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# **Advanced Netflow Usage**

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- Apagar su teléfono móvil/pager, o usar el modo “silencioso”.



- Completar la evaluación de esta sesión y entregarla a los asistentes de sala.



- Ser puntual para asistir a todas las actividades de entrenamiento, almuerzos y eventos sociales para un desarrollo óptimo de la agenda.



- Completar la evaluación general incluida en su mochila y entregarla el miércoles 8 de Junio en los mostradores de registración. Al entregarla recibirá un regalo recordatorio del evento.

# This Tutorial Is...

- **NOT** about
  - An introduction to NetFlow
  - A level 1 type of presentation
  - Marketing slides
  - The NetFlow Collector (NFC) details
  - The Ecosystem partners applications and mediations
  - Many platform specific details
- **About**
  - New features
  - Advanced information
  - And scenario...
    - assuming the NetFlow basics are known

# Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **NetFlow MIB**
- **NetFlow Version 9**
- **NetFlow Sampling and Filtering**
  - **Sampled NetFlow**
  - **Input Filters**
  - **Research on the NetFlow Sampling Accuracy**
- **NetFlow for Security**
  - **NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring**
  - **NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers**
- **NetFlow for Capacity Planning**
  - **BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation**
  - **MPLS Aware NetFlow**
- **New Features**
  - **Egress NetFlow**
  - **NetFlow and IPv6**
- **Platforms Specific**
- **NetFlow and IETF Interaction**

# INTRODUCTION



# NetFlow Flow Keys on the Router

- **By default, the flow keys are:**
  - Source IP address, Destination IP address, Source port, Destination port, Layer 3 protocol type, TOS byte (DSCP), Input interface
- **The NetFlow aggregation allows to reduce/change the number of flow keys**
  - Example: source prefix aggregation: source network, source interface
  - Can be seen as a different view of the main cache
- **Egress NetFlow, MPLS Aware NetFlow, etc...**
  - Will specify new flow keys
- **On the Catalyst<sup>®</sup>, we speak of the flow mask**
  - Define the flow keys

# Flow Keys on the Catalyst 6500/7600

## The Flow Mask

### Full-Interface

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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### Full

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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### Destination-Source-Interface

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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### Source-Only

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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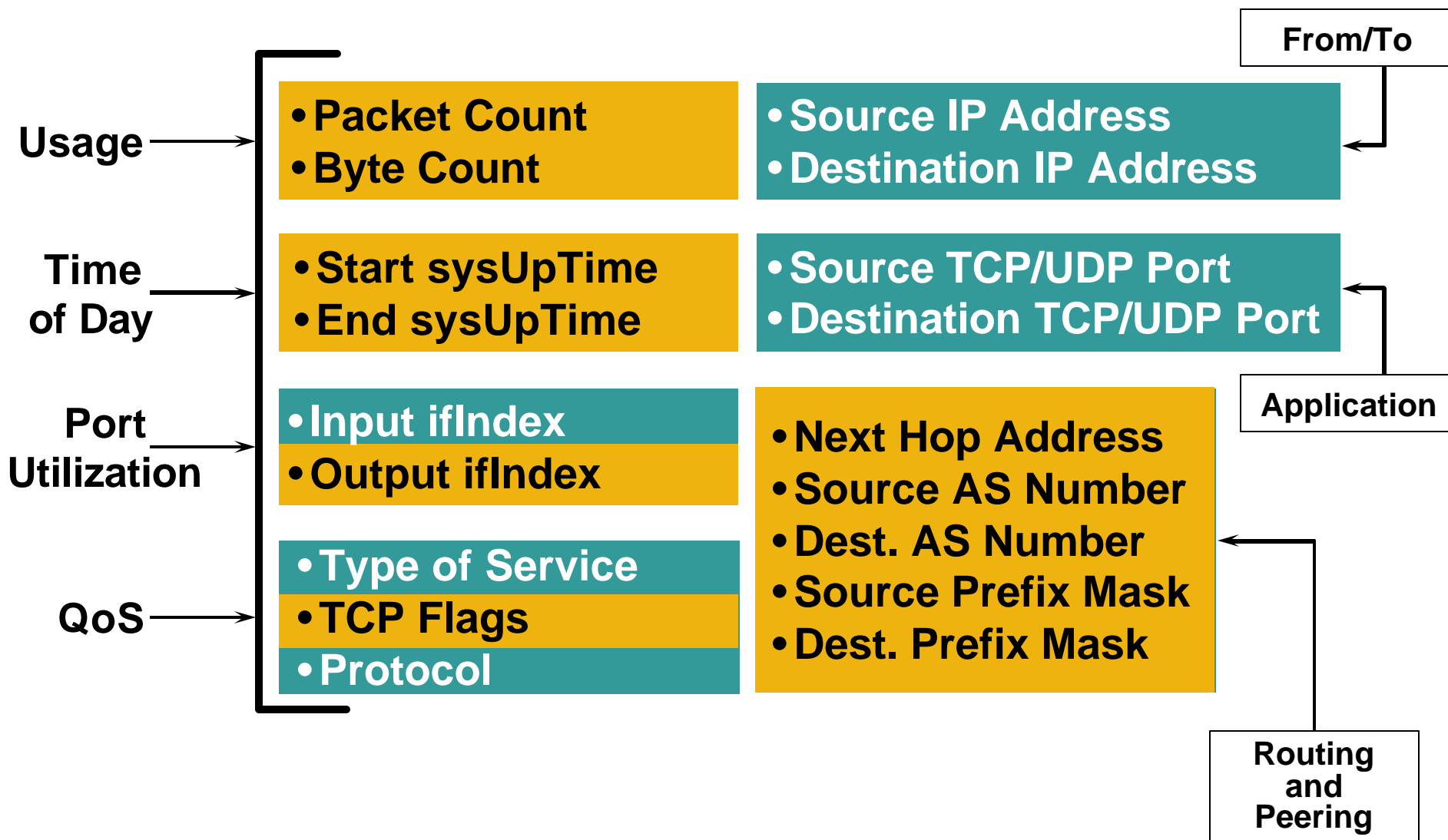
### Destination-Only

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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### Destination-Source

VLAN	SRC IP	DST IP	IP Protocol	Src Port	Dst Port
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# Version 5 Flow Format





# NetFlow Cache Example

## 1. Create and update flows in NetFlow cache

SrcIface	SrcIPaddr	DstIface	DstIPaddr	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

SrcIface	SrcIPaddr	DstIface	DstIPaddr	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

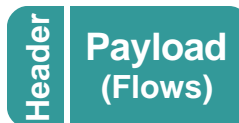
## 3. Aggregation

## 4. Export version

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

## 5. Transport protocol

Export Packet



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**

# 'show ip cache flow'

```
router#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 .125 .125 .250 .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 .500 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
```

**Packet Sizes**

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 278544 bytes
2728 active, 368 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'

```
router#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				

**Flow Rate and Duration**

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

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

```
151644 aged polls, 0 flow alloc
```

```
Active flows timeout in 30 minut
```

```
Inactive flows timeout in 15 sec
```

```
last clearing of statistics neve
```

**Destination Information**

**ToS Byte and TCP Flags**

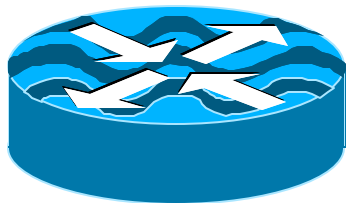
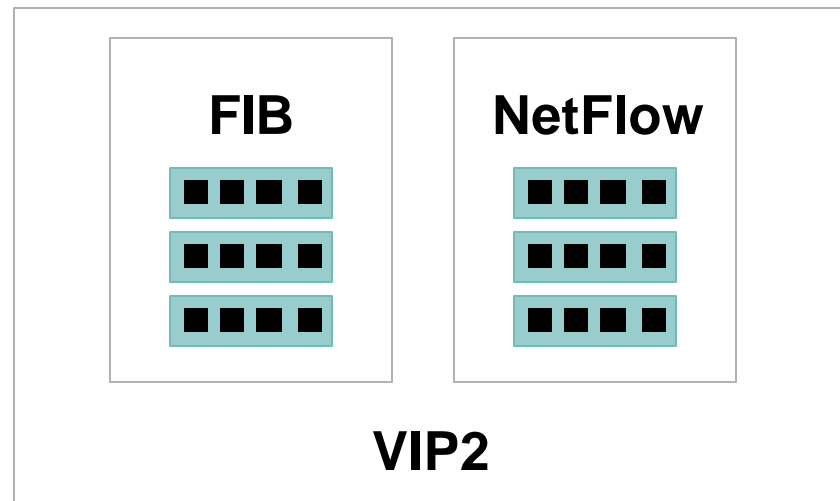
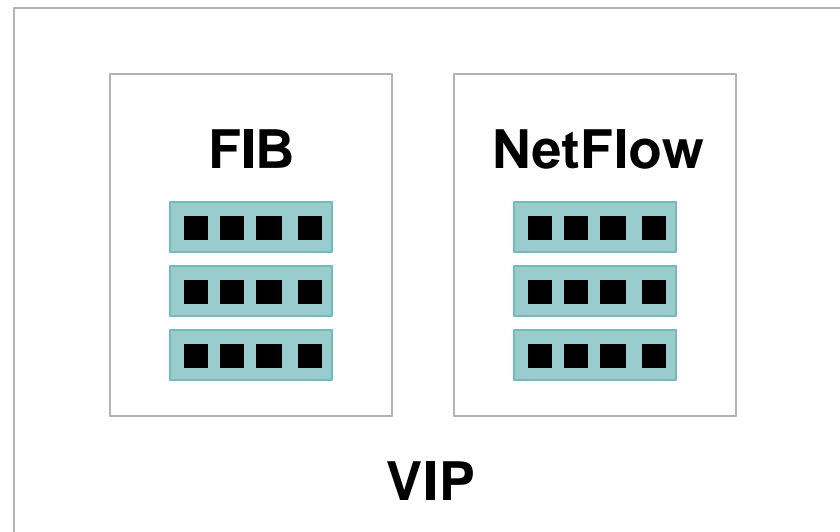
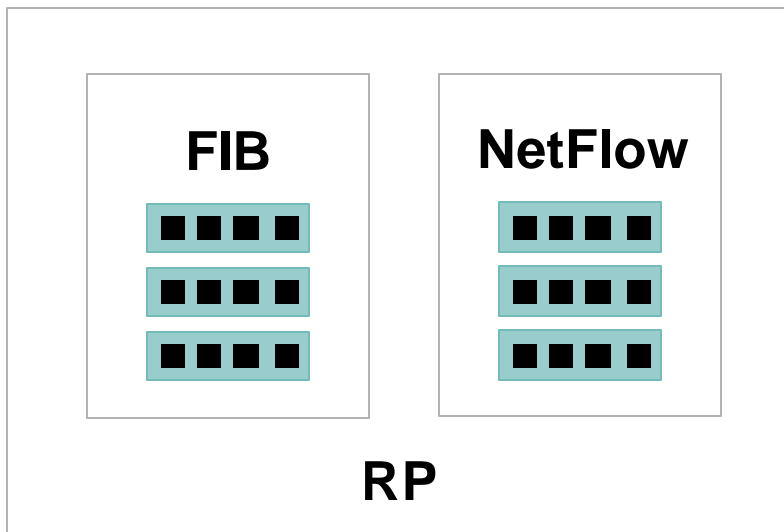
Protocol	Total Flows	Flows /Sec	Packets /Flow	Bytes /Pkt	Packets /Sec	Active(Sec) /Flow	Idle(Sec) /Flow
3.1	1	3.1	1	1440	3.1	0.0	12.9
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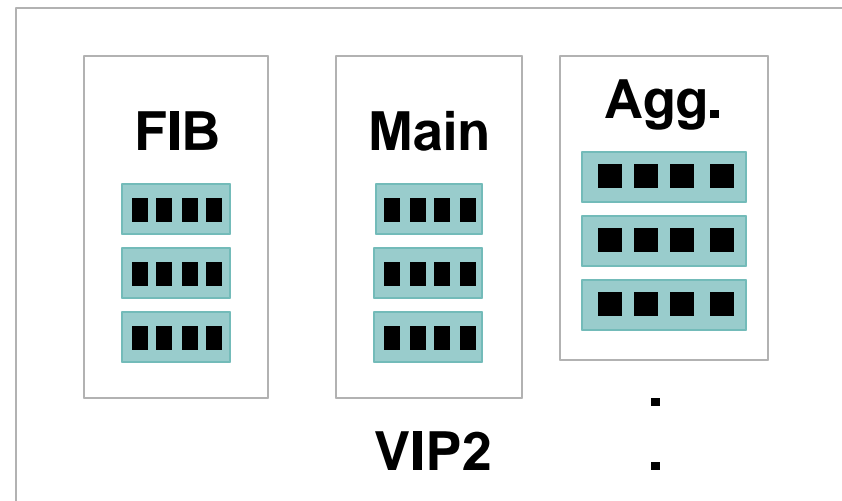
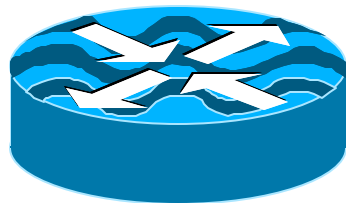
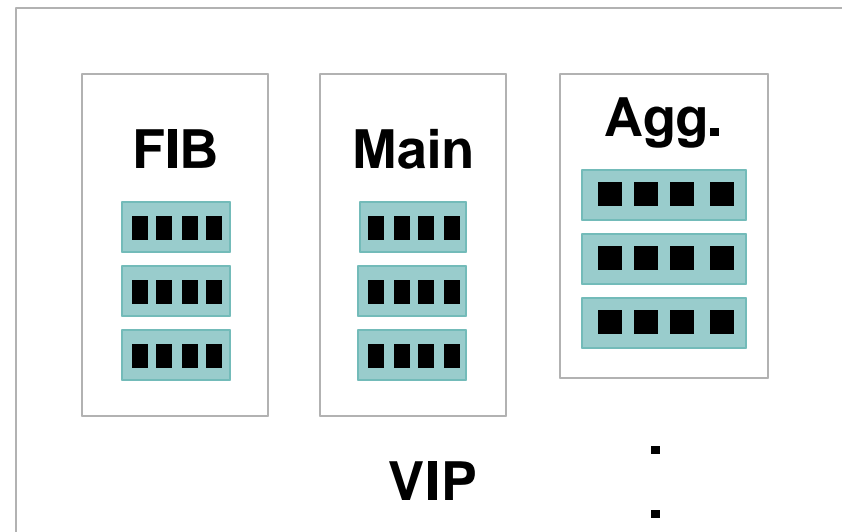
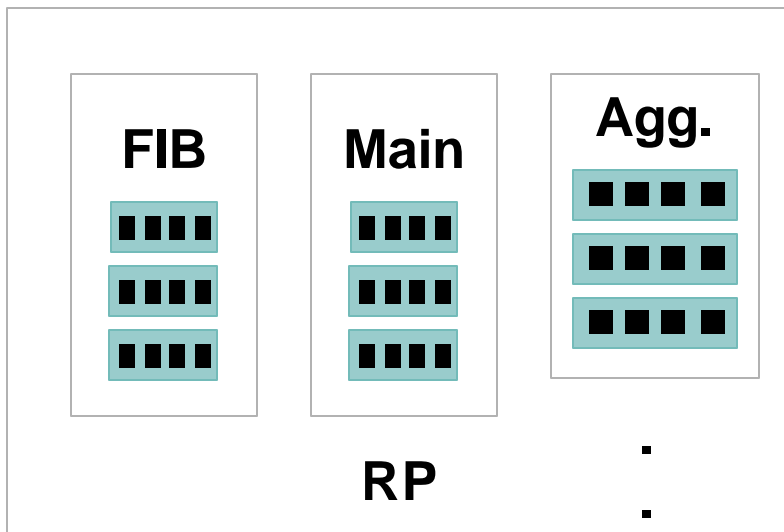
SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	TOS	Flags	Pkts
Port	Msk AS	Port Msk AS	NextHop	B/Pk	Active		
Et0/0	216.120.112.114	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	00	10	1
5FA7 /0 0		0007 /0 0	0.0.0.0			1440	0.0
Et0/0	175.182.253.65	Se0/0	192.168.1.1	06	00	10	1

**Source Mask and AS**

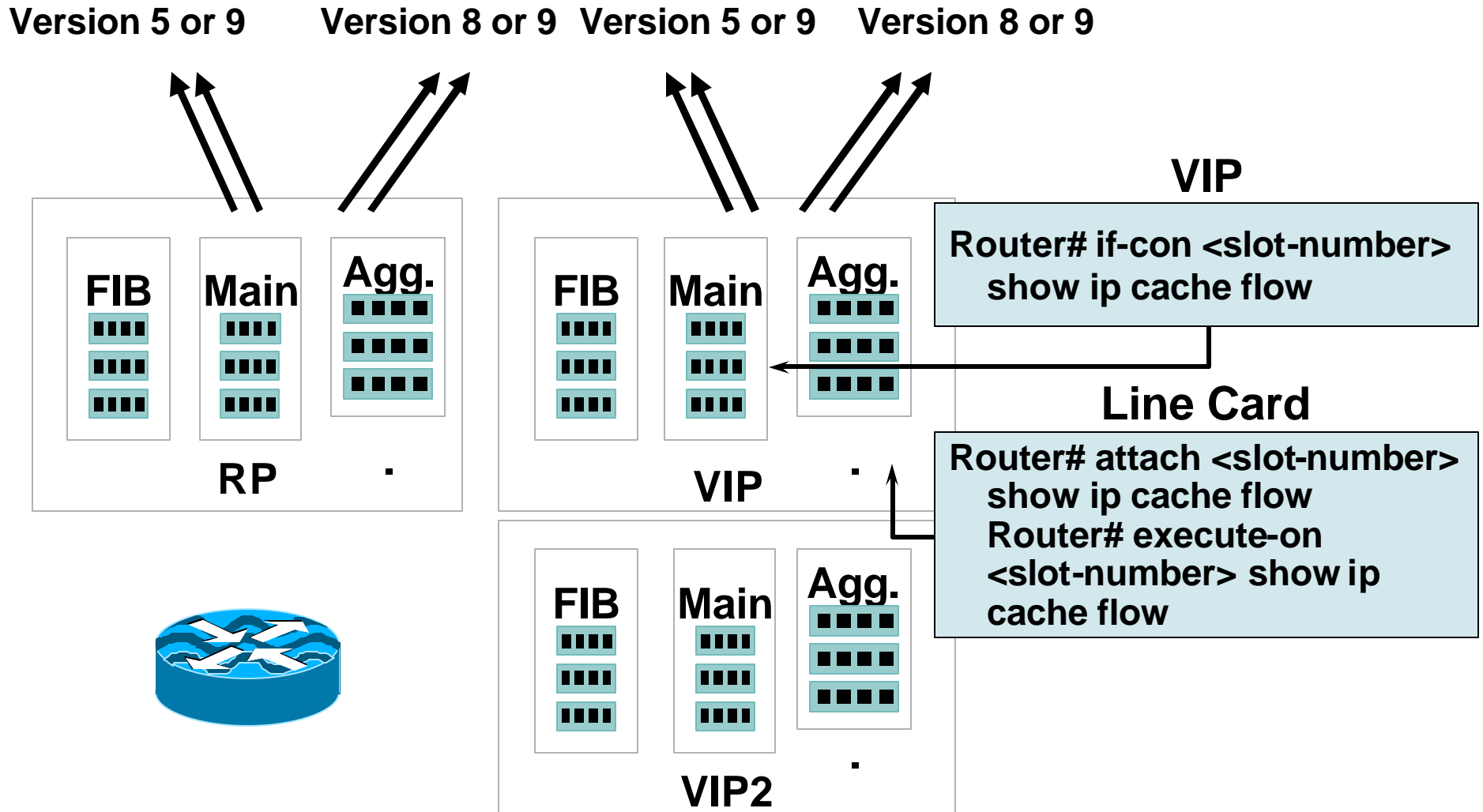
# Main Cache(s) with VIP and Line Card



# Aggregation Cache(s) with VIP and Line Card



# Aggregation Cache(s) with VIP and Line Card



# NetFlow on Sub-Interface



- “ip route-cache flow” enables NetFlow on the main interface and all the sub-interfaces
- Allow to enable NetFlow on selected sub-interfaces

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

- “ip flow ingress” introduced in 12.2(14)S, 12.2(15)T, 12.0(22)S, for the 7200, 7400 and 7500

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- “ip route-cache flow” should not be used anymore

# NETFLOW MIB





# CISCO-NETFLOW-MIB



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- **Managed objects to configure the following NetFlow information:**  
Flow cache, Interface, Export
- **Managed objects to monitor the following NetFlow information:**  
Configuration information, general statistics
- **Example objects available:**  
Packet size distribution, Number of Bytes exported per second, Number of flows/UDP datagrams exported, Number of template active, etc...
- **The CISCO-NETFLOW-MIB.my is **NOT**:**  
A replacement for the traditional method of exporting a flow cache  
A way to retrieve all the flow records
- **Note that CISCO-SWITCH-ENGINE-MIB, on the catalyst, allows to query the Multi Layer Switching Flow records**
- **Introduced in 12.2(25)S and 12.3(7)T**

# NetFlow MIB

## NetFlow Configuration

