Branch Deployment

## Characteristics –

- No discrete controllers deployed, even with multiple wiring closets
- 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 M/MA redundancy within the switch stacks** – provides wireless continuity with either WAN outage or switch failure within the stack

# Converged Access – Large Branch

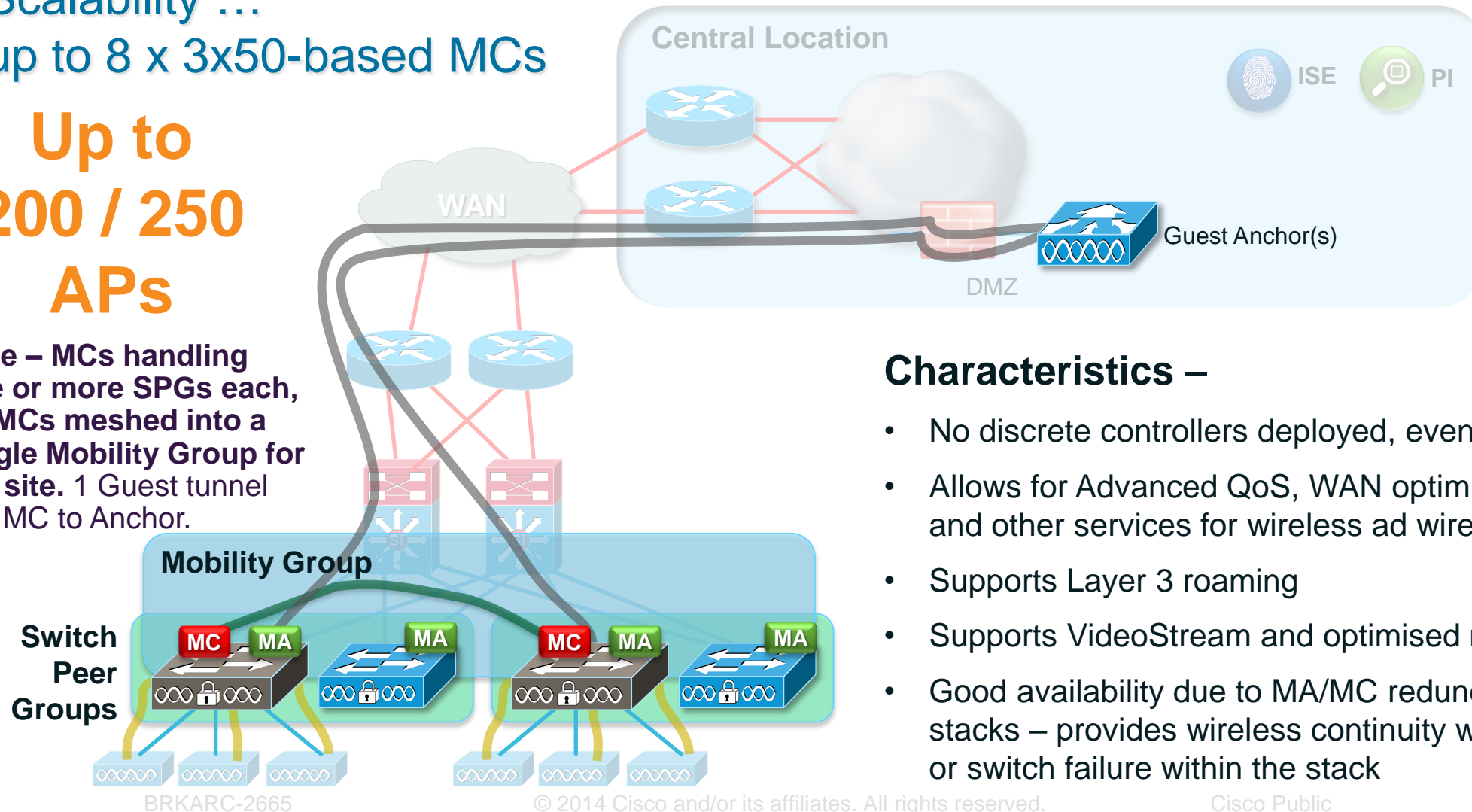
No Discrete Controllers, Catalyst 3x50s as MCs / MAs, Multiple SPGs

Scalability ...

up to 8 x 3x50-based MCs

Up to  
200 / 250  
APs

Note – MCs handling one or more SPGs each, all MCs meshed into a single Mobility Group for the site. 1 Guest tunnel per MC to Anchor.



Applicable  
to a Larger  
Branch  
Deployment

## 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
- Supports VideoStream and optimised multicast
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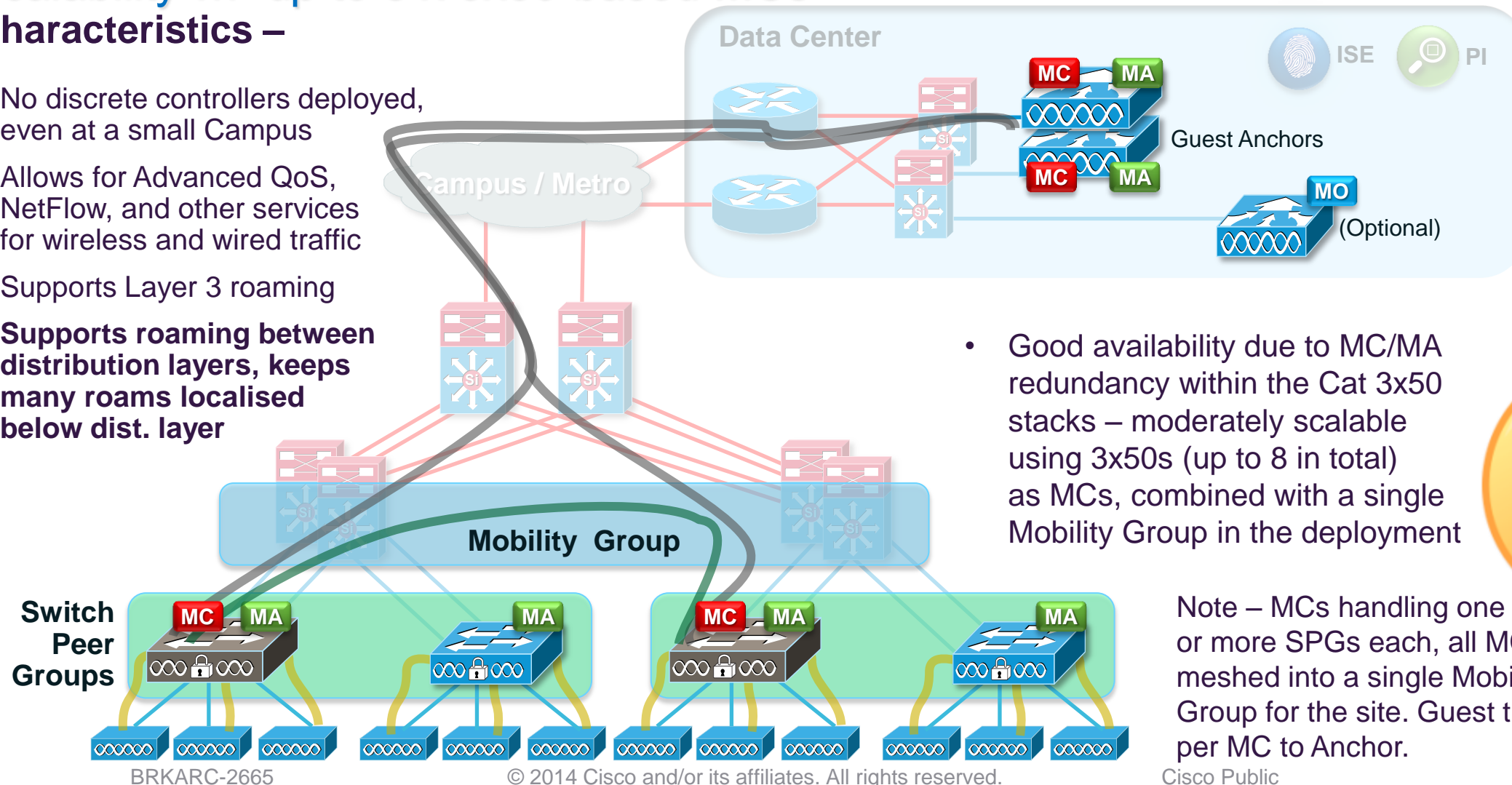
## Catalyst 3x50s as MCs / MAs, Multiple SPGs

Up to 200 / 250  
APs

### Scalability ... up to 8 x 3x50-based MCs

#### Characteristics –

- No discrete controllers deployed, even at a small Campus
- 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 3x50 stacks – moderately scalable using 3x50s (up to 8 in total) as MCs, combined with a single Mobility Group in the deployment

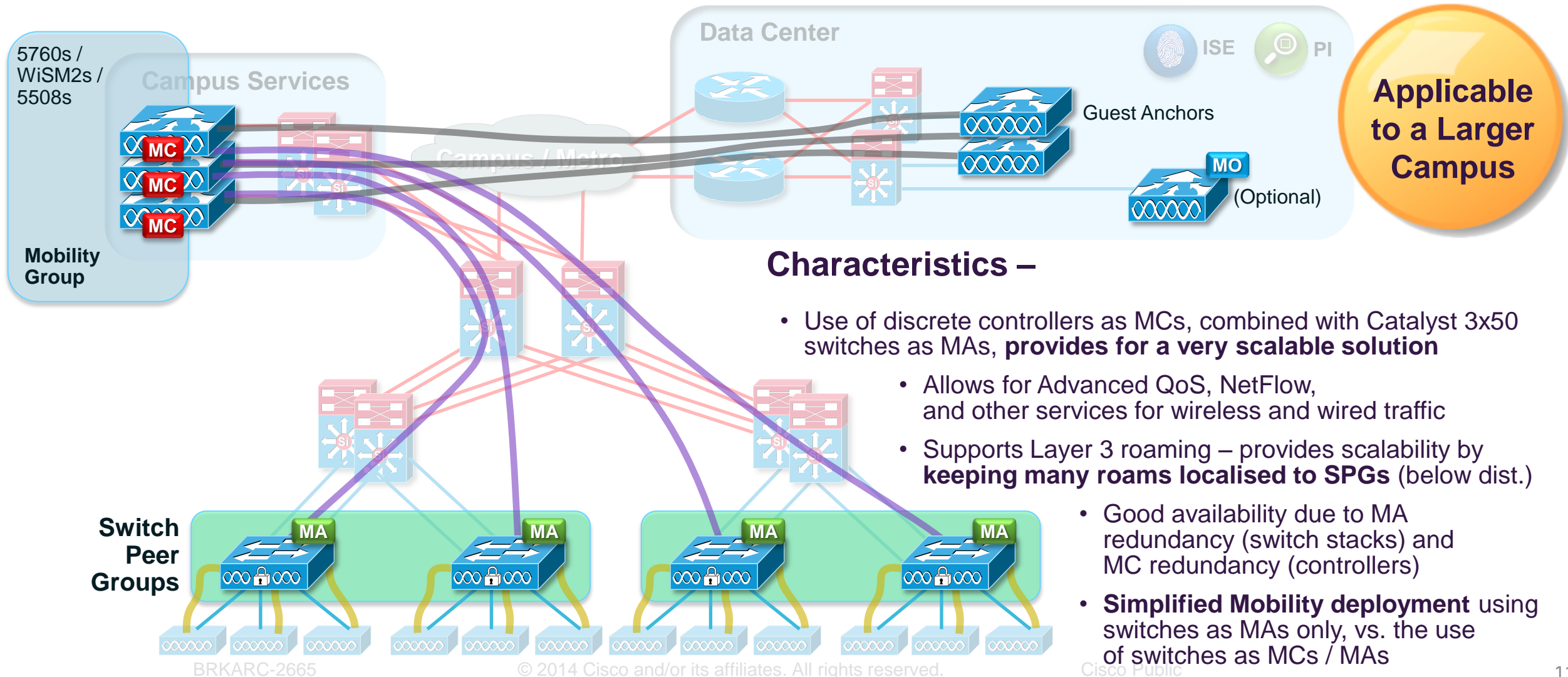
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# Converged Access – Large Campus

## Centralised Controllers as MCs, 3x50s as MAs Only

# >250 APs





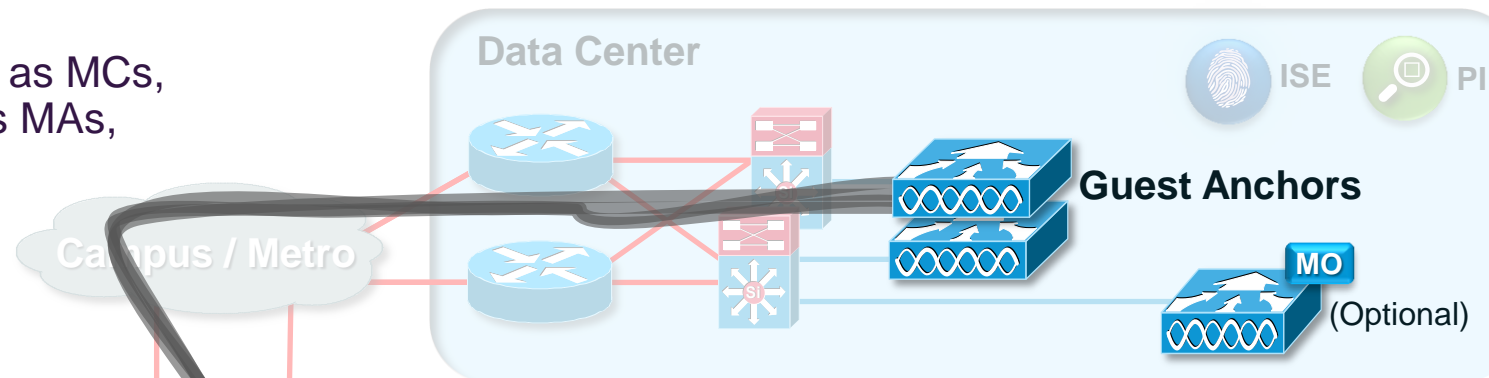
# Converged Access – Large Campus

## Distributed Controllers as MCs, 3x50s as MAs Only

# >250 APs

### Characteristics –

- Use of discrete controllers as MCs, combined with 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

