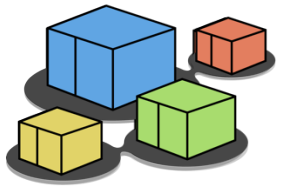

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data centers and VXLAN

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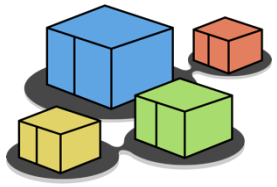

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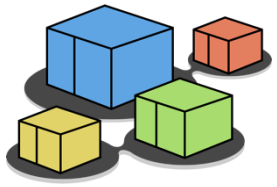
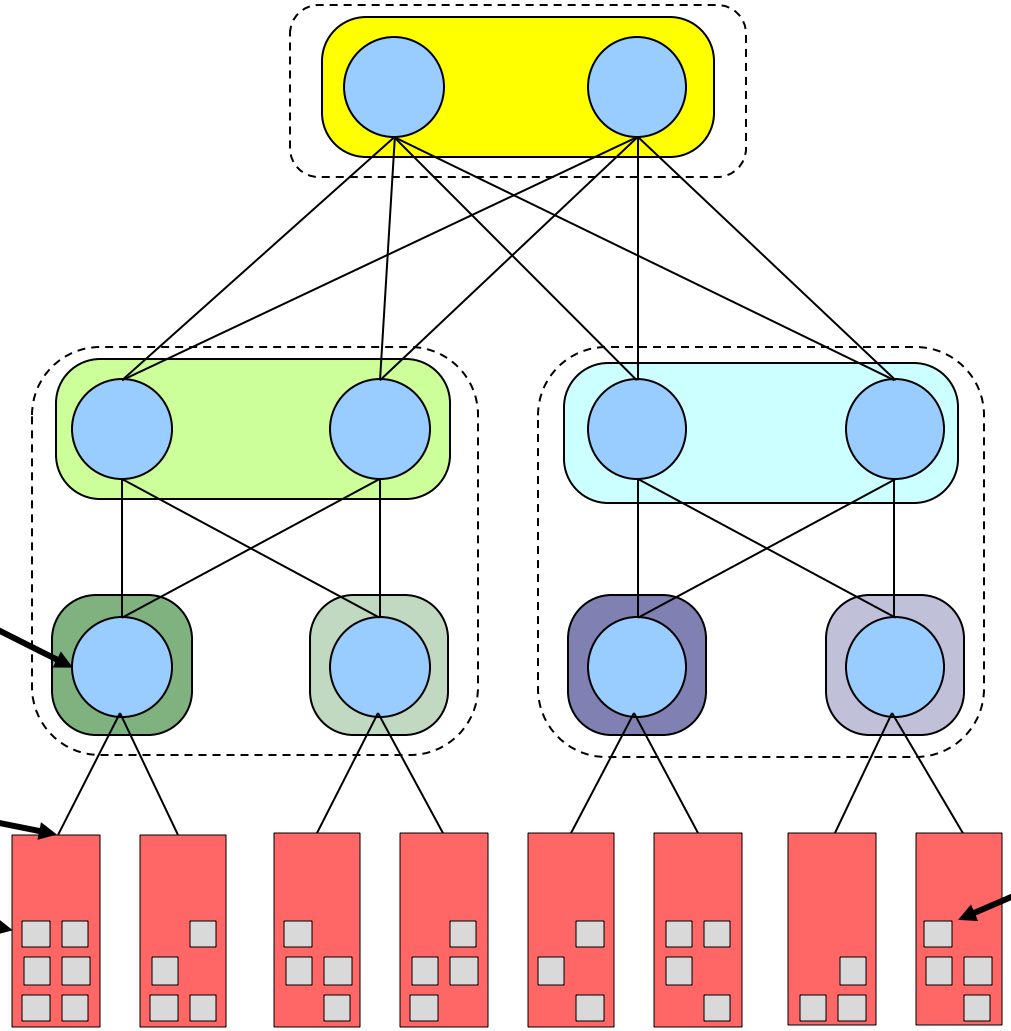


a Fat-Tree with BGP routing

each Leaf announces its server's prefix

Prefixes are assigned directly to the servers

Servers



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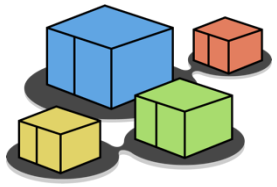
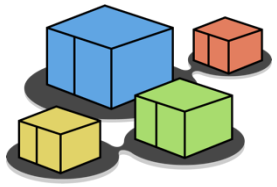


