

# Cloud Networking Multi-Tenant Data Centers: The Challenges

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# Key Needs

Agility

Strength

Constitution

Dexterity

Charisma

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## Agility

Location independent addressing

Performance uniformity

Security

Network semantics

# Agility

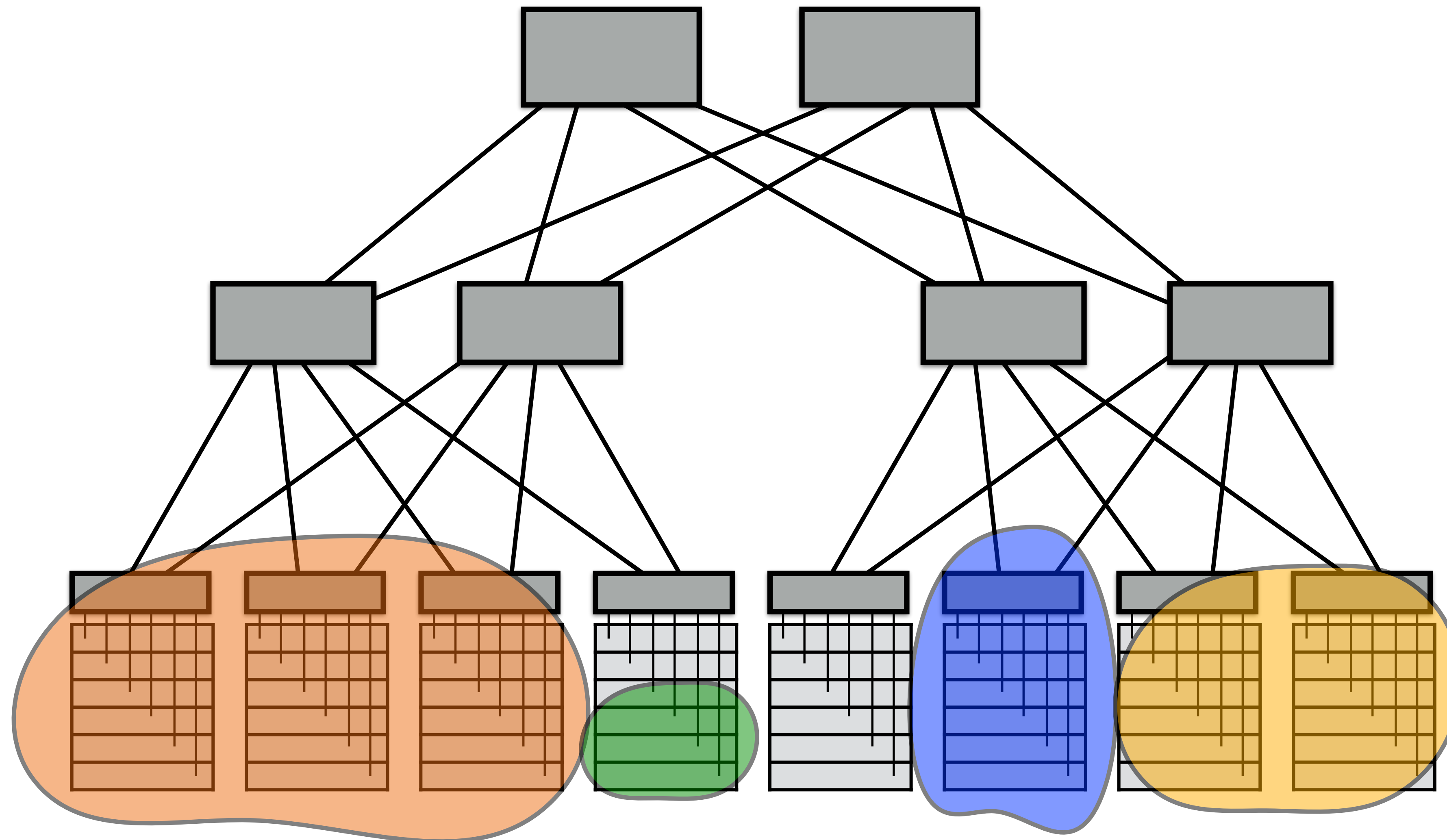
Agility: Use any server for any service at any time

