Powered Cube Report: Learned Archetypes, Bombs, and Synergies

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Dataset Snapshot

This run uses 57,913 unique deck builds and 266,117 game rows. The unsupervised clustering stage produced 7 learned archetypes. The best-performing large shells are Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist, Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury, White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor, which already tells us that the format is not a single monolithic color table: it separates into distinct deck families with their own signposts, core cards, and build-around incentives.

1   Discovered Archetypes

Archetype	Decks	Games	WR	Top signposts
Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	12,970	68,705	61.13%	`Guide of Souls, Sanguine Evangelist, Luminarch Aspirant, Death-Greeter's Champion, Mother of Runes`
Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	5,538	26,131	55.62%	`Fire Covenant, Fury, Pyrogoyf, Fiery Confluence, Kolaghan's Command`
White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	5,654	26,028	54.73%	`No More Lies, The Wandering Emperor, Solitude, Teferi, Time Raveler, Lingering Souls`
Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	7,492	33,181	51.80%	`Animate Dead, Necromancy, Archon of Cruelty, Entomb, Reanimate`
Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	9,261	39,563	51.43%	`Birds of Paradise, Titania, Protector of Argoth, Noble Hierarch, Nadu, Winged Wisdom, Ignoble Hierarch`
Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	9,349	40,088	50.90%	`Brain Freeze, Snapcaster Mage, Underworld Breach, Narset, Parter of Veils, Hullbreacher`

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Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	7,649	32,421	50.56%	`Mox Opal`, `Urza, Lord High Artificer`, `Retrofitter Foundry`, `Kappa Cannoneer`, `Tinker`

2 What Defines the Best Shells

Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist

This cluster contains 12,970 decks across 68,705 games and posts a baseline win rate of 61.13%. Its defining cards are `Guide of Souls`, `Sanguine Evangelist`, `Luminarch Aspirant`, `Death-Greeter's Champion`, `Mother of Runes`, `Phlage, Titan of Fire's Fury`.

The strongest positive links in the shell are Ocelot Pride + Showdown of the Skalds, Figure of Destiny + Phlage, Titan of Fire's Fury, Lightning Helix + Sanguine Evangelist. The build-around detector flags `Guide of Souls`, `Adeline, Resplendent Cathar`, `Luminarch Aspirant` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury

This cluster contains 5,538 decks across 26,131 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.62%. Its defining cards are `Fire Covenant`, `Fury`, `Pyrogoyf`, `Fiery Confluence`, `Kolaghan's Command`, `Bloodtithe Harvester`.

The strongest positive links in the shell are Fable of the Mirror-Breaker + Pyrogoyf, Fable of the Mirror-Breaker + Fury, Fire Covenant + Kolaghan's Command. The build-around detector flags `Kolaghan's Command` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor

This cluster contains 5,654 decks across 26,028 games and posts a baseline win rate of 54.73%. Its defining cards are `No More Lies`, `The Wandering Emperor`, `Solitude`, `Teferi, Time Raveler`, `Lingering Souls`, `Reprieve`.

The strongest positive links in the shell are Fractured Identity + Teferi, Hero of Dominaria, Fractured Identity + Oust, Reprieve + Teferi, Hero of Dominaria. The build-around detector flags `Path to Exile` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy

This cluster contains 7,492 decks across 33,181 games and posts a baseline win rate of 51.80%. Its defining cards are `Animate Dead`, `Necromancy`, `Archon of Cruelty`, `Entomb`, `Reanimate`, `Life // Death`.

The strongest positive links in the shell are Barrowgoyf + Persist, Liliana of the Veil + Reanimate, Archon of Cruelty + Emperor of Bones. The build-around detector flags `Griselbrand` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

3 Bombs: Cards That Are Good Alone

Card	Best cluster	Standalone lift	Drawn-game WR	Games
Time Walk	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	15.90 pp	67.32%	964
Ancestral Recall	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	12.46 pp	63.36%	1744
Teferi, Time Raveler	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	11.92 pp	62.49%	941
Black Lotus	Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	11.76 pp	67.38%	469
Ugin, Eye of the Storms	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	11.68 pp	62.24%	1920
Cryptic Command	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	11.64 pp	62.53%	1863
Parallax Wave	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	11.17 pp	65.90%	1513
Force of Will	Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	10.98 pp	62.78%	540
Teferi, Hero of Dominaria	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	10.40 pp	61.29%	1439
Mystic Confluence	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	10.18 pp	61.07%	2294
Fiery Confluence	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	9.75 pp	61.18%	237
Tinker	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	9.53 pp	60.09%	2606

4 Build-Arounds and Shell Dependence

Card	Best cluster	Shell dependence	Support delta	Supported games
Guide of Souls	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	10.0 / 10	2.89 pp	2886
Adeline, Resplendent Cathar	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	10.0 / 10	3.01 pp	2494
Kolaghan's Command	Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	10.0 / 10	8.12 pp	714
Griselbrand	Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	10.0 / 10	15.19 pp	1438
Fastbond	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	10.0 / 10	10.76 pp	1098
Luminarch Aspirant	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	9.9 / 10	2.83 pp	2689
Lotus Cobra	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	9.5 / 10	6.45 pp	1148
Showdown of the Skalds	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	8.3 / 10	2.67 pp	2462
Glimmer Lens	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	7.8 / 10	4.12 pp	2449
Ocelot Pride	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	6.0 / 10	2.25 pp	2539
Llanowar Elves	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	5.9 / 10	3.16 pp	1198
Lightning Helix	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	5.7 / 10	2.63 pp	2049

