

# SPIDERS Phase II Technical Report



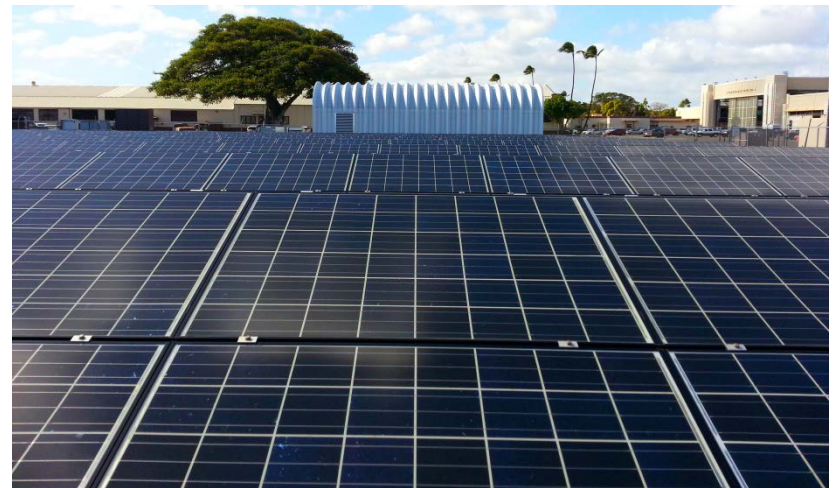
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# One Name but Many Forms

- Centralized Generation
- Distributed Generation
- Highly Renewable Focused / Net Zero

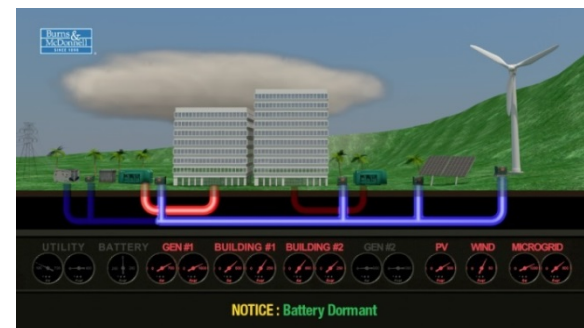


- Decoupling of Generators from Loads
- Seamless Transitions to/from Utility
- Increased Redundancy of Generation



# Common Benefits

- Increased Situational Awareness for Operators
- Increased Automation of Distribution
- Integration of Renewable Resources for Backup Power
- Multiple Modes of Operation Both Islanded and Grid-Tied

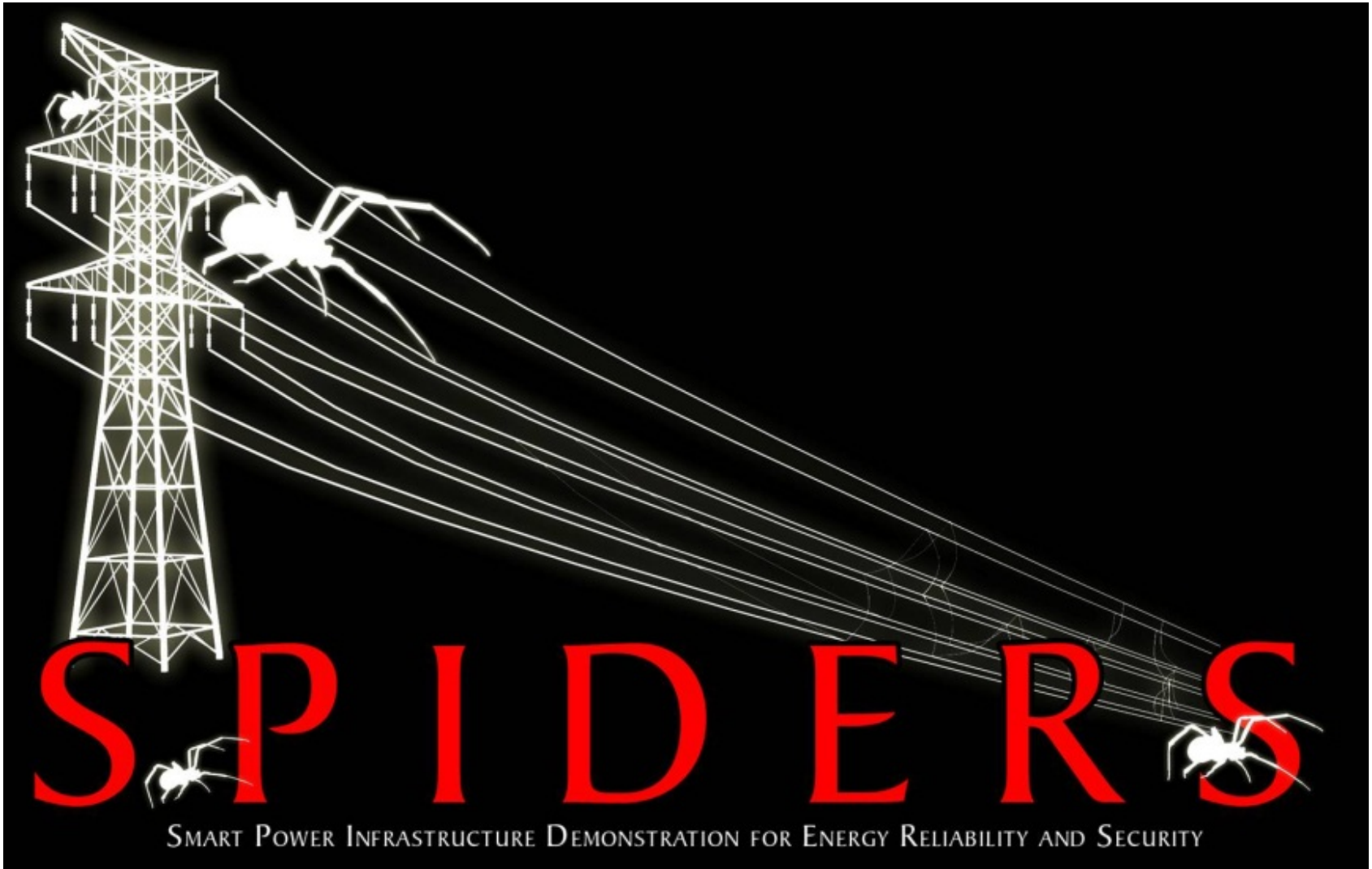


# What Microgrids are Not

- Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)
- Controls Only Solutions
- Out-of-the-box Solutions
- Sources of Revenue (by themselves)







# SPIDERS

SMART POWER INFRASTRUCTURE DEMONSTRATION FOR ENERGY RELIABILITY AND SECURITY



- Any Power Source Can be a SPIDERS Generator
- Controls are Distributed to Match Generators and Loads
- Dynamic Electrical Topology Responds to System Events

