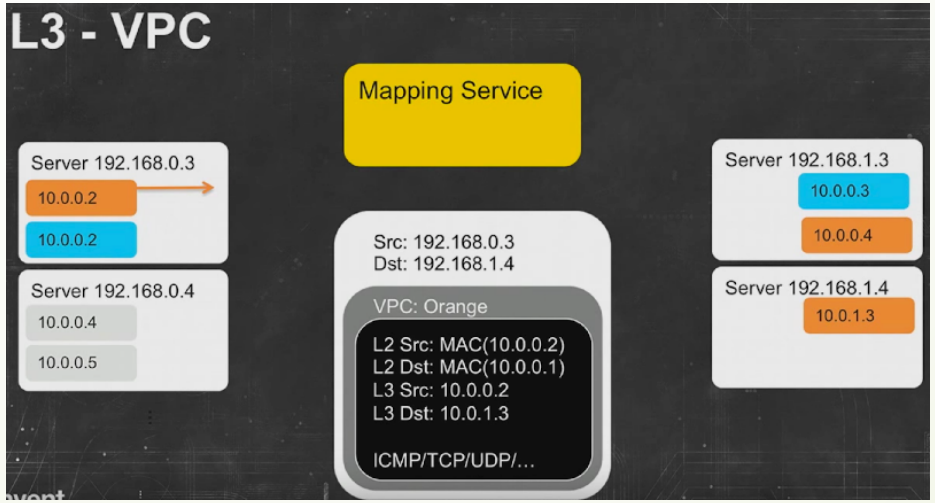
P4
Virtual Private Cloud

Based on Amazon AWS VPC presentation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd5hsL-JNY4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qln2u1Vr2E

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud

- Provide multitenancy in the same hardware infrastructure
- AWS has developed their own encapsulation mechanism
- Centralized mapping service with distributed cache on each compute.
- Each compute cache should have 100% of their required rules.



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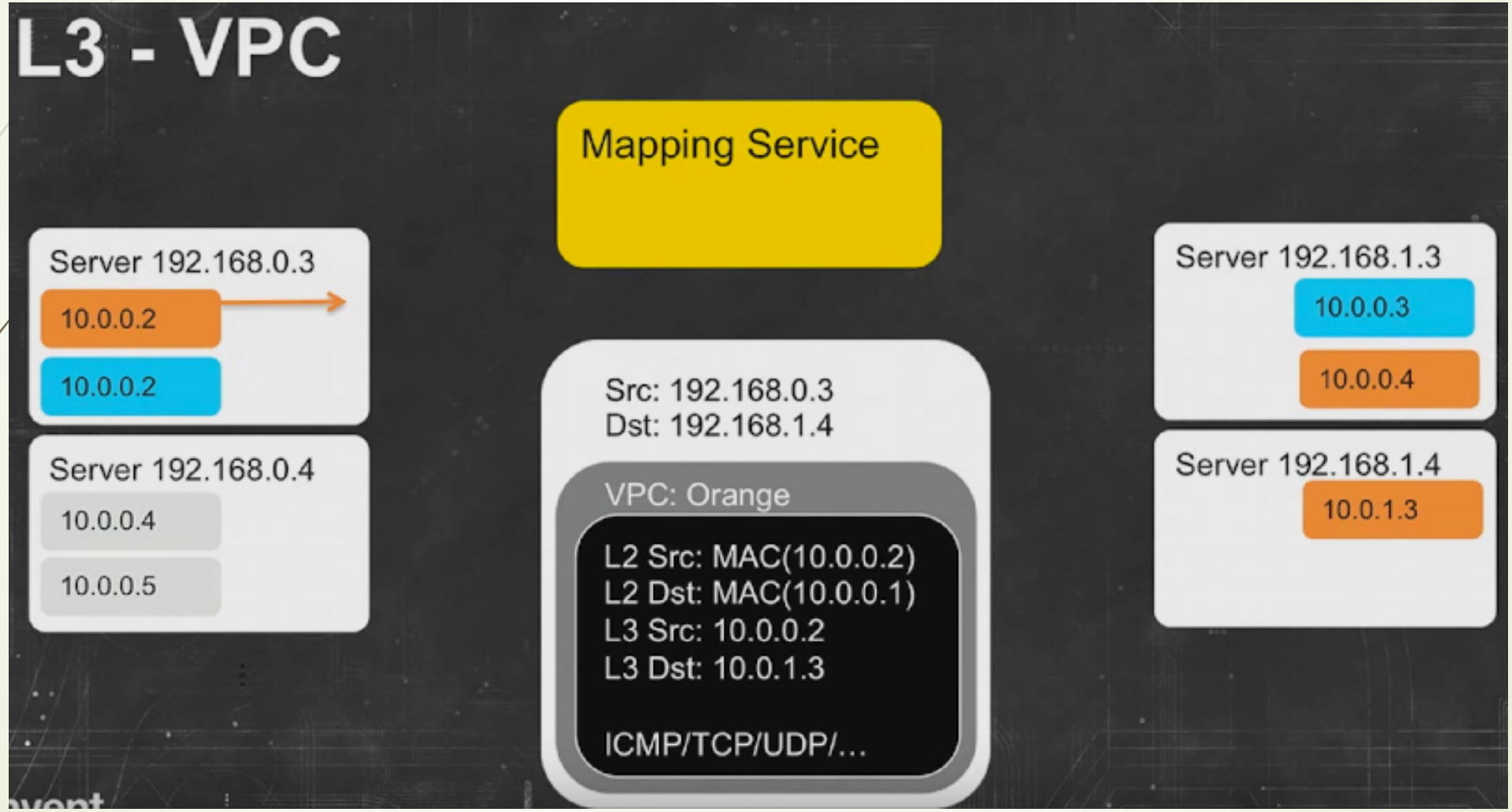

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Protocol-Independent Packet Processor

- Header
  - definition of the packet structures
- Parsers
  - Parse the packet based on known headers and triggers the entry p
- Control
  - Contains the logic of which tables to be executed
- Tables
  - Match and apply actions
- Actions
  - Packet manipulation

P4 Private Virtual Cloud

- ARP requests are only replied by P4 Switches
  - Capture ARP request
  - Convert the ARP request into a ARP reply
- IP packets are encapsulated with a custom and non standard protocol called VPC
  - Ethernet type 0x0777
  - Header: Customer id, src/dst IP , src/dst P4 switch
- VPC packets are forwarded by intermediate switches using dst P4 switch label
- Egress switches will remove VPC encapsulation and deliver the IP packet to the node
  - If hosts belong to different networks, src/dst mac addresses will be overwritten
- Non ARP or IP packets are dropped
- ARP or IP packets that does not meet the criteria will be dropped too. For example, an unknown hosts

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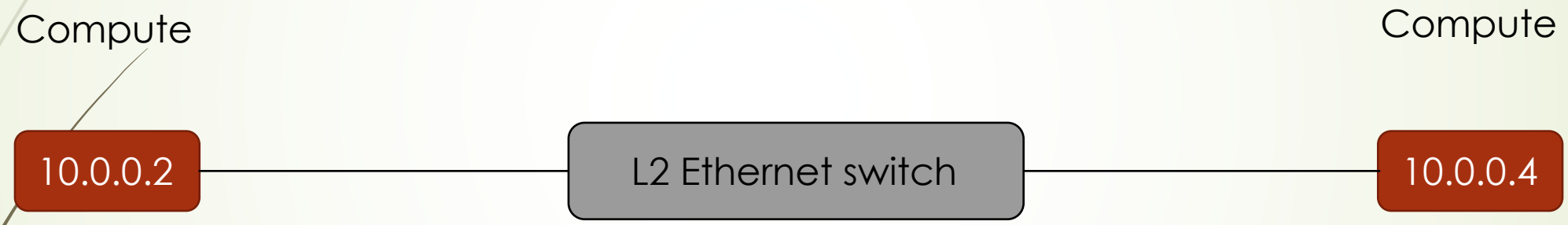

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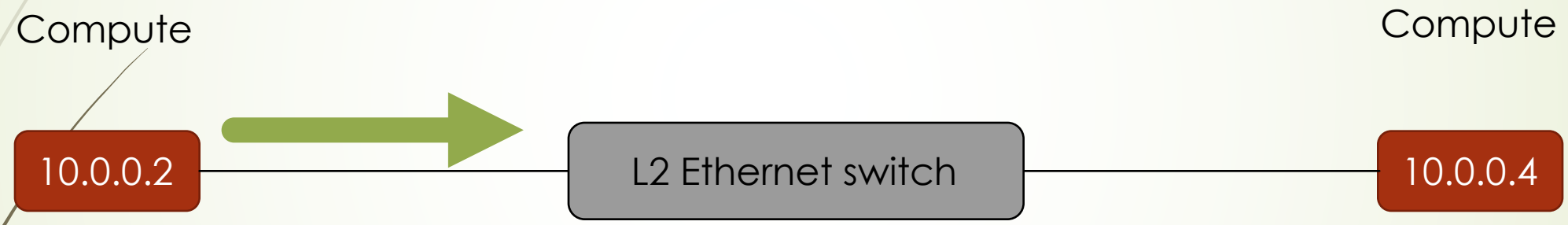

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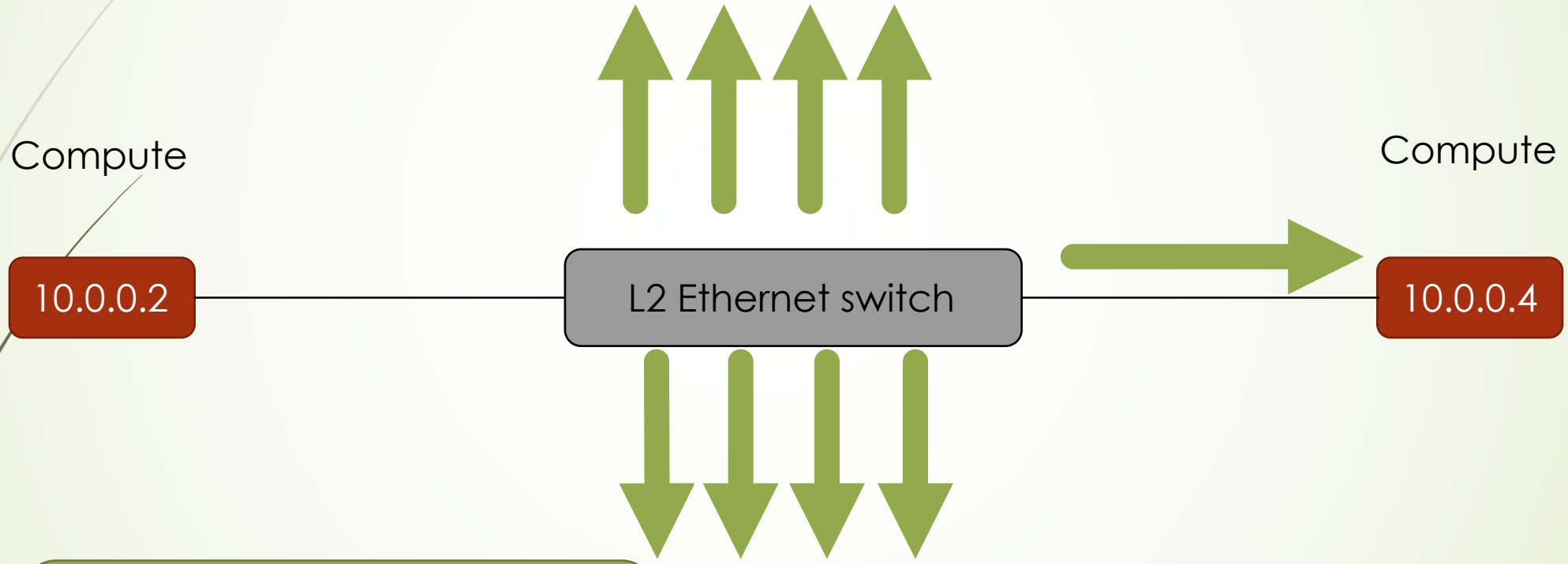

Packet is flooded

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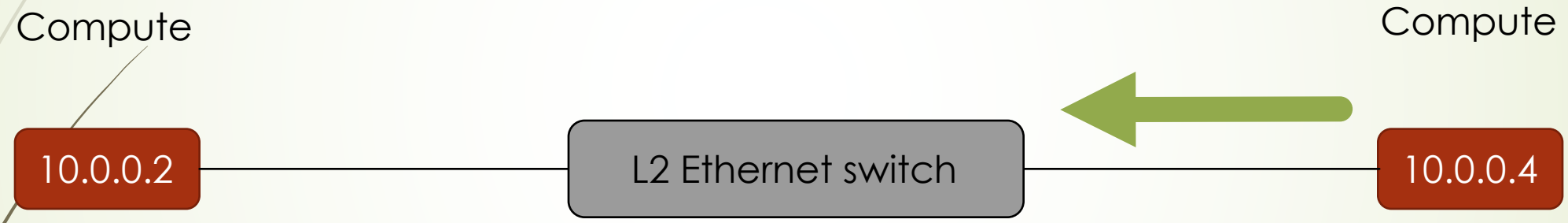

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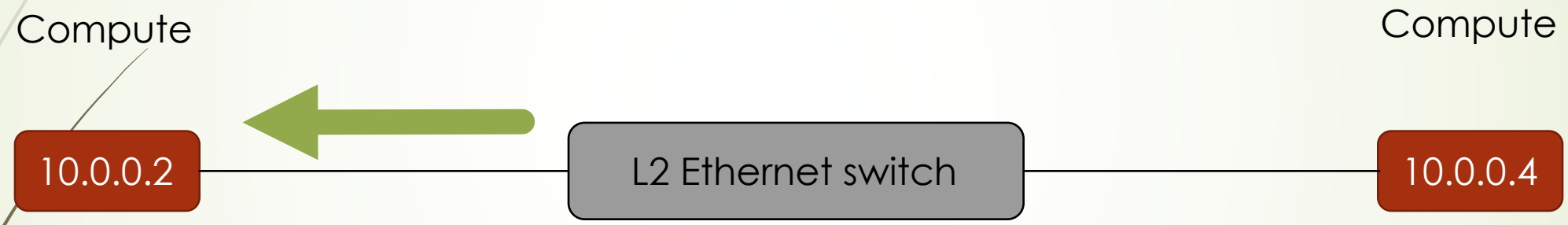

