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# Cisco UCS 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Fabric

Connectivity and Best practices

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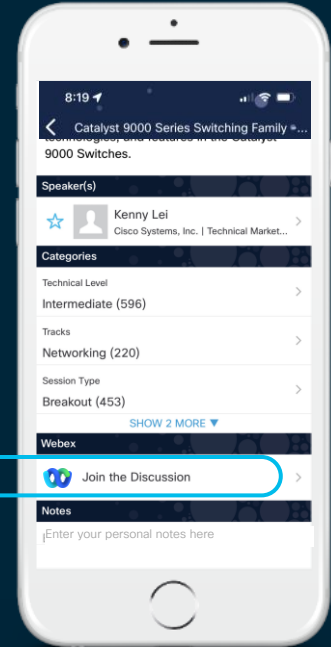
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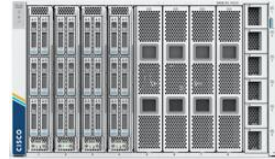
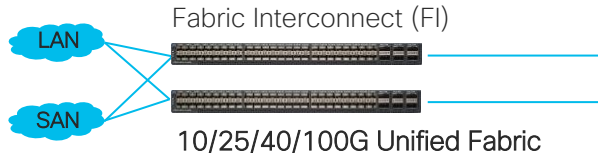
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Simplicity

Resiliency

TCO Reduction

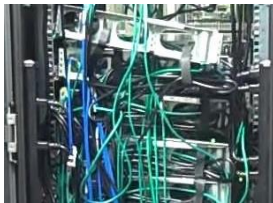


FEX



Appear as physical NICs and HBAs to host OS

TRADITIONAL RACK



Ad Hoc and Inconsistent

TRADITIONAL BLADE



Structured, but Siloed and Complicated

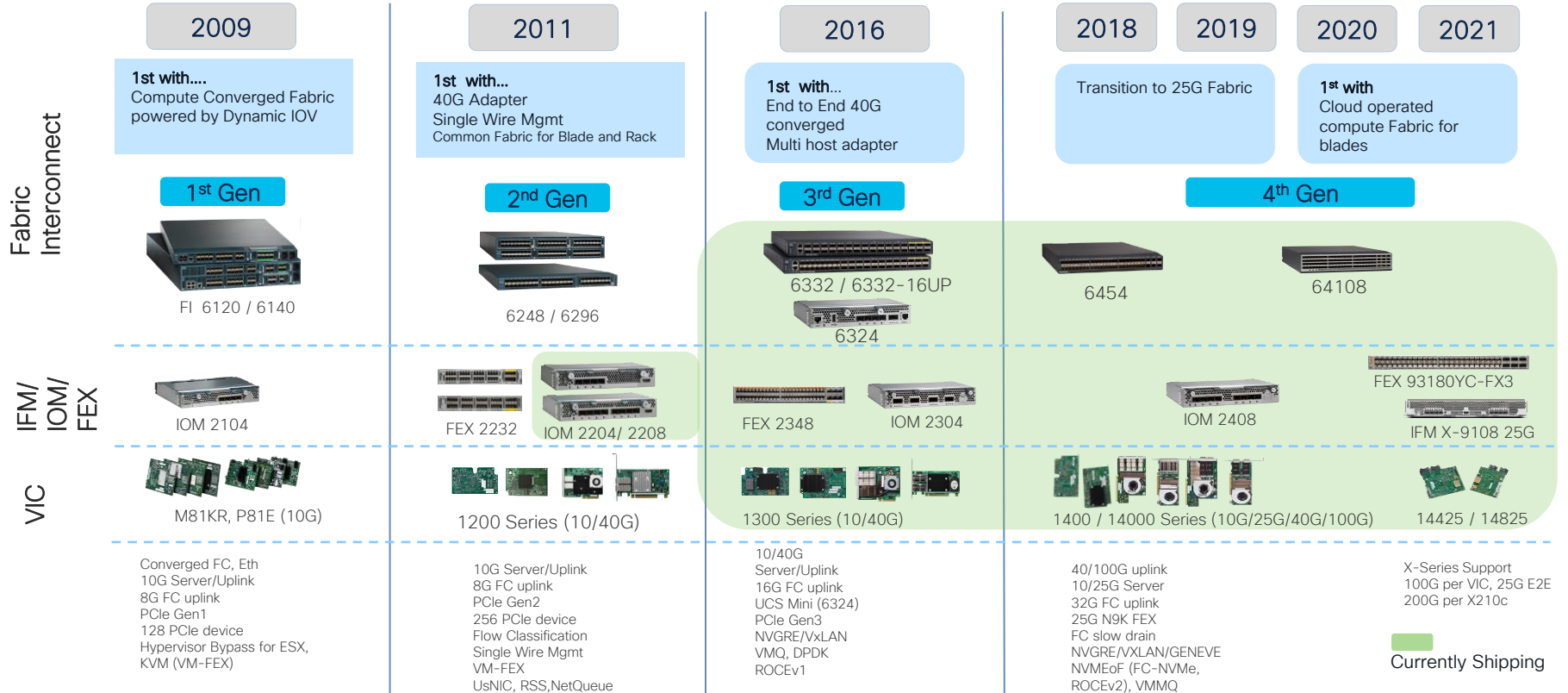
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Simplified, Optimized and Automated

# UCS Fabric Innovation

## UCS Fabric Innovation Cadence



 Currently Shipping

# UCS 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Fabric



# Introducing the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation UCS Fabric



## Simplify

Cloud-operated infrastructure management  
Reduces adapters and cables  
Lowers server and network TCO  
One VIC replaces multiple NICs, HBAs, and Mgmt adapters



## Scalable and Resilient

Converged fabric for modern applications  
Single-fabric for Mgmt, Data, Storage (FC, iSCSI, NFS/SMB, NVMeOF-ROCEv2, NVMeoF/FC, NVMeoF/TCP)  
Flexible Blade/Rack connectivity at 10/25/40/100-Gbps



## Future-ready

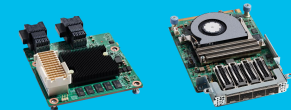
Industry-first End-to-End 100G fabric for blades  
Enables High N/W workloads (BigData, SDS, HCI, CloudNative etc)  
Single-flow 32G FC and 100G Ethernet  
14.8 Tbps bandwidth per UCS domain  
1.6 Tbps bandwidth per X9508 Chassis



6536 Fabric Interconnect



9108-100G IFM



VIC 15000 Series

# UCS 6536 Fabric interconnect

- 5th Generation UCS Fabric Interconnect (FI)
- 36x 100G Ethernet ports , 1 RU form-factor
  - 32x Ethernet ports (1/10/25/40/100 Gbps)
  - 4x Unified ports
    - 4x100G Ethernet (10/25/40/100) or
    - 16x 8/16/32G FC ports after breakout
- Support X9108-IFM-100G and X9108-IFM-25G
- Support IOM 2408 and FEX 93180YC-FX3
- Support UCS VIC 1400/14000 and 15000 Series
- Support M6 x210c, M5/M6 B- and C- Series
- Intersight Managed mode at FCS with 4.2(2)
- Support for UCSM, IOM 2304 (IMM/UCSM), VIC 1300 (UCSM) will be post 4.2(2) release



# 9108-100G IFM

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation UCS Intelligent Fabric Module (IFM)
- Supported with UCS 6536 Fabric Interconnect (FI) only
- 8 x 100G connectivity from IFM to FI (NIF Ports)
- 8 x 100G or 32 x 25G connectivity from IFM to VIC (HIF ports)
- Supports UCS VIC 14425/14825 and VIC 15231
- Connects X series compute node to external network.
- Hosts “Chassis Management Controller” (CMC) for chassis management
- Provide server CIMC connectivity via “Chassis Management Switch” (CMS)
- Enhanced Security - FPGA (Secure Boot), ACT2 (Anti-Counterfeit)
- Supported in Intersight Managed Mode (4.2.2)



# IFM Comparison

	IFM-25G	IFM-100G
Fabric Interconnect	6454, 64108, 6536	6536
VIC	15231, 14425, 14825	15231, 14425, 14825
Network Interface (NIF) Ports	8 x 25G (port-channel)	8 x 100G (port-channel)
Host Interface (HIF) Ports	32 x 25G	8 x 100G or 32 x 25G
Oversubscription	4 : 1	1 : 1
Buffer	40 MB	40 MB
Latency	950ns	950ns

# VIC 15000 Series

- 5th Gen VIC card for X- , B- \*, C- Series
- Supports 10G/25G/40G/50G/100G/200G\*
- CNA, Single Wire Mgmt
- Dynamic FC and Ethernet virtual interfaces
- x16 PCIe Gen 4
- NVMeoF: FC-NVMe, RoCEv2
- Overlays: NVGRE, VXLAN, Geneve
- RSS, NetQueue, VMQ, VMMQ, RSSv2\*
- SR-IOV\*, SIOV\*, usNIC, DPDK
- PTPv2, L3ECN\*, 16K Rx Ring Size
- 15000 series VIC's at FCS with 4.2(2)
  - VIC 15231 : 2x 100G MLOM for X210c
  - VIC 15428 : 4x 10/25/50G MLOM for M6 C-series

\* Various VIC PIDs and features will be available post 4.2(2)



VIC  
15231



VIC  
15428

# VIC 15000 Series for X-Series and C-Series

	VIC 15231 (UCSX-ML- V5D200G)	VIC 15428 (UCSC-M-V5Q50G)
Speed	100G	10/25/50G
Max Ports	2	4
Form Factor	mLOM	mLOM
Server support	X210c M6	M6 C-Series
FI Series	6400/6536	6300/6400/6536
IOM / IFM / FEX	IFM-25G/ IFM-100G	93180YC-FX3
Chassis	X9508	-

# Building Blocks of 5th Generation Fabric

## Cisco Intersight

Policy-driven Infrastructure Provisioning



## Cisco UCS Fabric Interconnect

100GE unified fabric switch  
7.4 Tbps bandwidth



## Cisco UCS Fabric Extender

IFM-100G, IFM-25G for X9508 Chassis  
IOM-2408, FEX 93180YC-FX3



## Cisco UCS I/O Adapters

VIC 1400/14000/15000 Series



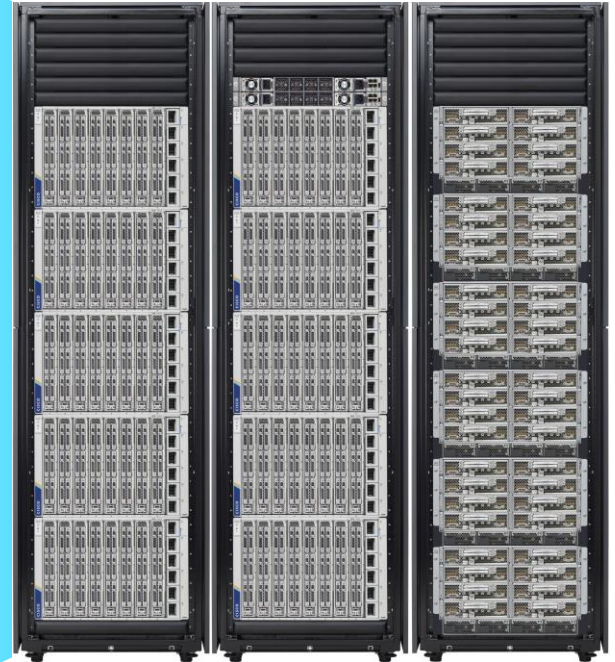
## Cisco UCS X-series Chassis

200G per x210c compute node  
E2E 100G, 32G FC



## Cisco UCS Blade and Rack Servers

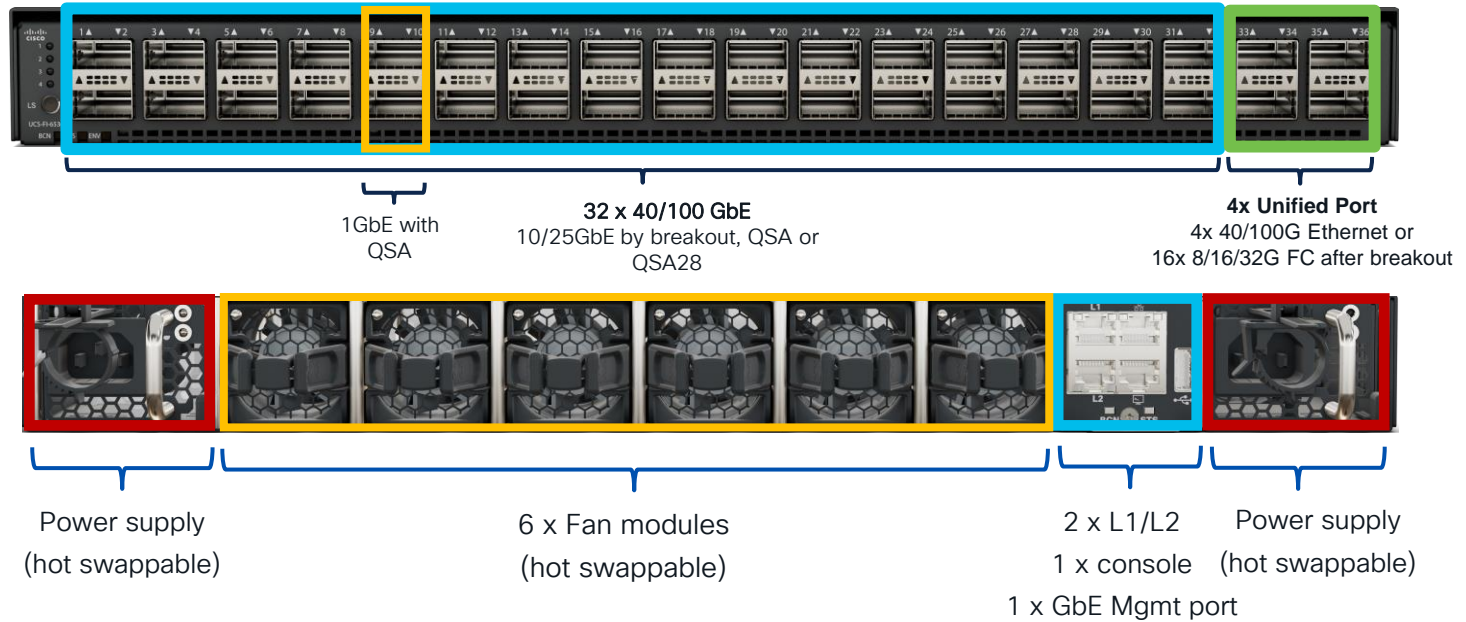
Support for M5/M6 B-, C- series  
E2E 25/40/100G, 32G FC



# UCS 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Fabric Details



# FI 6536 – Rear and front view



# Fibre Channel Connectivity



Ports 33-36



128G FC QSFP  
Cisco PID: DS-SFP-4X32G-SW



Multimode OM4 fiber,  
MTP/MPO female to 4x  
LC 8-fiber type-b  
breakout cable



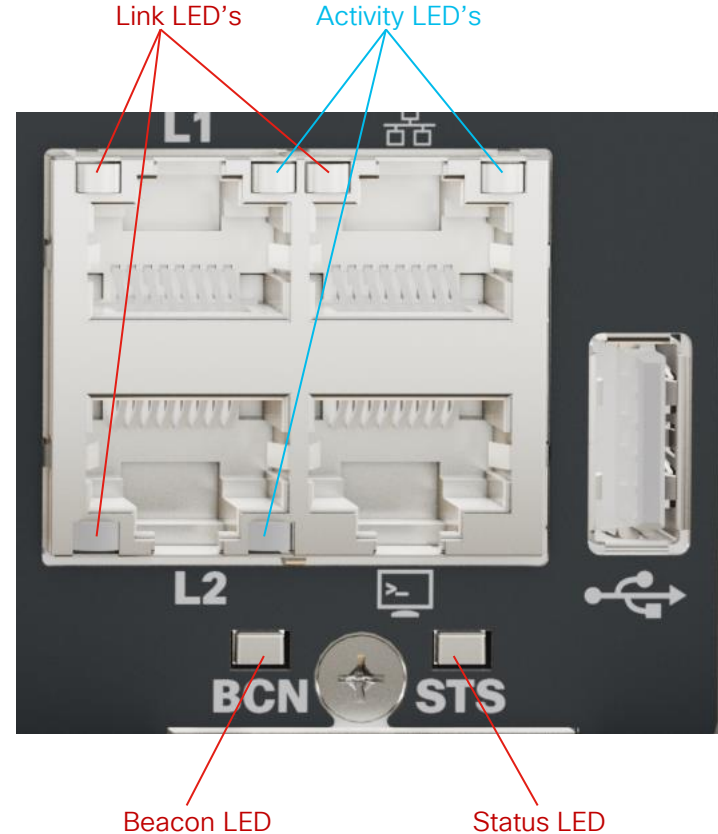
8/16/32G FC SW SFP



SAN switch or Storage Array

# UCS FI 6536 – Management Unit

- RJ-45 Management Port
- L1 and L2 Ports
- RS-232 Serial Port
- USB Port



# UCS FI 6536



Port no.	Interface type				Protocol support			Port role					
	1 Gigabit Ethernet QSA	10/25 Gigabit Ethernet Breakout, QSA or QSA28	40/100 Gigabit Ethernet	4 x 8/16/32-Gbps FC breakout	Ethernet	Fibre Channel	FCoE	Server 25/40/100G	Uplink: Ethernet 1/10/25/40/100G	Uplink: Fibre Channel 8/16/32G	Uplink: FCoE	Appliance port 10/25/40/100G	Storage port (Fibre Channel)
1 to 8		X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	
9 to 10	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	
11 to 32		X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	
33 to 36		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

# FI 6536 Hardware Support

- X9508 Chassis
- X9108-IFM-25G, X9108-IFM-100G
- X210c M6 servers
  
- UCS 5108 rev 1 & 2 chassis
- IOM 2408
- B-Series M5 and M6 servers
  
- C-Series M5 and M6 servers
- VIC 1400/14000 , 15000 series
- Nexus 93180YC-FX3 in FEX mode
- Server support at 25/40G/100Gbps
- Supported only in Intersight Managed Mode at FCS.