5 Dependency Cards

Card	Best cluster	Dependency	Standalone lift	Games
Underworld Breach	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	6.584	7.73 pp	2093
Lion's Eye Diamond	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	5.186	2.65 pp	1765
Brain Freeze	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	5.123	8.17 pp	2536
Sunfall	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	2.419	7.31 pp	1030
Fire Covenant	Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	2.358	2.48 pp	1248
Kolaghan's Command	Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	2.358	0.35 pp	1072
No More Lies	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	1.847	4.60 pp	1561
Teferi, Hero of Dominaria	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	1.657	5.09 pp	1329
Fractured Identity	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	0.935	7.97 pp	1434
Teferi, Time Raveler	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	0.926	6.11 pp	1509
Guide of Souls	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.893	0.18 pp	4261
Force of Negation	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	0.853	5.92 pp	2230

6 Best Draft Priorities

Card	Best cluster	Pick score	Draft win lift	Rarity
Ugin, Eye of the Storms	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	10.0 / 10	2.56 pp	mythic

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Archon of Cruelty	Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	10.0 / 10	2.42 pp	mythic
Urza, Lord High Artificer	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	10.0 / 10	1.33 pp	mythic
Upheaval	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	10.0 / 10	1.37 pp	rare
Parallax Wave	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	10.0 / 10	2.93 pp	rare
Retrofitter Foundry	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	9.9 / 10	1.91 pp	rare
Mystic Confluence	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	10.0 / 10	2.53 pp	rare
Tinker	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	9.8 / 10	0.81 pp	uncommon
Malevolent Rumble	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	10.0 / 10	2.02 pp	common
Animate Dead	Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	10.0 / 10	1.39 pp	uncommon
Time Walk	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	10.0 / 10	4.71 pp	mythic
Cryptic Command	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	10.0 / 10	1.04 pp	rare

7 Most Striking Positive Pairs

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Brain Freeze, Underworld Breach	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	7.99	73.40%	594
Brain Freeze, Lion's Eye Diamond	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	4.28	67.97%	409

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Icetill Explorer, Scythecat Cub	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	1.80	71.54%	123
Fractured Identity, Teferi, Hero of Dominaria	White Base Control | No More Lies / The Wandering Emperor	1.64	74.47%	141
Miscalculation, Time Walk	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	1.64	78.91%	128
Force of Will, Stock Up	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	1.63	74.81%	135
Fable of the Mirror-Breaker, Pyrogoyf	Red Base Midrange | Fire Covenant / Fury	1.59	77.66%	94
Remand, Stock Up	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	1.57	74.57%	173
Talisman of Creativity, Ugin, Eye of the Storms	Blue Base Artifacts | Mox Opal / Urza, Lord High Artificer	1.57	73.51%	151
Ocelot Pride, Showdown of the Skalds	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	1.51	73.53%	204
Icetill Explorer, Springheart Nantuko	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	1.51	69.81%	106
Barrowgoyf, Persist	Black Base Reanimator | Animate Dead / Necromancy	1.49	73.27%	101
Mystic Confluence, Stock Up	Blue Base Storm | Brain Freeze / Snapcaster Mage	1.48	75.80%	157
Minsc & Boo, Timeless Heroes, Once Upon a Time	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	1.40	70.87%	103

8 Anti-Synergies Worth Respecting

Pair	Cluster	Anti-score	Pair WR	Games
Birds of Paradise, Elvish Mystic	Green Base Ramp | Birds of Paradise / Titania, Protector of Argoth	1.15	40.00%	120
Kytheon, Hero of Akros, Mother of Runes	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	1.03	46.59%	176

Pair	Cluster	Anti-score	Pair WR	Games
`Giver of Runes,` `Lightning Helix`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.49	52.03%	148
`Comet, Stellar Pup,` `Pyrogoyf`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.46	55.56%	99

`Death-Greeter's`
`Champion,    Figure of`
`Destiny`
	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.43	53.61%	194

`Mother of Runes,` `Ocelot Pride`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.40	52.88%	191
`Lightning Helix, Voice` `of Victory`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.37	54.42%	147
`Ajani, Nacatl Pariah,` `Sanguine Evangelist`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.36	57.14%	210
`Figure of Destiny,` `Glimmer Lens`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.35	52.94%	187
`Figure of Destiny,` `Lightning Helix`	Boros Tokens | Guide of Souls / Sanguine Evangelist	0.33	53.97%	126

9 Bottom-Line Reading

This report treats the format as a deck ecosystem rather than a flat card ranking. The strongest cards show up in the bomb table because they win on their own. The cards that pull a cluster together show up in the build-around and dependency tables because they need a shell. The pair and anti-synergy sections then explain which combinations reinforce a winning plan and which combinations look attractive in draft but underperform together.