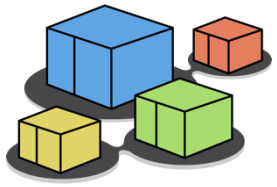
drawbacks of using just BGP

- containers/VMs share the same IP prefix of the server
  - no possibility to move containers between servers without IP remapping
- tenants must follow the IP plan of the data center
  - cannot expose containers with custom IPs
- there is no isolation between
  - the data center traffic and the tenant's traffic
  - different tenants



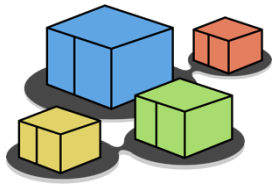
how to handle multiple tenants?

again, why (EVPN) BGP?



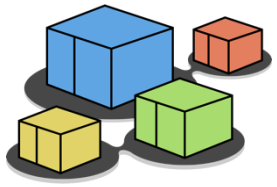
overview – multiple tenants

- requirements
  - servers' architecture requirements
  - orchestration requirements
  - tenant requirements
- tunneling protocols
- VXLAN
- EVPN-BGP



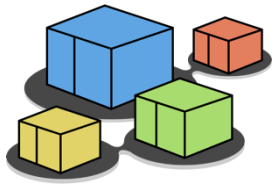
servers' architecture requirements

- having services directly on bare metal is not used
  - too many physical servers needed
  - no way to scale if more resources are requested
  - no isolation between different services on the same server
- support a virtual layer of containers or VMs
  - high-availability guaranteed via orchestration
  - useful for resource-slicing
  - complete isolation between different containers or VMs on the same server
    - possibility to assign containers or VMs to different tenants



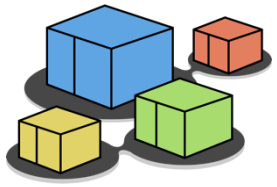
orchestration requirements

- an orchestrator is a software that manages the lifecycle of containers/VMs
  - creates, moves, and destroys containers/VMs
- needed for
  - optimal resource allocation, handling failures, management
- when moving a container/VM
  - possibility to keep network configurations (MAC/IP)
  - minimal downtime



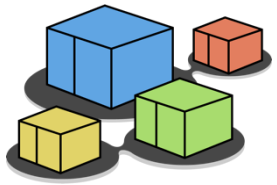
tenant requirements

- each tenant wants to independently manage its own private IP address space
  - containers/VMs traffic must be segregated between tenants and between the data center traffic



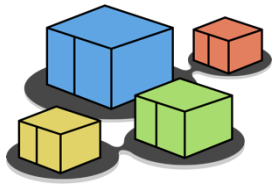
consequence of requirements

- server, orchestration, and tenant requirements have a consequence
  - usage of tunnels



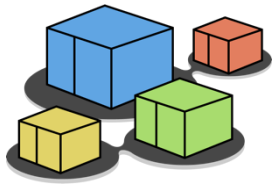
tunneling protocol requirements

- minimal configuration
- encapsulate the traffic of each tenant
  - an identifier of the tenant is needed
- encapsulation in Layer-4
  - to fully exploit IP Multi-Path
  - to traverse routers
    - data center fabric is Layer-3
  - to traverse Internet
    - different data centers must interconnect via Internet transparently (to create the so called *regions*)



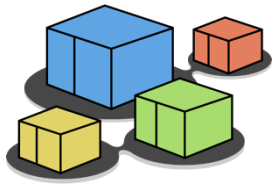
possible choices for tunneling

- VLAN
  - can be used only in L2, the data center is L3
- MPLS
  - each router must be configured for each new tenant
  - traversing Internet requires ISP to configure intermediate routers
- VXLAN
  - created ad-hoc ☺



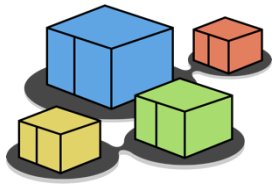
VXLAN

- Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network (RFC-7348)
- designed to address the need for overlay networks within virtualized data centers accommodating multiple tenants
- encapsulates Layer-2 frames into UDP packets