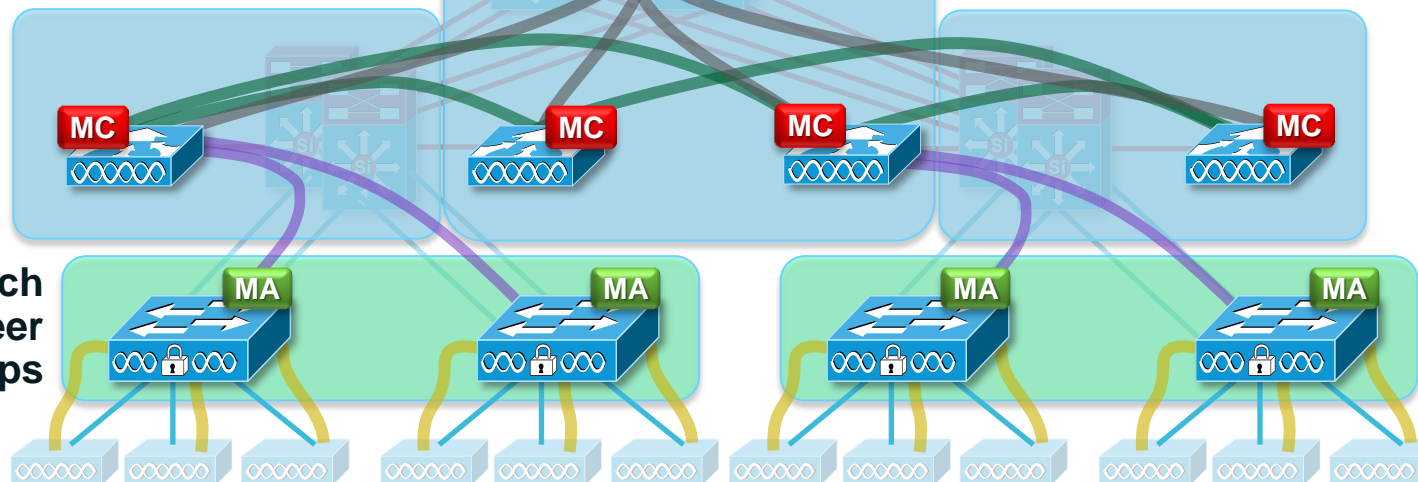


**Applicable to a Larger Campus**

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

5760s /  
WiSM2s /  
5508s

Switch  
Peer  
Groups



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# Converged Access Deployment – Before You Begin – AP Licensing

- AP licenses are applied at the MC level only (not at MA)
- As with CUWN, a valid license on the Controller is needed for an AP to register
- If MA and MC functionality are not co-located (ex MA on 3x50 and MC on 5760), the communication between MA and MC needs to be UP for AP to join
- Licenses need to be activated on the MC –
  - Converged Access adopts a honor based license mechanism
  - User needs to accept a End User License Agreement (EULA)
  - Use the following command to activate AP licenses:

```
5760-# license right-to-use activate apcount ?
```

```
<5-1000>      configure the number of adder licenses in multiples of 5
```

```
evaluation    activate evaluation license
```

# Converged Access Deployment – Before You Begin – AP Licensing

- Must run **ipservices** or **ibase** license to activate wireless services on 3650 / 3850 –

```
3850# sh license right-to-use
```

Slot#	License name	Type	Count	Period left
1	ibase	permanent	N/A	Lifetime
1	apcount	base	0	Lifetime
1	apcount	adder	50	Lifetime

```
License Level on Reboot: ibase
```

- The 5760 does not have activated license levels, the image is already ipservices
- Licensing on a 3850 / 3650 stack –
  - Each switch member in the stack can be licensed independently, up to 25 APs total on a 3650 stack, and up to 50 APs total on a 3850 stack
  - For best redundancy, it is ideal to enable the proper license count for each stack member, based on the number of APs that will be connected to it. So if you lose a switch, you only lose those licenses



# Converged Access Deployment – Before You Begin – How to Connect APs

- The Catalyst 3850 and 3650 support only **directly attached APs**

APs need to be in the same VLAN as the Wireless Management interface:

```
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1
description to_AP
switchport access vlan 31
switchport mode access
```

```
interface Vlan31
ip address 192.168.31.42 255.255.255.0
!
wireless management interface Vlan31
```

If you do not define a wireless management VLAN on the 3x50, the switch will then be transparent to AP attachment and everything will continue to operate as it does today on a 3750-X.

As soon as you define a «wireless management interface VLAN», the Catalyst 3x50 will intercept all incoming AP CAPWAP requests, and terminate / process them at the local ASIC.

- WLC 5760 supports only NON-directly attached APs

Same as it works today in CUWN: AP attached to a local switch (3750-X or alike) finds the centralised controller through DHCP option 43 or other methods and registers

# Converged Access Deployment – Branch Use Case – Mobility Configuration

## Management VLAN Configuration

```
interface Vlan31
  description MANAGEMENT VLAN
  ip address 192.168.31.42 255.255.255.0
```

## SVIs for client VLANs defined locally on the switch

```
interface Vlan32
  description Client VLAN32
  ip address 192.168.32.2 255.255.255.0
```

```
interface Vlan33
  description Client VLAN33
  ip address 192.168.33.2 255.255.255.0
```

## Wireless Management Interface Configuration

```
3850(config)# wireless management interface VLAN31
```

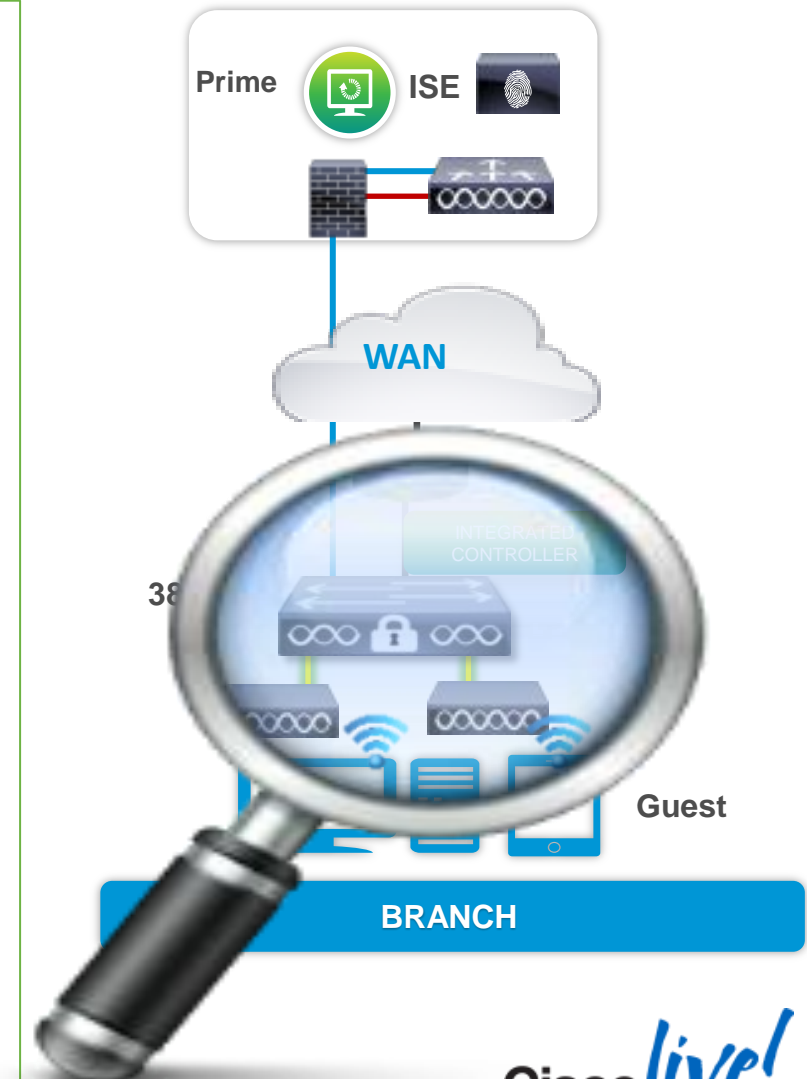
This activates the  
MA functionality

```
3850# show wireless Interface summary
```

```
Wireless Interface Summary
```

```
AP Manager on management Interface: Enabled
```

Interface Name	Interface Type	VLAN ID	IP Address	IP Netmask	MAC Address
Vlan31	Management	31	192.168.31.42	255.255.255.0	2037.06ce.0a55





# Converged Access Deployment – Branch Use Case – Mobility Configuration, continued

## Configuring Mobility Controller

```
3850(config)# wireless mobility controller
```

This activates the MC functionality

```
Mobility role changed to Mobility Controller
Please save config and reboot the whole stack
```

```
3850# sh wireless mobility summary
```

After reboot

```
Mobility Controller Summary:
```

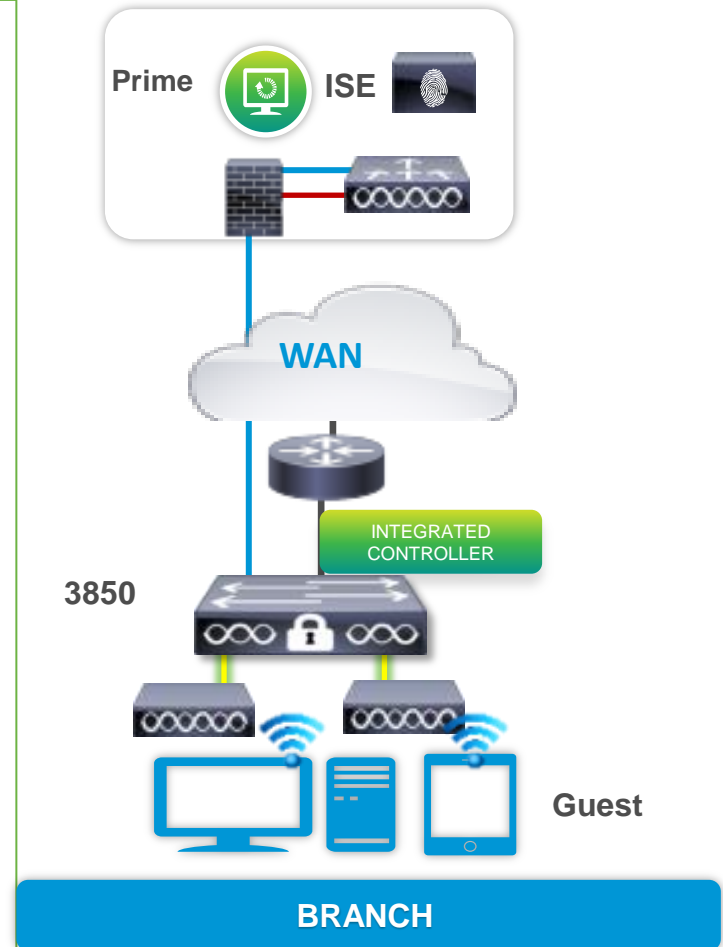
```

Mobility Role                : Mobility Controller
Mobility Protocol Port       : 16666
Mobility Group Name          : default
Mobility Oracle IP Address   : 0.0.0.0
DTLS Mode                    : Enabled
Mobility Domain ID for 802.11r : 0xac34
Mobility Keepalive Interval  : 10
Mobility Keepalive Count     : 3
Mobility Control Message DSCP Value : 0
Mobility Domain Member Count : 1
Link Status is Control Path Status : Data Path Status

```

```
Controllers configured in the Mobility Domain:
```

IP	Public IP	Group Name	Multicast IP	Link Status
192.168.31.42	-	default	0.0.0.0	UP : UP



# Converged Access Deployment – Branch Use Case – AP Port and WLAN Configuration

## Access Point port configuration

```
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/15
  description - Access port for Access points
  switchport access vlan 31
  switchport mode access
```

Access Points need to be configured on Wireless Management VLAN

```
3850# show ap summary
Number of APs: 1
```

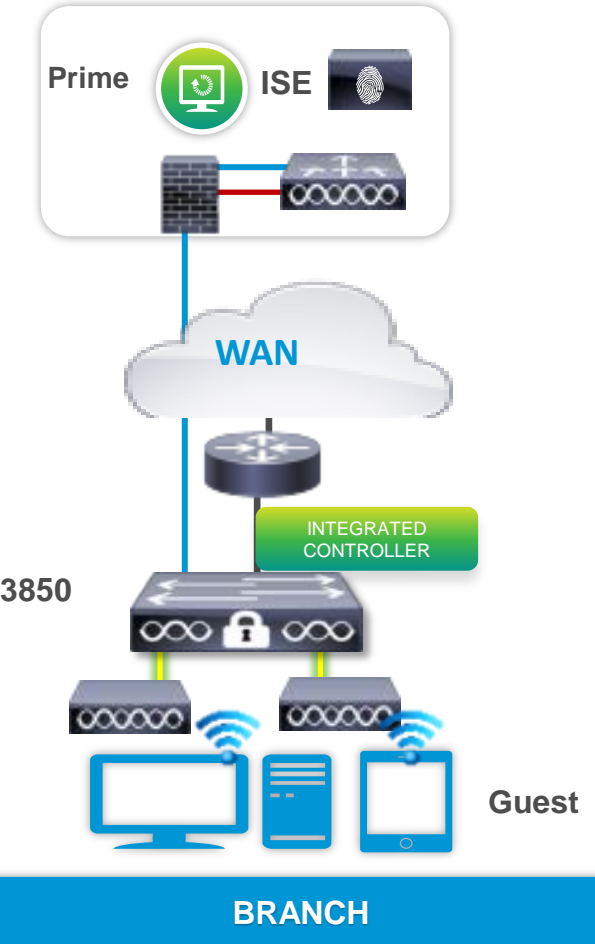
```
Global AP User Name: Not configured
Global AP Dot1x User Name: Not configured
```

