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## NETFLOW FOR ACCOUNTING, ANALYSIS AND ATTACK

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## Introduction

- **What Is a Flow?**
- **NetFlow Principles**
- **NetFlow Cache**
- **Timers**
- **NetFlow CLI**

# NetFlow Origination

- **Developed by Darren Kerr and Barry Bruins at Cisco Systems in 1996**

**US Patent 6,243,667**

- **The value of information in the cache was a secondary discovery**

**Initially designed as a switching path**

- **NetFlow is now the primary network accounting technology in the industry**
- **Answers questions regarding IP traffic: who, what, where, when, and how**

# Principle NetFlow Benefits

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## Service Provider

- Peering arrangements
- Network planning
- Traffic engineering
- Accounting and billing
- Security monitoring

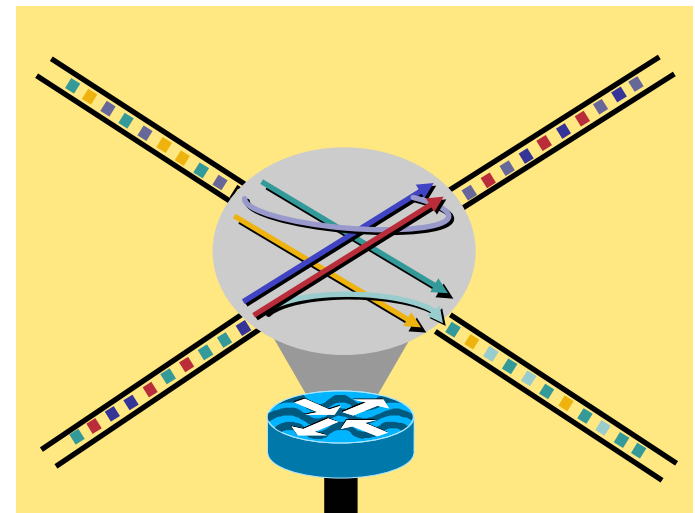
## Enterprise

- Internet access monitoring (protocol distribution, where traffic is going/coming)
- User monitoring
- Application monitoring
- Charge back billing for departments
- Security monitoring

# What Is a Flow?

## Defined by Seven Unique Keys:

- Source IP address
- Destination IP address
- Source port
- Destination port
- Layer 3 protocol type
- TOS byte (DSCP)
- Input logical interface (ifIndex)



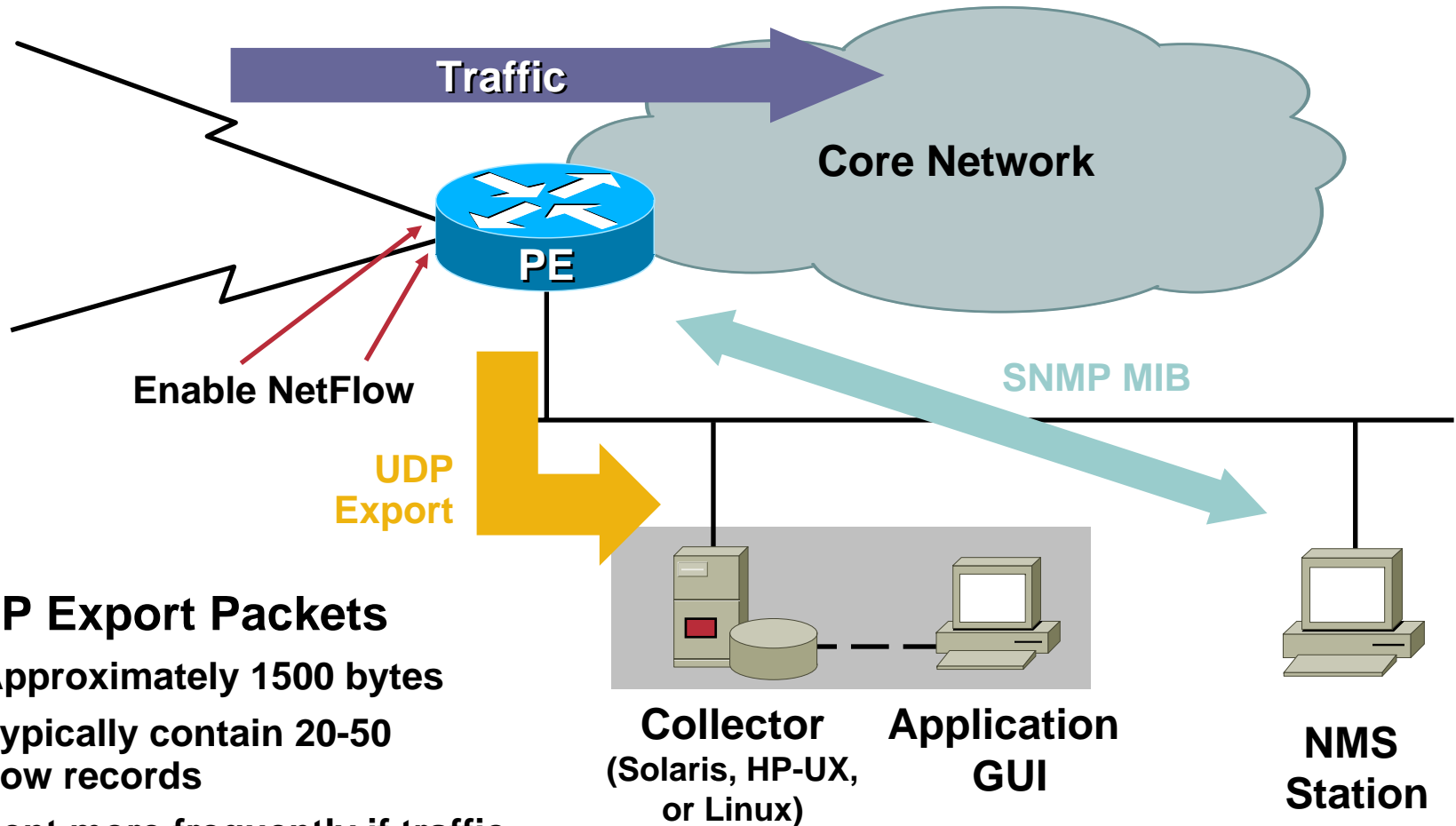
**Exported Data**

# NetFlow Principles

- **Inbound traffic only**
- **Unidirectional flow**
- **Accounts for both transit traffic and traffic destined for the router**
- **Works with Cisco Express Forwarding or fast switching**  
Not a switching path
- **Supported on all interfaces and Cisco IOS ® Software platforms**
- **Returns the subinterface information in the flow records**
- **Cisco Catalyst® 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series enables NetFlow on all interfaces by default**

# Creating Export Packets

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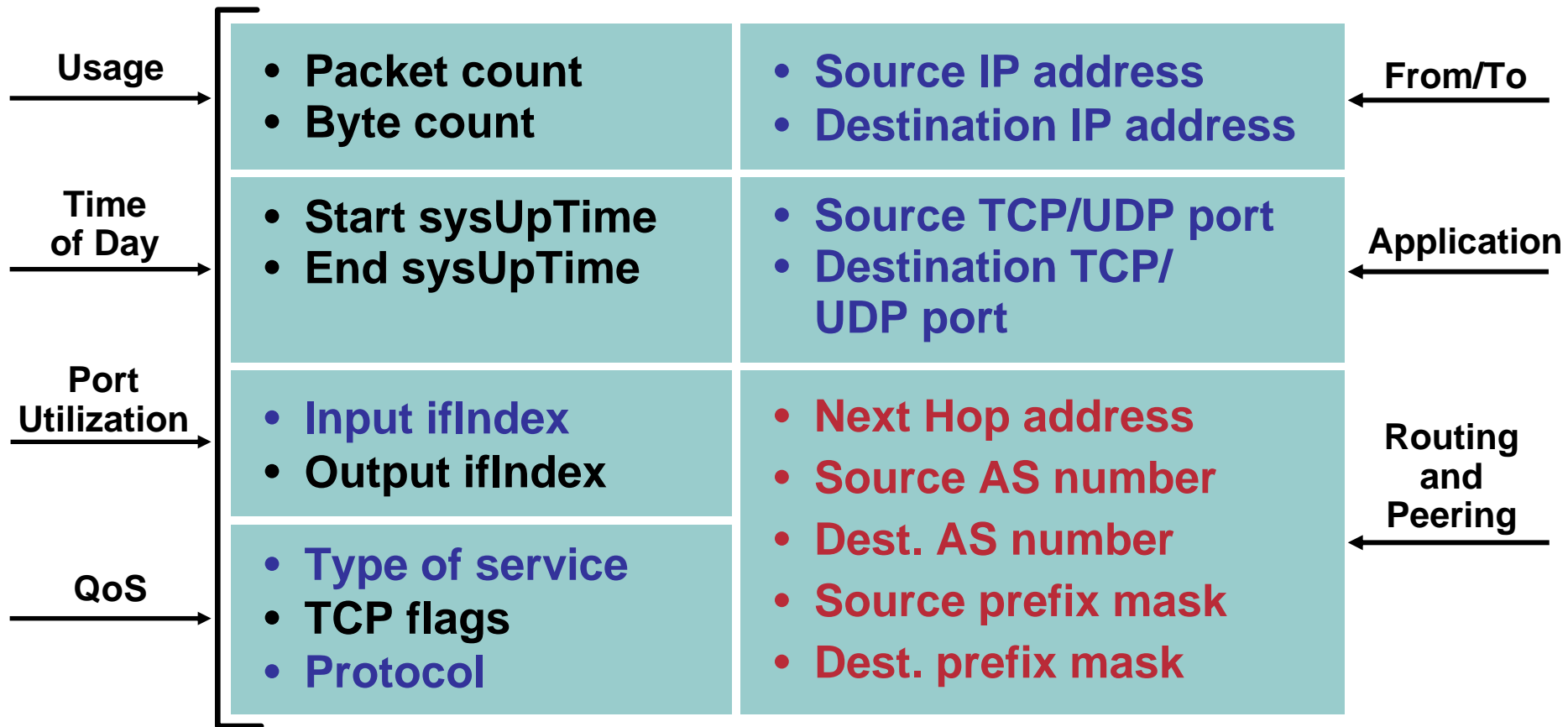


## UDP Export Packets

- Approximately 1500 bytes
- Typically contain 20-50 flow records
- Sent more frequently if traffic increases on NetFlow-enabled interfaces



# Flow Export Format



**Version 5 Is Used in This Example**

# NetFlow Cache Example

## 1. Create and update flows in NetFlow cache

SrcIf	SrcIPadd	DstIf	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	Pkts	Src Port	Src Msk	Src AS	Dst Port	Dst Msk	Dst AS	NextHop	Bytes/Pkt	Active	Idle
Fa1/0	173.100.21.2	Fa0/0	10.0.227.12	11	80	10	11000	00A2	/24	5	00A2	/24	15	10.0.23.2	1528	1745	4
Fa1/0	173.100.3.2	Fa0/0	10.0.227.12	6	40	0	2491	15	/26	196	15	/24	15	10.0.23.2	740	41.5	1
Fa1/0	173.100.20.2	Fa0/0	10.0.227.12	11	80	10	10000	00A1	/24	180	00A1	/24	15	10.0.23.2	1428	1145.5	3
Fa1/0	173.100.6.2	Fa0/0	10.0.227.12	6	40	0	2210	19	/30	180	19	/24	15	10.0.23.2	1040	24.5	14

## 2. Expiration

- Inactive timer expired (15 sec is default)
- Active timer expired (30 min (1800 sec) is default)
- NetFlow cache is full (oldest flows are expired)
- RST or FIN TCP Flag

SrcIf	SrcIPadd	DstIf	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	Pkts	Src Port	Src Msk	Src AS	Dst Port	Dst Msk	Dst AS	NextHop	Bytes/Pkt	Active	Idle
Fa1/0	173.100.21.2	Fa0/0	10.0.227.12	11	80	10	11000	00A2	/24	5	00A2	/24	15	10.0.23.2	1528	1800	4

## 3. Aggregation

No

Yes

## 4. Export version

Non-Aggregated Flows—Export **Version 5 or 9**

## 5. Transport protocol

Export  
Packet

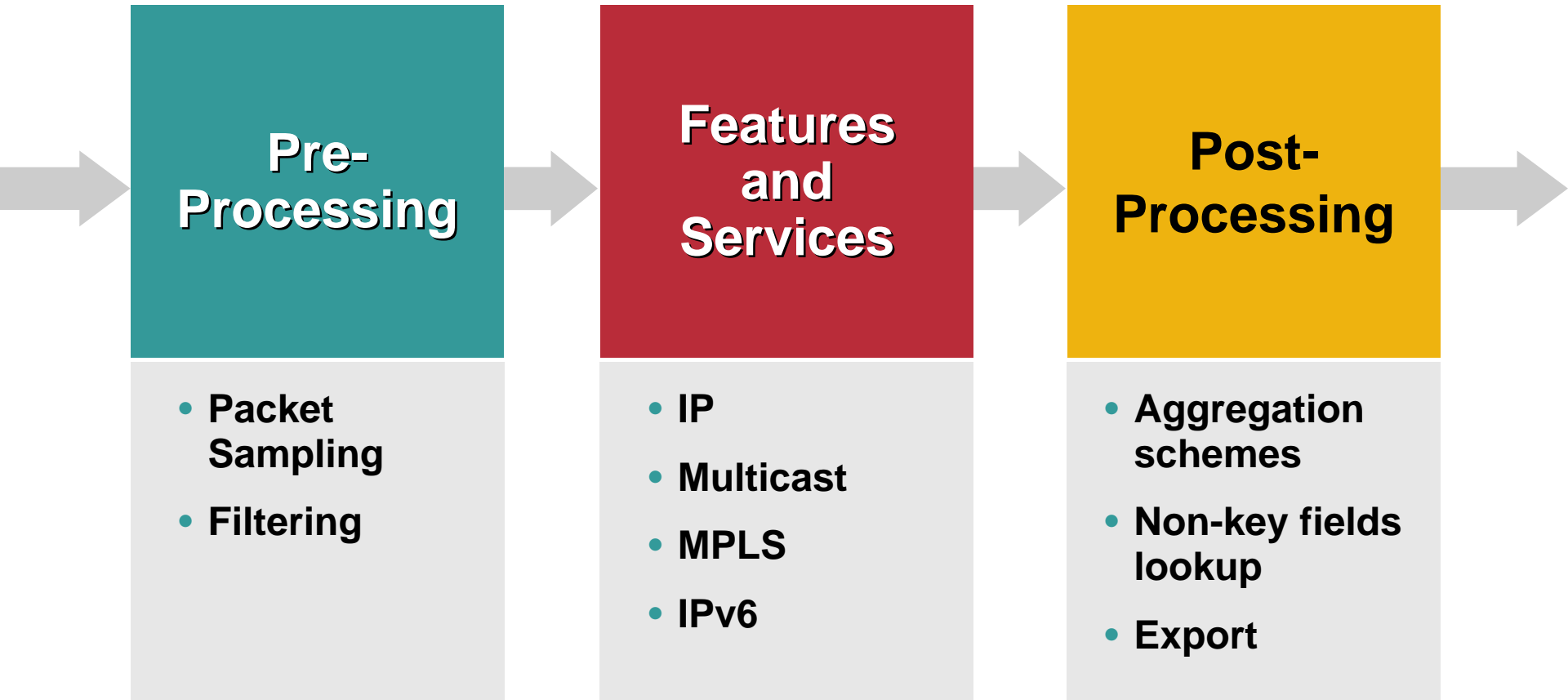
Header  
Payload  
(Flows)

e.g. Protocol-Port Aggregation  
Scheme Becomes

Protocol	Pkts	SrcPort	DstPort	Bytes/Pkt
11	11000	00A2	00A2	1528

Aggregated Flows—Export **Version 8 or 9**

# NetFlow Processing Order



# Active/Inactive Timers

- **Inactive time = The flow expires once no packets are seen for this time duration**
- **Active time = If packets continue to be received on this flow beyond this active time setting then the flow will expire and be exported while a new flow is created**
- **Default values on software-based routers: Cisco 10000 and 12000 Series Internet Routers:**
  - Inactive timer: 15 seconds (minimum 1 second)**
  - Active timer: 30 minutes (minimum 1 minute)**
- **Default values on a Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series:**
  - Aging time: 256 seconds**
  - Fast aging time: disabled (flows that only switch a few packets and are never used again)**
  - Long aging time: 1920 seconds (used to prevent counter wraparound and inaccurate stats)**
  - Recommendation: Change normal aging time to 32 seconds and fast aging time to 32 seconds and 32 packets**

