

# SMT-based Schedule Synthesis for Time-Sensitive Networks

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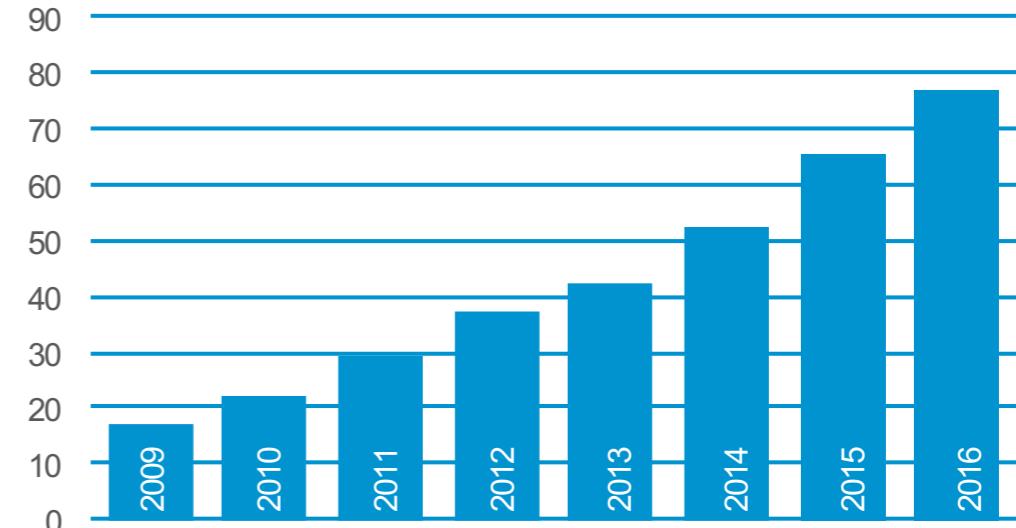
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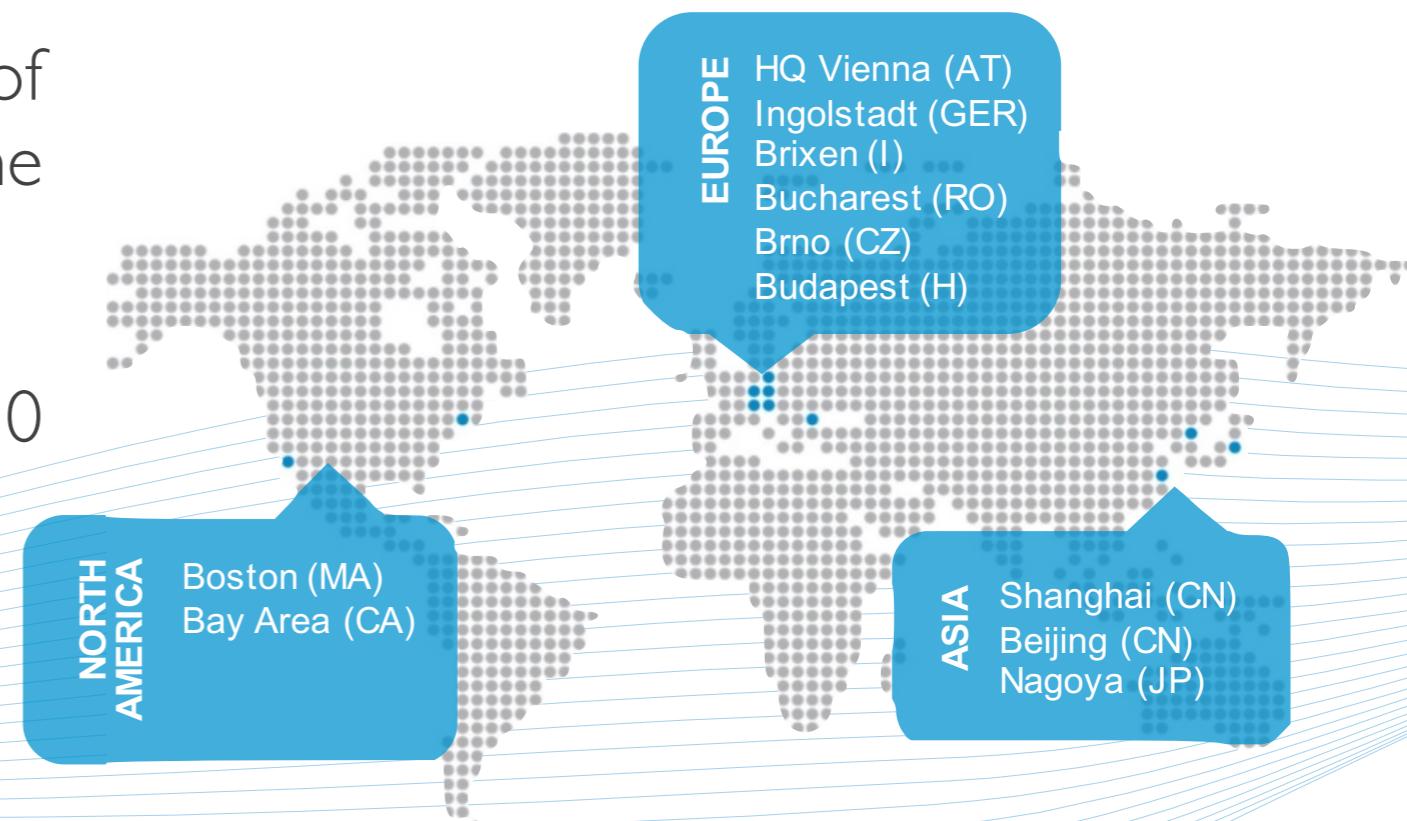
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More than **540** employees with offices in 10 countries (2016)



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# How will the future look like?

Autonomous & Near Autonomous Operations

**\$1.9 Trillion**

Economic impact of near autonomous cars by 2025



Real-Time Internet of Things



**25+ Billion**

Embedded and intelligent systems by 2020



**Every 2nd**

Embedded device will be safety relevant by 2020



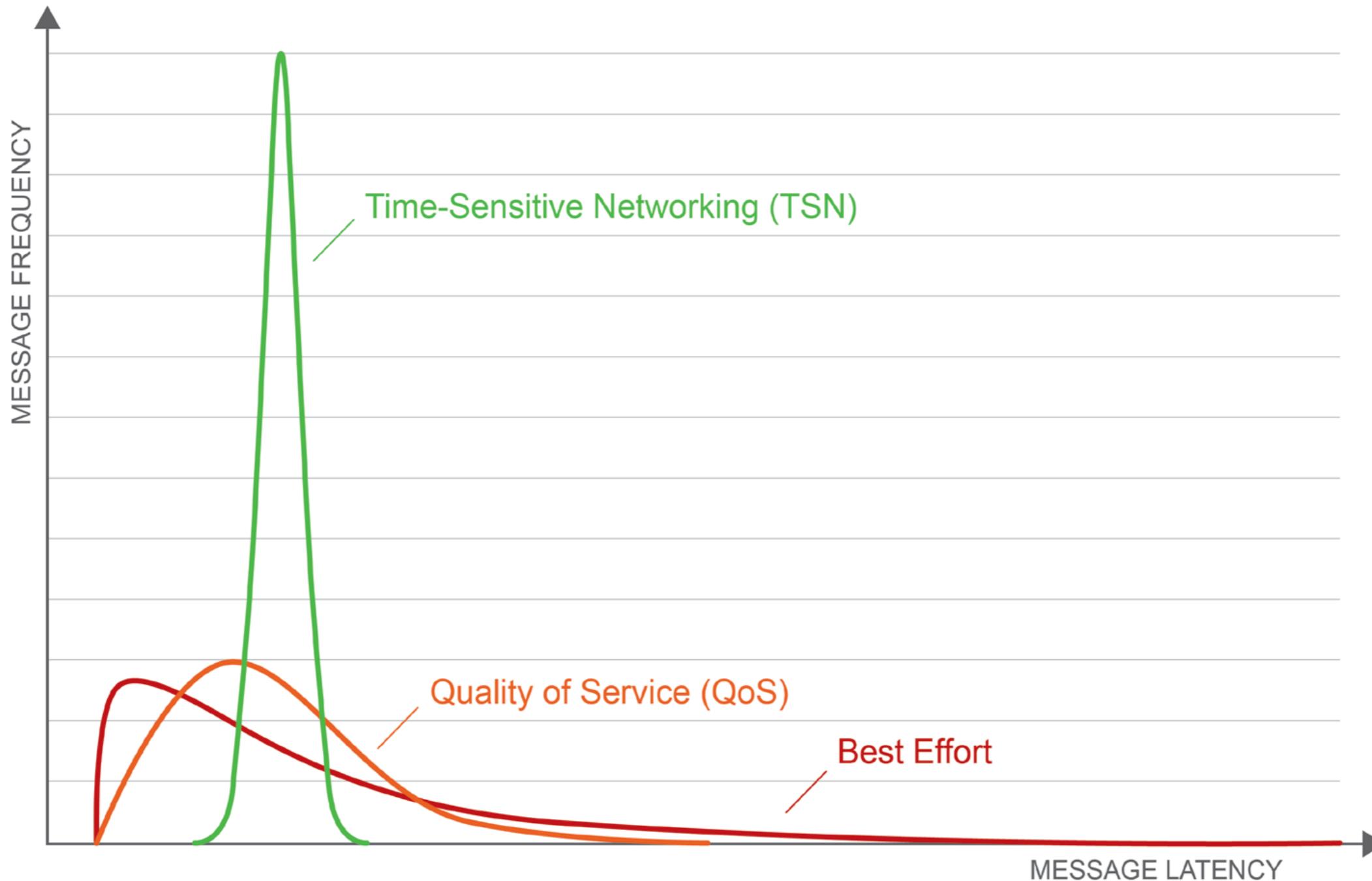
Safety & Reliability

# Time-sensitive domains



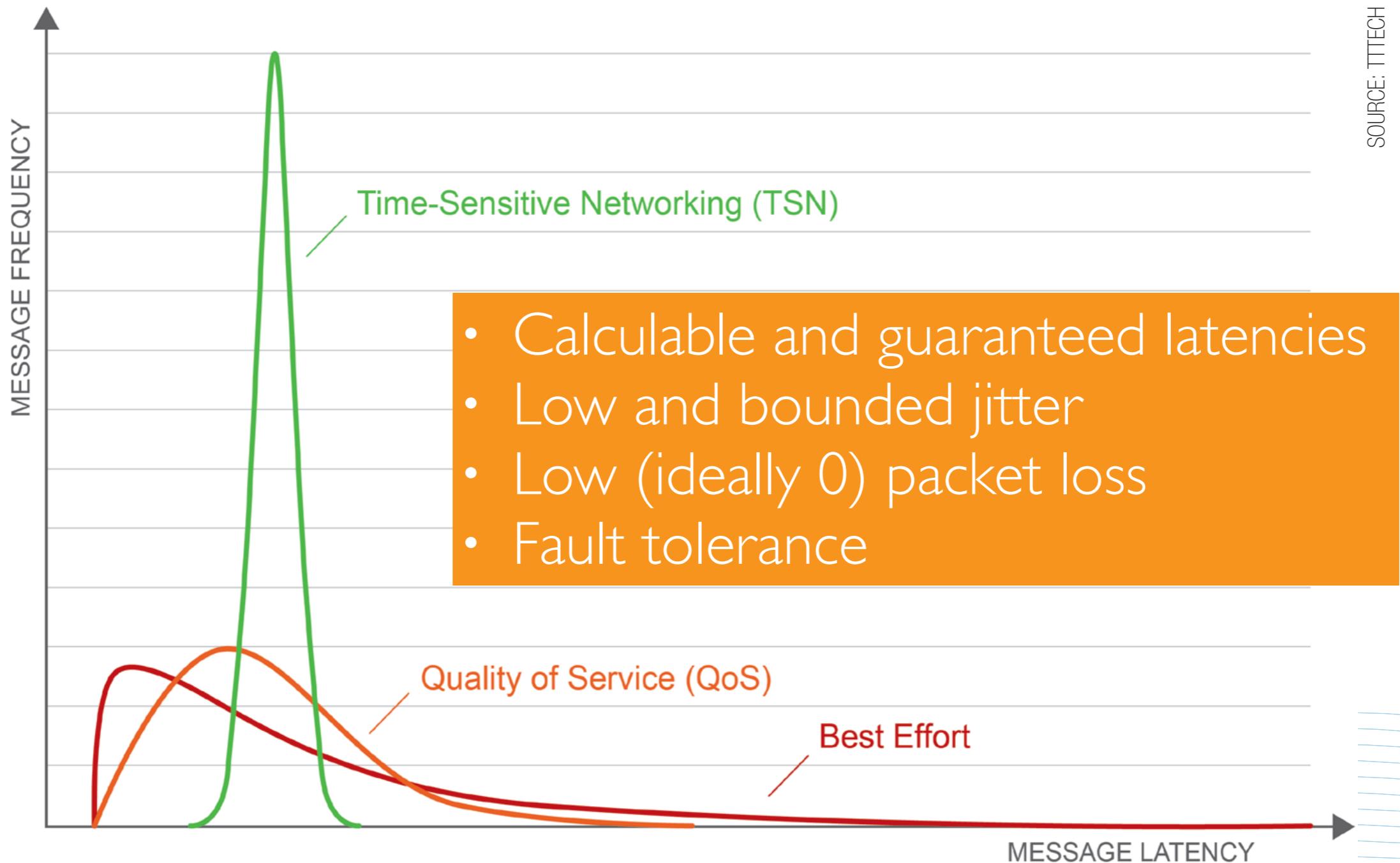
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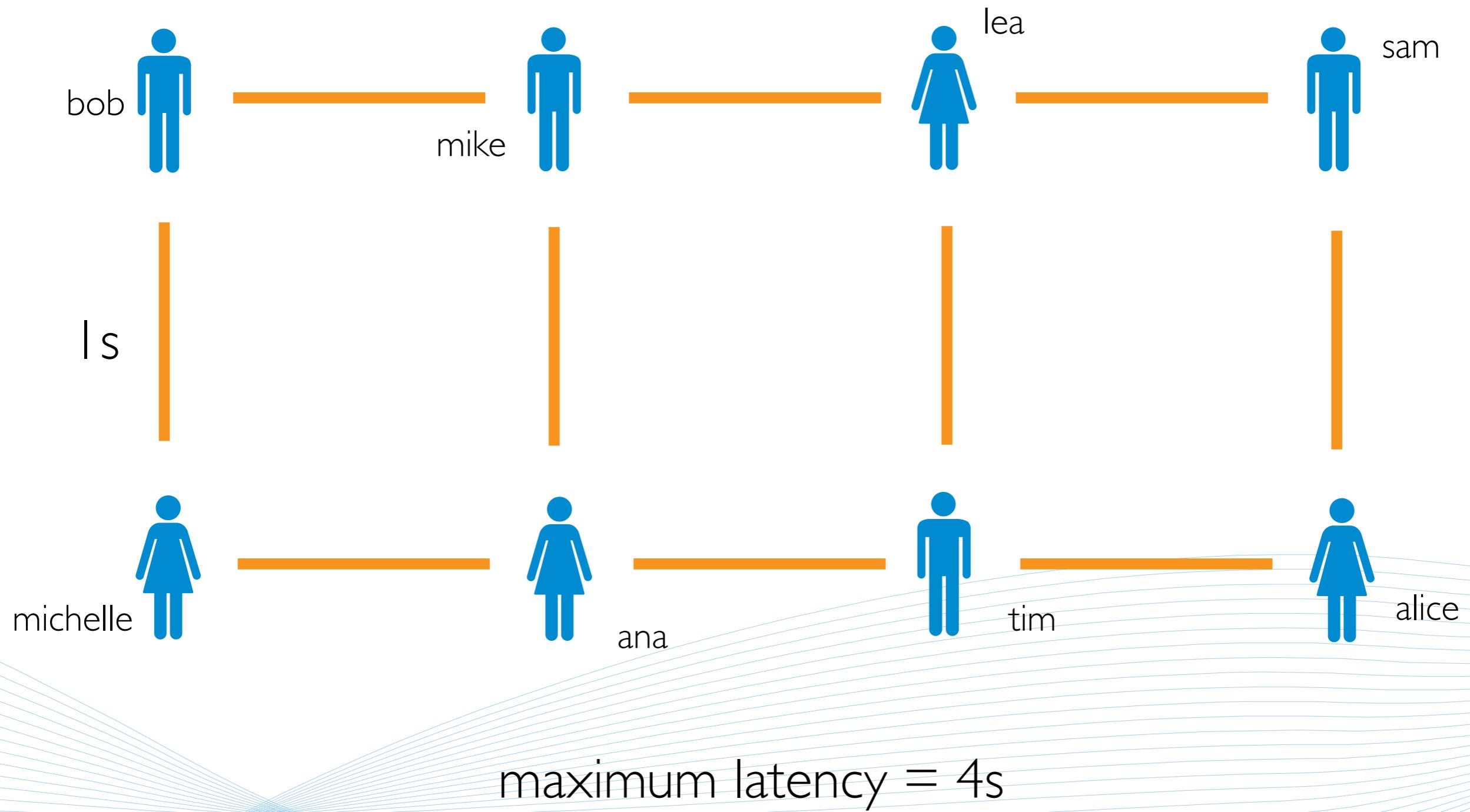
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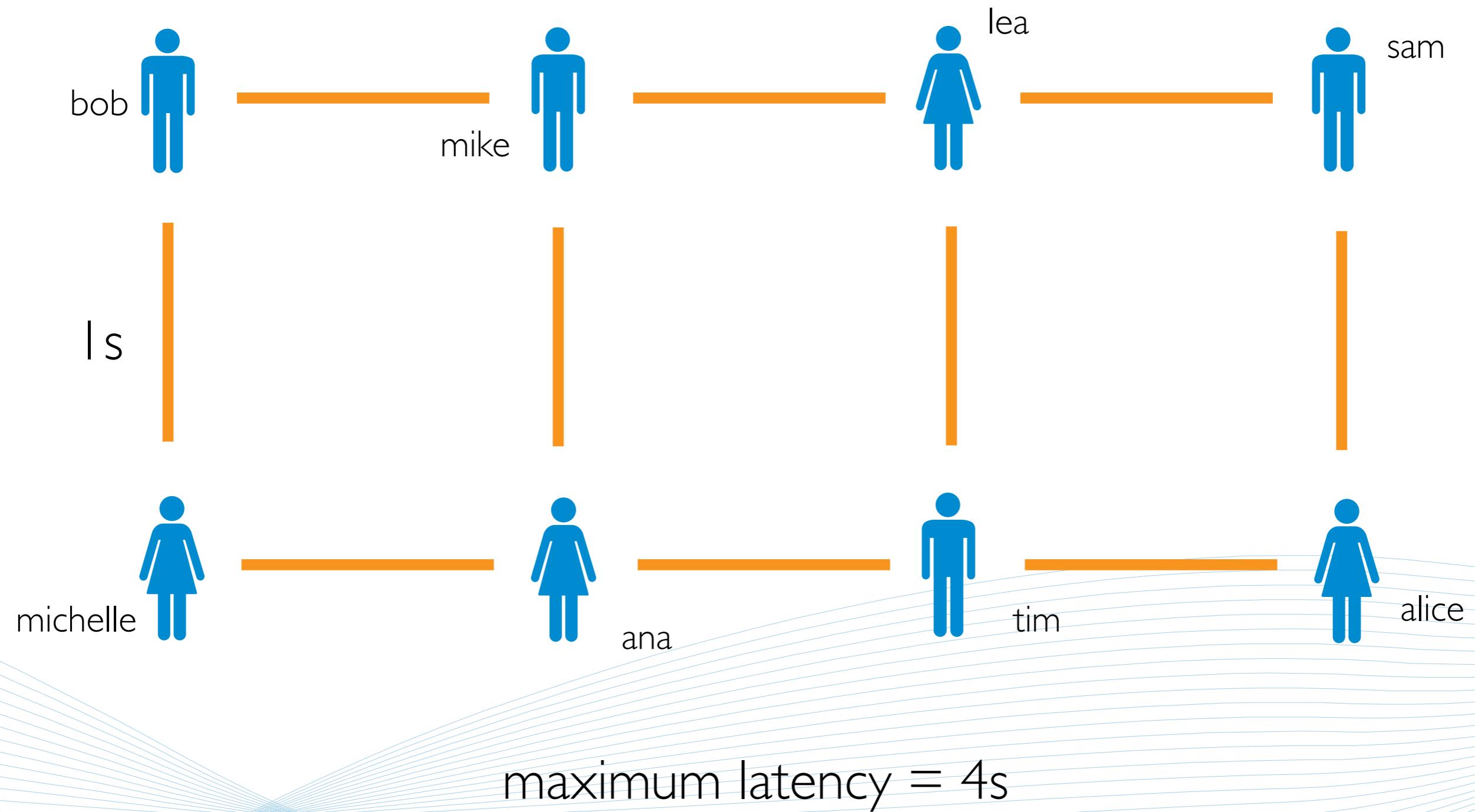
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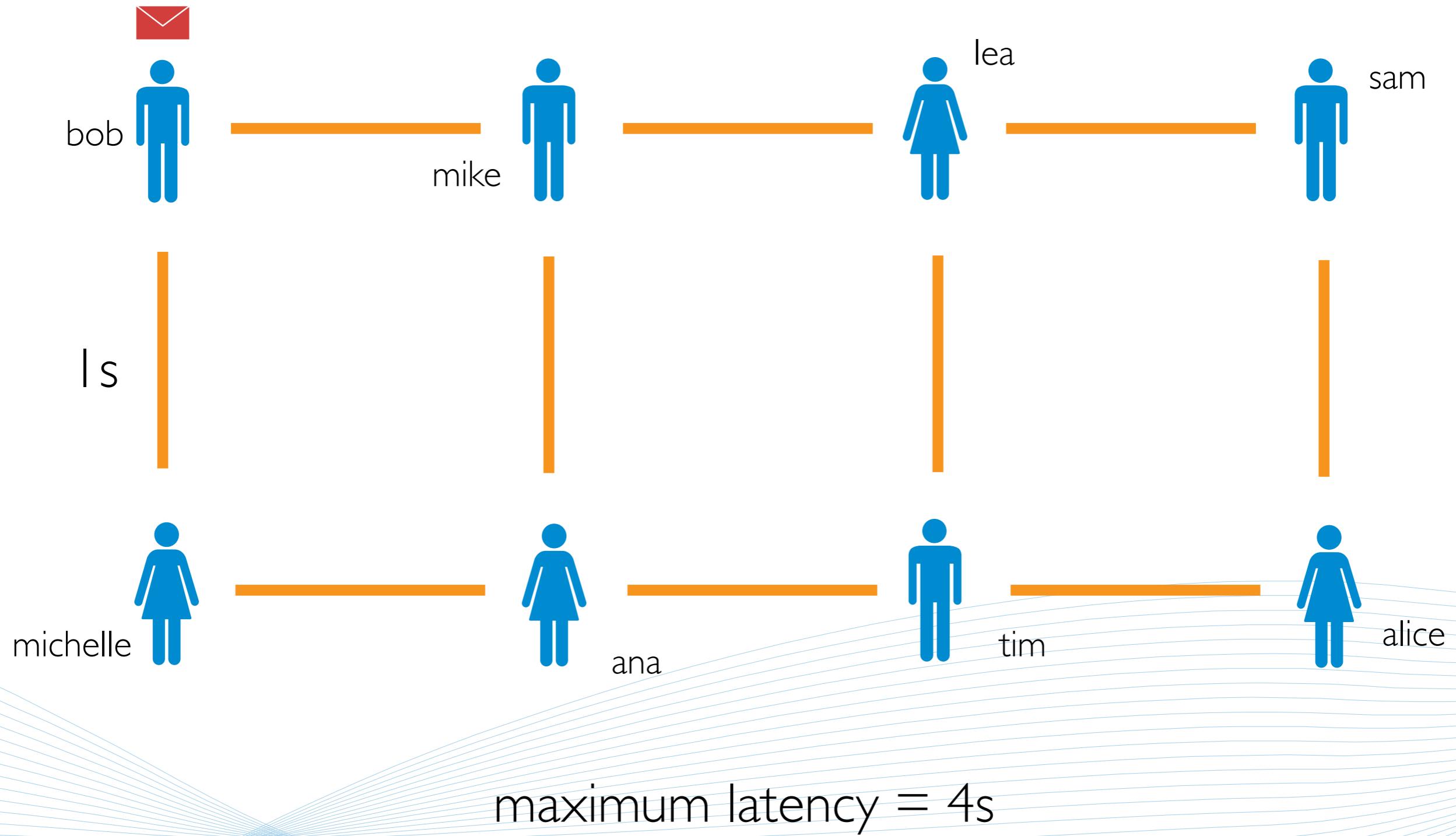
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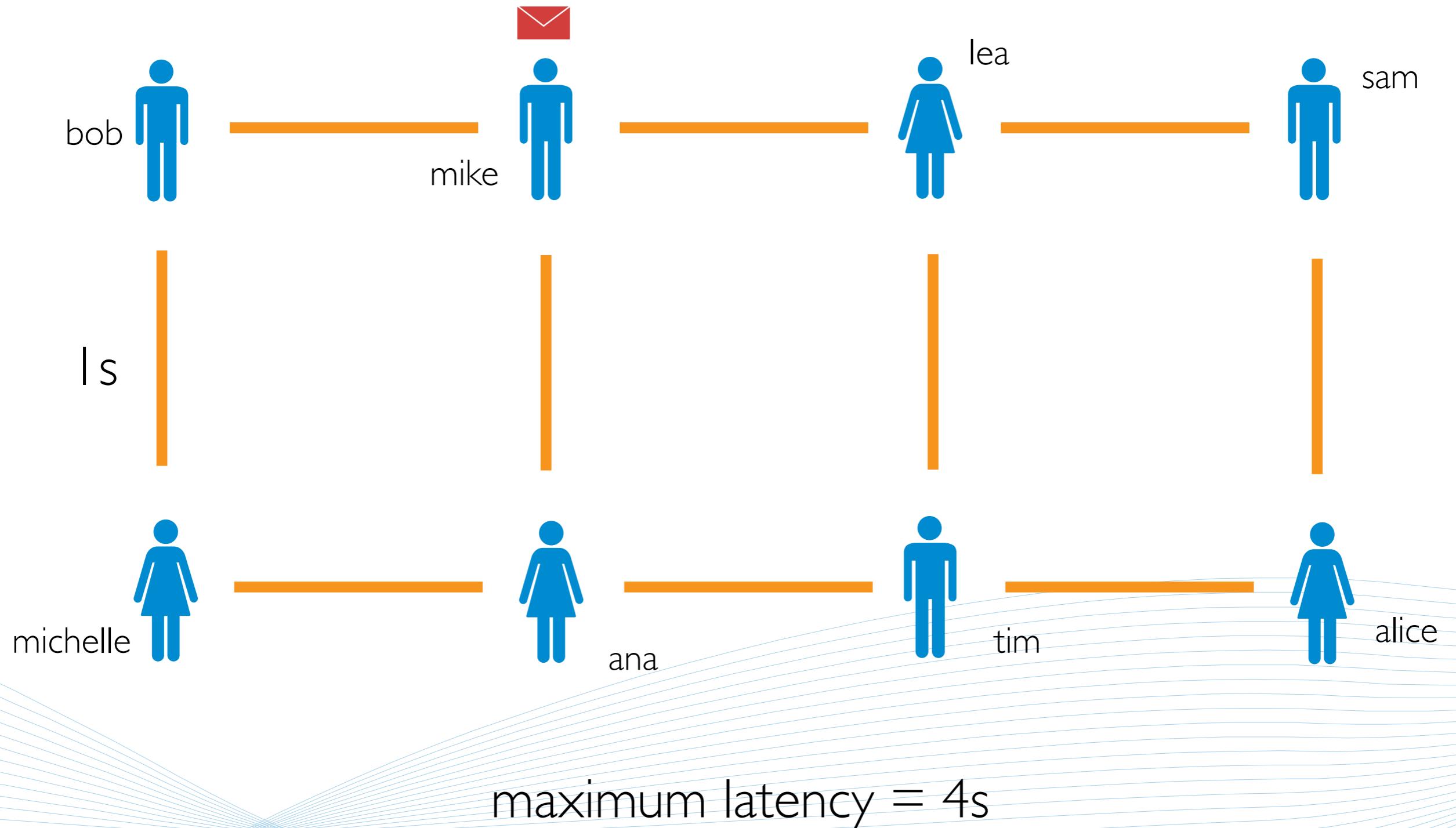


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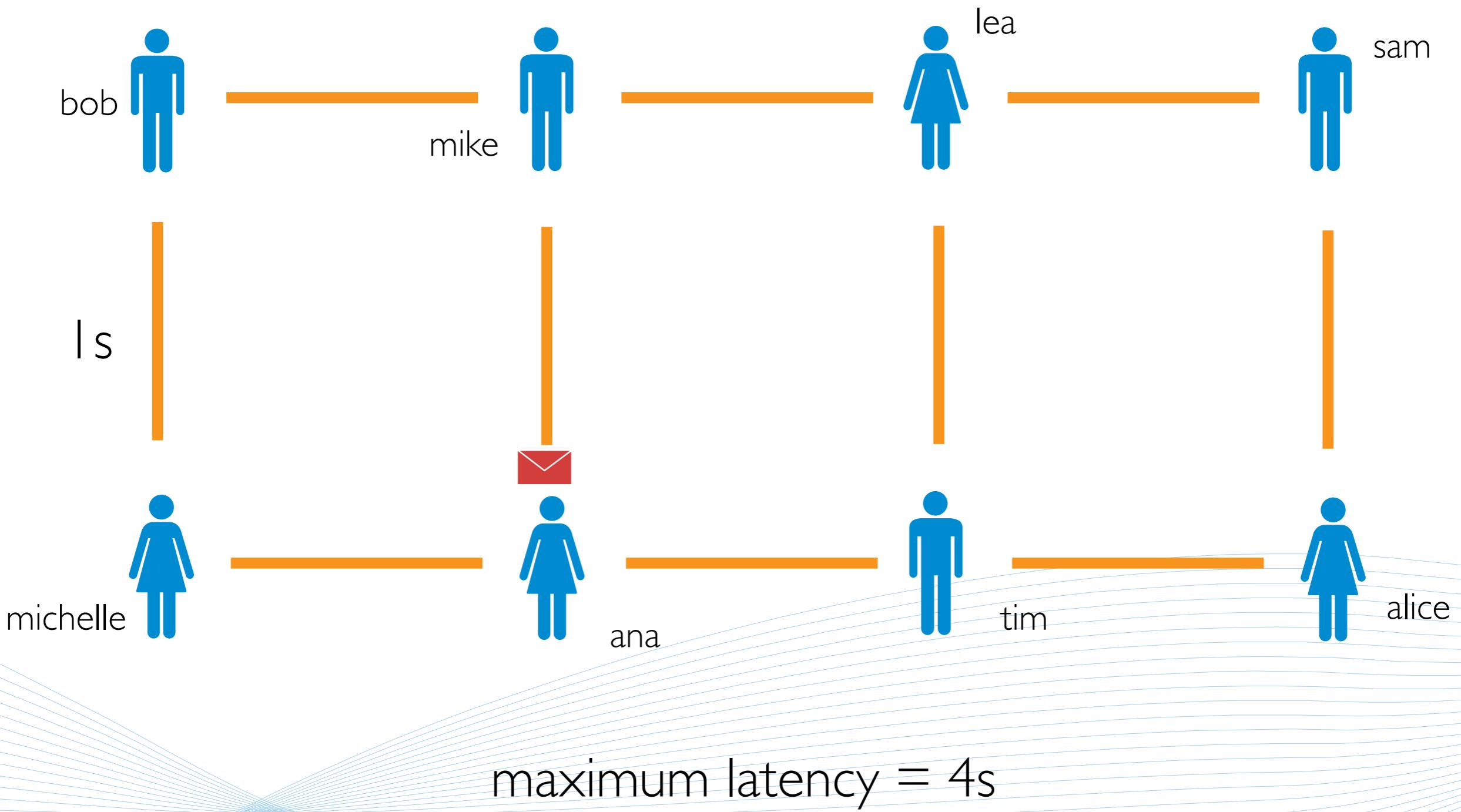
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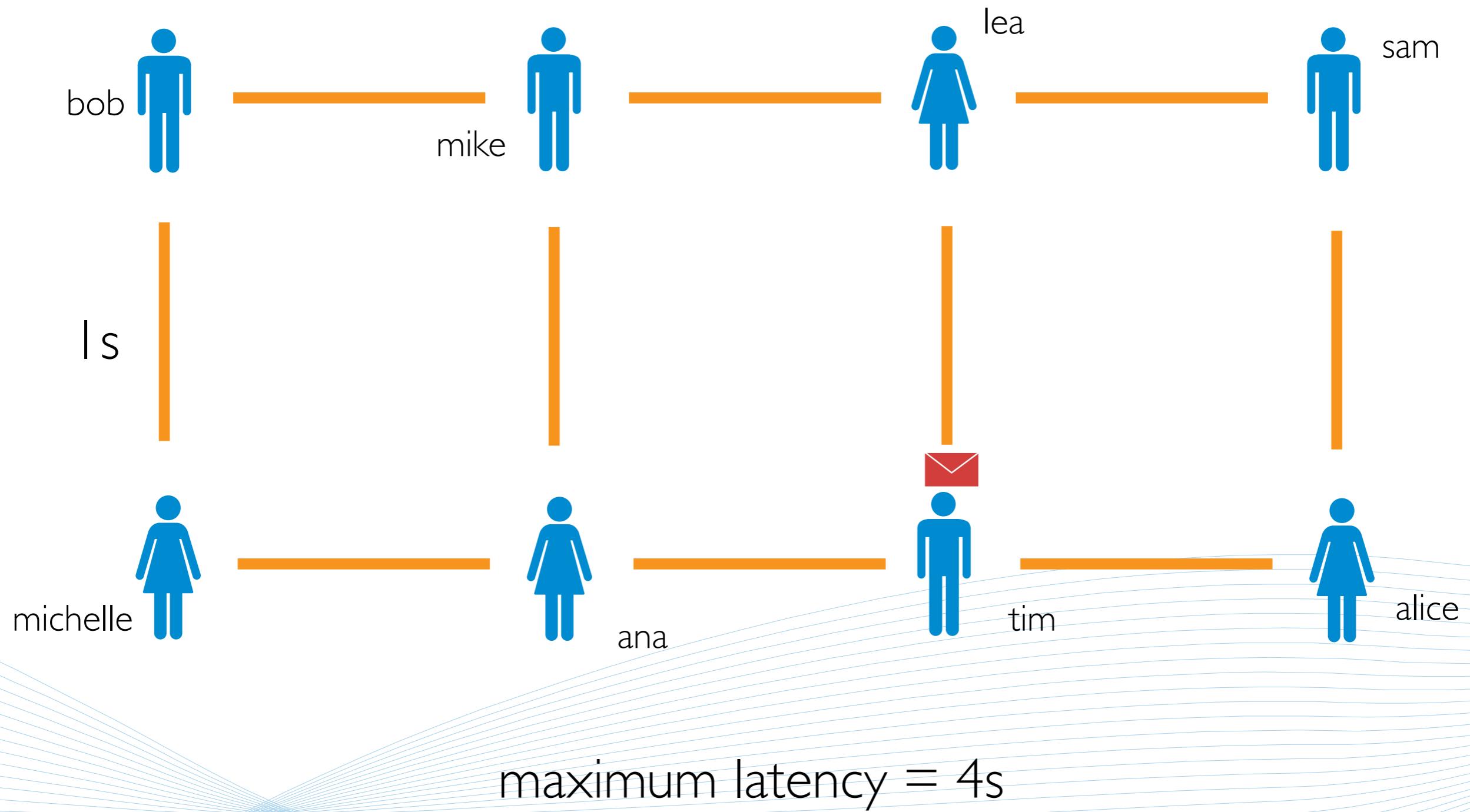
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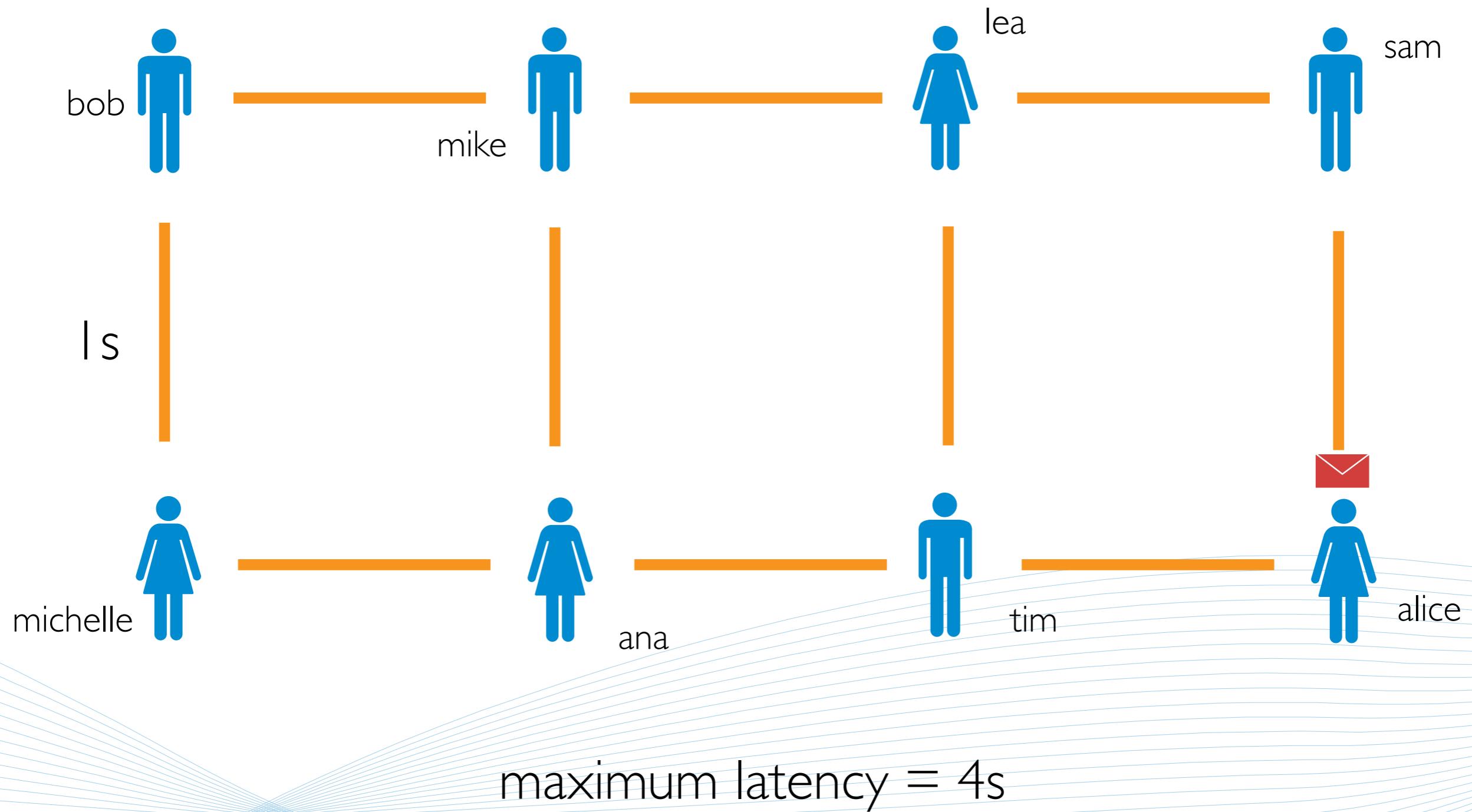
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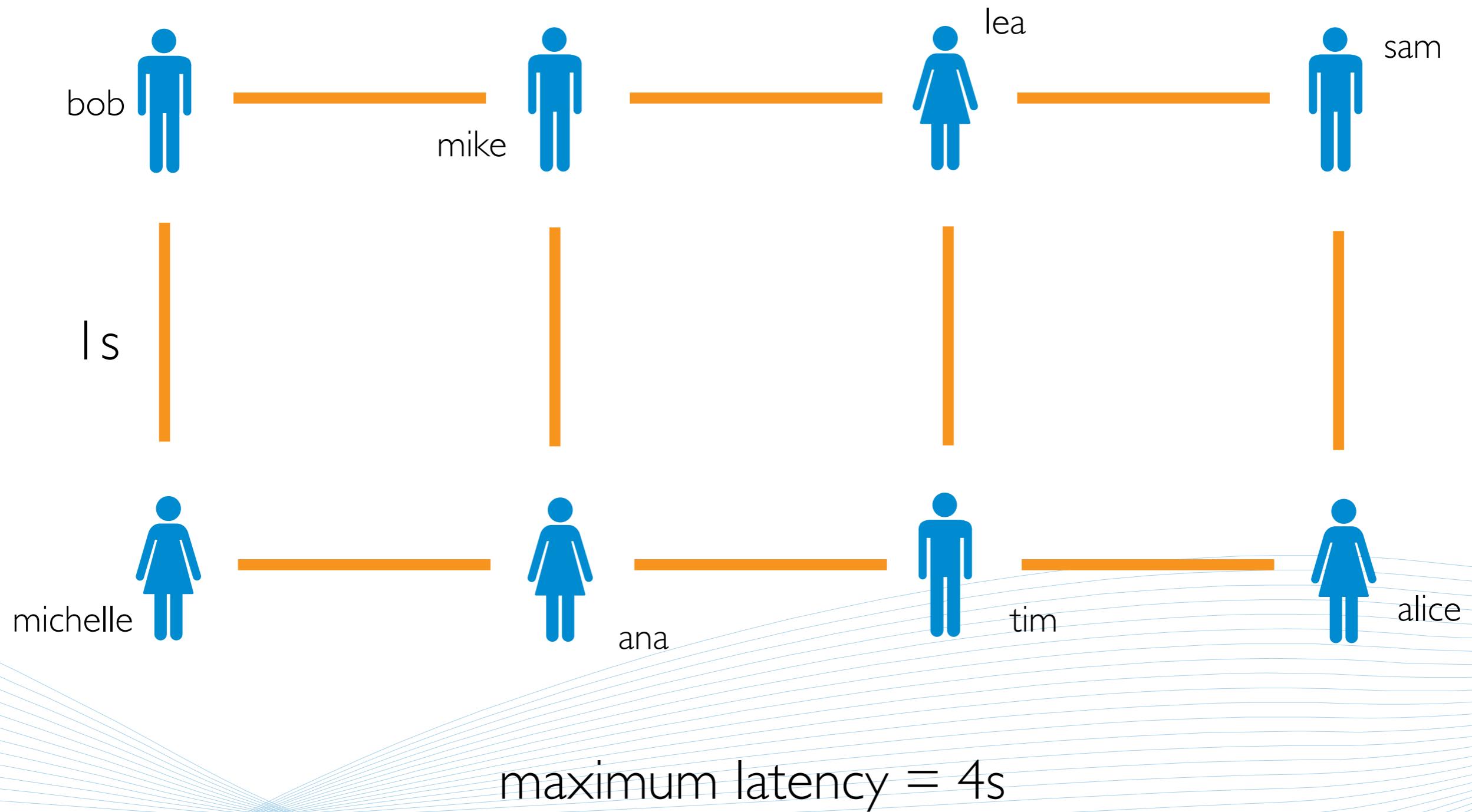
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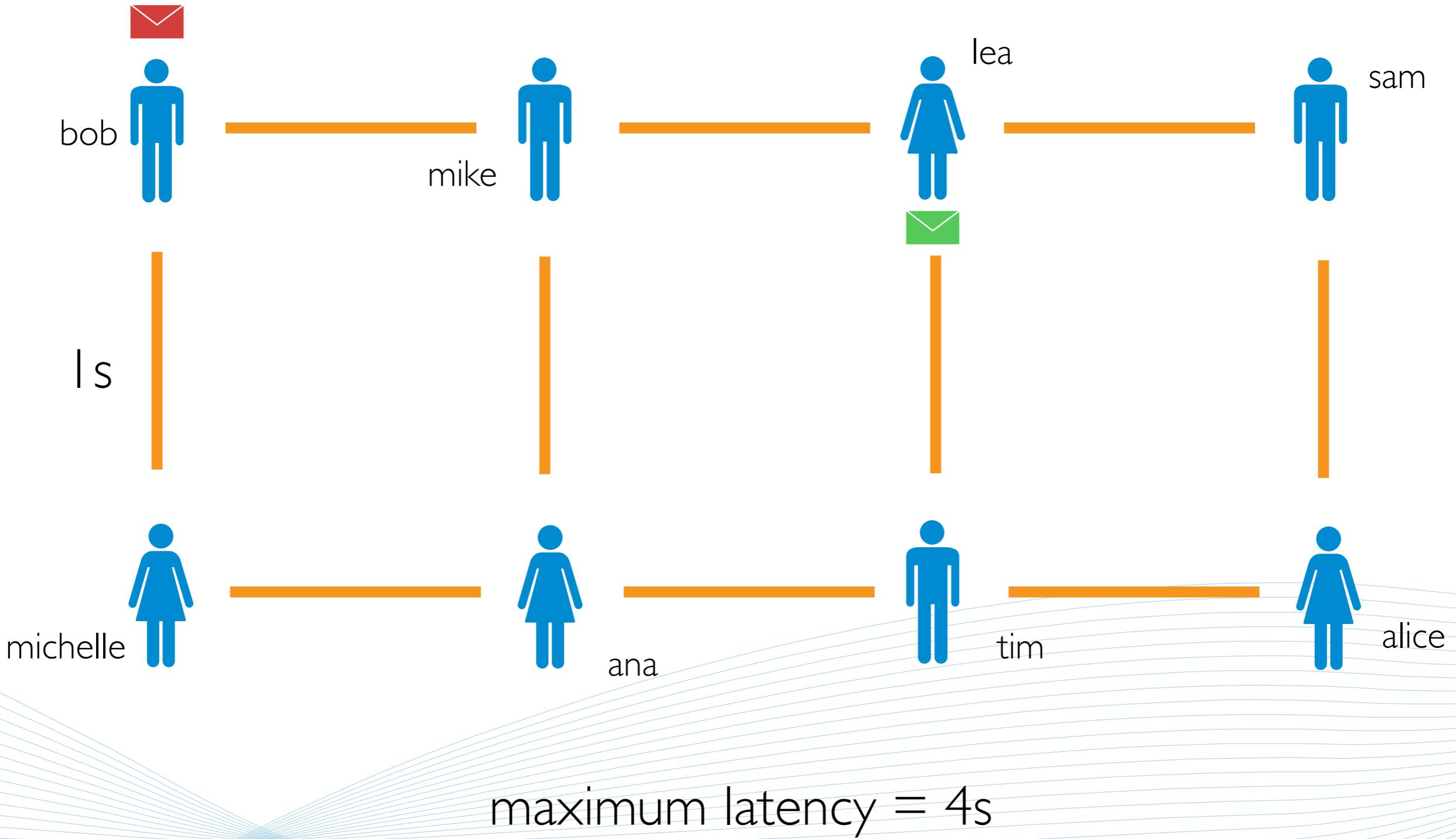
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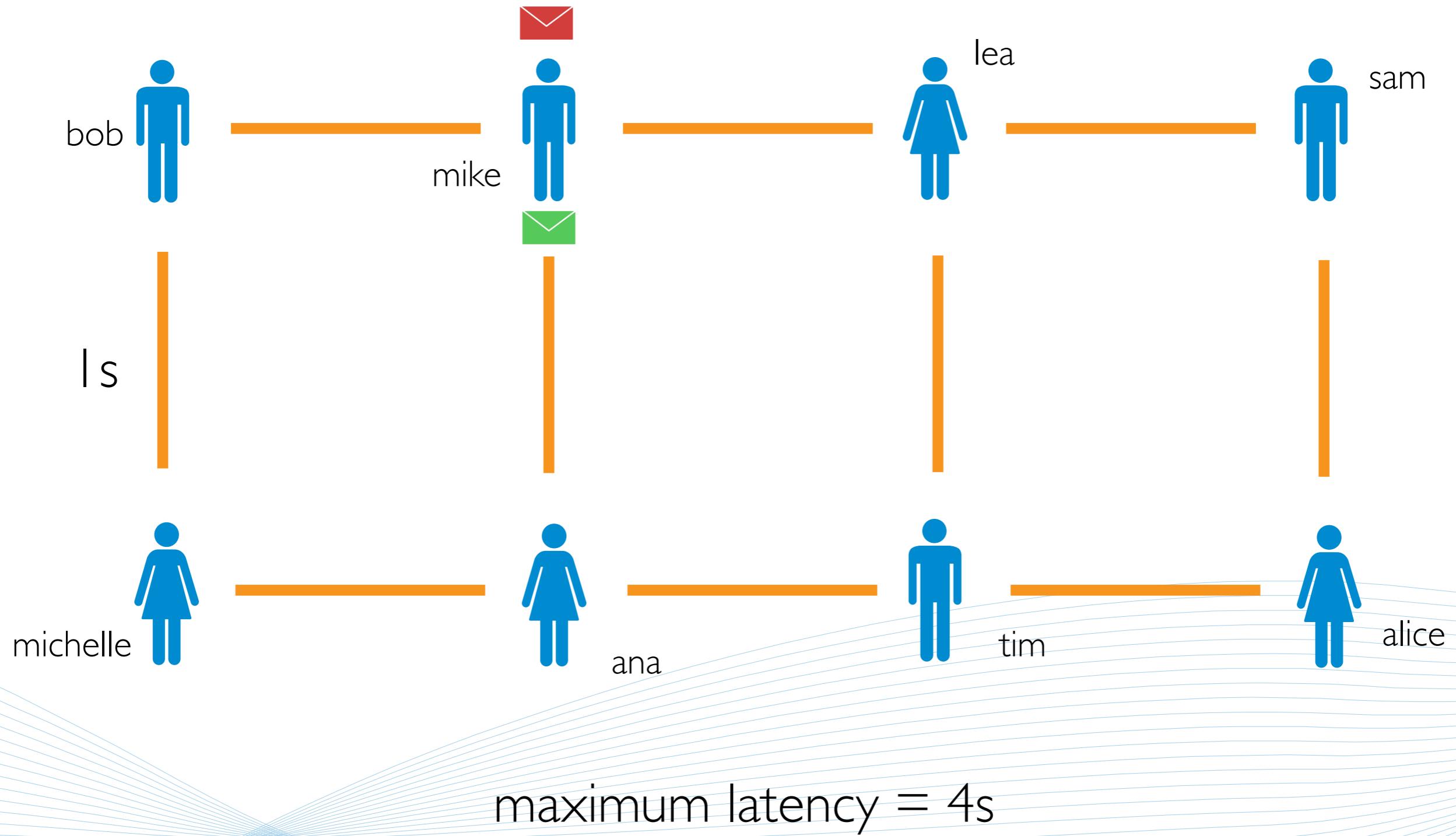
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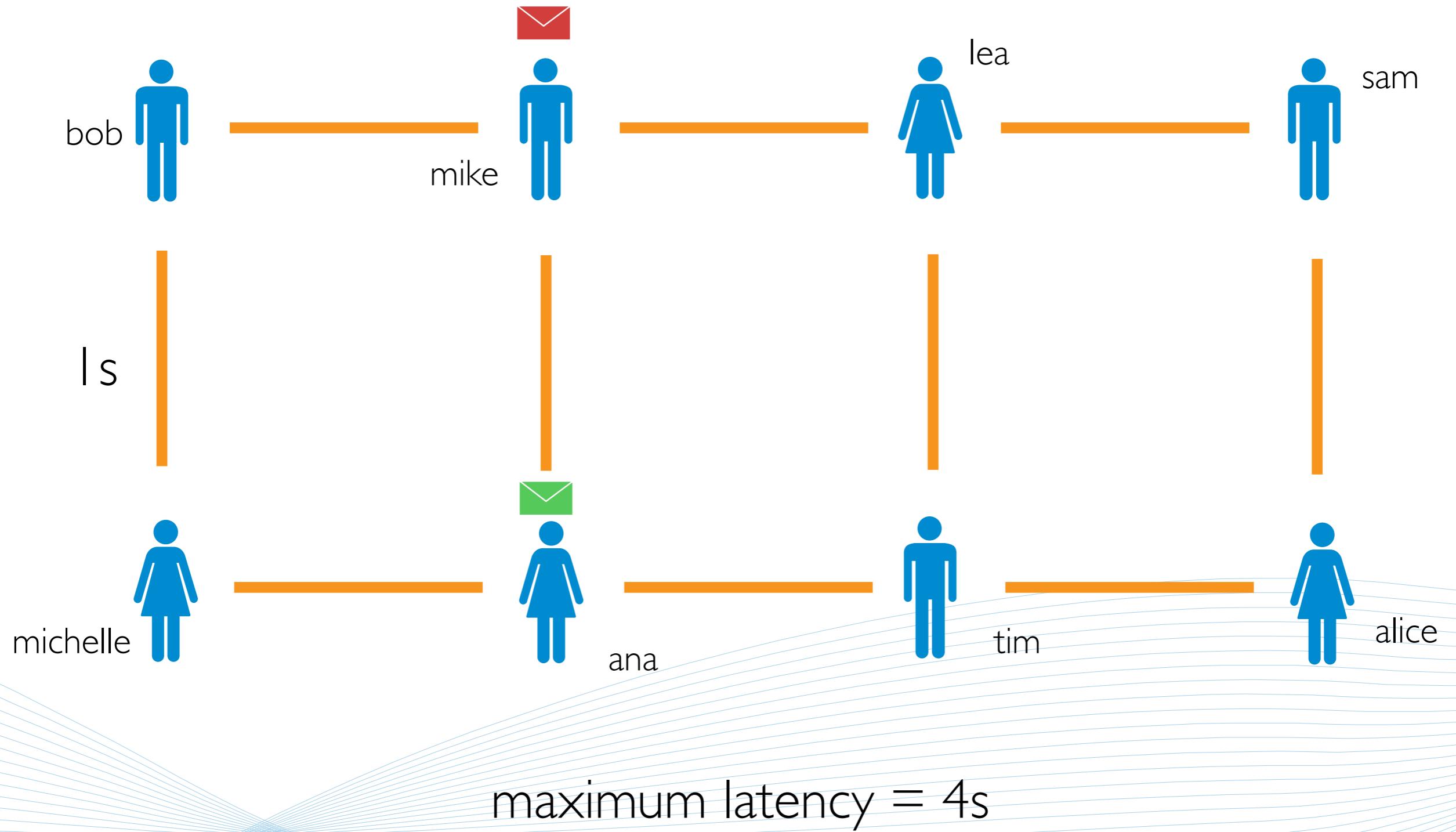


