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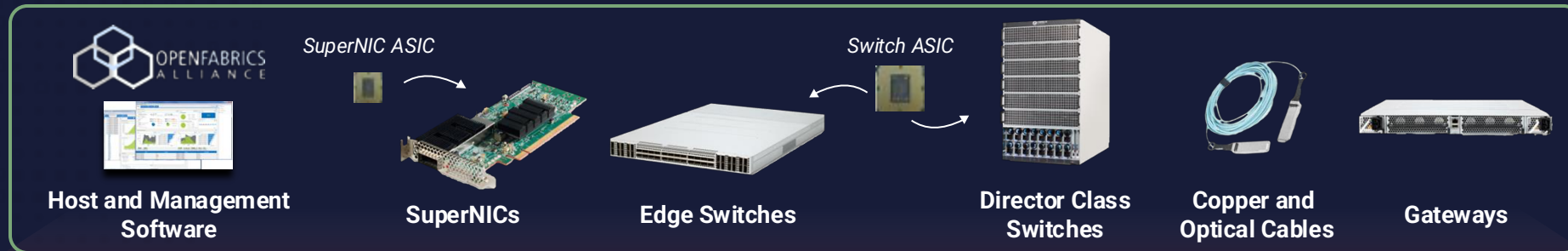
## Cornelis Networking Solution Deep Dive

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# Cornelis Networks: End-to-End High-Performance Network Solutions

Catalyzing the next wave of AI and HPC innovation through a portfolio of differentiated HW and SW IP



## AI/HPC-Focused Host Interface

- Purpose-built accelerated SuperNICs supporting highly-optimized OFI host stack implementation

## High-Bandwidth, Low-Diameter Topologies

- High-radix, high-bandwidth switch building blocks supporting tree and advanced topologies

## Low Latency at Any Utilization / Scale

- Minimum fall-through latency coupled with advanced traffic management

## Advanced Adaptive Routing and QoS

- Multi-tenant security and QoS via dynamic virtual fabrics and fine-grained adaptive routing

## State-of-the-Art Congestion Control

- Comprehensive network telemetry synthesized to pace senders and modulate path selection

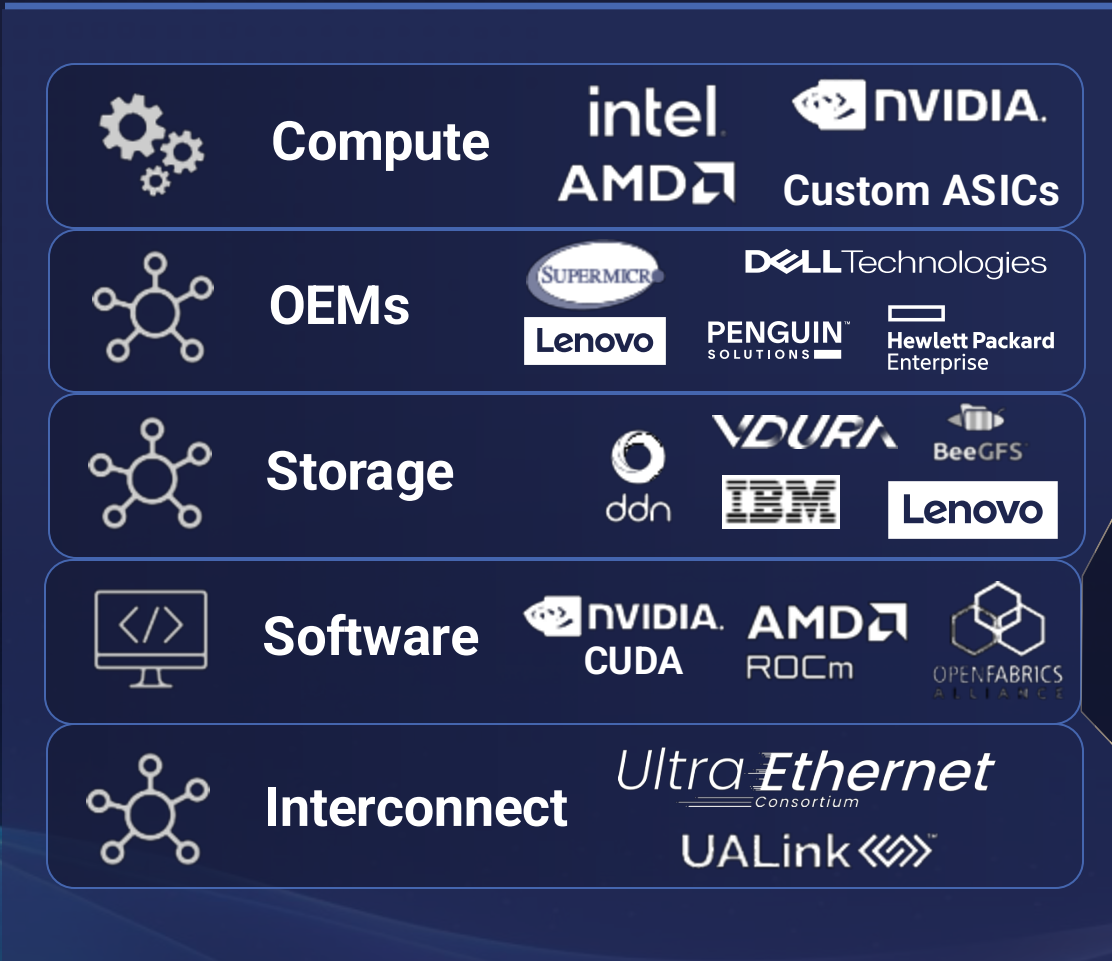
## Leading Enterprise and Government Agency Customers