# Flow Timers and Expiration

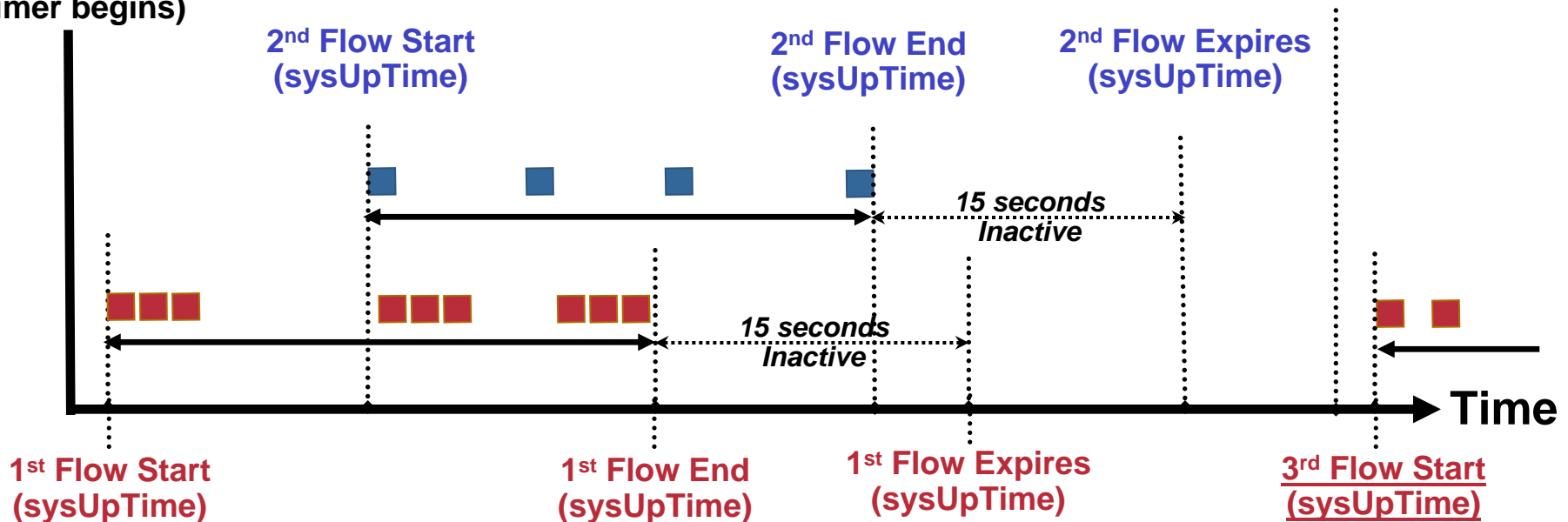
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**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Flows** – Src 10.1.1.1, Dst 20.2.2.2, Prot 6, Src & Dst port 15, InIF FE0/0, ToS 128  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Flow** – Src 10.1.1.1, Dst 20.2.2.2, Prot 6, Src & Dst port 15, InIF FE0/0, ToS 192

■ = packet from 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> flow  
■ = packet from 2<sup>nd</sup> flow

UDP Export Packet  
containing 30-50 flows  
(sysUpTime & UTC)

Router Boots  
(sysUpTime  
timer begins)



- **SysUptime** - Current time in milliseconds since router booted
- **UTC** - Coordinated Universal Time can be synchronized to NTP (Network Time Protocol)

# NetFlow Configuration Commands

- `ip route-cache flow`  
Per interface
- `ip flow-export version <version> [origin-as|peer-as|bgp-nexthop]`  
e.g. `ip flow-export version 5`
- `ip flow-export destination <address> <port>`  
e.g. `ip flow-export destination 10.0.0.1 65001`
- `ip flow-export source <interface>`  
Default is interface will best route to collector. We recommend configuring and setting a loopback interface.
- `ip flow-aggregation cache <name of aggregation scheme>`  
Selects the aggregation cache
- `ip flow-cache timeout inactive <seconds>`  
Sets the seconds an inactive flow will remain in the cache before expiration. 15 seconds is default
- `ip flow-cache timeout active <minutes>`  
Sets the minutes an active flow will remain in the cache before expiration. 30 minutes is default
- `ip flow-cache entries <number>`  
Sets the maximum number of flow entries in the cache. The default varies dependent on platform.

# NetFlow Configuration Commands

- `show ip cache [verbose] flow`

**Shows NetFlow statistics**

- `show ip cache flow aggregation <name of aggregation scheme>`

**Shows NetFlow statistics for the configured aggregation scheme**

- `show ip flow export`

**Shows export statistics**

- `clear ip cache flow`

**Clears NetFlow statistics**

- `clear ip flow stats`

**Clears export statistics**

# 'show ip cache flow'

```
router_A#sh ip cache flow
IP packet size distribution (85435 total packets):
  1-32   64   96  128  160  192  224  256  288  320  352  384  416  448  480
.000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000

  512  544  576 1024 1536 2048 2560 3072 3584 4096 4608
.000 .000 .000 .000 1.00 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
```

## Packet Sizes

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 278544 bytes
2728 active, 1368 inactive, 85310 added
463824 age polls, 0 flow alloc failures
Active flows timeout in 30 minutes
Inactive flows timeout in 15 seconds
last clearing of statistics never
```

## # of Active Flows

## Rates and Duration

Protocol	Total Flows	Flows /Sec	Packets /Flow	Bytes /Pkt	Packets /Sec	Active(Sec) /Flow	Idle(Sec) /Flow
TCP-X	2	0.0	1	1440	0.0	0.0	9.5
TCP-other	82580	11.2	1	1440	11.2	0.0	12.0
Total:	82582	11.2			11.2	0.0	12.0

## Flow Details

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	SrcP	DstP	Pkts
Et0/0	132.122.25.60	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	9AEE	0007	1
Et0/0	139.57.220.28	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	708D	0007	1
Et0/0	165.172.153.65	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	CB46	0007	1



# 'show ip cache verbose flow'

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```
router_A#sh ip cache verbose flow
```

```
IP packet size distribution (23597 total packets):
```

1-32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288	320	352	384	416	448	480
.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
512	544	576	1024	1536	2048	2560	3072	3584	4096	4608				
.000	.000	.000	.000	1.00	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000				

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 278544 bytes
```

```
1323 active, 2773 inactive, 23533 added
```

```
151644 age polls, 0 flow alloc failures
```

```
Active flows timeout in 30 minutes
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Inactive flows timeout in 15 seconds
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```
last clearing of statistics never
```

Protocol	Total	Flows	Packets	Bytes	Packets	Active(Sec)	Inactive(Sec)
-----	Flows	/Sec	/Flow	/P	/Sec	/Flow	/Flow
TCP	23210	2.1	1	1400	3.1	0.0	12.9
TCP	23210	2.1	1	1400	3.1	0.0	12.9

**Source Mask and ISP AS**

**Destination Information**

**ToS Byte and TCP Flags**

**Flow Rate and Duration**

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	TOS	Flags	Pkts
Port Msk AS		Port Msk AS	NextHop			B/Pk	Active
Et0/0	216.120.112.114	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	00	10	1
5FA7 /0 0		0007 /0 0	0.0.0.0			1440	0.0
Et0/0	175.182.253.65	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	00	10	1

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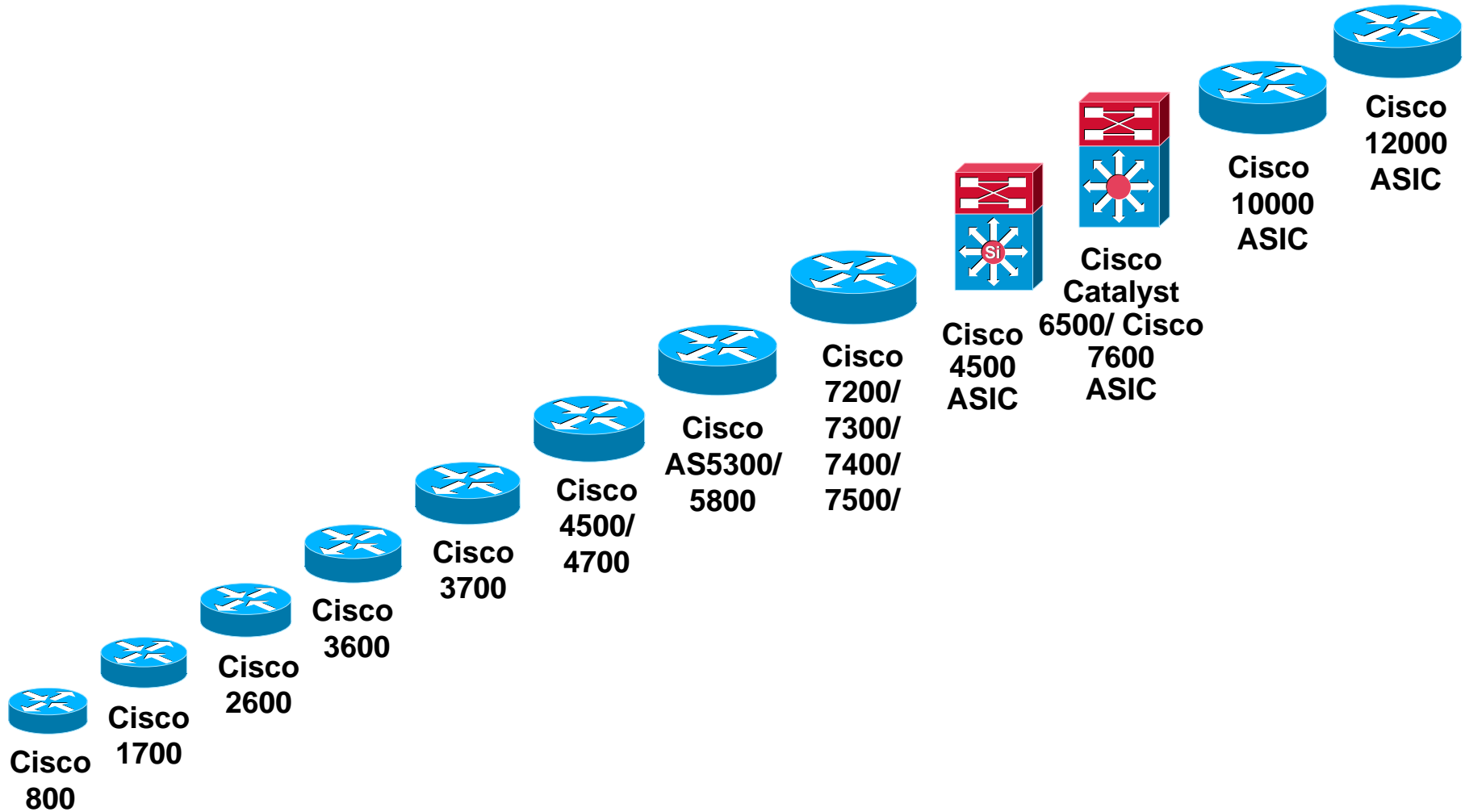
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## Hardware

- **Summary**
- **Software-based platforms**
- **Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series**
- **Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router**

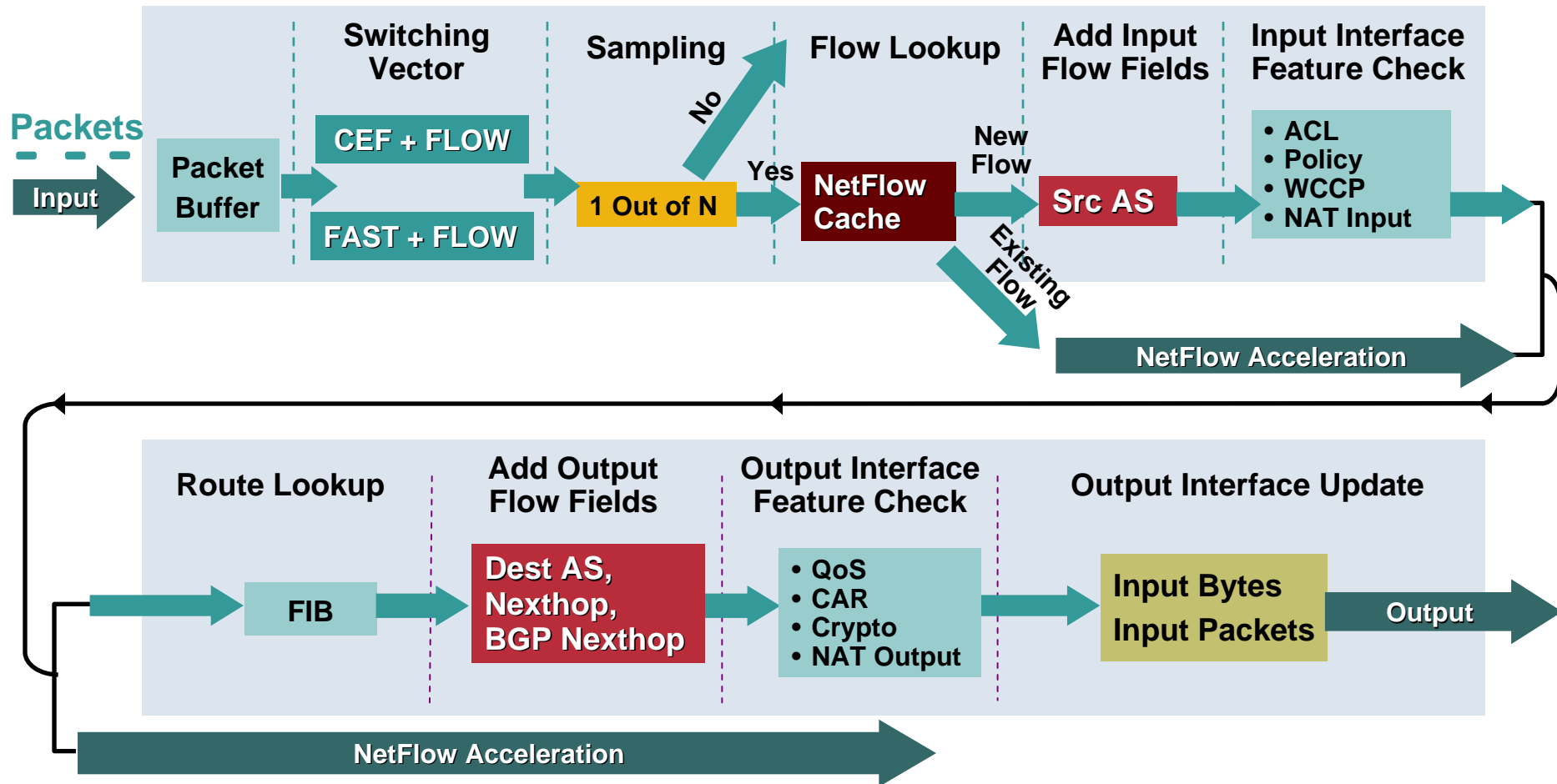
# Comprehensive Hardware Support

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# Switching Path for Software-Based and Cisco 12000 Engine 0/1 Linecards

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Cisco 1700, 2500, 2600, 3600, 4500, and 7200 Series Routers

# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch and Cisco 7600 Series Router

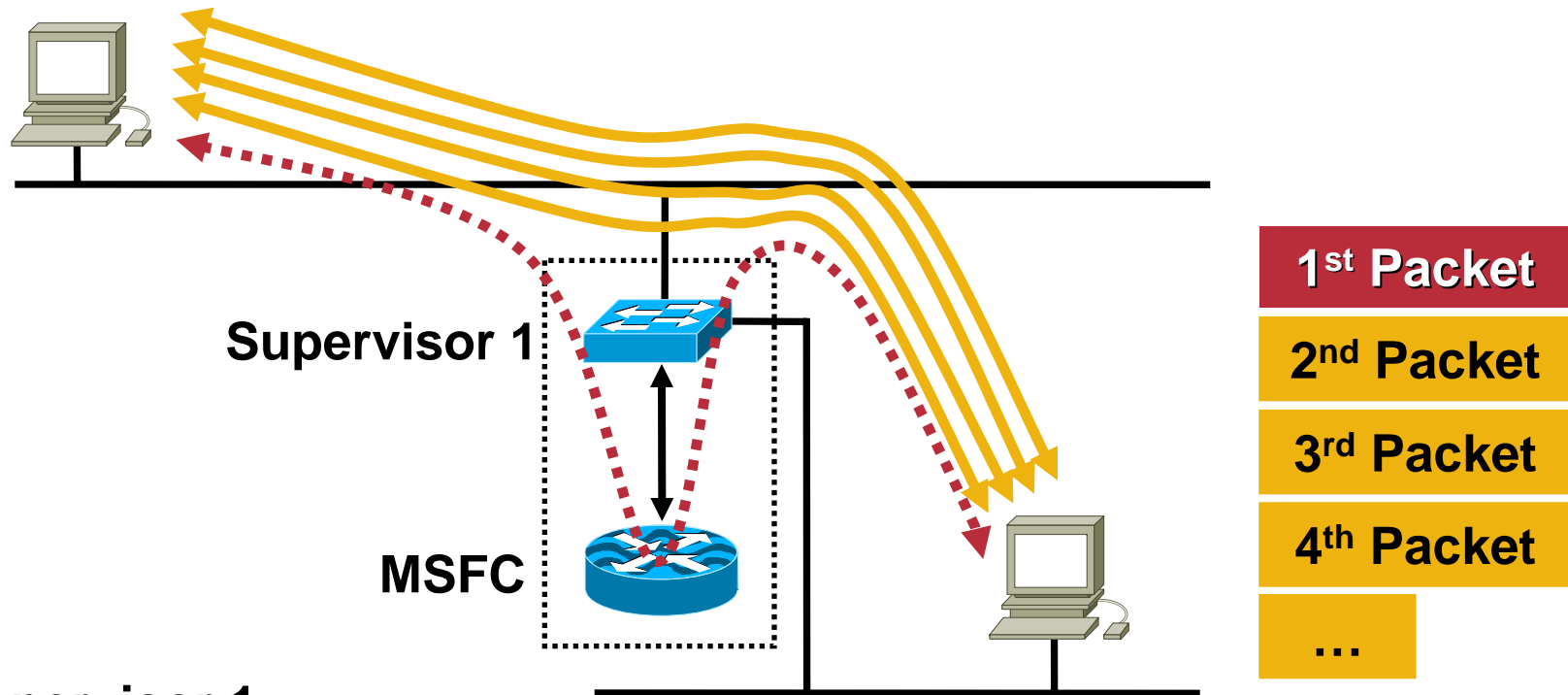
- **Hybrid: Cisco Catalyst OS on PFC/supervisor and Cisco IOS Software on MSFC**
- **Native Cisco IOS Software: PFC/supervisor and the MSFC both run a single bundled Cisco IOS Software image**
- **Export is centrally via the supervisor and MSFC, each linecard has its own hardware NetFlow cache and forwarding table, i.e. distributed platform**

	Hybrid	Native 12.1E	Native 12.2SX
MSFCx	v5	v5	v5, v8*
Sup1a	V7, v8	v7	N/A
Sup2	V7, v8	v5, v7	v5, v7, v8
Sup720	v5, v7, v8	v5, v7	v5, v7, v8

**\*No NetFlow Support on MSFC with Sup1a**

# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series Supervisor

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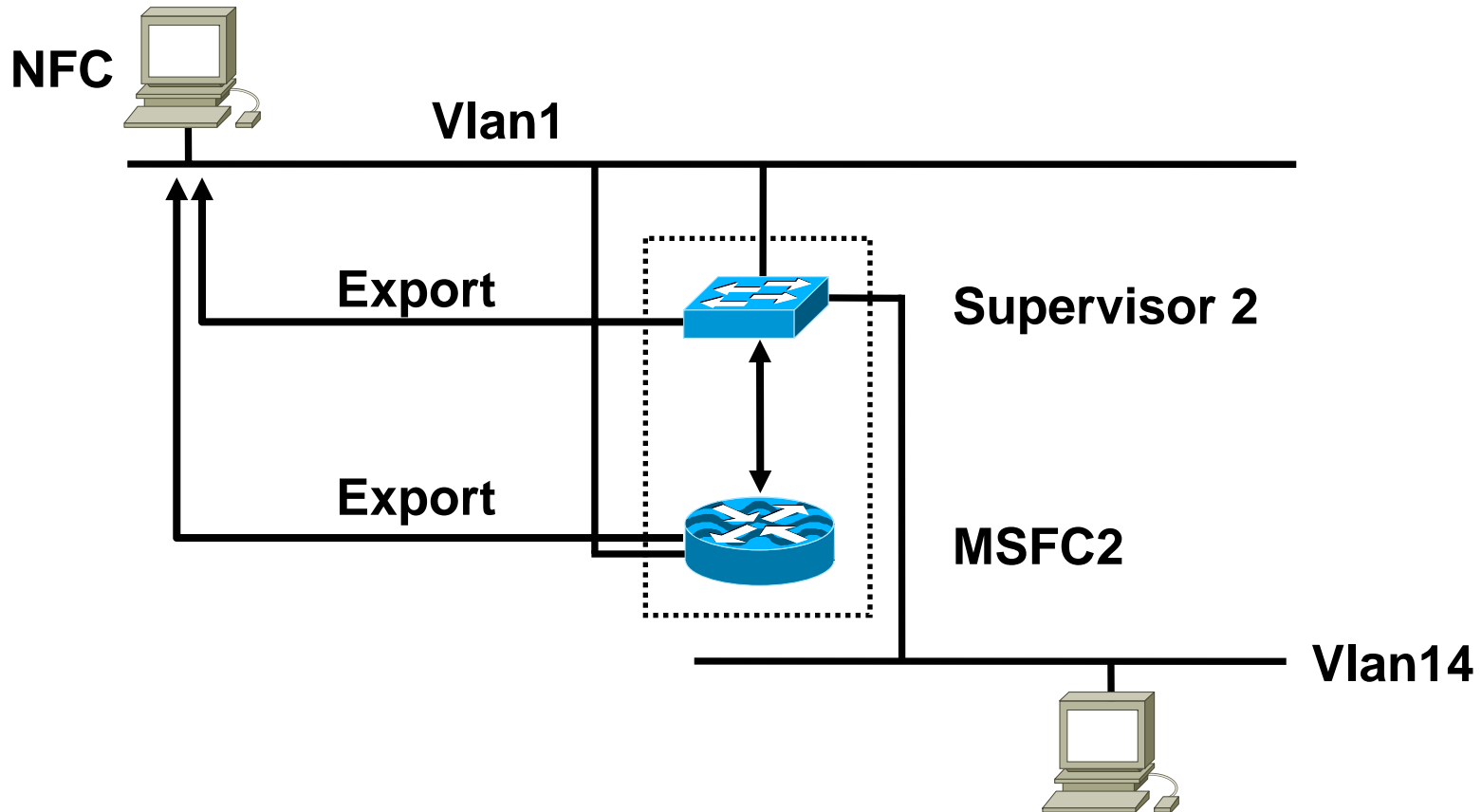
- **Supervisor 1:**

When destination has no adjacency in FIB the 1st packet goes to MSFC for ARP request; This packet is not counted by the supervisor2

If NetFlow is enabled on the MSFC2, the MSFC2 accounted packets will have DstIf = Null (by limitation)

- **Supervisor 2—99% of traffic goes through the supervisor 2**

# MLS Best Design



**MLS-Enabled and Export v7 from the SUP2**  
**Export v5 from the MSFC2**  
**And Export in the sc0 vlan**



# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series Versions and Features

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- **Cisco IOS Software Release 12.1(13)E1**
  - PFC2 Source/destination interface information (Hybrid 6.3(6))
  - PFC2 Source/destination AS information
  - PFC2 Support for V5 NetFlow data export (Hybrid 7.5(1))
  - IP Next hop
  - Sampled NetFlow is available on PFC in Cisco IOS
- **Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(14)SX**
  - Version 8 in native mode
- **PFC3b (Sup720) cards**
  - ToS byte
  - Multicast traffic
- **Hybrid Cisco Catalyst OS 7.2(1)**
  - L2 switched traffic (vlan x to vlan y) support (doesn't require MSFC)
- **Hybrid Cisco Catalyst OS 7.3(1)**
  - Destination and source IfIndex enabled by default

# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series: Native Cisco IOS Software Mode

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```
mls flow ip full                                -> flow mask
mls nde src_address 10.200.8.127 version 7
    -> version 7 export source OR
mls nde sender    -> NDE enable + NDE from the PFC uses the
    source configured from the MSFC!!!!
interface vlan 1
    ip address 10.200.8.127 255.255.255.0
    ip route-cache flow
interface FastEthernet 3/2
    ip address 10.300.8.2 255.255.255.0
    ip route-cache flow

ip flow-export source vlan1                    -> version 5 export source
ip flow-export version 5
ip flow-export destination 172.17.246.244 9996
    -> both for version 5 and 7 export
```

# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series: Switched Traffic



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- **L2 switched traffic (vlan x to vlan y) support in Hybrid Catalyst OS 7.2(1); It doesn't require a MSFC; native mode: not yet available**

```
set mls bridged-flow-statistics enable/disable <vlan>
```

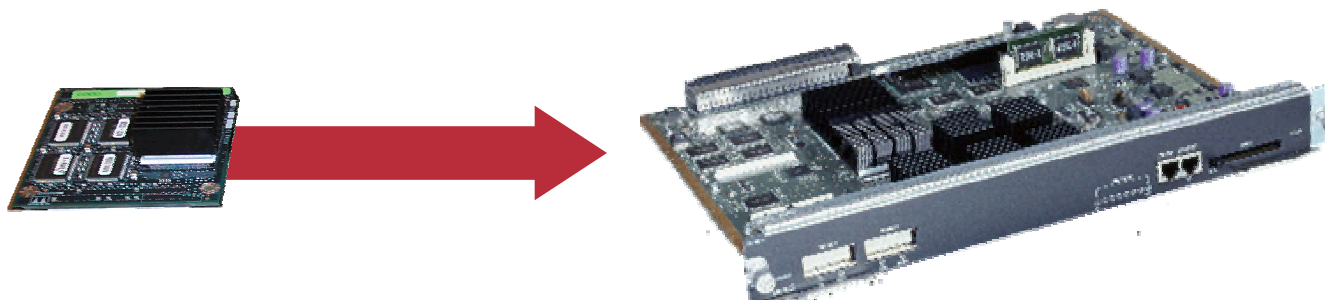
- **Destination and source IfIndex enabled by default, support in Hybrid 7.3(1)**

```
set mls nde {destination-index|source-index} {enable|disable}
```

# Cisco Catalyst 4000/4500 Series NetFlow

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- **NetFlow services card in Supervisor 4:**
  - 12.1(13)EW supports version 5 without interface tracking
  - 12.1(19)EW supports version 5 (with interface tracking) and version 8
- **NetFlow services card in Supervisor 5:**
  - 12.2(18)EW supports Version 5 and 8
- **Prior card was NetFlow Feature Card (NFFC) (now end of sale)**



# Cisco 12000 Series Internet Routers: NetFlow

- **Engine 0—software support**
- **Engine 1—software support**
- **Engine 2—support in ASICs, however there's significant performance impact if running many other features concurrently**
- **Engine 3—support in ASICs**
- **Engine 4—not supported**
- **Engine 4+—support in ASICs**

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## Versions

- **Overview**
- **Version 9**
- **IPFIX and PSAMP Working Groups**

# NetFlow Versions

NetFlow Version	Comments
1	Original
5	Standard and Most Common
7	Specific to Cisco C6500 and 7600 Series Switches Similar to Version 5, but Does Not Include AS, Interface, TCP Flag and ToS Information
8	Choice of Eleven Aggregation Schemes Reduces Resource Usage
9	Flexible, Extensible File Export Format to Enable Easier Support of Additional Fields and Technologies e.g. MPLS, Multicast, BGP Next Hop, and IPv6



# Version 8: Flow Format

	AS	Protocol-Port	Source-Prefix	Destination-Prefix	Prefix
Source Prefix			x		x
Source Prefix Mask			x		x
Destination Prefix				x	x
Destination Prefix Mask				x	x
Source App Port		x			
Destination App Port		x			
Input Interface	x		x		x
Output Interface	x			x	x
IP Protocol		x			
Source AS	x		x		x
Destination AS	x			x	x
First Timestamp	x	x	x	x	x
Last Timestamp	x	x	x	x	x
# of Flows	x	x	x	x	x
# of Packets	x	x	x	x	x
# of Bytes	x	x	x	x	x

# Version 8: Flow Format

	AS-TOS	Protocol-Port-TOS	Source-Prefix-TOS	Destination-Prefix-TOS	Prefix-TOS	Prefix-Port
Source Prefix			x		x	x
Source Prefix Mask			x		x	x
Destination Prefix				x	x	x
Destination Prefix Mask				x	x	x
Source App Port		x				x
Destination App Port		x				x
Input Interface	x	x	x		x	x
Output Interface	x	x		x	x	x
IP Protocol		x				x
Source AS	x		x		x	
Destination AS	x			x	x	
TOS	x	x	x	x	x	x
First Timestamp	x	x	x	x	x	x
Last Timestamp	x	x	x	x	x	x
# of Flows	x	x	x	x	x	x
# of Packets	x	x	x	x	x	x
# of Bytes	x	x	x	x	x	x

# Version 8: Configuration

```
3600-4(config)# ip flow-aggregation cache ?
as                AS aggregation
as-tos            AS-TOS aggregation
destination-prefix Destination Prefix aggregation
destination-prefix-tos Destination Prefix TOS aggregation
prefix            Prefix aggregation
prefix-port       Prefix-port aggregation
prefix-tos        Prefix-TOS aggregation
protocol-port     Protocol and port aggregation
protocol-port-tos Protocol, port and TOS aggregation
source-prefix     Source Prefix aggregation
source-prefix-tos Source Prefix TOS aggregation
```

**Note—Do Not Export Version 5 at the Same Time “ip flow-export version 5”**

# Why a New Version?

- **Previous formats (versions 1, 5, 7, and 8) were fixed format and inflexible**
  - 1) **Cisco needed to build a new version each time a customer wanted to export new fields**
  - 2) **Partners had to reengineer to support the new export format**

**Solution: Build a **Flexible** and **Extensible** Export Format!**

# NetFlow v9 Principles

- Version 9 is an **export format**
- Still a push model
- Send the template regularly (configurable)
- Independent of the UDP transport protocol, it is ready for any reliable transport protocol e.g TCP, SCTP,...
- Advantage: we can add new technologies/data types very quickly  
e.g. MPLS, IPv6, BGP Next Hop, Multicast,...