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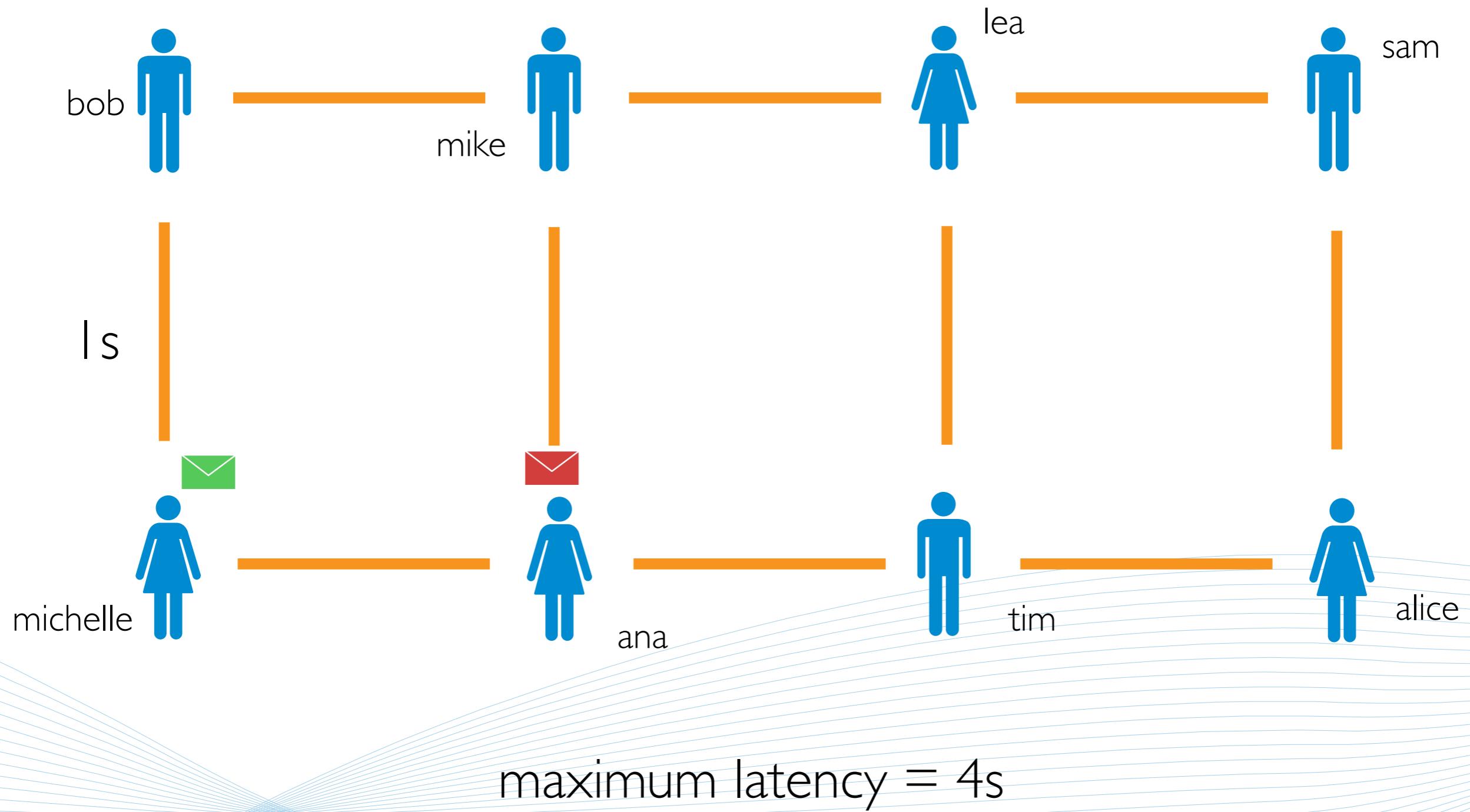
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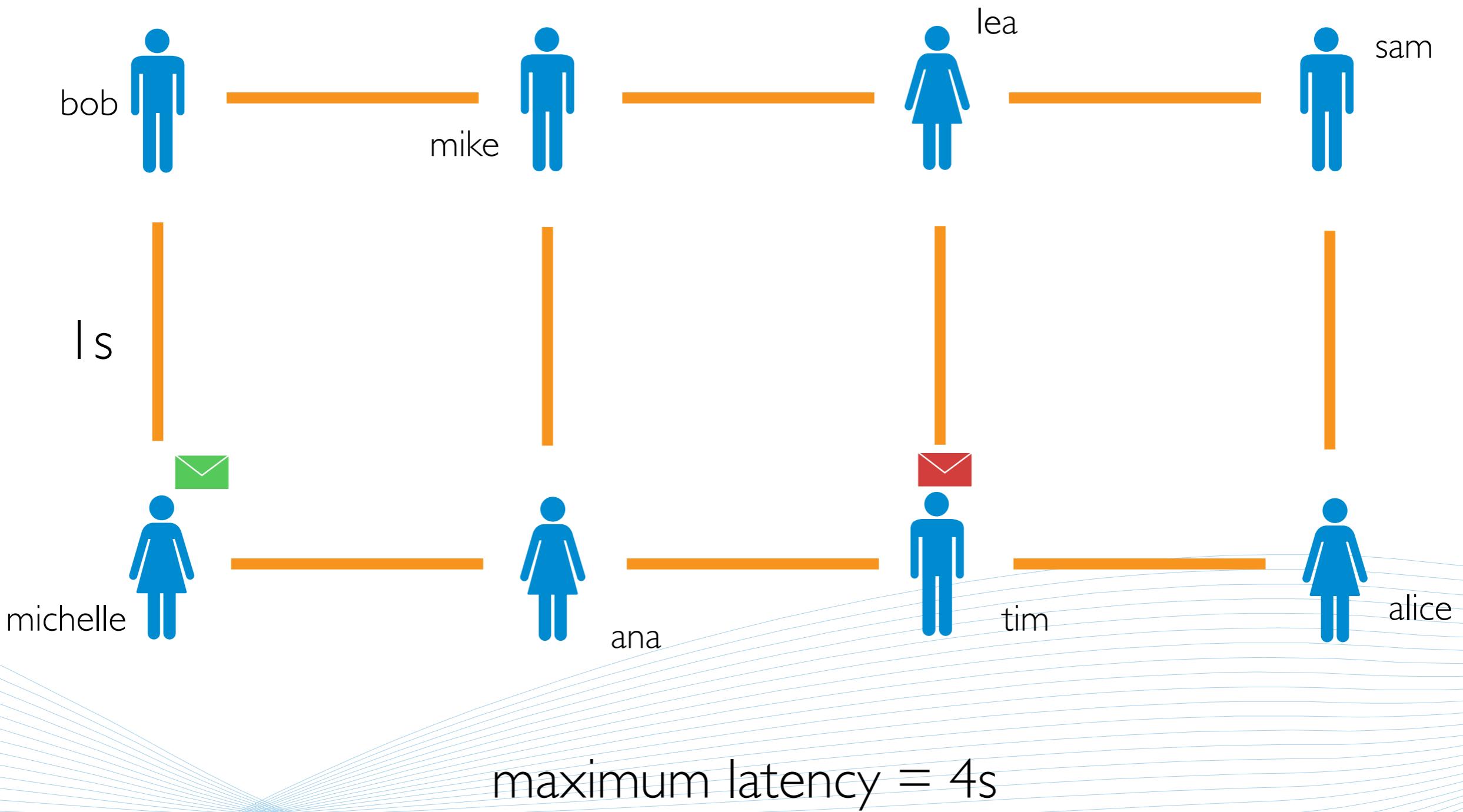
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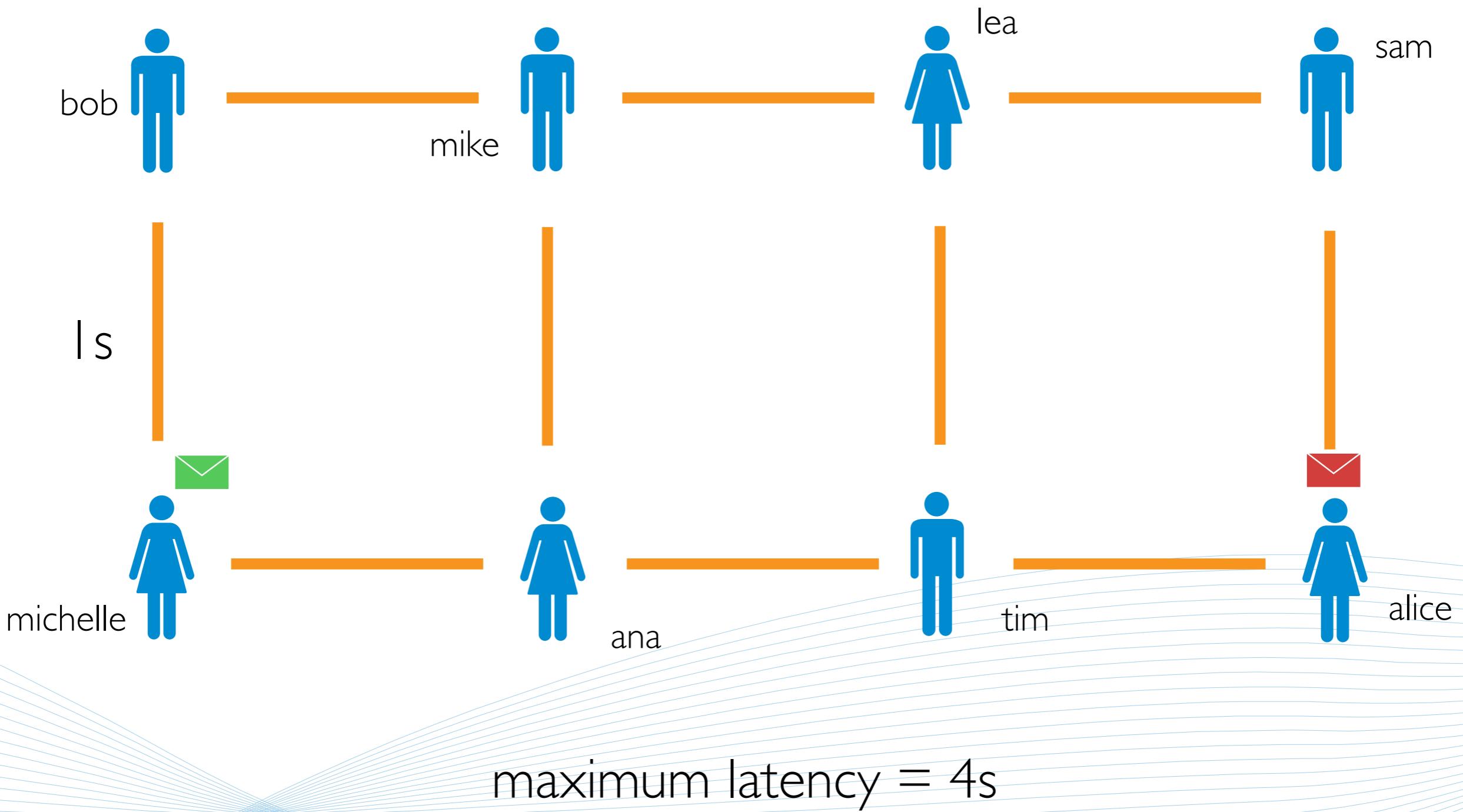
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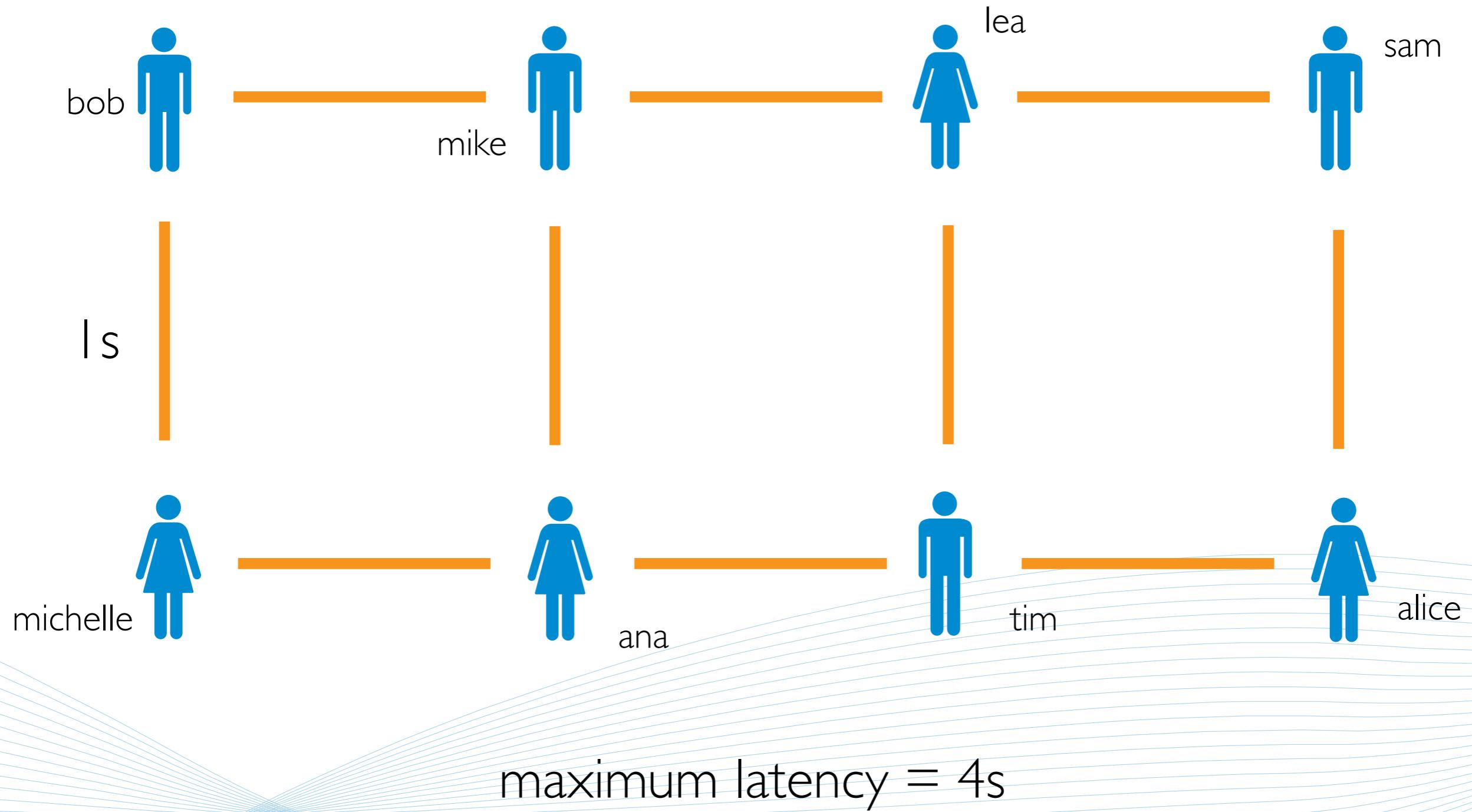
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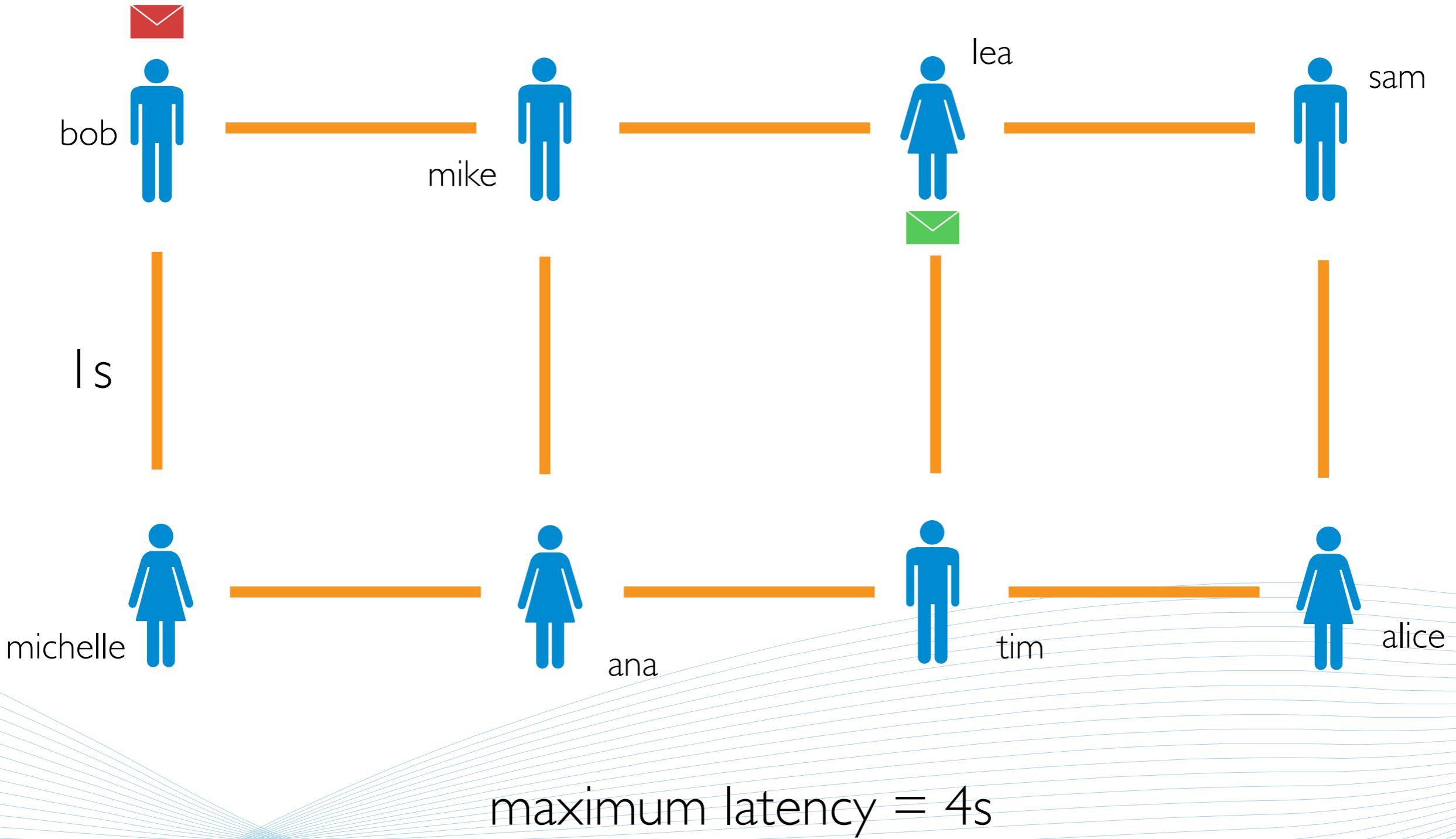
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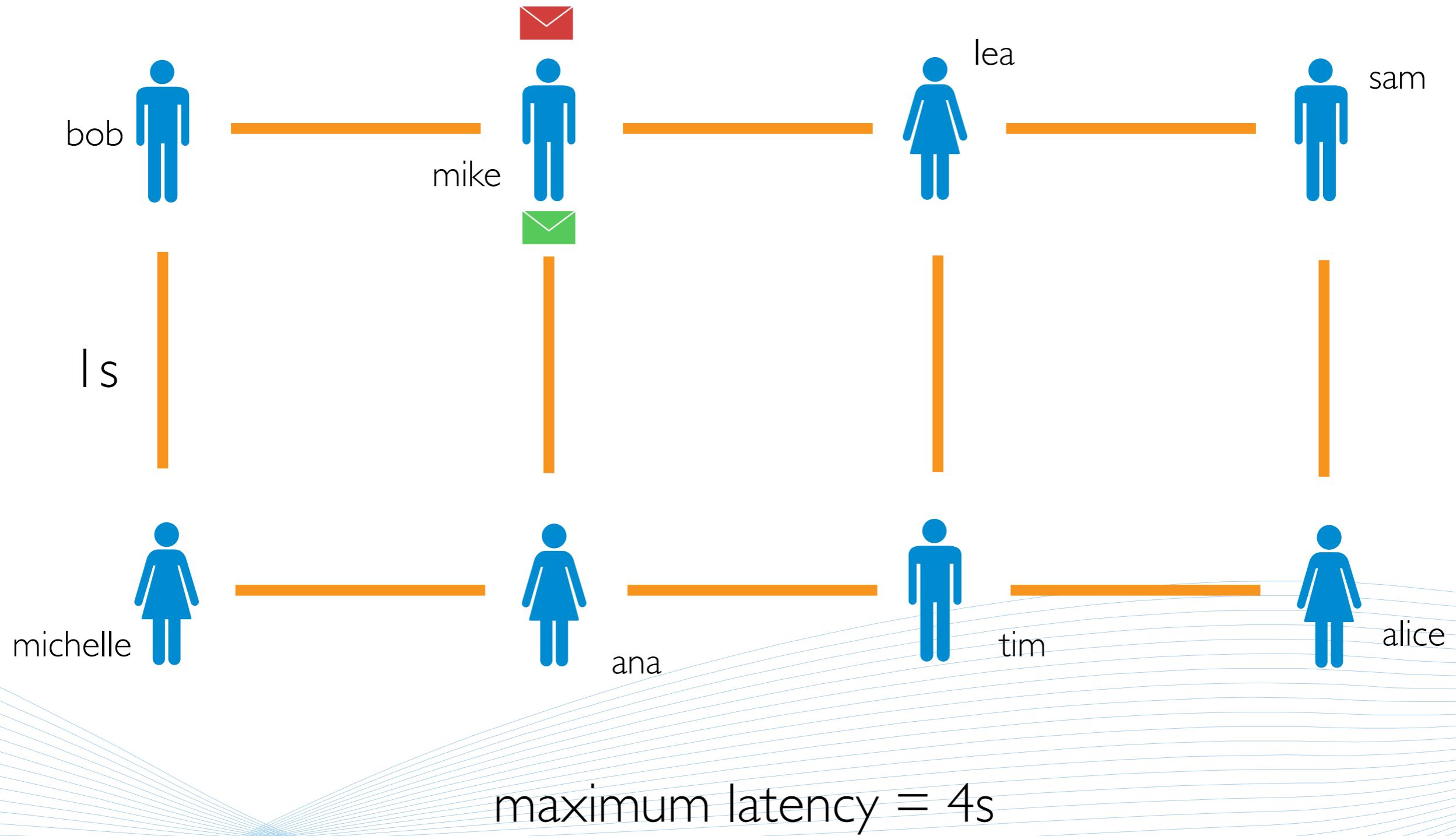
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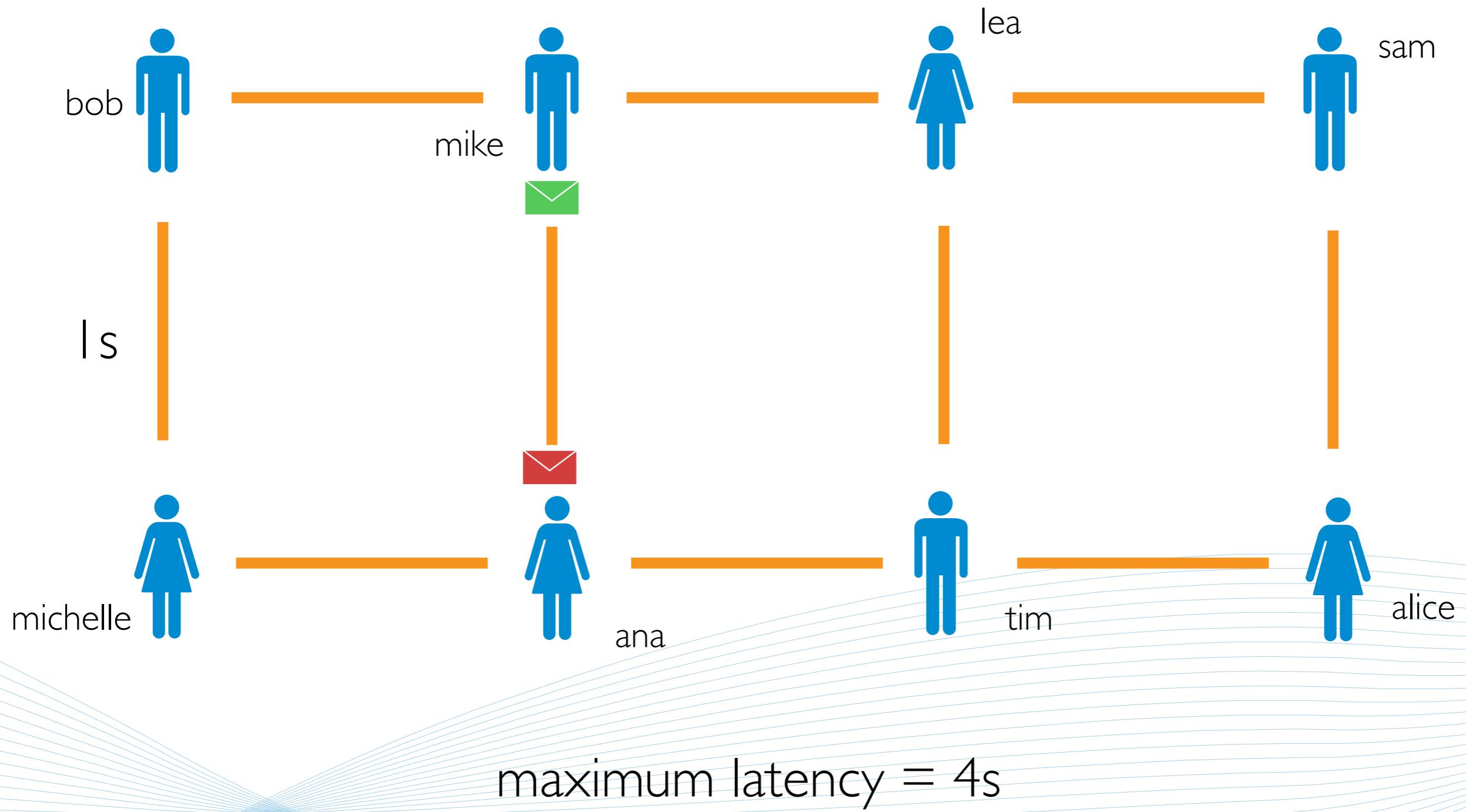
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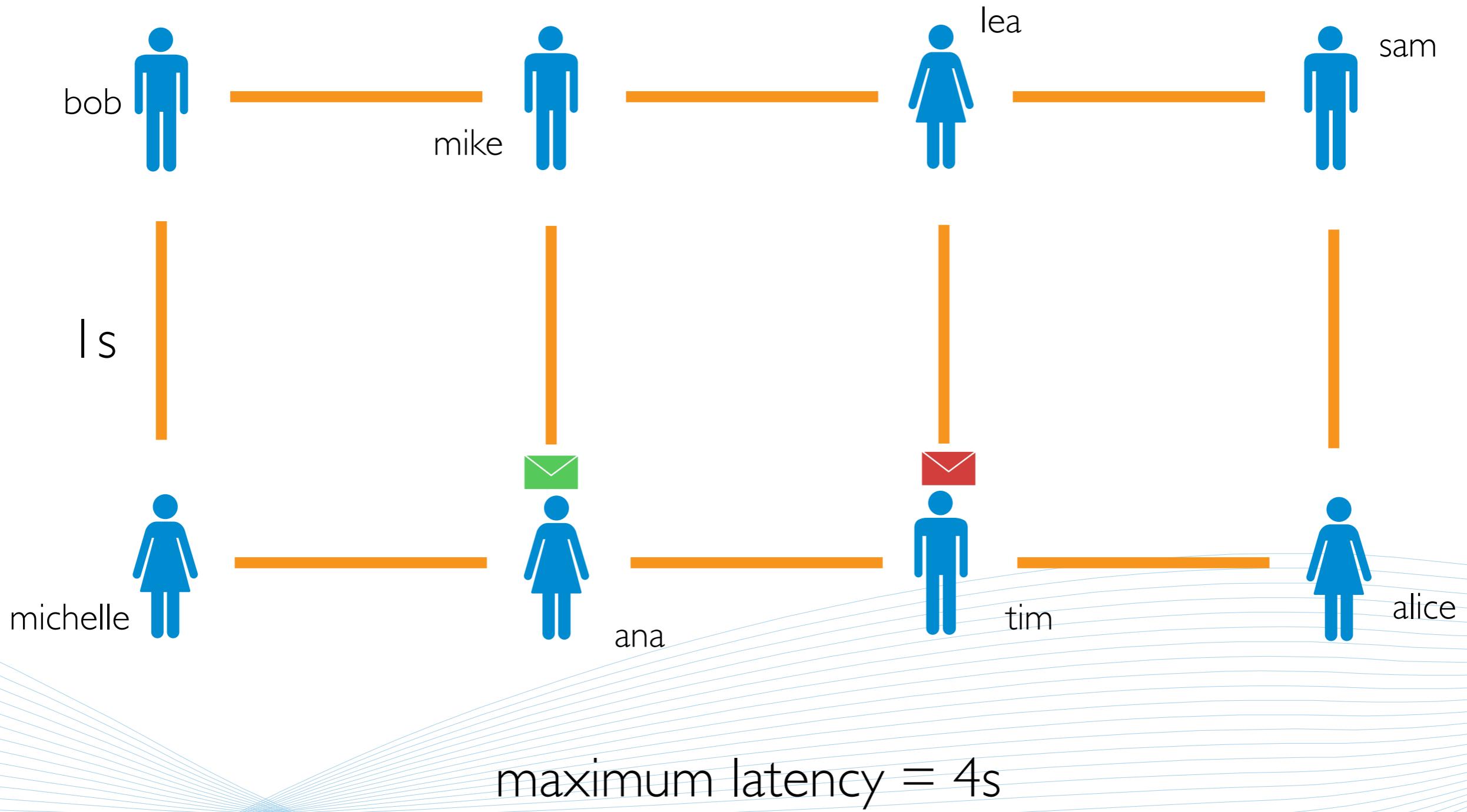
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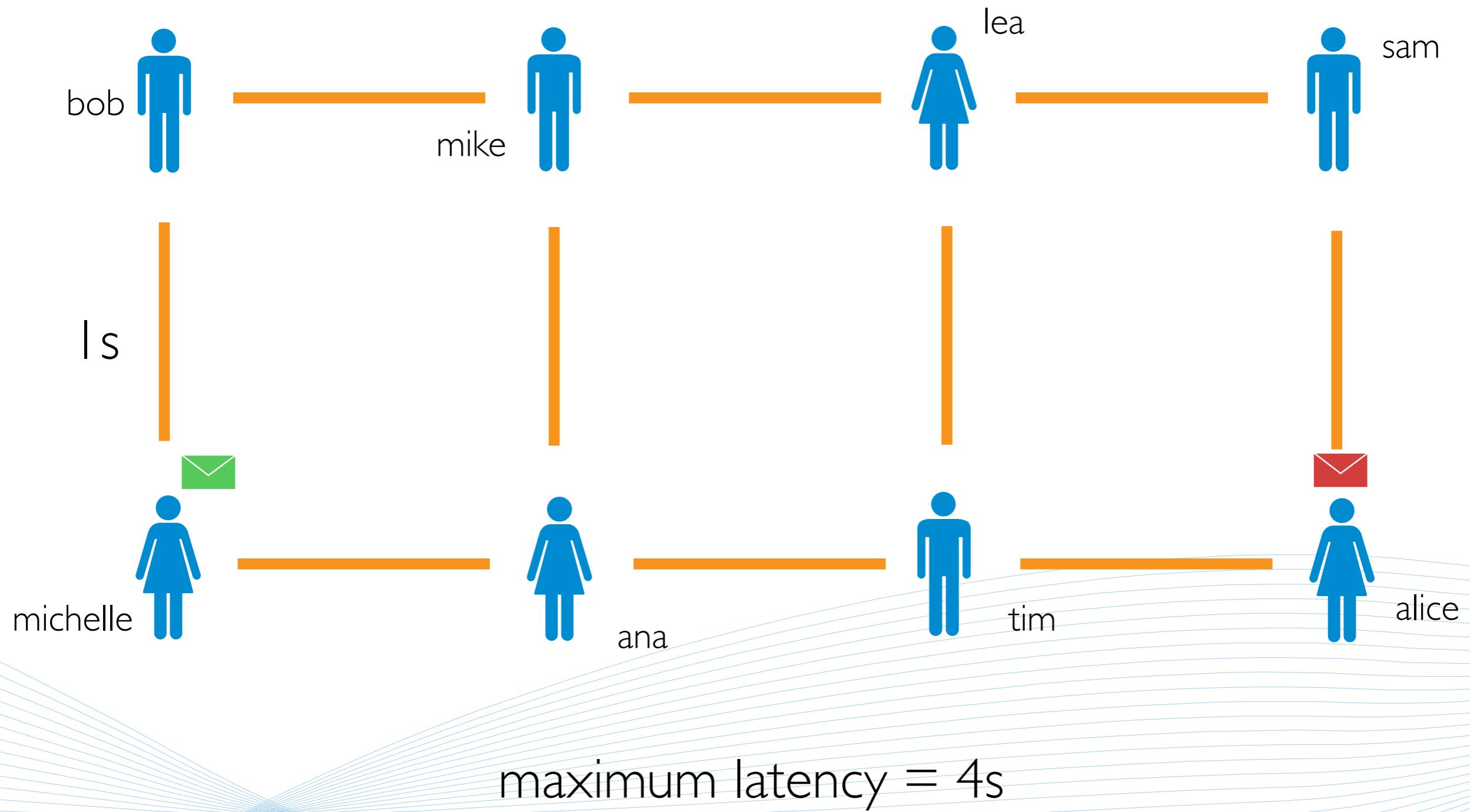
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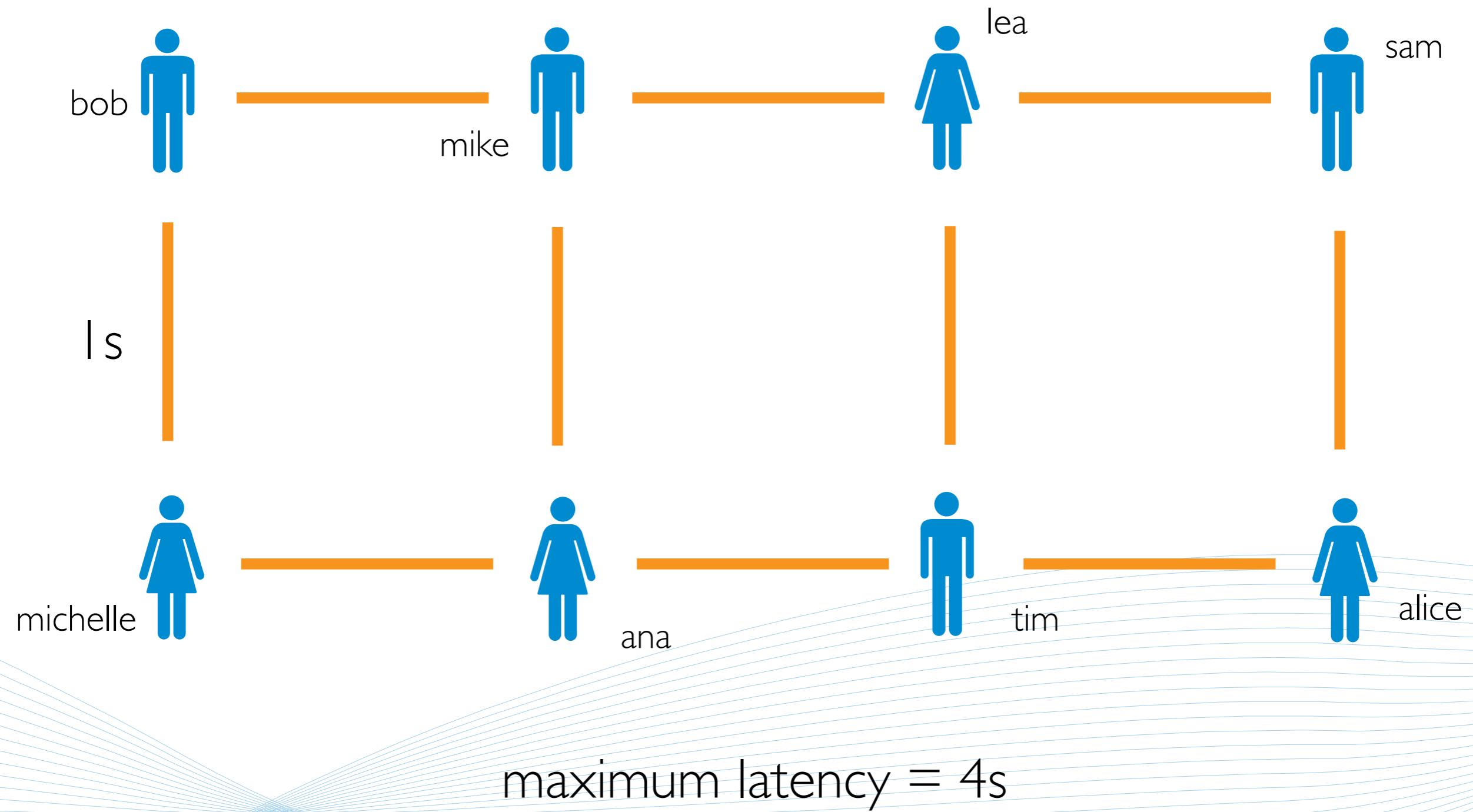
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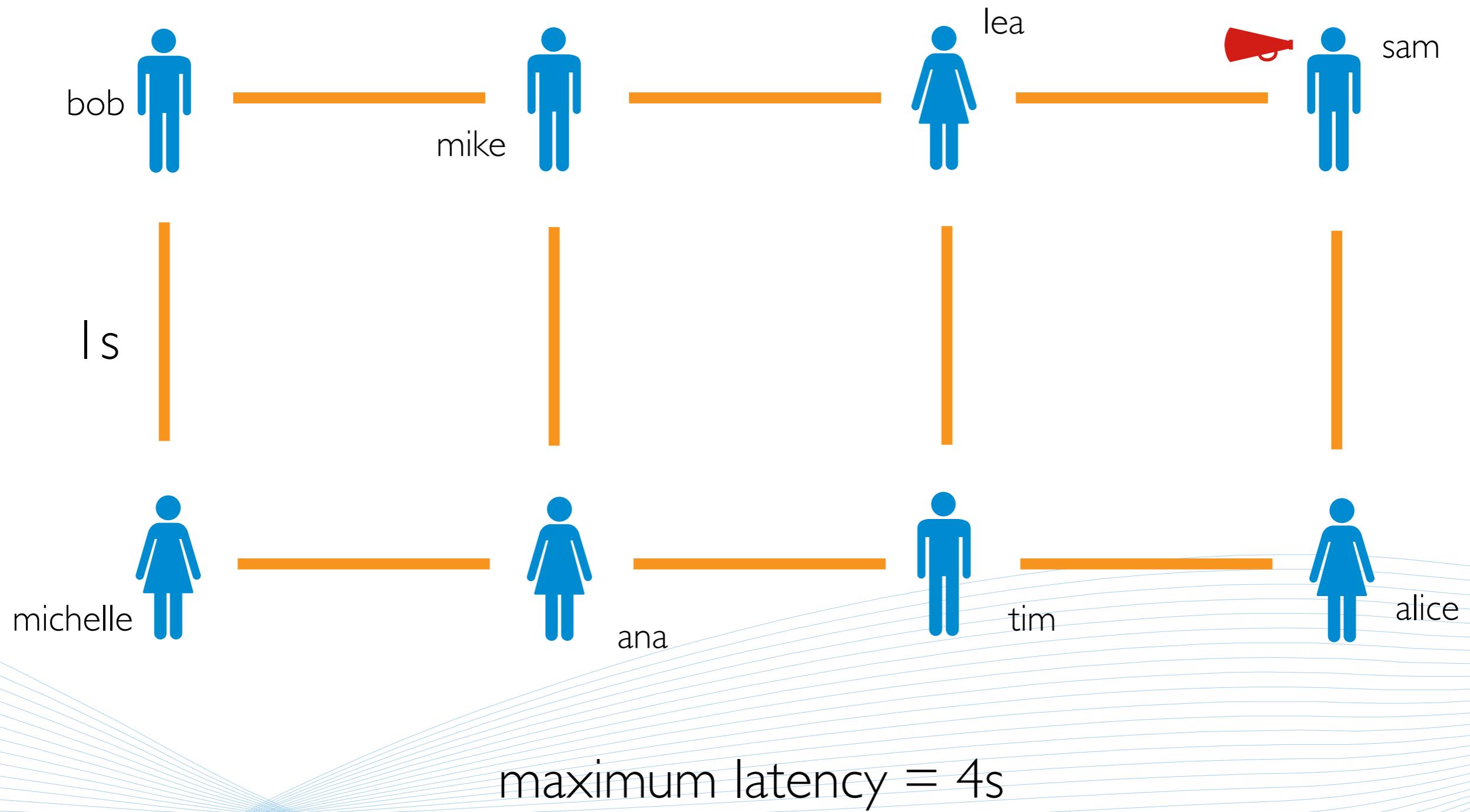
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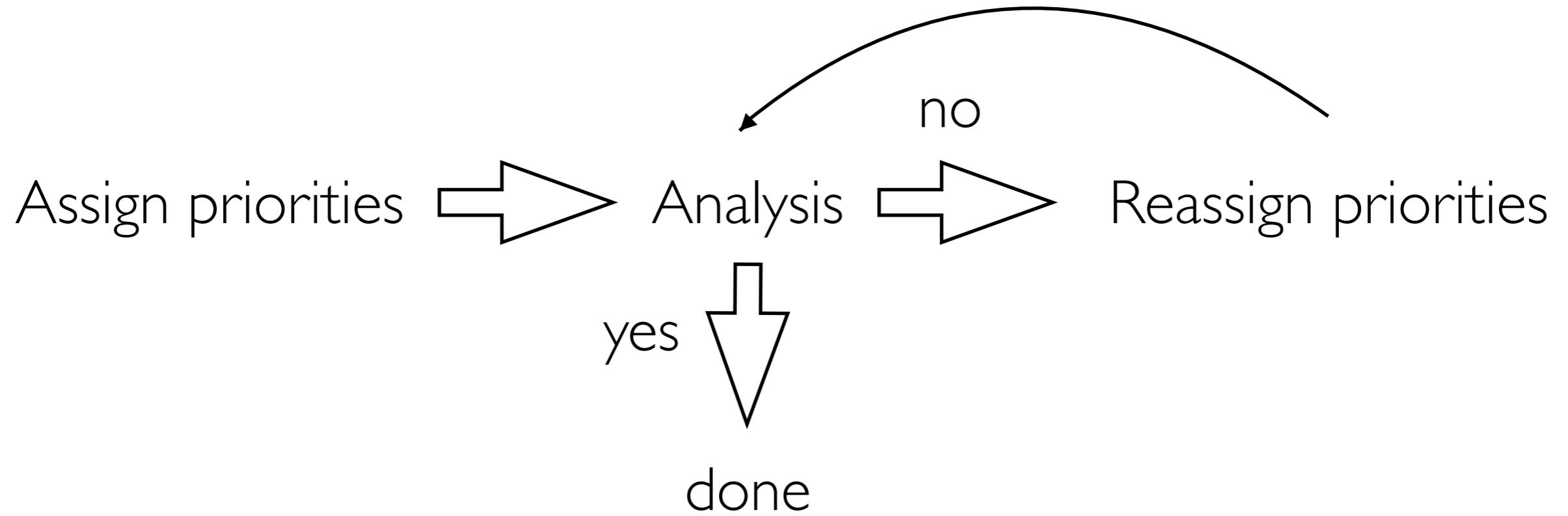


