

# Multi-Node Network

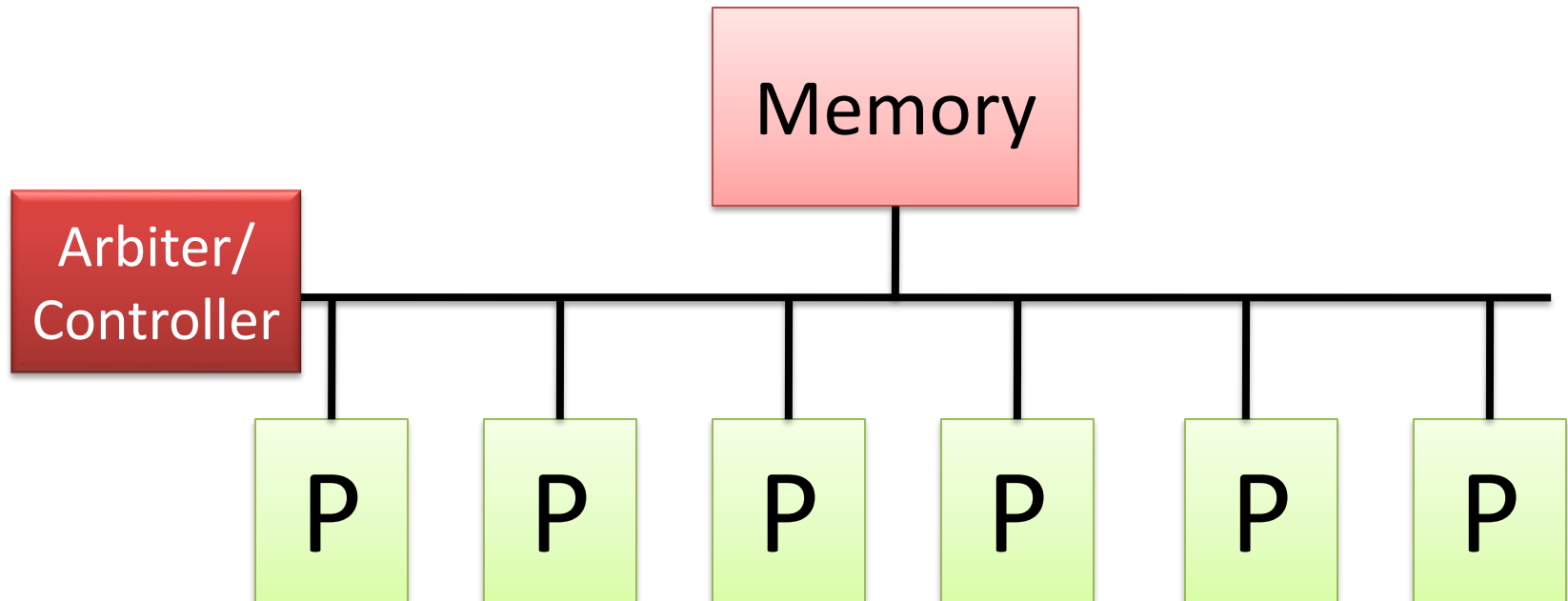
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# Outline

- Multi-node Architecture
- Static Network
  - Parameters and Performance
- Dynamic Network
- Interconnection and Topology Embedding
- Scheduling Concepts
- Independent Tasks, Dependent Tasks

# Bus interconnection/Shared Memory



# Switched Networks

## BUS

- Shared media
- Lower Cost
- Lower throughput
- Scalability poor

## Switched Network

- Switched paths
- Higher cost
- Higher throughput
- Scalability better

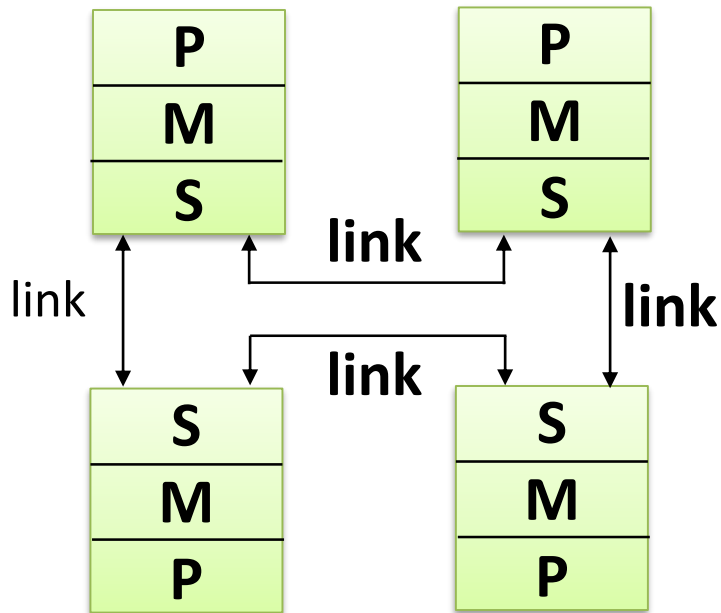
# Interconnection Networks

- Topology : **who is connected to whom ?**
- Direct / Indirect : **where is switching done ?**
- Static / Dynamic : **when is switching done ?**
- Circuit switching / packet switching : **how are connections established ?**

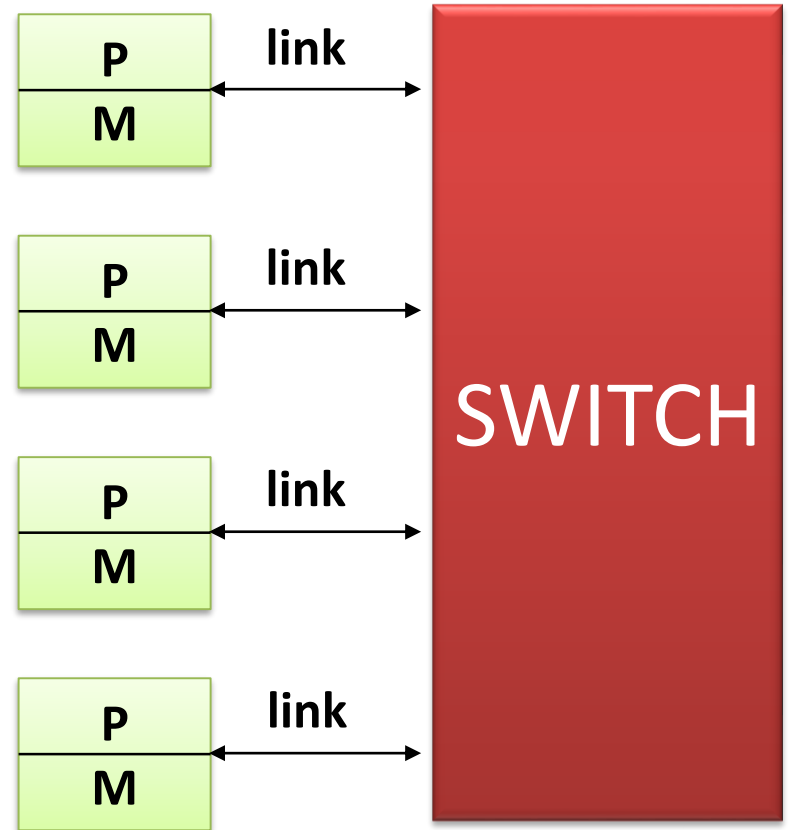
# Interconnection Networks

- Store & forward / worm hole routing : **how is the path determined ?**
- Centralized / distributed : **how is switching controlled ?**
- Synchronous/asyn : **mode of operation?**

# Direct and Indirect Networks



DIRECT



INDIRECT

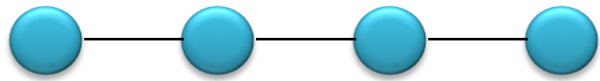
# Static and Dynamic Networks

- Static Networks
  - fixed point to point connections
  - usually direct
  - each node pair may not have a direct connection
  - routing through nodes
- Dynamic Networks
  - connections established as per need
  - usually indirect
  - path can be established between any pair of nodes
  - routing through switches

