

# TREX Workshop 2017

Ralf Korschner, Systems Engineer EMEA  
ralf@arista.com



# Quick Introduction

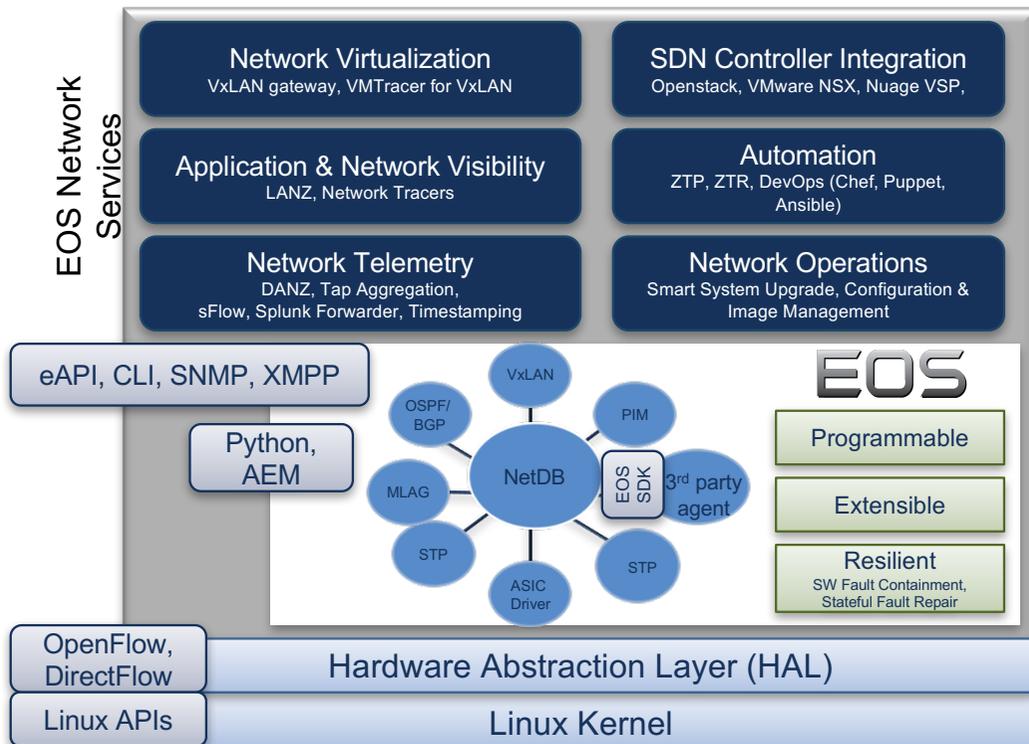
- Founded in 2004 to build a new class of networking platform
  - First product to market 2008 / Profitable since 2010
- Experienced Management and World Class Engineering Team
- Laser focus on key verticals: Cloud, SP, Web, Big Data, Finance
  - Platform of choice for Tier 1 financials and Cloud Titans
- 4500+ customers ( >7 Million Ports) in 60+ countries
- The leading breakaway DC vendor: >14% share
- Gartner Data Center Magic Quadrant Leader
- Key innovators in:



Merchant Silicon	Open and Extensible Operating Systems
Network Scaling and Virtualization	SDN and Cloud Orchestration



# EOS Software Architecture Foundations



- Unmodified Linux Kernel
- State Separation - All processes in own user space
- State in NetDB, publish-subscribe state sharing
- No death-by-slow-memory-leak
- Programmable via JSON, Linux, EOS SDK
- User scripts for event changes
- Integrates with NetOps & DevOps
- Network services – Applications built on EOS
- Superior quality – proven over 5 years

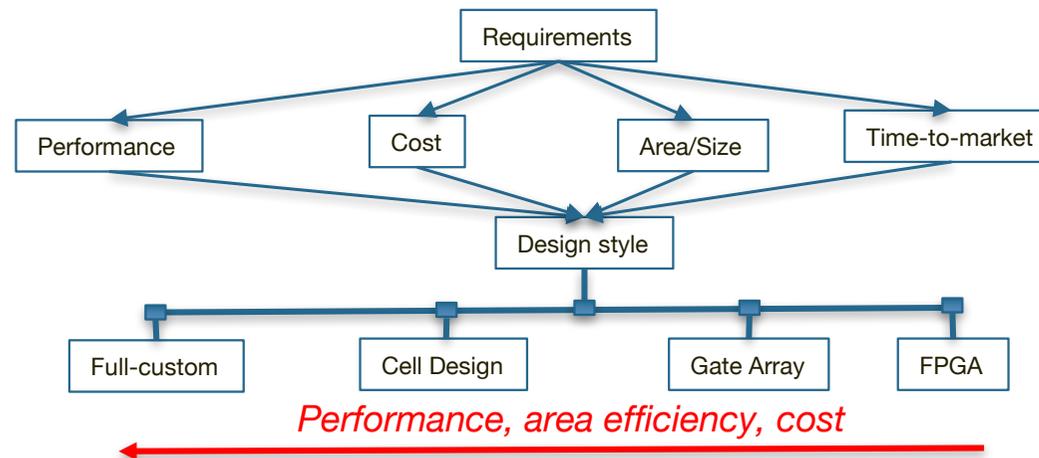
# What do we mean by Merchant silicon ?