AP Name	AP Model	Ethernet MAC	Radio MAC	State
AP3502I	3502I	c47d.4f3a.ed80	04fe.7f49.58c0	Registered

## WLAN Configuration

```
3850(config)# wlan WPA-PSK 4 wpa-psk
3850(config-wlan)# client vlan 32
3850(config-wlan)# no security wpa akm dot1x
3850(config-wlan)# security wpa akm psk set-key ascii 0 Cisco1234
3850(config-wlan)# no shut
```

WLAN sample configuration





# Converged Access Deployment – Branch Use Case – Client Connectivity

## Client Connectivity

```
3850# sh wireless client summary
```

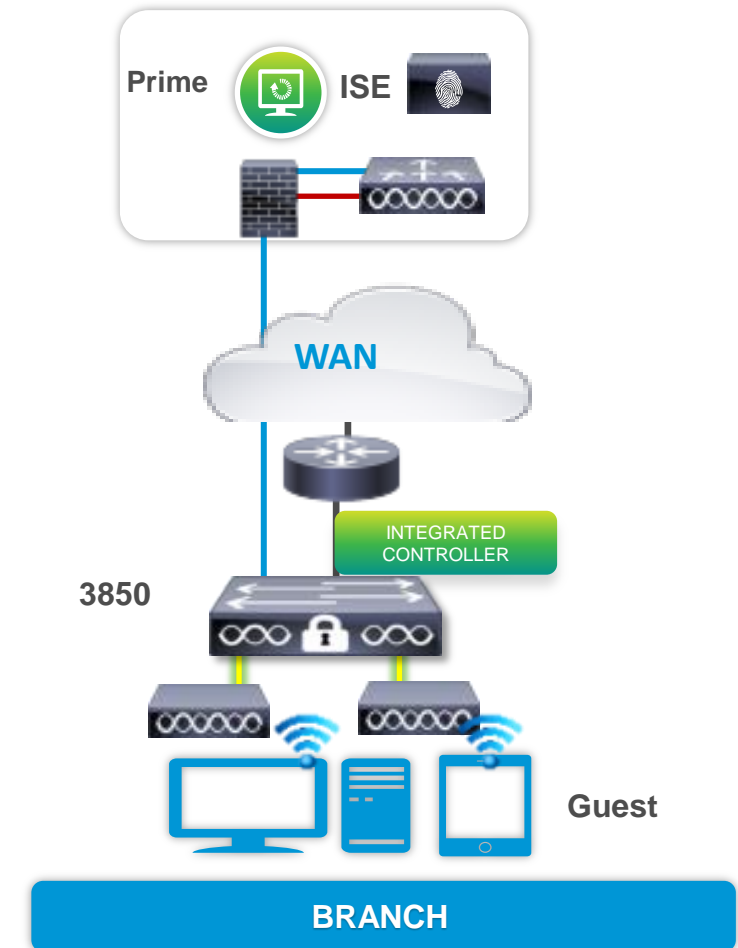
```
Number of Local Clients : 1
```

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN State	Protocol
f81e.dfe2.e80e	AP3502I	4 UP	11n(5)

```
3850# sh wcdb database all
```

```
Total Number of Wireless Clients = 1
Clients Waiting to Join           = 0
Local Clients                      = 1
Anchor Clients                     = 0
Foreign Clients                    = 0
MTE Clients                        = 0
```

Mac Address	VlanId	IP Address	Auth	Mob
f81e.dfe2.e80e	32	192.168.32.57	RUN	LOCAL



# Converged Access Deployment – Large Campus Use Case – Mobility Configuration

- Configure 5760 as MC and member of SPG

```
interface Vlan100
description WIRELESS MANAGEMENT VLAN
ip address 192.168.100.42 255.255.255.0
```

```
5760(config)# wireless management interface VLAN100
```

```
5760(config)# wireless mobility controller peer-group WestBldg
```

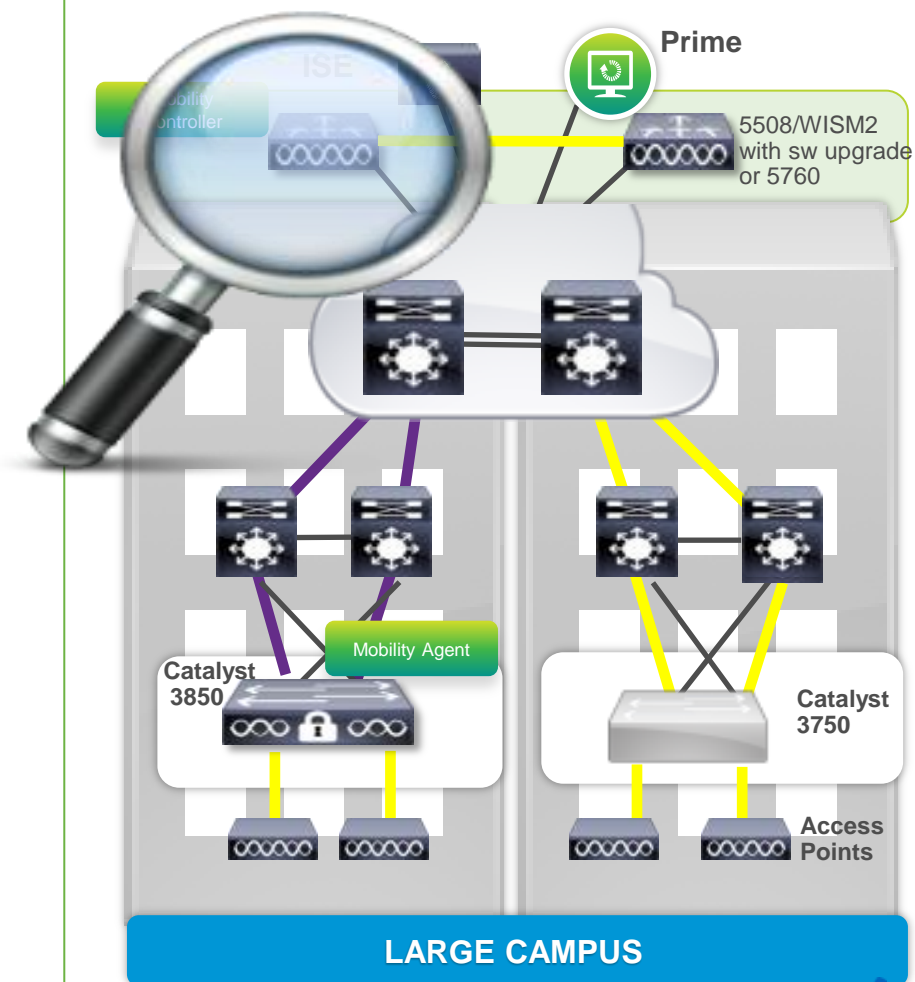
```
5760(config)# wireless mob contr peer-group WestBldg member ip 192.168.41.44
```

- Configure 3850 as MA

```
interface Vlan41
description MANAGEMENT VLAN
ip address 192.168.41.44 255.255.255.0
```

```
3850(config)# wireless management interface VLAN10
```

```
3850(config)# wireless mobility controller ip 192.168.100.42
```





# Converged Access Deployment – Large Campus Use Case – Mobility Configuration, continued

- Mobility Group configuration

```
5760(config)# wireless mobility group name cisco-live
```

```
5760(config)# wireless mobility group member ip 10.1.1.5
```

- Verify the configuration

```
5760# sh wireless mobility summary
```

Mobility Controller Summary:

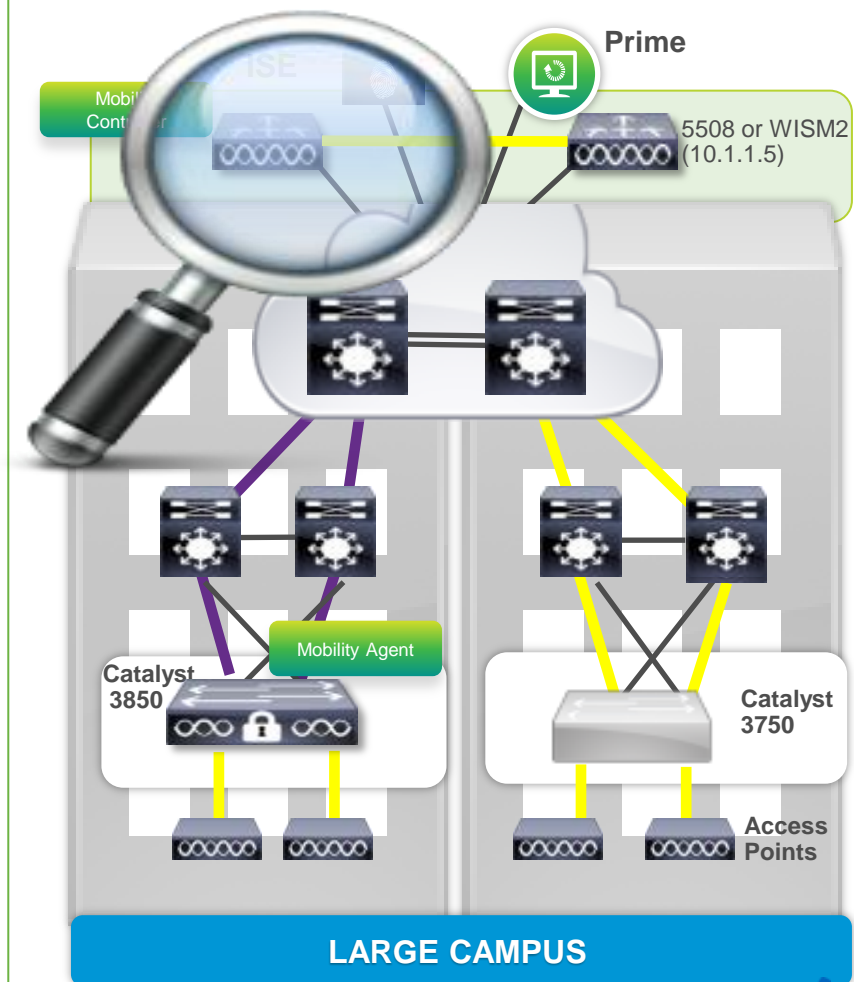
```
Mobility Role           : Mobility Controller
Mobility Protocol Port  : 16666
Mobility Group Name     : cisco-live
```

Controllers configured in the Mobility Domain:

IP Address	Public IP Address	Group Name	Multicast IP	Status
192.168.100.42	-	cisco-live	0.0.0.0	UP
10.1.1.5	10.1.1.5	cisco-live	0.0.0.0	UP