# Cornelis Technology Partners

## Multi-Vendor Enablement across all functions



## Strong Software Ecosystem Interoperability



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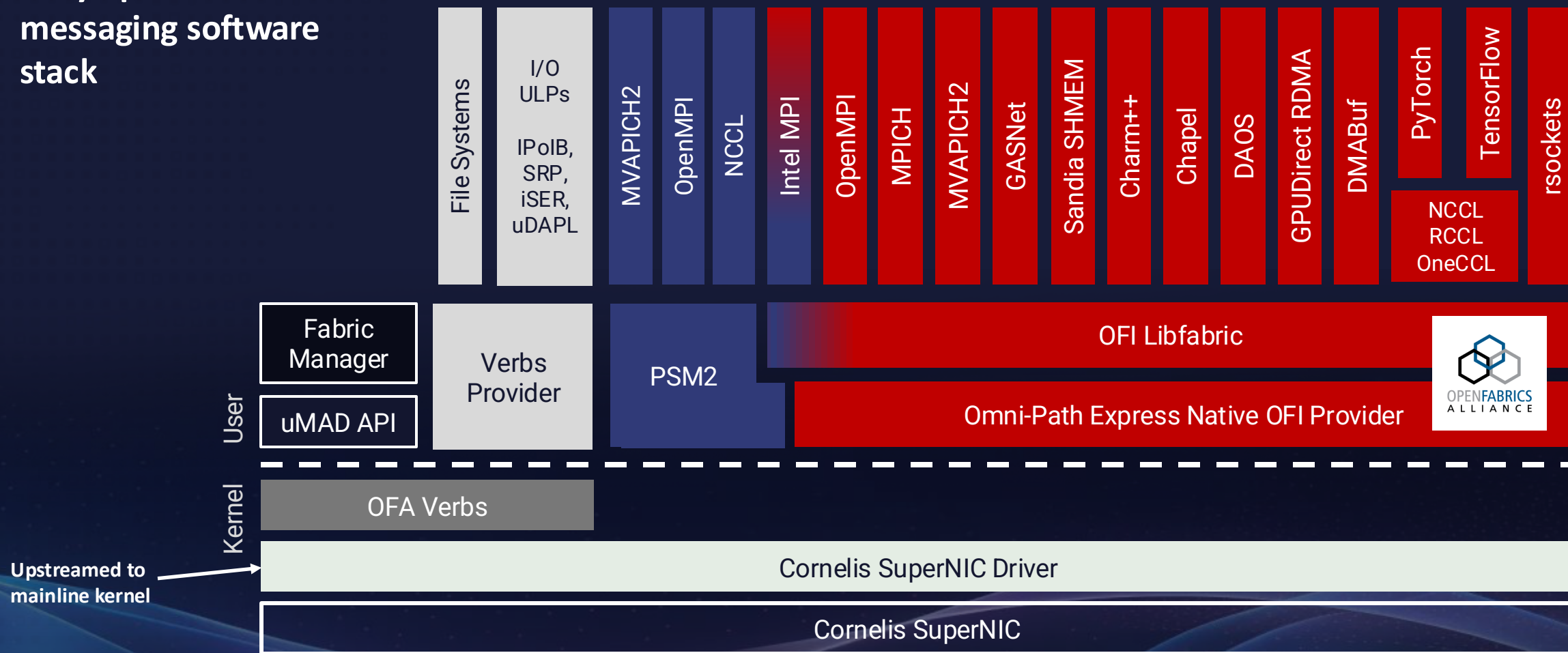
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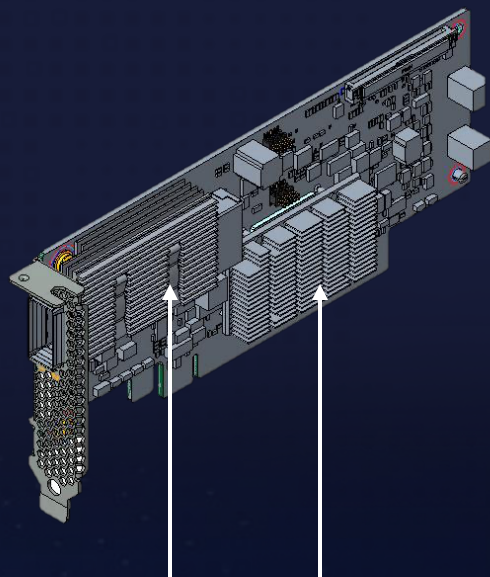
# Omni-Path Express Host Software Stack