- **Semi-Custom Design (Cell based ASIC)**

- Top down approach
- Focused on the application rather than the performance.
- Functionality achieved using pre-defined building block and libraries
- Fabricated carried out by by a third-party silicon manufacture

- **Full-Custom Design (Merchant Silicon)**

- Bottom-up approach
- Designed at the low-level component (transistor) layer
- Allows focus on optimal clock rate/performance, density
- Dev cycle and cost reduced, all development done by silicon vendors
  - Broadcom, Intel, Dune, Fulcrum etc
- Hence the term Full-custom Merchant silicon

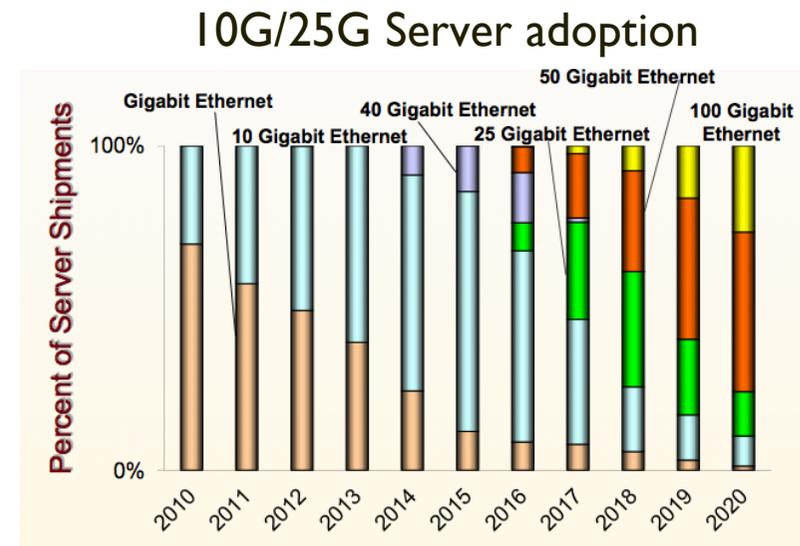


# Moore's Law in the Data Center - Server

Moved to Cloud - Increased CPU power and Virtualisation

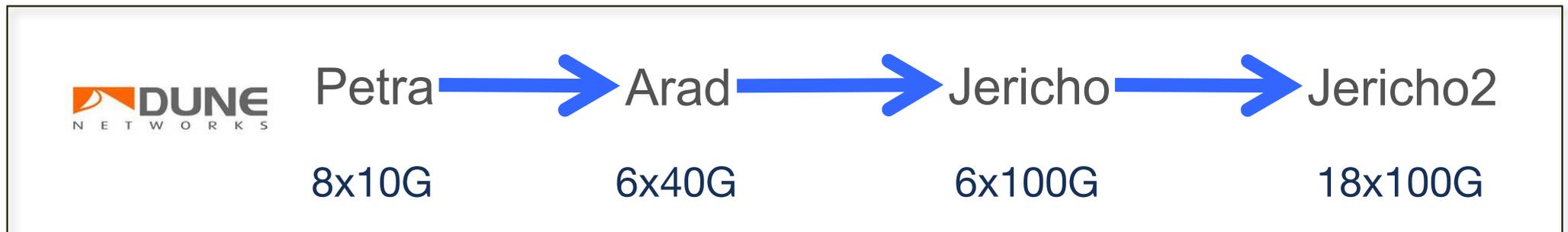
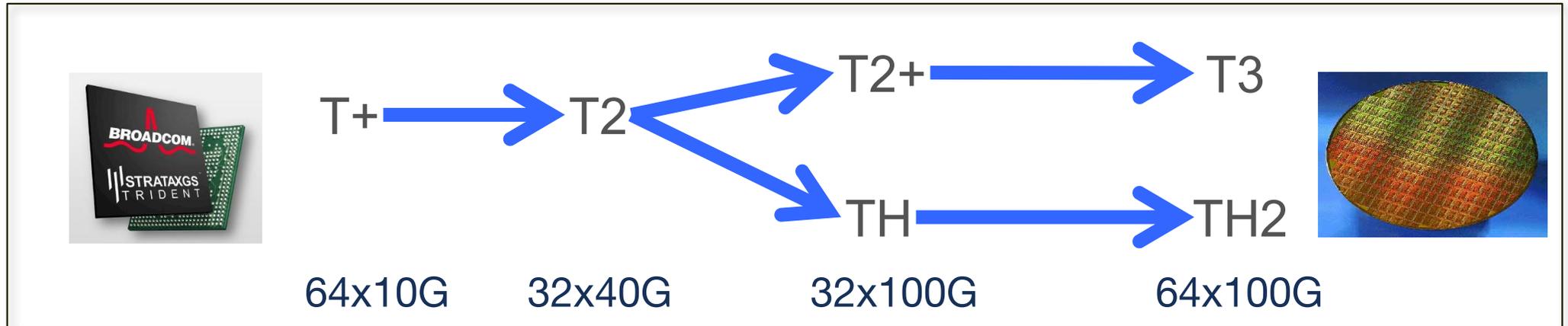
- **Faster CPUs need Faster Networks**

