

## **Resilient Networks – Parallel Redundant Protocol (PRP)**

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# Introductions

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**Thursday, June 18**

ControlLogix Redundancy  
10:00 am

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**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Industrial Networking Series Part 5:  
Connected Plantwide Ethernet  
Architectures  
10:00 am

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Industrial Networking Series Part 6:  
Securing Control System Network  
with CIP Security  
10:00 am

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# Deploying Parallel Redundancy Protocol (PRP) within a CPwE Architecture

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# Agenda

**1** PRP Technology Overview

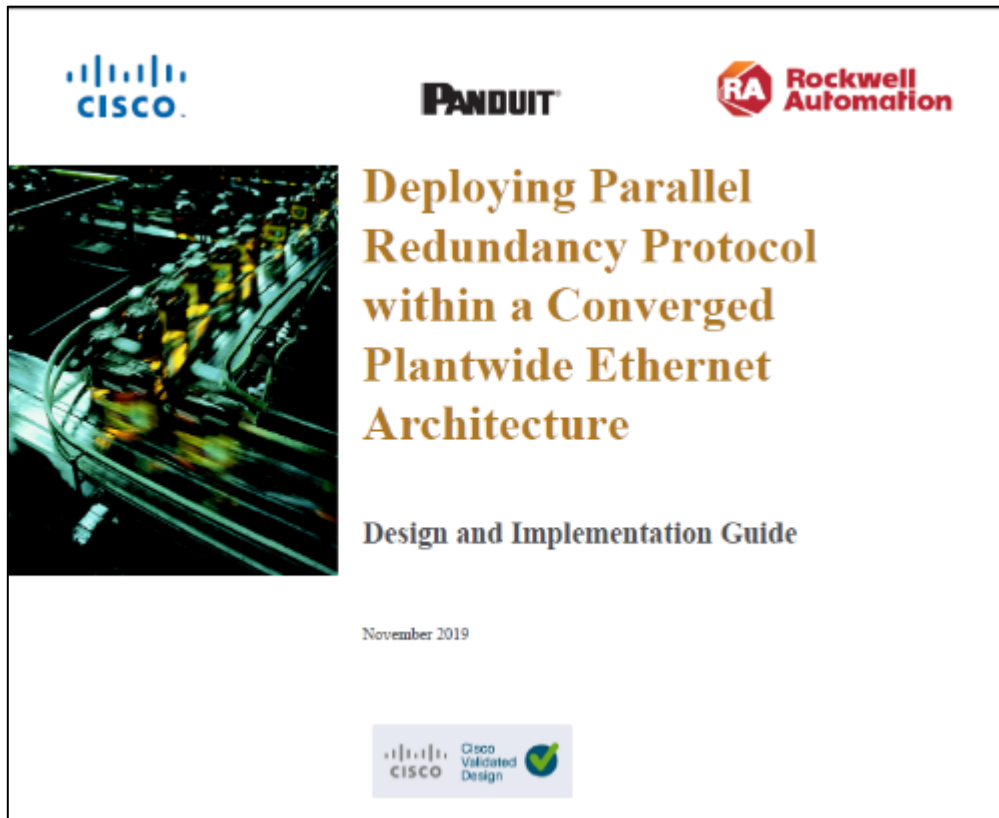
**2** PRP Topology Examples

**3** PRP Design for CPwE Architecture

**4** PRP Considerations for Network Services and Protocols

# CPwE PRP Design and Implementation Guide

- Publication [ENET-TD021 “Design Guide, Deploying Parallel Redundancy Protocol within a CPwE Architecture”](#)



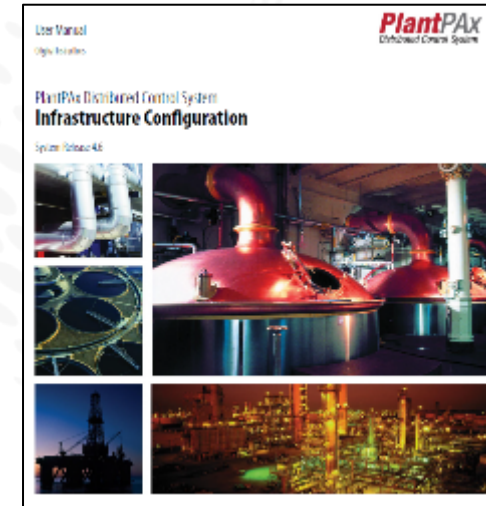
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    - Spanning Tree Protocol
    - Multicast Management
    - Network Address Translation
    - Precision Time Protocol (CIP Sync)
  - Applying Parallel Redundancy Protocol with IACS Applications
- CPwE Parallel Redundancy Protocol Configuration
  - IES Configuration
  - IACS Configuration
- CPwE Parallel Redundancy Protocol Monitoring and Troubleshooting
  - RedBox IES
  - Studio 5000 Logix Designer

# Other Publications

- [ENET-AT006 “EtherNet/IP Parallel Redundancy Protocol Application Technique”](#)



- [PROCES-UM001 “PlantPax Distributed Control System Infrastructure Configuration User Manual”](#)



- [1783-UM007 “Stratix Managed Switches User Manual”](#)





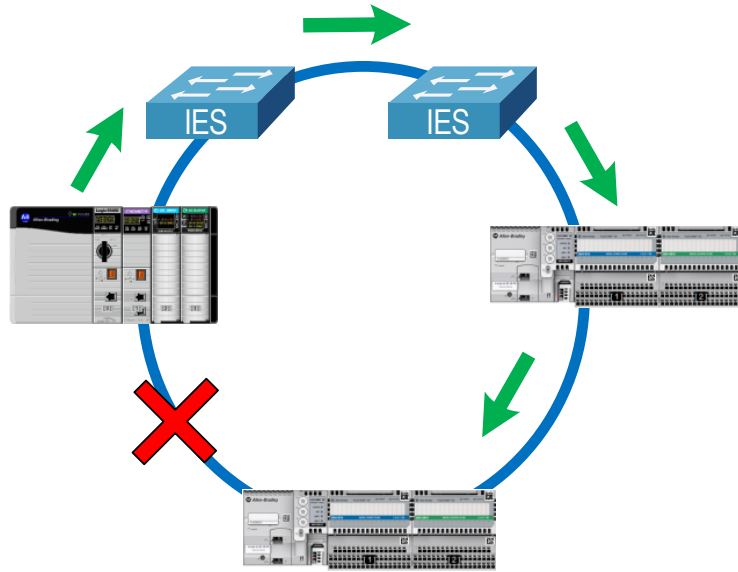
# PRP Technology Overview



# Resiliency Protocols vs. Redundancy Protocols

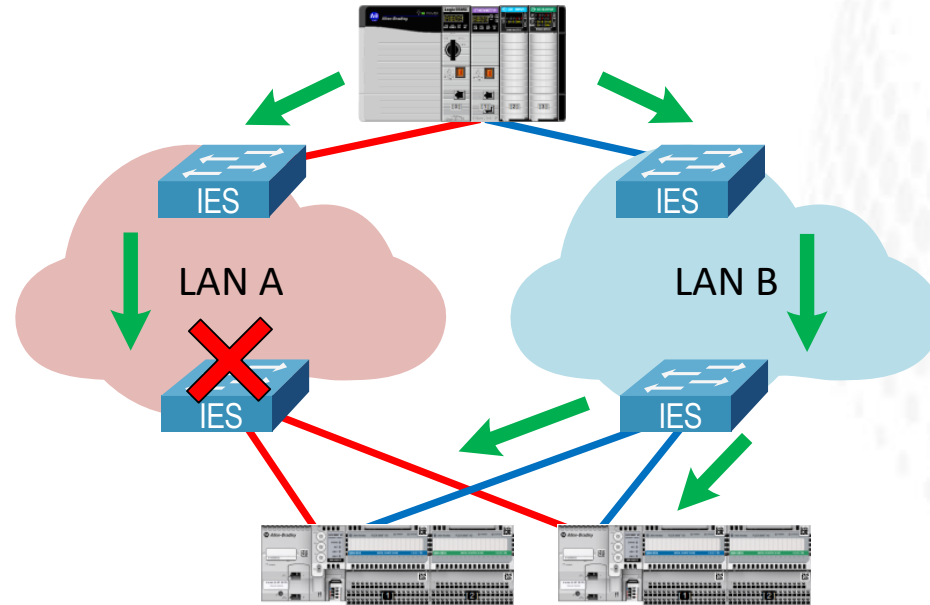
## Redundant Path Ethernet Network

- Common LAN
- Resiliency protocol



## Redundant Ethernet Networks

- Independent LANs
- Redundancy protocol

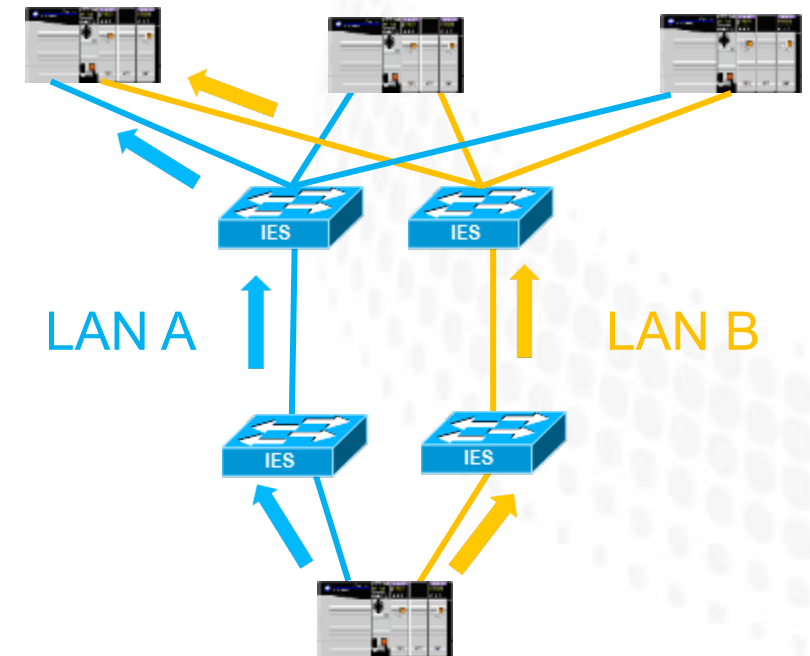


No one fits all solution – what to use depends on many factors

- Protocol support by devices and network infrastructure
- Cost of hardware, physical layout
- Compatibility with other network services and protocols

# PRP (Parallel Redundancy Protocol)

- What is PRP?
  - IEC standard 62439-3
  - Supported by ODVA EtherNet/IP standard (CIP objects)
  - Redundant, fault-independent Ethernet infrastructure at Layer 2
  - Same packet is sent on both LANs
  - Zero data loss during a single LAN fault
  - Independent of LAN topology
  - Resiliency protocols like DLR, REP, Spanning Tree or EtherChannel can be used in each LAN
- Typical applications for PRP
  - Where redundant network infrastructure is desired
  - Process applications with 24x7x365 operational requirements
  - ControlNet redundant media migration opportunities, such as transportation tunnels, dual media rings