```
Router(config)# interface <slot/port>  
Router(config-if)# ip flow ingress  
Router(config-if)# ip flow egress
```



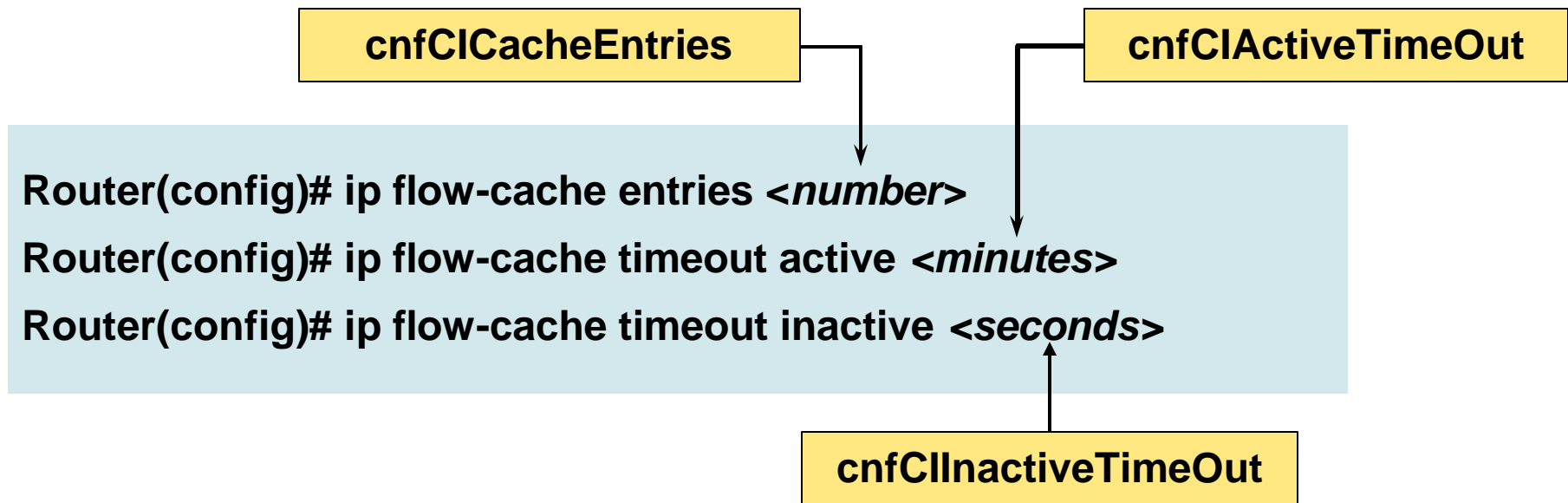
**cnfCINetflowEnable**

### cnfCINetflowEnable

- Values for ingress, egress, ingress + egress, none
- Indexed by interface (ifIndex)
- Read-Write MIB variable
- Which sub-interfaces is NetFlow enabled on

# NetFlow MIB

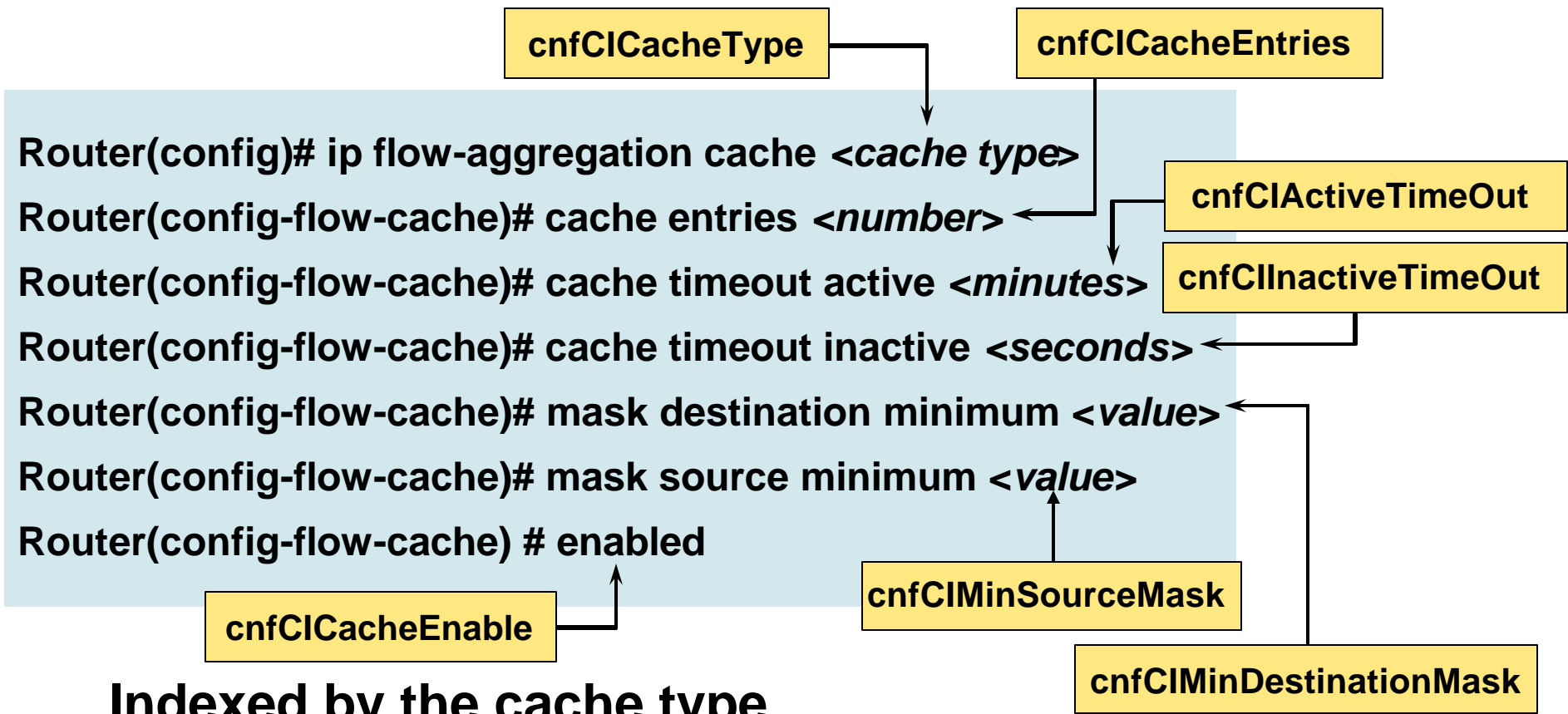
## Main Cache Configuration



**Indexed by the cache type cnfClCacheType**

- **cnfClCacheType = 0 means the main cache**

# NetFlow MIB Aggregation Cache Configuration



## Indexed by the cache type

- As many cnfCICacheType values as aggregation cache types:
- main(0), as(1), protocolPort(2), sourcePrefix(3), etc...

# NetFlow MIB

## Main Cache Export Configuration

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```
Router(config)# ip flow-export version 9 peer-as bgp-next-hop  
Router(config)# ip flow-export destination 10.10.10.10 1234
```

Router # show ip flow export

Flow export v9 is enabled for main cache

Exporting flows to 10.10.10.10 (1234)

Exporting using source interface Loopback0

Version 9 flow records, peer-as

cnfEIExportInfoTable

cnfEIExportInfoEntry

**INDEX** cnfCICacheType

cnfEIExportVersion

cnfEIPeerAS

cnfEIOriginAS

cnfEIBgpNextHop

cnfEICollectorTable

cnfEICollectorEntry

**INDEX** cnfCICacheType

cnfEICollectorAddressType

cnfEICollectorAddress

cnfEICollectorPort

cnfEICollectorStatus

# NetFlow MIB Aggregation Cache Export Configuration

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```
Router(config)# ip flow-aggregation cache <cache type>  
Router(config-flow-cache)# export version 9  
Router(config-flow-cache)# export destination 10.10.10.10 1234
```

```
Router # show ip flow export
```

```
...
```

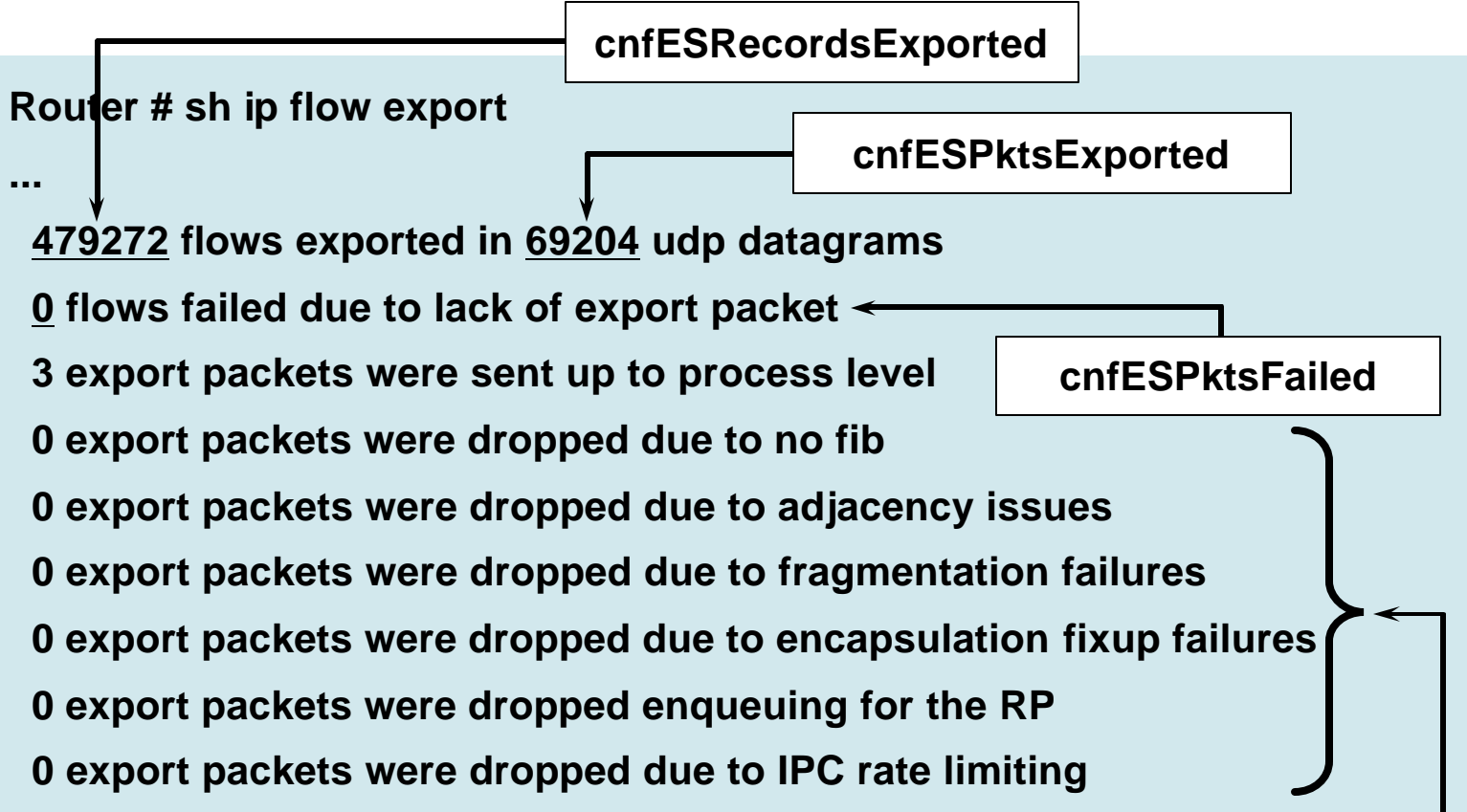
```
Cache for <cache type> aggregation:
```

```
Exporting flows to 10.10.10.10 (1234)
```

```
Exporting using source IP address 192.2.1.5
```

- Same principle, indexed by `cnfClCacheType` for the cache type

# NetFlow MIB Monitoring



- The export rate `ratecnfESEExportRate`  
Useful to estimate the required bandwidth

# NetFlow MIB Monitoring

Router# sh ip cache flow

IP packet size distribution (311656 total packets):

cnfPSPacketSizeDistribution

```

1-32 64 96 128 160 192 224 256 288 320 352 384 416 448 480
.356 .316 .144 .115 .004 .003 .000 .007 .001 .000 .002 .017 .018 .009 .000

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

cnfPSProtocolStatTable

```

...
Protocol      Total  Flows  Packets Bytes  Packets Active(Sec) Idle(Sec)
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Flows        /Sec   /Flow  /Pkt   /Sec   /Flow   /Flow
TCP-Telnet    33     0.0    65    40     0.0    18.4   10.0
TCP-WWW       3      0.0    5     45     0.0    3.0    1.2
TCP-BGP      5343   0.0    2     47     0.0    5.1    11.1
TCP-other    411    0.0    2     48     0.0    1.0    10.9
UDP-other   98614  0.4    2     76     0.9    2.1    10.8
ICMP        9519   0.0    9     71     0.4    21.3   11.5
Total:     113923 0.5    2     73     1.4    3.8    10.9
  
```



# NetFlow MIB Applications

- **NetFlow Configuration**
- **Checking NetFlow Configuration**
  - Ex: peer-as or origin-as
- **Monitoring and Security**
  - Export Statistics
  - Protocol Statistics
  - Top Flows Information (More on this later 😊)
- **Thresholding with the RMON event/alarm or the EVENT-MIB**

# NETFLOW VERSION 9



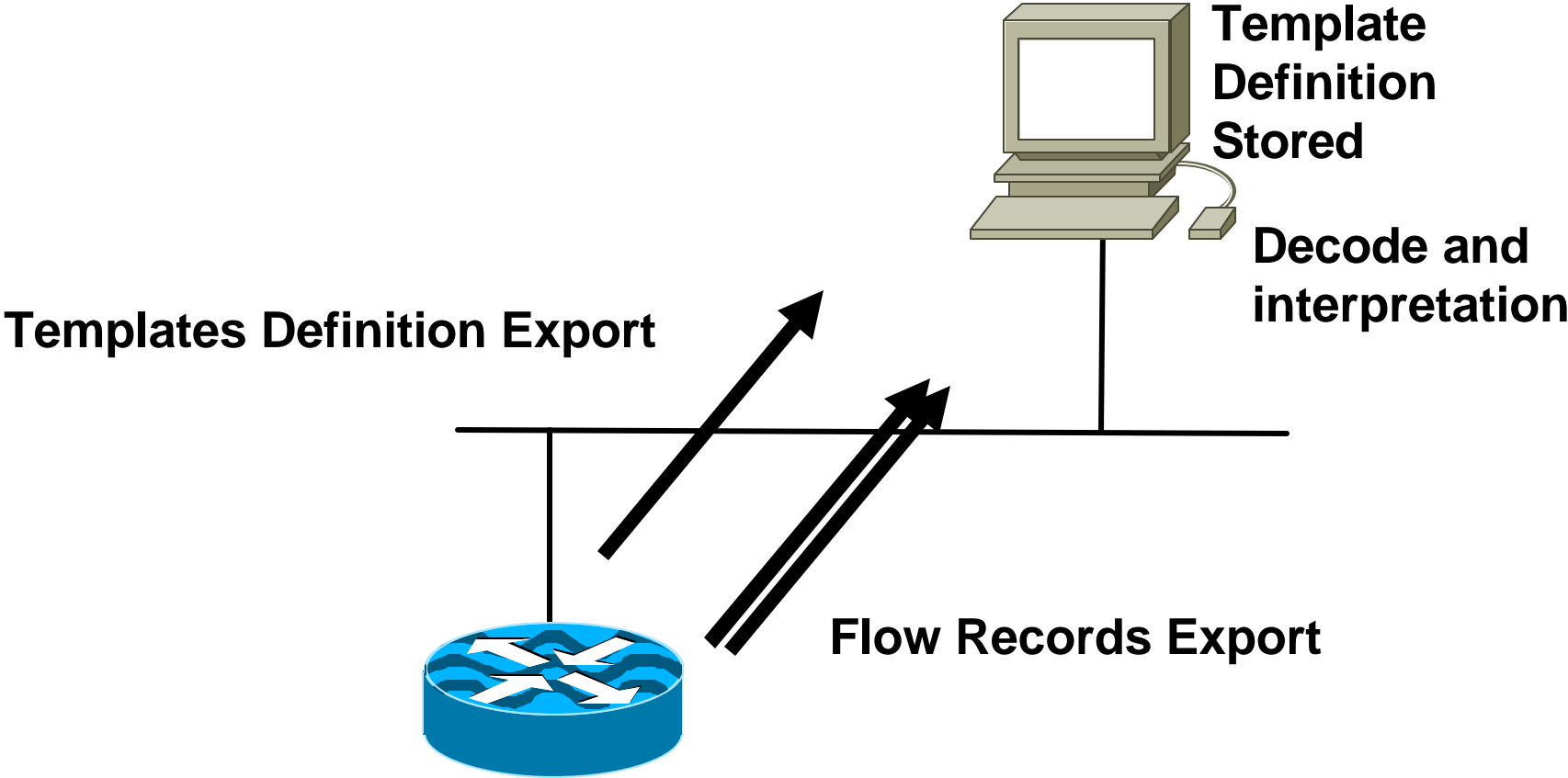
# NetFlow Version 9

- **Version 9 is an export protocol**
  - No changes to the metering process
- **Version 9 based on templates and separate flow records**
  - Templates composed of type and length
  - Flow records composed of template ID and value
  - Sent the template regularly (configurable), because of UDP
- **Independent of the underlying protocol, it is ready for any reliable protocol (i.e. TCP, SCTP)**
  - SCTP: Stream Control Transport Protocol**
- **RFC 3954 “Cisco Systems NetFlow Services Export Version 9”**
- **12.0(24)S, 12.3(1), 12.2(18)S for the 800, 1700, 1800, 2600, 2800, 3600, 7200, 7300, 7500, 12000**
  - Catalyst 6500 support soon
  - 10000 support soon (with BGP next hop)