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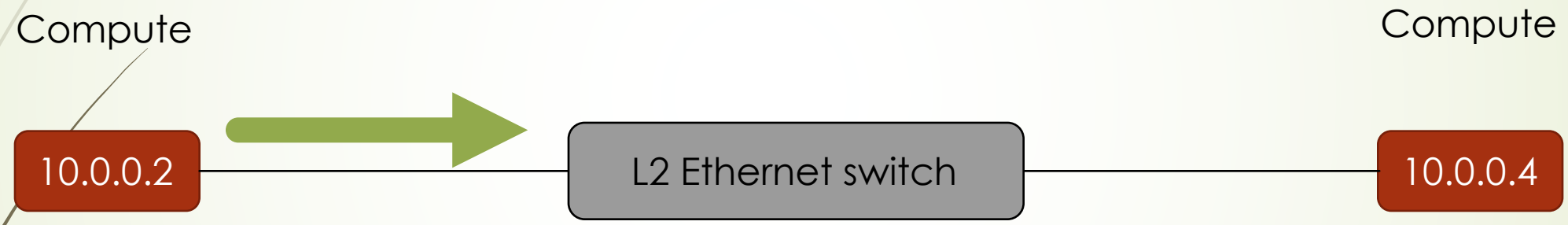

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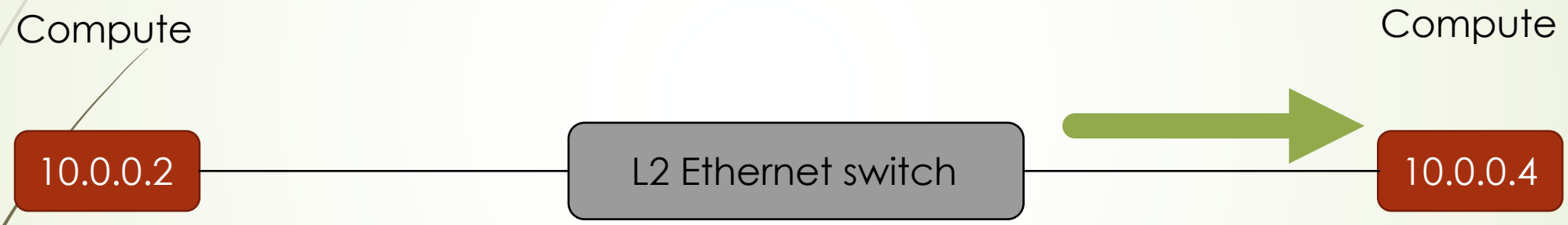

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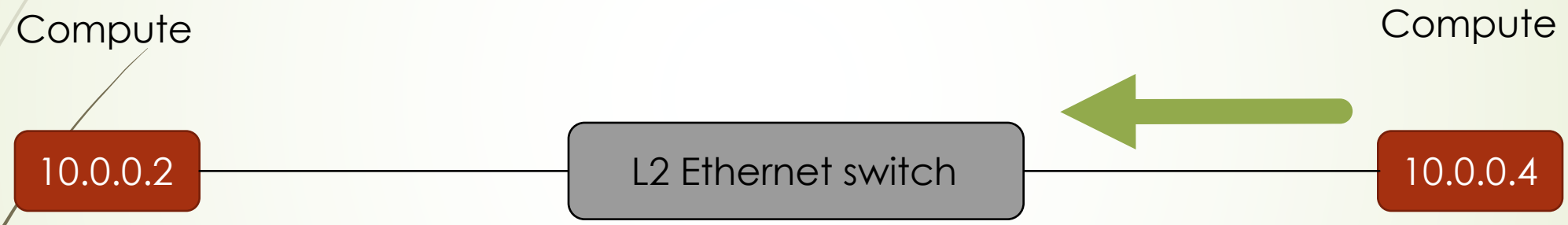

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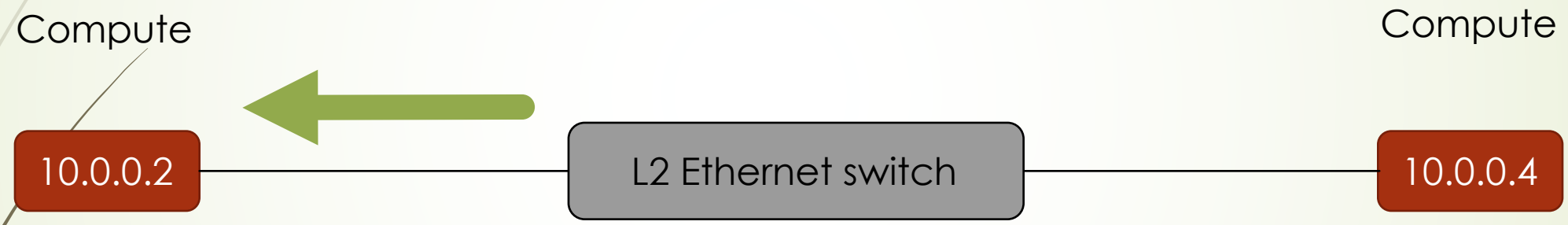

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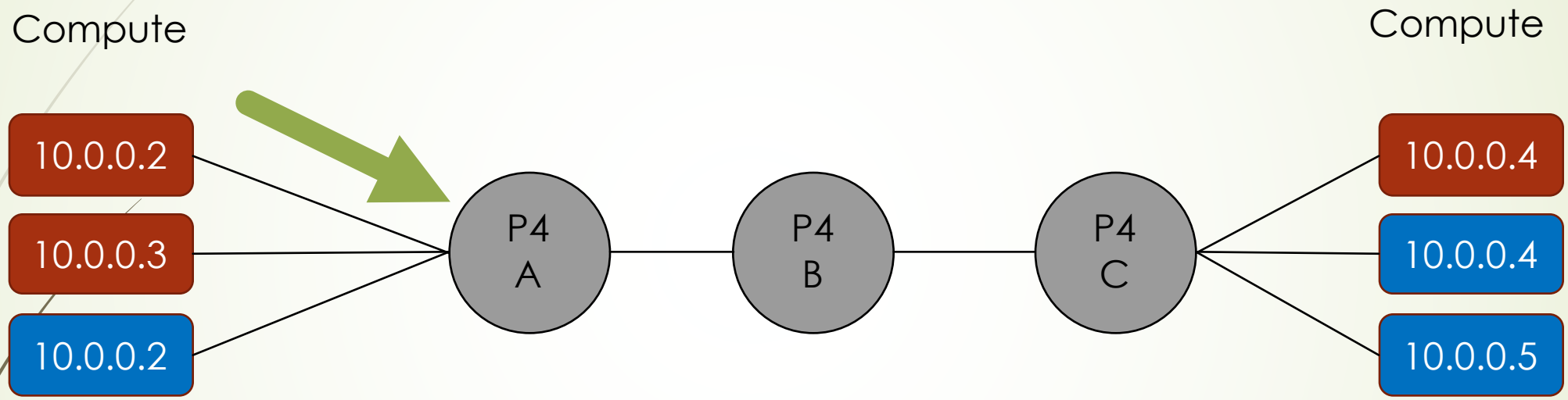

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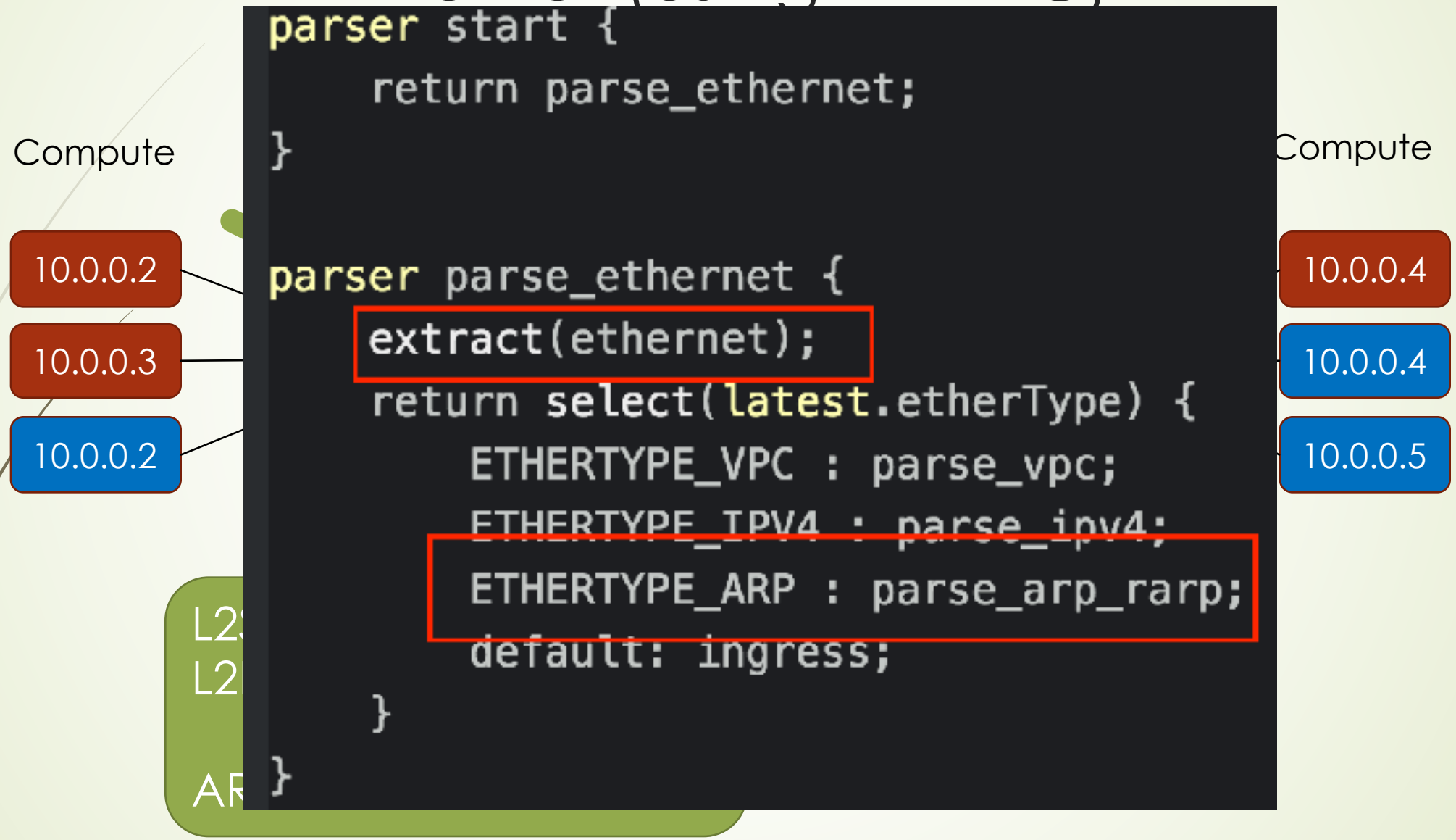

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        apply(address_arp_packet);
    } else if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_IPV4 ){
        apply(address_ip_packet);
    }
    if ((ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_ARP and arp_rarp.opcode == 1) or (ether
      apply(vpc_customer);
    }
    if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_ARP and arp_rarp.opcode == 1) {
        if (ingress_metadata.customer > 0){
          apply(arp_reply);
        }
    } else if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_IPV4 ){
        if (ingress_metadata.customer > 0){
          apply(encapsulate_vpc);
          apply(vpc_sw_id);
          apply(vpc_dst);
        }
    }
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action set_address_arp_packet() {
    modify_field(ingress_metadata.customer, 0);
    modify_field(ingress_metadata.srcAddr, arp_rarp_ipv4.srcProtoAddr);
    modify_field(ingress_metadata.dstAddr, arp_rarp_ipv4.dstProtoAddr);
}

table address_arp_packet {
  actions {
    set_address_arp_packet;
  }
  size : 1;
}
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          apply(vpc_dst);
        }
    }
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```
action set_vpc_customer(customer) {
    modify_field(ingress_metadata.customer, customer);
}