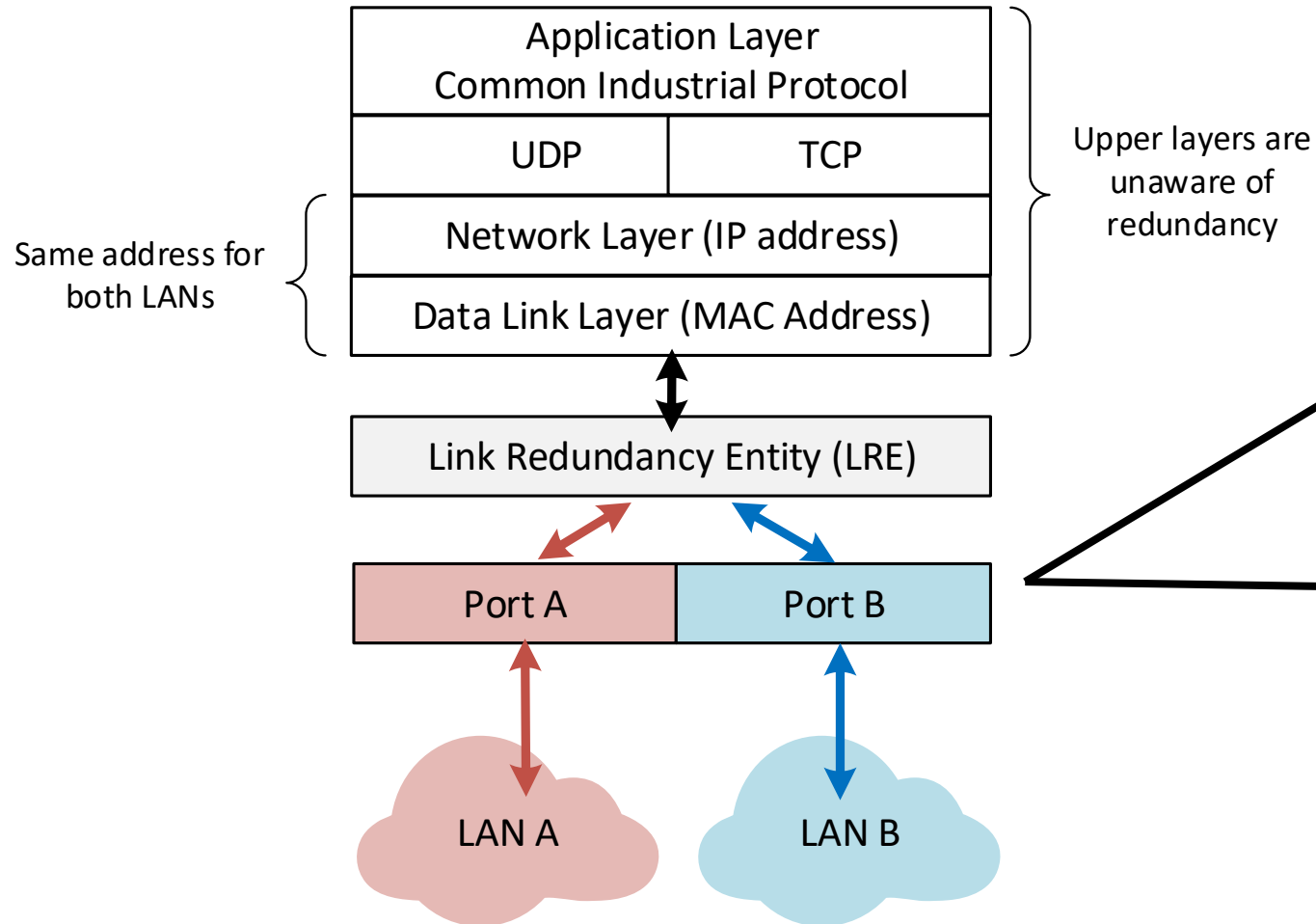


# PRP Components

Component	Description	Examples
Double attached node ( <b>DAN</b> )	A device with PRP technology that connects to both LAN A and LAN B.	1756-EN2TP ControlLogix® EtherNet/IP module Flex 5000™ EtherNet/IP modules (e.g. 5094-AENTR and other catalog numbers)
Single attached node ( <b>SAN</b> )	A device without PRP technology that connects to either LAN A or LAN B. A SAN typically is a non-critical device or its function is duplicated in both LANs.	HMI terminals, EWS
Redundancy box ( <b>RedBox</b> )	A device (switch) with PRP technology that connects non-PRP devices or non-PRP part of the network to both LAN A and LAN B.	Stratix 5400, Stratix 5410 managed switches
Virtual double attached node ( <b>VDAN</b> )	A device without PRP technology that connects to both LAN A and LAN B through a RedBox. A VDAN appears to other nodes in the network as a DAN.	
<b>LAN A and LAN B</b>	Redundant, active Ethernet networks that operate in parallel and are <b>fault independent</b> .	
Infrastructure switches	Switches in LAN A or LAN B (other than RedBoxes).	Stratix managed switches



# PRP Communication Layers



### PRP Supervision frames

- Sent periodically by DANs to announce its presence on the network and to allow other nodes to check health of the PRP network
- Layer 2 multicast Ethernet frames to a reserved MAC address 01-15-4E-00-01-XX with EtherType 0x88FB

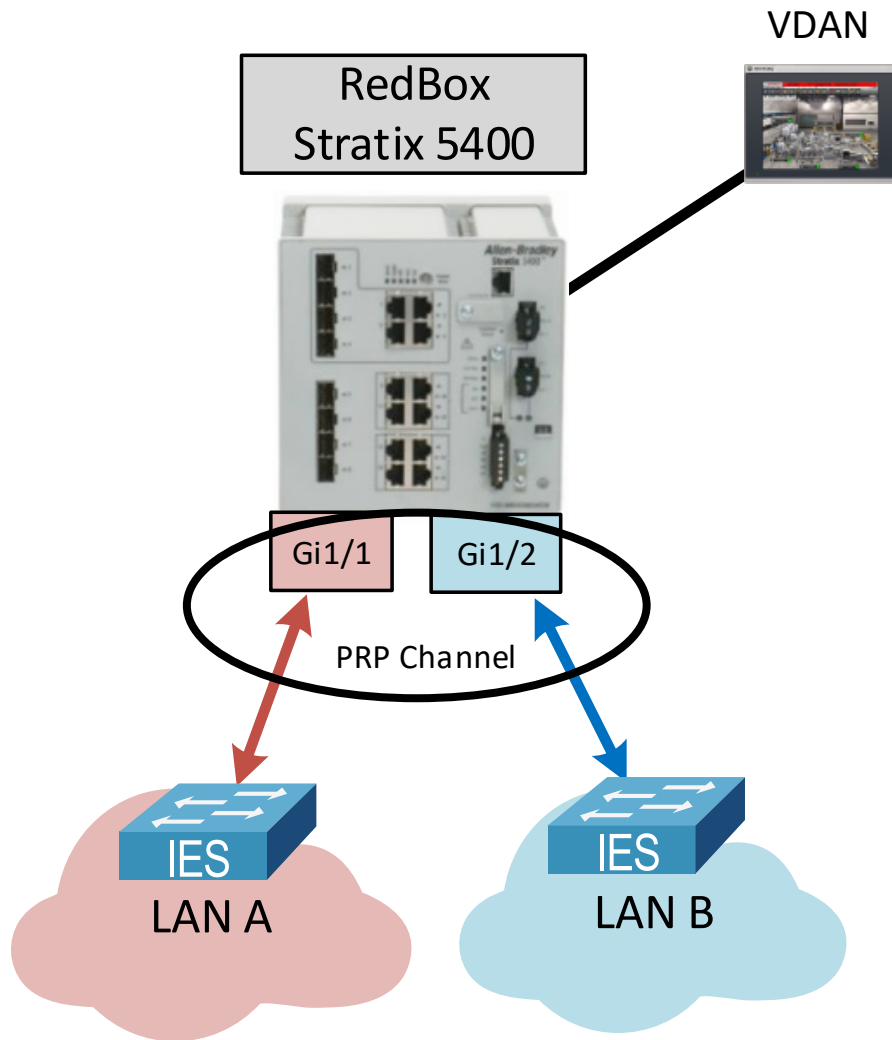
### Data frames

- PRP trailer adds 6 bytes
- Switch MTU should be 1506 bytes or higher

Ethernet header	Ethernet payload (LSDU)	Redundancy Control Trailer (6 bytes)	Checksum
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Seq. #	LAN ID	LSDU size	PRP suffix
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# PRP RedBox Operation

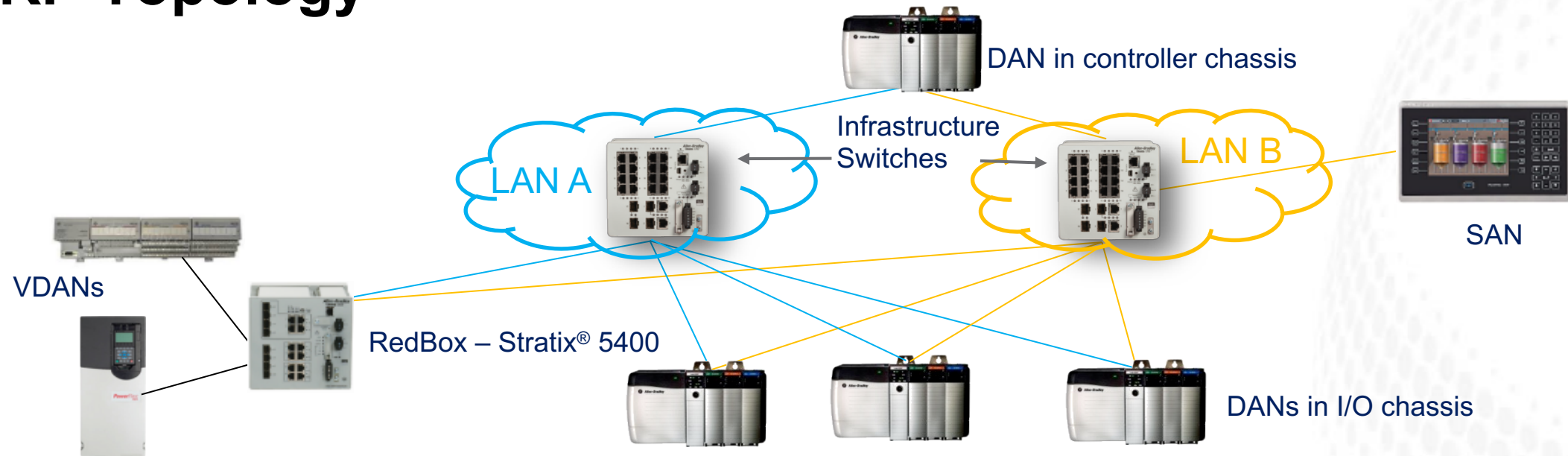


- Logical PRP channel is formed between two ports
  - Stratix 5400 – one PRP channel
  - Stratix 5410 – up to two PRP channels
- PRP channel can be trunk or access mode
- Maximum 512 VDANs in the switch table
- Switch sends PRP supervision frames on behalf of VDANs



# PRP Topology Examples

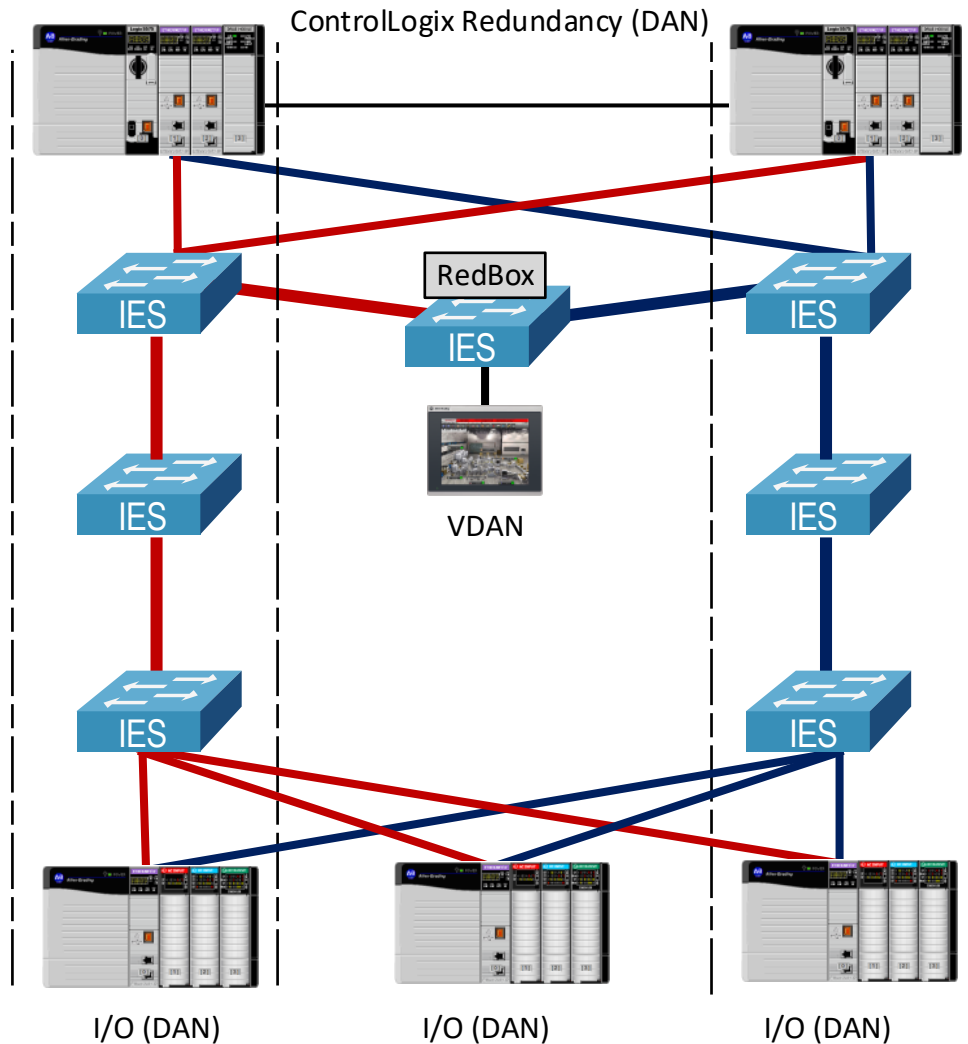
# PRP Topology



- Supports any LAN A/B topology as long as LANs are independent
- The infrastructure switch passes the PRP-marked packets just like any other packet
- Managed switches required due to larger frame sizes (up to 1506 bytes)
- Network faults are seamless to the application – detection via monitoring is critical
- Different network addressing for infrastructure devices for monitoring
- **Best practices for physical media, network design and security still apply!**

