

# What's Happening in Hardware: Lessons from the *Real* World of Network Processors

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# Where NP's Are Being Deployed Today.....

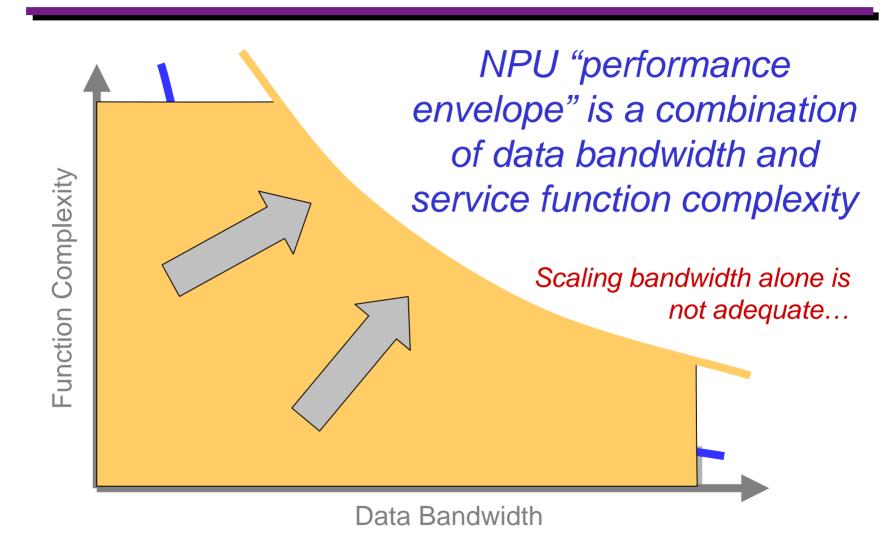
(Sample of C-5 products currently in development)

- ADM-LAN/MAN
- Voice / Wireless-Data
   Switch / Gateway
- Transport Control Network
- LAN WAN Edge router
- Multiservice Router
- Streaming Media
   Distribution

- Layer 4+ Router
- DSLAM / Aggregation
- Cable Head-end
- PON Head-end
- LAN-SAN Gateway
- Network traffic emulator / analyzer / monitor

Common application attributes: New and advanced services across range of interface types and speeds

# True NPU Performance is Much More than Mbps



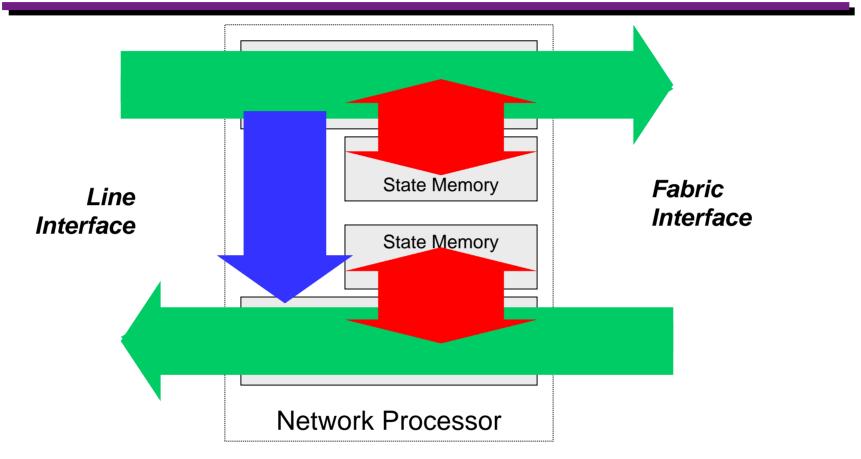
## Challenge of Enabling Advanced Services

- New Services Mandate
   Complex Data/Control Flows
  - Complex, Hierarchical Encapsulations
  - Hi-Density TCP Termination
  - Content-Awareness -> Content-Manipulation
  - Unpredictable Fragmentation and Re-ordering
  - Security and Encryption Processing

- Function Complexity Drives Key
   NPU metrics
  - Raw Processor Performance
  - Lookup and Classification
    - Algorithms, Key Lengths, etc.
  - Queuing Operation Rate
  - Scheduling Sophistication
  - Application State and Statistics
    - Storage, Maintenance,
       Retrieval
  - Interconnect and I/O Bandwidth
  - And more.....

Flexible and intelligent coordination of NP functions and components is required

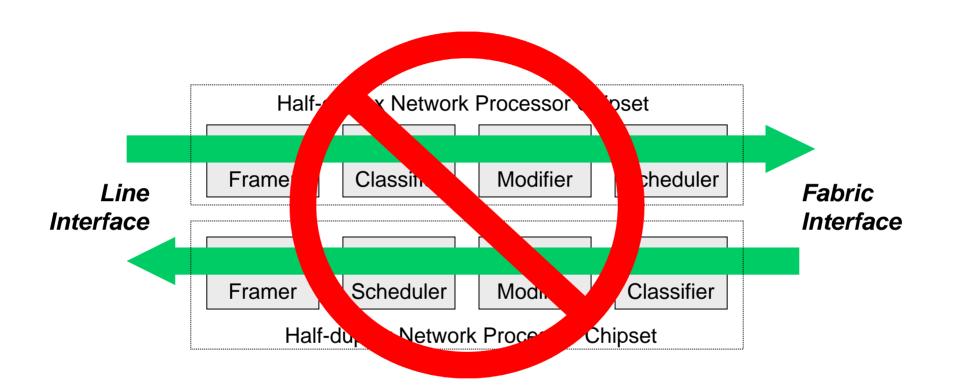
# Bandwidth Scales... In Multiple Dimensions



Data throughput scales with increasing line rate...