- 50% attach rate 2014, 80% by 2015
- From 5M ports 2010 to 67M ports 2016
- 25G/50G projected to 10G by 2019
- Faster End nodes need faster Backbones
- 10/40/100G Market growing rapidly



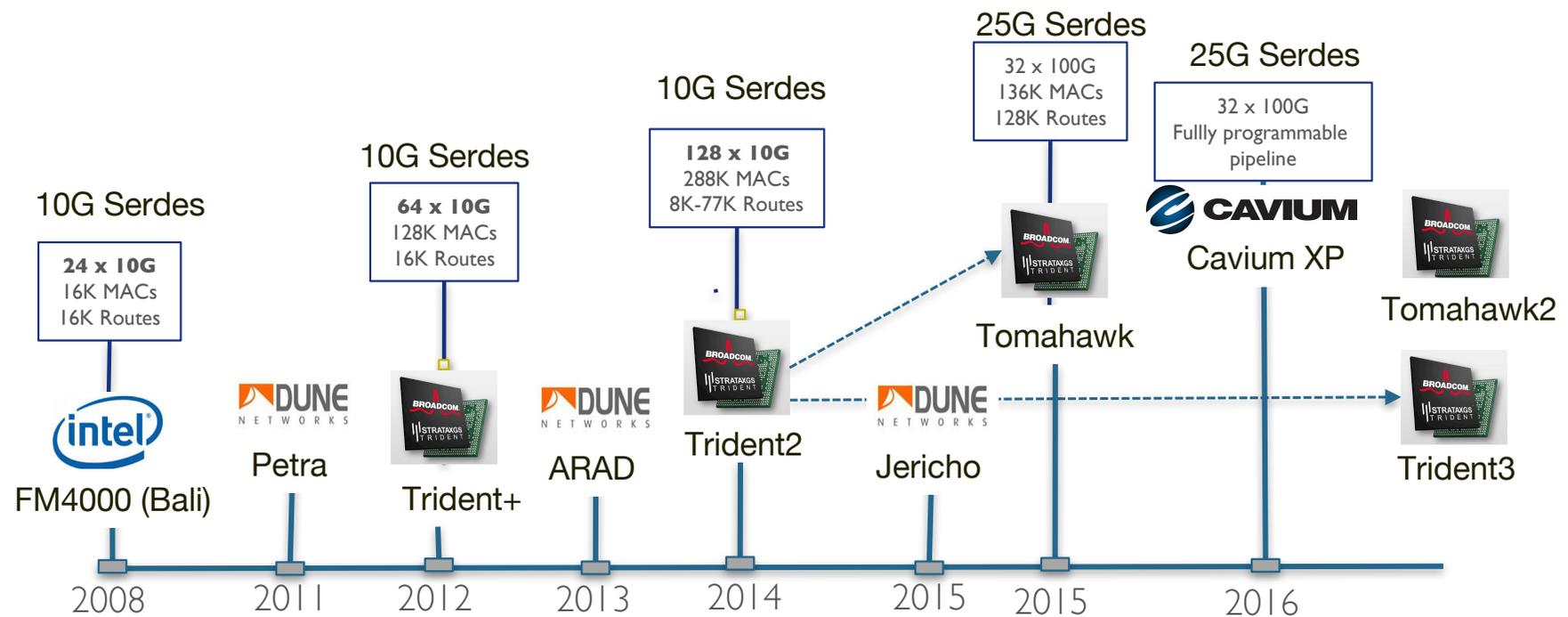
Growth of 10G/25G drove adoption of Merchant Silicon switches in Data Centers