# PRP Application Example

Parallel Paths – Linear Topologies

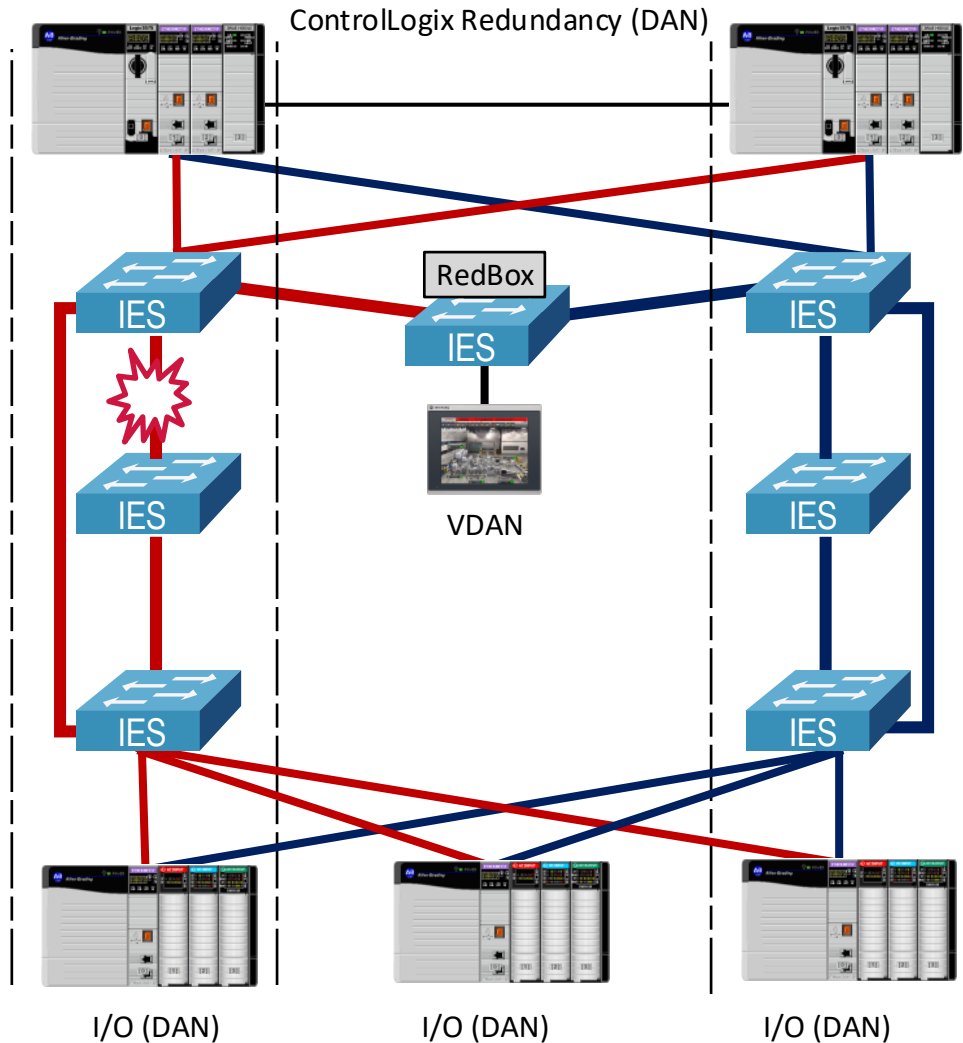


- Examples: transportation tunnels, mining tunnels, two sides of a ship
- Linear LAN topologies are simple but non-resilient



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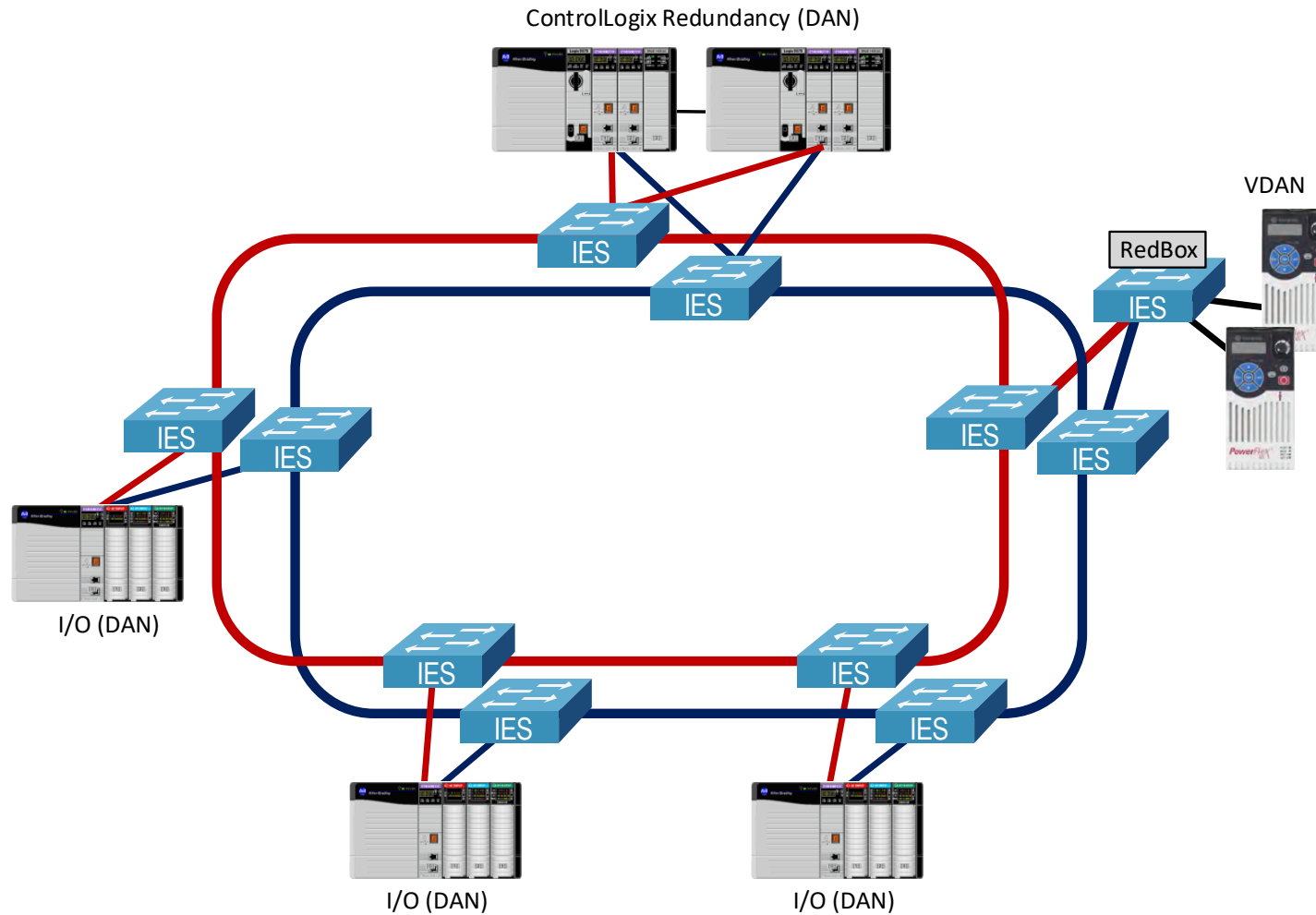
Parallel Paths – Ring Topologies



- Resilient ring protocol (REP, DLR, Spanning Tree)
- LAN A or B recovers after the fault
- Cost of additional cabling could be minimal for a new installation

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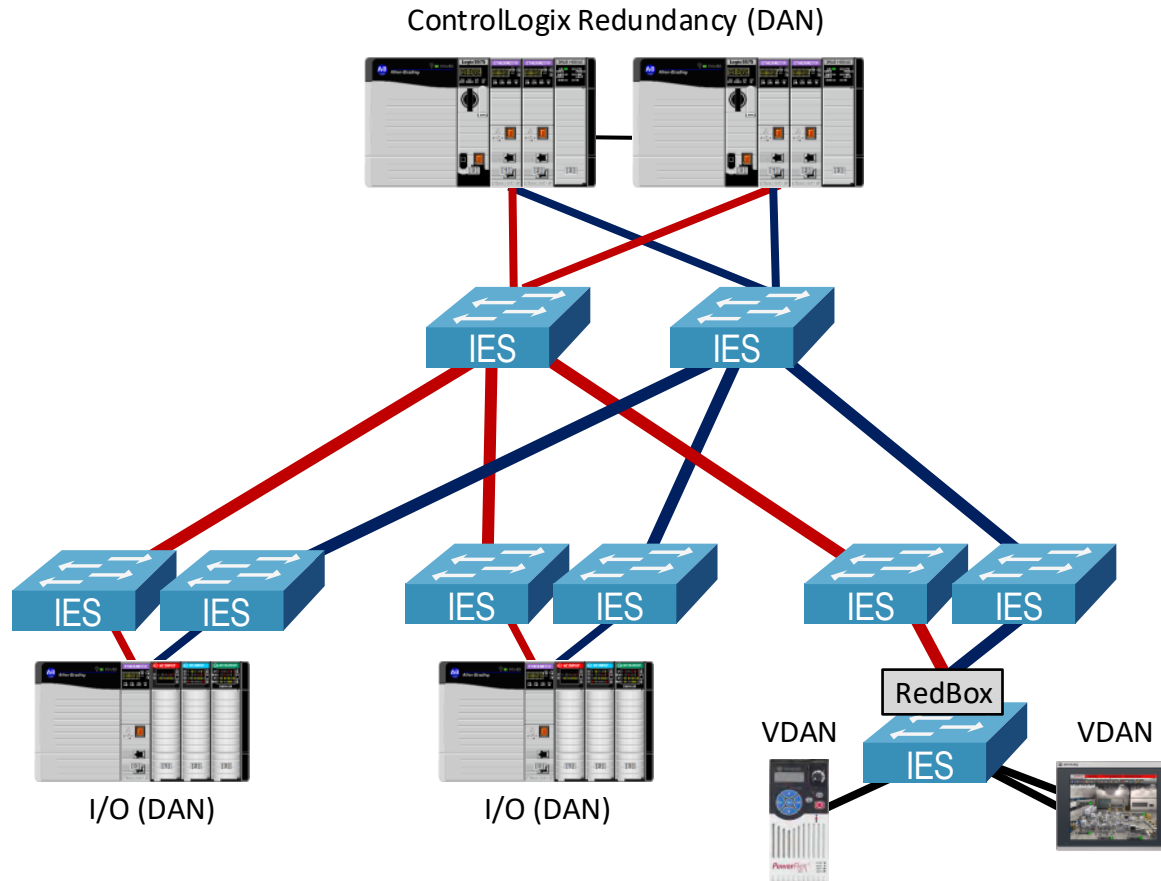
Dual Ring Topologies – Redundant PAC



- Examples: water/wastewater, mining, oil and gas, and other industries over large geographical area
- Rings must be fault independent (power, cable path)