## Provide a Cyber-Secure Microgrid for Enhanced Mission Assurance

- Increase reliability of backup generation
- Reduce fossil fuel consumption of generators through renewable integration
- Increase efficiency of generators
- Reduce operational risk through cyber secure control systems

# SPIDERS Multiphase Approach

**STAIRWAY TO ENERGY SECURE INSTALLATIONS**

## Phase 1

### PEARL-HICKAM CIRCUIT LVL DEMO

- Single, 15kV Distribution Circuit
- Two Critical Loads
- Renewable Power Island

## Phase 2

### FT CARSON MICRO-GRID

- Three, 15kV Distribution Circuits
- Relatively Large PV Source
- Bi-Directional EV Charging Stations
- Peak Shaving
- PF Correction

## Phase 3

### CAMP SMITH ENERGY ISLAND

- Entire Installation Smart Micro-Grid
- Distributed Renewables
- Blinkless Transfer of Buildings on Loss of Utility
- Load Curtailment
- ROI-Focused Approach

## TRANSITION

- Template for DoD-wide implementation
- New Uniform Facility Criteria (UFC)
- CONOPS
- TTPs
- Training Plans
- Transition to Electric Utility Sector
- Transition Cyber-Security

HIGHLY SENSITIVE CRITICAL LOADS

UTILITY ANCILLARY SERVICES

# Purpose of SPIDERS

- More Efficient Operation of Diesel Generators
  - Supply critical load using fewer generators
  - Online generators operate at more efficient point
- Ability to Integrate Renewable Resources
  - Microgrid provides a “grid source” to allow UL compliant equipment to operate
  - Power from renewables further reduces consumption of diesel fuel
- Increased Redundancy for Critical Systems
  - Generators can serve any load in microgrid
- Implement Cyber Security for Microgrid Command and Control
  - Microgrids must be less vulnerable than the utility grid to cyber attacks
  - Control network must be responsive to rapidly changing electrical system
- Minimize Changes to Existing Infrastructure
  - In order to maximize effectiveness of SPIDERS program, it must be implemented at existing facilities, not just new ones
  - Utilizing existing infrastructure increases reliability and maintainability of systems

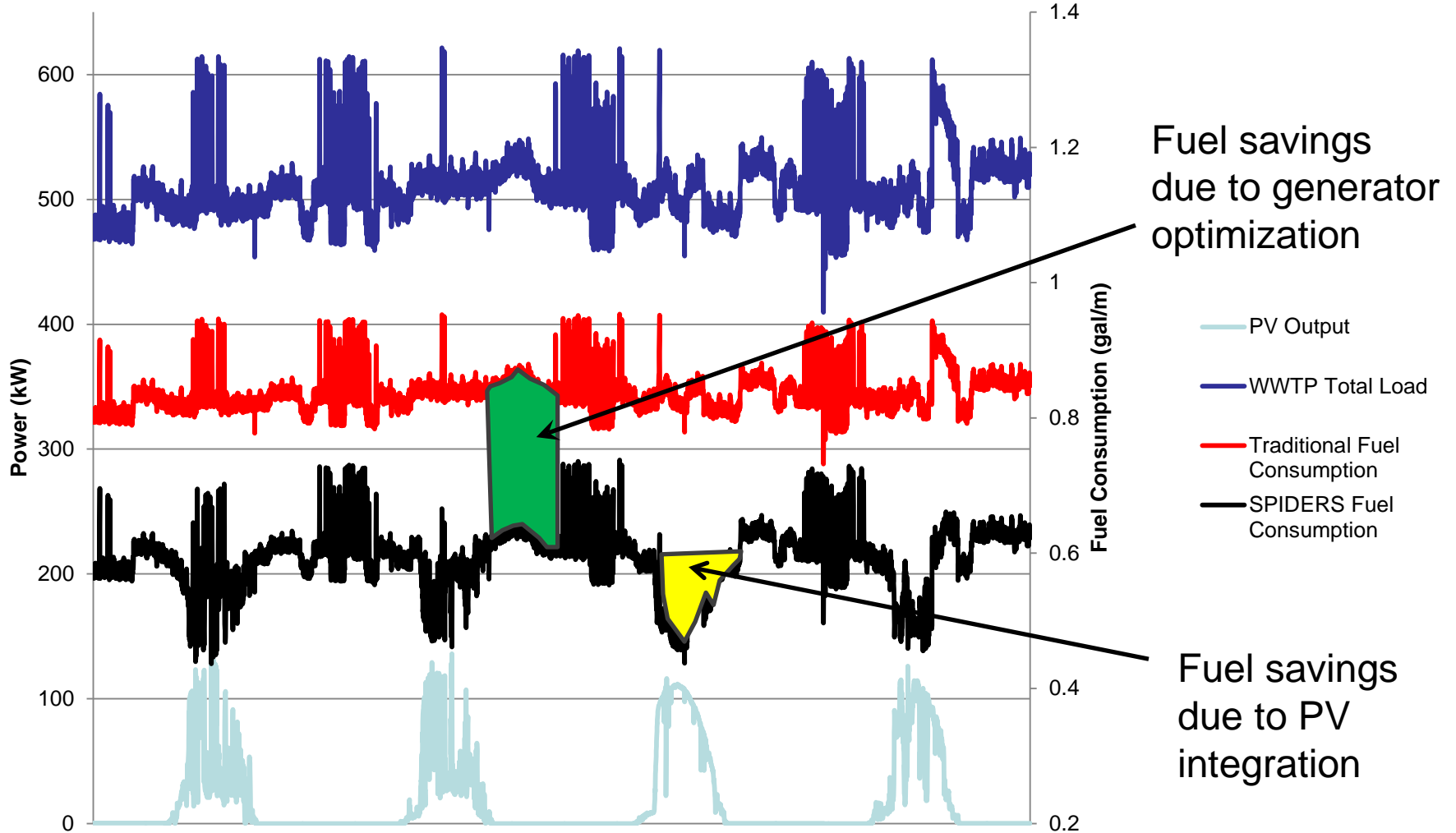
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RELIABILITY**

**&**

**REDUCE DIESEL FUEL  
CONSUMPTION**

# Performance Optimization

## Typical Microgrid Power and Fuel Consumption



## **Repurpose Existing Assets**

- Reduced Cost
- Utilize Otherwise Stranded Assets
- Minimize Downtime of Existing Facilities

## **Flexibility in Usage**

- Fully Functional Fail Safe Mode (Do No Harm)
- Satisfy Life Safety Codes
- Facilitate Improved Testing and Maintenance

## **Cyber Secure Controls**

- Dramatically Increase Situational Awareness
- Isolated Network with Multiple Enclaves
- Distributed Controls Philosophy