# Example Timeline of Merchant Silicon



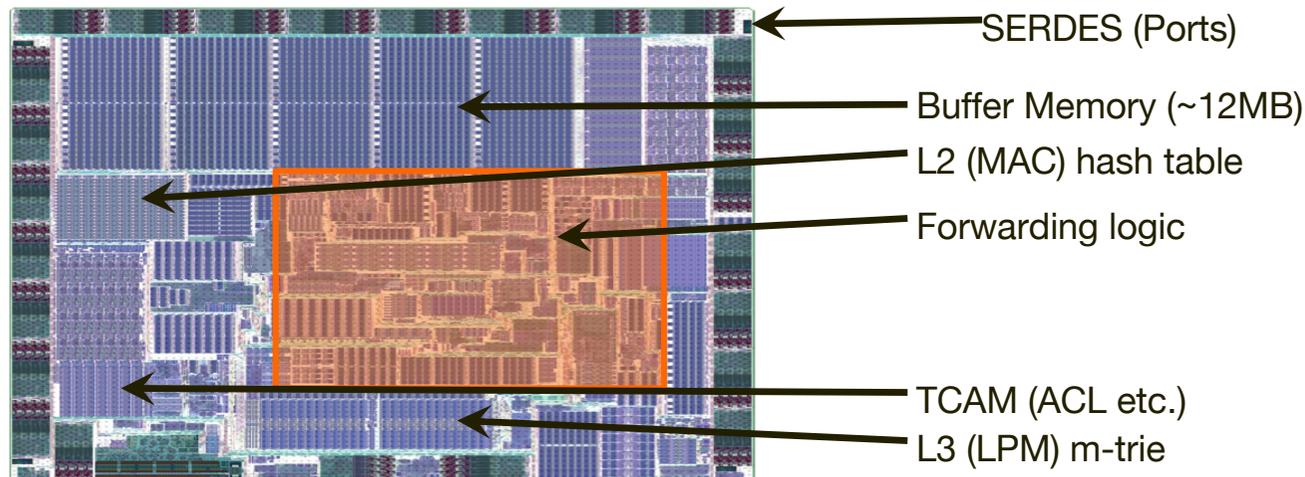
# Evolution of Merchant Silicon

- To keep pace with CPU performance and bandwidth in the DC
- Merchant Silicon switches has allowed networking to follow Moore's Law
- Increasing competitive, with the introduce of new silicon vendors

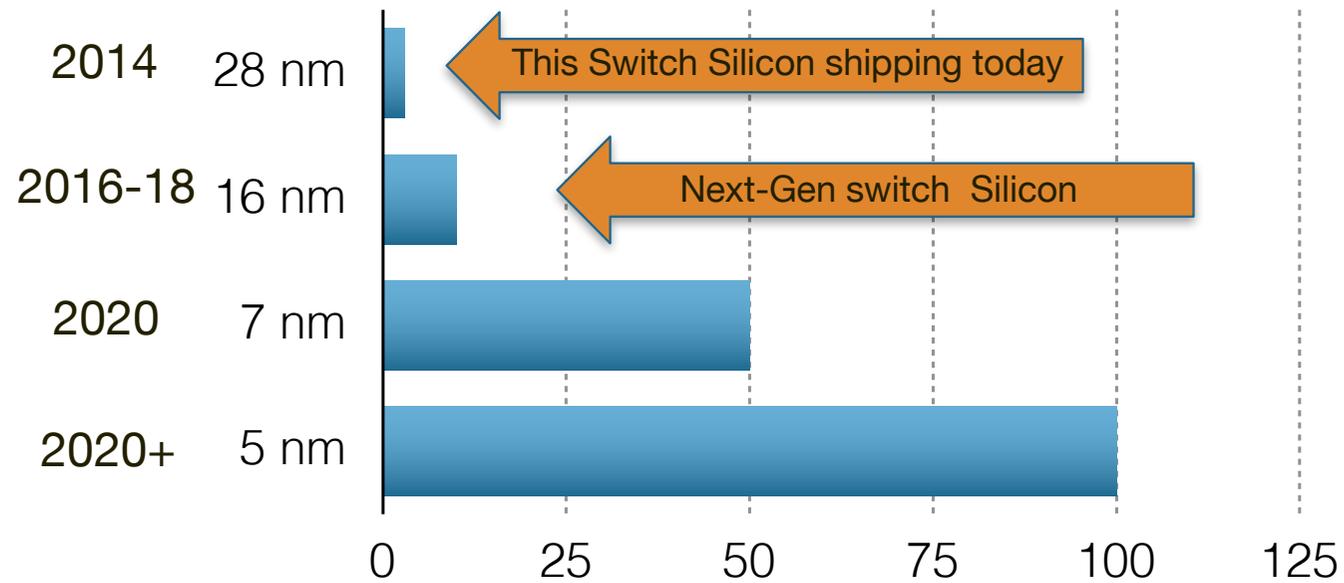


# Merchant Silicon – Design trade-offs

- **Designing merchant silicon – multi-dimension challenge, silicon finite size**
  - Number of Pins and their speed (10G/25G) – defining the throughput requirements
  - Pins for physical interfaces, fabric links, access to off- chip resources?
  - Layer 2/3 forwarding logic and tunnel support (GRE, MPLS, VXLAN etc.)
  - Table sizes, MAC table (Exact match table), ARP tables (LEM), LPM for Layer 3 tables



