



# Ethernet Fabrics 101

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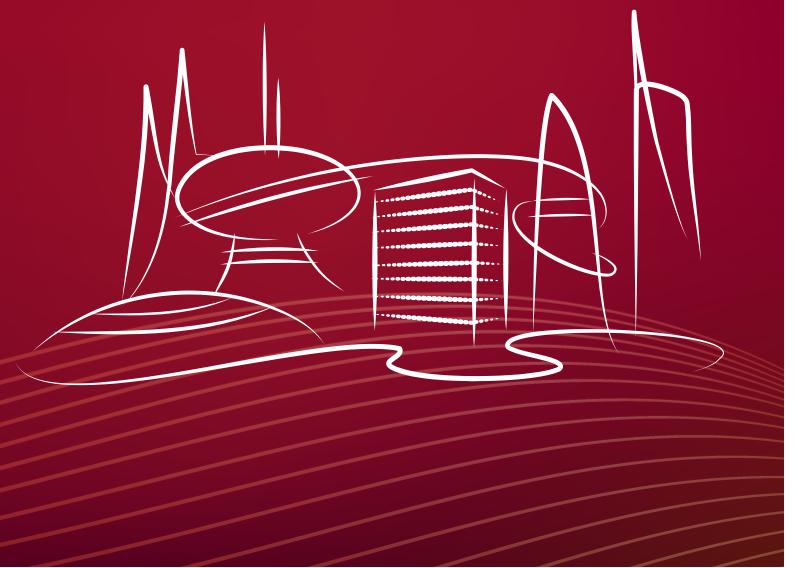
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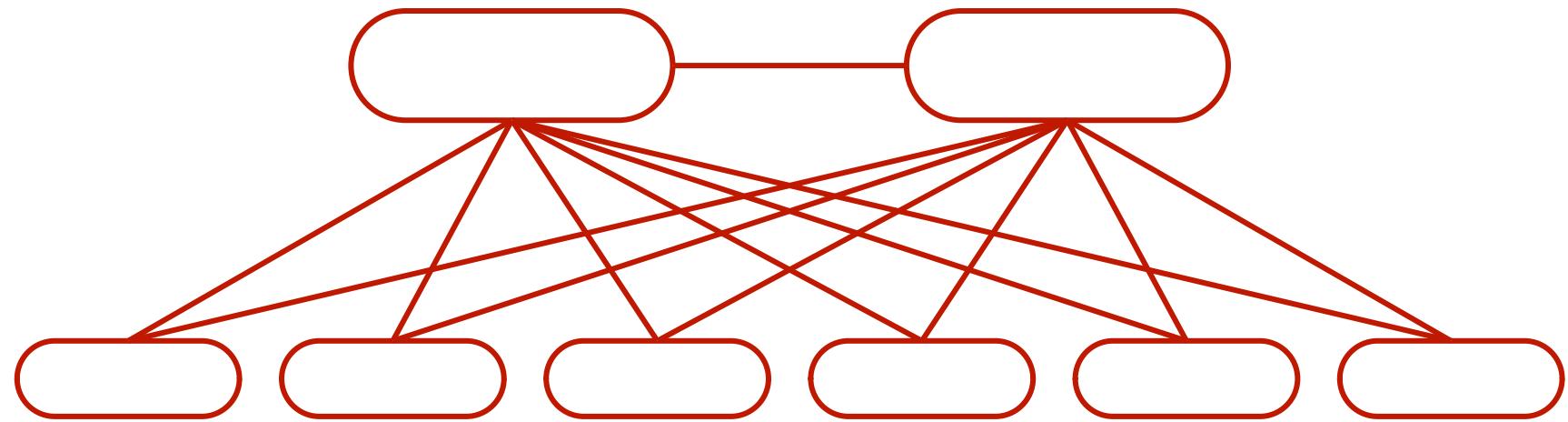
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# Networking is Evolving

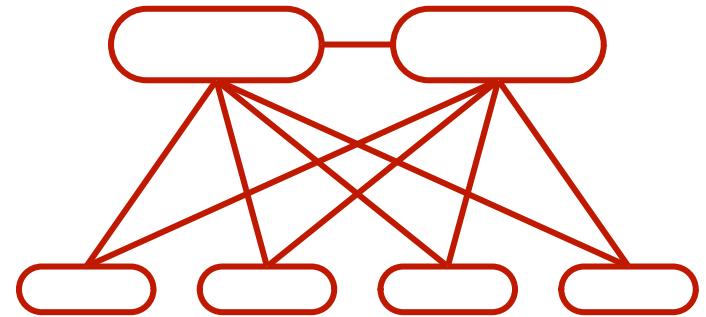




**What's this?**

# Network Characteristics

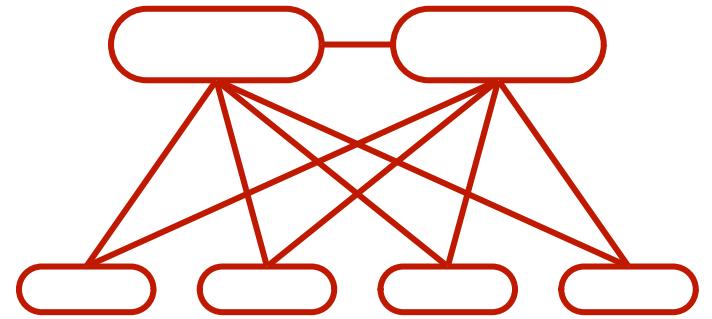
- Cost
- Link Redundancy
- Hardware Redundancy
- Software Redundancy
- Configuration Complexity



Is the traditional way still the right way?

# Bisectional Flow Characteristics

- Bandwidth
- Latency
- Flow Size

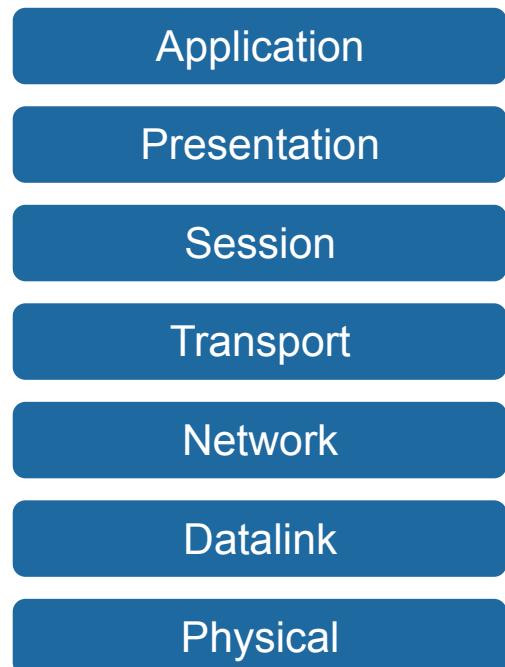


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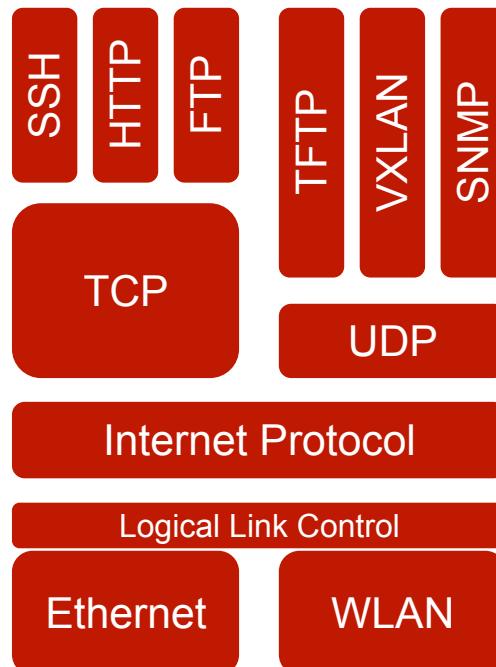
## OSI

Open Systems Interconnect Model

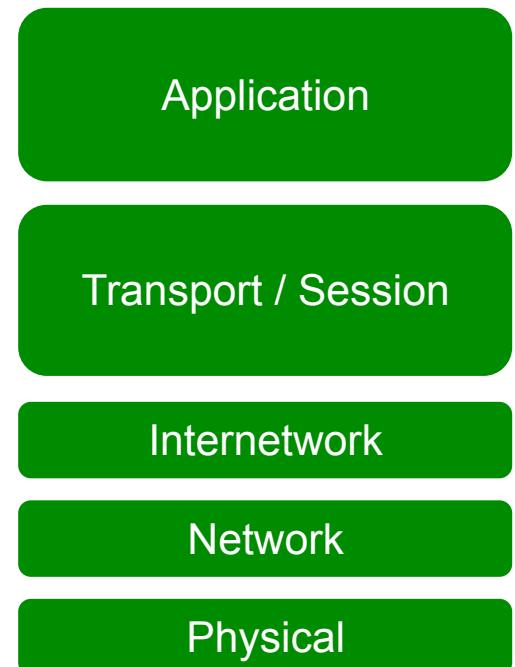


## TCP/IP Stack

Examples



## TCP/IP Model



Three Key Terms

**Router      Switch      Bridge**

Let's define our terms!

Can we route at Layer-2?

**RBridge**



# Hardware Overview



# VDX Family of Switches

VDX 8770



# VDX8770 Details

- Industry Leading Chassis
  - 4 I/O Slot Version
  - 8 I/O Slot Version
  - Redundant Management
    - With Hypervisor
  - N+N Fan Redundancy
  - N+N Power Redundancy
  - 3,000ns Latency\*\*\*
- Available Modules
  - 48x1G SFP
  - 48x10G SFP+
  - 48x10GBaseT
  - 12x40G QSFP+
  - 27x40G QSFP+\*\*
  - 6x100G CFP2

\*\*THIS MODULE IS NOT LINE RATE

\*\*\*NOT INCLUDING 10GBASE-T

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# VDX Family of Switches

VDX 6940



# VDX8940 Details

- VDX6790-36Q
  - 36 QSFP+ Ports
    - Either 1x40 or 4x10
  - 1 Rack Units
  - 700ns Latency
- VDX6790-144S
  - 96x10G SFP+ Ports
  - 12x40G QSFP+ or 4x100G QSFP+
  - 2 Rack Units
  - 700ns Latency



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VDX 6740

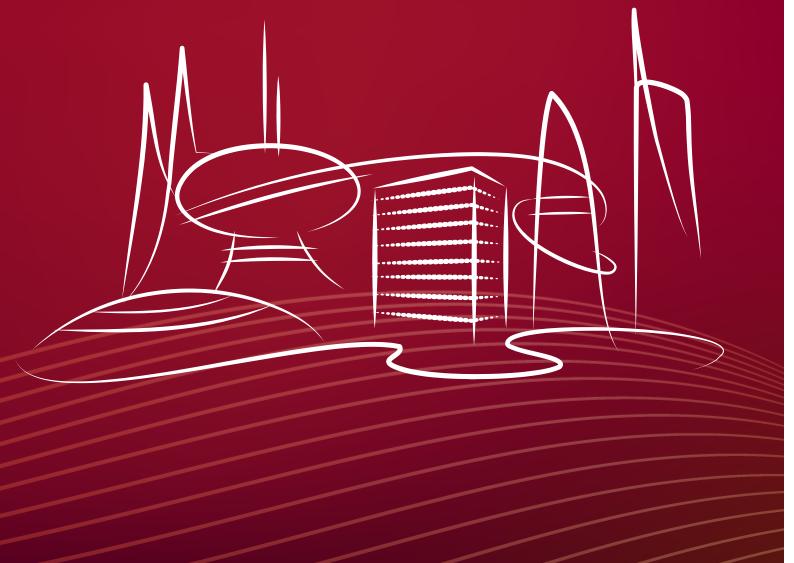


# VDX6740 Details

- VDX6740
  - 48x10G SFP+
  - 4x40G QSFP+
  - 1 Rack Unit
  - 850ns Latency
- VDX6740T & VDX6740T-1G
  - 48x10GBaseT or 1GBaseT
  - 4x40G QSFP+
  - 1 Rack Unit
  - 3,000ns Latency

# Intro to Ethernet Fabrics

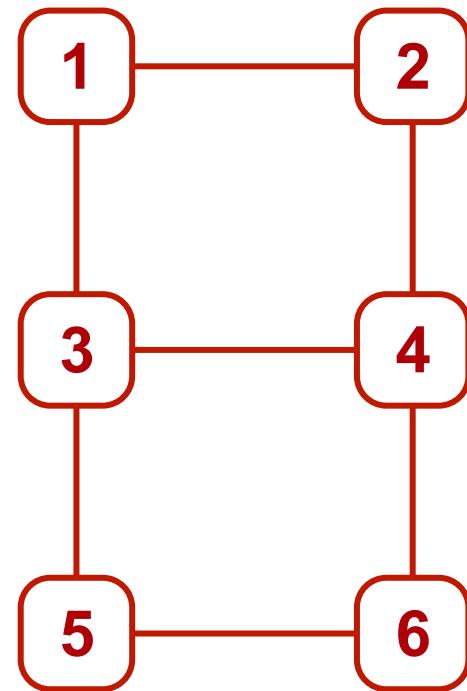
Building a Useful Routed Topology



# An Overview of Link State Routing

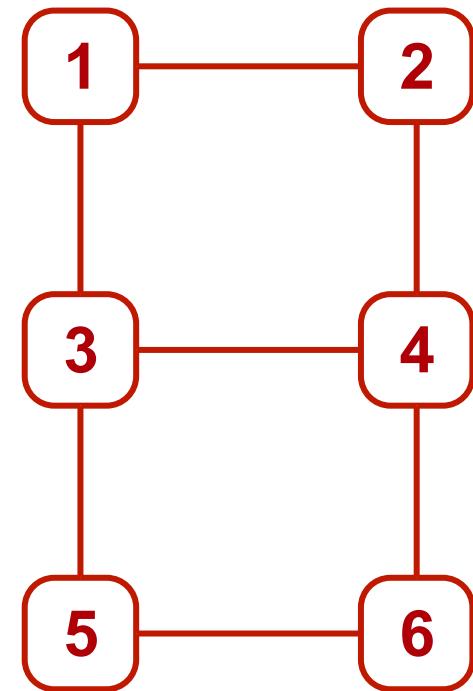
1. Identify each Node / Network
2. Form Adjacencies
3. Share Link-State Information
4. Run Dijkstra's Algorithm

**Brocade's  
Virtual Cluster Switching (VCS)  
uses the  
Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF)  
routing protocol.**



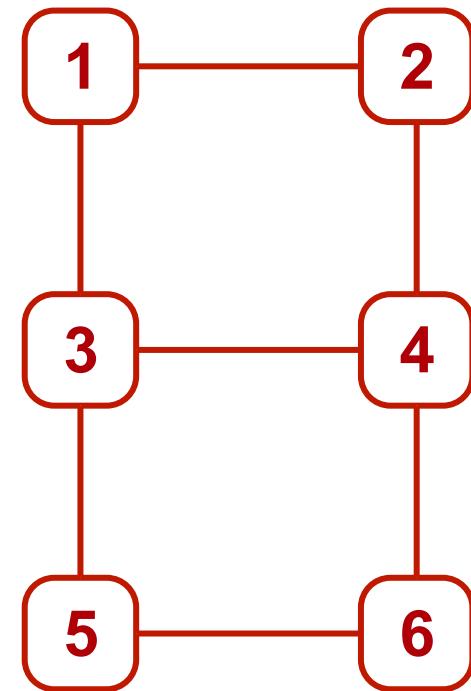
# Node / Network Identification

- In Ethernet Fabrics, the terms “Node” and “Network” can be used interchangeably.
- In FSPF, each node has a unique “World Wide Name” or “WWN”.
  - Generally this is transparent to the operator.
  - FSPF was originally designed for Fibre Channel Networks.
- Each node also gets an “RBridge ID” or “Nickname”.
  - This is configurable.
  - Used by TRILL



# Forming Adjacencies

1. There are two types of ports:
  - Edge Ports
  - ISL Ports
2. ISL Characteristics
  - Must be Point-to-Point
  - Must have a link speed of 10G or greater
3. Connection Process
  - Primitives
  - Hellos
  - Fabric Joining



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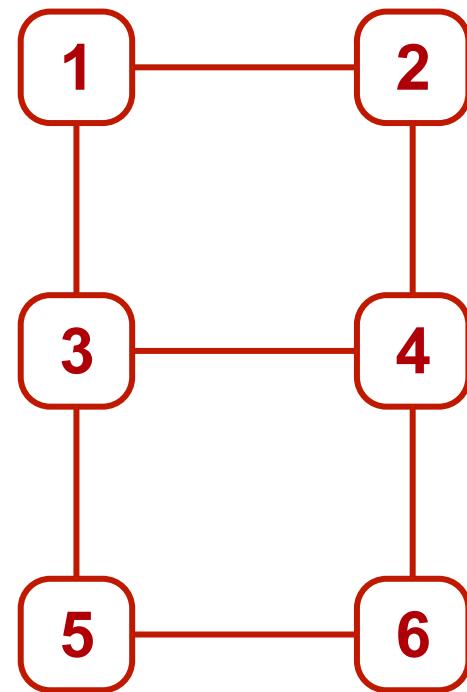
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**How do we protect against  
duplicate RBridge IDs?**

**Adjacencies are only  
formed if the RBridges  
have the same VCSID.**

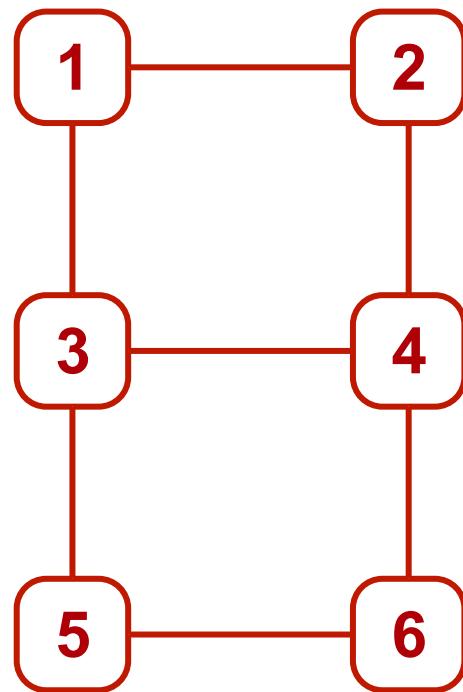
# Sharing Link State Information

1. Each RBridge shares it's own link-state information with all the other Rbridges.
2. After synchronization, each RBridge has a full understanding of the Fabric topology.
3. Each link is assigned a cost, based on bandwidth.



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**We now know where the Rbridges are... how does this help us?**



# Some Useful FRP Commands

## Configuring Fabric Routing Protocol

RBridge-5# **vcs vcsid 8192 rbridge-id 239 logical-chassis enable**



# Configuring Fabric Routing Protocol

## Viewing Inter-Switch Links

```
RBridge-5# show fabric isl rbridge-id 3
```

Rbridge-id: 3 #ISLs: 4

Src Index	Src Interface	Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	Nbr-WWN	BW	Trunk	Nbr-Name
105	Te 3/0/42	109	Te 7/0/46	10:00:50:EB:1A:61:5D:6A	40G	Yes	"RBridge-7"
108	Te 3/0/45	104	Te 101/0/41	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:19:D8	30G	Yes	"RBridge-101"
112	Fo 3/0/49	113	Fo 13/0/50	10:00:50:EB:1A:AE:97:EC	40G	Yes	"RBridge-13"
113	Fo 3/0/50	112	Fo 17/0/49	10:00:50:EB:1A:E7:43:E8	40G	Yes	"RBridge-17"

```
RBridge-5#
```



```
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```

```
RBridge-5# show fabric isl rbridge-id 4
```

Rbridge-id: 4 #ISLs: 3

Src Index	Src Interface	Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	Nbr-WWN	BW	Trunk	Nbr-Name
104	Te 4/0/41	108	Te 2/0/45	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:29:AC	40G	Yes	"RBridge-2"
112	Fo 4/0/49	113	Fo 11/0/50	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:2B:98	40G	Yes	"RBridge-11"
113	Fo 4/0/50	112	Fo 16/0/49	10:00:50:EB:1A:DE:35:08	40G	Yes	"RBridge-16"