Fully open-sourced  
messaging software  
stack



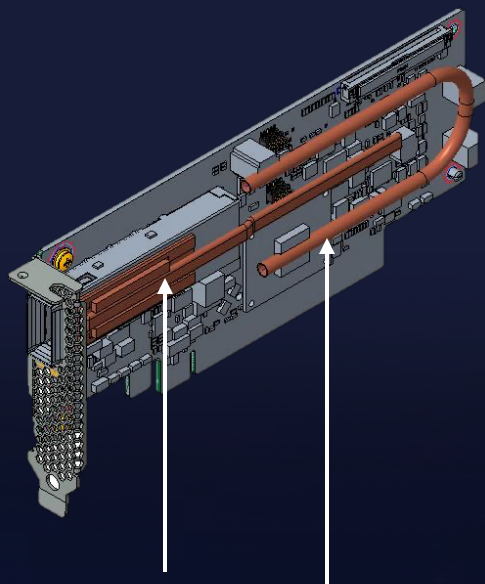
# CN5000 SuperNIC

## Air-Cooled SuperNIC



Heatsinks

## Liquid-Cooled SuperNIC



Heat pipes to a server liquid cooling infrastructure

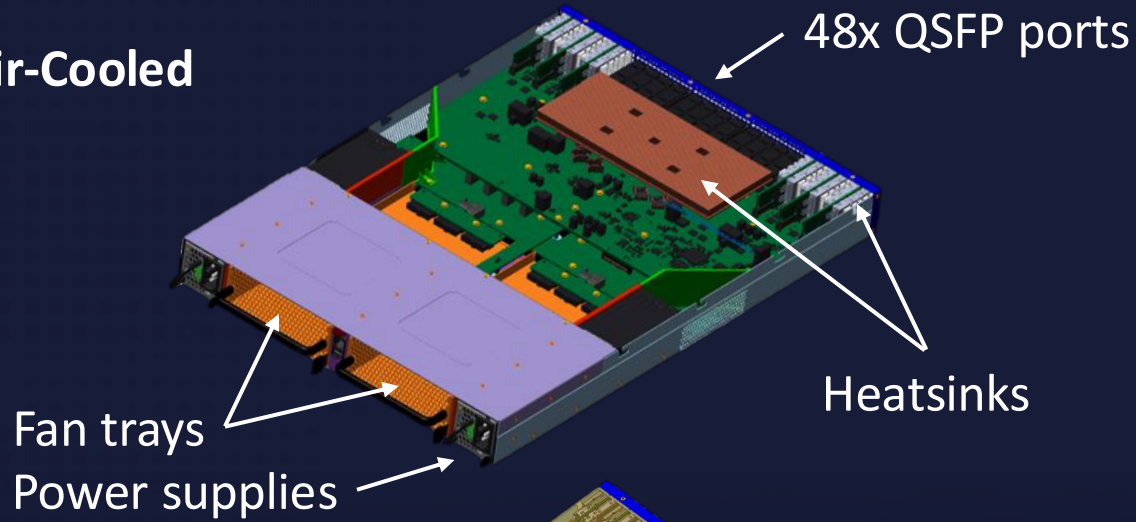
## CN5000 SuperNIC

- Host interface – PCIe Gen5 x16
- Fabric ports:
  - Single port – 4x100G via QSFP
  - Dual port – 2x 4x100G via QSFP-DD
- Low profile PCIe
- Power consumption (w/o optics): 17-20 W
- Cooling options:
  - Air cooling (heatsinks on ASIC and I/O)
  - Liquid cooling – heat pipes from ASIC and I/O connector to a server cold plate
  - Liquid cooling heat pipe from ASIC to server cold plate – copper cables only