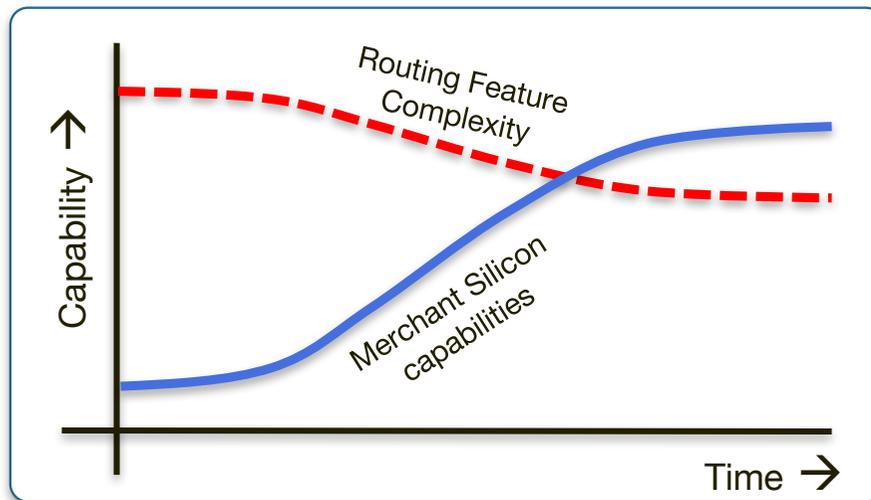
# Evolution of Merchant Silicon



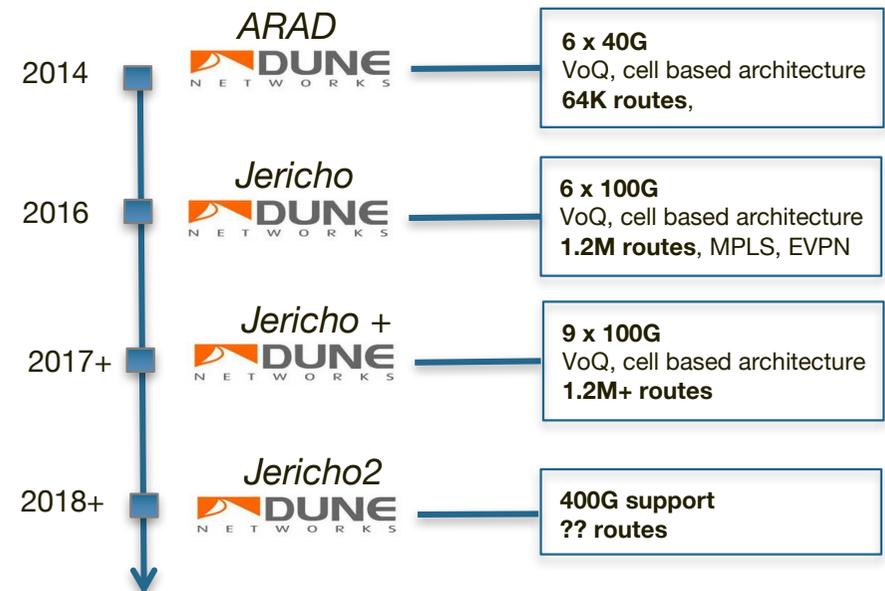
5 nm in 2X denser than 7, 10X denser than 16, 30X denser than 28nm

# Bringing Merchant Silicon to the Routing Market

- Look at the routing market
  - The domain of the Network vendor's own in-house ASIC
  - Due to complexity of functionality and table scale requirements



- Lines are blurring with the latest merchant silicon.
  - Dune chipset, VoQ, cell-based lossless architecture