# FI 6536 Series Support Matrix

UCS Servers, VIC, FEX, IOM

## X-Series and B-Series

Server	M5	M6
B200	x	x
B480	x	-
X210c	-	x

VIC	IOM 2408 (B-Series)	IFM 25G (X-Series)	IFM 100G (X-Series)
1440	x	-	-
1440+PE	x	-	-
1480	x	-	-
14425	-	x	x
14425 + 14825	-	x	x
15231	-	x	x

## C-Series

Server	M5	M6
C220	x	x
C240	x	x
C225	-	x
C245	-	x
C480	x	-

VIC
1455
1457
1467
1477
1495
1497
15428

### FEX Support

Nexus 93180YC-FX3 in FEX mode

### Rack-server connectivity

Direct-connect rack-server supported at 25G/40G/100G

93180YC-FX3 FEX uplink connectivity at 100G

93180YC-FX3 FEX port server connectivity at 25G

# Feature Overview

FI 6200 series, 6300 series, 6400 series, 6536

Feature	FI 6200 Series	FI 6300 Series	FI 6400 Series	FI 6536
End host mode	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
Ethernet switch mode	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
FC / FCoE NPV mode	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
FC / FCoE switch mode	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
NetFlow	Supported	Supported	Not supported *	Not supported *
PVLAN	Supported	Supported	Supported	Not Supported *
Port-security	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported
IOM	2200 series	2200 / 2300 series	220x / 2408	2408 / 2304*
IFM	-	-	IFM-25G	IFM-25G/ IFM-100G
Servers	Upto M5 B-/ C-/ S- series	Upto M6 B-/ C- /S- series	M4/M5/M6 B-/ C-/ S-/ X- series	M5/M6 B-/ C-/ X- series
VIC	1200/ 1300/ 1400	1200/ 1300/ 1400/15000	1300/ 1400/ 15000	1300* / 1400/ 15000
Management	UCSM	UCSM	UCSM/ IMM	UCSM*/ IMM

\* Support post 4.2(2)

S-series is only supported in M4/M5 and X-series only in M6

# FI Configuration Limits

Feature	FI 6100	FI 6200	FI 6300	FI 6400	FI 6536
Unicast MAC address per FI	13,800	20,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
Multicast MAC address per FI	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Active VLAN per UCS domain	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
STP logical interfaces / VLAN port count	14,000	64,000	64,000	108,000	64,000*
IGMP groups	1,000	4,000	4,000	16,000	16,000
Virtual Interfaces (VIFs)	2,000	2,750	2,750	1,600	1,600
Host Bus Adapter (vHBAs)	320	320	320	320	320
Chassis per UCS domain	20	20	20	20	20
IP storage appliance per FI	4	16	16	16	16
VSANs	32	32	32	32	32

\* 108K support post 4.2(2)



# Fabric Interconnect Licenses

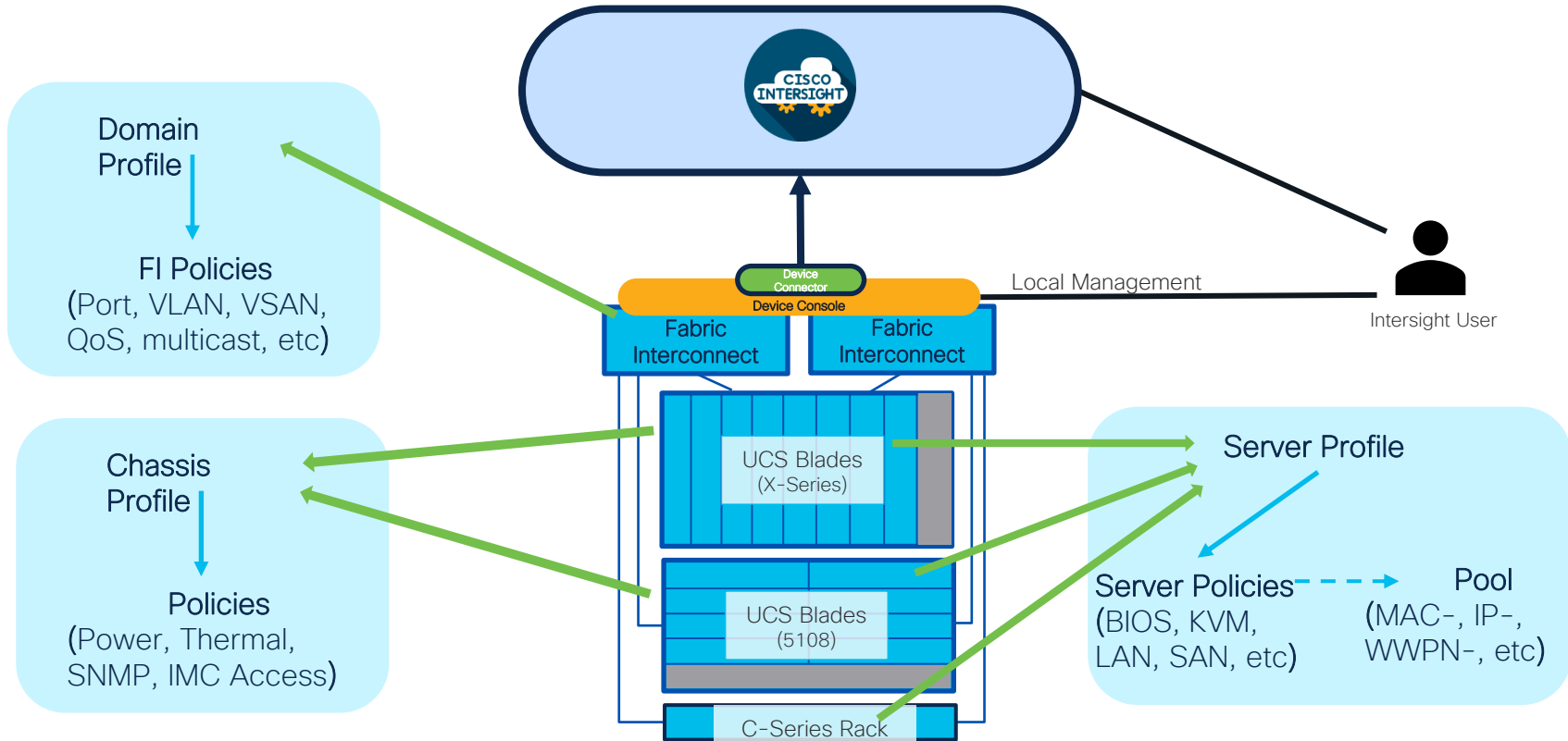
Fabric Interconnect	Licensed ports on base PID	License PIDs	Description
6248	12 x 10GbE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-10GE</li> <li>UCS-L-6200-10G-C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> </ul>
6296	18 x 10GbE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-10GE</li> <li>UCS-L-6200-10G-C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> </ul>
6332	8 x 40GbE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-40G</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-40GC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> </ul>
6332-16UP	4 x 40GbE + 8 x UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-40G</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-40GC</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-10G</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6300-10GC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> </ul>
6454	18 x 10/25GbE + 2 x 40/100GbE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-25G</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-25GC</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-100G</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> <li>Nexus, MDS , C-Series</li> </ul>
64108	38 x 10/25GbE + 4 x 40/100GbE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-25G</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-25GC</li> <li>UCS-LIC-6400-100G</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B-Series, C-Series, S-Series</li> <li>C-Series only</li> <li>Nexus, MDS , C-Series</li> </ul>
6536	All ports enabled via a term-based subscription license	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DC-UFAB-SW-A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart License for X-Series, B-Series, C-Series connectivity</li> <li>Term based SW license for 36-60 month</li> <li>Not a port-based license</li> </ul>

# Qualified Cabling

- Check the 6536 series data-sheet and the tmgmatrix links to get the supported cables/transceivers
- Some specific cable/transceiver PIDs have dependency on the IMM release, hence confirm against data-sheet and tmgmatrix.
- Server-port breakout supported only for 25G speed.
- Uplink-port breakout support for 1/10/25G Ethernet and 8/16/32G FC.
- At 25 and 100G speed the FI 6536 ports operates at RS-FEC by default for uplink as well as on server-port.
- FEC configuration change is possible only for uplink ports.
- <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/servers-unified-computing/ucs6536-fabric-interconnect-ds.html>
- <https://tmgmatrix.cisco.com>

# Provision with Intersight

# Intersight Managed Mode: Configuration Model



# Intersight Domain profile

## Minimum policies for FI Domain-profile

- Port policy
- Multicast policy
- VLAN Policy
- QoS Policy

The screenshot shows the Intersight configuration page for a UCS Domain profile. The left sidebar contains navigation options like MONITOR, OPERATE, CONFIGURE, and ADMIN. The main area is divided into 'Details', 'Policies', and 'Port Details'.

**Details:** Shows the profile name 'SGFI-DM-profile', creation time 'TUE-2023-11-14', and last update 'Apr 8, 2023 3:13 PM'.

**Policies:** Includes 'Fabric Interconnect A' and 'Fabric Interconnect B' configurations.

**Port Details:** Shows 'Port 45' (Part 1/1) and 'Port 1/2 (Server)'. The 'Port 1/2 (Server)' section includes a table for 'Port Channel' configuration:

Port Type	Count	Port Channel Type	Count
FC	4	FC Uplink	1
Ethernet	41	Ethernet Uplink	2

Below this is a table for 'Port Channel Rule':

Port Channel Rule	Count
FC Uplink	2
Ethernet Uplink	4
Server	6
Unconfigured	27

This screenshot shows the 'VLAN & VSAN Configuration' section. It displays configurations for 'Fabric Interconnect A' and 'Fabric Interconnect B'. Each section includes 'VLAN Configuration' and 'VSAN Configuration' with links to 'SGFI-vlan-policy' and 'vSAN-policy'.

**VLAN Details:** A table on the right lists various VLANs and their associated policies:

VLAN ID	Name / Profile	Multicast	Auto Allow On Uplinks	Priority
VLAN ID 1	default	-	Yes	-
VLAN ID 10-100	-	-	-	Data
VLAN ID 10-100	-	Multicast	Yes	Priority
VLAN ID 2000	-	-	-	Mgmt-vlan
VLAN ID 2000	-	Multicast	Yes	Priority
Native VLAN ID	-	-	Yes	-

This screenshot shows the 'System QoS' configuration section. It includes 'NTP' and 'System QoS' settings with links to 'SGFI-NTP-policy' and 'FI-QoS-policy'.

**Platform:** A table on the right shows the configuration for the 'Platform' (Platinum):

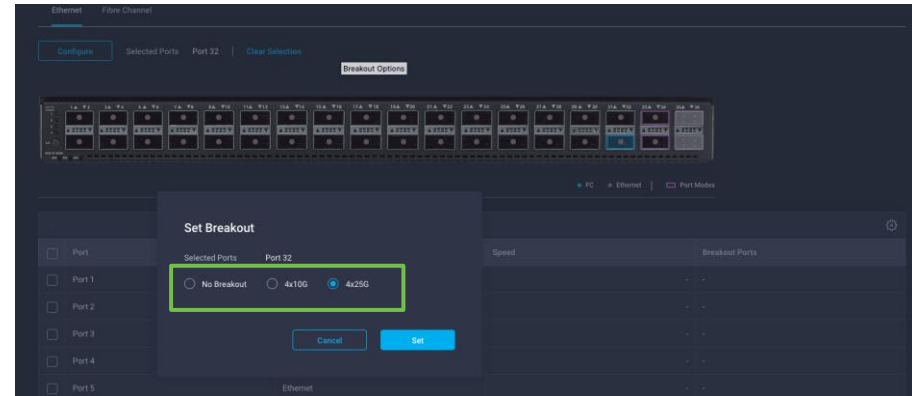
Platform	Admin State	Bandwidth Percent	Cos	Packet Drop	MTR
Platinum	Disabled	0	3	Yes	1300
Platinum	Enabled	50	Any	Yes	1274
Platinum	Enabled	50	3	No	1274
Platinum	Enabled	50	3	No	1274

# Ethernet Configuration

- Supports ethernet end-host and switching mode at FCS
- Ethernet ports : 1 to 32
  - Support speeds of 10/25/40/100G
  - 10/25G support via breakout or QSA
- Unified Ports : 33 to 36
  - Ethernet speeds of 10/25/40/100G
  - FC speed of 8/16/32G
- Dynamic ethernet breakout for 10G/25G
- Server ports at 25G/40G/100G
  - FEC is auto-determined for 25G/100G
- Ethernet uplink ports at 1/10/25/40/100G
  - FEC configuration possible for 25G/100G
- Appliance ports at 10/25/40/100G
- Monitor ports at 10/25/40/100G post 4.2(2)

# Dynamic Ethernet Breakout

- Breakout allowed for all 36 ports of FI-6536
  - 4x 10/25G Ethernet appliance or uplink ports
  - 4x 25G Server ports
- Total of 144 ports after breakout
  - Max server ports limited to 128
- No reboot required with FI 6536 for ethernet breakout
- Breakout port members can connect multiple servers.



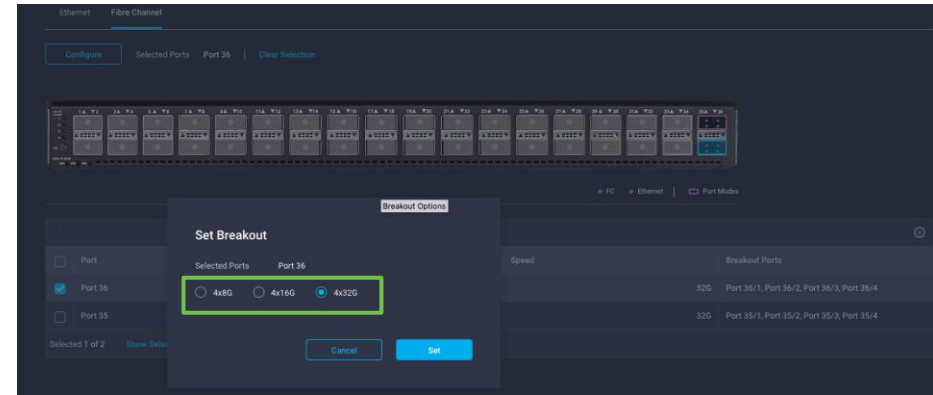
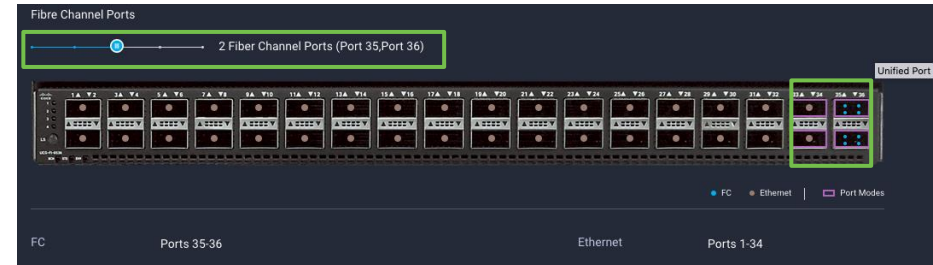
# FC Configuration

- Supports FC end-host and FC switch mode.
- Configured via “Switch Control” policy, default without policy is FC end-host mode.
- Unified Ports : 33 to 36
  - FC support on unified ports using 128G FC QSFP and breakout cables
  - FC 33/1/1-4 to 36/1/1-4 after breakout
- FI reload required when changing from Eth <-> FC mode for a port and vice versa.
- FC speeds supported:
  - 8G, 16G and 32G speeds
  - 8G speed require IDLE fill pattern.
- Auto speed not supported for FC ports.
- FI reload not required when changing the port speed.