```
RBridge-5# show fabric route topology dest-rbridge-id 101 src-rbridge-id 4
```

Src RB-ID	Dst RB-ID	Out Index	Out Interface	ECMP			Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	BW	Trunk
				Grp	Hops	Cost				
4	101	112	Fo 4/0/49	14	4	2000	113	Fo 11/0/50	40G	Yes
	101	104	Te 4/0/41	14	4	2000	108	Te 2/0/45	40G	Yes

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RBridge-5#
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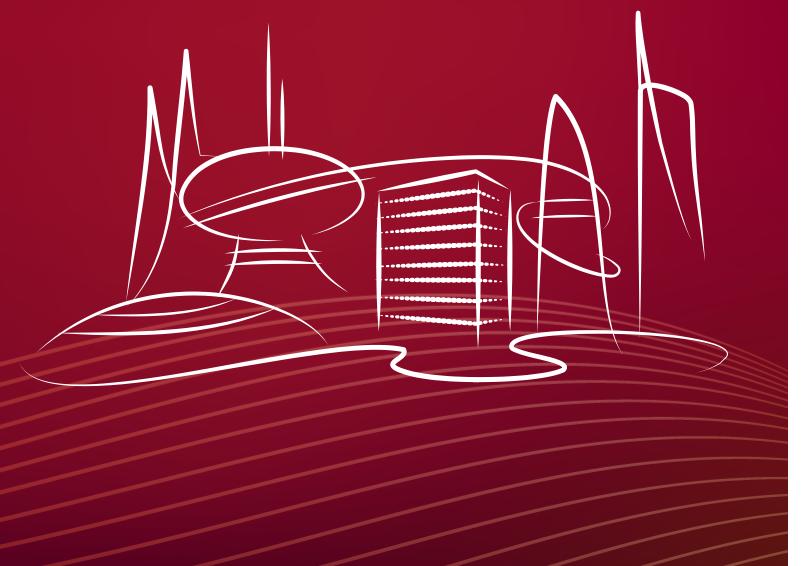
# Link State Routing - FAQ

- Does FSPF support Equal Cost Multi-Path?
- Is the FSPF protocol publically defined?
- Is the FSPF MIB publically defined?
- What configuration options are available to me?
- Can I change the WWN to RBridge ID mapping?

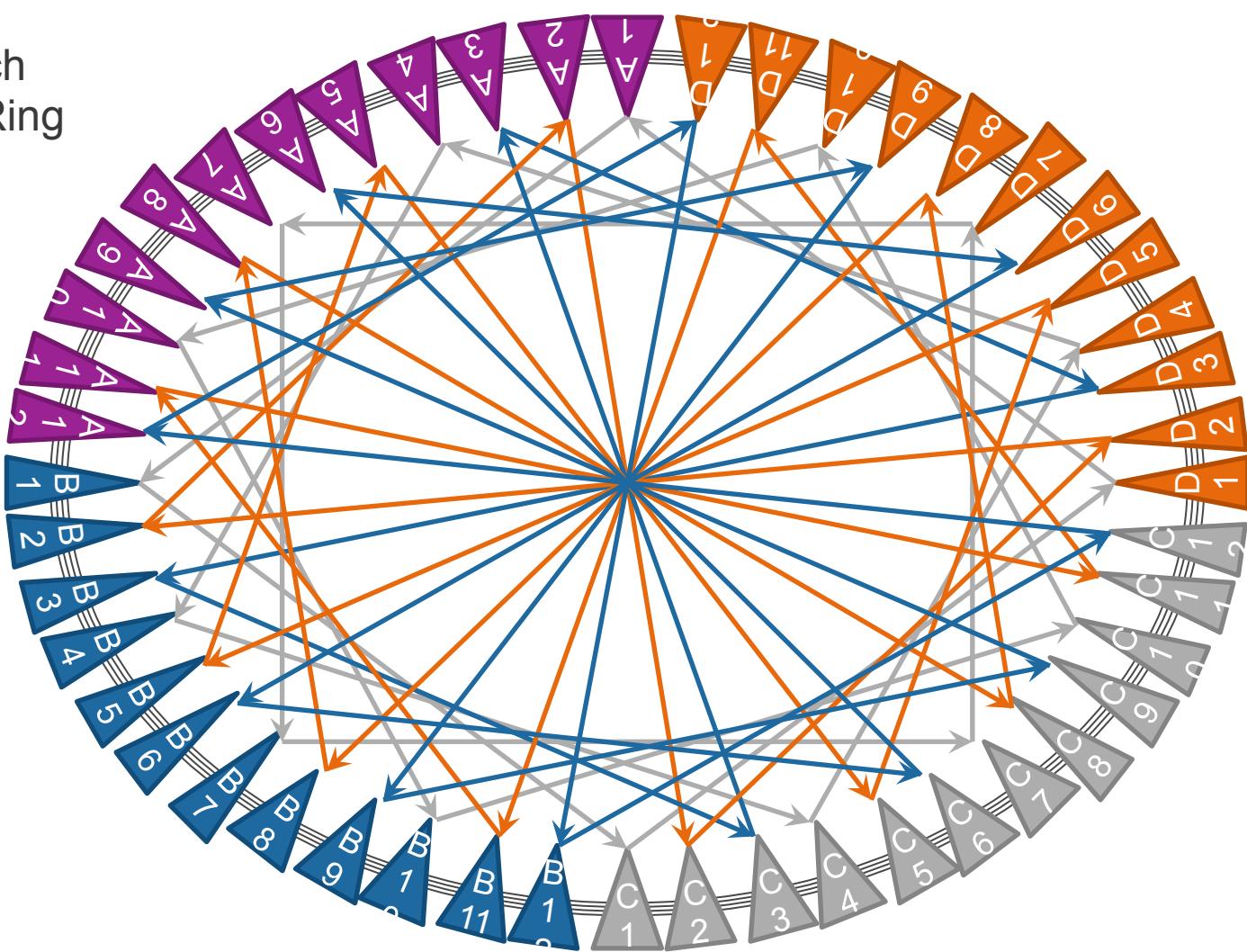
***More Questions?***

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# Bifurcated Ring Topology



48-Switch  
Bisectioned Ring



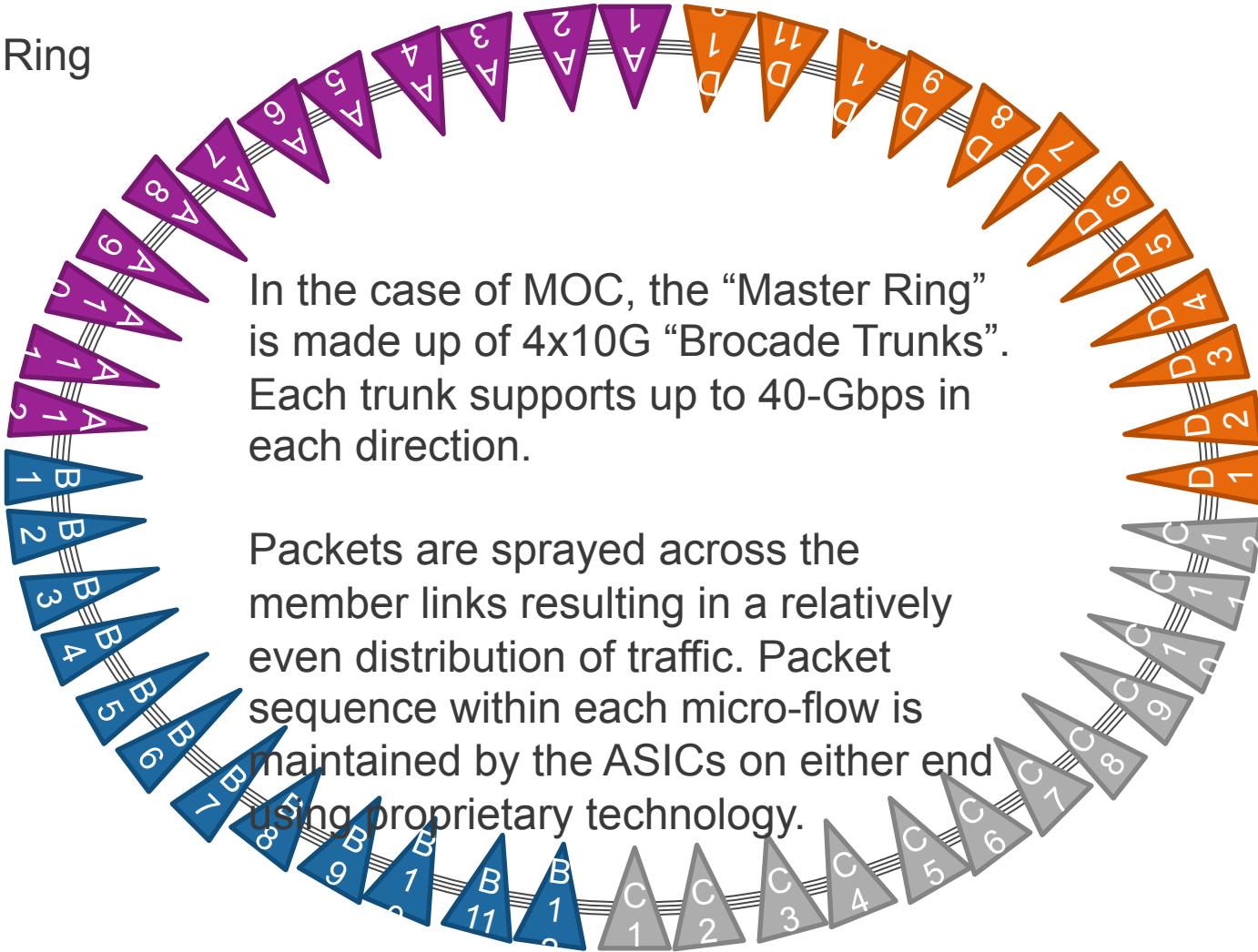
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# Bisected Ring Overview

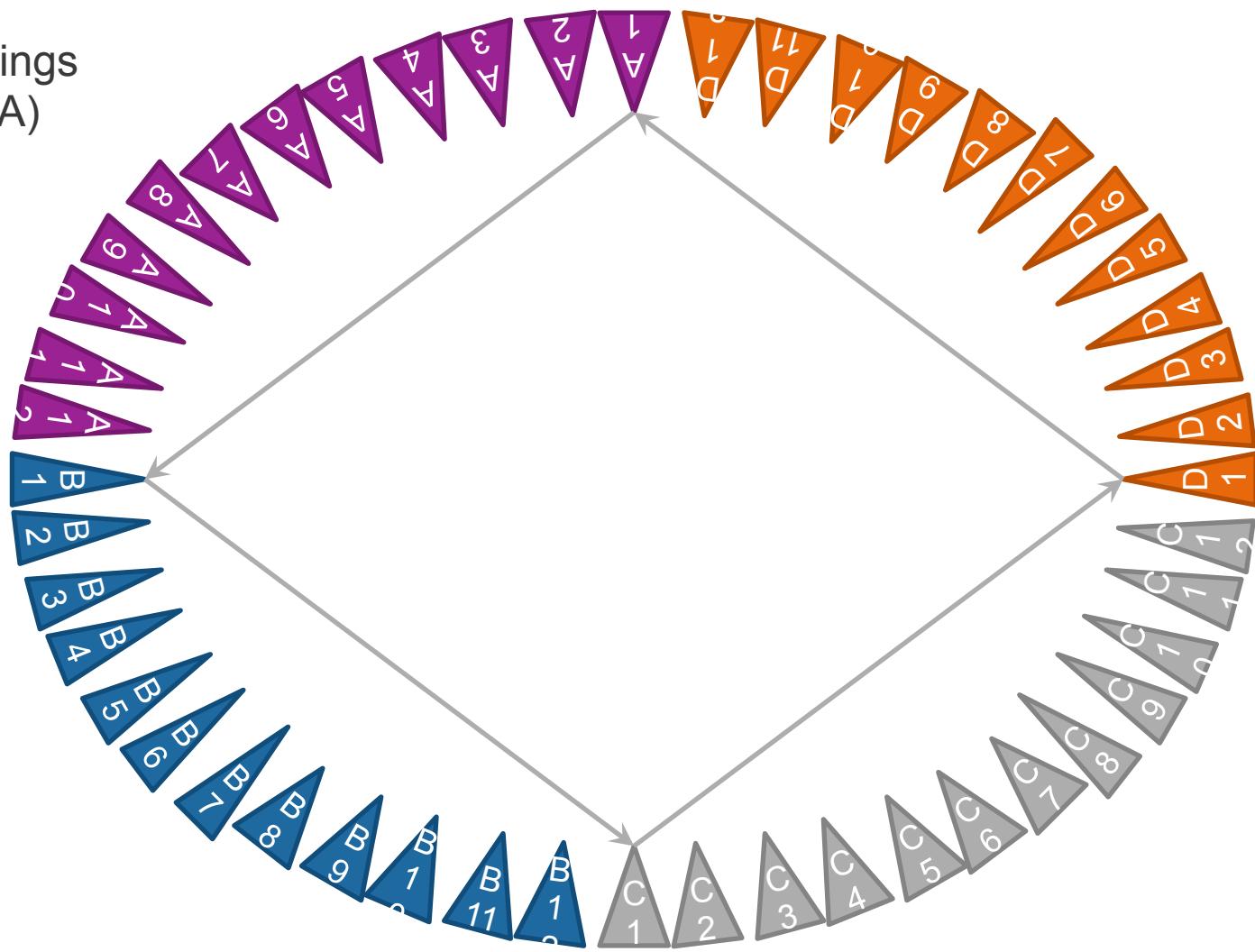
- Theory
  - Essentially a two-dimensional toroidal mesh.
    - Includes a “Master Ring”, that connects all the switches.
    - Includes several “Shortcut Rings”, that bisect the “Master Ring”.
- Practical Application
  - The network is divided into four “Quadrants”.
    - A, B, C and D.
  - The “Quadrants” are deployed as evenly as possible.
    - No quadrant should ever have more than one more switch than any other quadrant.
  - “Peer” switches in each quadrant are interconnected with Shortcut Rings.
    - i.e. A1 connects to B1, C1 and D1.
    - There are three patterns for the Shortcut Rings.



## The Master Ring

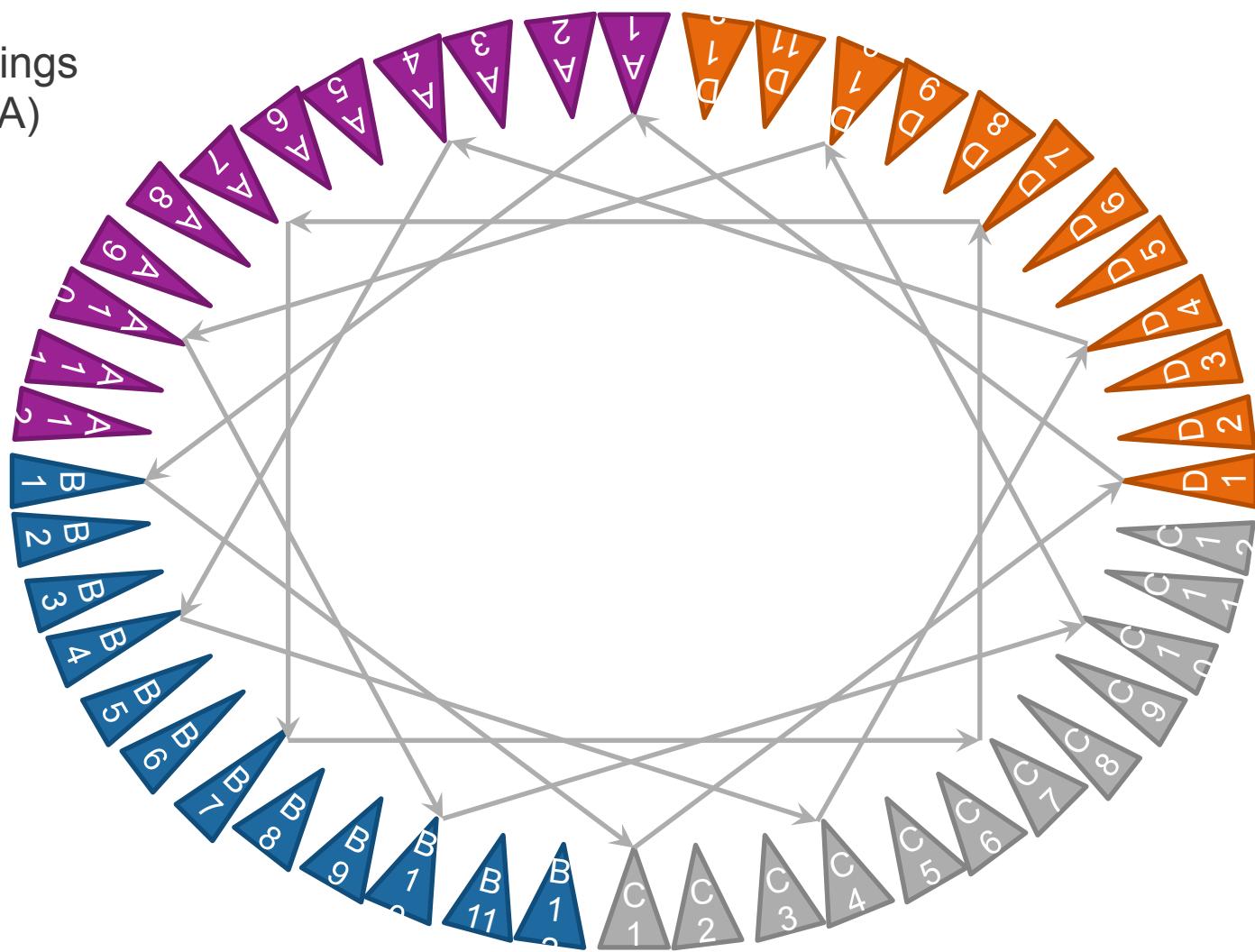


Shortcut Rings  
(Pattern A)



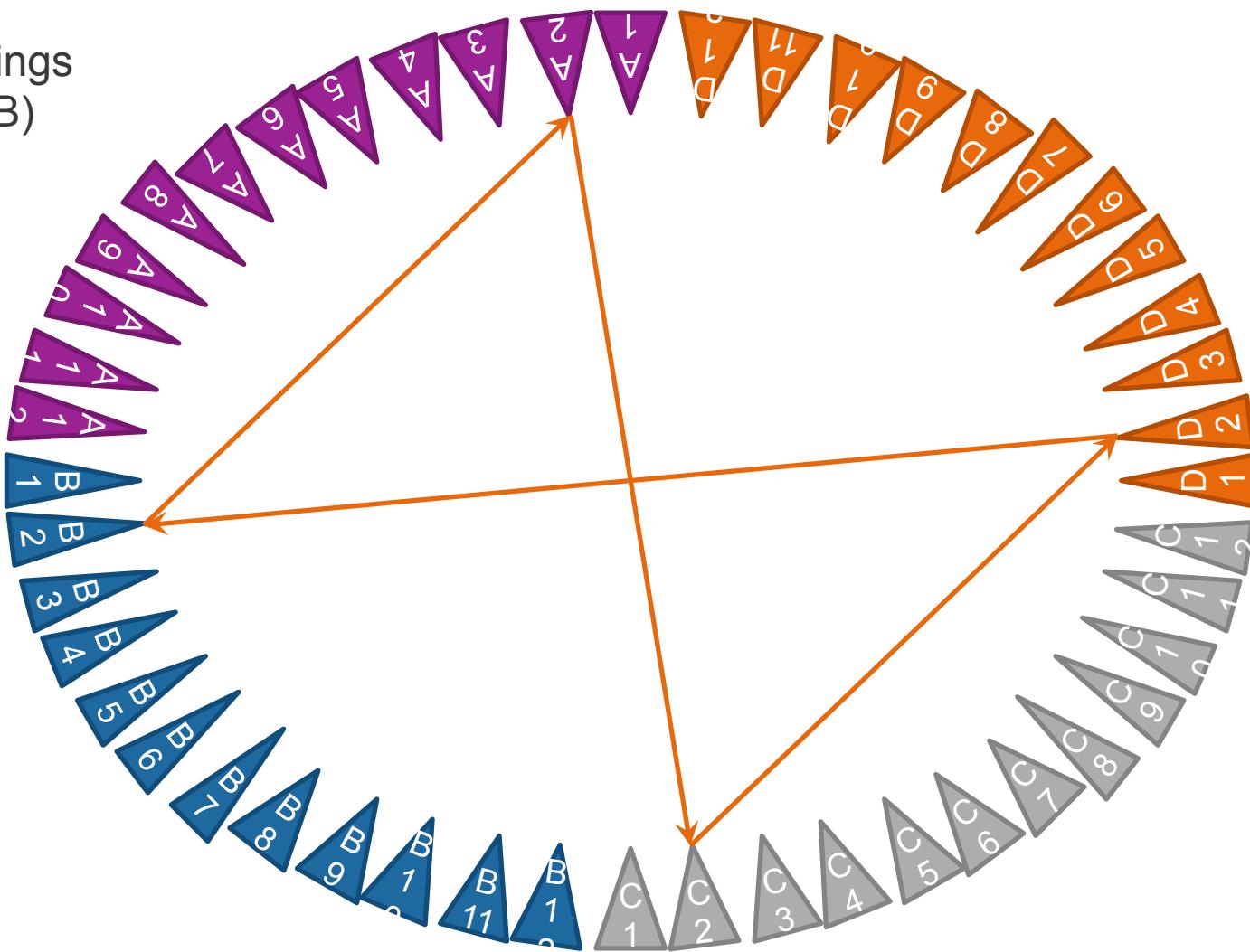
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Shortcut Rings  
(Pattern A)



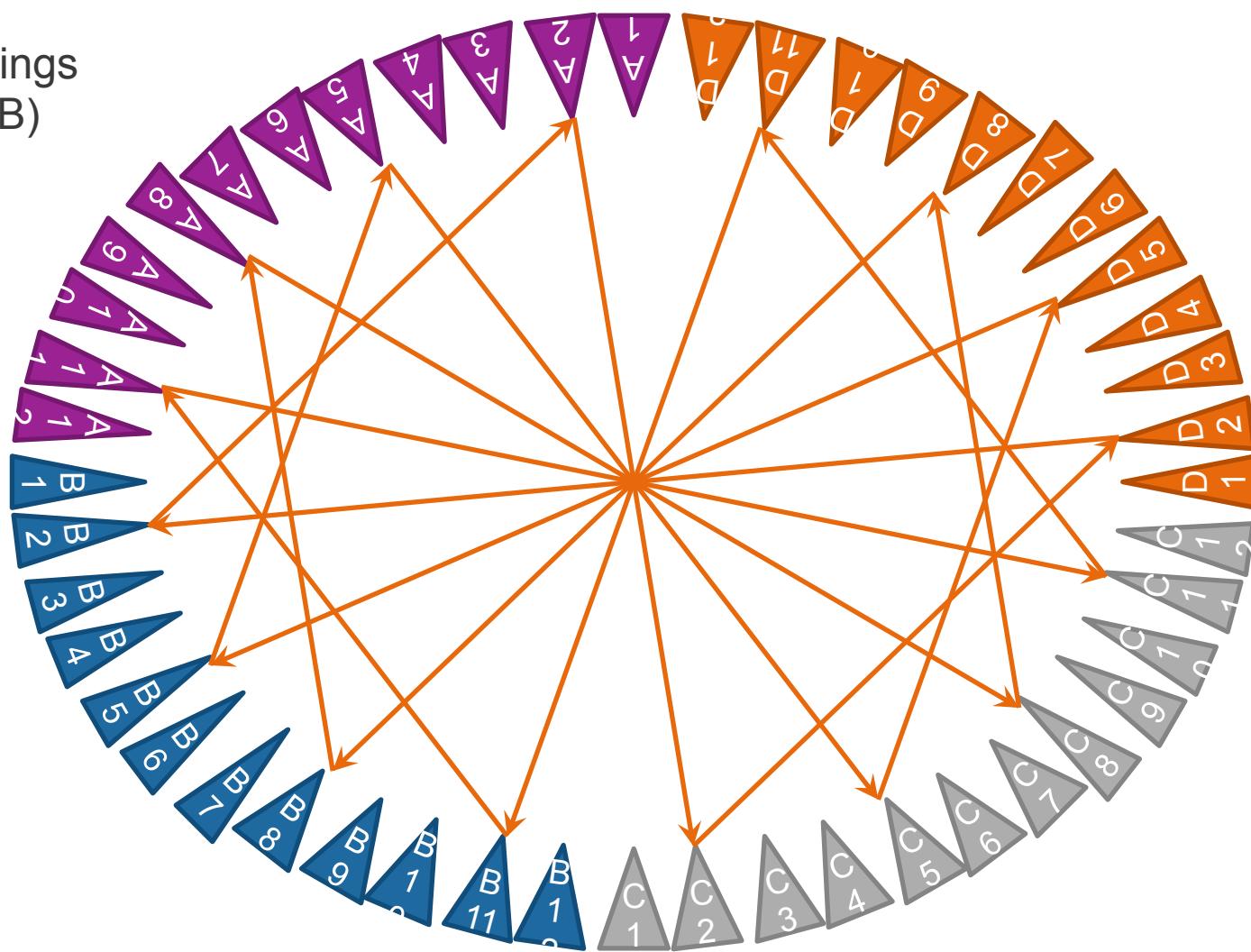
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Shortcut Rings  
(Pattern B)



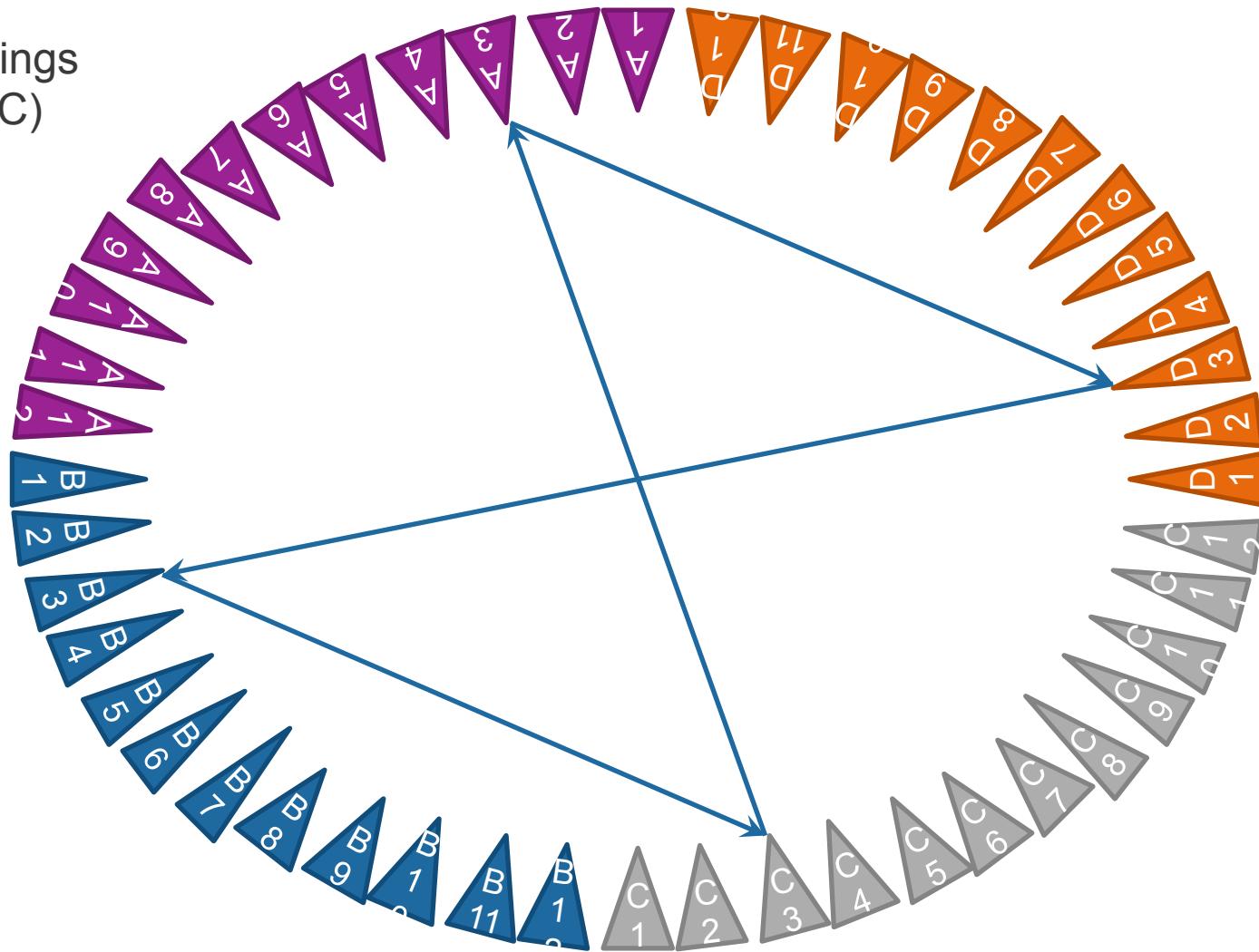