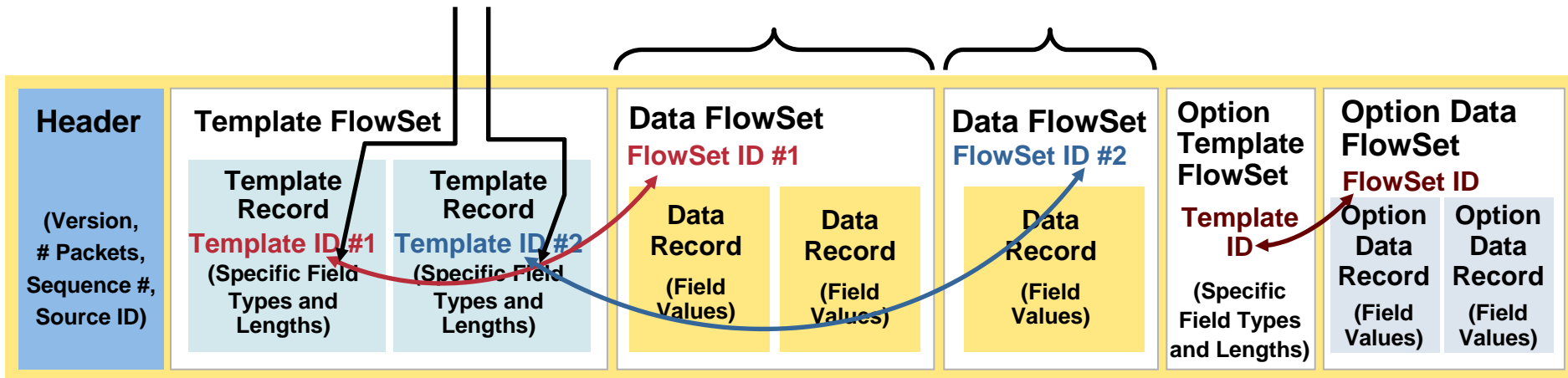
# NetFlow v9 Export Packet

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To Support Technologies Such As  
MPLS or Multicast, This Export Format Can  
Be Leveraged to Easily **Insert New Fields**

Flows from  
Interface A

Flows from  
Interface B

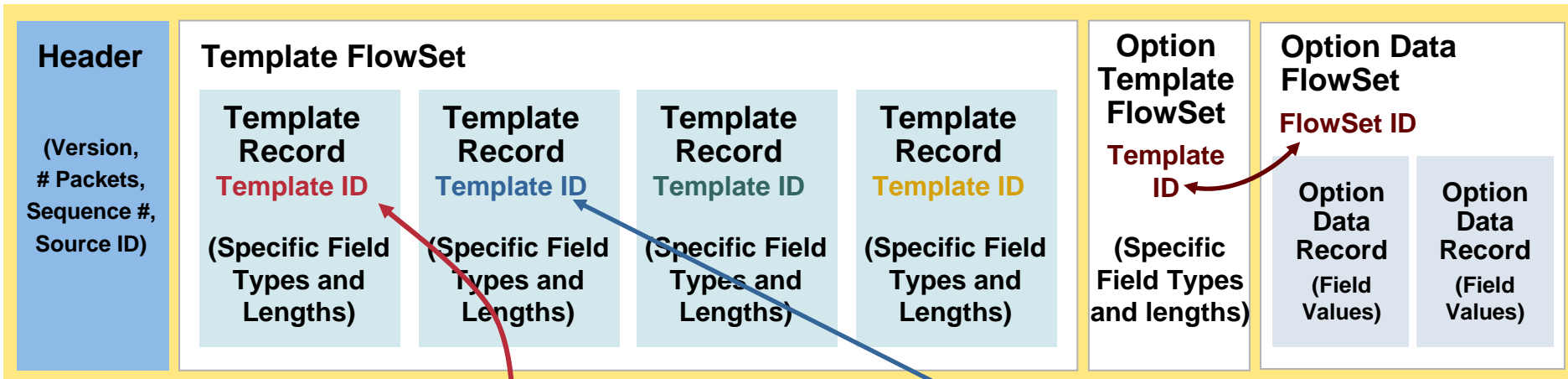


- Matching ID #s is the way to associate template to the data records
- The header follows the same format as prior NetFlow versions so Collectors will be backward compatible
- Each data record represents one flow
- If exported flows have different fields then they can't be contained in the same template record e.g. BGP next-hop can't be combined with MPLS aware NetFlow records

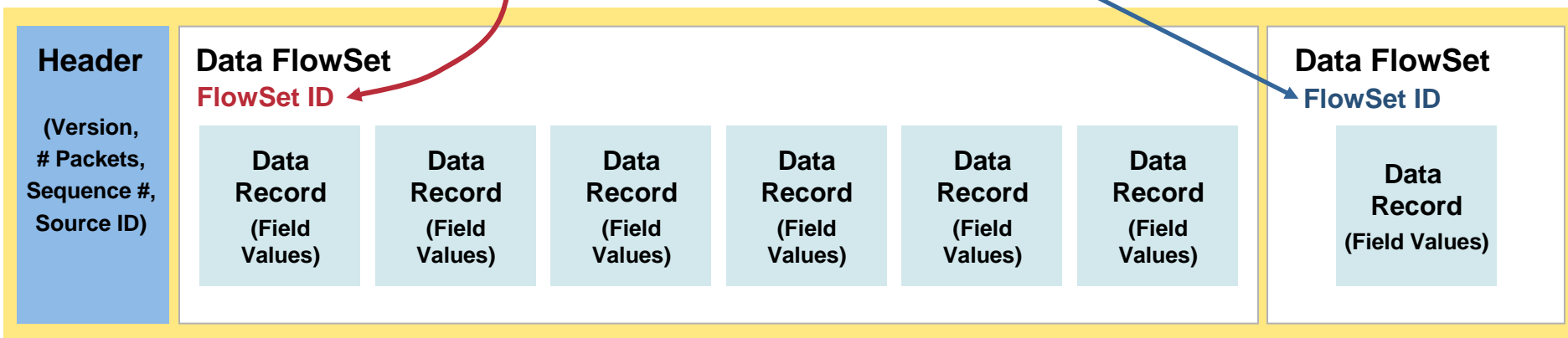
# NetFlow v9 Flexible Format

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## Example of Export Packet Right after Router Boot or NetFlow Configuration



## Example of Export Packets Containing Mostly Flow Information



# NetFlow Version 9 Configuration

## Configuring Version 9 Export for the Main Cache


```
router(config)# ip flow-export version ?  
1  
5  
9  
router(config)# ip flow-export version 9 .
```



**Export Versions Available for NetFlow Flows**

## Configuring Version 9 Export for an Aggregation Scheme

```
router(config)# ip flow-aggregation cache as  
router(config-flow-cache)# enabled  
router(config-flow-cache)# export ?  
destination Specify the Destination IP address  
version configure aggregation cache export version  
router(config-flow-cache)# export version ?  
8 Version 8 export format  
9 Version 9 export format  
router(config-flow-cache)# export version 9
```



**Export Versions Available for Aggregated NetFlow Flows**



# IETF: IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX) Working Group

- **IPFIX is an effort to:**

**Define the notion of a “standard IP flow”**

**Devise data encoding for IP flows**

**Consider the notion of IP flow information export based upon packet sampling**

**Identify and address any security privacy concerns affecting flow data**

**Specify the transport mapping for carrying IP flow information (IETF approved congestion-aware transport protocol)**

# IETF: IP Flow Information Export WG (IPFIX)

- **IPFIX website for the charter, email archives, and drafts:**  
<http://ipfix.doit.wisc.edu/>
- **NetFlow version 9 has been selected as a basis for the IPFIX protocol**
- **Waiting on minor addition to the NetFlow version 9:**  
**Standardization of a reliable transport protocol: Stream Control Transport Protocol Partial Reliability (SCTP-PR) or Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP)**

# IETF: Packet Sampling WG (PSAMP)

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- **PSAMP agreed to use IPFIX (NetFlow version 9) for export**
- **PSAMP is an effort to:**
  - Specify a set of selection operations by which packets are sampled**
  - Describe protocols by which information on sampled packets is reported to applications**
- **<http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/psamp-charter.html>**
- **Note: NetFlow is already using some sampling mechanisms**

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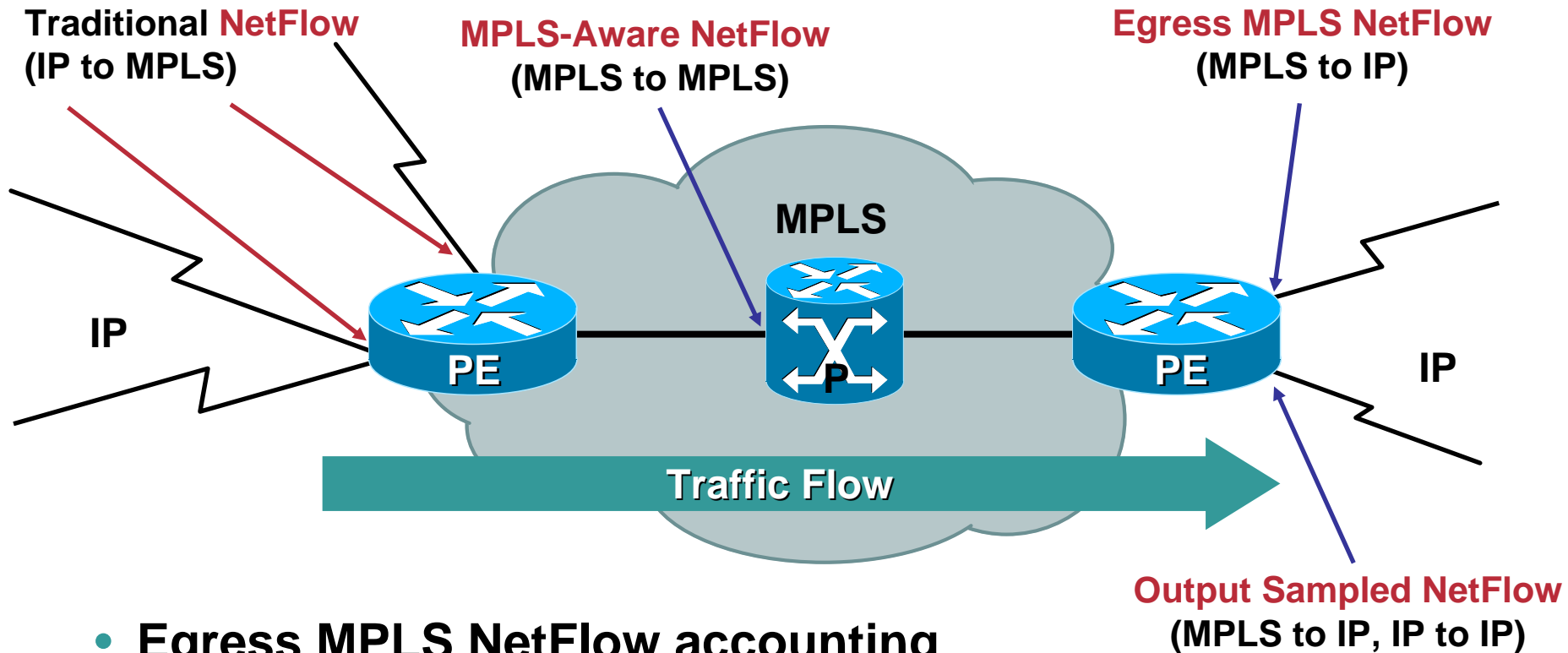
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## Accounting and Analysis: MPLS Environment

- **NetFlow MPLS Features Overview**
- **MPLS-Aware NetFlow**
- **MPLS Egress NetFlow**
- **Output Sampled NetFlow**
- **Traffic Matrix**

# NetFlow MPLS Features Overview

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- **Egress MPLS NetFlow accounting**

Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.0(10)ST and 12.1(5)T

- **MPLS-aware NetFlow**

Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.0(24)S, 12.2(18)S, and 12.3(1)

# MPLS-Aware NetFlow (v9)

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- **Enable on MPLS interfaces**
- **Tracks ingress traffic**
- **NetFlow version 9 only**
- **Option of IP and MPLS output or MPLS aggregation (top label aggregation)**
- **Supported in Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.3(1), 12.2(18)S, and 12.0(26)S1**

**Release 12.0(24)S on the Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router**

# MPLS-Aware NetFlow (v9) Fields

- **Key fields (uniquely identifies the flow)**

**Input ifIndex**

**Source IP address**

**Destination IP address**

**Protocol**

**Source port**

**Destination port**

**ToS byte**

- **Additional export fields**

**Flows**

**Packets**

**Bytes**

**Timestamps (sysUptime)**

**IP Next Hop**

**Output interface**

**Accumulation of TCP Flags**

**Type of the top label: LDP, BGP, VPN, ATOM, TE tunnel MID-PT, unknown**

**The FEC mapping to the top label**

- **Key fields are both MPLS and IP fields-based**
- **Supported in Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.3(1), 12.2(18)S, and 12.0(26)S1**

**Release 12.0(24)S on the Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router**



# MPLS-Aware NetFlow Configuration

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**ip flow-cache mpls label-positions** [*label-position-1* [*label-position-2* [*label-position-3*]]] [**no-ip-fields**] [**mpls-length**]

<b>label-position-n</b>	<b>Position of an MPLS Label in the Incoming Label Stack; Label Positions Are Counted from the Top of the Stack, Starting with 1</b>
<b>no-ip-fields</b>	<b>Controls the capture and reporting of MPLS flow fields. If the no-ip-fields keyword is not specified, the following IP related flow fields are included:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Source IP address</li><li>• Destination IP address</li><li>• Transport layer protocol</li><li>• Source application port number</li><li>• Destination application port number</li><li>• IP type of service (ToS)</li><li>• TCP flag (the result of a bitwise OR of TCP</li></ul>
<b>mpls-length</b>	<b>Controls the Reporting of Packet Length; If the mpls-length Keyword Is Specified, the Reported Length Represents the Sum of MPLS Packet Payload Length and the MPLS Label Stack Length; If the mpls-length Keyword Is Not Specified, Only the Length of the MPLS Packet Payload Is Reported</b>

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## MPLS-Aware NetFlow (v9)

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- **Engines 0, 1, 2, and 3**  
**Up to 3 labels and IP packet header fields**
- **Engine 4**  
**Not supported**
- **Engine 4+**  
**1 label and IP packet header field**
- **MPLS-Aware NetFlow supported in Cisco IOS Software Release 12.0(24)S**
- **MPLS-Aware NetFlow top label aggregation supported in Cisco IOS Software Release 12.0(25)S**

# MPLS-Aware NetFlow Top Label Aggregation Fields

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- **Key fields (uniquely identifies the flow)**

**Input ifIndex**

**The top incoming MPLS labels with experimental bits and end-of-stack bit**

- **Additional export fields**

**Flows**

**Packets**

**Bytes**

**Timestamps (sysUptime)**

**IP Next Hop**

**Output interface**

**Accumulation of TCP Flags**

**Type of the top label: LDP, BGP, VPN, ATOM, TE tunnel MID-PT, unknown**

**The FEC mapping to the top label**

- **Key fields are both MPLS and IP fields based are not tracked**
- **Supported in Release 12.0(25)S**

# Egress MPLS NetFlow

- For Layer 3 VPN accounting
- Enable on IP interface
- Tracks egress traffic
- Only tracks MPLS to IP i.e. traffic coming from the core

```
router(config-if)#tag-switching ip flow egress
```

- NetFlow version 5 and version 8
- Can be enabled on sub-interfaces
- All other NetFlow commands still apply
- Supported in Releases, 12.0(10)ST, 12.1(5)T, and 12.0(22)S



# Output Sampled NetFlow

- Enable on IP interface
- Tracks egress traffic
- Tracks both MPLS to IP and IP to IP

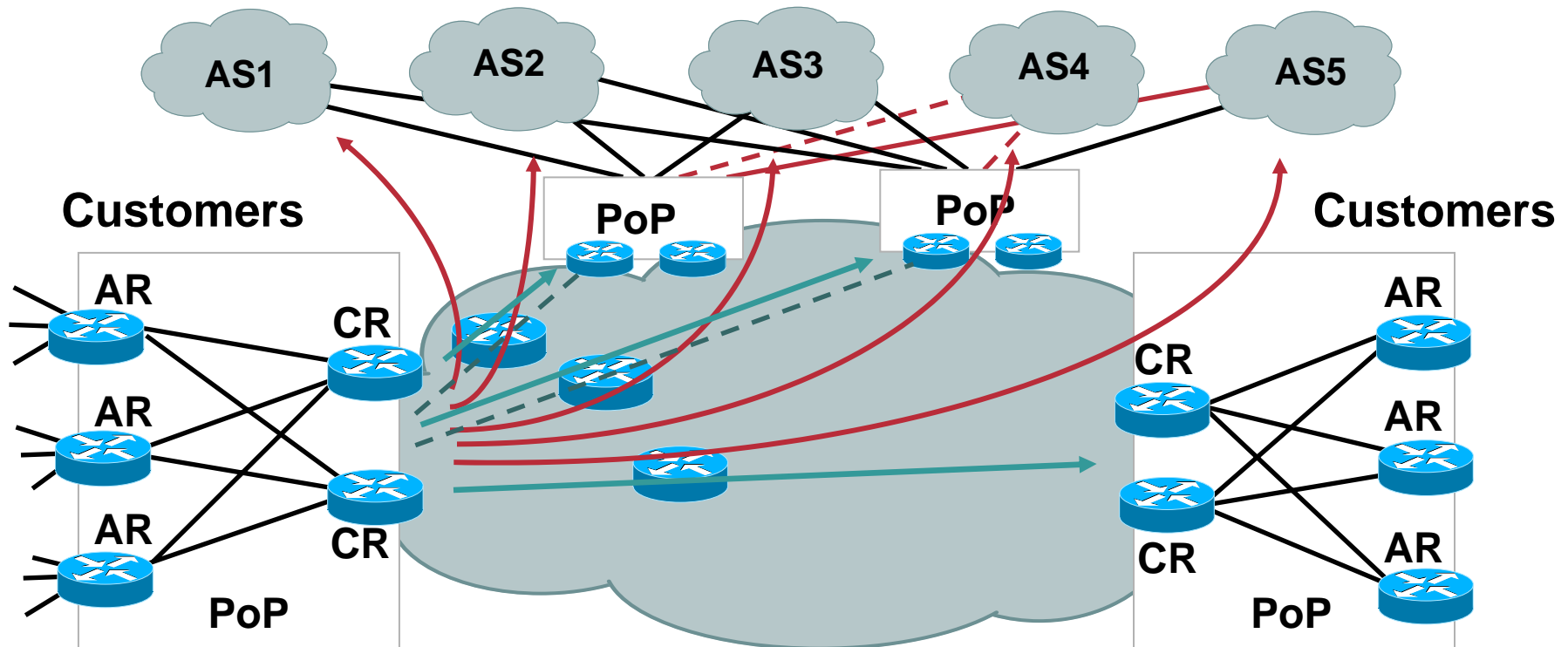
```
router(config-if)#ip route-cache flow sampled [input|output]
```