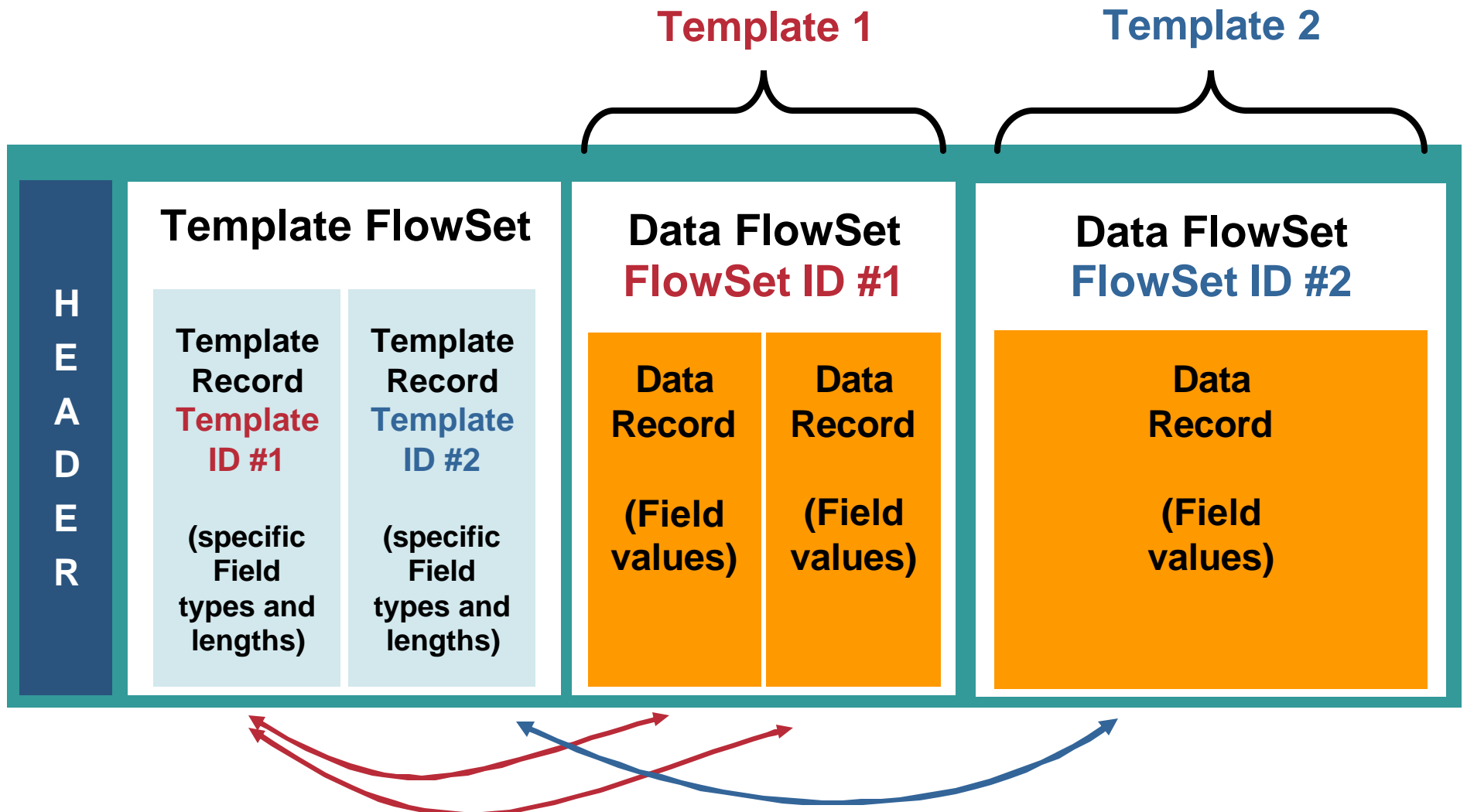
# Extensibility and Flexibility Phases Approach

- **Why a new export protocol?**
  - Build a **flexible and extensible** export format!
  - Advantage: we can add new technologies/data types very quickly
  - Example: MPLS, IPv6, BGP next HOP
- **Phase 1: NetFlow Version 9, completed**
  - Advantages: **extensibility**
    - Integrate new technologies/data types quicker
    - Integrate new aggregations quicker
  - Note: for now, the template definitions are fixed!
- **Phase 2: User defined templates, under investigation**
  - Advantages: cache and export content **flexibility**
    - Selection of a subset of the 7 flow keys
    - Selection of the data types to export

# NetFlow Version 9 Scenario #1

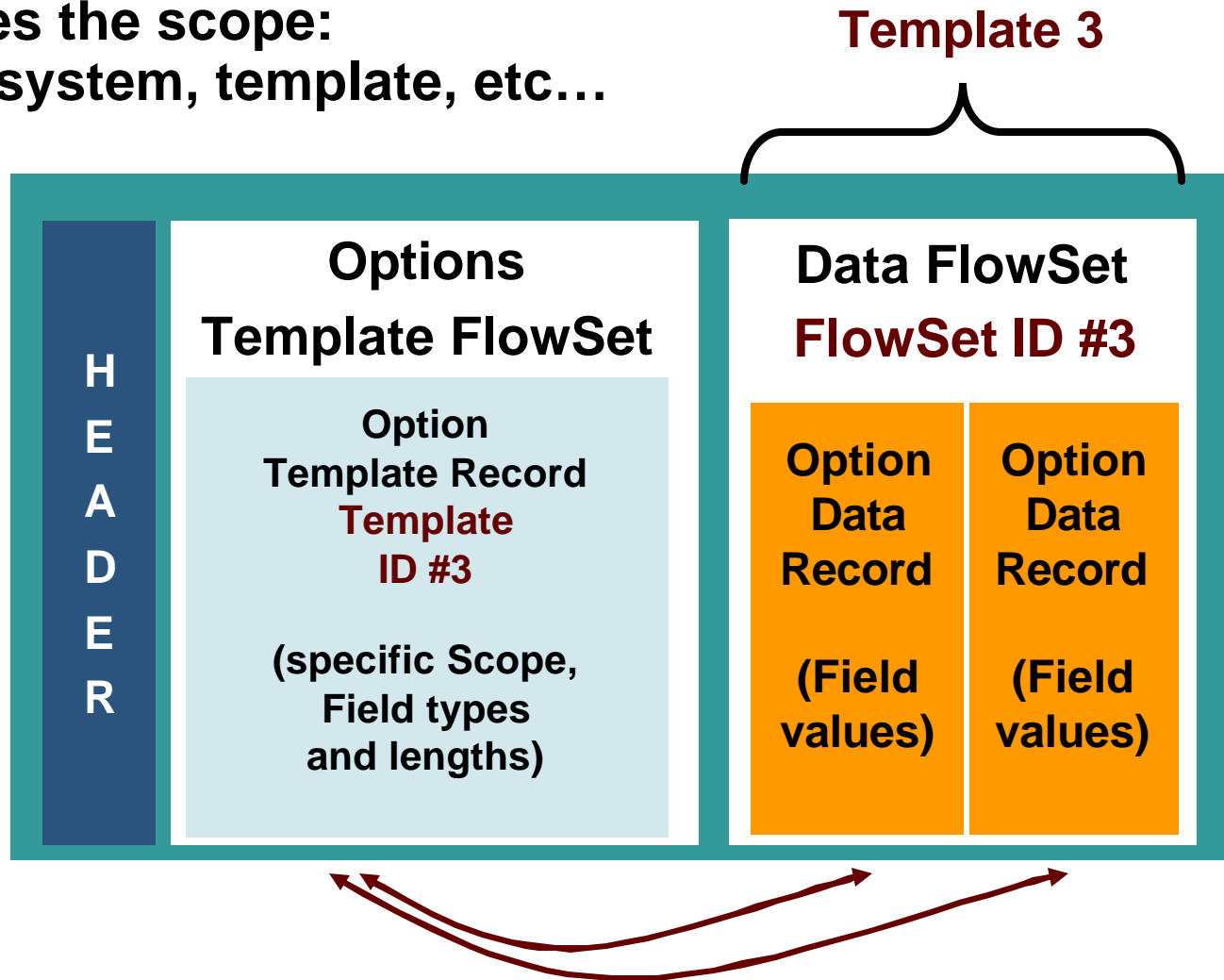


# NetFlow Version 9 Export Packet

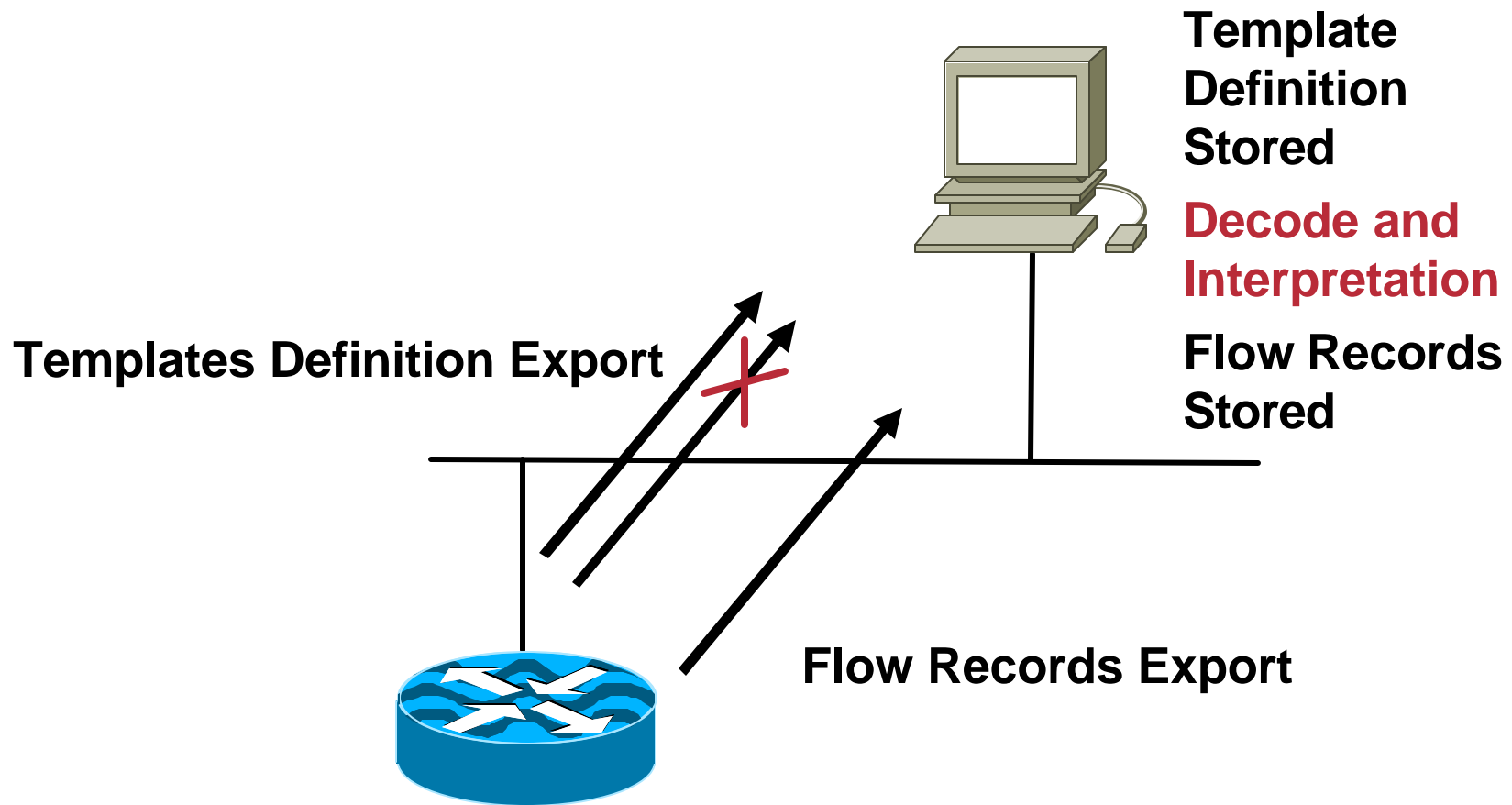


# NetFlow Version 9 Export Packet

Options Template FlowSet specifies the scope: cache, system, template, etc...



# NetFlow Version 9 Scenario #2



- The NetFlow collector should store the flow record and decode it after the template definition is received



# NetFlow Version 9 Configuration

- **Main cache configuration**

```
router(config)# ip flow-export version 9 [origin-as|peer-as] [bgp-nexthop]
router(config)# ip flow-export template options export-stats
router(config)# ip flow-export template options timeout 30
router(config)# ip flow-export template refresh-rate 20
router(config)# ip flow-export destination 10.10.10.10 9996
```

**Export versions  
available for main  
cache flow records**



**Should you export from the main cache with NetFlow Version 5 or Version 9?**

# NetFlow Version 9 Configuration

## Aggregation Cache Configuration

```
router(config)# ip flow-aggregation cache bgp-next-hop-tos
router(config-flow-cache)# enabled
router(config-flow-cache)# export destination 11.11.11.11 9999
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
```

**Sometimes available:  
in this case we have  
only Version 9. Why?**

# NetFlow Template Record

## Template for the BGP Next HOP ToS Aggregation

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New data template from 10.49.157.204: id=257, fields=11

- field id=21 (LAST\_SWITCHED), offset=0, len=4
- field id=22 (FIRST\_SWITCHED), offset=4, len=4
- field id=1 (BYTES\_32), offset=8, len=4
- field id=2 (PKTS\_32), offset=12, len=4
- field id=10 (INPUT\_SNMP), offset=16, len=2
- field id=14 (OUTPUT\_SNMP), offset=18, len=2
- field id=5 (TOS), offset=20, len=1
- field id=3 (FLOWS), offset=21, len=4
- field id=17 (DST\_AS), offset=25, len=2
- field id=18 (BGP\_NEXT\_HOP), offset=27, len=4
- field id=16 (SRC\_AS), offset=31, len=2

# NetFlow Version 9 Monitoring

```
Router# sh ip flow export template
  Template Options Flag = 0
  Total number of Templates added = 5
  Total active Templates = 3
  Flow Templates active = 3
  Flow Templates added = 5
  Option Templates active = 0
  Option Templates added = 0
  Template ager polls = 423903
  Option Template ager polls = 0
Main cache version 9 export is enabled
Template export information
  Template timeout = 30
  Template refresh rate = 20
Option export information
  Option timeout = 30
  Option refresh rate = 20
```

cnfTemplateTable

cnfTemplateExportInfoTable

# NETFLOW SAMPLING and FILTERING



# Deterministic Sampled NetFlow

**Deterministic** Sampled NetFlow  
Also Call **Systematic** Sampled NetFlow

Example: Sampling 1 out of 8 Packets



NetFlow Always Chooses  
8th Packet for Export



NetFlow Always Chooses  
8th Packet for Export

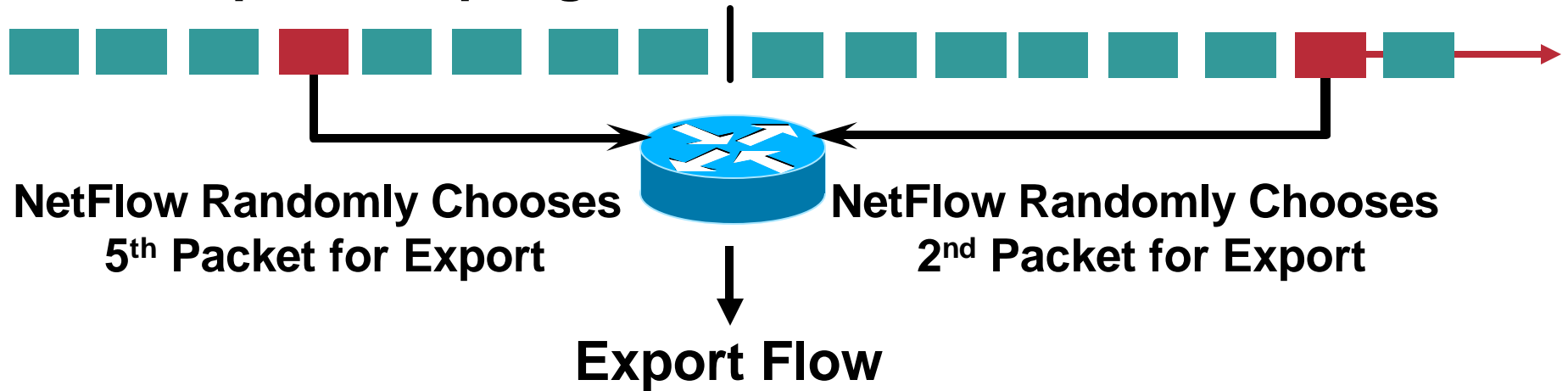
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Export Flow

**Potential Bias:**  
**If Traffic Repetition = Multiple of Sampling Rate**

# Random Sampled NetFlow

## Random Sampled NetFlow

Example: Sampling 1 Out of 8 Packets



No Traffic Repetition Issue

# Sampled NetFlow

- **Capacity planning may not need every packet per Flow**
- **Sampling will reduce CPU consumption**
- **Random (select packet to export per statistical principles)**

**Cisco IOS Software Releases 12.0(26)S, 12.2(18)S, and 12.3(1)T**

**Software platforms 7xxx, 37xx, 36xx, 26xx...**

**Cisco 12000 series: deterministic sampling today**

**Catalyst 6000: no packet sampling but flow sampling**



# Random Sampled NetFlow

```
router(conf)# flow-sampler-map mysampler1
Router(config-sampler)# mode random one-out-of 100

Router(config)# interface ethernet 1
Router(config-if)# flow-sampler mysampler1

Router(config)# ip flow-export template options sampling

Router# show flow-sampler
Sampler : mysampler1, id : 1, packets matched : 10
  mode : random sampling mode
  sampling interval is : 100
```

**Must explicitly configure it on sub-interfaces**

# Sampling NetFlow on the Catalyst

## Flow Sampling

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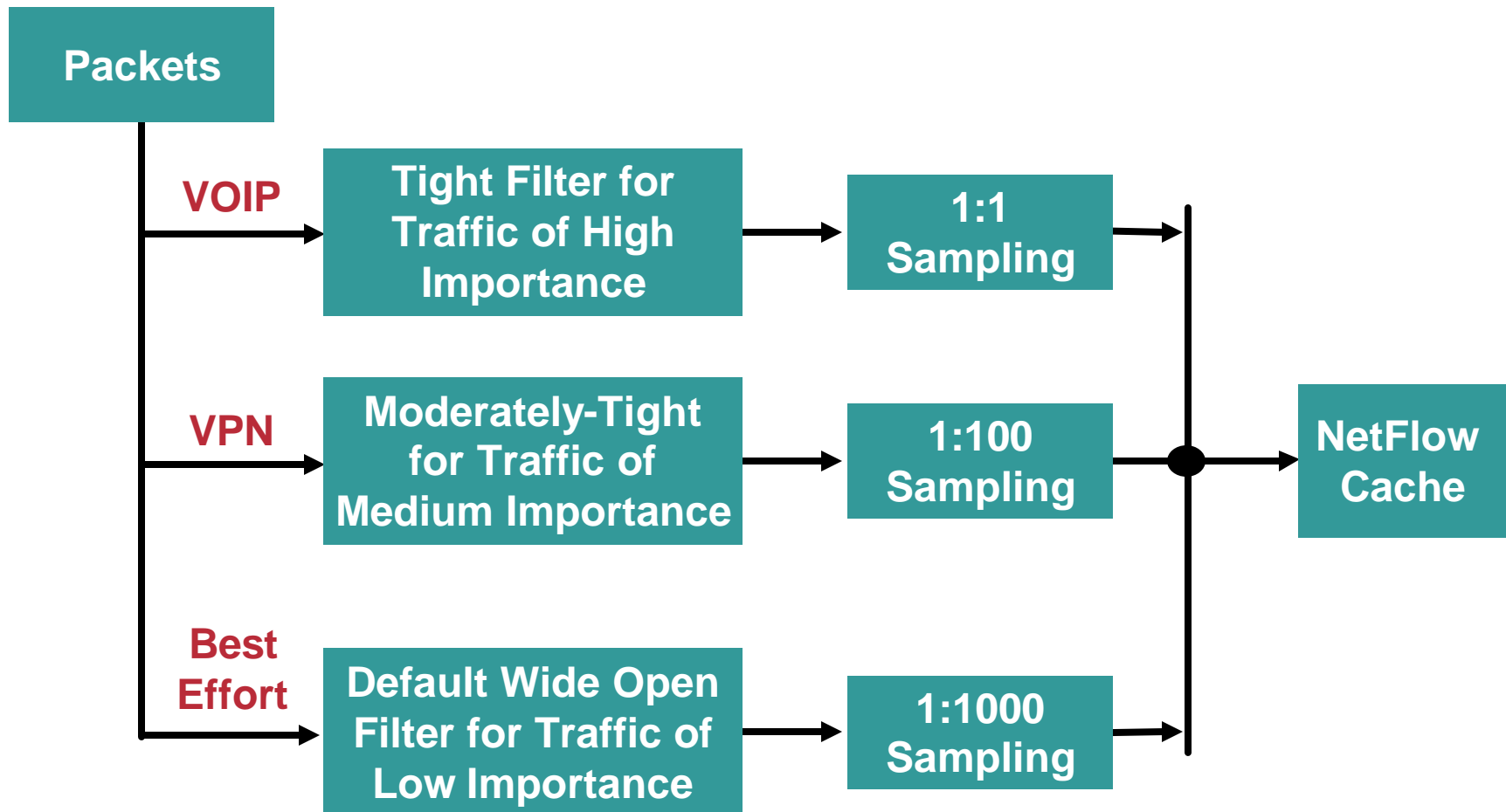
- **Not packet sampling but **flow sampling****  
Reason: NetFlow in hardware on the catalyst
- **Time based flow sampling**  
Take a snapshot of the NetFlow cache at different time
- **Packet based flow sampling**  
At each  $\Delta_T$ , export the flows with minimum values of packet  $M$   
For flows with packet count  $< M$ , packet counts will be summed up, and one flow will be sent