- Better economy of scale through increased utilization
- Improved reliability

Service / tenant

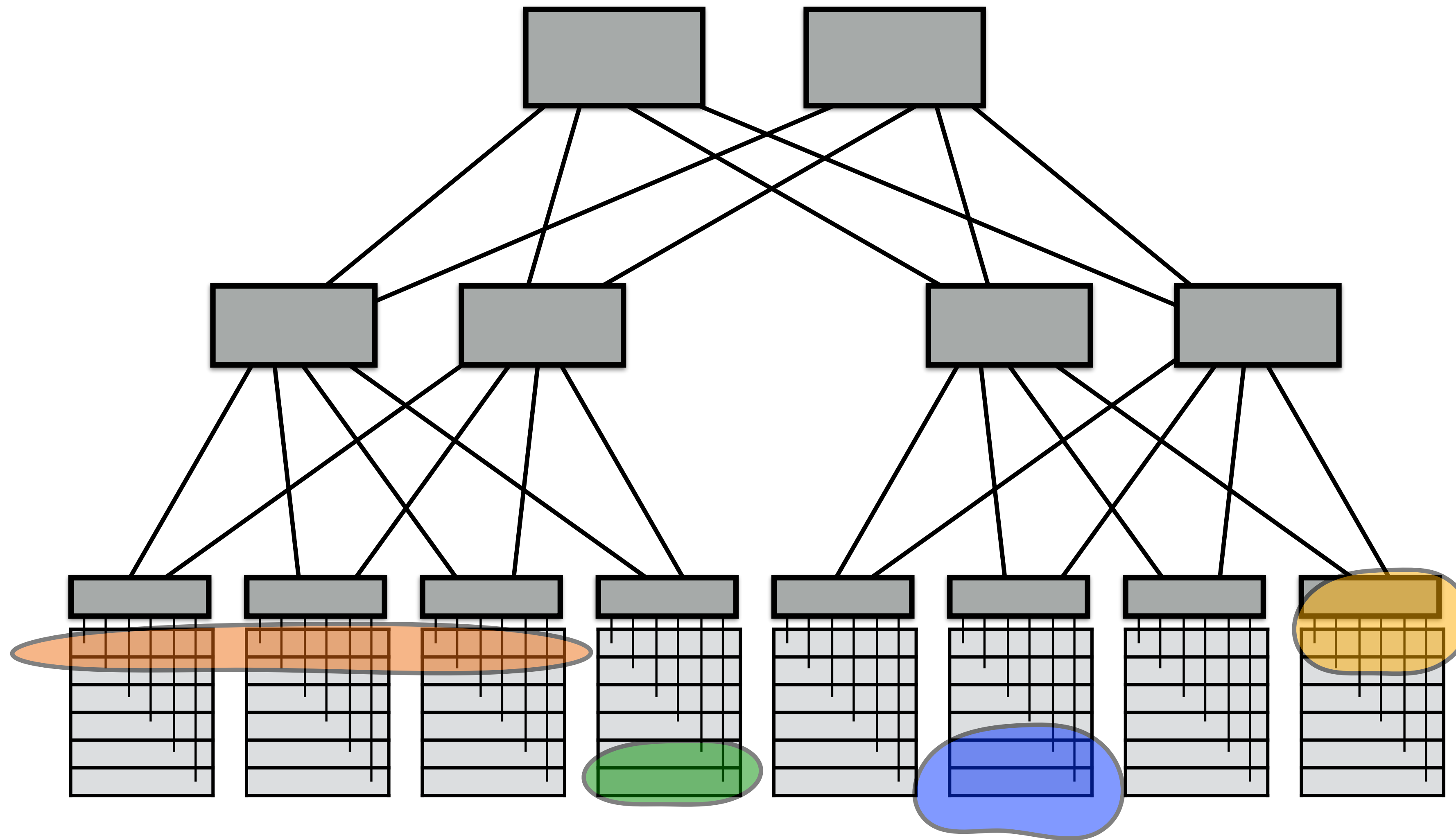
- Customer renting space in a public cloud
- Application or service in a private cloud (internal customer)