Switches configured in WestBldg switch Peer Group: 1

IP Address	Public IP Address	Status
192.168.41.44	192.168.41.44	UP



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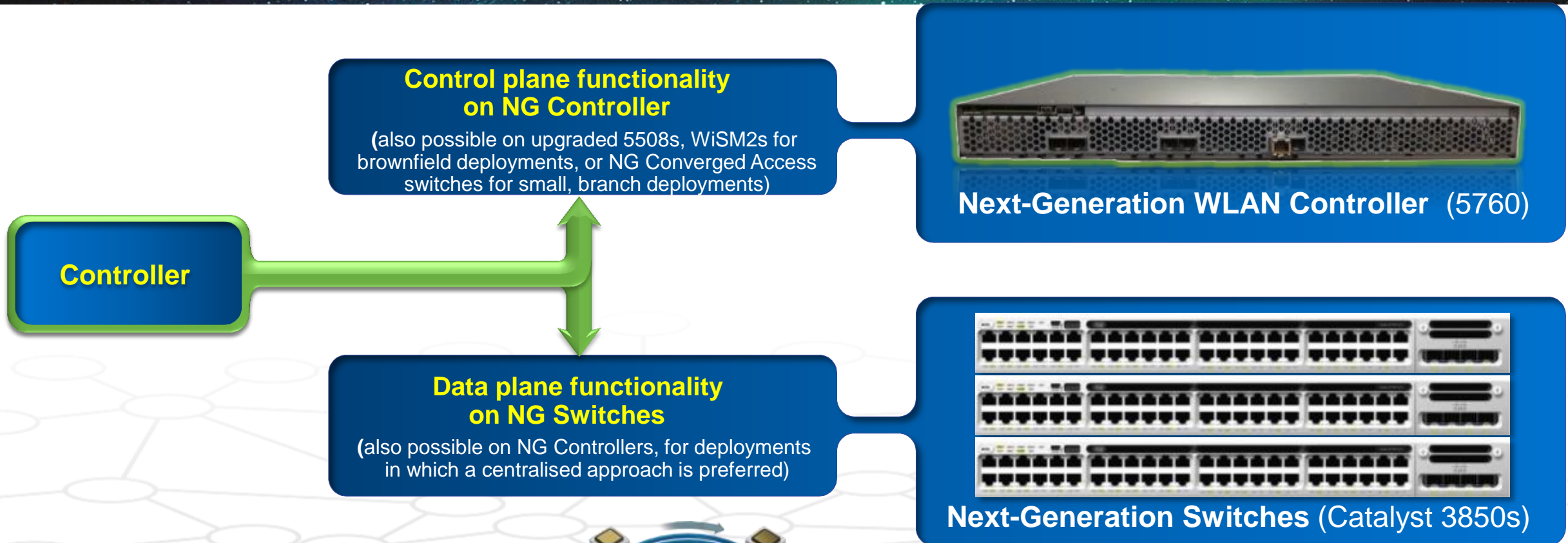
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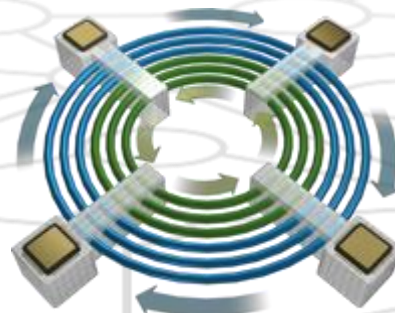
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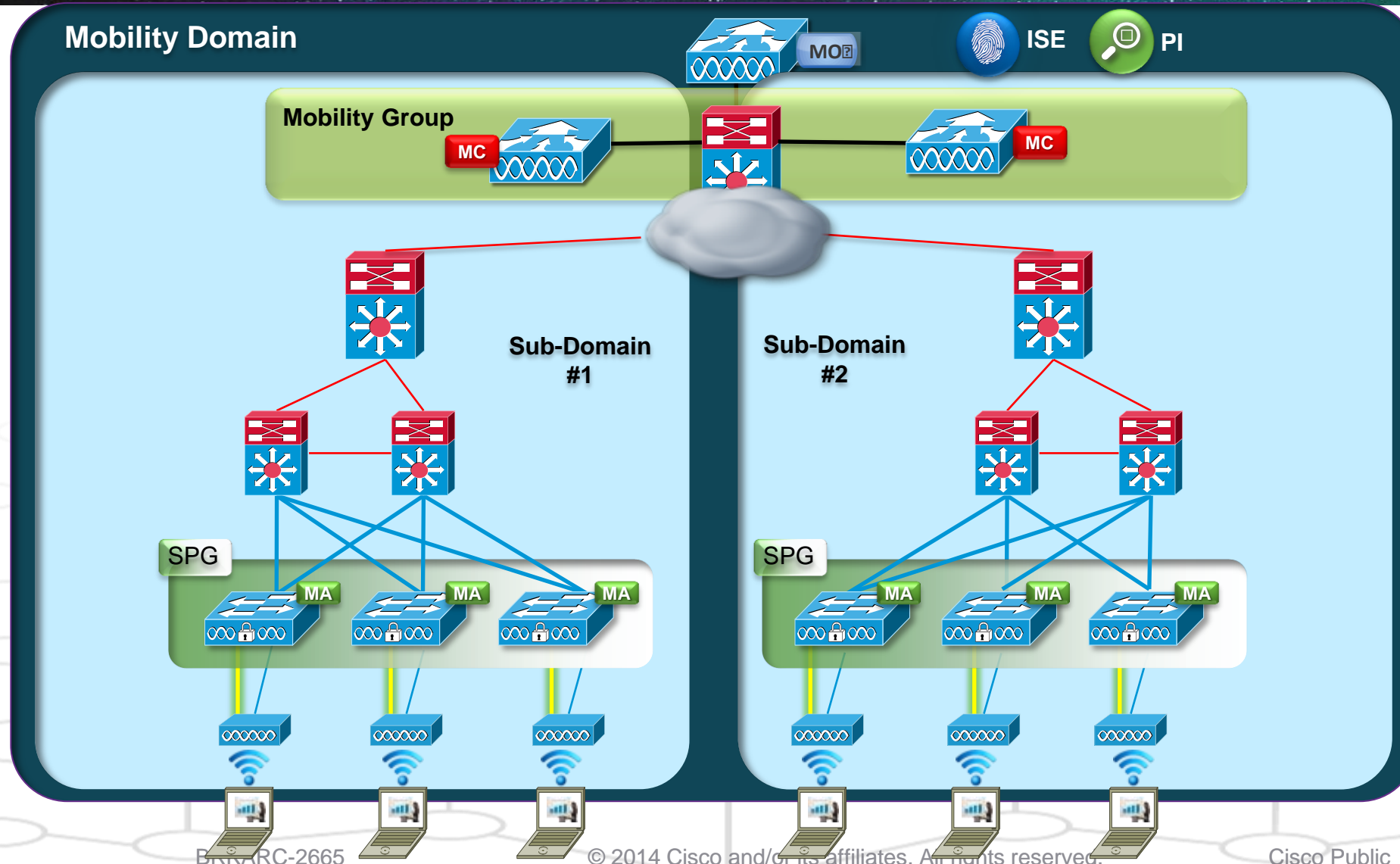


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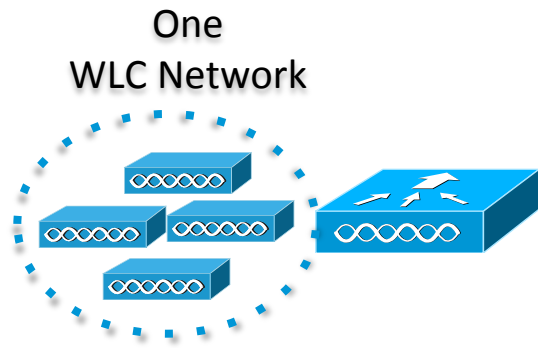


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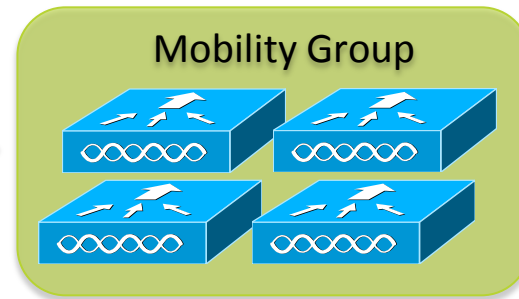
## SCALABILITY

# CUWN Scalability –

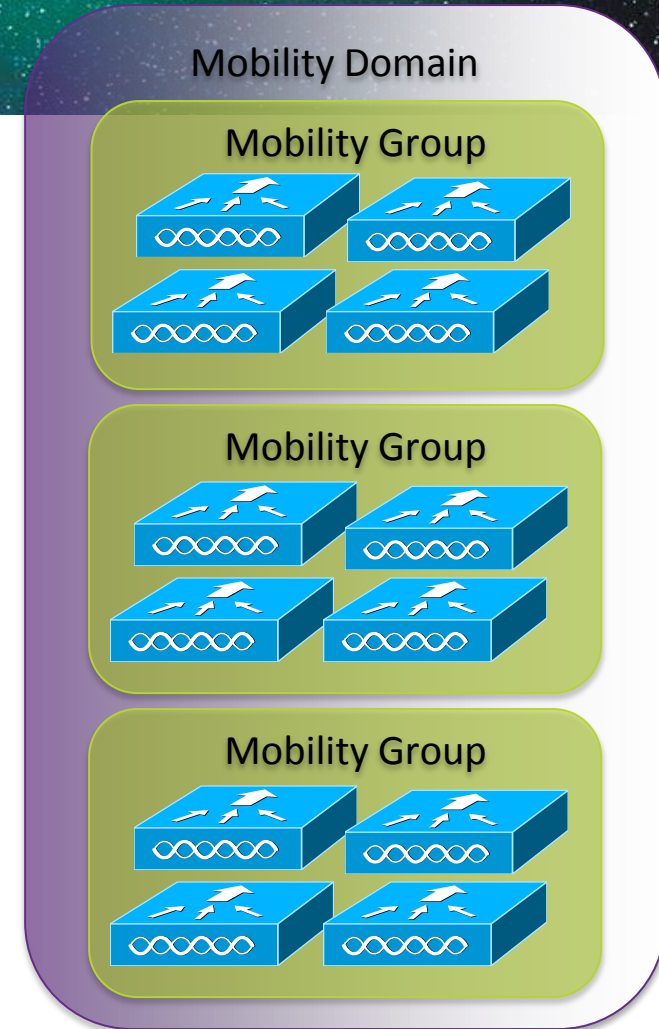
## With CT5508 – Mobility Groups and Domains



- Up to 500 APs
- Up 7K Clients
- Up to 8 GB I/O for AP Traffic



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

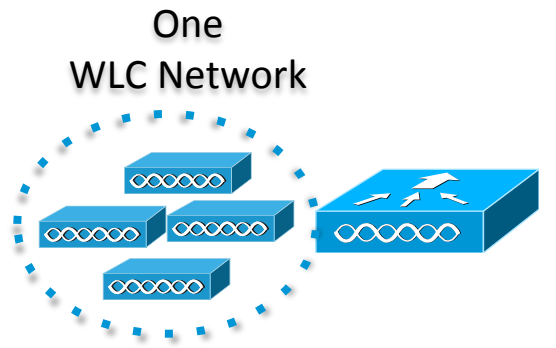


- Up to 36K APs
- Up to 504K Clients
- Up to 72 WLCs in a MD
- Up to 576GB I/O for AP Traffic

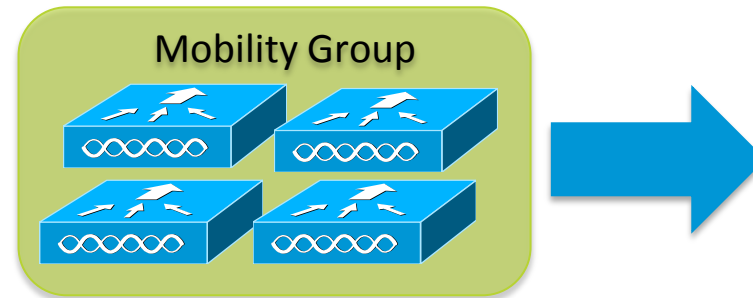
- CT5508 rel 7.6
- Max theoretical scalability numbers
- Without Considering FlexConnect



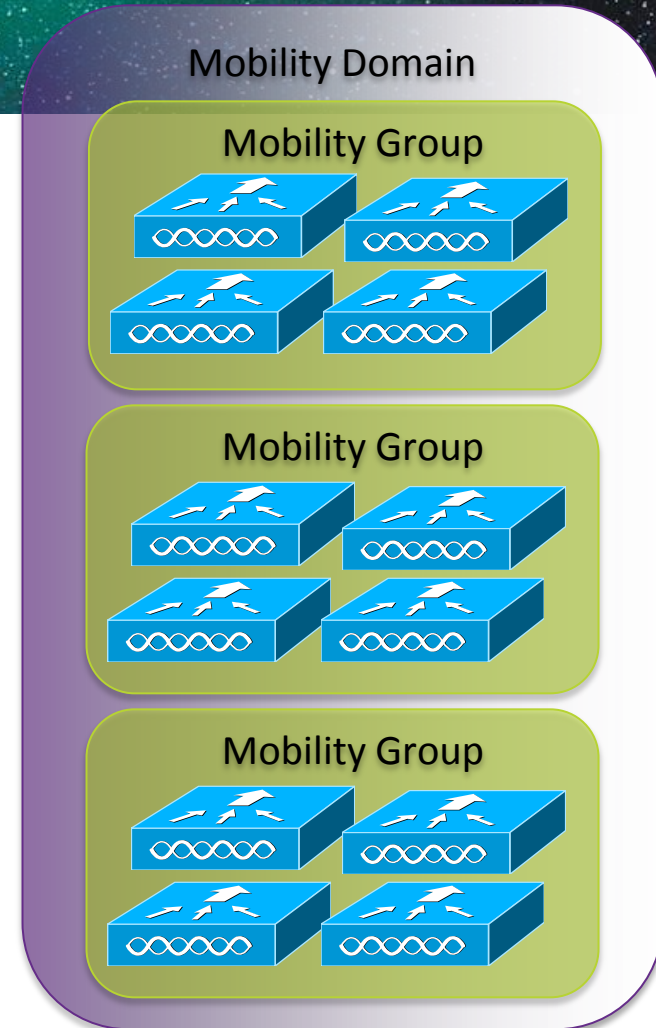
# CUWN Scalability – With WiSM-2 – Mobility Groups and Domains



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



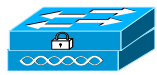
- Up to 24K APs
- Up 360K Clients
- Up to 24 WLCs in a MG
- Up to 480 GB I/O for AP Traffic



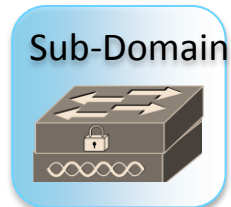
- Up to 72K APs
- Up to 1.08M Clients
- Up to 72 WLCs in a MD
- Up to 1.44TB I/O for AP Traffic

- WiSM-2 rel 7.3
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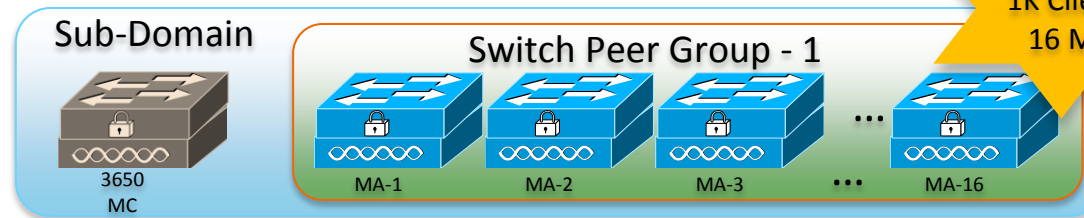
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Cat3650  
MA

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

Cat3650  
MC

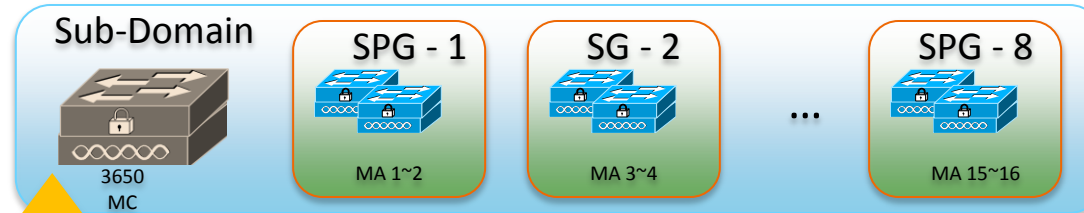
- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 25 APs
- Up to 1K Clients
- Up to 20 GB I/O for AP Traffic