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# How?



## Compositionality?

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# Alternative

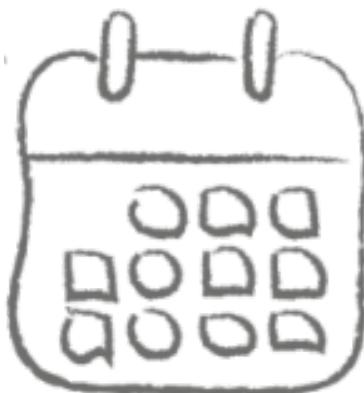


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Devices (switches, end systems, etc.) have a common understanding of time.



# Technologies

CAN

Profinet

TTP

EtherCAT

TTEthernet

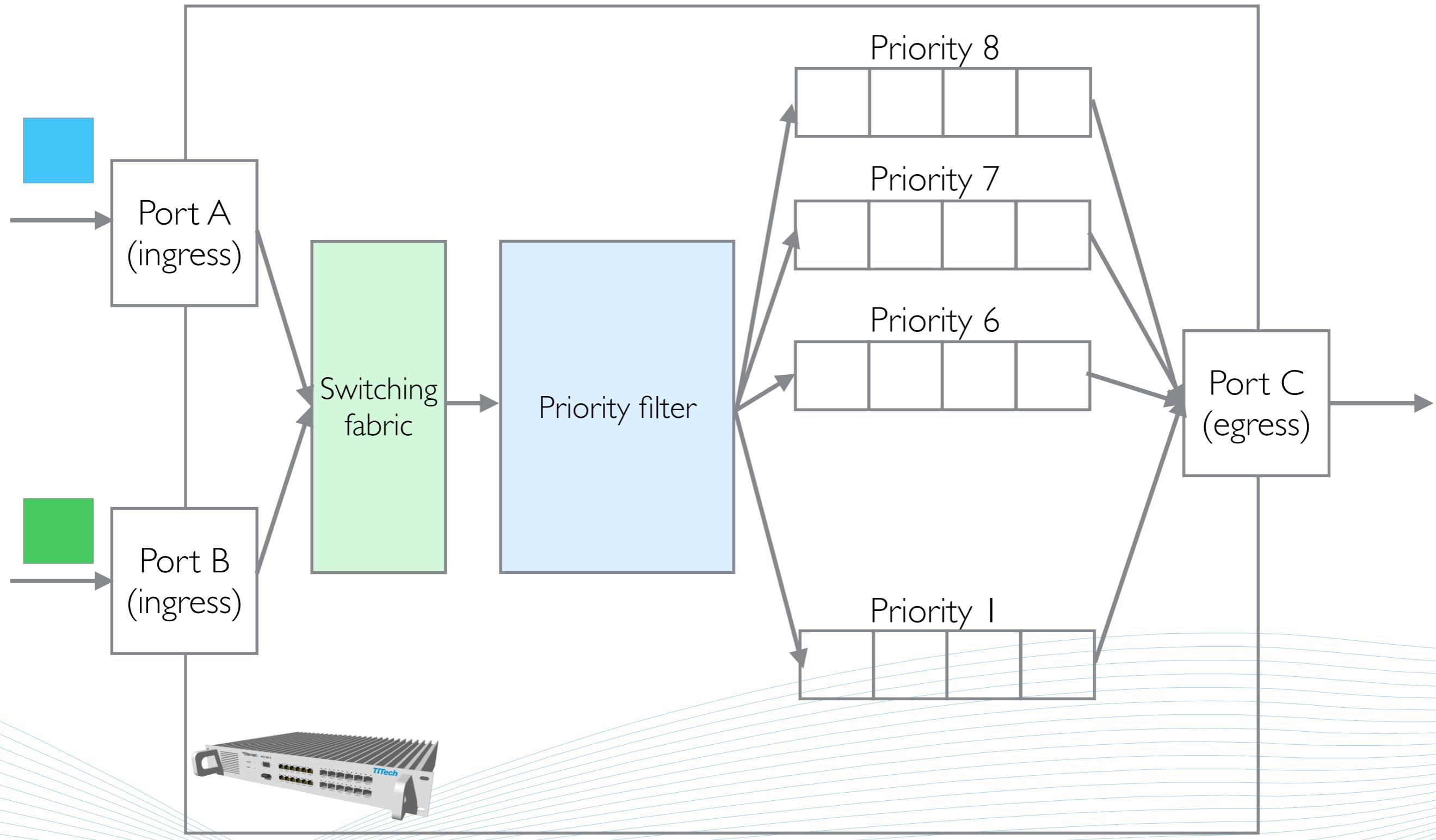
provides real-time and safety capabilities over Ethernet, in a way that is fully compatible with IEEE 802 Ethernet standards