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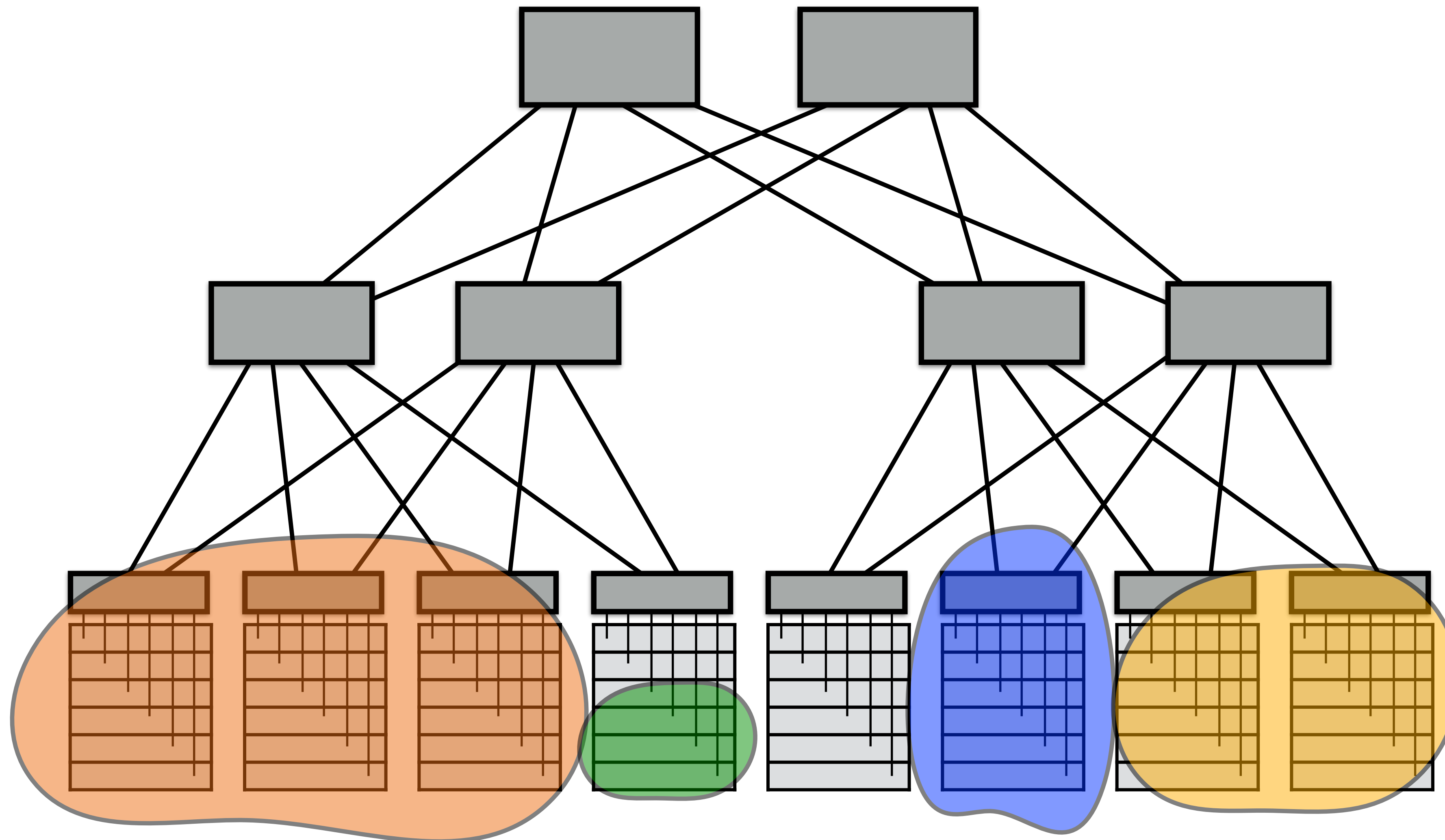
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