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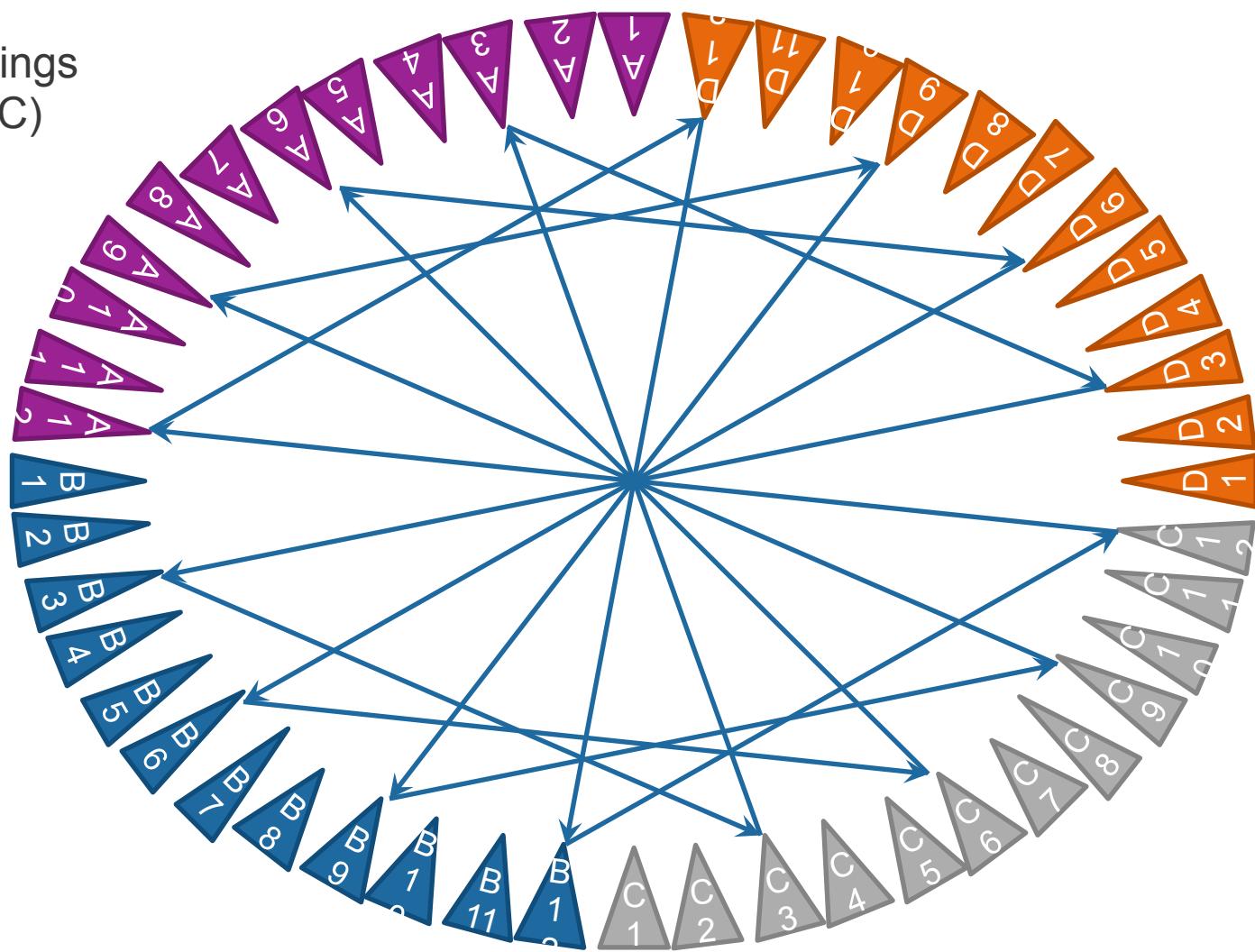
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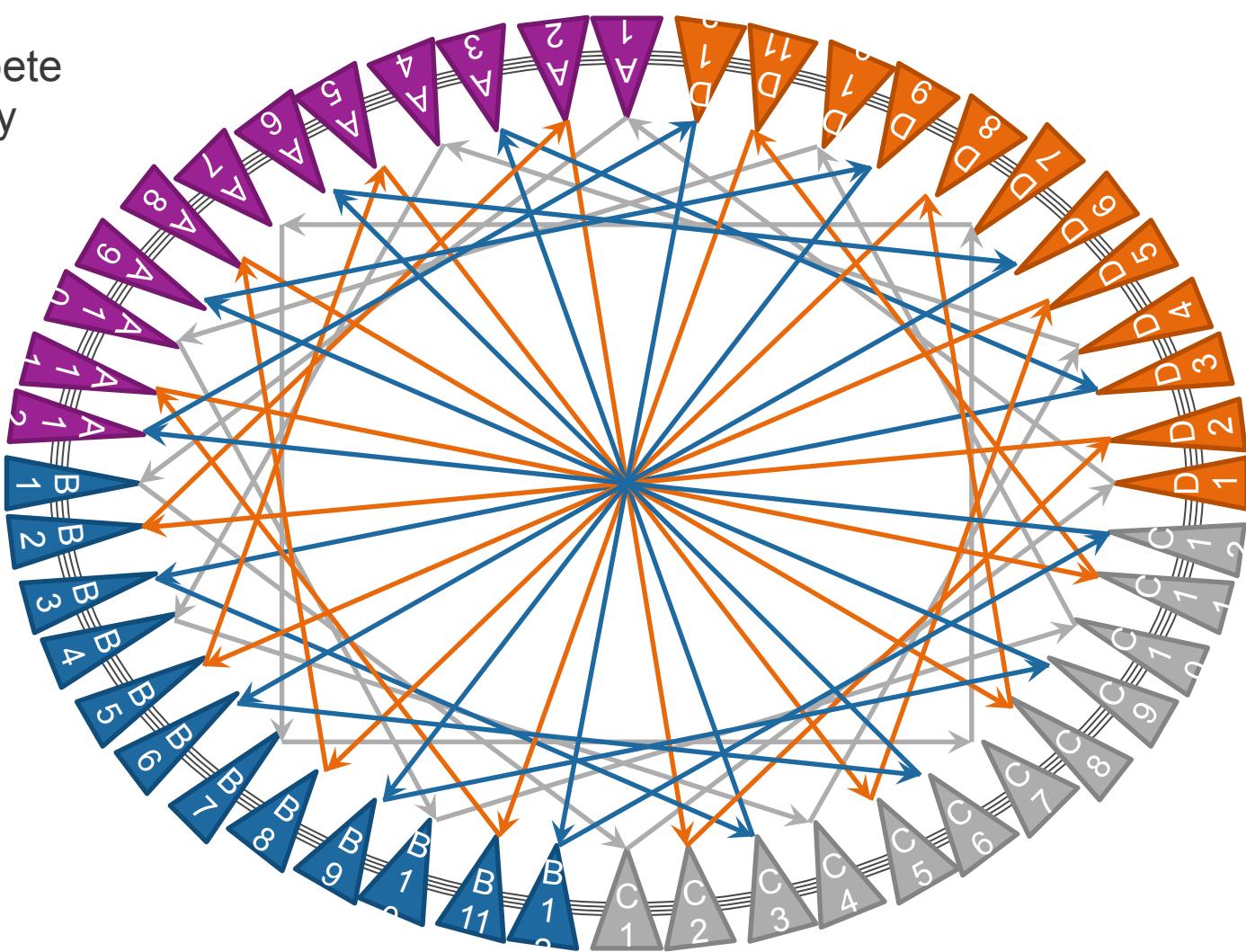
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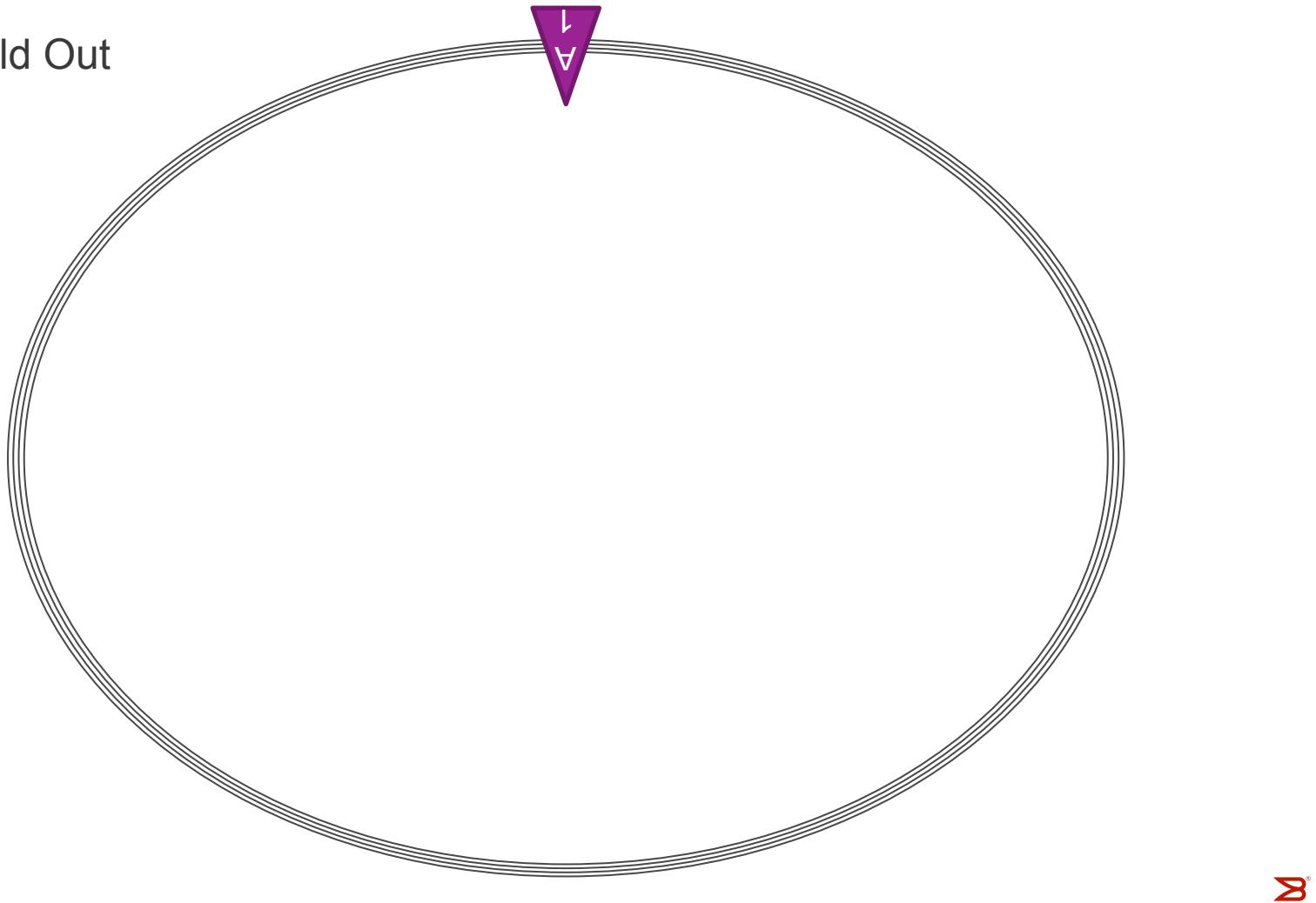
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## The Compete Topology

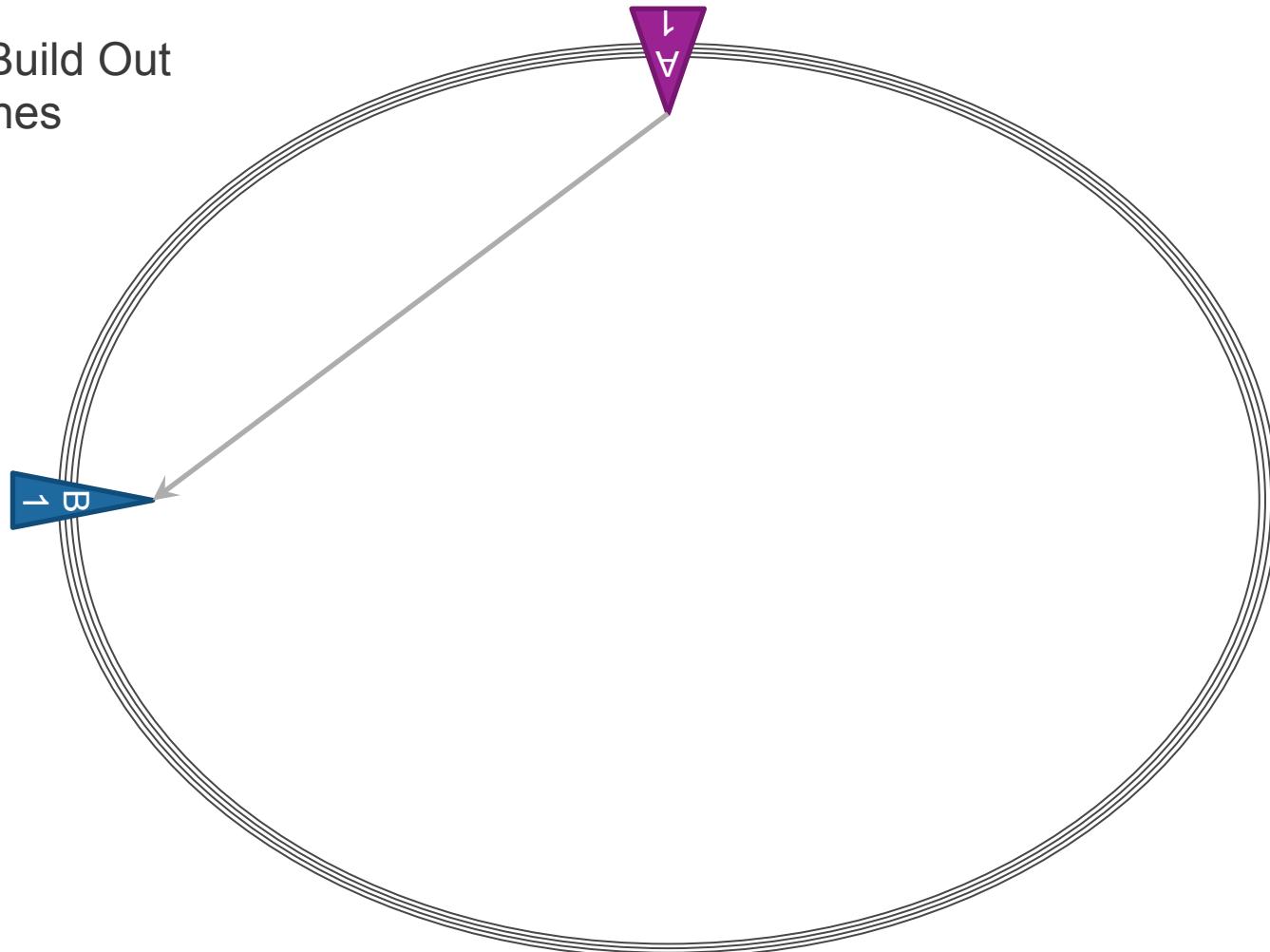


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Incremental Build Out  
1 Switch

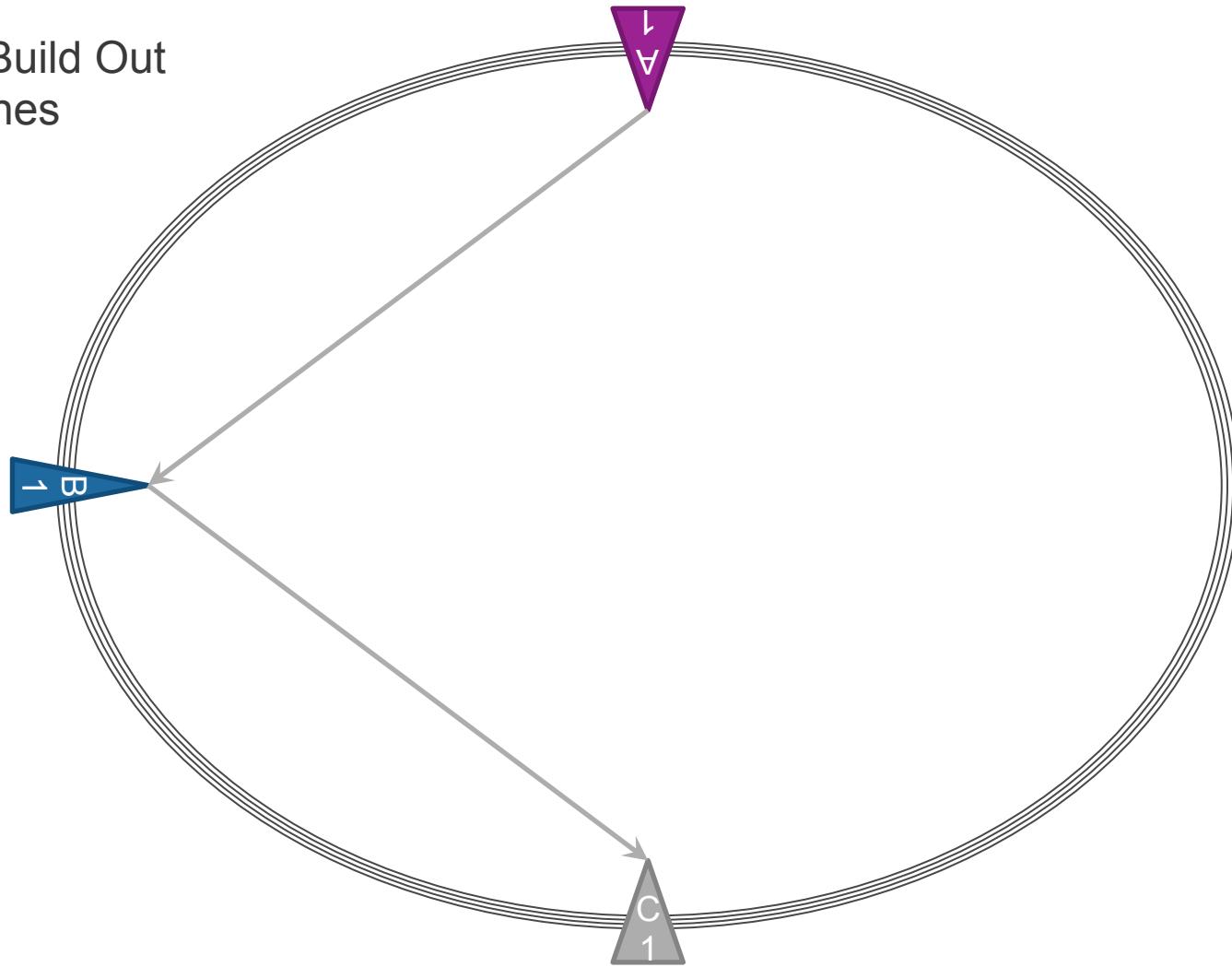


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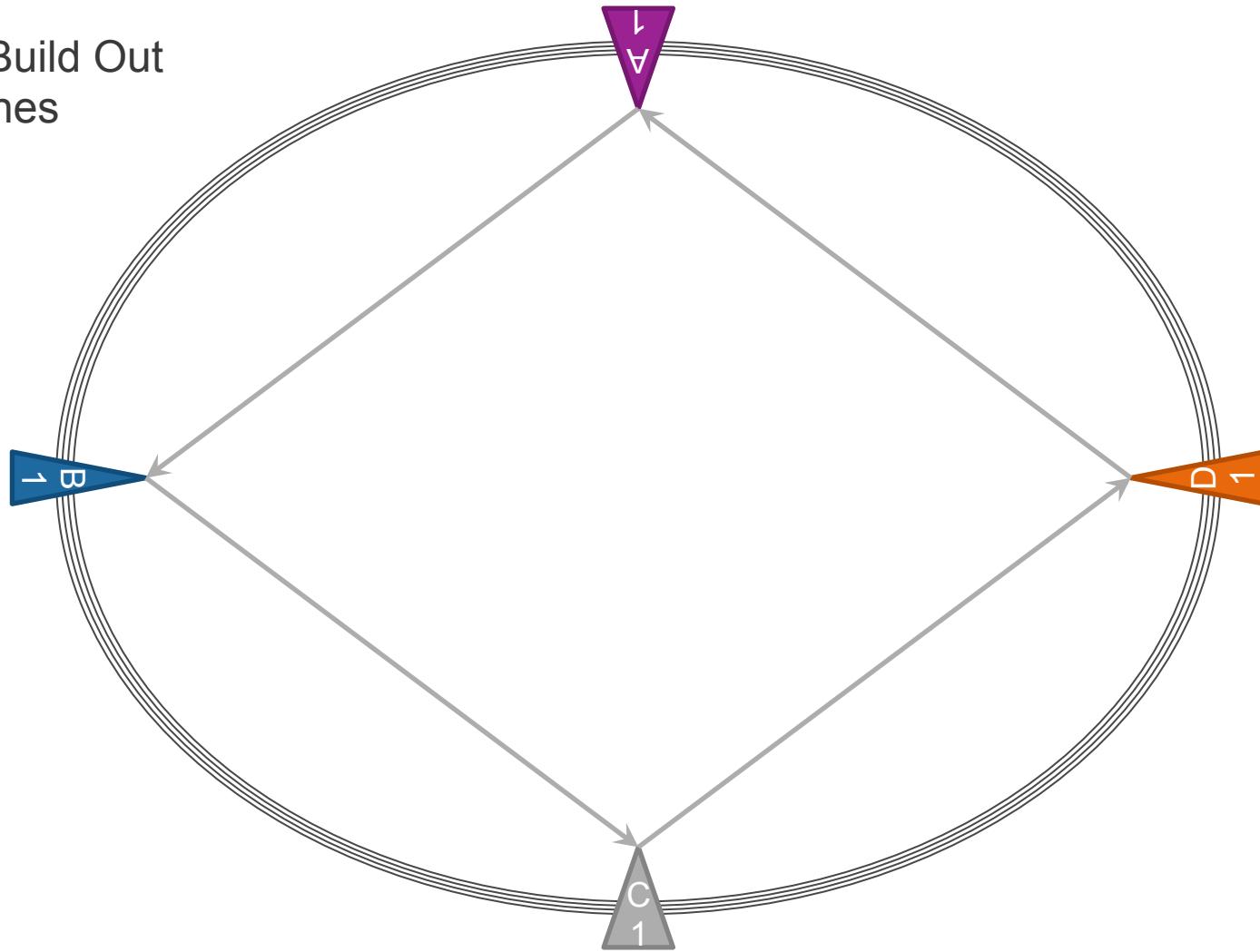
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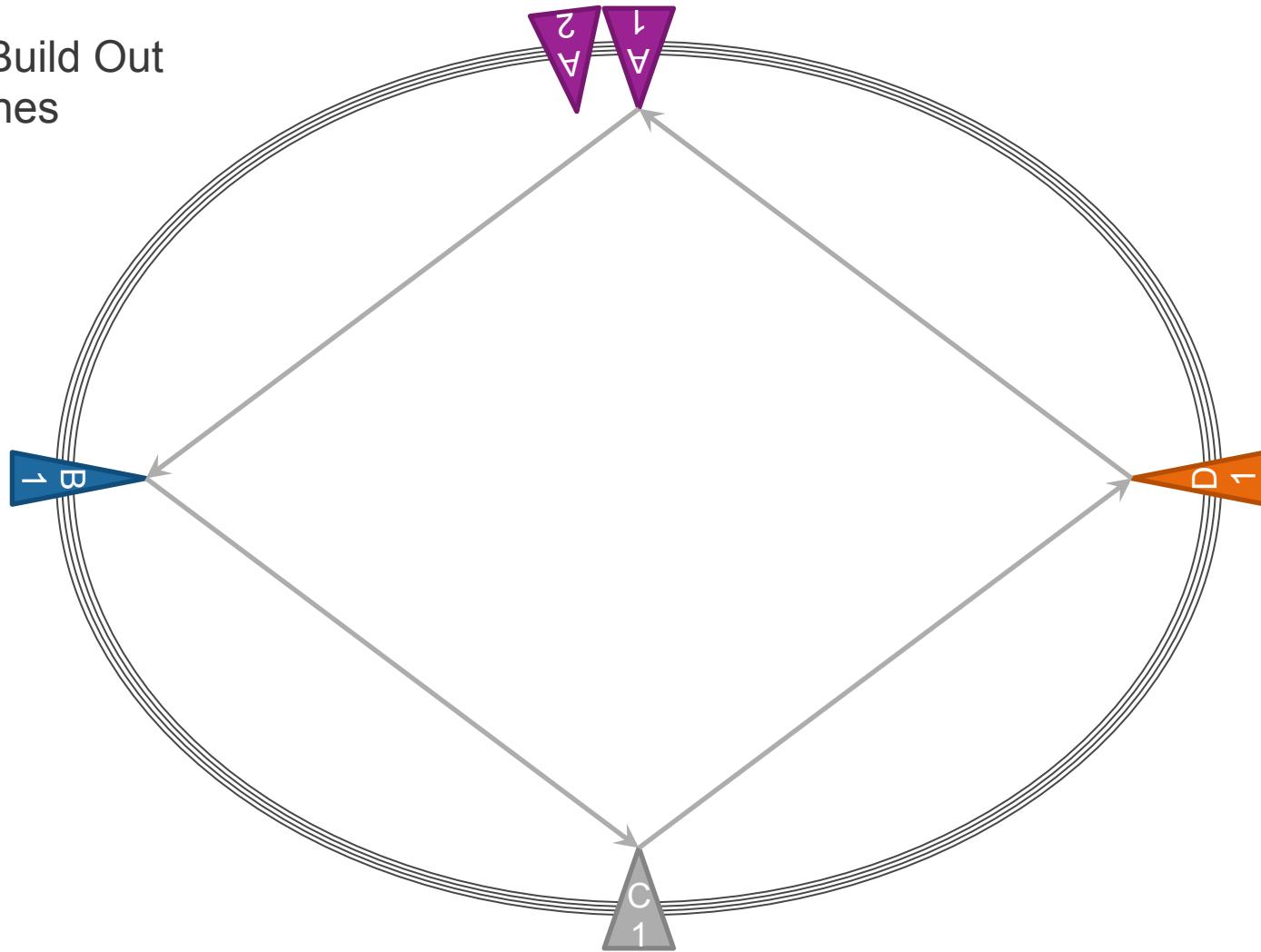
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4 Switches



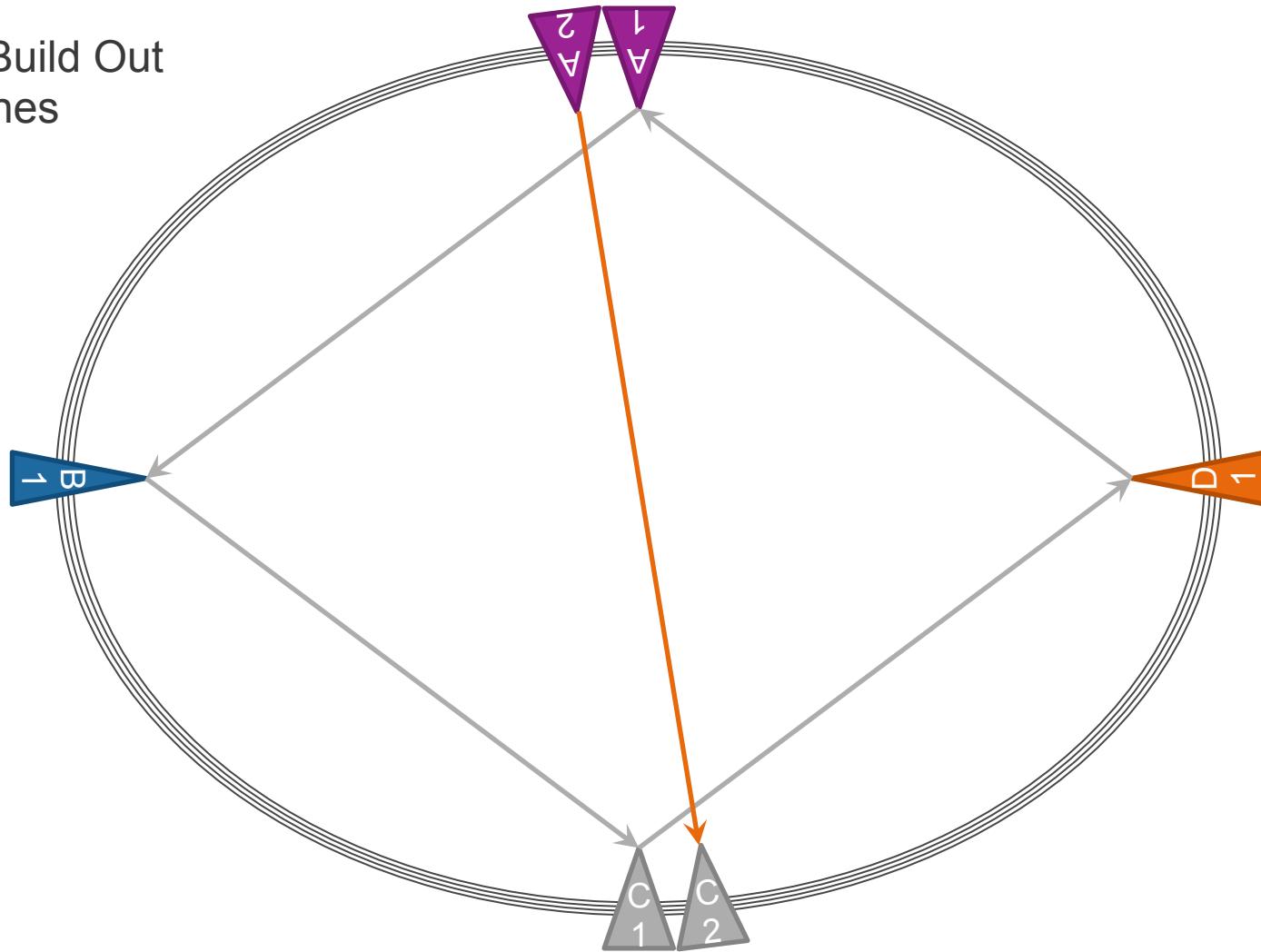
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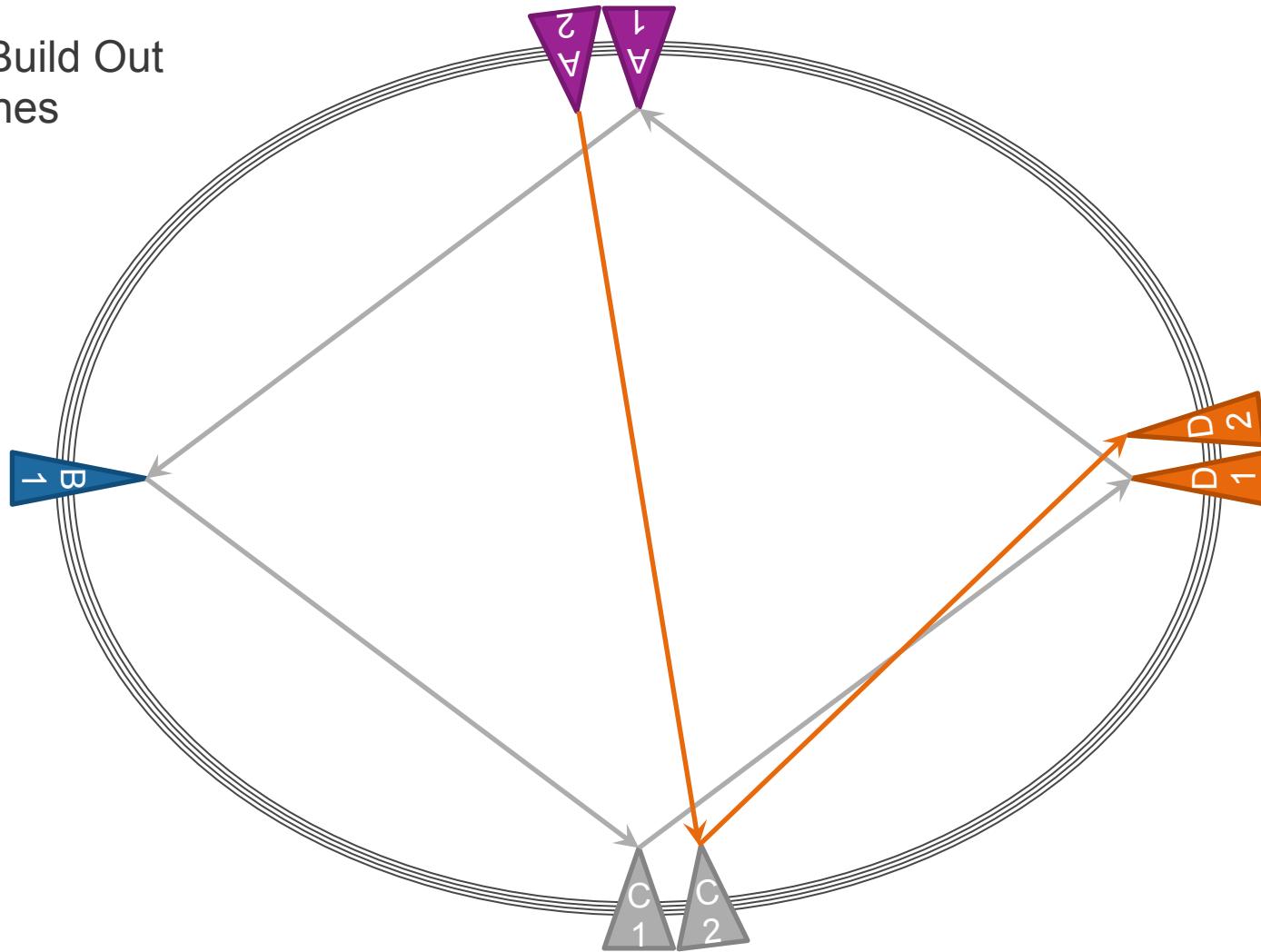
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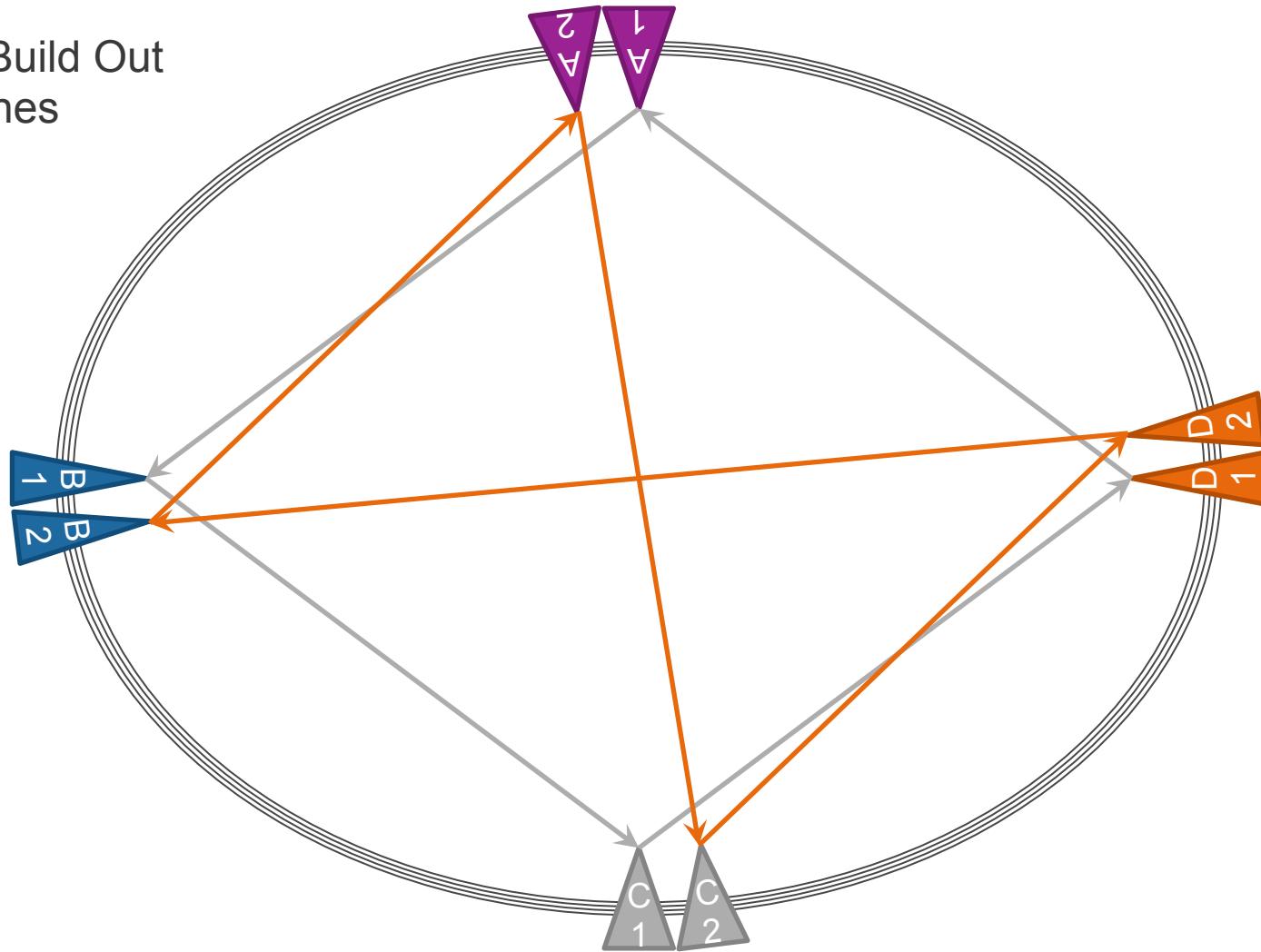


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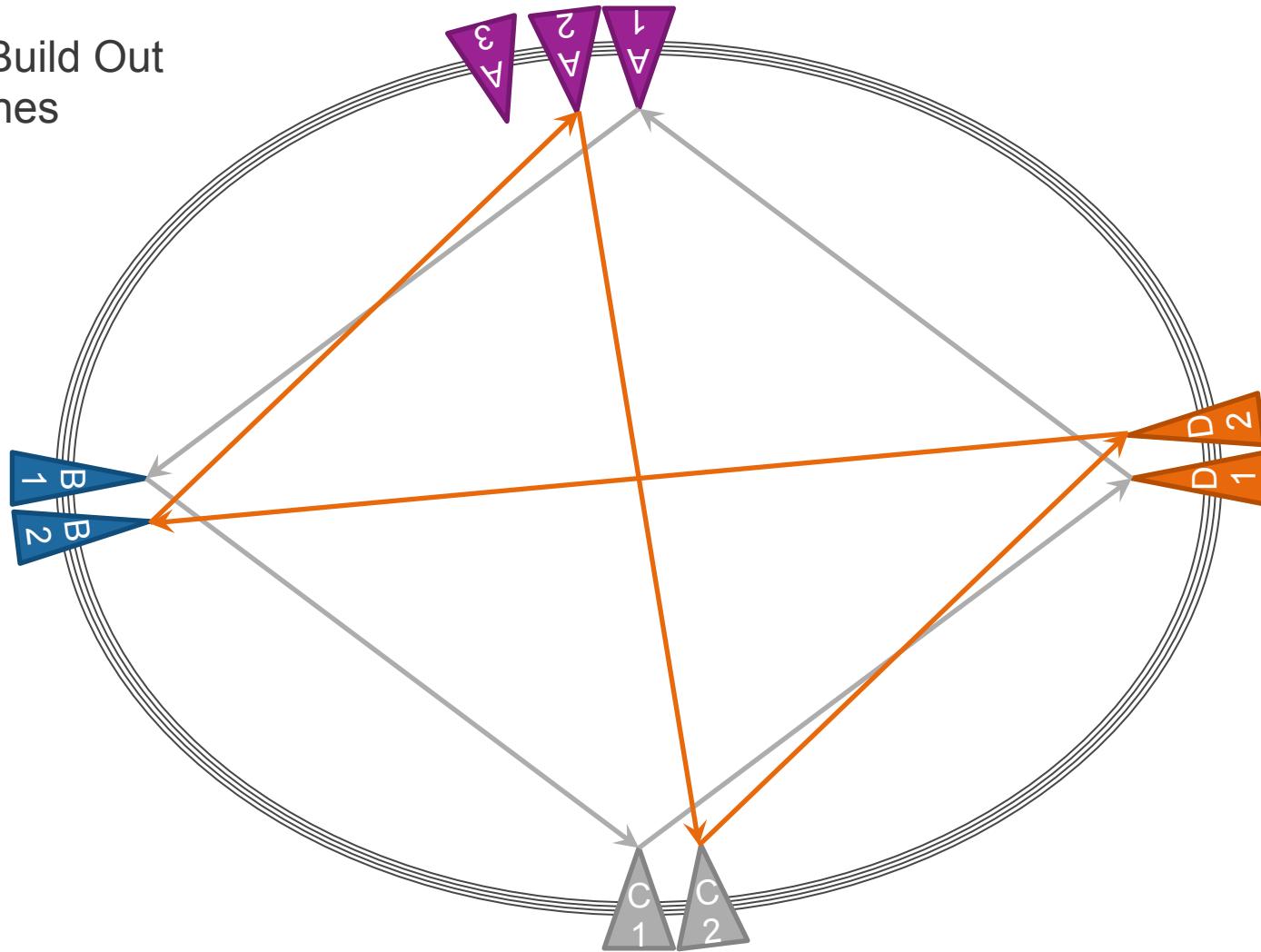


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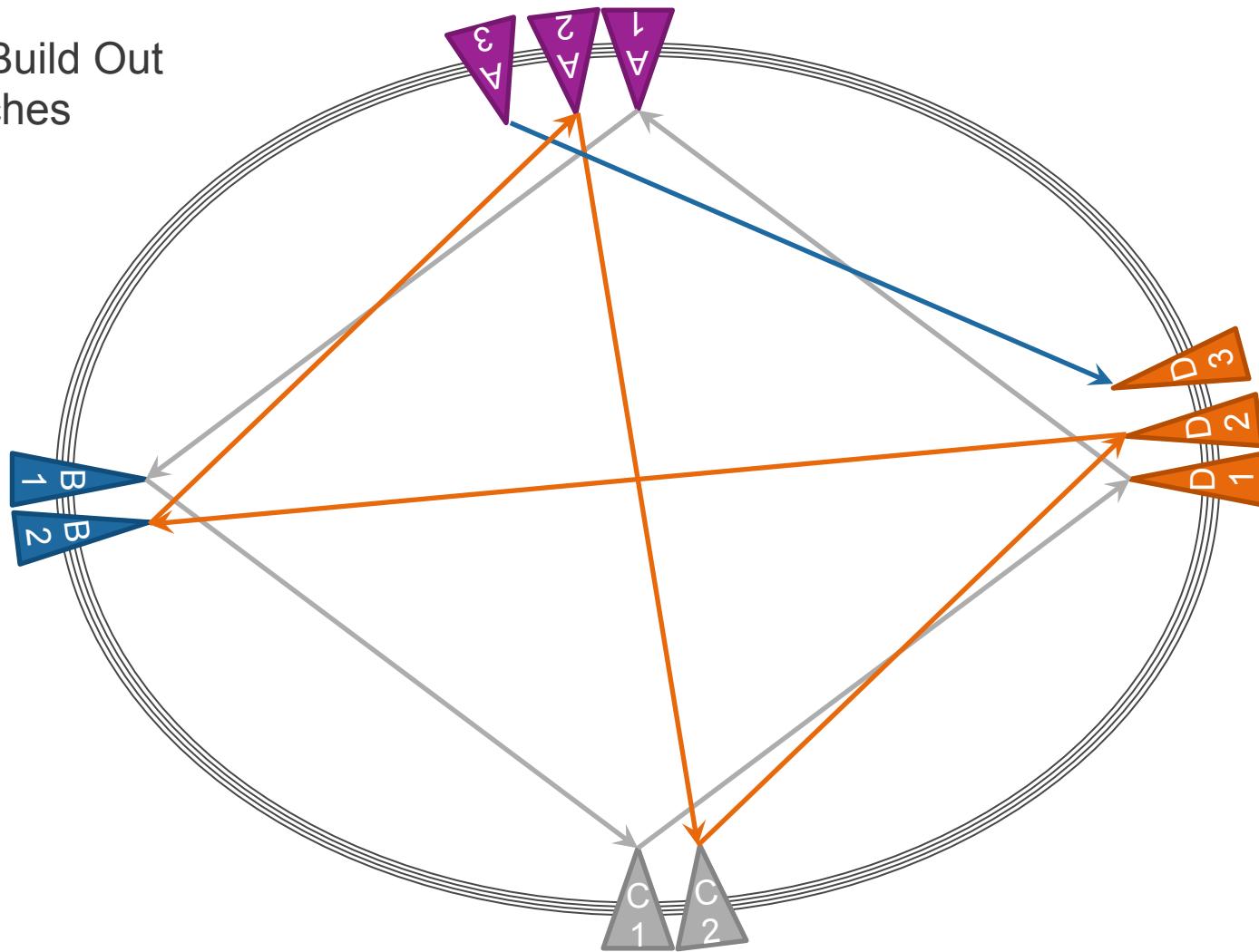
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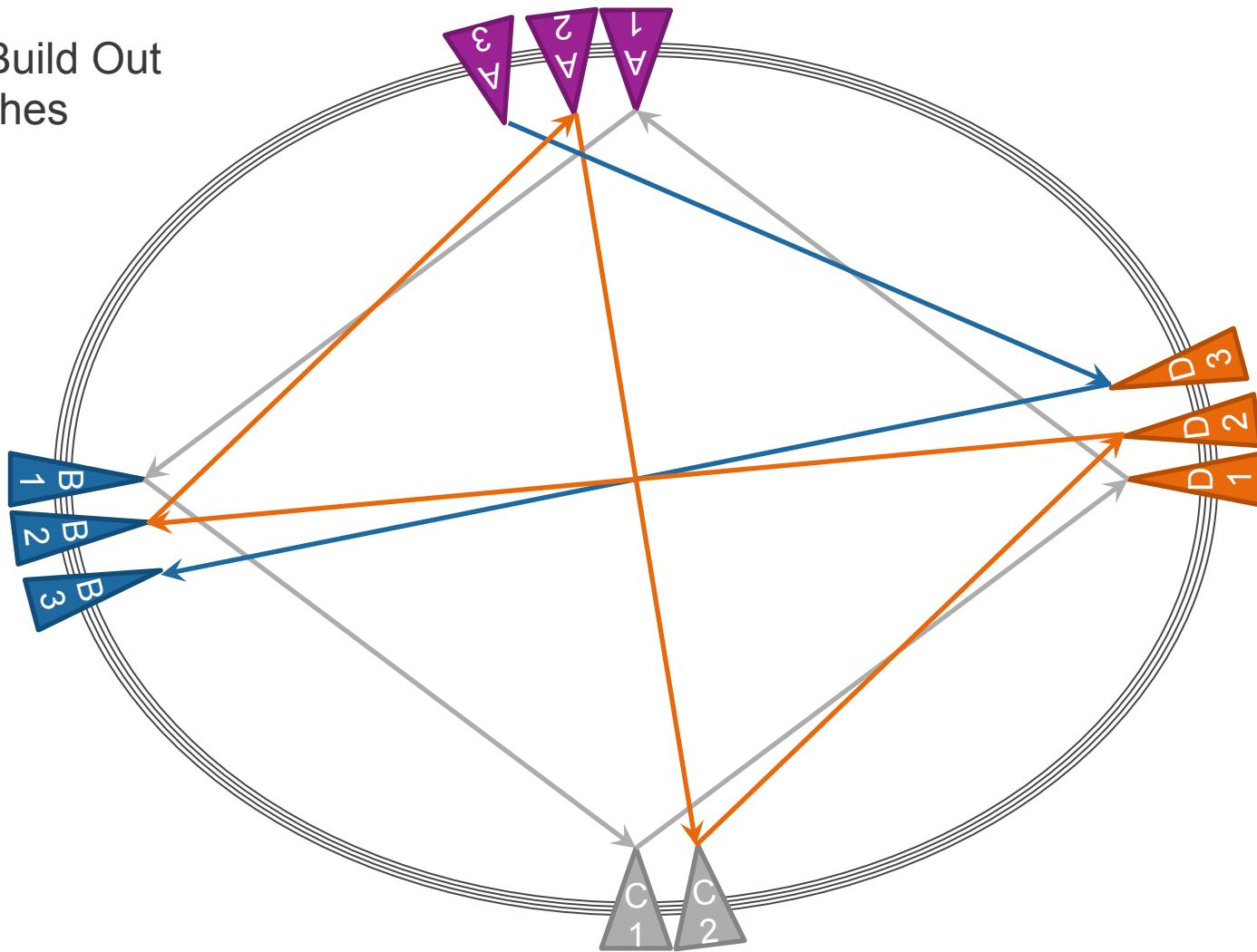


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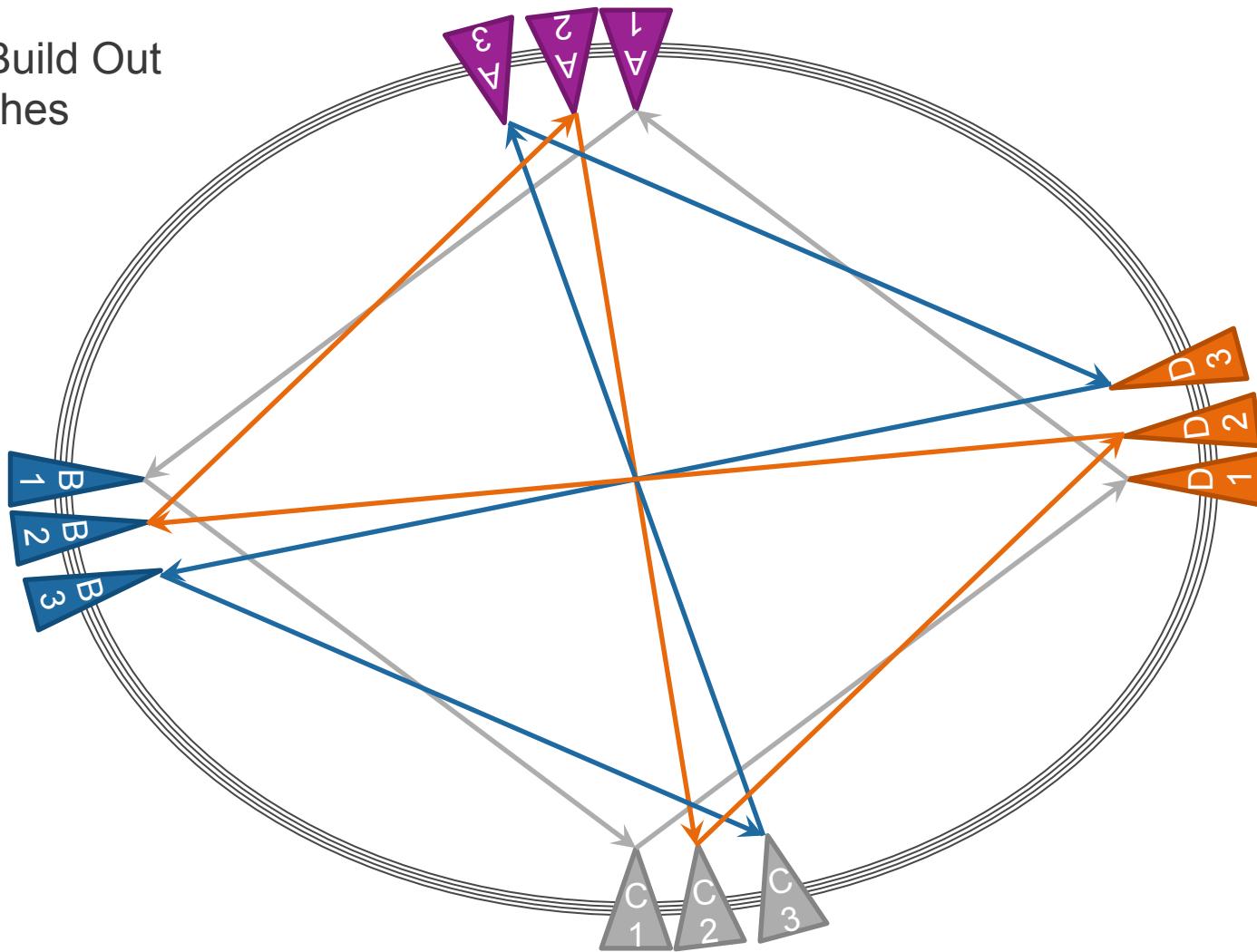


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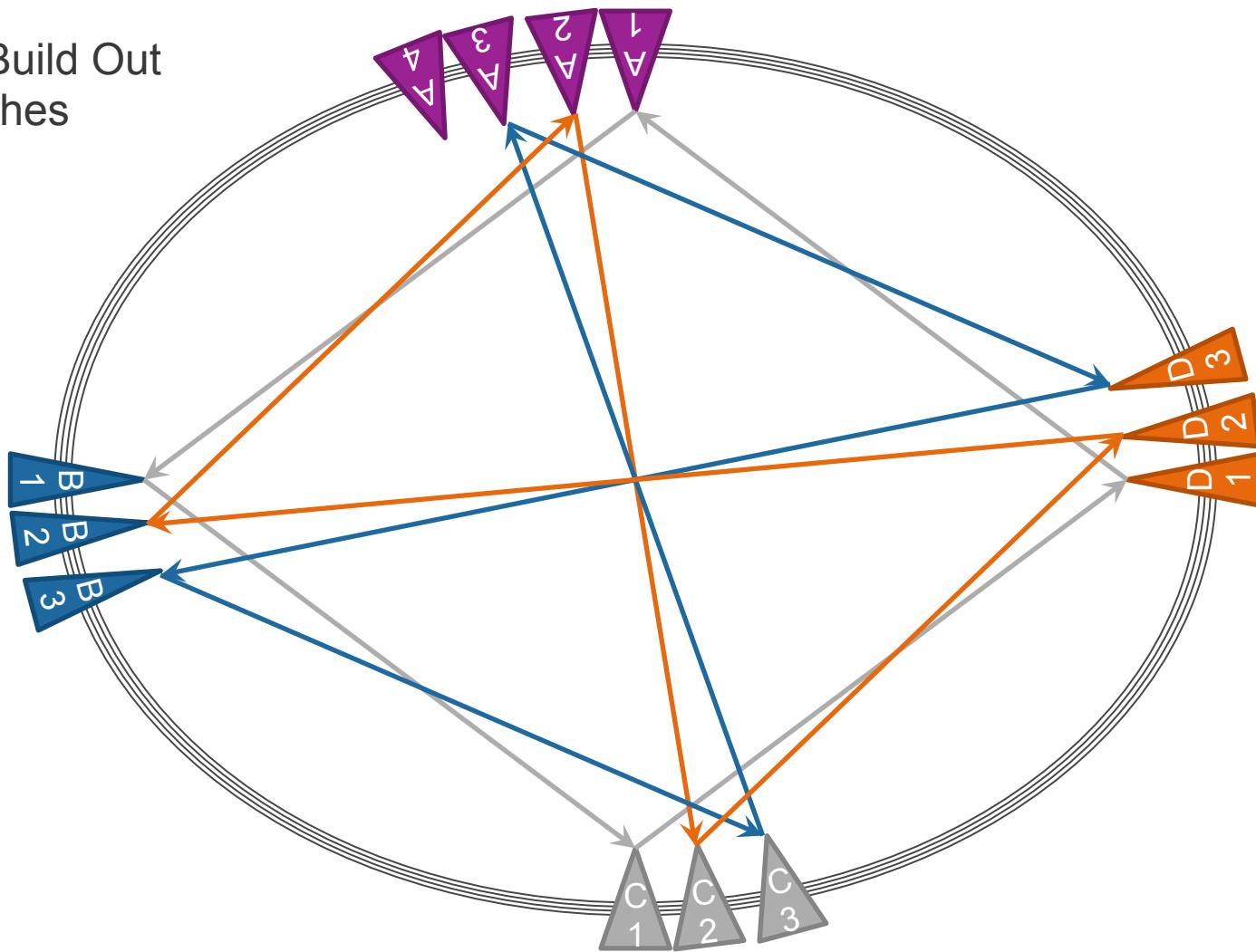
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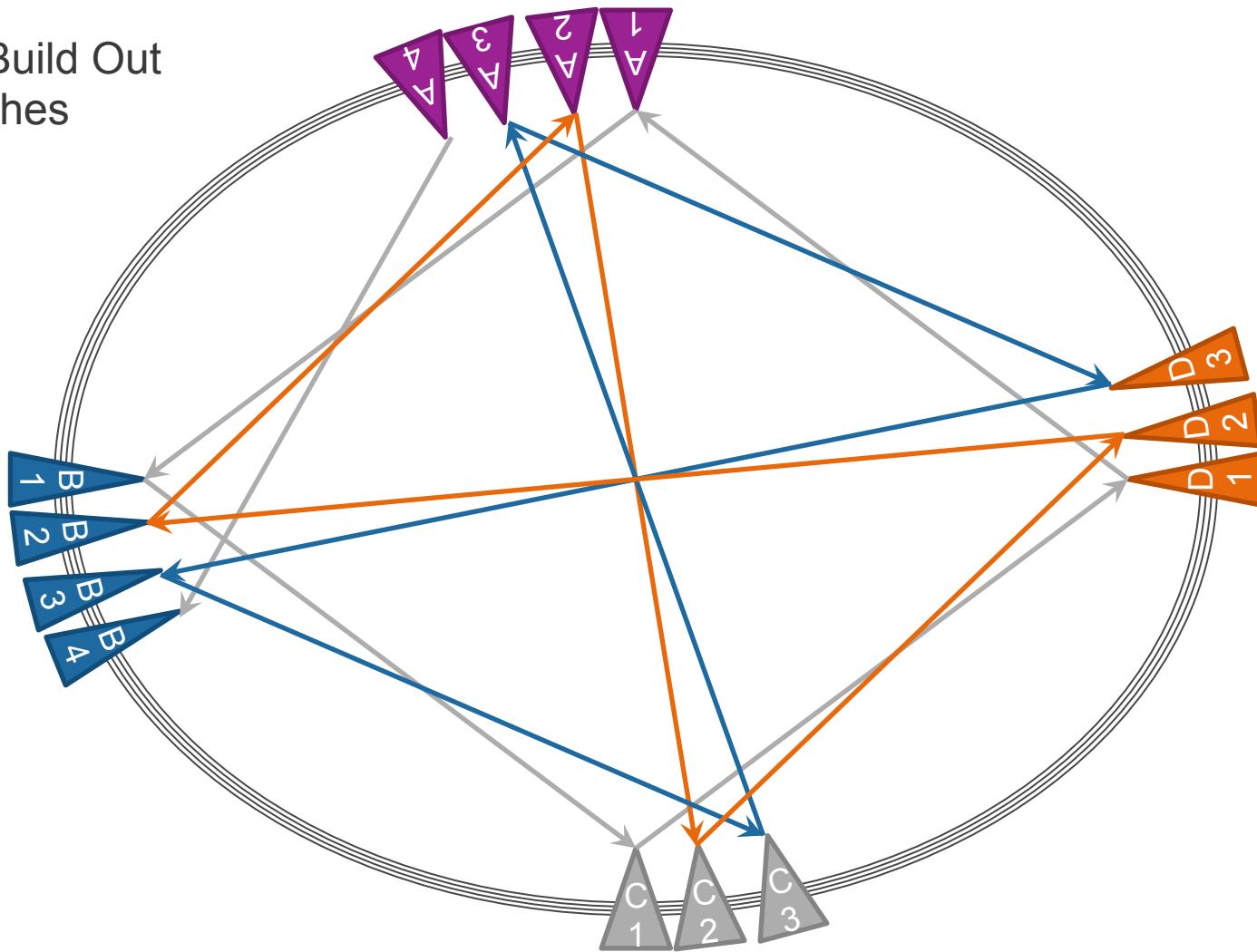
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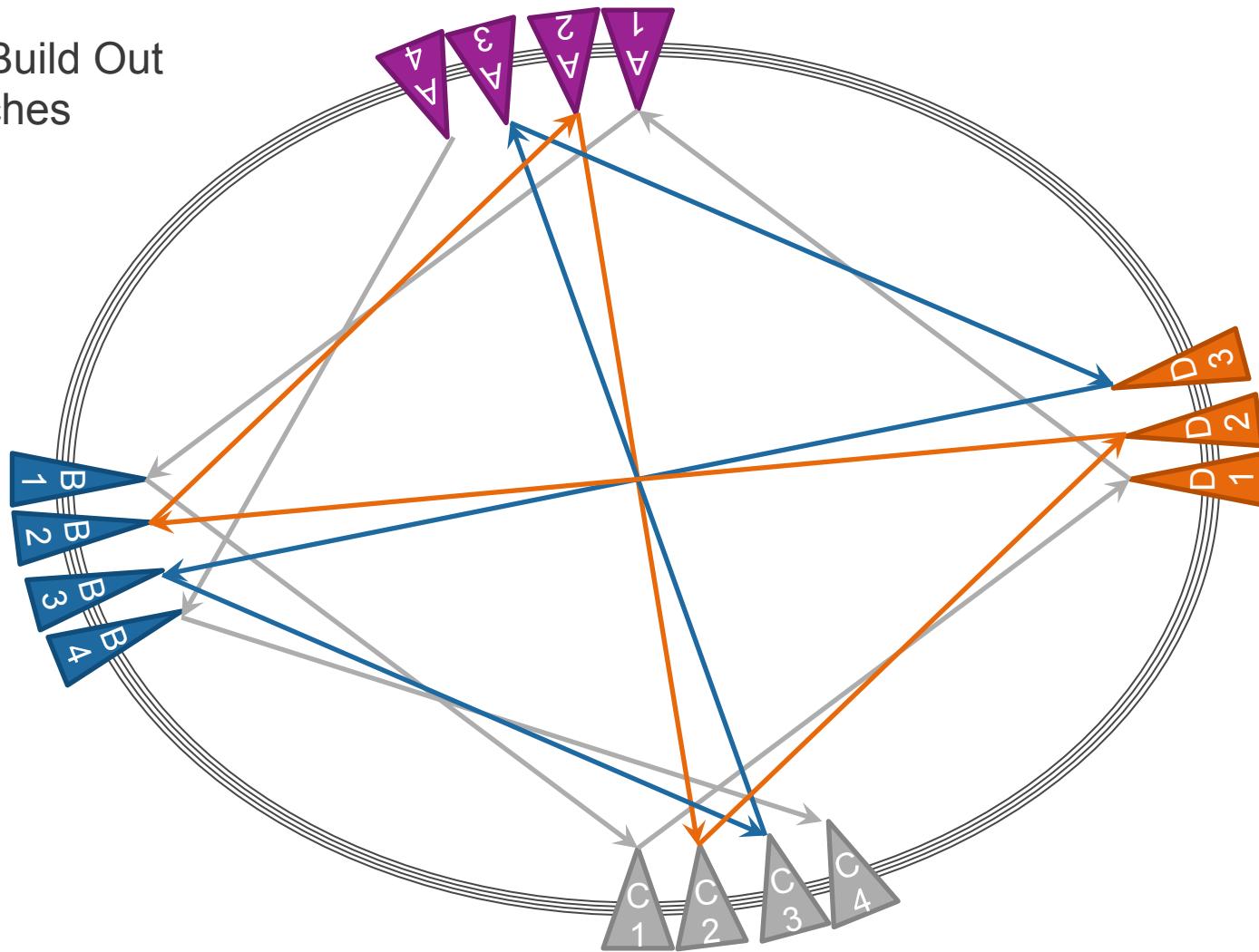
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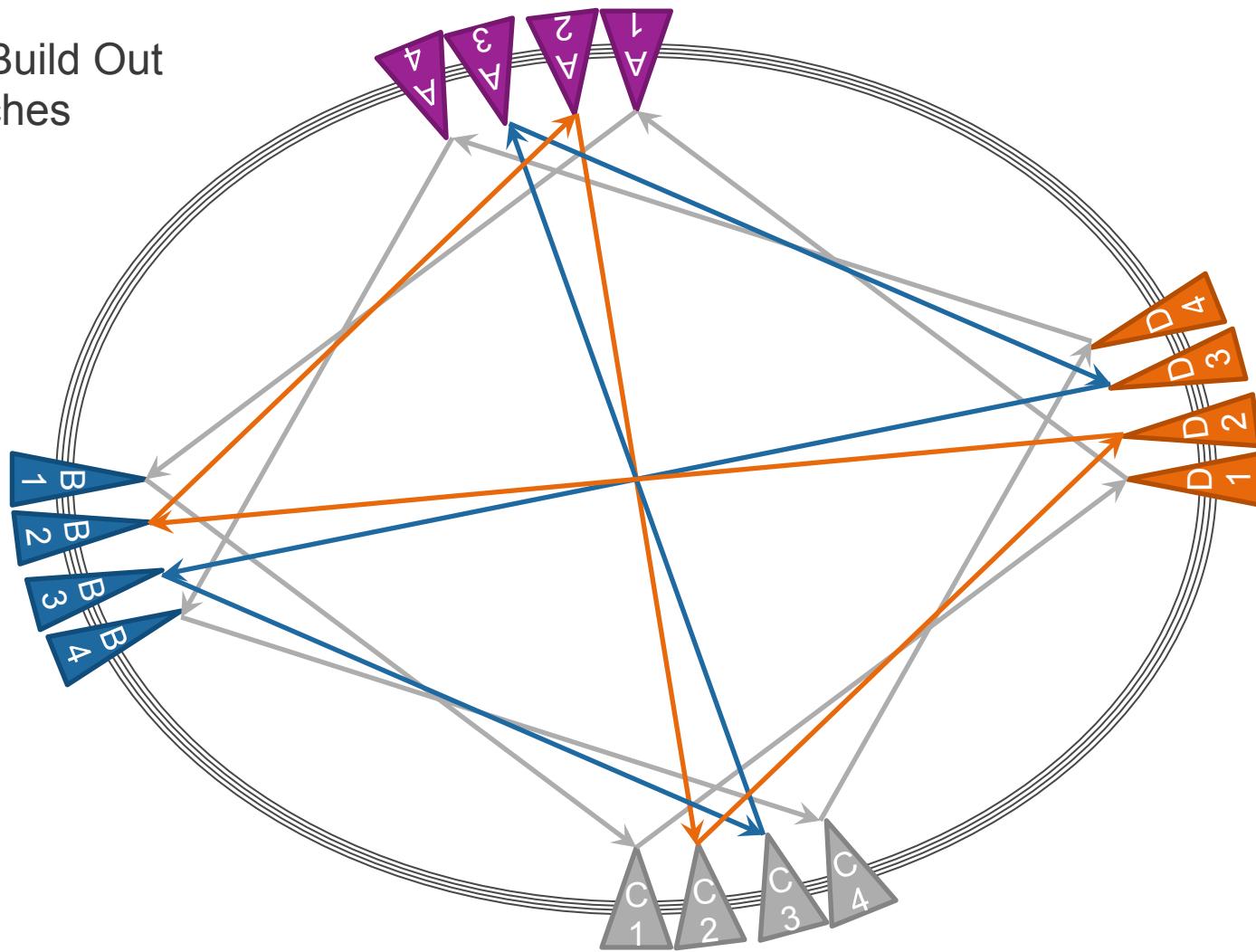
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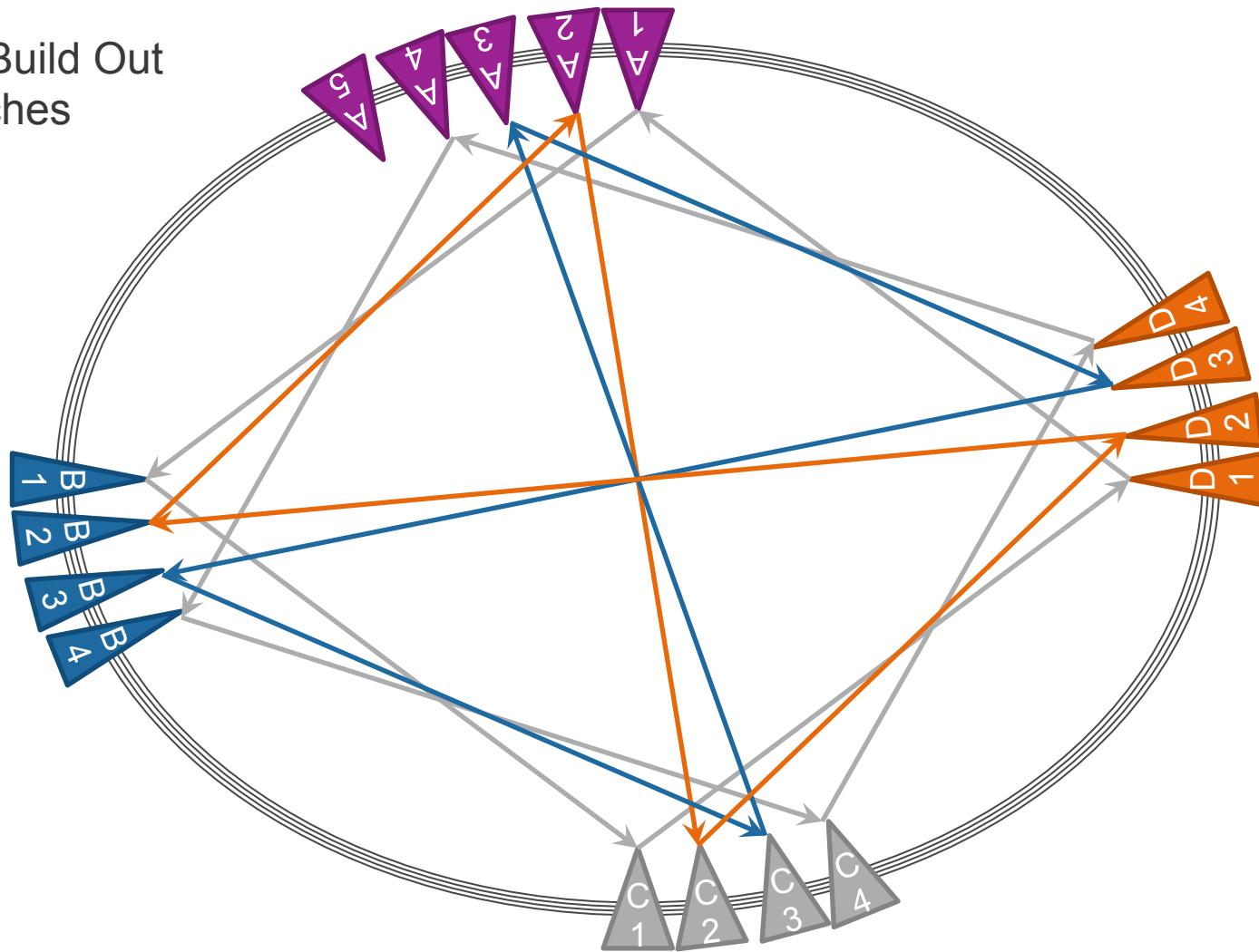
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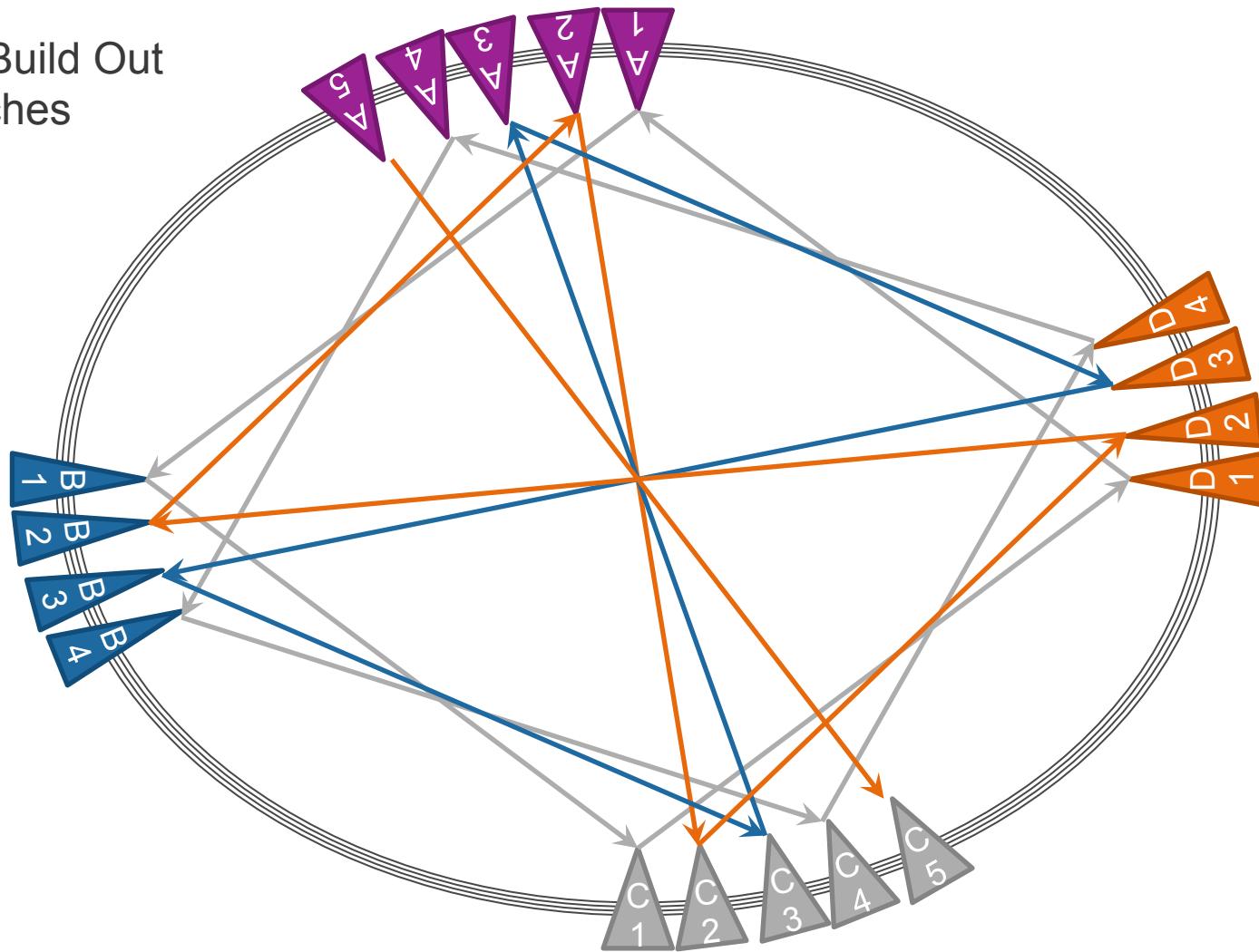
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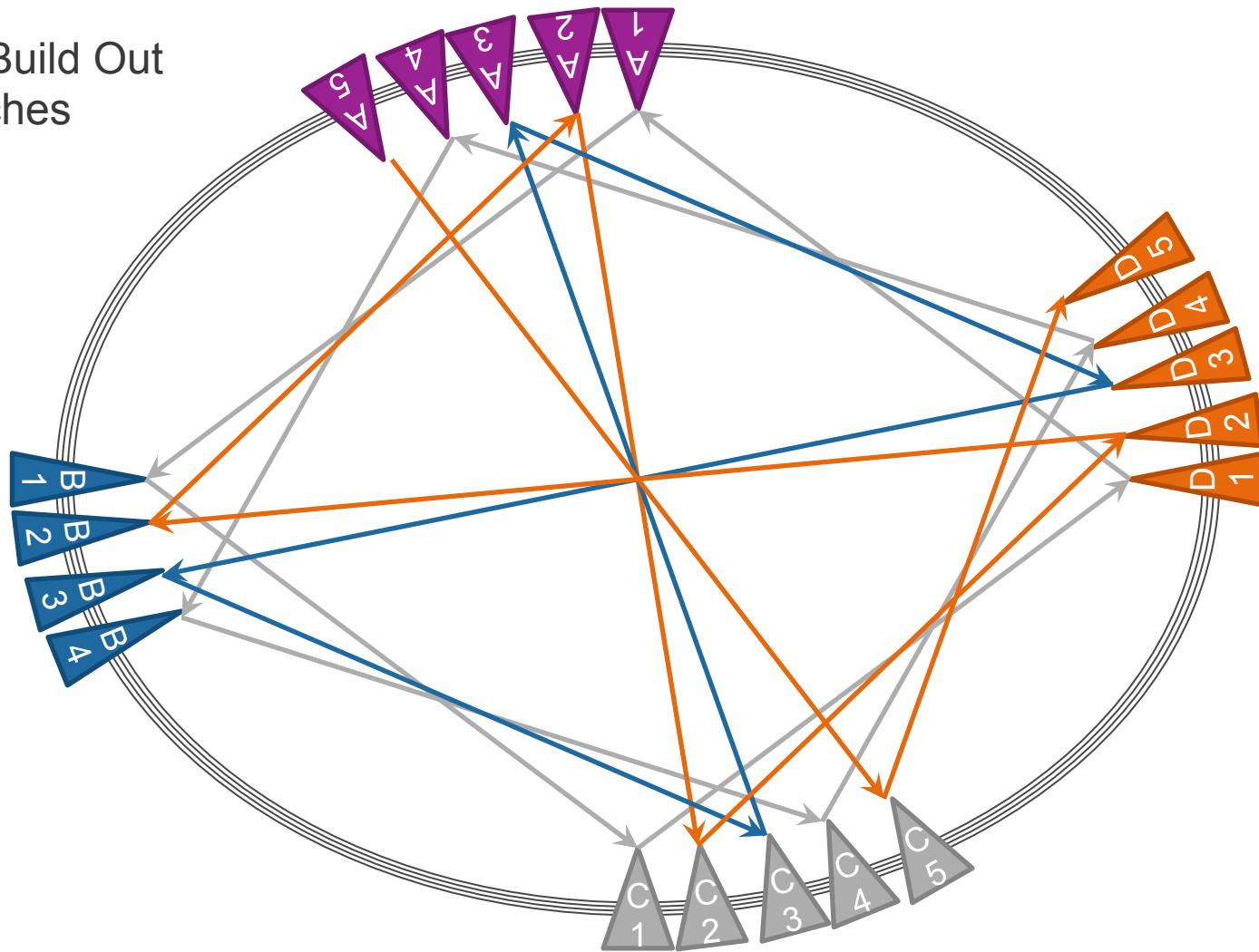
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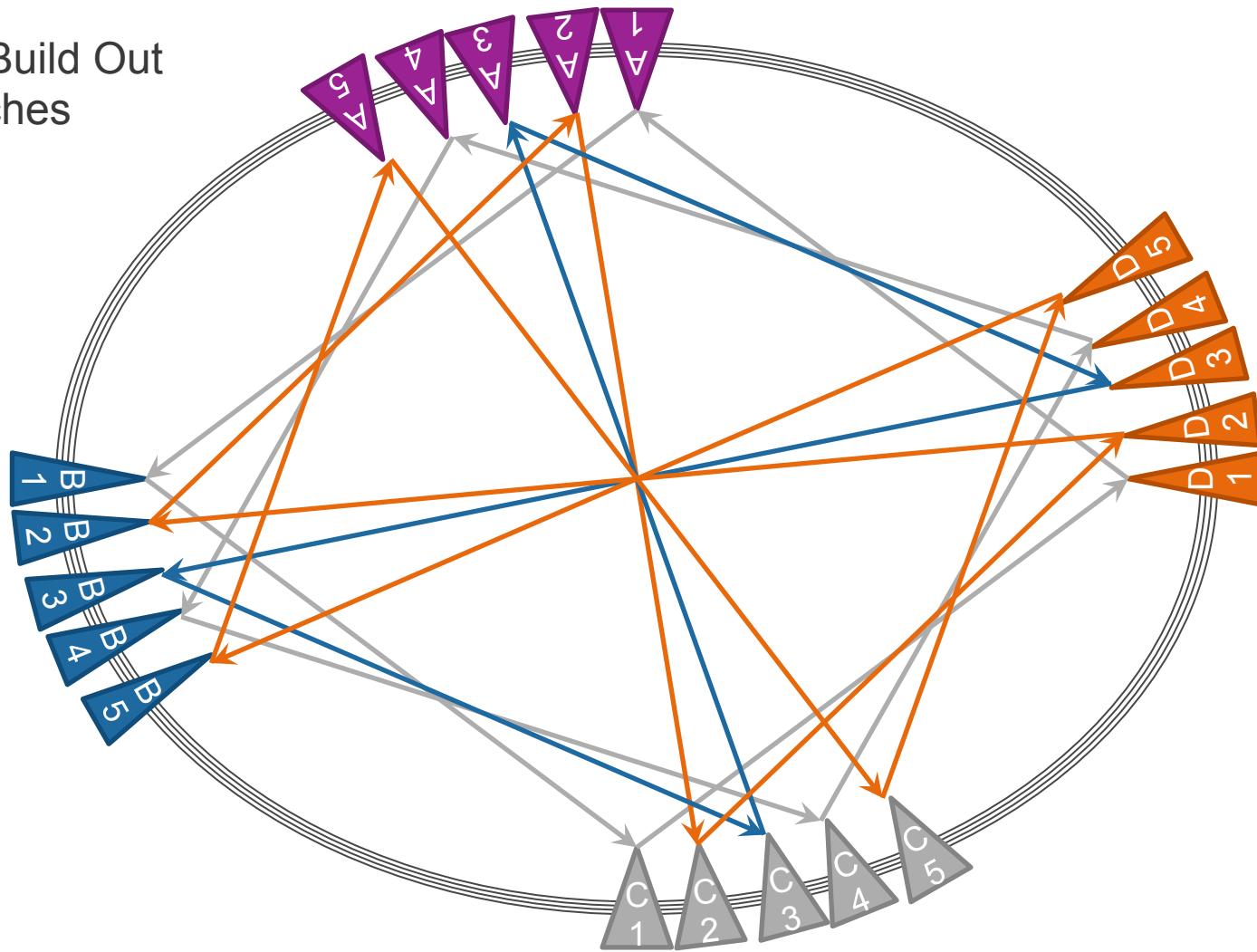