## **COTS-Based Solution**

- Adaptable to Each Site's Unique Requirements
- Facilitate Maintenance



- Existing 15kV Distribution System Used for Connecting Generators and Loads
- Generators Directly Connected to the 480V Side of the Building Transformers Using Bypass Breakers
- Automatic Synchronizers Permit Paralleled Operation to Other Generators or Utility

# SPIDERS Phase II



- Three Microgrid Diesel Generators (3MW total)
- 1MW Segment of PV Array
- Five Bi-Directional Hi-Speed Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (300kW / 400kWh total)



# 15kV Synchronizing Breaker

- Allows Seamless Transition to Utility
- New Sectionalizing Point within Circuit
- Seamless Transitions are Critical During Testing of System



# 15kV Sectionalizing Switch

- Replaced Existing Manual Switches with Motor Operated Models
- Workhorse of Microgrid
- Allows for Dynamic Electrical Topology



- Provides Pathway for Generator to Feed Microgrid
- Switchboard Design for Compactness
- Schweitzer Relay Backing Up Typical Electronic Trip Unit





# PV Array

- 2MW Array with Four, 500kW Inverters
- Electrically Divided in Half
- Third-Party Owned & Operated





# EV Charging Stations

- Five, 100kVA Stations
- Four Quadrant Control Permits VAR Support of Utility or Microgrid Even Without Vehicles
- Aggregator Allows Smart Charging of Fleet Based on Utility and Functional Requirements