# FC Port Configurations

- Slider bar for FC port selection
  - Contiguous ports from right to left
  - Select port 36 thru 33 in increments of 1
  - Require system Reboot on deploy
- Unified ports selected
  - Configure unique FC break-out mode of “4x 8/16/32G” per unified port
  - All breakout port members operate at same FC speed
  - Each breakout member operates as individual FC port like in previous FI generations



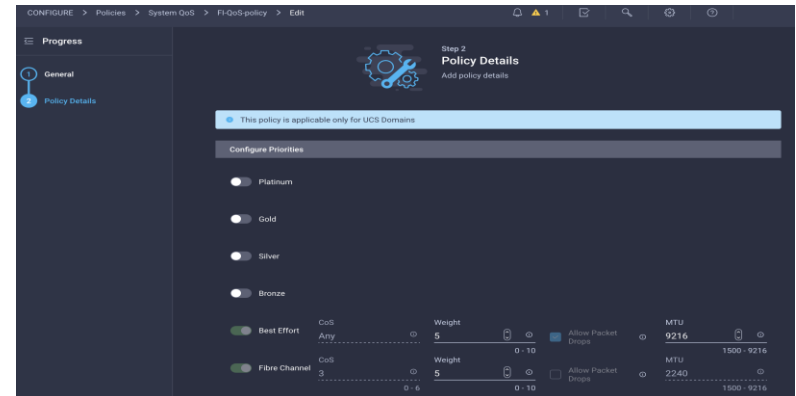
# QoS Configuration

FI 6536 supports 6 system classes

- Enabled via FI QoS policy
- 2 default classes : Best-effort and FC
- Recommendation is to use the 2 default-classes
- Additional 4 user selectable classes.
- max of 2 no-drop class including fibre-channel

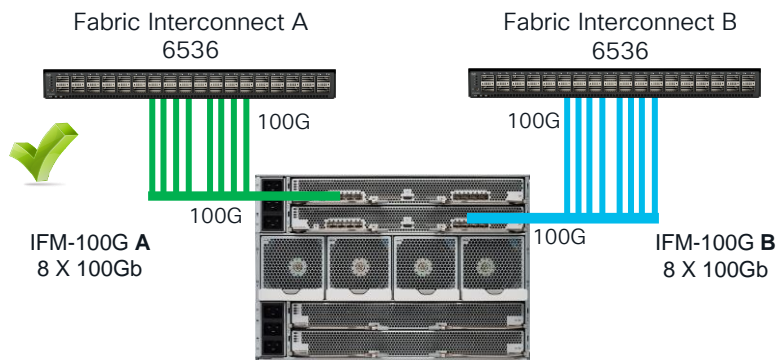
QoS at vNIC

- Enabled via “Ethernet QoS policy” attached to vNIC
- Sets CoS, MTU and Rate per vNIC



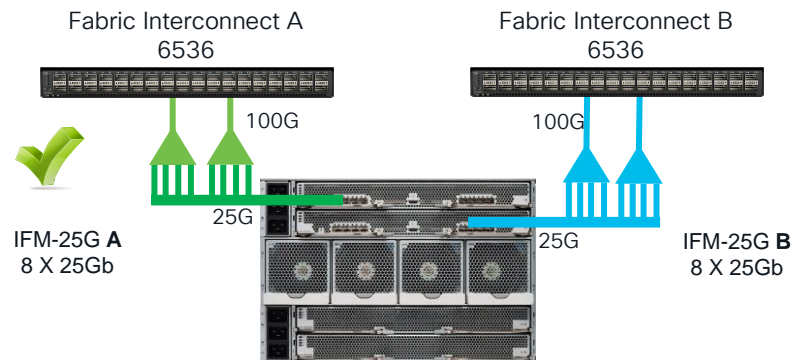
# 5<sup>th</sup> Gen Fabric Connectivity

# IFM-25G/100G to 6536 Fabric Interconnect Support



X9108-IFM-100G to 6536 FIs :  
**Supported**

- 1600G per X9508 chassis
- 100G E2E single-flow per x210c
- 32G E2E FC I/O
- 200G per x210c with 1:1 oversubscription



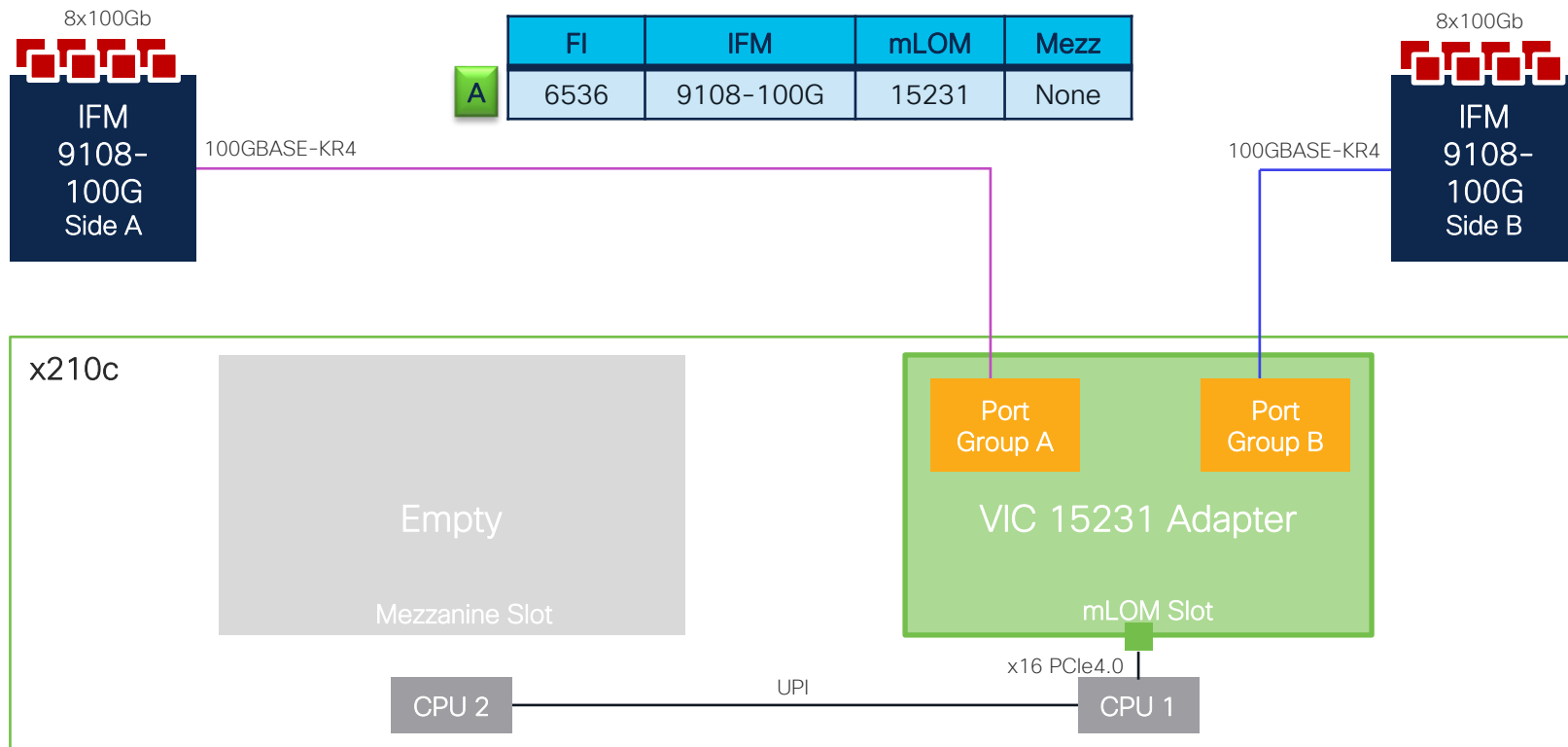
X9108-IFM-25G to 6536 FIs :  
**Supported**

- 400G per X9508 chassis
- 25G E2E single-flow per x210c
- 200G per x210c with 4:1 oversubscription

# Throughput per UCS x210c compute node

x210c Compute Node	<b>A</b> FI-6536 + X9108-IFM-100G	<b>B</b> FI-6536 + X9108-IFM-25G	<b>C</b> FI-6536 + X9108-IFM-25G/100G	<b>D</b> FI-6536 + X9108-IFM-25G/100G	
x210c configuration	VIC 15231	VIC 15231	VIC 14425	VIC 14425+ VIC 14825	
Throughput per node	200G (100G per IFM)	100G (50G per IFM)	100G (50G per IFM)	200G (100G per IFM)	
vNICs needed for max BW	2	2	2	4	
KR connectivity per IFM	1x 100GKR	2x 25GKR	2x 25GKR	4x 25GKR	
Single vNIC throughput on VIC	100G	50G (2x25G KR)	50G (2x25G KR)	50G (2x25G KR)	50G (2x25G KR)
Max Single flow BW per vNIC	100G	25G	25G	25G	25G
Single vHBA throughput on VIC	100G	50G	50G	50G	50G

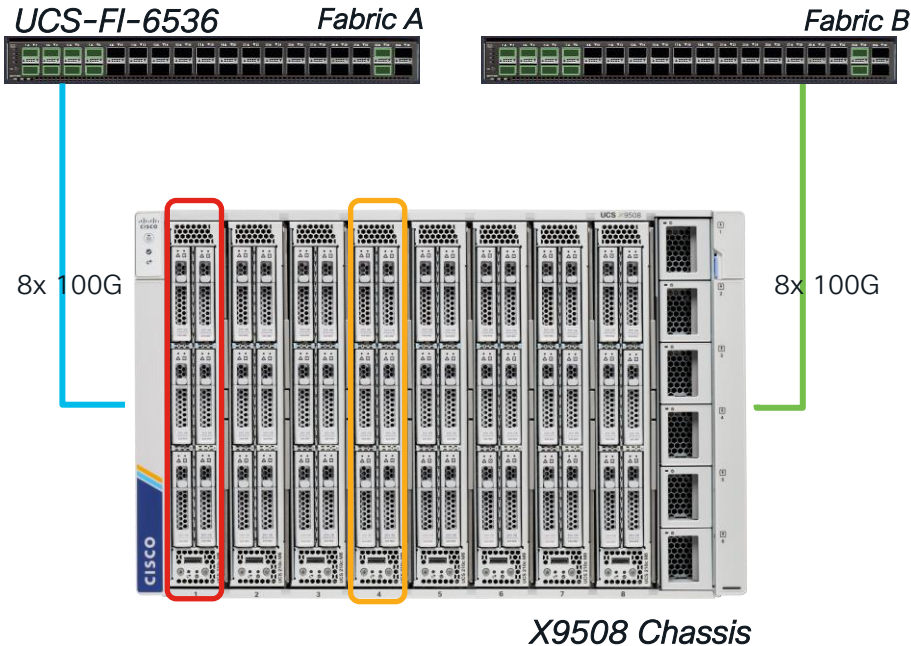
# 2 x 100Gb – 100G End-to-end



All vNICs and vHBAs are 100Gb

# 100G vNIC/vHBA in X210c with VIC 15231

100G vNIC/vHBA as seen on RHEL and ESXi host



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[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# lshw -short | grep -i eno7  
/0/101/2/0/0/0/0/0.2          eno7          network      VIC Ethernet NIC  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# ethtool eno7 | grep -i speed      100G vNIC  
Speed: 100000Mb/s  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# ifconfig eno7  
eno7: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 9000  
inet 10.10.21.61 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.10.21.255  
inet6 fe80::225:b5ff:fe01:2710 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
ether 00:25:b5:01:27:10 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
RX packets 83 bytes 12616 (12.3 KiB)  
RX errors 0 dropped 83 overruns 0 frame 0  
TX packets 84 bytes 10010 (9.7 KiB)  
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host3/speed      100G vHBA  
100 Gbit  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#  
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]#
```

Device	Actual Speed	Configured Speed
vmnic0	100 Gbps	100 Gbps
vmnic1	100 Gbps	100 Gbps
vmnic2	100 Gbps	100 Gbps
vmnic3	100 Gbps	100 Gbps

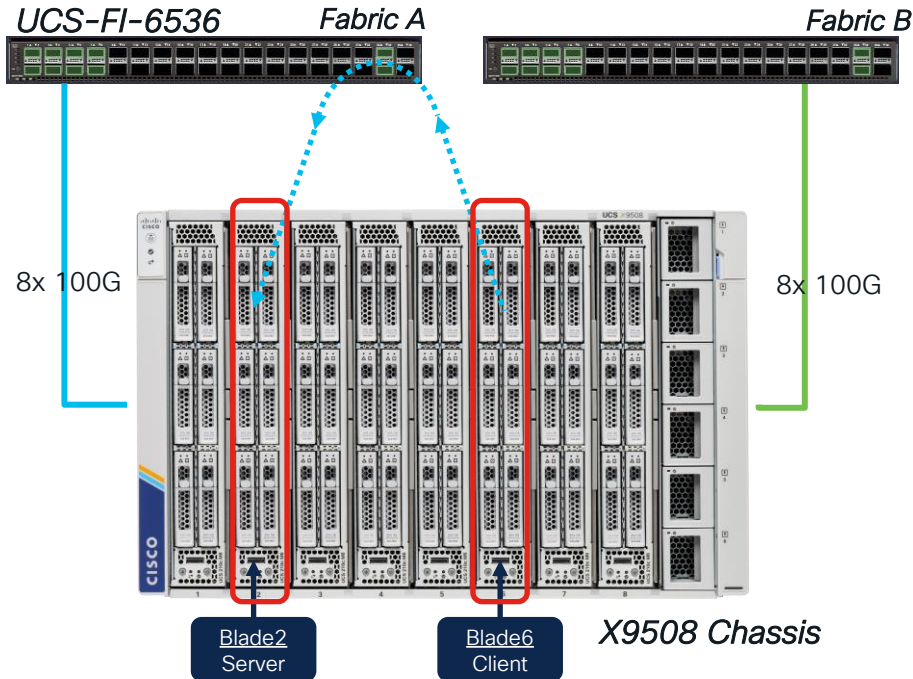
100G vNIC

```
[root@aa02-esxi-1:~] esxcli storage san fc list  
Adapter: vmhba0  
Port ID: 5600A6  
Node Name: 20:00:00:25:b5:17:00:0a  
Port Name: 20:00:00:25:b5:17:0a:13  
Speed: 100 Gbps      100G vHBA  
Port Type: NPort  
Port State: ONLINE  
Model Description: none  
Hardware Version: none  
OptionROM Version: 1  
Firmware Version: 1  
Driver Name: nfnic  
DriverVersion: 1
```

# 100G Single Flow : VIC 15231 performance

Single Flow 100G:

Blade6 vnic1 (client) --> Blade1 vnic1 (Server)



## iPerf results on Fabric

```
ryogendr ~ root@perf-blade2:~ -- ssh root@10.29.151.52 -- 80x24
[ root@perf-blade2 ~]# iperf -s
-----
Server listening on TCP port 5001
TCP window size: 85.3 KByte (default)
-----
[  4] local 10.29.151.52 port 5001 connected with 10.29.151.56 port 35380
[ ID] Interval      Transfer      Bandwidth
[  4] 0.0-100.0 sec  1.07 TBytes  94.0 Gbits/sec

Chassis1
Blade2

ryogendr ~ root@rhel-blade6:~ -- ssh root@10.29.151.56 -- 80x24
[  3] 78.0-79.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.8 Gbits/sec
[  3] 79.0-80.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.9 Gbits/sec
[  3] 80.0-81.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.6 Gbits/sec
[  3] 81.0-82.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.6 Gbits/sec
[  3] 82.0-83.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 83.0-84.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 84.0-85.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 85.0-86.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 86.0-87.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 87.0-88.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.6 Gbits/sec
[  3] 88.0-89.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.7 Gbits/sec
[  3] 89.0-90.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  94.0 Gbits/sec
[  3] 90.0-91.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.7 Gbits/sec
[  3] 91.0-92.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.7 Gbits/sec
[  3] 92.0-93.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.8 Gbits/sec
[  3] 93.0-94.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.8 Gbits/sec
[  3] 94.0-95.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.9 Gbits/sec
[  3] 95.0-96.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.6 Gbits/sec
[  3] 96.0-97.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.8 Gbits/sec
[  3] 97.0-98.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.5 Gbits/sec
[  3] 98.0-99.0 sec  10.9 GBytes  93.8 Gbits/sec
[  3] 99.0-100.0 sec 10.9 GBytes  93.6 Gbits/sec
[  3] 0.0-100.0 sec  1.07 TBytes  94.0 Gbits/sec