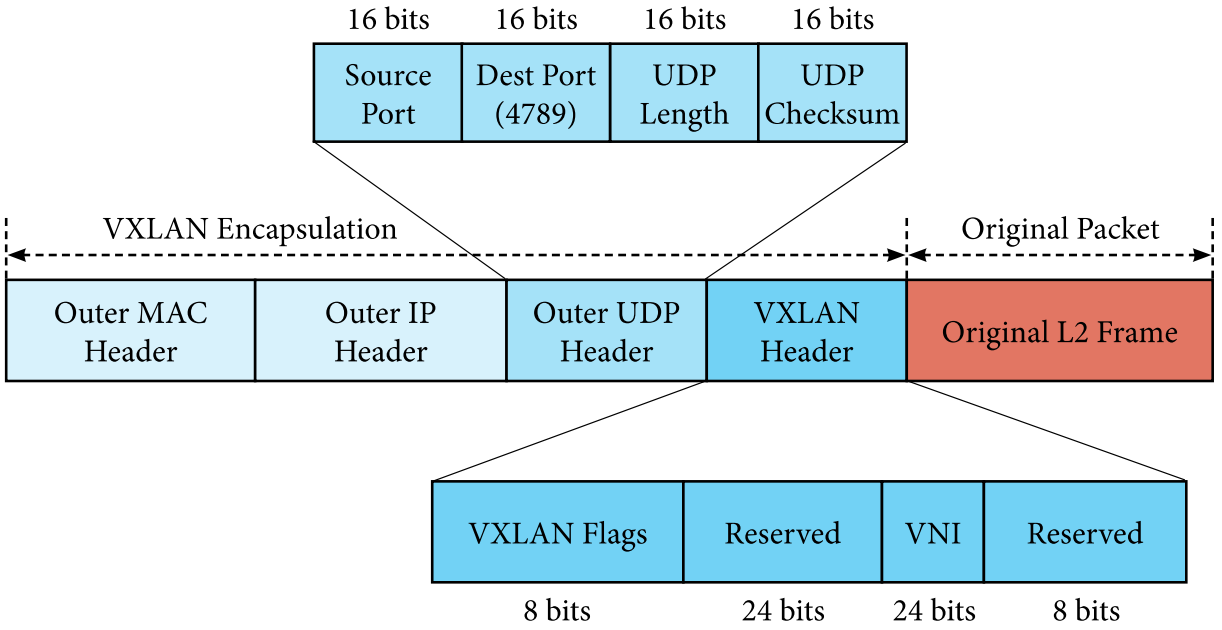
VXLAN terminology

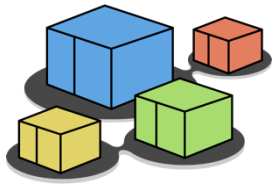
- VNI: VXLAN Network Identifier
  - identifier of a specific VXLAN tunnel
  - similar to the VLAN ID
  - 24 bit address space, more than 16M possible VNIs
- VTEP: VXLAN Tunnel End Point
  - device (physical or virtual) that encapsulates and decapsulates VXLAN packets



VXLAN encapsulation

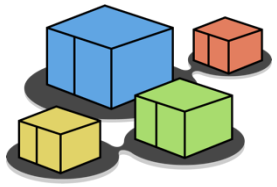
- overhead of 50 bytes
- random Source Port to fully exploit Multi-Path