The lines between a Merchant silicon switch and router will continue to blur

# Bringing Merchant Silicon to the Routing Market

- 7500E – ARAD based architecture
- 7500R – Jericho based architecture



36 x 40G per line card  
96 x 100GE for 8-slot chassis



64 x 40GE in 2RU



Multi ARAD Design  
48x10GE – 4x40GE

2014

Evolution  
of 100GE  
Densities



36 x 100G per line card  
288 x 100GE, 3W per 10G port



48 x 100G + 8 x 40G in 2RU



Single Jericho chip  
48x10GE – 6 x100GE

2016

# Bringing Merchant Silicon to the Routing Market

- 7500E – ARAD based architecture

- 7500R – Jericho based architecture



36 x 40G per line card  
96 x 100GE for 8-slot chassis



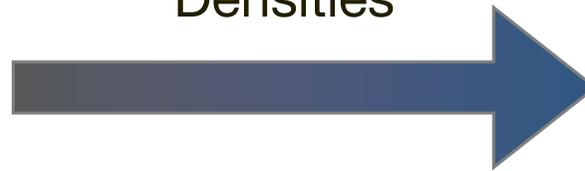
64 x 40GE in 2RU



Multi ARAD Design  
48x10GE – 4x40GE

2014

Evolution  
of 100GE  
Densities



- Full Internet Table – 1.2M
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

36 x 100G per line card  
288 x 100GE, 3W per 10G port



- Full Internet Table – 1.2M
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

48 x 100G + 8 x 40G in 2RU



- Full Internet Table – 1.2M FIB
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

Single Jericho chip  
48x10GE – 6 x100GE

2016

# Bringing Merchant Silicon to the Routing Market

- 7500E – ARAD based architecture

- 7500R – Jericho based architecture



36 x 40G per line card  
96 x 100GE for 8-slot chassis



64 x 40GE in 2RU



Multi ARAD Design  
48x10GE – 4x40GE

2014

Evolution  
of 100GE  
Densities



- Full Internet Table – 1.2M
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

36 x 100G per line card  
288 x 100GE, 3W per 10G port



- Full Internet Table – 1.2M
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

48 x 100G + 8 x 40G in 2RU



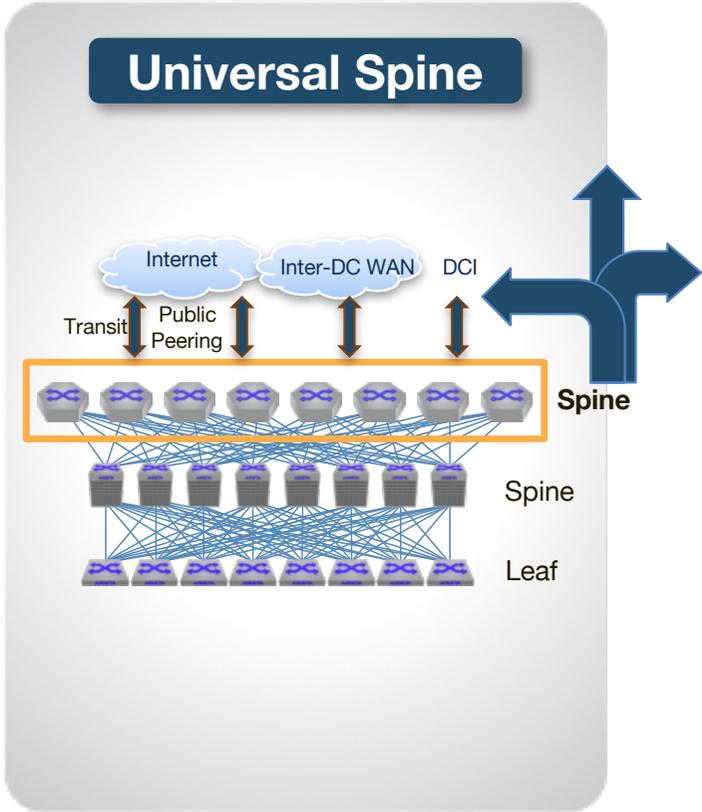
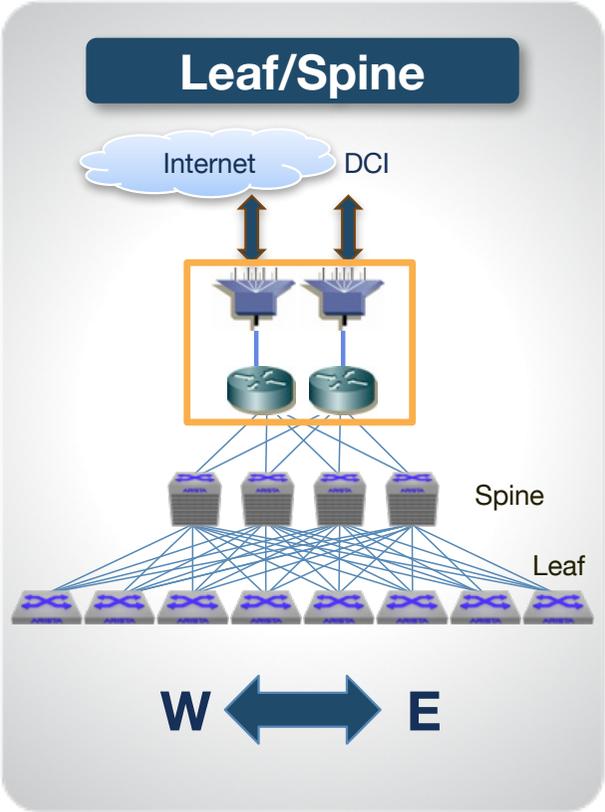
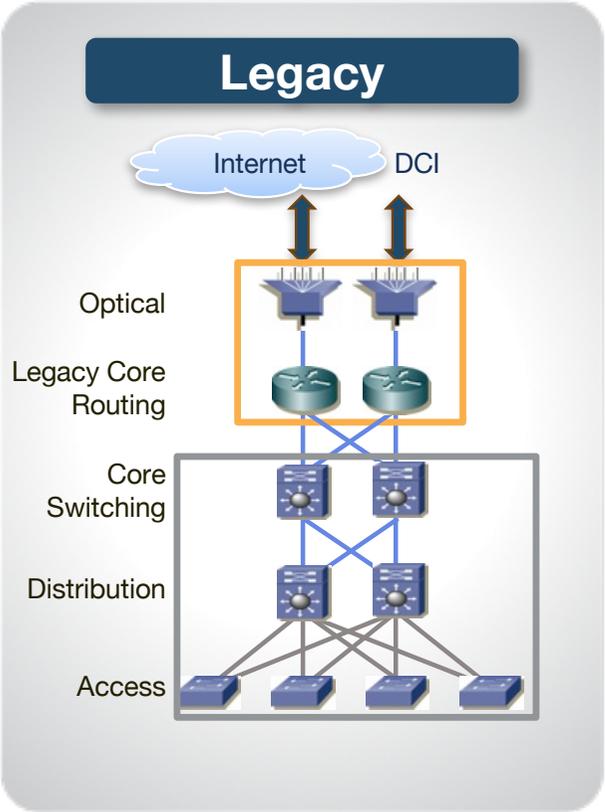
- Full Internet Table – 1.2M FIB
- MPLS, EVPN, VXLAN, API