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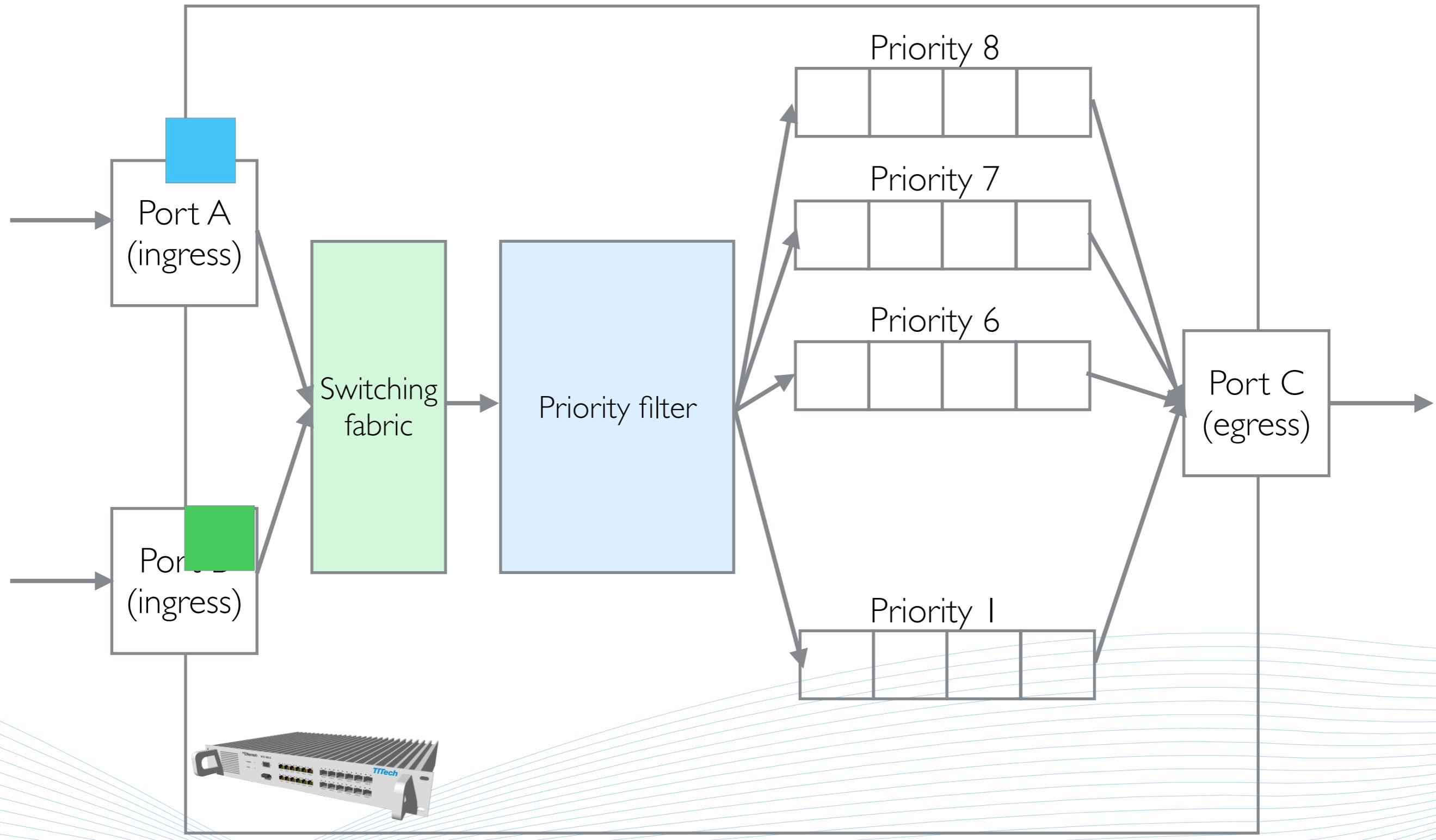
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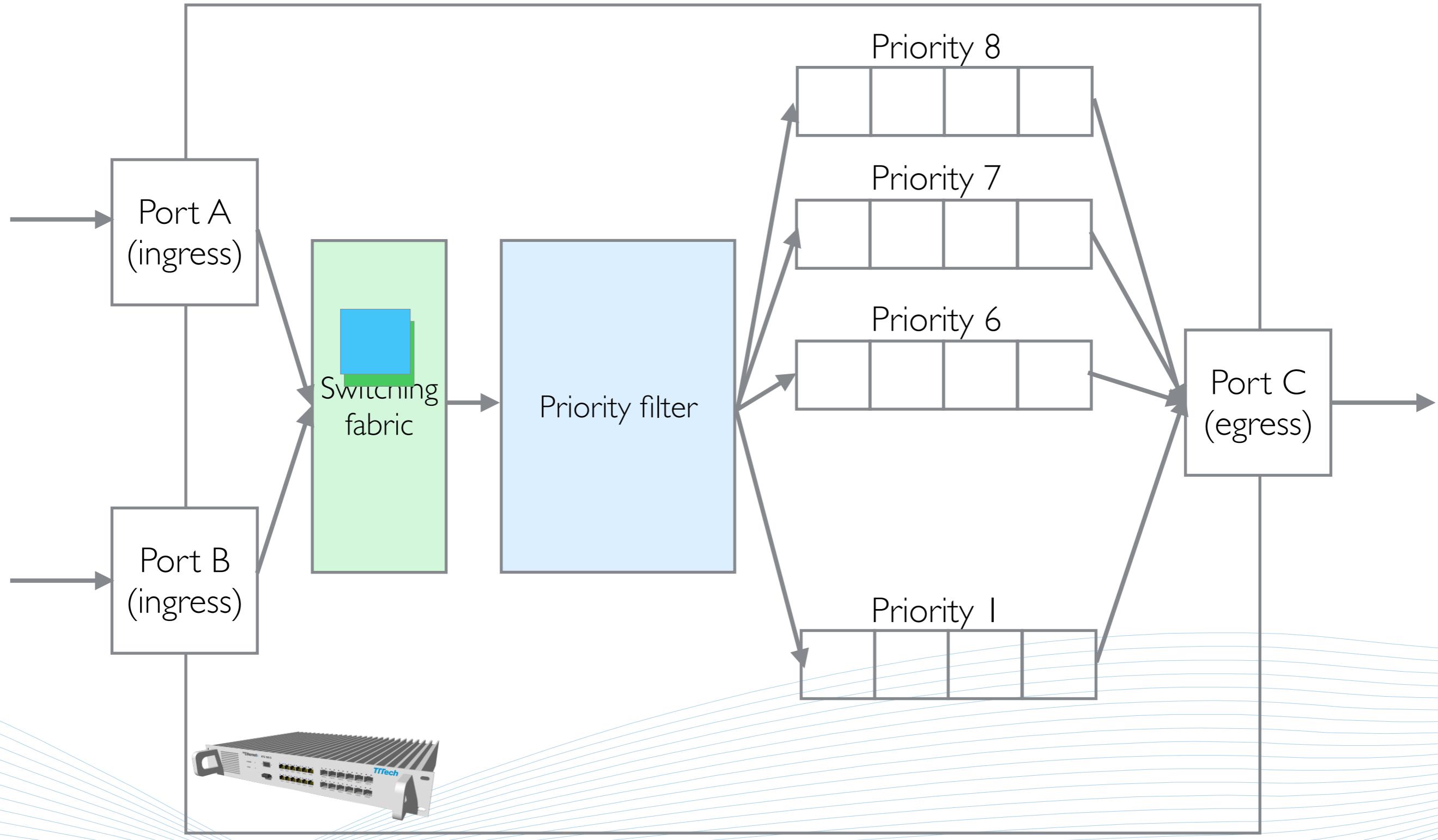
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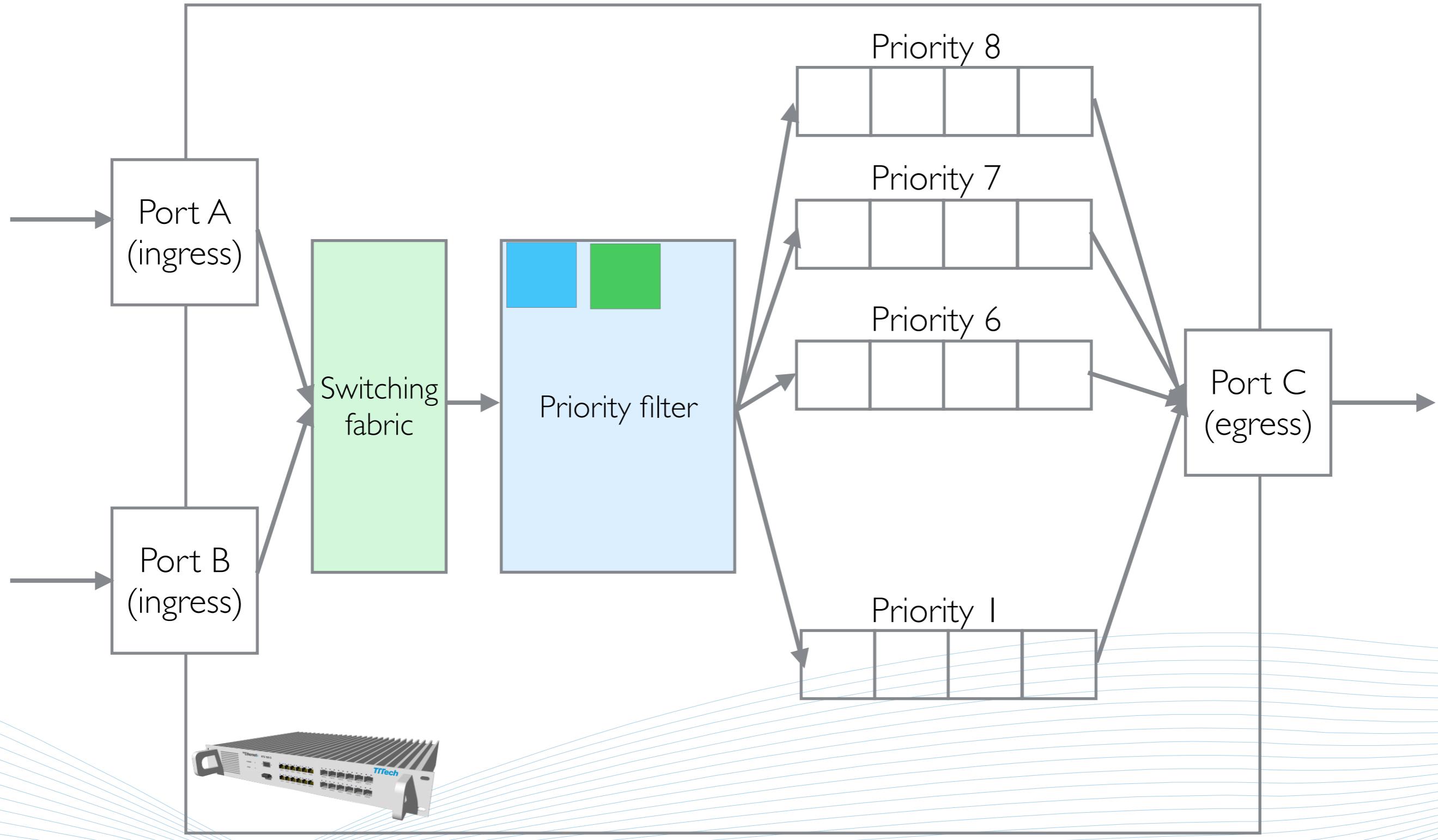
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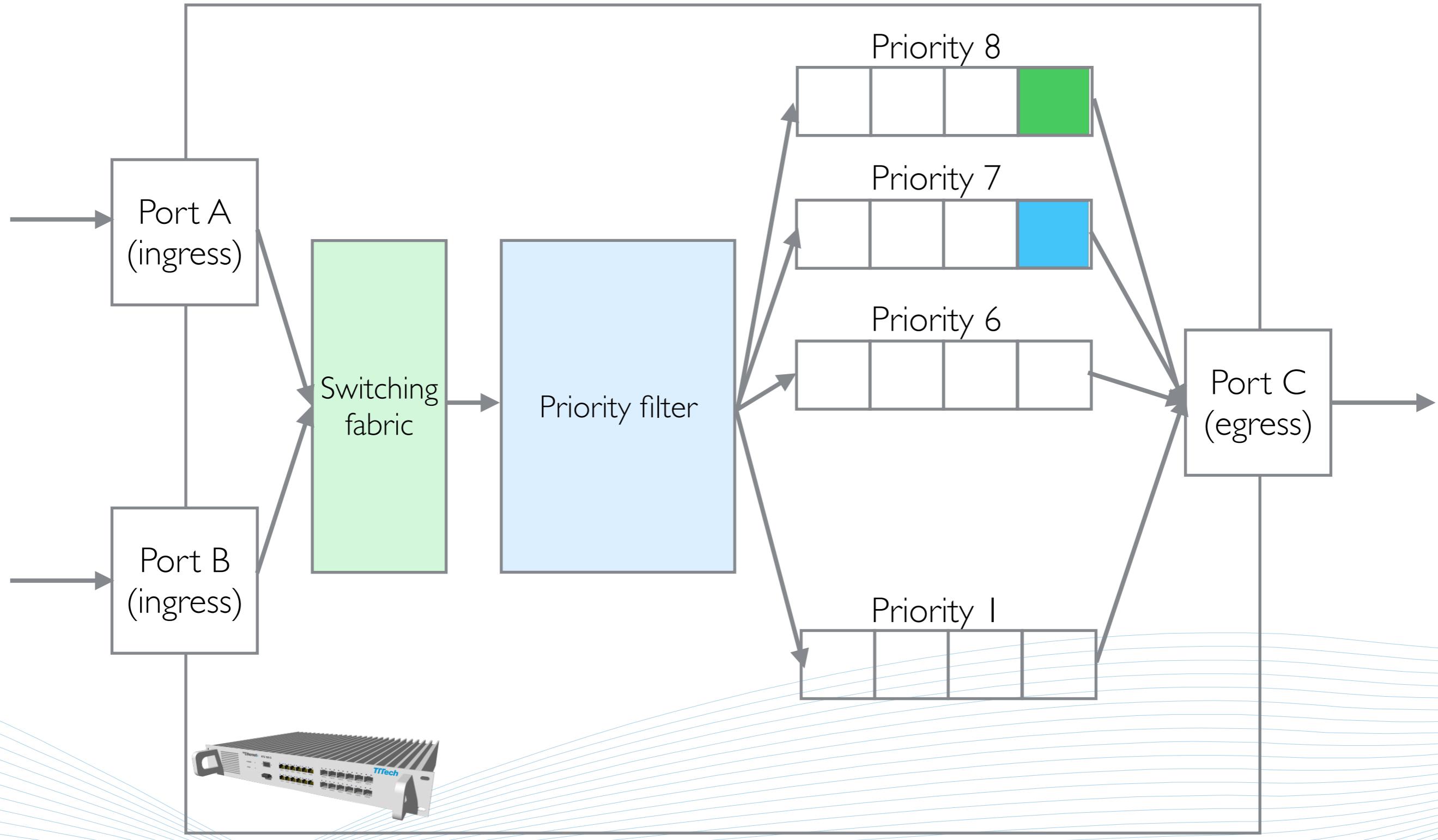
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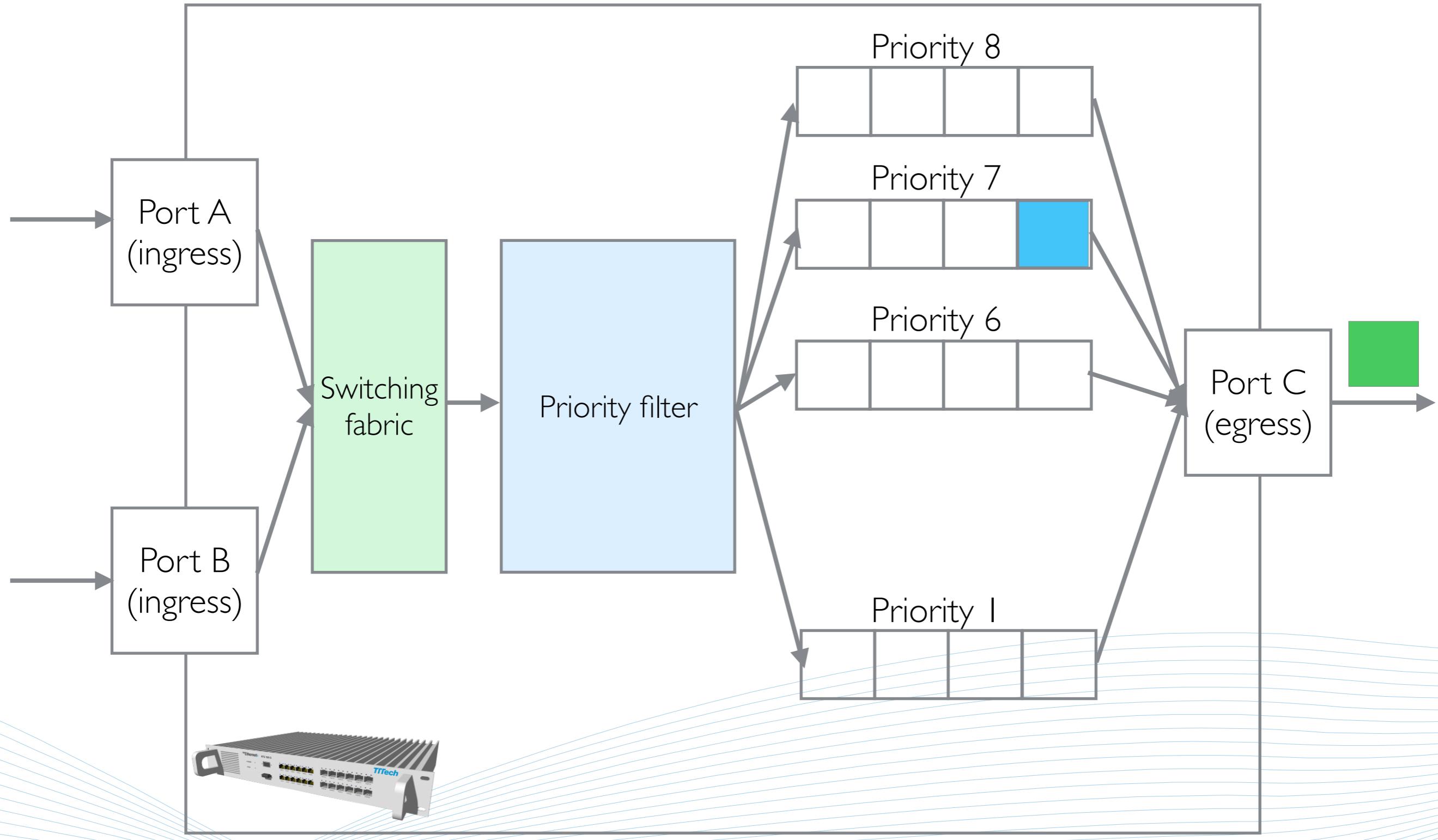
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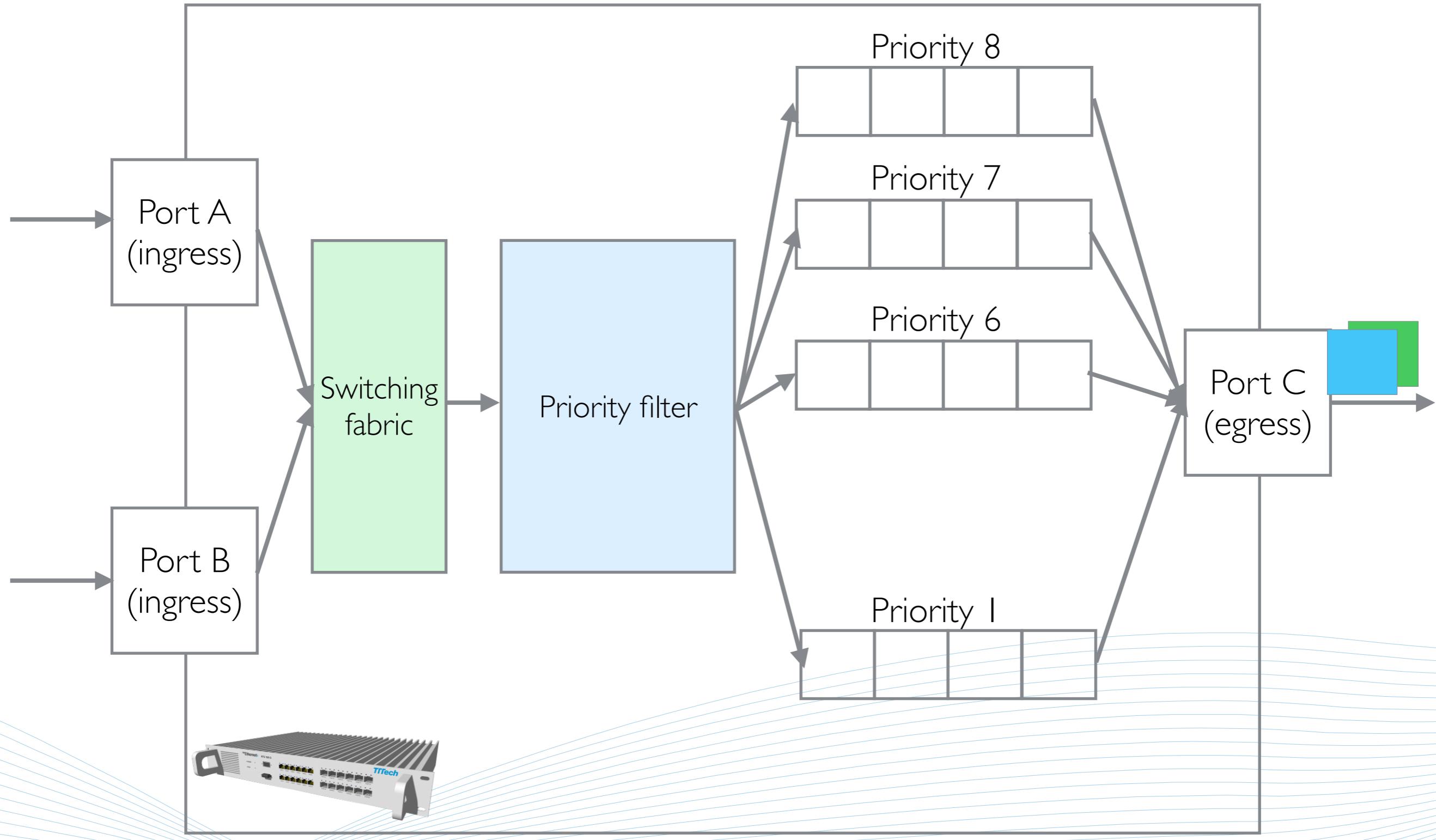
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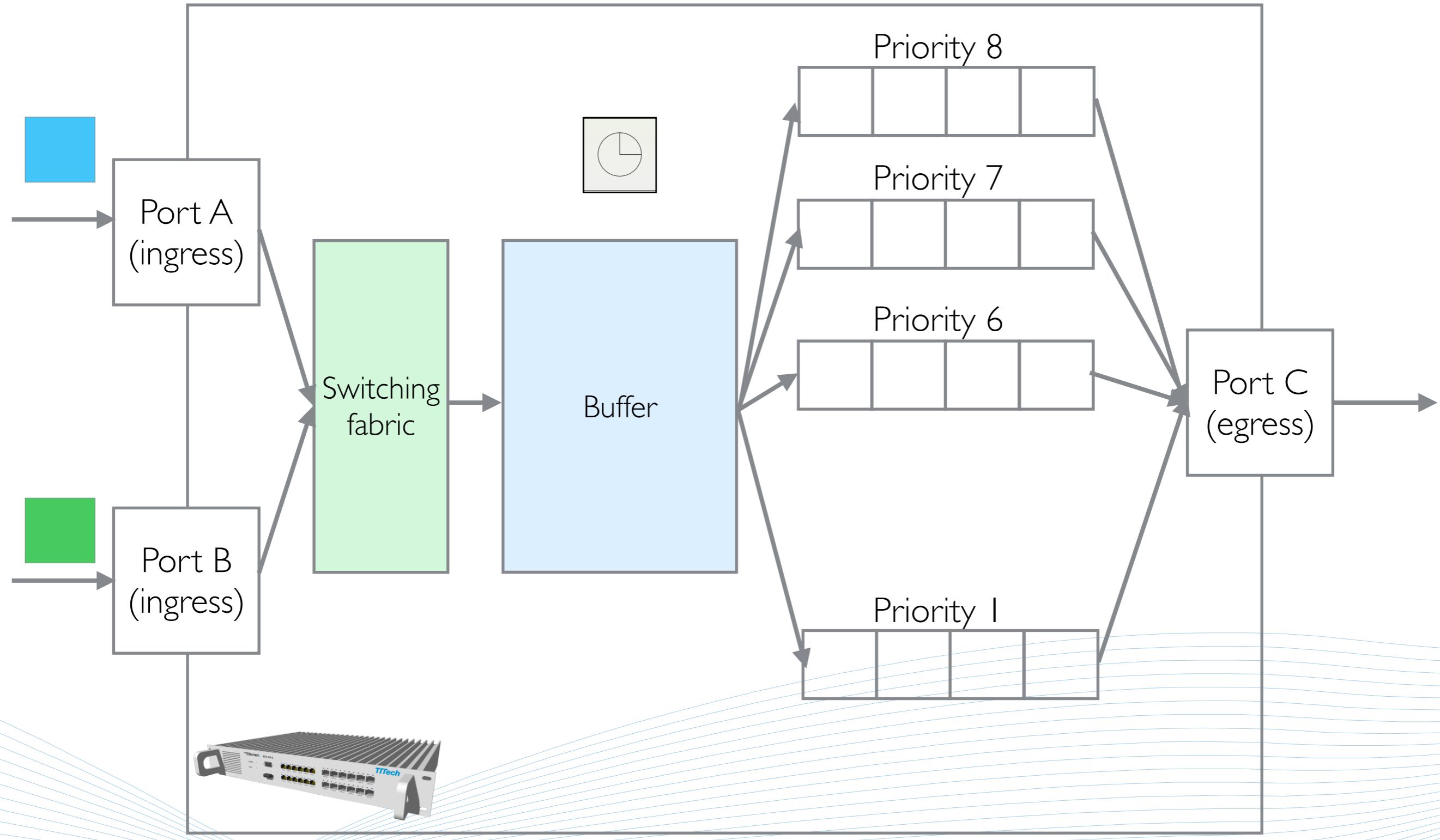
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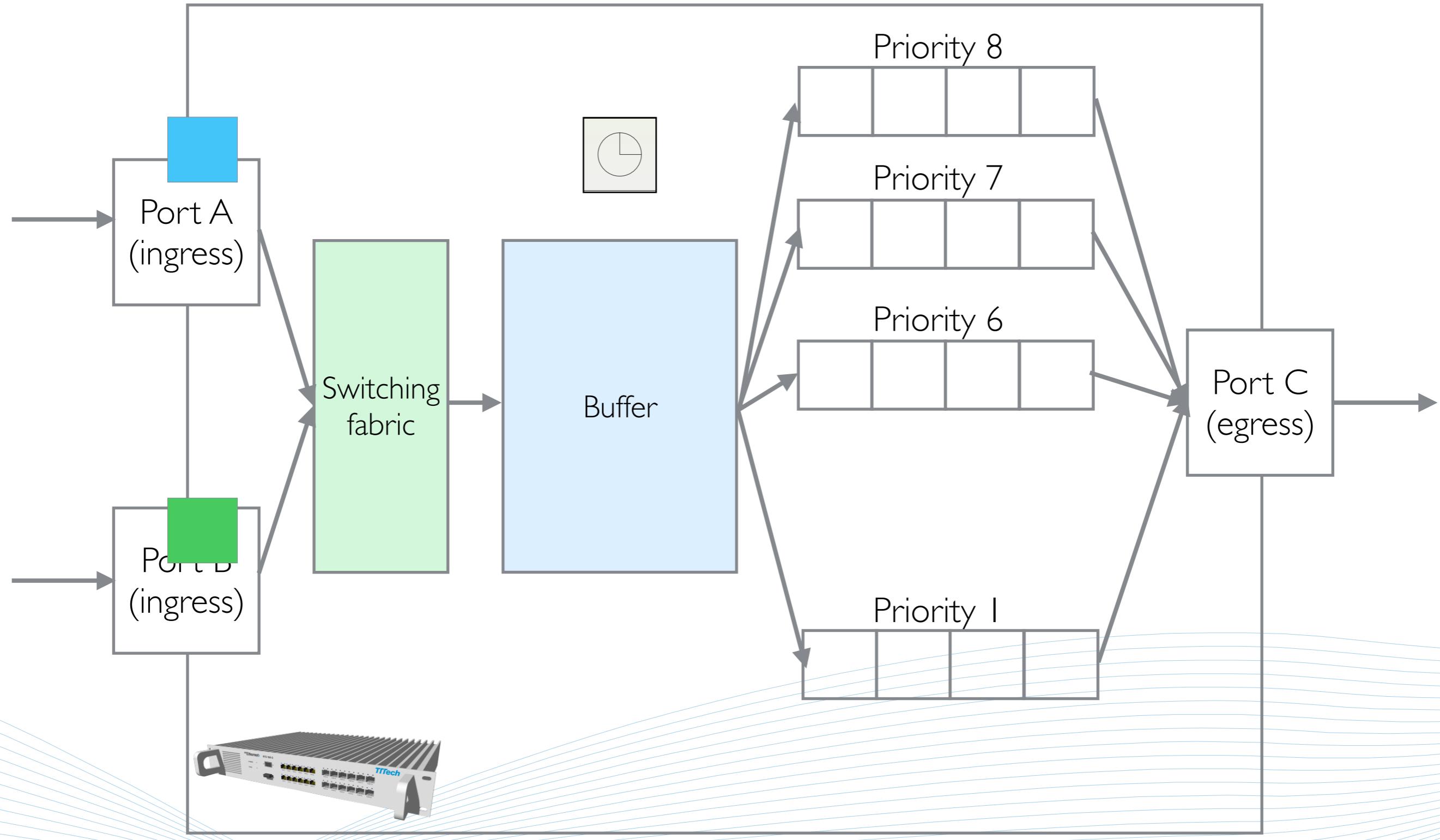
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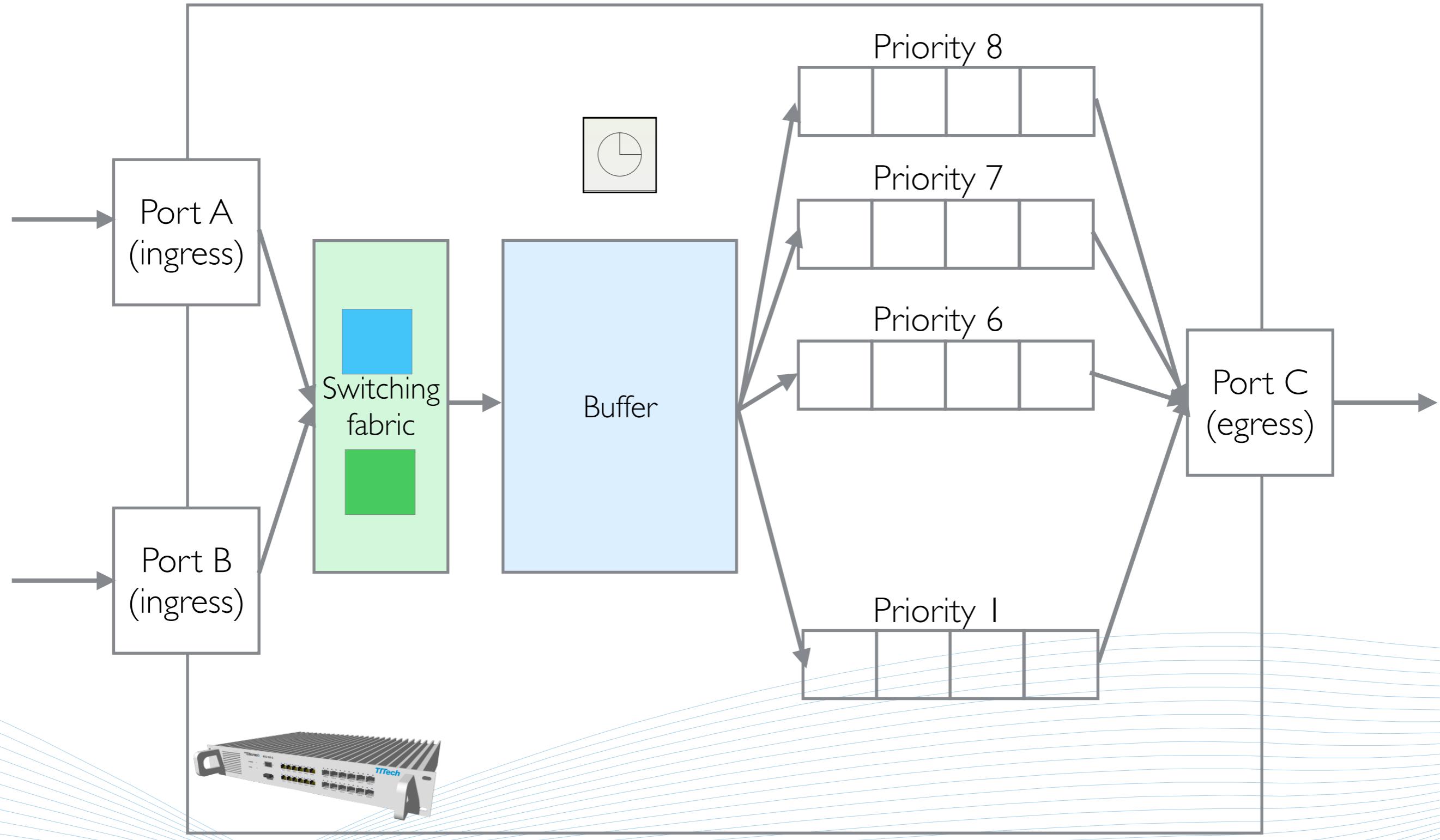
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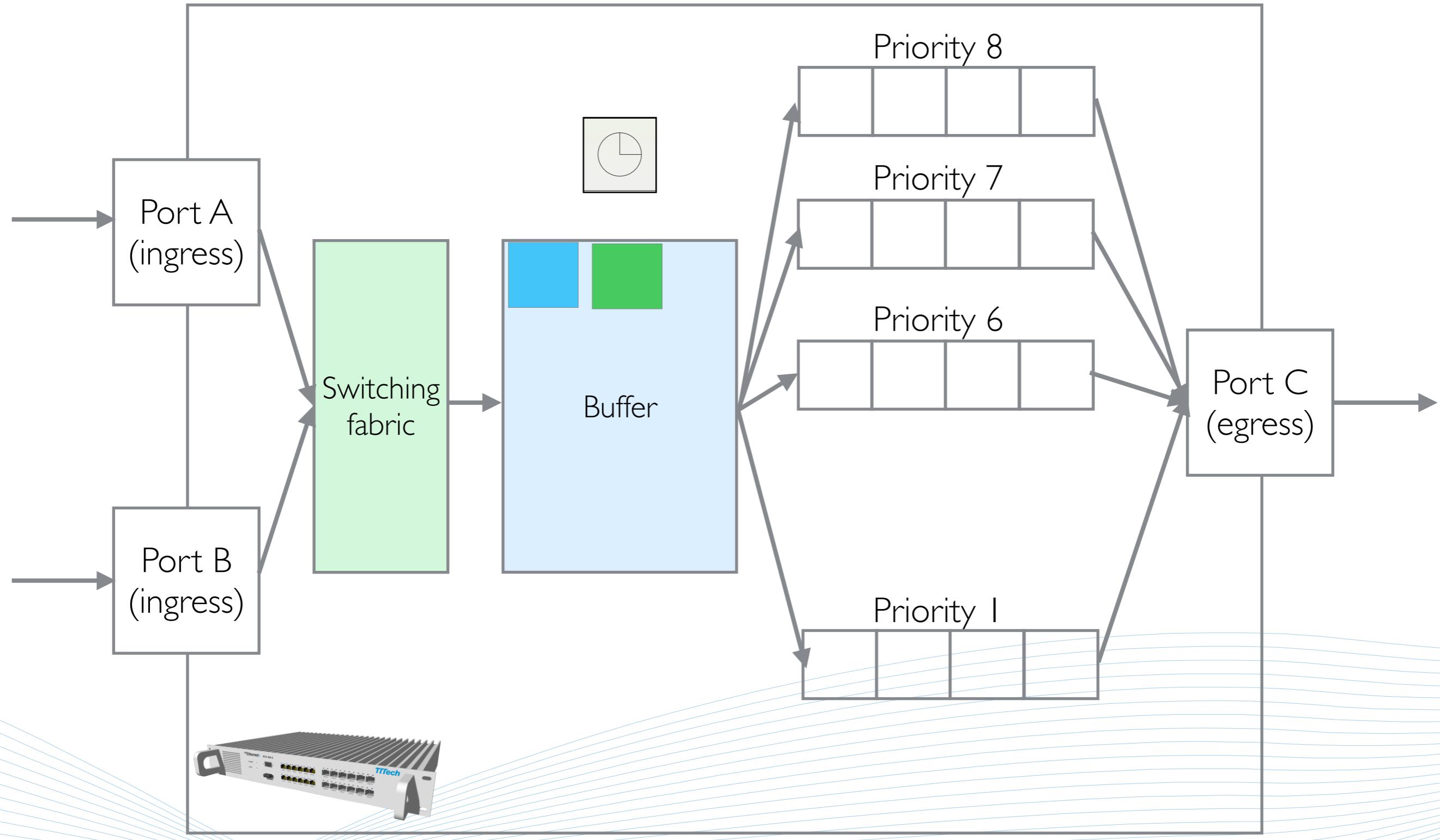
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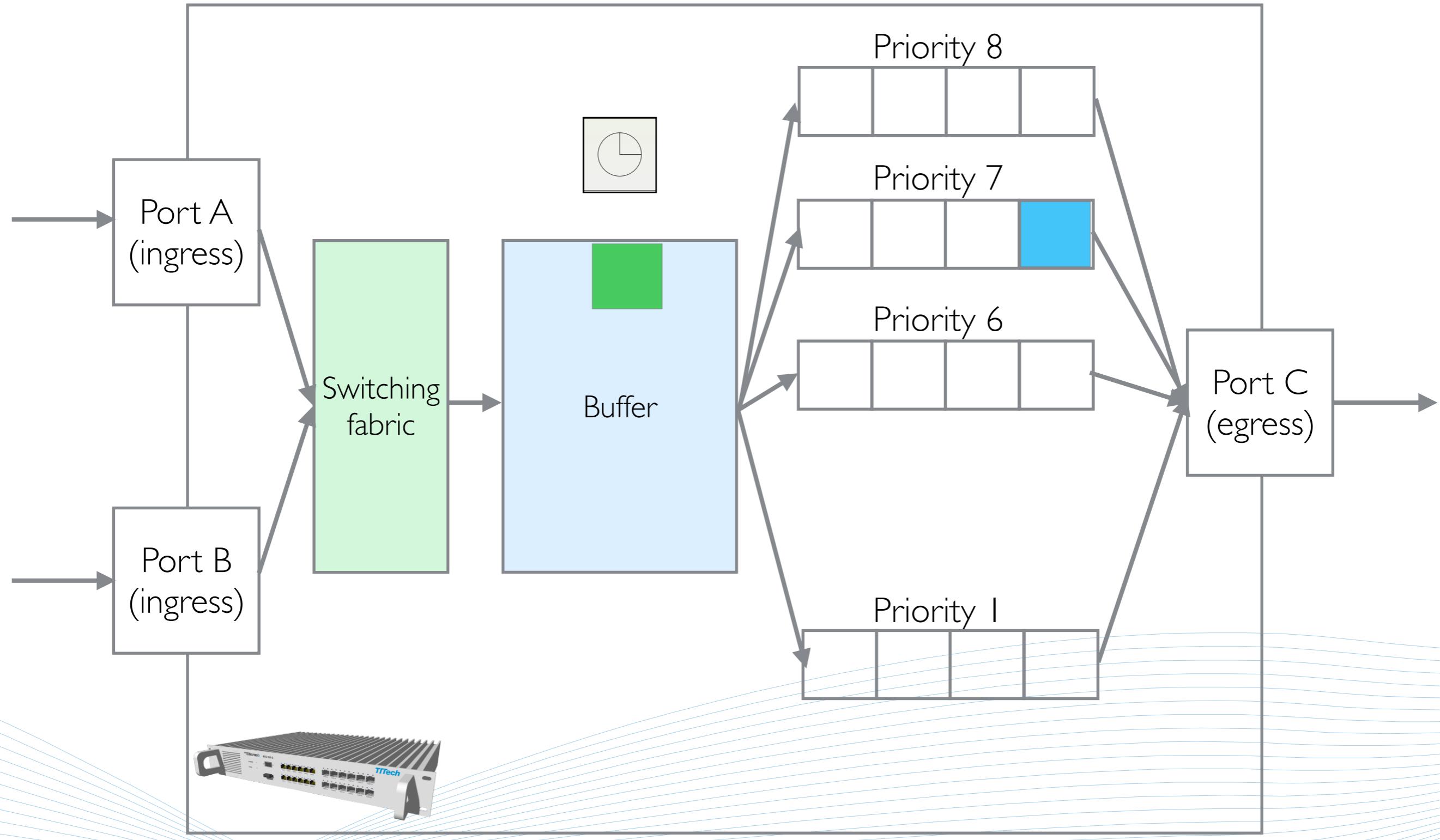
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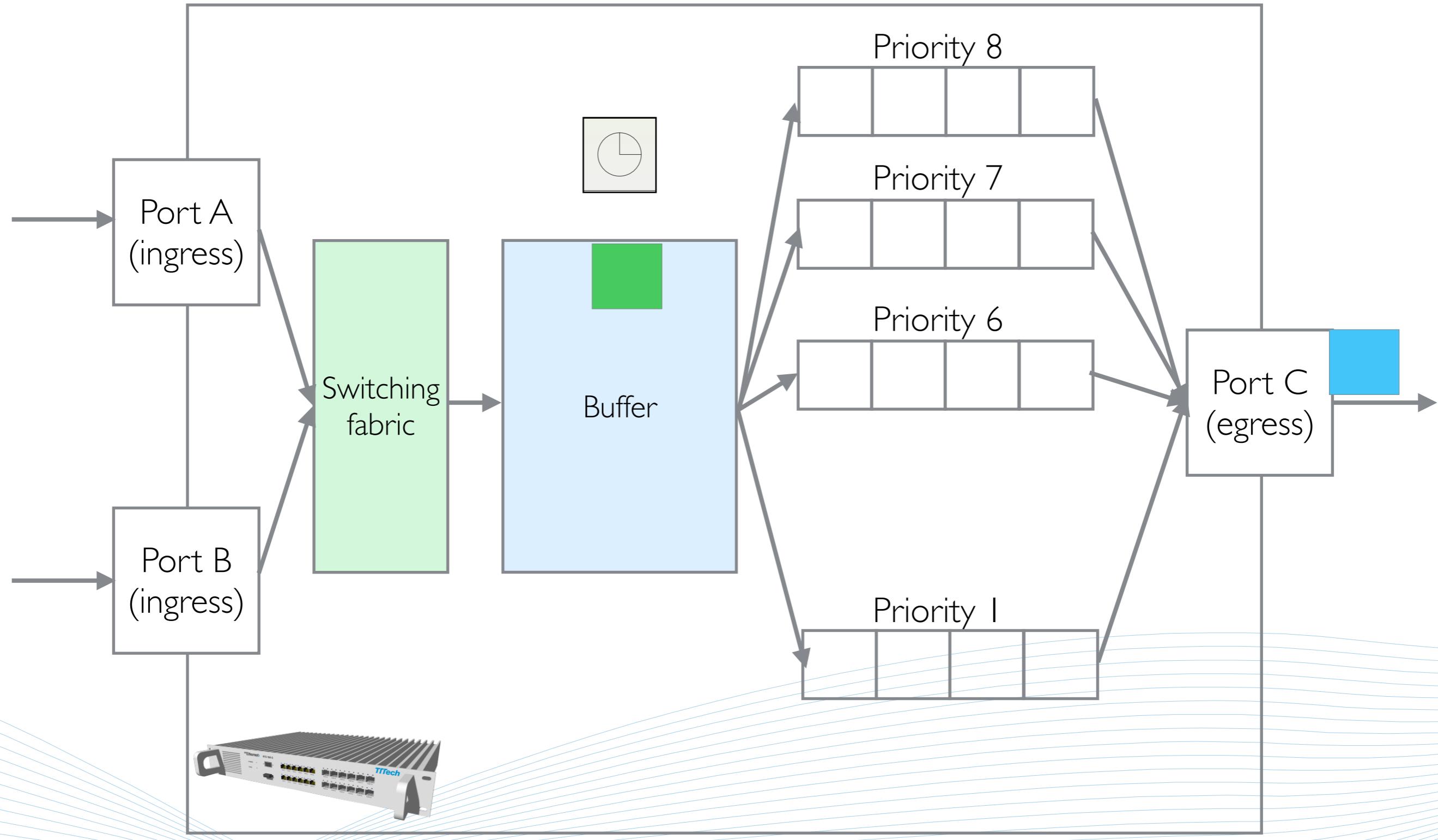
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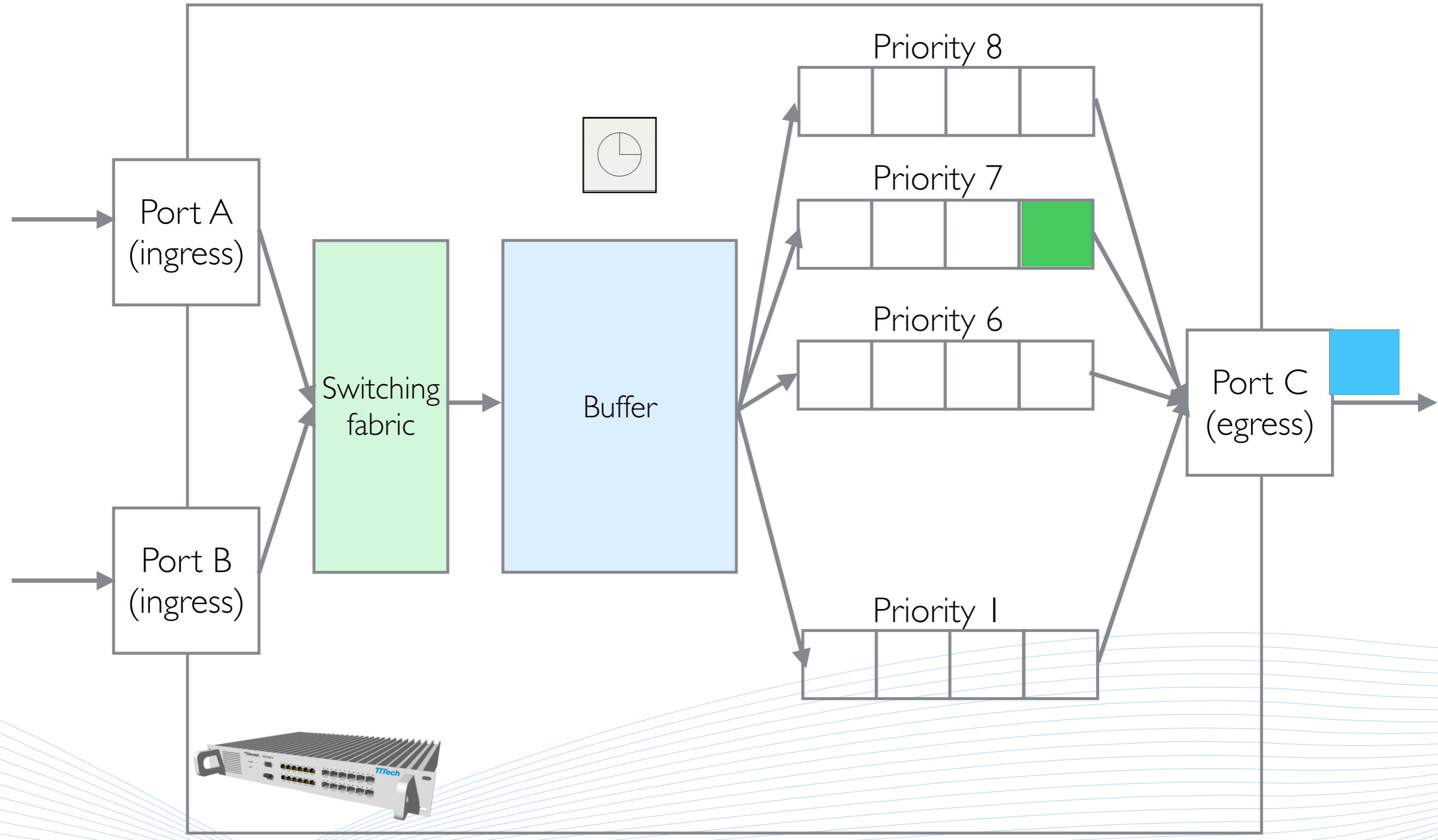
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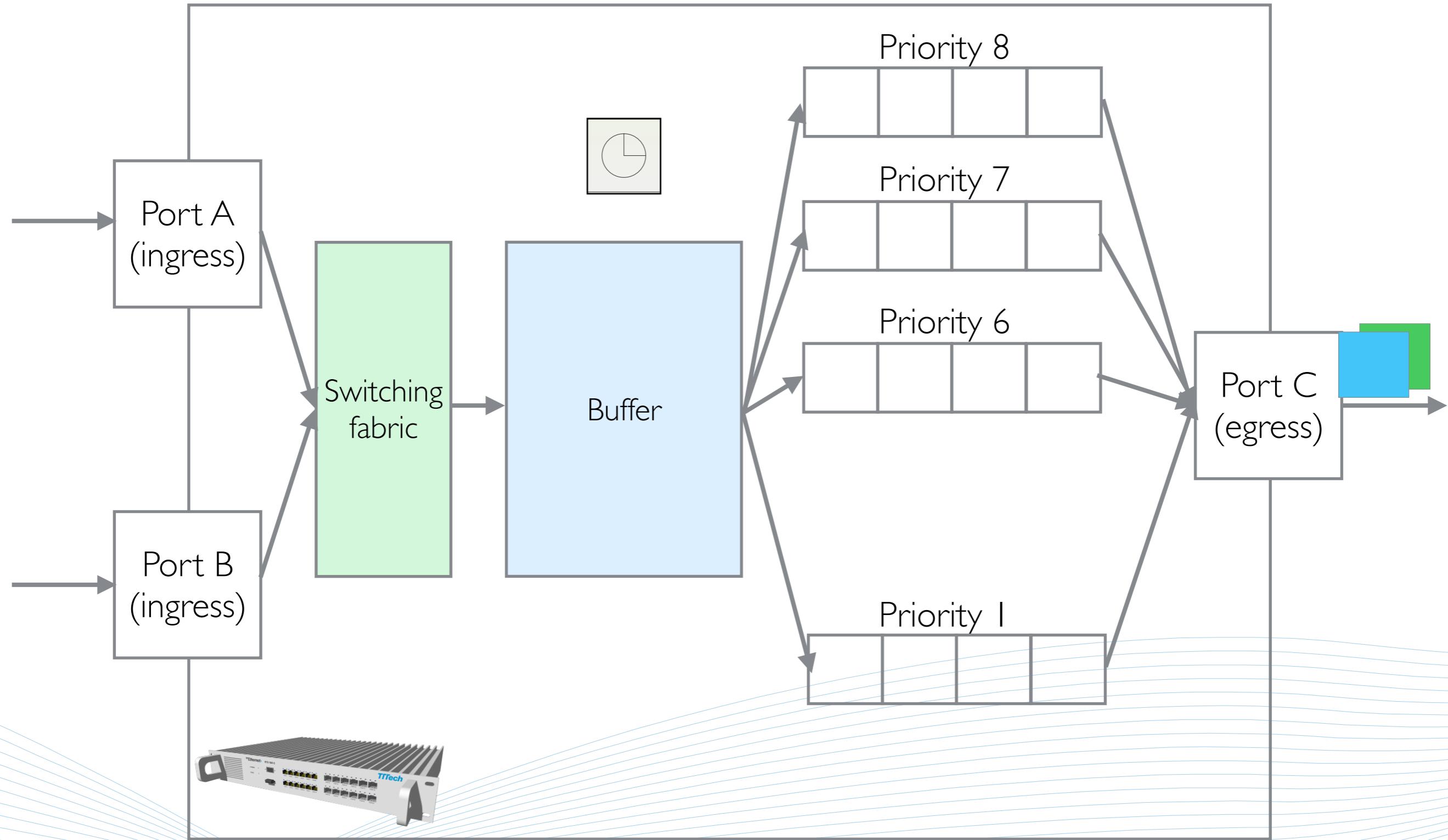
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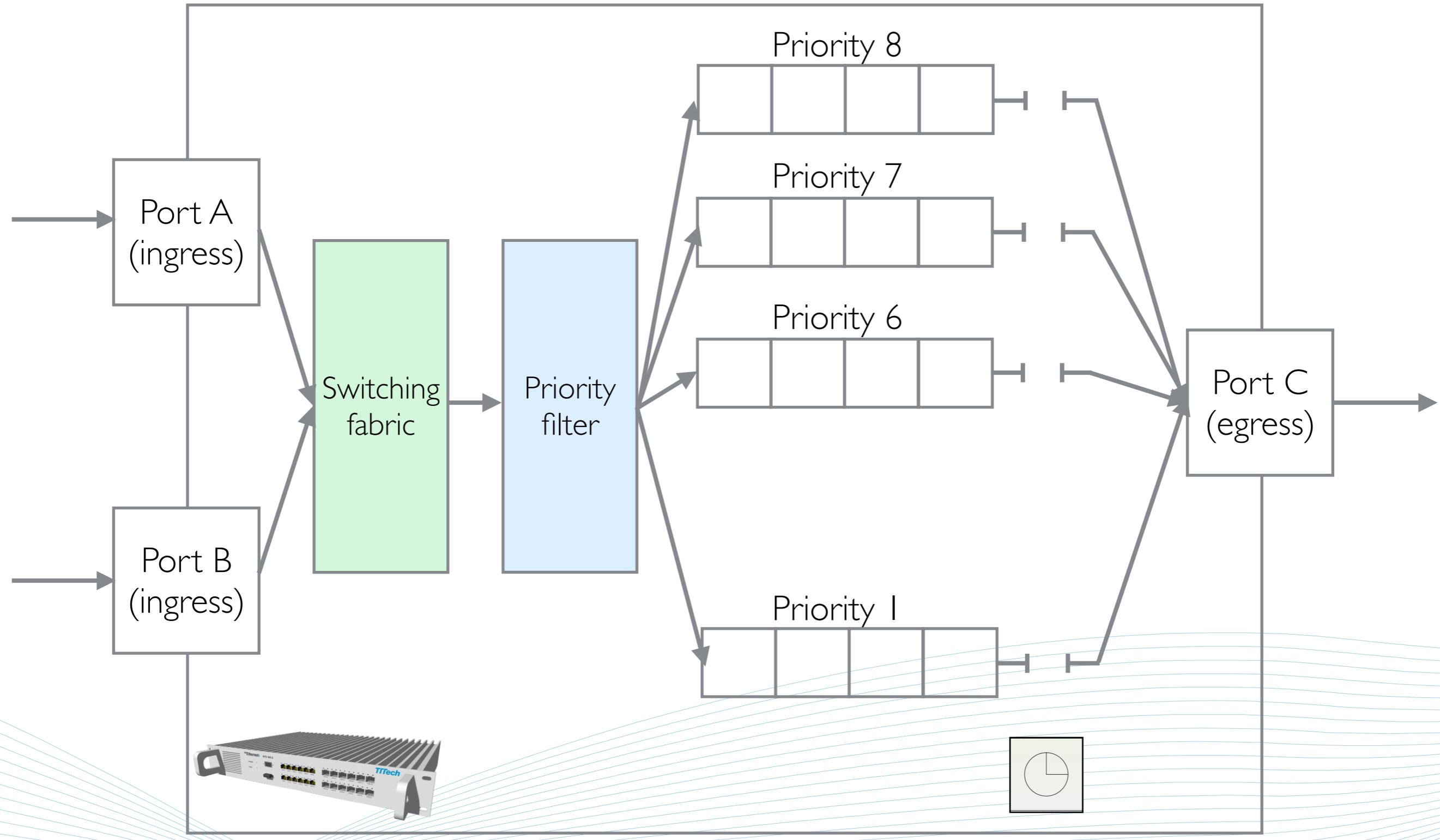
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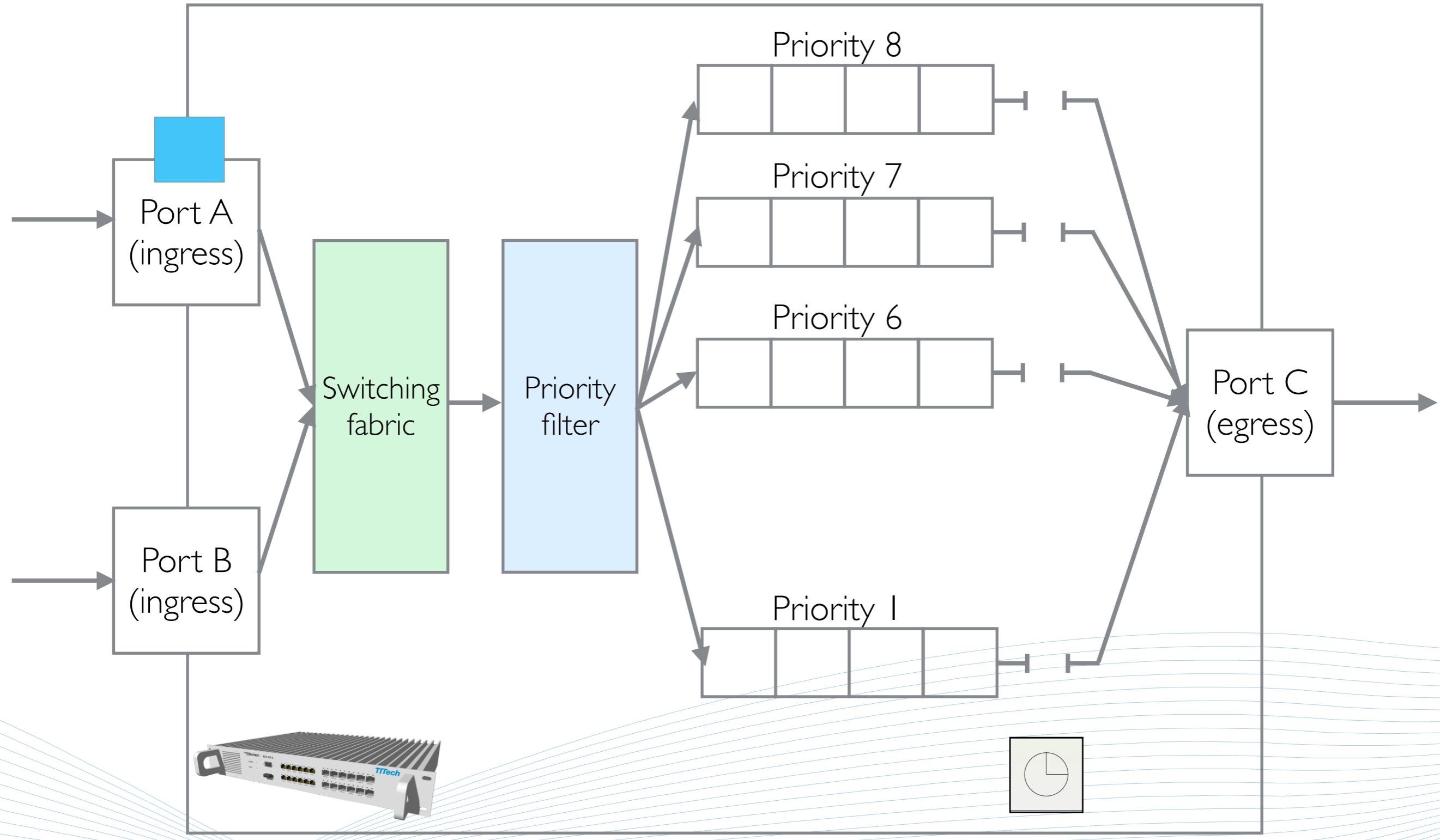
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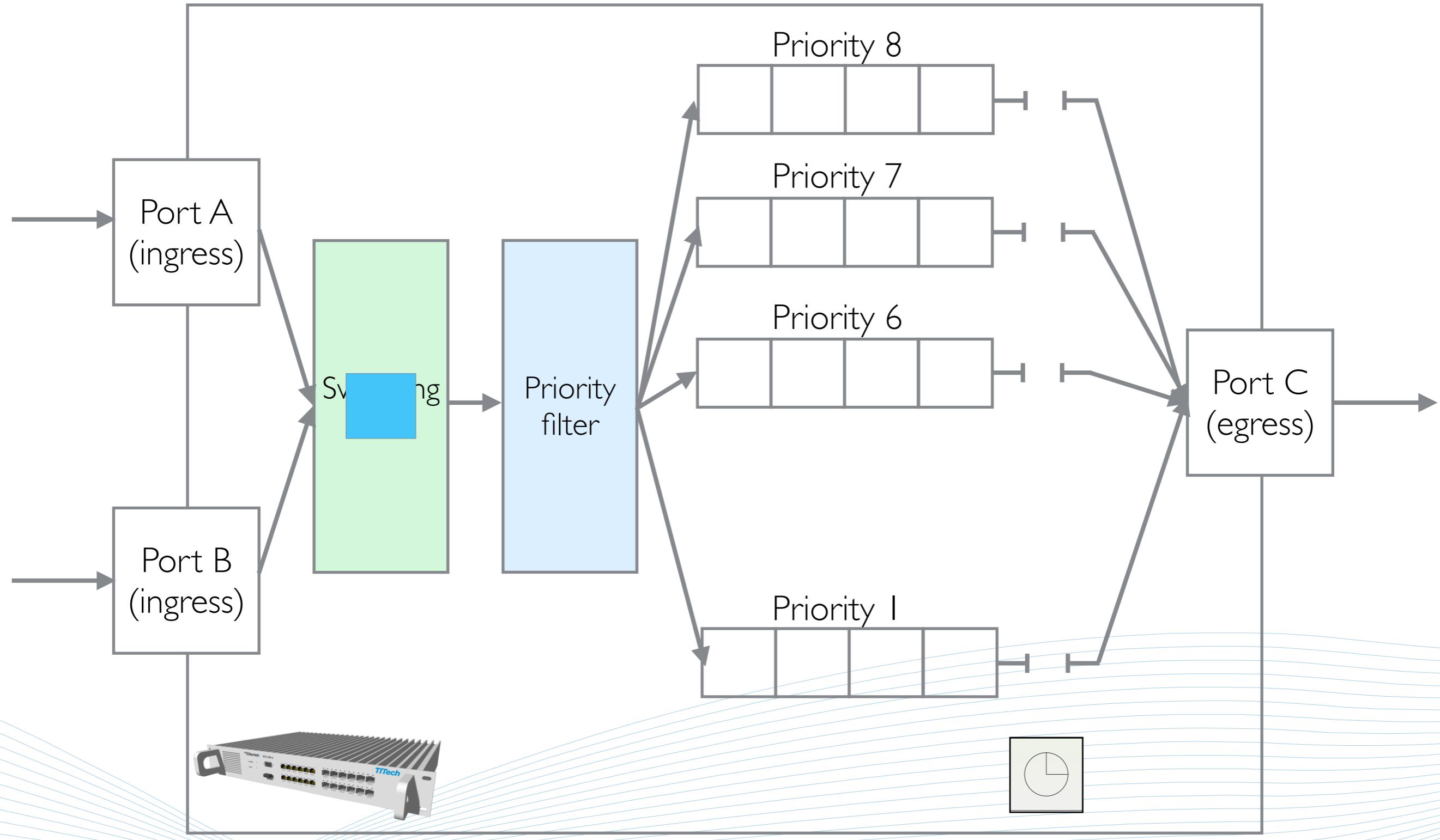
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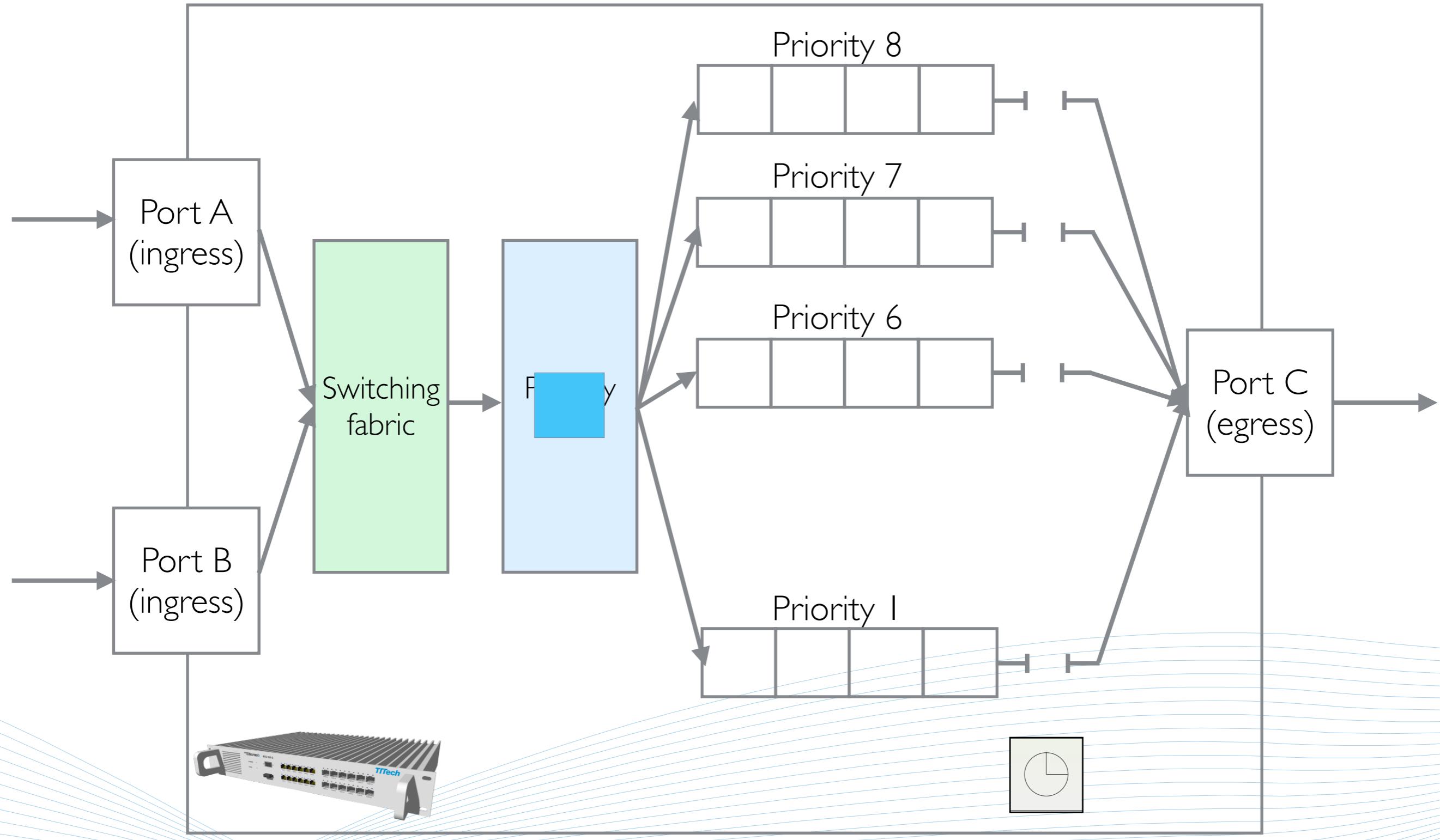
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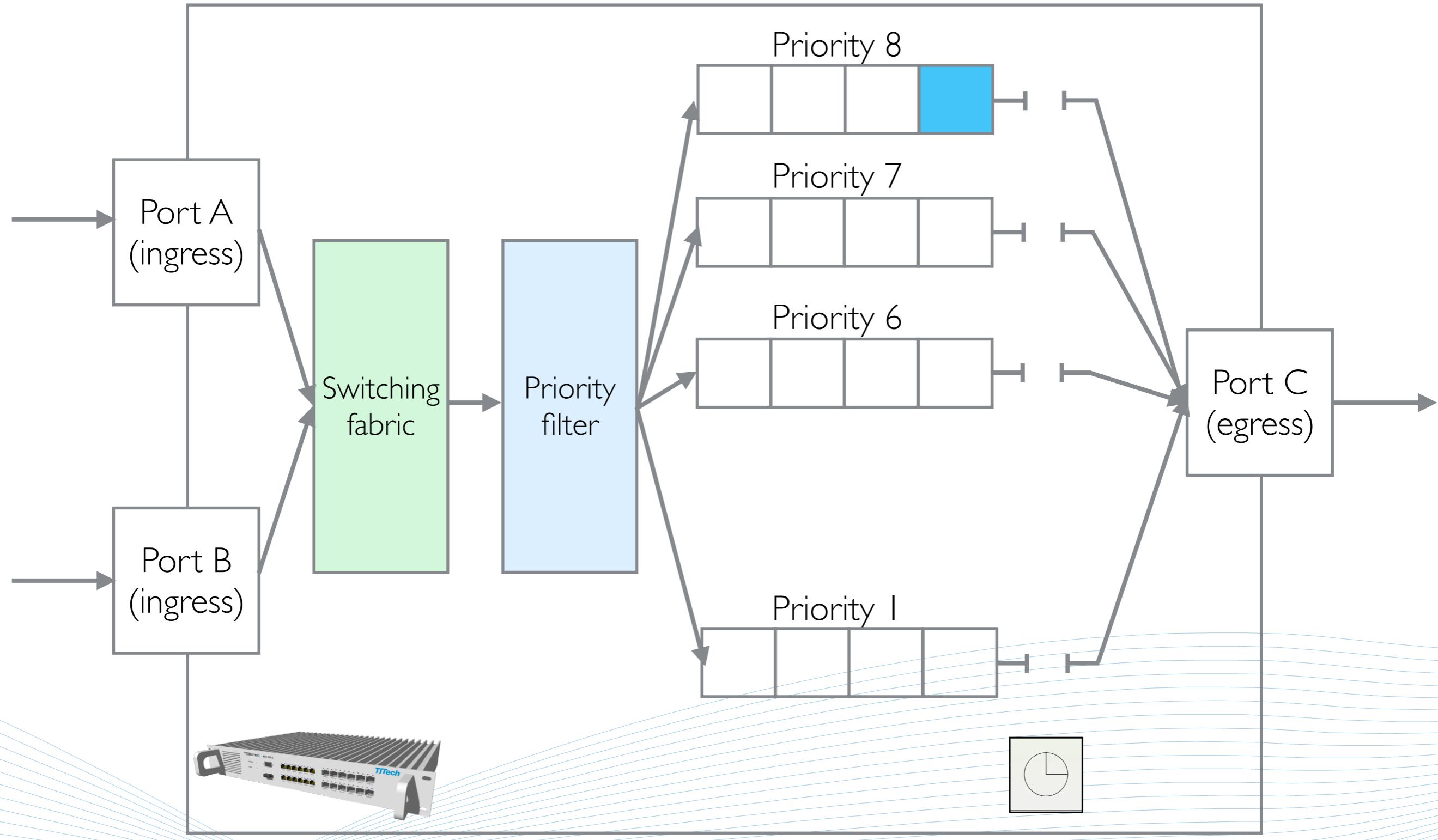
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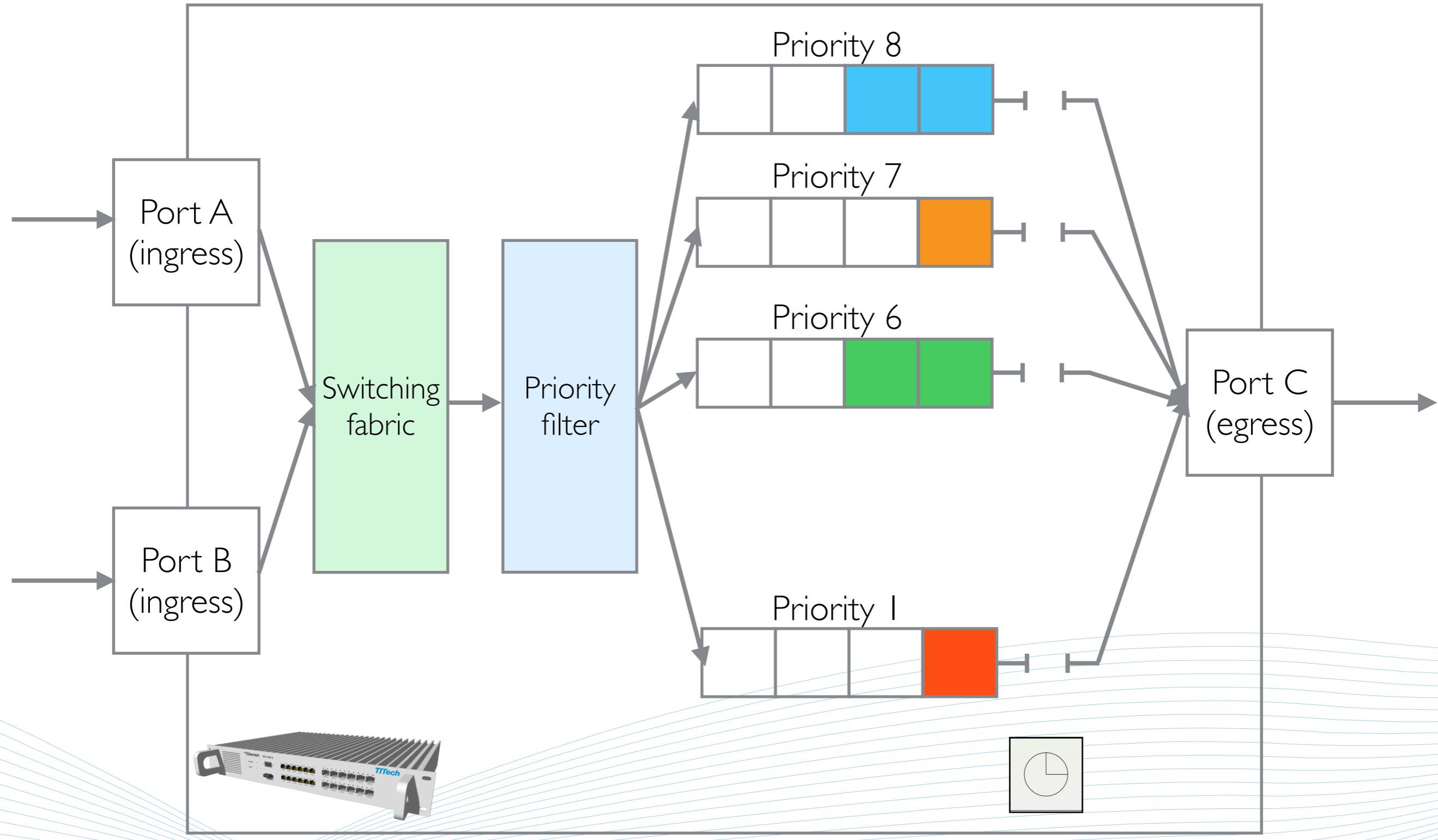
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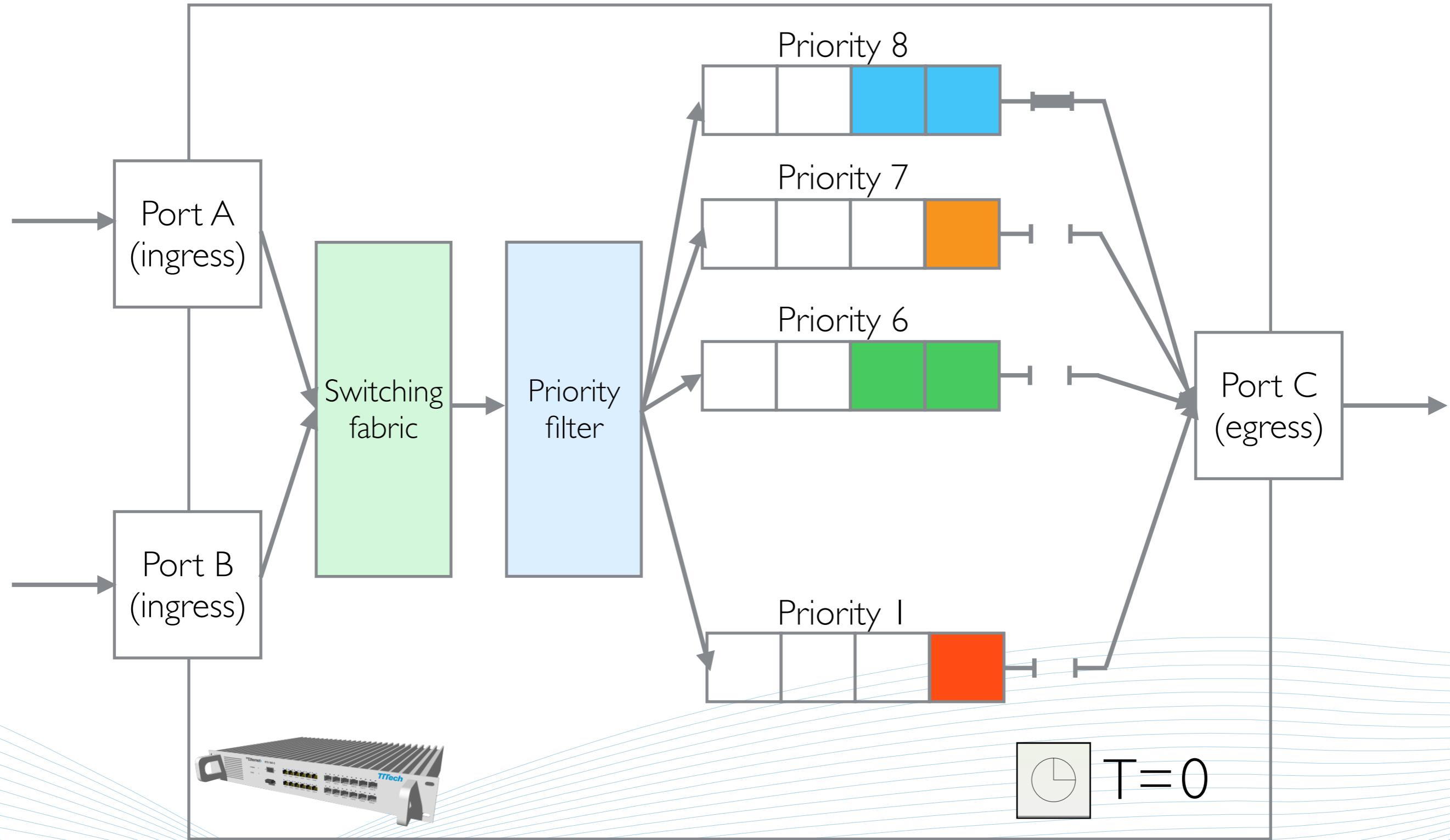
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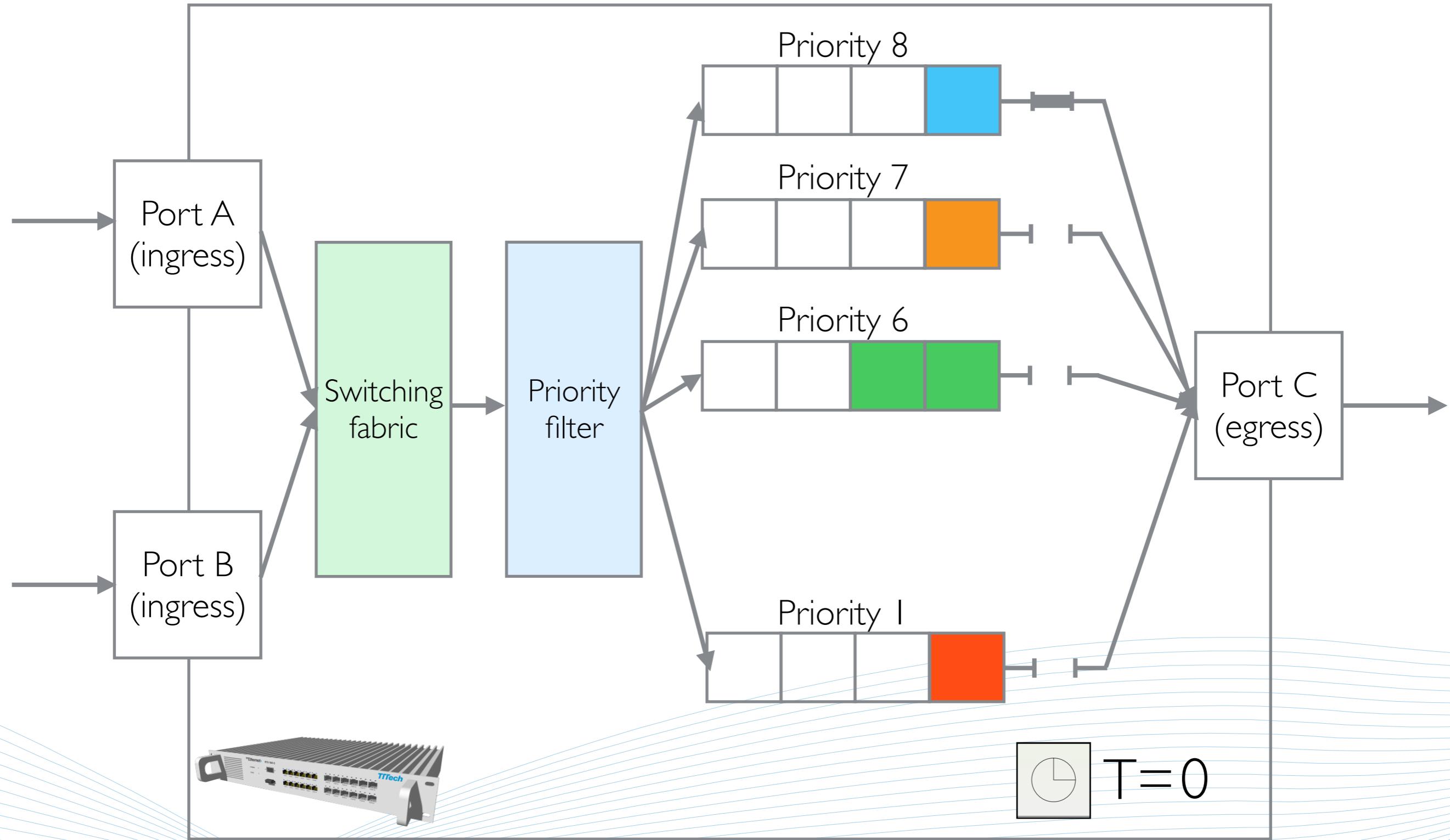
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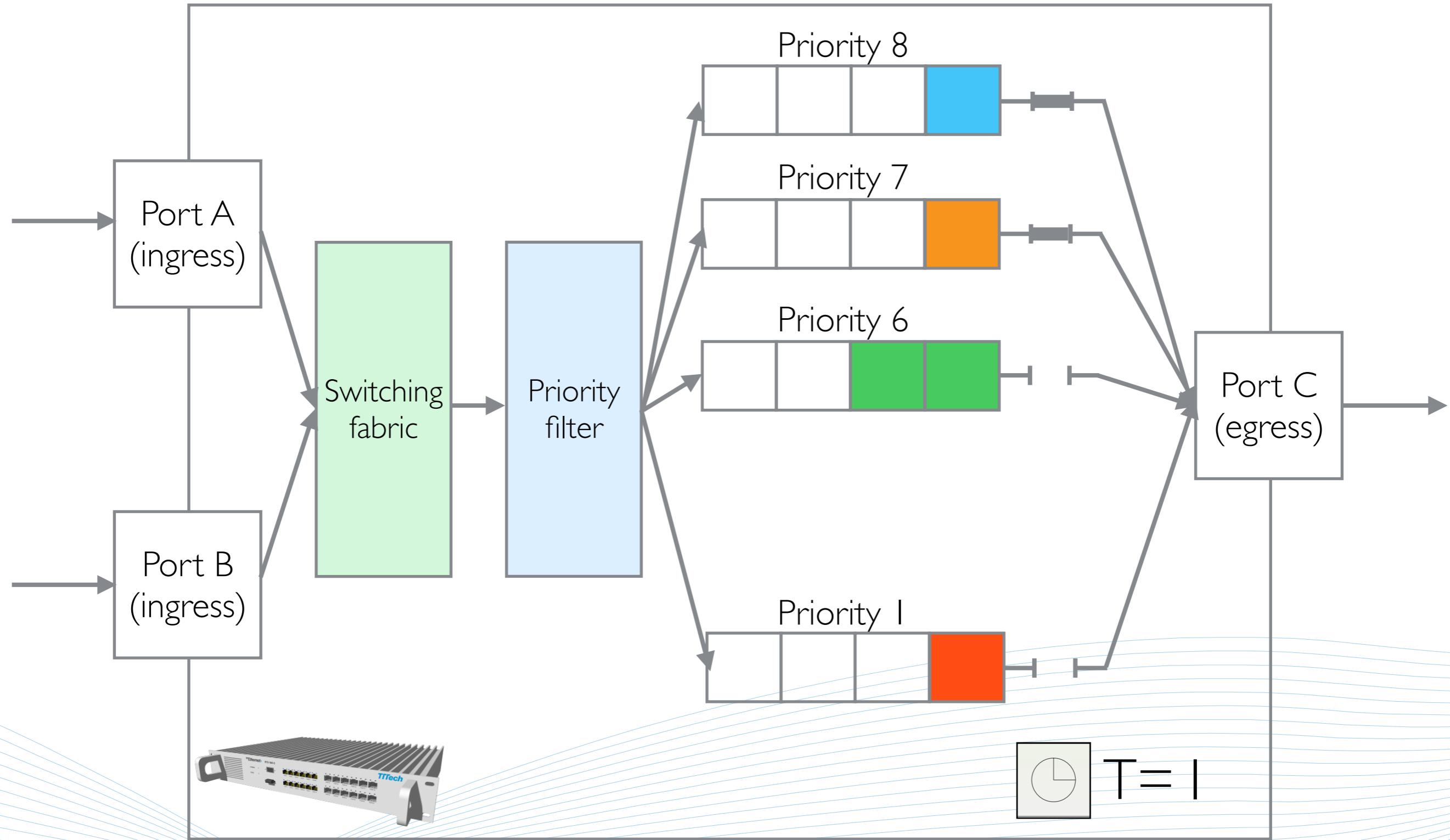
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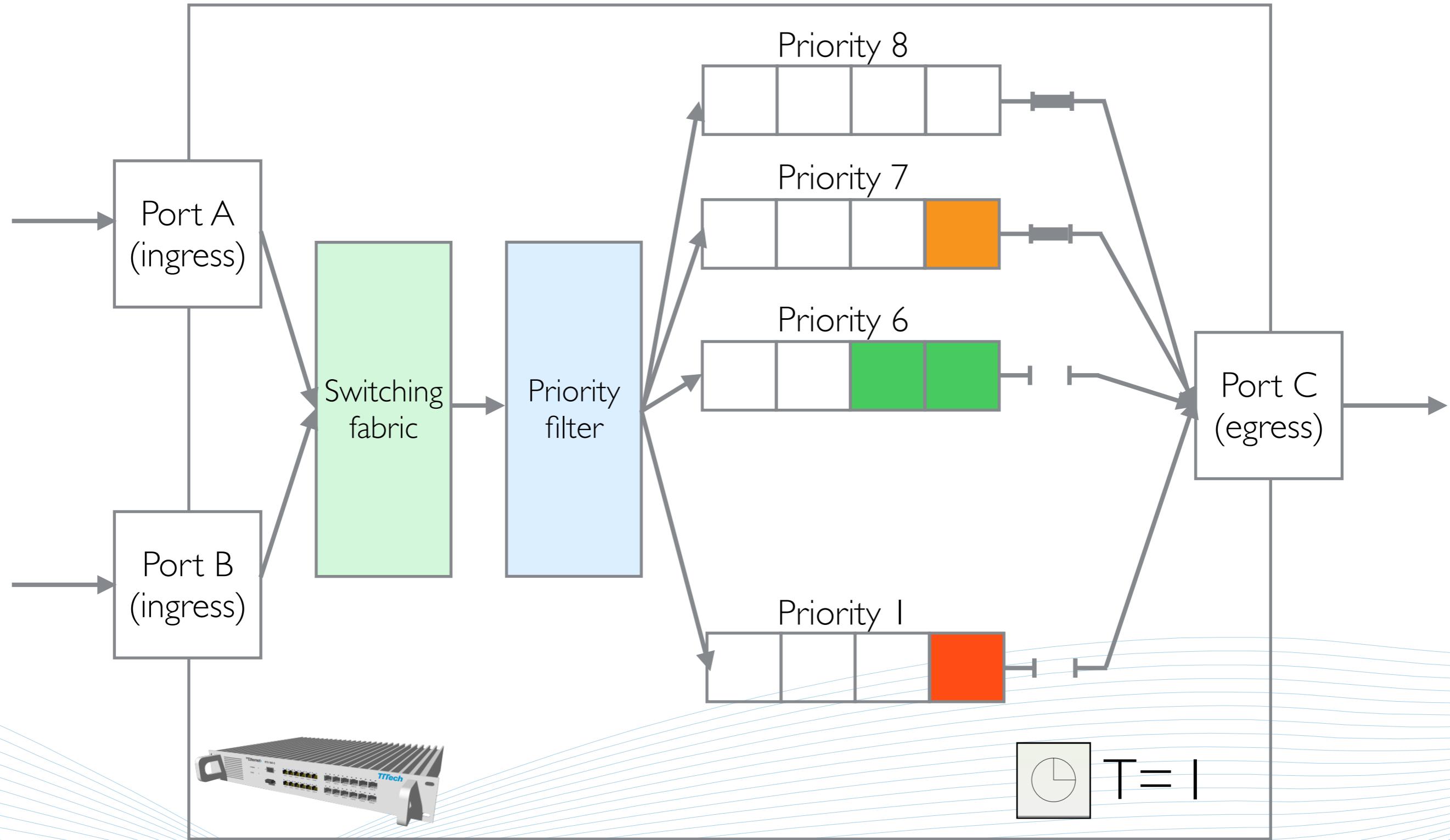
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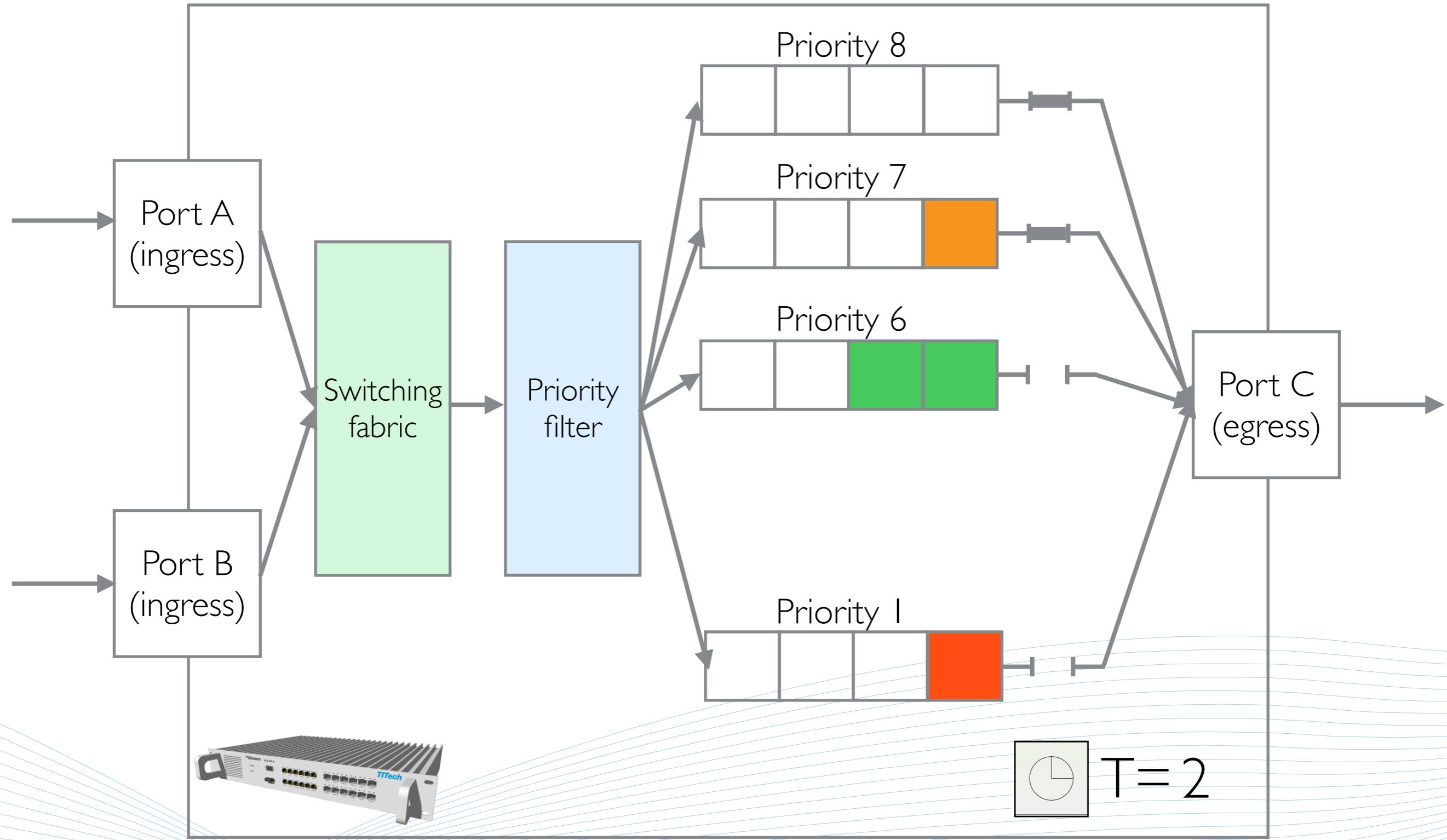
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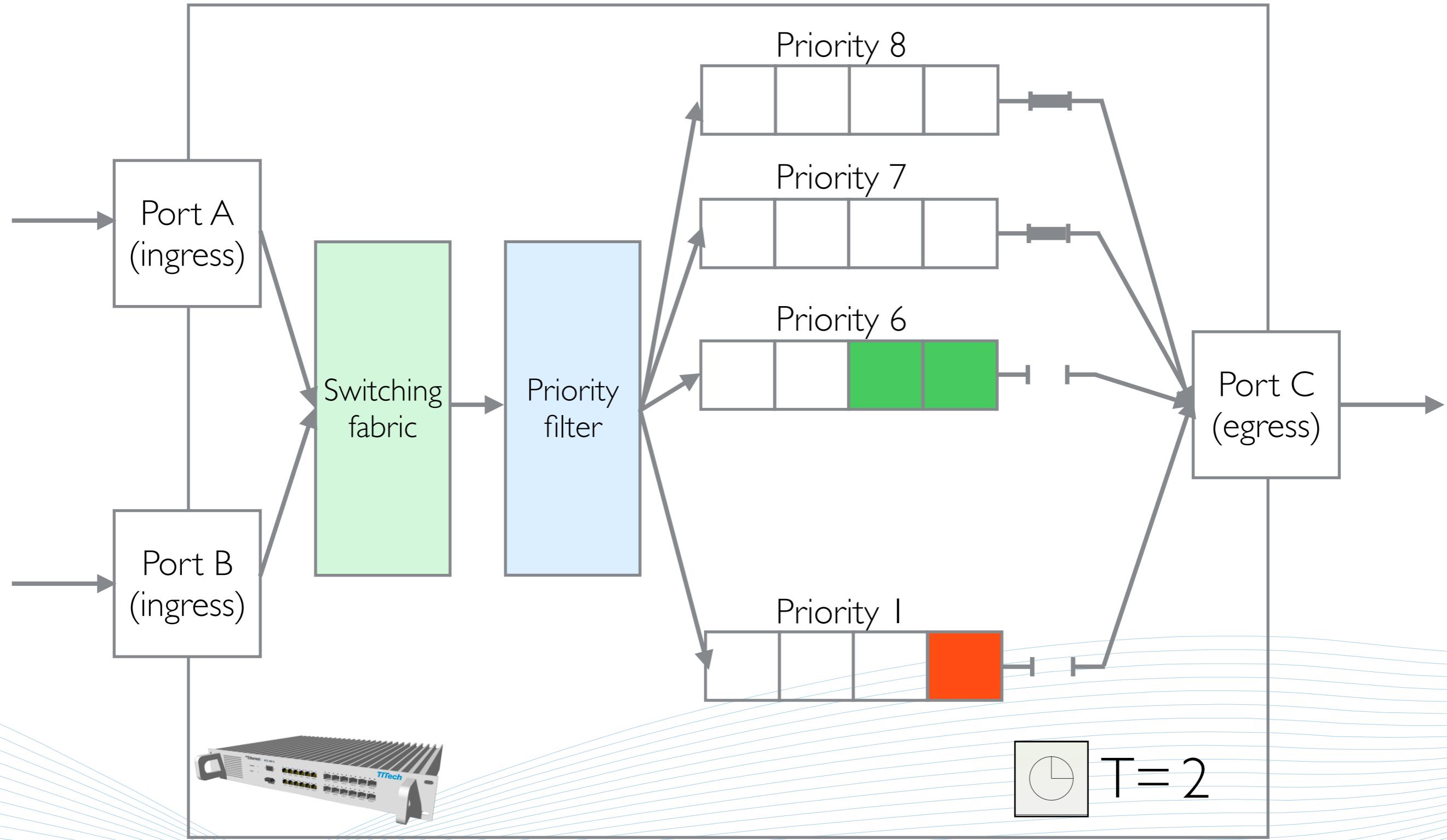
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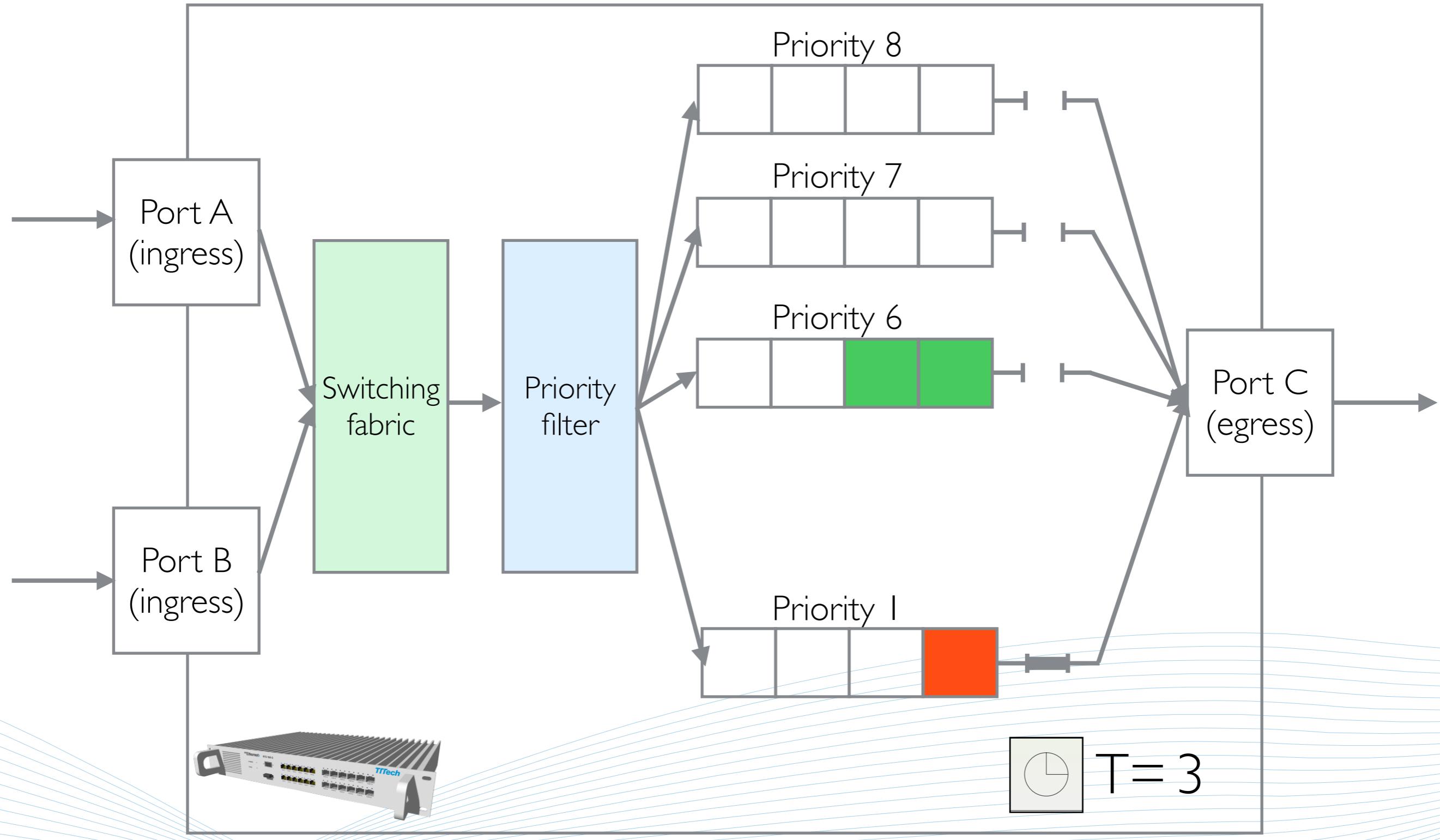
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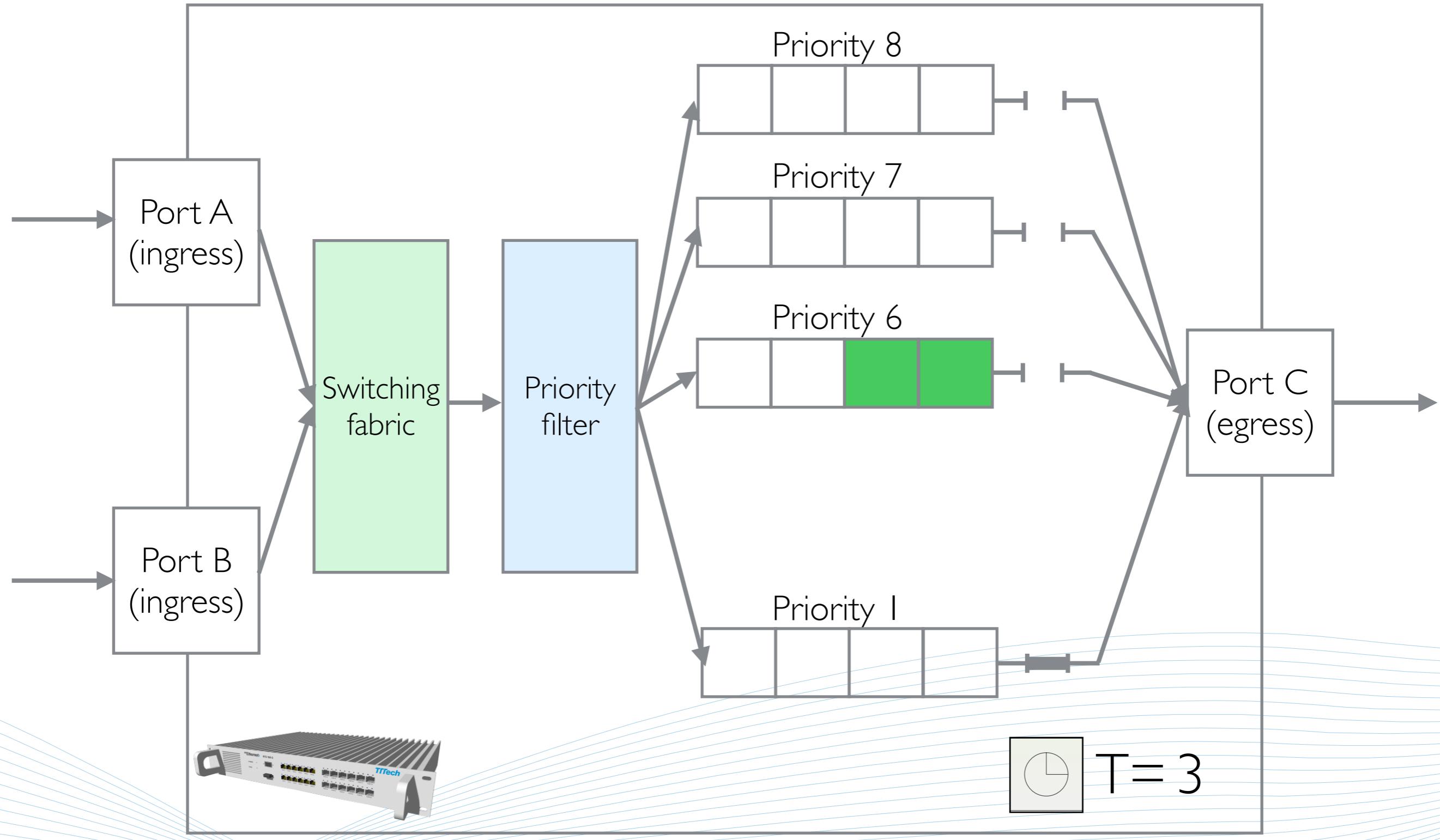
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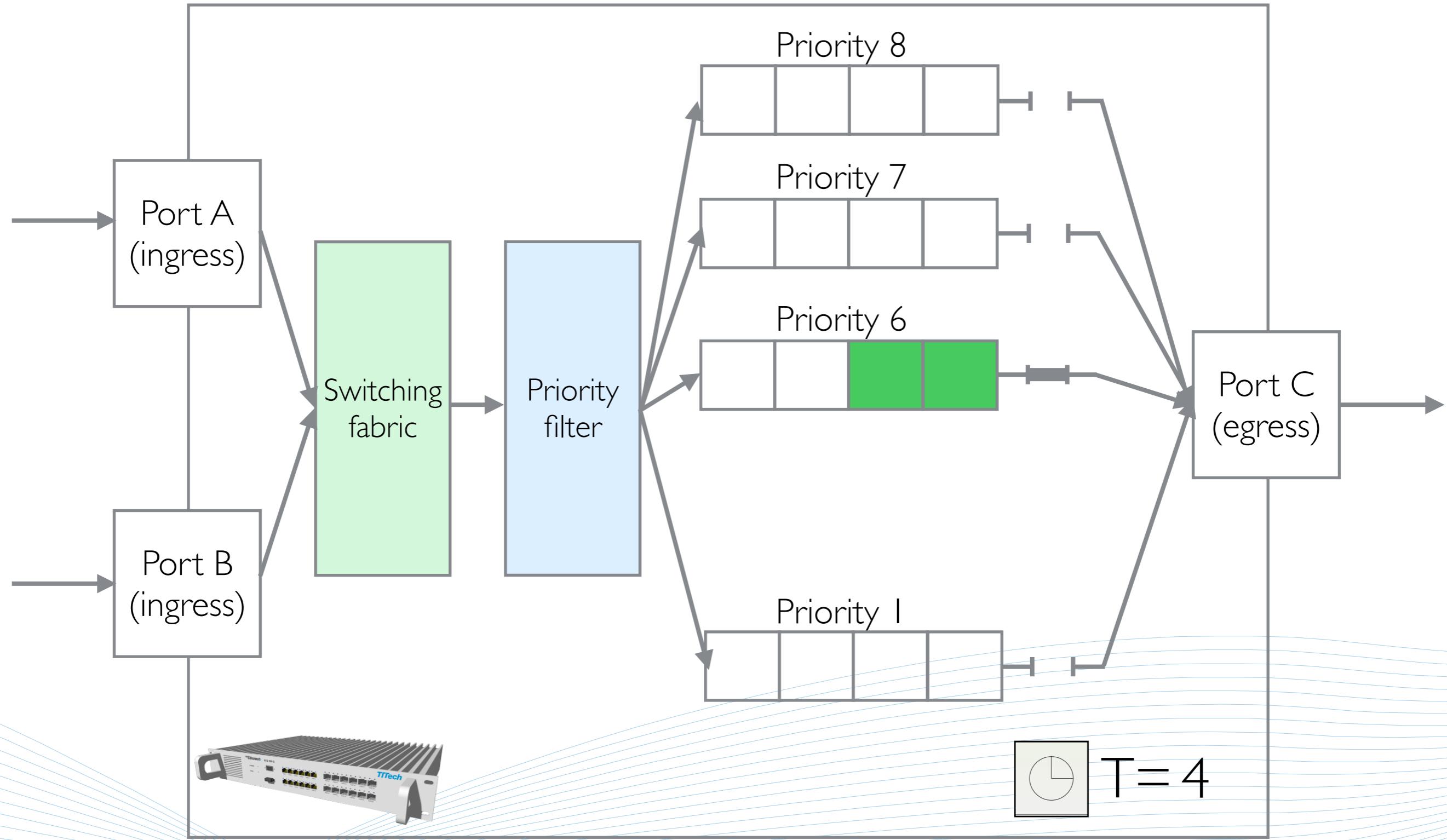
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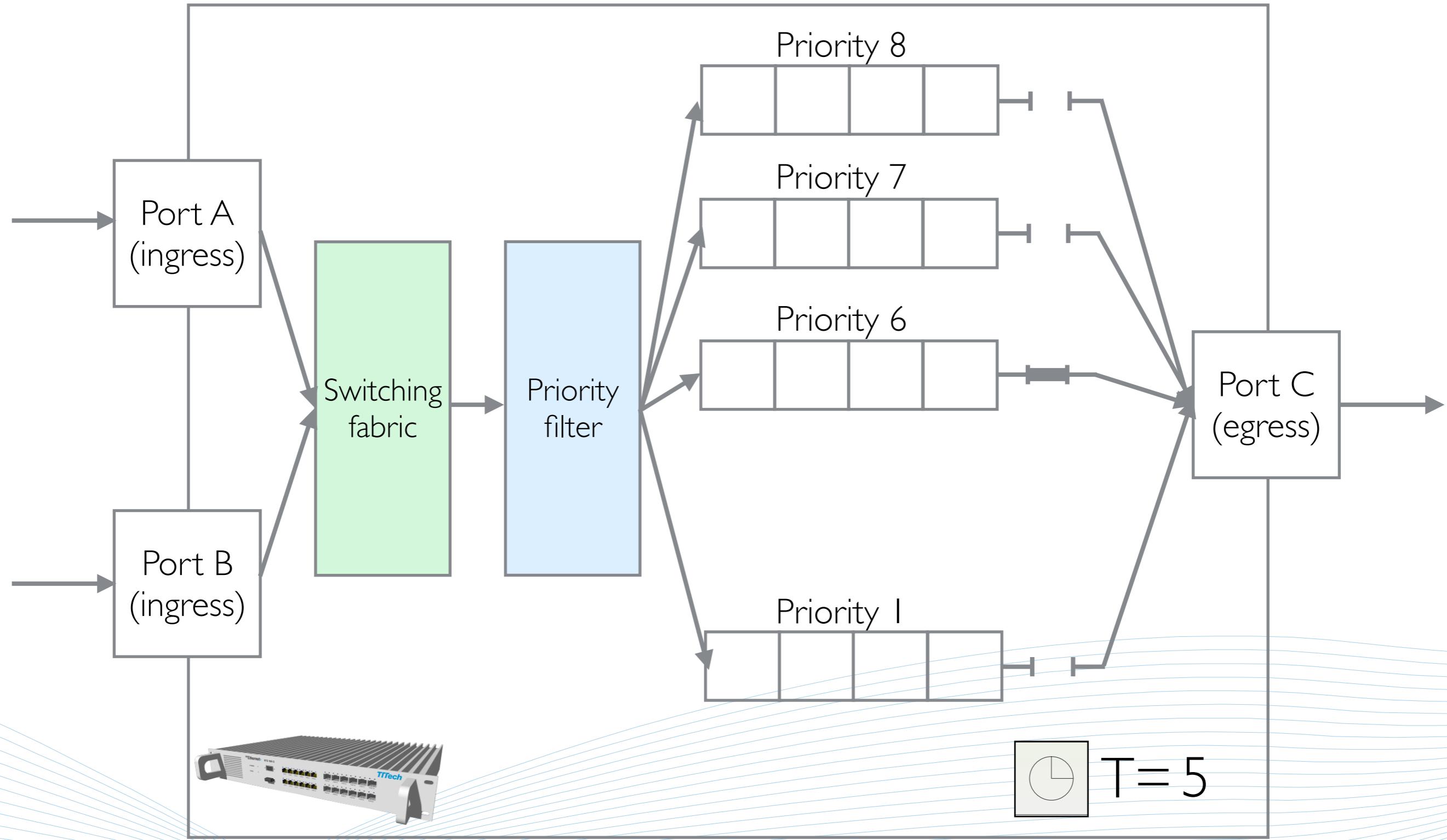
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IEEE TSN task group - collection of sub-standards that enhance 802 Ethernet with real-time capabilities