Chassis1
Blade6

~100Gbps
```

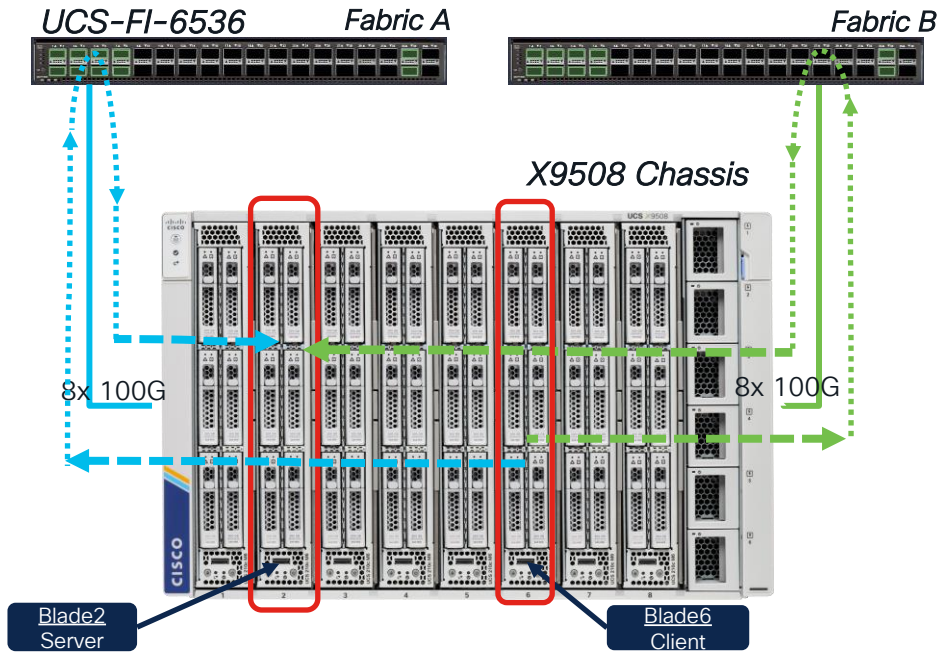


# 200G per X210c: VIC 15231 performance

## 200G per X210c

Fabric A : Blade6 vnic1 (client) -> Blade2 vnic1 (Server)

Fabric B : Blade6 vnic2 (client) -> Blade2 vnic2 (Server)



## iPerf results

```
root@blade2 ~|# taskset -c 16-24 iperf -s -B 10.0.11.41
-----
Server listening on TCP port 5001
TCP window size: 85.3 KByte (default)
-----
[ 1] local 10.0.11.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55864
[ 2] local 10.0.11.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55870
[ 3] local 10.0.11.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55868
[ 4] local 10.0.11.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.11.42 port 55866
```

```
-----
[ 4] 21.00-24.00 sec 5.75 GBytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 21.00-24.00 sec 11.5 GBytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 21.00-24.00 sec 11.5 GBytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 21.00-24.00 sec 5.76 GBytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 21.00-24.00 sec 34.5 GBytes 98.9 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 24.00-27.00 sec 5.76 GBytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 24.00-27.00 sec 11.5 GBytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 24.00-27.00 sec 11.5 GBytes 33.0 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 24.00-27.00 sec 5.76 GBytes 16.5 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 24.00-27.00 sec 34.5 GBytes 98.9 Gbits/sec
```

~100Gbps  
Fabric A

```
-----
root@blade2 ~|# taskset -c 32-40 iperf -s -B 10.0.21.41
-----
Server listening on TCP port 5001
TCP window size: 85.3 KByte (default)
-----
[ 1] local 10.0.21.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36552
[ 2] local 10.0.21.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36548
[ 3] local 10.0.21.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36550
[ 4] local 10.0.21.41 port 5001 connected with 10.0.21.42 port 36558
```

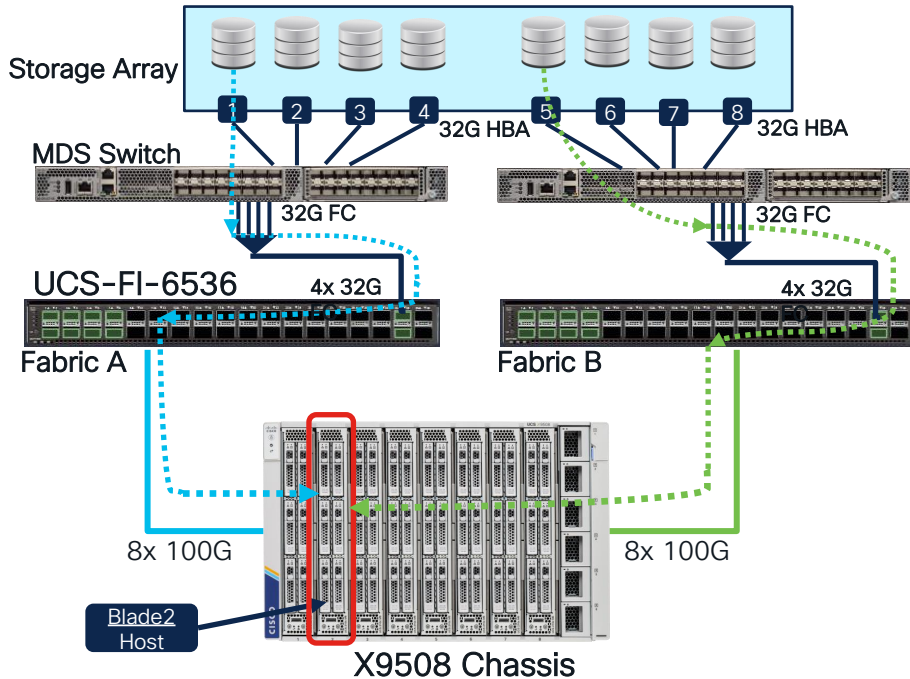
```
-----
[ 2] 6.00-9.00 sec 7.64 GBytes 21.9 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 6.00-9.00 sec 9.95 GBytes 28.5 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 6.00-9.00 sec 7.65 GBytes 21.9 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 6.00-9.00 sec 8.49 GBytes 24.3 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 6.00-9.00 sec 33.7 GBytes 96.6 Gbits/sec
[ 2] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.70 GBytes 24.9 Gbits/sec
[ 1] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.72 GBytes 25.0 Gbits/sec
[ 4] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.71 GBytes 24.9 Gbits/sec
[ 3] 9.00-12.00 sec 8.30 GBytes 24.0 Gbits/sec
[SUM] 9.00-12.00 sec 34.5 GBytes 98.9 Gbits/sec
```

~100Gbps  
Fabric B

# End to End 32G : VIC 15231 performance

## 32G FC connectivity to a Storage Target:

- Chassis-Blade2 vHBA1 <-- HBA1 Storage (100% read)
- Chassis-Blade2 vHBA1 <-- HBA5 Storage (100% read)



## FIO results per x210c

```
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host3/speed
100 Gbit
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol1:/dev/mapper/5g_vol2 --direct=1 --rw=rw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --rwmixread=100 --iodepth=8 --numjobs=8 --runtime=120 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rw=rw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=8
...
fio-3.19
Starting 8 processes
Jobs: 8 (f=16): [R(8)][11.6%][r=3141MiB/s][r=6281 IOPS][eta 01m:47s]
```

~32G FC Fabric A

```
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host7/speed
100 Gbit
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol9:/dev/mapper/5g_vol10 --direct=1 --rw=rw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --rwmixread=100 --iodepth=8 --numjobs=8 --runtime=120 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rw=rw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=8
...
fio-3.19
Starting 8 processes
Jobs: 8 (f=16): [R(8)][12.4%][r=3142MiB/s][r=6284 IOPS][eta 01m:46s]
```

~32G FC Fabric B

## Result from Storage Array

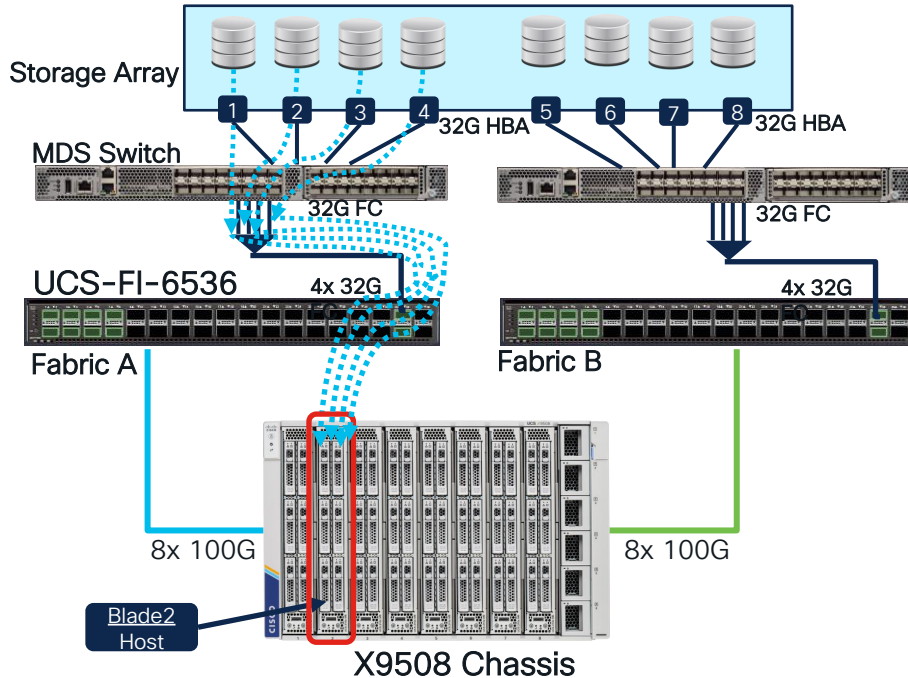
```
FlexPod-A800:~> qos statistics performance show
Policy Group      IOPS      Throughput      Latency  Is Adaptive?  Is Shared?
-----
-total-          108565     6342.20MB/s     4.68ms   -              -
User-Best-Effort 101469     6342.12MB/s     5.01ms   -              -
System-Work      7096      74.24KB/s       38.00ms  -              -
-total-          101496     6341.45MB/s     5.01ms   -              -
User-Best-Effort 101455     6341.44MB/s     5.01ms   -              -
System-Work      41        15.06KB/s       146.00ms false true
-total-          101503     6342.33MB/s     5.00ms   -              -
User-Best-Effort 101465     6342.31MB/s     5.01ms   false true
System-Work      38        19.50KB/s       105.00us false true
```

Total 64G across Fabric A & B

# 100G FC per Fabric : VIC 15231 performance

## 100G vHBA performance in a x210c:

Chassis Blade2 <-- 4x 32G FC storage target (100% read)



## FIO results per x210c

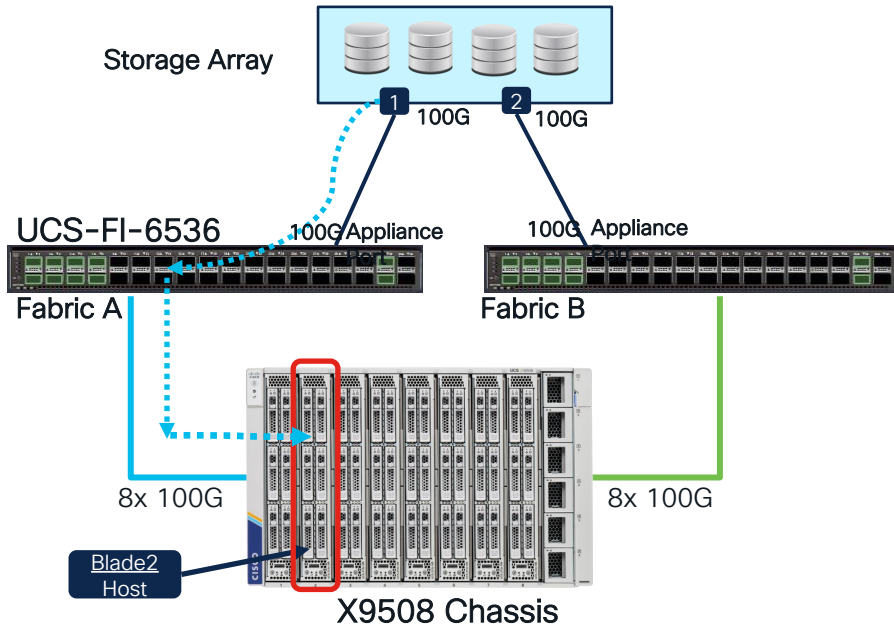
```
[root@ora5g-node1 ~]# fio --filename=/dev/mapper/5g_vol1:/dev/mapper/5g_vol2:/dev/mapper/5g_vol3:/dev/mapper/5g_vol4:/dev/mapper/5g_vol5:/dev/mapper/5g_vol6:/dev/mapper/5g_vol7:/dev/mapper/5g_vol8 --direct=1 --rw=rw --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --rwmixread=100 --iodepth=32 --numjobs=64 --runtime=30 --group_reporting --name=seqreadwrite
seqreadwrite: (g=0): rw=rw, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, (W) 512KiB-512KiB, (T) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=32
...
fio-3.19
Starting 64 processes
[obs: 64 (f=512): [R(64)][64.5% [r=11.1GiB/s] r=22.7k IOPS][eta 00m:11s]
```

```
FlexPod-A800:> qos s p s
(qos statistics performance show)
Policy Group IOPS Throughput Latency Is Adaptive? Is Shared?
-----
-total- 183591 11479.40MB/s 4.00ms -
User-Best-Effort 183529 11479.38MB/s 4.00ms -
System-Work 62 22.08KB/s 0.00ms -
-total- 183511 11474.38MB/s 4.00ms -
User-Best-Effort 183489 11474.38MB/s 4.00ms false true
System-Work 22 0KB/s 45.00us false true
-total- 183569 11478.01MB/s 5.09ms -
User-Best-Effort 183529 11478.00MB/s 5.09ms false true
System-Work 40 3.34KB/s 200.00us false true
```

92G FC (~100G) per Fabric

# 100G NFS: VIC 15231 performance

100G NFS connectivity to a Storage Filer:  
Chassis-Blade2 vNIC1 <-- 100G NIC on Storage (100% read)



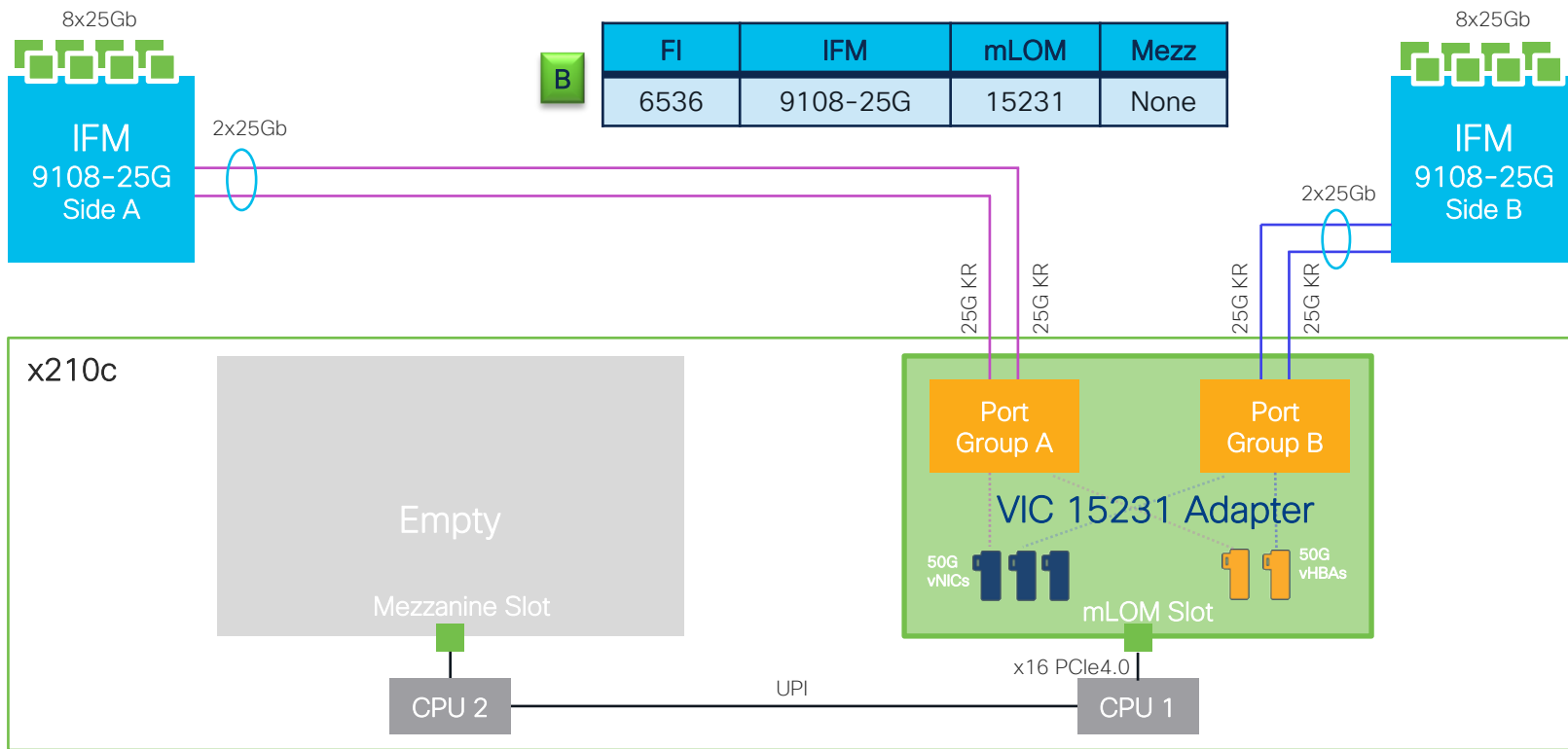
## NFS results per x210c