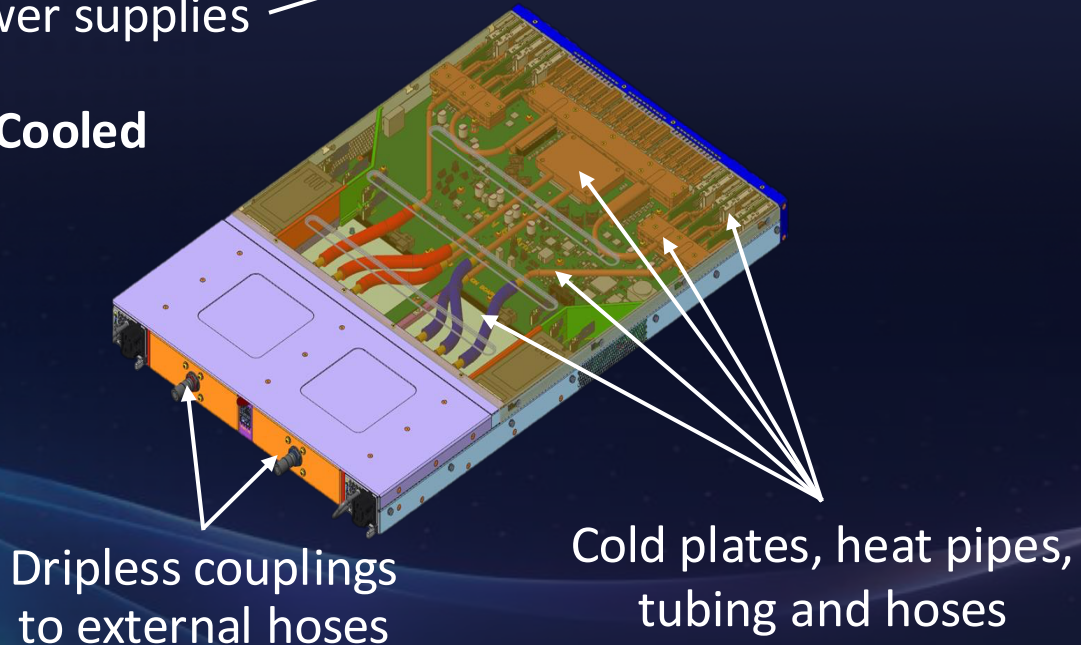


# CN5000 Edge Switch

## Air-Cooled



## Liquid-Cooled



## 48x 400G port Edge Switch

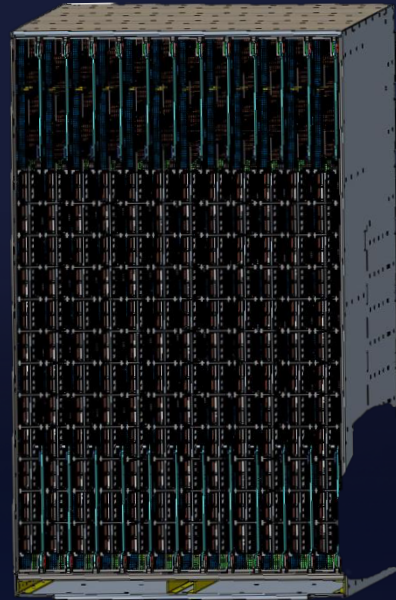
- 1U, 19" rack mount chassis
- 48x 400G QSFP ports
- Redundant hot-plug power supplies & fan trays
- Integrated OpenBMC-based management
- Power with 48x 7.5W AOC:
  - Air cooled – 1100W
  - Liquid cooled – 850W
- Cooling options:
  - Air cooling: Fan-to-Port and Port-to-Fan airflow
  - Liquid cooling: cold plates on ASIC, I/O, and voltage regulators
  - PS cooling: 240/277 VAC PS (pluggable), air cooled

# CN5000 Director Class Switch

Fan Side  
(Spine Switches)



Port Side  
(Leaf Switches)



Cost, power, and rack space optimized for spine-and-leaf topologies

## 576x 400G port Director Class Switch

- 17U, 19" rack mount chassis
- Orthogonal interconnect between Leaf and Spine modules
  - No backplane
  - **Eliminates spine-leaf optical cables**
- 12x 48-port 400G port Leaf Switch modules
- 6x Spine Switch modules
- 2x Management modules 1+1 redundant
- All modules hot pluggable: Leaf, Spine, Mgmt. Module, Power Supply, Fan Tray
- Redundant modules: Mgmt., Power Supply, Fan Tray
- Power – 20 kW (including optics)
- Cooling options:
  - Air cooling – Port-to-Fan airflow
  - Liquid cooling: cold plates on ASIC, I/O, voltage regulators
  - PS cooling - 240/277 VAC PS (pluggable) – air cooled