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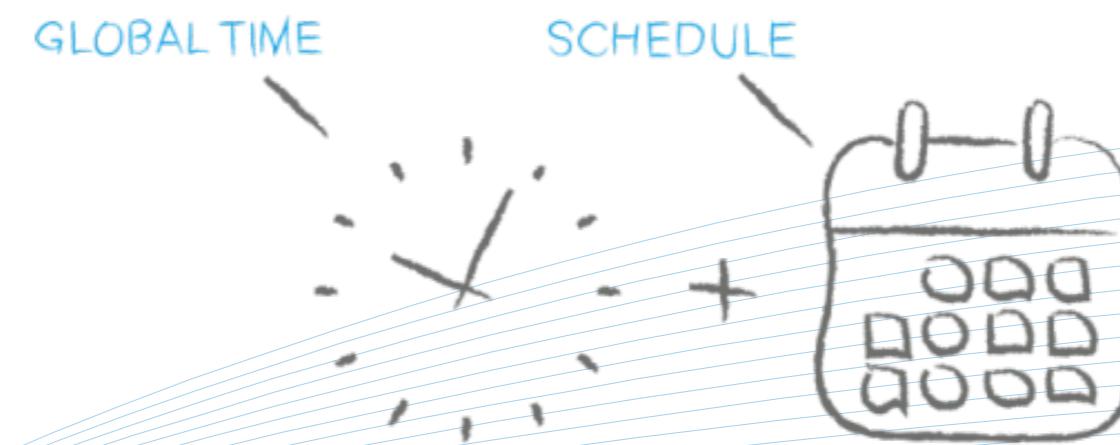
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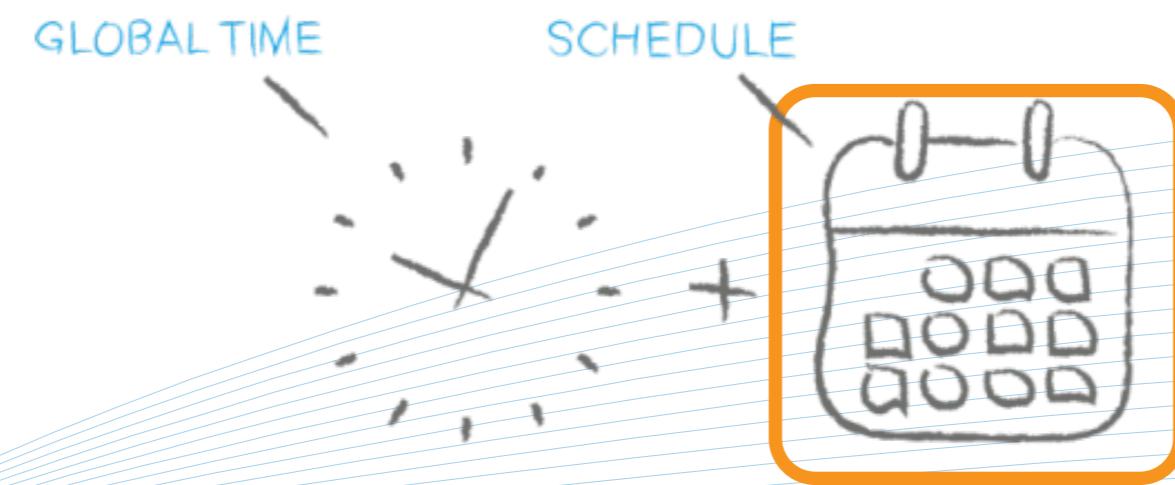
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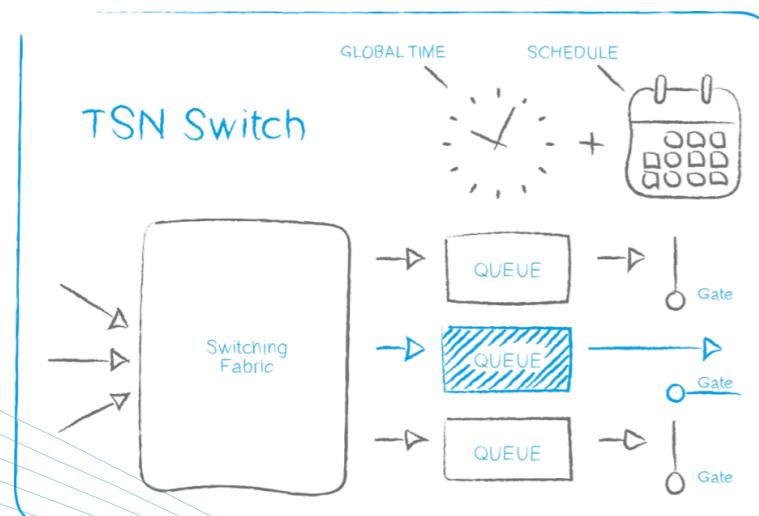
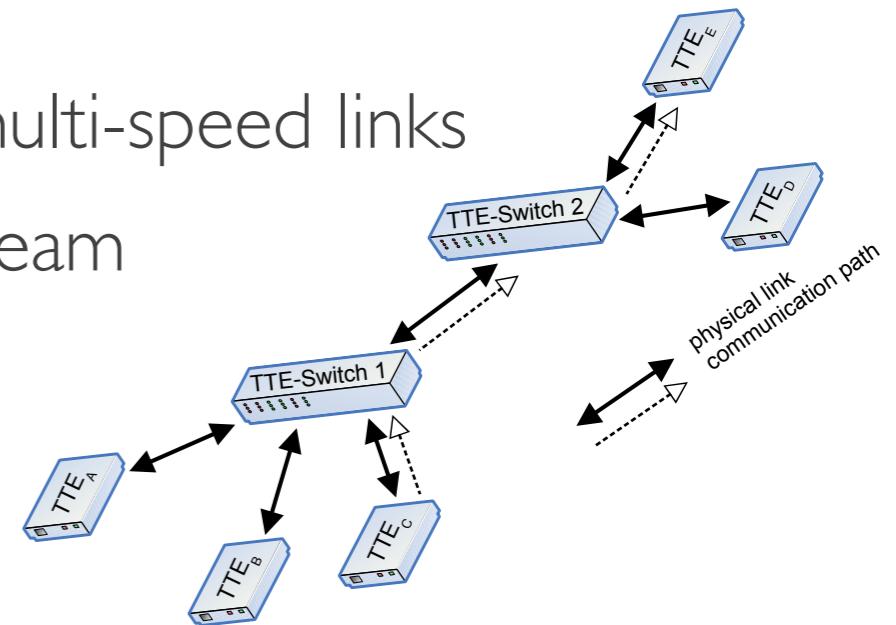