MAC-to-VTEP Table

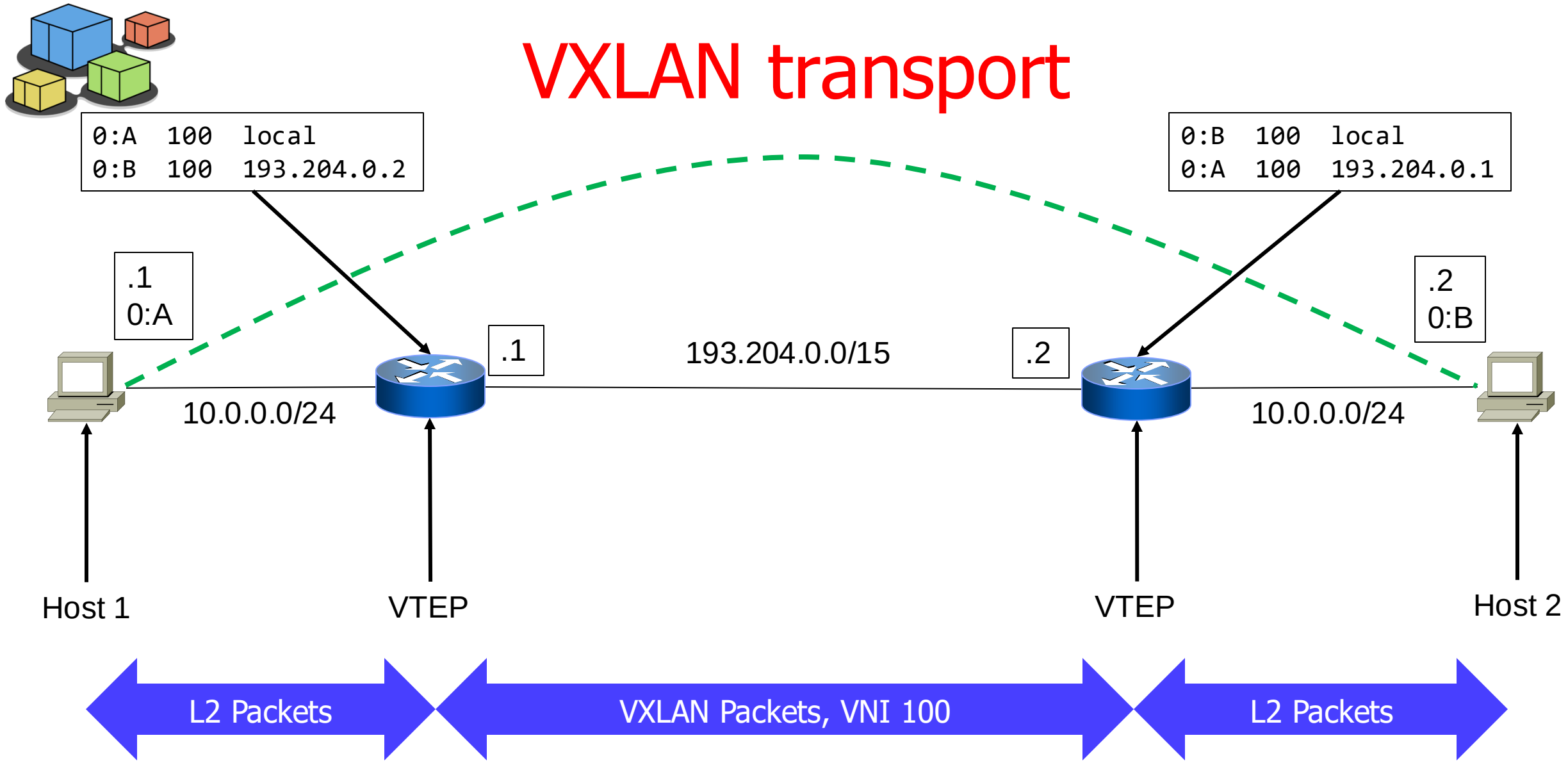
- hosted in each VTEP
- similar to the switch forwarding table
- for each VNI the VTEP keeps a table of pairs <*mac*,*ip*>, that associates MAC Addresses and destination VTEP IPs
- each physical (or VLAN) L2 interface of a VTEP is assigned to a VNI
  - the MAC addresses learned on such interfaces are *local,* and the IPs of their pairs is replaced by the word *local*

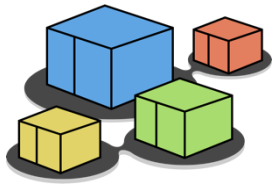


MAC-to-VTEP Table

- when a VTEP receives a frame destinated to a MAC Address m from a local interface belonging to a certain VNI, it checks for the existence (in the VNI) of a pair $<m, i>$ containing m
  - if the pair exists, the VTEP encapsulates the frame, and sends the resulting packet to the destination VTEP IP i
  - if not, the frame is sent to all the other VTEPs (encapsulated) and to all the local ports of that VNI