# CN5000 Architecture

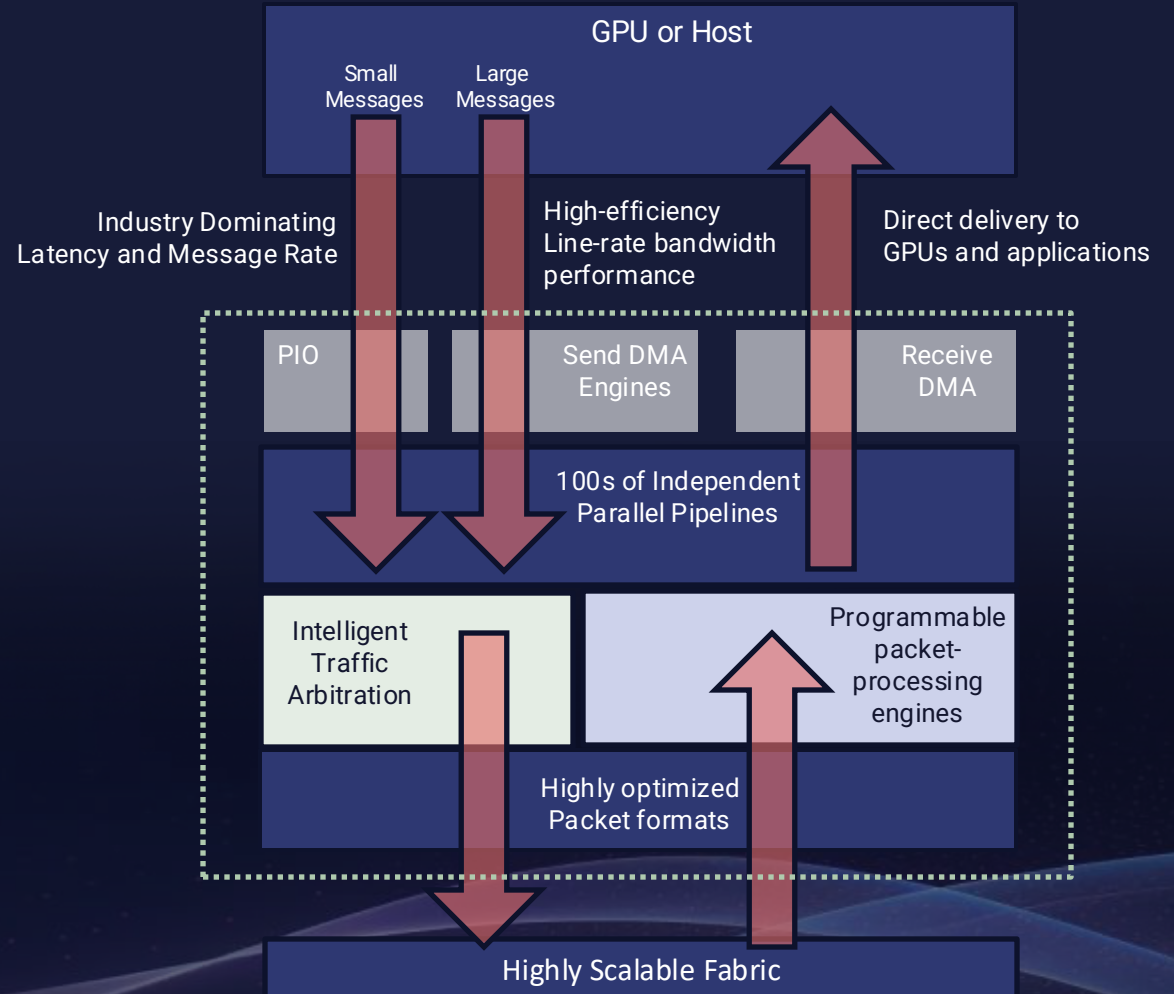


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# CN5000 SuperNIC Architecture

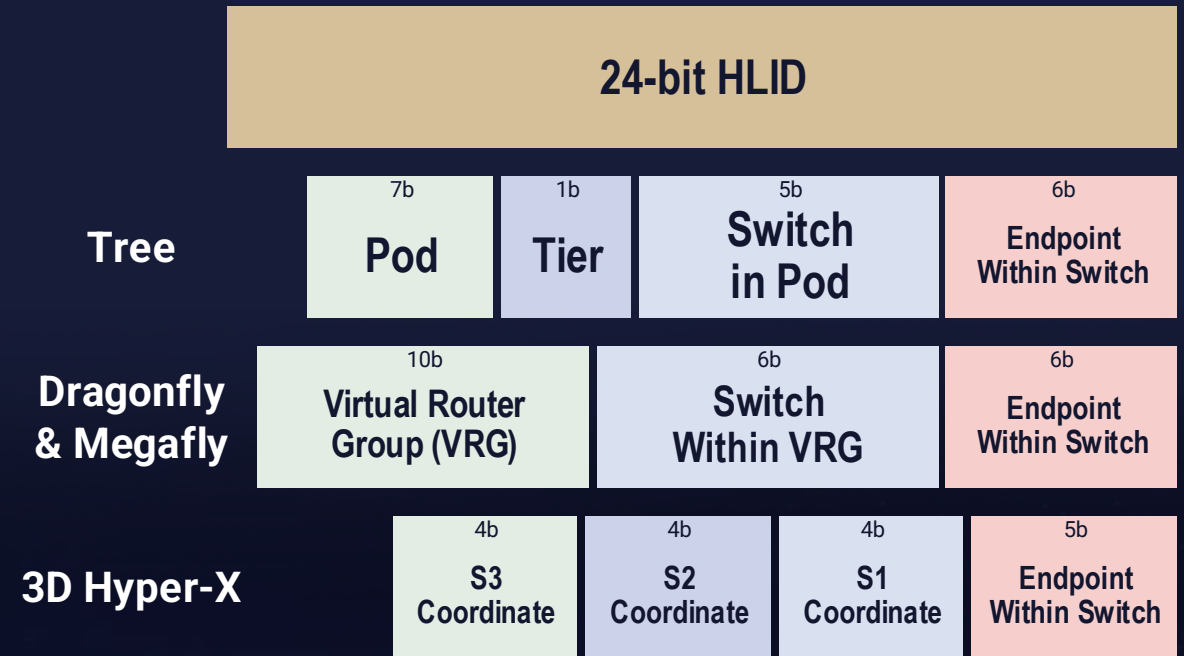
- Application performance is the Cornelis North Star
- Libfabric is primary software framework
- Each process (e.g MPI rank) is assigned 1 or more independent parallel pipelines (contexts)
- Small messages are sent directly from each process to the SuperNIC
  - Programmed I/O (PIO)
  - Sub-microsecond 1-hop MPI latency
  - 40% to 100% higher message rate than NDR
- Large messages and data transfers leverage the Send DMA (SDMA) engines
  - Highest performance choice for messages  $\geq 32$  kB
- Received data is placed directly into host memory
  - Application buffers for rendezvous
  - Ring buffer for eager
- Uses opaque addressing vs virtual memory addresses
  - No need to exchange memory address regions before initiating transfers