```
root@ora5g-node1 ~# fio --name=test1 --filename=/fiovol1/data1:/fiovol1/data2:/fiovol1/data3:/fiovol1/data4:/fiovol2/
/fiovol2/data22:/fiovol2/data23:/fiovol2/data24:/fiovol3/data31:/fiovol3/data32:/fiovol3/data33:/fiovol3/data34:/fiovol
1:/fiovol4/data42:/fiovol4/data43:/fiovol4/data44 --rw=read --direct=1 --ioengine=libaio --bs=512k --numjobs=16 --iode
runtimes=300 --time_based --group_reporting
test1: (g=0): rw=read, bs=(R) 512KiB-512KiB, (W) 512KiB-512KiB, (T) 512KiB-512KiB, ioengine=libaio, iodepth=64
...
fio-3.19
Starting 16 processes
Jobs: 16 (f=256): [R(16)][100.0%][r=11.36GiB/s][r=23.2k IOPS][eta 00m:00s]
test1: (groupid=0, jobs=16): err=0: pid=82192: Fri Apr 22 13:53:52 2022
read: IOPS=23.3k, BW=11.4618/s (12.26GiB/s) (34886GiB/300028msec)
slat (usec): min=26, max=5329, avg=56.33, stdev=25.13
clat (usec): min=1957, max=531941, avg=43939.16, stdev=9451.20
lat (usec): min=1997, max=531987, avg=43995.59, stdev=9450.83
clat percentiles (msec):
| 1.00th=[ 25], 5.00th=[ 28], 10.00th=[ 31], 20.00th=[ 39],
| 30.00th=[ 41], 40.00th=[ 44], 50.00th=[ 46], 60.00th=[ 47],
| 70.00th=[ 49], 80.00th=[ 51], 90.00th=[ 53], 95.00th=[ 56],
| 99.00th=[ 62], 99.50th=[ 66], 99.90th=[ 103], 99.95th=[ 131],
| 99.99th=[ 205]
bw ( MB/s): min= 5977, max=12232, per=100.00%, avg=11646.89, stdev=19.82, samples=9584
iops : min=11947, max=24465, avg=23293.77, stdev=39.65, samples=9584
lat (msec) : 2=0.01%, 4=0.01%, 10=0.01%, 20=0.06%, 50=78.43%
lat (msec) : 100=21.39%, 250=0.10%, 500=0.01%, 750=0.01%
cpu : usr=0.22%, sys=0.45%, ctime=6244500, majflt=0, m
IO depths : 1=0.1%, 2=0.1%, 4=0.1%, 8=0.1%, 16=0.1%, 32=
submit : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%,
complete : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64=
issued rwts: total=6000000,0,0,0 start=0,0,0 dropped=
latency : target=0, window=0, percentile=100.00%, d
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=11.4618/s (12.26GiB/s) 11.4618/s-11.4618/s (12.26GiB/s-12.26GiB/s), io=34886GiB (3660GB), run=300028-300028msec
```

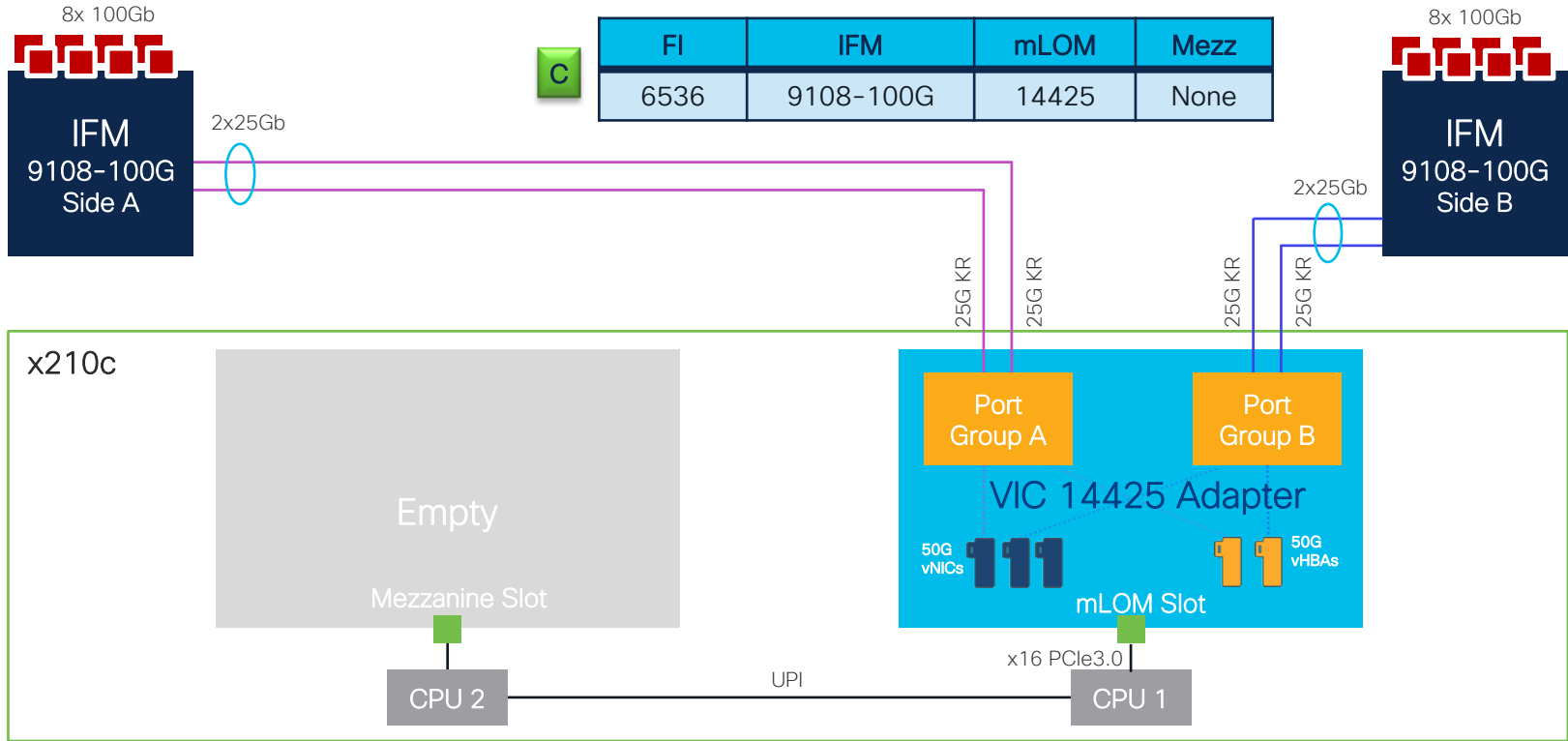
~ 100G NFS

cpu	cpu	total	ops	nfs-ops	cifs-ops	fcache	total	total data	data	data cluster	cluster	cluster	disk	disk	pkts	pkts		
avg	busy	ops	ops	ops	ops	ops	ops	recv	sent	recv	sent	recv	recv	read	write	recv	sent	
18x	43k	187117	187117	0	0	0	38.1MB	11.4GB	97%	37.7MB	11.4GB	0%	338KB	336KB	478MB	1.71MB	230535	1371110
18x	42k	186775	186775	0	0	0	38.4MB	11.5GB	98%	38.1MB	11.5GB	0%	285KB	286KB	481MB	3.91MB	236859	1375341
18x	43k	187603	187603	0	0	0	39.0MB	11.5GB	98%	38.7MB	11.5GB	0%	286KB	285KB	480MB	23.9KB	24584	1376171
18x	43k	186820	186820	0	0	0	38.0MB	11.4GB	98%	37.8MB	11.4GB	0%	266KB	266KB	609MB	1.16MB	231085	1371855
18x	43k	186775	186775	0	0	0	38.5MB	11.5GB	98%	38.2MB	11.5GB	0%	301KB	301KB	643MB	17.9KB	237274	1374307
18x	43k	186634	186634	0	0	0	38.4MB	11.4GB	97%	38.1MB	11.4GB	0%	251KB	251KB	613MB	1.46MB	239374	1370362
18x	43k	185568	185568	0	0	0	37.7MB	11.4GB	97%	37.4MB	11.4GB	0%	278KB	278KB	616MB	3.91MB	226770	1369212
18x	43k	187085	187085	0	0	0	38.3MB	11.4GB	97%	38.0MB	11.4GB	0%	307KB	307KB	582MB	23.9KB	235274	1365179
18x	43k	186116	186116	0	0	0	38.4MB	11.4GB	98%	38.2MB	11.4GB	0%	269KB	269KB	577MB	1.17MB	237208	1369754
18x	43k	186856	186856	0	0	0	38.1MB	11.4GB	98%	37.8MB	11.4GB	0%	278KB	270KB	575MB	29.9KB	234293	1372264
18x	43k	186380	186380	0	0	0	38.5MB	11.4GB	97%	38.2MB	11.4GB	0%	281KB	281KB	590MB	646KB	238783	1371946
18x	43k	186480	186480	0	0	0	38.6MB	11.4GB	97%	38.3MB	11.4GB	0%	309KB	309KB	577MB	2.25MB	241873	1366584
18x	43k	185636	185636	0	0	0	38.2MB	11.4GB	97%	37.9MB	11.4GB	0%	284KB	282KB	568MB	23.9KB	235542	1368954
18x	43k	185936	185936	0	0	0	37.6MB	11.3GB	97%	37.3MB	11.3GB	0%	280KB	282KB	594MB	1.18MB	225957	1368059
18x	43k	187402	187402	0	0	0	38.3MB	11.5GB	98%	38.0MB	11.5GB	0%	268KB	268KB	587MB	29.9KB	234891	1375560

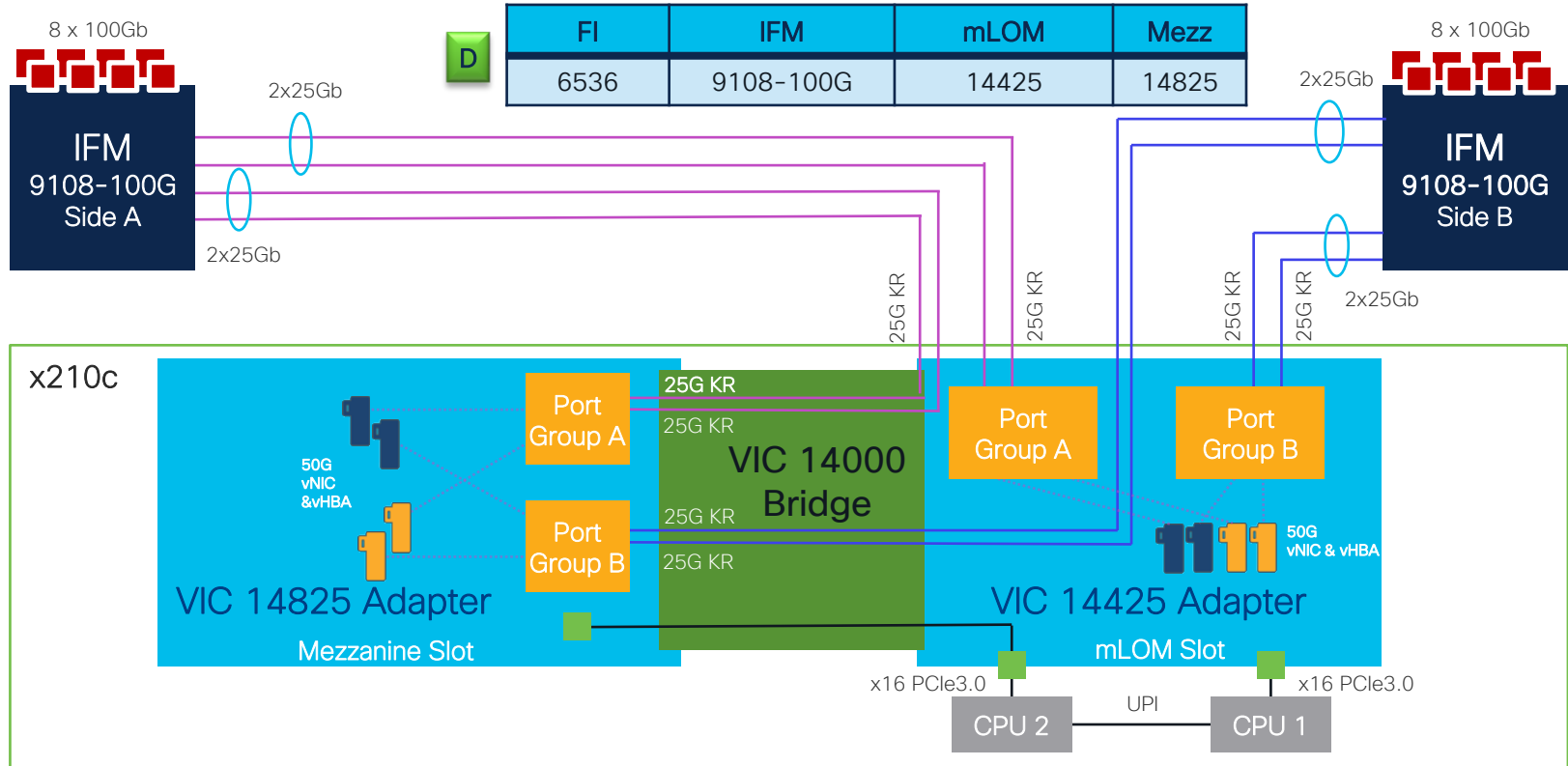
# x210c, IFM 9108-25G and VIC 15231



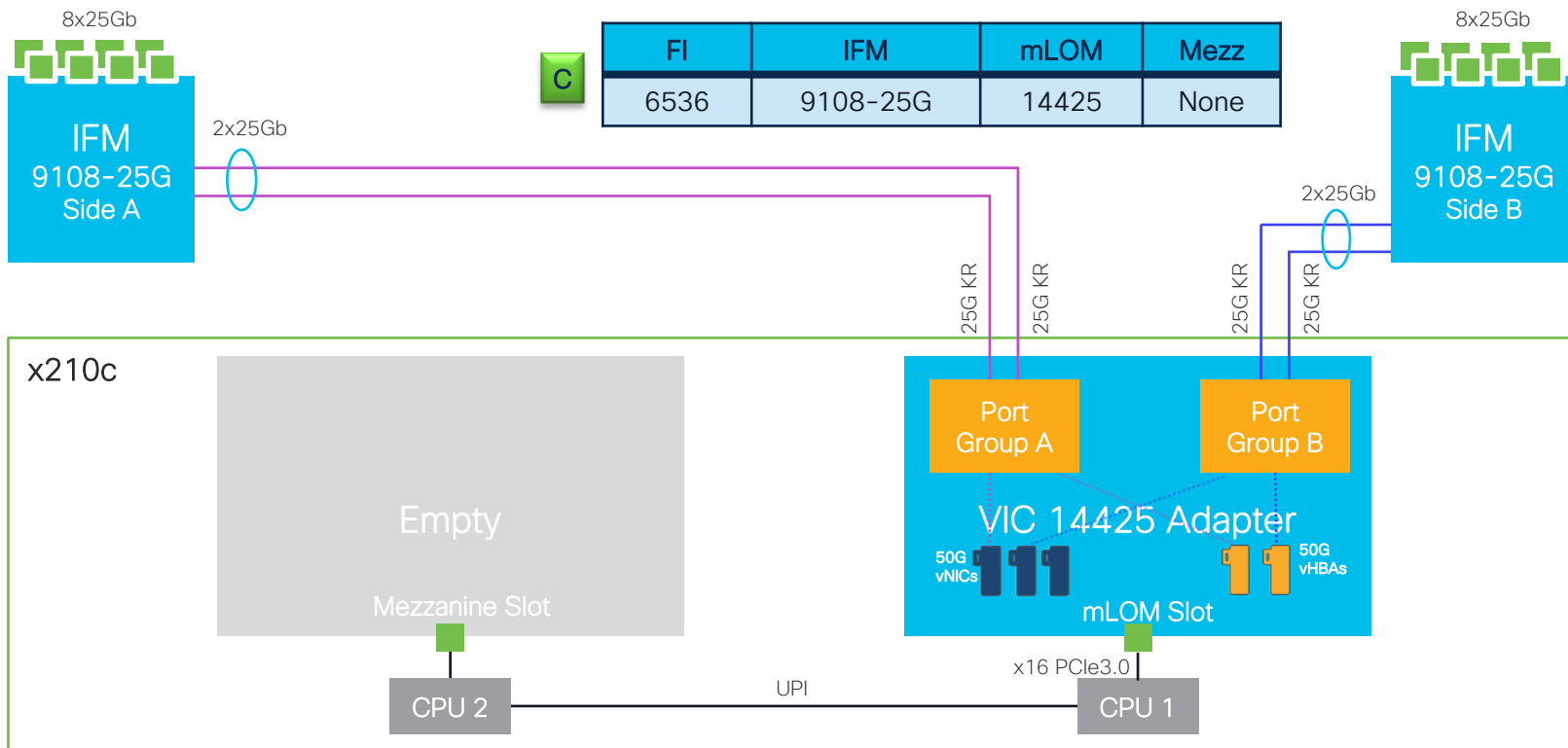
# x210c, IFM 9108-100G and VIC 14425



# x210c, IFM 9108-100G, VIC 14425 and VIC 14825

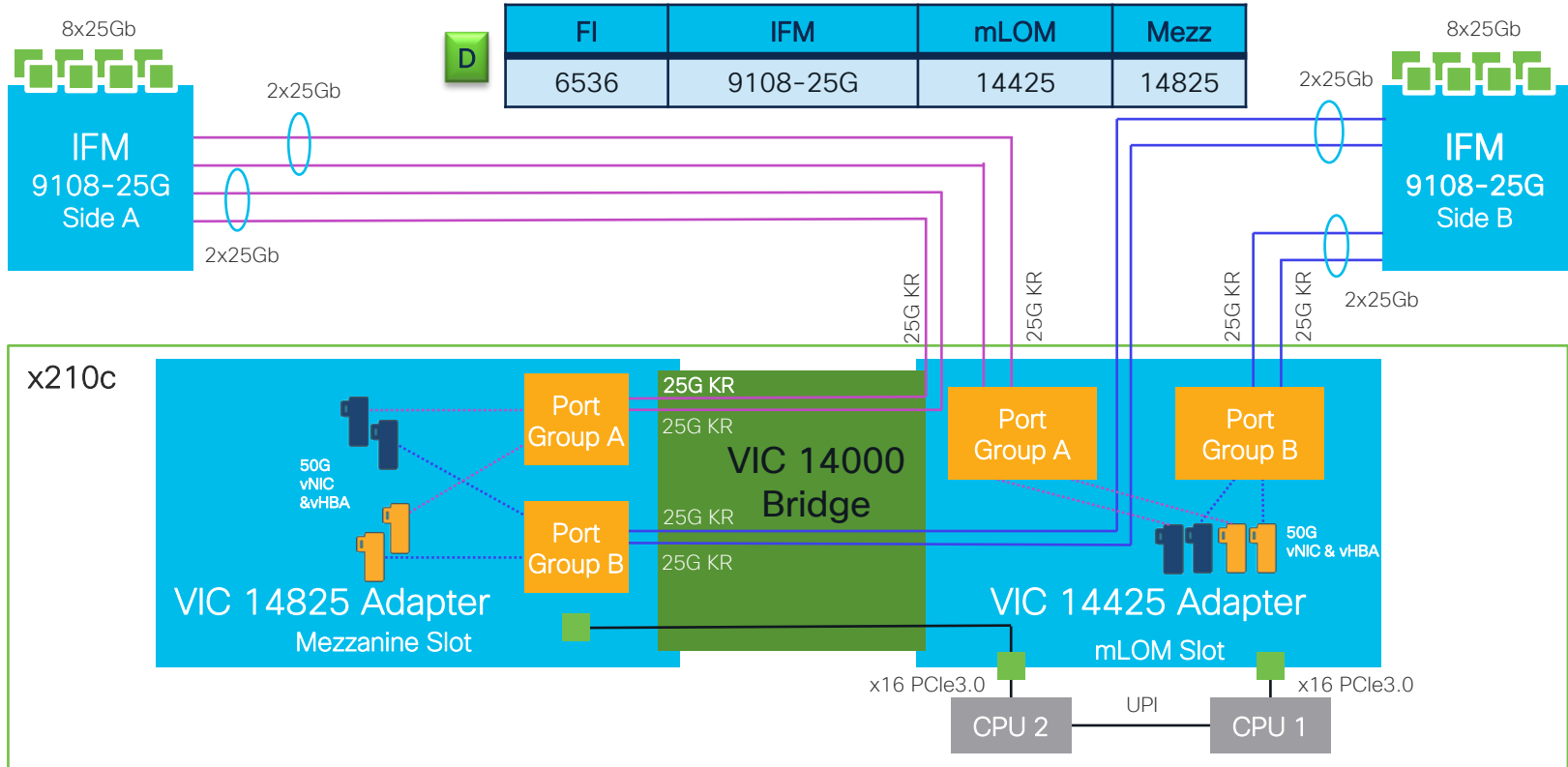