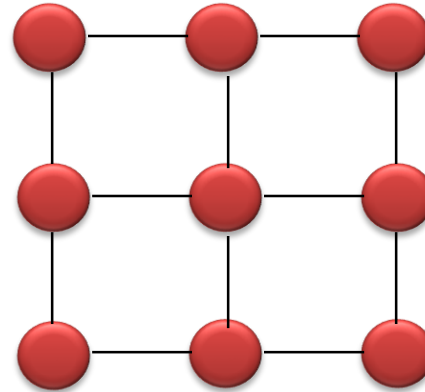


# Static Network Topologies

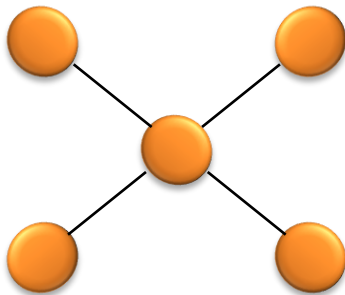
Non-uniform connectivity



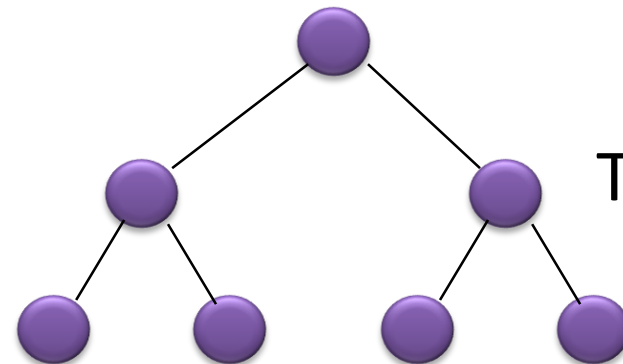
Linear



2D-Mesh



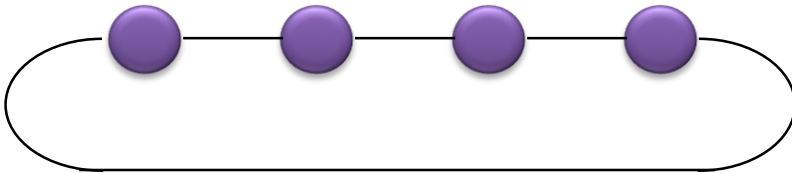
Star



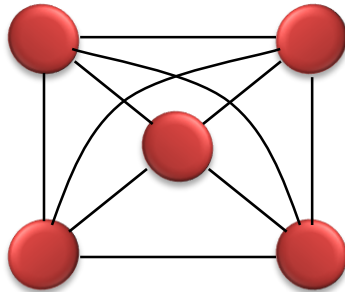
Tree

# Static Networks Topologies- contd.

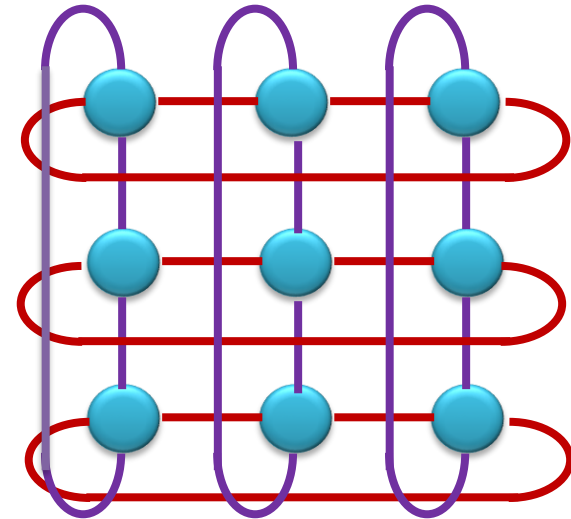
Uniform connectivity



Ring

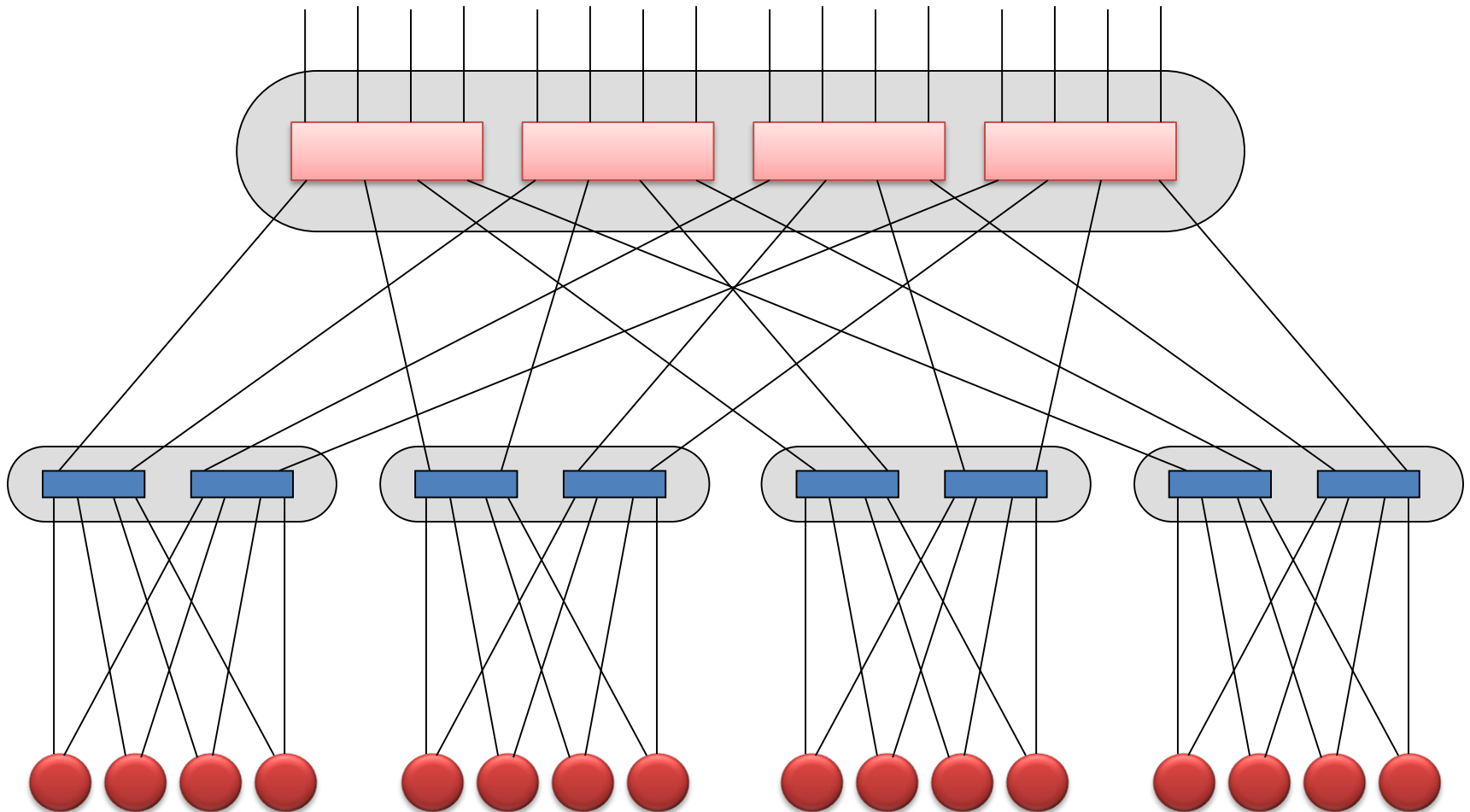


Fully Connected



Torus

# Fat Tree Network



# Switch / Network Topology

Quality of Topology based on:

- **Degree:** number of links from a node
- **Diameter:** max number of links crossed between two nodes
- **Average distance:** number of links to random destination

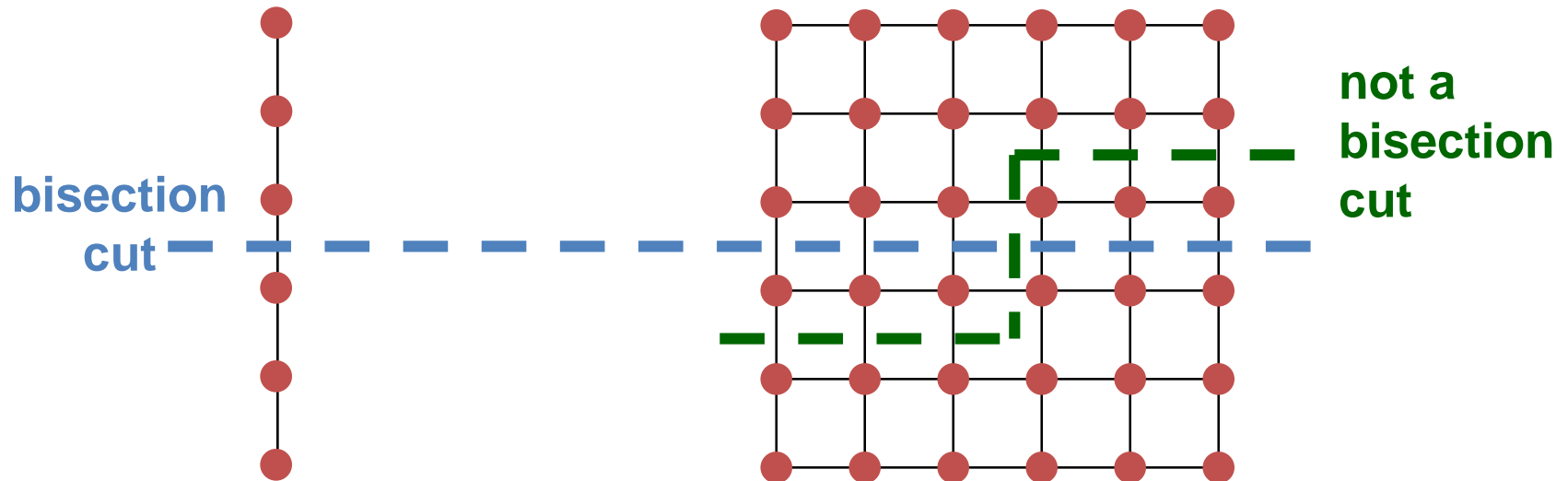
# Switch / Network Topology

Quality of Topology based on:

- **Bisection:** minimum number of links that separate the network into two halves
- **Bisection bandwidth** = link bandwidth \* bisection

# Bisection Bandwidth

- Bandwidth across smallest cut that divides network into two equal halves
- Bandwidth across “narrowest” part of the network

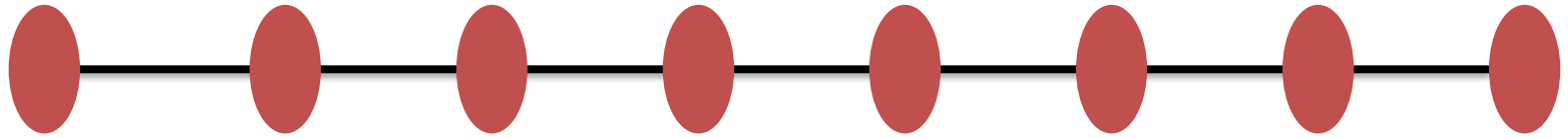


**bisection bw = link bw**

**bisection bw =  $\sqrt{n}$  \* link bw**

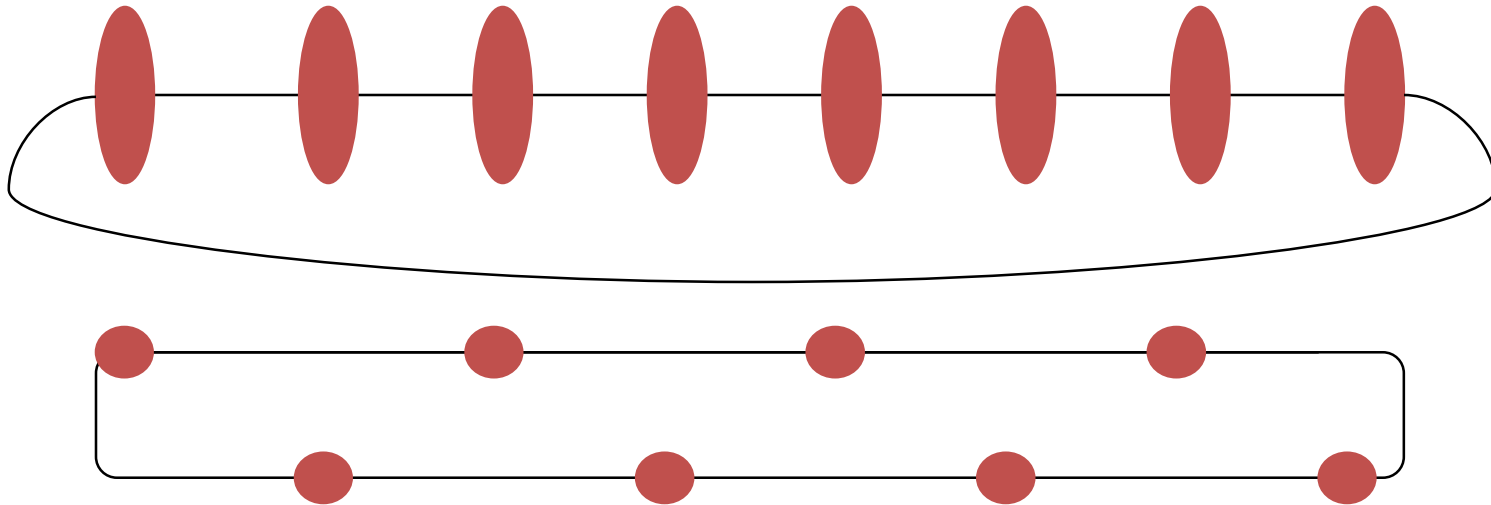
- BB important for algorithms in which all processors need to communicate with all others

# Linear Array



- Diameter =  $n-1$
- Average distance  $\sim n/3$
- Bisection bandwidth = 1 (in units of link bandwidth)

# Ring / Ring Torus

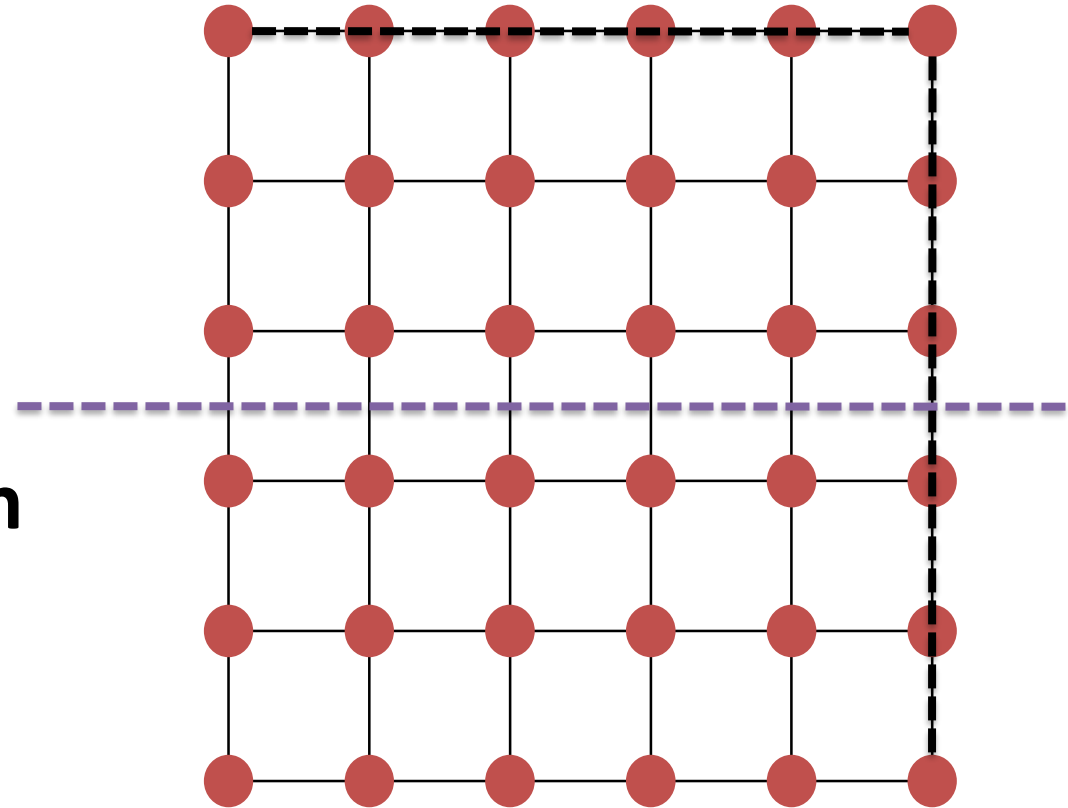


- Diameter =  $n/2$
- Average distance =  $n/4$
- Bisection bandwidth = 2
- Natural for Algo that work with 1D arrays



# Meshes

- **Diameter**  
 $= 2 * (\text{sqrt}(n) - 1)$
- **Bisection Bandwidth**  
 $= \text{sqrt}(n)$

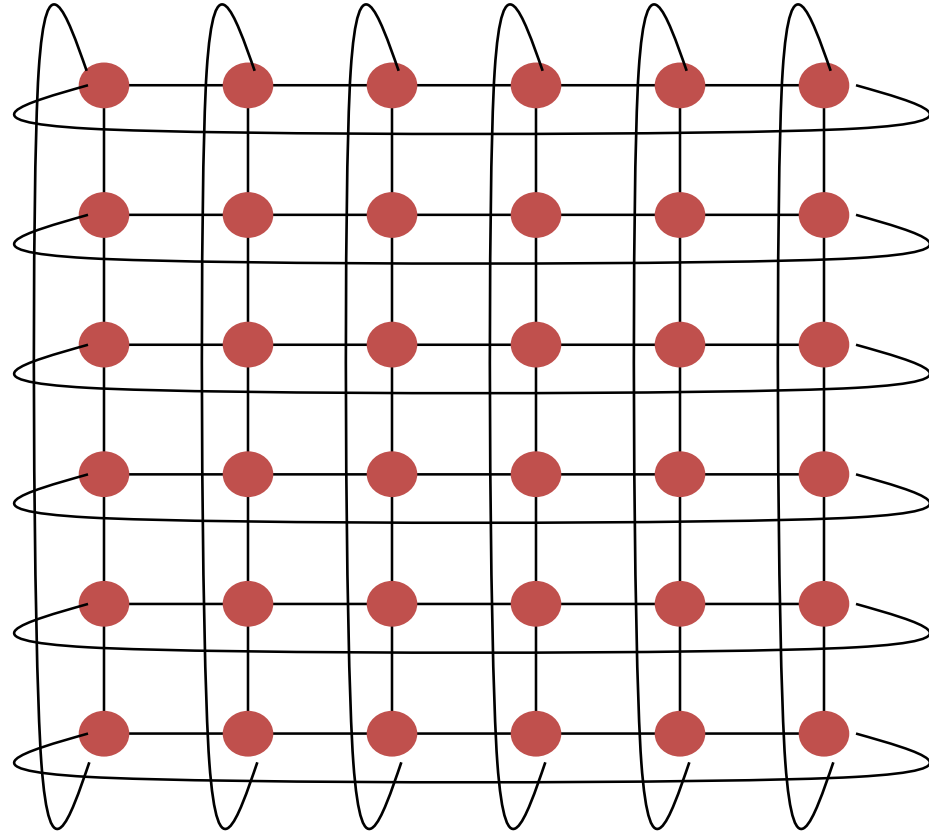


- **Generalizes to higher dimensions**
- **Natural for algorithms that work with 2D and/or 3D arrays**