table vpc_customer {
    reads {
        ethernet.srcAddr : exact;
        ingress_metadata.srcAddr : exact;
    }
    actions {
        _drop;
        set_vpc_customer;
    }
    size : 1024;
}
```

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action set_vpc_customer(customer) {
table_add l2_addr _noop 20000 1111 10.0.0.0/24 10.0.0.3 =>
table_add l2_addr set_l2_addr 10000 1111 0.0.0.0/0 10.0.0.2 => 00:00:00:01:00
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table_add routing_pvc route_vpc 2222 => 5
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  size : 1024;
}
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action set_arp_reply(hwAddr) {
    modify_field(ethernet.dstAddr, ethernet.srcAddr);
    modify_field(ethernet.srcAddr, hwAddr);
    modify_field(arp_rarp.opcode, 2);
    modify_field(arp_rarp_ipv4.dstHwAddr, arp_rarp_ipv4.srcHwAddr);
    modify_field(arp_rarp_ipv4.dstProtoAddr, arp_rarp_ipv4.srcProtoAddr);
    modify_field(arp_rarp_ipv4.srcHwAddr, hwAddr);
    modify_field(arp_rarp_ipv4.srcProtoAddr, ingress_metadata.dstAddr);
    modify_field(standard_metadata.egress_spec, standard_metadata.ingress_port);
}

table arp_reply {
    reads {
        ingress_metadata.customer : exact;
        ingress_metadata.srcAddr : lpm;
        ingress_metadata.dstAddr : exact;
    }
    actions {
        _drop;
        set_arp_reply;
    }
    size : 1024;
}
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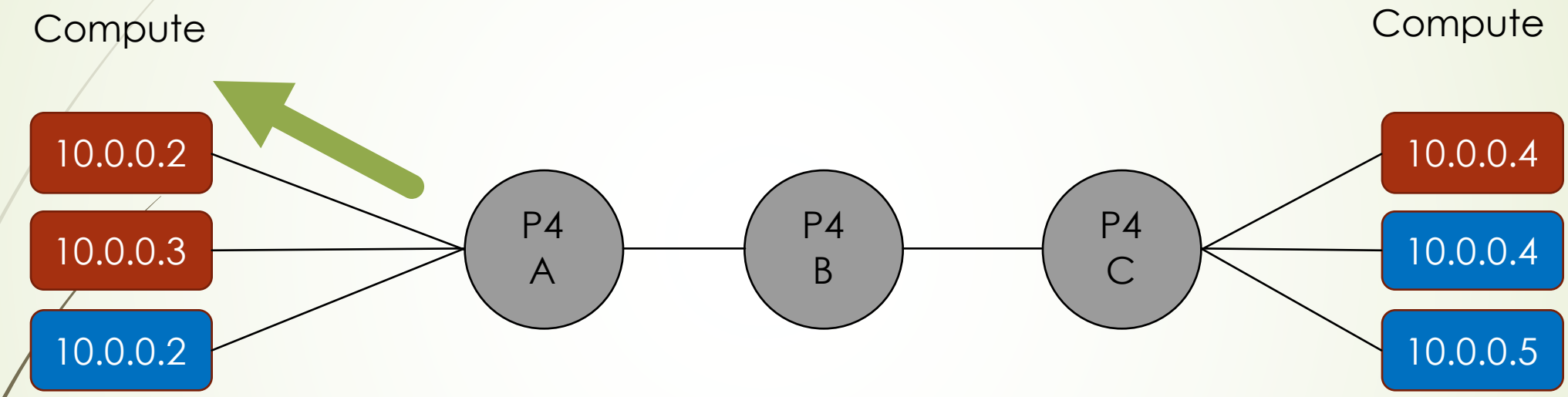

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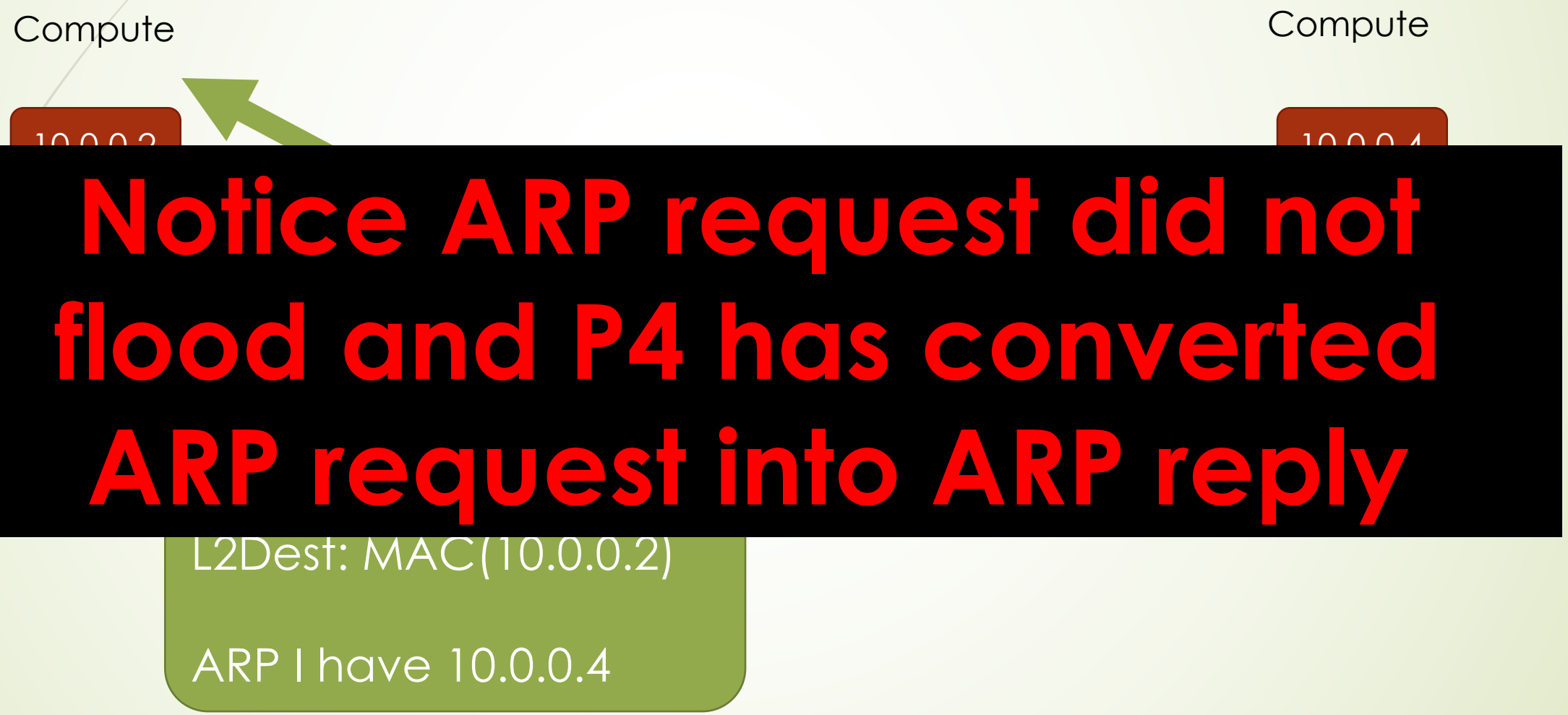

Notice ARP request did not flood and P4 has converted ARP request into ARP reply

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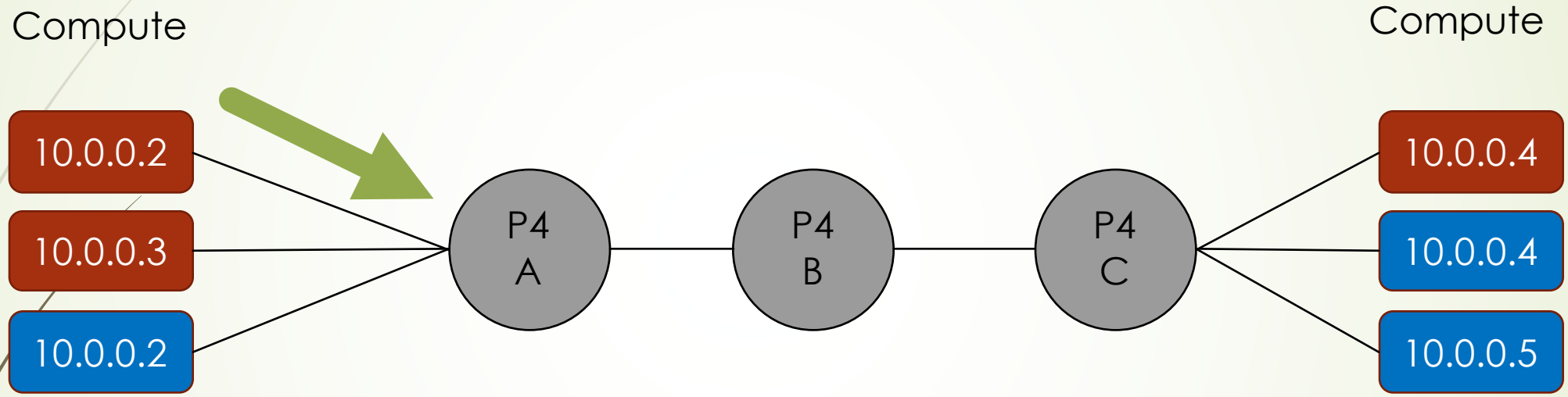

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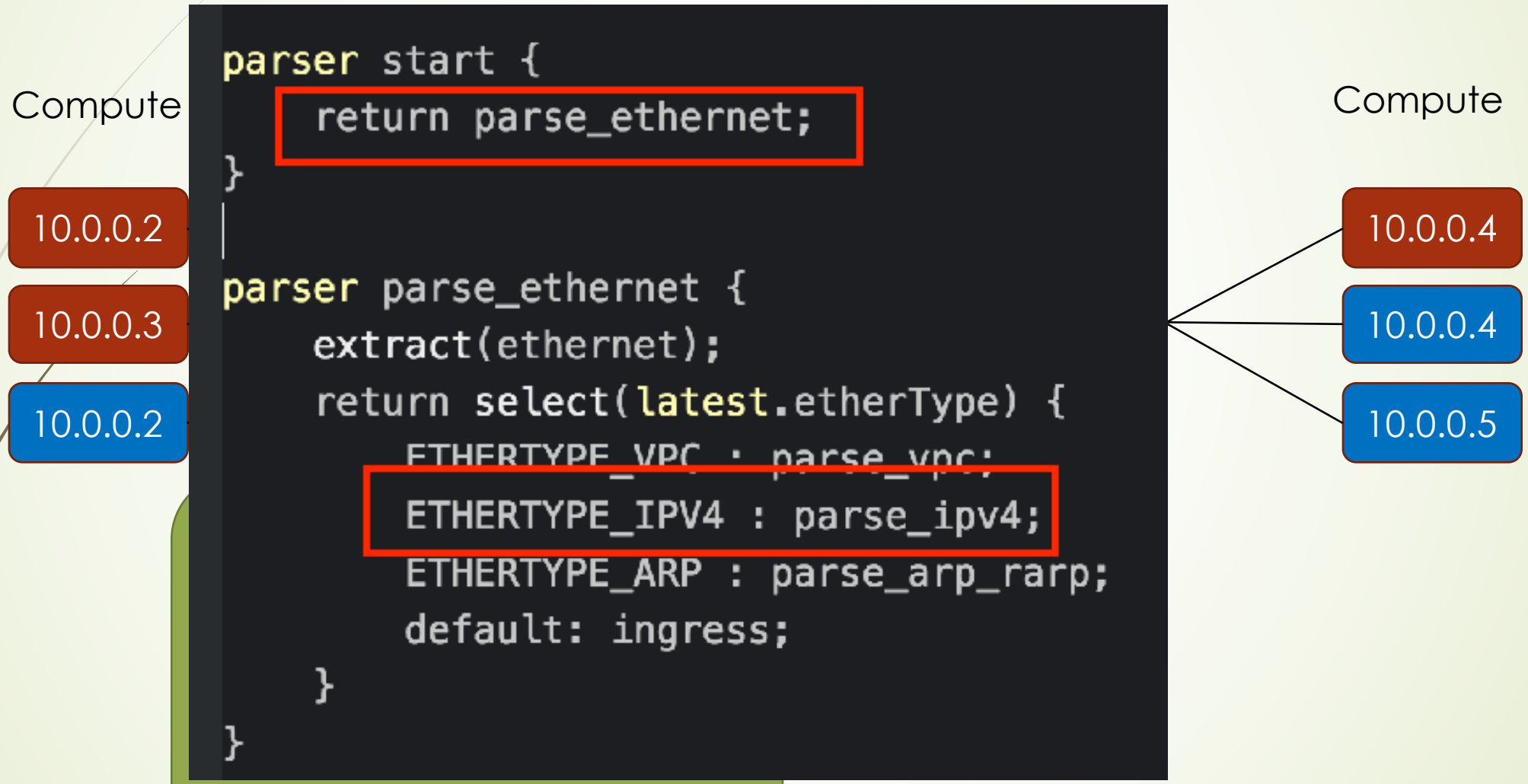

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          apply(encapsulate_vpc);
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          apply(vpc_dst);
        }
    }
    if (valid(vpc)){
      apply(l2_addr);
      apply(routing_pvc);
      apply(deliver_pvc);
    }
}