# PRP Application Example

Star Topologies – Redundant PAC



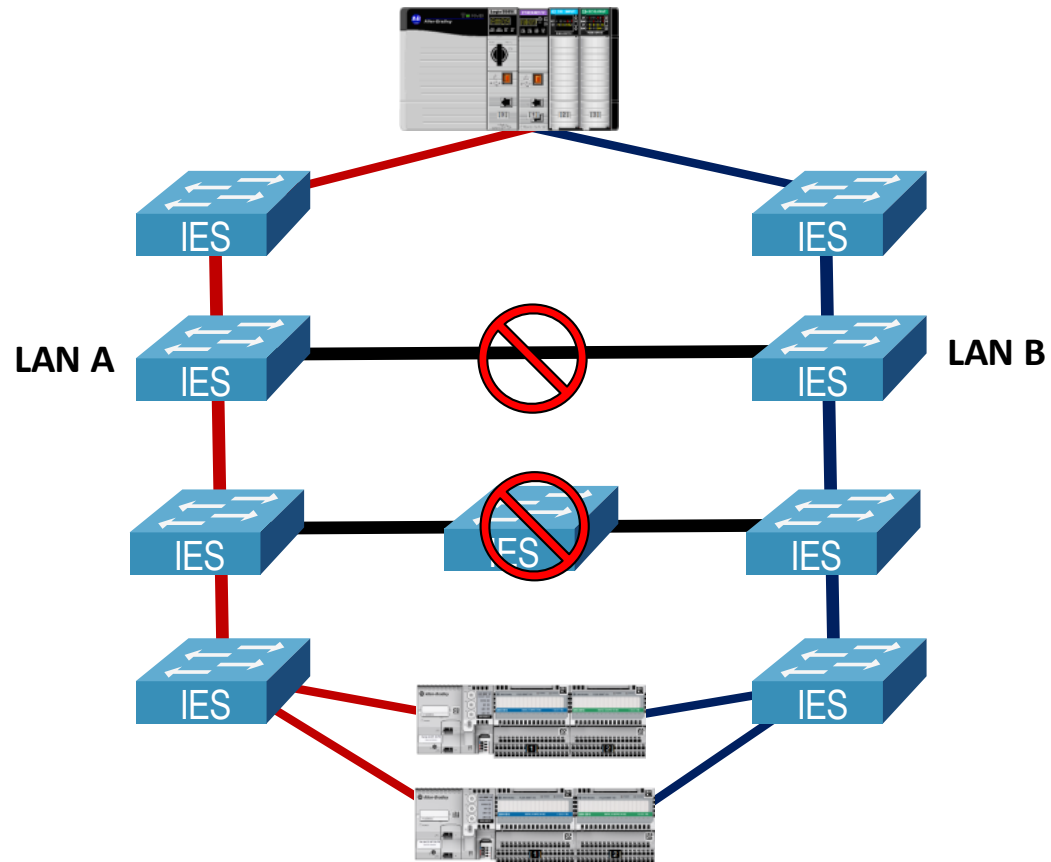
- Can be redundant star for additional resiliency
- Switches must be fault independent (power, cable path)

# Invalid Topologies

## Bridging LAN A and LAN B

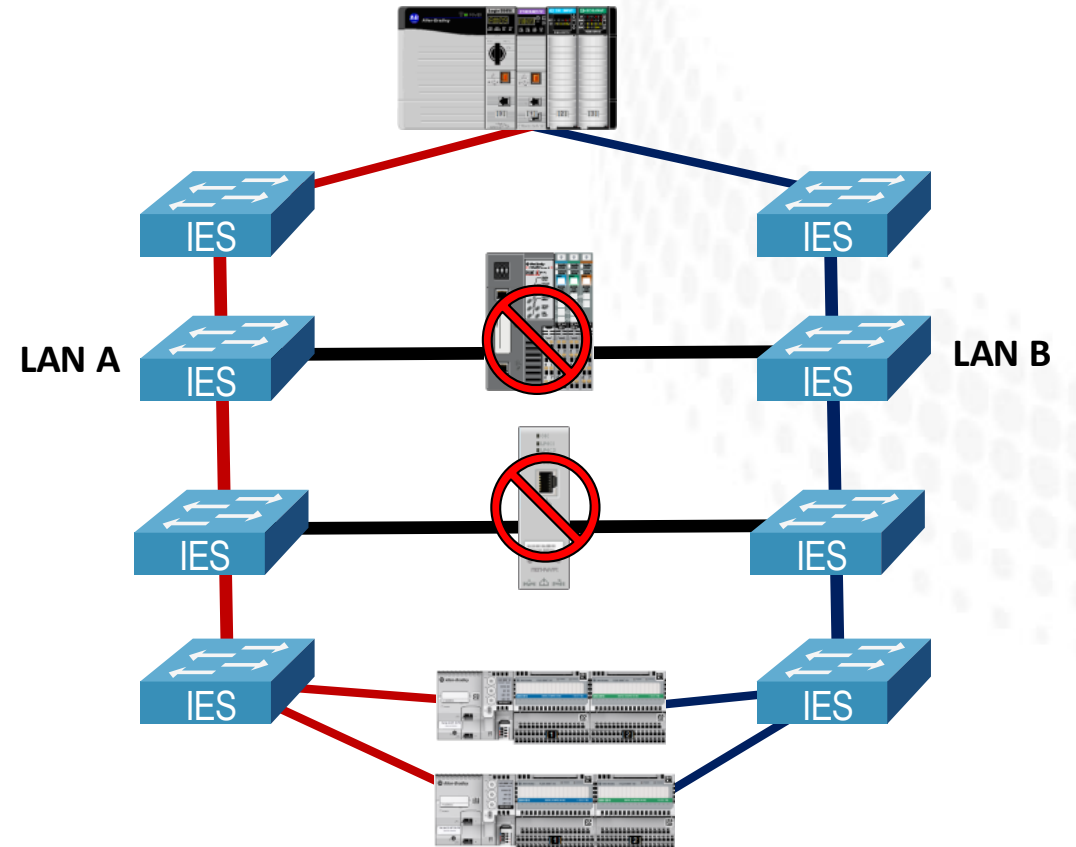
Not allowed:

- Connecting LAN A and LAN B switches
- Connecting a non-RedBox switch to both LANs



Not allowed:

- Connecting two-port embedded switch devices to LAN A and LAN B

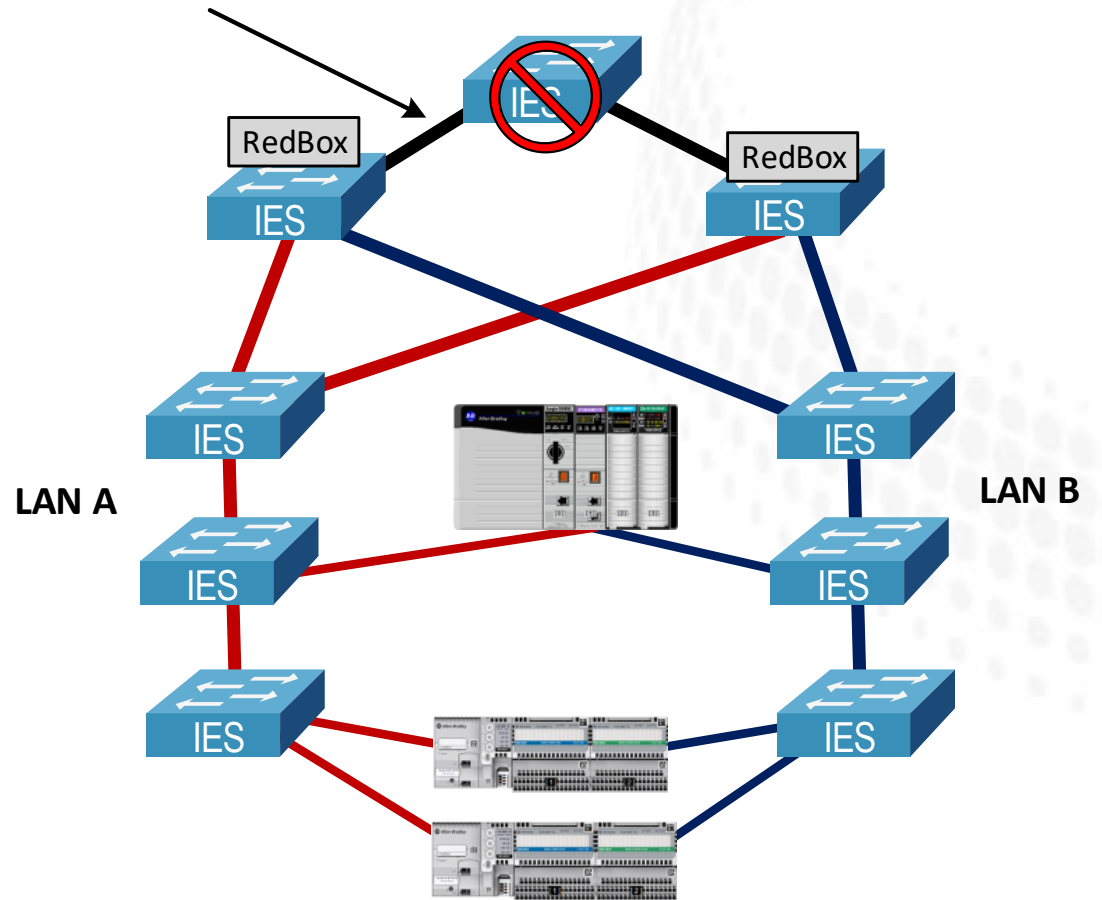
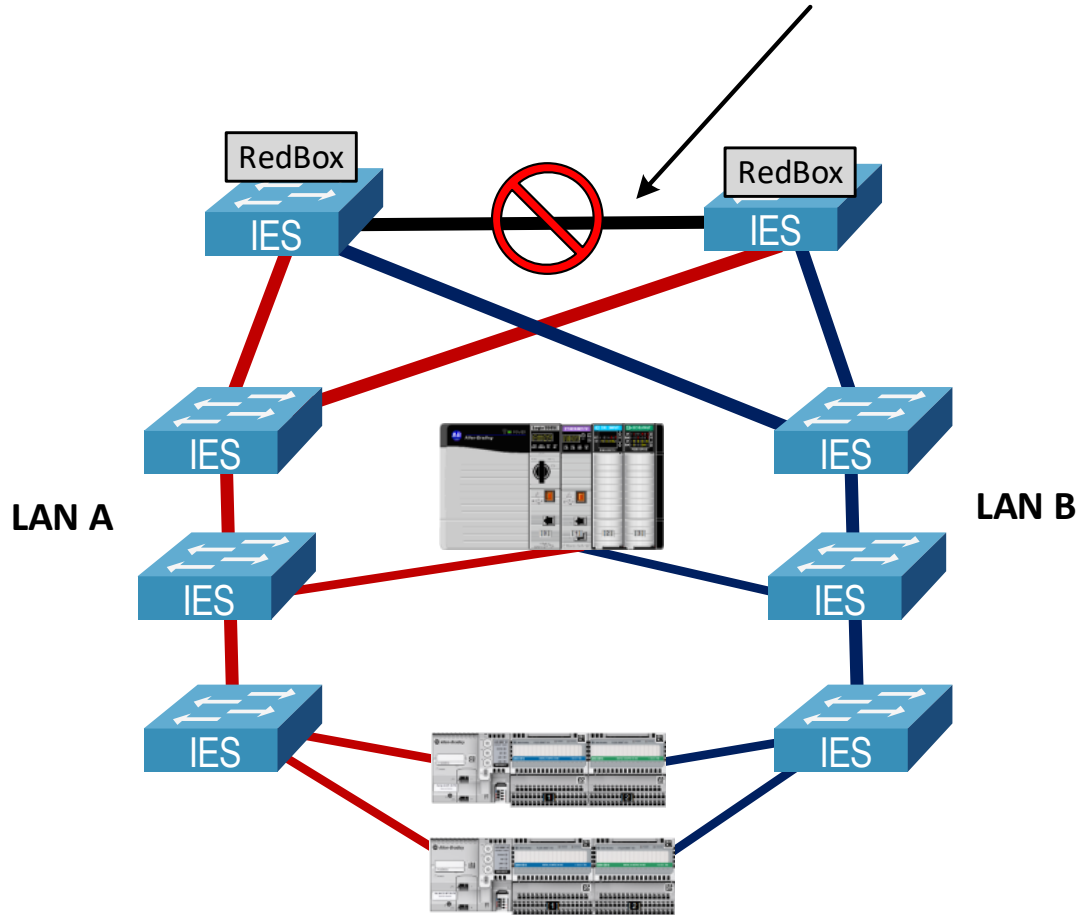