# 2D Torus

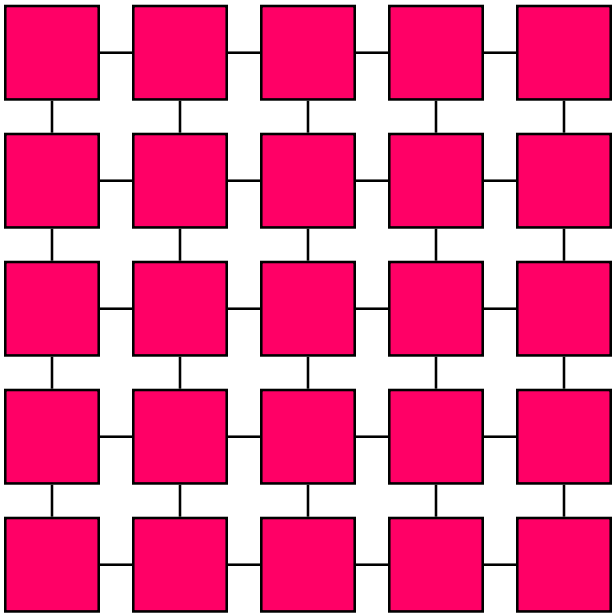
## Two dimensional torus

- Diameter =  $\sqrt{n}$
- Bisection BW =  $2 \cdot \sqrt{n}$



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# Mesh/Torus

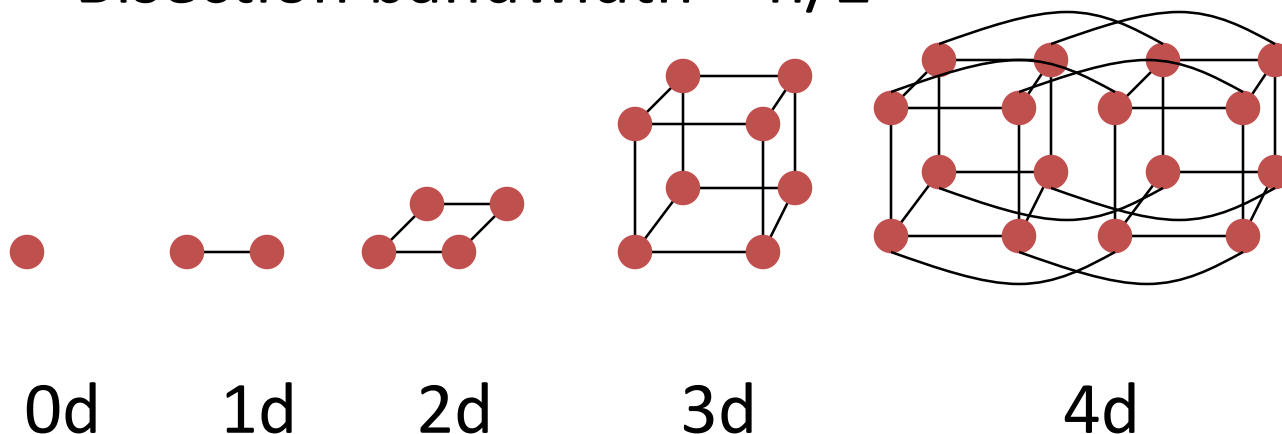


2D mesh

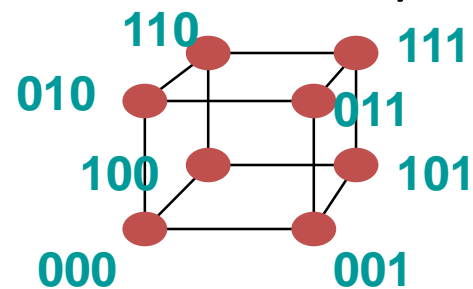
Diameter  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$   
Bisection width  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

# Hyper-cubes

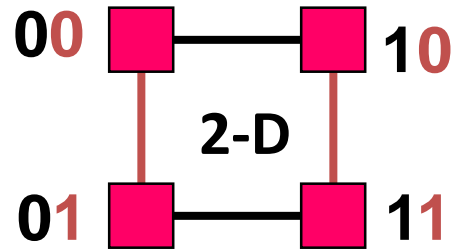
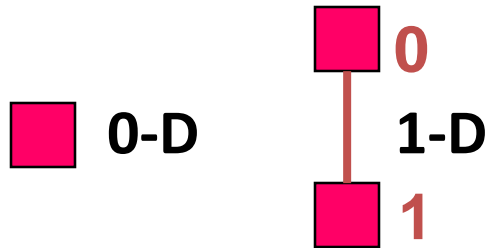
- Number of nodes  $n = 2^d$  for dimension  $d$ 
  - Diameter =  $d = \log(N)$
  - Bisection bandwidth =  $n/2$



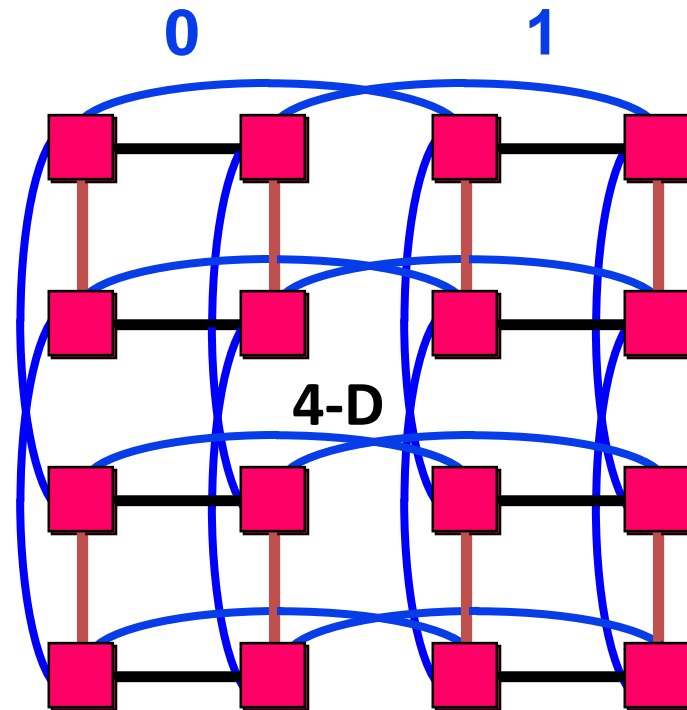
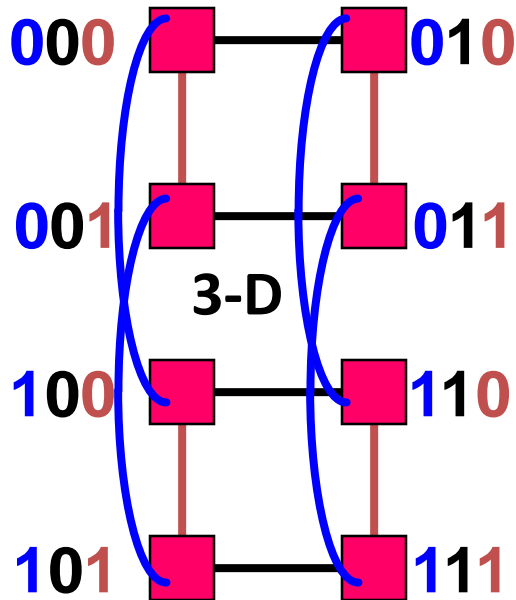
- Popular in early machines (Intel iPSC, NCUBE, CM)
- Grey code addressing:
  - Each node connected to others with 1 bit different