Single Jericho chip  
24x40GE + 12 x100GE

2016

- < \$3,000 per 100G port

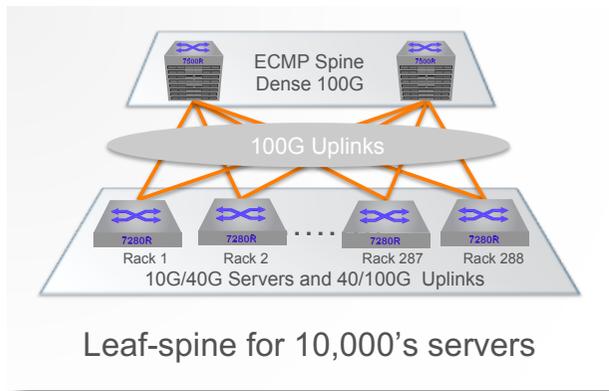
# The Universal Spine Subsumes Core Router Functions



**Improving Scale while Reducing Complexity**

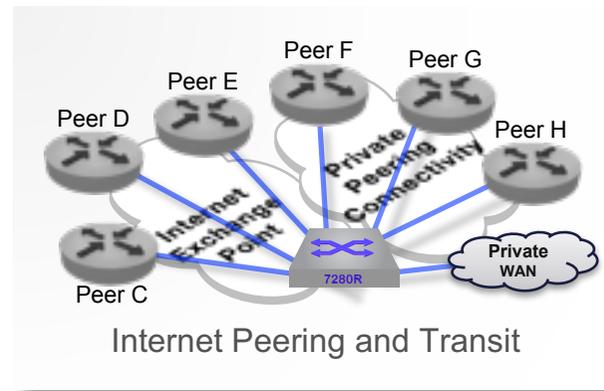
# Merchant Silicon Use Cases for Service Providers

## NFV / CDVR / DC/ Cloud



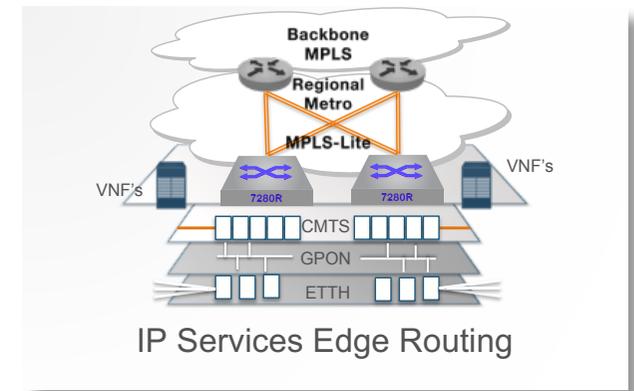
- Wire speed L2 & L3
- VXLAN and eVPN
- Flexible 40/100G uplinks
- Ease of migration
- Ultra deep buffers