# Network & traffic model

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- multi-hop layer 2 switched network via full-duplex multi-speed links
- (multicast) TSN streams with multiple frames per stream
- synchronised time (<1 usec precision)
- wire and device delays



- Scheduled 802.1Qbv-compatible devices (Sw + Es)
- Scheduled (mutually exclusive) & priority queues
- Guaranteed delivery of critical traffic with known latency, small & bounded jitter

# Functional parameters

$$\langle G(E), G(Q) \rangle$$

Device capabilities

$$G(E)$$

$$V_e$$

$$V_s$$

$$V_{e+s}$$

Scheduled Es

Scheduled Sw

Scheduled Es+Sw

Queue configuration

$$G(Q) = \langle \aleph, \aleph_{tt}, \aleph_{prio} \rangle$$



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- Critical traffic assigned to the scheduled queues
- Non-critical traffic assigned to priority queues (post-analysis through network calculus [[Frances@ERTS06](#)])
- Isolation: non-critical streams may interfere with each other in priority queues, but not with critical streams (isolated in the scheduled queues)

# 802.1Qbv configurations

$\{V_{e+s}, \langle 1|1|0 \rangle\}$

Only critical traffic (serialized similar to bus systems)

$\{V_{e+s}, \langle n|1|n-1 \rangle\}$

Legacy AVB systems that require a few additional high-criticality flows [[Specht@ECRTS16](mailto:Specht@ECRTS16)]

$\{V_{e+s}, \langle n|n|0 \rangle\}$

Maximize solution space for critical traffic, non-critical traffic can be scheduled by inverting the cumulated schedule of scheduled queues

$\{V_{e+s}, \langle n|m|n-m \rangle\}$

High-criticality applications that feature both scheduled and non-scheduled traffic, trade-off between schedulability of critical traffic and timeliness properties and flexibility for non-scheduled traffic

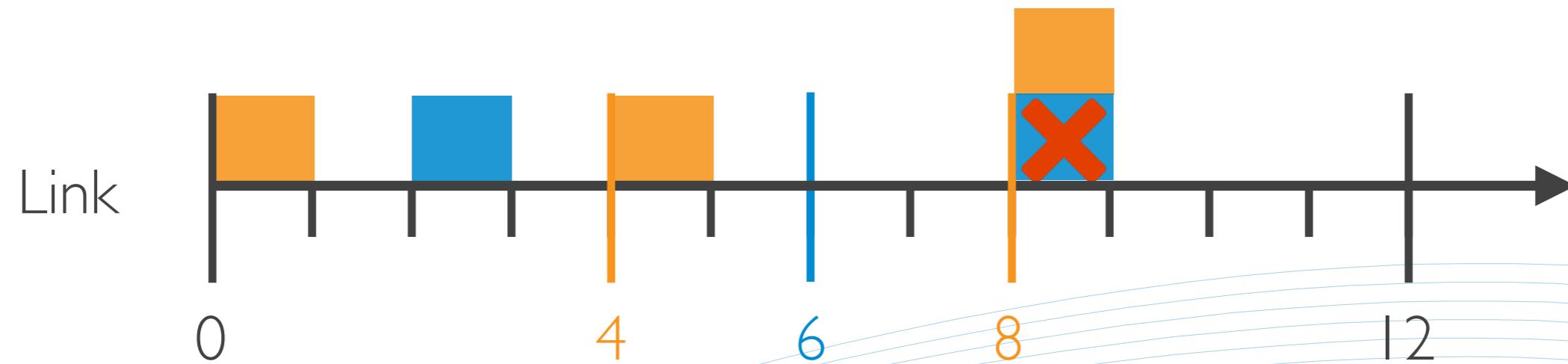
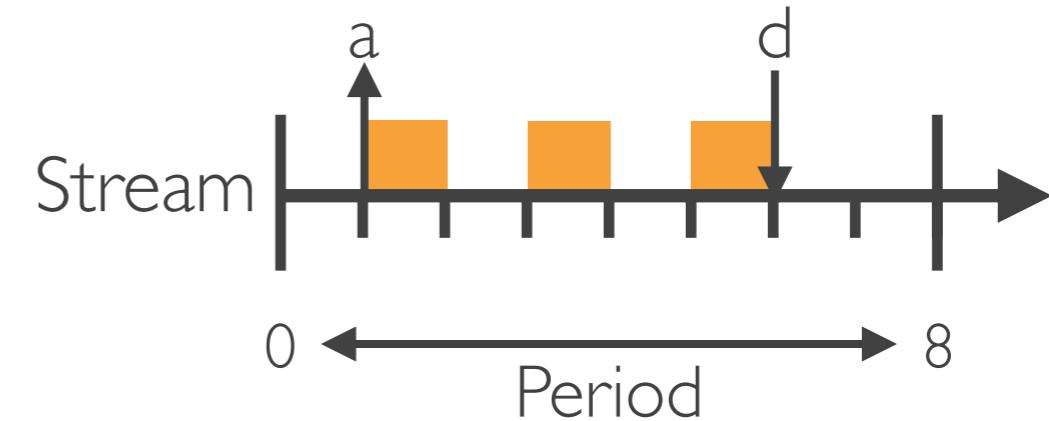
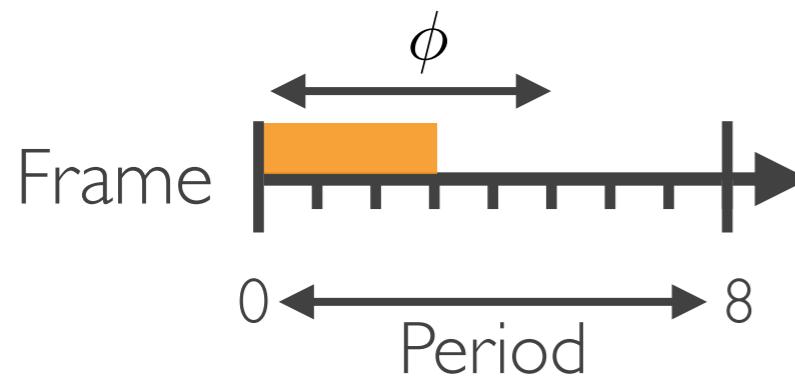
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Standard AVB (IEEE 802.1BA) network in which flows are serviced according to the priority

# Deterministic Ethernet Constraints

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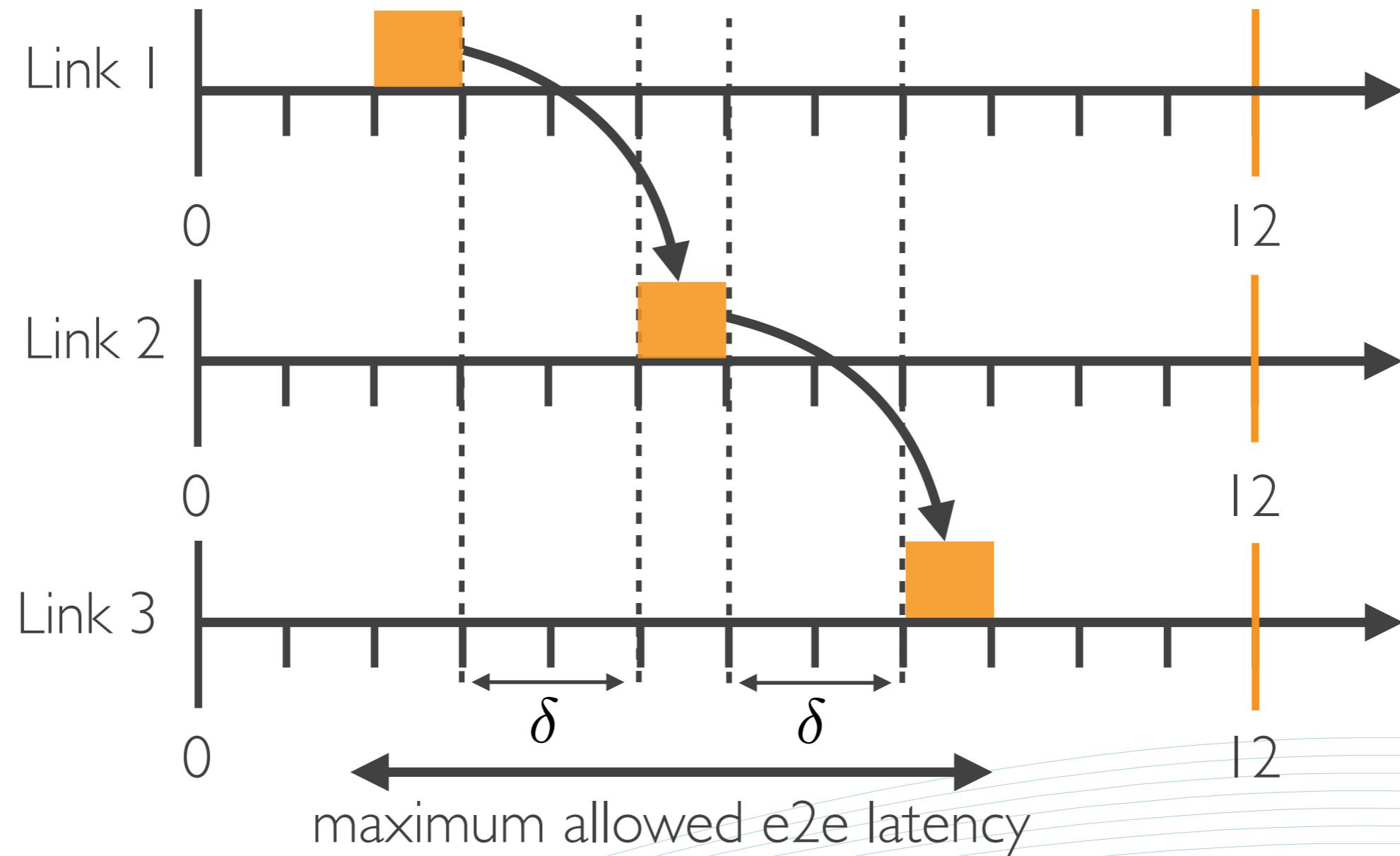


see also [[Steiner@RTSS10](#)] or [[Craciunas@RTNSI4](#)]

# Stream and e2e latency constraints

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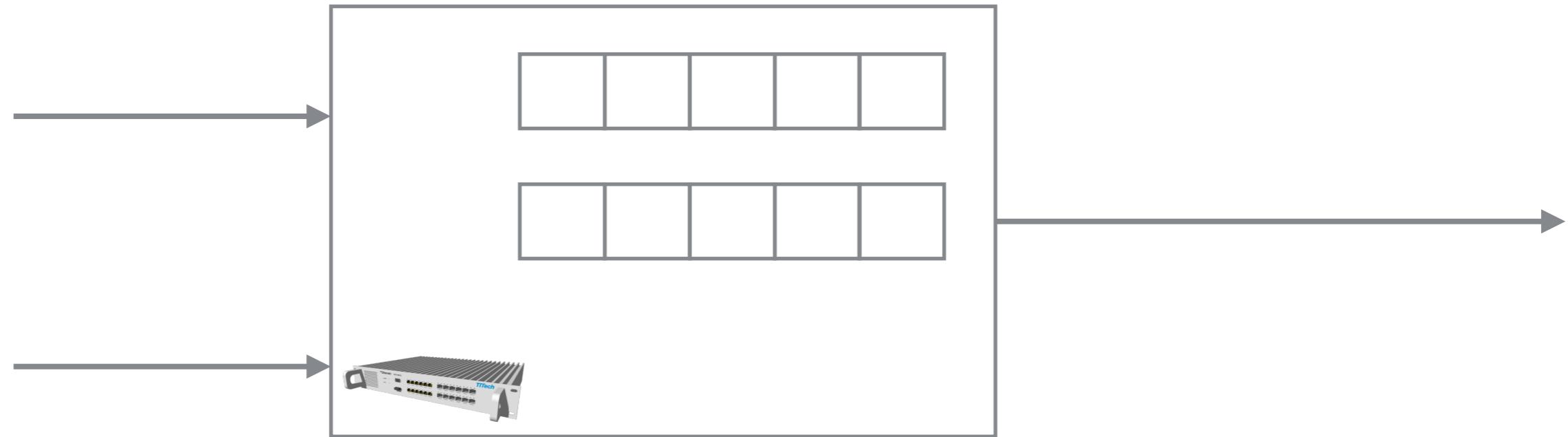


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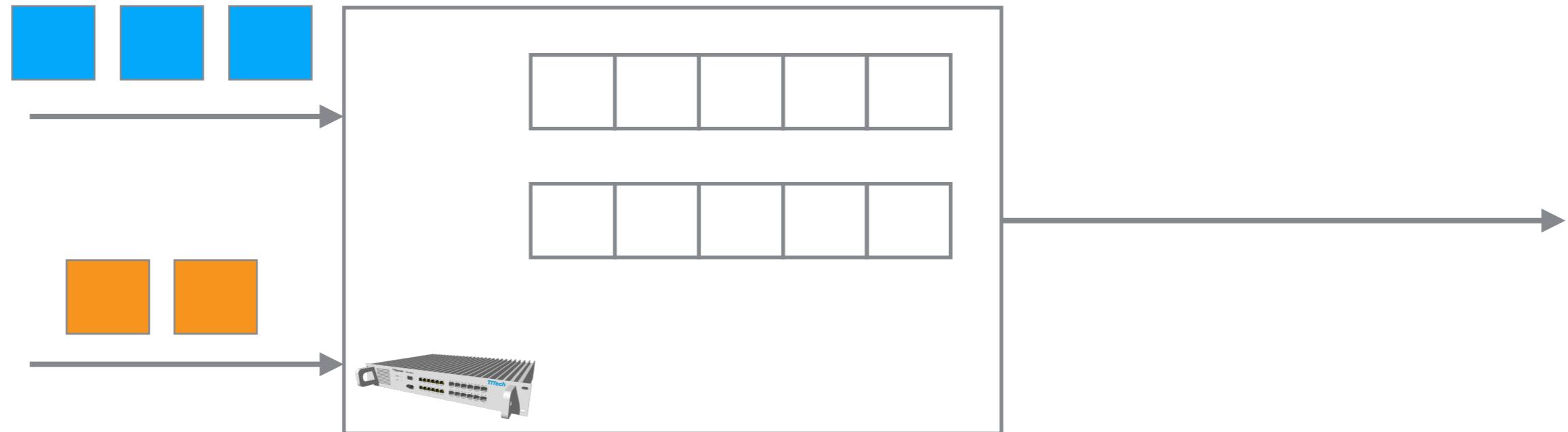
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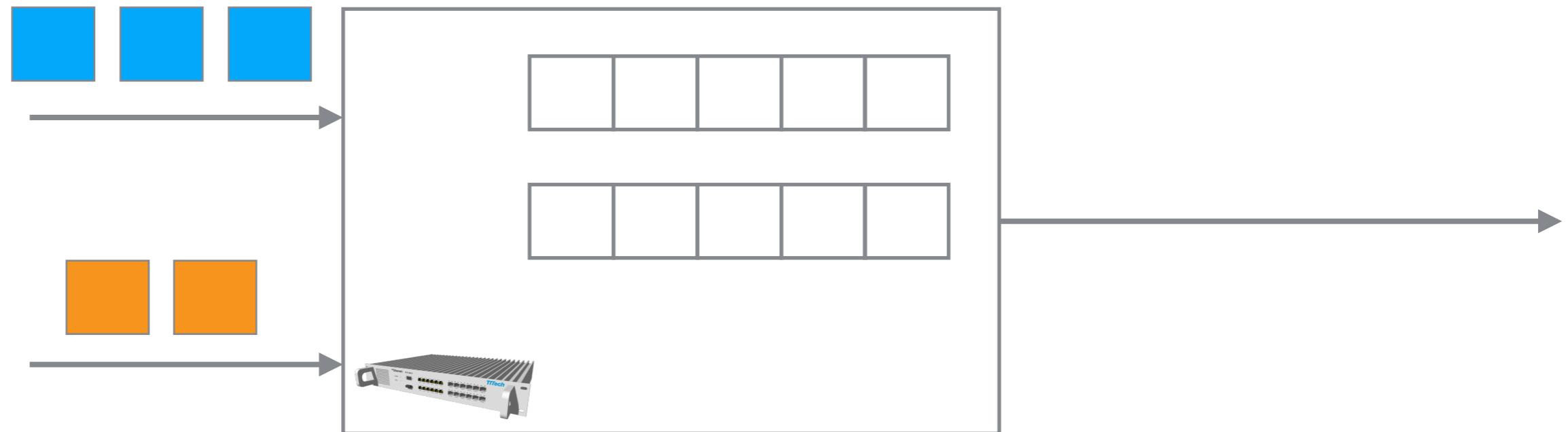
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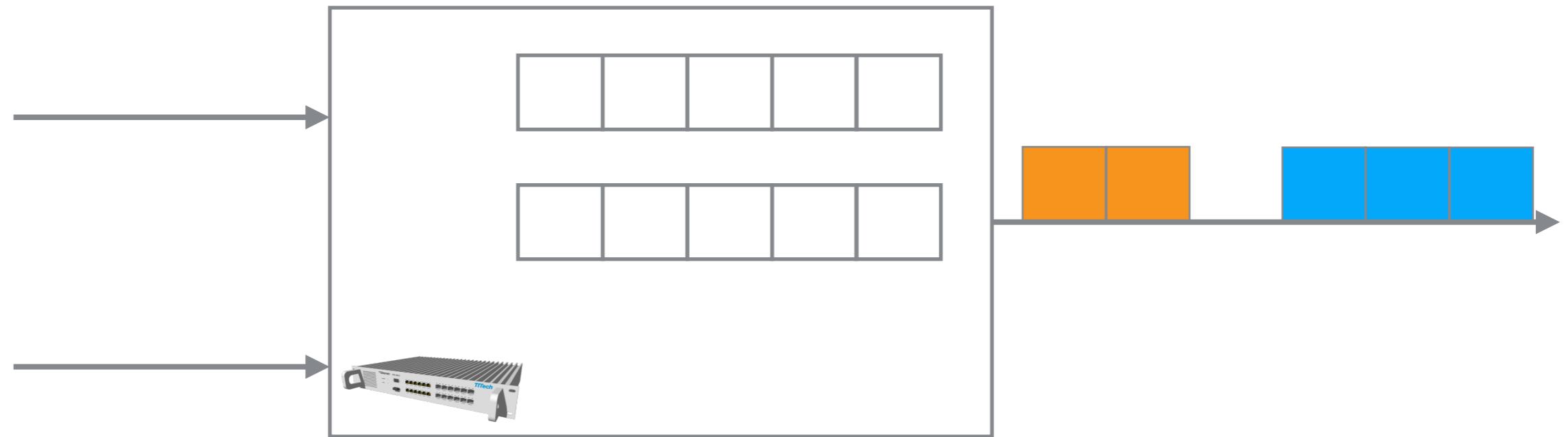


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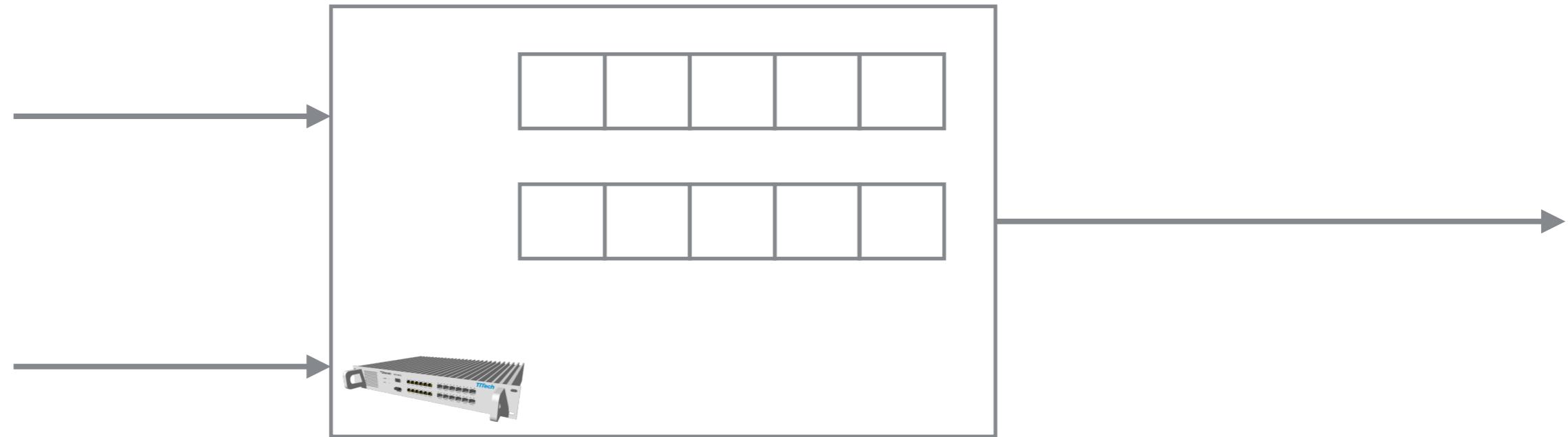


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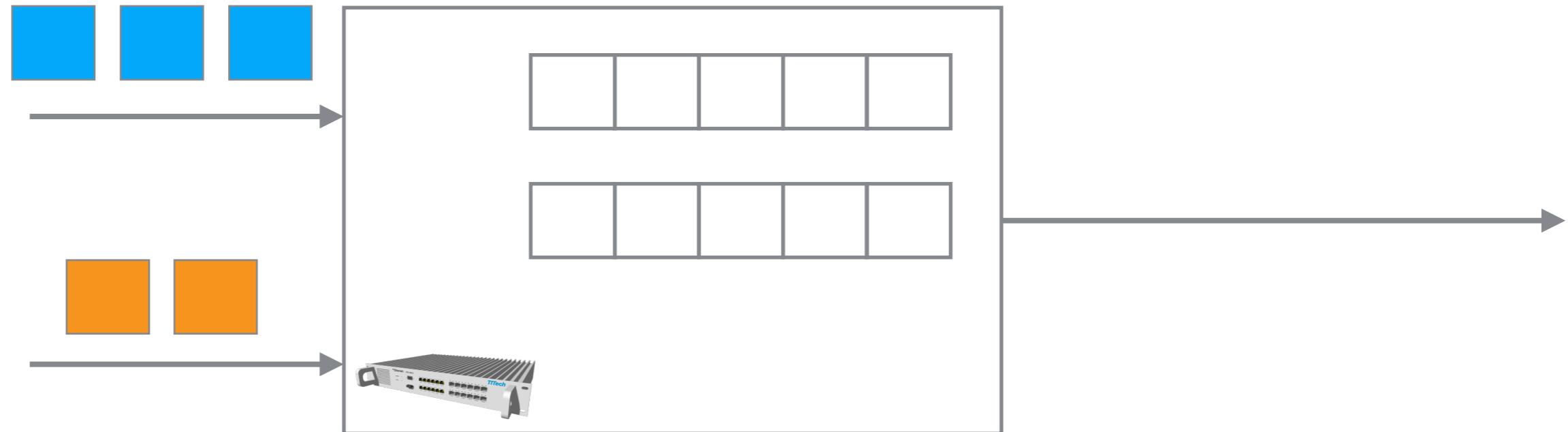
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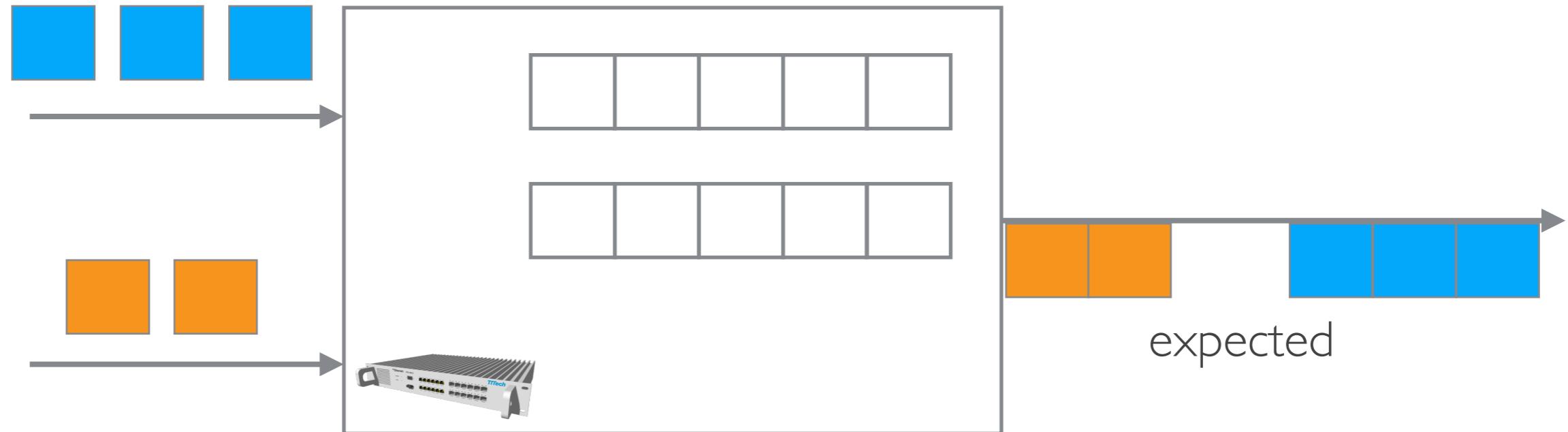
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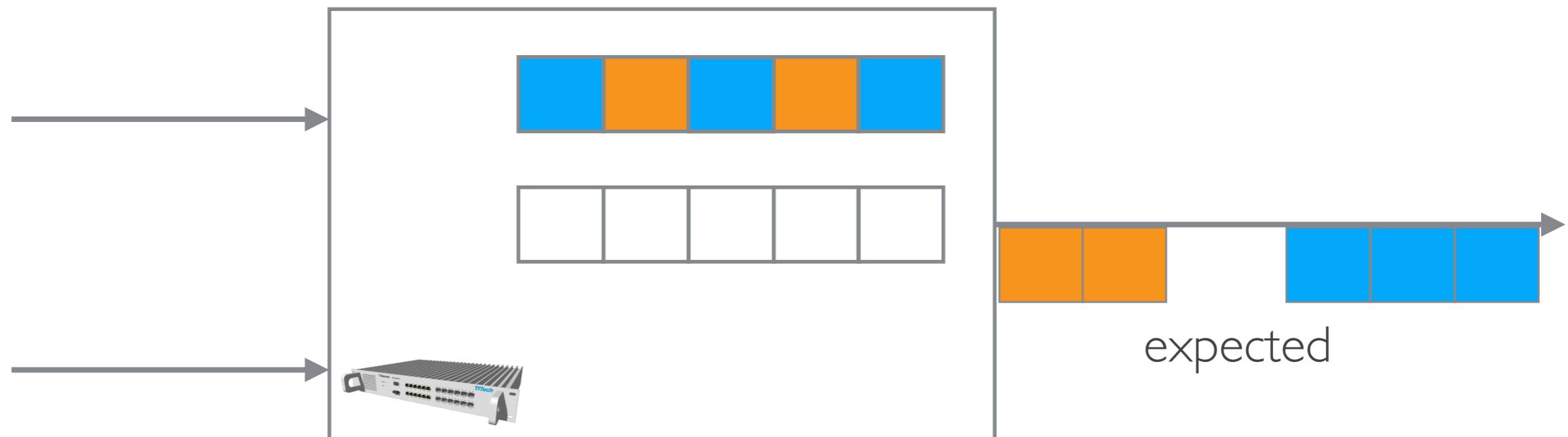
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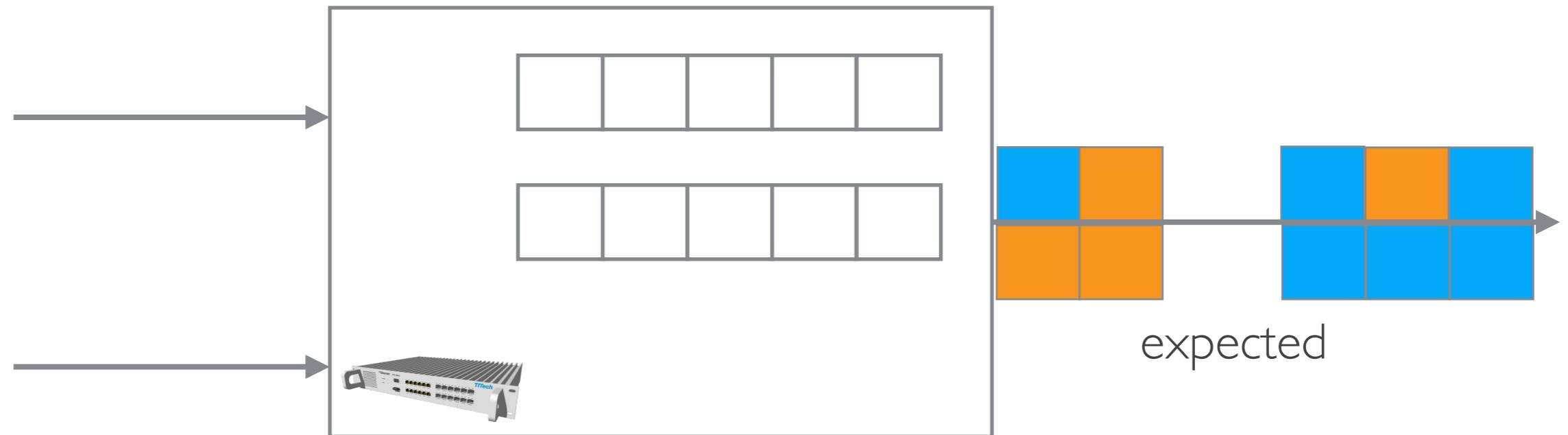
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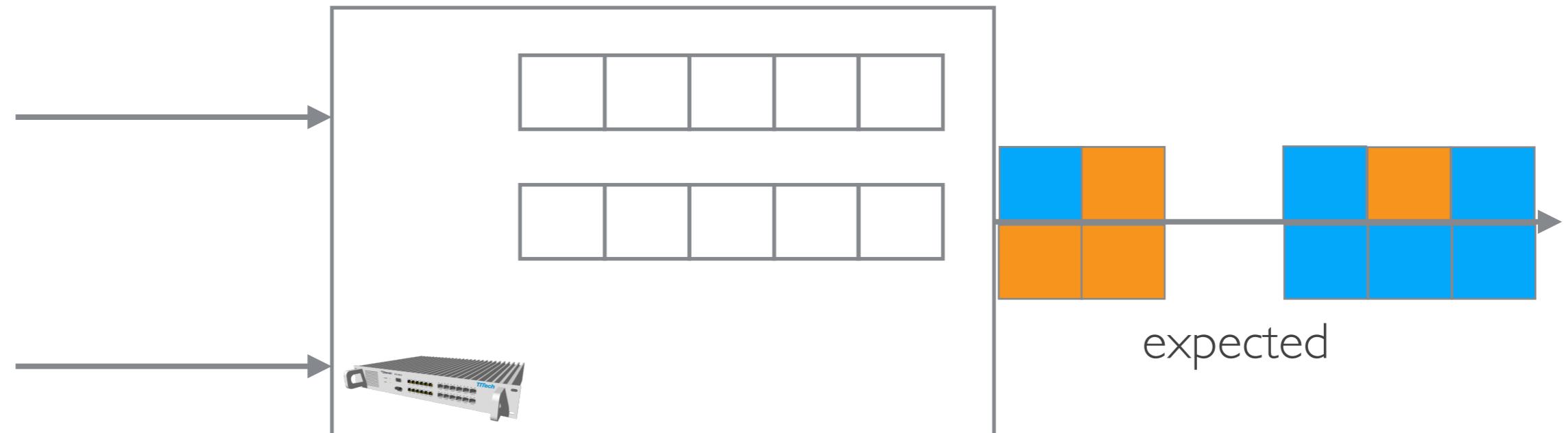
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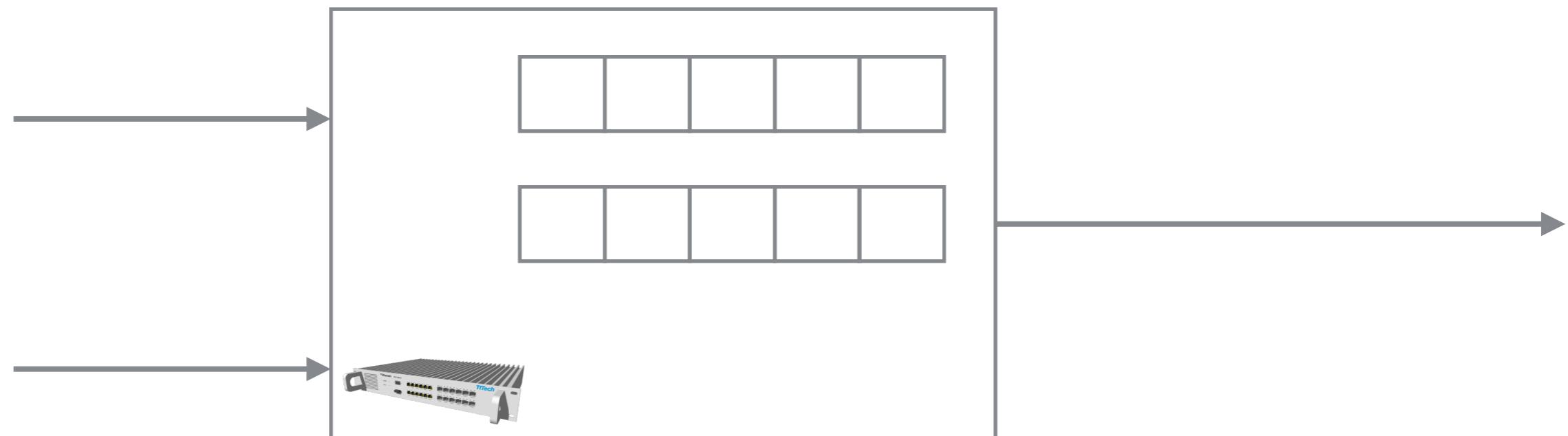
- synchronization errors, frame loss, time-based ingress policing (e.g. IEEE 802.1 Qci) may lead to non-deterministic placement in queues during runtime
- timed gates control events on the egress port, not the order of frames in the queue
- placing of frames in the scheduled queues at runtime may be non-deterministic

**Timely behaviour of streams may oscillate, accumulating jitter for the overall end-to-end transmission**

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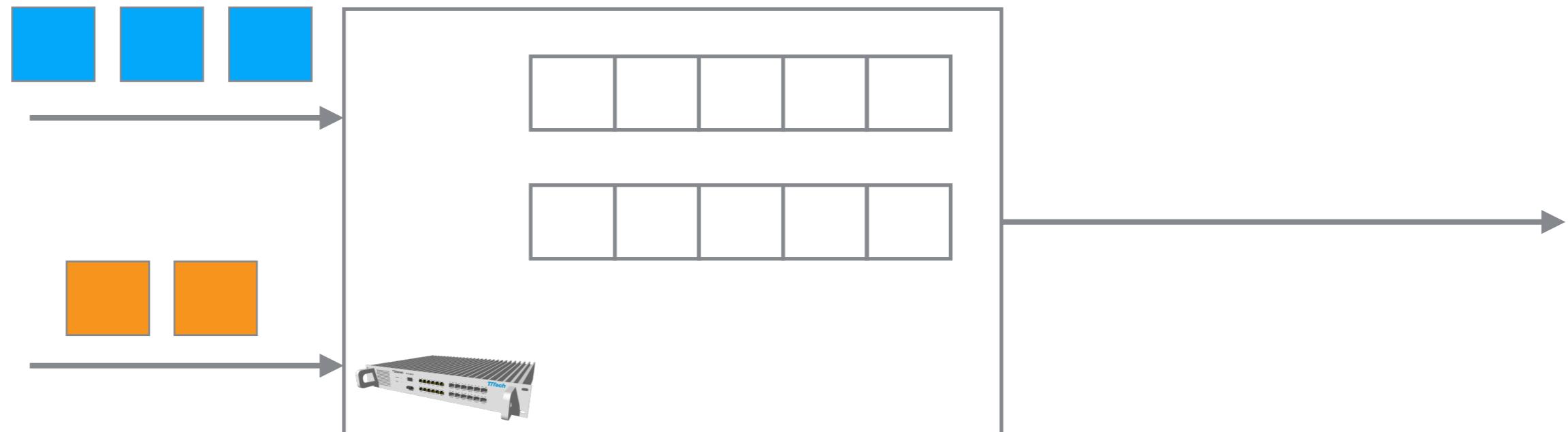
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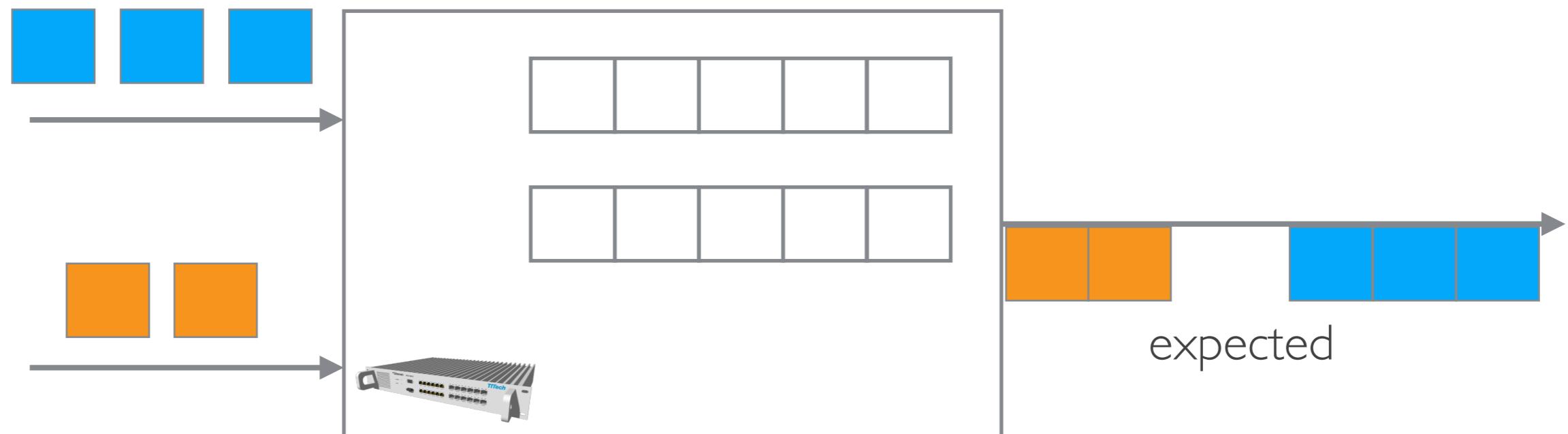
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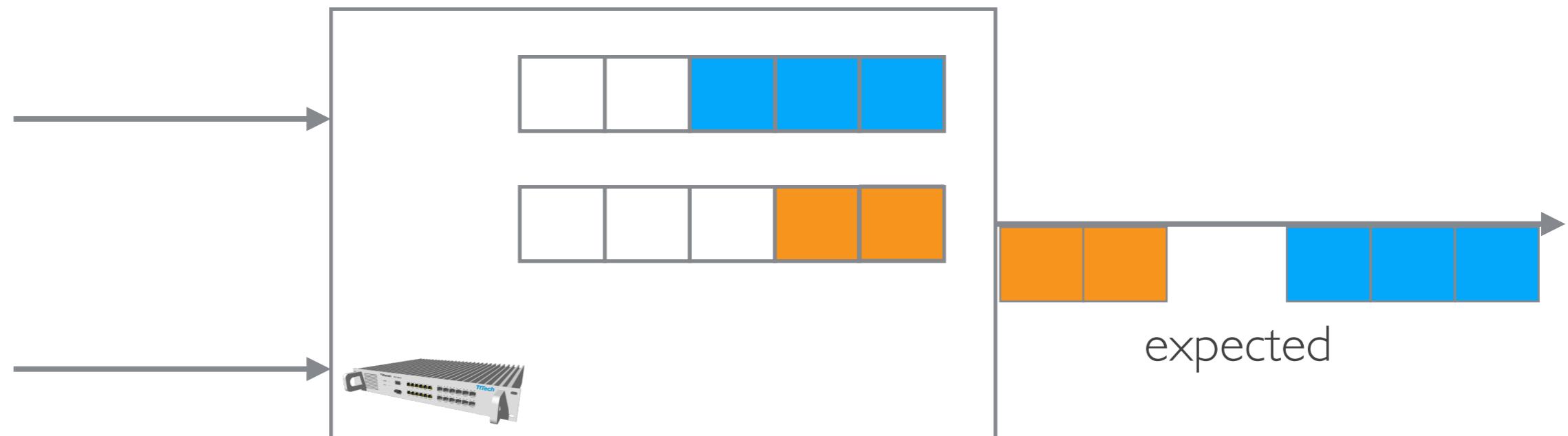
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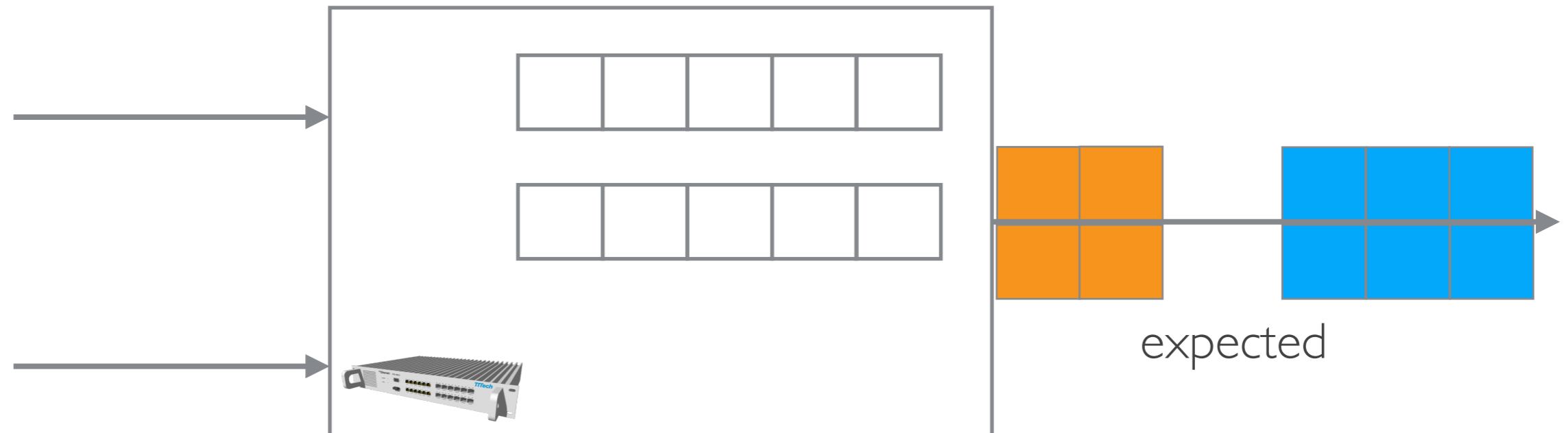
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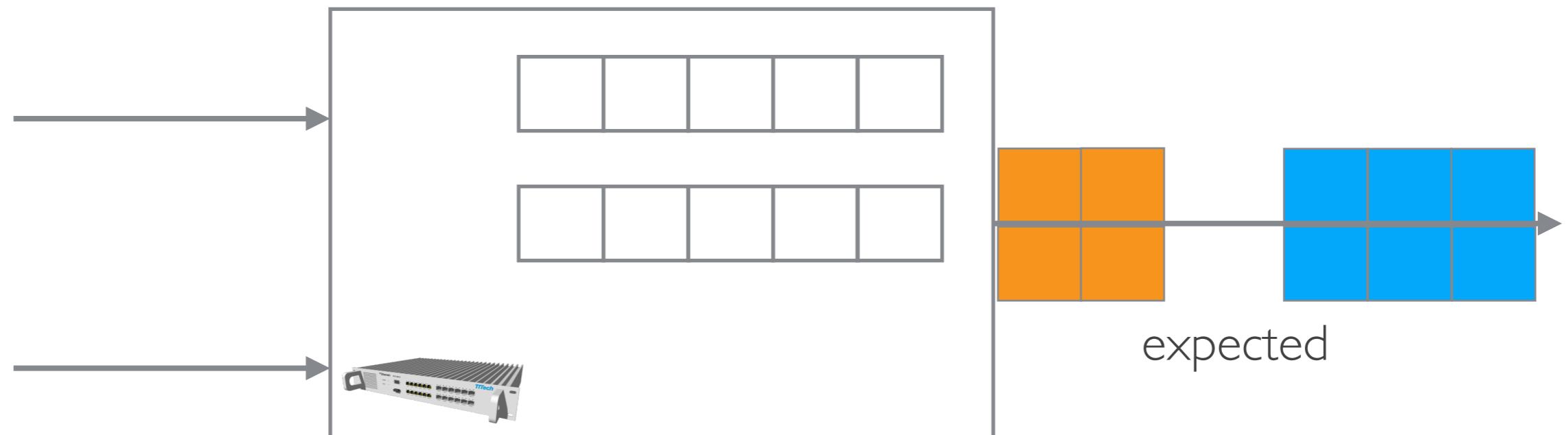
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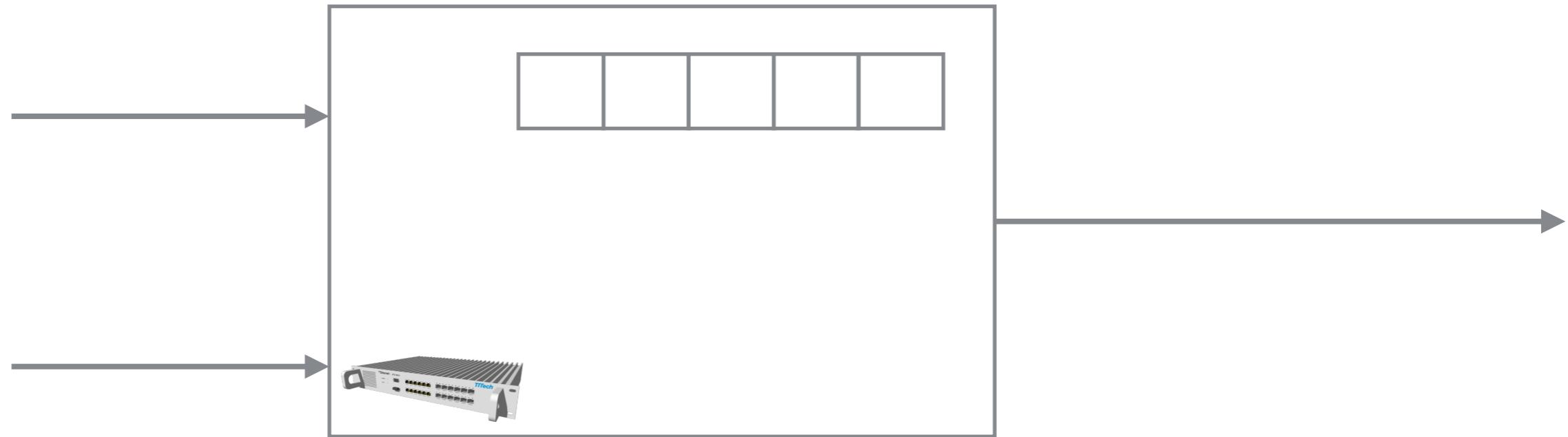