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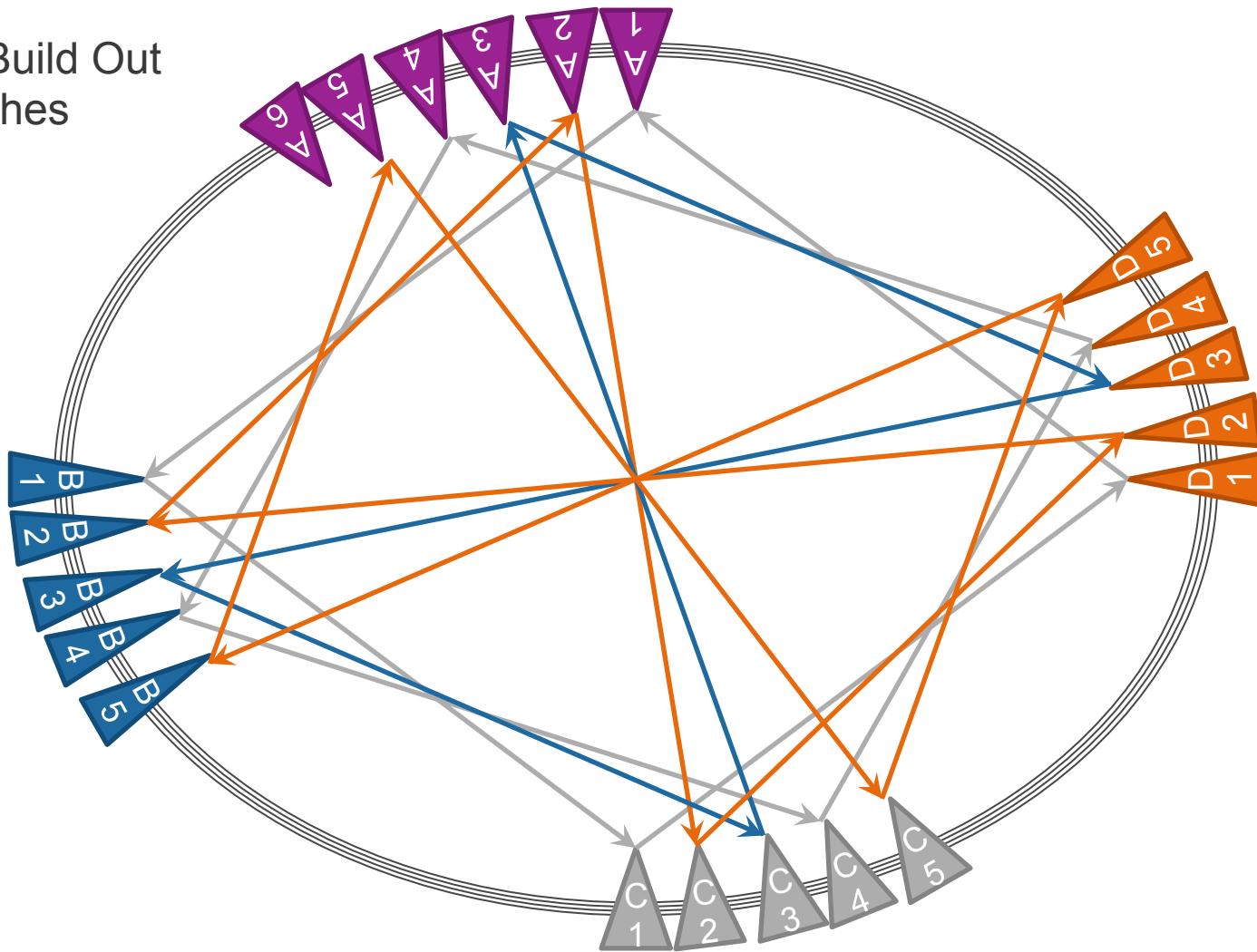
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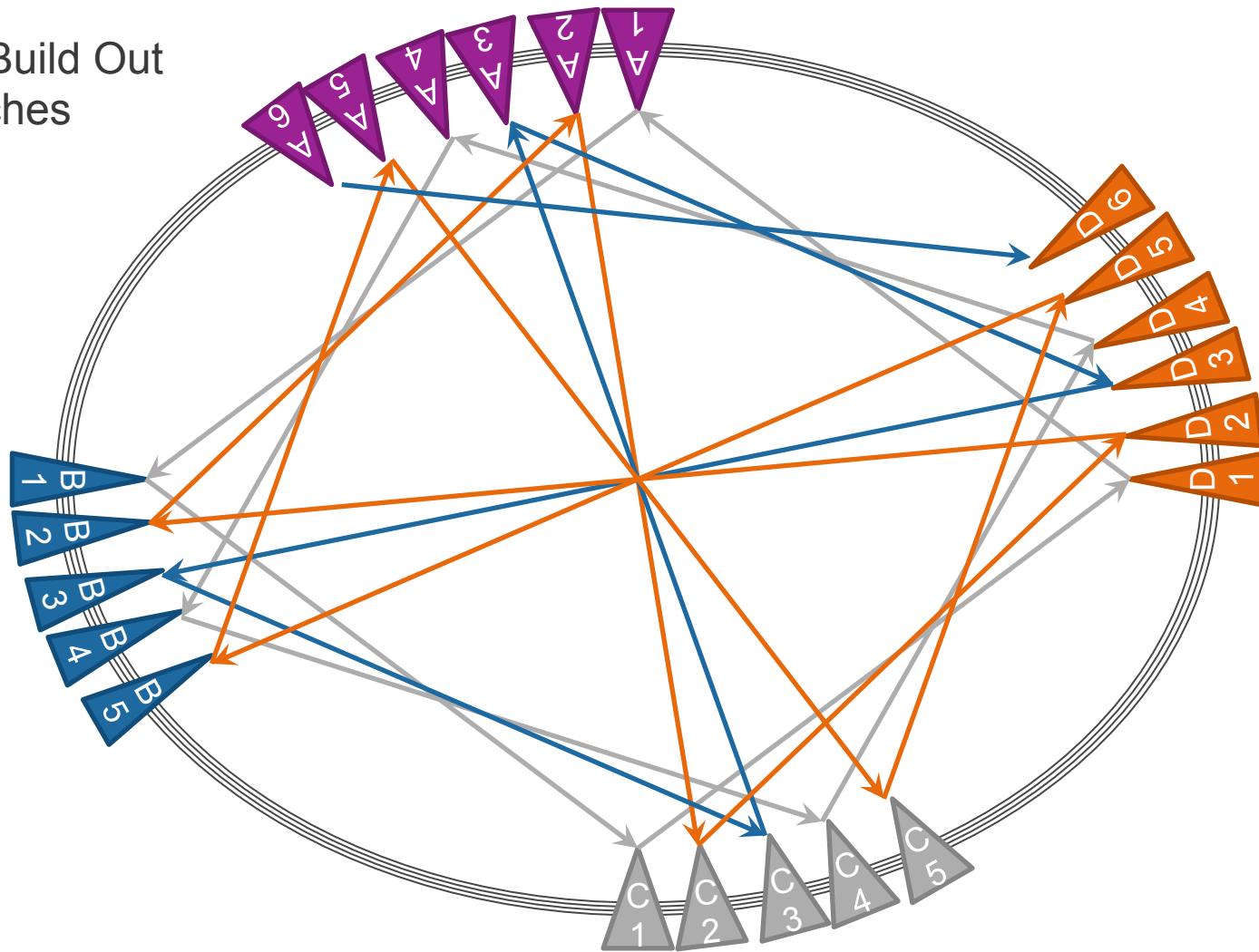
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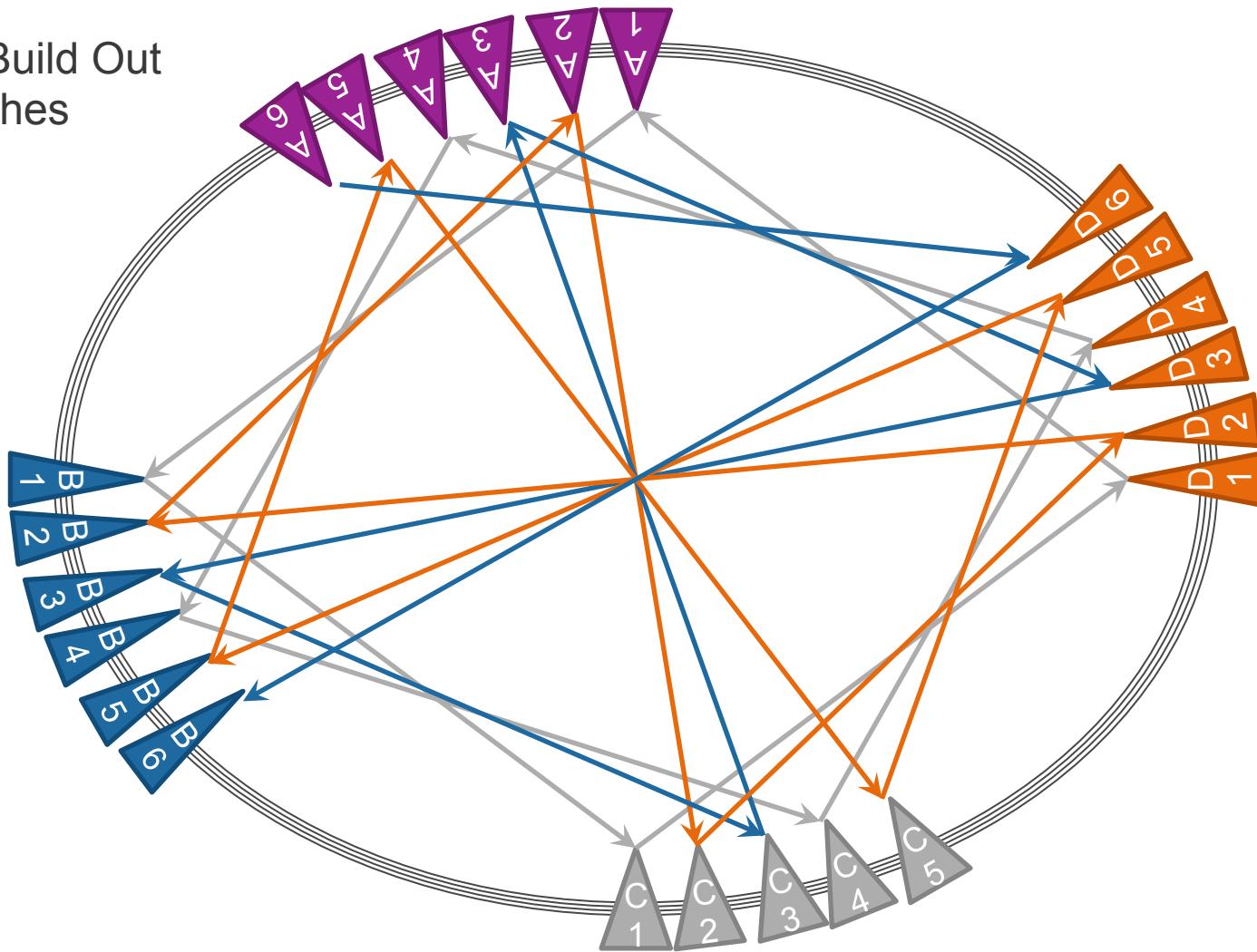
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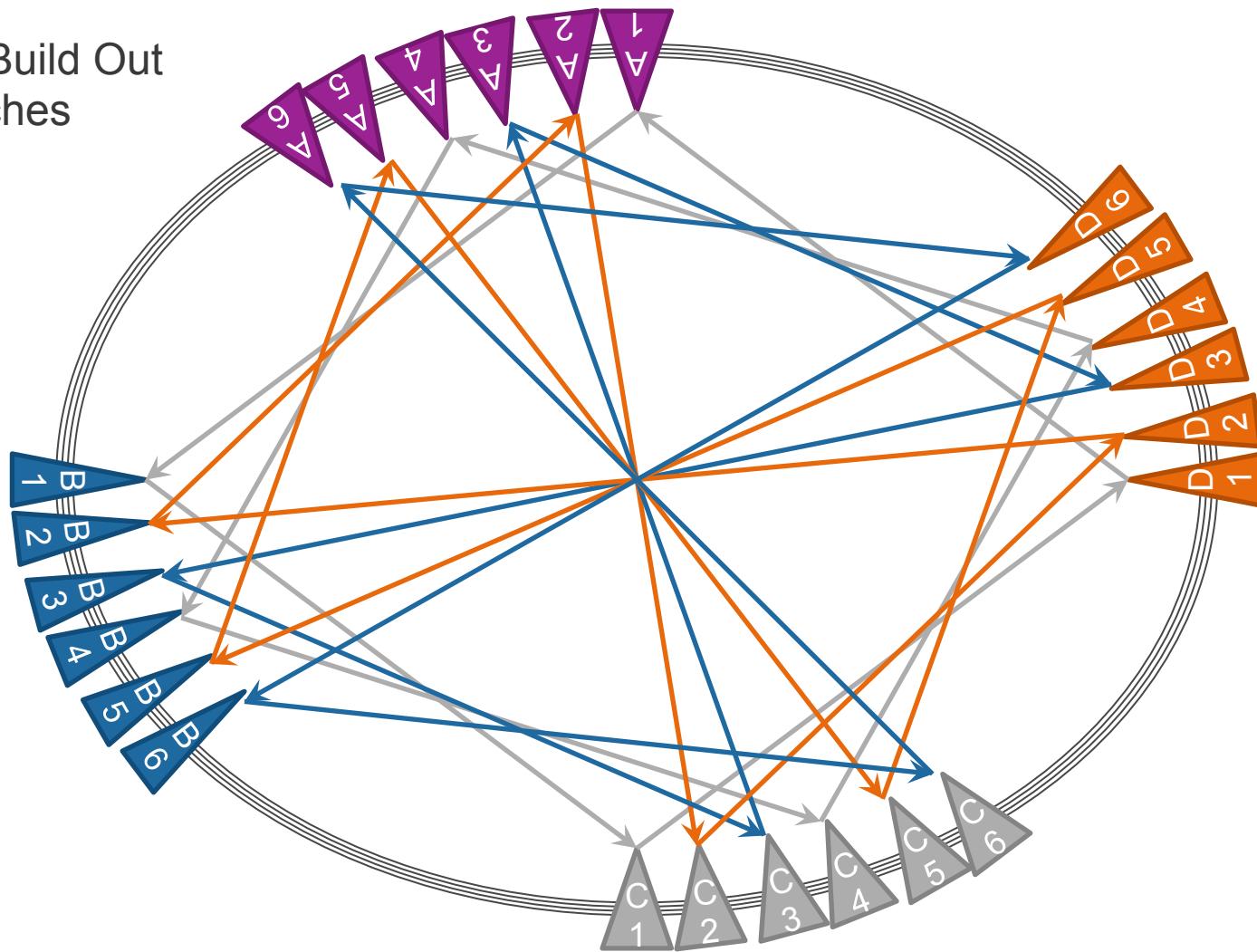
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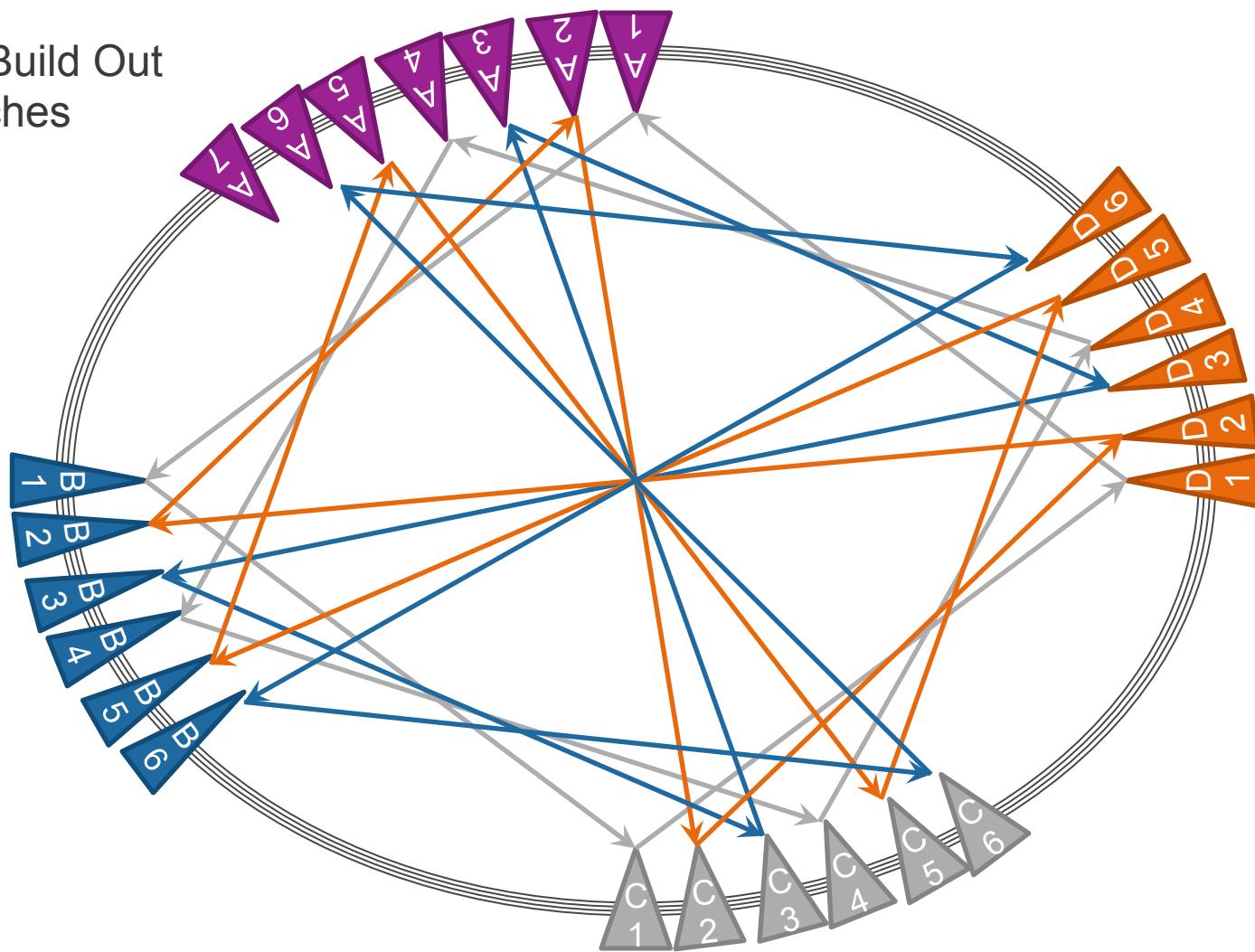
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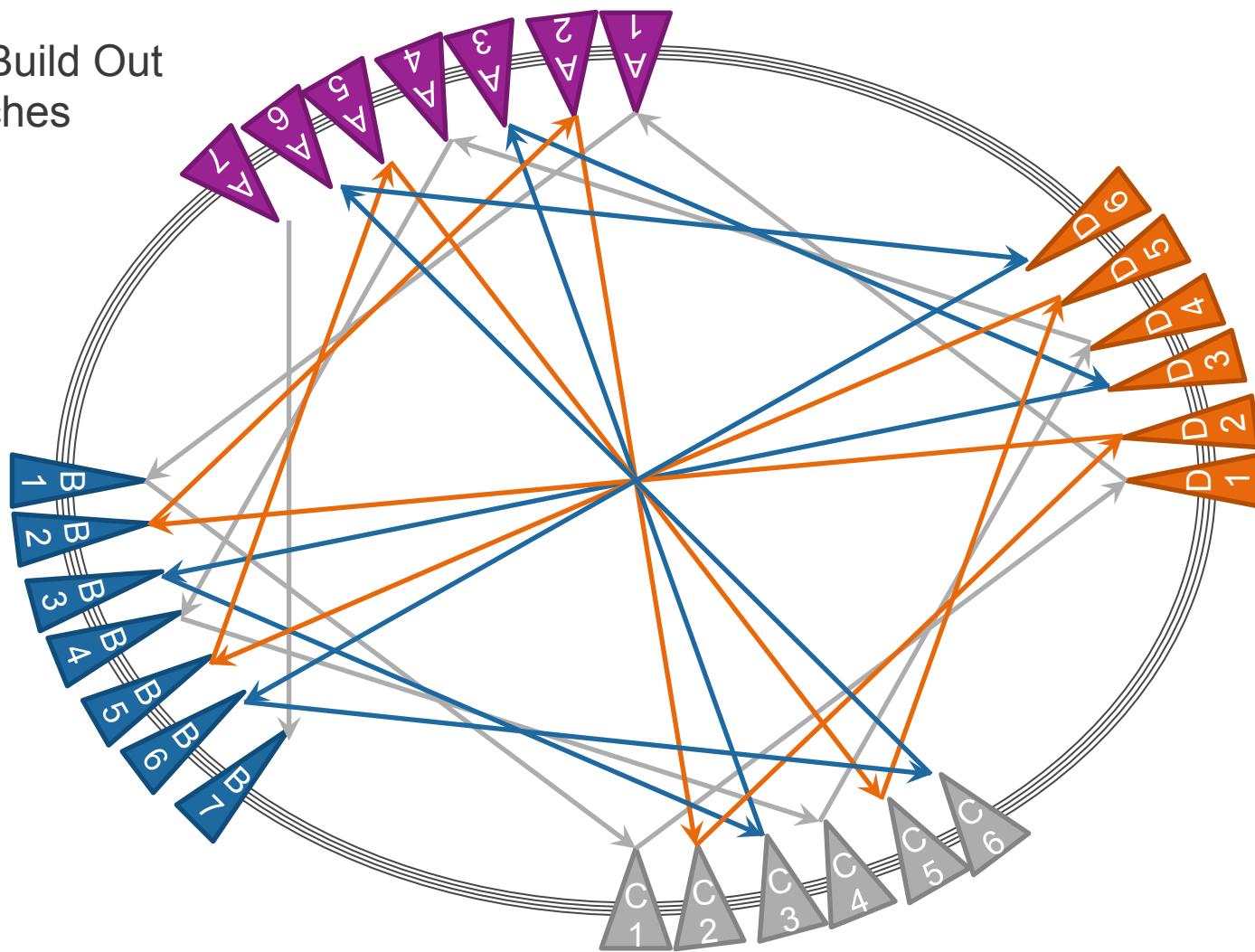
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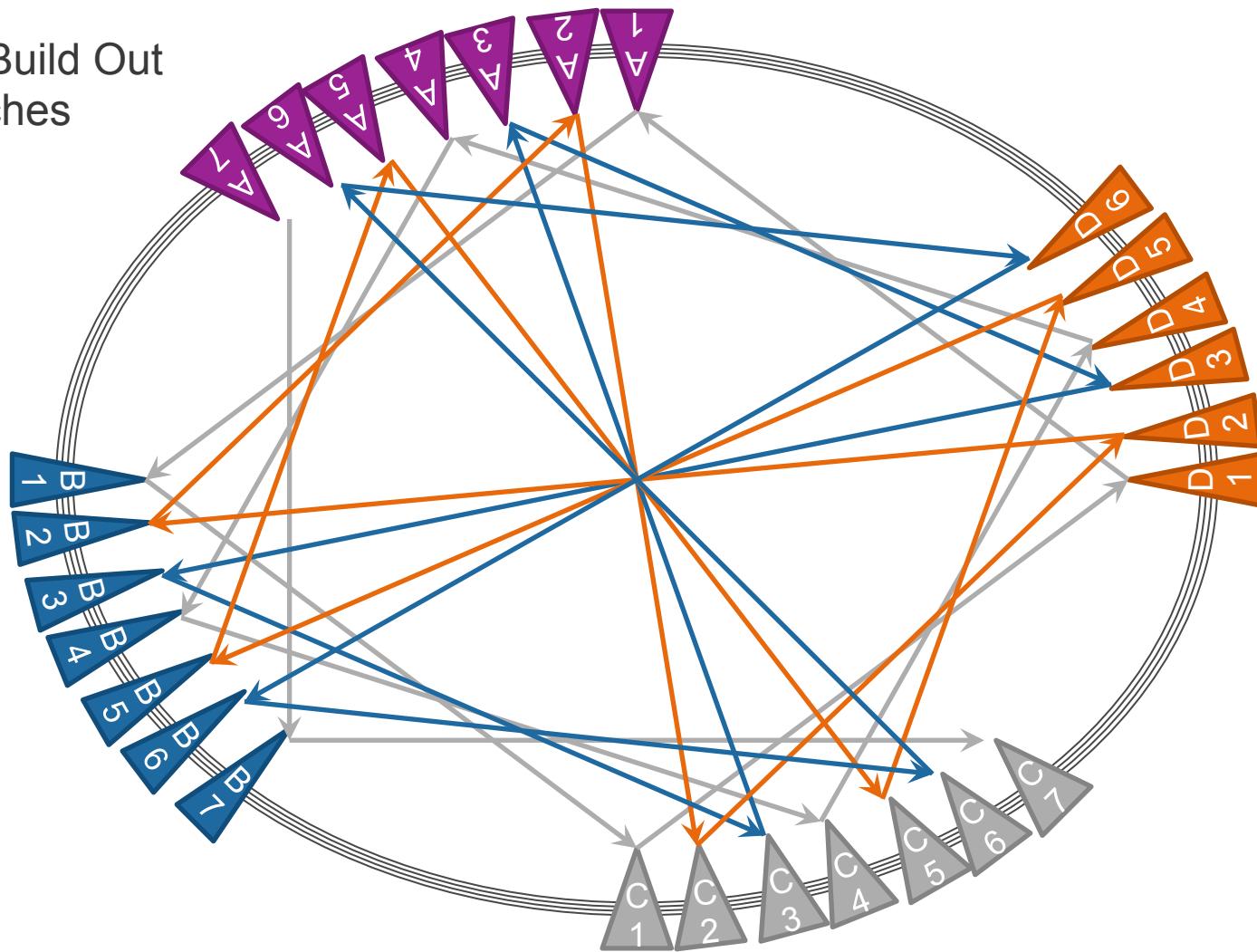
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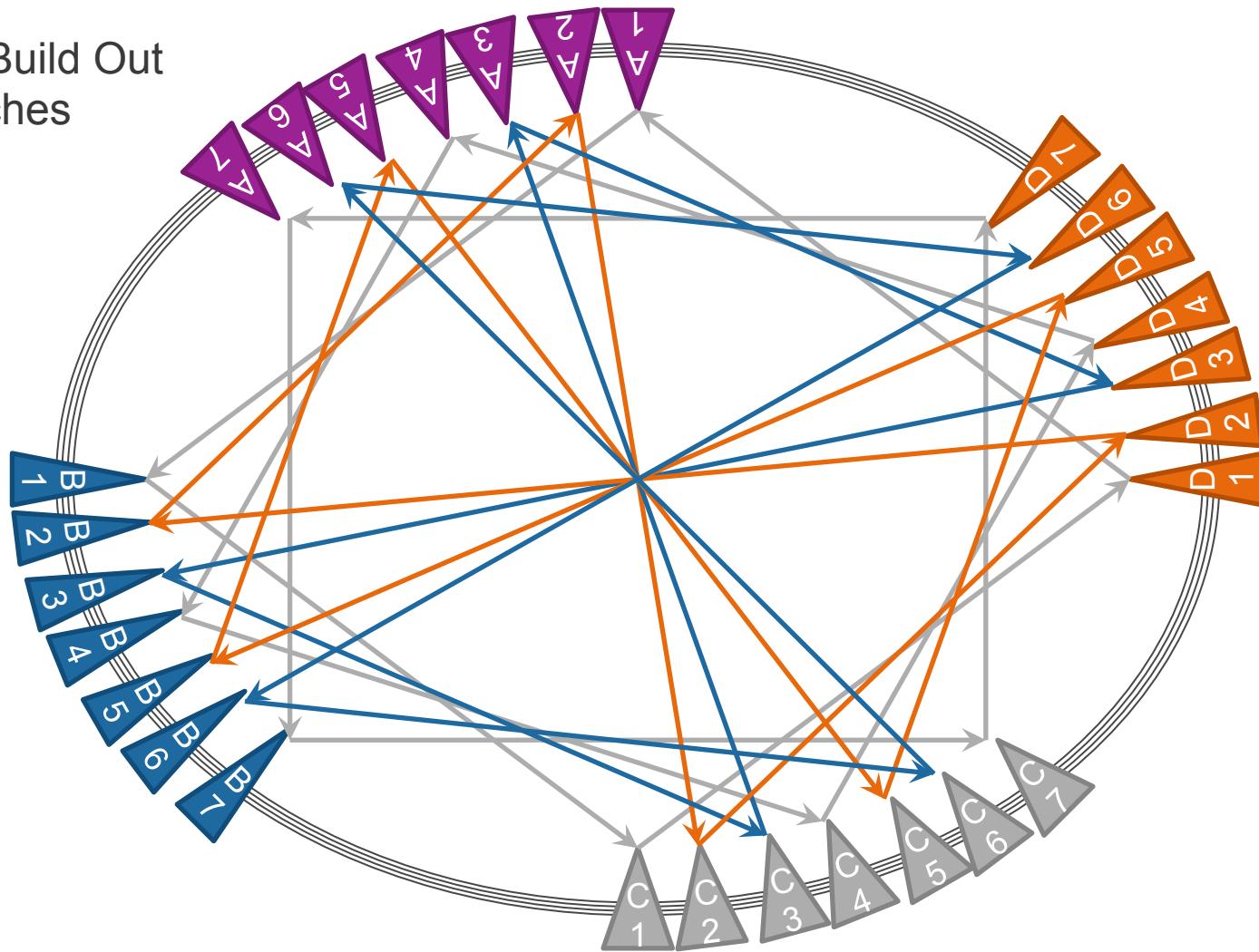
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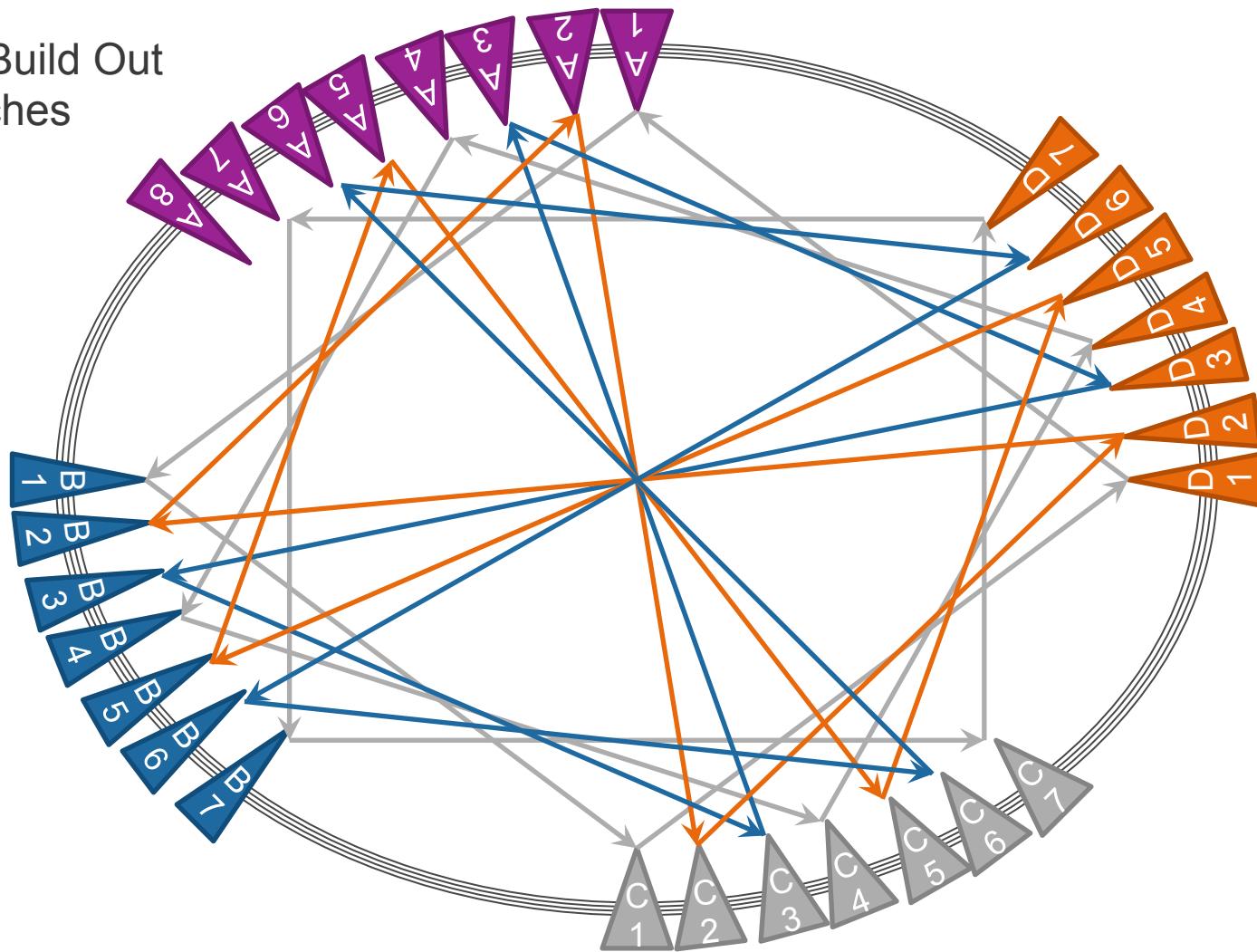
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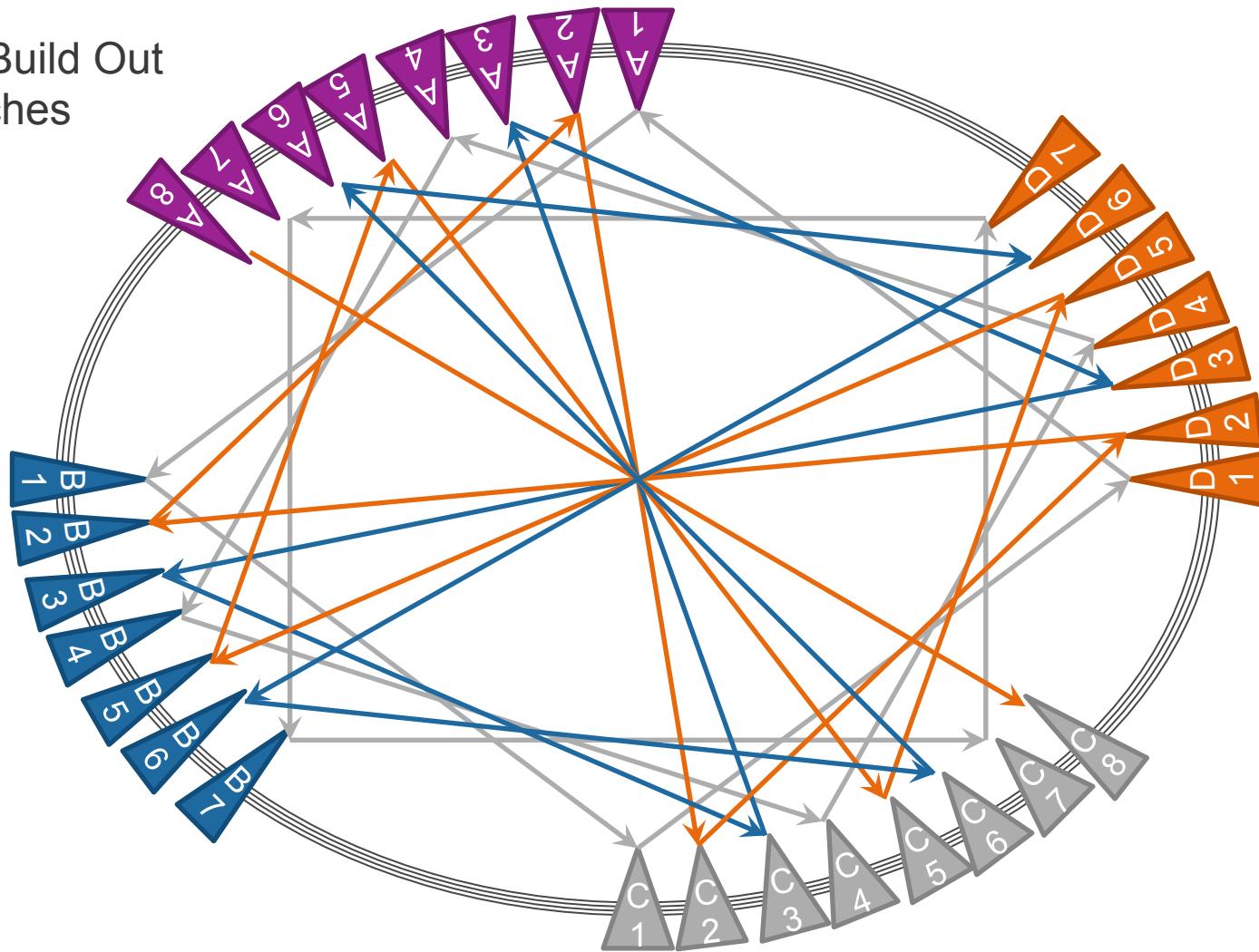
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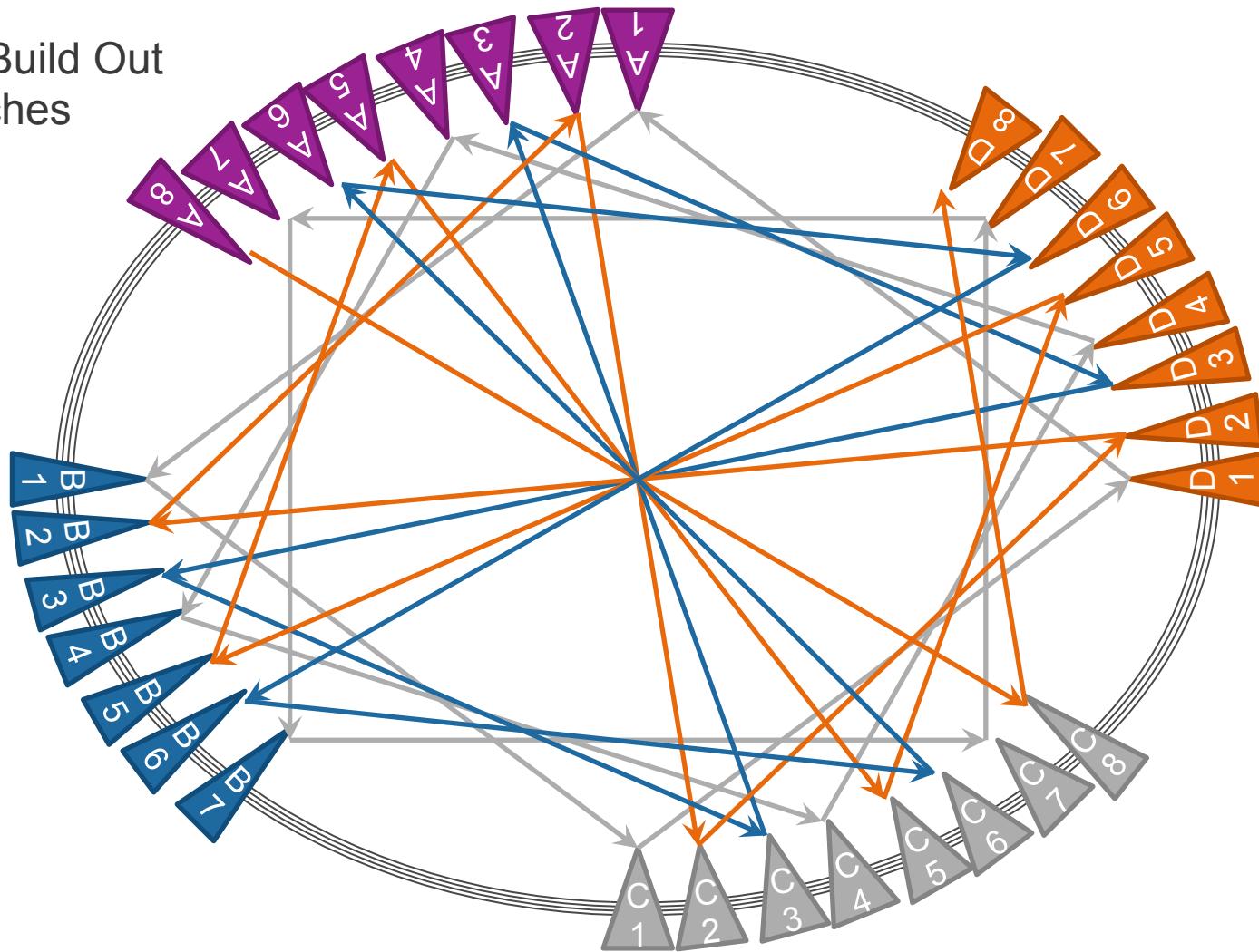
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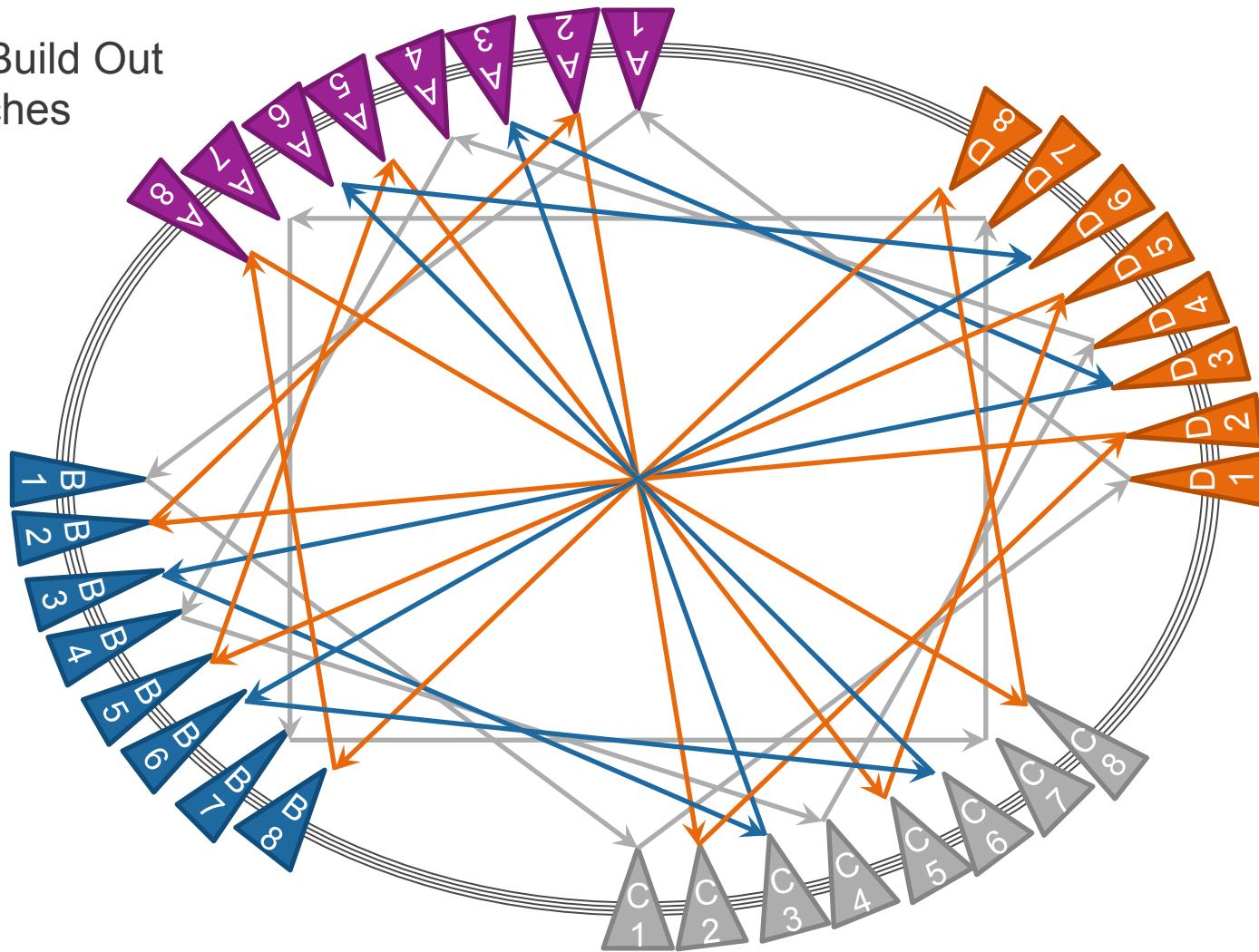
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### 31 Switches



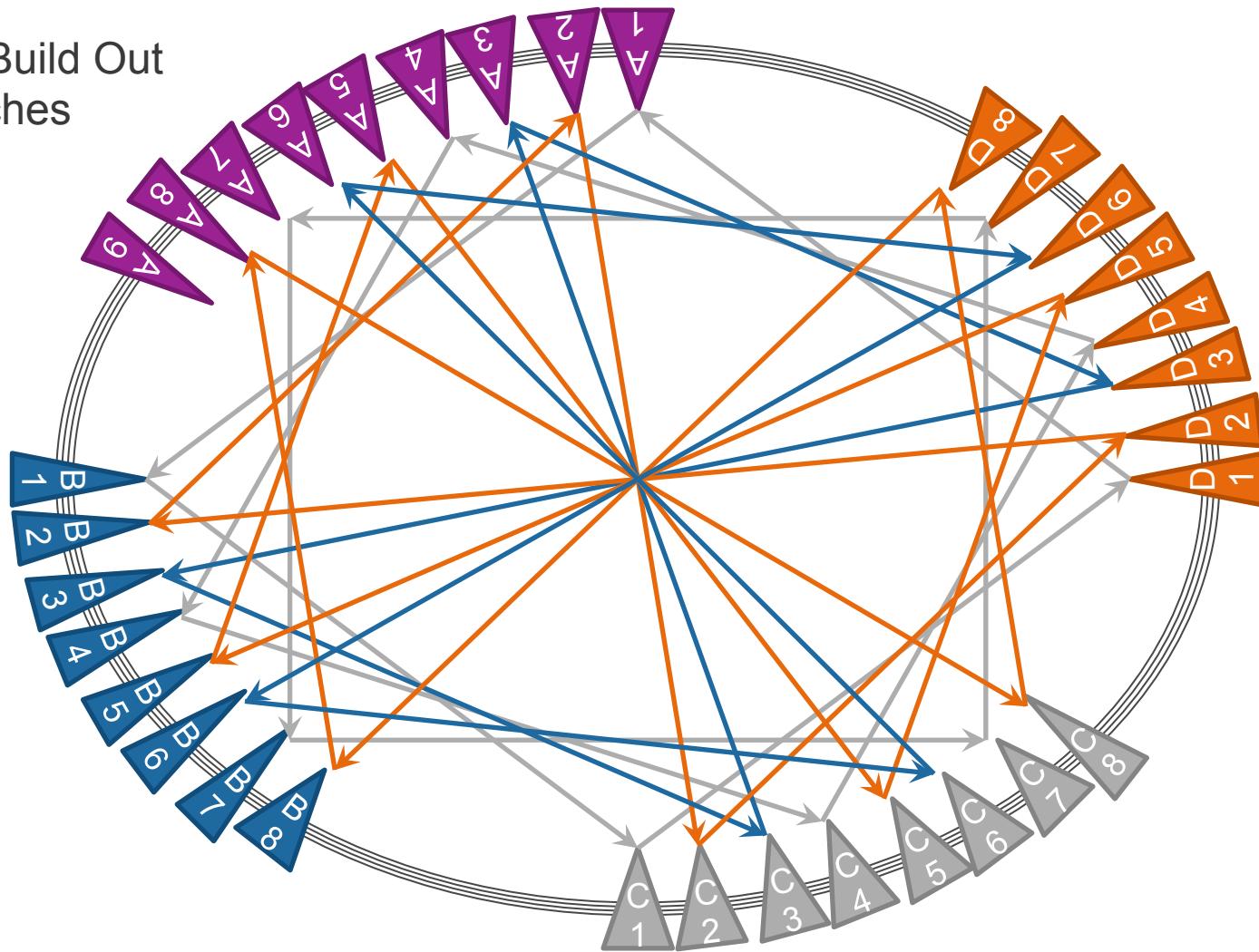
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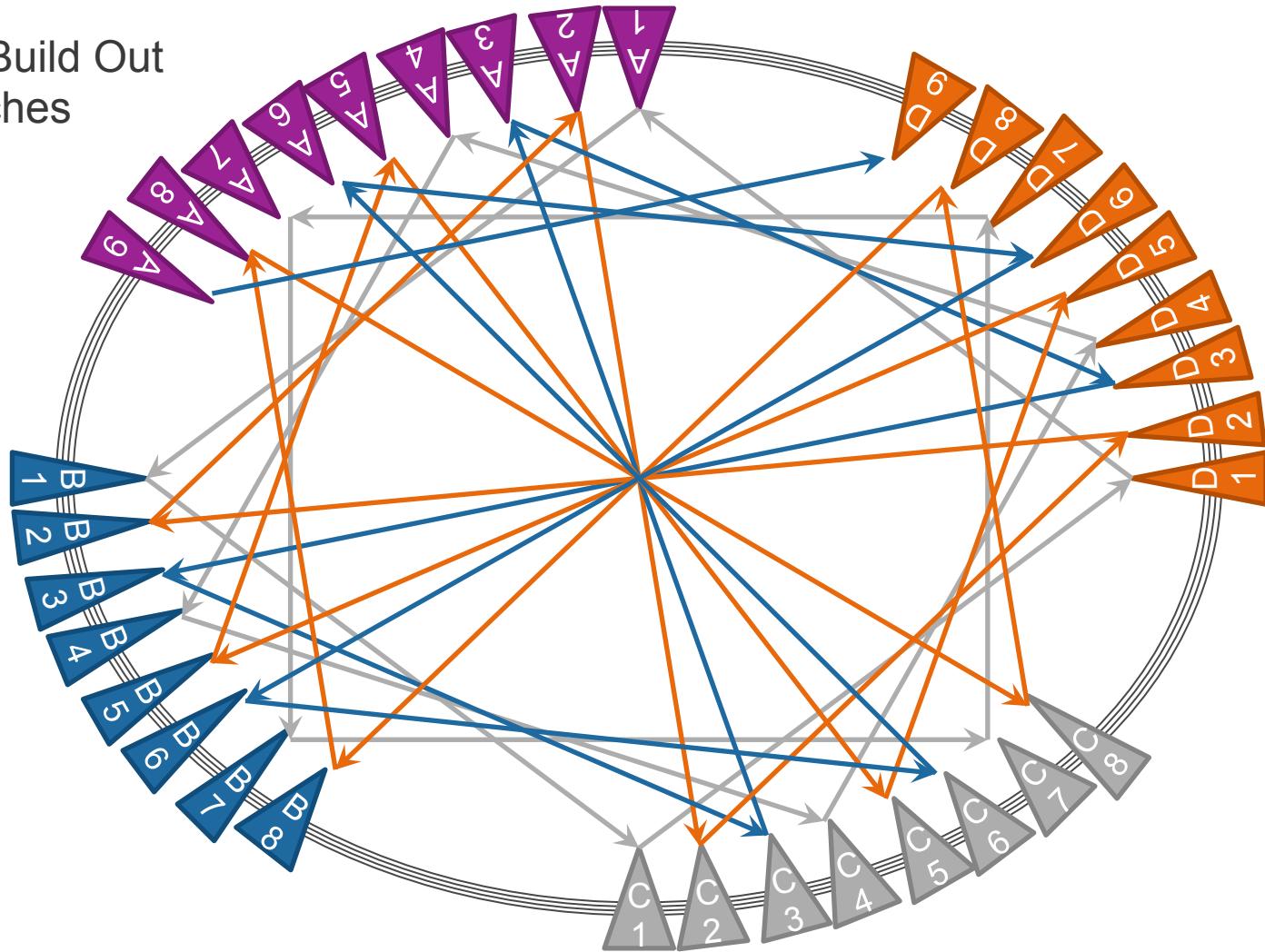
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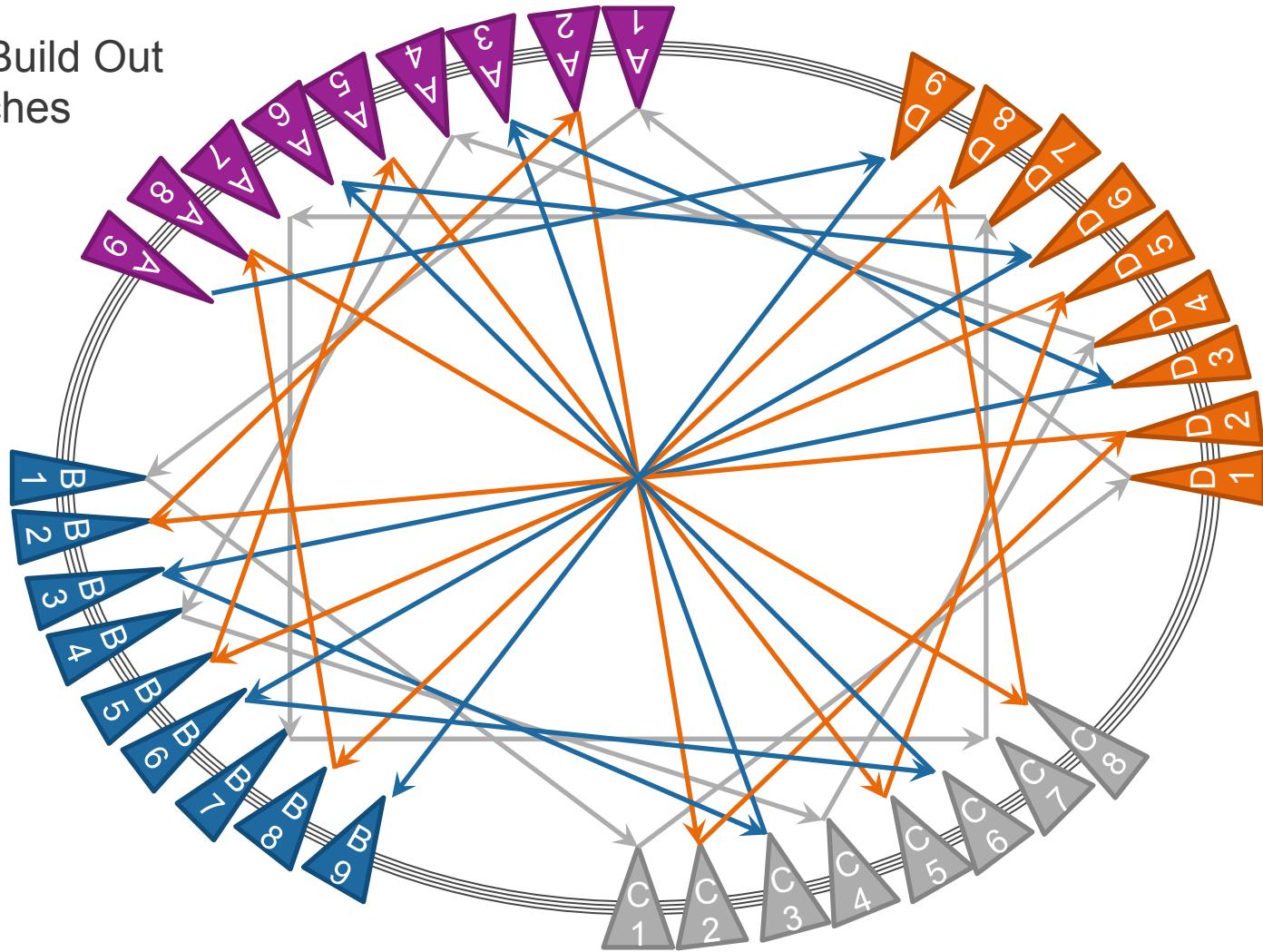
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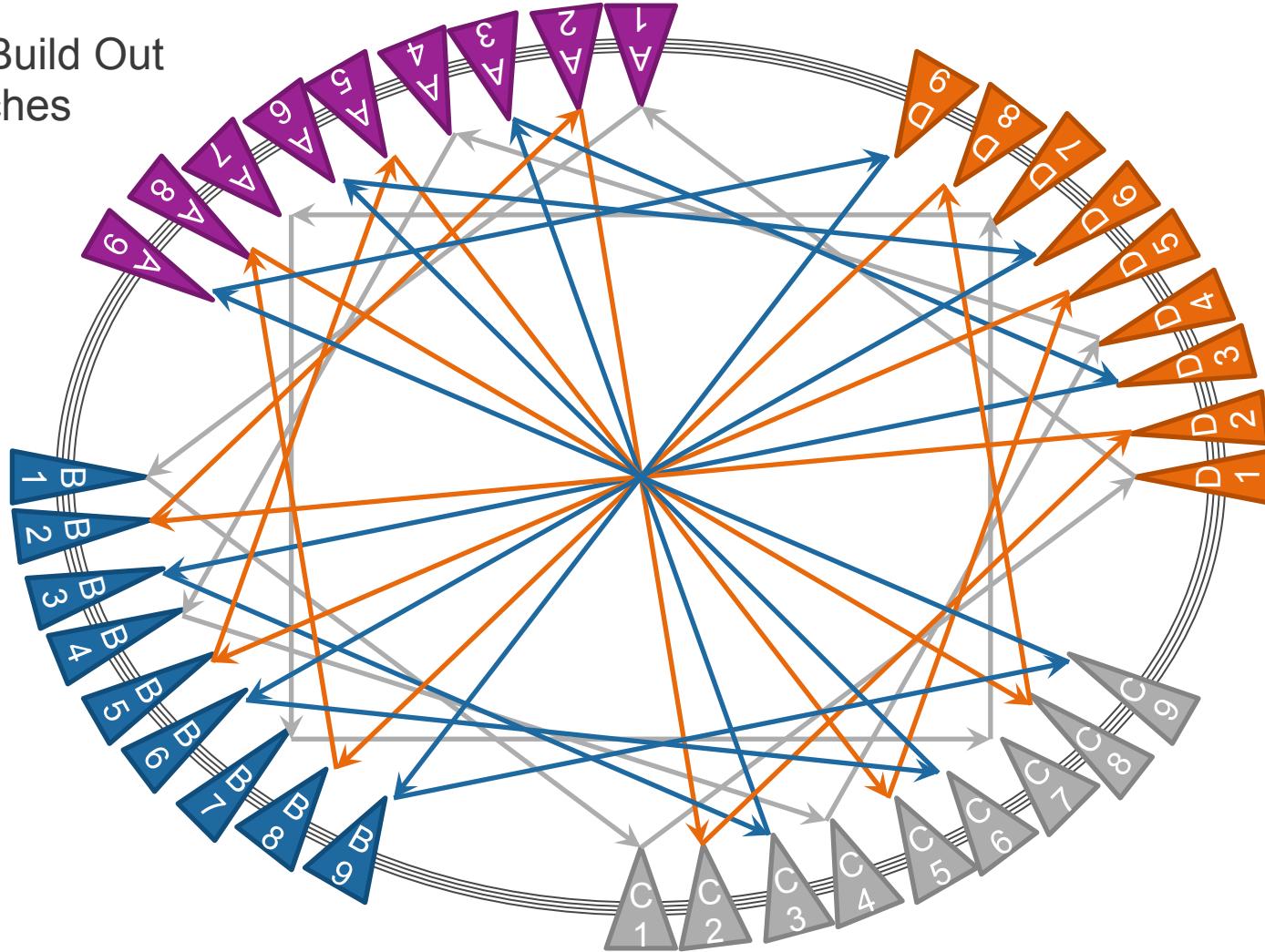
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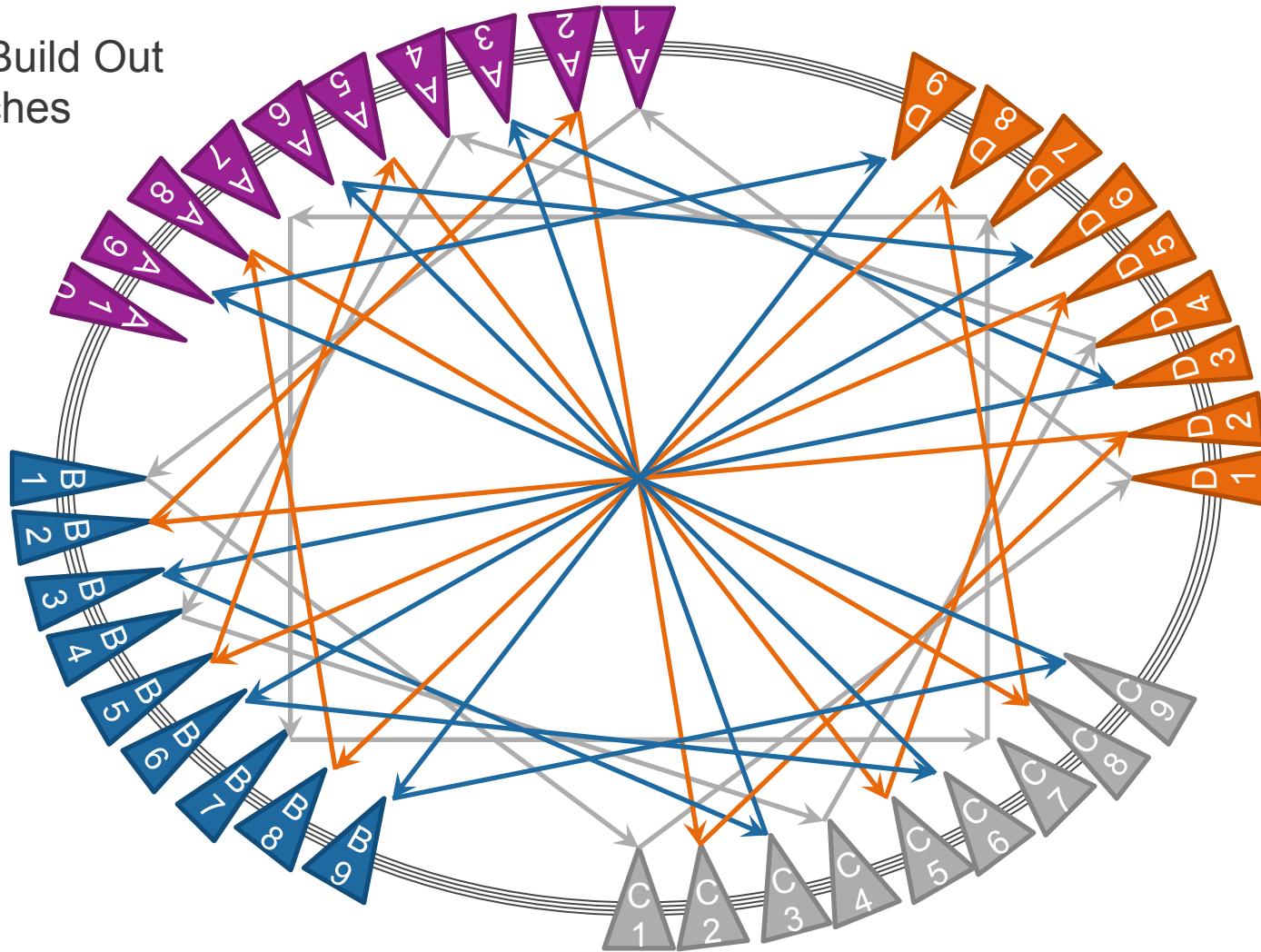
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# Incremental Build Out

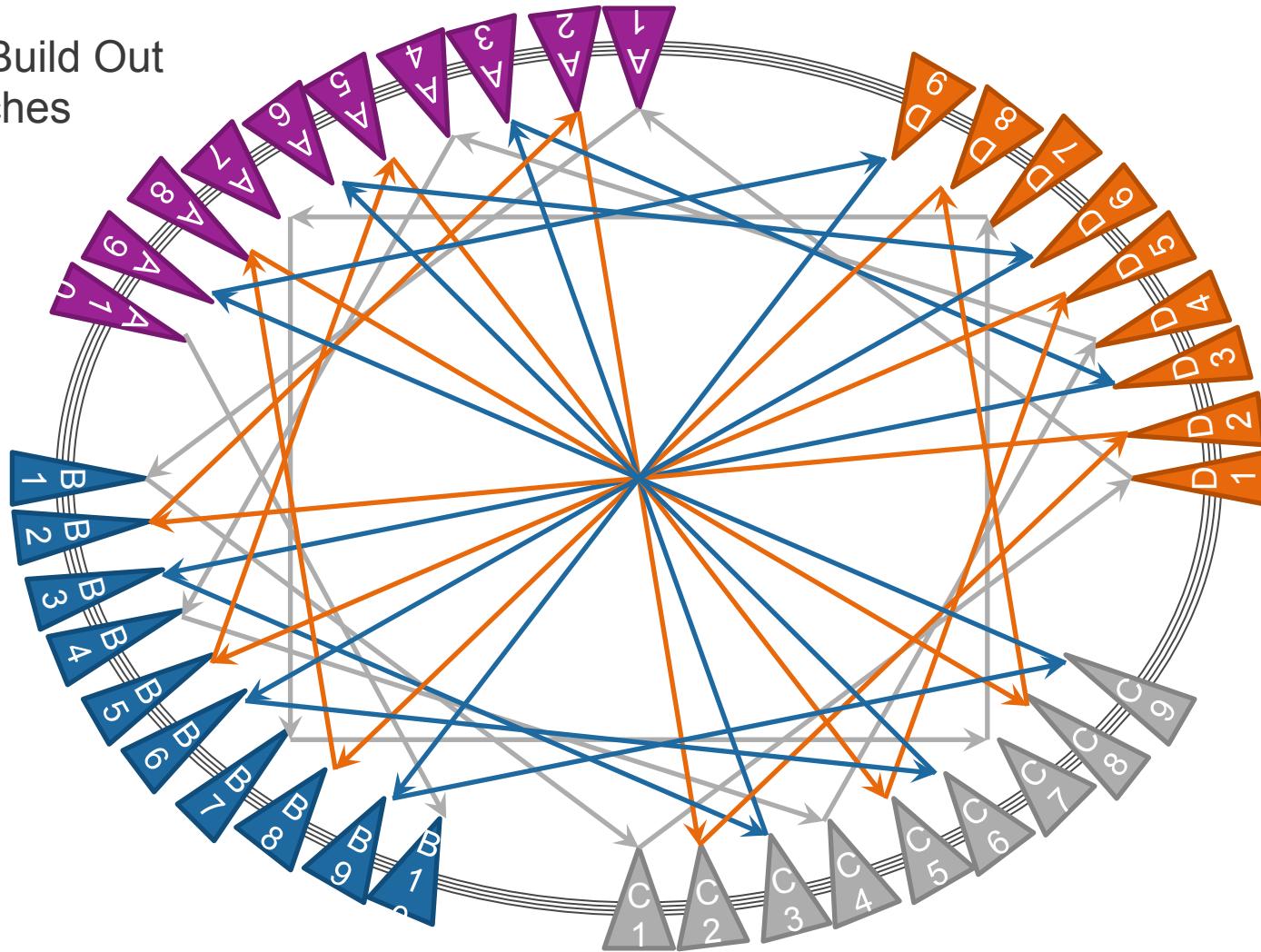
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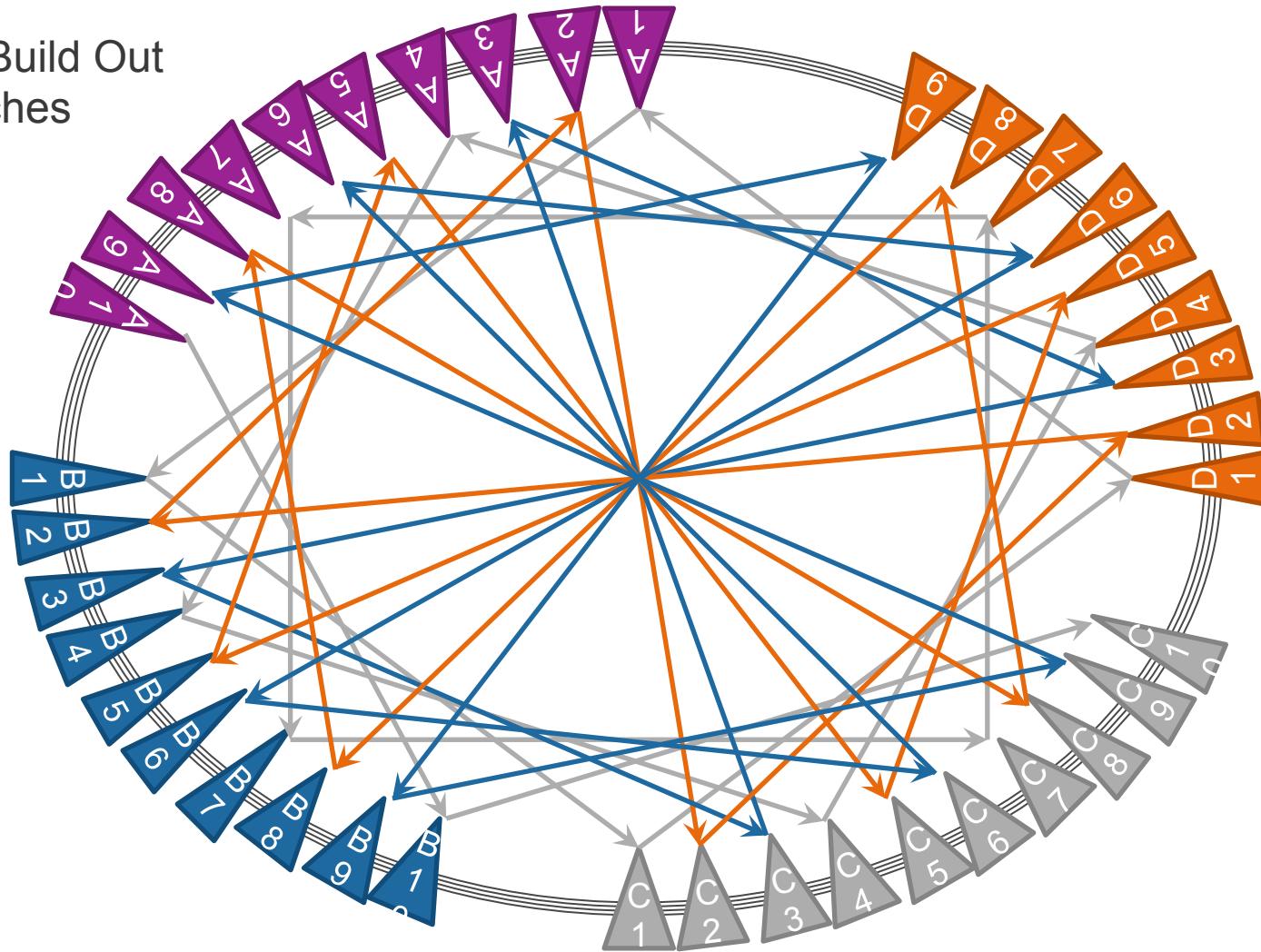
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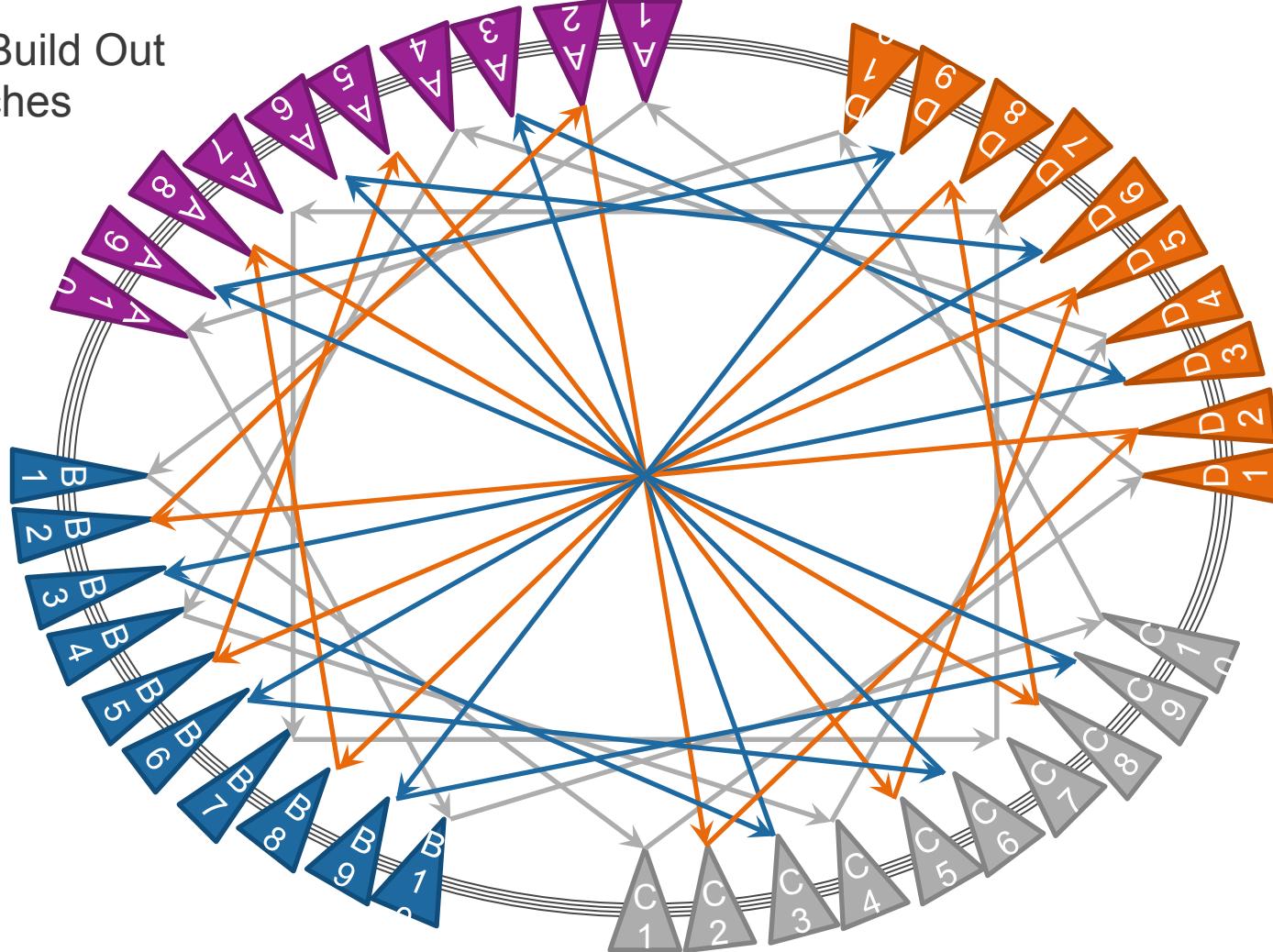
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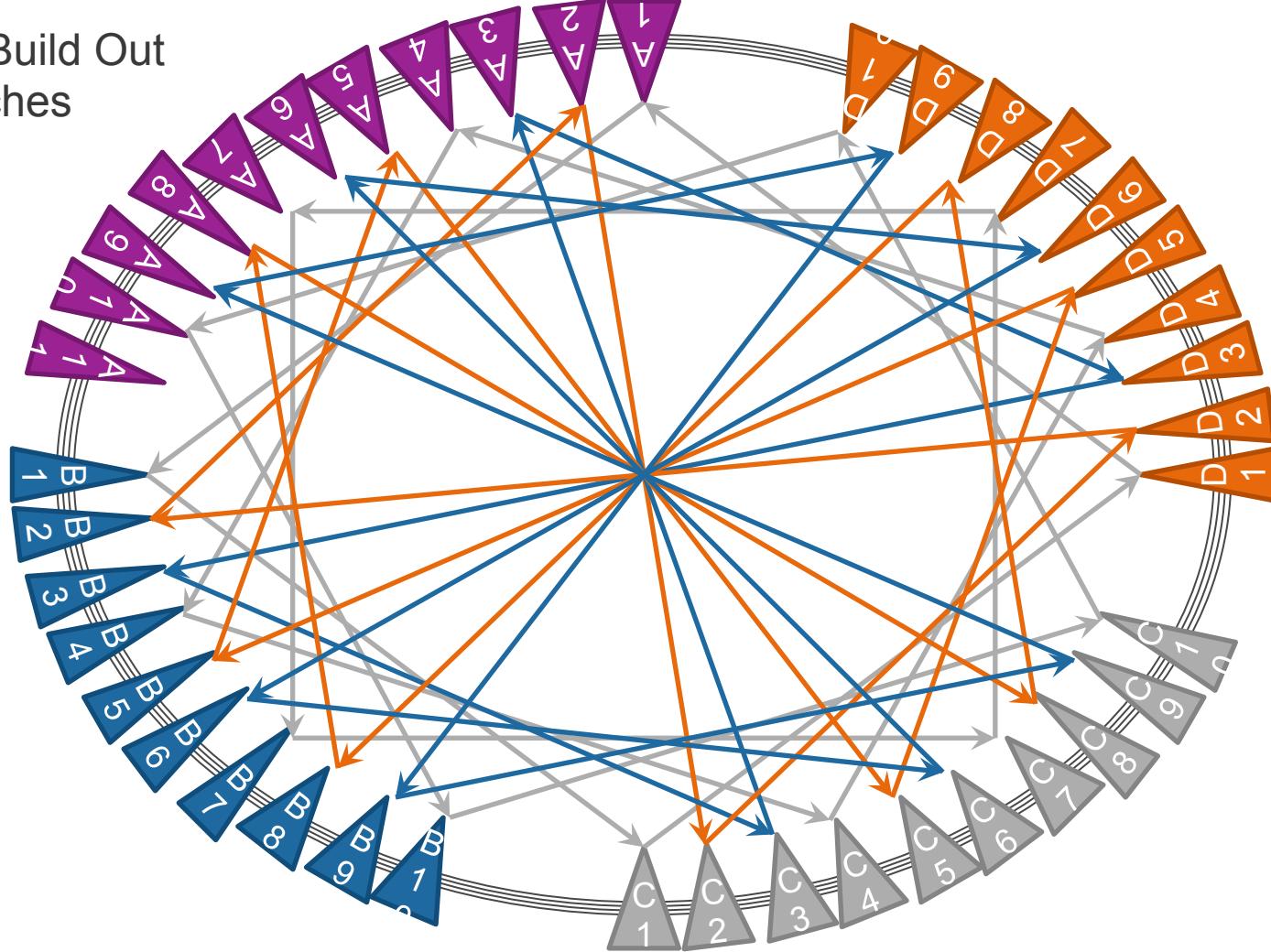


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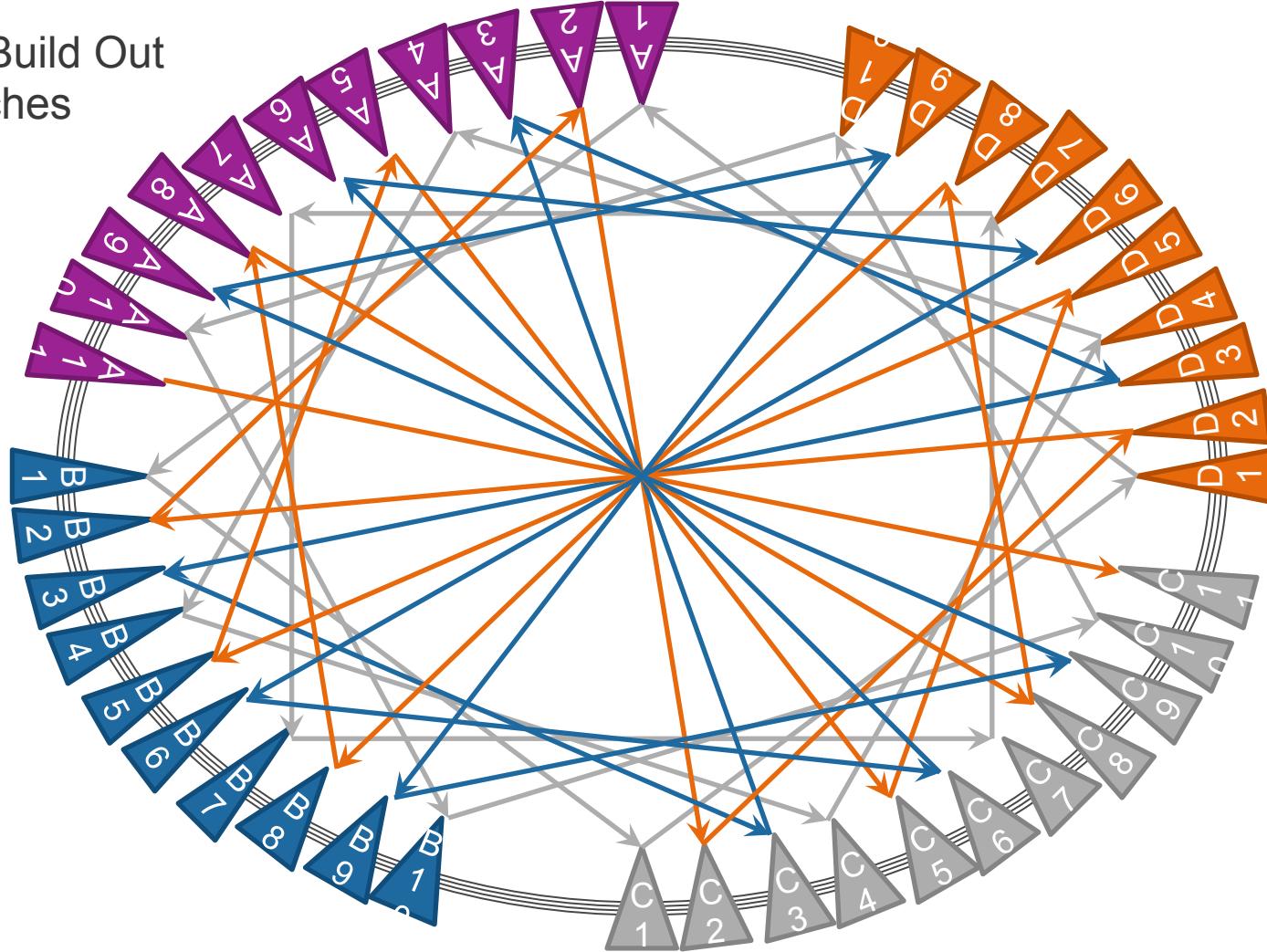