# NetFlow Input Filters



- **Support prefiltering for traffic for NetFlow processing**
- **Modular QoS Command Line (MQC) will provide the filtering mechanism for NetFlow**
  - Classification by IP source and destination addresses, Layer 4 protocol and port numbers, Incoming interface, MAC address, DSCP**
  - Layer 2 information such as Frame Relay DE bits, Ethernet 802.1p bits**
  - Network Based Application recognition (NBAR)**
- **Ability to sample filtered data at different rates, depending on how interesting the traffic is**
- **12.3(4)T, 12.2(25)S**

# NetFlow Input Filters Example



# NetFlow Input Filters Configuration

```
Router(config)# class-map high_importance_class
Router(config-cmap)# match access-group 101
Router(config-cmap)# exit
Router(config)# class-map medium_importance_class
Router(config-cmap)# match access-group 102
Router(config-cmap)# exit
```

**Define Traffic  
Classes (MQC)**

```
Router(config)# flow-sampler-map high_sampling
Router(config-sampler-map)# mode random one-out-of 1
Router(config-sampler-map)# exit
Router(config)# flow-sampler-map medium_sampling
Router(config-sampler-map)# mode random one-out-of 100
Router(config-sampler-map)# exit
Router(config)# flow-sampler-map low_sampling
Router(config-sampler-map)# mode random one-out-of 1000
Router(config-sampler-map)# exit 18
```

**Define  
NetFlow  
Samplers**

# NetFlow Input Filters Configuration

```
Router(config)# policy-map mypolicy
Router(config-pmap)# class high_importance_class
Router(config-pmap-c)# flow-sampler high_sampling
Router(config-pmap-c)# exit
Router(config-pmap)# class medium_importance_class
Router(config-pmap-c)# flow-sampler medium_sampling
Router(config-pmap-c)# exit
Router(config-pmap)# class class-default
Router(config-pmap-c)# flow-sampler low_sampling
Router(config-pmap-c)# exit
```

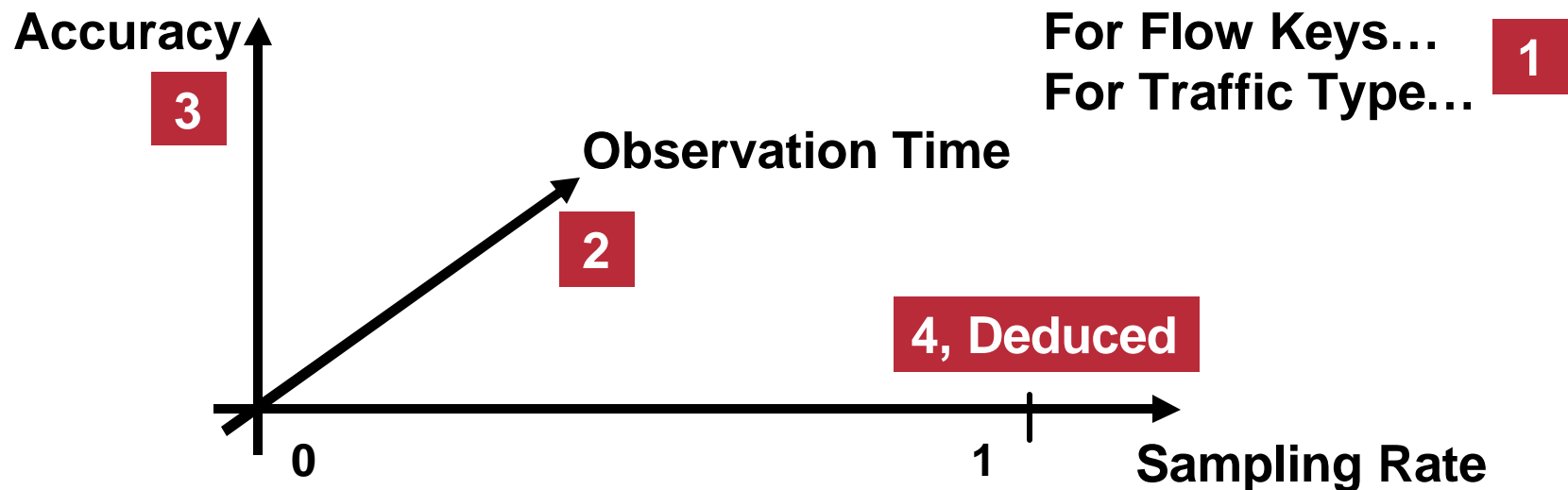
**Define  
Policy with  
NetFlow  
Sampling  
Actions**

```
Router(config)# interface POS1/0
Router(config-if)# service-policy input mypolicy
Router(config-if)# exit
Router(config)# interface ATM2/0
Router(config-if)# service-policy input mypolicy
```

**Applying Policy  
with Netflow  
Sampling  
Actions to  
Interface**

# Accuracy of Sampled NetFlow

- What is the accuracy of sampled NetFlow?  
That is: is the estimated number of bytes per flow record accurate?
- Which sample rate should be used?
- No easy answer



# Accuracy of Sampled NetFlow Research Project

- **Cisco funded an research by an external company**
- **State of the art analysis**
  - Analysed many sampling researcher whitepapers**
- **Developed an mathematical model**
  - This model is only valid for random sampled NetFlow!**
  - Systematic sampled NetFlow would require some knowledge about the traffic patterns**
  - A **patent** is in process of being filed**



# Accuracy of Sampled NetFlow Research Project

- **Empirical testing with real live testing**

  - **Mathematical model validity**

  - **Mathematical model assumptions**

  - **Results confidence interval**

  - **Graph the results**

- **Higher accuracy for flows with**

  - **Many packets**

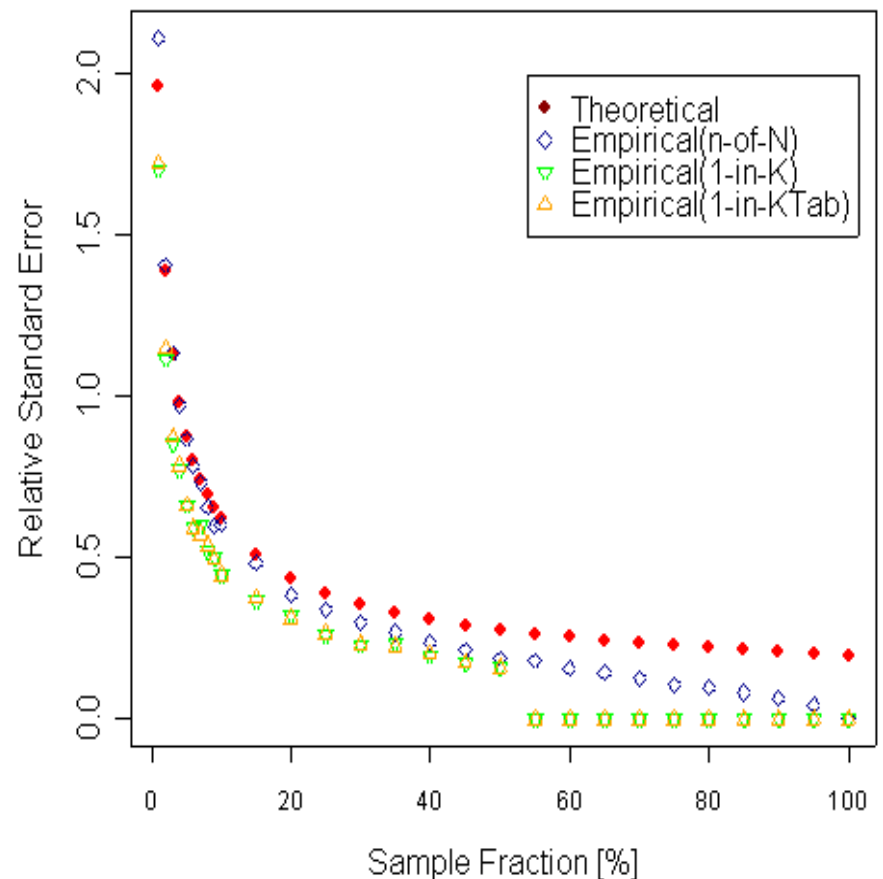
    - **Flow proportion is high**

    - **Observe longer (AND characteristics remain)**

  - **Large packet size mean**

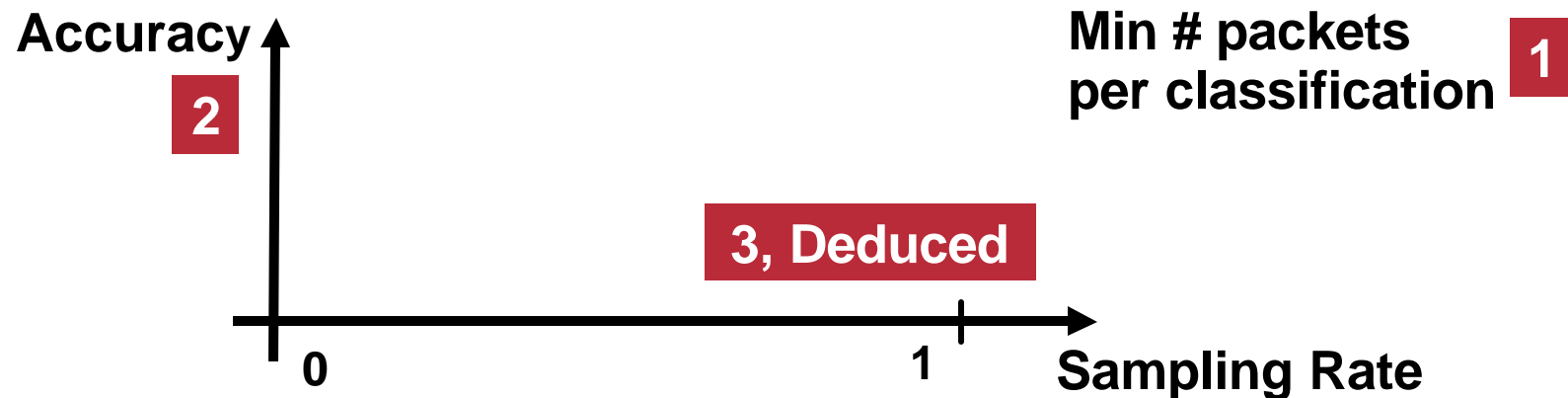
  - **Small packet size variation**

Rel. Standard Error for Flow9623



# Accuracy of Sampled NetFlow Research Project

- What is the accuracy of sampled NetFlow?
  1. Depends on the sampling rate? → Yes
  2. Depends on the flow definition? → Not directly
  3. Depends on the traffic type (IPv4 versus MPLS)? → Depends on traffic (flow characteristics)
  4. Depends on the observation period → Yes, if characteristics remain
- Whitepaper will be published soon
- Next Step...Hope to get such a graph



# NETFLOW FOR SECURITY



# How to Identify a Security Attack?

- **Suddenly highly-increased overall traffic in the network**
- **Higher CPU and memory utilization of network devices**
- **Unexpectedly large amount of traffic generated by individual hosts**
- **Increased number of accounting records generated**
- **Multiple accounting records with abnormal content, like one packet per flow record (e.g. TCP SYN flood)**
- **A changed mix of traffic applications, e.g. a sudden increase of “unknown” applications**
- **An increase of certain traffic types and messages, e.g. TCP resets or ICMP messages**
- **An increasing number of ACL violations**

# What Does a DoS Attack Look Like?

```
Router# show ip cache flow
```

```
...
```

SrcIf	SrcIPaddress	SrcP	SrcAS	DstIf	DstIPaddress	DstP	DstAS	Pr	Pkts	B/Pk
29	192. 1. 6. 69	77	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1308	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 222	1243	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1774	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 108	1076	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1869	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 159	903	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1050	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 54	730	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	2018	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 136	559	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1821	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 216	383	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1516	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 111	45	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1894	bbb	6	1	40
29	192. 1. 6. 29	1209	aaa	49	194. 20. 2. 2	1600	bbb	6	1	40