- Only supported on Cisco 12000 Series engine 3 (IP Service Engine (ISE)) linecard
- Supported in Release 12.0(24)S

Release 12.0(26)S added input interface

# MPLS-Aware NetFlow: The Core Traffic Matrix

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- Internal traffic matrix is PoP to PoP, the PoP being the AR or CR
- External traffic matrix PoP to BGP AS

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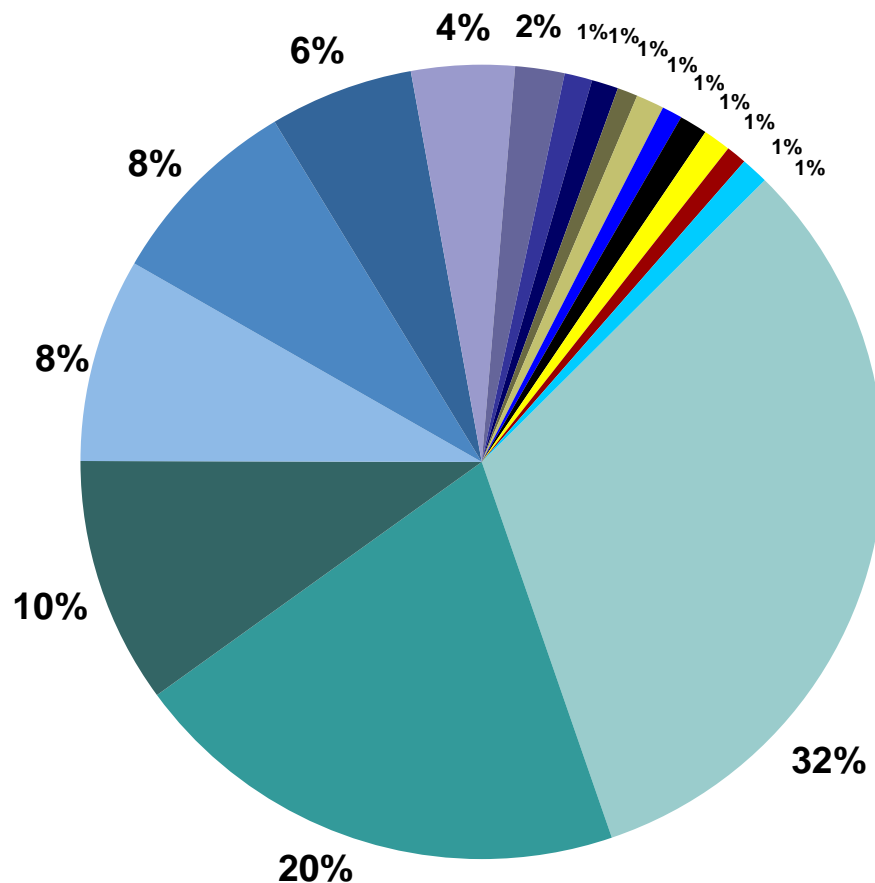
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# NetFlow: Peering Agreement

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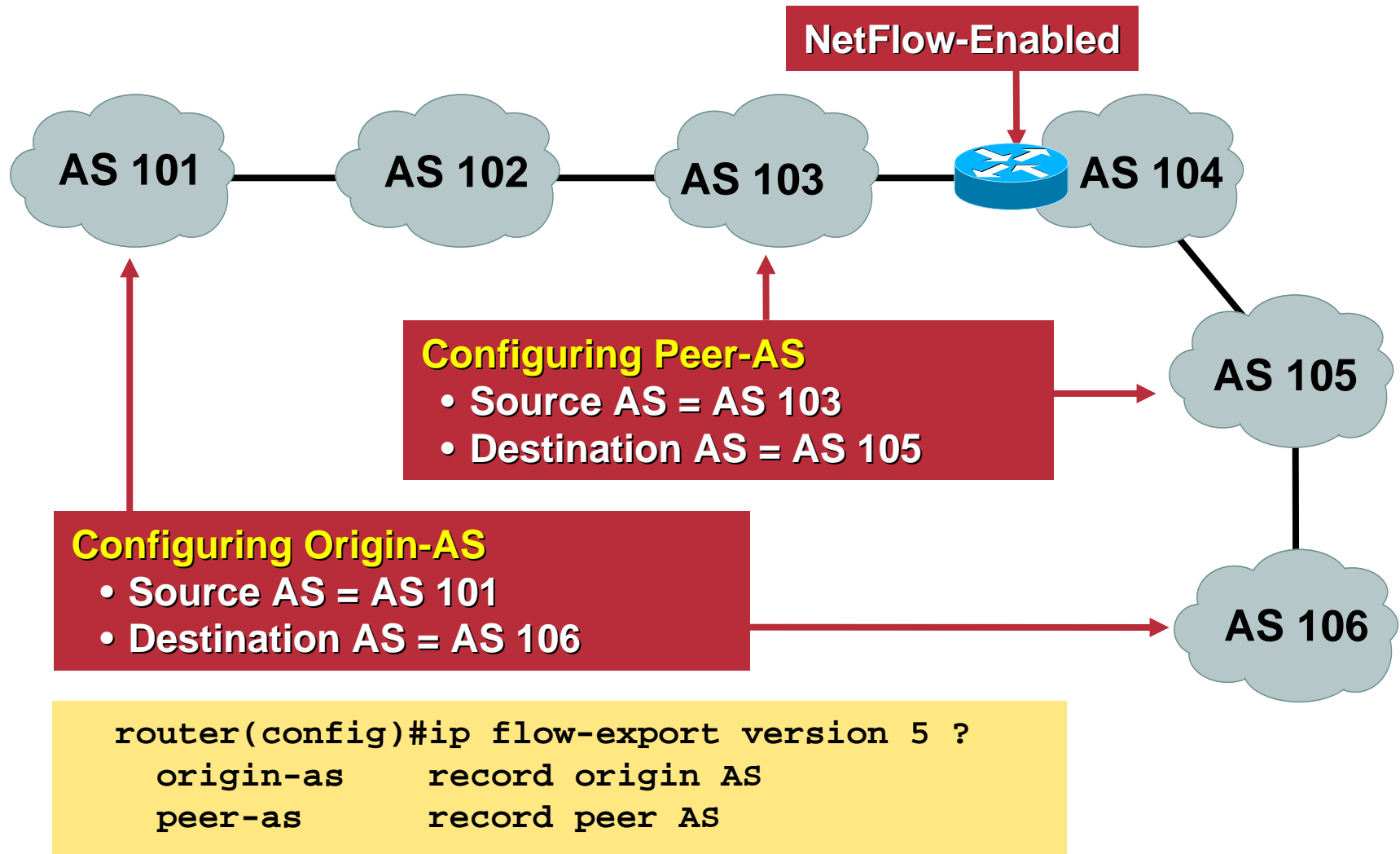
## Public Routers 1, 2, 3 Month of September—Outbound Traffic



- Uunet
- Digex
- Erols
- BBN
- AT&T
- AMU
- C&W
- JHU
- PACBell Internet Service
- RCN
- OARnet
- SURAnet
- Compuserve
- OL
- ABSNET
- WebTV
- WEC

# NetFlow Autonomous System

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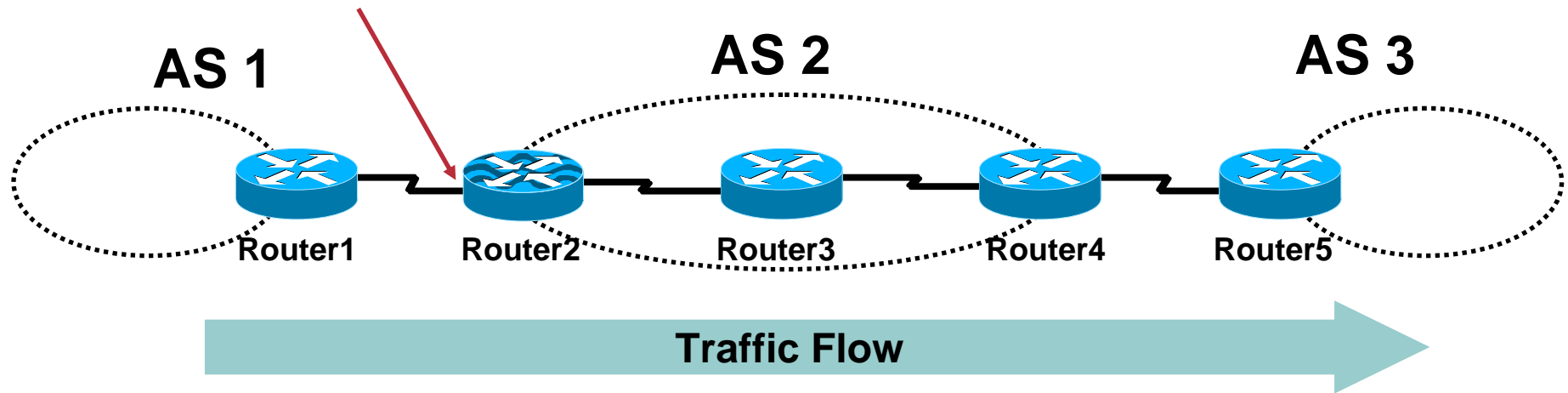


# BGP next-hop

- **Supported only in version 9 export**
- **For traffic engineering/analysis (traffic matrix) and possible billing applications**
- **Fields that are exported include all those found in version 5 export including IP Next Hop**
- **Adds 16 bytes to each NetFlow flow record (goes from 64 bytes to 80 bytes), while CPU increase is negligible**
- **Supported in Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.0(15)S, 12.2(14)S, and 12.3(1)**

# BGP next-hop

NetFlow-Enabled Here



- The IGP resolved next hop router3 so IP next-hop is router3
- The BGP next-hop is router 5 by default
- If “neighbor a.b.c.d next-hop self” is configured (disables BGP next-hop calculation) then BGP next-hop is router 4

# NetFlow Version 9 Configuration

## Configuring Version 9 Export

```
pamela(config)# ip flow-export version ?  
1  
5  
9  
pamela(config)# ip flow-export version 9
```

## Configuring Version 9 Export with BGP Next-Hop

```
pamela(config)# ip flow-export version 9 ?  
  bgp-nexthop record BGP NextHop  
  origin-as record origin AS  
  peer-as record peer AS  
  <cr>  
pamela(config)# ip flow-export version 9 bgp-nexthop
```

# NetFlow BGP Next-Hop TOS Aggregation



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- **Key fields (uniquely identifies the flow)**

Origin AS

Destination AS

Inbound interface

DSCP

Next BGP hop

Output interface

- **Additional export fields**

Flows

Packets

Bytes

Timestamps (sysUptime)

- **Note IP Next-Hop isn't included**
- **Available now in releases 12.0(26)S, 12.2(18)S and 12.3(1)**



# NetFlow Collector 5.0 BGP Features

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## Recently Released NetFlow Collector (NFC) 5.0 Has BGP-Specific Enhancements:

- **NFC collects NetFlow records and sits as a passive BGP peer to receive full BGP table from router**
- **Allows for BGP attribute correlation to NFC flow records**
- **Fields include:**
  - BGP AS path**
  - BGP Next Hop (if not provided via router)**
  - BGP community (in NFC 5.1)**

# BGP Policy Accounting vs. NetFlow

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- **BGP Policy Accounting (BGP PA) allows ISP's to account for IP traffic differentially by assigning counters based on:**
  - BGP community-list**
    - AS number
  - AS-path**
    - Destination IP address
- **Counters for up to 64 buckets**
- **BGP policy accounting uses SNMP (CISCO-BGP-POLICY-ACCOUNTING-MIB and cbpAcctTable)**
- **NetFlow provides timestamping and flow information (IP, (sub)interfaces, ToS, protocol, TCP Flags, etc.) for each flow**
- **Cisco NetFlow Collector (NFC) and NetFlow partners can adjunct both BGP community-list and AS-path to NetFlow statistics**



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## Analysis and Attack—Multicast Options

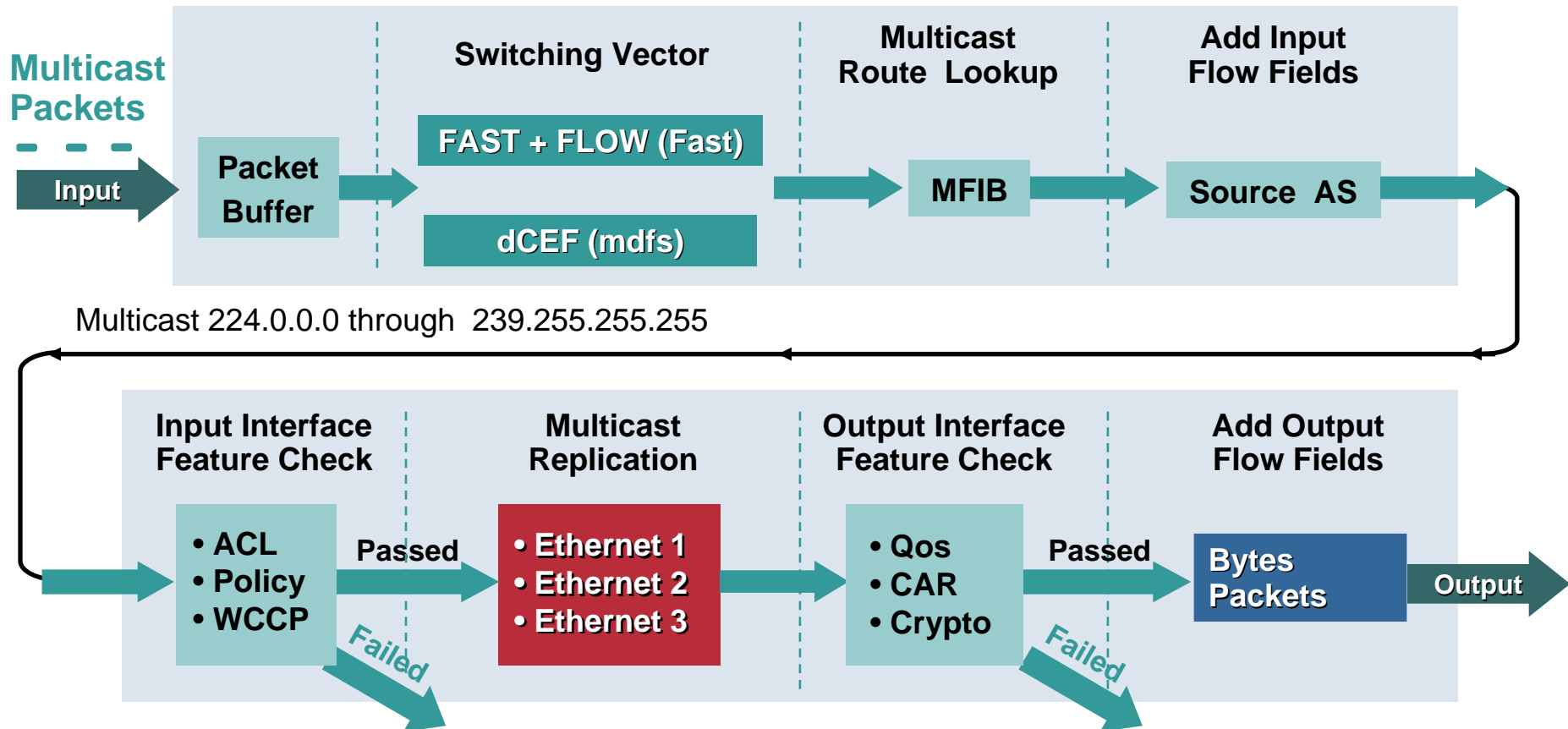
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## Three Types of NetFlow Implementations for Multicast Traffic:

1. Traditional NetFlow
2. Multicast NetFlow Ingress
3. Multicast NetFlow Egress

# Switching Path Implications for NetFlow Multicast

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- Does each outgoing interface generate a separate flow?
- Do the bytes and packets reflect input or output numbers?