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```
action route_vpc(port) {
    modify_field(standard_metadata.egress_spec, port);
}

table routing_pvc {
    reads {
        vpc.dstSw : exact;
    }
    actions {
        route_vpc;
    }
    size : 1024;
}
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action route_vpc(port) {
    modify_field(standard_metadata.egress_spec, port);
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table_add l2_addr _noop 20000 1111 10.0.0.0/24 10.0.0.3 =>
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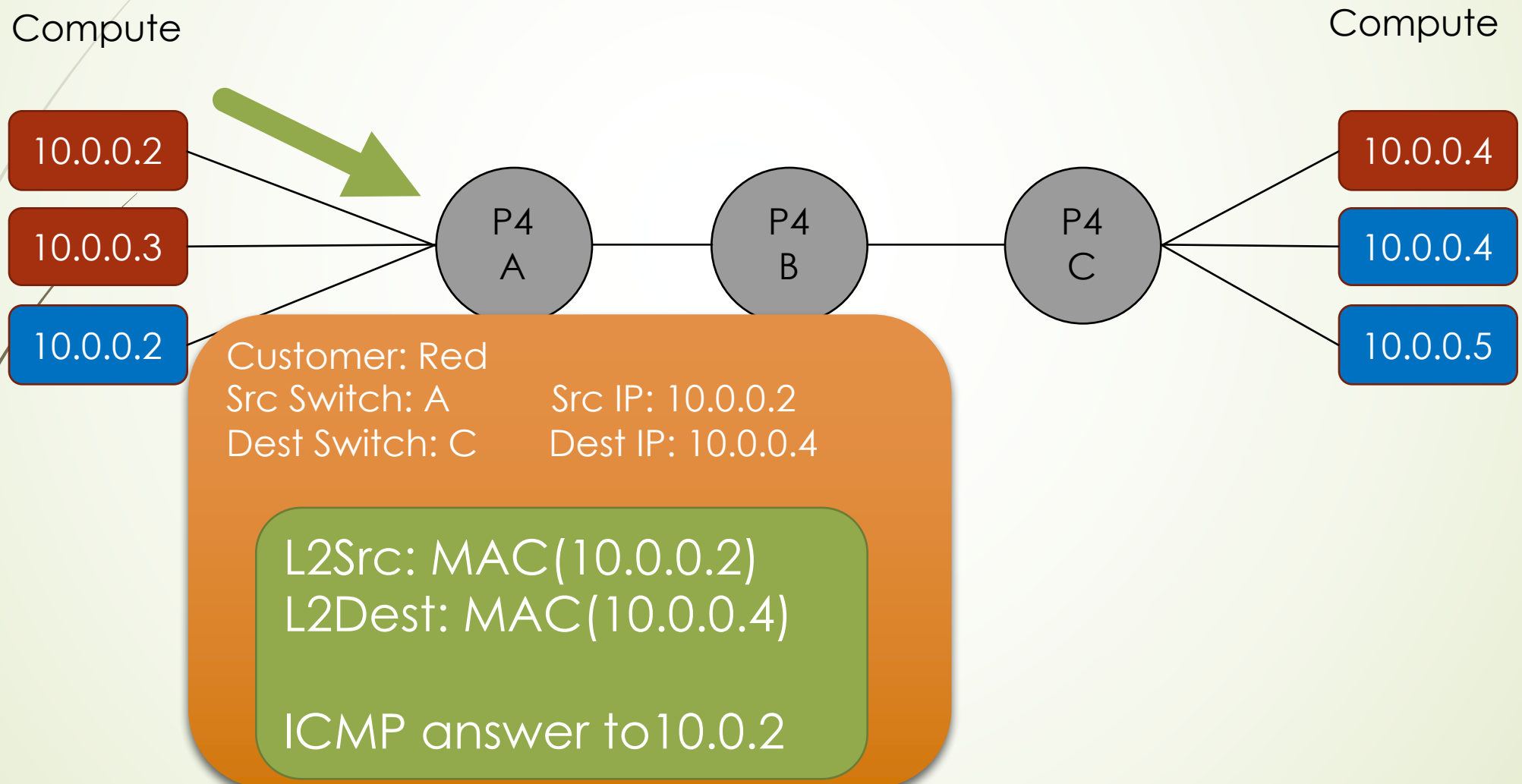

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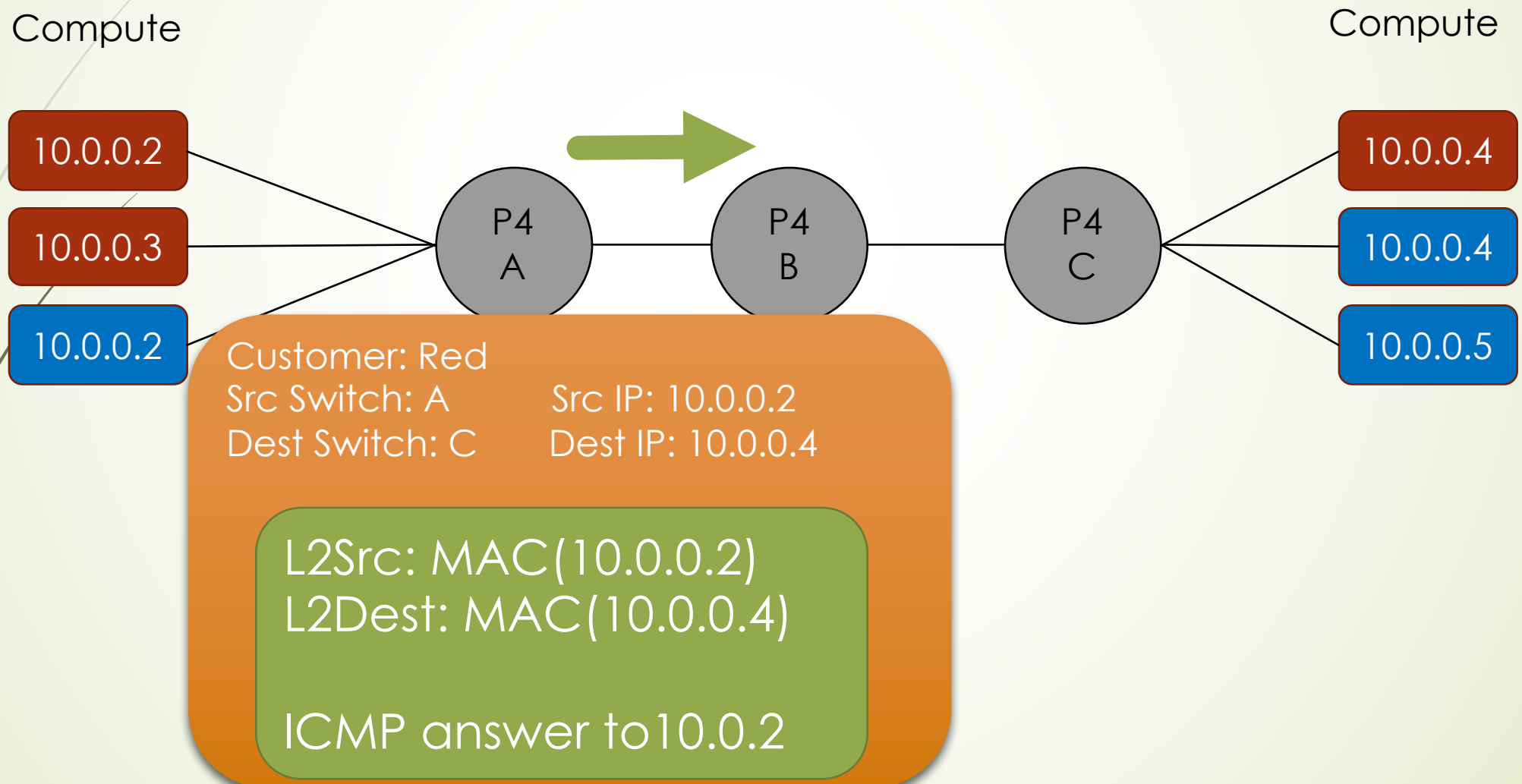

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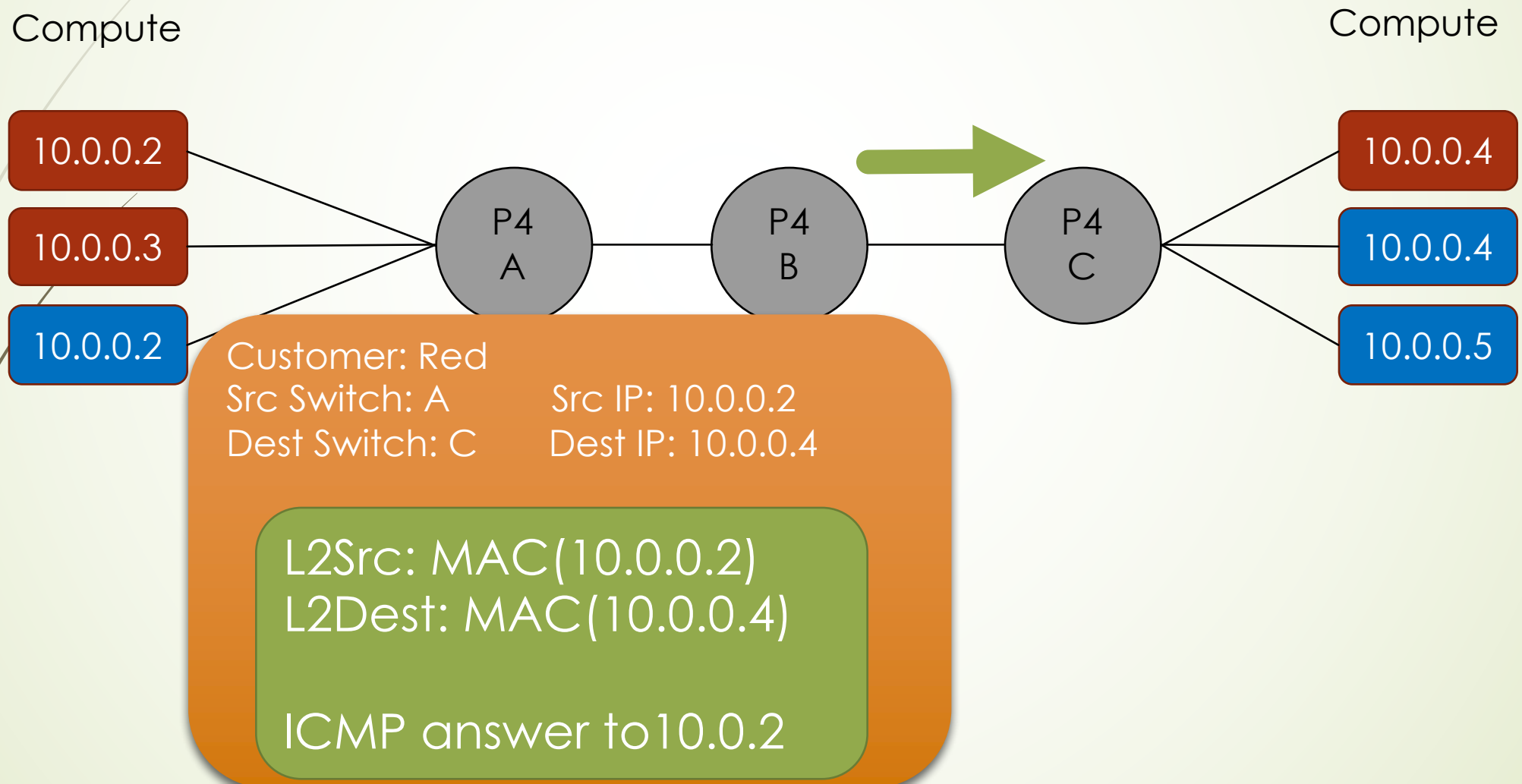

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```
action pop_route_vpc(port) {
    modify_field(standard_metadata.egress_spec, port);
    modify_field(ethernet.etherType, vpc.etherType);
    remove_header(vpc);
}

table deliver_pvc {
    reads {
        vpc.dstSw : exact;
        vpc.customer : exact;
        vpc.dstAddr : lpm;
    }
    actions {
        pop_route_vpc;
    }
    size : 1024;
}
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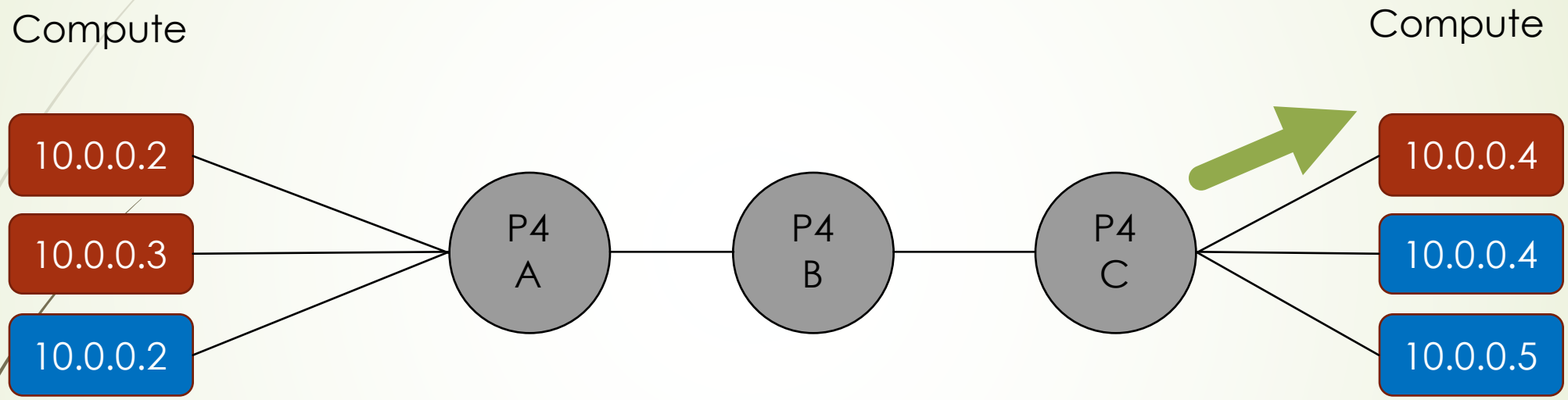

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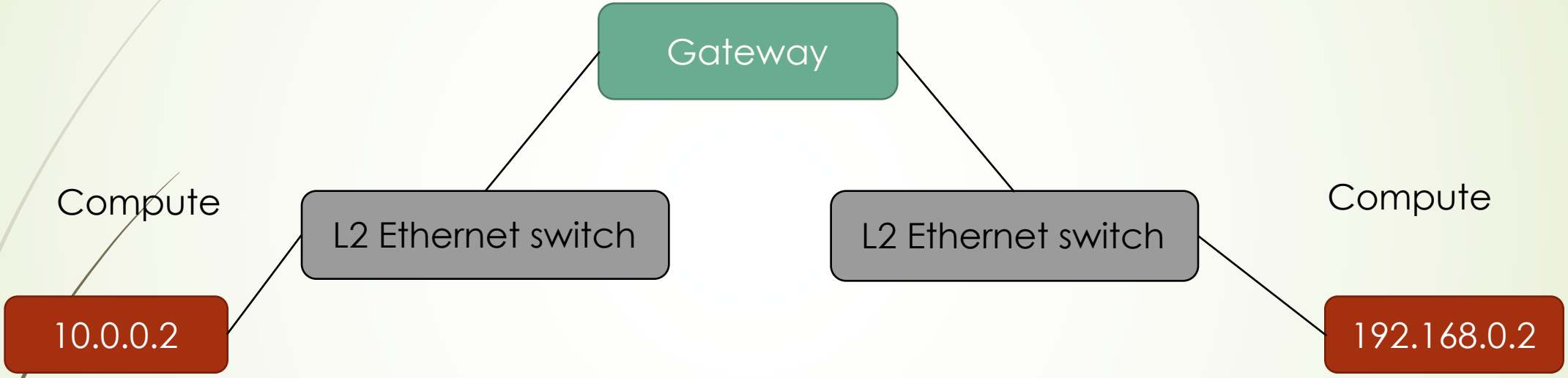

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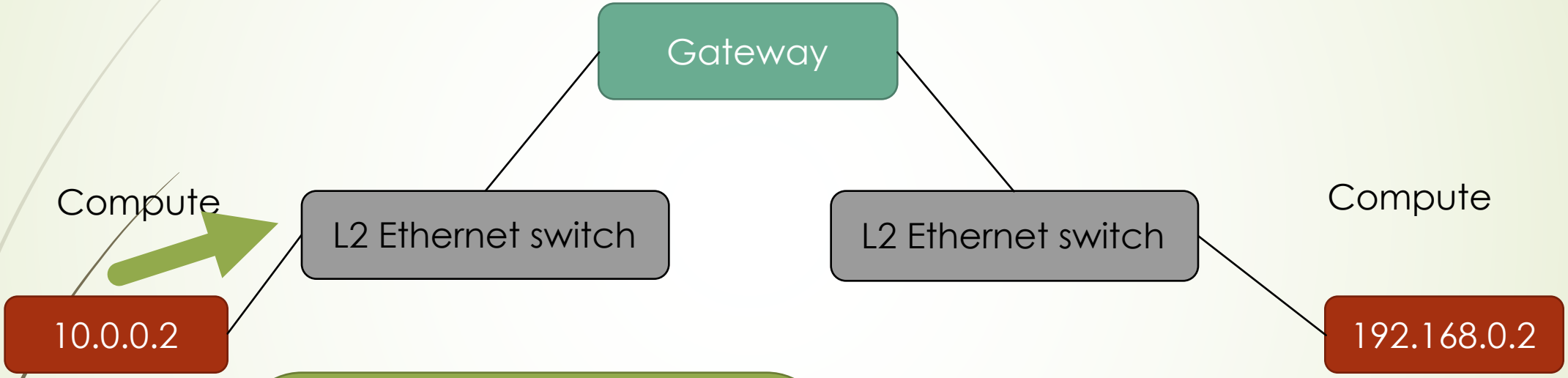

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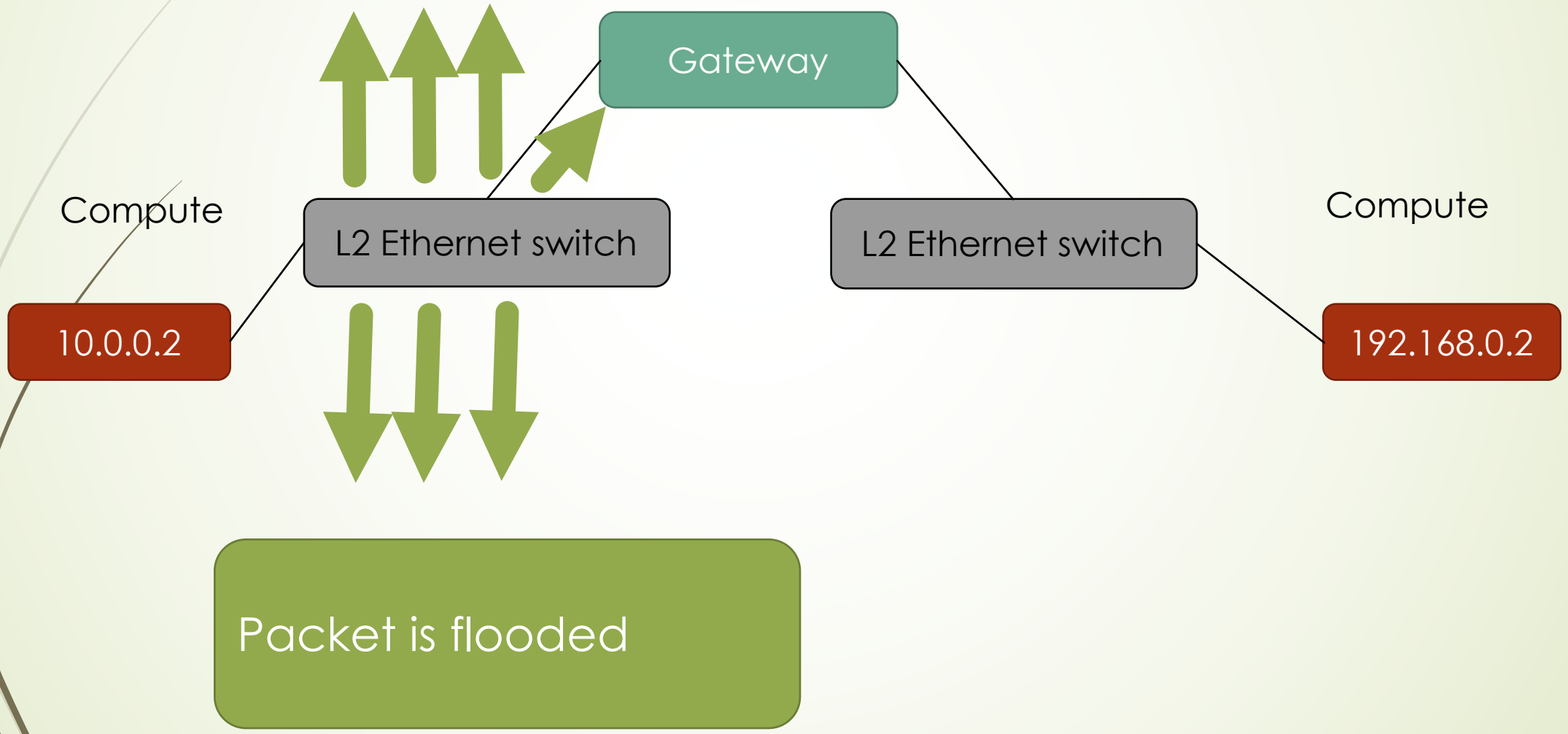

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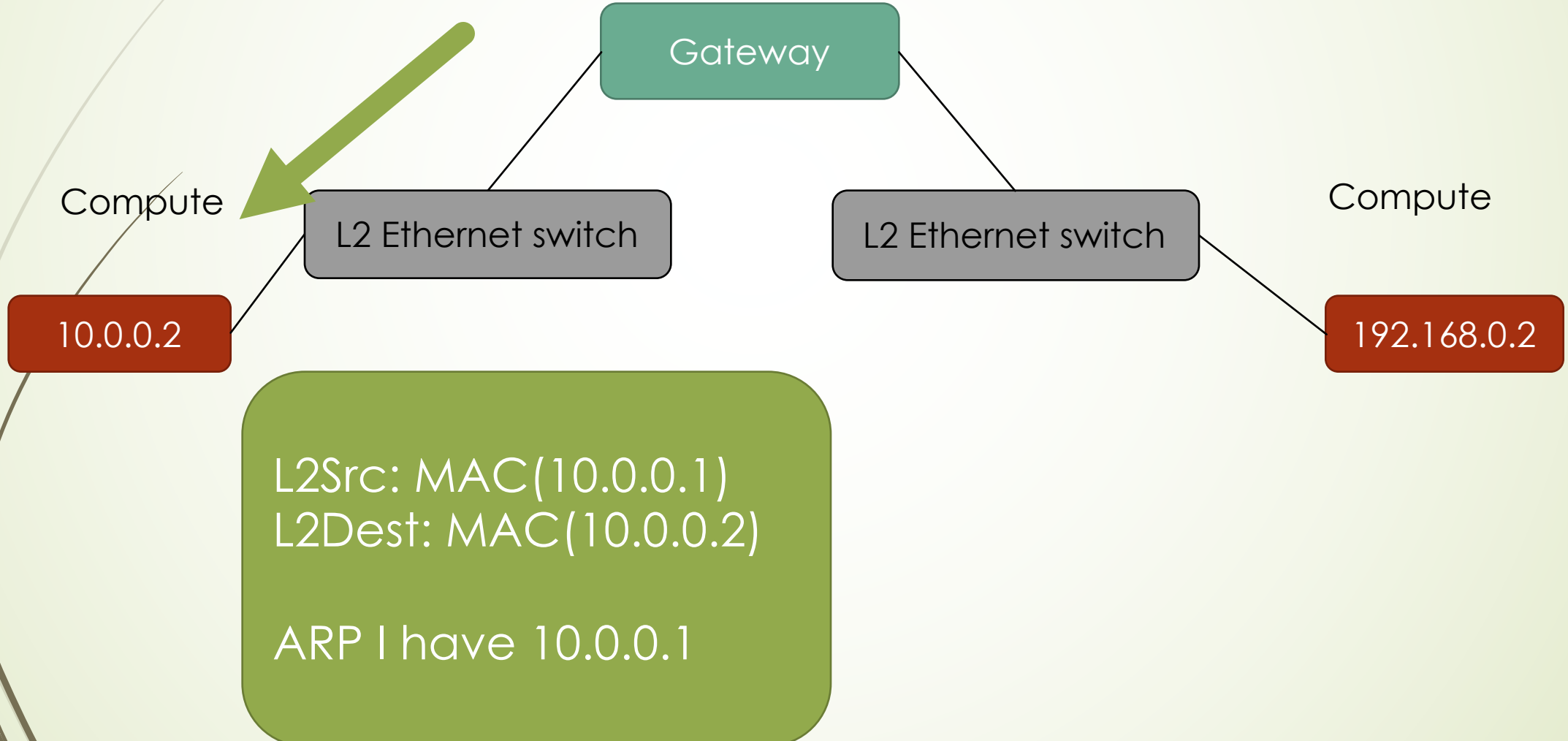

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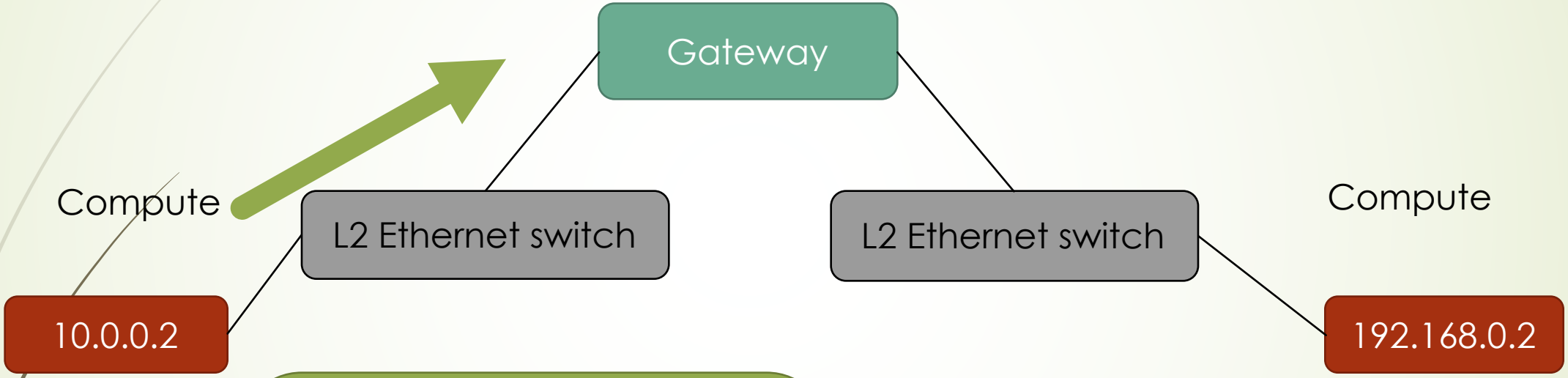
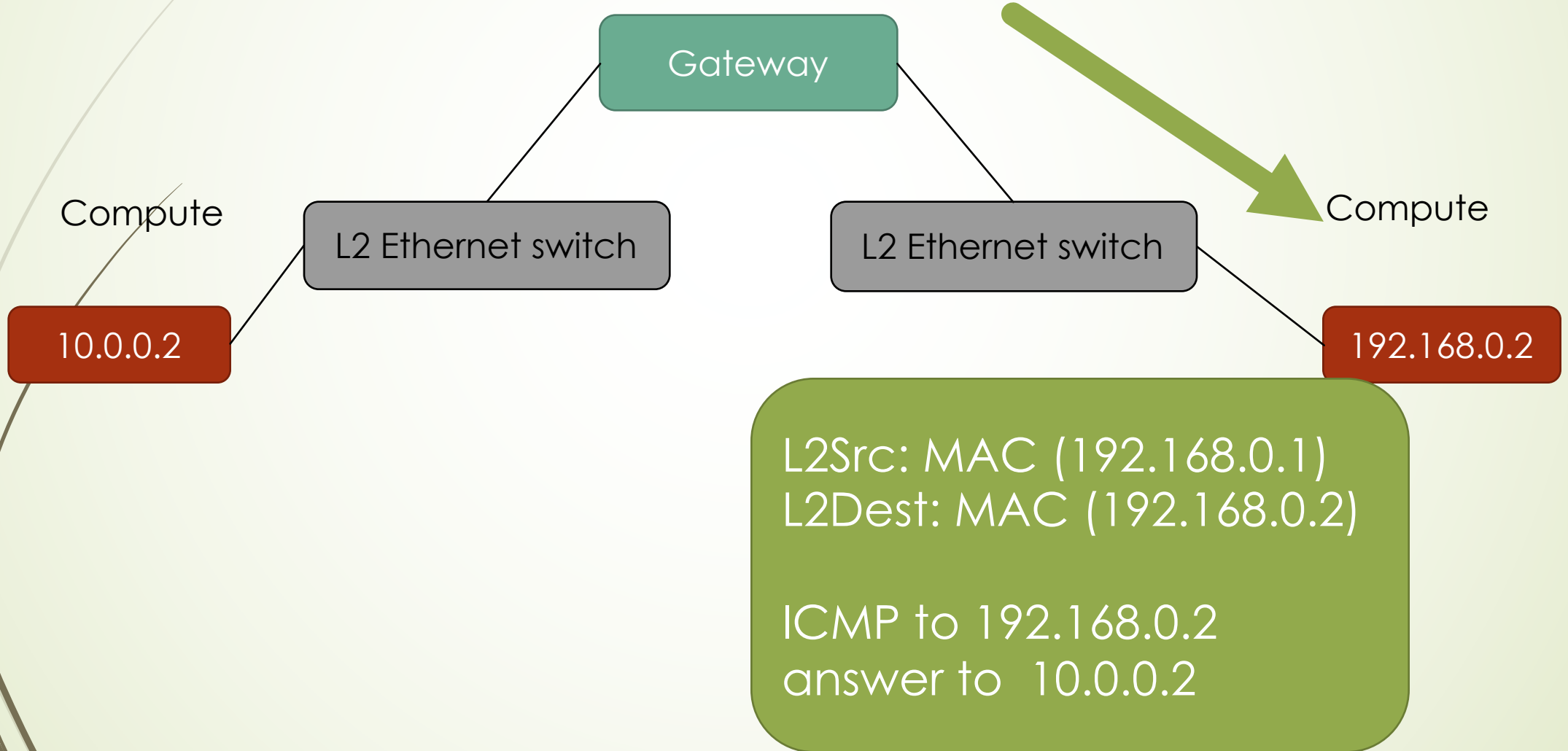


L2Src: MAC (10.0.0.2)
L2Dest: MAC (10.0.0.1)

ICMP to 192.168.0.2
answer to 10.0.0.2

L3 – IP Routing(standard)



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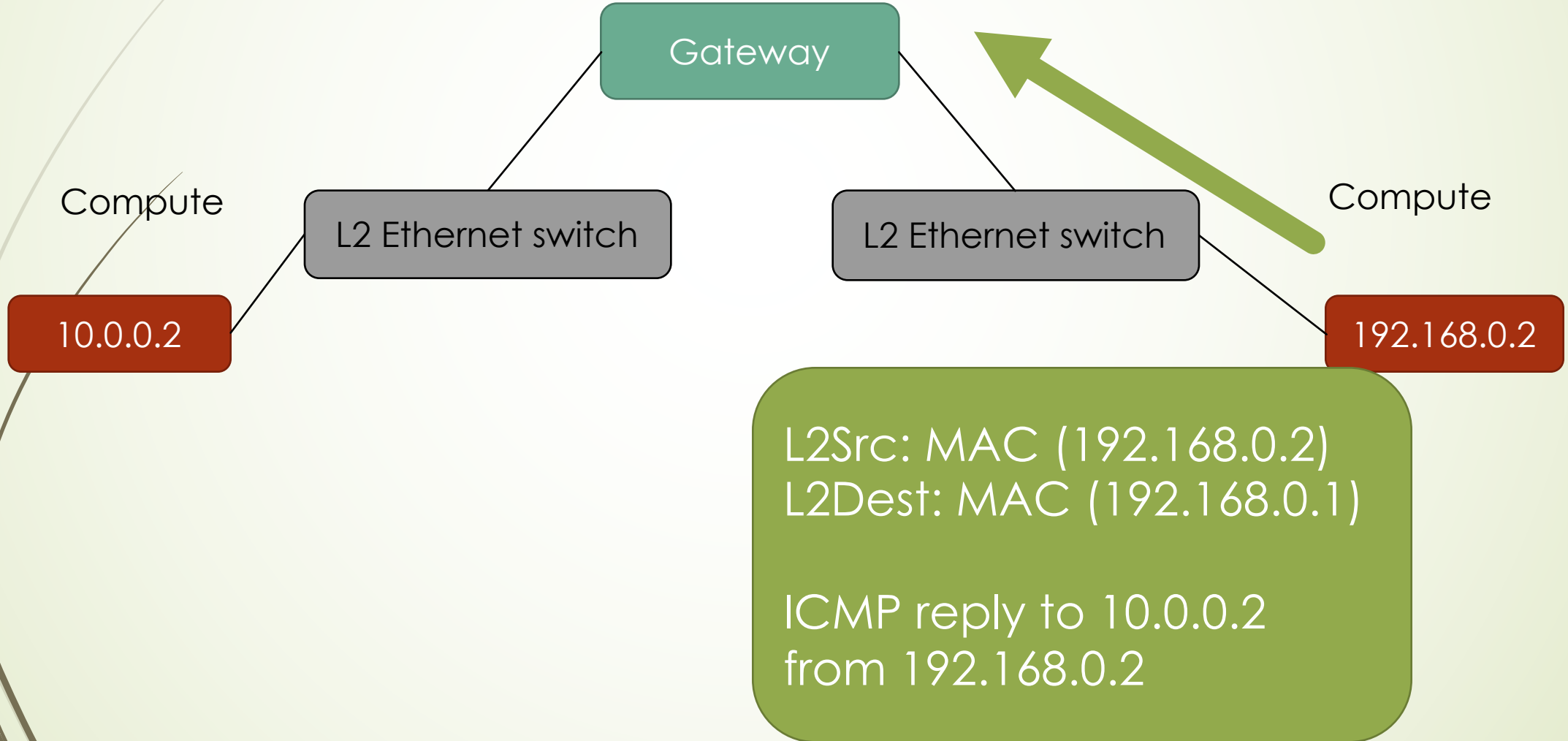

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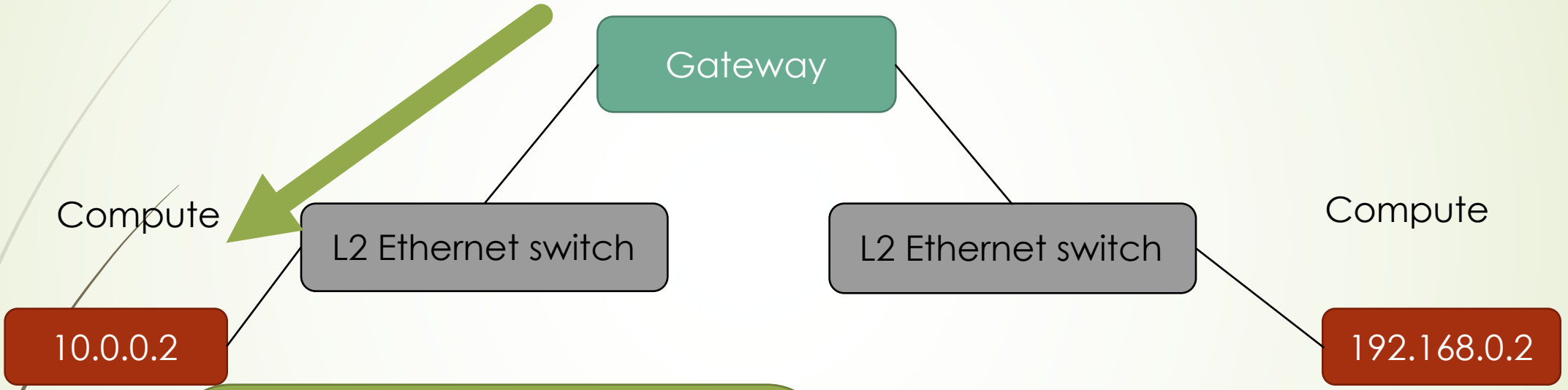
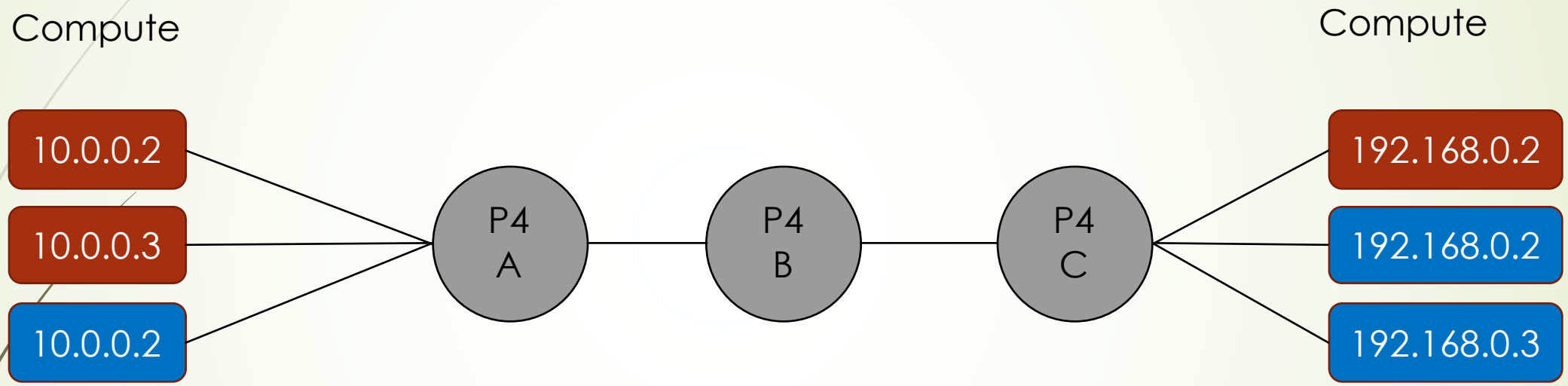


L2Src: MAC (10.0.0.1)