- **Typical DoS attacks have the same (or similar) entries:**

**Input Interface (SrcIf)**

**Destination IP (DstIf)**

**1 Packet per flow (Pkts)**

**Bytes per packet (B/Pk)**

# Tracing DoS Attack with NetFlow 1/2

## 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 (verbose) flow | include <destination>”

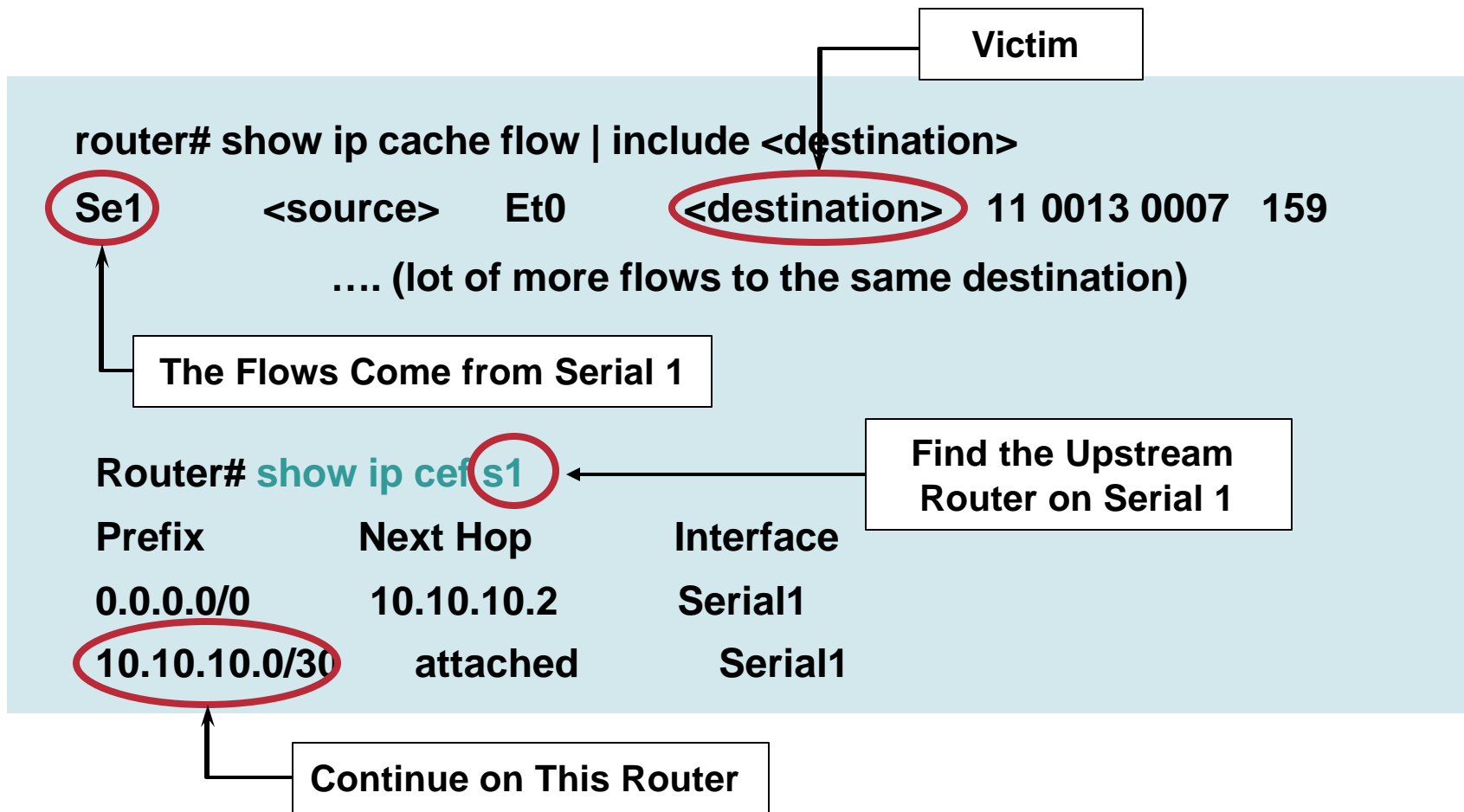
```
router# sh ip cache flow | include 194.20.2.2
...
SrcIf  SrcIPAddress  SrcP  SrcAS  DstIf  DstIPAddress  DstP  DstAS  Pr  Pkts  B/Pk
29     192.1.6.69     77    aaa    49     194.20.2.2    1308  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.1.6.222   1243  aaa    49     194.20.2.2    1774  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.1.6.108   1076  aaa    49     194.20.2.2    1869  bbb    6   1     40
29     192.1.6.159   903   aaa    49     194.20.2.2    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 | include 029A

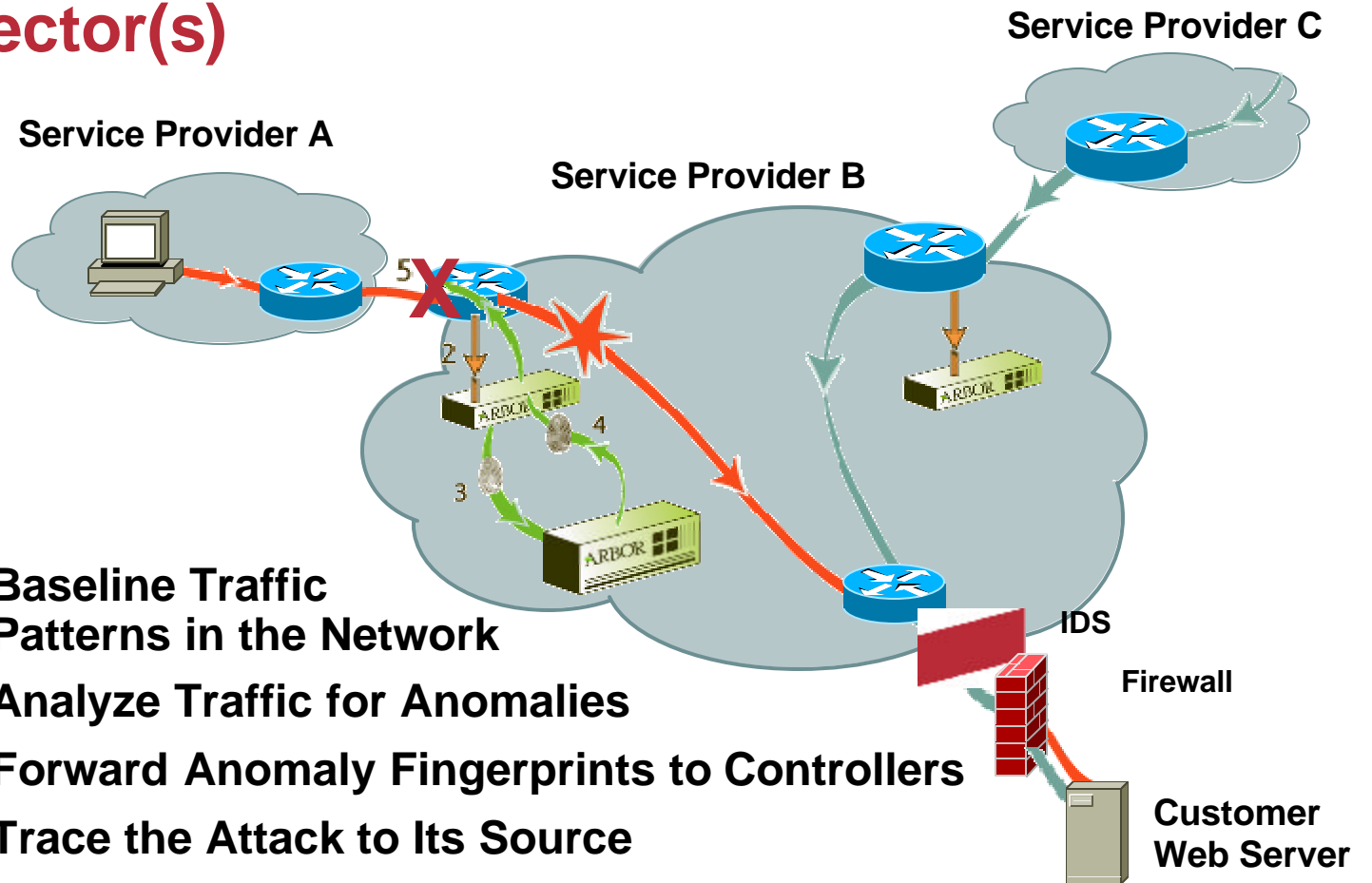
# Tracing DoS Attack with NetFlow 2/2

- Enable NetFlow on relevant routers/switches



# DoS Attack Example: Arbor Networks

## 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)



# Protego Networks Tracing Attack

Incident Graph-245738986

Session ID:  
**S:266156411**

Src: 40.40.1.23/0  
Dest: 192.168.1.10/0  
Event Types:

ICMP Ping Network Sweep

Session ID:  
**S:266156412**

Src: 40.40.1.23/0  
Dest: 192.168.1.10/0  
Event Types:

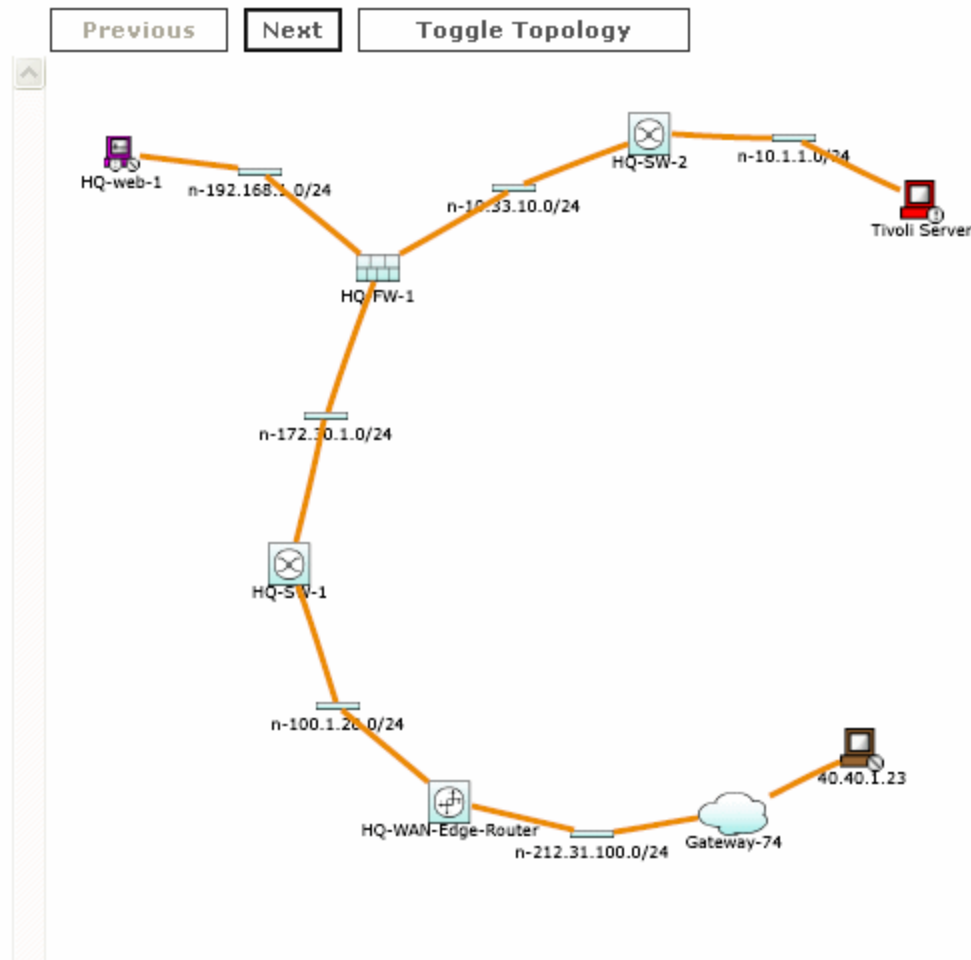
ICMP Ping Network Sweep

Session ID:  
**S:266156461**

Src: 40.40.1.23/2500  
Dest: 192.168.1.10/80  
Event Types:

WWW IIS .ida Indexing  
Service Overflow

Session ID:  
**S:266167384**



# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring



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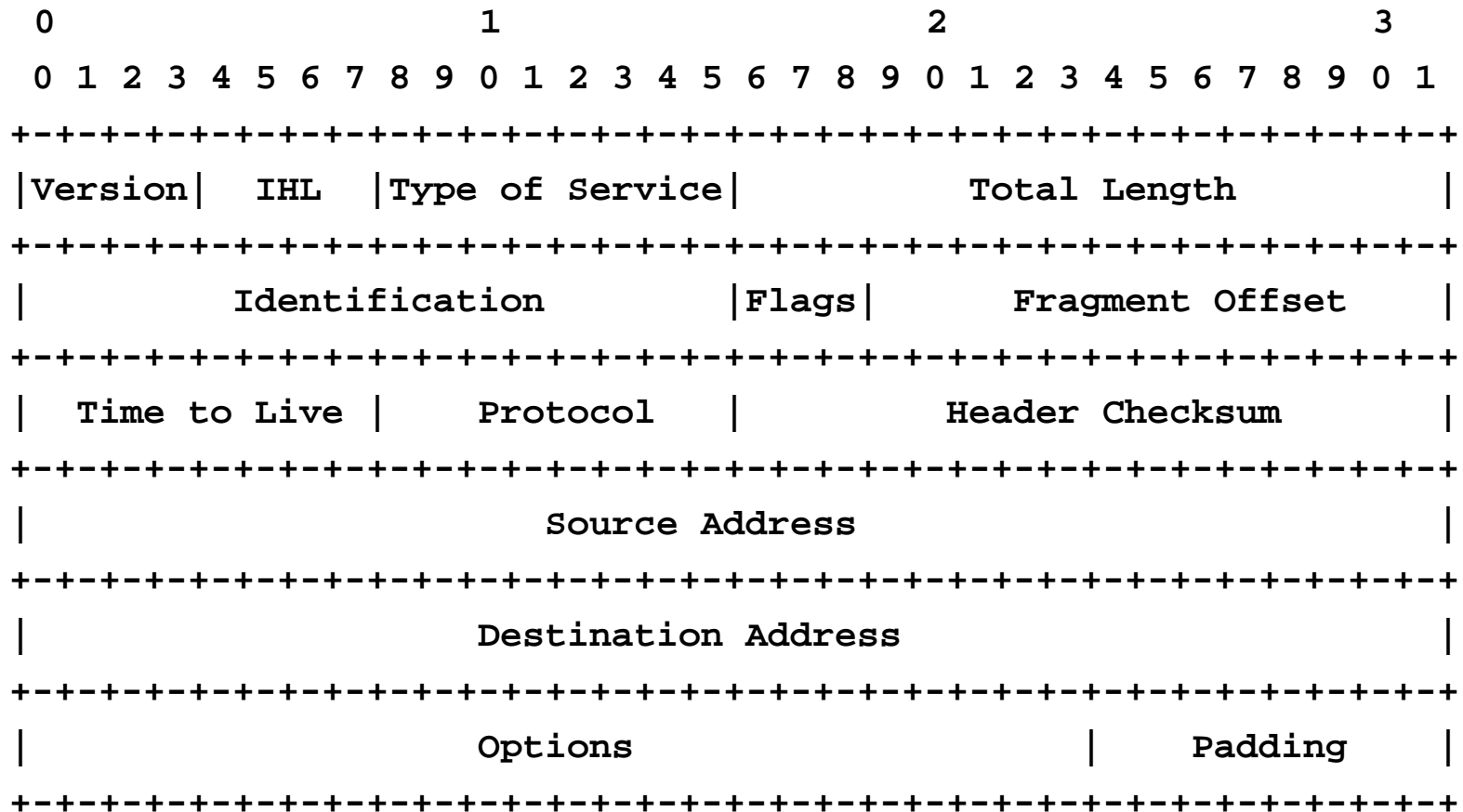
- **Layer 2 IP header fields**
  - **Source MAC address** field from frames that are received by the NetFlow router
  - **Destination MAC address** field from frames that are transmitted by the NetFlow router
  - **Received VLAN ID** field (802.1q and Cisco's ISL)
  - **Transmitted VLAN ID** field (802.1q and Cisco's ISL)
- **Extra Layer 3 IP header fields**
  - **Time-to-Live field**
  - **Identification field**
  - **Packet length field**
  - **CMP type and code**
- **Targeted for security: to help identify network attacks and their origin**
- **Introduced in 12.3(14)T on the low-end routers**

# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring

```
Router(config)# ip flow-capture icmp
Router(config)# ip flow-capture ip-id
Router(config)# ip flow-capture mac-addresses
Router(config)# ip flow-capture packet-length
Router(config)# ip flow-capture ttl
Router(config)# ip flow-capture vlan-id
```

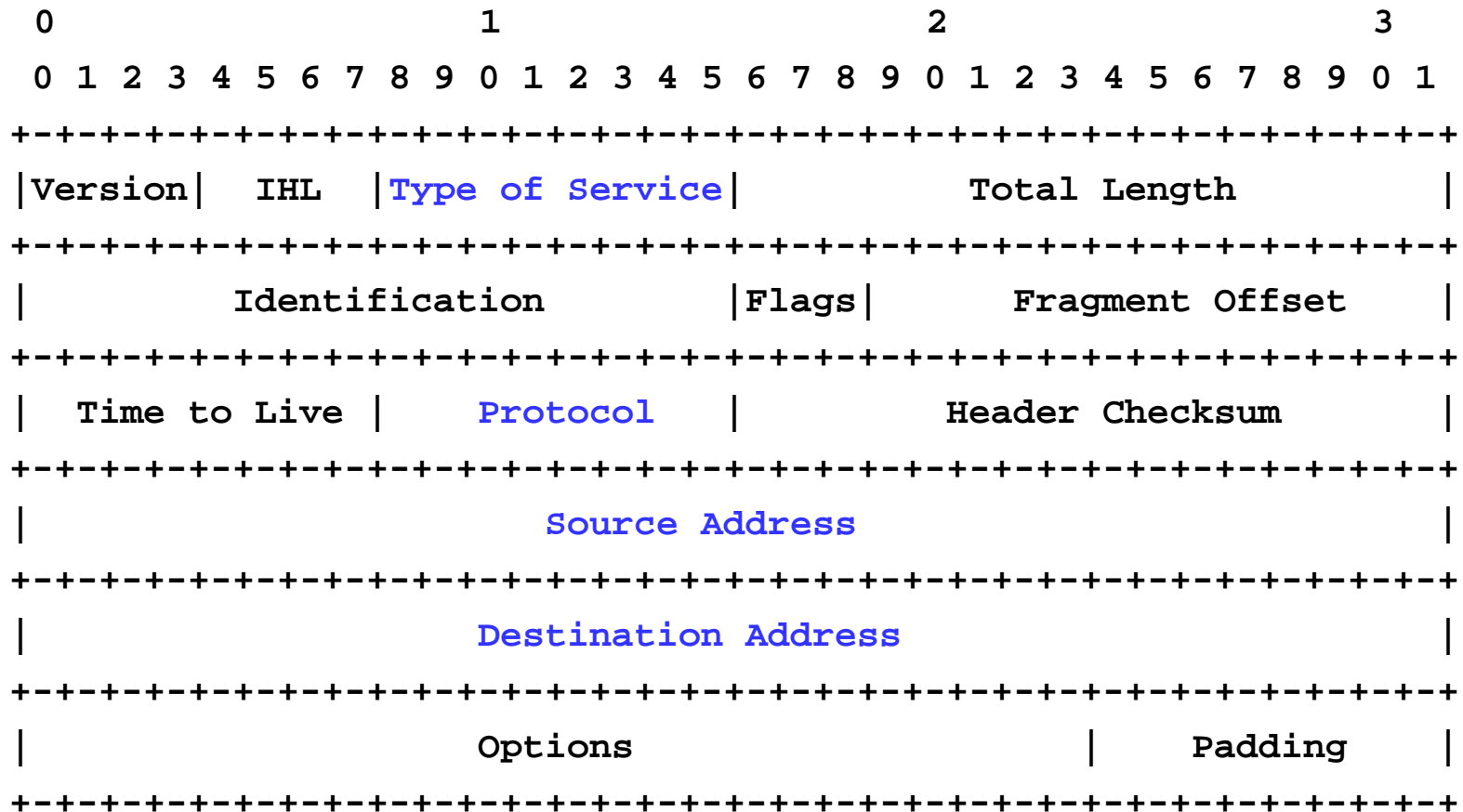
- **Not flow keys, the value of the first packet of the flow**
  - Exception for packet length: min/max
  - Exception for the TTL: min/max
- **Complete the main cache, not the aggregation caches**
  - Info lost if an aggregation cache is used

# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring L3 Packet Format

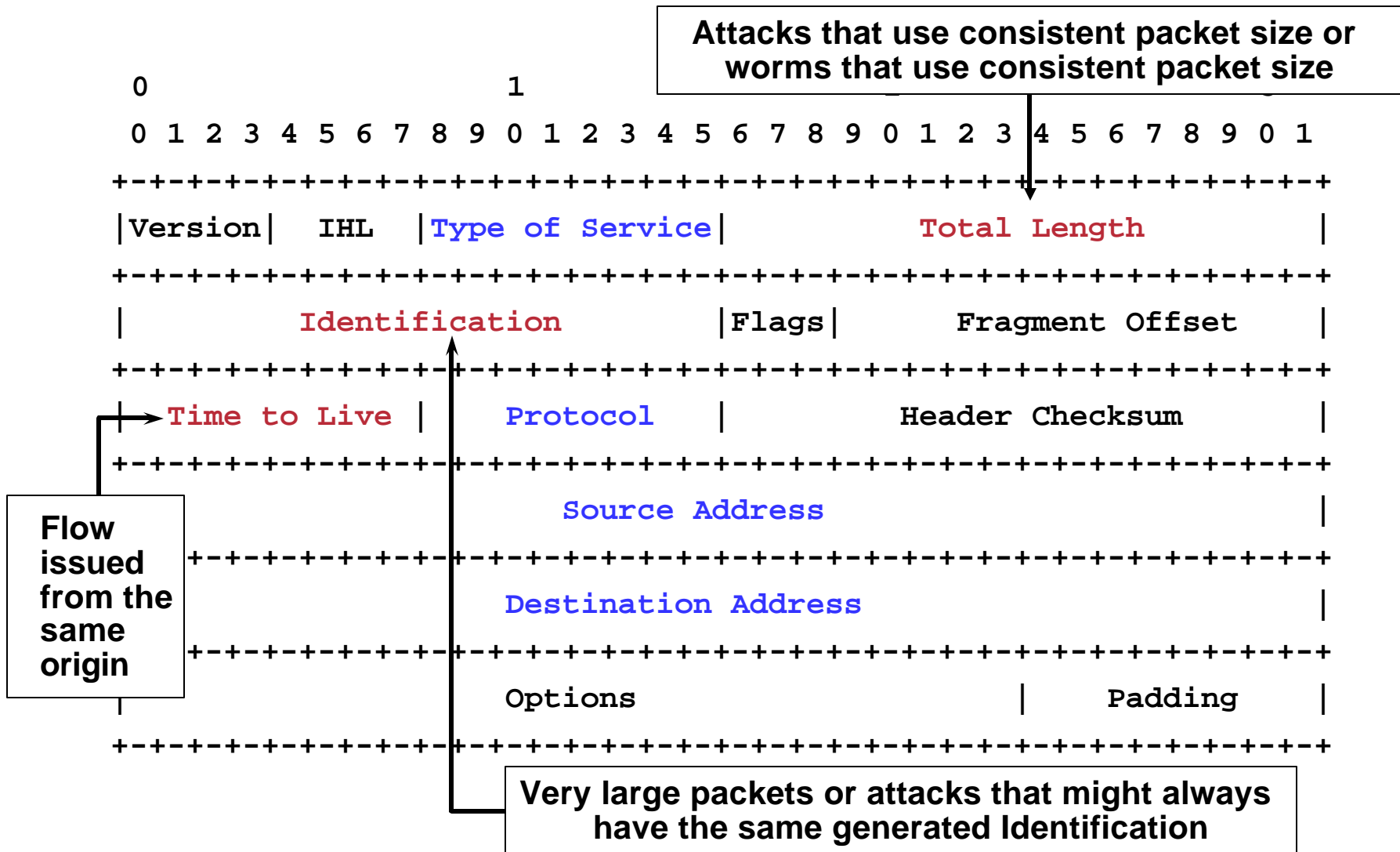


# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring

## Current NetFlow L3 Fields



# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring Extra NetFlow L3 Fields



# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring

```
Router# show ip cache verbose flow
```

```
...
```

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	TOS	Flgs	Pkts
Port Msk AS		Port Msk AS	NextHop			B/Pk	Active
Et0/0.1	10.251.138.218	Et1/0.1	172.16.10.2	06	80	00	65
0015 /0 0		0015 /0 0	0.0.0.0			840	10.8
MAC: (VLAN id)	aaaa.bbbb.cc03	(005)	aaaa.bbbb.cc06	(006)			
Min plen:	840		Max plen:	840			
Min TTL:	59		Max TTL:	59			
IP id:	0						

One flow entry

# NetFlow and ICMP Reminder

- **ICMP is the protocol Identifier 1**

```
Router# show ip cache flow
SrcIf  SrcIPAddress  DstIf  DstIPAddress  Pr  SrcP  DstP  Pkts
Fa1/0  144.254.12.209  Local  172.17.246.9  01  0000  0800  1
```

- **The destination port number reported:  
(ICMP type \* 256) + (the ICMP code)**

**ICMP type = 8, ICMP code = 0**

**Port = 8 \* 256 + 0 = 2048 = 800 hexa**

- **Only for the routers**



# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring

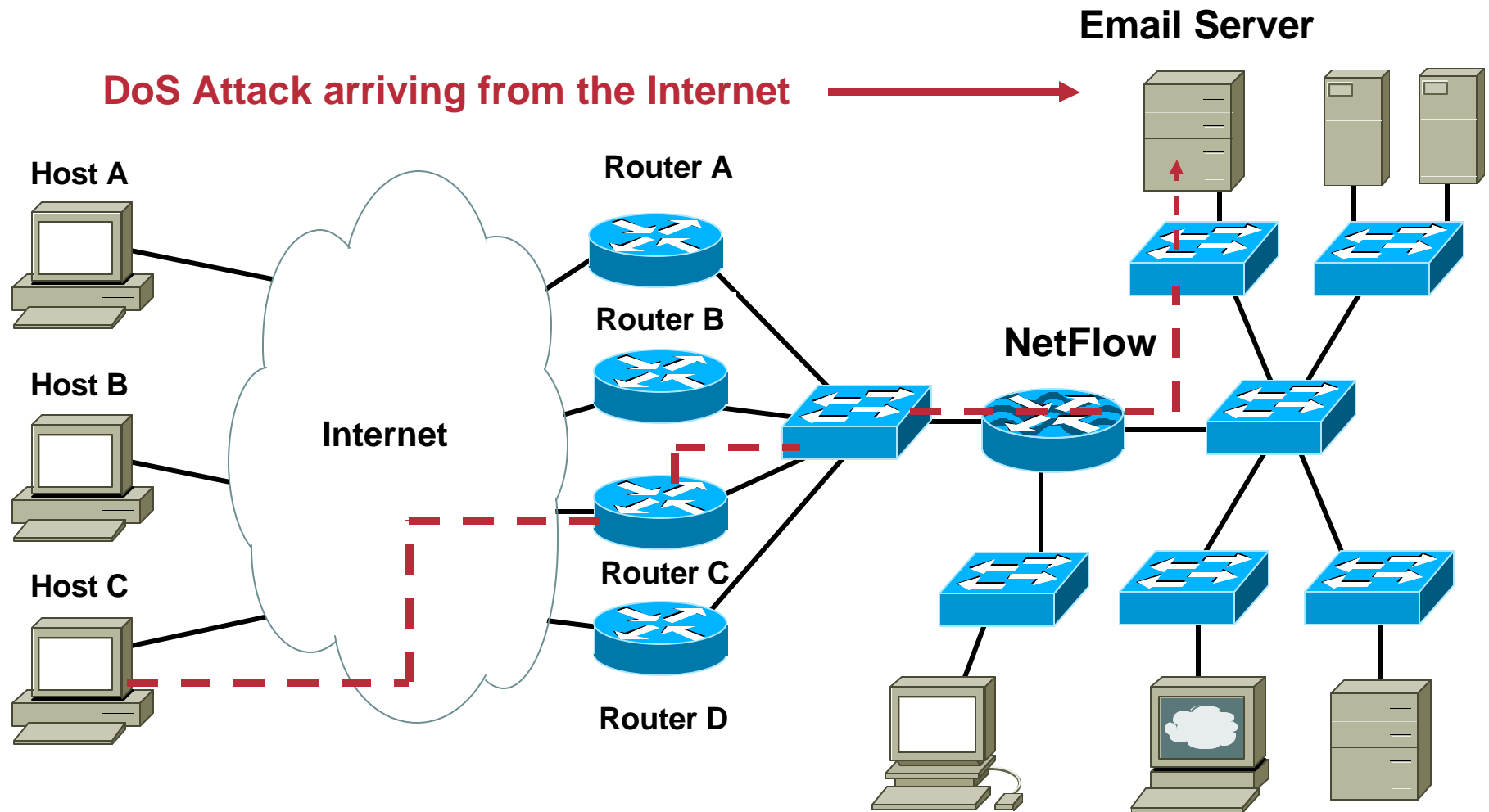
```
Router# show ip cache verbose flow
```