# Multicast: Traditional NetFlow

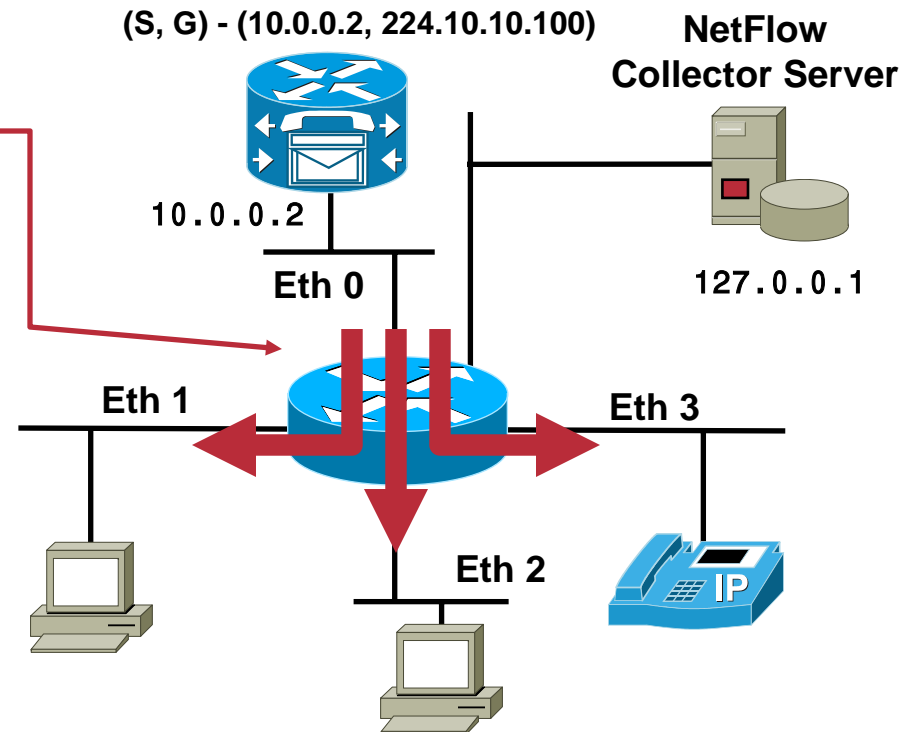
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## Traditional NetFlow Configuration

```
Interface Ethernet 0
 ip route-cache flow

ip flow-export version 9

ip flow-export destination 127.0.0.1 9995
```



## Flow Record Created in NetFlow Cache

SrcIf	SrcIPadd	DstIf	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth0	10.0.0.2	Null	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4

- There is only one flow per NetFlow configured input interface
- Destination interface is marked as “Null”
- Bytes and Packets are the **incoming** values

Note: C 6500/7600  
Accounts for  
Multicast Traffic  
in This Way in  
PFC3b (Sup720)

# Multicast NetFlow Ingress (v9)

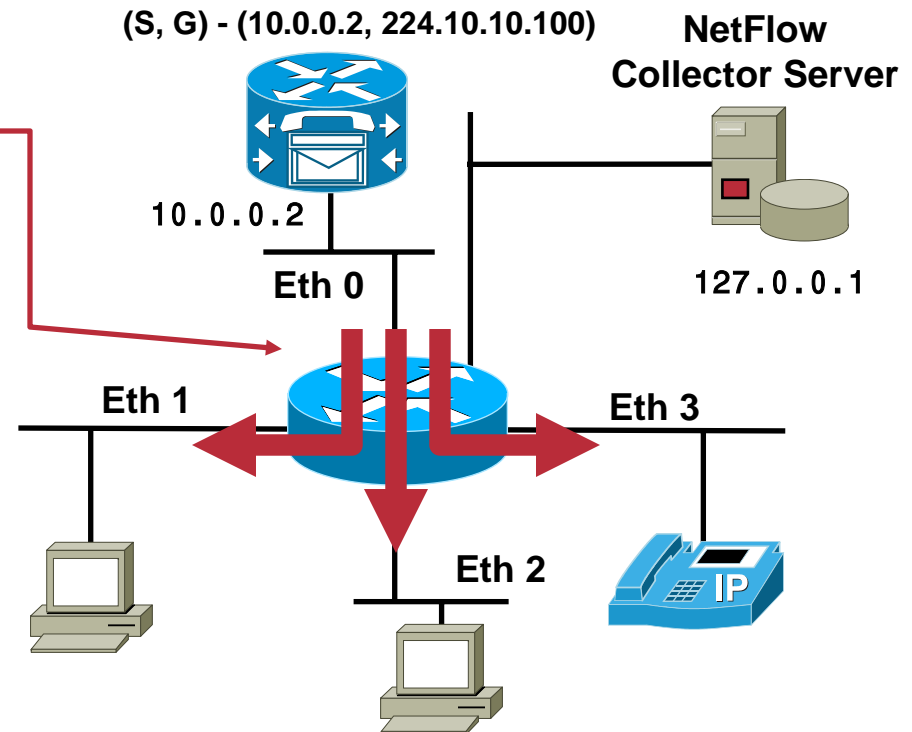
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## Multicast NetFlow Ingress Configuration

```
Interface Ethernet 0
 ip multicast netflow ingress

ip flow-export version 9

ip flow-export destination 127.0.0.1 9995
```



## Flow Record Created in NetFlow Cache

SrcIf	SrcIPadd	DstIf	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth0	10.0.0.2	Null	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		69300	63	1745	4

- There is only one flow per NetFlow configured input interface
- Destination interface is marked as “Null”
- Bytes and Packets are the **outgoing** values

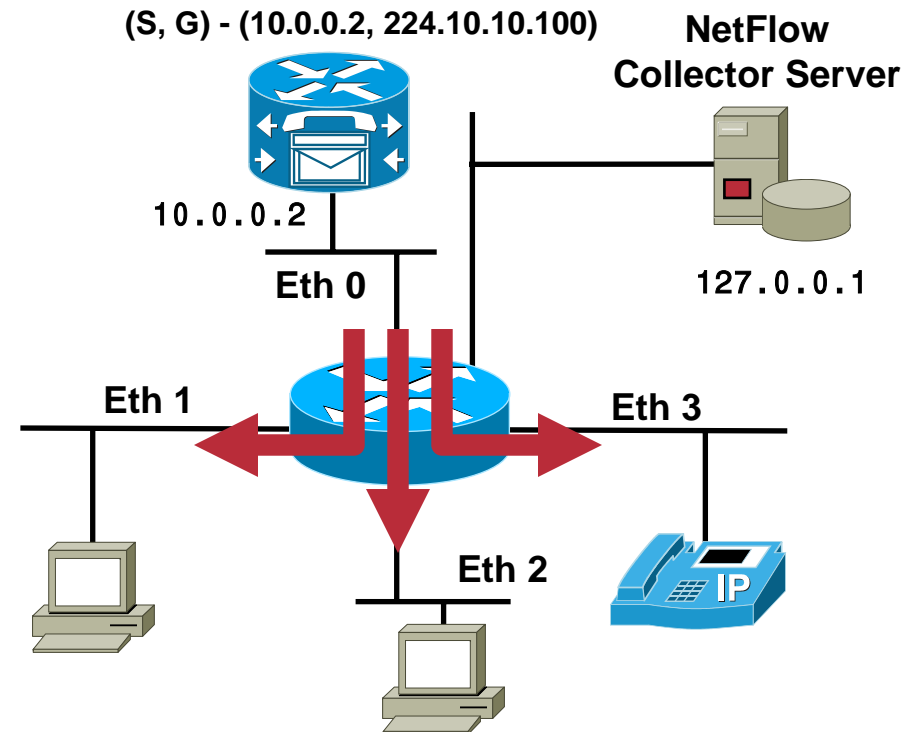
# Multicast NetFlow Egress (v9)

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## Multicast NetFlow Egress Configuration

```
Interface Ethernet 1
  ip multicast netflow egress
Interface Ethernet 2
  ip multicast netflow egress
Interface Ethernet 3
  ip multicast netflow egress

ip flow-export version 9
ip flow-export destination 127.0.0.1 9995
```



## Flow Records Created in NetFlow Cache

SrcIif	SrcIPadd	DstIif	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth0	10.0.0.2	Eth 1	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4
Eth0	10.0.0.2	Eth 2	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4
Eth0	10.0.0.2	Eth 3	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4

- There is one flow per Multicast NetFlow Egress configured output interface
- One of the 7 Key fields that define a unique flow has changed from source interface to destination interface
- Bytes and Packets are the outgoing values

# Multicast NetFlow: RPF (Reverse Path Forwarding) Failures

- If “ip multicast netflow rpf-failure” is configured globally packets that have fields that should come from another input interface are blocked e.g. source IP and input interface doesn’t agree with the routing table
- When this feature is enabled globally:

```
Router(config)# ip multicast netflow rpf-failure .
```

the RPF failures are recorded as flows in the NetFlow cache

- Once configured, there will be a new field in the NetFlow cache called “RPF Fail” to count flows that fail and how many times



# Multicast NetFlow: Summary

- **Supported via NetFlow version 9 export format**
- **Performance: Ingress vs. Egress**
  - Multicast NetFlow Ingress and traditional NetFlow will have similar performance numbers**
  - Multicast NetFlow Egress will have performance impact that is proportional to the number of interfaces on which it is enabled (include input interfaces)**
- **Availability**
  - Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.0(27)S, 12.2(18)S, and 12.3(1)**
  - Not supported on the Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router**
- **Cisco Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series**
  - Do not currently support the tracking of multicast traffic via NetFlow due to current ASIC limitation**
  - Will have this support in a future supervisor**

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## Attack—Security Features and Applications

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- **How Cisco IT Uses NetFlow**

# What Does a DoS Attack Look Like?

## Potential DoS Attack on Router Estimated: 660 pkt/s 0.2112 Mbps

```
router#show ip cache flow
```

...										
SrcIf	SrcIPaddress	SrcP	SrcAS	DstIf	DstIPaddress	DstP	DstAS	Pr	Pkts	B/Pk
29	192.xx.6.69	77	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1308	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.222	1243	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1774	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.108	1076	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1869	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.159	903	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1050	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.54	730	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	2018	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.136	559	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1821	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.216	383	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1516	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.111	45	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1894	bbb	6	1	40
29	192.xx.6.29	1209	aaa	49	194.yy.yy.2	1600	bbb	6	1	40
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

## Typical DoS Attacks Have the Same NetFlow Flow Entries:

- Input Interface (SrcIf)
- Destination IP (DstIf)
- 1 Packet per flow (Pkts)
- Bytes per packet (B/Pk)

# Tracing DoS Attack with NetFlow

## 1. To show high rate flows

`router#show ip cache flow | include (K|M)`

## 2. To show all flows to one destination leverage

“`router#sh ip cache flow | include <destination>`” example:

```
router#sh ip cache flow | inc 194.yy.yy.2
```

```
...
SrcIf  SrcIPAddress  SrcP  SrcAS  DstIf  DstIPAddress  DstP  DstAS  Pr  Pkts  B/Pk
29     192.xx.6.69    77    aaa    49     194.yy.yy.2   1308  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.xx.6.222   1243  aaa    49     194.yy.yy.2   1774  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.xx.6.108   1076  aaa    49     194.yy.yy.2   1869  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.xx.6.159   903   aaa    49     194.yy.yy.2   1050  bbb    6   1     40
...     ...           ...    ...    ...     ...           ...    ...    ...  ...  ...
```

## 3. To look for known attack signatures e.g. if we know of an attack using UDP port 666 (Hex 029A) we run

`router#show ip cache flow | inc 029A`

# DoS: Technical Alternatives after NetFlow

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- **ACLs**

  - Manual**

  - Performance impact**

- **Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (uRPF)**

  - Automate with BGP**

  - Only stops nonexisting sources**

- **CAR:**

  - Automate via QPPB (QoS Policy Propagation with BGP)**

  - Performance impact**

# DoS: Administrative Alternatives after NetFlow

- **If source address of flow is not spoofed (falsified):**

Use Routing table for prefix from which IP source comes  
("show ip route <source ip>" and/or "show ip cef <source ip>")

For source IP or source/peer AS use Internet Routing Registry  
(IRR: Europe whois.ripe.net, Asia-Pac whois.apnic.net, USA and rest whois.arin.net)

direct site contact (abuse@domain)

- **If source address of flow is spoofed (falsified):**

Trace packet flow back through the network using NetFlow

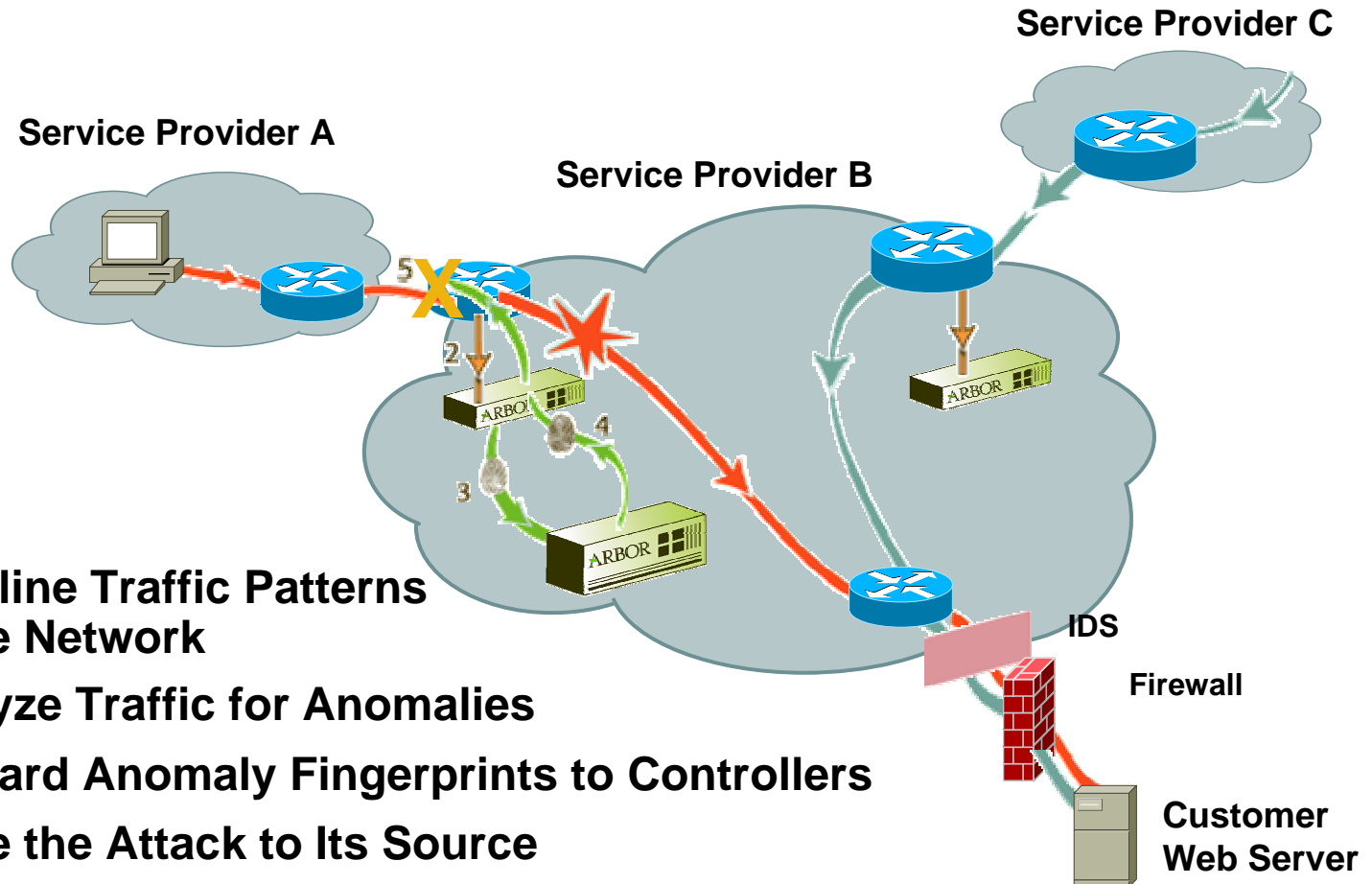
Find upstream ISP via NetFlow incoming interface on edge router