# Invalid Topologies

Bridging a PRP VLAN with RedBoxes

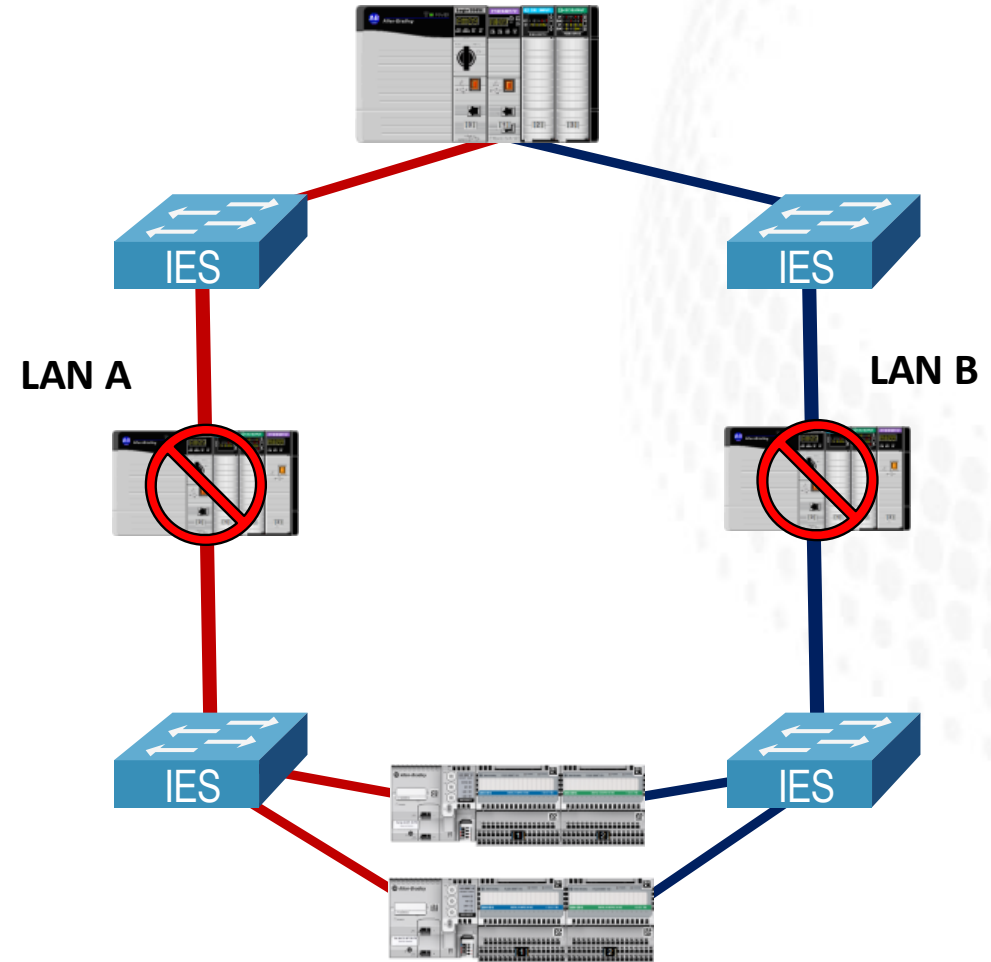
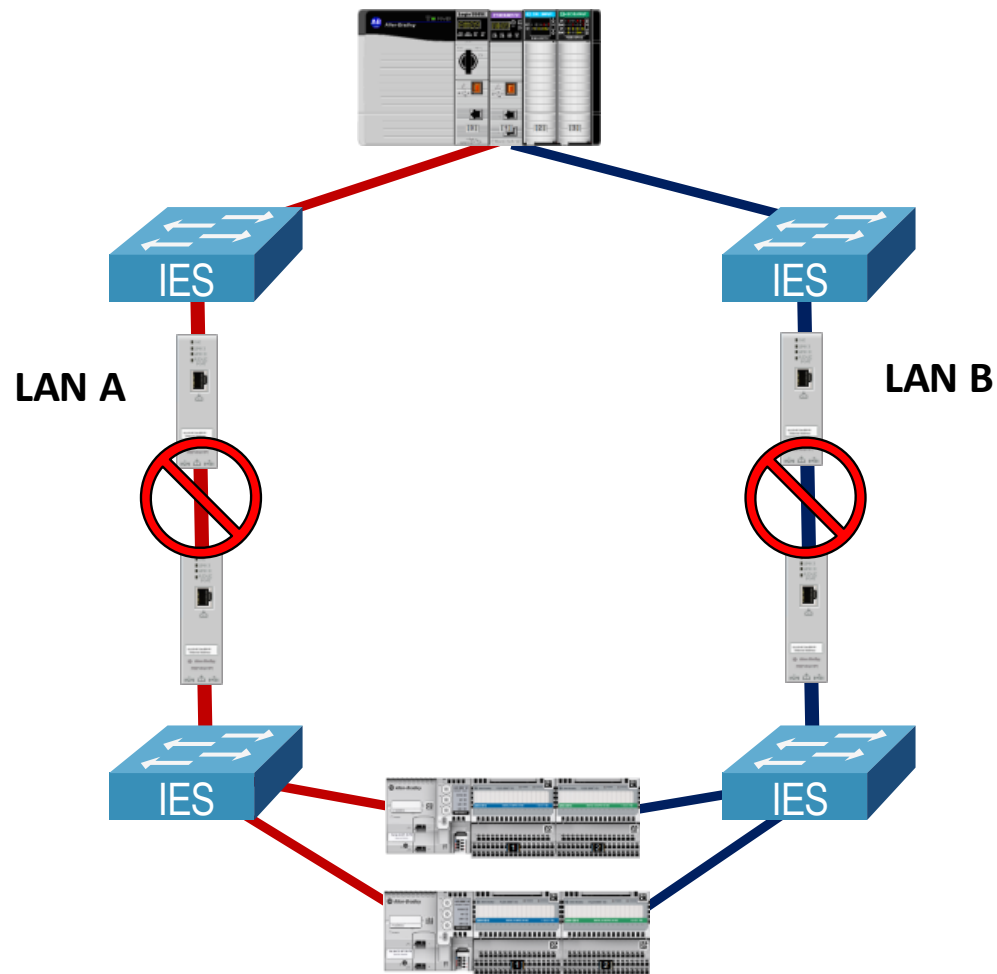
Not allowed between RedBoxes:

- Layer 2 links with any of the PRP VLANs



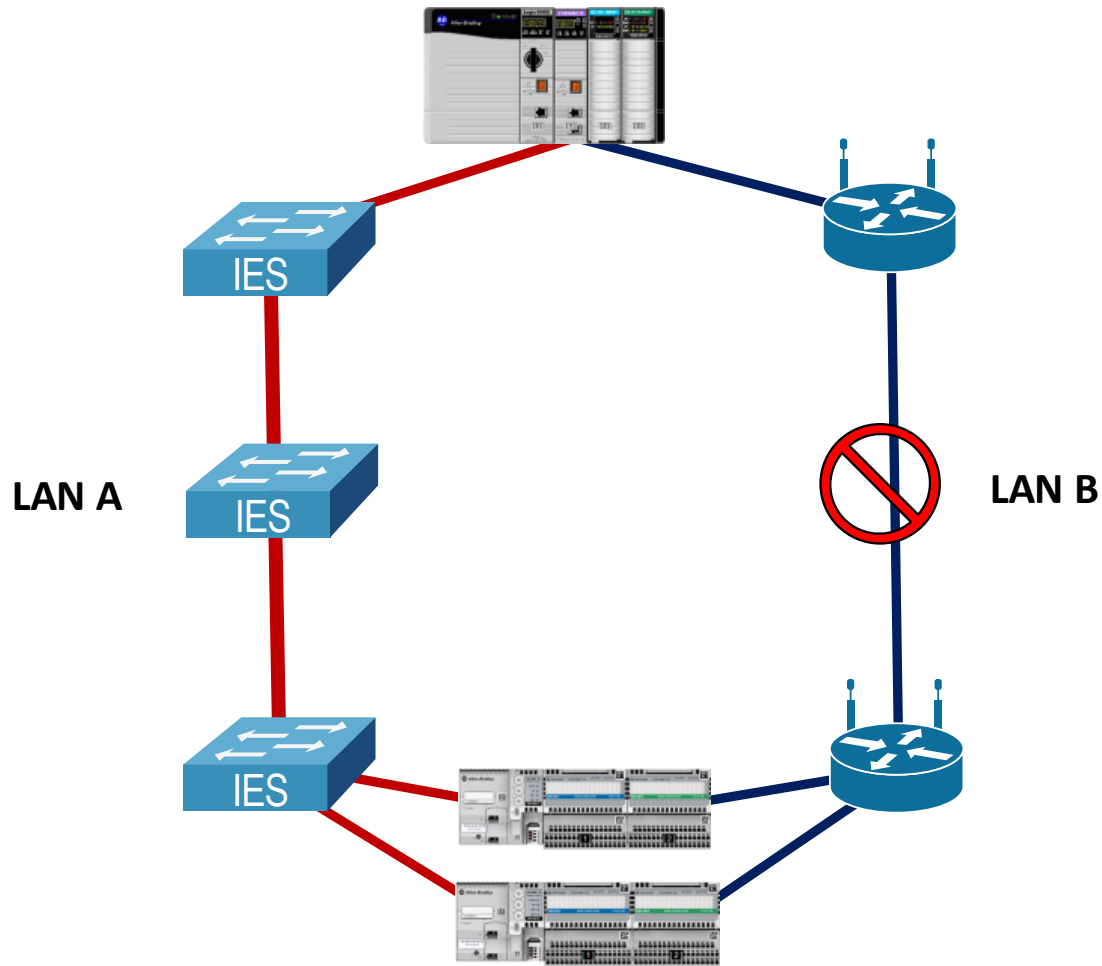
# Unsupported Topologies

Traffic traverses embedded switch devices



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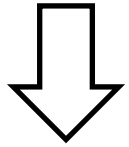
Combining low latency and high latency LANs



- Concerns about increased chance of duplicate frames arriving late and being wrongly accepted as non-duplicate
- Examples: WAN cellular, Wi-Fi, satellite connections as a secondary LAN

# NIC Teaming

Connect redundant NICs to RedBox(es)



NIC Teaming (active/standby)



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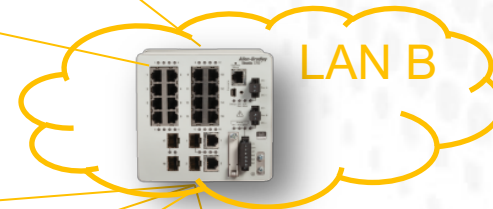
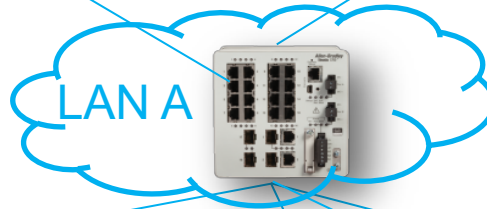
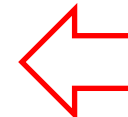


RedBox

NIC Teaming (active/standby)