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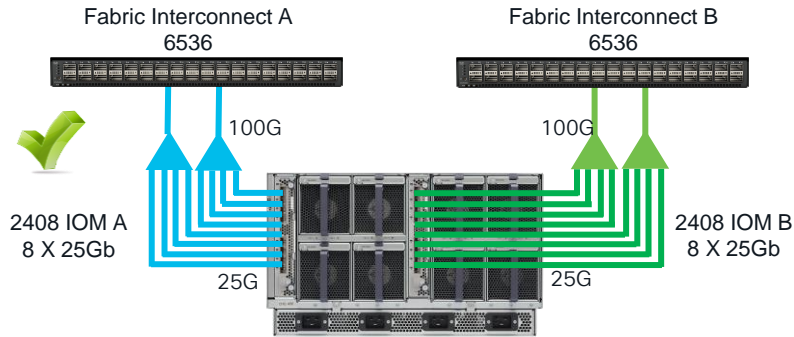




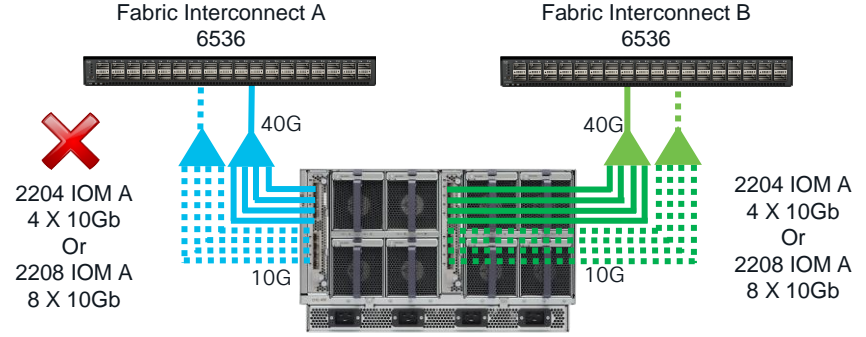
# x210c, IFM 9108-25G, VIC 14425 and VIC 14825



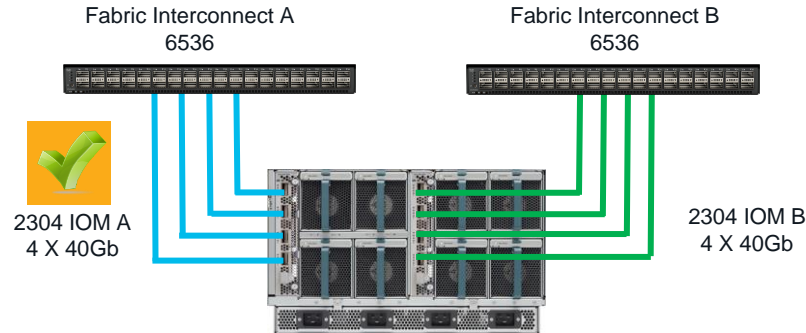
# FI 6536 to IOM-2xxx : B-Series Connectivity



2408 IOMs to 6536 FIs : **Supported**



2204 or 2208 IOMs to 6536 FI : **Not Supported**



2304 IOMs to 6536 FIs : **Targeted post 4.2.2**

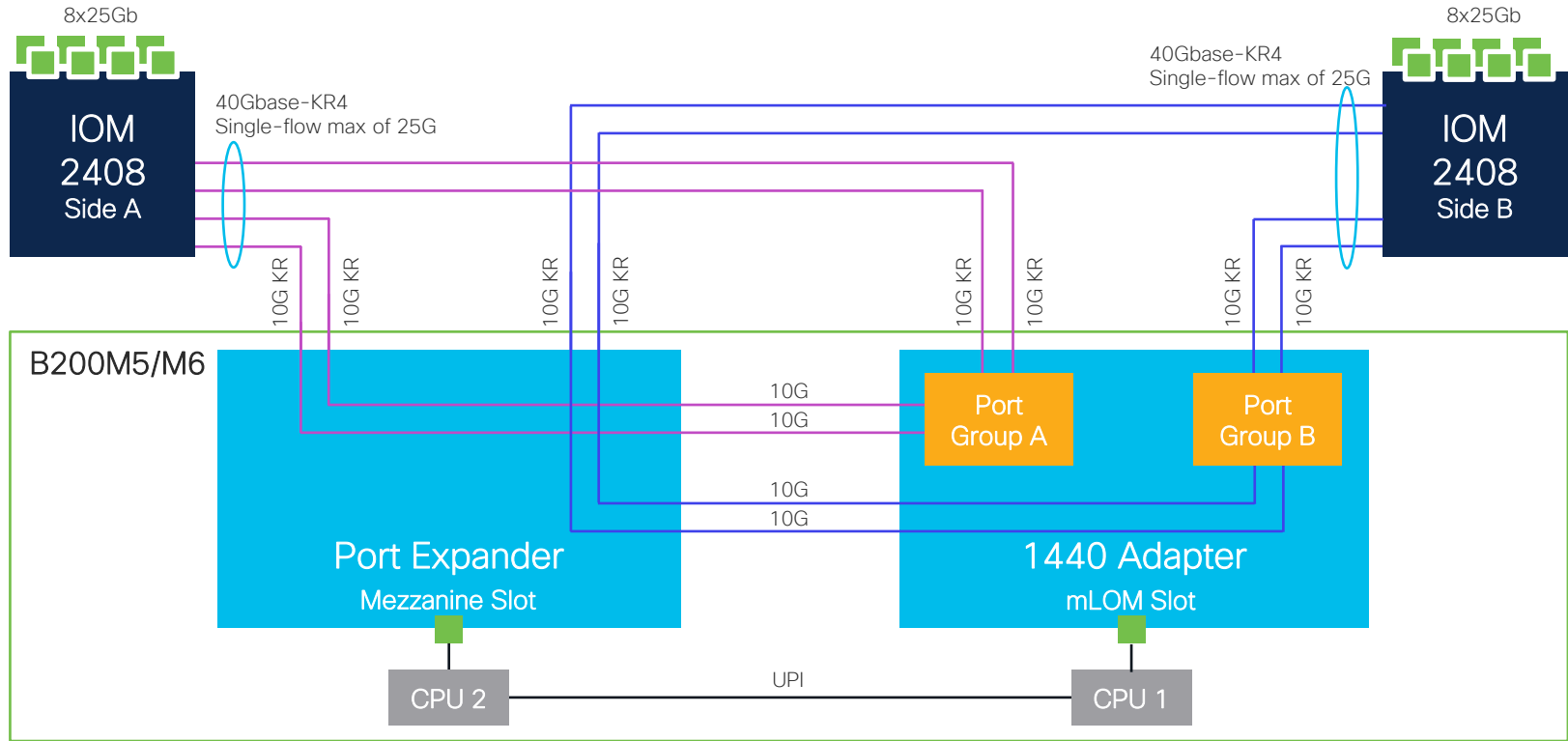
# Throughput per B-series blade server with 6536 FI

	6536 + 2408	
	B200-M5 / M6	B480-M5
1440	40G	40G
1440 + PE	80G*	80G*
1440 + 1480	80G	120G
1440 + PE + 1480	N/A	160G*

\* 1440+PE enables 40G-KR4 path between the VIC and IOM.

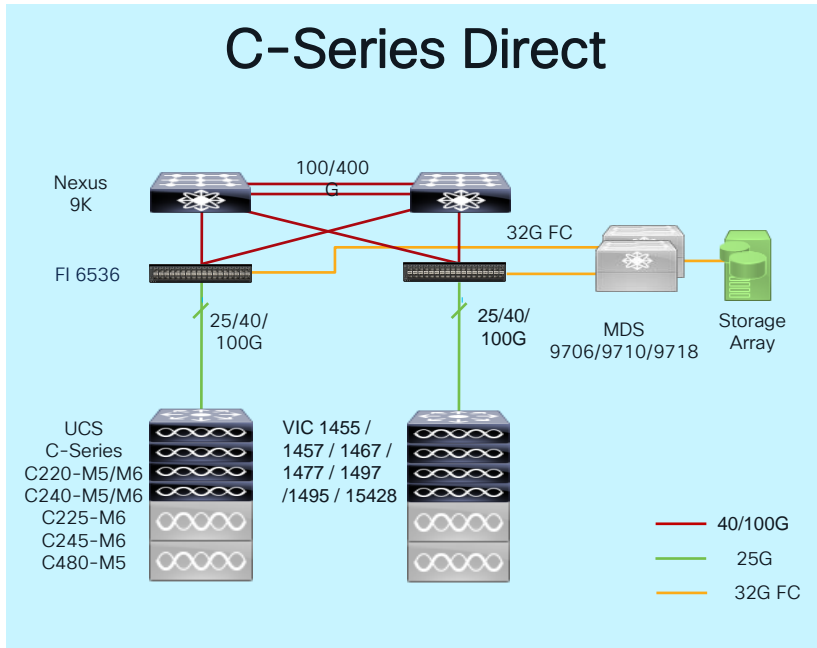
Note that aggregate per vNIC would be 40G and the max single-flow from blade-server will be 25G since the IOM-2408 to FI-6536 connectivity is 25Gbps.

# B200M5/M6, IOM 2408, & VIC 1440 with PE

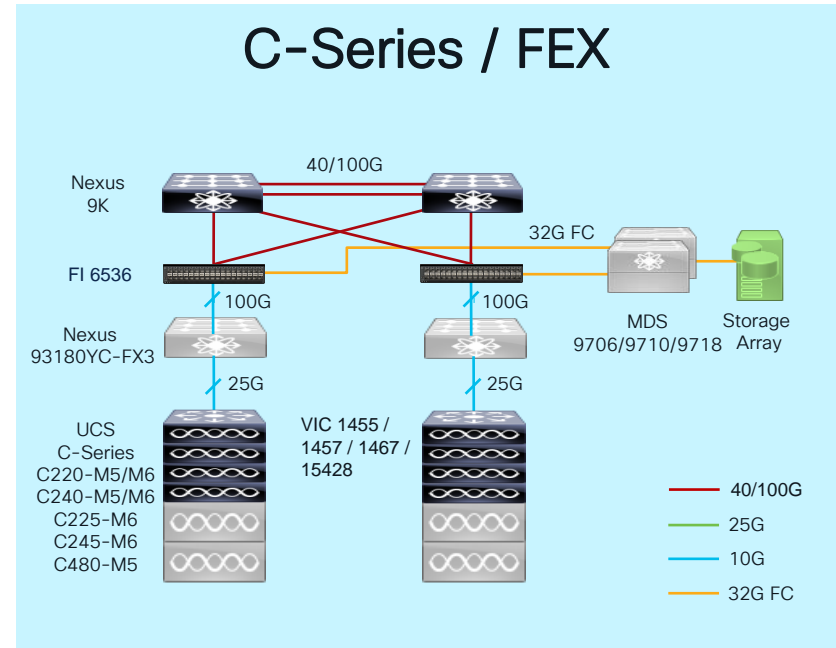


# FI 6536 Series Use Cases with C-Series

## C-Series Direct



## C-Series / FEX

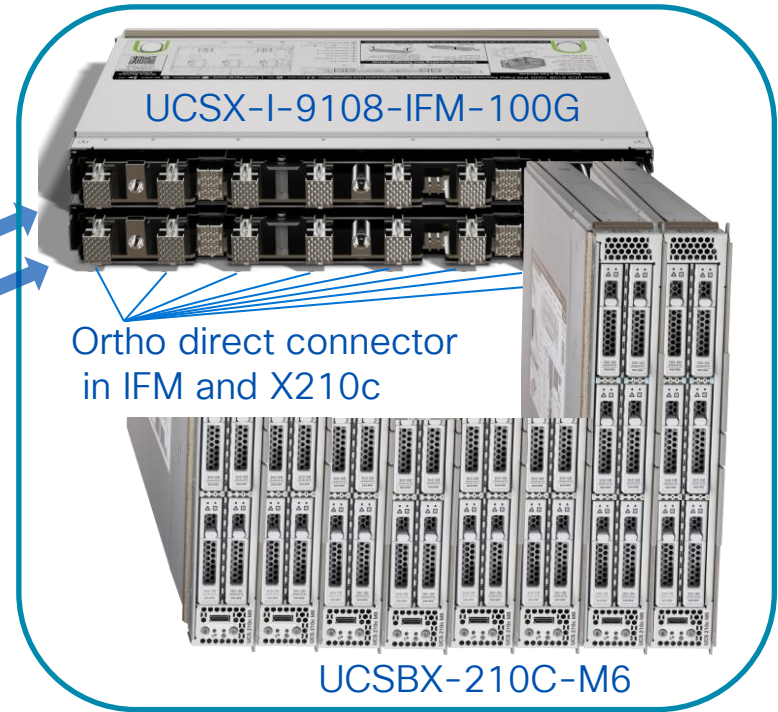
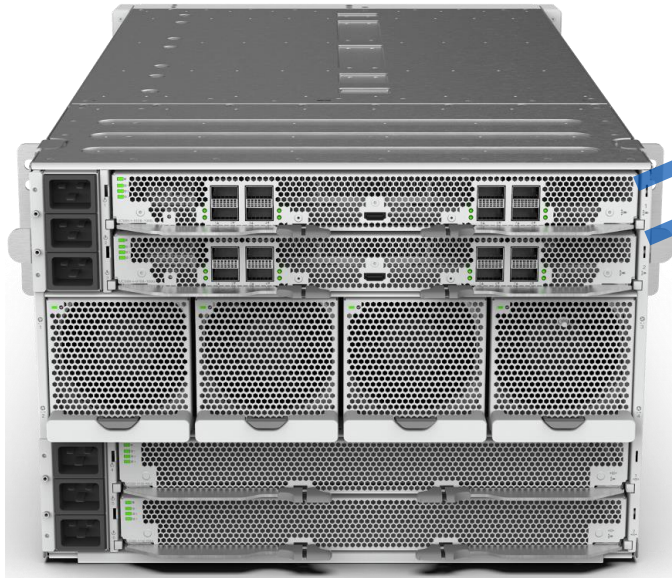


# Migrate to 5<sup>th</sup> Gen Fabric

# Cisco UCS 9508 Chassis fabric upgrade for 100G E2E

Migrate from IFM-25G to IFM-100G

- Backplane less X-series chassis design
- Hot-swappable IFMs



# Fabric Interconnect Migration Options in IMM

## FI 6400 Series in IMM

FI 6454



FI 64108



## Migrate to FI 6536 in IMM

FI 6536



### FI 6400 series

- 6454 supports 48 x 10/25G + 6 x 40/100G
- 64108 supports 96 x 10/25G (16xUP)+ 12 x 40/100G
- 8/16/32G FC uplink/storage port
- 10/25G server ports
- 1/10/25/40/100G ethernet uplink ports
- IFM-IFM-25G, IOM-220x/2408

### FI 6536 Advantages

- 6536 supports 32 x 40/100G + 4 x 40/100G or 16x 8/16/32G FC
- 8/16/32G FC uplink/storage port
- All 36 ports can breakout into 10/25G
- 25/40/100G server-port support
- 1/10/25/40/100G ethernet uplink ports
- IFM-100G/IFM-25G, IOM-2408 , IOM-2304(post-FCS)



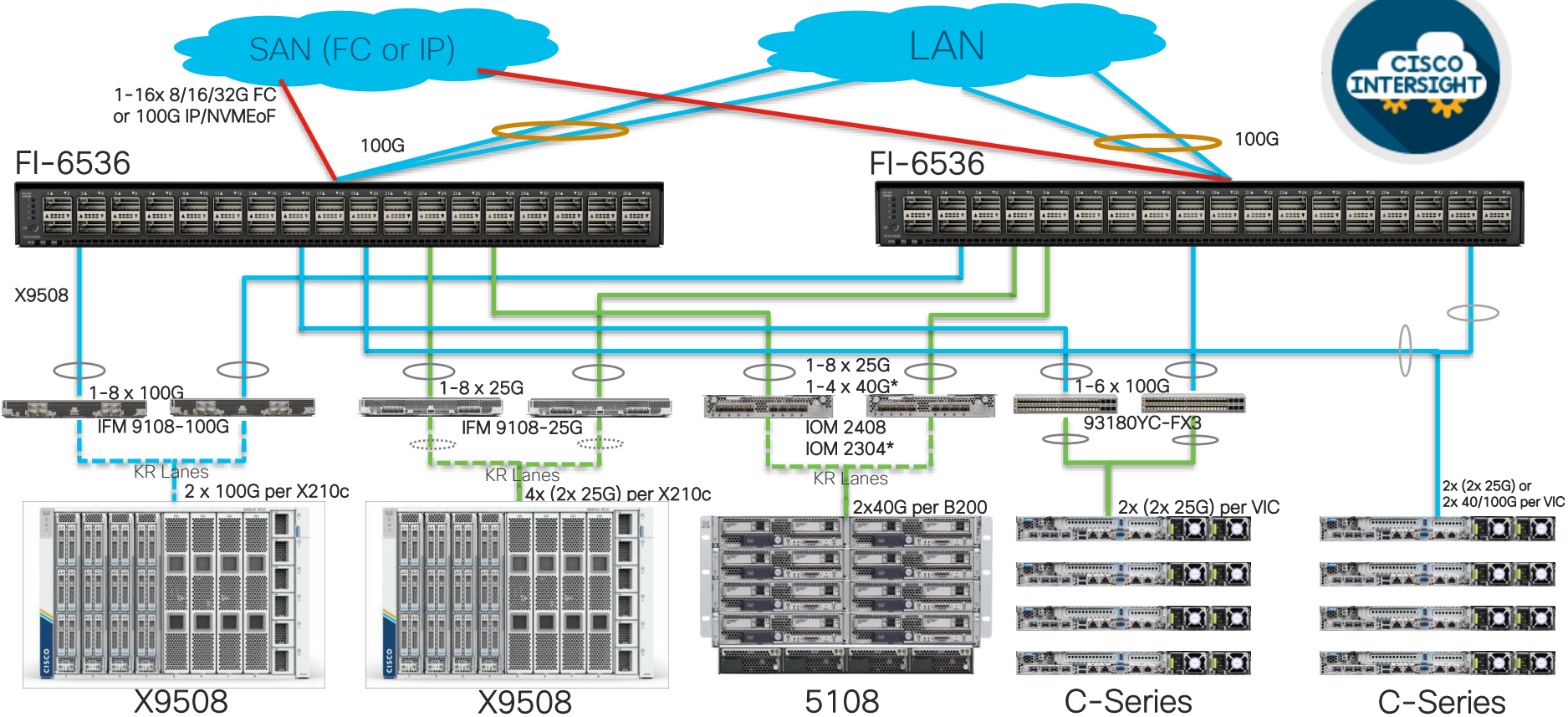
# IMM Transition Tool



## IMM Transition Tool

- Assesses hardware & firmware compatibility
- **Extends** existing **Service Profile Templates** to Intersight
- Automatically converts related **server policies** (boot, BIOS, LAN/SAN connectivity, etc.)
- Converts **fabric configuration** (VLANs/VSANs, port configuration, etc.)

# 5<sup>th</sup> Gen Fabric – 100G End-to-End



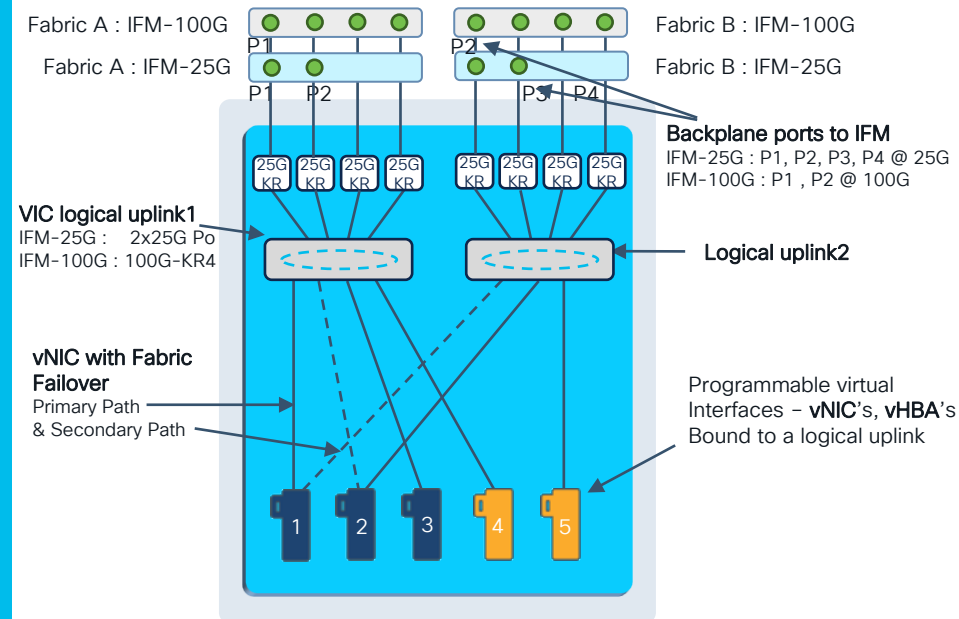
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Addendum:

# UCS VIC 15000 Series

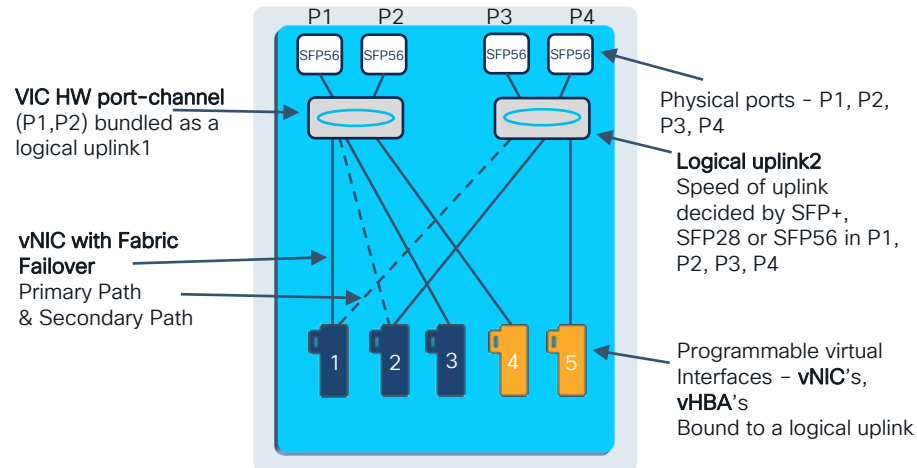
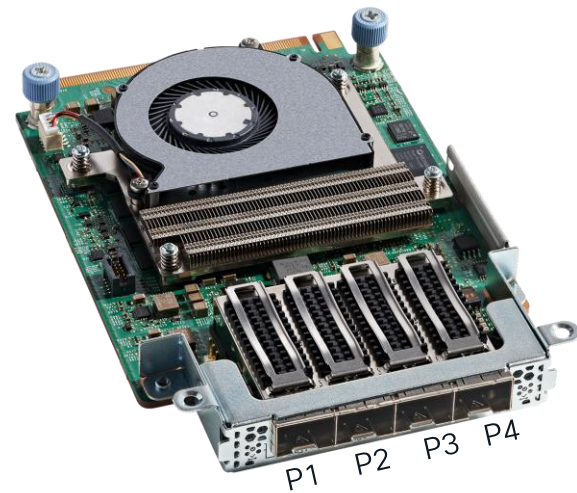
# VIC 15231

- MLOM VIC for X210c-M6 with FI 6400/6536
- Backplane connectivity of 25G or 100G depending on IFM
  - 1 port of 100G-KR4 with an IFM-100G
  - 2 ports of 25G-KR with an IFM-25G
- With IFM-100G the logical uplink is a 100G interface
  - vNIC/vHBA bound to logical uplink will be 100G
  - vNIC/vHBA can do single-flow of 100Gbps
- With IFM-25G the logical uplink is a 50G port-channel
  - vNIC/vHBA bound to logical uplink will be 50G
  - vNIC/vHBA can do single-flow of 25Gbps
- vNIC/vHBA defined by LAN/SAN connectivity policy
  - No default vNICs/vHBAs

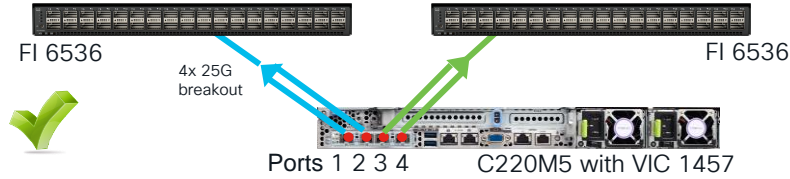


# VIC 15428 (FI managed)

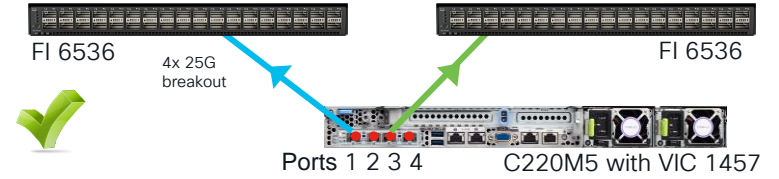
- MLOM VIC for M6 C-series with FI 6300/6400/6536
- Four physical ports which can run at 10G/25G
- Port speed is determined by inserted transceiver
- Physical ports (P1, P2) are statically HW port-channeled as logical uplink 1 and ports (P3, P4) are bundled as logical uplink 2
- Connectivity to Fabric Interconnects
  - Supports one link or two links to each FI.
  - The links connected to each FI will be in a port-channel
  - VIC HW port-channel cannot be disabled when FI managed
  - vNIC speed determined by the transceiver type and the number of active links
  - vNIC/vHBA speed of 10G, 20G, 25G or 50G per fabric.
  - No FEC or auto-negotiation configuration required, link settings are auto-determined.