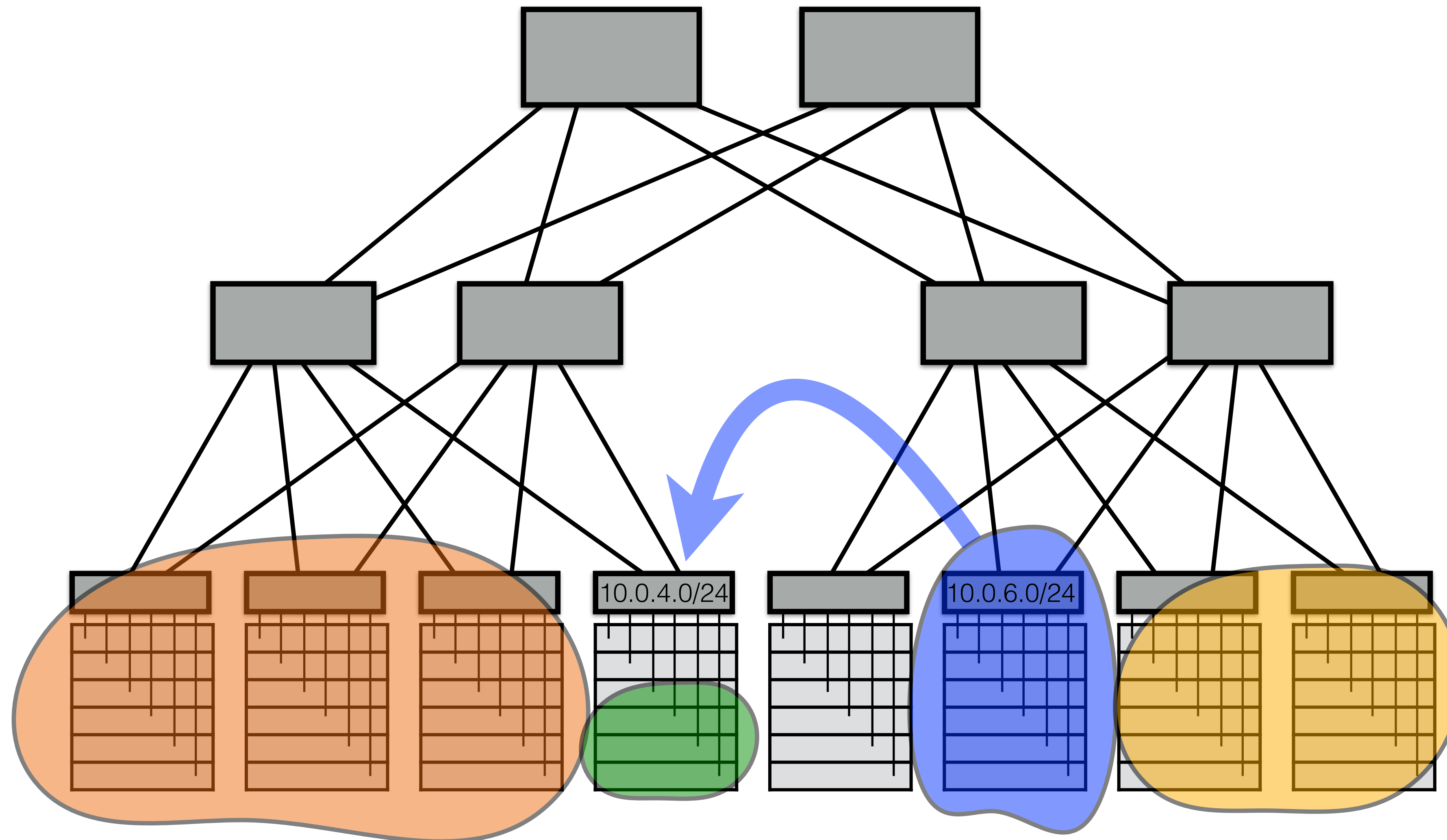
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Inability to expand