NOT Recommended:  
Redundant NICs as  
SANs on both LANs



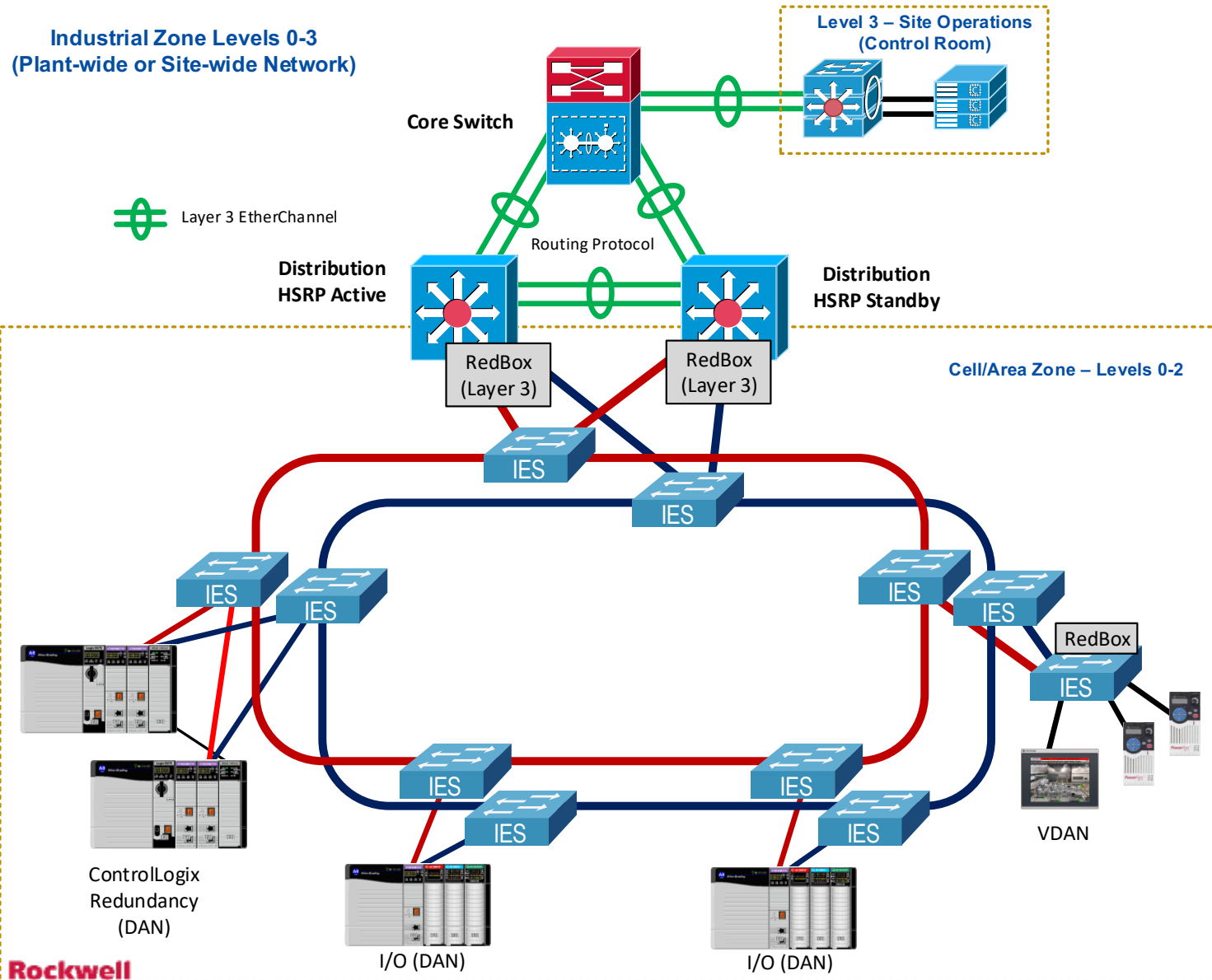




# PRP Design for CPwE Architecture

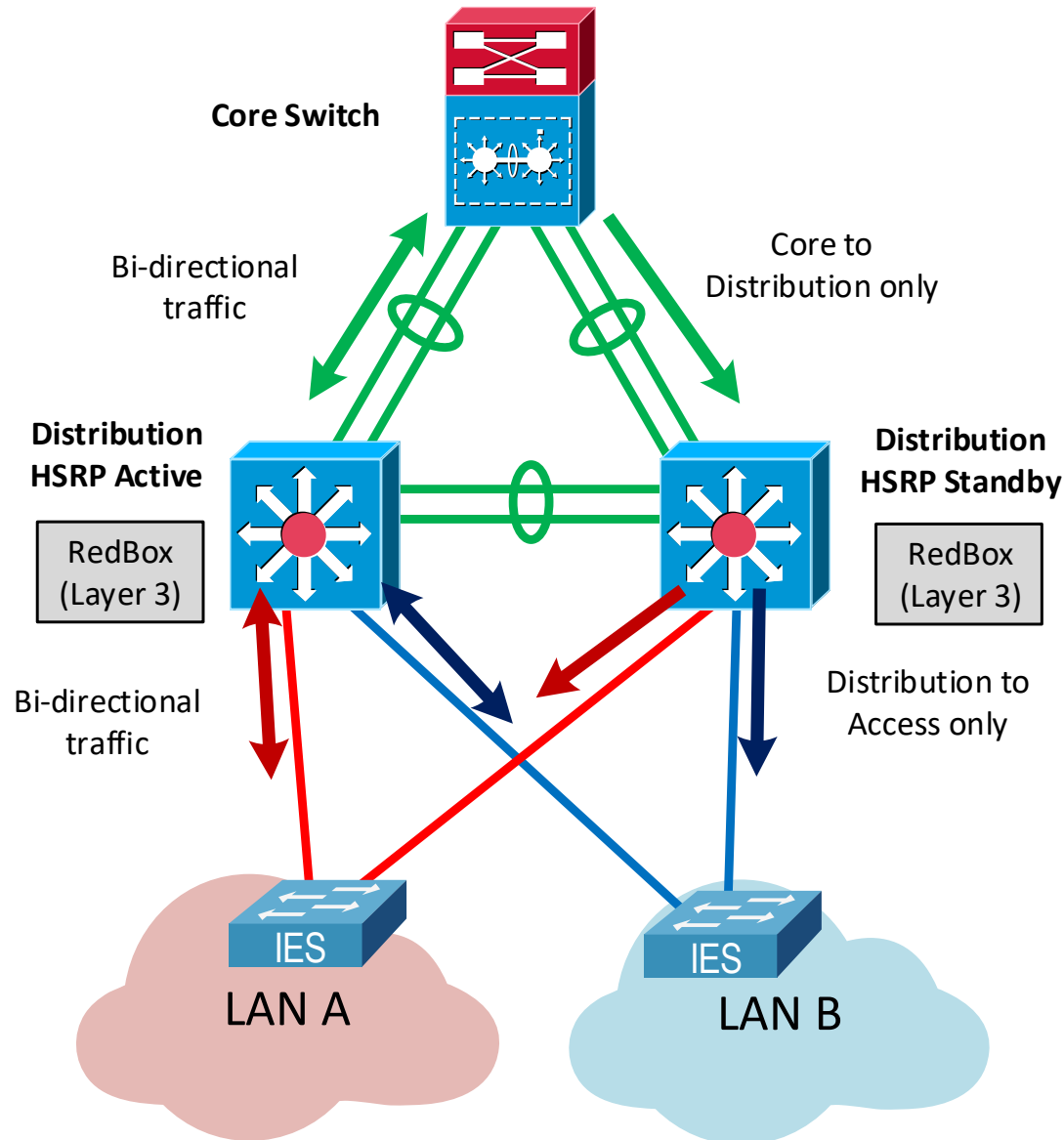
# Connectivity to the Industrial Zone

Industrial Zone Levels 0-3  
(Plant-wide or Site-wide Network)



- Redundant Layer 3 RedBoxes (HSRP active/standby gateways)
  - Layer 3 Stratix 5400/5410 catalog numbers (-R)
- Layer 3 links on RedBoxes (except PRP channel ports)
  - Dynamic or static routing

# Routed Traffic Flow

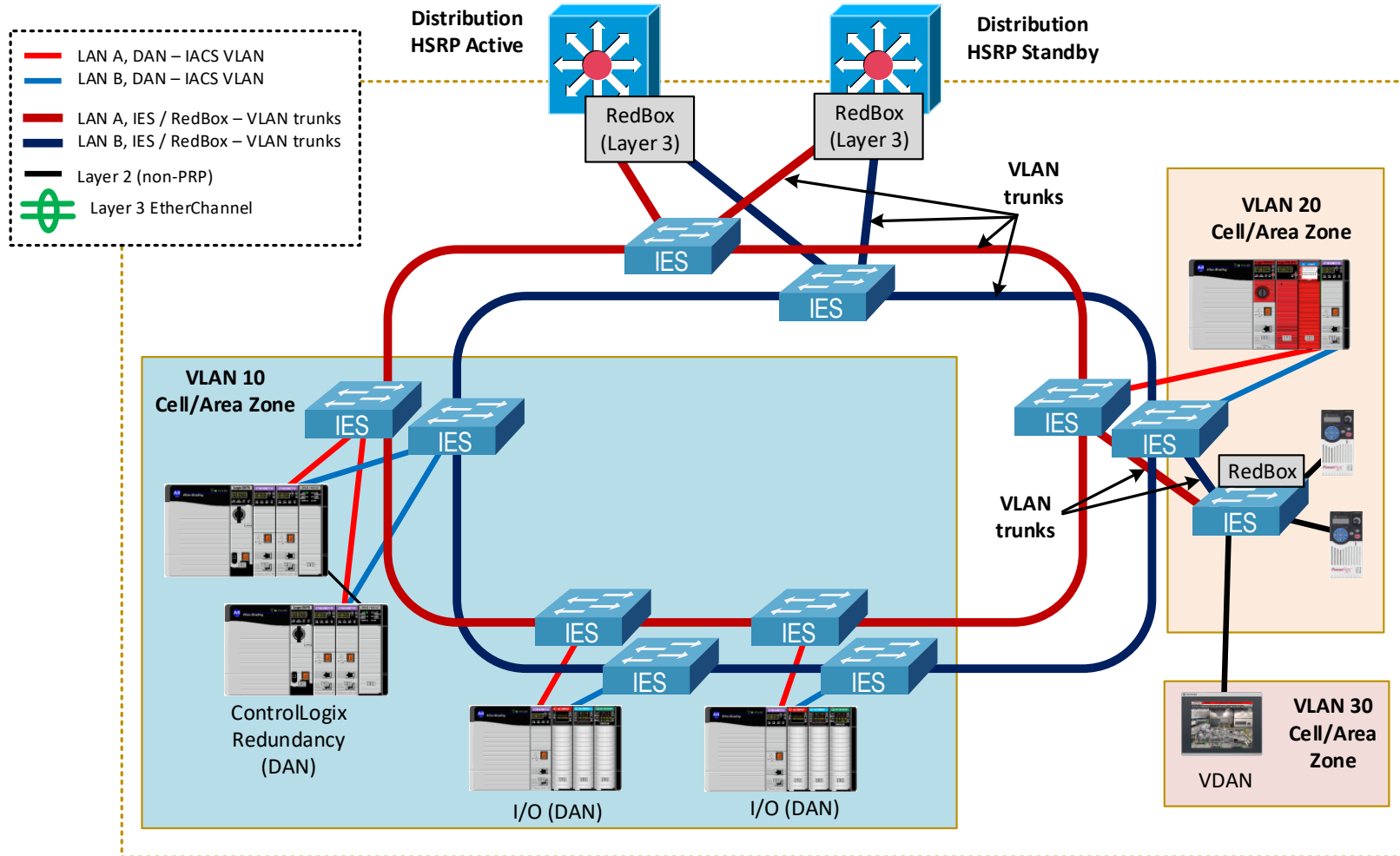


- PRP redundancy protects data flows up to the PRP channel ports
- HSRP gateway faults impacts routed traffic
- Routed traffic convergence depends on HSRP parameters
  - See CPwE guide for details
- Return traffic can flow through either active or standby RedBox gateway



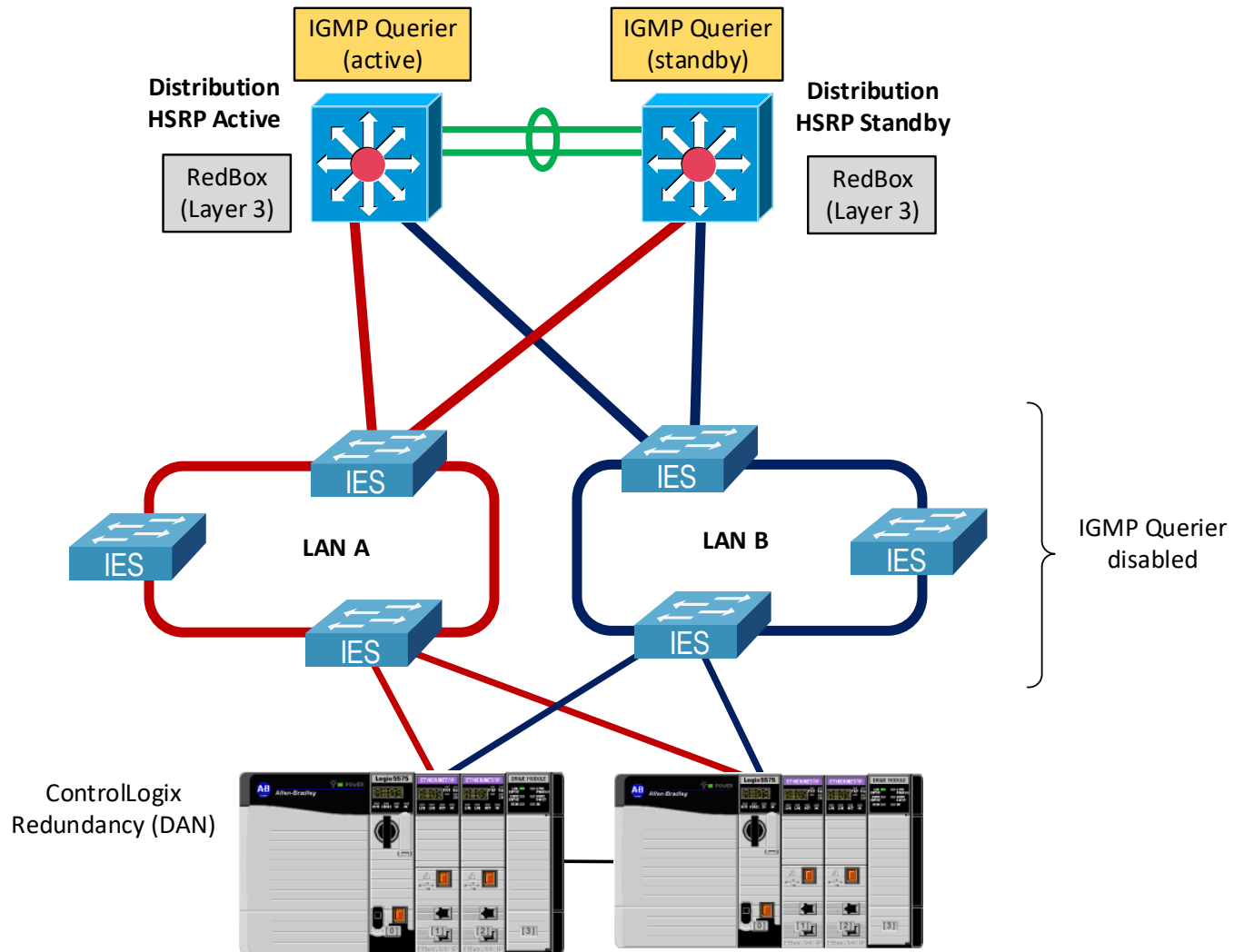
# PRP Considerations for Network Services and Protocols