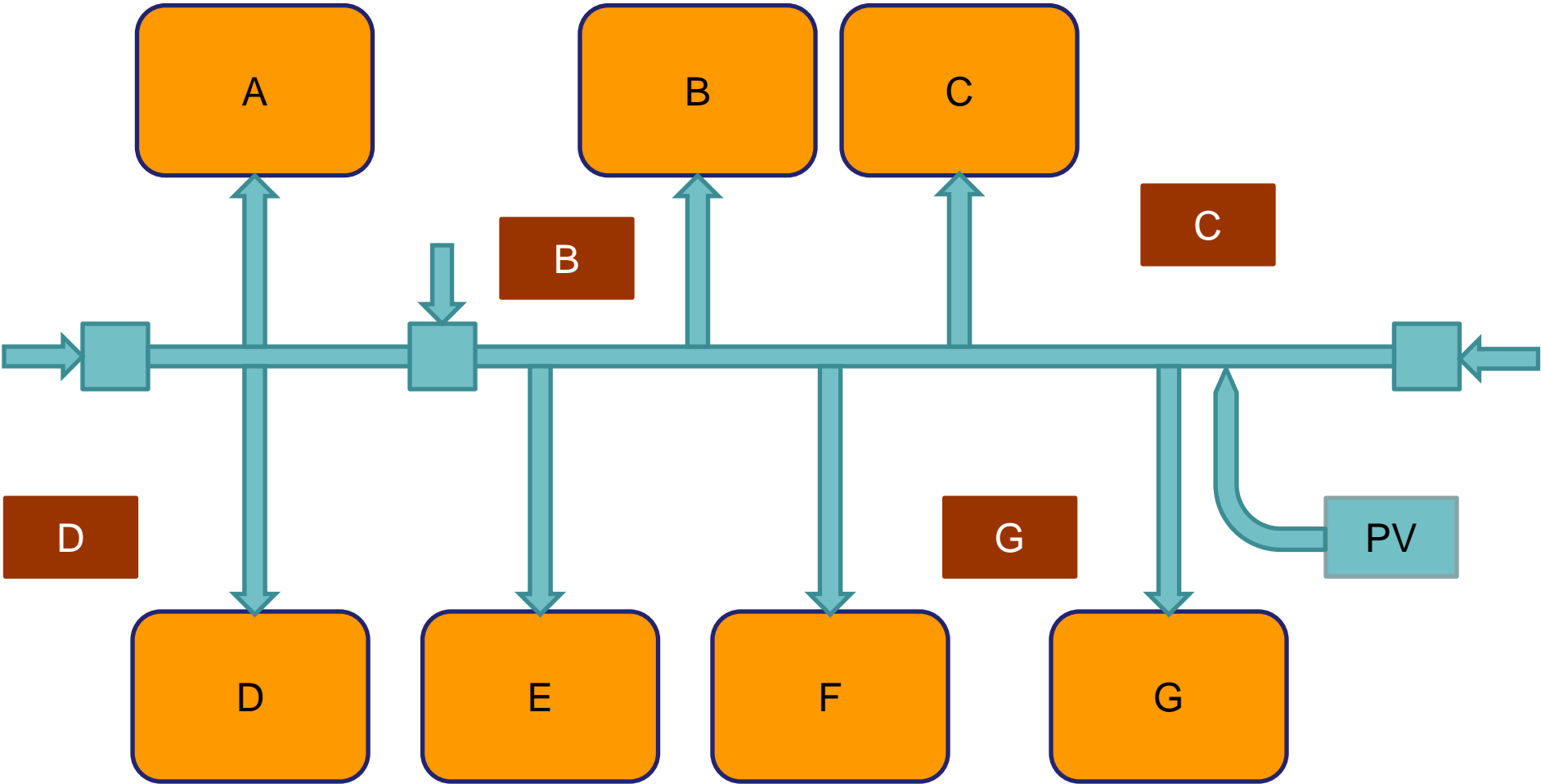
# Phase II Microgrid



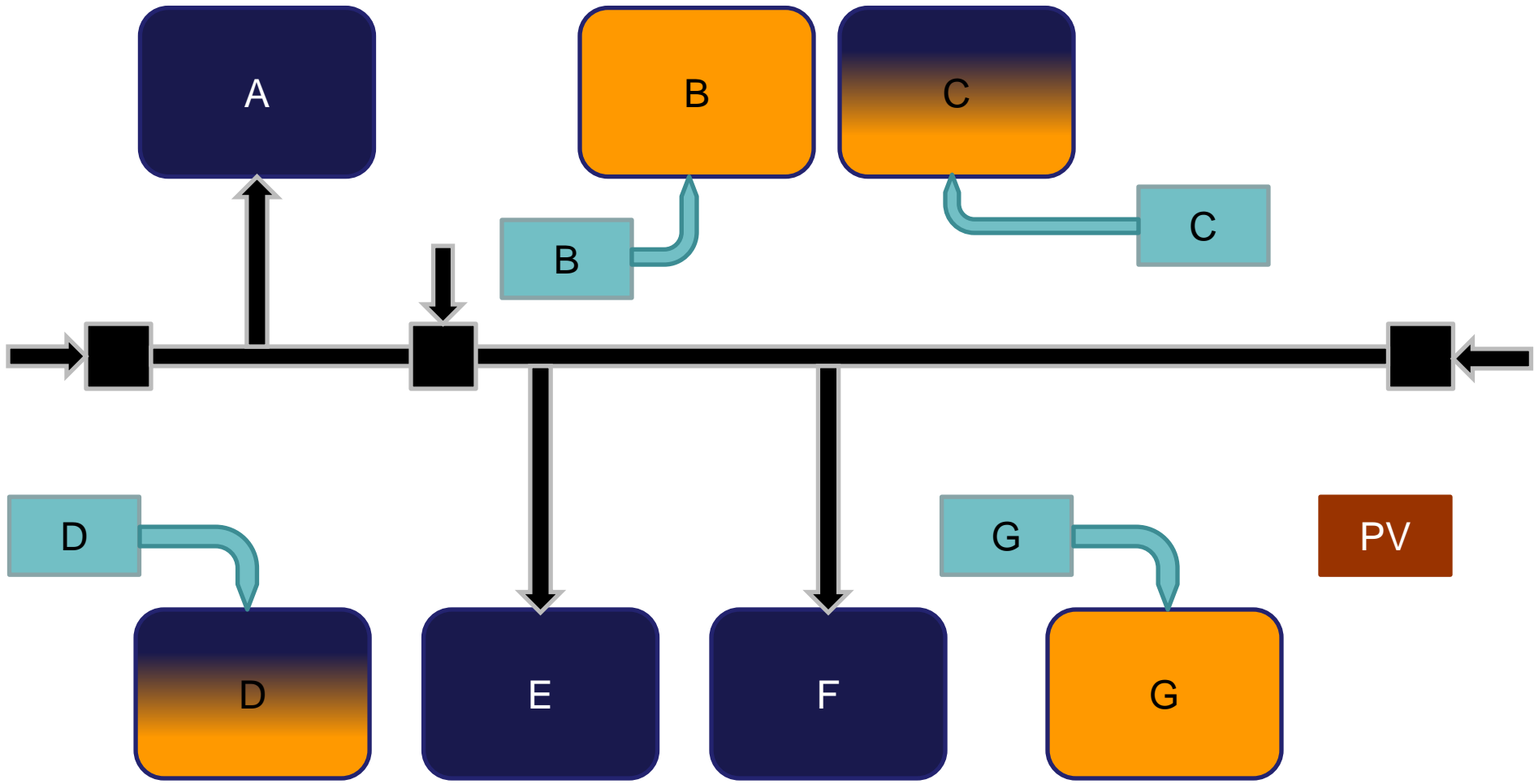
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PV Array