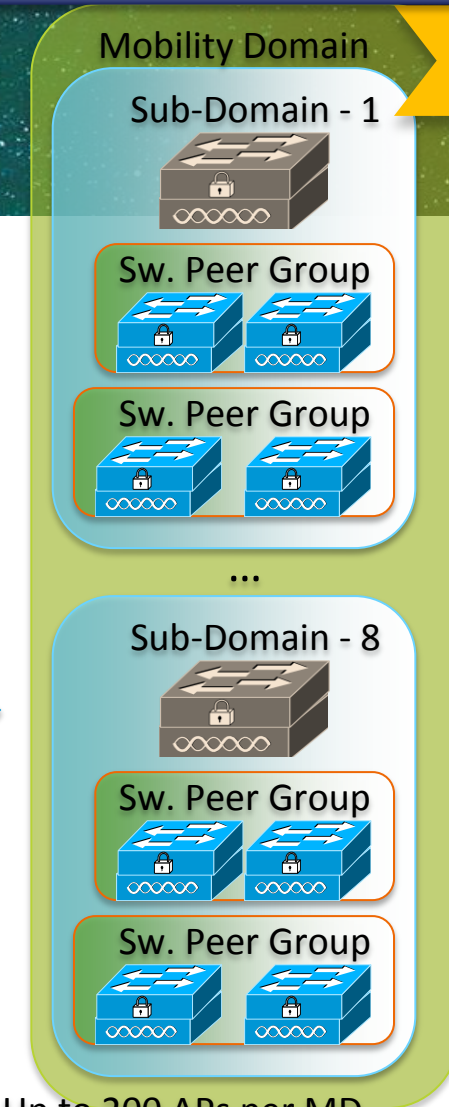
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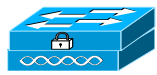
- Up to 25 APs per SPG/MC
- Up to 1K Clients per SPG/MC
- Up to 16 MAs in a SPG/MC
- Up to 8 SPGs in a SD
- Up to 25 GB I/O for AP Traffic



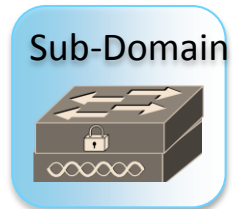
- Up to 200 APs per MD
- Up to 8 SDs per MD
- Up to 128 MAs per MD
- Up to 8K Clients per MD
- Up to 250 GB I/O for AP Traffic



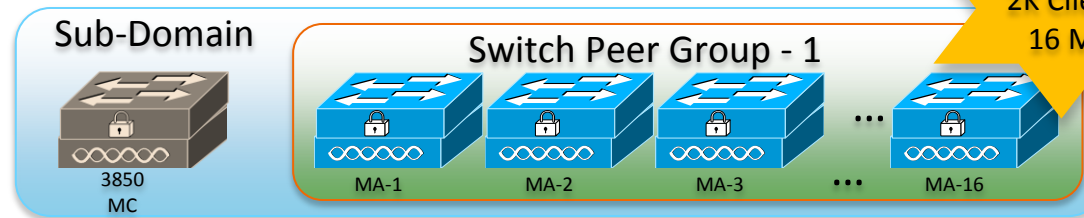
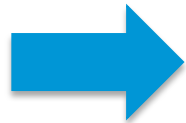
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Cat3850  
MACat3850  
MC

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SPG=Switch Peer Group SD=Sub-Domain



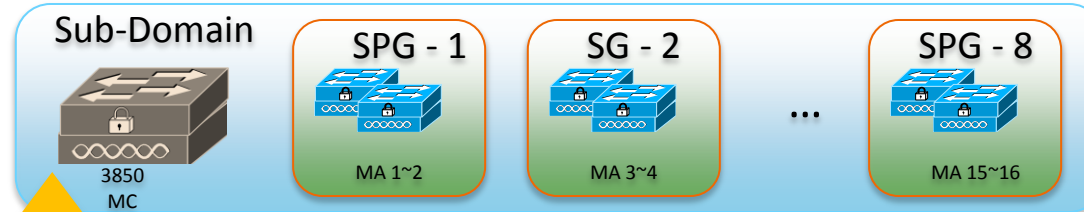
- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40 GB I/O for AP Traffic



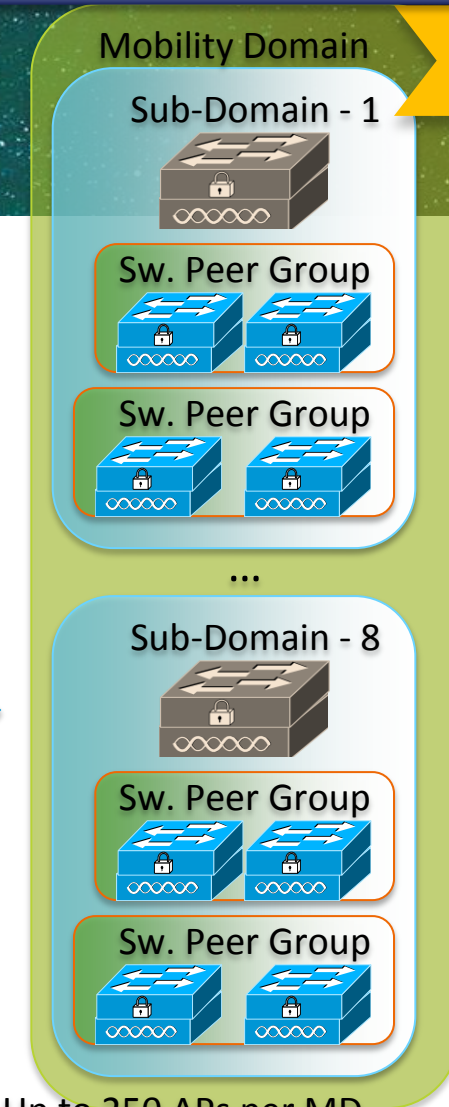
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- Up to 50 APs per SPG/MC
- Up to 2K Clients per SPG/MC
- Up to 16 MAs in a SPG/MC
- Up to 8 SPGs in a SD
- Up to 50 GB I/O for AP Traffic



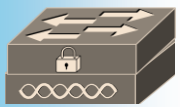
- Up to 250 APs per MD
- Up to 8 SDs per MD
- Up to 128 MAs per MD
- Up to 16K Clients per MD
- Up to 250 GB I/O for AP Traffic

# Converged Access Scalability – With WLC 2504 as MC and 3850s as MAs



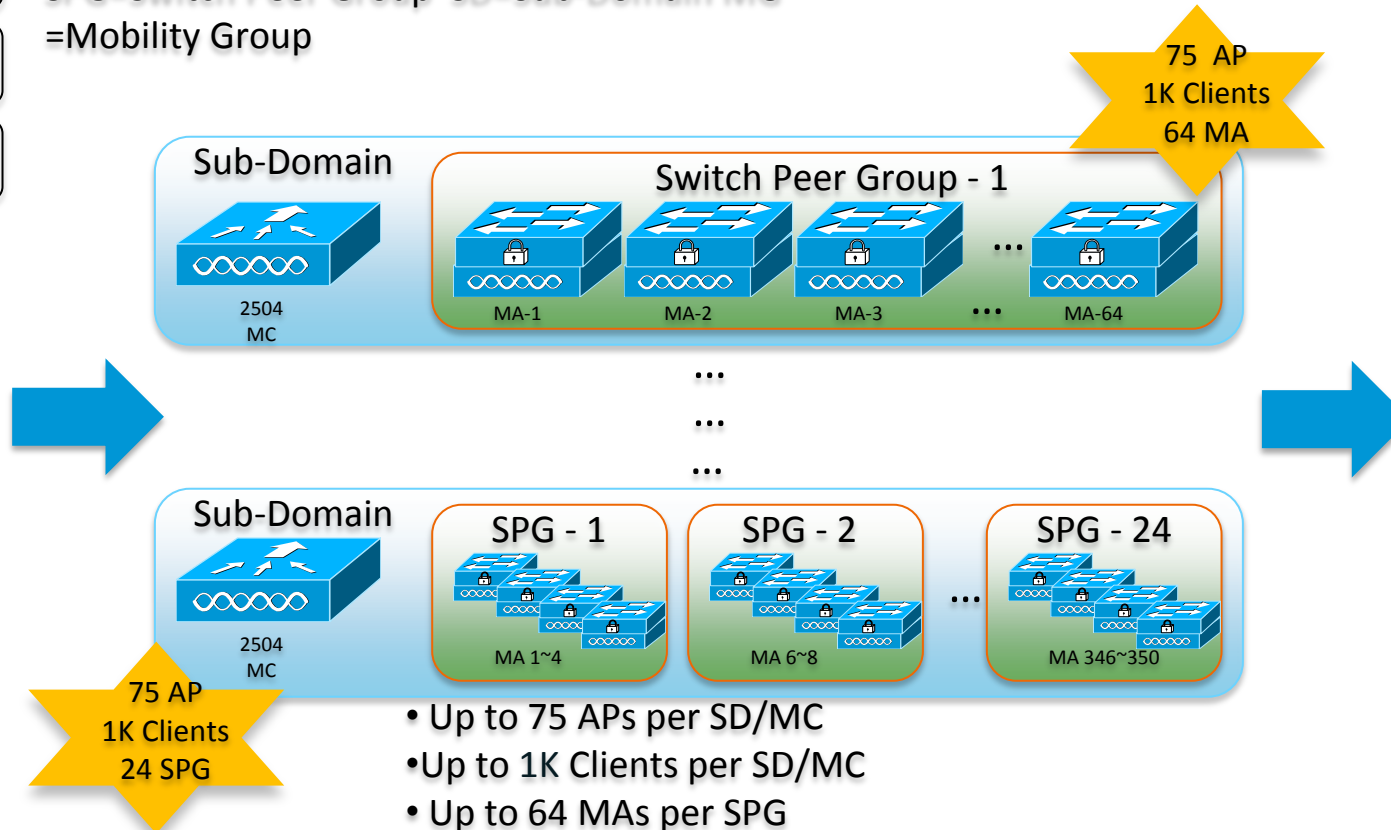
MC/MA  
on one Switch

Sub-Domain

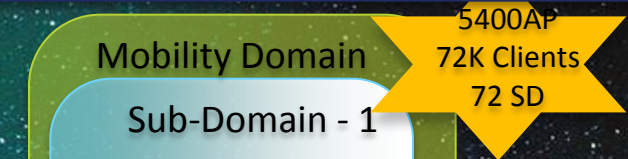


- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 75 APs
- Up to 1K Clients
- Up to 1GB I/O for AP Traffic

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



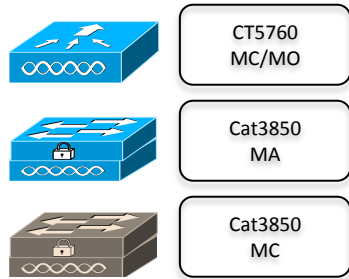
- Up to 75 APs per SD/MC
- Up to 1K Clients per SD/MC
- Up to 64 MAs per SPG
- Up to 24 SPGs per SD/MC
- Up to 24 SD/MC per MG
- Up to 350 MAs per SD/MC
- Up to 75GB I/O for AP Traffic



- Up to 5400 APs per MD
- Up to 72K Clients per MD
- Up to 72 SD per MD
- Up to 25,200 MAs per MD
- Up to 5.4TB I/O for AP Traffic