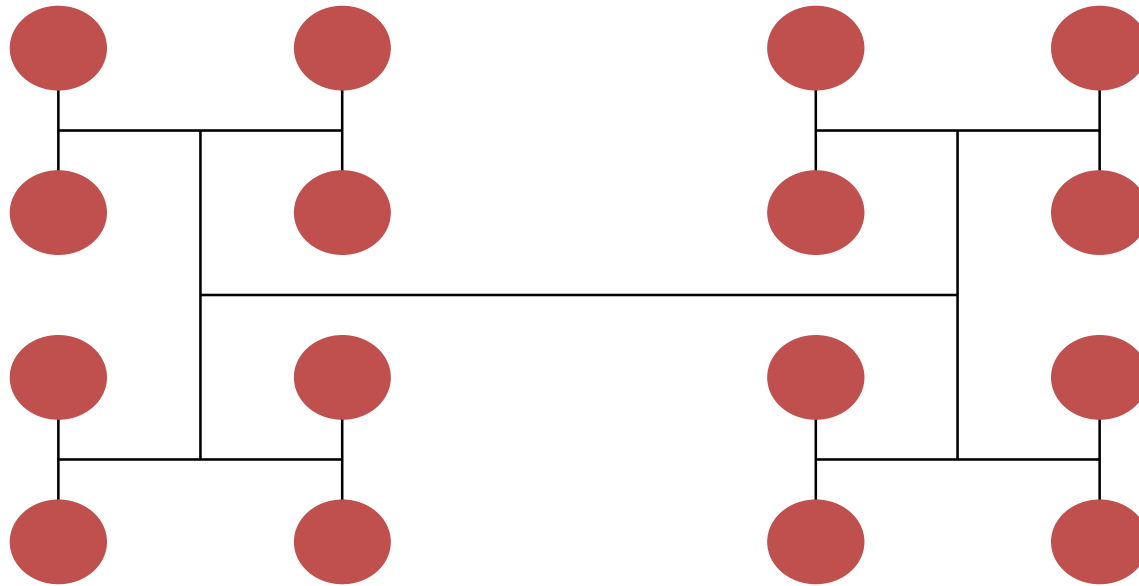
# Hypercube



Diameter  $O(\log n)$   
Bisection width  $\Theta(n)$



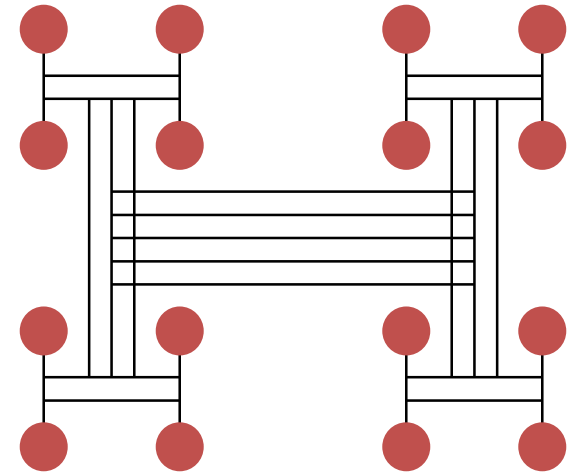
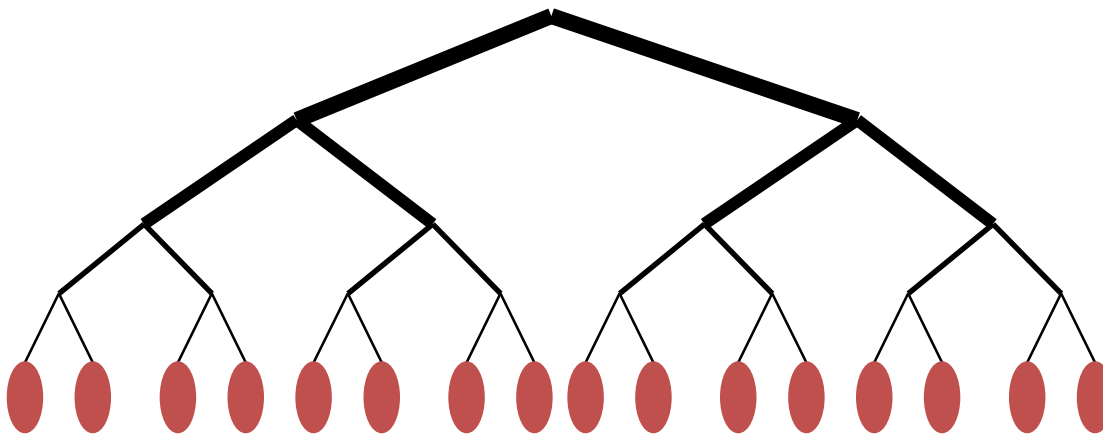
# Trees



- Diameter =  **$\log n$** .
- Bisection bandwidth = **1**
- Easy layout as planar graph
- Many tree algorithms (e.g., summation)

# Fat-Trees

- **Fat trees** avoid bisection bandwidth problem of tree:
  - More (or wider) links near top
  - Example: Thinking Machines CM-5



# Common Topologies

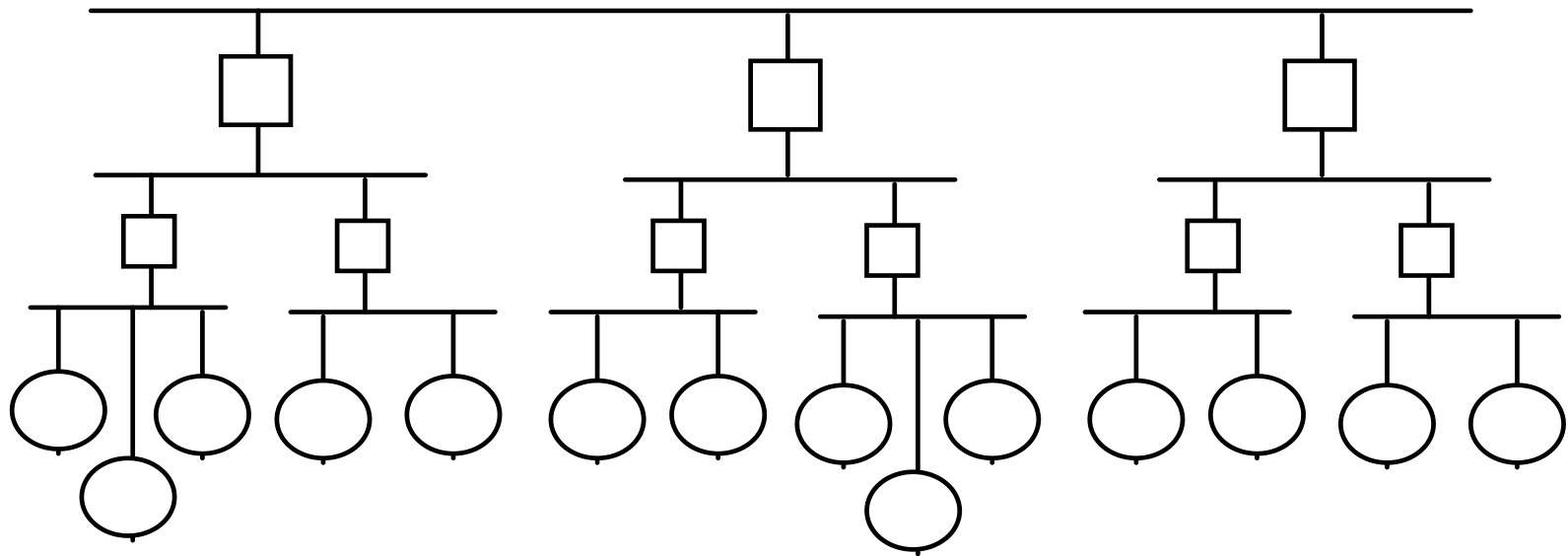
Type	Degree	Diameter	Ave Dist	Bisection
1D mesh	2	$N-1$	$N/3$	1
2D mesh	4	$2(N^{1/2} - 1)$	$2N^{1/2} / 3$	$N^{1/2}$
3D mesh	6	$3(N^{1/3} - 1)$	$3N^{1/3} / 3$	$N^{2/3}$
nD mesh	2n	$n(N^{1/n} - 1)$	$nN^{1/n} / 3$	$N^{(n-1) / n}$
Ring	2	$N/2$	$N/4$	2
2D torus	4	$N^{1/2}$	$N^{1/2} / 2$	$2N^{1/2}$
Hypercube	$\log_2 N$	$n = \log_2 N$	$n/2$	$N/2$
2D Tree	3	$2\log_2 N$	$\sim 2\log_2 N$	1
Crossbar	$N-1$	1	1	$N^2/2$