- vNIC/vHBA defined by LAN/SAN connectivity policy
  - No default vNICs/vHBAs



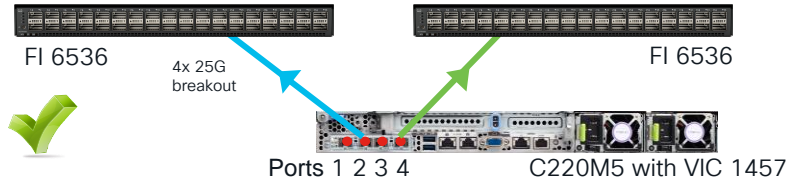
# VIC 15428 connectivity to FI 6536



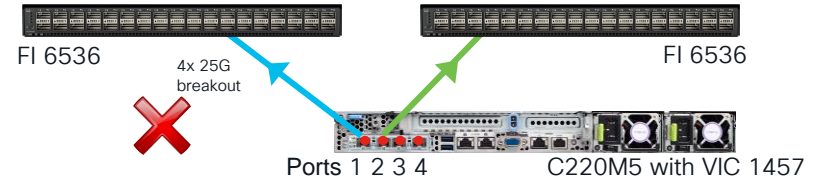
VIC ports 1 & 2 to FI-A and ports 3 & 4 to FI-B - **Supported**



VIC port 1 to FI-A and port 3 to FI-B - **Supported**



VIC ports 2 to FI-A and ports 4 to FI-B - **Supported**  
VIC ports 1 or 2 to FI-A and ports 3 or 4 to FI-B - **Supported**



**Not Supported**  
1. VIC port 1 to FI-A and port 2 to FI-B  
2. VIC port 3 to FI-A and port 4 to FI-B

# Intersight Server Profile

## Common Policies for Server Profile

- BIOS
- Boot Order
- IMC Access
- LAN Connectivity
- Storage
- Virtual KVM
- Virtual Media
- SAN Connectivity

The screenshot displays the Cisco Intersight web interface. The breadcrumb navigation shows 'CONFIGURE > Server Profiles > x210c-2-profile'. The left sidebar contains navigation tabs: MONITOR, OPERATE, CONFIGURE (selected), and ADMIN. Under CONFIGURE, there are sub-tabs for Profiles, Templates, Policies, Pools, Targets, and Software Repository. The main content area is divided into three sections: Details, Configuration, and Tags. The Details section shows the profile's status as 'OK', name as 'x210c-2-profile', target platform as 'UCS Server (FI-Attached)', and server as 'TME-SGF1-1-2'. The Configuration section is further divided into General, Identifiers, and Connectivity. The General tab is active, showing a list of policies: BIOS (BIOS-default-policy), Boot Order (Boot-policy), IMC Access Policy (IMC-OOB-policy), LAN Connectivity (vNIC-1-policy), Storage (Storage-M.2-policy), Virtual KVM (vKVM-policy), and Virtual Media (vMedia-policy). The Tags section shows 'No Tags'.

# LAN Connectivity policy

↳ Creates multiple vNICs and decide adapter placement

↳ Ethernet policies per vNIC

- **Network Group** ( Allowed VLANs, Native VLAN)
- **Network Control** (CDP/LLDP, uplink failure, MAC register etc)
- **QoS** (CoS, rate-limit, MTU)
- **Adapter** ( Rx/Tx queues, ring-size, HW acceleration/Offload features)

# LAN Connectivity Policy

Manual vNIC placement provides consistent vNIC enumeration in the OS

Name	Switch ID	Fallover	Pin Group
vNIC-Mgmt	A	Enabled	-
vNIC1	A	Disabled	-
vNIC2	B	Disabled	-



# RSS Support

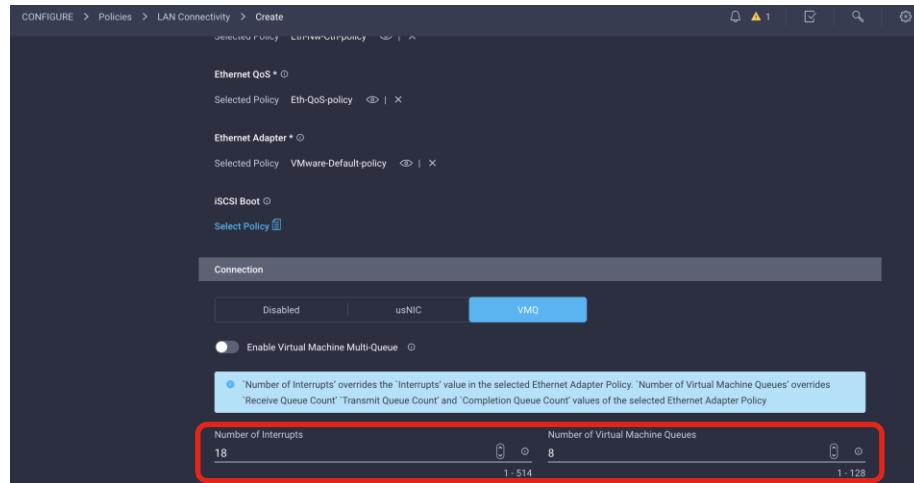
- VIC HW feature supported for ESXi, Linux, and Windows
- RSS provides better server CPU utilization, higher throughput and handles bursty traffic
- Achieved by Rx traffic distribution across multiple queues/cpu-cores based on L2/L3/L4 packet header fields
- VIC 15000 series support 16K Tx and Rx ring size, while VIC 1400 series supports up to 4K Tx and Rx ring size

## Adapter policy for performance with RSS

Parameter	ESXi	Linux	Windows
TX queue	1	1	1
TX ring size	4K /16K	4K /16K	4K /16K
RX queue	8	8	8
RX ring size	4K /16K	4K /16K	4K /16K
CQ	9	9	9
Interrupt	11	11 or 10	512
Interrupt Calculation	CQ + 2	“CQ + 2” or “Rx-Queue + 2”	512 or “2 x CPU-cores + 4”
RSS	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled

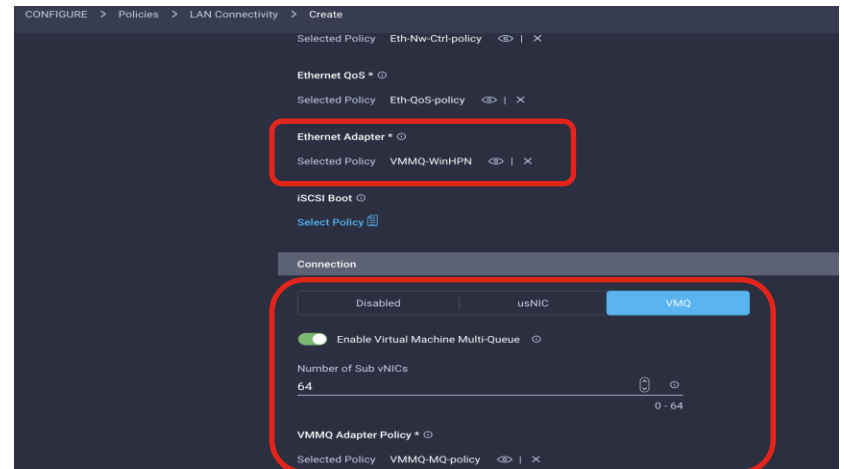
# NetQueue Support

- NetQueue is an integrated hardware and software solution from both Cisco and VMware
- NetQueue achieves higher throughput and performance by having dedicated TX/RX queue per VM
- VIC RSS enables multiple RX queues across multiple VM's, while NetQueue dedicates a TX/RX queue per VM.
- NetQueue on the vNIC is enabled through the VMQ connection policy.
- Interrupt for NetQueue is calculated as “2 x VMQ + 2.”



# VMMQ Support

- Virtual Machine Multi-Queue, allows allocating multiple RX queues per vPort in a Windows Hyper-V host.
- Thus, providing higher throughput and distributes traffic load across multiple CPU cores.
- Supported in IMM, UCSM, and CIMC
- VMMQ is recommended over VMQ, or RSS for Windows Hyper-V. Both VMQ and RSS are supported by VIC 15000 for Windows.
- Use default adapter policy values in Intersight of “Win-HPN” and “MQ” to enable VMMQ. And the policy definition is good for 64 vPorts. Sample example for IMM is attached