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IP addresses locked  
to topological  
location!



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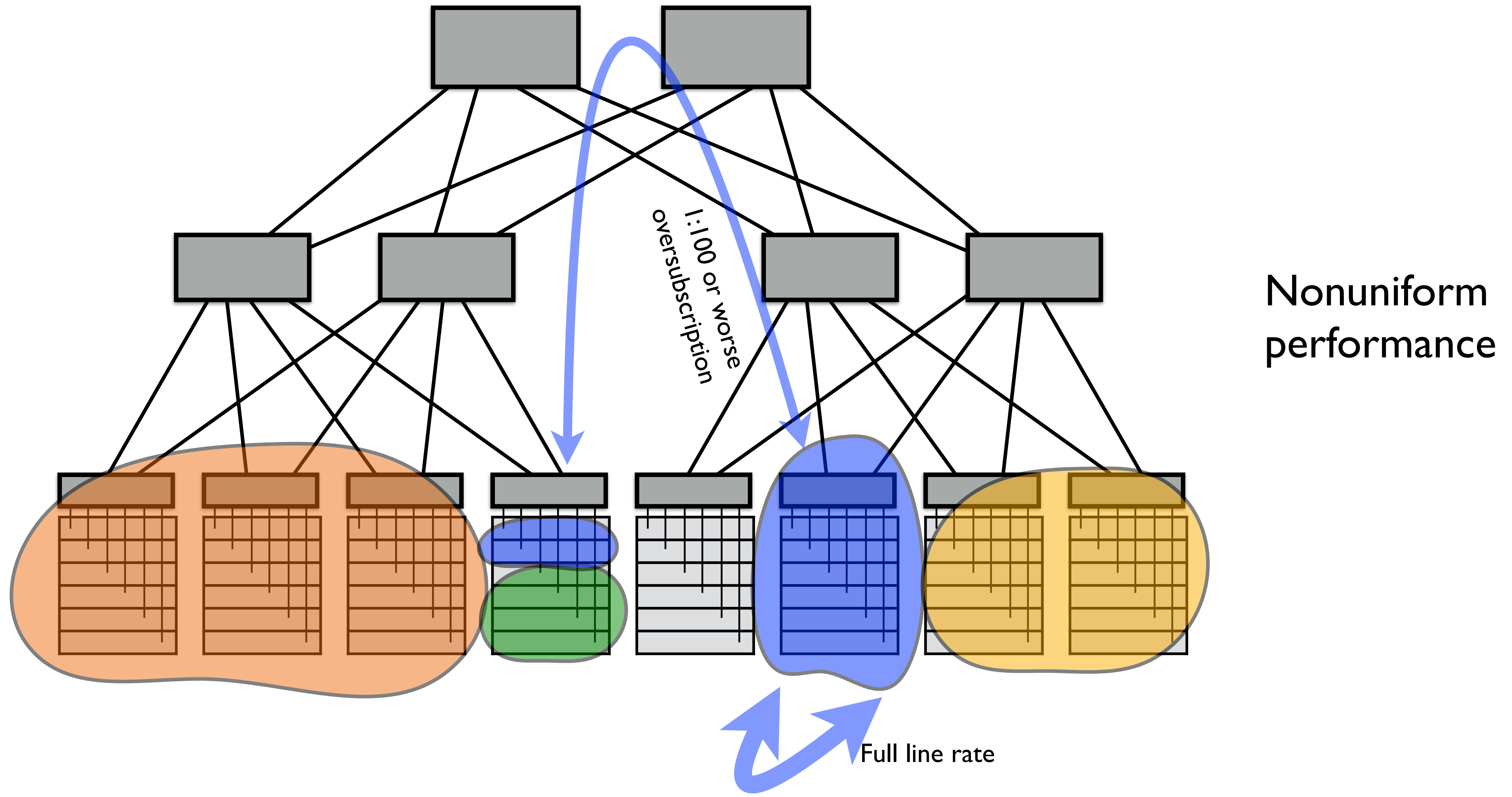