# Converged Access Scalability – With CT5760 as MC and 3850s as MAs



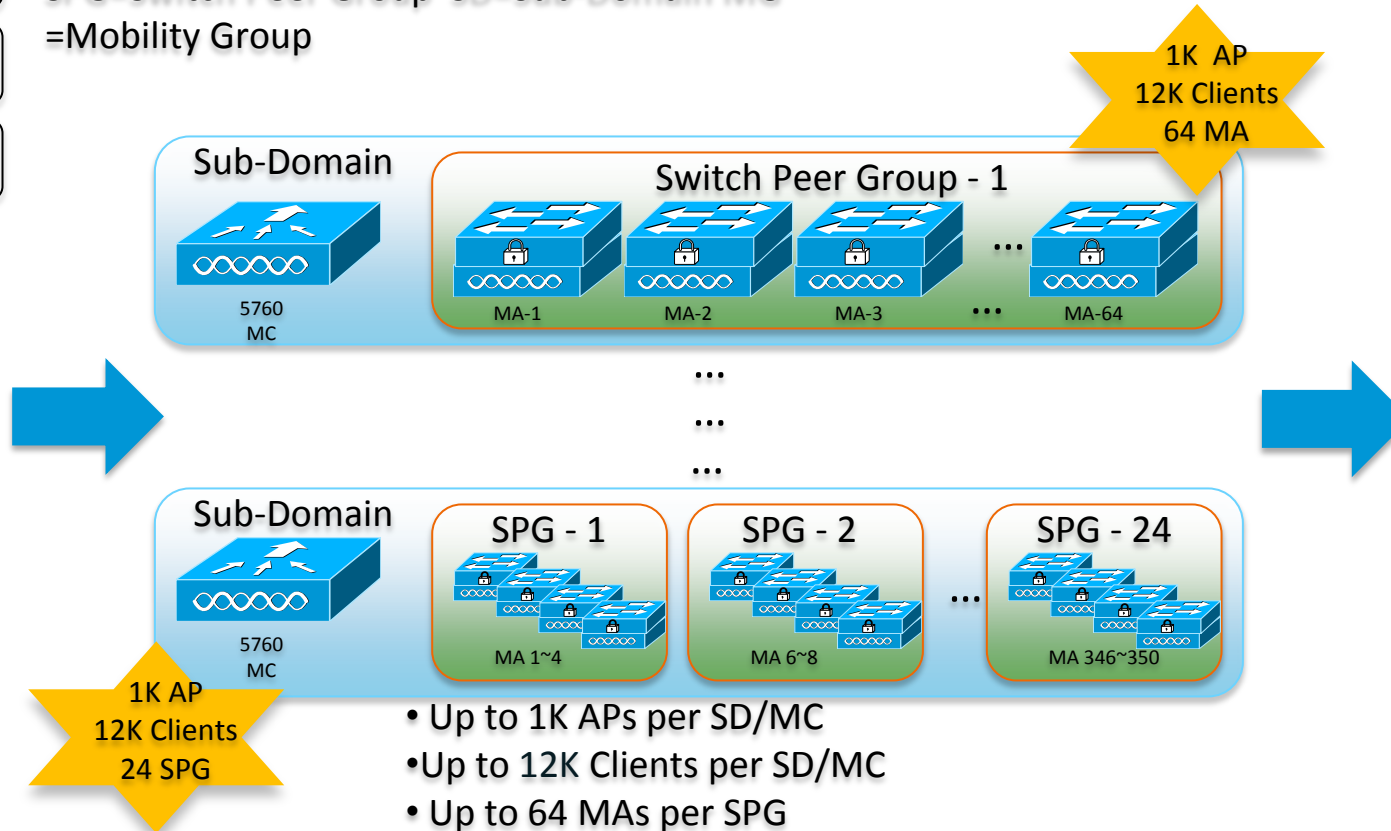
MC/MA  
on one Switch

Sub-Domain

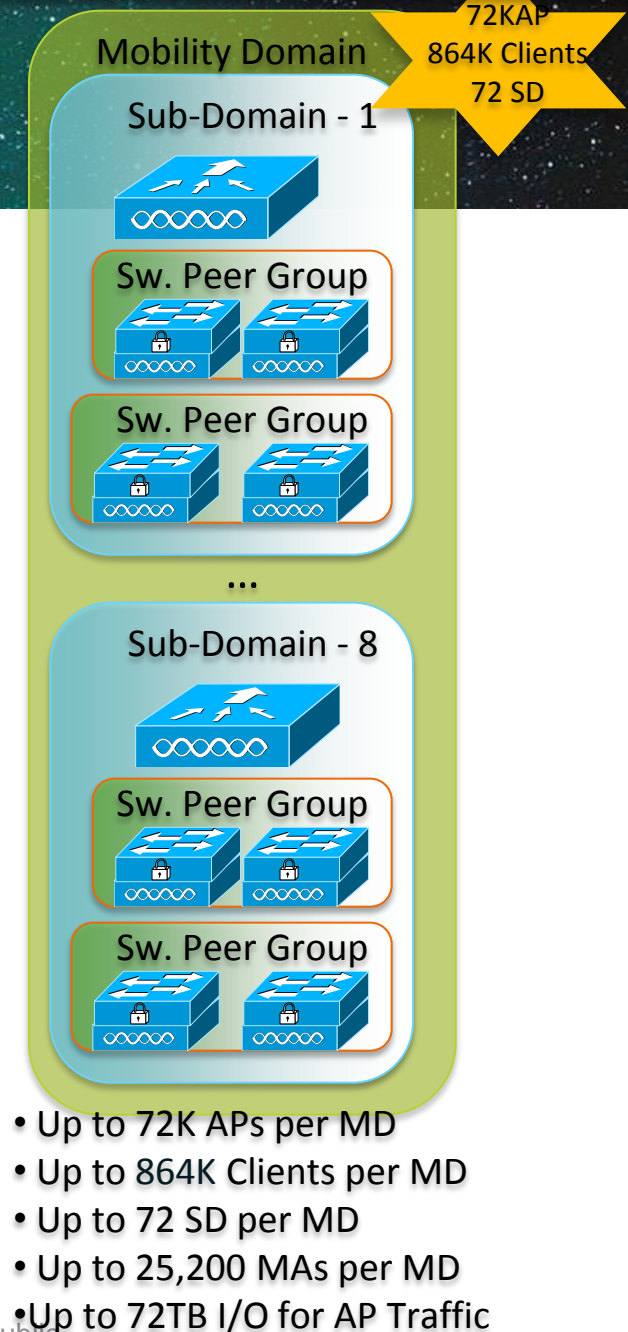


- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40GB I/O for AP Traffic

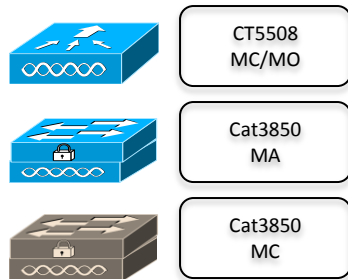
MA=Mobility Agent MC=Mobility Controller  
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=Mobility Group



- 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 I/O for AP Traffic

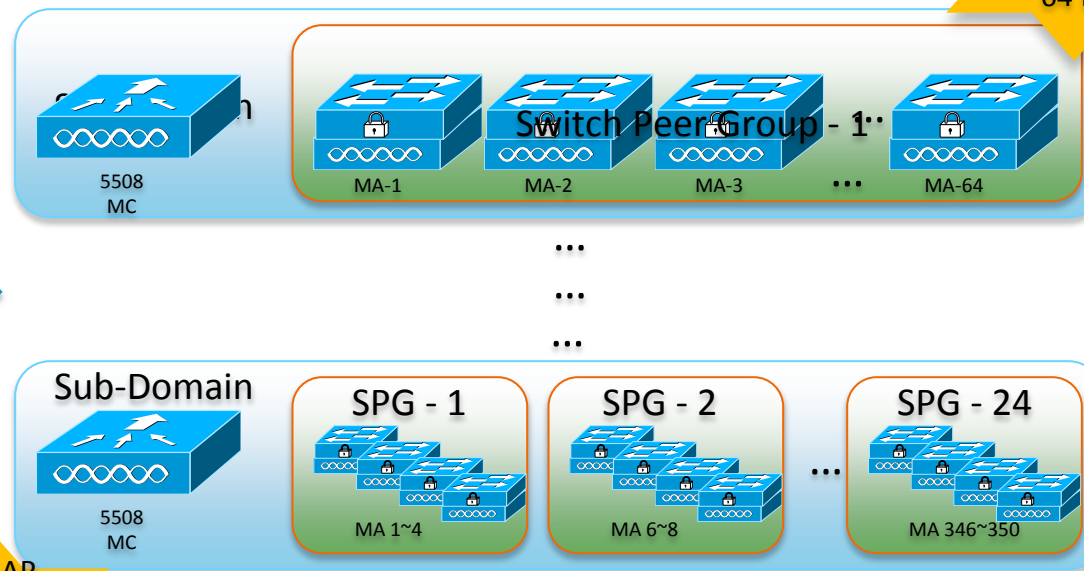


# Converged Access Scalability – With CT5508 as MC and 3850s as MAs



MC/MA  
on one Switch

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



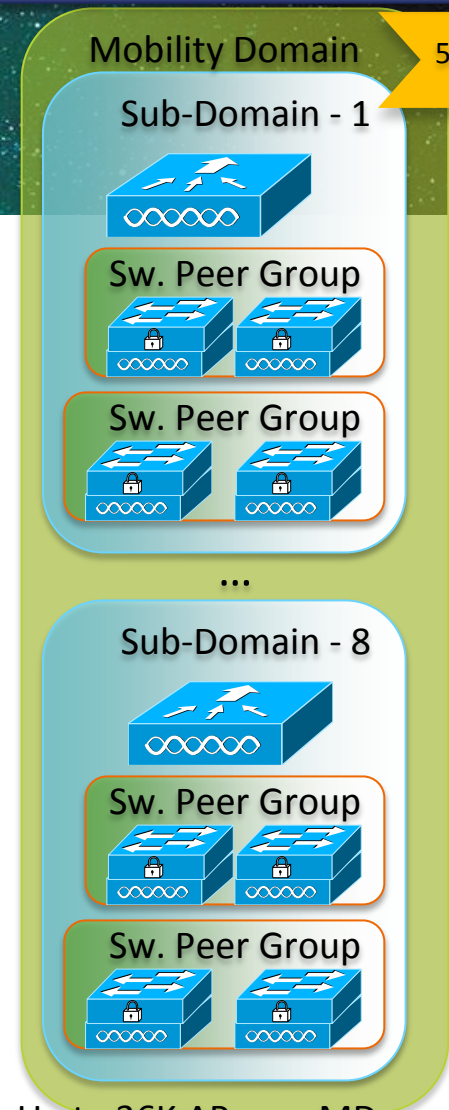
500 AP  
7K Clients  
64 MA

500 AP  
7K Clients  
24 SPG

Sub-Domain

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

- Up to 500 APs per SD/MC
- Up to 7K Clients per SD/MC
- Up to 64MAs 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 500GB I/O for AP Traffic



36KAP  
504K Clients  
72 SD

- 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 I/O for AP Traffic



# Converged Access Scalability – With WiSM-2 as MC and 3850s as MAs

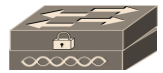
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SPG=Switch Peer Group SD=Sub-Domain MG  
=Mobility Group



WiSM-2  
MC/MO



Cat3850  
MA



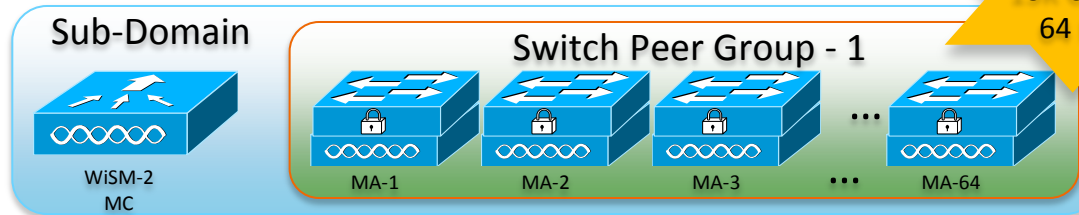
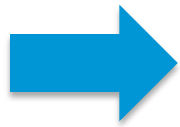
Cat3850  
MC

MC/MA  
on one Switch

Sub-Domain



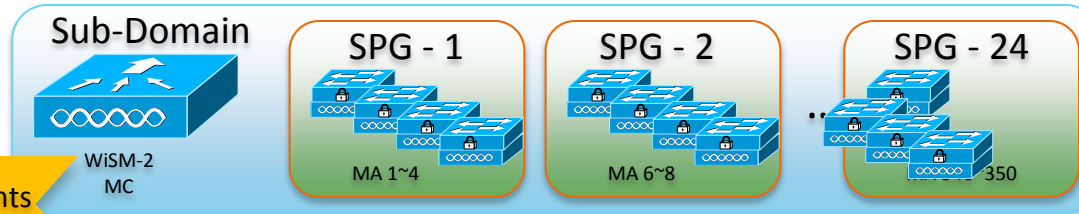
- 1 MC = 1 SD
- Up to 50 APs
- Up to 2K Clients
- Up to 40GB I/O for AP Traffic



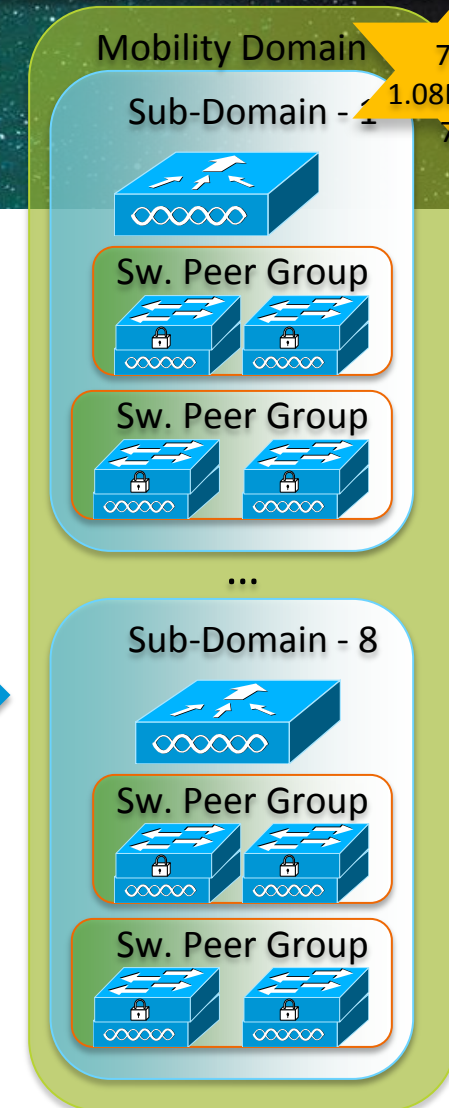
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- Up to 1K APs per SD/MC
- Up to 15K Clients per SD/MC
- Up to 16 MAs per SPG
- Up to 24 SPGs per SD /MC
- Up to 24 SD/MC per MG
- Up to 350 MAs per SD/MC
- Up to 1TB I/O for AP Traffic



- Up to 72K APs per MD
- Up to 1.08M Clients per MD
- Up to 72 SD per MD
- Up to 25,200 MAs per MD
- Up to 72TB I/O for AP Traffic

# Converged Access Scalability – Summary



For Your  
Reference

Scalability	3650 as MC (3.3.1SE)	3850 as MC (3.3.1SE)	WLC2504 (7.6)	WLC5760 (7.6)	WLC5508 (7.6)	WiSM2 (7.6)
Max APs Supported per MC	25	50	75	1000	500	1000
Max APs Supported in overall Mobility Domain	200	250	5400	72000	36000	72000
Max Clients Supported per MC	1000	2000	1000	12000	7000	15000
Max Clients Supported in overall Mobility Domain	8000	16000	72000	864000	504000	1.08M
Max number of MC in Mobility Domain	8	8	72	72	72	72
Max number of MC in Mobility Group	8	8	24	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in Sub-domain (per MC)	16	16	350	350	350	350
Max number of SPGs in Mobility Sub-Domain (per MC)	8	8	24	24	24	24
Max number of MAs in a SPG	16	16	64	64	64	64
Max number of WLANs	64	64	16	512	512	512