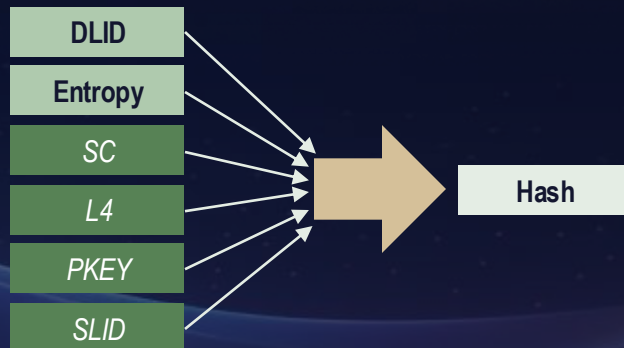
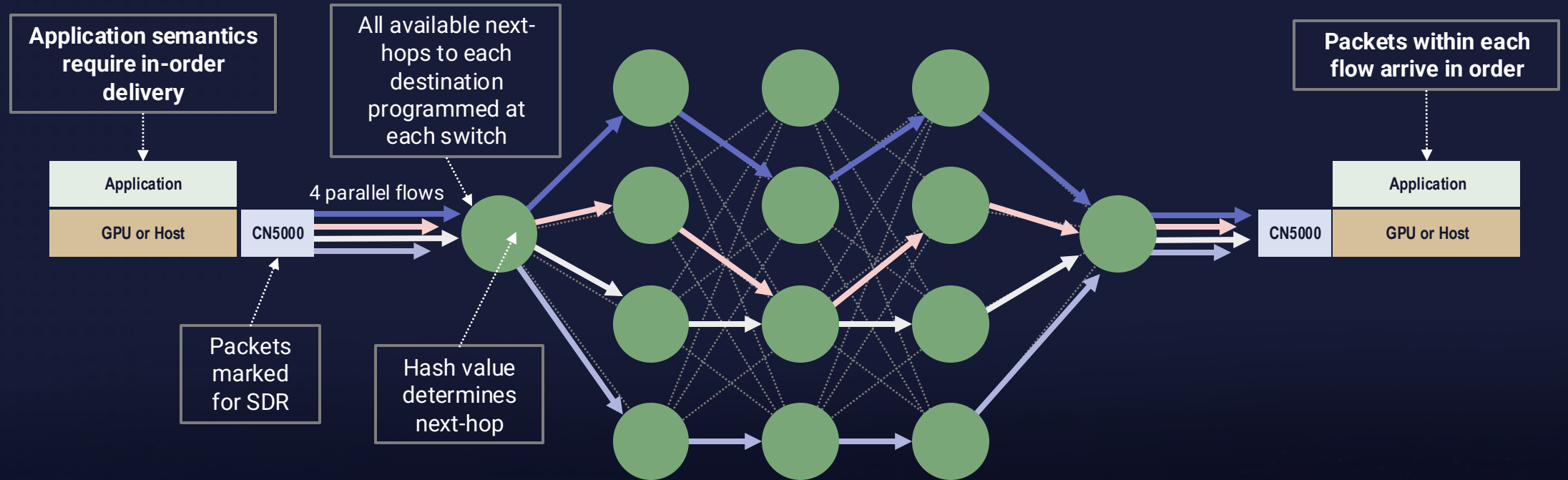
# Hierarchical LIDs (HLID)

- Local Identifiers (LIDs) are the addresses used within an Omni-Path network
- The CN5000 can use 24-bit Hierarchical LIDs (HLIDs) to support a wide range of network scales and network topologies
- Depending on the topology of the network, the HLID is broken into multiple sub-fields
  - Flexible definitions and sub-field sizes through the Fabric Manager
- These sub-fields can be thought of as coordinates that identify SuperNIC locations within the topology
- The Fabric Manager calculates routes that optimize traversal between sets of coordinates
  - E.g. To move to VRG 7 from node (6,1,2), the next hop from a switch is programmed to be from a set of 8 egress ports ( $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_8$ )
  - Highly efficient route tables -> 250K nodes

## Example HLID Sub-Fields



# Static Dispersive Routing (SDR)



## Programmable Hash Function

DLID – Destination LID

Entropy – **Software-controlled** field to identify related packets (e.g. flows with ordering requirements)