```
...  
SrcIf          SrcIPAddress  DstIf          DstIPAddress  Pr TOS Flgs  Pkts  
Port Msk AS    Port Msk AS    NextHop        B/Pk  Active  
  
Et0/0.1       10.251.138.218 Et1/0.1       172.16.10.2   01 80  00    65  
0015 /0  0        0015 /0  0        0.0.0.0       840  10.8  
MAC: (VLAN id) aaaa.bbbb.cc03 (005)    aaaa.bbbb.cc06 (006)  
Min plen:      840          Max plen:      840  
Min TTL:       59           Max TTL:       59  
ICMP type:     0            ICMP code:     0  
IP id:         0
```

**ICMP type 0, ICMP code 0: Echo Reply**



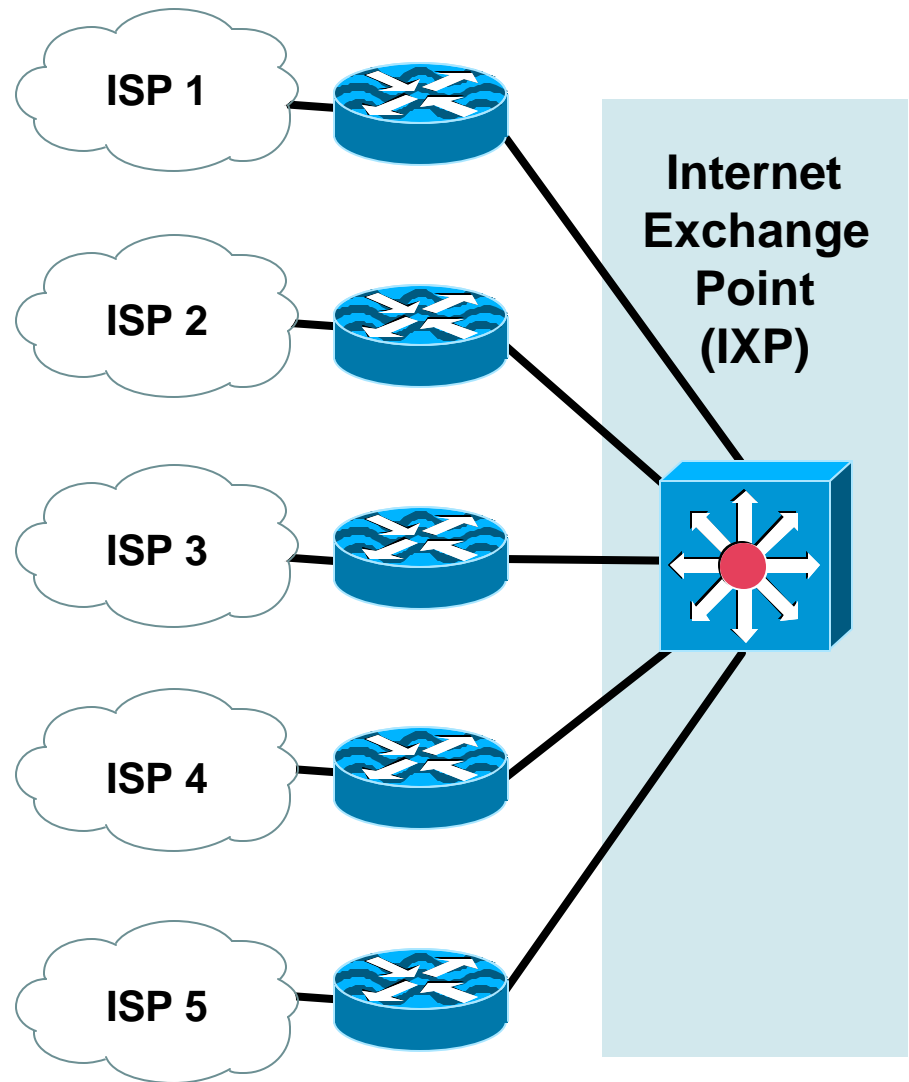
# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring Source MAC Address



Report the MAC address for ethernet, fastethernet, and GigEthernet

# NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring Internet eXchange Point

- Internet Exchange Points require the accounting per MAC address:
  - Incoming
  - Outgoing
- NetFlow solution is more granular than the “IP accounting MAC address” feature



# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers



- **The flows that are generating the heaviest traffic are known as the "top talkers"**
- **Allows flows to be sorted by either of the following criteria:**
  - By the total number of packets in each top talker**
  - By the total number of bytes in each top talker.**
- **Match criteria for the top talkers: specific flow field values**
  - Work like a filter**
- **A new separate cache**
  - Similar output of the show ip cache flow or show ip cache verbose flow command**
  - Generated on the fly**
  - Frozen for the "cache-timeout" value**
- **Introduced in 12.2(25)S and 12.3(11)T on the low-end routers**

# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers Configuration

```
Router(config)# ip flow-top-talkers
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# top 50
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# sort-by <packets | bytes>
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# cache-timeout 2000
```

```
Router# show ip flow top-talkers verbose
```

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	TOS	Flgs	Pkts
Port Msk AS		Port Msk AS	NextHop			B/Pk	Active
IPM: OPkts	OBytes						
{ Fa1/0	10.48.71.9	Local	10.48.71.9	01	C0	10	56
	0000 /24 0	0303 /24 0	0.0.0.0			56	171.0
	ICMP type:	3	ICMP code:	3			
{ Se0/0	192.1.1.97	Se0/3	192.1.1.110	01	00	00	12
	0000 /30 0	0000 /30 0	192.1.1.108			1436	2.8
	ICMP type:	0	ICMP code:	0			

# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers Example 2


```
Router(config)# ip flow-top-talkers
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# top 50
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# sort-by packets
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# cache-timeout 2000
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match source address 192.1.1.97/32
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match destination address 192.1.1.110/32
```

Router# show ip flow top-talkers verbose

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	TOS	Flgs	Pkts
Port Msk AS		Port Msk AS	NextHop			B/Pk	Active
Se0/0	192.1.1.97	Se0/3	192.1.1.110	01	00	00	12
0000 /30 0		0000 /30 0	192.1.1.108			1436	2.8
ICMP type:	0		ICMP code:	0			

# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers Example 2

```
Router(config)# ip flow-top-talkers
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# top 50
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# sort-by packets
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# cache-timeout 2000
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match source address 192.1.1.97/32
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match destination address 192.1.1.110/32
```



```
match [[source address | destination address | nexthop address]
[ip-address] [mask | /nn]] [[source port | destination port] [port-number |
min port | max port | min port max port]] [[source as | destination as]
as-number] [[input-interface | output-interface] interface] [tos
[tos-value | dscp dscp-value | precedence precedence-value]]
[protocol [protocol-number | tcp | udp]] [flow-sampler flow-sampler-name]
[class-map class] [packet-range | byte-range [[min-range-number
max-range-number] [min minimum-range | max maximum-range |
min minimum-range max maximum-range]]]
```



# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers

- **The top talkers can be configured via SNMP with the CISCO-NETFLOW-MIB**
- **The top talkers can be retrieved via the MIB**  
`cnfTopFlowsTable`
- **No really a trending tool unless we compare all the flow key values**  
`cnfTopFlowsIndex` represents the top flow index but this is not keeping any correlation from the `cnfTopFlowsIndex` in the previous or next polling interval

# NetFlow MIB and Top Talkers Applications

- **Security**

List of top talkers to see if traffic patterns consistent with a denial of service (DoS) attack are present in your network.

- **Traffic analysis**

The top talkers whose destination IP address is my web server

- **Capacity planning**

The top talkers whose destination is the BGP AS X

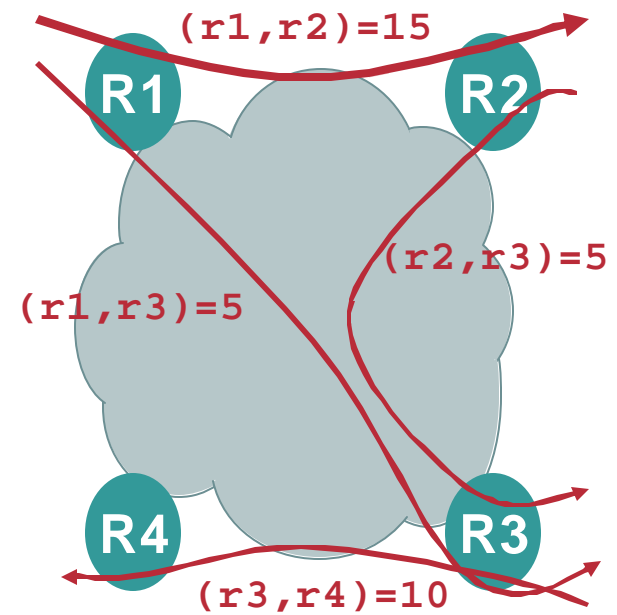
- **Etc...**

# NETFLOW FOR CAPACITY PLANNING



# What Is the Traffic Matrix?

From / To	R1	R2	R3	R4
R1	0	15	5	0
R2	0	0	5	0
R3	0	0	0	10
R4	0	0	0	0

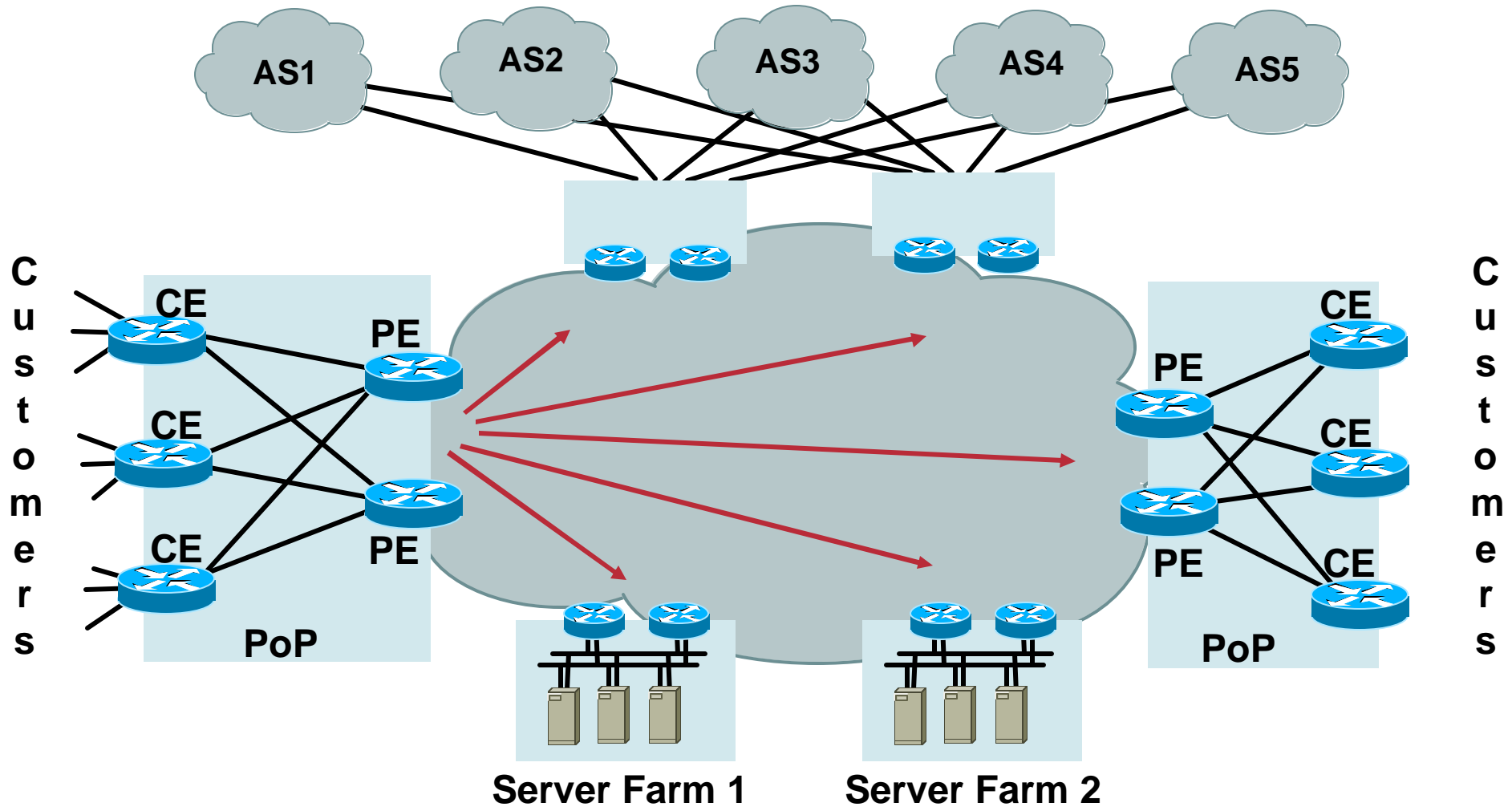


# Core Capacity Planning

## The Big Picture

1. The ability to offer **SLAs is dependent** upon ensuring that core network bandwidth is adequately provisioned
2. Adequate provisioning (without gross over provisioning) is dependent upon **accurate core capacity planning**
3. Accurate core capacity planning is dependent upon understanding the **core traffic matrix** and flows and mapping these to the underlying topology
4. A tool for “What if” scenarios

# We Need the **Core Traffic Matrix**

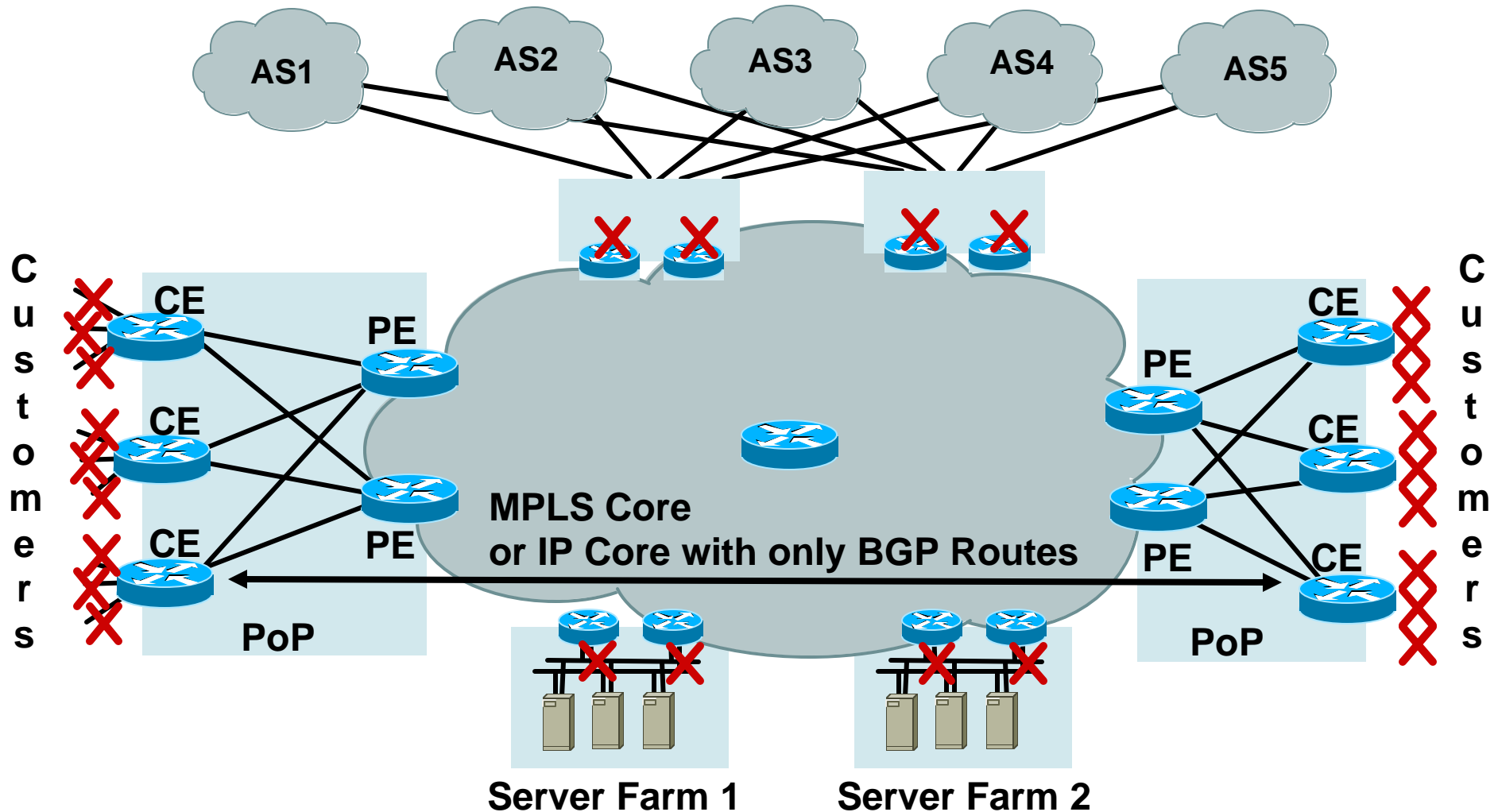


**“PoP to PoP”:** Access Router (AR) or Core Router (CR)

# NetFlow BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation

- Lets you measure network traffic on a per BGP next hop basis, per TOS
- Lets you track which service provider the traffic is going through (exit point)
- Configure on ingress interface
- Leverages the new NetFlow Version 9 export format
- Support with sampled and non sampled NetFlow
- 12.0(26)S, 12.2(18)S and 12.3 for the low-end routers  
12.0(27)S for the 12000

# BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation Typical Example





# NetFlow BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation Flow Keys

## Key Fields (Uniquely Identifies the flow)

- Origin AS
- Destination AS
- Inbound Interface
- Output Interface
- ToS/DSCP (\*)
- Next BGP Hop

(\*) before any re-coloring

## Additional Export Fields

- Flows
- Packets
- Bytes
- First SysUptime
- Last SysUptime

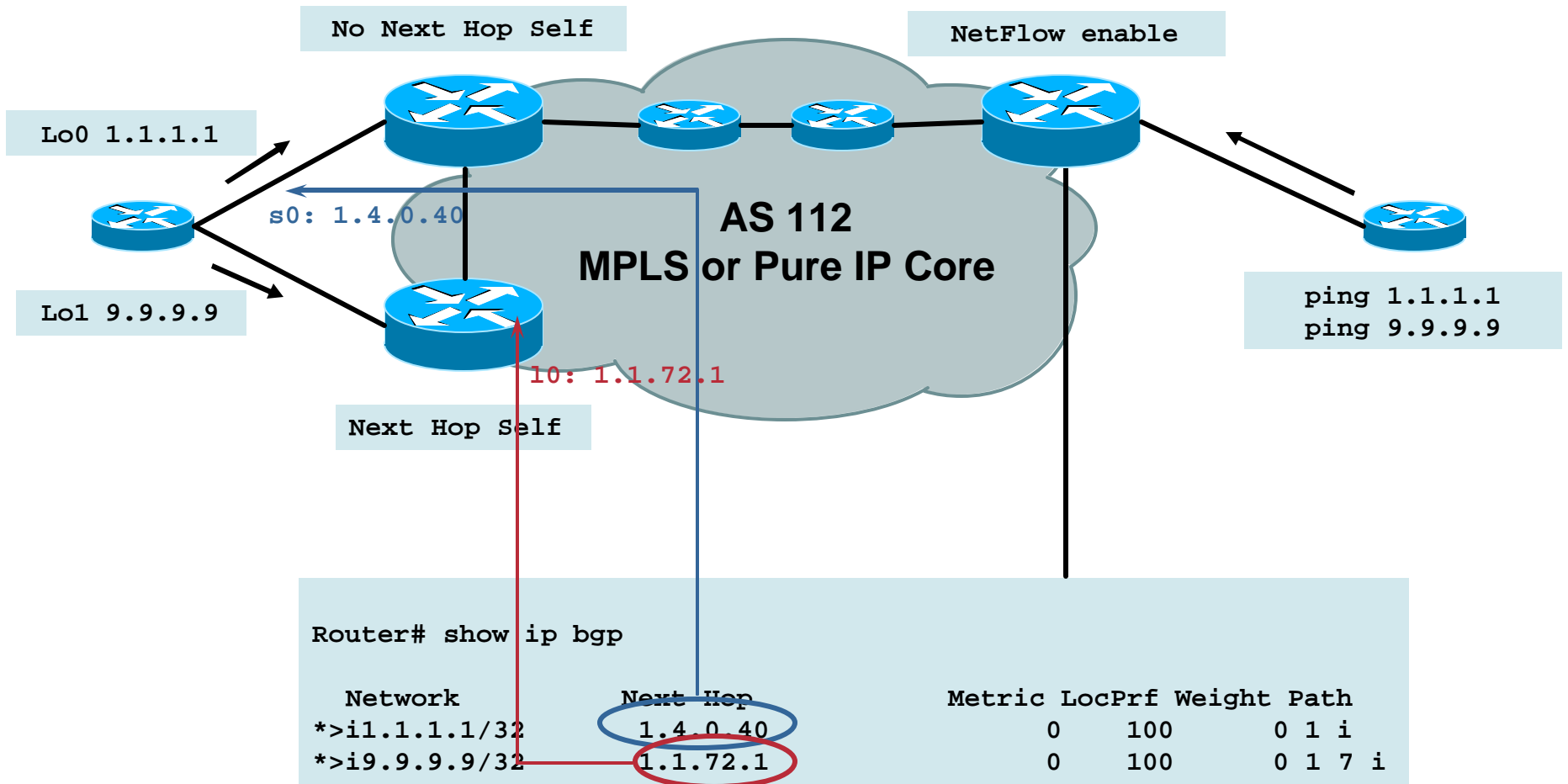
# NetFlow BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation Configuration