Solves the non-determinism problem but  
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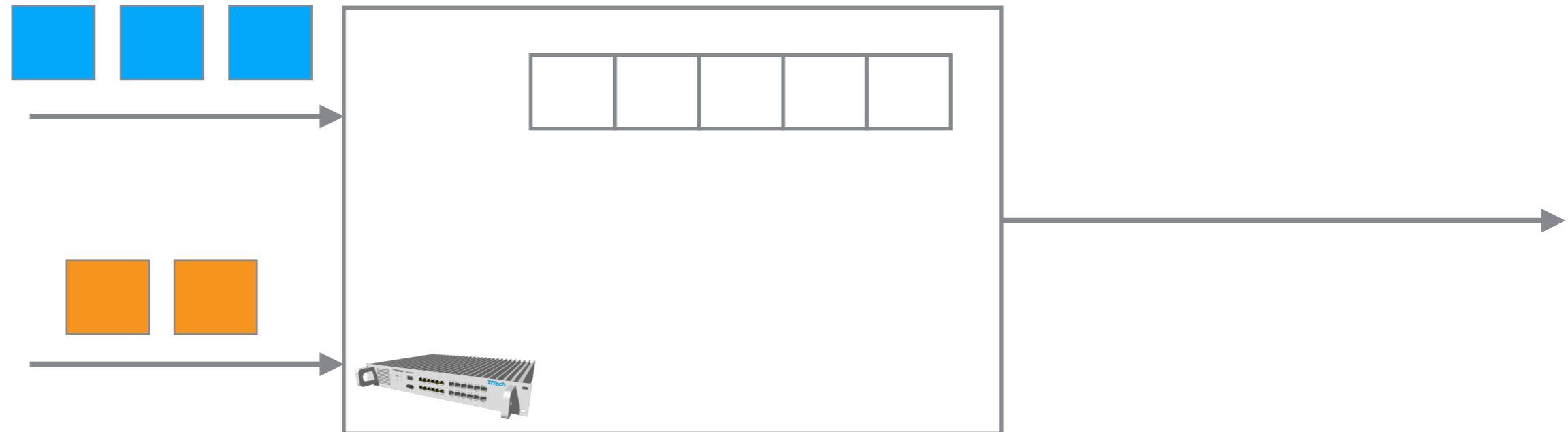
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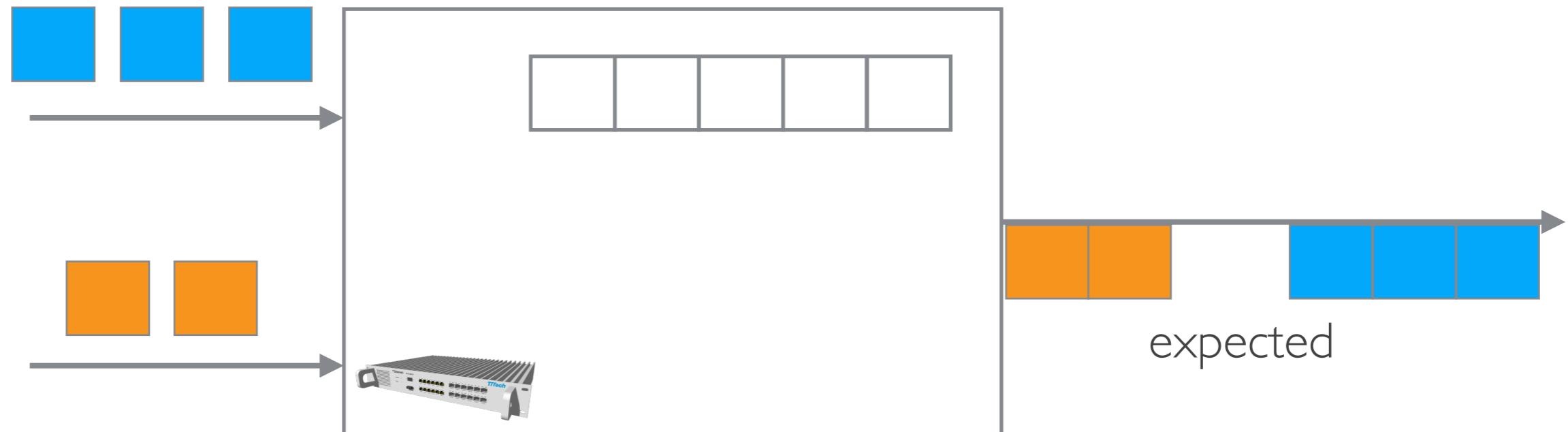
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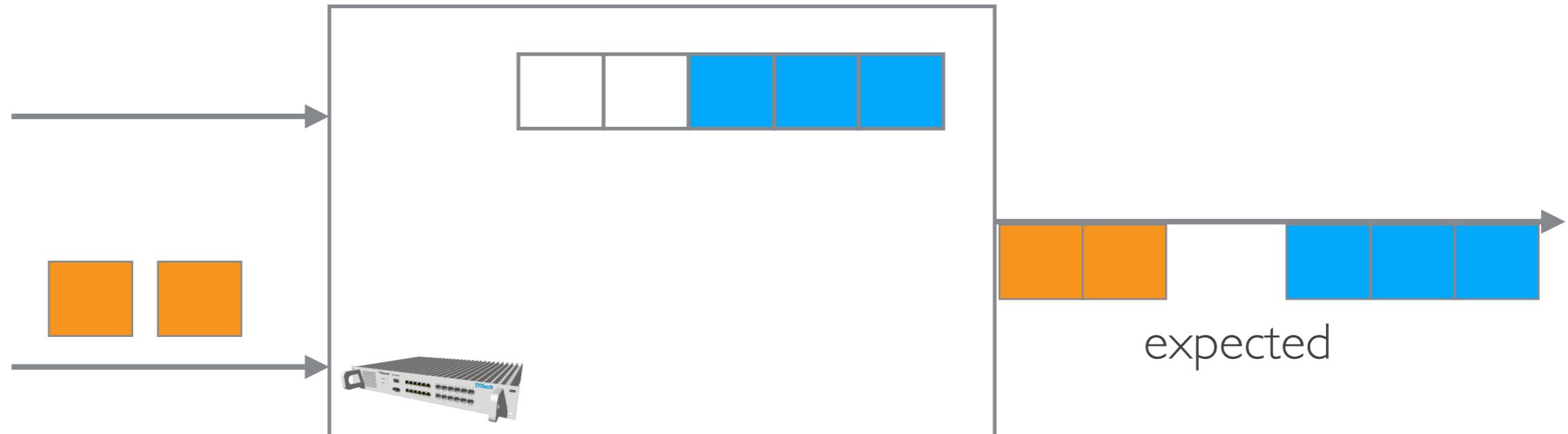
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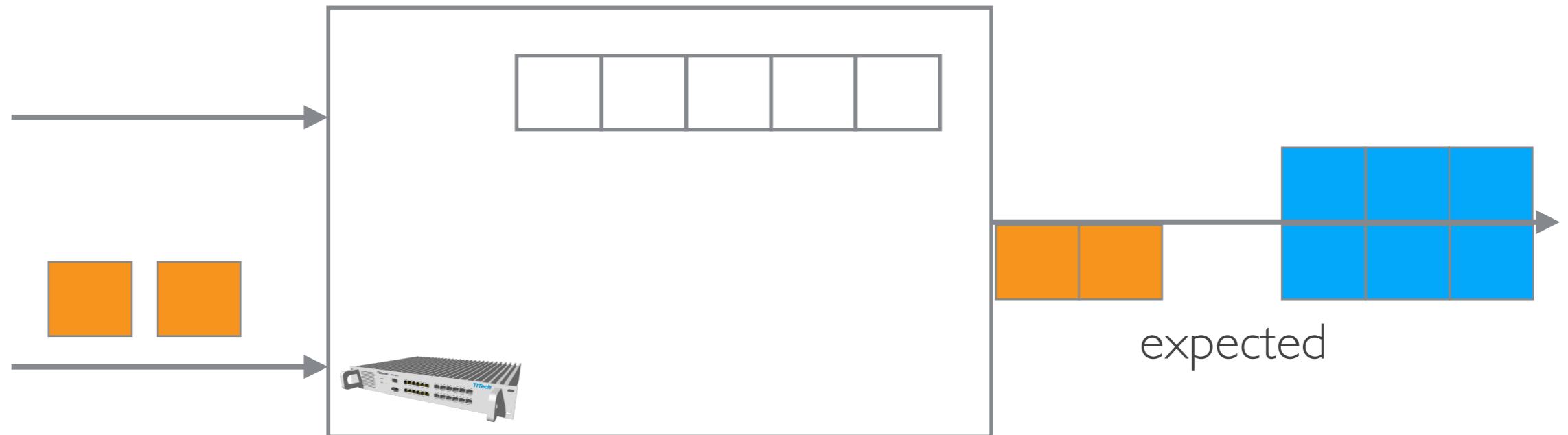
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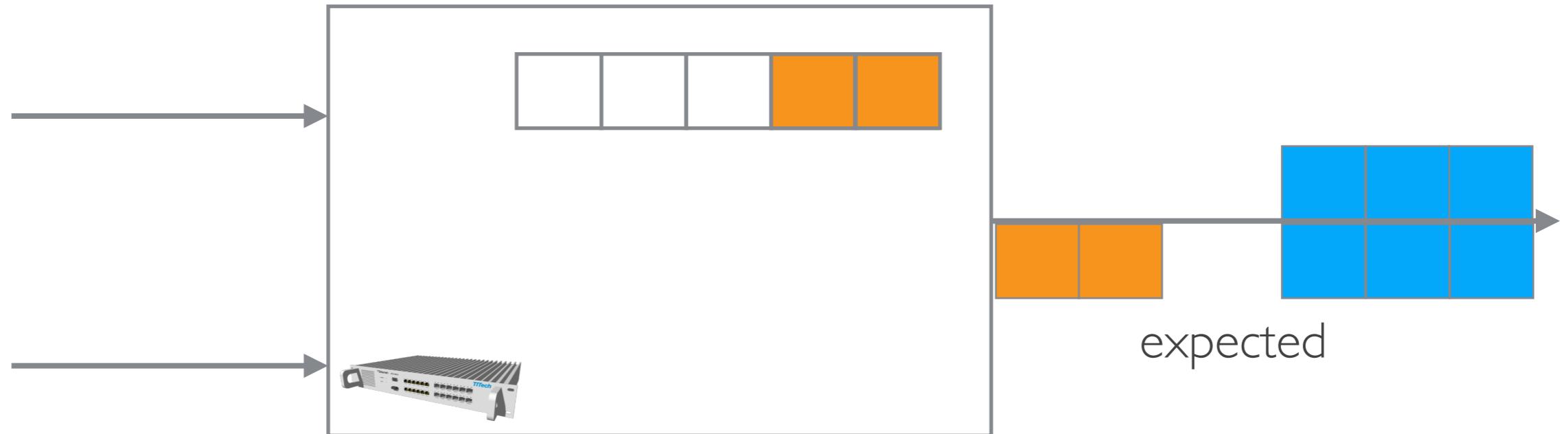
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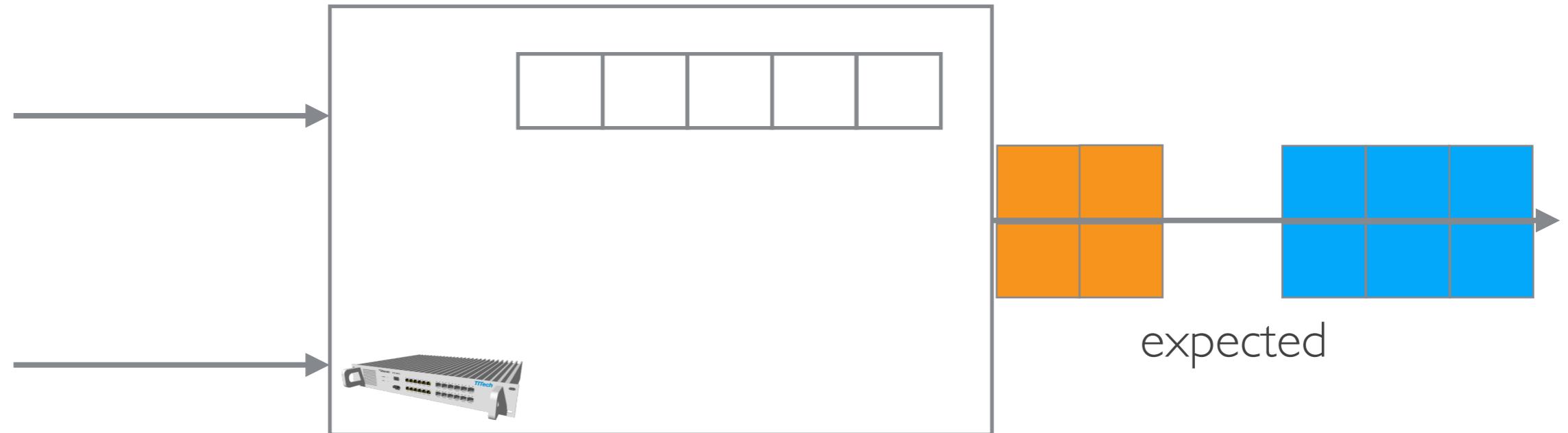
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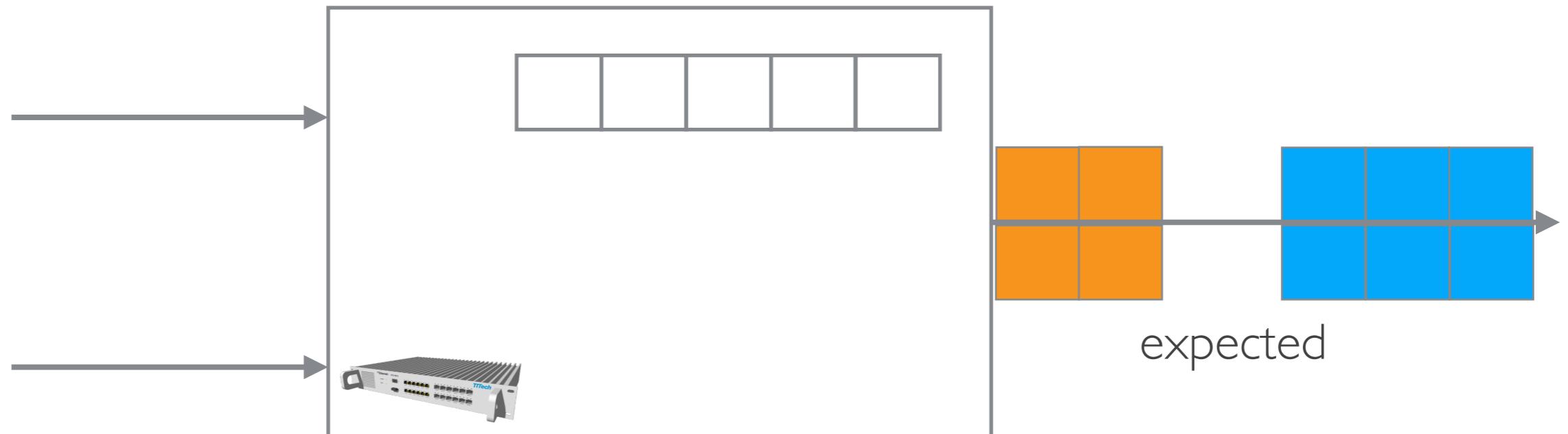
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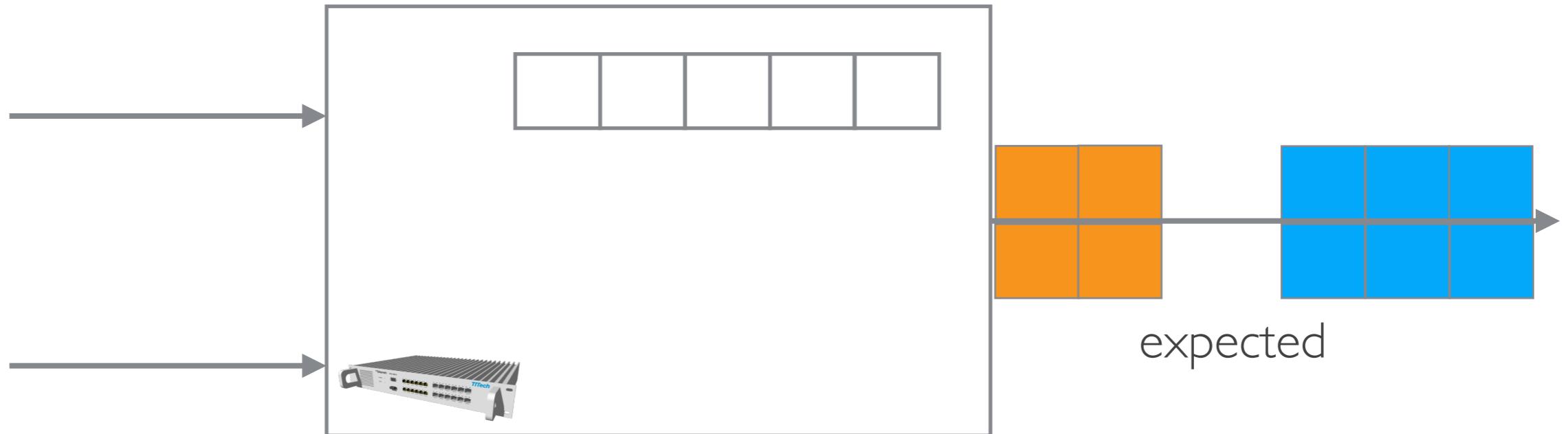


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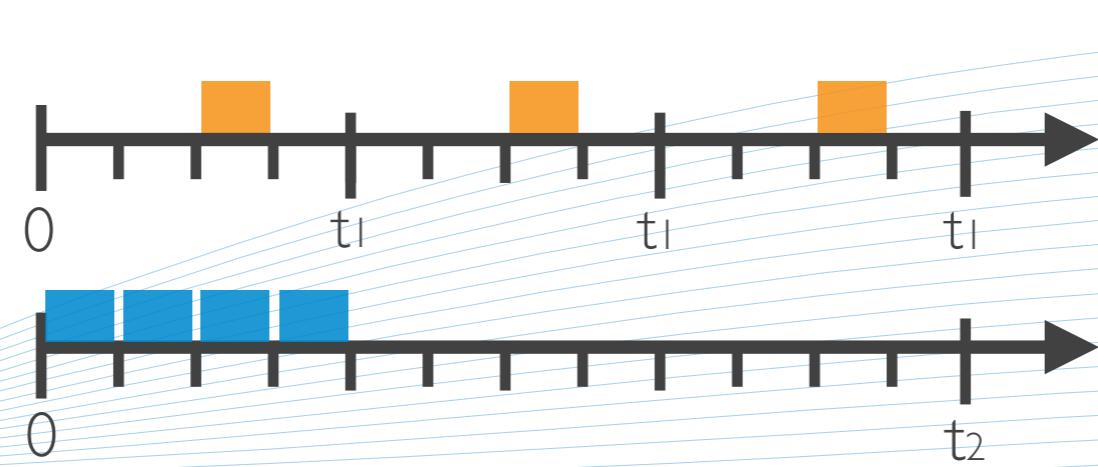
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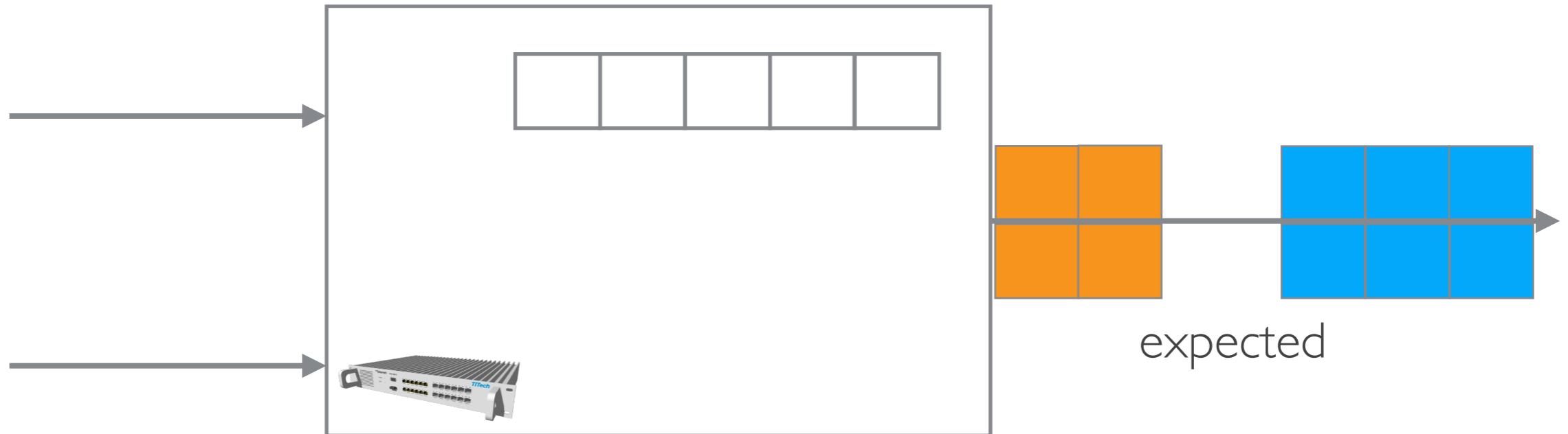
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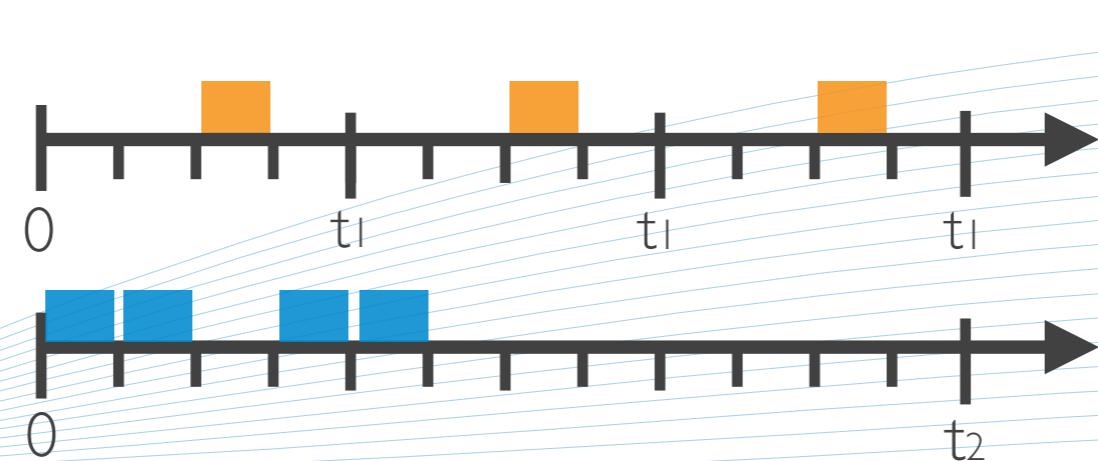
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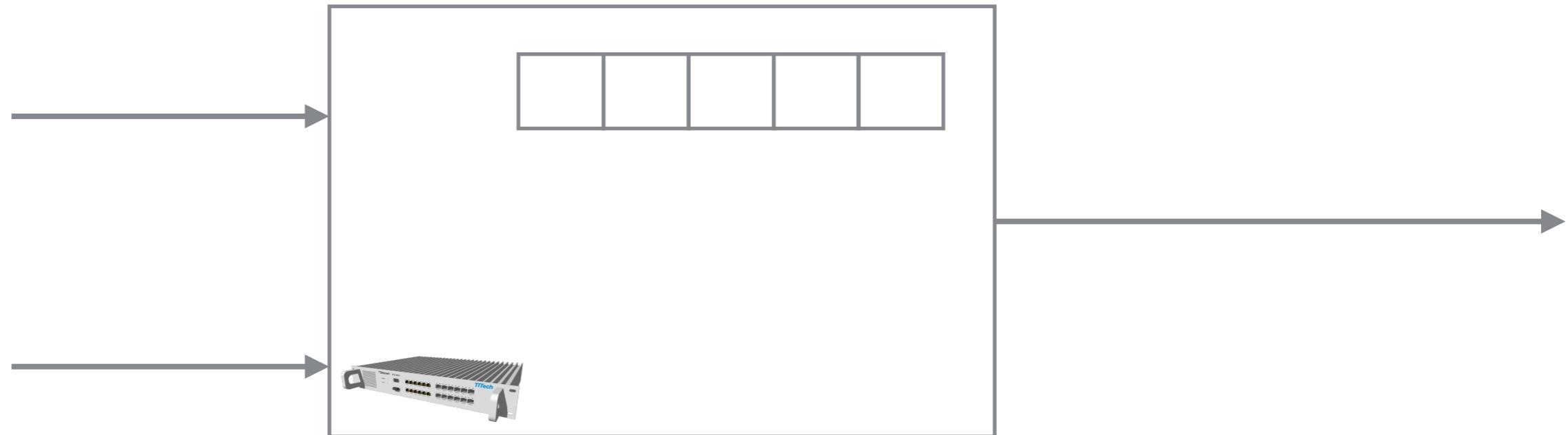
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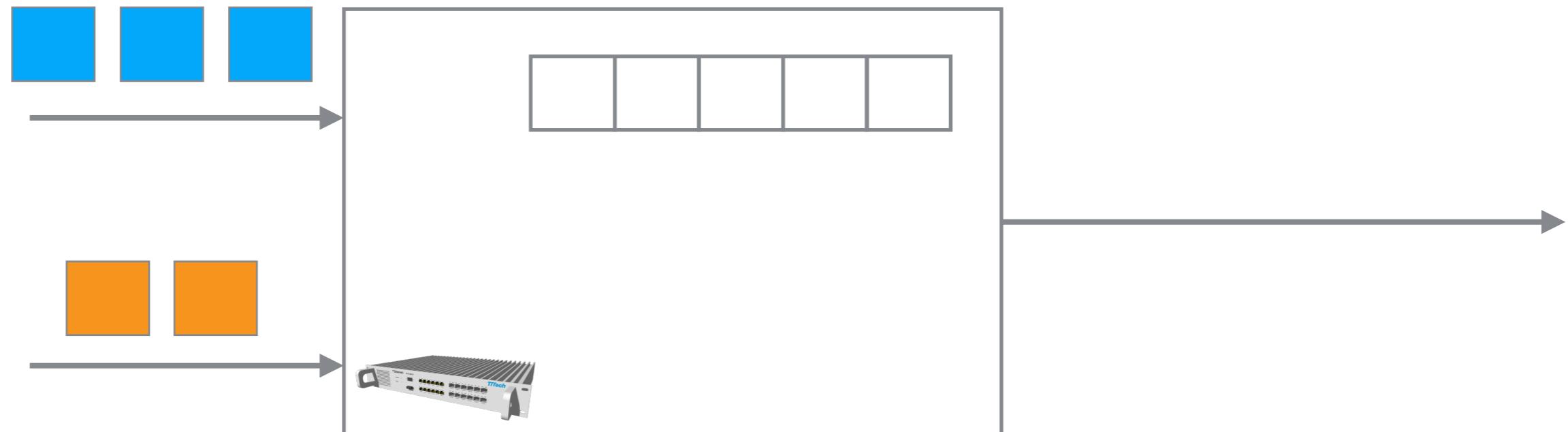
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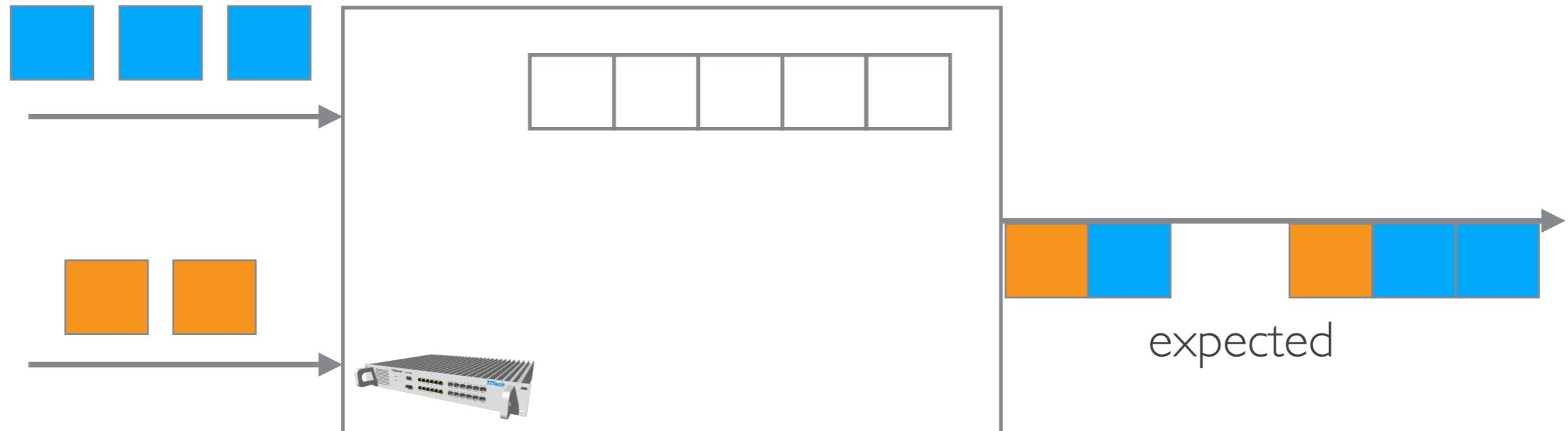
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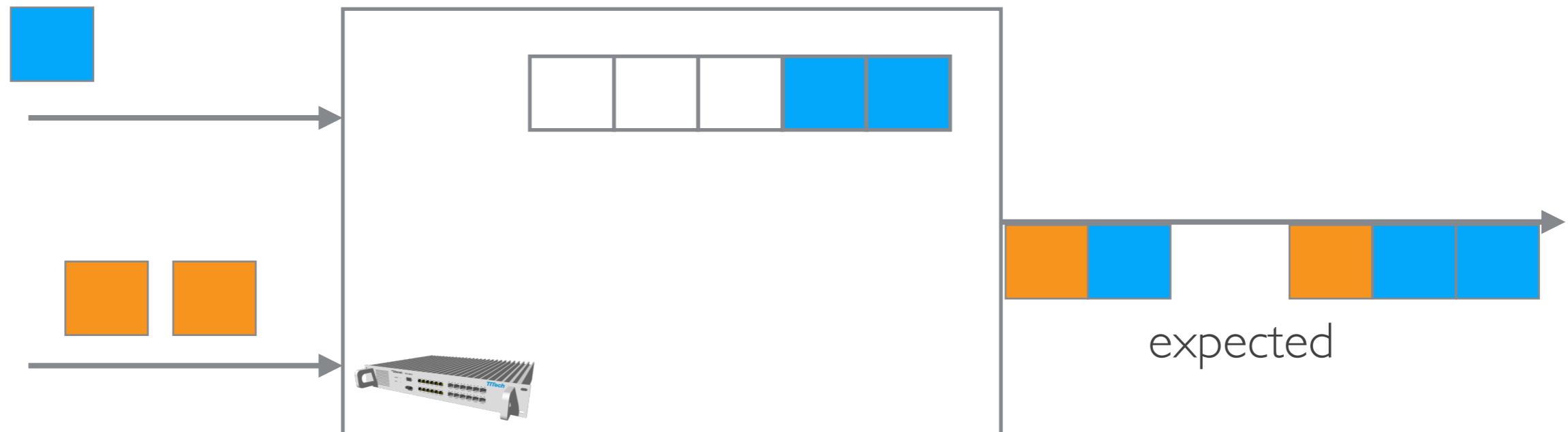
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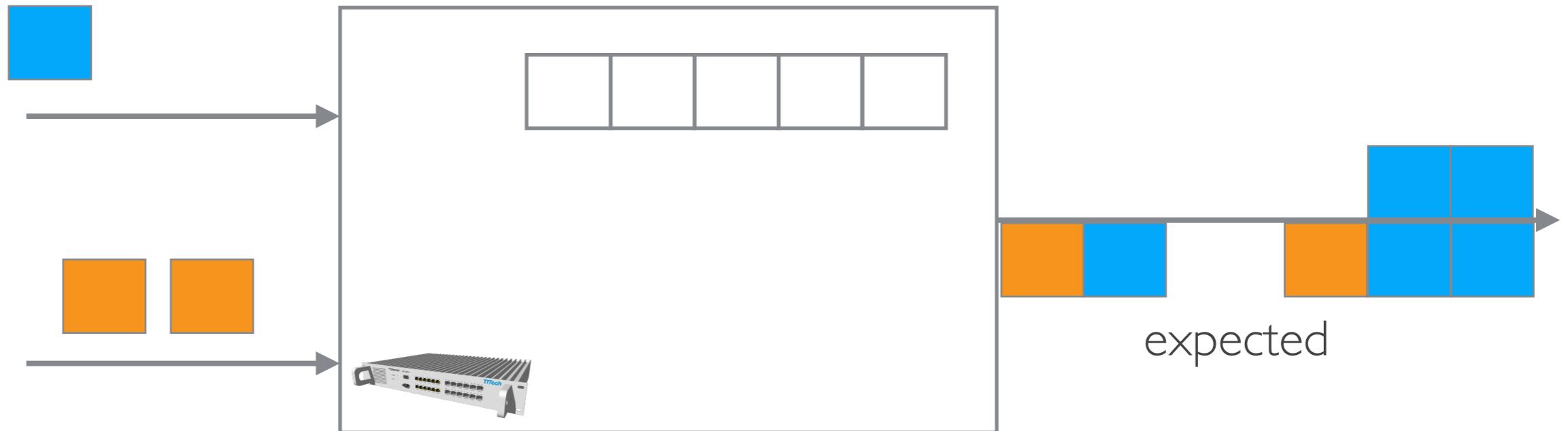
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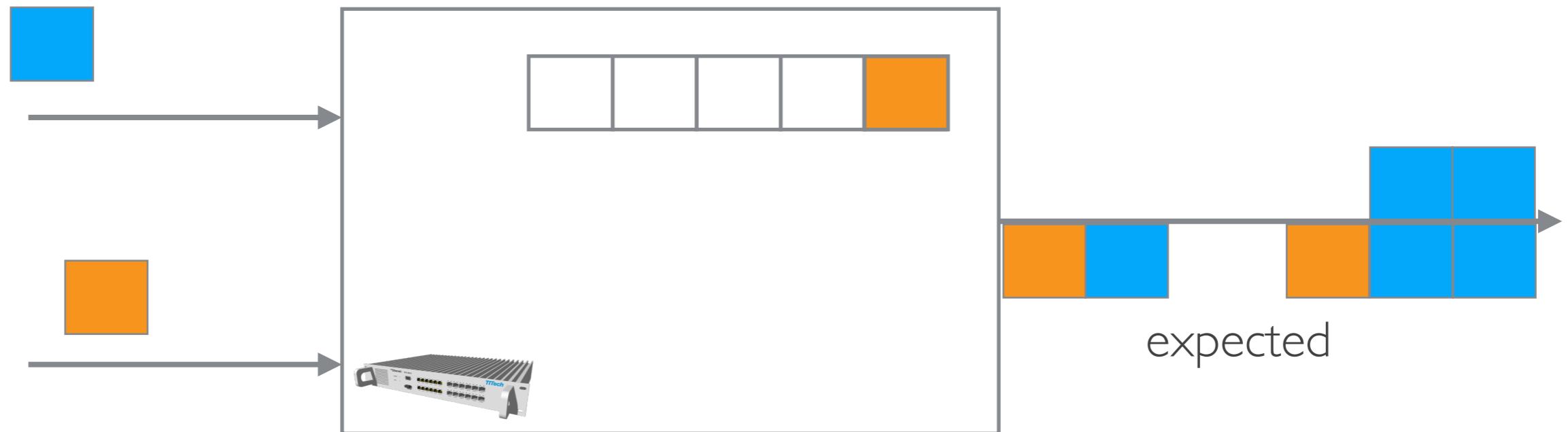
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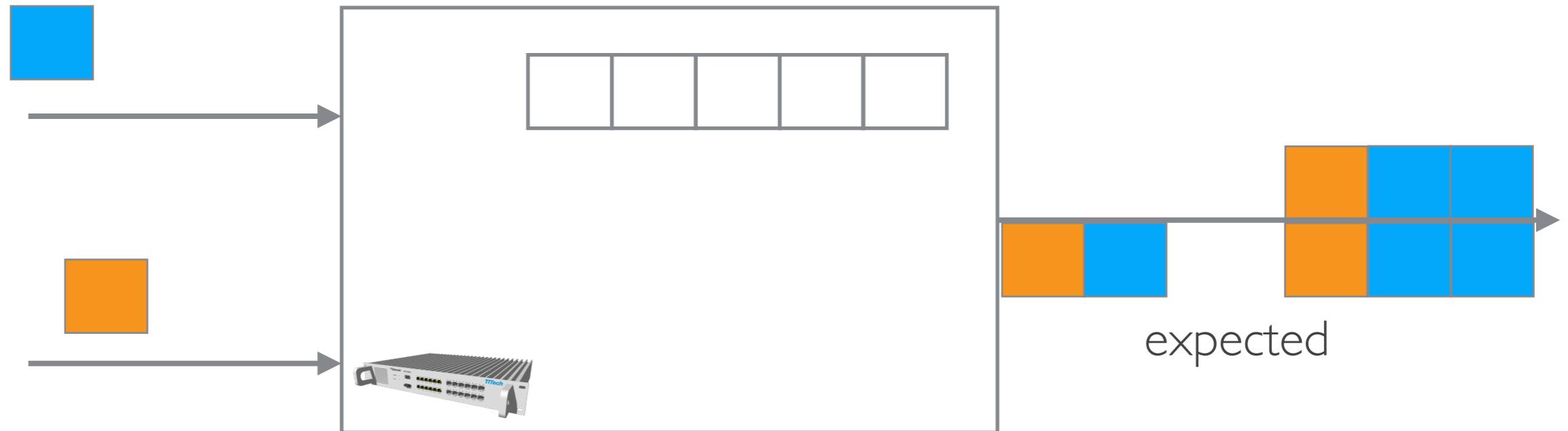
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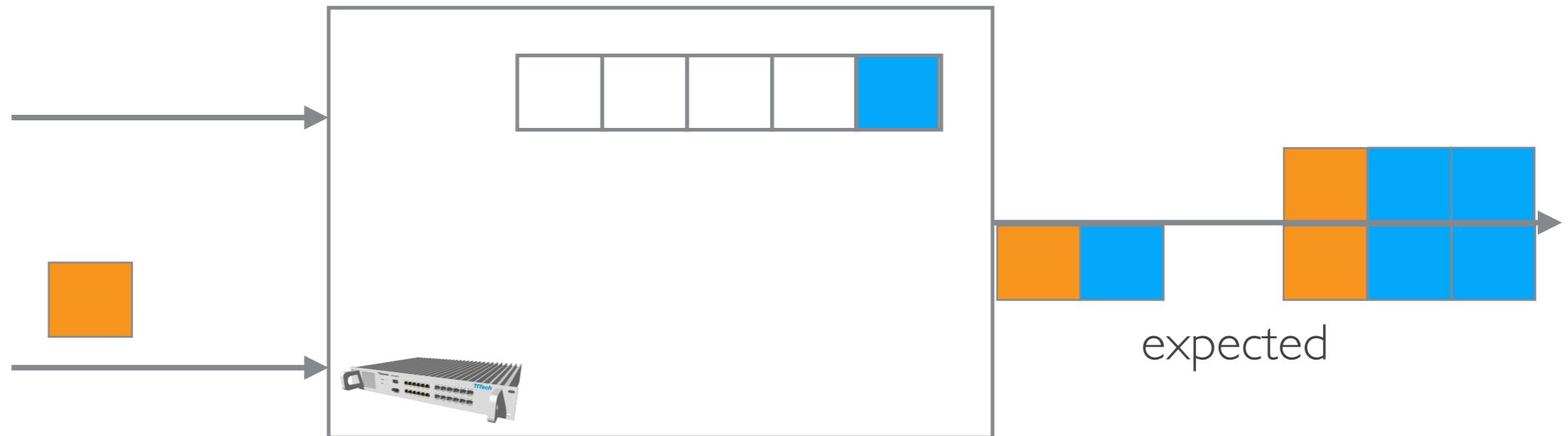
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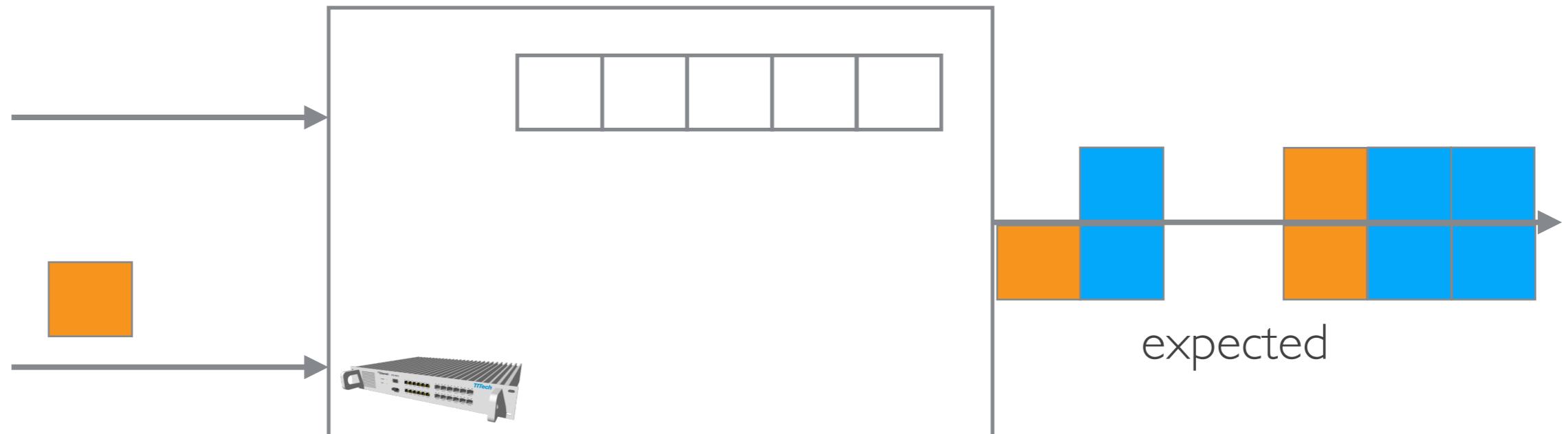
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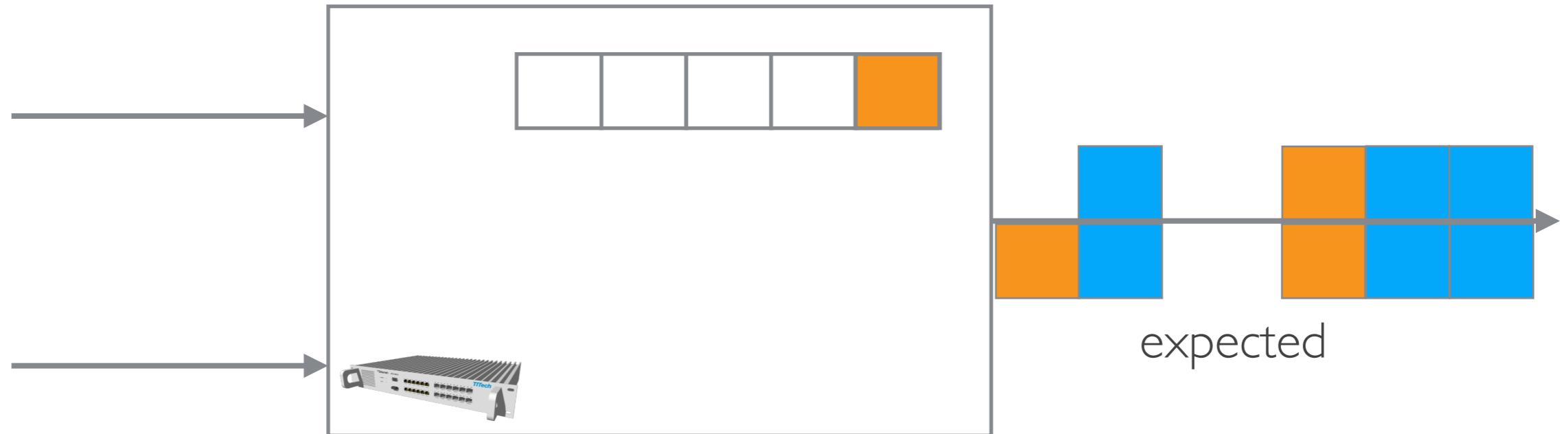
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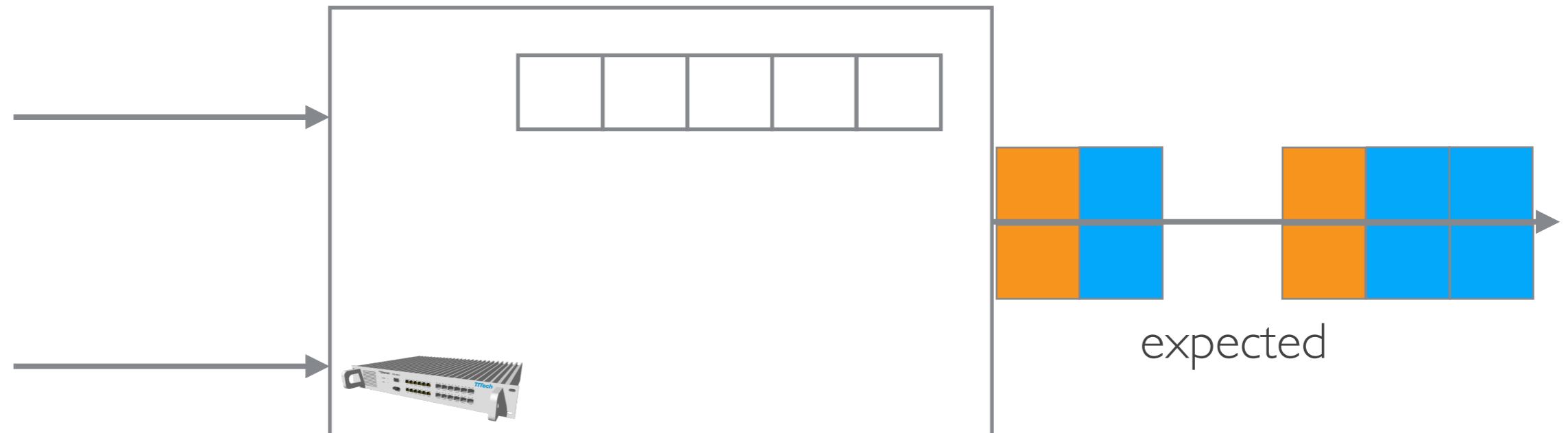
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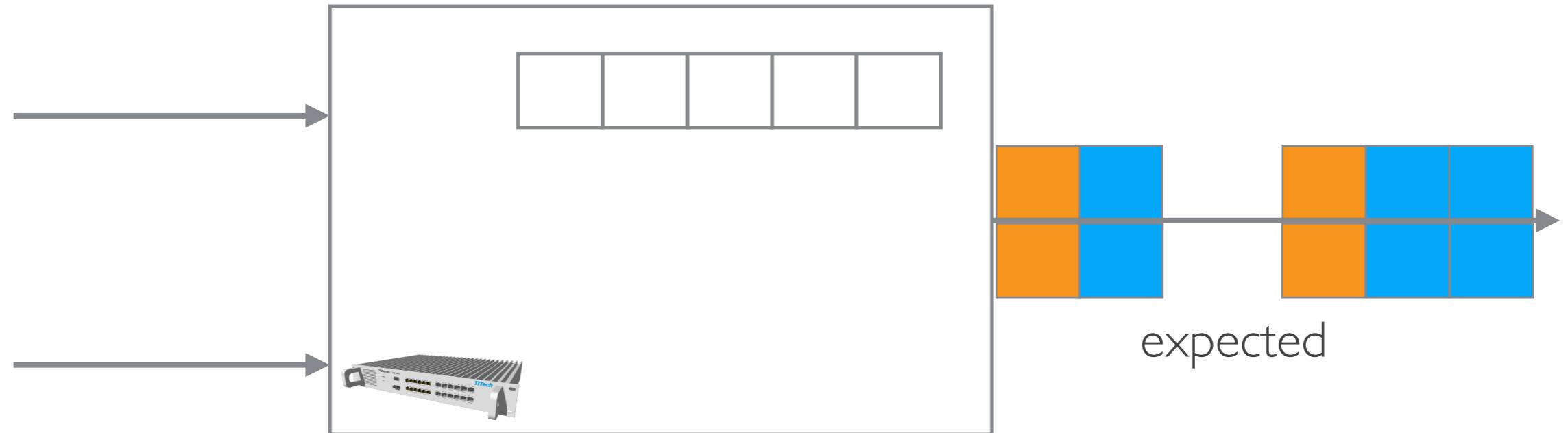
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- Ensure that there are only frames of one flow in the queue at a time
- Frames from another flow may only enter the queue if the already queued frames of the initial flow have been serviced
- Less performant than stream isolation since the solver has to consider all frame interleavings