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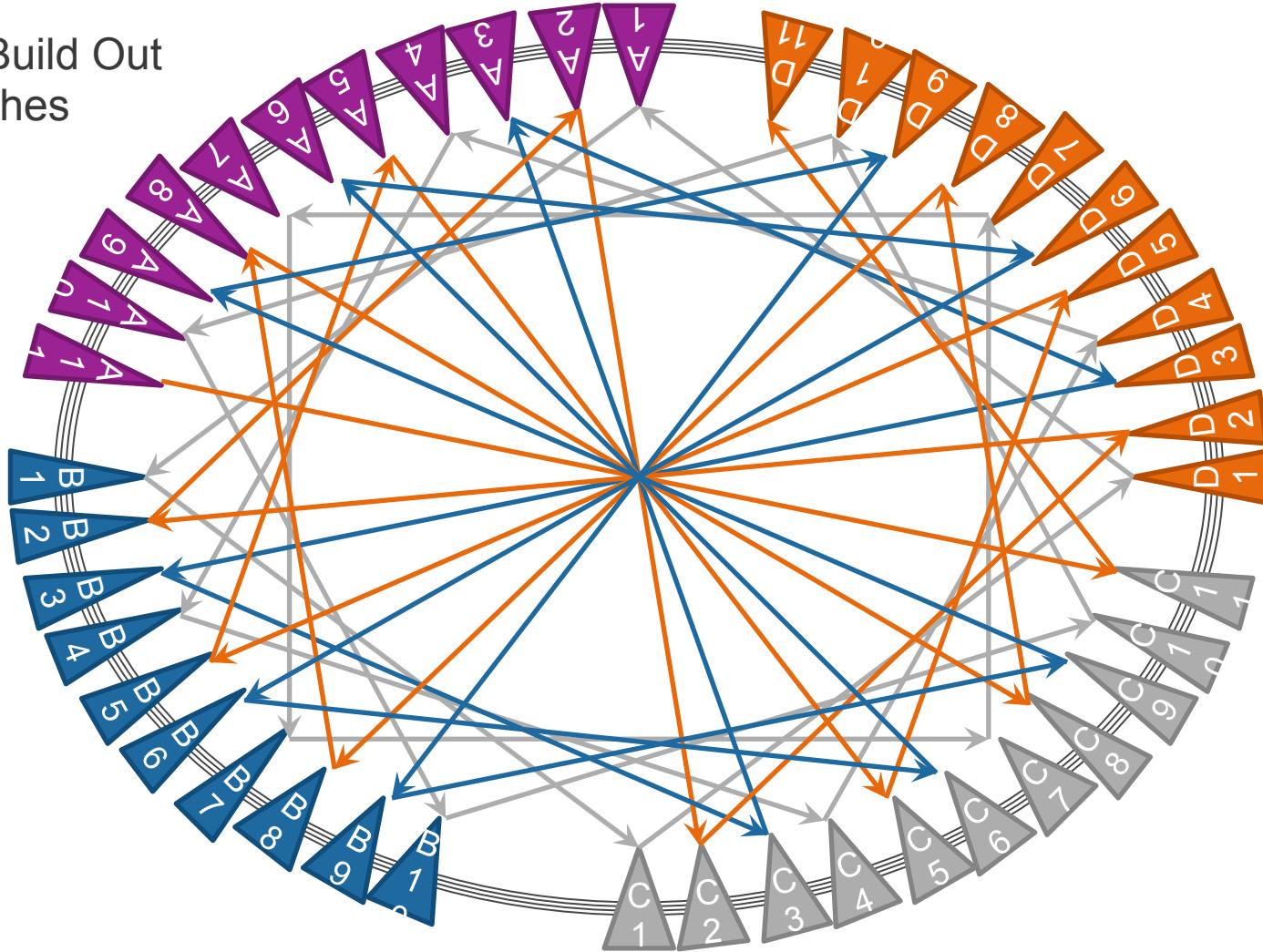


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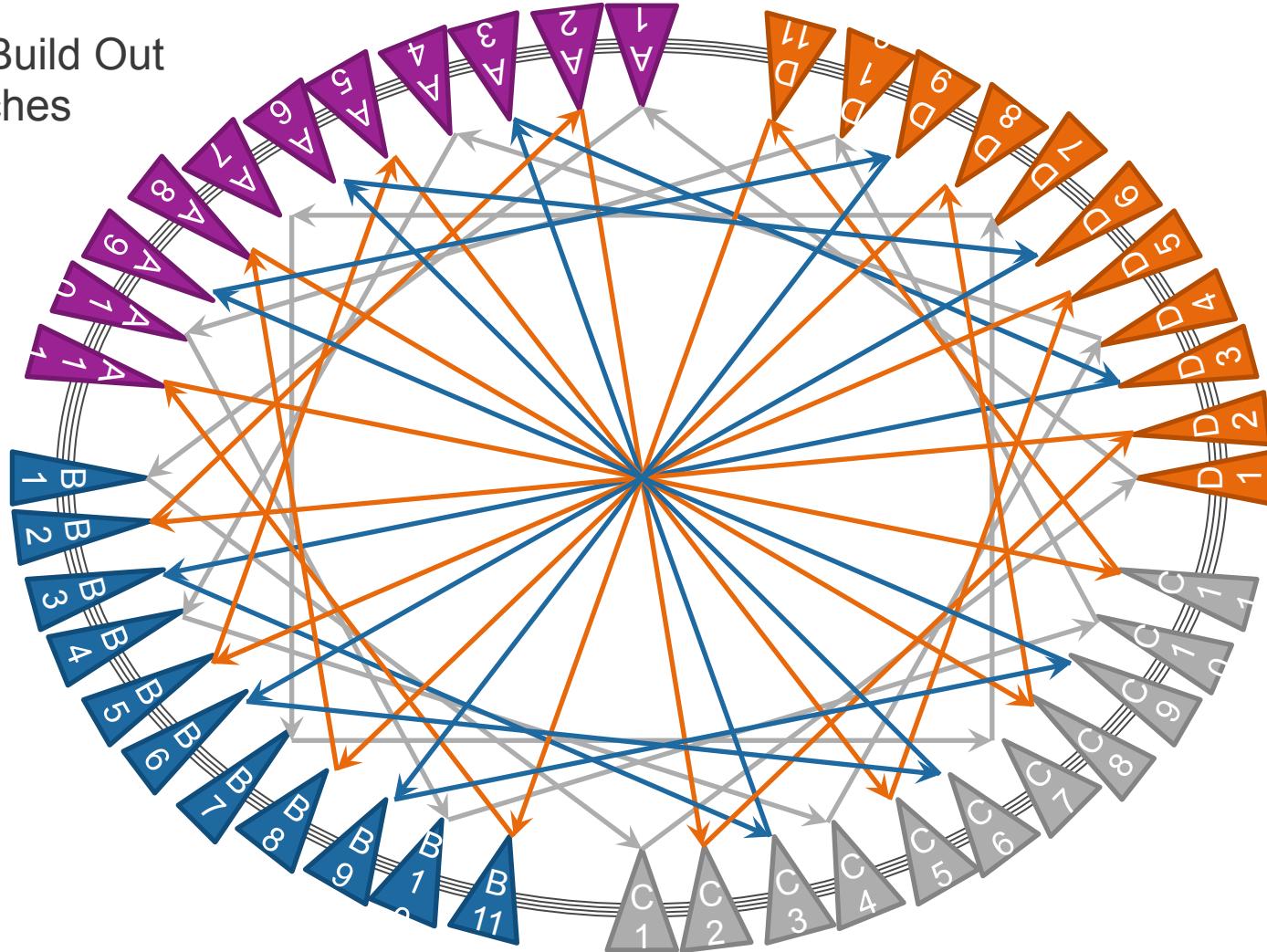
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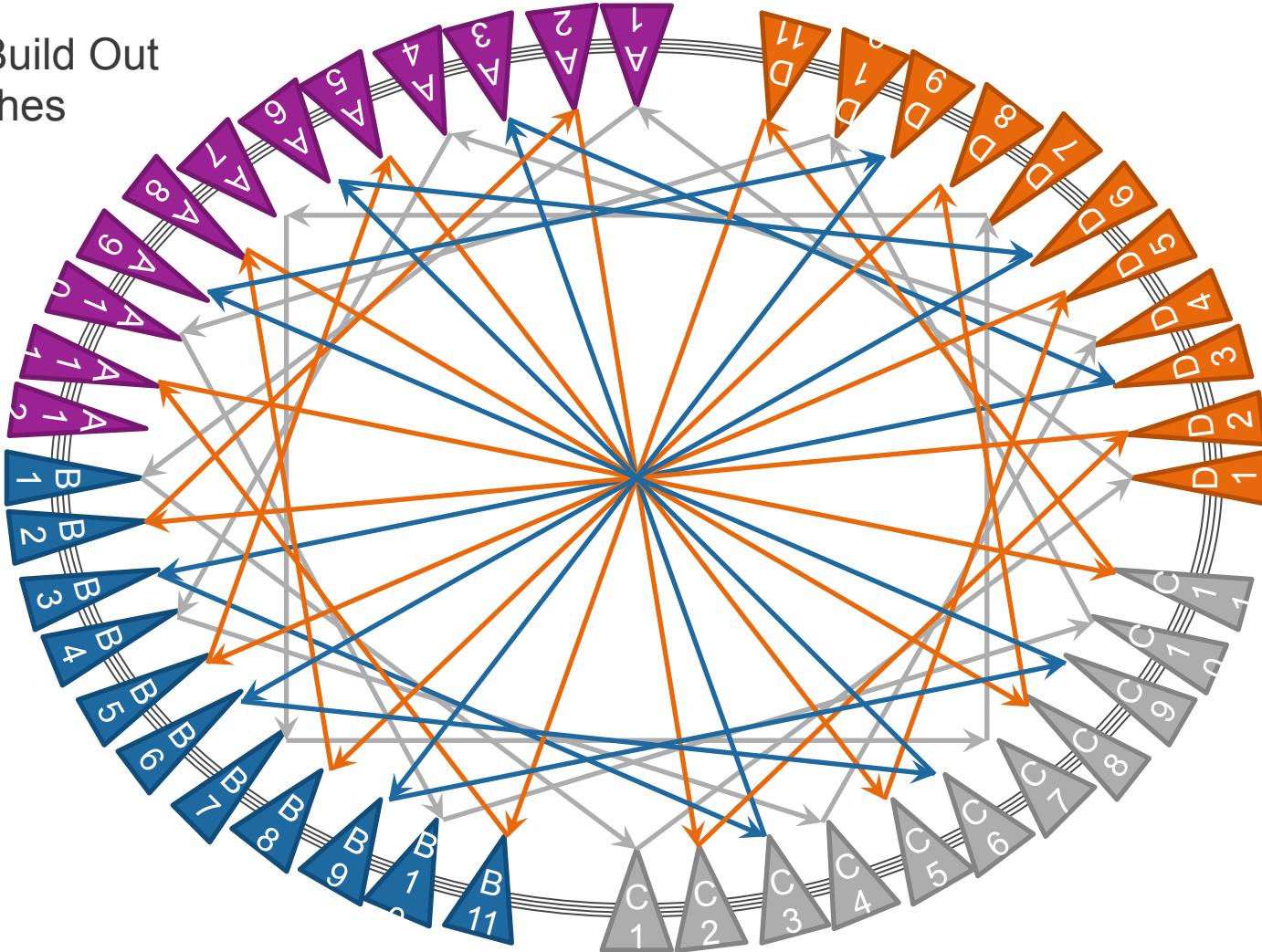
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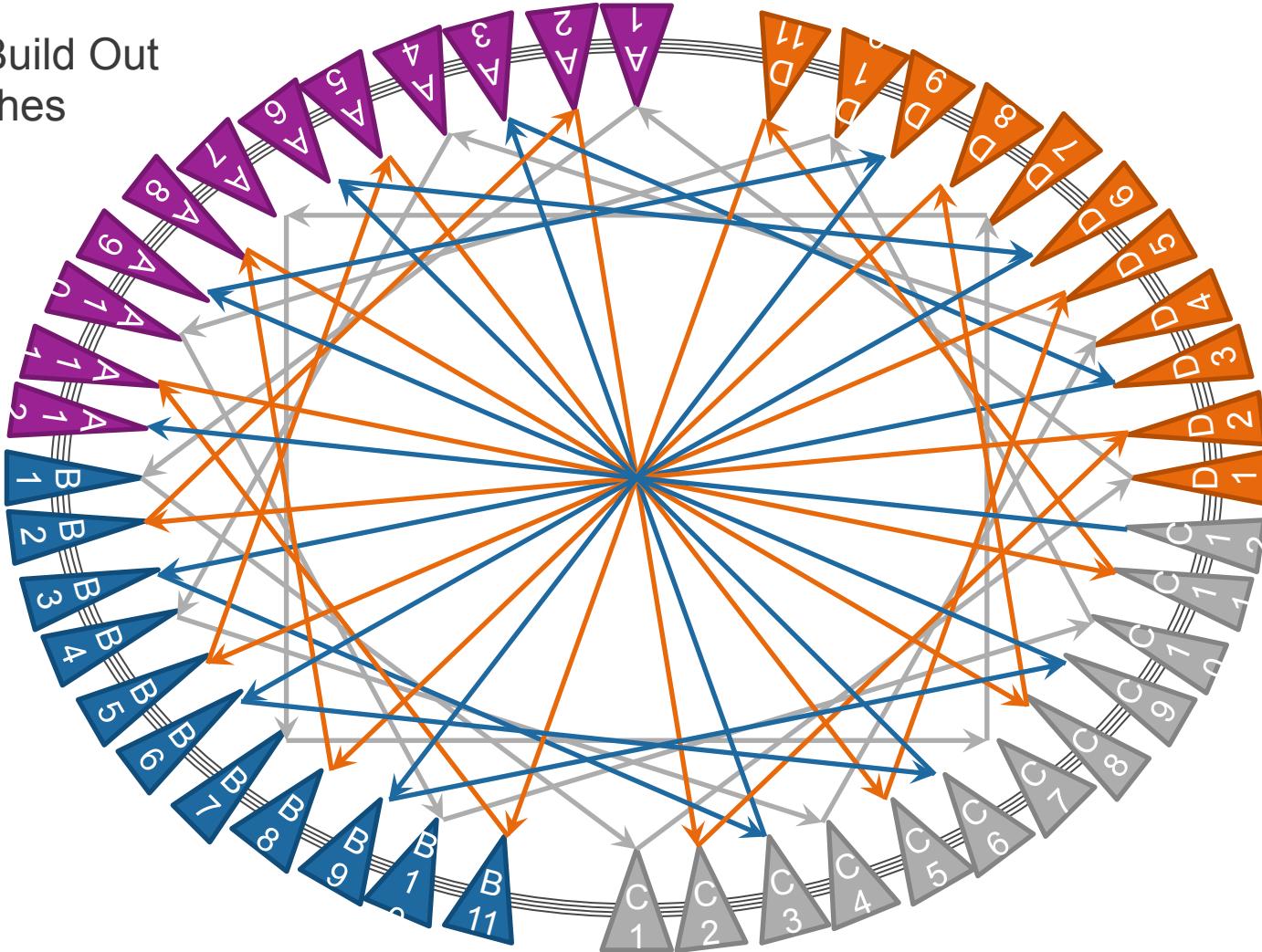
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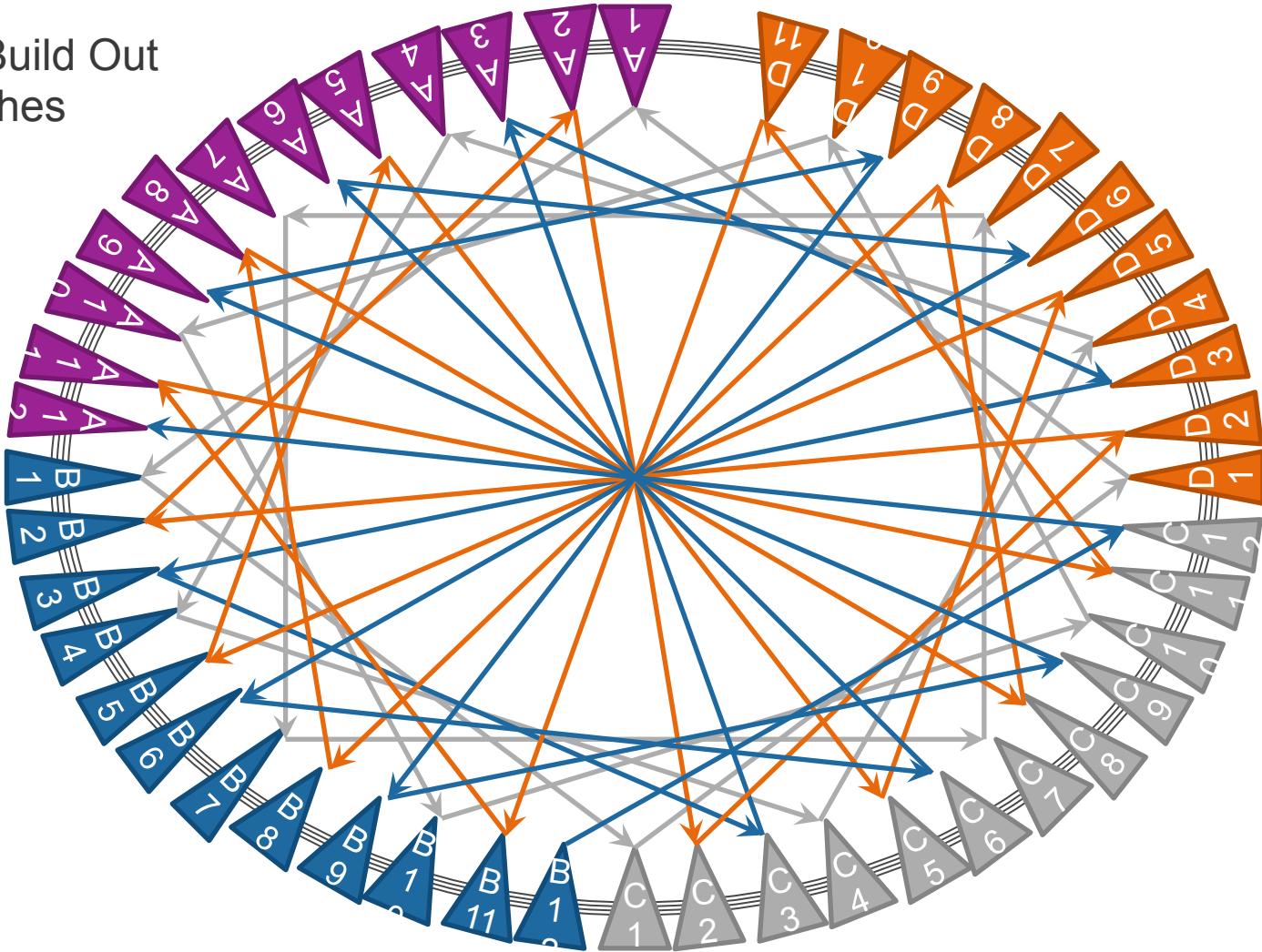


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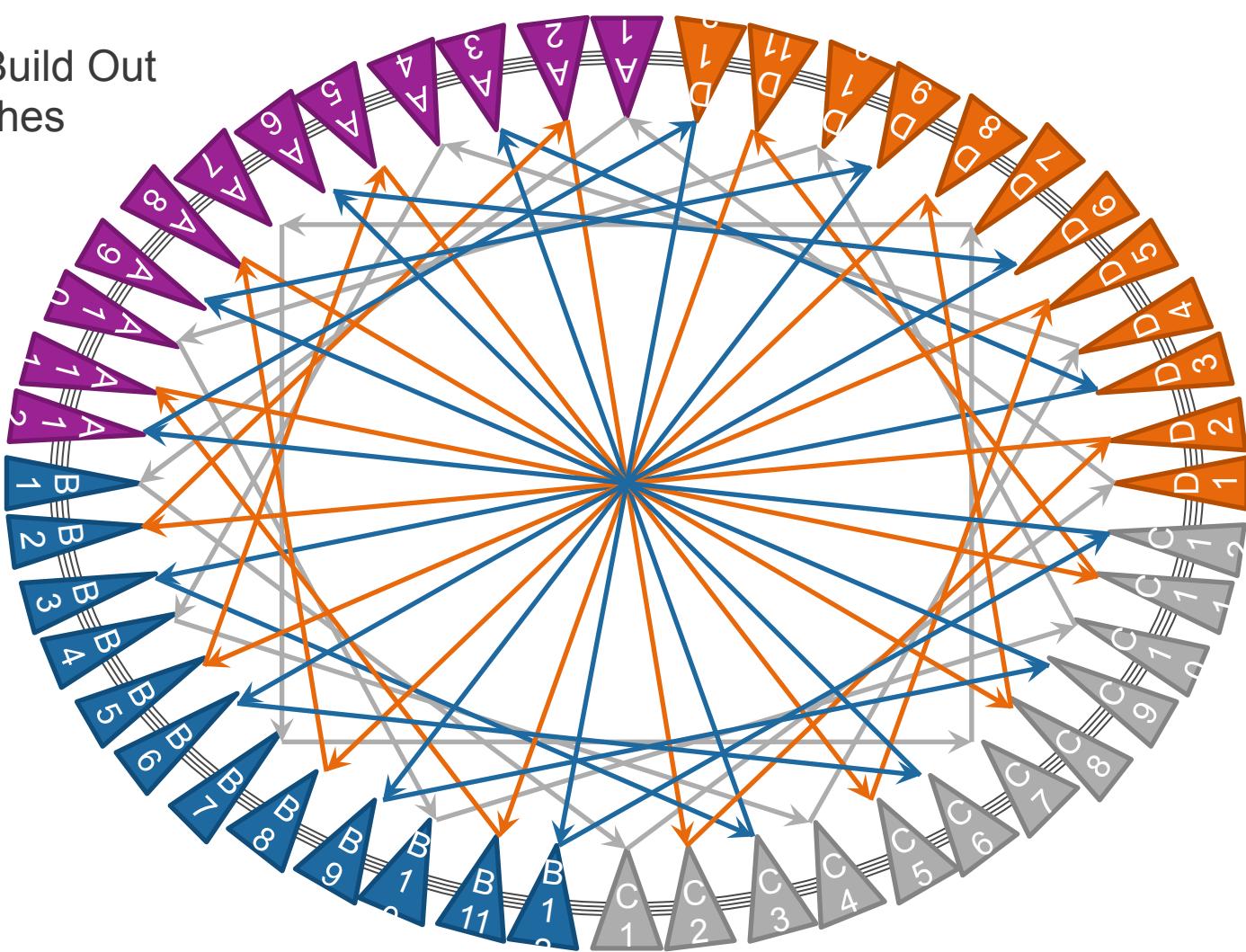


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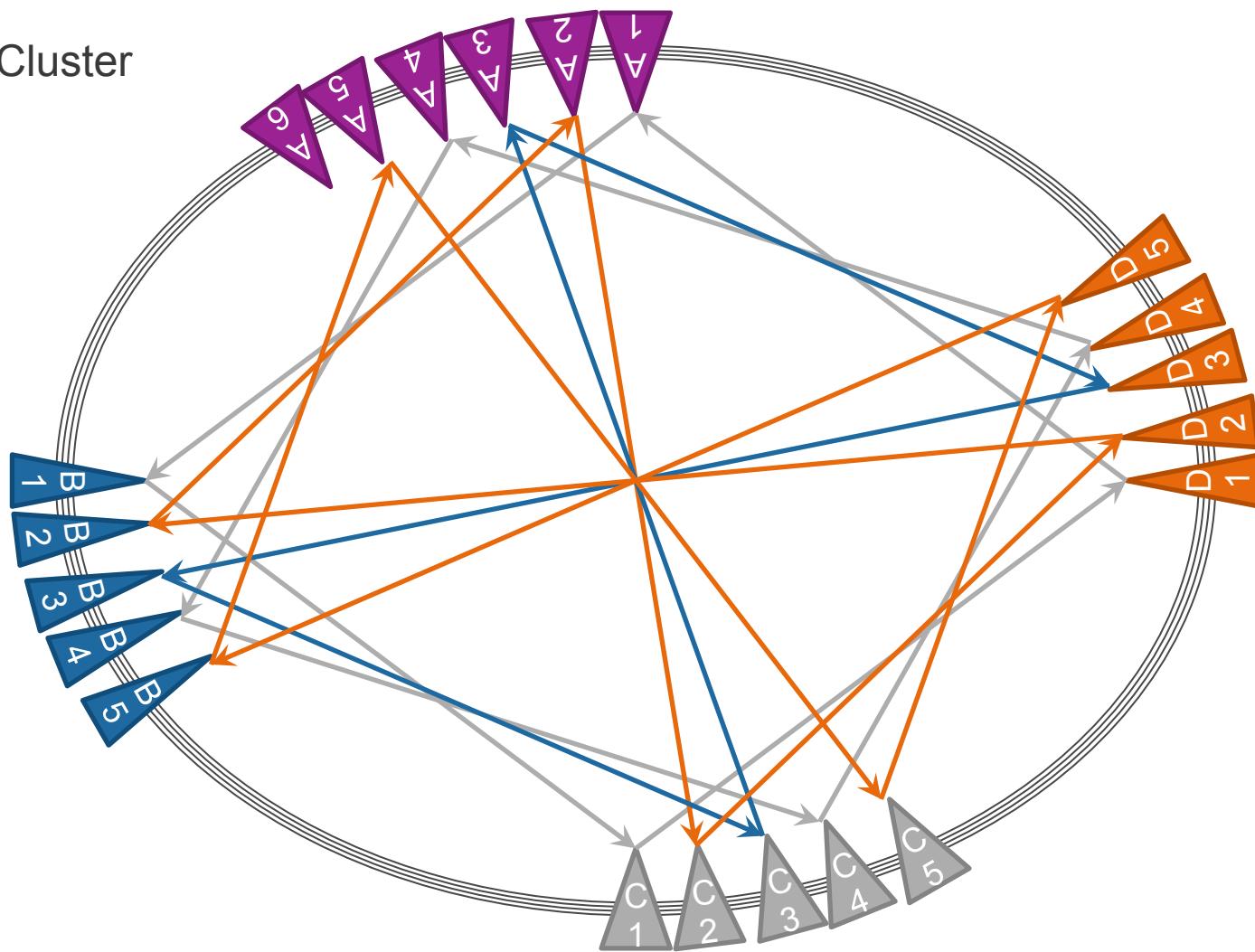
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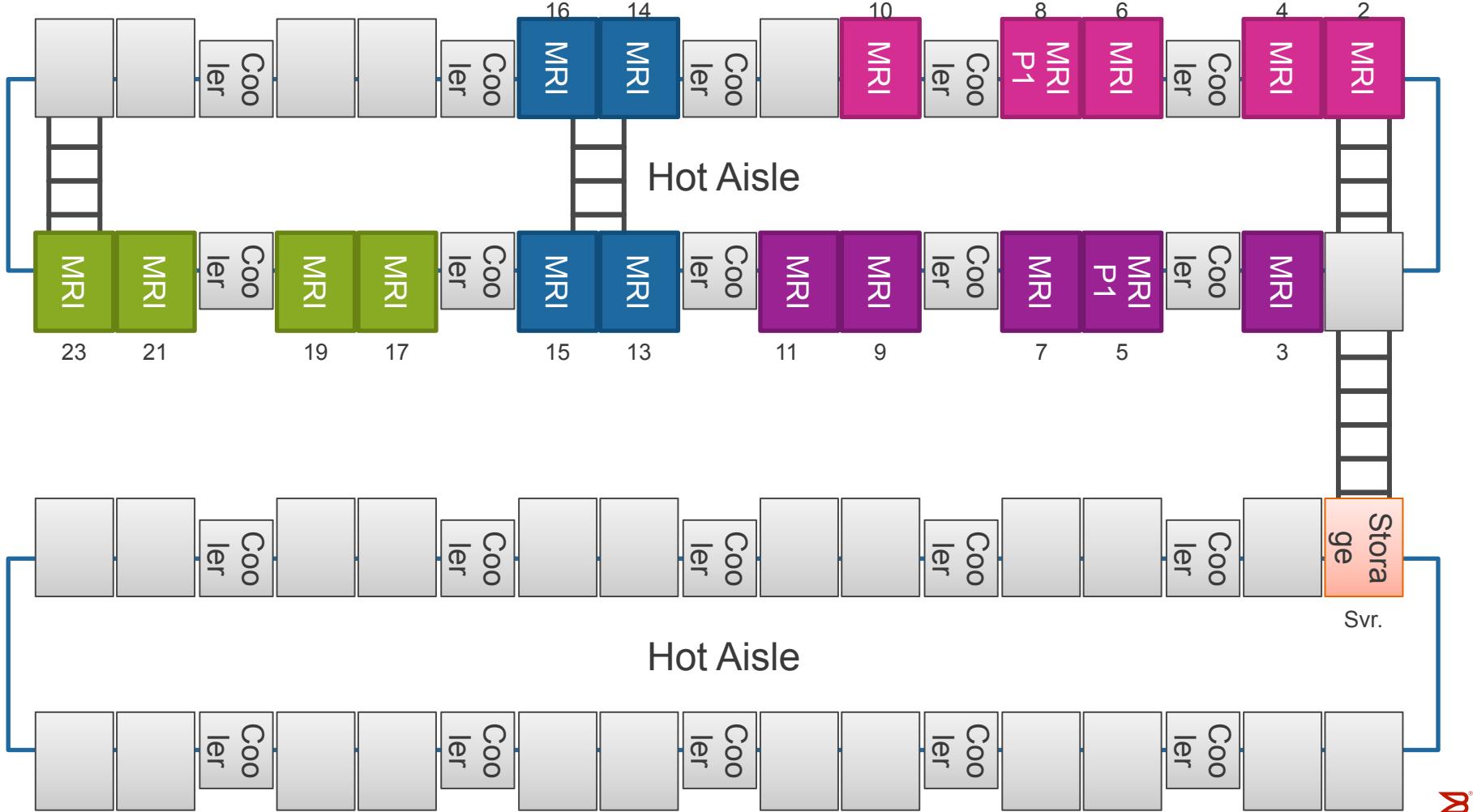
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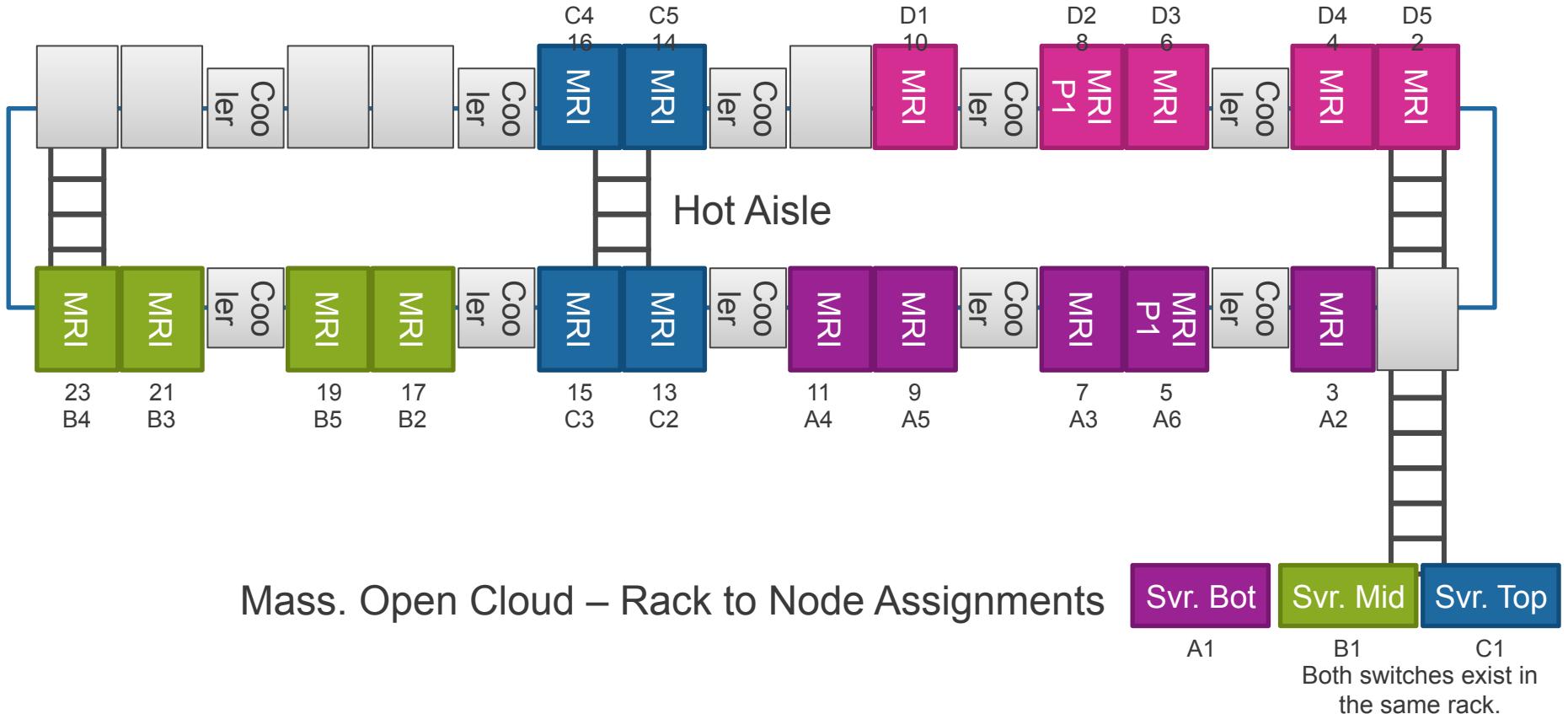


21-Node Cluster



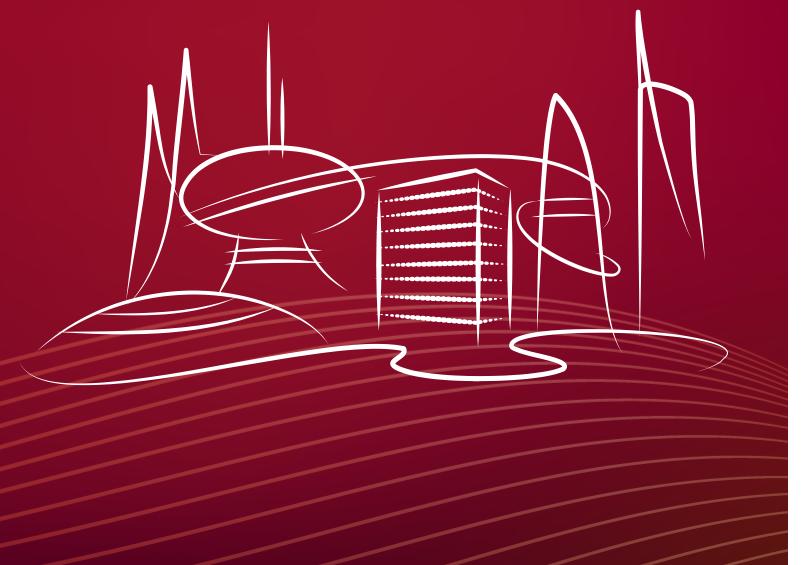
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# Ethernet Name Services



# Introduction to Ethernet Name Services

- FSPF tells us where the RBridges are... but how do I know where my end-stations connect?
- How many places can a “MAC address live?

RBridge-5# **show mac-address-table**

VlanId	Mac-address	Type	State	Ports
100	02e0.522f.8801	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
100	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
100	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
101	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
125	02e0.52f0.2f01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
125	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
125	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
250	02e0.52cc.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
250	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
250	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
1027	02e0.52f1.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
1027	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
1027	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