# VLAN Segmentation with PRP



- VLAN trunking is supported on PRP channels and between LAN A/B switches
- HSRP gateway faults will impact inter-VLAN traffic (not covered by PRP redundancy)
- PRP diagnostics on each DAN is limited to its own VLAN

# Multicast with PRP



- Enable IGMP querier on HSRP gateways (default)
- Disable IGMP querier on infrastructure switches
- See CPwE guide for details

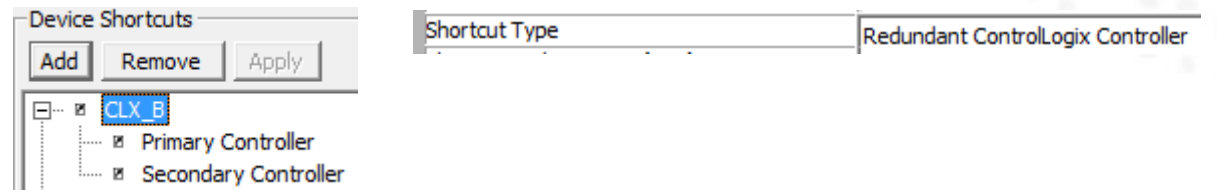
# ControlLogix Redundancy with PRP



CIP Class 1 data  
(IP swapping)

HMI data  
(No IP swapping)

- 1756-EN2TP modules for I/O and Produced Consumed data (IP address swapping)
- 1756-EN2TP modules for HMI data (no IP swapping)
- “Redundant ControlLogix Controller” shortcut type in FactoryTalk Linx
  - See [FactoryTalk Linx Getting Results Guide](#)
- ControlLogix Redundancy firmware revision 31.052 or later, FactoryTalk Linx 6.11 or later
- Infrastructure and RedBox switches are configured for multicast per CPwE guide

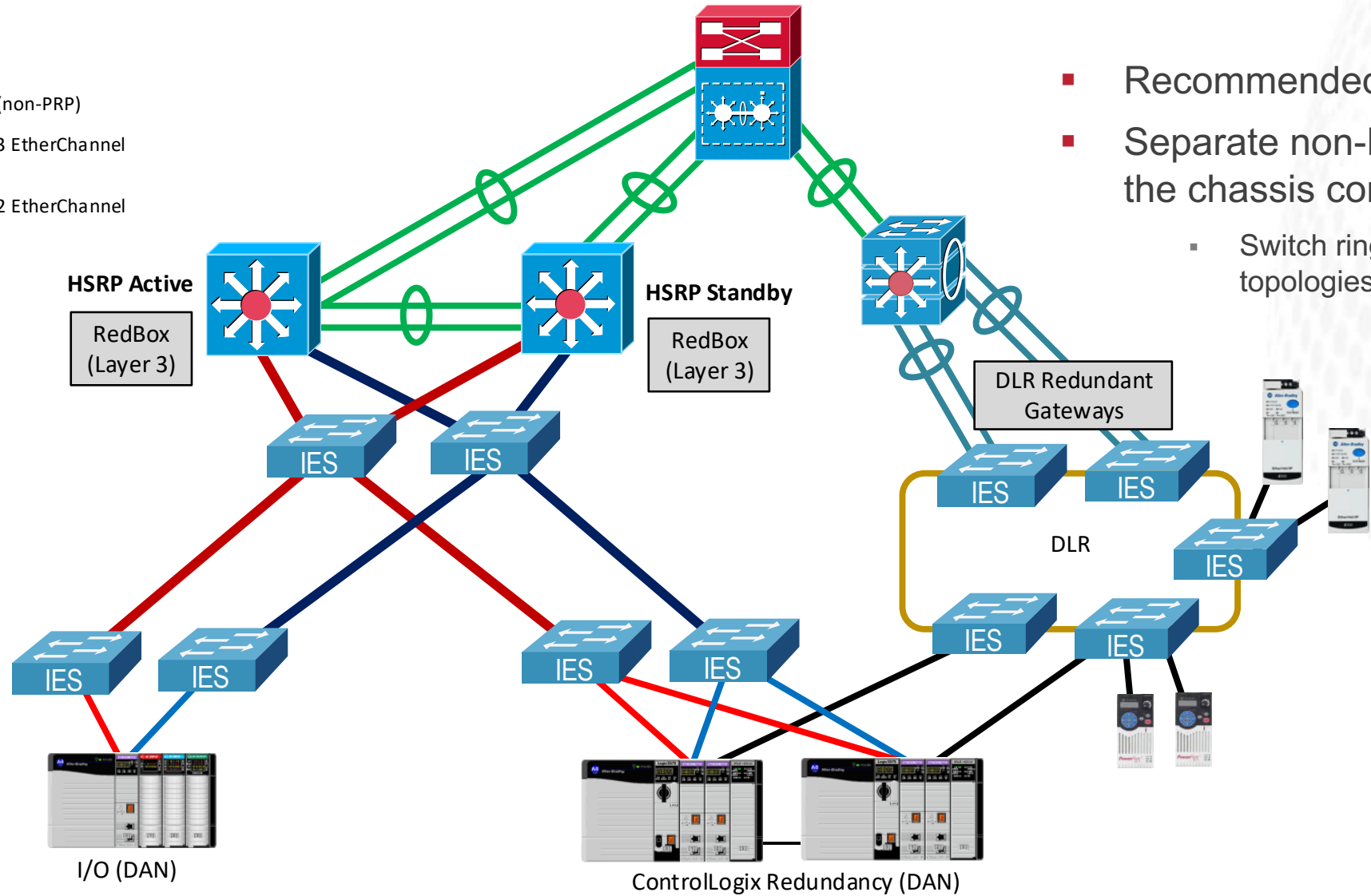


CLX Redundancy

# Connectivity to DLR

## Separate Cell/Area Zone

- DLR
- Layer 2 (non-PRP)
- Layer 3 EtherChannel
- Layer 2 EtherChannel



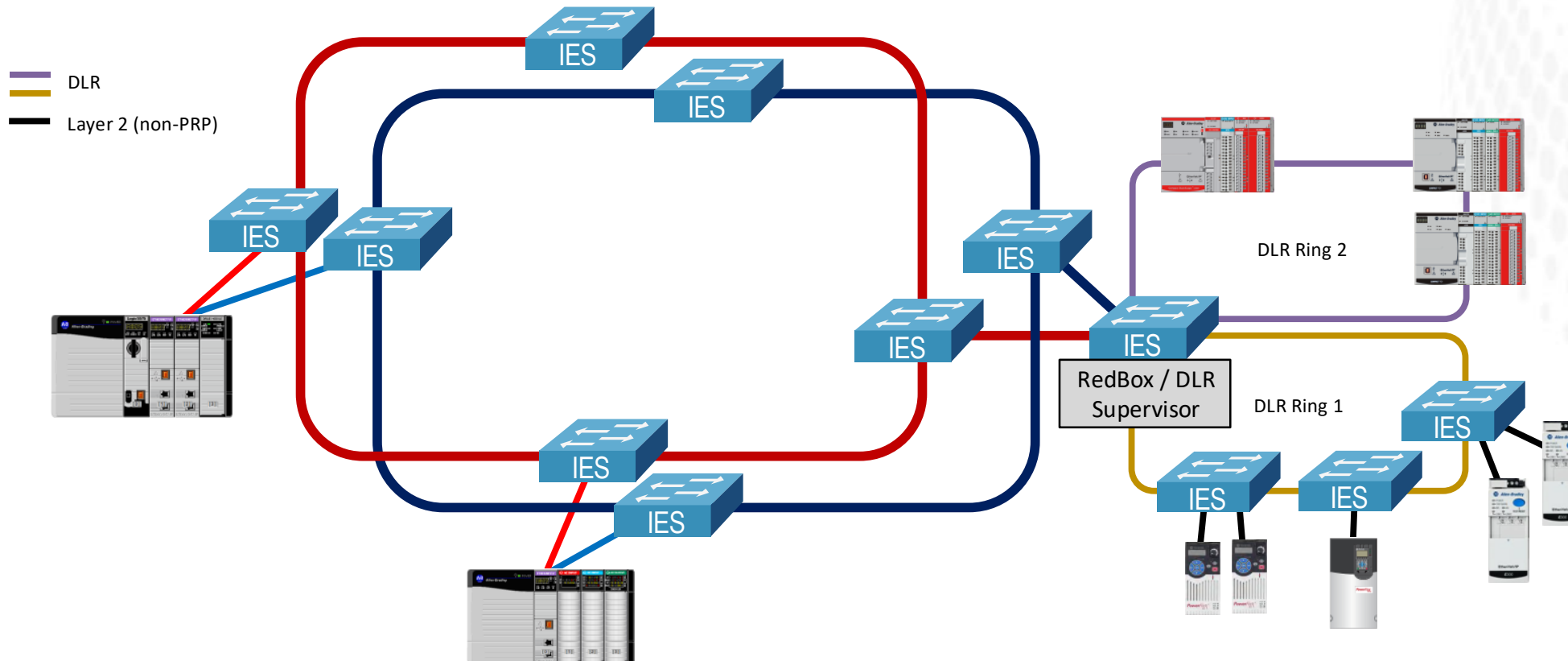
- Recommended for CPwE
- Separate non-PRP modules in the chassis connecting to DLR
  - Switch ring or device ring topologies



# Connectivity to DLR

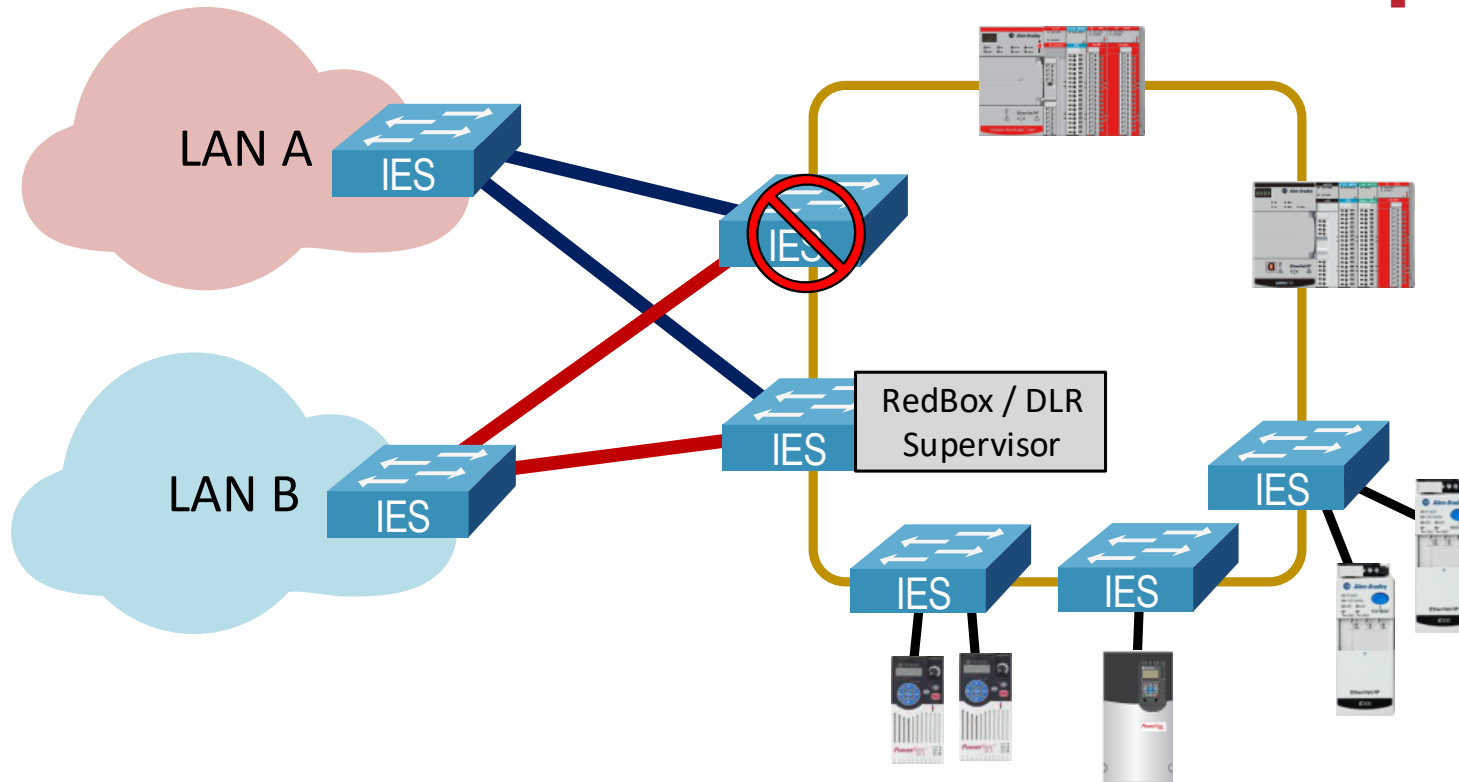
DLR on a RedBox

- Non-redundant RedBox with DLR
- Allowed but not fully validated for performance or scalability