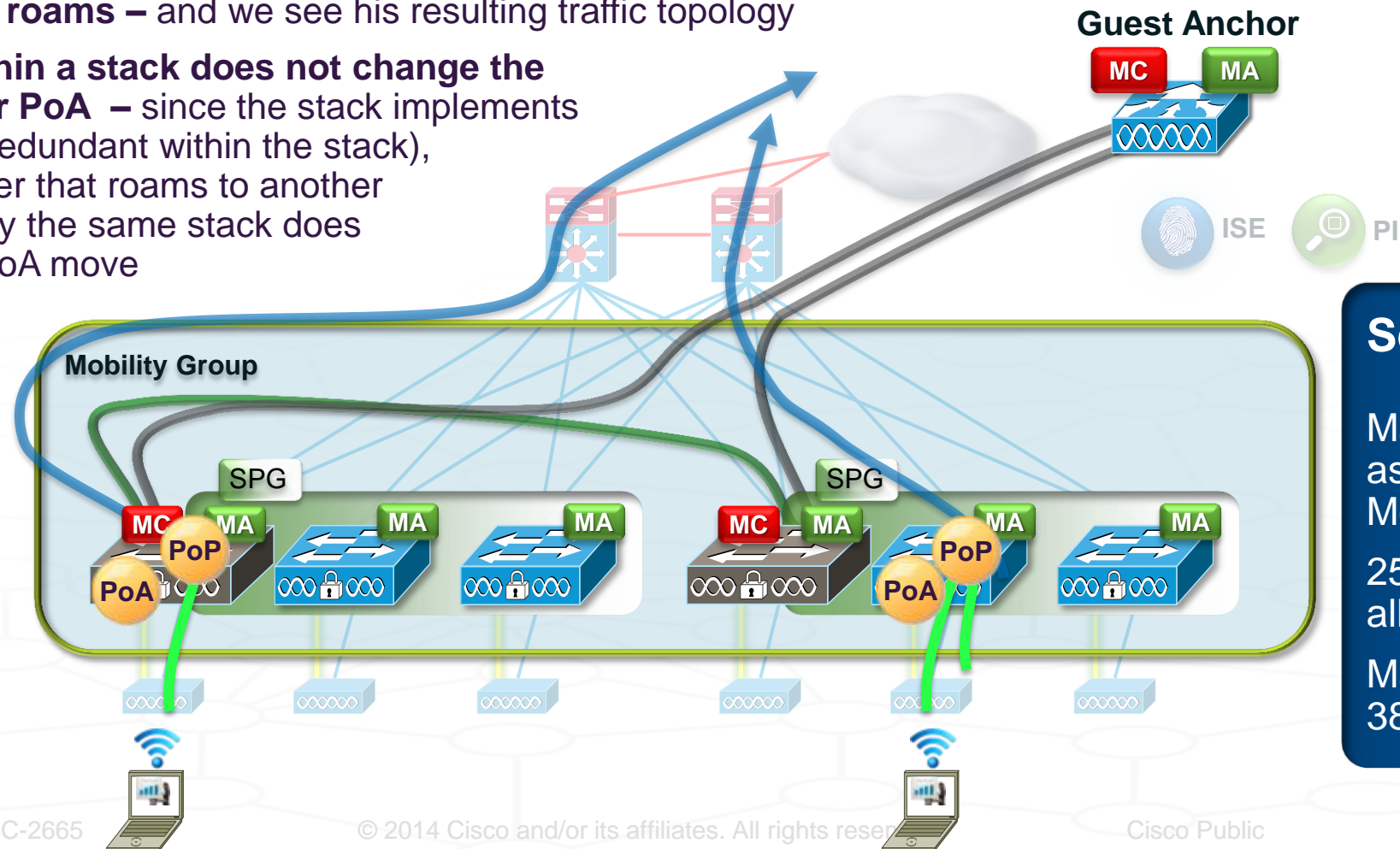
# REFERENCE MATERIAL

## 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-based MCs

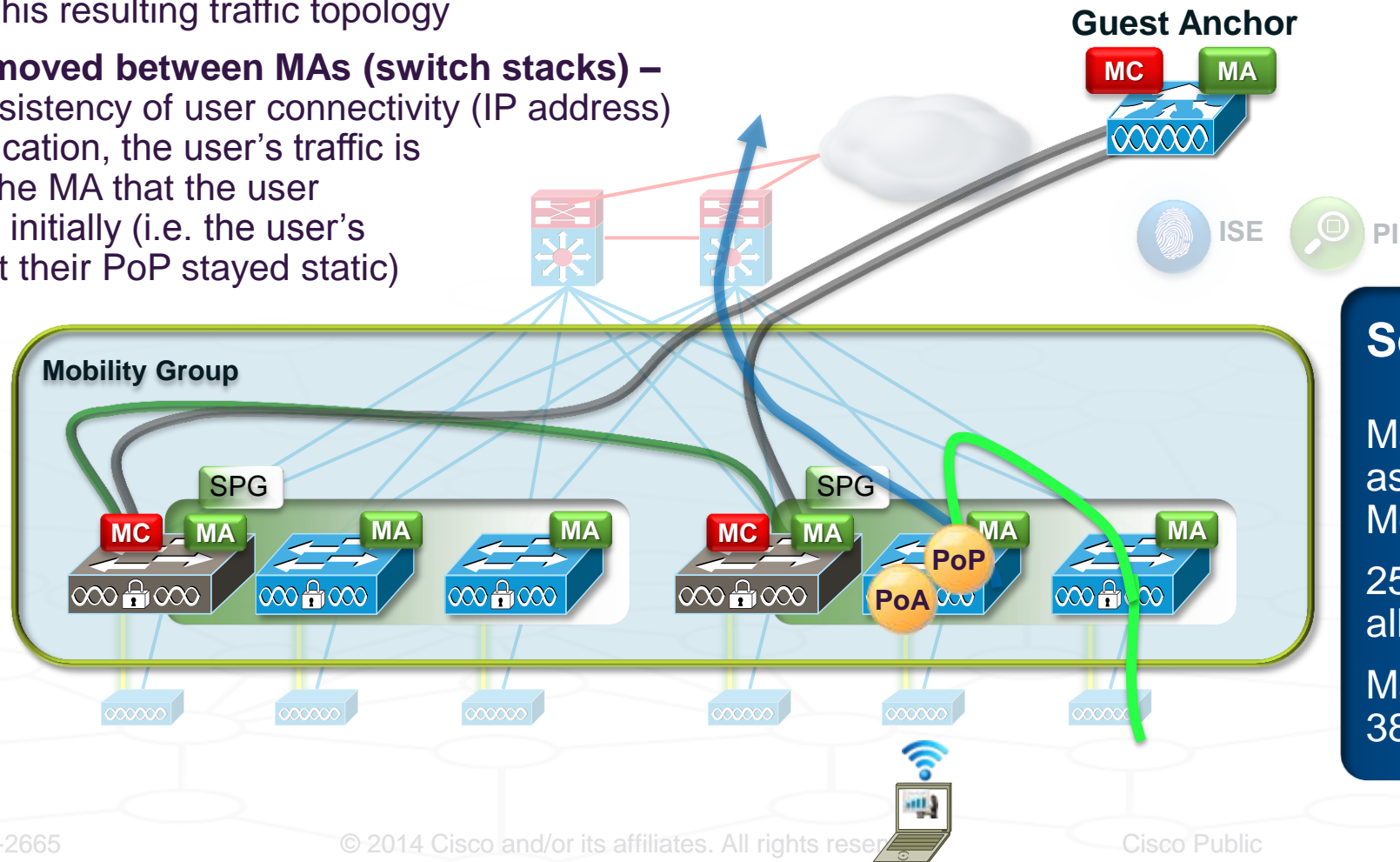
Max. 50 APs per 3850 stack / SPG



# 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

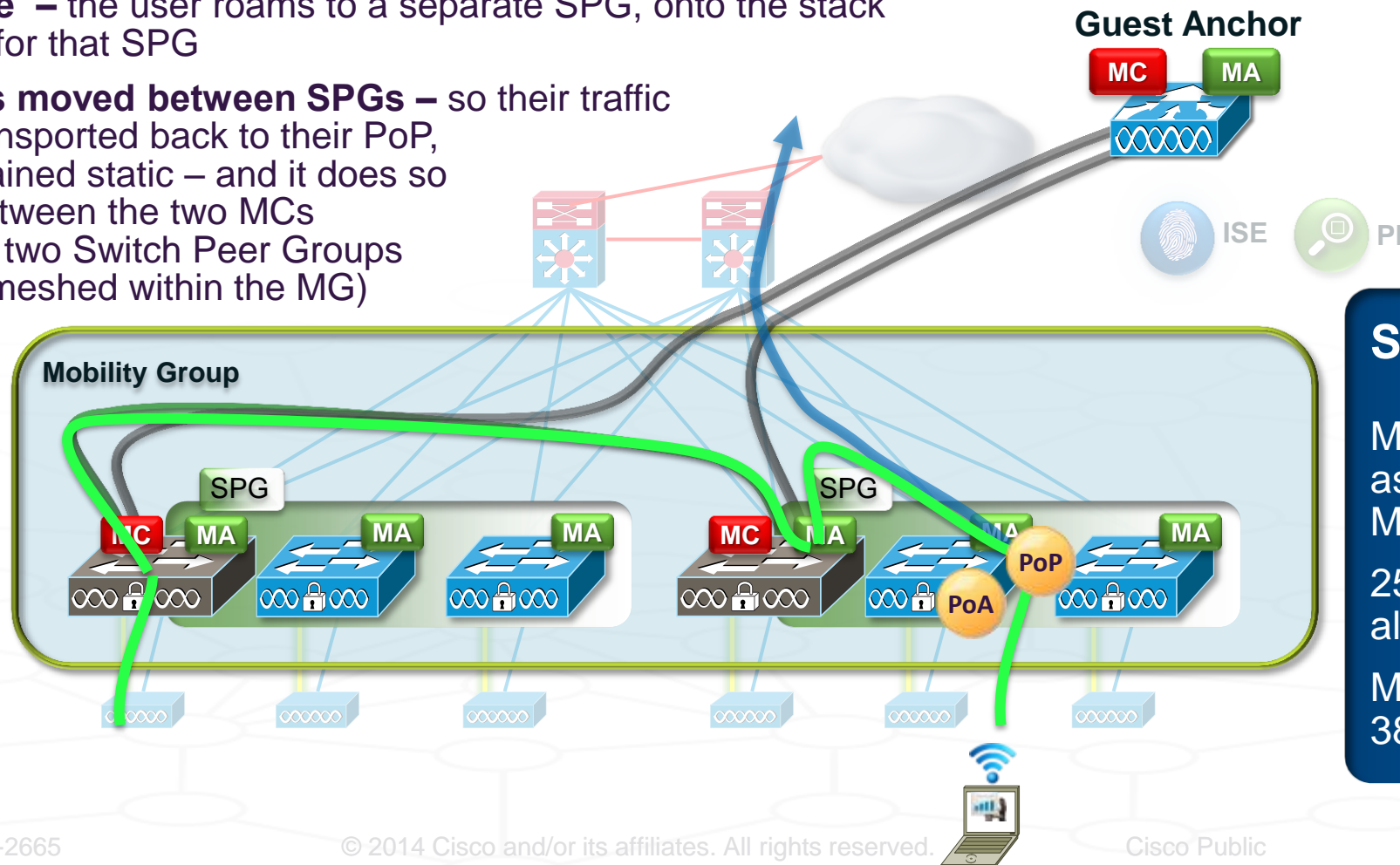
250 APs total across all 3850-based MCs

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 –

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

250 APs total across  
all 3850-based MCs

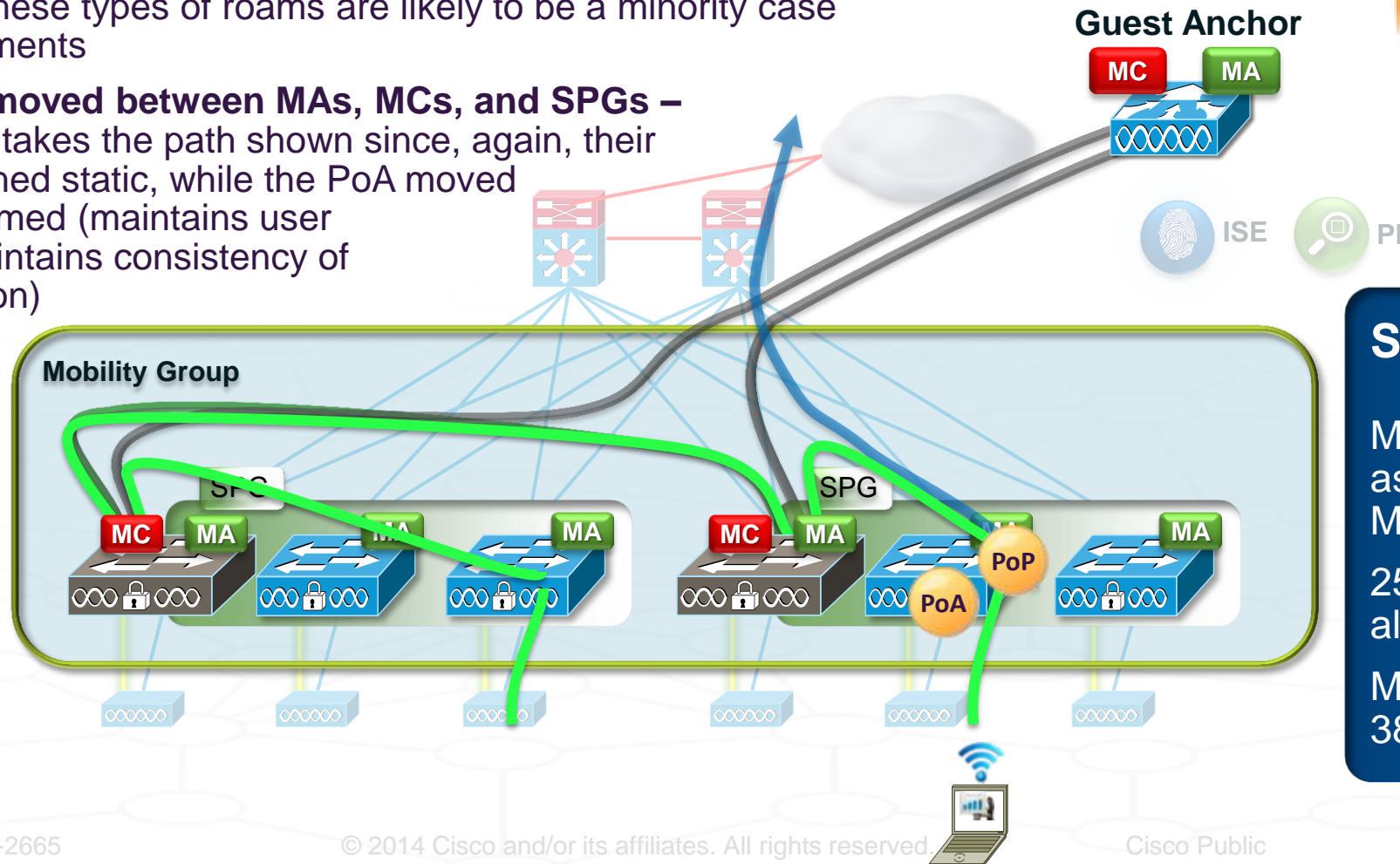
Max. 50 APs per  
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# Converged Access – Catalyst 3850-based MCs – Roaming across SPGs and MCs