# 802.1 Qbv scheduling constraint

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The constraint for minimum jitter scheduling of critical traffic for 802.1 Qbv networks is:

isolate framesstreams in the **time domain**

OR

isolate streams in **different queues**



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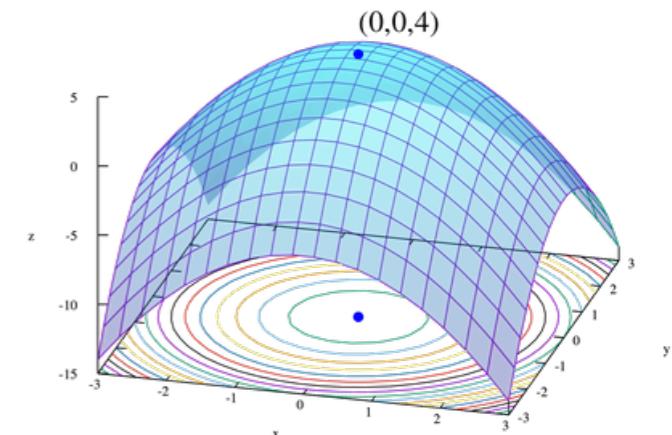
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# Optimization

Optimize schedule with respect to certain properties of the system (e.g. minimize end-to-end latency of selected streams)

802.1Qbv-specific optimizations:

- **QoS properties:** minimize required scheduled queues in order to increase QoS properties of non-critical traffic
- **Design space exploration** in case of infeasible use-cases, i.e. find the minimal number of queues required for scheduled traffic such that a schedule is found



Many more optimization opportunities in combination with other TSN sub-standards (e.g. frame preemption)

# Experiments

- **Z3** v4.4.1 solver (64bit) (Yices v2.4.2 with quantifier-free linear integer arithmetic)
- 64bit 4-core **3.40GHz** Intel Core-i7 PC with 4GB memory
- 3 predefined topologies ranging from 3 end-systems connected to one switch to 7 end-systems connected through 5 switches via **1Gbit/s** links with a **1usec** macrotick granularity (generate **high utilization** on the links)
- Time-out value for a run to **5 hours**
- System configuration:  $\{V_{e+s}, \langle 8,8,0 \rangle\}$

## Scalability and schedulability experiments

# Evaluation

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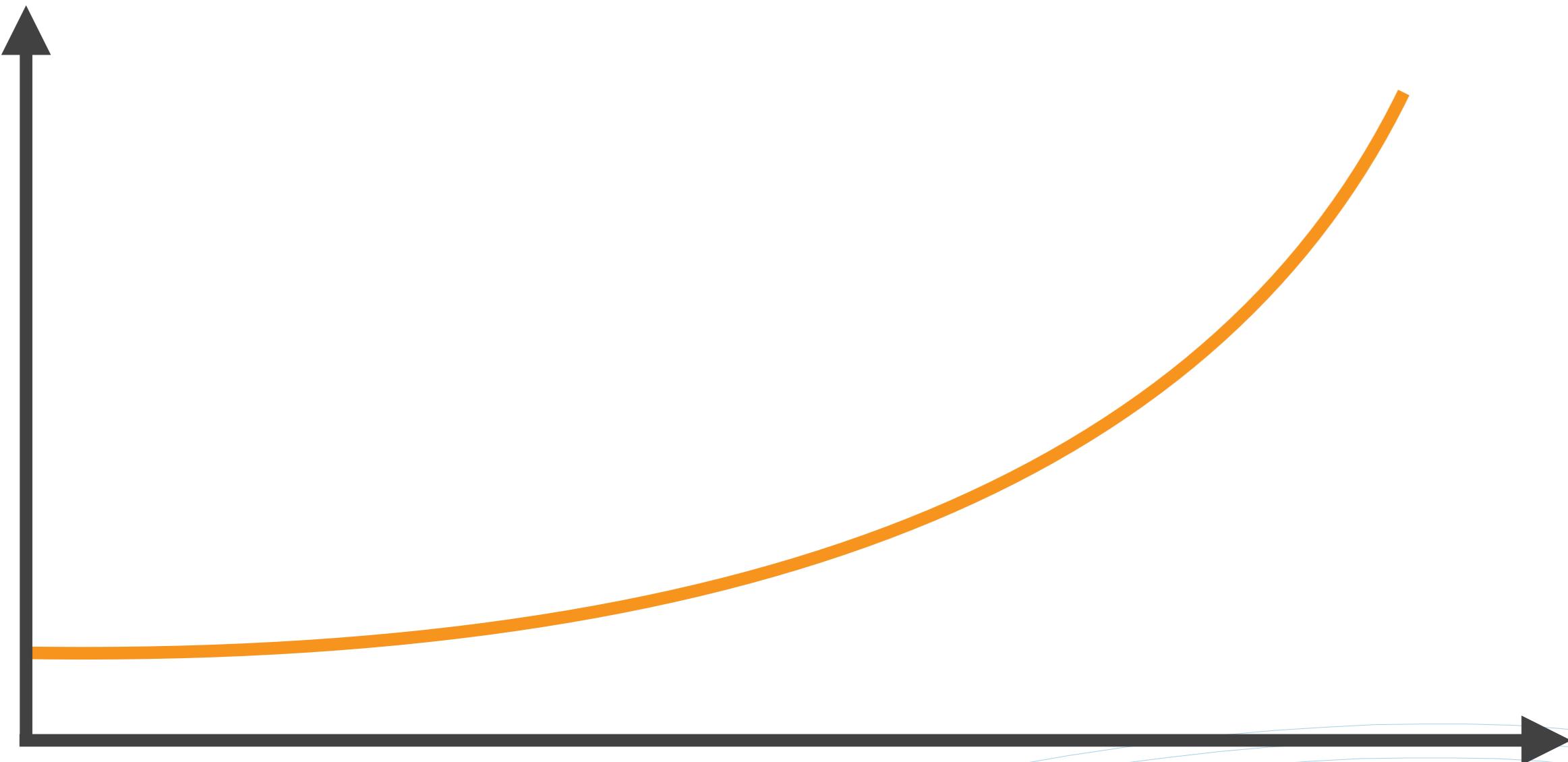


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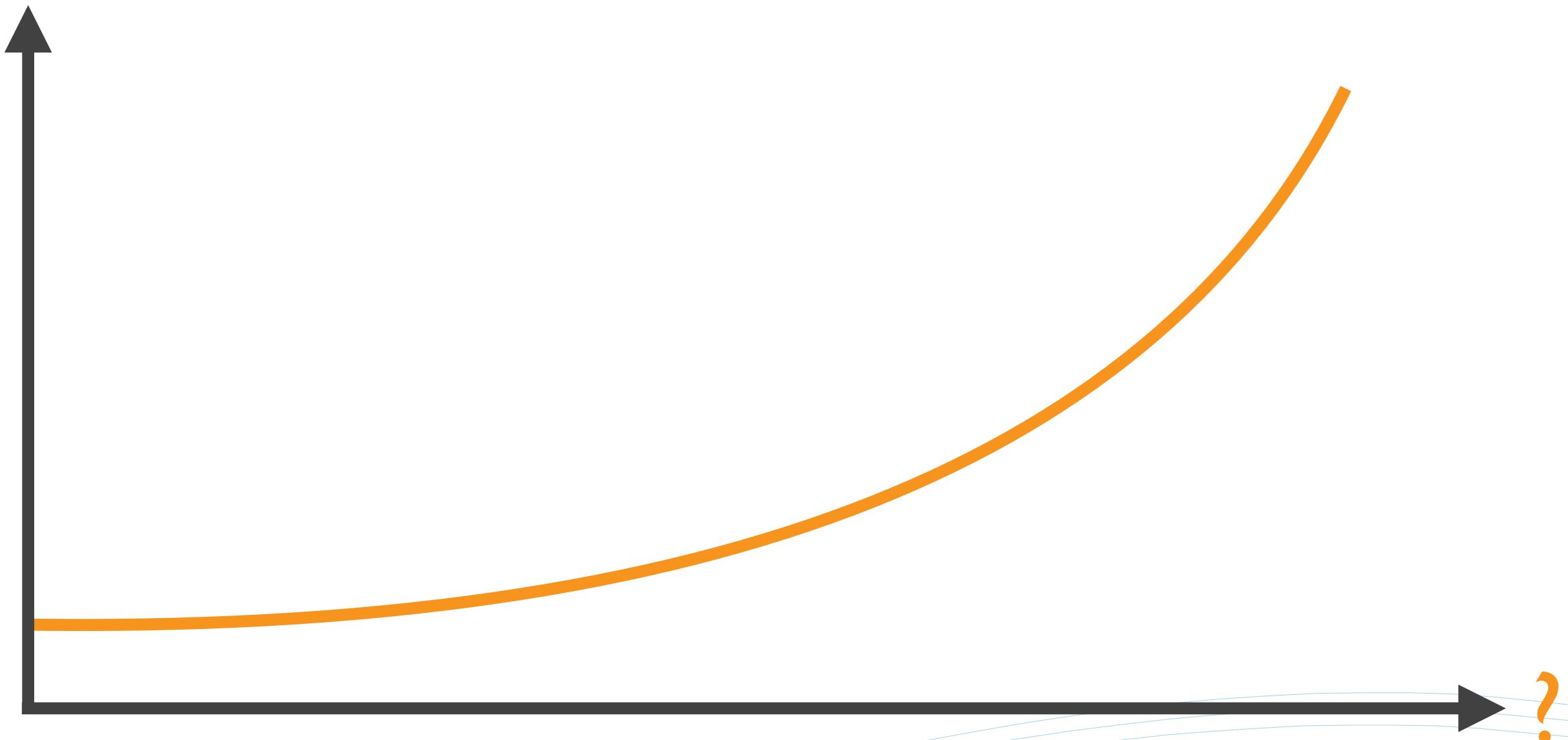


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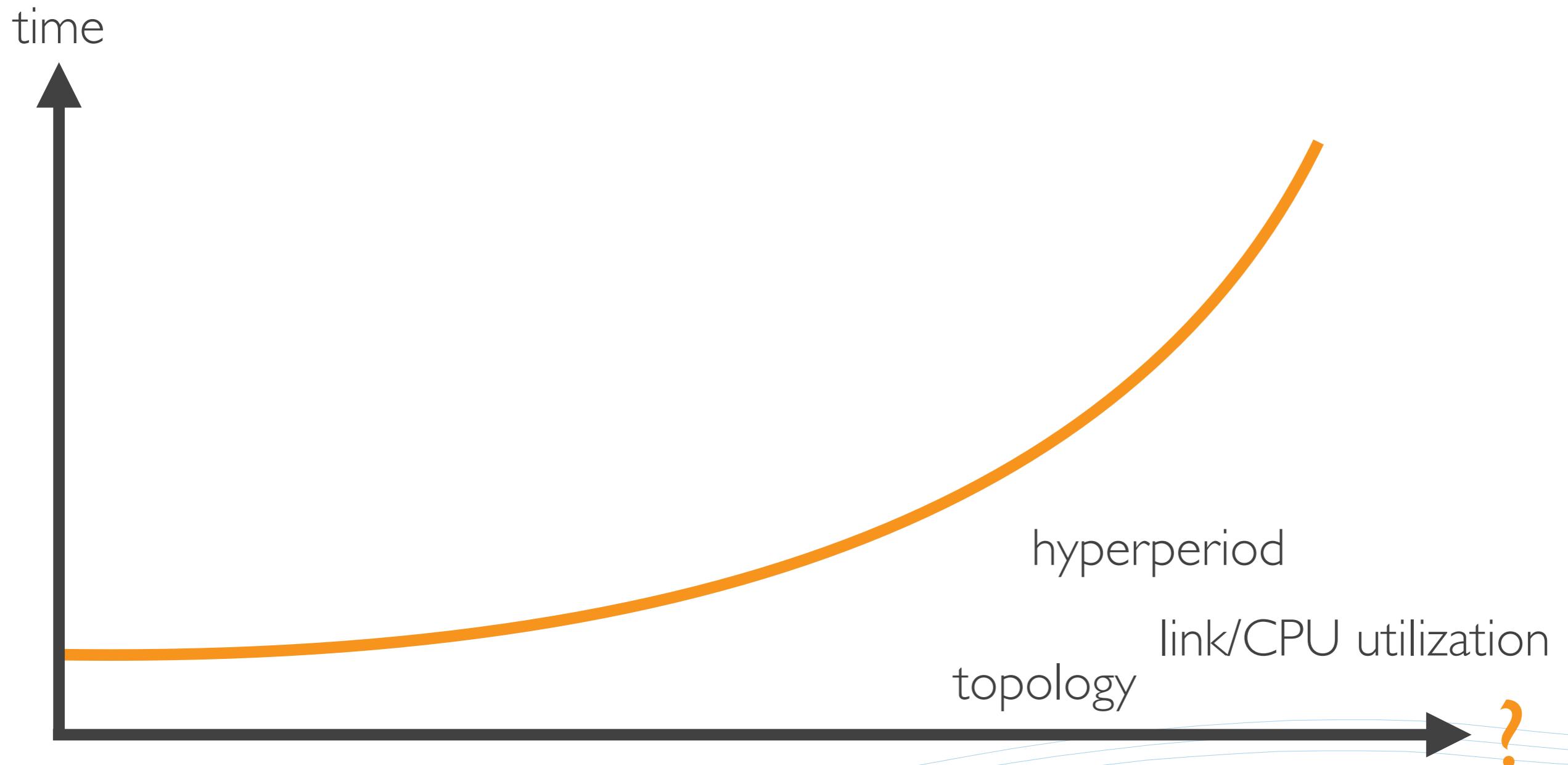
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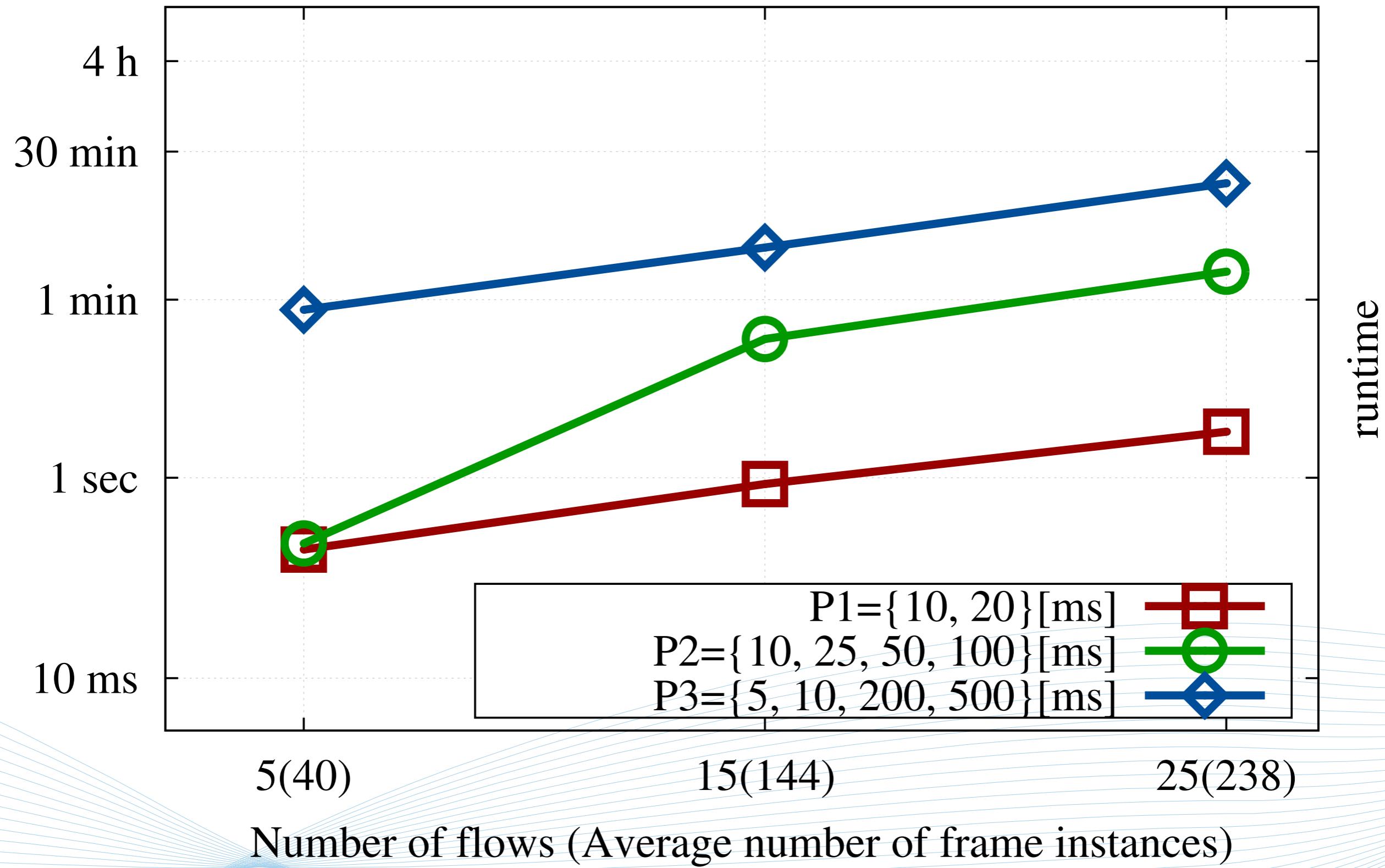


- **Frame isolation** method (using an incremental backtracking algorithm with step size of 1)
- Vary the problem set in **3 dimensions**:
  1. topology size,
  2. number of flows,
  3. flow periods (chosen randomly from 3 sets of predefined periods)
- Data size uniformly between **2** and **8 MTU**-sized frames
- Senders and receivers are chosen **randomly**

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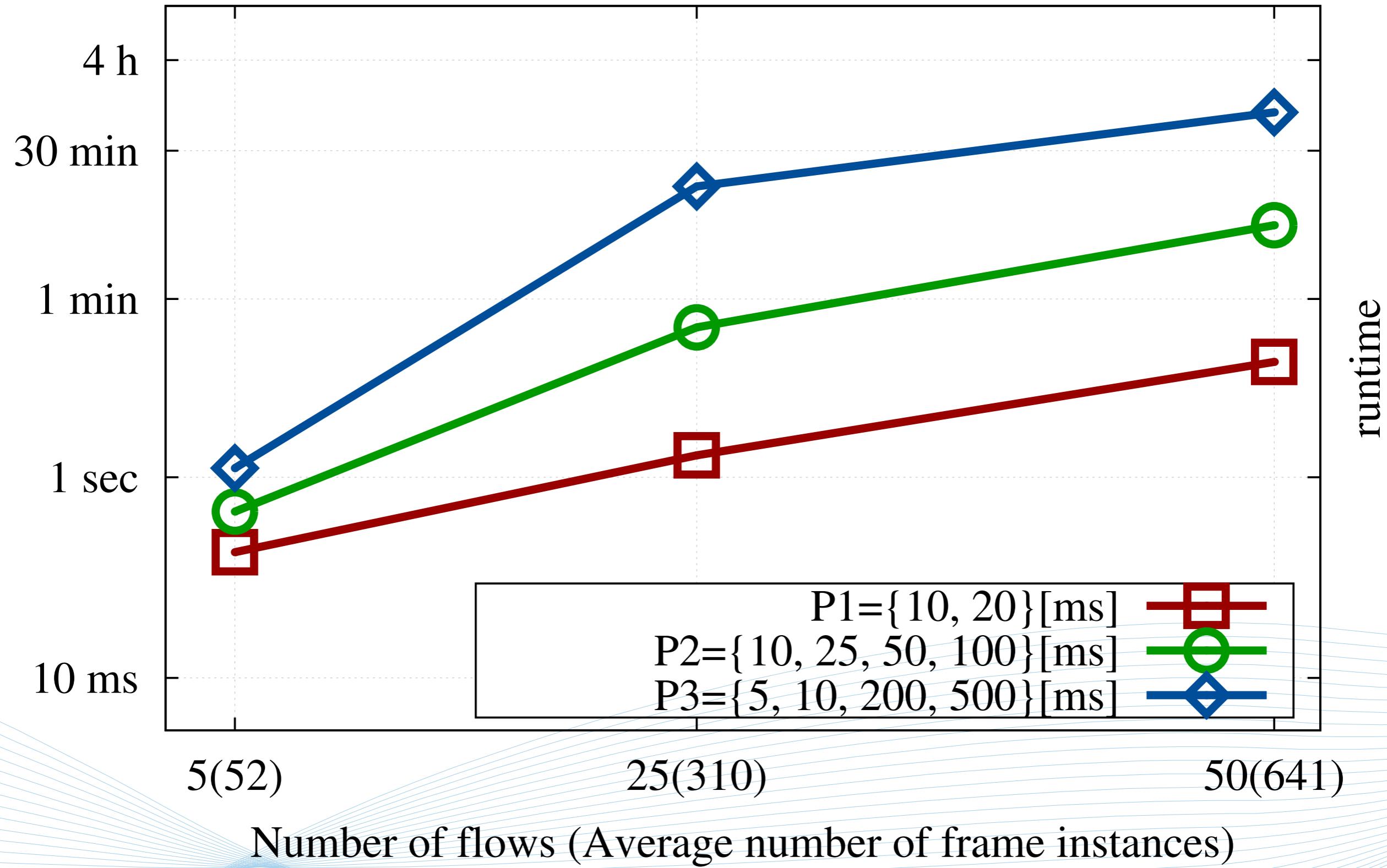
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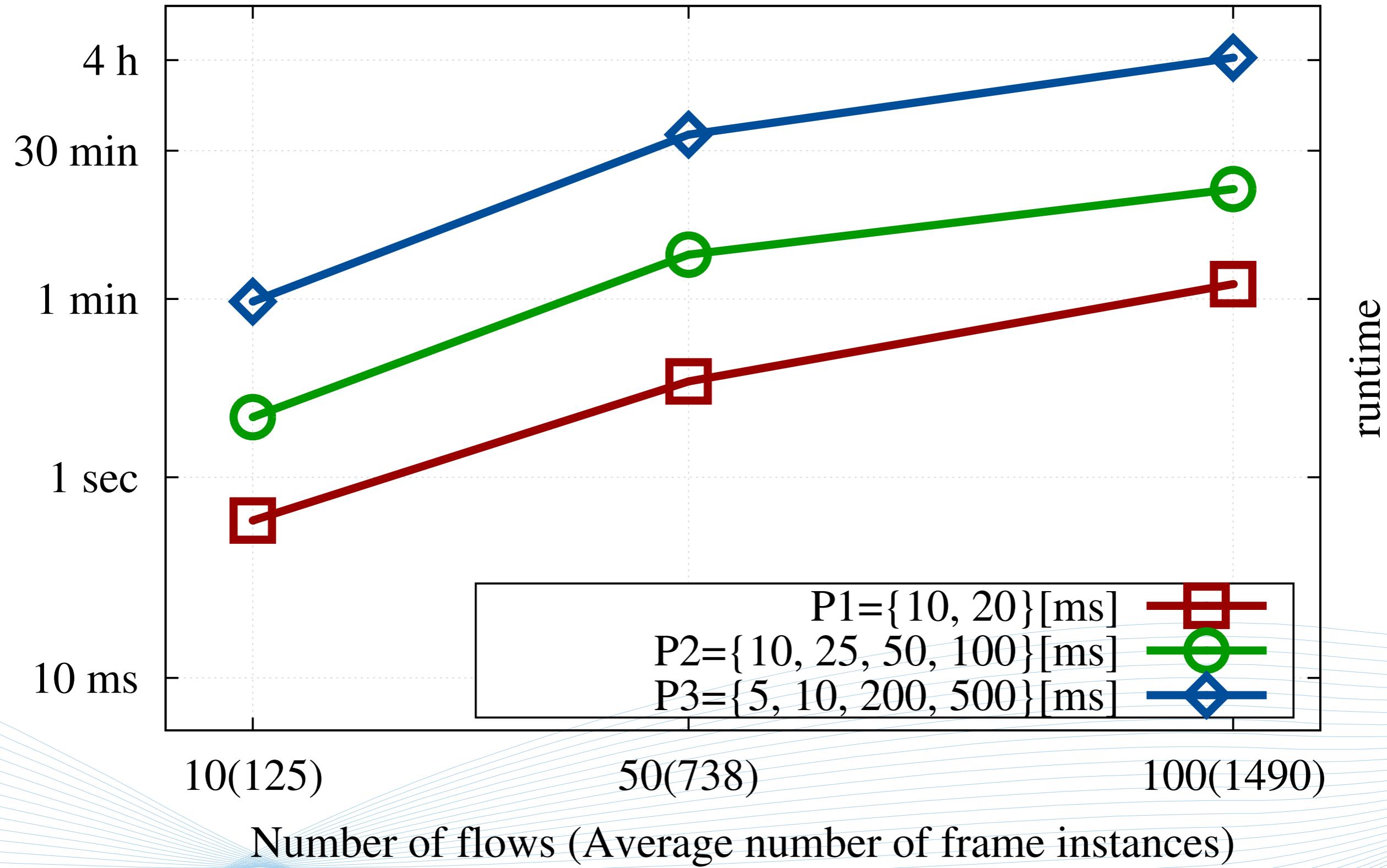
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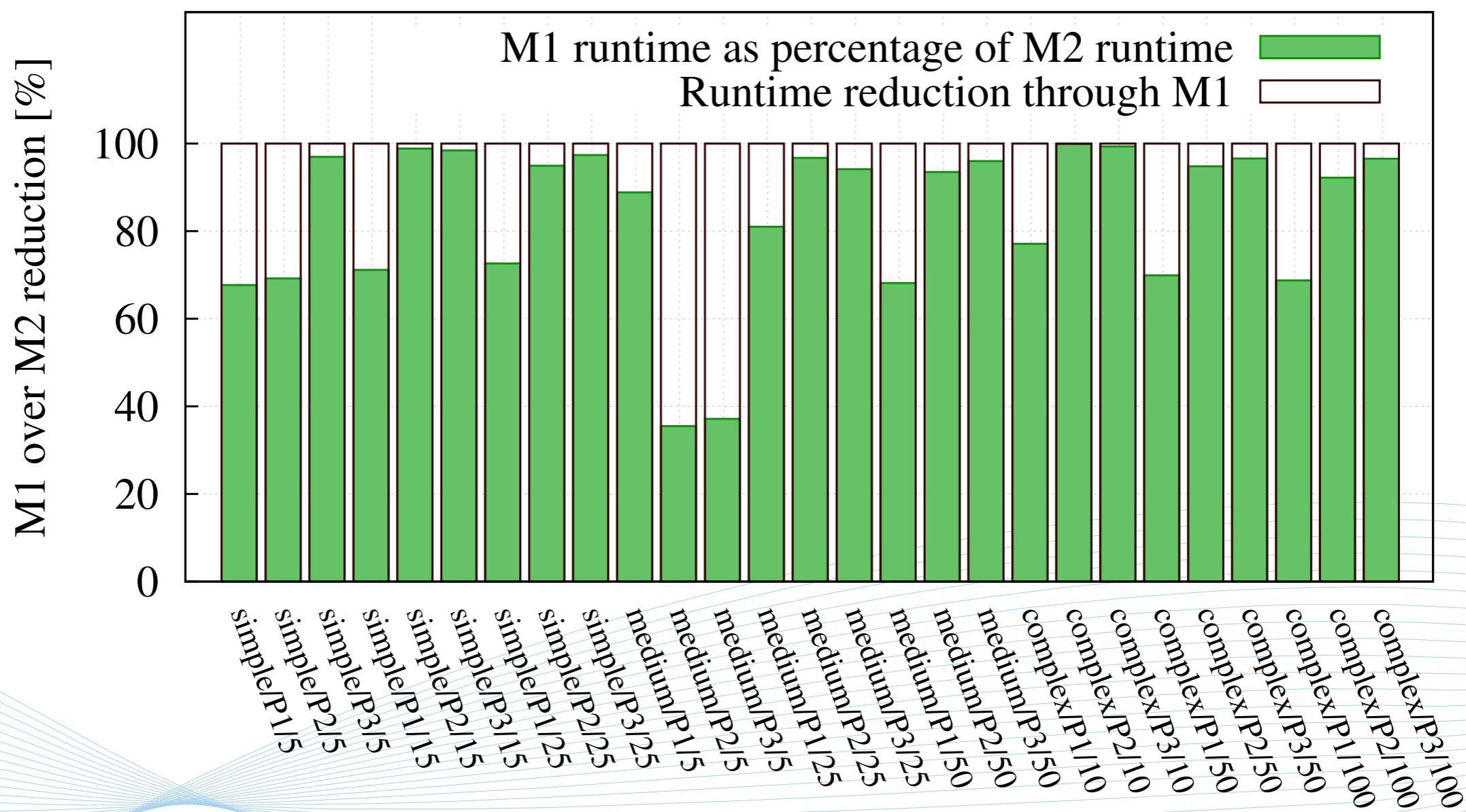


# Frame vs. Stream Isolation

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- 381 randomly generated test cases with up to 1000 streams
- 17 reached the **time-out**
- Stream isolation was on average 13% faster with a median of 8.03%
- 36.7h for stream isolation and 59h for frame isolation - 30.73% improvement



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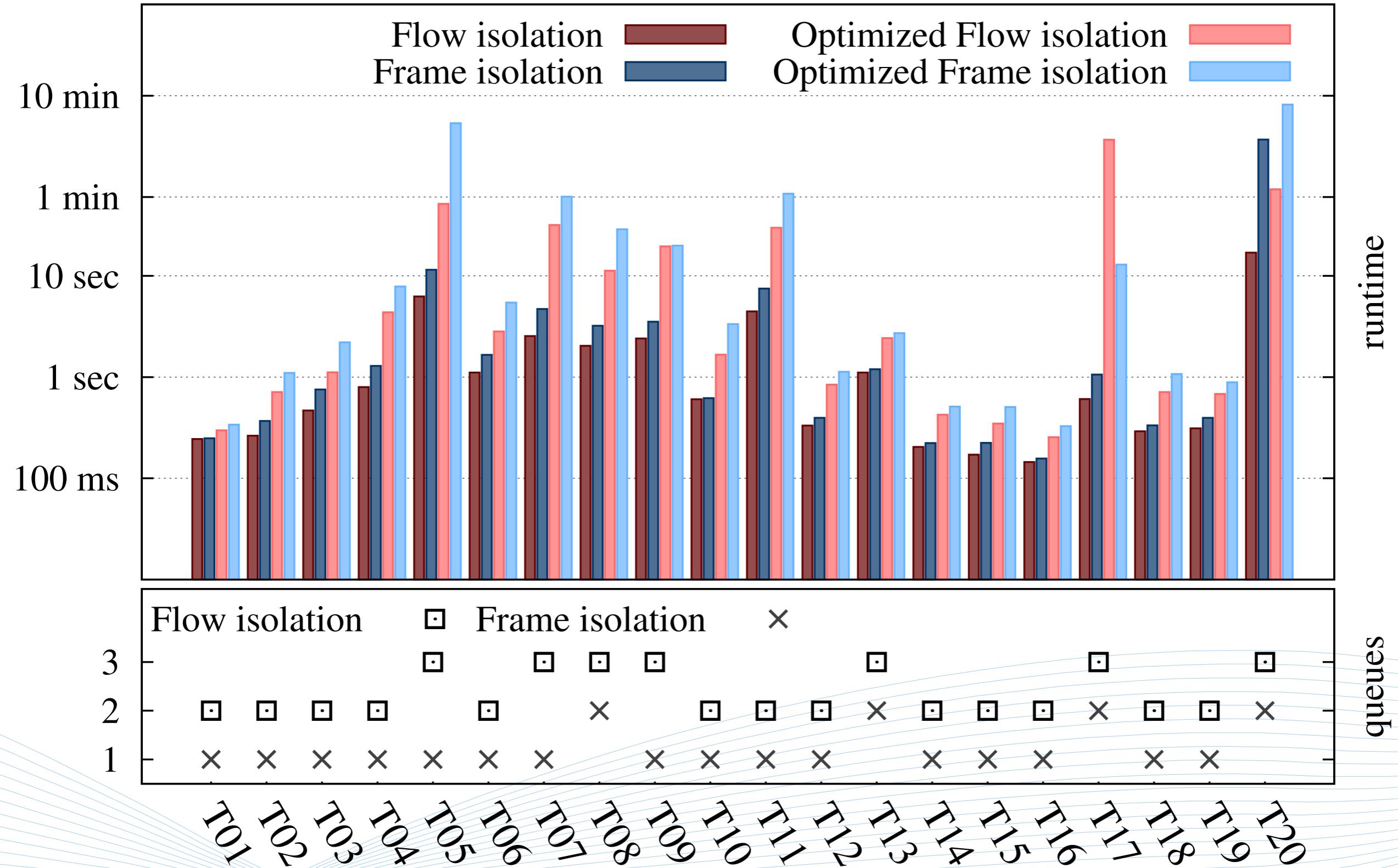
- Generated inputs that force streams to **interleave** if scheduled in the same egress queue
- Runs **w/ and w/o optimization** objectives using both stream and frame isolation methods
- Minimize **accrued sum** of the number of **queues** used per egress port
- No incremental steps for optimization runs



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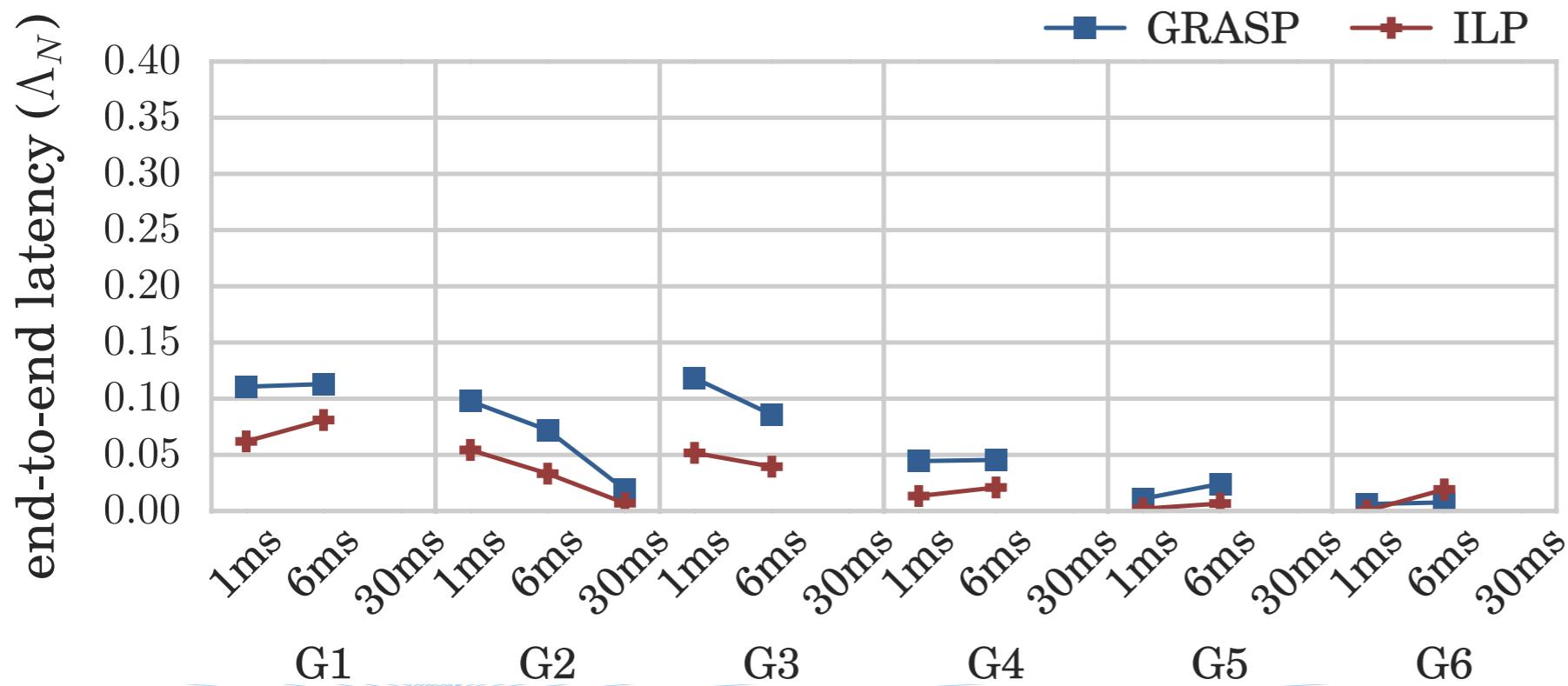
# Heuristics

For large networks we have to use heuristics,  
e.g:

Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure  
(GRASP)-based metaheuristic together with M.  
L. Raagaard and P. Pop (c.f. [2])

ID	running time (s)			queue usage			
	ILP	OMT	GRASP	K	<u>K</u>	$\bar{K}$	$K_N$
T01	0.66	0.81	0.32	2	2	5	0
T04	2.49	2.46	0.21	2	2	5	0
T05	3.73	3.43	0.34	2	2	3	0
T10	4.70	5.12	0.72	4	4	8	0
T11	16.54	12.94	0.84	3	3	7	0
T12	210.03	34.33	0.69	5	5	9	0
T14	39.06	22.87	0.84	2	2	3	0
T18	10.98	7.17	0.56	2	2	5	0

**Table 2: Comparison of ILP, OMT, and GRASP**



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