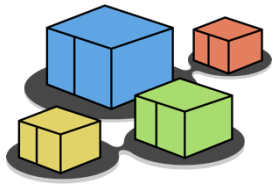
VXLAN transport





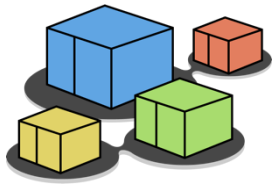
how to handle broadcast traffic

- two types of broadcast must be handled
  - traffic directed to the MAC broadcast address
    - e.g., ARP traffic
  - traffic directed to a MAC address that has not been learned
- IP multicast groups are used by default
  - each VNI is assigned to an IP multicast group of the underlay network and each VTEP subscribes itself to each group of its VNIs
  - the multicast group of a VNI is used only to send the broadcast traffic



disadvantages of multicast

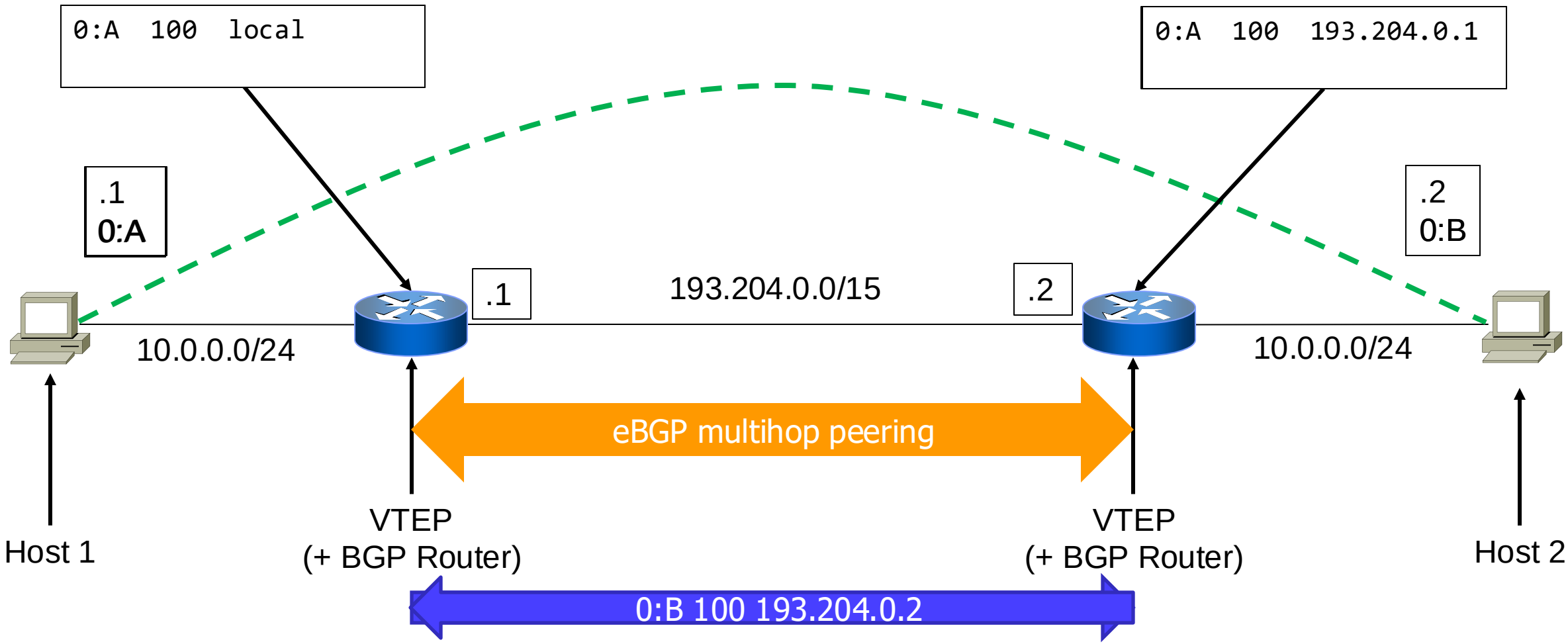
- multicast must be enabled in the underlay network
  - it may require to deploy several protocols
    - e.g., IGMP, IGMP Snooping, PIM, ….
  - complex configuration
- if multicast is not enabled, broadcast frames are duplicated and sent unicast to all the VTEPs of the VNI
- proxy ARP techniques can be used to mitigate broadcast traffic