1044	02e0.5216.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
1044	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
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Total MAC addresses : 16				

RBridge-5#





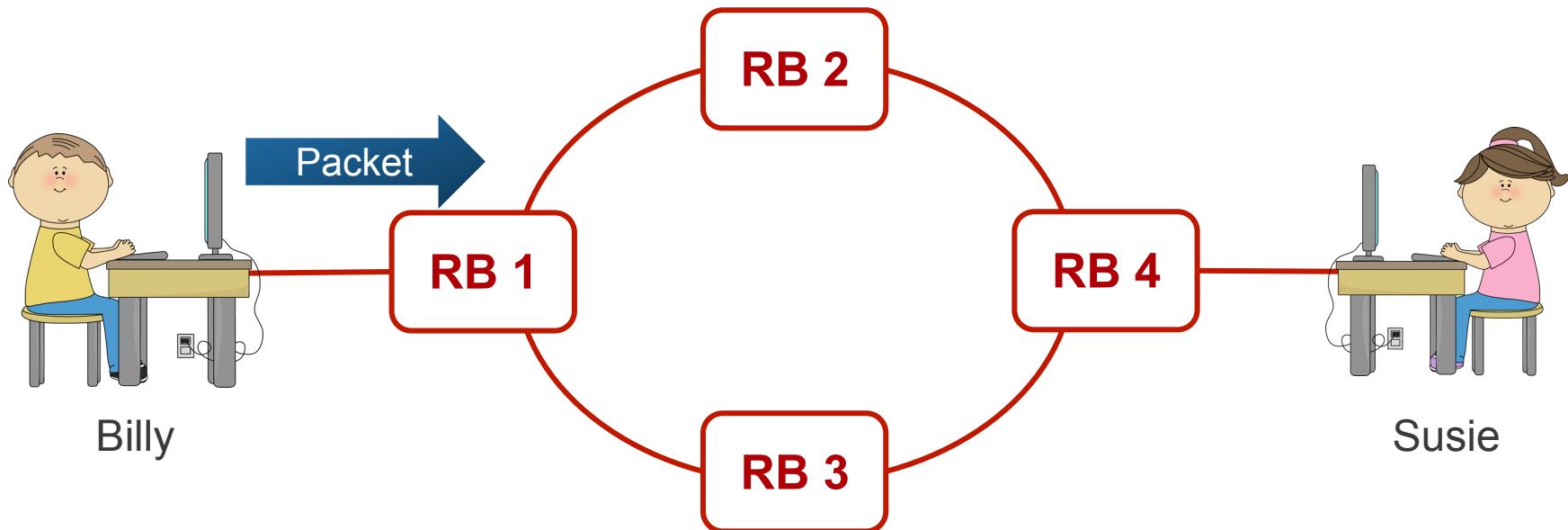
# Frame Forwarding



# A Basic Network

Step 1 – Billy sends a packet to Susie

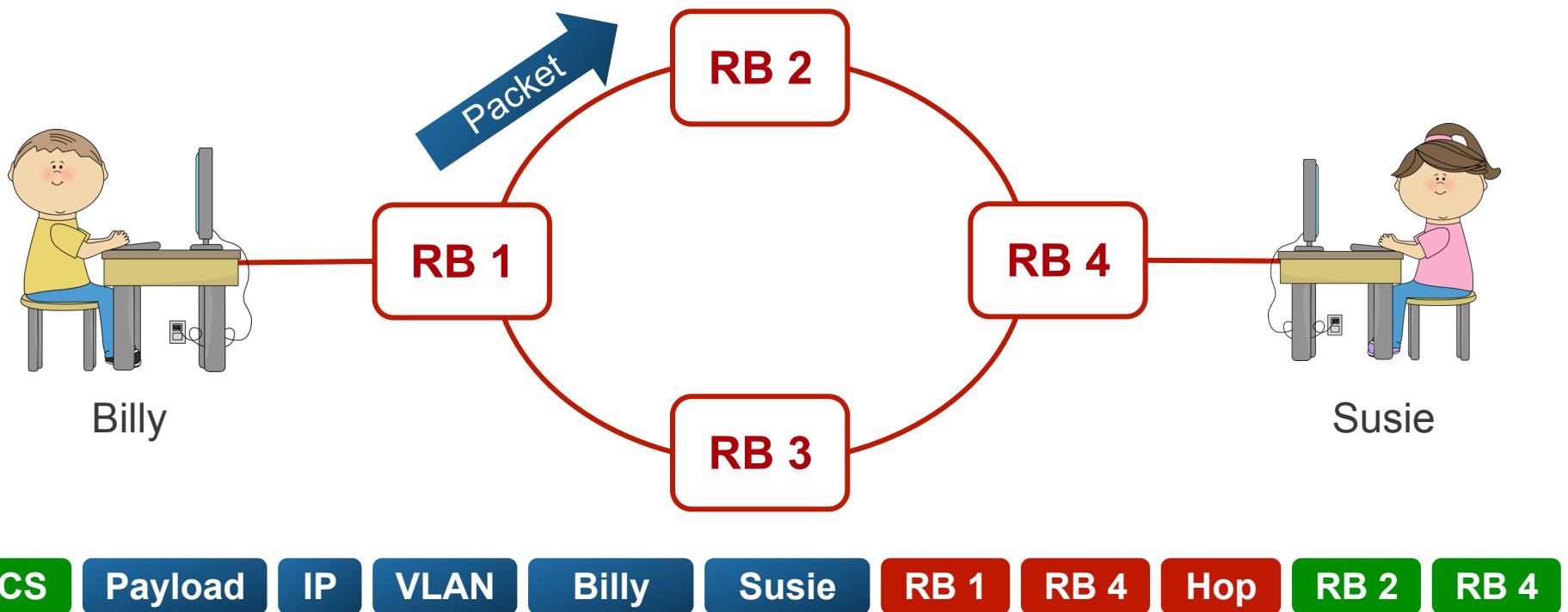
Does RB 1 know about Susie?  
Who is the next hop? (RB 2)



FCS    Payload    IP    VLAN    Billy    Susie

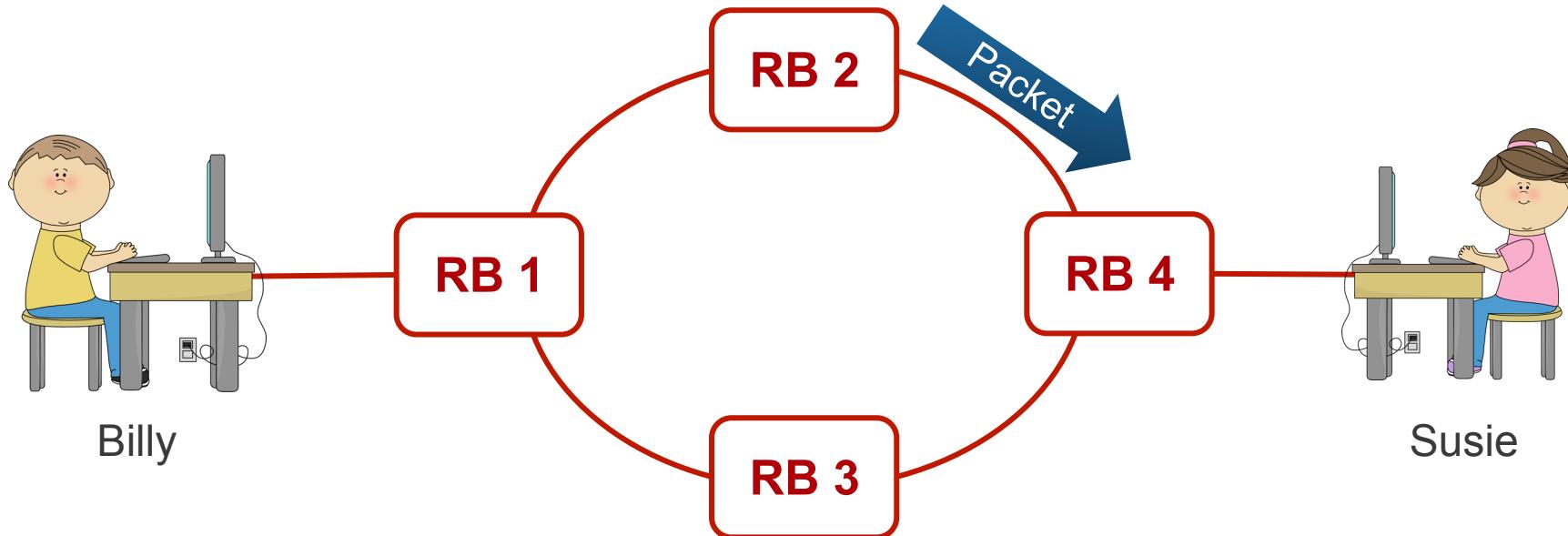
# A Basic Network

Step 2 – RB 1 puts a TRILL header on the packet, and forwards it to RB 2



# A Basic Network

Step 3 – RB 2 changes the MAC addresses, and forwards it to RB 4

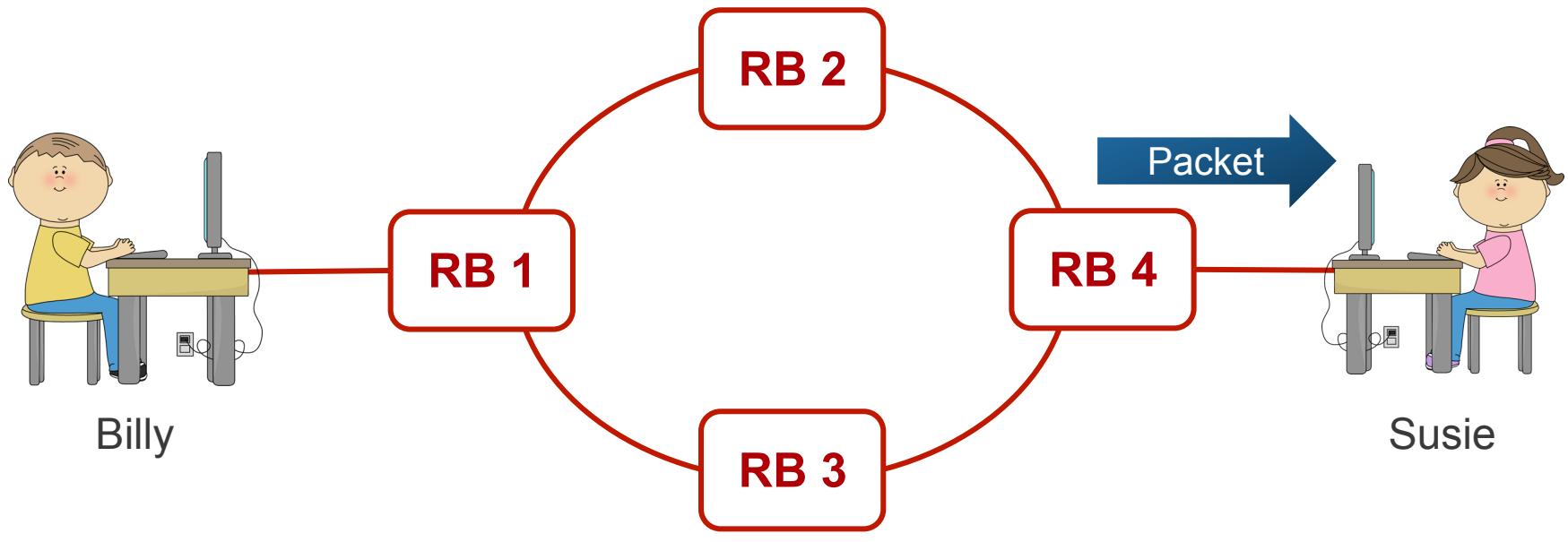


FCS      Payload      IP      VLAN      Billy      Susie      RB 1      RB 4      Hop      RB 2      RB 4

# A Basic Network

Step 4 – RB 4 pops the TRILL header, and forwards the packet to Susie.

**Does RB 1 know about Susie?  
Who is the next hop? (RB 2)**



FCS    Payload    IP    VLAN    Billy    Susie

# The TRILL Header

RFC 6325

		V	R	M	Op-Length	Hop Count	
	Egress RBridge Nickname			Ingress RBridge Nickname			
	Options...						
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+							

Figure 5: TRILL Header

V = Version – 2-bit – Currently “00”

R = Reserved – 2-bit – Currently “00”

M = Multi-Destination – 1-bit – 1=Multicast

Op-Length – 5-bit – How long is the options field?



# The TRILL Header

RFC 6325

		v	R	M	Op-Length	Hop Count	
	Egress RBridge Nickname			Ingress RBridge Nickname			
	Options...						

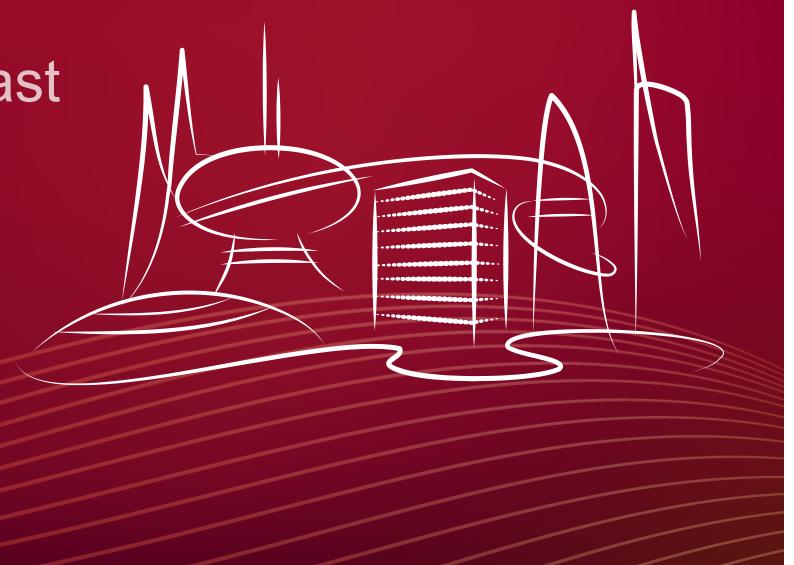
Figure 5: TRILL Header

Hop Count = Expected Distance  
Egress RBridge Nickname  
Ingress RBridge Nickname  
Options



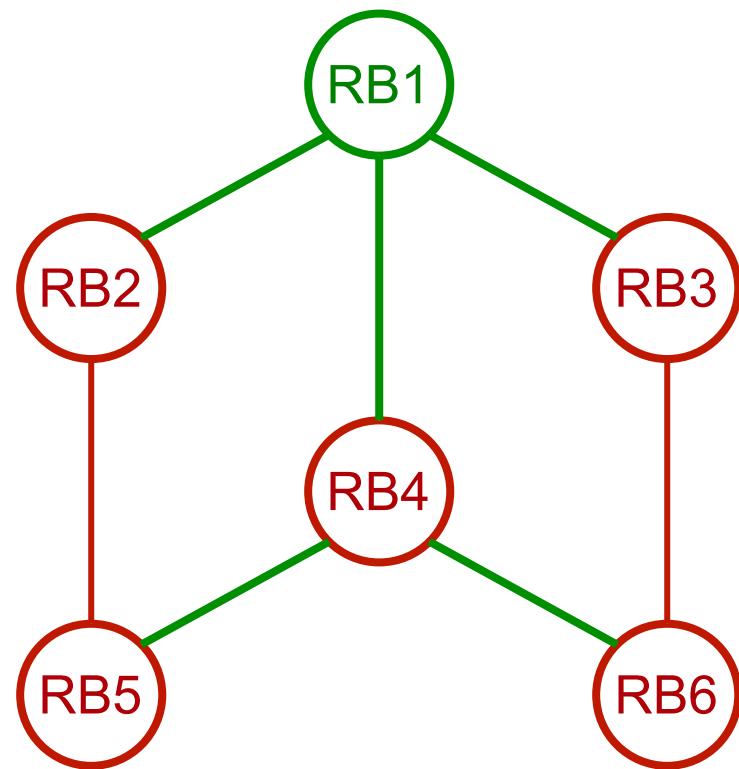
# The BUM Tree

Broadcast / Unknown Unicast / Multicast



# Building a Multicast Tree

- One RBridge is the root of the BUM tree.
- A loop-free, shortest path tree is formed to all RBridges.
- When a BUM frame is received, it is flooded out all other ISL ports on the tree.
- It's also flooded out of edge ports as appropriate.