L2Dest: MAC (10.0.0.2)

ICMP reply to 10.0.0.2
from 192.168.0.2

L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)



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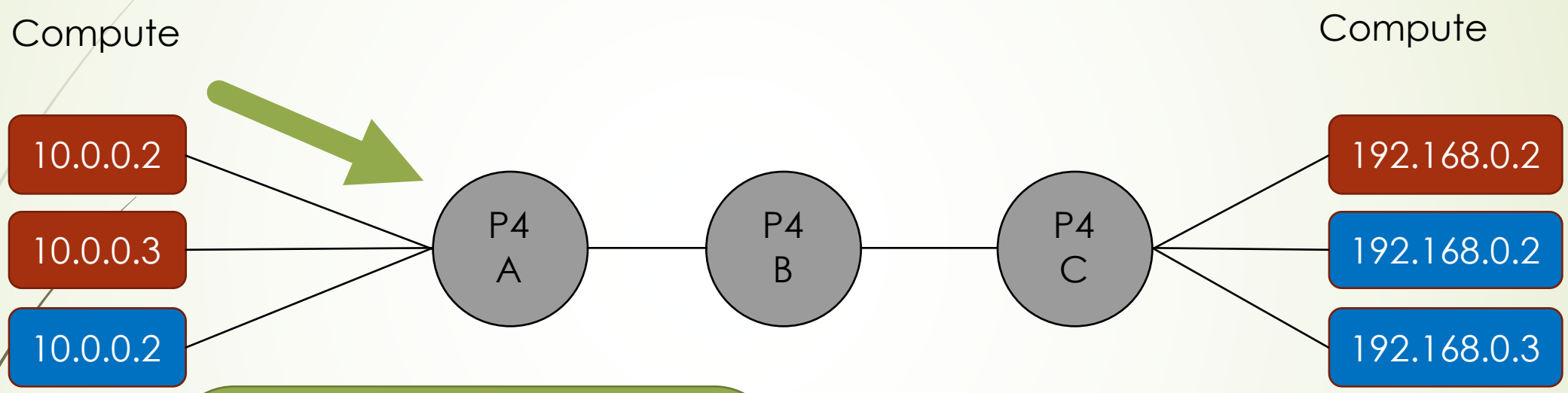

L2Src: MAC(10.0.0.2)
L2Dest: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF

ARP who has 10.0.0.1

L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)

We do not have a GW in our network but we will reply a ARP reply with a fake GW MAC

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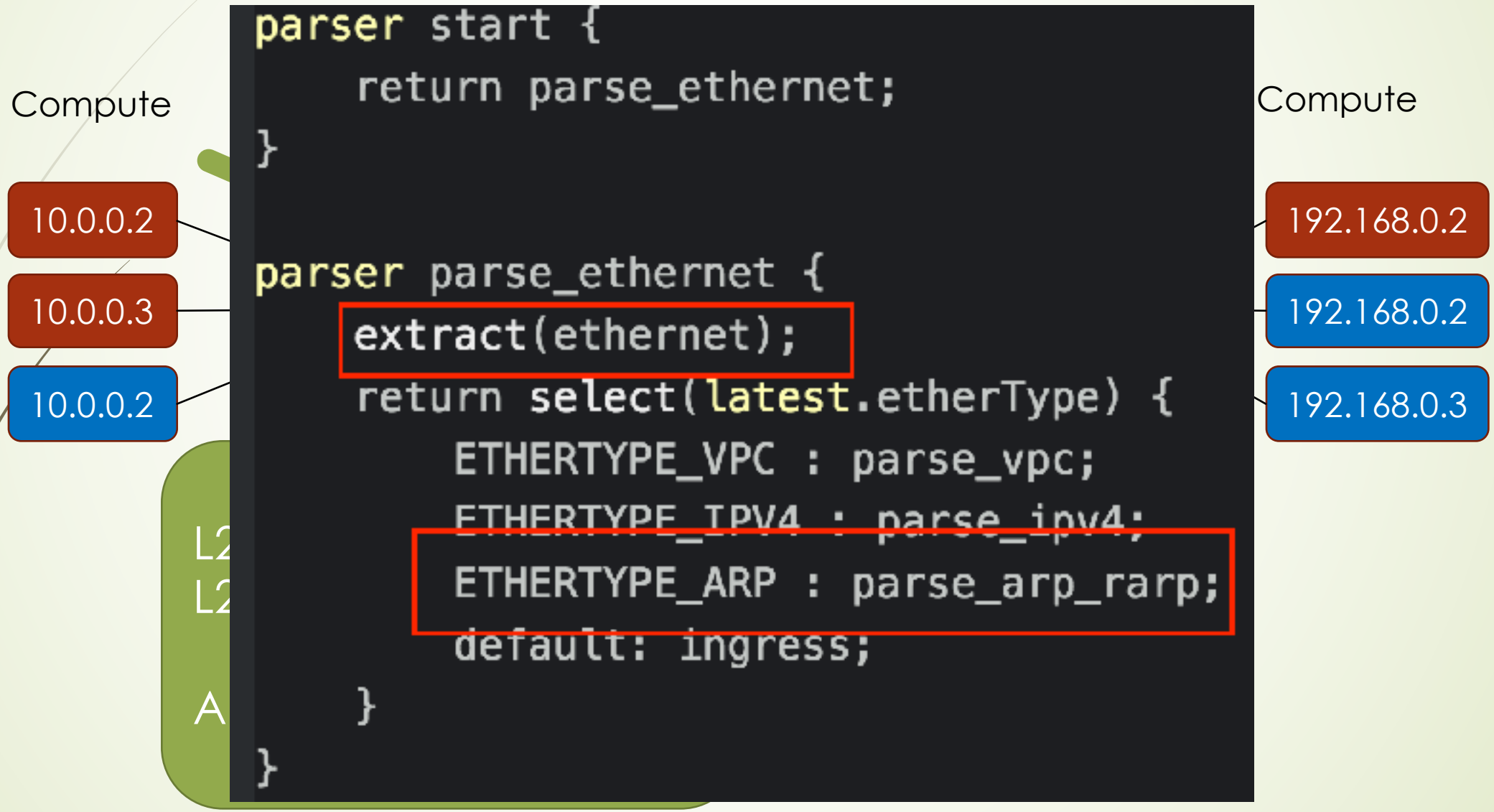

L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)

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control ingress {

    if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_ARP and arp_rarp.opcode == 1) {
        apply(address_arp_packet);
    } else if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_IPV4 ){
        apply(address_ip_packet);
    }
    if ((ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_ARP and arp_rarp.opcode == 1) or
      apply(vpc_customer);
    }
    if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_ARP and arp_rarp.opcode == 1) {
        if (ingress_metadata.customer > 0){
          apply(arp_reply);
        }
    } else if (ethernet.etherType == ETHERTYPE_IPV4 ){
        if (ingress_metadata.customer > 0){
          apply(encapsulate_vpc);
          apply(vpc_sw_id);
          apply(vpc_dst);
        }
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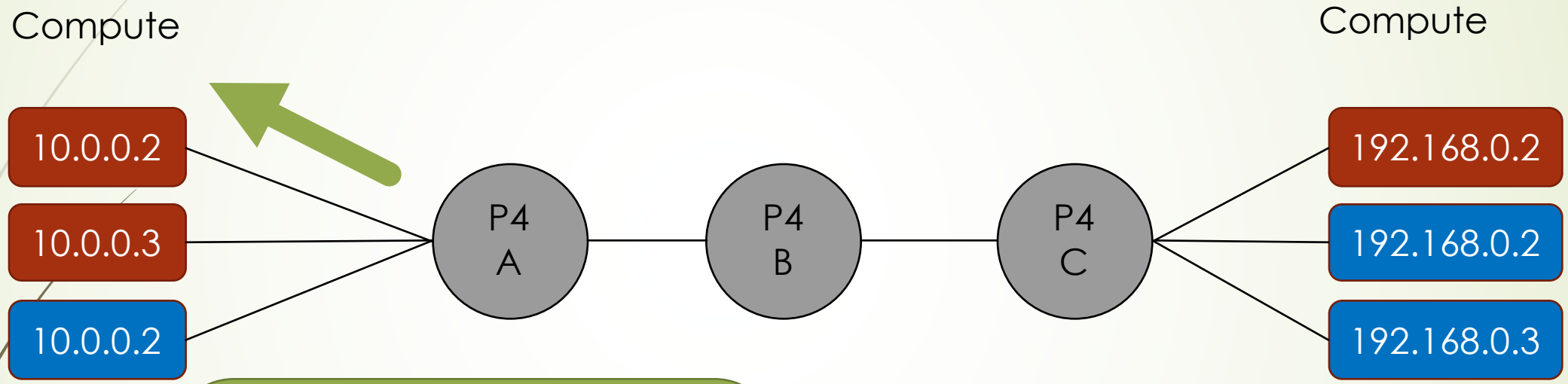
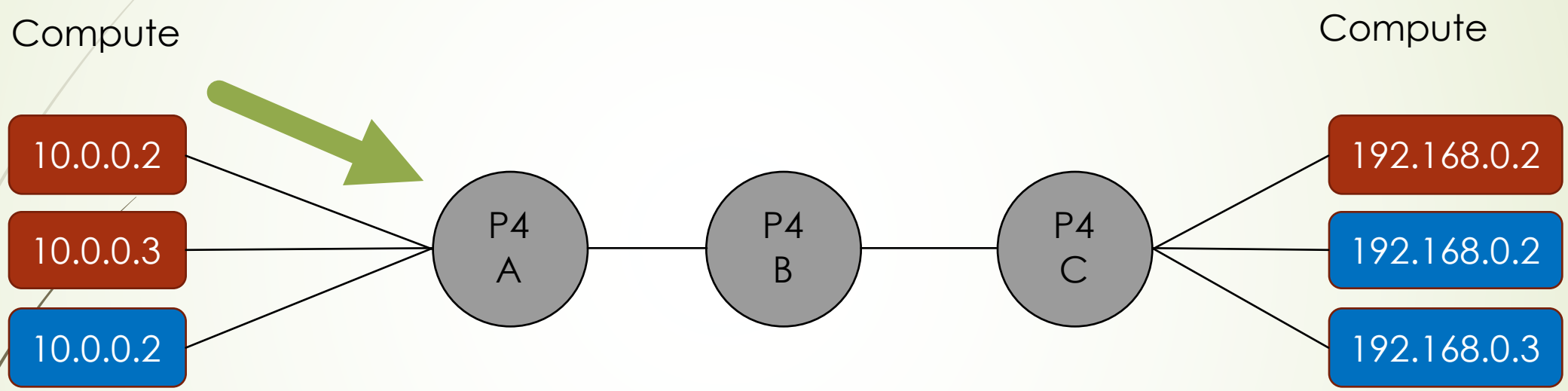


L2Src: MAC(10.0.0.1)
L2Dest: MAC(10.0.0.2)

ARP I have 10.0.0.1

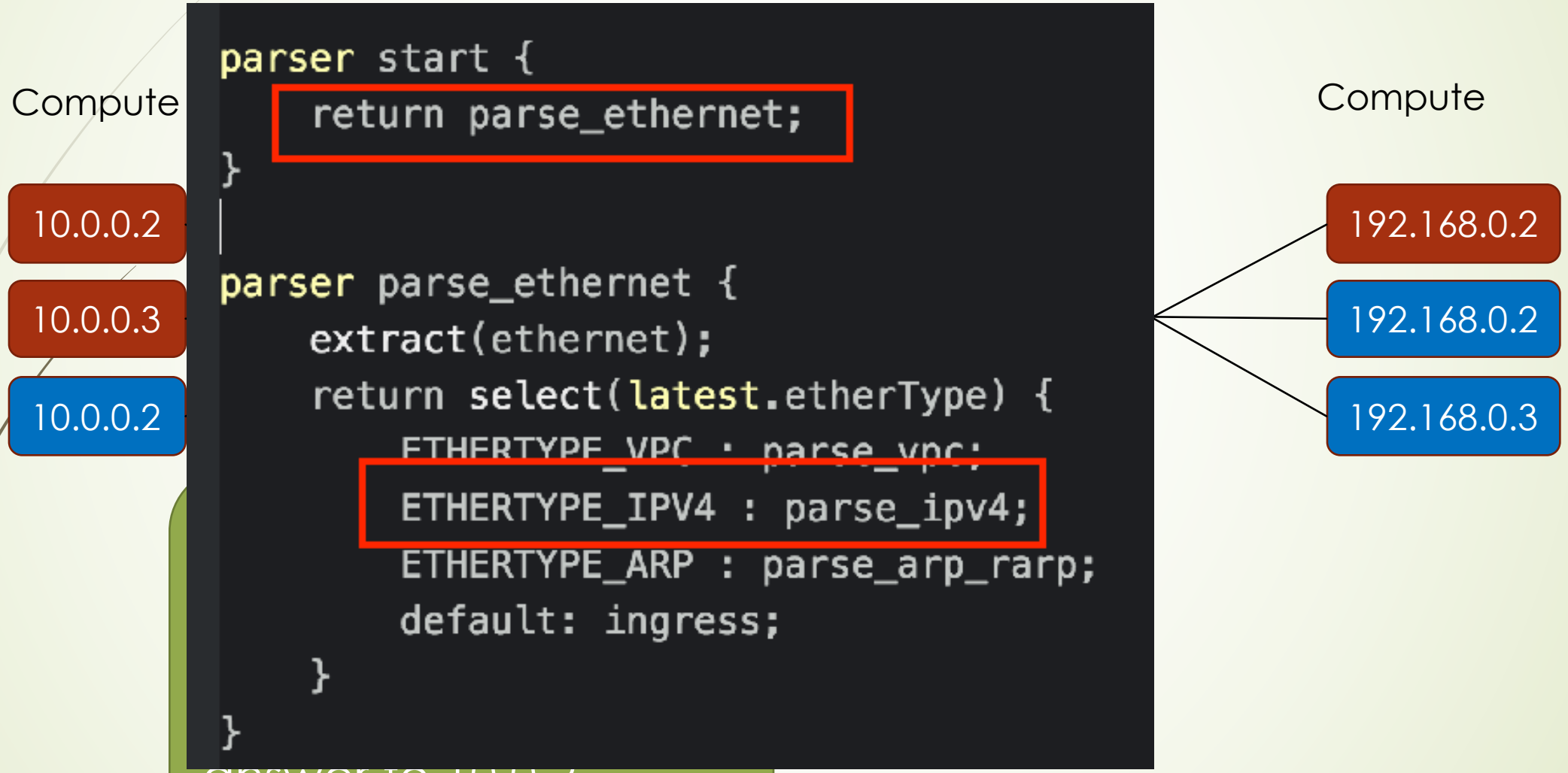
L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)



L2Src: MAC(10.0.0.2)
L2Dest: MAC(10.0.0.1)

ICMP to 192.168.0.2
answer to 10.0.2

L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)



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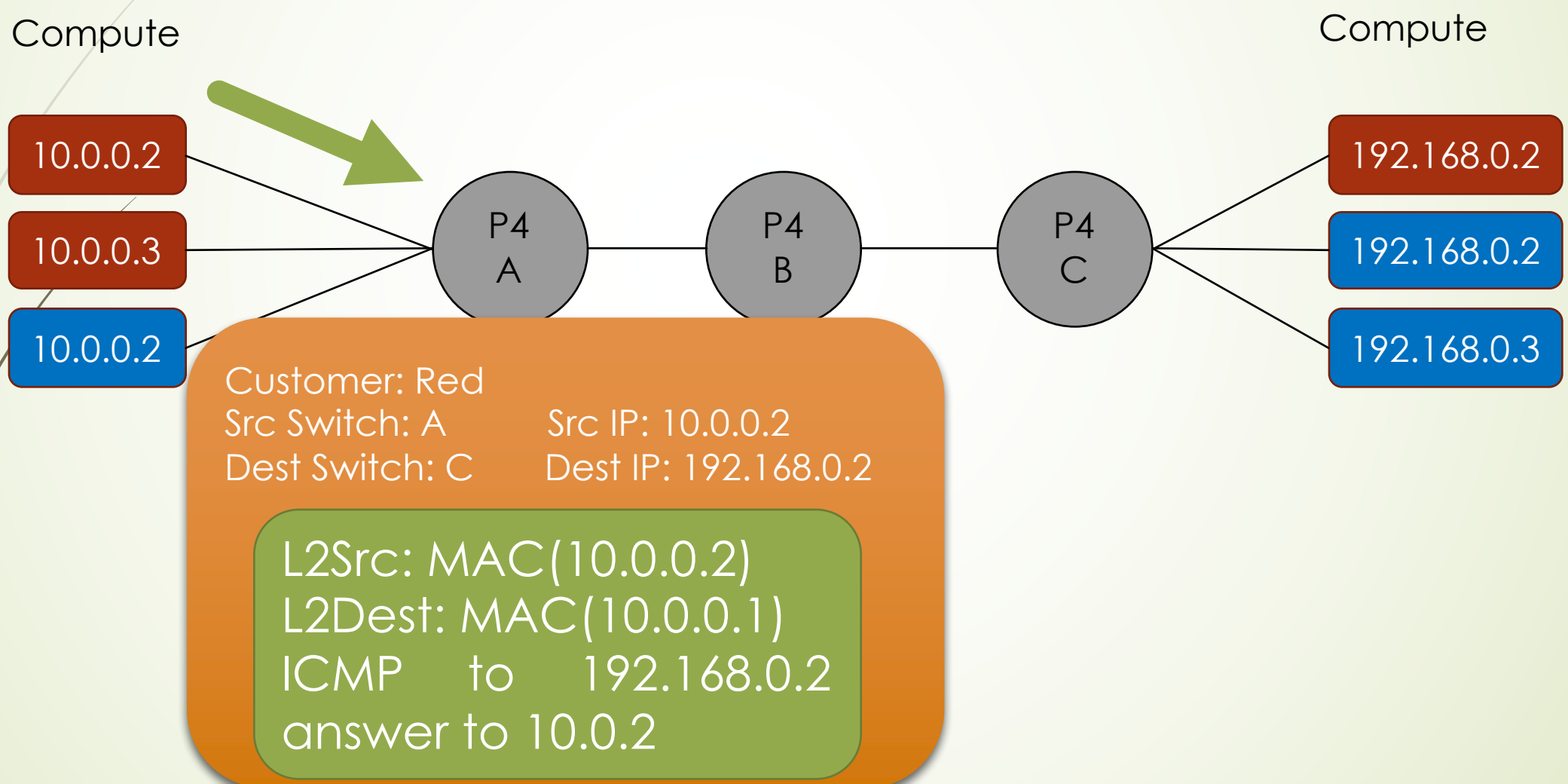

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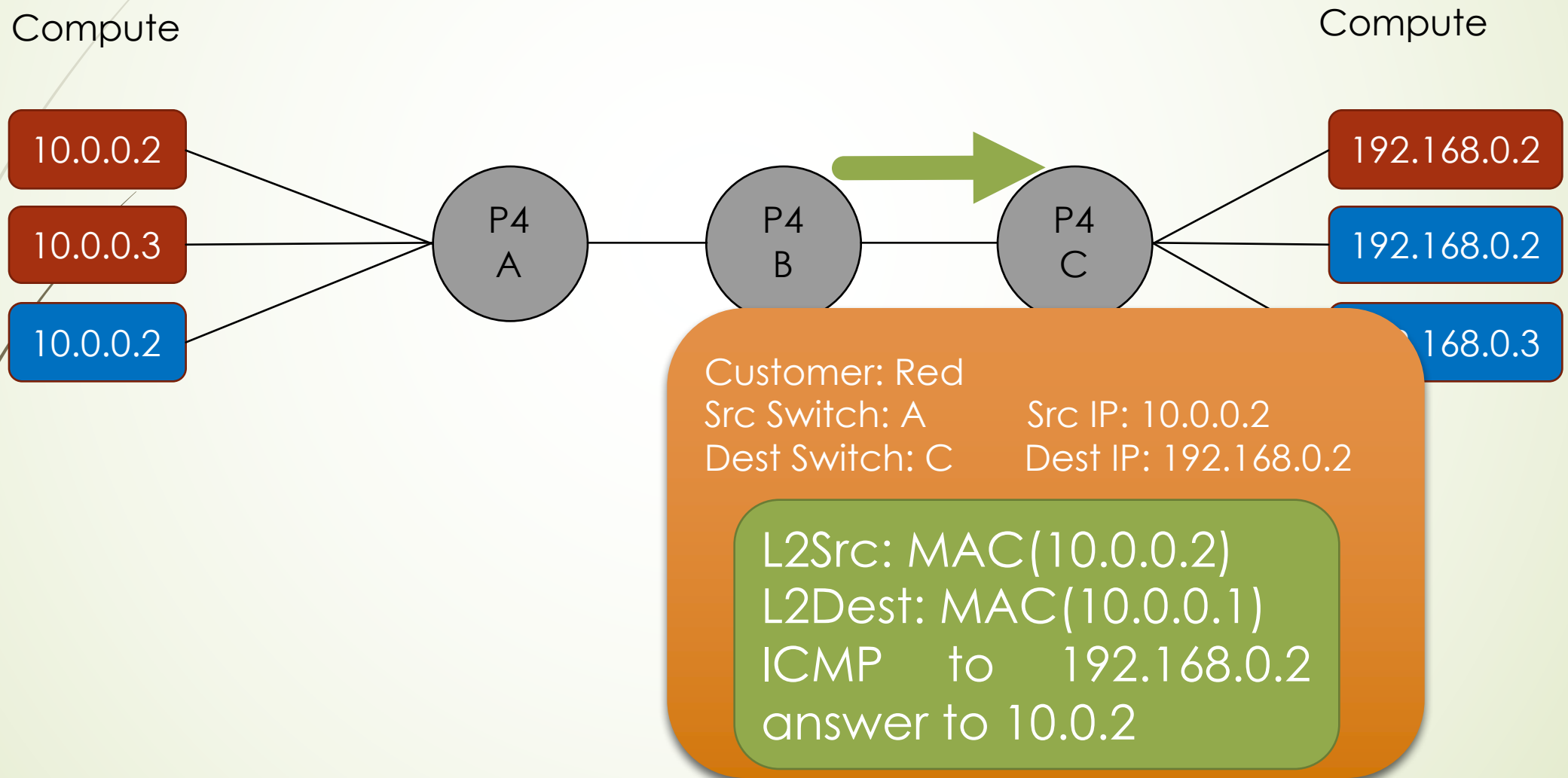

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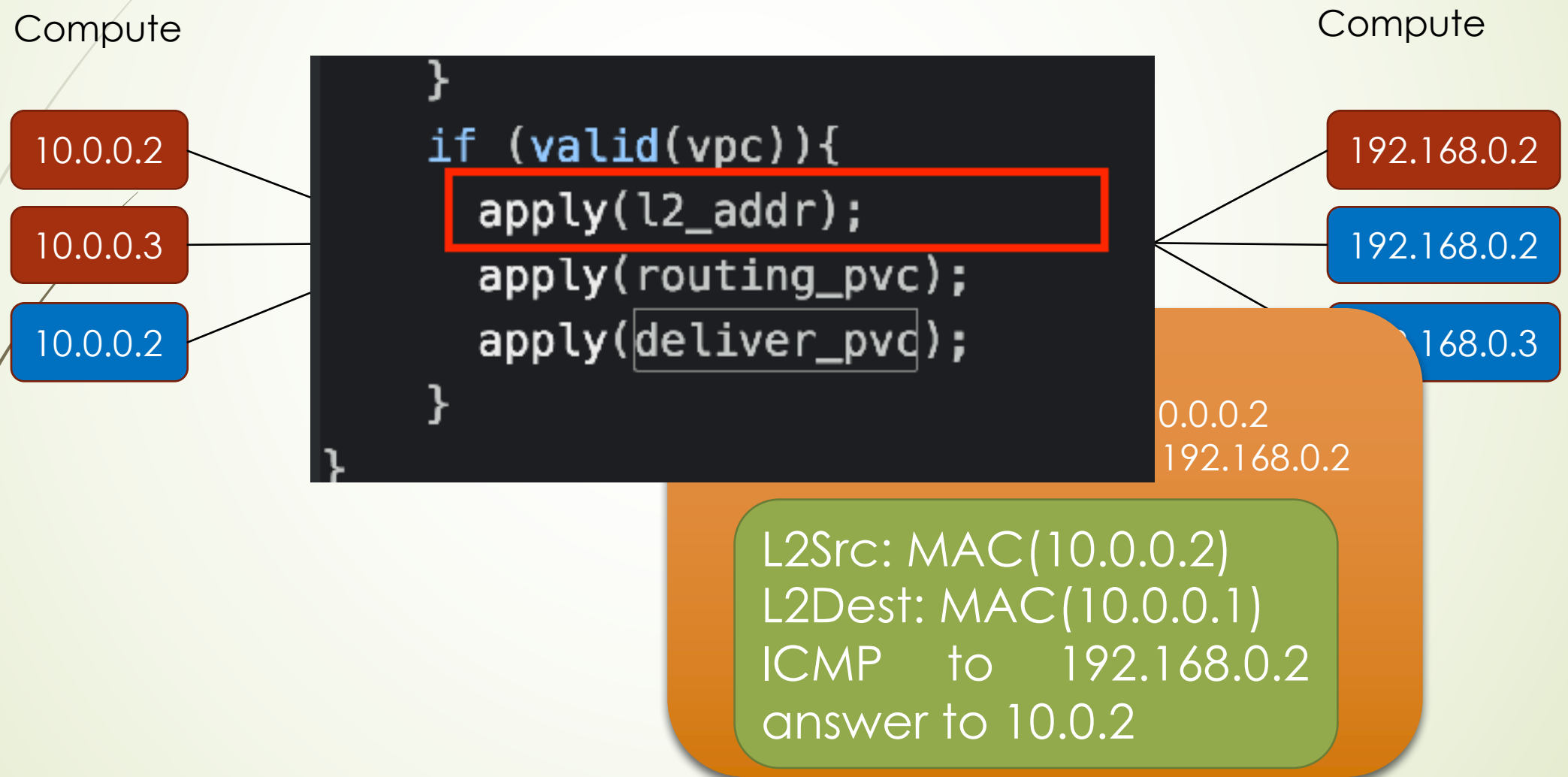