### Optional

SC – Service Channel, combination of Virtual Lane and Traffic Class

L4 – Transport Mode

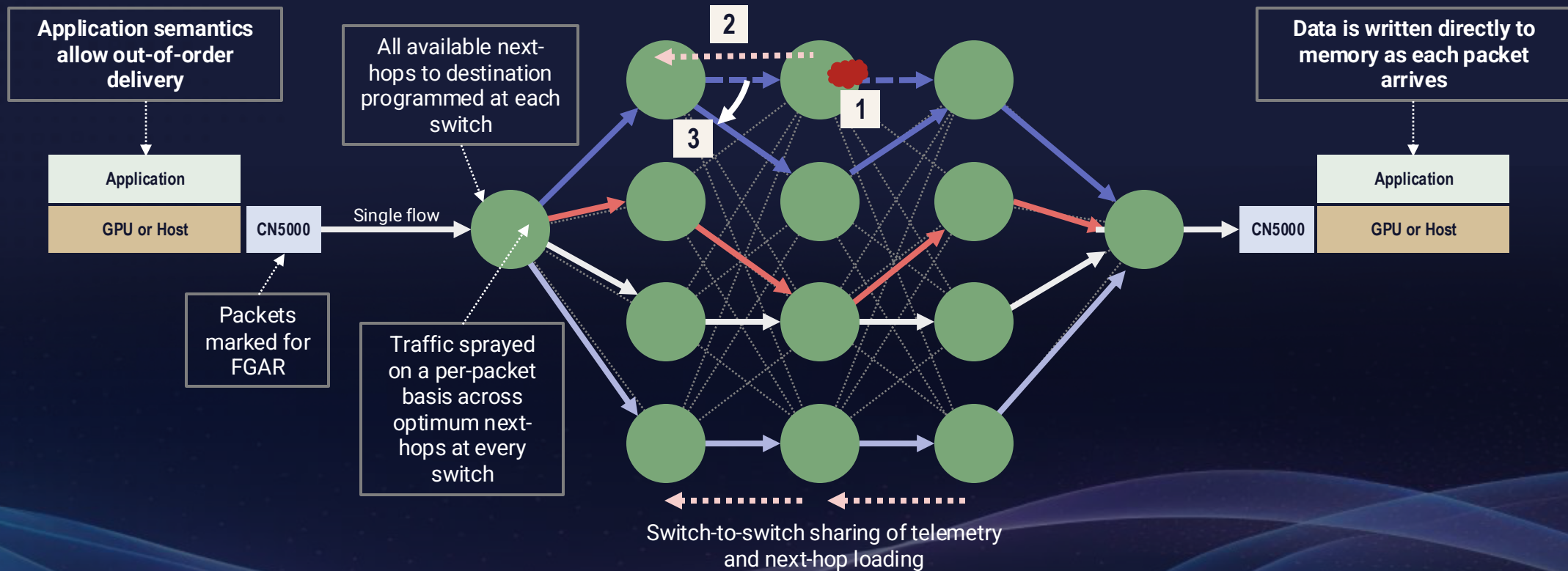
PKEY – Partition Key

SLID – Source LID



# Fine-Grained Adaptive Routing (FGAR)

1. Heavy load on switch ports
2. Congestion information shared with neighbor switches
3. New set of optimum next-hops selected based on local and remote congestion



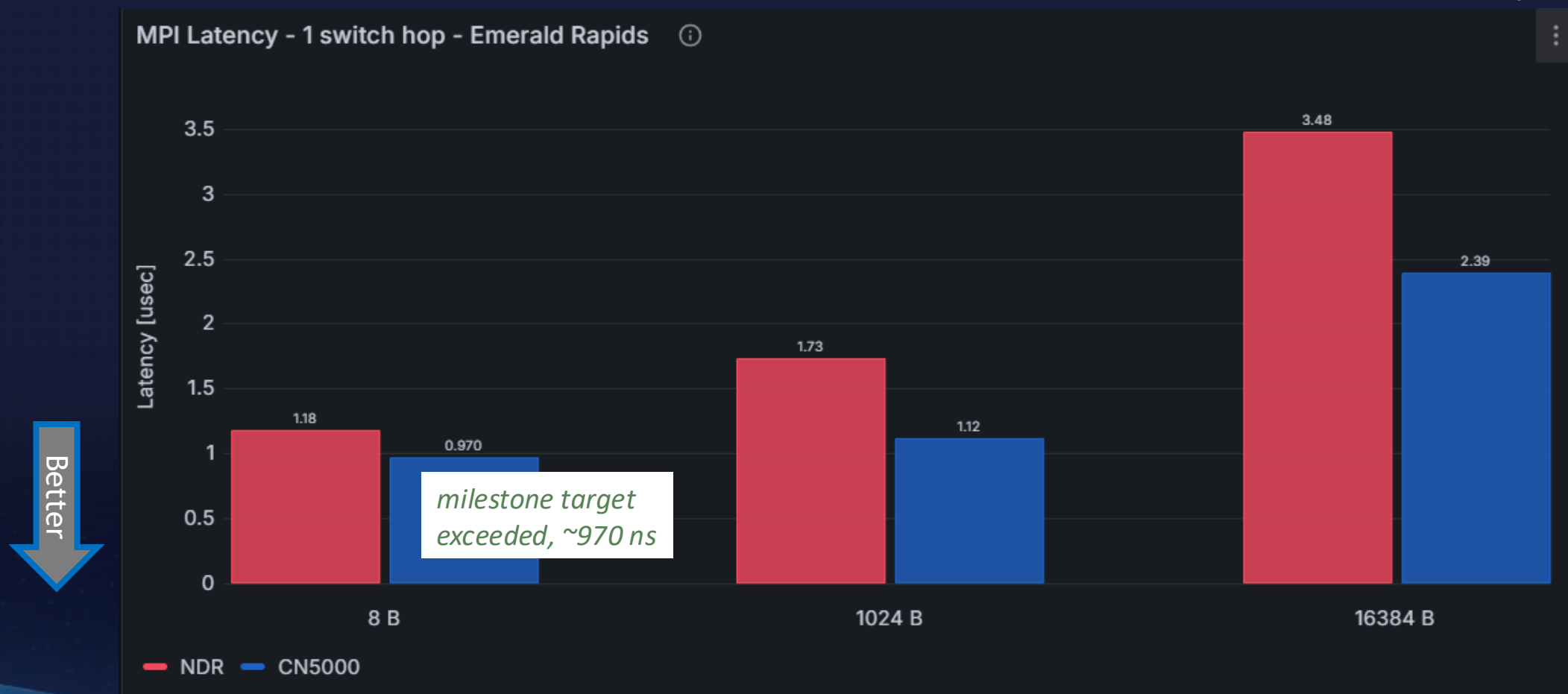
# CN5000 Performance Sneak Peek



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# CN5000: Sub-Microsecond MPI Latency on Emerald Rapids