Upstream ISP needs to continue the tracing

# DoS Attack Example: Arbor Networks

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## Configure NetFlow Export to Arbor DoS Collector(s)



- 1. Profile:** Baseline Traffic Patterns in the Network
- 2. Monitor:** Analyze Traffic for Anomalies
- 3. Detect:** Forward Anomaly Fingerprints to Controllers
- 4. Trace:** Trace the Attack to Its Source
- 5. Filter:** Recommends Filters (X)



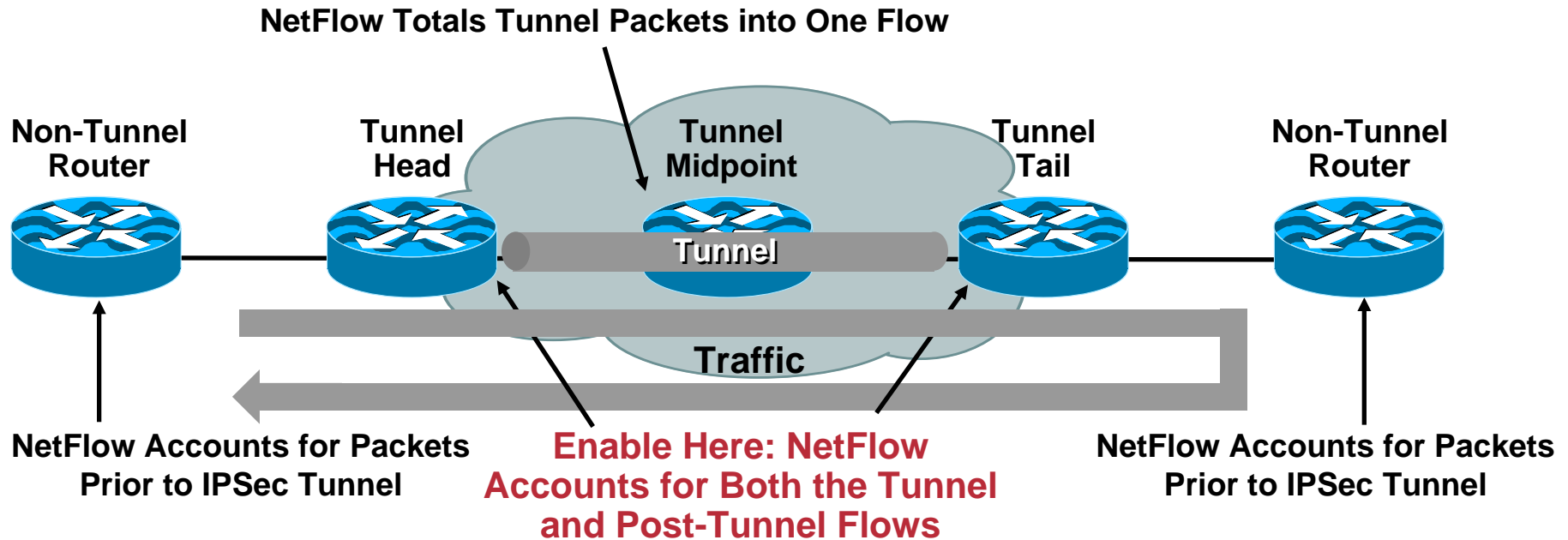


# NetFlow MIB

- **Snapshot of current 'live' NetFlow cache via SNMP**
- **Administration and configuration of NetFlow using the MIB interface**
- **NetFlow MIB cannot be used to retrieve all flow information due to scalability**
- **Example objects available:**
  - Packet size distribution**
  - Number of bytes exported per second**
  - Number of flows**
- **This is targeted at Denial of Service (DoS) attacks, security monitoring and remote locations where export to a local NetFlow collector is not possible**
- **Available now in Release 12.3(7)T**

# Powerful Insight into Tunnels with NetFlow

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- NetFlow lets you break out both pre and post encryption
- Support for both GRE and IPsec encryption
- Tested with 12.3 images
- Paper at [www.cisco.com/go/netflow](http://www.cisco.com/go/netflow) under “Technical Documents”

# How Cisco IT Uses NetFlow

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- **Characterize IP traffic and account for how and where it flows**

**Total avoidance of SQL slammer worm**

**Transitioned from managed DSL service to internet VPN**

**Detection of unauthorized WAN traffic**

**Validation of QoS parameters and BW allocation**

**Analysis of VPN traffic and tele-commuter behavior**

**Calculating total cost of ownership for applications**

Use of NetFlow	NMS and Usage
Security Monitoring	Network Traffic Analysis by Application with BGP; Anomaly Detection Arbor Networks
WAN Aggregation and Edge	Network Traffic Analysis by Application, for Capacity Planning Using NetQOS
Core routers and Nat Gateway	Collection of Historical Data, Useful for Forensics and Diagnostics with Flow Tools

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- **NetFlow Input Filters**
- **NetFlow Performance**
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- **Advice—Deployment**

# Memory Utilization

- A NetFlow cache entry (a single flow) is 64 bytes

Platform	Default NetFlow Cache Size (Entries)
2600	4k
3600	4k
3700	4k
7200 w/ 64MB DRAM	64k
7200 w/ 128MB DRAM	128k
7500 w/ 64MB DRAM	64k
7500 w/ 128MB DRAM	128k
Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series Sup1/PFC1	32k
Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series Sup2/PFC2	32k
C6500 / 7600 Sup720/PFC3b	256k
12000 w/ 64MB DRAM	64k
12000 w/ 128MB DRAM	64k

```
router(config-if)#ip flow-cache entries <number>
```

# Sampled NetFlow

- **Deterministic**

**Original type**

**Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch and Cisco 7600 Series Router  
(Release 12.1(13)E)**

**Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router (Releases 12.0(11)S and  
12.0(14)ST)**

- **Random (recommended per statistical principles)**

**Releases 12.0(26)S, 12.2(18)S, and 12.3(2)T**

**Cisco 12000 Cisco 12000 Series Internet Router (Release  
12.0(28)S)**

- **Time-based**

**Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch and Cisco 7600 Series Router  
(Release 12.1(13)E)**

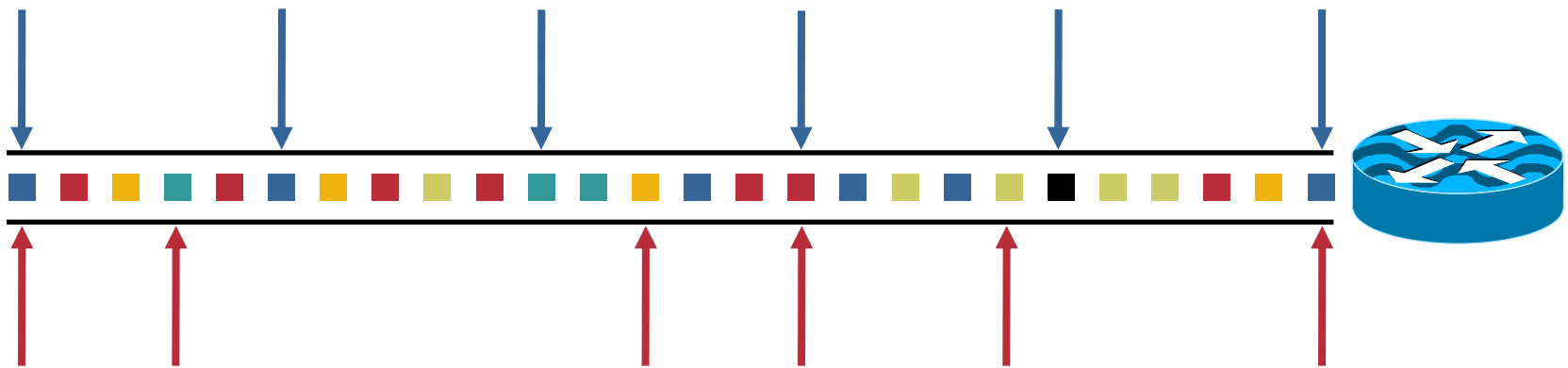
# Sampling Accuracy

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## DETERMINISTIC SAMPLING

Sampling Interval: 1 in 5 Packets

Missed Flows: 2 out of 5 ■ ■ (35%)



## RANDOM SAMPLING

Sampling Interval: 1 in 5 Packets

Random Sampling Overcomes  
Rhythmic Network Patterns



# Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series Sampled NetFlow

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- Support for both time and (packet-based) deterministic sampling
- Sampling rate is configurable only for the whole box
- Accuracy of NetFlow on the platform comes from tuning the aging timers correctly
- A way of minimizing packet loss, is using Distributed Forwarding Card (DFC ) cards, spreading the incoming packet load evenly onto different VLANs on different cards
- Currently available in Release 12.1(13)E

# Cisco 12000 Series Internet Routers

## Sampled NetFlow

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Engine	“Full” NetFlow	Sampled NetFlow
0	Supported	Supported
1	Supported	Supported
2		Supported
3		Supported
4		
4+		Supported



Supported



Not Supported

**Despite ASIC Support in Engine 2, 3 and 4+ Linecards ‘Full NetFlow’ Still Inflicts a Heavy Burden on Memory and Therefore Sampled NetFlow Is Preferred**

# Configuring NetFlow onto Subinterface

- Receive NetFlow information only on the specific sub-interface(s) of interest
- Reduces CPU and memory impact on router as well as export traffic and collector sizing needs

```
Router(config-if)#ip flow ingress
```

- New “ip flow ingress” command is easier to distinguish between egress NetFlow commands
- Same “ip flow ingress” command can now be used to configure NetFlow on the main interface
- Available now in Releases 12.2(14)S and 12.2(15)T

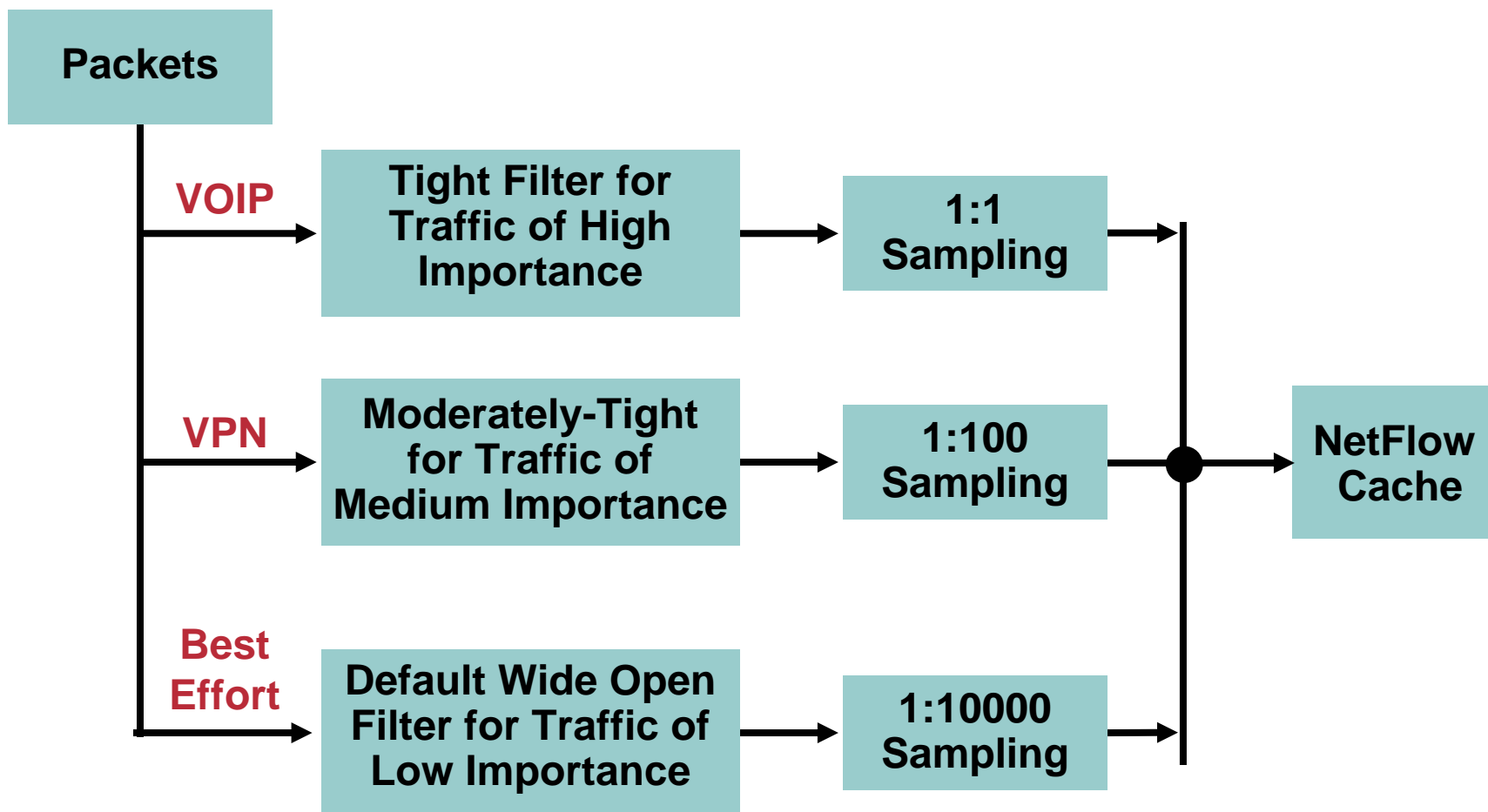
**Note: NetFlow Has Always Exported Subinterface Information**



# NetFlow Input Filters: Overview

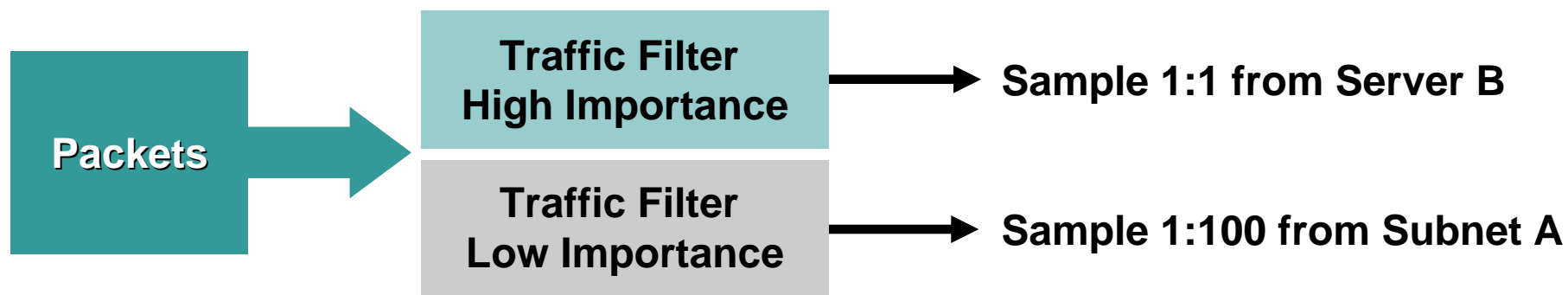
- **Pre-filters traffic prior to NetFlow processing**
- **Modular QoS CLI (MQC) provides the filtering mechanism for NetFlow classification by:**
  - IP source and destination addresses**
  - Layer 4 protocol and port numbers**
  - Incoming interface**
  - ToS byte (includes DSCP and IP precedence)**
  - MAC address**
  - Layer 2 information (such as Frame Relay DE bits or Ethernet 802.1p bits)**
  - Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR)**
- **Ability to sample filtered data at different rates, depending on how interesting the traffic is**
- **Currently available in Release 12.3(4)T**

# NetFlow Input Filters: Example



# NetFlow Input Filters

- Flow filter prevents flows from entering NetFlow cache
- Increases scalability and decreases CPU usage
- Filters are based on MQC class maps
- User can match flows from a certain port/source with ACL
- Define traffic class (match ACL) and flow sampling per match
- Available now in Release 12.3(4)T



# NetFlow Performance Paper Tests

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- **Access lists (ACLs) 200 and 500 lines**
- **0, 1, and 2 NetFlow data export destinations**
- **Initial performance after enabling**
- **V8 Aggregation vs. v5**
- **Configuring AS origin or peer**
- **Policy Based-Routing (PBR)**
- **“Full” NetFlow vs. 1:100 sampled NetFlow**
- **Hardware: Cisco 2600, 3600, 7200 NPE-400 and NSE-1, 7500 RSP8 VIP4-80 with CEF and dCEF, 12000 Engine 1 Linecard dCEF**