# NVMeoF Support

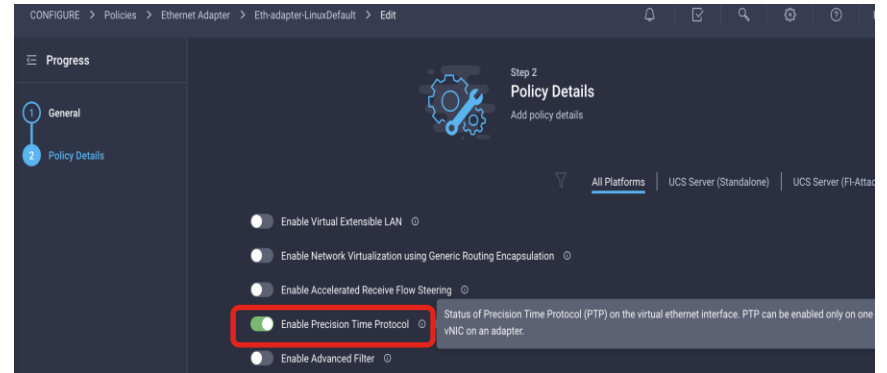
VIC 1400/15000	ESXi	RHEL	SLES
FC-NVMe	Yes	Yes	Yes
NVMe-RoCEv2	Yes*	Yes	-
NVMe-TCP	Yes*	Yes*	-

\* Targeted post 4.2.2

- ROCEv2 is supported with Windows SMBdirect.
- Refer UCS RoCEv2 configuration guide for details : [https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified\\_computing/ucs/ucs-manager/GUI-User-Guides/RoCEv2-Configuration/4-1/b-RoCE-Configuration-Guide-4-1.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/ucs-manager/GUI-User-Guides/RoCEv2-Configuration/4-1/b-RoCE-Configuration-Guide-4-1.html)

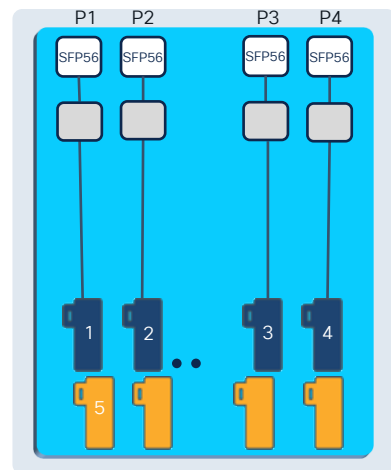
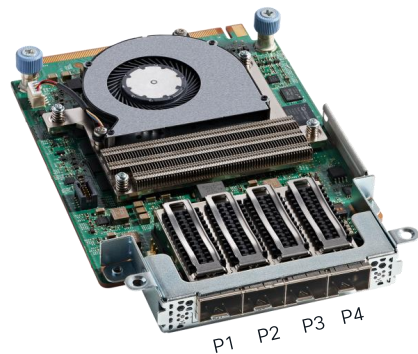
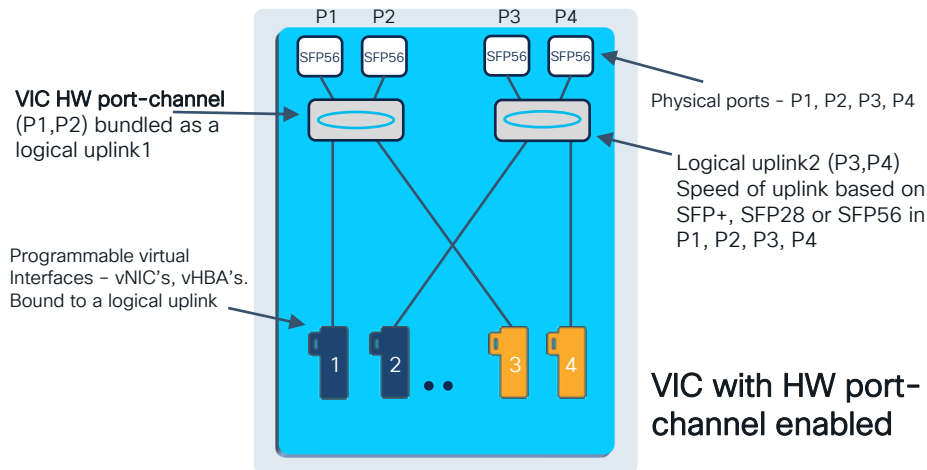
# PTP Support

- Supported on all VIC 15000 series
- < 100ns precision
- Supports PTPv1 and PTPv2
- Supports multicast and unicast PTP
- Supported with RHEL
- Only one vNIC per VIC should be enabled with PTP
- Check with “ethtool -T <eth-id>
- Supported in IMM, CIMC, and UCSM

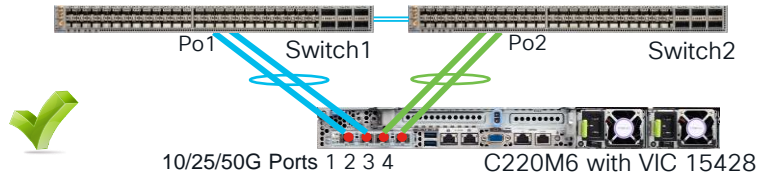


# VIC 15428 (in standalone)

- VIC 15428 connected to a Nexus switch (non-FI)
- Ports can run at 10G/25G/50G speed
- Speed is determined by inserted transceivers.
- By default, ports (P1, P2) and (P3, P4) are in an HW port-channel
  - 2x vNICs and 2x vHBAs by default
- With HW port-channel disabled from CIMC, 4 uplink ports corresponding to each physical port gets enabled
  - 4x vNICs and 4x vHBAs by default
- Auto-Negotiation Mode (enabled by Admin link-training config)
  - Enabled for 50G Copper Transceivers by default
  - Disabled for 25G Copper Transceivers by default
  - Auto Negotiation can be enabled/disabled using CIMC CLI or WebUI in standalone mode.
- Admin Link Training Configuration per port
  - **Auto, On, Off** (Auto means VIC firmware decides the correct mode)
  - Auto-fec supported with 25G-CUx cables when link-training is on.
  - Link training ensures greater link reliability
- FEC (Forward Error Correction) Configuration per port
  - FEC Configuration for 25G (cl74, cl91-cons16, cl91, cl108)
  - FEC Configuration for 50G (cl91)
  - FEC Configuration ignored for 10G speed
- Physical NIC mode supported to disable priority-tagging

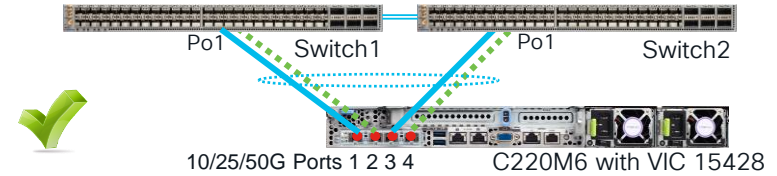


# VIC 15428 connectivity to Nexus switch in standalone mode



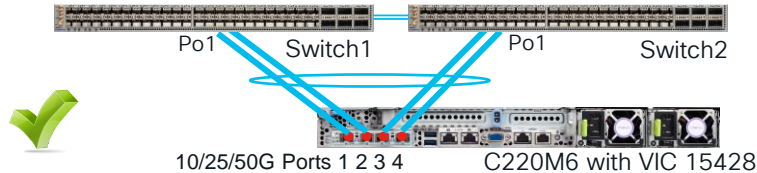
VIC ports 1 & 2 to SW1 and ports 3 & 4 to SW2 - **Supported**

- With Default VIC port-channel (PO) **enabled**
- Requires PO config on switch with switch dependent bonding
- Cannot support MCT/VPC at ToR switch and OS IP-hash kind of load-balancing
- MAC-hash or port-ID load-balancing in OS should be used to avoid mac-move on ToR



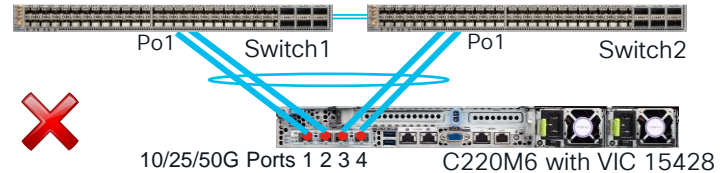
VIC ports 1 or 2 to SW1 and ports 3 or 4 to SW2 - **Supported**

- With VIC port-channel **enabled** and using one link in (1,2) & (3,4) port pair
- Supports switch dependent & switch-independent OS teaming/bonding
- Supports MCT/VPC at ToR switch and all OS teaming load-balancing options



VIC ports 1, 2, 3, 4 to SW1 & SW2 - **Supported**

- With VIC port-channel **disabled**
- Supports MCT/VPC at ToR switch and all OS teaming/load-balancing options



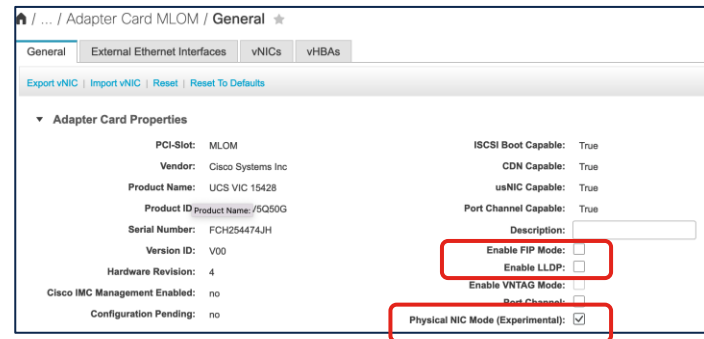
VIC ports (1,2) to SW1 & (3,4) to SW2 - **Not Supported**

- With VIC port-channel **enabled**

These connectivity options at 10G/25G are applicable for VIC 1400 series as well

# Physical NIC mode (in Standalone Server)

- Supported on VIC 1400/15000 series with standalone rack servers from 4.2.2 IMC release
- Physical NIC mode disables default priority tagging on VIC vNICs
  - Allows interoperability with switches that don't support priority-tagging
- Only default vNICs are supported, no additional vNICs can be created
  - 2 vNICs for dual-port MLOM or PCIe rack VIC
  - 4 vNICs for quad-port MLOM or PCIe rack VIC
- Disable FIP and LLDP on VIC to enable physical NIC mode





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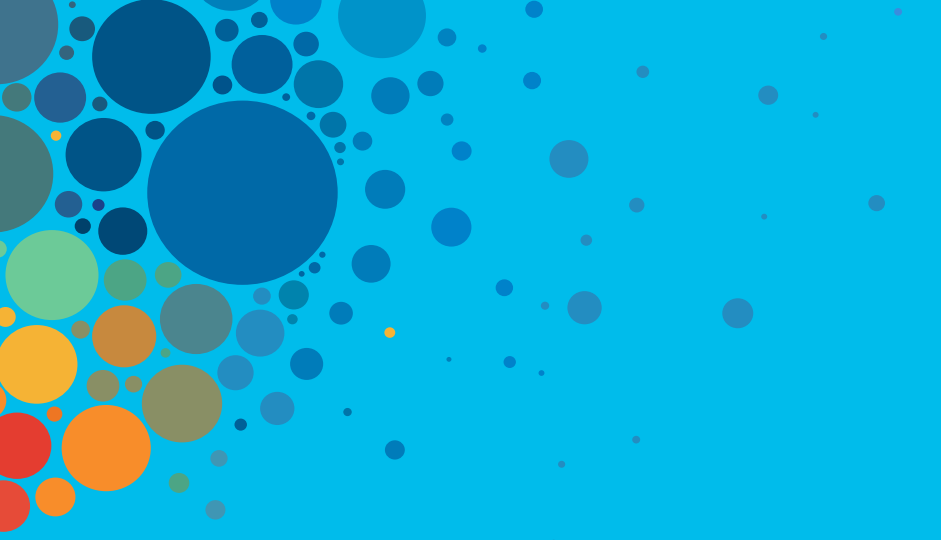
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