```
Router (config) # ip flow-export version 9 [origin-as | peer-as] [bgp-nexthop]
Router (config) # ip flow-export destination <dest IP> <dest udp-port>
Router (config) # ip flow-export source <interface>
```

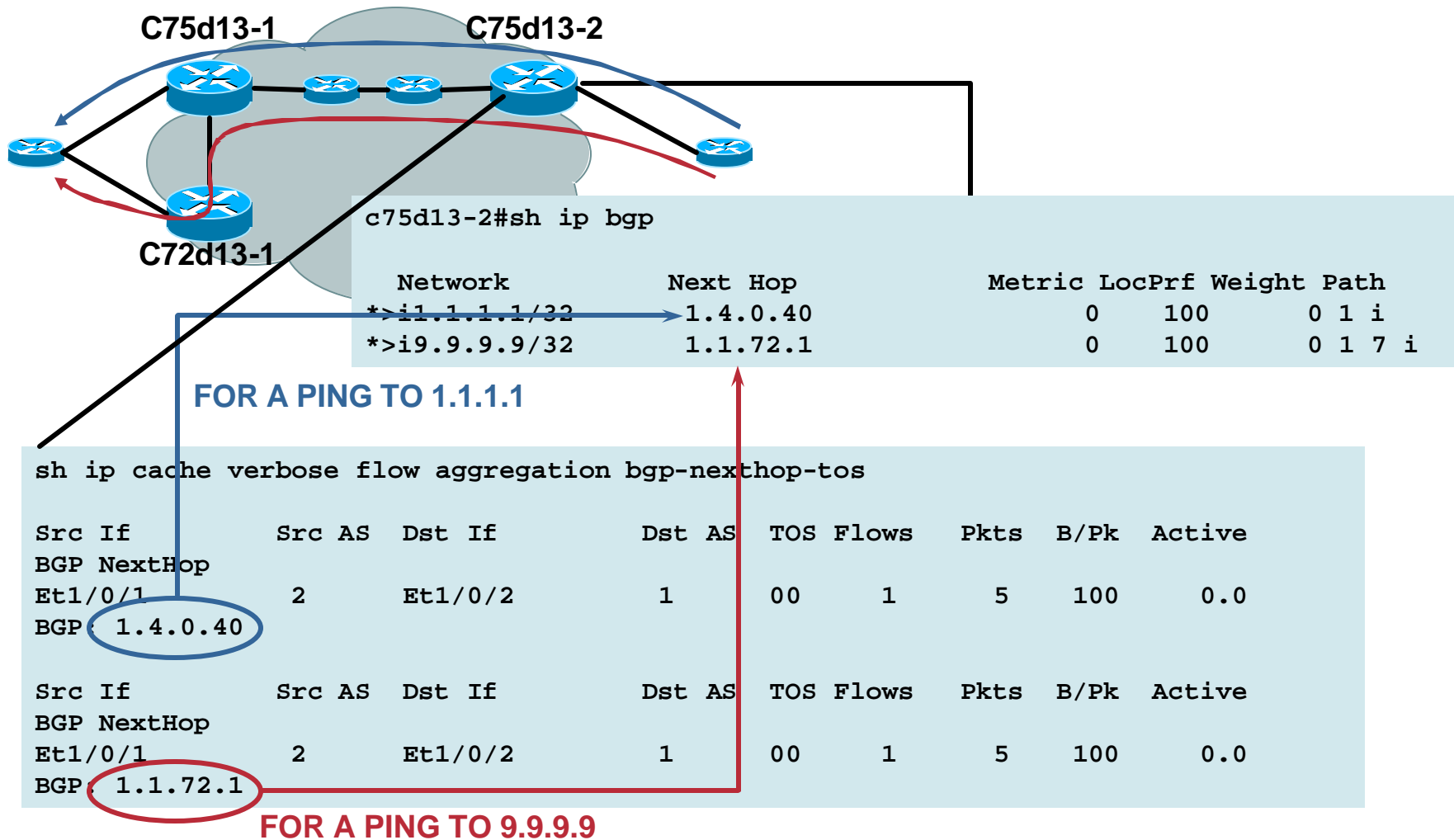
```
Router (config) # ip flow-aggregation cache bgp_nexthop_tos
Router (config-flow-cache)# export destination <dest IP > <dest udp-port>
Router (config-flow-cache)# enabled
```

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

# NetFlow BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation Testing



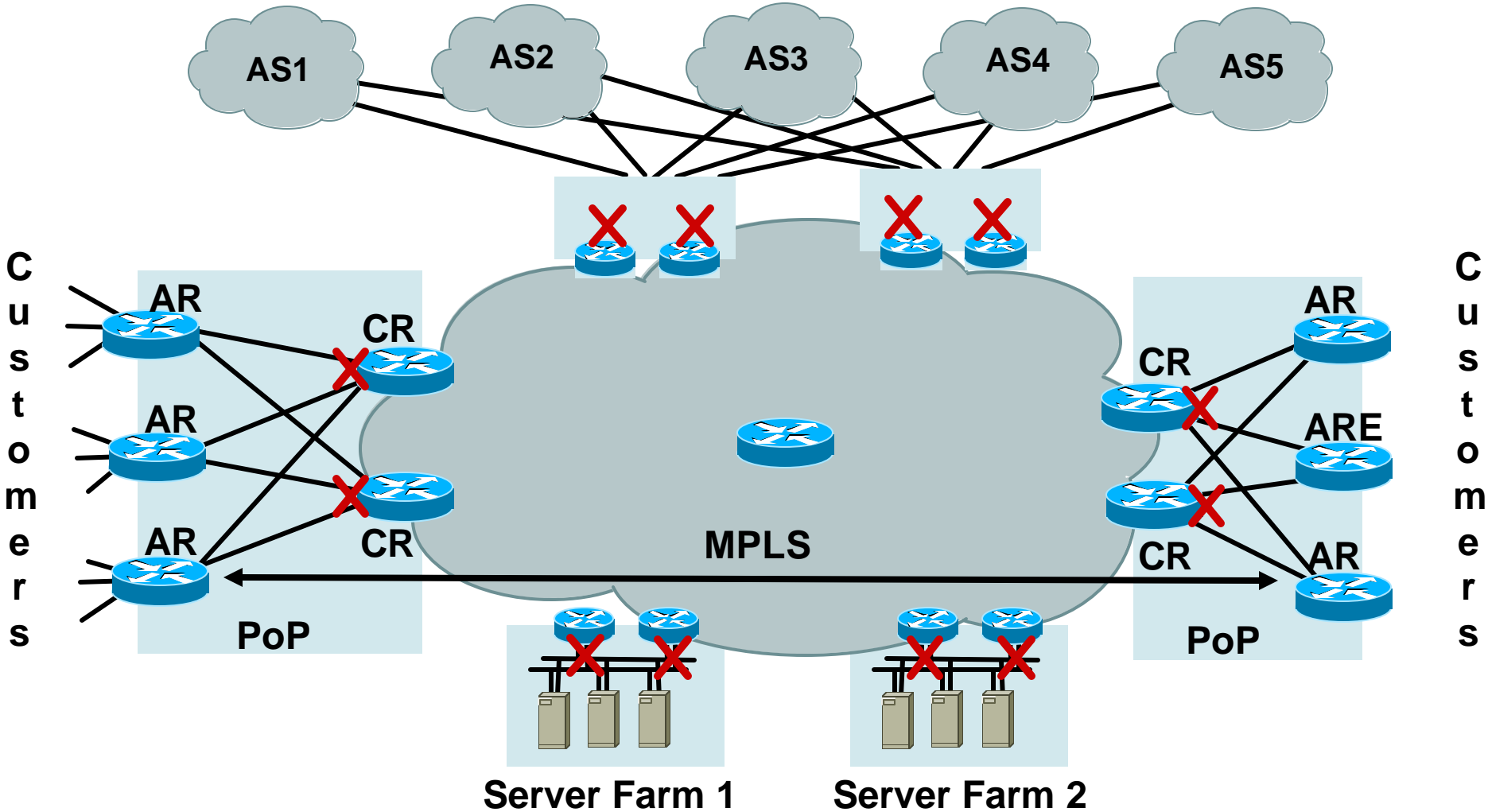
# NetFlow BGP Next Hop TOS Aggregation Testing



# MPLS Aware NetFlow Description

- **Provides flow statistics per MPLS and IP packets**
  - MPLS packets:**
    - Labels information**
    - And NetFlow V5 fields for underlying IP packet**
  - IP packets:**
    - Regular IP NetFlow records**
- **Leverages the new NetFlow Version 9 export format**
- **Configure on ingress interface**
- **Supported on sampled/non sampled NetFlow**
- **12.0(26)S1, 12.2(18)S and 12.3 for the low-end routers**
  - 12000: 12.0(24)S, 12.2(18)S and 12.3**

# MPLS Aware NetFlow Typical Example



# MPLS Aware NetFlow Top Label Aggregation

## Key Fields (Uniquely Identifies the Flow)

- Input Interface (ifIndex)
- **THE TOP incoming MPLS labels with experimental bits and end-of-stack bit**

## Additional Export Fields

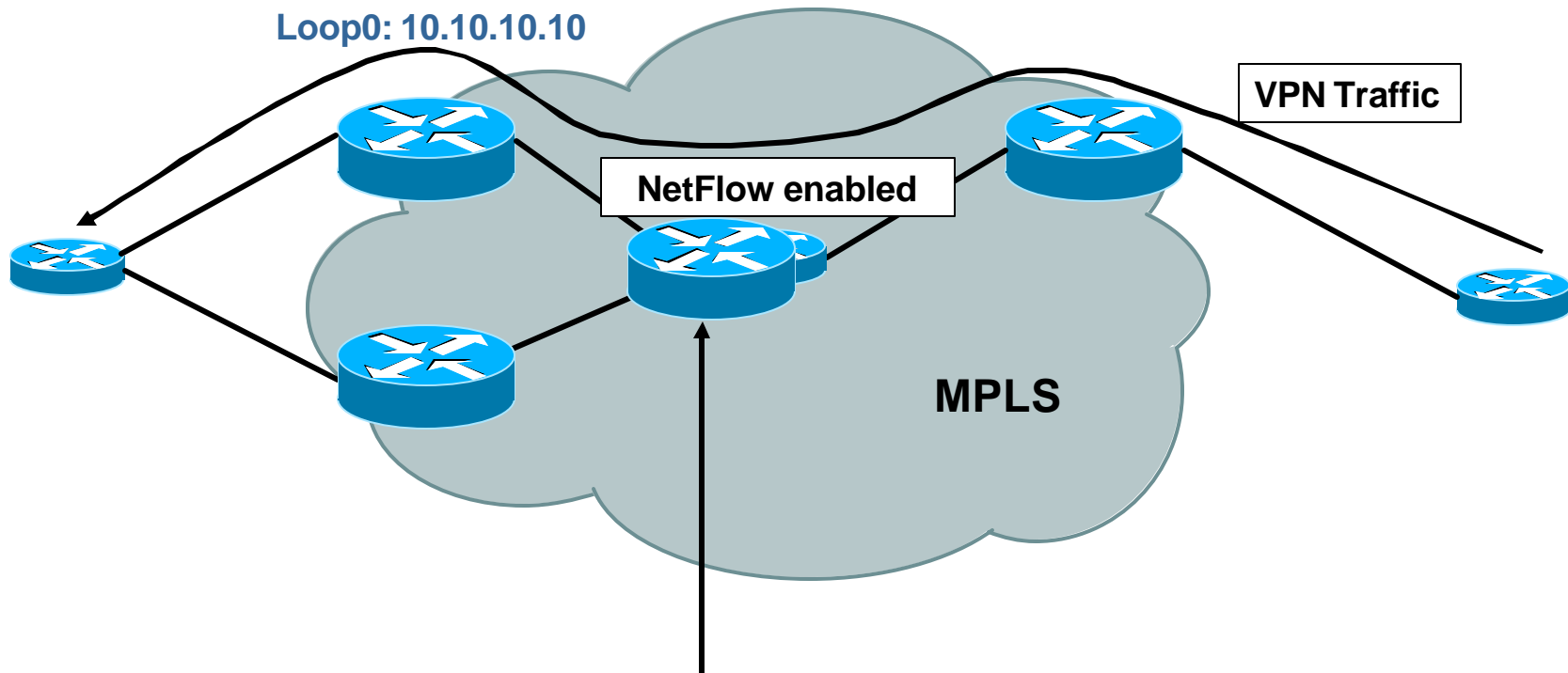
- Flows
- Packets
- Bytes
- First Timestamp (SysUptime)
- Last Timestamp (SysUptime)
- Output Interface
- NetFlow Version 5 fields of the underlying IP packet (TCP flags, etc...)
- Type of the top label: LDP, BGP, VPN, ATOM, TE Tunnel MID-PT, unknown
- **The Forwarding Equivalent Class mapping to the top label**

# MPLS Aware NetFlow Configuration

```
Router(config)#ip flow-cache mpls label-positions 1 no-ip-fields mpls-length  
Router(config-if)# ip route-cache flow sampled  
Router(config)# ip flow-export version 9  
Router(config)# ip flow-export template options export-stats  
Router(config)# ip flow-export template options sampling  
Router(config)# ip flow-sampling-mode packet-interval 100
```

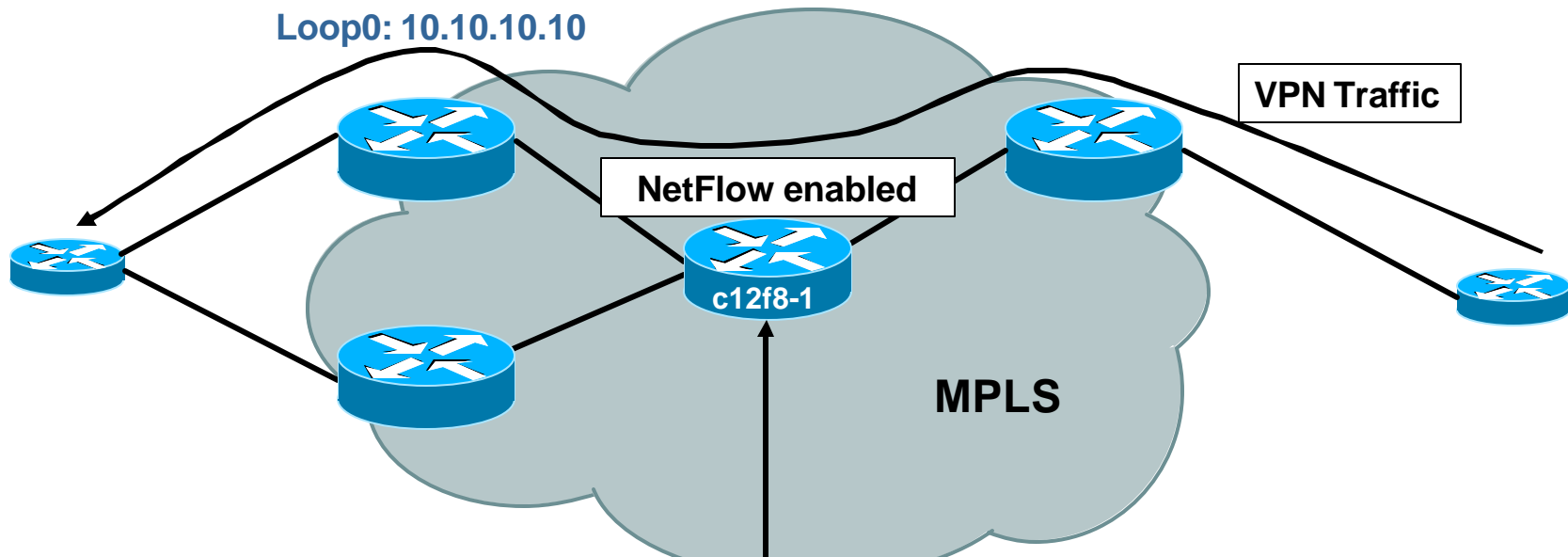


# NetFlow MPLS Aware Testing



```
Router# show mpls forwarding 10.10.10.10
Local   Outgoing   Prefix          Bytes tag      Outgoing       Next Hop
tag     tag or VC  or Tunnel Id   switched      interface
486     Pop tag    10.10.10.10/32 1696244602516 P03/0          point2point
```

# NetFlow MPLS Aware Testing



```

Router# show ip flow verbose cache
...
SrcIf  SrcIPAddress  DstIf  DstIPAddress  Pr  TOS  Flgs  Pkts
Port  Msk  AS  Port  Msk  AS  NextHop  B/Pk  Active