```
action set_l2_addr(srcAddr, dstAddr) {
  modify_field(ethernet.srcAddr, srcAddr);
  modify_field(ethernet.dstAddr, dstAddr);
}

table l2_addr {
  reads {
      vpc.customer : exact;
      vpc.dstSw : exact;
      vpc.srcAddr : lpm;
      vpc.dstAddr : exact;
  }
  actions {
    _noop;
    set_l2_addr;
  }
  size : 1024;
}
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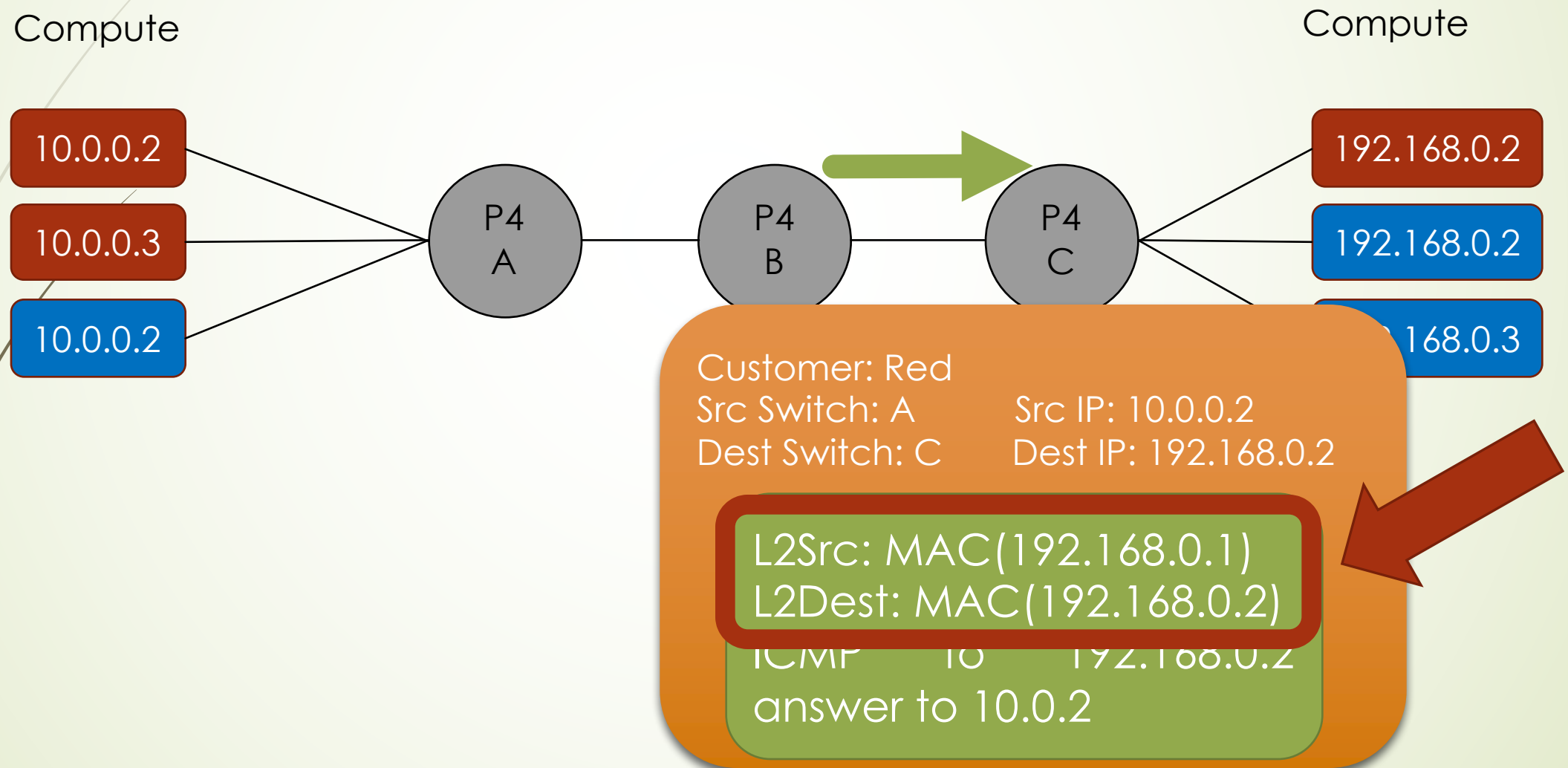
answer to 10.0.2