Application demands scale state and tranceive bandwidth many times faster

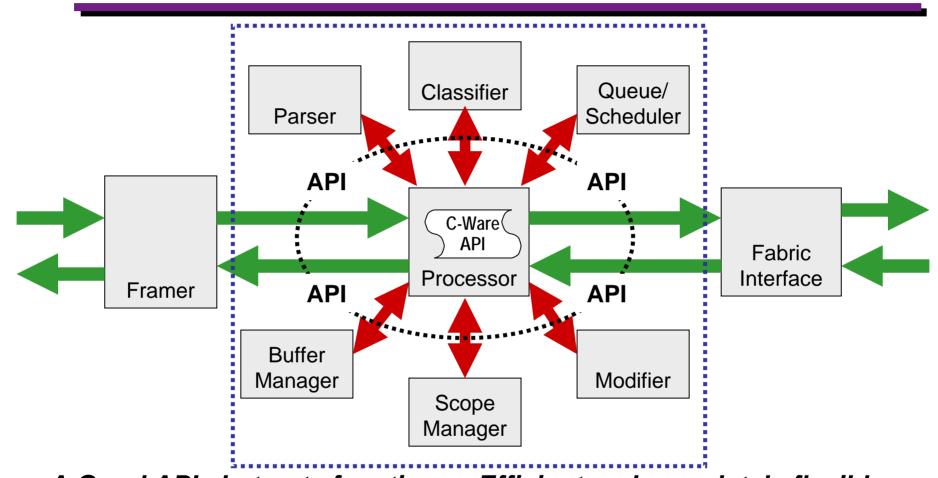
# Simple Pipelines Can't Deliver Service Complexity



Useful only for basic layer 2/3/4 forward/filter applications

But, easy to scale data path bandwidth

# Integrated NPUs Enables Services & Scaling

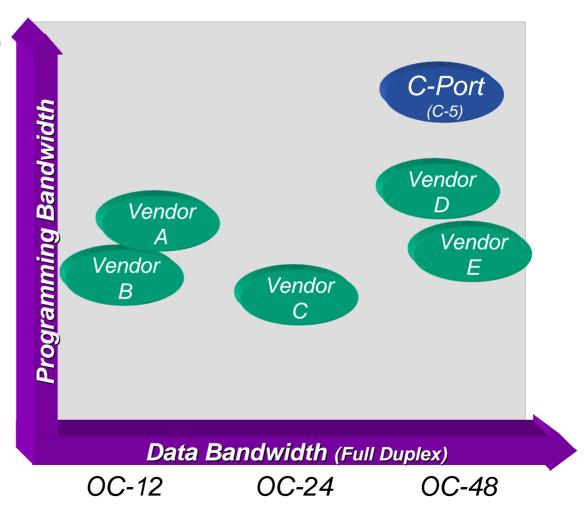


A Good API abstracts functions...Efficient and completely flexible High level of chip integration unlocks performance and implementation efficiency

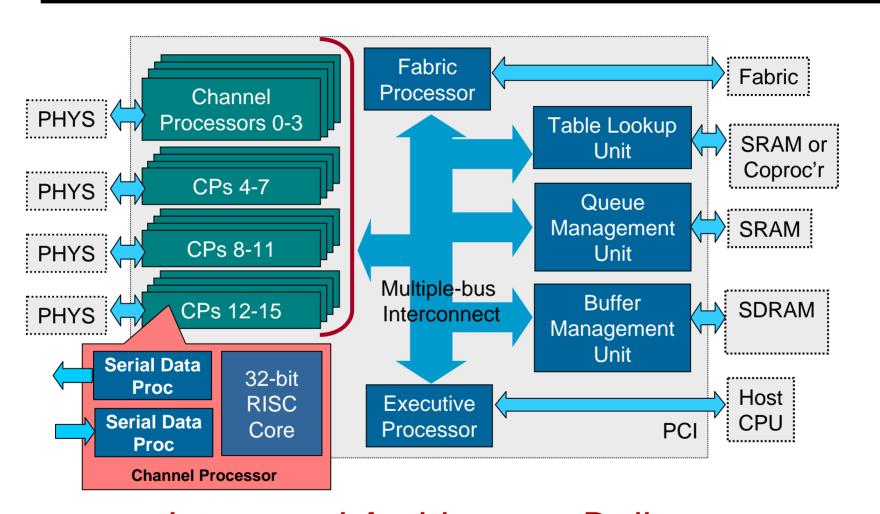
## Delivering Program Bandwidth & Data Bandwidth

# Program Bandwidth is Measure of:

- What can be programmed?
- What functions consume programming cycles?
- How can functional flow be ordered?
- How is it programmed?
- How many functions must be "outsourced" to external coprocessors?



#### An Example: C-Port C-5 Network Processor



Integrated Architecture Delivers
Highest Program Bandwidth

## Delivering on the Promise NOW.....



OC-3/12 PoS with Wire-Speed 'Net-Flow' Services





10/100, GbE, PoS with Per User / Per App SLAs, Metering





First & Only 10/100 & GbE Wire-Speed Internet Emulation

And many more additional designs underway...