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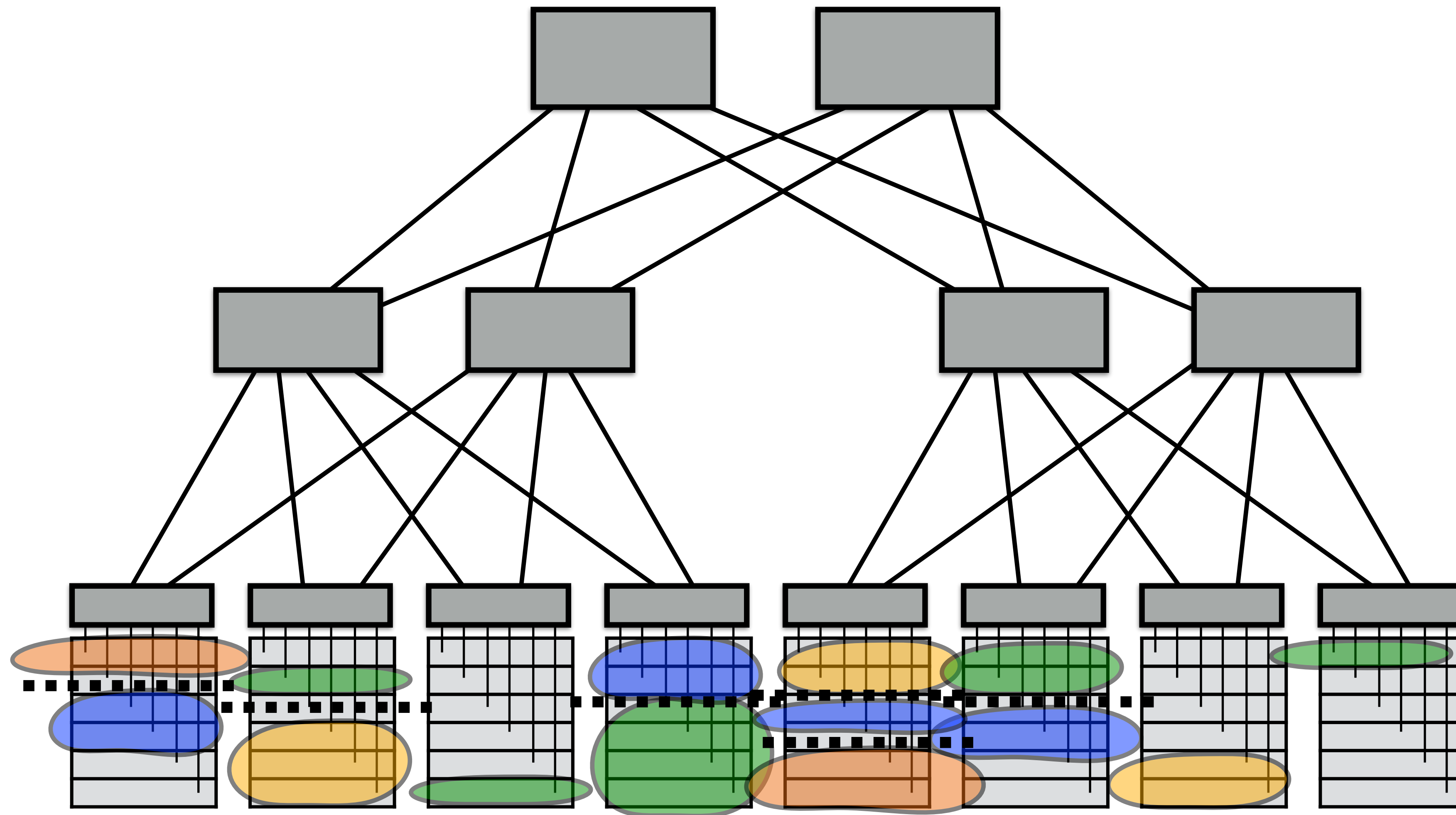
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Untrusted  
environment