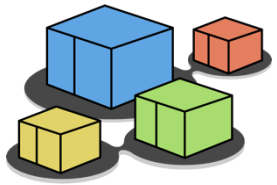


EVPN-BGP

- Ethernet VPN (RFC-7432 and RFC-8365)
- uses MP-BGP with specific AFI/SAFI
  - Address Family Identifier/Subsequent AFI
  - AFI=25 (L2VPN) – SAFI=70 (EVPN)
- advertises MAC Addresses of VNIs using BGP updates
- a VTEP automatically learns local MAC Addresses and advertises them to all other VTEPs (of the same VNI)
- VTEP proxies ARP requests to limit broadcast traffic

VXLAN and EVPN-BGP transport





VXLAN and EVPN-BGP Lab

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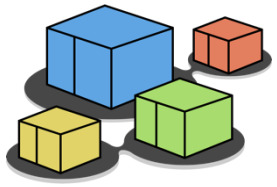
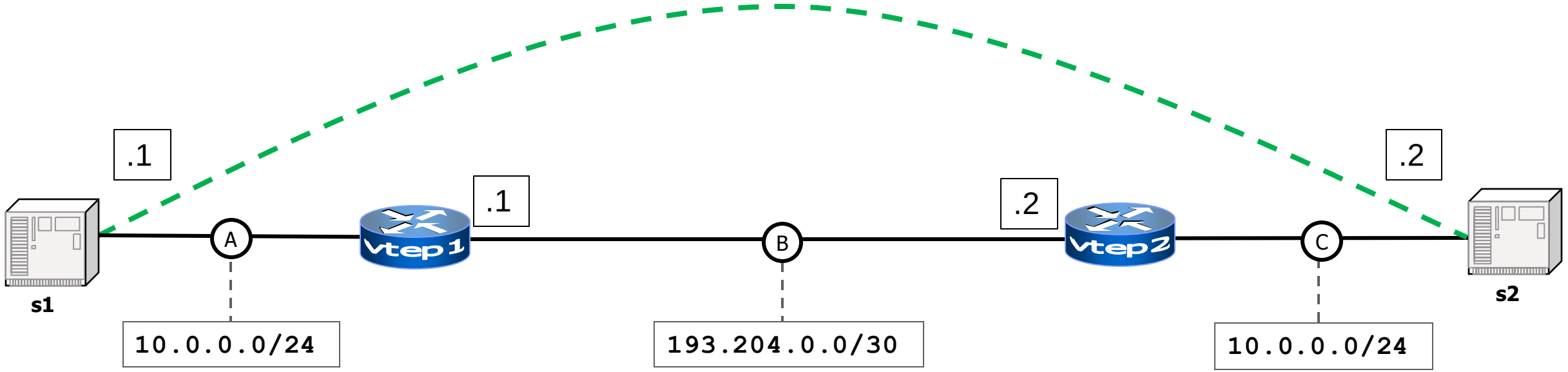
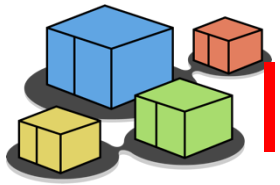


topology





lab base config – topology, s1, and s2

lab.conf

```
s1[0]=A

vtep1[0]=A
vtep1[1]=B

vtep2[0]=C
vtep2[1]=B

s2[0]=C
```

s1.startup

```
ip address add 10.0.0.1/24 dev eth0
ip link set dev eth0 mtu 1450
systemctl start apache2
```

s2.startup

```
ip address add 10.0.0.2/24 dev eth0
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systemctl start apache2
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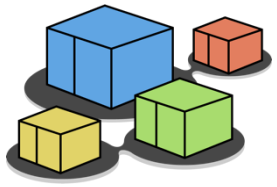
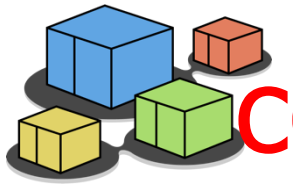


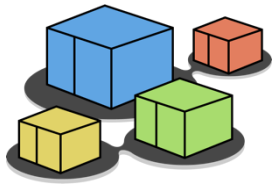
MTU

- need to set manual MTU of each device's interface associated to a VNI
- when a frame is encapsulated by a VTEP, if its size is greater than 1450 (LAN MTU – VXLAN overhead)
  - the frame is dropped
  - an ICMP "packet too big" message is sent back



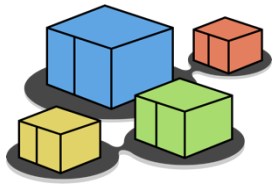
configuring a bridge/router with VTEPs

- we need to configure a Kathara device that is able to:
  - act as a bridge on L2 ports
    - able to perform L2 learning
  - act as a router on the ports on the underlay networks
    - able to establish BGP peerings
    - able to encapsulate/decapsulate VXLAN traffic



VTEP configuration

- create bridge facilities (aka companion bridges)
  - one virtual bridge with ports assigned to VLANs corresponding to VNIs
- attach the collision domains associated to a VNI to the companion bridge of that VNI
- configure the base BGP peerings
  - enable the AFI/SAFI of EVPN
- configure VXLAN



vtep e-BGP configuration

vtep1/etc/frr/bgpd.conf

