I want to create a RF link between two AREDN local mesh networks on different channels. I want to eliminate the Internet tunnel currently used.

I have two 31dBi dishes on opposite side of a tall tower with a clear path to each local mesh. The transceiver on each dish is set to the channel of the connecting local mesh (see diagram).

Can I simply connect the Ethernet cable of each dish transceiver back-to-back through a switch, or do I need an AREDN device between the dishes (hAP ac Lite or hAP ac3)?

Do I need a supernode to bridge these meshes?

I have read many old forum articles and docs.

I would like your recommendation using current firmware and moving forward with Babel routing.