```
RBridge-5# show fabric route multicast all
```

No. of nodes in cluster: 21

Root of the Multicast-Tree

```
=====
Rbridge-id: 2
Mcast Priority: 1
Enet IP Addr: 0.0.0.0
WWN: 10:00:50:eb:1a:a4:29:ac
Name: RBridge-2
```

Src-Index	Src-Port	Nbr-Index	Nbr-Port	BW	Trunk
109	Te 101/0/46	105	Te 104/0/42	40G	Yes
115	Fo 101/0/52	114	Fo 103/0/51	40G	Yes
114	Fo 102/0/51	115	Fo 103/0/52	40G	Yes
108	Te 103/0/45	104	Te 19/0/41	40G	Yes

\*\*\*SNIP\*\*\*



```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# fabric route mcast rbridge-id 101 priority 10
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-101)# end
RBridge-5# show fabric route multicast all
```

No. of nodes in cluster: 21

Root of the Multicast-Tree

```
=====
Rbridge-id: 101
Mcast Priority: 10
Enet IP Addr: 0.0.0.0
WWN: 10:00:50:eb:1a:a4:19:d8
Name: RBridge-101
```

Src-Index	Src-Port	Nbr-Index	Nbr-Port	BW	Trunk
<hr/> ***SNIP***					



# L1 & L2 ECMP

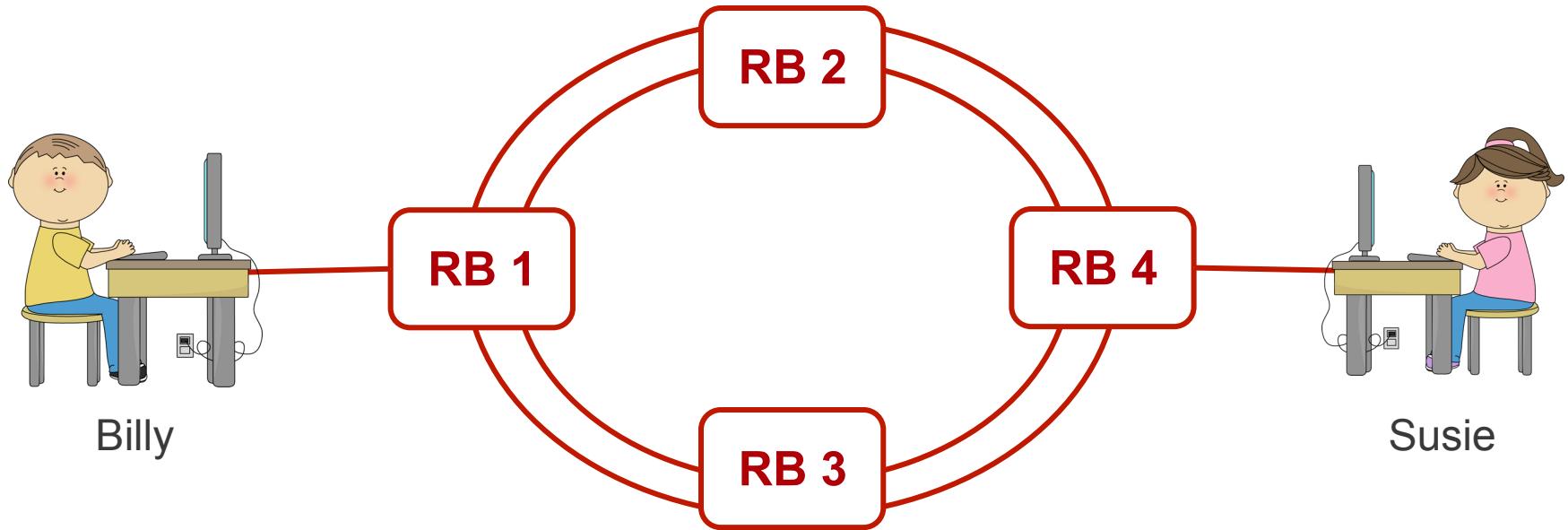
Equal Cost Multipath



# The ECMP Challenge

Packets are a performance bottleneck.  
Packets can arrive in any order and  
TCP will re-sequence them.  
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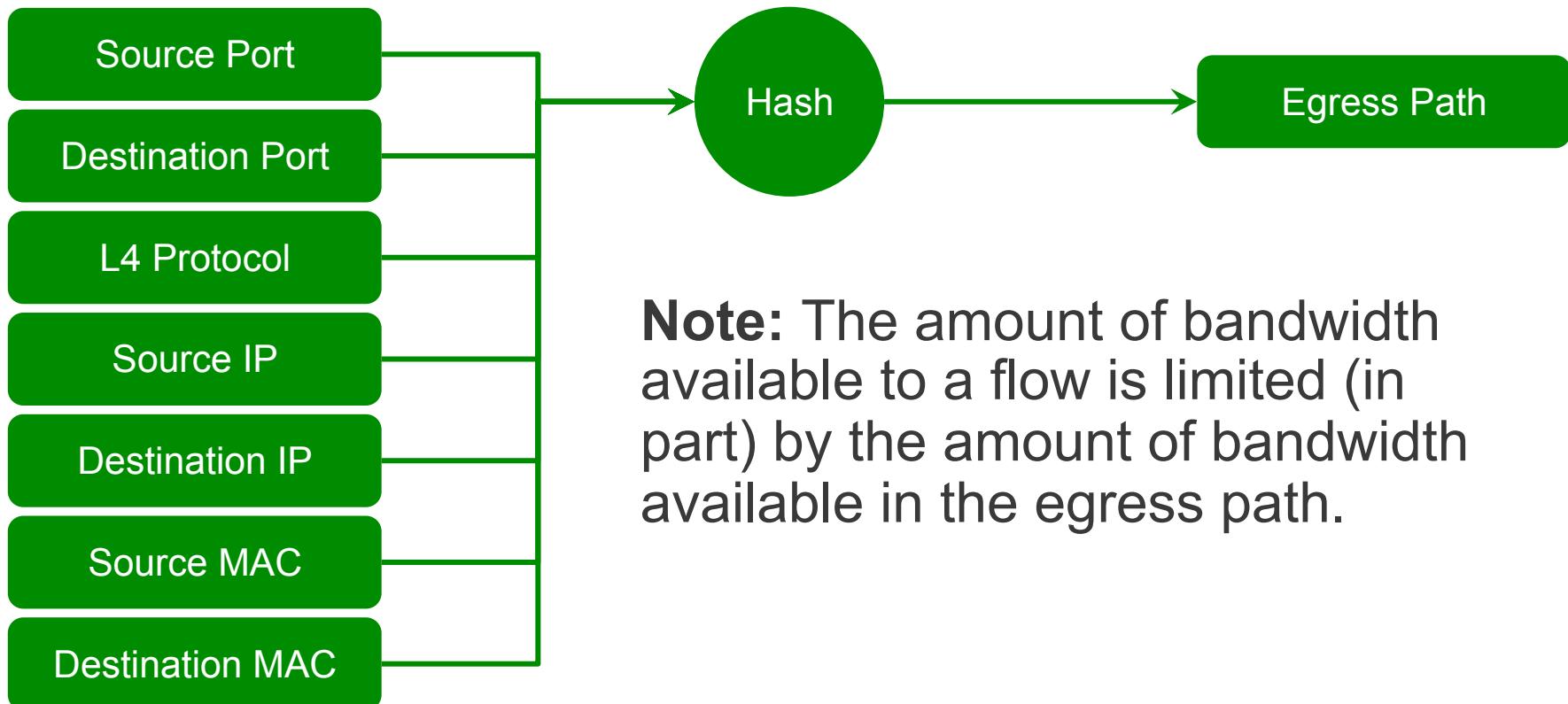
# An ECMP Example



How would the link load balancing help this bridge?

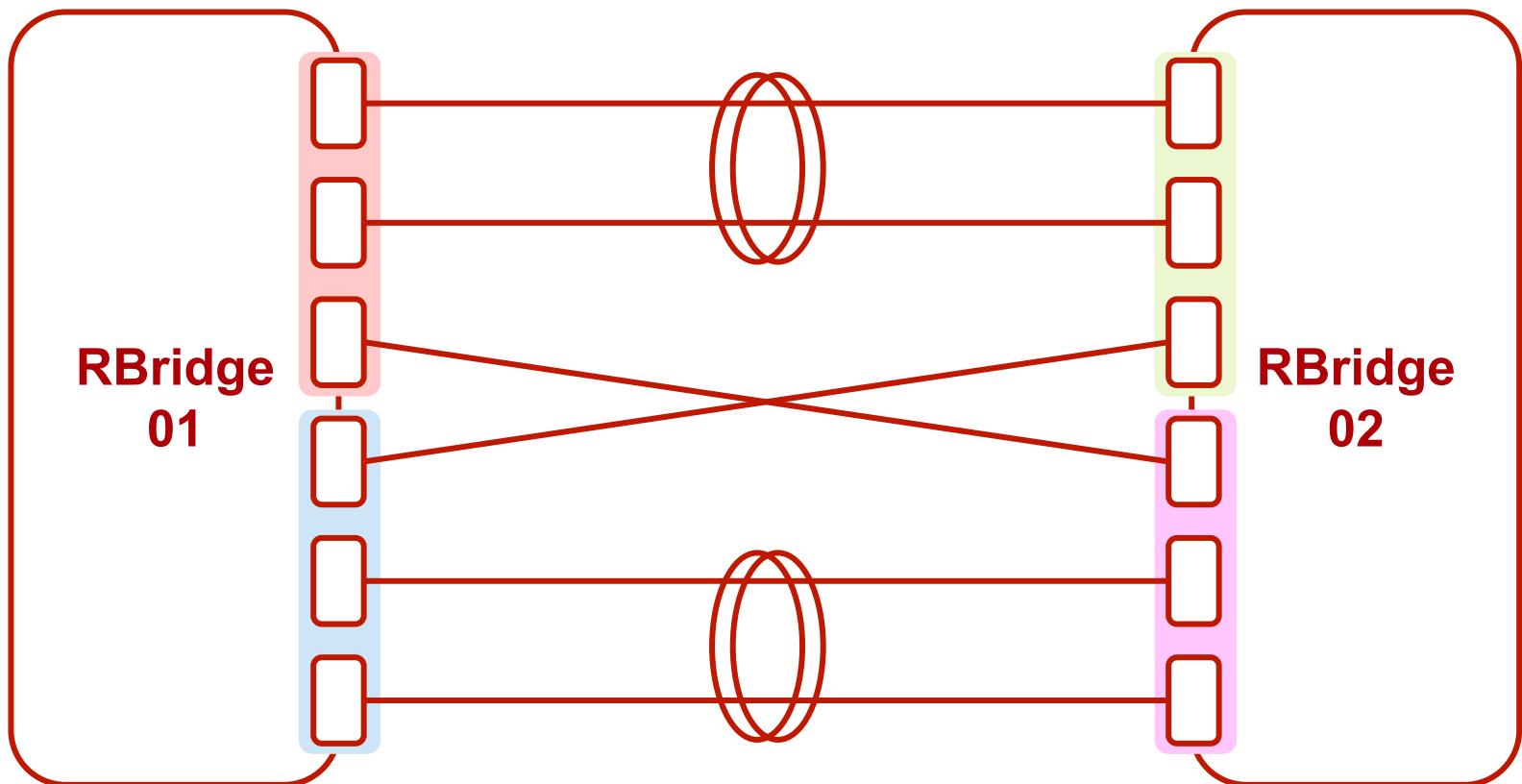


# A Seven Tuple Hash



**Note:** The amount of bandwidth available to a flow is limited (in part) by the amount of bandwidth available in the egress path.

# Brocade Trunks

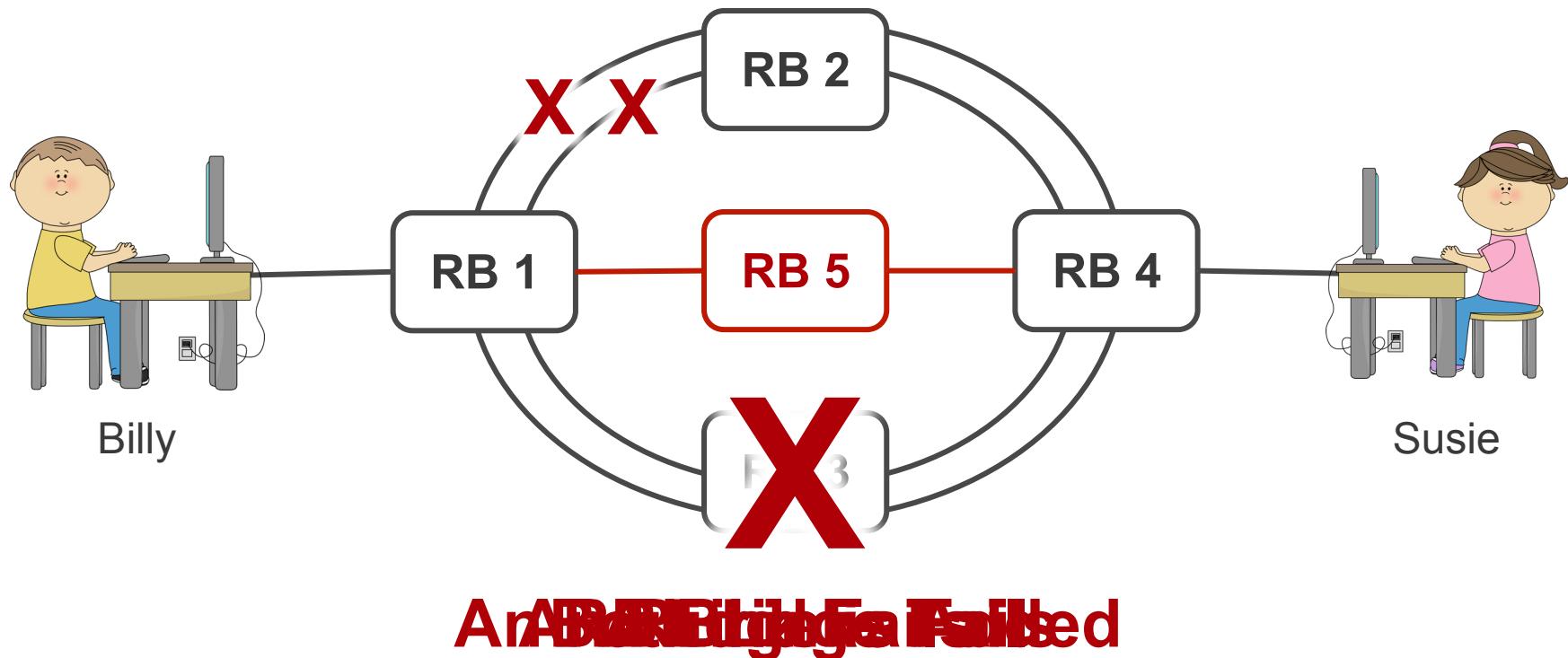


# Physical Redundancy

A Quick Review



# What Happens If...



# Logical Chassis

Centralized vs. Distributed



# Chassis vs. Fixed Form Factor

Why would I use one over the other?

- Chassis Attributes
  - Expensive
  - Central Physical Form Factor
  - Redundant Management
  - Single Control Plane
  - Single Configuration Point
  - Simple Hardware Replacement
- Fixed Form Factor Attributes
  - Less Expensive
  - Distributed Form Factor
  - Integrated Management
  - Multi-Control Plane
  - Multi-Configuration Point
  - Complex Hardware Replacement



# Logical Chassis

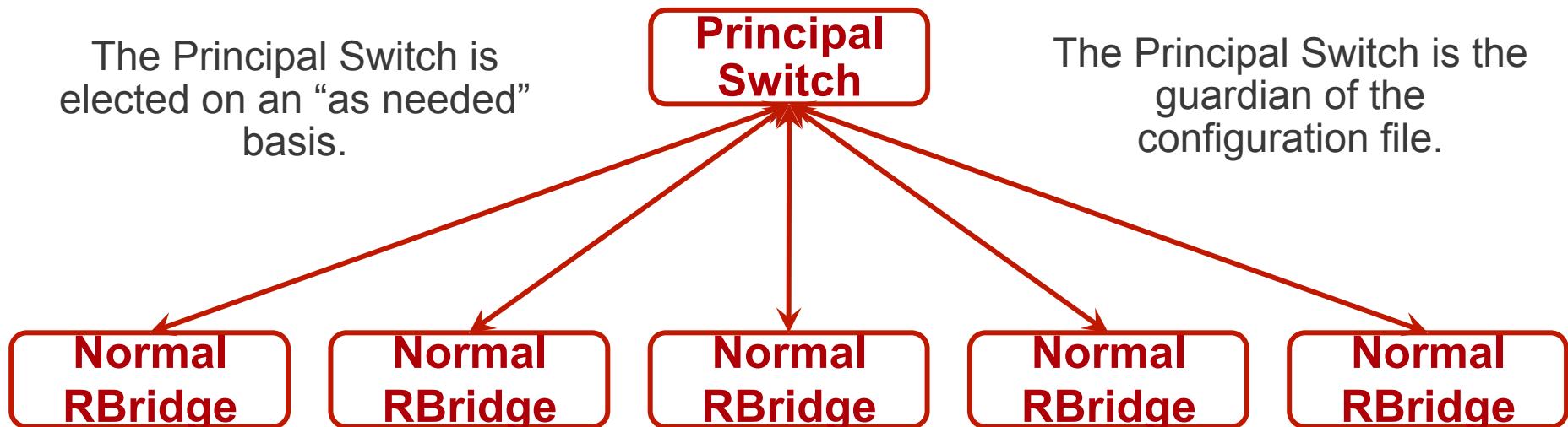
An effort to support the best of breed.

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  - Redundant Management
  - Single Control Plane
  - Single Configuration Point
  - Simple Hardware Replacement
- Fixed Form Factor Attributes
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  - Multi-Control Plane
  - Multi-Configuration Point
  - Complex Hardware Replacement



# Handling a Common Configuration

Many configuration must be done on the Principal Switch!



Any RBridge may become the Principal switch.