## Internet / content peering

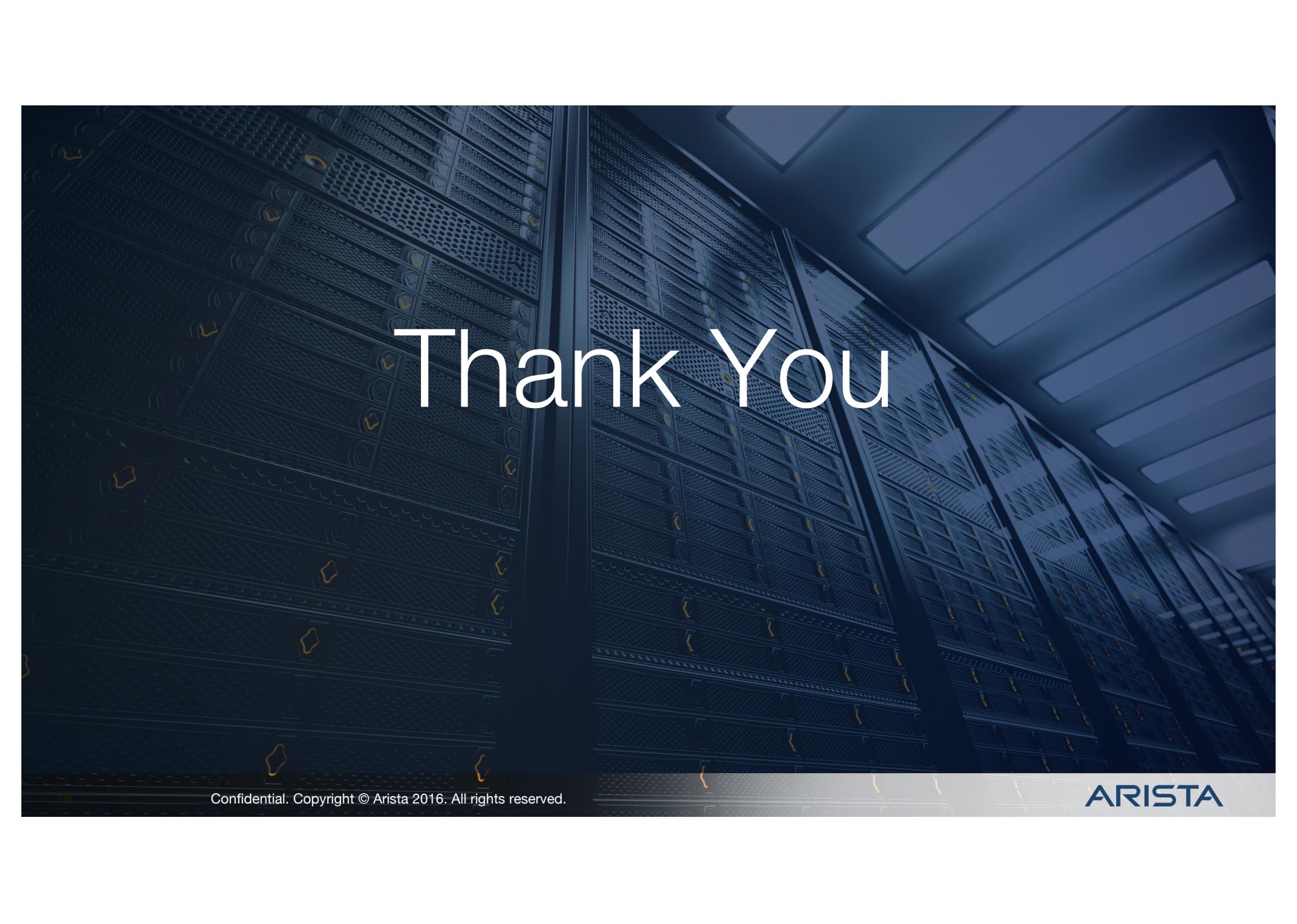


- Non-blocking 10G & 100G
- Large forwarding tables
- Alternative to legacy
- Dense 100G Capacity
- Ultra deep buffers
- Power efficient

## WAN / Aggregation



- L2, L3 Services, MPLS-Lite
- Segment Routing
- 10/40/100G Aggregation
- Power efficient
- Very cost effective bandwidth
- Ultra deep buffer architecture
- DC and NEBS



# Thank You