**N = number of nodes, n = dimension**



# Hierarchical (Multilevel) Networks

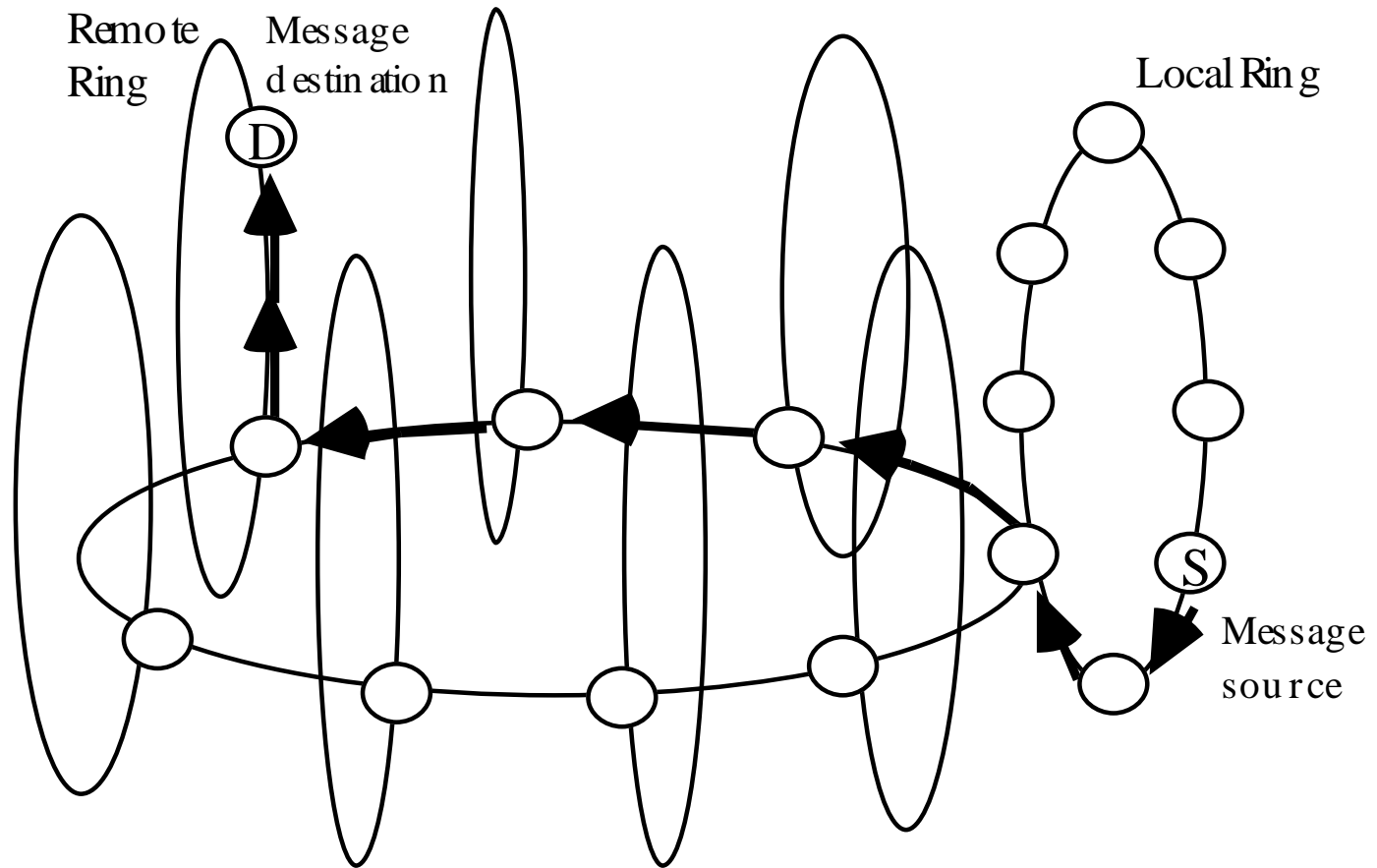
We have already seen several examples of hierarchical networks: multilevel buses



Hierarchical or multilevel bus network.

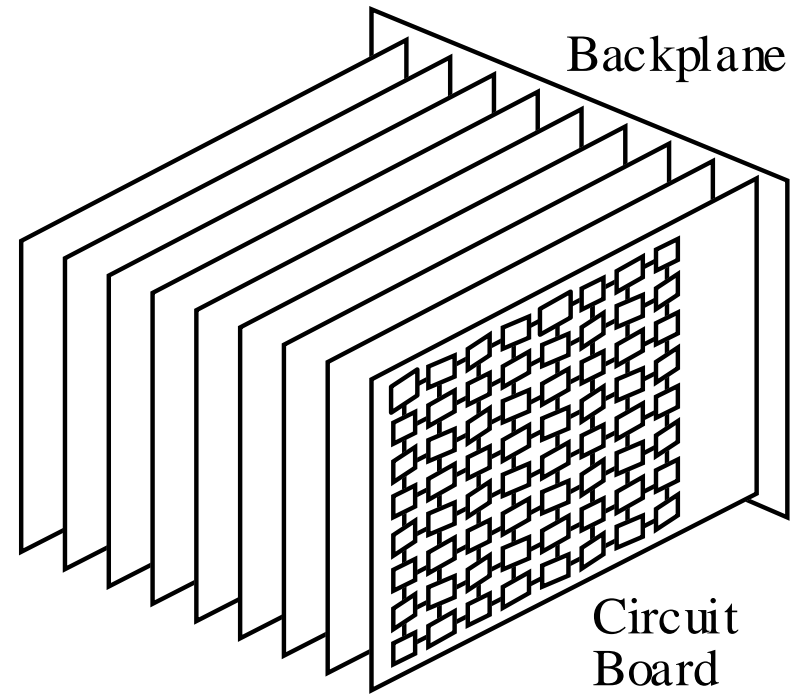
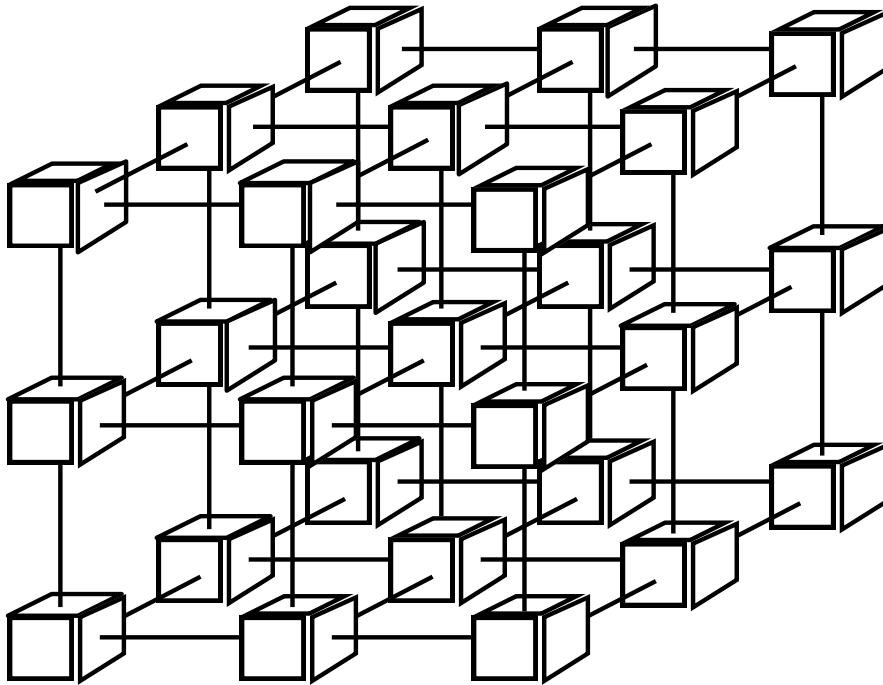
# Ring of Ring

Rings are simple, but have low performance and lack robustness



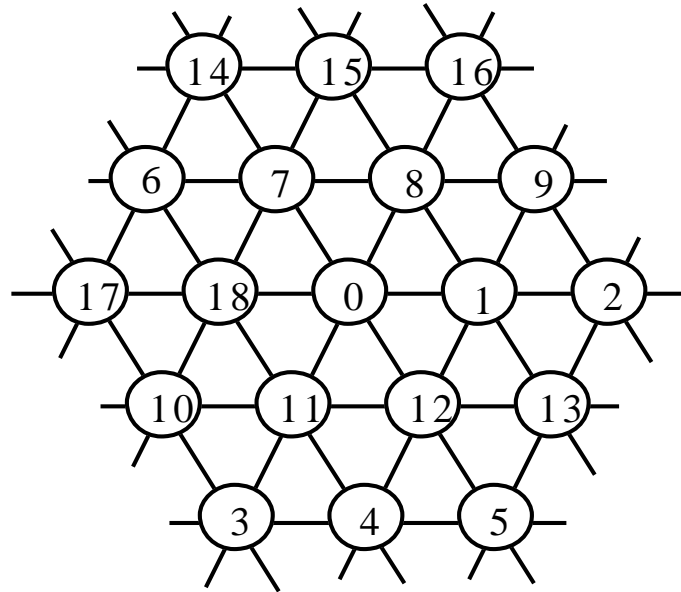
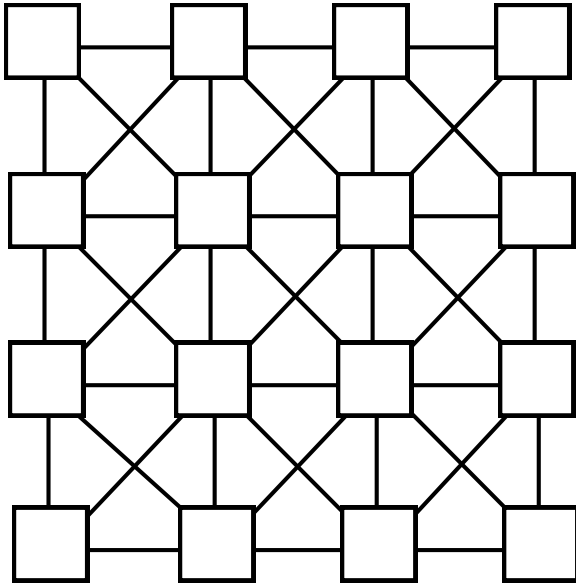
A 64-node ring-of-rings architecture composed of eight 8-node local rings and one second-level ring.