Testing as of 3/19/2025



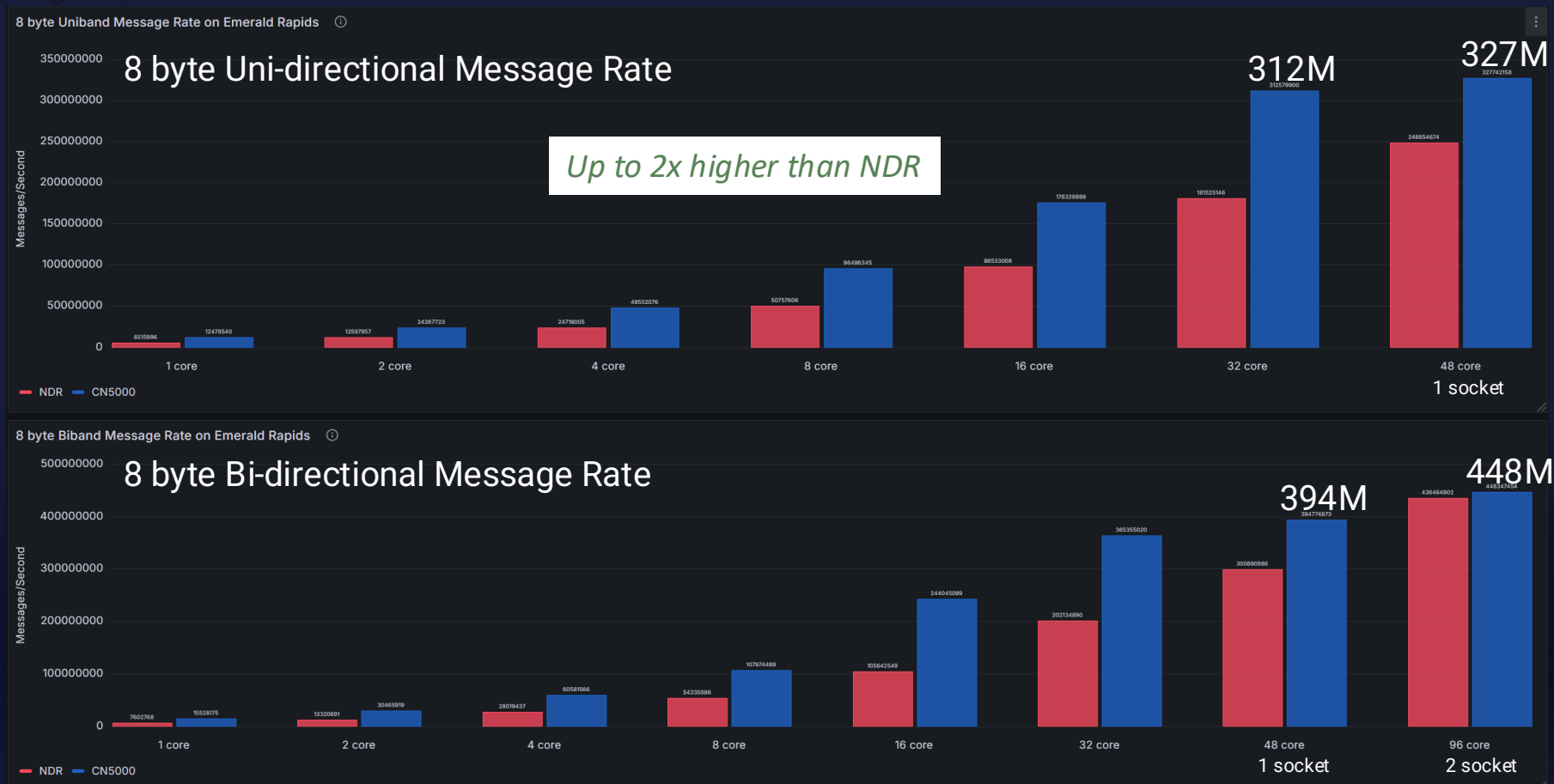
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# CN5000: Up to 2x Message Rate vs NDR on Emerald Rapids

Testing as of 3/19/2025

higher is better



**Out-of-box, CN5000 is up to ~2x more performant than NVIDIA NDR**

Scaling and SW tuning in progress

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# Cornelis Networks Roadmap for AI and HPC

Launch Year	2025	2026	2027
Product	400G / PCIe Gen 5 <b>CN5000</b>	800G / PCIe Gen 6 <b>CN6000</b>	1600G / PCIe Gen 7 <b>CN7000</b>
Status	Validation Testing	Implementation	Architecture
Protocol	Omni-Path	Omni-Path/Ethernet	Omni-Path/Ultra Ethernet
Features Overview	<b>Advanced Performance</b>  Delivering enhanced throughput and intelligent optimization for scalable, future-ready networks	<b>Converged Connectivity</b>  Offering seamless bandwidth and flexibility with multi-protocol support for next-gen heterogeneous deployments	<b>Universal Scale-Out Networking</b>  Providing revolutionary lossless interconnect for unparalleled performance and multi-vendor compatibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 400G OPA SuperNIC</li><li>• 48p OPA ToR/Edge Switches</li><li>• 576p OPA Director Switches</li><li>• 250K nodes in a single subnet</li><li>• First Customer Shipment: 1H25</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 800G SuperNIC: OPA &amp; RoCEv2</li><li>• ToR/Edge Switches</li><li>• Director Switches</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1600G SuperNIC: OPA, RoCEv2 &amp; Ultra Ethernet</li><li>• Fabric and app offloads</li><li>• ToR/Edge Switches</li><li>• Director Switches</li></ul>

← Leverages Proven CN5000 Architecture →

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