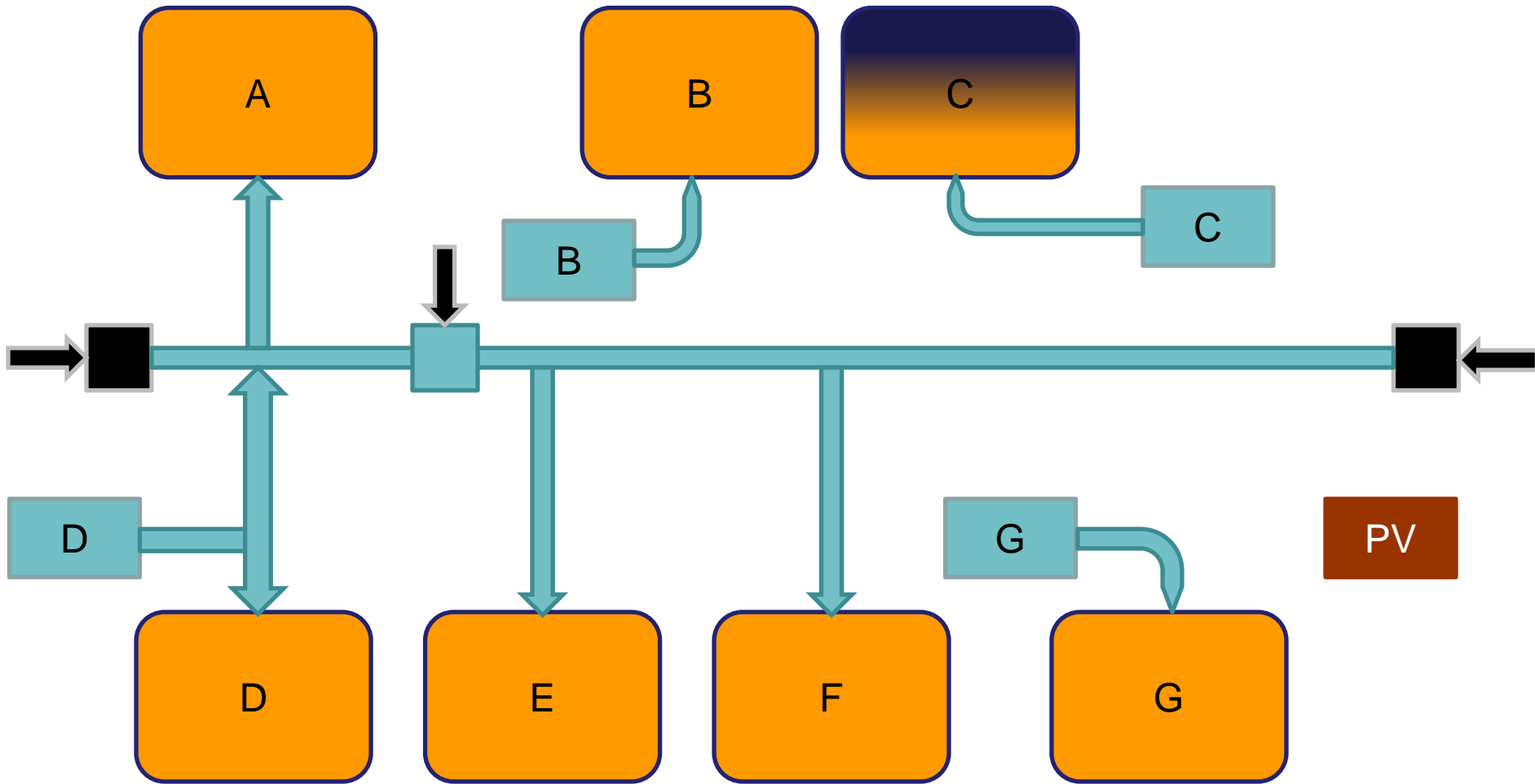
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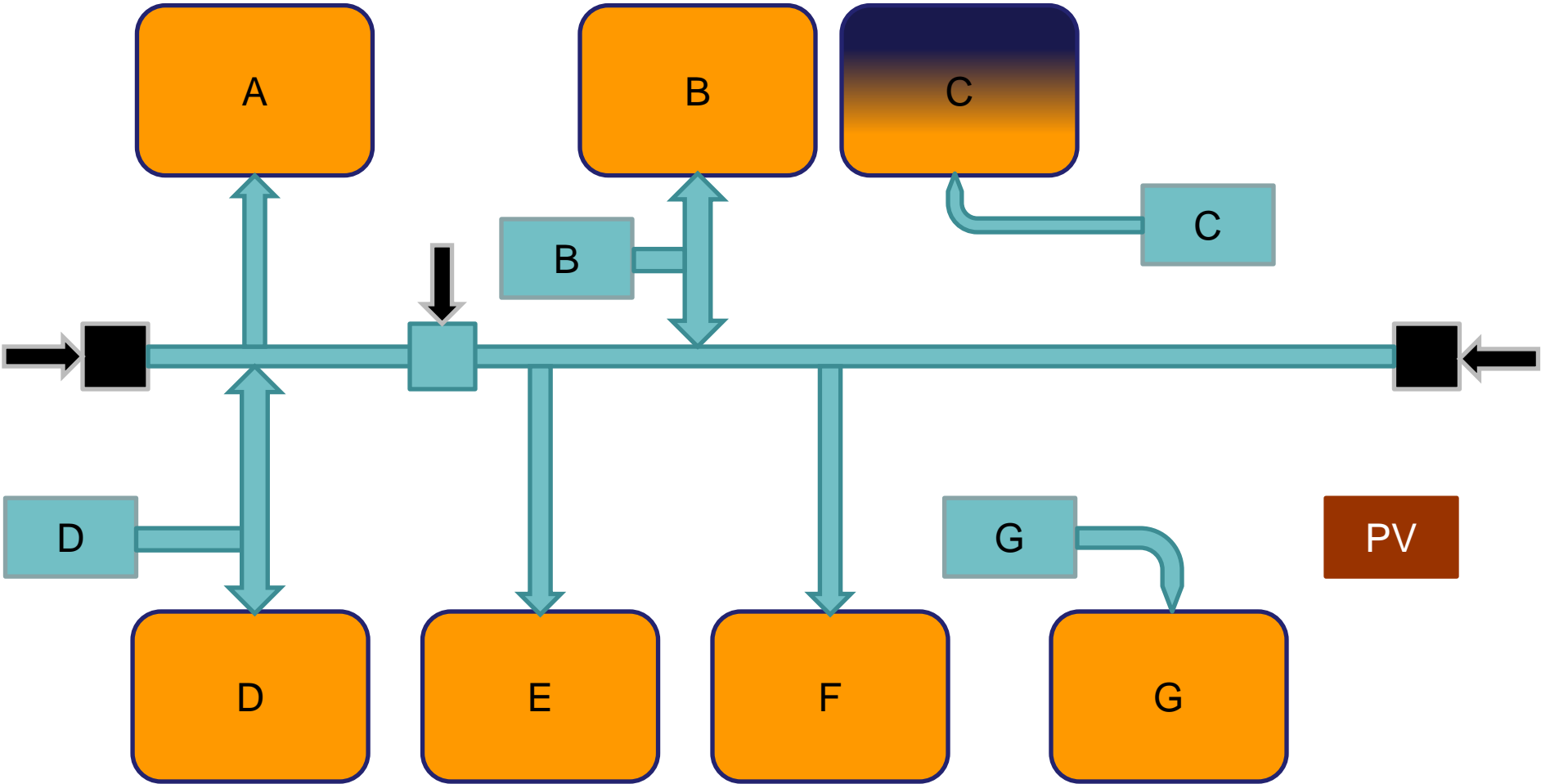
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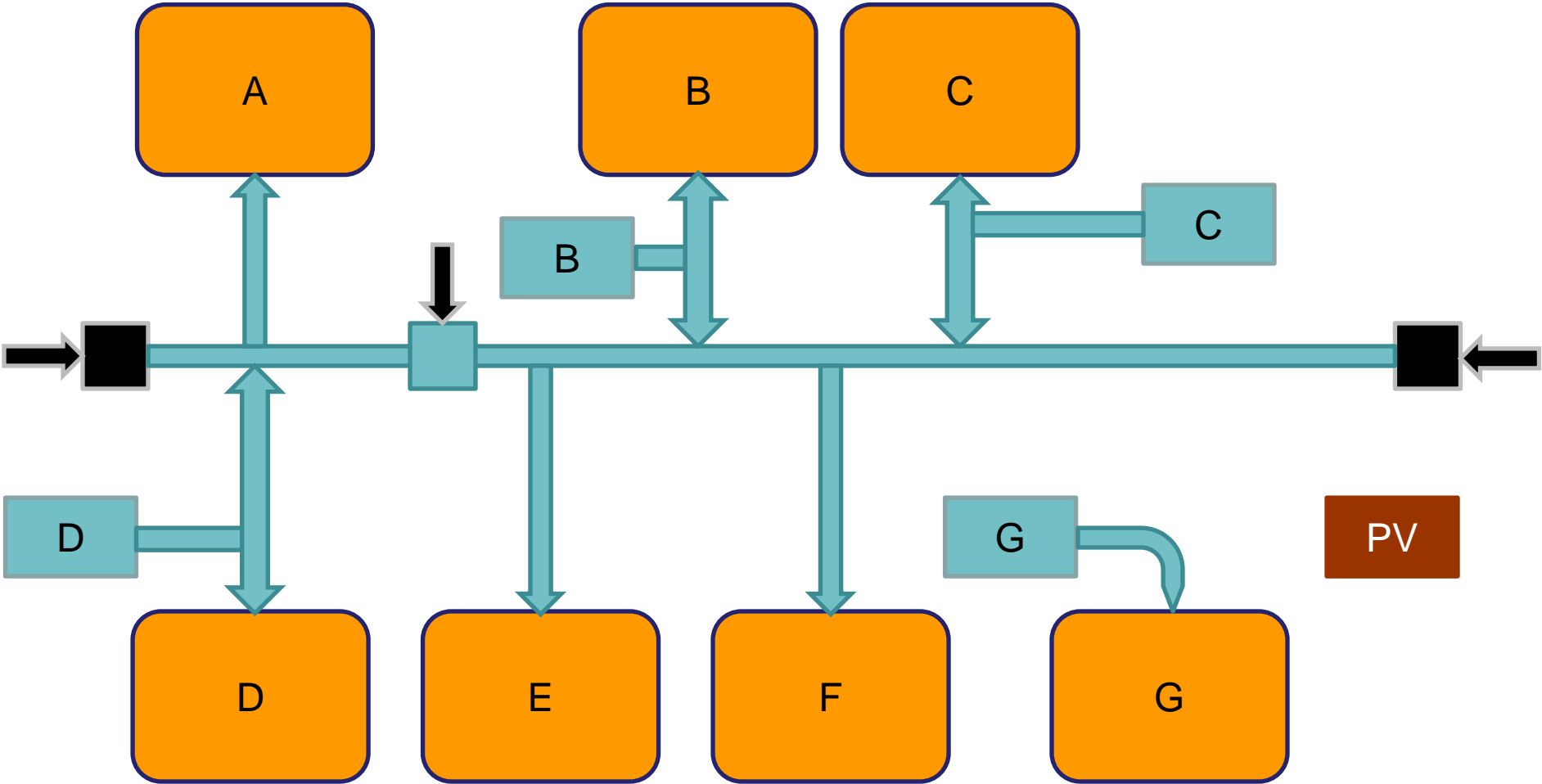
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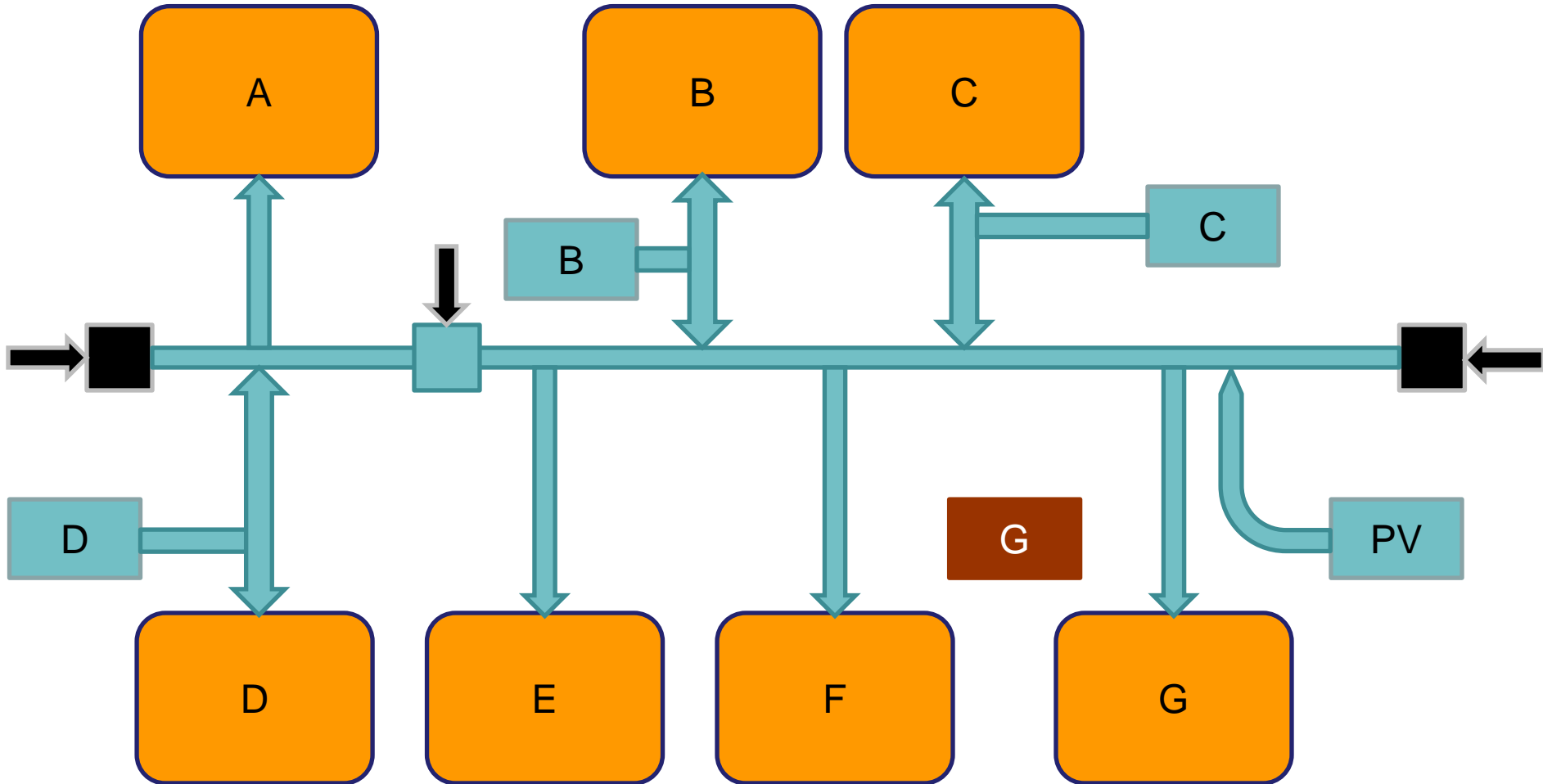