# 2.5D and 3D MESH



3D and 2.5D physical realizations of a 3D mesh.

# Stronger and Weaker Connectivities MESH



Fortified meshes  
and other models  
with stronger  
connectivities:

Eight-neighbor  
Six-neighbor  
Triangular  
Hexagonal

Node  $i$  connected to  $i \pm 1$ ,  
 $i \pm 7$ , and  $i \pm 8 \pmod{19}$ .

## Eight-neighbor and hexagonal (hex) meshes.

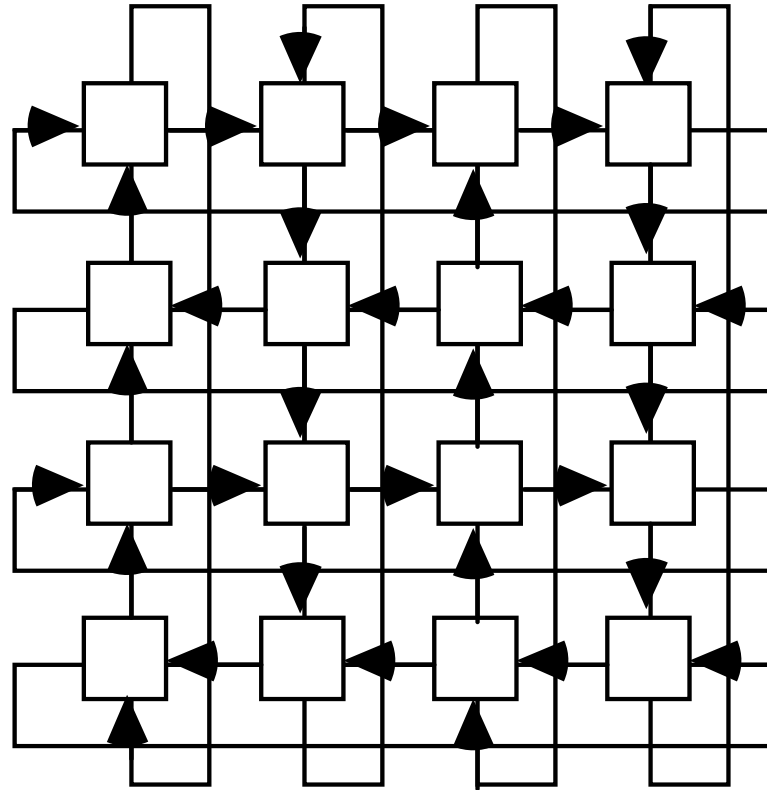
As in higher-dimensional meshes, greater connectivity does not automatically translate into greater performance

Area and signal-propagation delay penalties must be factored in

# Simplification via Link Orientation

Two in- and out-channels per node, instead of four

Some shortest paths become longer, however

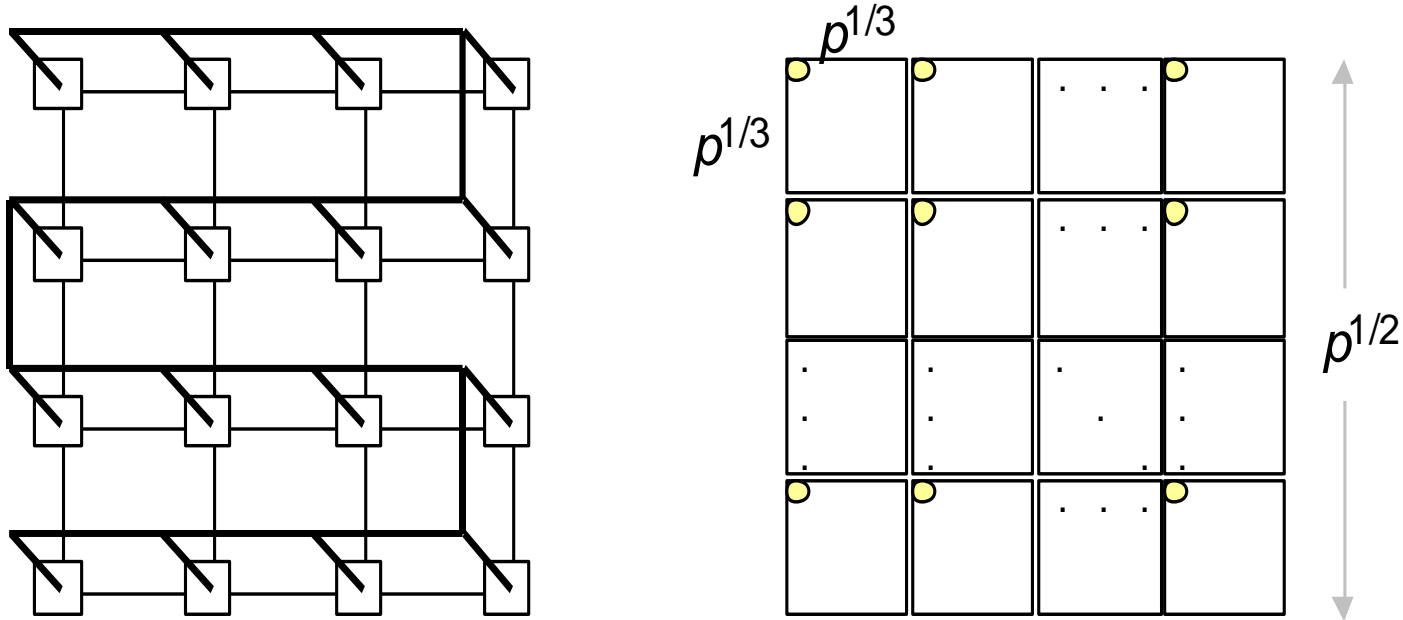


With even side lengths, the diameter does not change

**Can be more cost-effective than 2D mesh**

**4 × 4 Manhattan street network.**

# Using a Single Global Bus



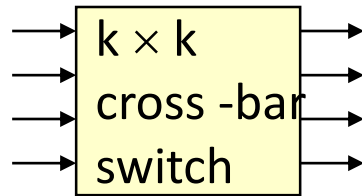
## Mesh with a global bus

The single bus increases the bisection width by 1

Broadcast the result to all nodes (one step)

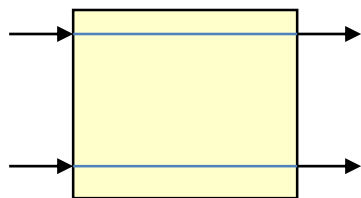
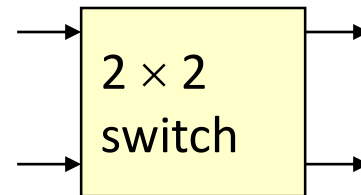
# Dynamic Network

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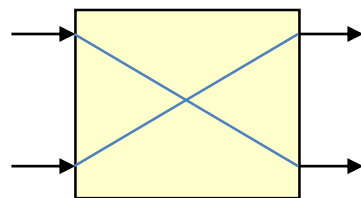