L3 – IP Routing (using P4 VPC)



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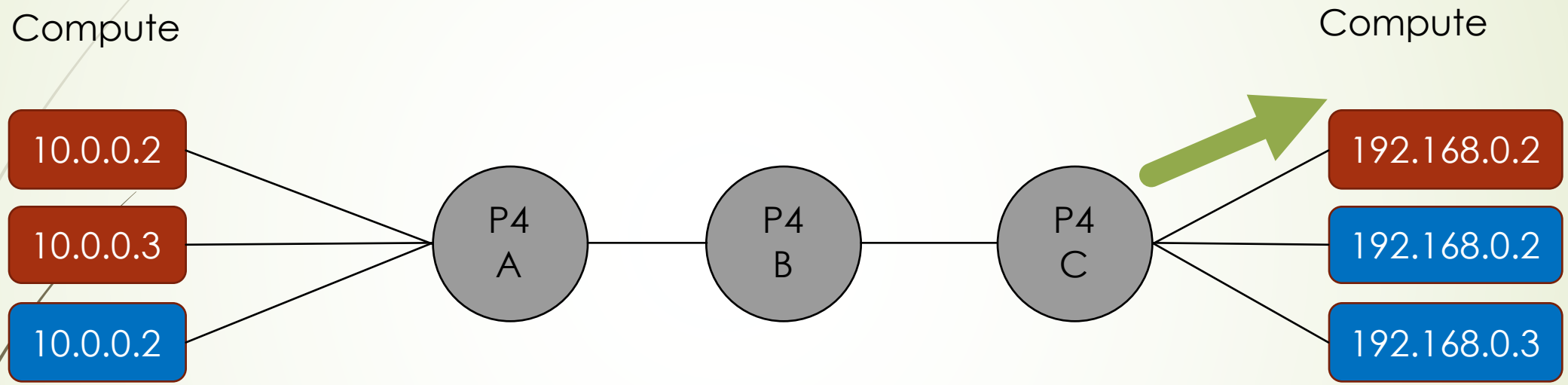