```
router bgp 1

neighbor 193.204.0.2 remote-as 2

address-family l2vpn evpn
    neighbor 193.204.0.2 activate
    advertise-all-vni
exit-address-family
```

vtep2/etc/frr/bgpd.conf

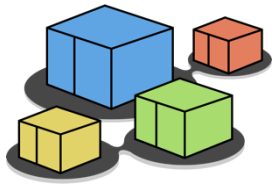
```
router bgp 2

neighbor 193.204.0.1 remote-as 1

address-family l2vpn evpn
    neighbor 193.204.0.1 activate
    advertise-all-vni
exit-address-family
```

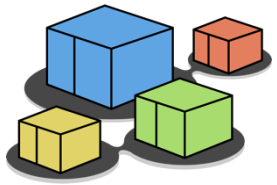
activate the address-family on the peering with specific neighbor

announce on the peerings all the VNIs configured in the VTEP



companion bridge

- the bridge connected to VTEP interfaces
- used by the VTEP to perform source address learning of local interfaces
- when in combination with EVPN-BGP
  - its forwarding table is also populated via updates received from BGP
  - the FRR control plane watch to updates of the bridge forwarding table to send updates via BGP



vtep1 bridge configuration

vtep1.startup

```
ip address add 193.204.0.1/30 dev eth1

# Setting up VXLAN interfaces
ip link add vtep100 type vxlan id 100 dev eth1 dstport 4789 local 193.204.0.1 nolearning

# Creating the companion bridge
ip link add br100 type bridge
ip link set br100 addrgenmode none

# Attach interfaces to the bridge
ip link set dev vtep100 maste                                    one
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ip link set dev eth0 master br100

# Enable interfaces
ip link set up dev vtep100
ip link set up dev br100

# Enabling FRR
systemctl start frr
```

VNI

VXLAN dst port

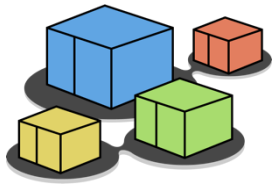
VXLAN src IP

name of the interface

send VXLAN packets via eth1 interface

disable the mcast learning

create the interface



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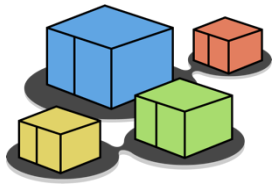
create the companion bridge and name it



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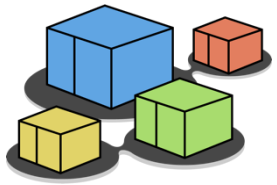

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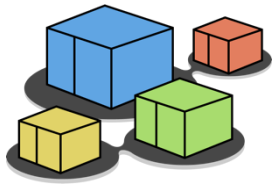
attach the VXLAN interface to the bridge

do not generate IPv6 link-local addresses



vtep1 bridge configuration

vtep1.startup

```
ip address add 193.204.0.1/30 dev eth1

# Setting up VXLAN interfaces
ip link add vtep100 type vxlan id 100 dev eth1 dstport 4789 local 193.204.0.1 nolearning

# Creating the companion bridge
ip link add br100 type bridge
ip link set br100 addrgenmode none

# Attach interfaces to the bridge
ip link set dev vtep100 master br100 addrgenmode none
ip link set vtep100 type bridge_slave neigh_suppress on learning off
ip link set dev eth0 master br100