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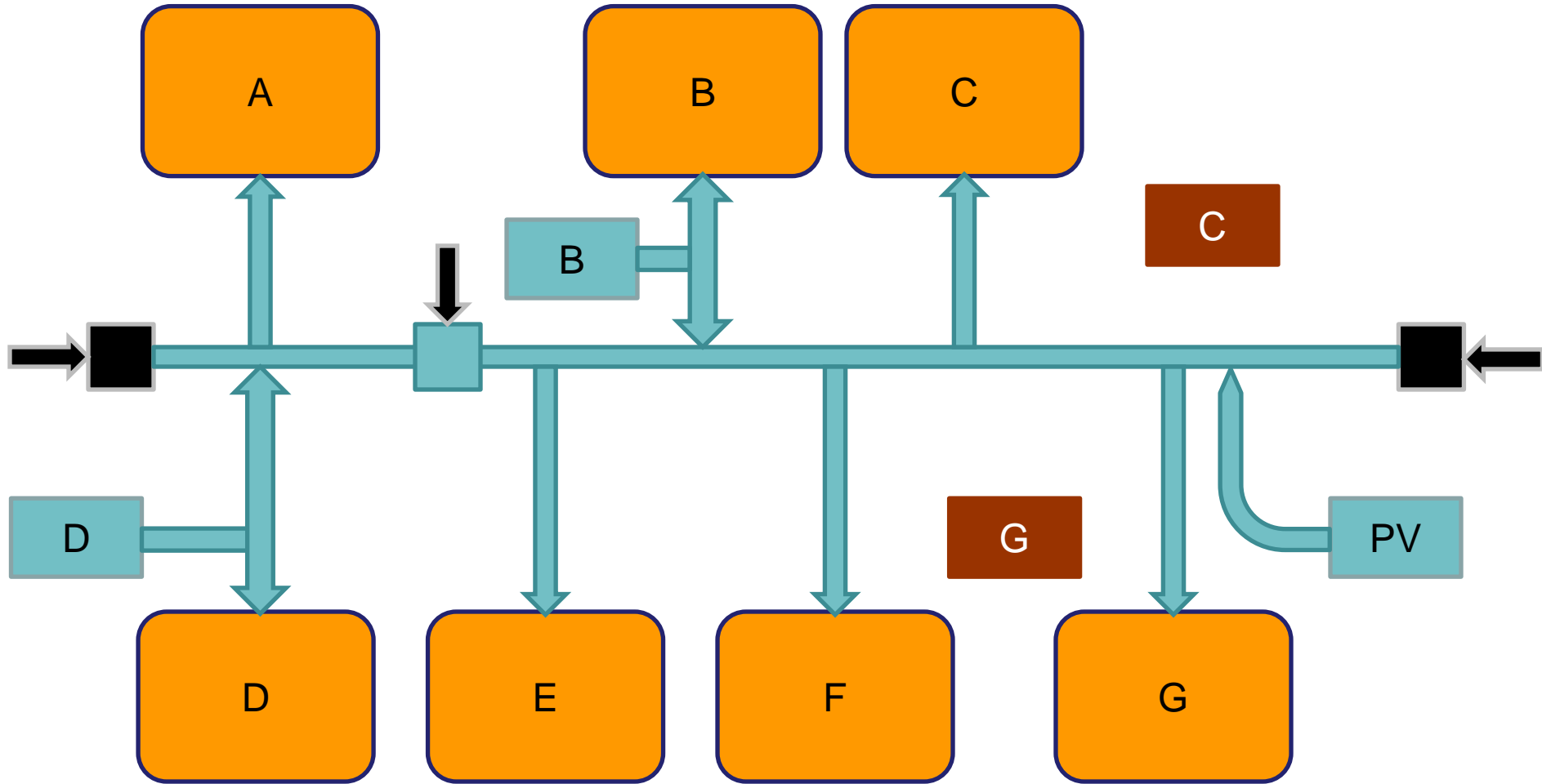