L2Src: MAC(192.168.0.1)
L2Dest: MAC(192.168.0.2)
ICMP to 192.168.0.2
answer to 10.0.2

Summary

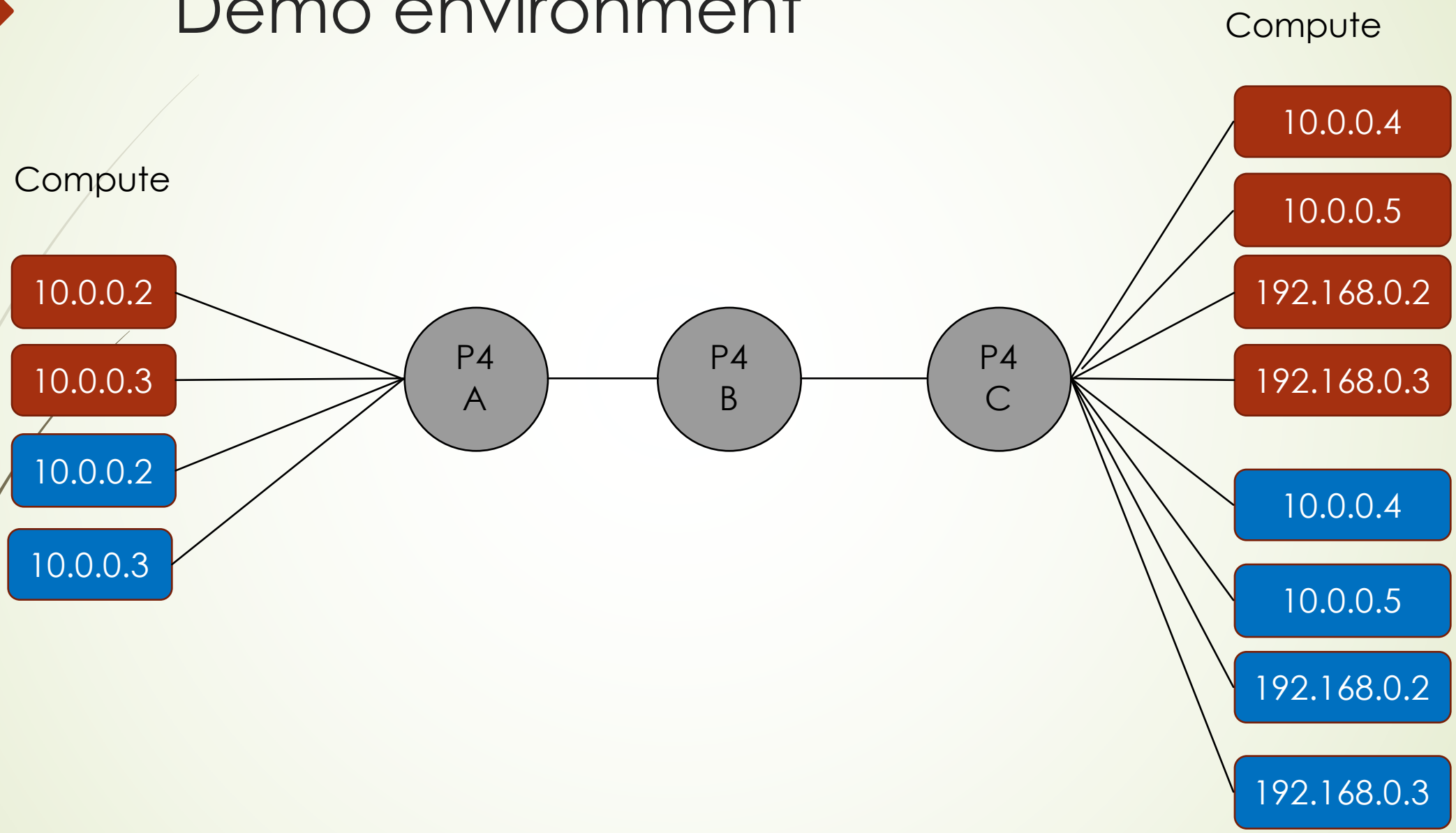
- Custom parser that just covers ARP, IP and VPC headers
- Create a new encapsulation using 0x0777 Ethernet protocol VPC (custom and non standard with fields like customer id, src/destination IP Address, …)
- Manipulation of packets:
  - Convert an ARP request into an ARP reply
  - Encapsulate IP packets with VPC (0x0777)
  - Route based on VPC header
  - Modify any field in the packet header
- Simulate a non existing GW with a custom protocol

Demo

Steps

- Ping from red customer to an ip address in the same subnet.
  - h102red ping 10.0.0.4
  - h102red nc 10.0.0.4 8888
  - h104red ifconfig eth0
- Ping from blue customer to same ip address as previous test
  - h102blue ping 10.0.0.4
  - h102blue nc 10.0.0.4 8888
  - h103blue ifconfig eth0
- Check same test with different ip subnet 192.168.0.3 h203blue or h203red

Demo environment



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