PO2/0  0.0.0.0          PO3/0  0.0.0.0          00  00   10    1729
0000  /0  0  0000  /0  0  0.0.0.0  792  14.6
Pos:Lbl-Exp-S 1:486-4-0 (LDP/10.10.10.10)
    
```

Exported as 7784, EXP in NFC 5.0

# NEW FEATURES



# Egress NetFlow Accounting

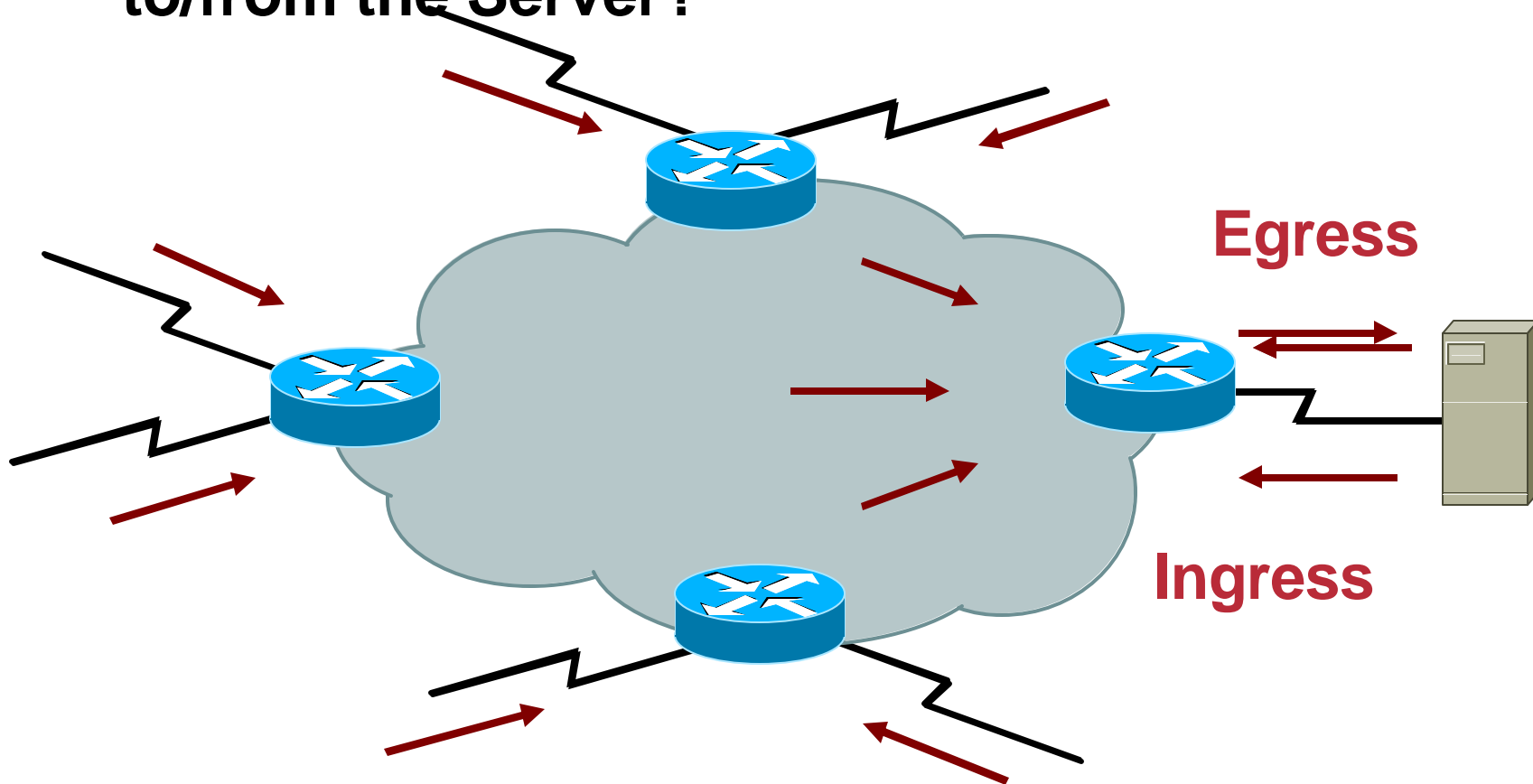


- The NetFlow Egress Support feature allows NetFlow accounting to be implemented for egress (outgoing) traffic on an interface or sub-interface
- Locally generated traffic (traffic that is generated by the router on which the NetFlow Egress Support feature is configured) will not be counted
- The NetFlow Egress feature captures NetFlow statistics for IP traffic only; MPLS statistics are not captured
- 12.3(11)T for the low-end routers

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

# Egress NetFlow Accounting

## How to Account the Traffic to/from the Server?



**Attention to Double Count the Flow Records!**

# Egress NetFlow Accounting

```
Router# show ip cache flow
```

```
...
```

SrcIf	SrcIPaddress	DstIf	DstIPaddress	Pr	SrcP	DstP	Pkts
Et0/0	10.0.0.1	Et0/0*	10.0.1.1	01	0000	0000	5
Et0/1	10.0.0.2	Et0/1	10.0.1.2	01	0000	0000	5

The asterisk (\*) indicates an egress flow

- A flow is identified by the output interface (amongst other), by default with egress NetFlow

```
Router(config)# ip flow-egress input-interface
```

# Egress NetFlow and Top Talkers

```
Router(config)# ip flow-top-talkers
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match source address 192.1.1.97/32
Router(config-flow-top-talkers)# match direction ?
    egress  Match egress flows
    ingress Match ingress flows
```

- **The direction match statement added**
- **The “direction” is a new information element**
  - Egress value added in the Template**
  - Egress value not added for the aggregation caches**
  - Existing ingress templates are not modified**

# NetFlow and IPV6



- **Monitors the IPv6 traffic**
- **Based on NetFlow Version 9**
- **For both ingress and egress traffic**
- **Non sampled**
- **No data export over IPV6; Still IPv4**
- **NetFlow L2 and Security Monitoring available for IPv6:**
  - ICMP, IP Identification, mac-addresses, packet-length, TTL, vlan-id**
- **12.3(4)T, 12.2(25)S for low-end platform (3600, 7200, 7500, etc...)**



# NetFlow and IPV6

```
Router#show ipv6 flow cache
```

```
...
```

SrcAddress	InpIf	DstAddress	OutIf	Prot	SrcPrt	DstPrt	Pkts
2001:400::2	Local	2001:400::1	Et3/0	0x3A	0x0000	0x8100	5
2001:300::2	Local	2001:300::1	Et3/0	0x3A	0x0000	0x8100	5
2001:200::2	Local	2001:200::1	Et3/0	0x3A	0x0000	0x8100	5
2001:300::1	Et3/0	FF02::1:FF00:2	Local	0x3A	0x0000	0x8700	2
2001:400::1	Et3/0	FF02::1:FF00:2	Local	0x3A	0x0000	0x8700	2
2001:400::1	Et3/0	2001:400::2	Local	0x06	0x2B00	0x0017	88

- Exactly the same commands as for IPv4 for configuration and monitoring, except that “ip” is replaced by “ipv6”
- New NetFlow Version 9 information elements

# NetFlow Enabled Interfaces



```
Router# show ip flow interface
Serial0/0
  ip route-cache flow
Serial0/0.1
  ip flow egress
Serial0/3
  ip route-cache flow
FastEthernet1/0
  ip flow ingress
  flow-sampler benoit egress
```

**Introduced in 12.3(7)T for low-end routers**

# Multicast NetFlow



- **Three types of NetFlow implementations for Multicast traffic:**

**Traditional NetFlow**

**Multicast NetFlow Ingress**

**Multicast NetFlow Egress**

- **Support**

**Cisco IOS software releases 12.0(27)S, 12.2(18)S and 12.3(1)**

**Not supported in 12000**

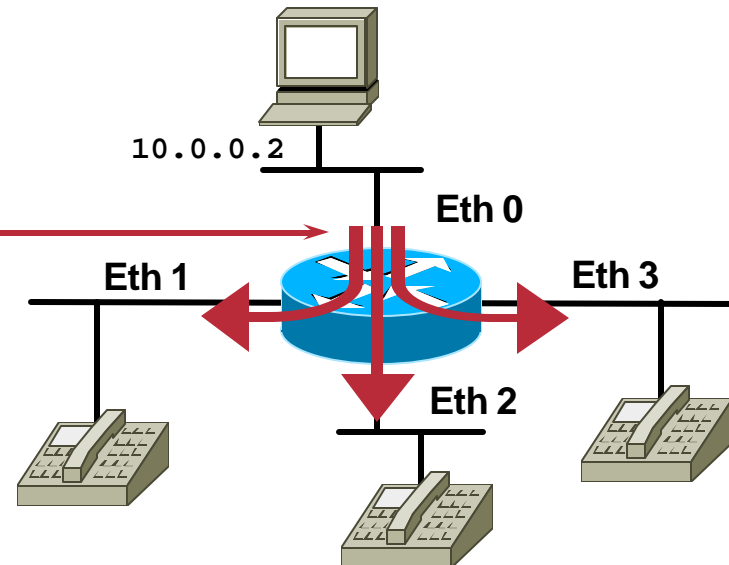
**C6500/7600 support in a future supervisor**

# Multicast: Traditional NetFlow

(S, G) - (10.0.0.2, 224.10.10.100)

```
Interface Ethernet 0
 ip route-cache flow

 ip flow-export version 9
 ip flow-export destination x.x.x.x <port>
```



SrcIif	SrcIPadd	DstIif	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth 0	10.0.0.2	Null	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4

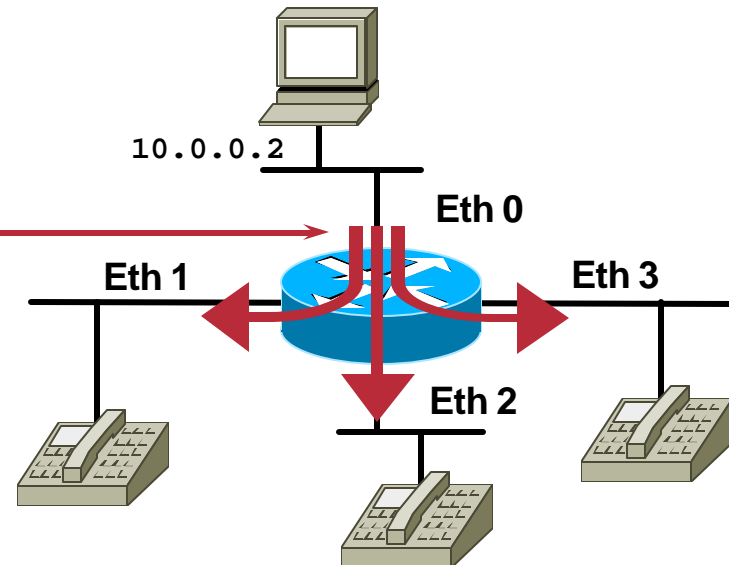
- There is only one flow per NetFlow configured input interface
- The 7 Key fields that define a unique flow are marked in red
- Destination interface is marked as “Null”
- Bytes and Packets are the **incoming** values

# Multicast NetFlow Ingress

(S, G) - (10.0.0.2, 224.10.10.100)

```
Interface Ethernet 0
 ip multicast netflow ingress

ip flow-export version 9
ip flow-export destination x.x.x.x <port>
```



SrcIf	SrcIPadd	DstIf	DstIPadd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth 0	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
- The 7 Key fields that define a unique flow are marked in red
- Destination interface is marked as “Null”
- Bytes and Packets are the **incoming** values

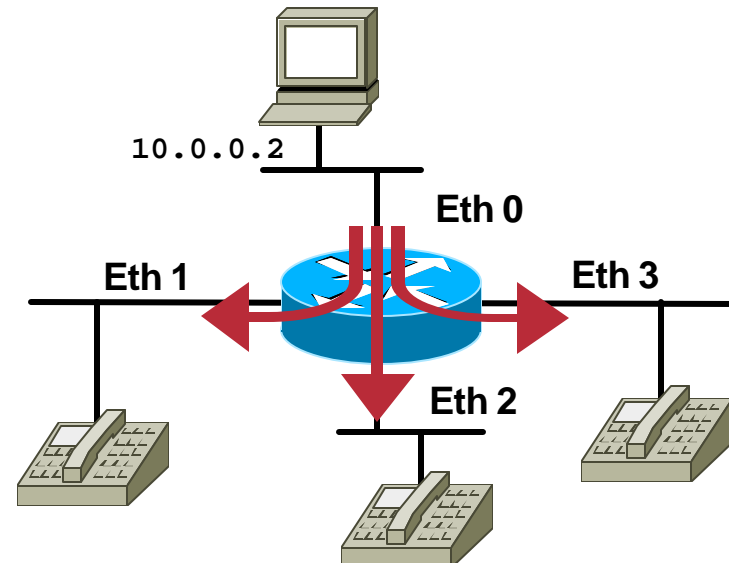
# Multicast NetFlow Egress

```

Interface Ethernet 0
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 x.x.x.x <port>
    
```

(S, G) - (10.0.0.2, 224.10.10.100)



SrcIfl	SrcIPAdd	DstIfl	DstIPAdd	Protocol	TOS	Flgs	SrcPort	SrcMsk	DstPort	DstMsk	NextHop	Bytes	Packets	Active	Idle
Eth 0	10.0.0.2	Eth 1	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4
Eth 0	10.0.0.2	Eth 2	224.10.10.100	11	80	10	00A2	/24	00A2	/24		23100	21	1745	4
Eth 0	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

# PLATFORMS SPECIFIC



# NetFlow on the Cisco 12000 Router

- Engine 0—**Software** support
- Engine 1—**Software** support
- Engine 2—**Supported in ASICs**  
(but lower priority so beware if running many other features)
- Engine 3—Version 5 support in software, Version 8 support in **ASICs**
- Engine 4—**Not supported**
- Engine 4+—Supported in **ASICs**



# Cisco Catalyst 6500 and Cisco 7600 Series Versions and Features

- **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))**
  - Flow sampling is available on PFC in Cisco IOS**
- **Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(14)SX**
  - Version 8 in native mode**
- **Dual export support Sup2 12.2(17d)SXB**

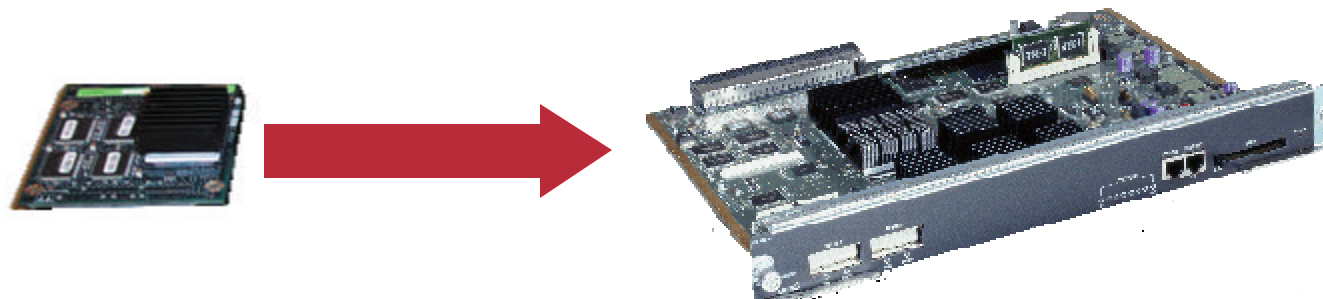
# Cisco Catalyst 6500 and Cisco 7600 Series Versions and Features

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- **PFC3b and 3bXL (Sup720) cards**  
input ToS field
- **Hybrid Catalyst OS 7.2(1)**  
L2 switched traffic (vlan x to vlan y) support  
(doesn't require MSFC)
- **Hybrid Catalyst OS 7.3(1) and 6.3(6)**  
Destination and source IfIndex export
- **Hybrid Catalyst OS 8.4**  
Per VLAN NetFlow Configuration
- **Under Development now**  
Multicast NetFlow and Version 9 (Q3CY'05)  
NetFlow IPV6 NetFlow (Q4CY'05)

# Catalyst 4000/4500 NetFlow

- **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)**



# NETFLOW and IETF INTERACTION



# IETF: IP Flow Information Export WG (IPFIX)

- **IPFIX web site for the charter, email archive, drafts, etc. <http://ipfix.doit.wisc.edu/>**
- **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)

- **RFC3954 "Cisco Systems NetFlow Services Export Version 9"**

**Published as Informational RFC**

**NetFlow Patent: Intellectual Property Right statement on the IETF web site**

[https://datatracker.ietf.org/public/ipr\\_detail\\_show.cgi?&ipr\\_id=10](https://datatracker.ietf.org/public/ipr_detail_show.cgi?&ipr_id=10)

- **RFC 3917 "Requirements for IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX)"**

**Published as an Informational RFC**

**Gathers all IPFIX requirements for the IPFIX evaluation process**

# IETF: IP Flow Information Export WG (IPFIX)

- **NetFlow Version 9 has been selected as a basis for the IPFIX protocol**

**Out of 5 existing protocols: CRANE from Xacct, LFAP from Riverstone, Diameter (RADIUS extension), IPDR (ipdr.org)**

**Based on the requirements drafts RFC 3917**

- **RFC3955 "Evaluation of Candidate Protocols for IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX)"**

**Published as an Informational RFC**

**Shows that NetFlow Version 9 is better suited for the IPFIX requirements**

# IETF: IPFIX Drafts

- **IPFIX Protocol Specifications, standard track**

[draft-ietf-ipfix-protocol-12.txt](#)

**Changed in terminology but same NetFlow Version 9 principles.**

**Improvements versus NetFlow Version 9: SCTP-PR, security, variable length information element, IANA registration, etc...**

**Generic streaming protocol**, not flow-centric anymore

- **IPFIX Architecture, informational**

[draft-ietf-ipfix-arch-07.txt](#)

**Same architecture as NetFlow**



# IETF: IPFIX Drafts

- **IPFIX Information Model, standard track**

[draft-ietf-ipfix-info-06.txt](#)

**Most NetFlow Version 9 information elements ID are kept**

**Proprietary information element specification**

- **IPFIX Applicability Statement, informational**

[draft-ietf-ipfix-as-04.txt](#)

- **All drafts are in last-call**

# IETF: Packet SAMPLing WG (PSAMP)

- **PSAMP is an effort to:**
  - Specify a set of selection operations by which packets are sampled**
  - Specify the information that is to be made available for reporting on sampled packets**
  - Describe protocols by which information on sampled packets is reported to applications**
  - Describe protocols by which packet selection and reporting configured**
- **PSAMP web site for the charter, email archive, drafts, etc. <http://psamp.ccrle.nec.de/>**
- **Agreed to use IPFIX for export protocol**
  - Good news for NetFlow Version 9**

# IETF: PSAMP Drafts

- **A framework for Packet Selection and Reporting**

[draft-ietf-psamp-framework-10.txt](#)

- **Sampling and Filtering Techniques for IP Packet Selection**

[draft-ietf-psamp-sample-tech-06.txt](#)

**To be compliant with PSAMP, we must implement at least one of the mechanisms:**

**Sampled NetFlow**

**NetFlow Input Filters**

# IETF: PSAMP Drafts

- **Packet Sampling (PSAMP) Protocol Specifications**  
[draft-ietf-psamp-protocol-00.txt](#)  
Waiting for the IPFIX protocol draft to complete
- **Definition of Managed Objects for Packet Sampling**  
[draft-ietf-psamp-mib-03.txt](#)  
Waiting for the PSAMP framework and sampling techniques drafts
- **Information Model for Packet Sampling Export**  
[draft-ietf-psamp-info-04.txt](#)  
Extension of the IPFIX information model  
Waiting for the PSAMP framework and sampling techniques drafts

# CONCLUSION



# NetFlow Summary and Conclusion

- **NetFlow is a mature Cisco IOS feature (in Cisco IOS since 1996)**
- **NetFlow provides input for Accounting, Performance, Security, and Billing Applications**
- **Cisco has IETF and industry leadership**
- **NetFlow v9 eases the exporting of additional fields**
- **A lot of new features have been added**
- **Stay tuned for more 😊**

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