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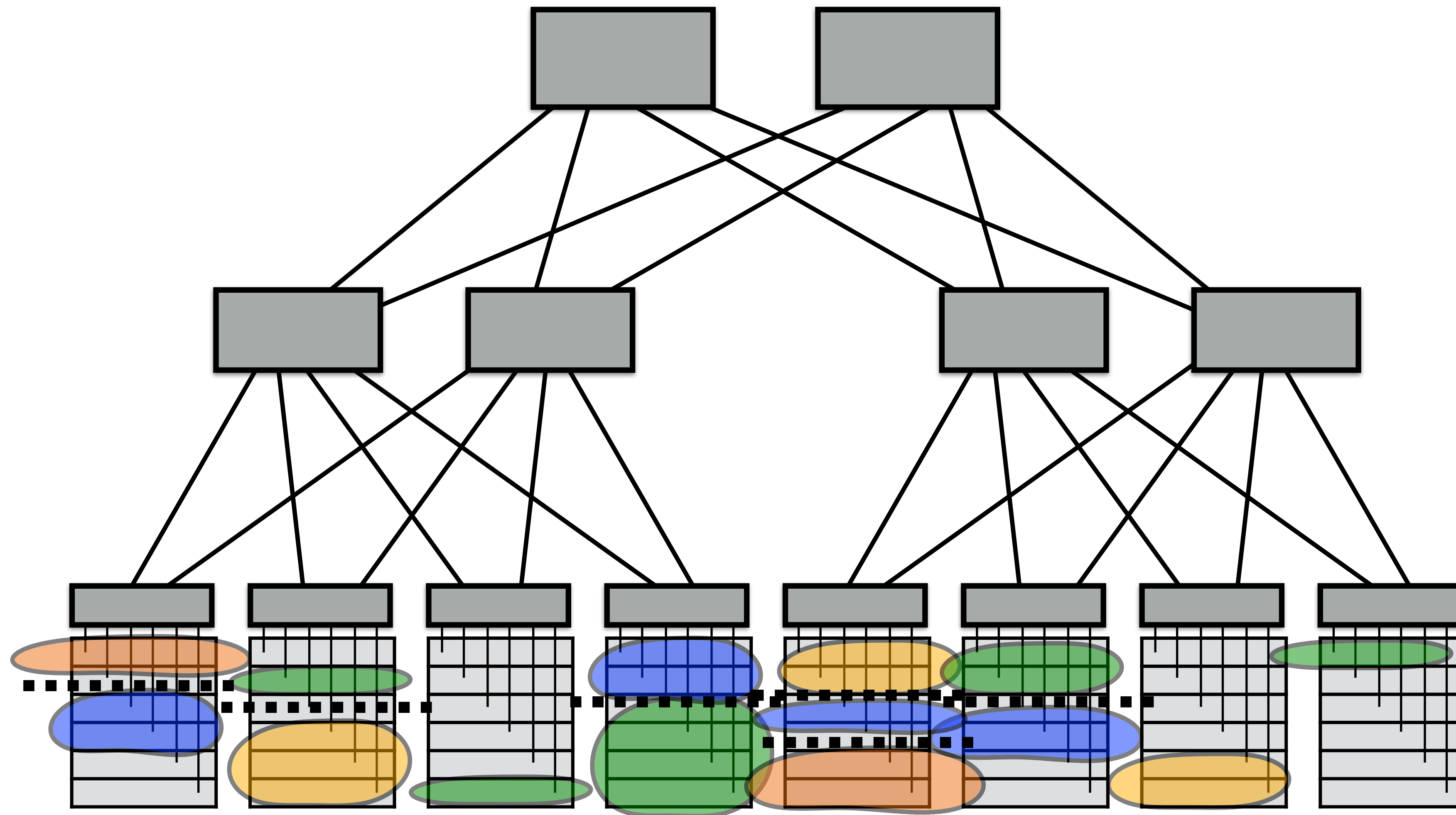
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x 1000s of legacy  
apps in a large  
enterprise

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- Layer 2 service discovery, multicast, broadcast, ...