```

RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 5
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-5)# logical-chassis principal-priority 2
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-5)# end
RBridge-5# logical-chassis principal switchover
This operation will trigger logical-chassis principal switchover. Do you want
to continue? [y/n]:y
RBridge-5# show fabric all

VCS Id: 101
Config Mode: Distributed

Rbridge-id          WWN           IP Address        Name
-----
*** SNIP ***
5      10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:0B:C0    172.16.1.224    >"RBridge-5"*
*** SNIP ***
The Fabric has 21 Rbridge(s)

RBridge-5#

```

Lower is better



Indicates Principal Switch.




# Redundant Management vs. Distributed Control Plane

- Each RBridge runs its own control plane.
- Each RBridge has an internal hypervisor with redundant “management modules”.
- By default, SW/0 is “Primary” and SW/1 is “Standby”.
- In the event of a software crash, a failover will occur.

RBridge-5# **show version**

Network Operating System Software

Network Operating System Version: 5.0.1

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Firmware name: 5.0.1d

Build Time: 17:53:30 Jun 12, 2015

Install Time: 16:49:09 Sep 29, 2015

Kernel: 2.6.34.6

BootProm: 1.0.1

Control Processor: e500mc with 4096 MB of memory

Slot	Name	Primary/Secondary Versions	Status
<hr/>			
SW/0	NOS	5.0.1d 5.0.1d	ACTIVE*
SW/1	NOS	5.0.1d 5.0.1d	STANDBY
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RBridge-5#



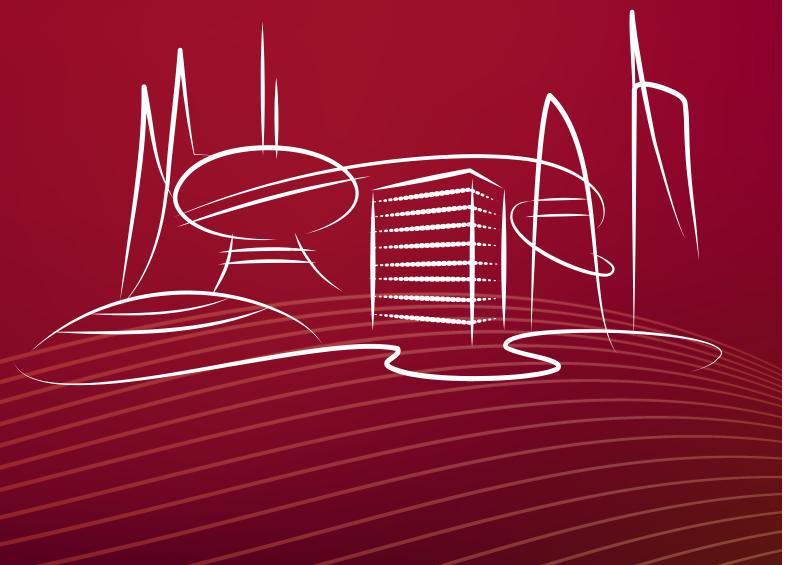
# Replacing a failed RBridge

- Find the WWN of the new RBridge.
  - Either use the “**show fabric all**” command, or look at the plastic tag on the physical switch.
- Map the new WWN to the RBridge ID
  - From the Principal Switch, run the “**vcs replace rbridge-id <rbridge-id>**” command. You will be challenged for the WWN of the new switch.
- Connect the new RBridge to the ethernet fabric.
- Run the: “**vcs vcsid <value> rbridge-id <value> logical-chassis enable**” command on the new RBridge.





# Configuring VLANs



# VLANs in VCS

- All VLANs are automatically distributed to all RBridges.
  - Inter-Switch Links are automatically configured as “VLAN Trunk” ports that carry all VLANs.
  - All VLANs share a common BUM tree.
- VLANs are globally configured.
- Interfaces must also be configured.
  - VLAN Trunk Ports
  - VLAN Access Ports



```
RBridge-5# configure terminal  
Entering configuration mode terminal  
RBridge-5(config)# interface vlan 2001  
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# description VLAN_Description
```

```
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# end
```

```
RBridge-5# show vlan 2001
```

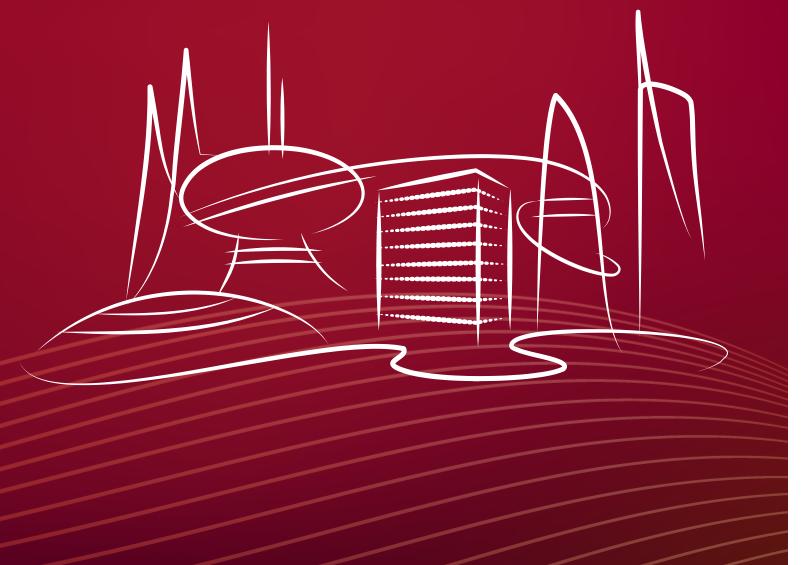
VLAN	Name	State	Ports	Classification
(F)-FCoE		(u)-Untagged		
(R)-RSPAN		(c)-Converged		
(T)-TRANSPARENT		(t)-Tagged		
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
2001	VLAN2001	INACTIVE	(no member port)	

```
RBridge-5#
```





# Interface Configurations



# Default Configuration

```
RBridge-5# show running-config interface ten 3/0/1
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
    fabric isl enable ← Can be an ISL
    fabric trunk enable ← Can be part of a Brocade Trunk
    no shutdown
!
RBridge-5#
```



# Access Port Configuration

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
RBridge-5(config)# interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport mode access
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport access vlan 2001
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# do show run int ten 3/0/1
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
    fabric isl enable
    fabric trunk enable
    switchport
        switchport mode access
        switchport access vlan 2001
        spanning-tree shutdown
        no shutdown
!
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)#

```



# VLAN Trunk Port Configuration

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# int ten 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport mode trunk
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport trunk allowed vlan ?
Possible completions:
  add      Allow these VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  all      Allow all Dot1Q VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  except   Allow all VLANs except this vlan range to Xmit/Rx through the
Layer2 interface
  none    Allow no Dot1Q VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  remove   Remove a VLAN range that Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport trunk allowed vlan all
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# end
RBridge-5#
```



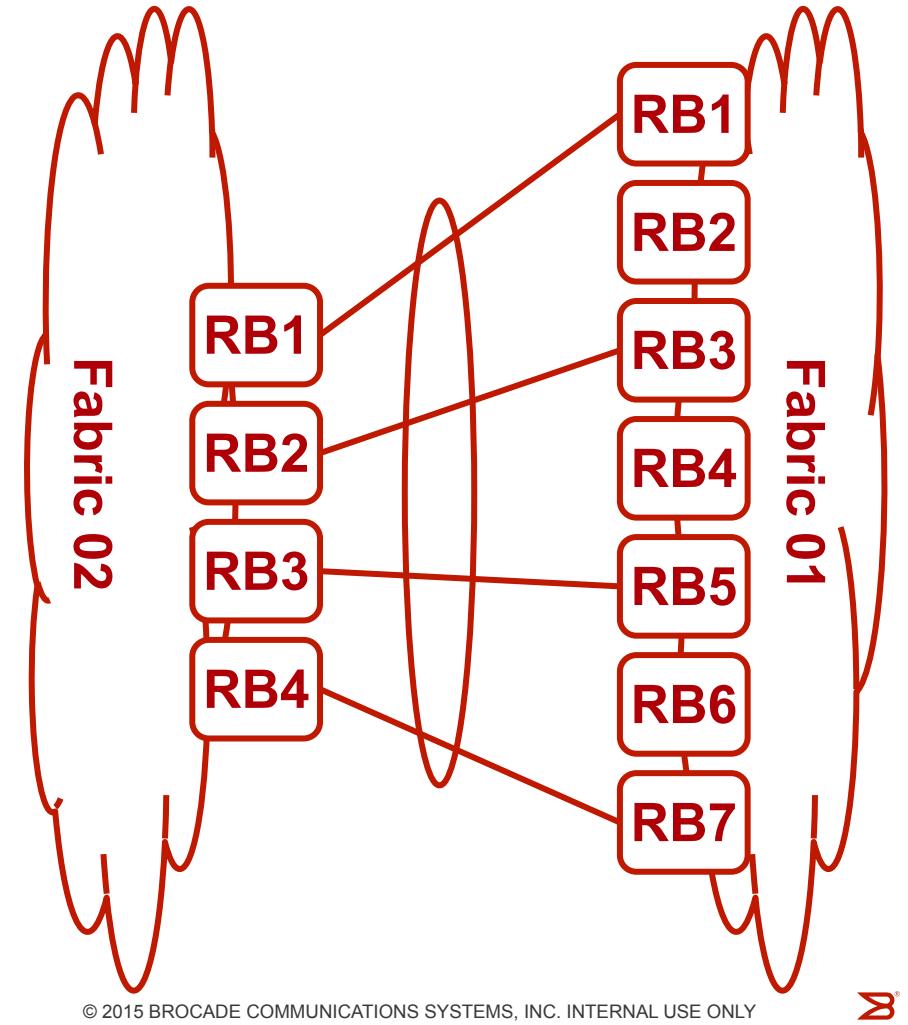


# Virtual LAGs



# Virtual LAGs

- Essentially a multi-port edge link.
- Link can be distributed across up to four RBridges.
- No topology restrictions.
- What happens if the switches lose contact with each other?



# Configuring a VLAG

```
RBridge-5# show running-config interface Port-channel 1
interface Port-channel 1
    vlag ignore-split
    mtu 9216
    description Port_Channel_to_CSAIL_Switch
    switchport
    switchport mode access
    switchport access vlan 10
    spanning-tree shutdown
    speed 10000
    no shutdown
!
RBridge-5#
```



# Adding an Interface to a VLAG

```
RBridge-5(config)# int ten 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# no switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode ?
Possible completions:
    active    Enable initiation of LACP negotiation on a port
    on        Enable static link aggregation on this port
    passive   Disable initiation of LACP negotiation on a port
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode active type ?
Possible completions:
    brocade   Brocade LAG
    standard  Standards based LAG
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode active type
standard
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# no shutdown
```



# Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- show port-channel <value>
- show port-channel detail
- show int port-channel <value>

**NOTE:** The most common reason why your port-channel won't come up is a speed mismatch between the port-channel and the physical interfaces.

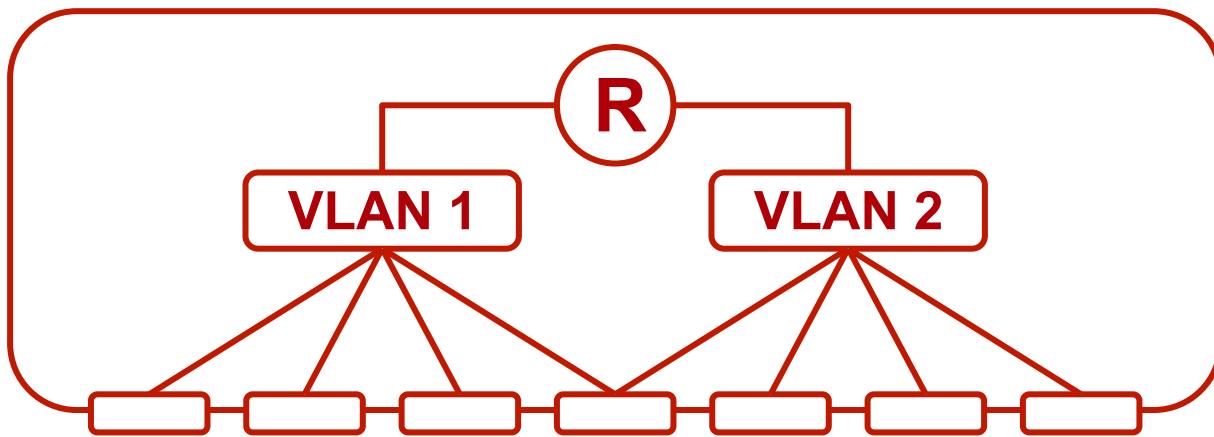




# Routing 101



# Routing on a Switching Platform



Routing is not distributed across the system, but is configured on each RBridge.

# Configuring a Routed Interface

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# interface vlan 2001
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# exit
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 3
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# interface ve 2001
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# ip addr 172.24.100.1/24
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# no shutdown
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# end
RBridge-5#
```





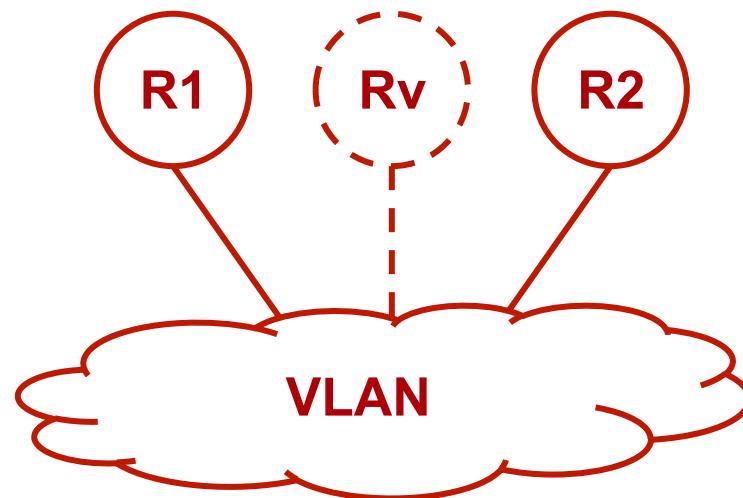
# VRRPe

Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol  
Extended



# What is VRRP-e

- A modification of the IETF “VRRP” standard.
- Two (or more) physical routers provide services for a virtual router.
- If one router fails, the other router takes over.
- High availability is achieved.



With “short-path-forwarding” enabled, even the backup routers can forward traffic.

# Configuring VRRP-extended

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 3
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# protocol vrrp-e
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# interface ve 2001
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# vrrp-extended 1
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# advertise-backup
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# short-path-forwarding
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# virtual-ip 172.24.100.2
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# enable
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# end
RBridge-5#
```



# Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- show vrrp rbridge-id <value>
- show vrrp summary rbridge-id <value>
- show vrrp detail rbridge-id <value>



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# Virtual Fabrics



# Types of Virtual Fabrics

- Transport Virtual Fabric
  - Allows multiple VLANs to be carried across a single Virtual Fabric.
  - Great for dragging a tenants VLANs across a network.
  - Eliminates the need to coordinate VLANs between tenants.
- Service Virtual Fabric
  - Allows a single VLAN to be carried without the need to de-conflict.
  - Allows VLAN numbers to be changed in flight.
  - Maps well to Virtual Fabric Extension

Both technologies leverage “Fine Grain Labeling”, in RFC 7172  
FGL Leverages the Options field of the TRILL header to expand the VLAN ID Space



# Configuring Service Fabrics

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
    switchport
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan add 2,3100
    switchport trunk allowed vlan add 7000 ctag 3500
no shutdown
```



# Configuring Transport Fabrics

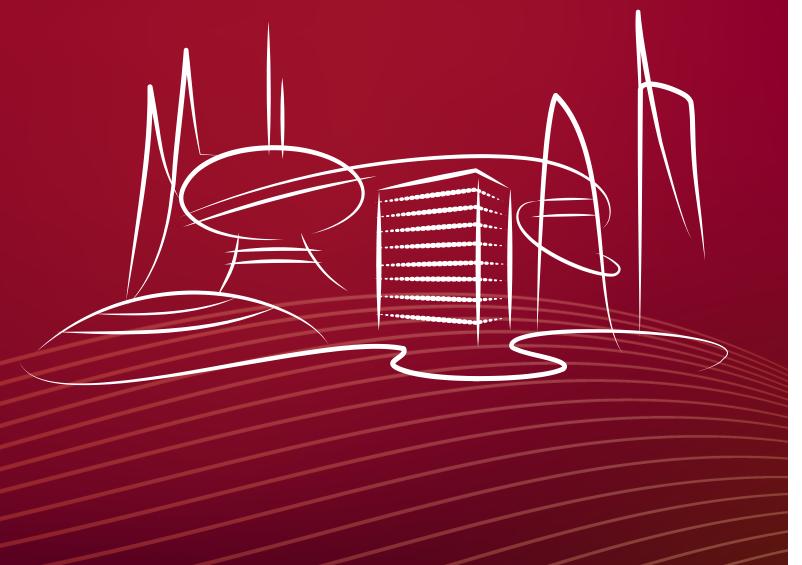
```
interface Vlan 6050
    transport-service 2
    spanning-tree shutdown
```

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet 1/4/23
    switchport
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan add 5050 ctag 50-59
```



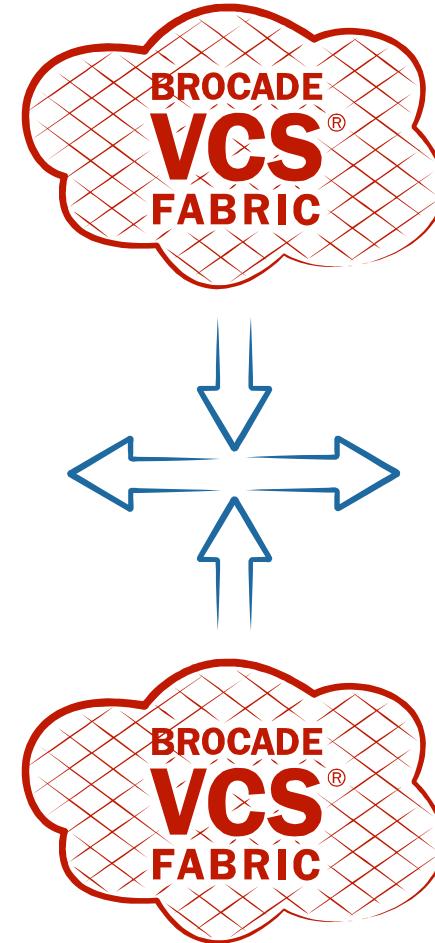
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# Virtual Fabric Extension



# VF Extension Overview

- Used to extend a Broadcast Domain between locations.
- Uses a VXLAN tunnel:
  - Unencrypted
  - Unprotected
  - Line Rate
- Can be used across a routed infrastructure.



# Configuring Virtual Fabrics

## VRRPe Configuration

```
rbridge-id 1
  interface Ve 200
    ip mtu 9018
    ip proxy-arp
    ip address 20.20.20.1/24
  vrrp-extended-group 200
    virtual-mac 02e0.5200.00xx
    virtual-ip 20.20.20.3
    advertisement-interval 1
    enable
    no preempt-mode
    short-path-forwarding
  !
  no shutdown
```

```
rbridge-id 2
  interface Ve 200
    ip mtu 9018
    ip proxy-arp
    ip address 20.20.20.2/24
  vrrp-extended-group 200
    virtual-mac 02e0.5200.00xx
    virtual-ip 20.20.20.3
    advertisement-interval 1
    enable
    no preempt-mode
    short-path-forwarding
  !
  no shutdown
```



# Configuring Virtual Fabrics

## Overlay Gateway Configuration

```
overlay-gateway Extension1
  type layer2-extension
  ip interface Loopback 2
  attach rbridge-id add 1-2
  map vlan vni auto
  site Datacenter2
    ip address 3.3.3.1
    extend vlan add 1-100
  activate
```

### Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- show vlan brief
- show tunnel
- show mac





# AMPP

Automatic Migration of Port Profiles



# Automatic Migration of Port Profiles

- Used to automatically configure a port based on who is connected.
  - VLAN
  - Security
  - Quality of Service
  - FCoE
- Connected device is identified by MAC address.
- Can be interfaces with vCenter for automatic configuration.
- Can also be integrated with OpenStack.



# Creating a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name>
VDX(config...)# vlan-profile
VDX(config... ...)# switchport
VDX(config... ...)# THE REST OF THE SWITCHPORT COMMANDS
VDX(config... ...)# no shut
VDX(config... ...)# end
VDX#
```



# Associate a MAC to a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name> static <mac>
VDX(config)# end
VDX#
```

# Enable a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name> activate
VDX(config)# end
VDX#
```



# Enable AMPP on an Interface

```
VDX# configure terminal
VDX(config)# interface <type> <interface>
VDX(config...)# port-profile-port
VDX(config...)# mtu 9216
VDX(config...)# end
VDX#
```



# Automating AMPP with vCenter

```
VDX(config)# vcenter <name> url https://<address>
username <name> password <password>
VDX(config)# vcenter <name> activate
VDX(config)#
```



# NSX Integration



# NSX Gateway Overview

- Limit of 8 RBridges in the fabric.
- Can be used to translate between VXLAN and VLAN.
- Can be receive coordinate automatically with the NSX Controller.

## Pre-Work

- Create a client certificate and share with NSX
- Configure a VCS Virtual IP Address



# Configuring NSX Gateway

```
overlay-gateway nsx_gateway
    attach rbridge-id 1,2
    type nsx
    ip interface ve 10 vrrp-extended-group 100
    attach vlan 5,14-17
    activate

nsx-controller profile 1
    ip address 10.1.2.3
    reconnect-interval 40
```



# Thank You

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