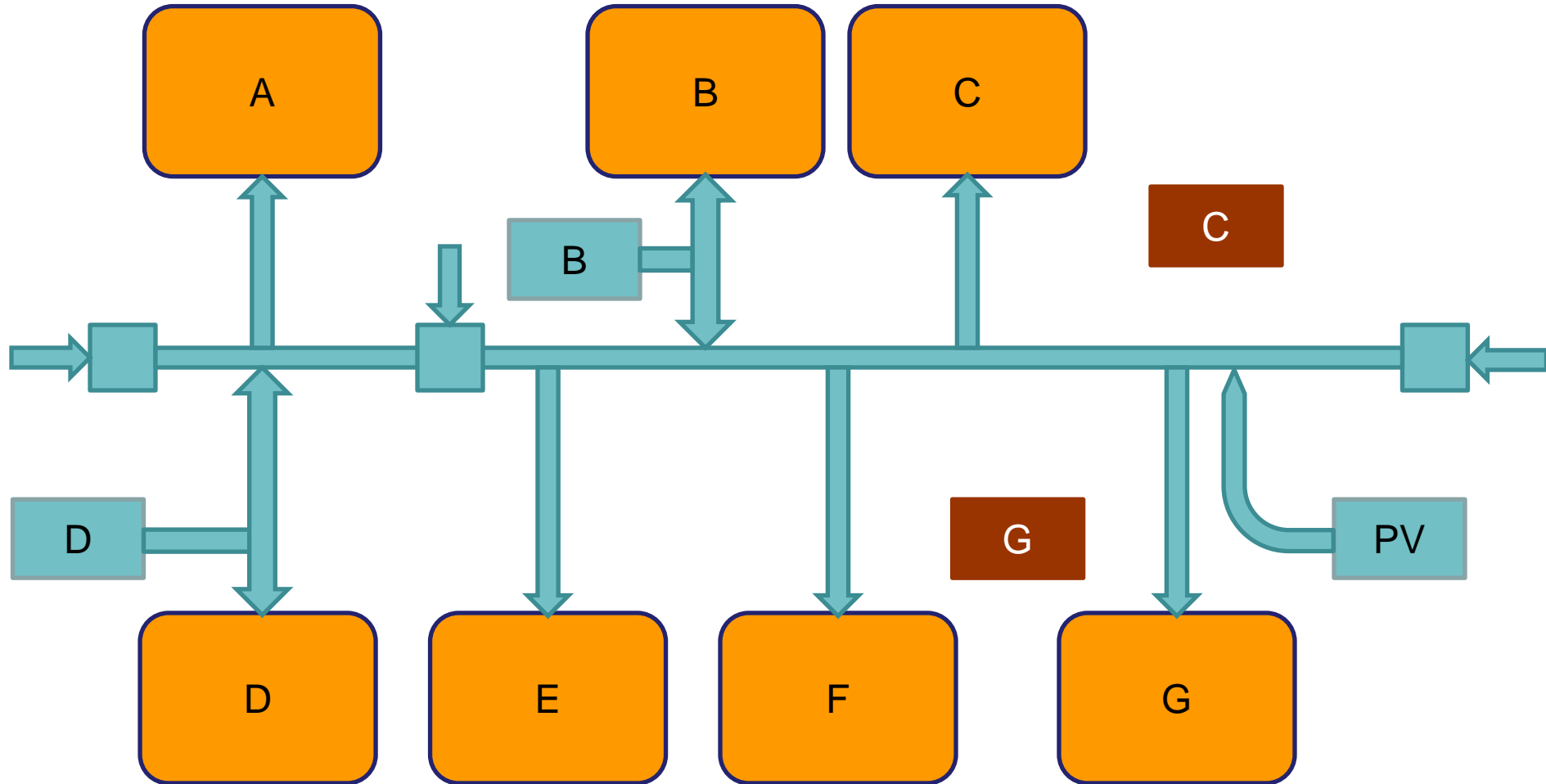
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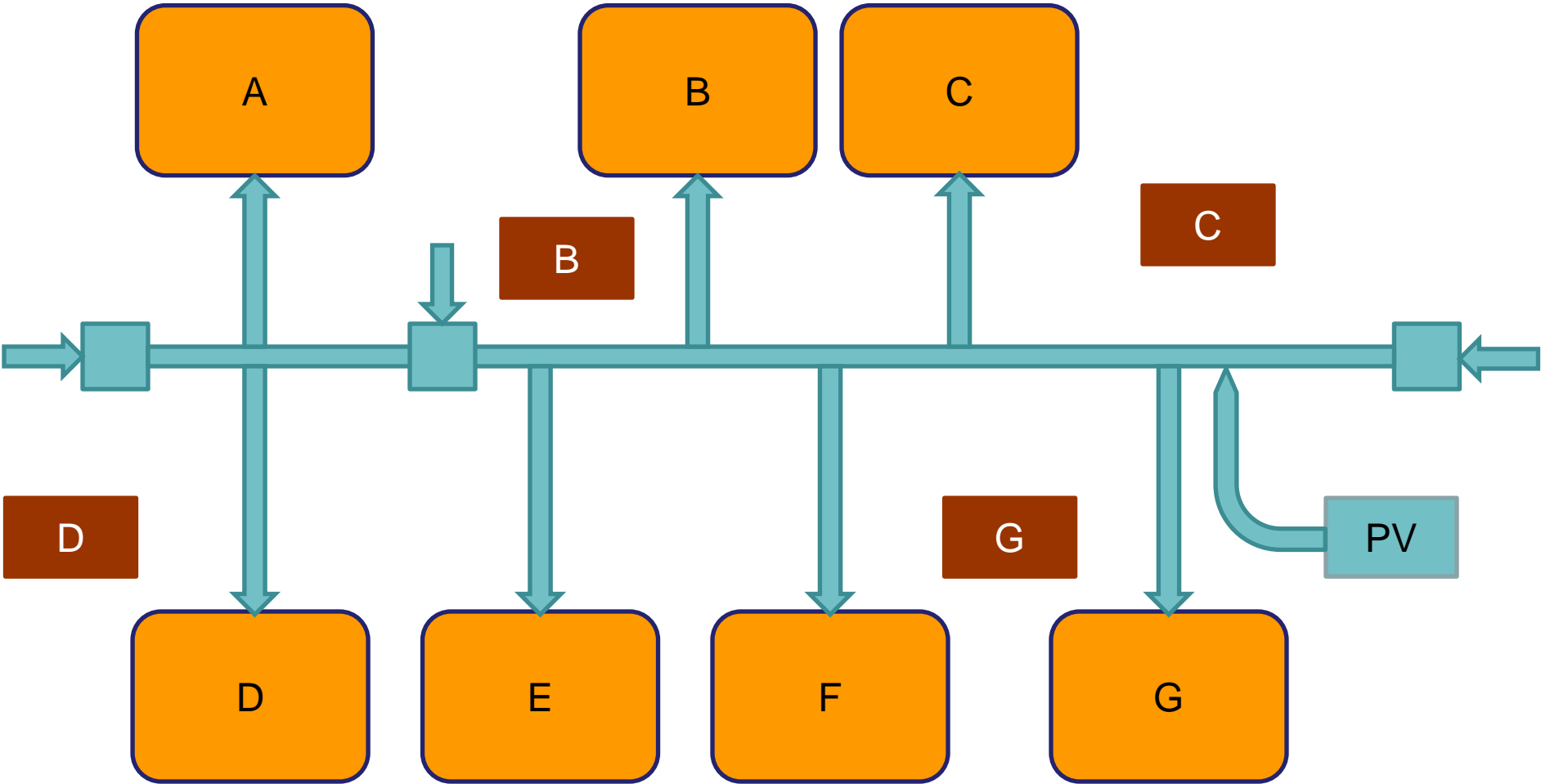
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# Seamless Return to Utility