## 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 (maintains user IP address, maintains consistency of policy application)



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

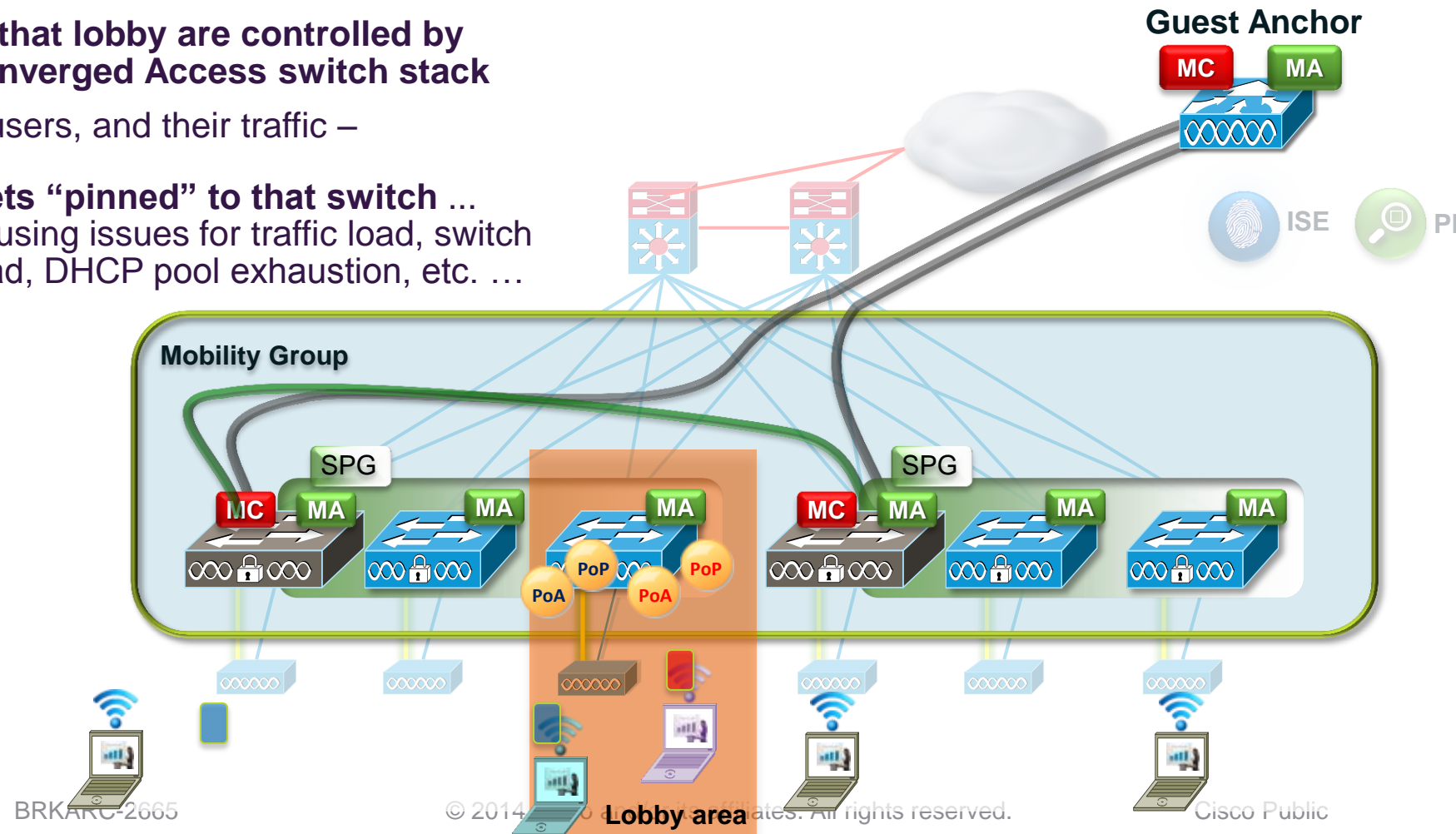


# Converged Access – Common Building Access – The “Lobby Issue”

## 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

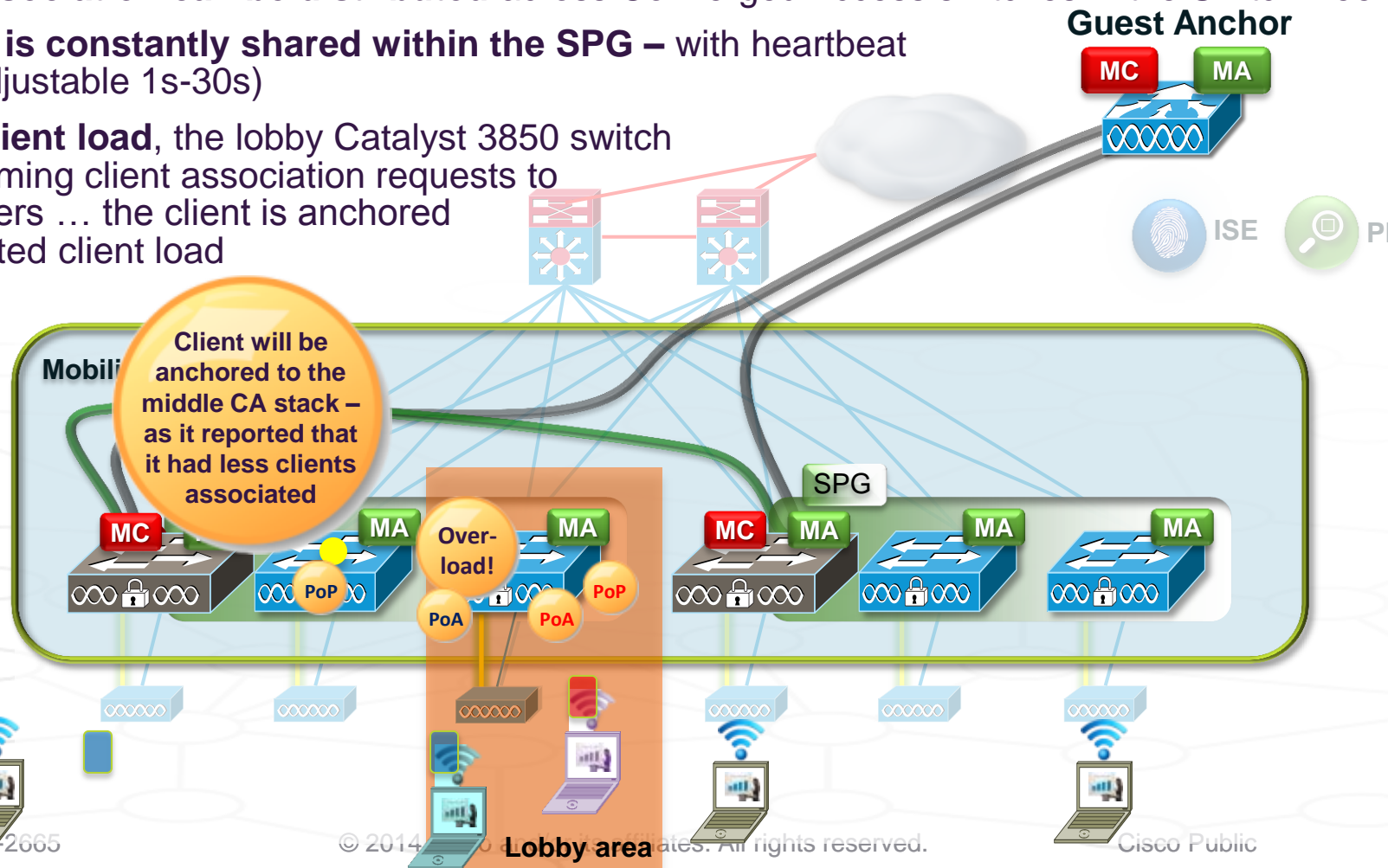


# Converged Access – Common Building Access – The “Lobby Solution”

## 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
```



# REFERENCE MATERIAL

## DEPLOYMENT



# Converged Access Deployment – IOS-XE 3.2.0 (FCS) vs. AireOS – Feature Comparison

## Additional Features included

### 7.2

AP 3600 support  
IPv6/dual stack 'client  
Mobility'  
ISE 1.1 MnR  
OKC/PKC

### 7.3

AP 2600 support  
Right-To-Use Adder  
Licenses

### 7.4

AP 1600 support

IOS XE 3.2.0 features are based on AireOS features 7.0.116.0

## Features NOT included

### 7.2

CleanAir enhancement  
Limit # of Clients per radio  
and per SSID  
Wi-Fi Direct  
AP Groups/Profile ph2  
SXP

### 7.2 MR1

802.11r  
HTTP sensor

### 7.3

AP SSO  
Bid. Rate Limiting  
11n Voice CAC  
Video CAC  
ISE 1.2: DHCP sensor  
Hot spot 2.0  
PMIPv6 MAG

### 7.4

AVC  
Bonjour Services Dir.  
Neighbour List (11k)  
N+1 with HA SKU  
Modules on AP3600  
802.11w for local mode

# Converged Access Deployment – IOS-XE 3.2.X (Maintenance) vs. AireOS – Feature Comparison

## Additional Features included

### 7.2

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ISE 1.1 MnR  
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### 7.3

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AP 1600 support

### Maintenance Releases

PI 2.0 support (3.2.3)  
Captive Portal Bypassing  
(3.2.3)  
GUI enhancements (3.2.2)  
Fast SSID change (3.2.2)  
CoA for BYOD support (3.2.2)

**IOS XE 3.2.x features are based on AireOS features 7.0.116.0**

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IOS XE 3.3 features are based on AireOS features 7.4

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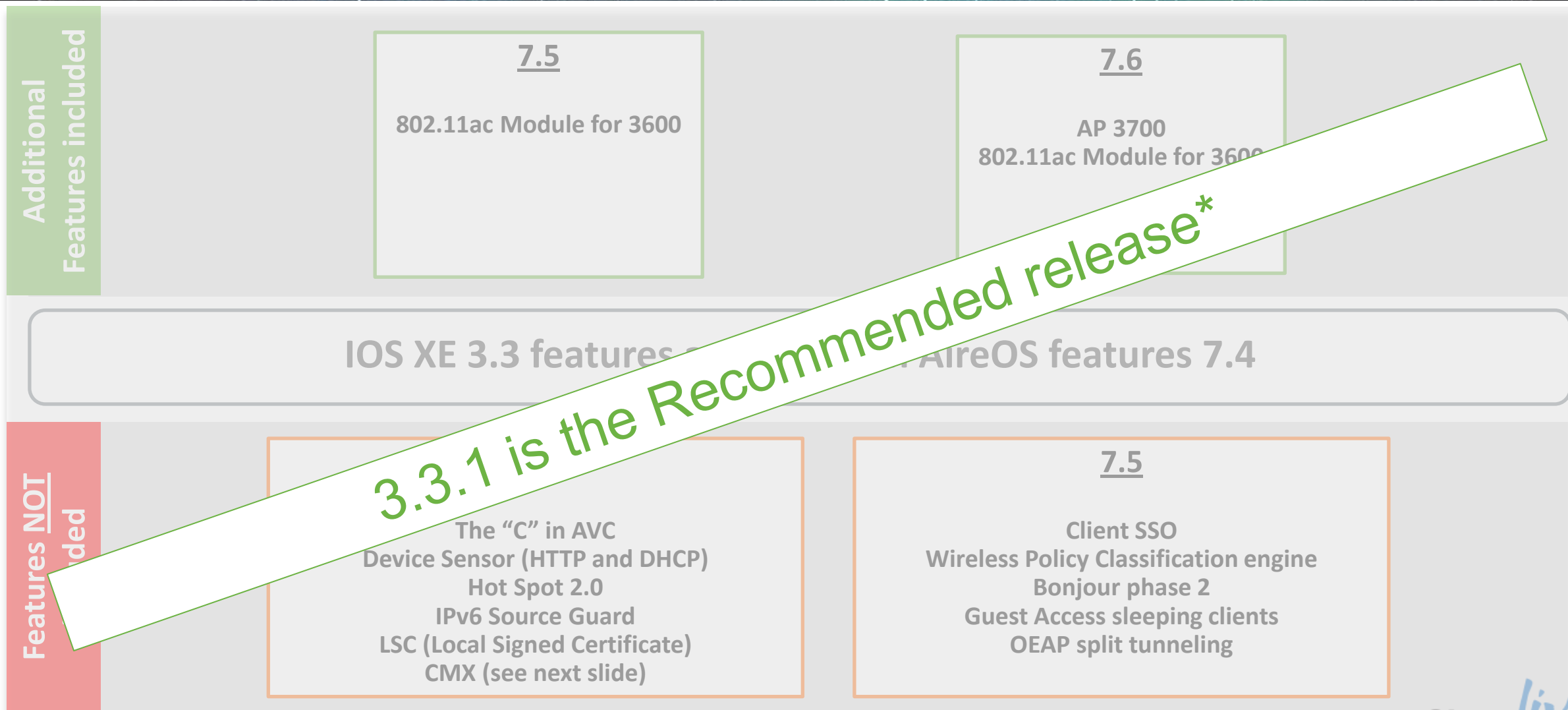
## 7.4

The “C” in AVC  
Device Sensor (HTTP and DHCP)  
Hot Spot 2.0  
IPv6 Source Guard  
LSC (Local Signed Certificate)  
CMX (see next slide)

## 7.5

Client SSO  
Wireless Policy Classification engine  
Bonjour phase 2  
Guest Access sleeping clients  
OEAP split tunnelling

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