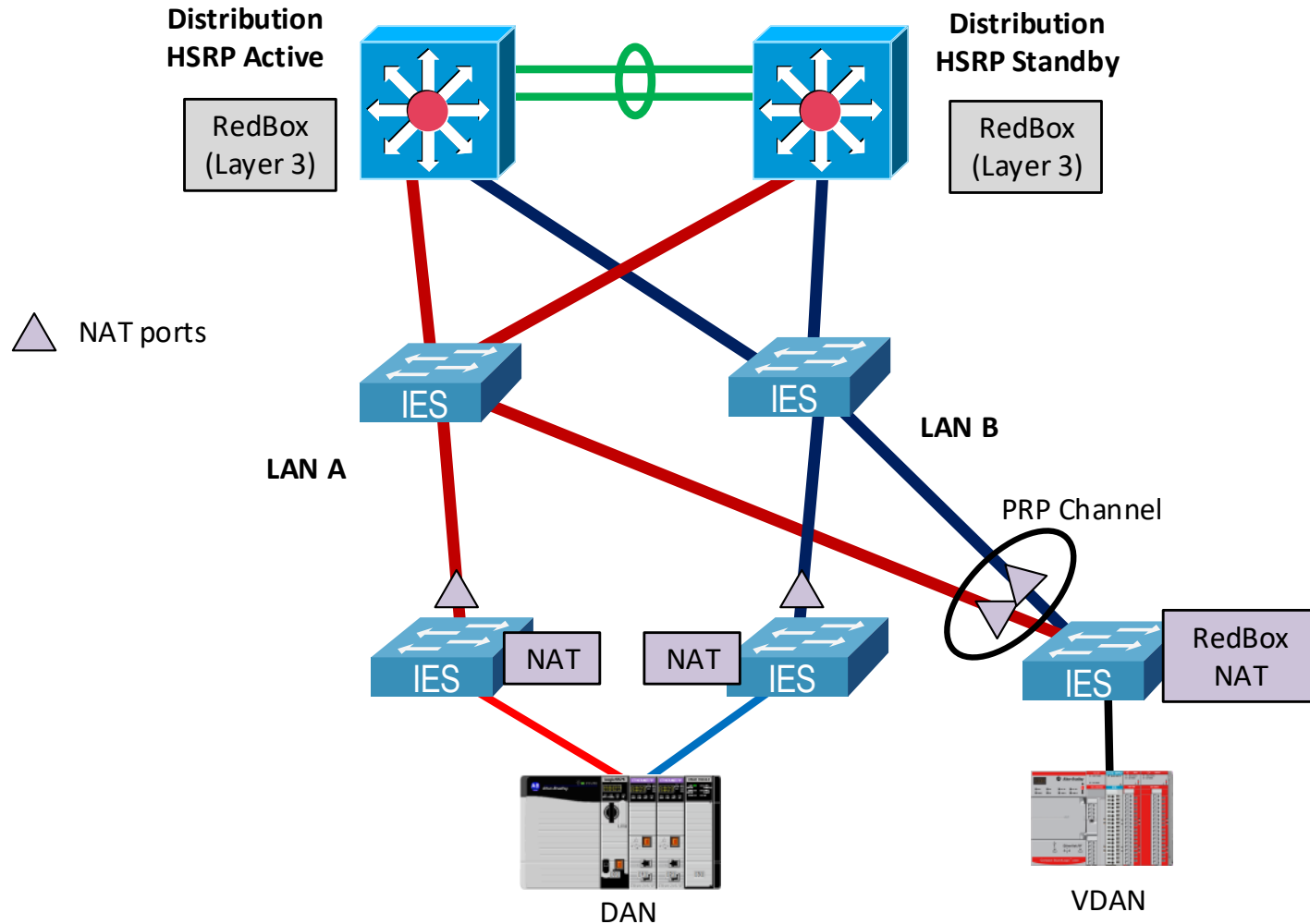
# Connectivity to DLR

Unsupported Topology



- DLR Redundant Gateway with RedBoxes is not supported
- Connections may be dropped on the gateway recovery

# Network Address Translation (NAT) with PRP

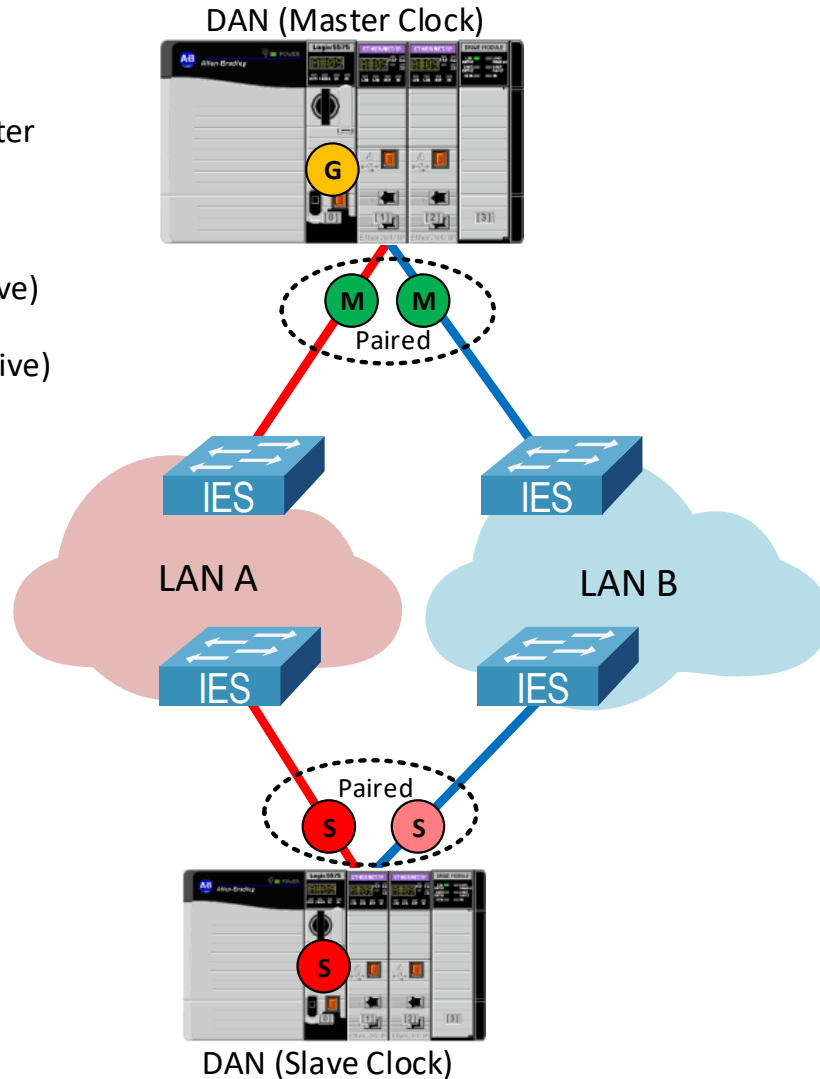


- Use case 1: NAT on LAN A/B switches – configuration must be identical
- Use case 2: NAT on RedBox switch
- Translations for HSRP addresses
  - Gateway translation for the virtual IP address
  - Public-to-Private translations for the physical IP addresses of both HSRP gateways

# Precision Time Protocol (PTP) with PRP

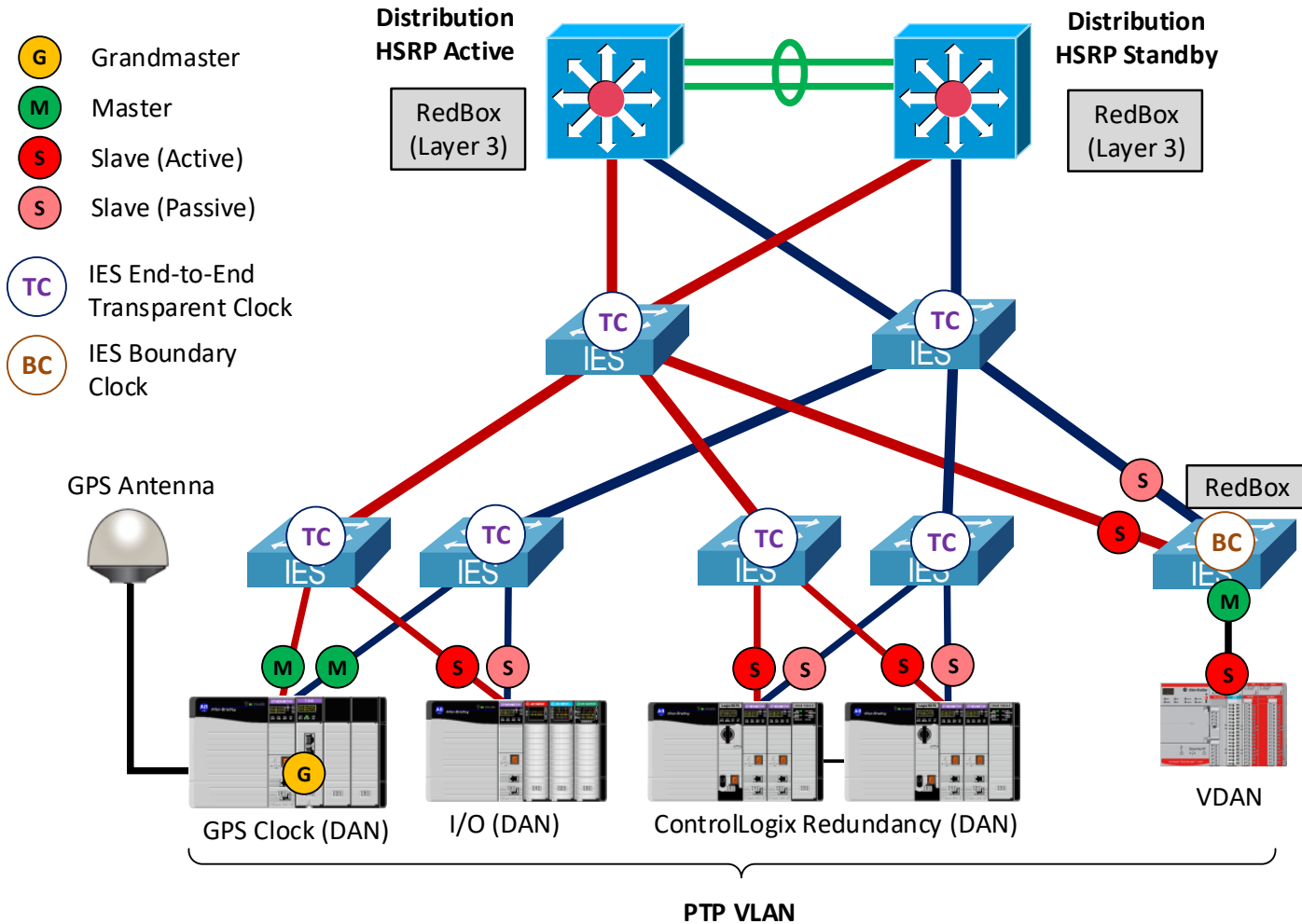
## PTP Port State

- G** Grandmaster
- M** Master
- S** Slave (Active)
- S** Slave (Passive)



- Each PRP port sends and receives PTP packets independently
- No duplication of PTP data
- Both ports can have PTP master or active/passive slave status

# Precision Time Protocol (PTP) with PRP



- RedBox switch: Boundary clock (BC) or NTP/PTP hybrid mode
- Infrastructure switches: Transparent clock (TC)
- Place Grandmaster in a DAN chassis or on a RedBox
  - Redundant GMs are recommended
- Single PTP VLAN with TC switches
- See CPwE guide for details



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