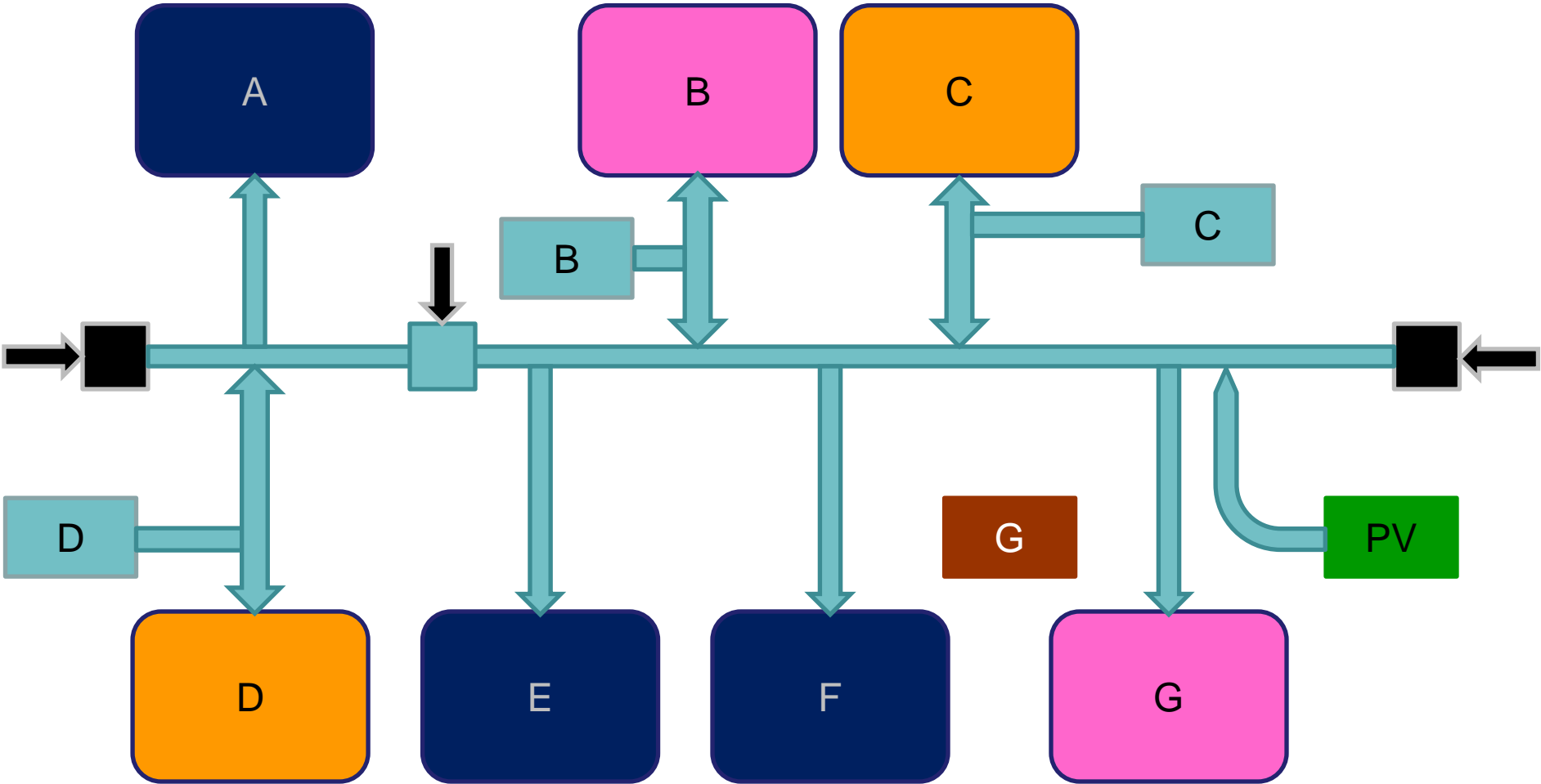


# Normal Operation



# Microgrid Differences

Renewable Power Available





# FORT CARSON NOTIONAL MICROGRID

# Questions?