building block for multi-stage dynamic networks

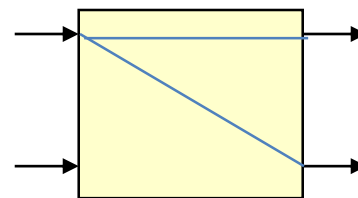
simplest cross-bar



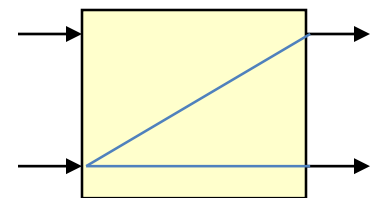
straight



exchange



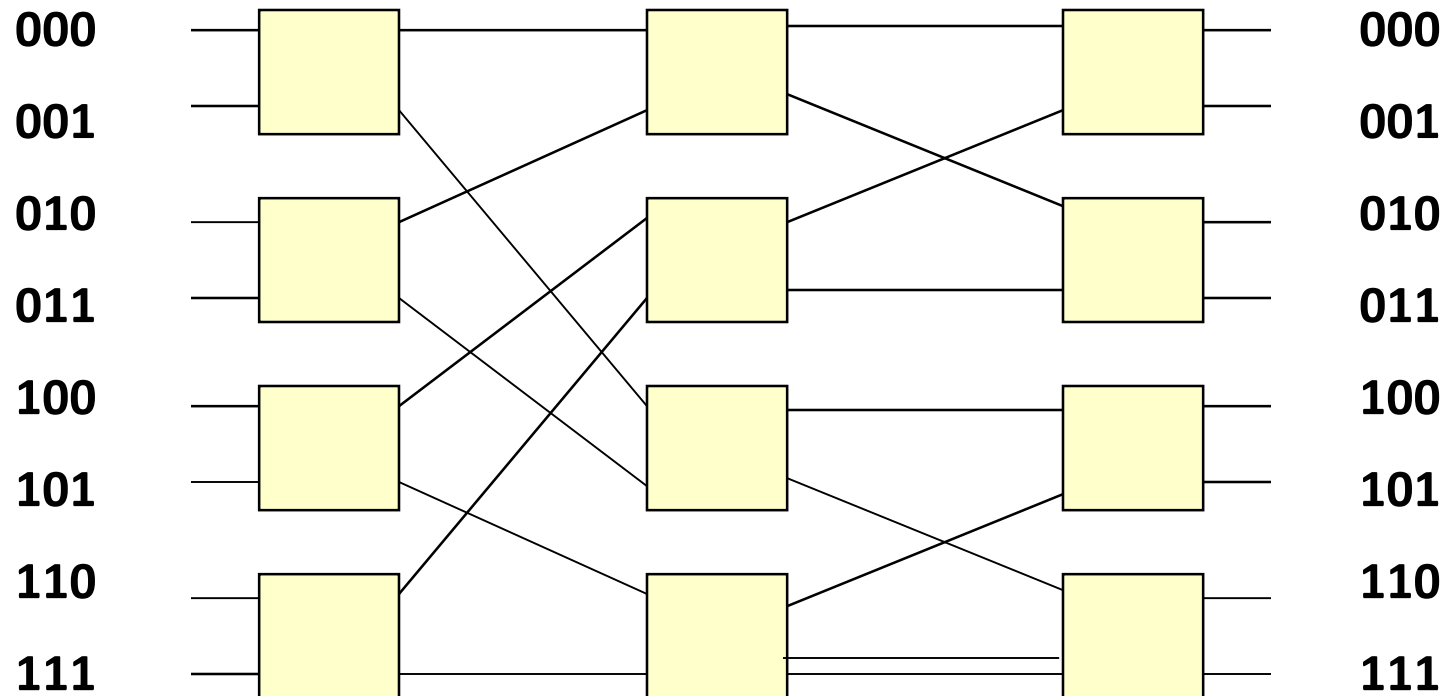
upper  
broadcast



lower  
broadcast



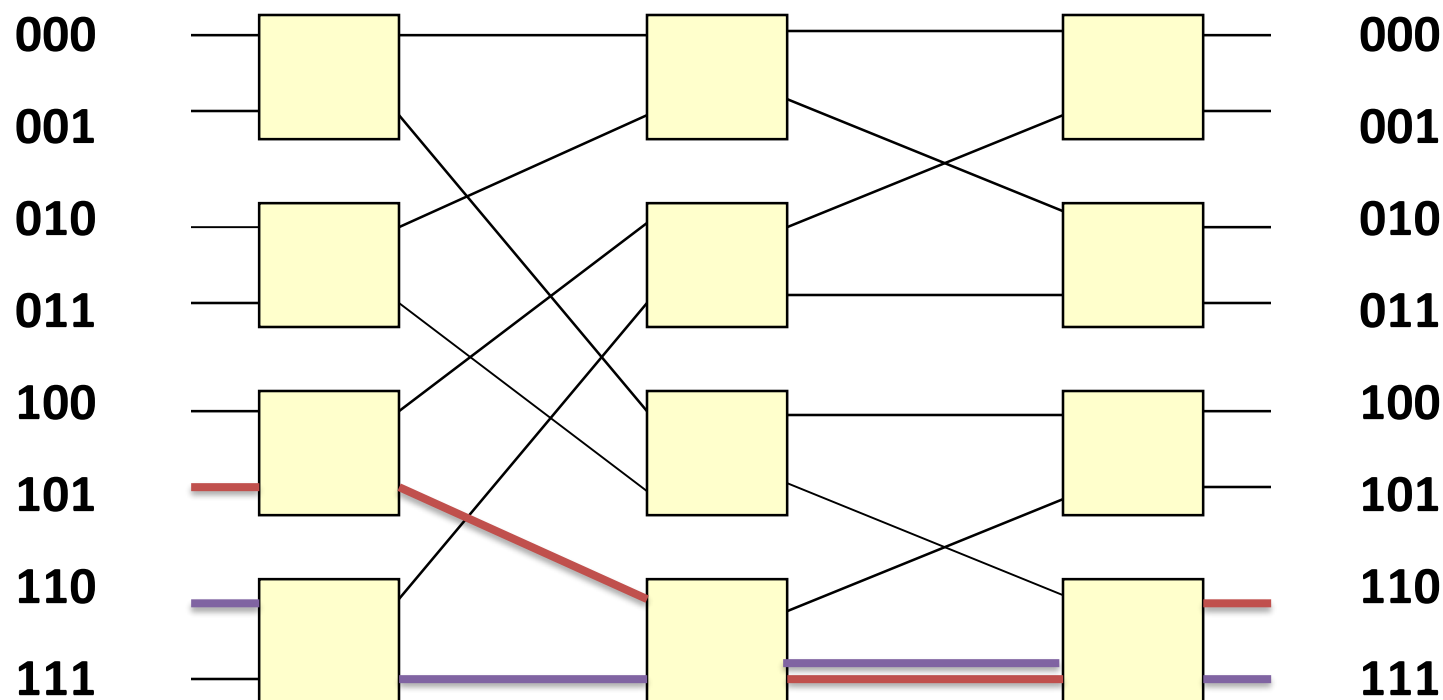
# Baseline Network



blocking can occur

Diameter=Num Stage= $\log_k N$

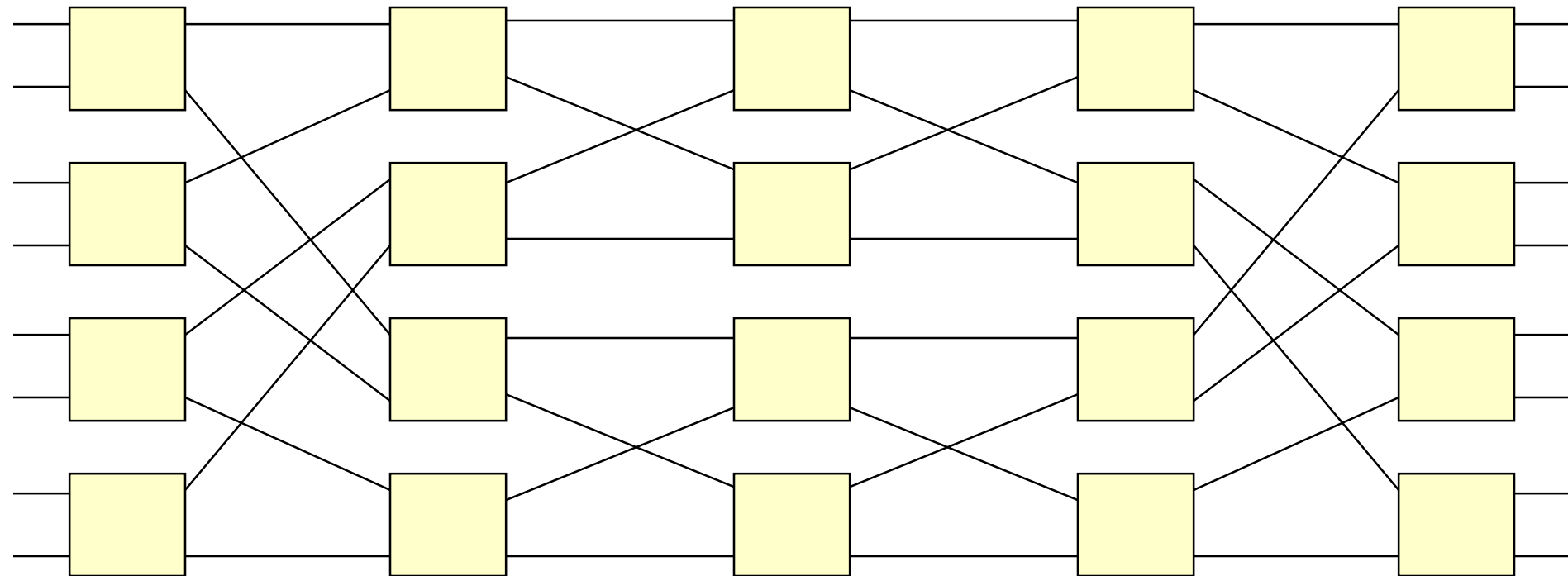
# Baseline Network : Blocking



blocking can occur

# Benes Network

non-blocking



Diameter=Num Stage= $2\log_k N - 1$