# NetFlow Performance Paper Conclusions

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- **Additional CPU utilization**

Number of Active Flows	Additional CPU Utilization
10,000	<4%
45,000	<12%
65,000	<16%

- **NetFlow data export (single/dual)**

No significant impact

- **NetFlow v5 vs. v8: little or not impact**

- **NetFlow feature acceleration:**

>200 lines of ACLs and/or Policy Based-Routing (PBR)

- **NetFlow vs. sampled NetFlow on the Cisco 12000 series internet routers**

23% vs. 3% (65,000 flows, 1:100)



# Performance Testing NetFlow Version 9

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- **Similar CPU and throughput numbers result from configuration of both NetFlow version 5 and 9**
- **CPU is slightly higher immediately following initial boot up or configuration**

**Caused by sending template flowsets to collector**

- **BGP Next-Hop performance is almost identical to v5 results, however MPLS-aware NetFlow is a bit more**

# NetFlow Performance Summary

- Enabling NetFlow version 5 **and** exporting increases the CPU utilization by around 15%  
Maximum of 20% depending on the hardware
- Enabling NetFlow version 8 increases the CPU utilization by 2 to 5% above version 5, depending on the number of aggregations enabled with a multiple of 6% for multiple aggregations
- NetFlow is done in hardware on the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series supervisor; only the export takes CPU cycles
- NetFlow version 9: similar results as version 5
- Memory usages is 64 bytes per flow; so to have room for 64,000 flows 4 MB of DRAM is required

# Technical Advice: Reducing Performance Impact

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## Reduce CPU and memory impact on the router, collector, or network:

- Aging timers
- Sampled NetFlow
- Leverage distributed architectures (VIP, Linecards)
- Flow masks (only Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series)
- Enable on specific subinterface
- Aggregation schemes (v8 on router or on collector)
- Filters (router or collector)
- Data compression (collector)
- Increase collection bucket sizes (collector)
- Collector and router can be placed on the same LAN segment (network)

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## Export—Collector, NAM and Partners

- **NetFlow Multiple Export Destinations**
- **NetFlow Collector (NFC)**
- **NFC 5.0**
- **NetFlow Partners**
- **NAM**
- **Troubleshooting**

# NetFlow Multiple Export Destinations

- Two identical streams of NetFlow data are sent to the two destination hosts (collectors); currently the limit is two destinations

```
router(config)#ip flow-export destination 1.1.1.1 9996  
router(config)#ip flow-export destination 2.2.2.2 9997
```

- Main and aggregation caches supported
- Available now in Releases 12.0(19)S, 12.0(19)ST, 12.2(2)T, and 12.2(14)S
- Available in Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series and Cisco 7600 Series in Cat 8.3 and Release 12.2(14)S on MSFC3 and Sup720

# NFC Overview

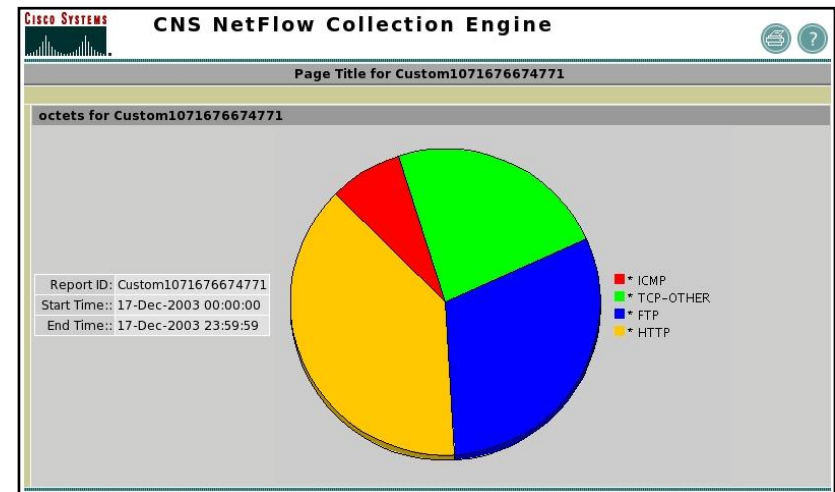
## What Does NFC Do?

- **Collect (ASCII or binary)**
- **Filter**
- **Aggregate (standard selection or cafeteria)**
- **Compress**
- **Integrate external data into output e.g. adding BPG attributes**
- **Map ranges of values from one or more fields to user-defined strings**
- **Web-based GUI (NFC 5.0) to sort, graph, export, filter, and drill down on report data**
- **Export e.g. .csv export to MS Excel**

# NFC 5.0 Features

## What Is New in NFC 5.0?

- Web-based user interface
- XML configuration
- Report generator
- MPLS/VPN PE-PE traffic reports
- BGP peer for attribute correlation
- Interface name mapping
- DNS lookup
- MPLS/EXP support
- Self-describing header
- Generic field mapping
- Max burst rate support
- V5 sampled NetFlow header support
- Enhanced logging
- IPv6 support



## Platform Requirements:

- Solaris 8/9
- HP-UX 11i
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux

**Note: 2-4 GB RAM and Dual Processors Recommended**



# NFC 5.0 Key Features: Web-Based Interface

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NFC Reports Provide the User with the Ability to Sort, Graph, Export, Filter, and Drill Down on Report Data

Report - Microsoft Internet Explorer

**CISCO SYSTEMS** Custom1068087709000: 05-Nov-2003 00:00:00 thru 05-Nov-2003 23:59:59  
Generated: 11/5/03 10:01 PM

srcaddr: [ ] Filter

Showing 1-7 of 7 records

	Device	srcaddr	srcport	dstaddr-key
1. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.1	1	429
2. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.2	2	429
3. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.3	3	429
4. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.4	4	429
5. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.5	5	428
6. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.6	6	428
7. <input type="radio"/>	172.18.102.241	0.0.0.7	7	428

Rows per page: 20 Go to page: 1 of 1 Pages Go

Drill down on: dstaddr-key Drill Down

# NetFlow Partners

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## Traffic Analysis



## Collection



## Denial of Service



## Billing



# NetFlow on the Network Analysis Module (NAM)

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- NetFlow collection and analysis combined
- Instant results ie. 'plug-and-play'
- NAM offers powerful combination of NetFlow and RMON (mini-RMON, RMON1, RMON2, HCMON, SMON, and DSMON)
- RMON2 can provide additional application level visibility (L5-7)
- ART—Application Response Time MIB
- Packet decoding
- Detail analysis of traffic of interest

## RMON/NetFlow Support in NAM GUI

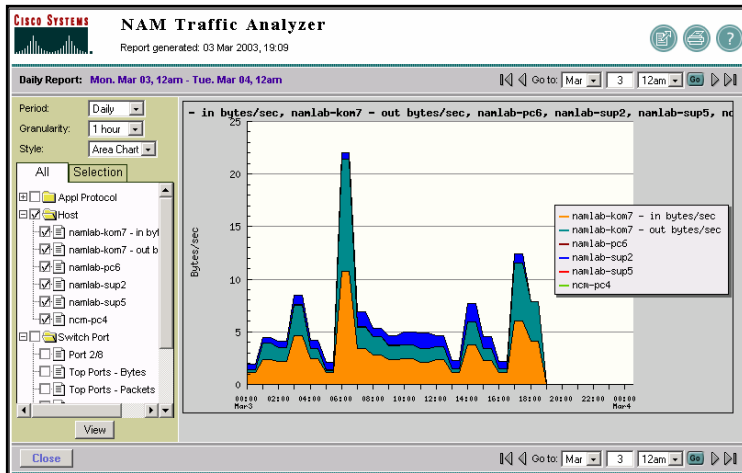
Applications	RMON and NF
Hosts	RMON and NF
Conversations	RMON and NF
Voice	RMON
VLAN	RMON
ART	RMON
DiffServ	RMON
Portstats	RMON



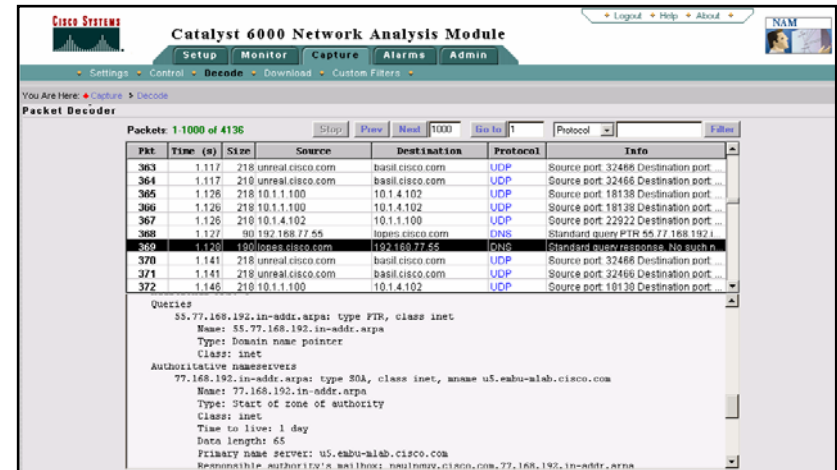
# Plug-and-Play with NAM Web-Based GUI

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## Bar Charts, Pie Charts, Usage, etc...



## Troubleshooting



## Drill Down

	Protocol	Packets/s	Bytes/s
1.	http	1.90	1763.71
2.	nis	1.02	791.84
3.	telnet	4.47	623.32
4.	tcp-2323	5.67	533.45
5.	tcp-32776	0.30	301.04
6.	cdp		
7.	sccp		
8.	nis		
9.	stp		
10.	xwin		

**Hosts using w-ether2.ip.tcp.tcp-2323**

Host	In Pkts	Out Pkts	In Bytes	Out Bytes
static-10-24-2-108.cisco.com	57308	114441	8349760	7796865
172.20.98.134	114443	57309	7797001	8349906

## Setting Alarm Thresholds

**Voice Alarms**

SCCP

☒ Jitter Threshold (ms): 10

☒ Latency Threshold (ms): 25

☒ Pkt Lost Threshold (%): 5

H.323

☒ Jitter Threshold (ms): 80

☒ Pkt Lost Threshold (%): 5

Apply Reset

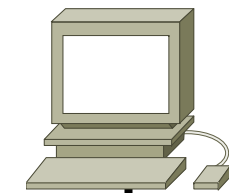
# Troubleshooting: Missing Flows?

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## 2) NetFlow Collector Problem

Show tech-support  
netstat -s

## 3) Transfer Problem (Only Remaining Explanation)



Export



## 1) Router Problem

Cache (show ip cache flow)  
Export (show ip flow export)

# Missing Flows? (1) Router Problem (Cache)

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```
Router#sh ip cache flow (excerpt)
  IP Flow Switching Cache, 4456704 bytes
    2 active, 65534 inactive, 226352 added
    3792086 age polls, 0 flow alloc failures
    Active flows timeout in 40 minutes
    Inactive flows timeout in 20 seconds
    82038 flows exported in 34439 udp datagrams, 0 failed
    last clearing of statistics 00:14:23
```

- **Alloc failures:** number of times the NetFlow code tried to allocate a flow but could not
- **Failed:** number of flows that could not be exported by the router because of output interface limitations

# Missing Flows? (1) Router Problem (Export)

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```
Router#sh ip flow export
Flow export is enabled
Exporting flows to 151.99.57.3 (9996)
Exporting using source interface Loopback0
Version 5 flow records, origin-as
2304658131 flows exported in 219987515 udp datagrams
0 flows failed due to lack of export packet
167 export packets were sent up to process level
0 export packets were punted to the RP
3490 export packets were dropped due to no fib
7012 export packets were dropped due to adjacency issues
0 export packets were dropped enqueueing for the RP
0 export packets were dropped due to IPC rate limiting
0 export packets were dropped due to output drops
```

# Missing Flows?

## (2) NetFlow Collector Problem

- The NetFlow collector “show tech-support”

```
udpPort: 9996, receivedFlows: 80277(0),  
receivedFlowrecords: 1771469(0)  
  
discardedFlows: 0, missedFlowrecords: 1115(0),  
socNum: 13, rcvQSize: 26000
```

- The NetFlow collector “netstat -s”

```
udpInDatagrams = 14034  udpInErrors = 0  
udpInCksumErrs = 0  udpInOverflows =3218
```



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## Evolving NetFlow—IPv6 and Futures

- IPv6
- Deployment
- Summary



# NetFlow and IPv6

- **Based on NetFlow version 9**
- **Support or both ingress and egress traffic**
- **“Full NetFlow” ie. non-sampled**
- **Data export is currently still IPv4**
- **Available now in Release 12.3(7)T**

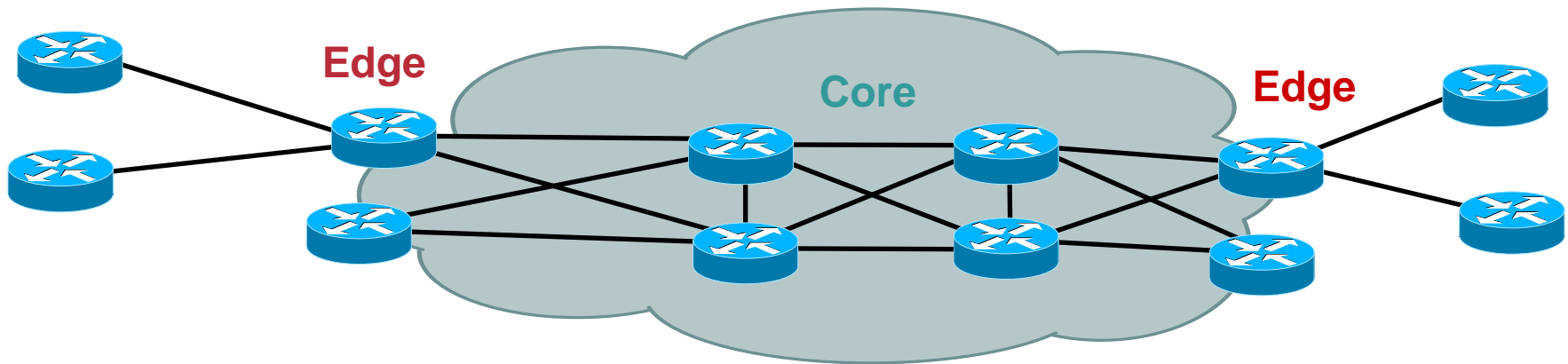
# NetFlow Deployment: Rules of Thumb

- **Aggregate on router/switch rather than on the collector**
- **If exporting version 8 on router don't also export another version (7, 8 or 9)**
- **Data export over a dedicated interface/VLAN for easier troubleshooting and management**
- **Keep collector on LAN interface 1 hop away:**
  - Avoid drops**
  - WAN interfaces have less bandwidth to afford**
- **NetFlow export creates ~1% to 1.5% of the interface throughput that NetFlow is enabled on**

# NetFlow Deployment: Thoughts

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**Packets Will Create the Identical Flow Information at Each Router/Switch Along Its End-to-End Journey, with the Exception of the Incoming Interface**



## Edge NetFlow positives:

- Interface is key field
- Full NetFlow and sampled NetFlow options
- Account for all CE/end user traffic

## Edge considerations:

- IP addressing pre or post NAT
- Collectors:
  - a) # required
  - b) locations
  - c) aggregating all data

## Core NetFlow positives:

- TCP flags tracking on 12000
- IP addressing pre or post NAT
- Collectors can be centrally located

## Core considerations:

- Amount of collection information
- Is all information accounted for

# The Needs

- **Accounting:** Primary Cisco accounting technology; Current economic environment drives need to cost-justify, and charge for IT network rollout/service provider premium services
- **Analysis:** Key Cisco IOS network management feature
  - Traffic matrix:** Primary technology for building core traffic matrices
- **Attack:** Primary technology for identifying denial of service attacks

# The Tools

- **Comprehensive hardware support**
- **Versions 5, 7, 8 and 9**
- **Four MPLS technology alternatives**
- **Five BGP technology options**
- **Three multicast technology alternatives**
- **Denial of service and IPSec options**
- **Scaling features and options**
- **Export—Collector, NAM and Partners**

# NetFlow Summary

- **NetFlow is a mature Cisco IOS feature (in Cisco IOS since 1996)**
- **Cisco has IETF/industry leadership**
- **Version 9 eases the exporting of additional fields**
- **A lot of new features have been added**



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# Q&A



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