# Enable interfaces
ip link set up dev vtep100
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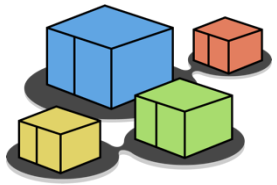
# Enabling FRR
systemctl start frr
```

suppress neighbor discovery (ARP and ND)

do not learn MAC addresses

set the type of vtep100 to bridge_slave



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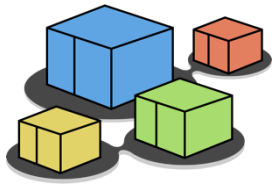
attach eth0 (the server s1 collision domain) to the bridge



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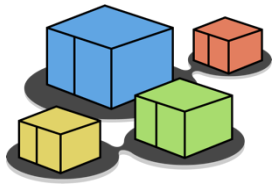
enable the VXLAN interface



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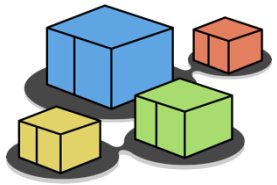
# Enabling FRR
systemctl start frr
```

enable the bridge



vtep2 bridge configuration

vtep2.startup

```
ip address add 193.204.0.2/30 dev eth1

# Setting up VXLAN interfaces
ip link add vtep100 type vxlan id 100 dev eth1 dstport 4789 local 193.204.0.2 nolearning

# Creating the companion bridge
ip link add br100 type bridge
ip link set br100 addrgenmode none

# Attach interfaces to the bridge
ip link set dev vtep100 master br100 addrgenmode none
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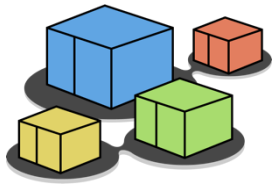
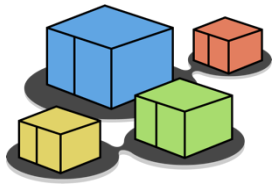


the EVPN-BGP control-plane

```
vtep1# show evpn mac vni all

VNI 100 #MACs (local and remote) 2

Flags: N=sync-neighs, I=local-inactive, P=peer-active, X=peer-proxy
MAC               Type   Flags Intf/Remote ES/VTEP            VLAN  Seq #'s
a2:6d:75:c7:06:6f remote       193.204.0.2                          0/0
c2:93:31:36:31:b6 local        eth0                                 0/0
```



a BGP update

```
Frame 3: 170 bytes on wire (1360 bits), 170 bytes captured (1360 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: ee:8d:53:3a:12:b5 (ee:8d:53:3a:12:b5), Dst: ea:4f:03:8c:4b:95 (ea:4f:03:8c:4b:95)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 193.204.0.2, Dst: 193.204.0.1
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 41530, Dst Port: 179, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 104
Border Gateway Protocol - UPDATE Message
    Marker: ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
    Length: 104
    Type: UPDATE Message (2)
    Withdrawn Routes Length: 0
    Total Path Attribute Length: 81
  Path attributes
    Path Attribute - MP_REACH_NLRI
      Flags: 0x90, Optional, Extended-Length, Non-transitive, Complete
      Type Code: MP_REACH_NLRI (14)
      Length: 44
      Address family identifier (AFI): Layer-2 VPN (25)
      Subsequent address family identifier (SAFI): EVPN (70)
      Next hop: 193.204.0.2
      Number of Subnetwork points of attachment (SNPA): 0
      Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI)
        EVPN NLRI: MAC Advertisement Route
          Route Type: MAC Advertisement Route (2)
          Length: 33
          Route Distinguisher: 0001c1cc00020002 (193.204.0.2:2)
          ESI: 00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00
          Ethernet Tag ID: 0
          MAC Address Length: 48
          MAC Address: a2:6d:75:c7:06:6f (a2:6d:75:c7:06:6f)
          IP Address Length: 0
          IP Address: NOT INCLUDED
          VNI: 100
    Path Attribute - ORIGIN: IGP
    Path Attribute - AS_PATH: 2
    Path Attribute - EXTENDED_COMMUNITIES
```

from vtep2 to vtep1

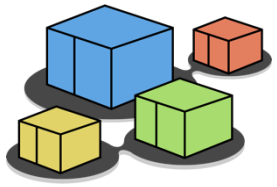
announcement

AFI/SAFI of l2vpn/EVPN

VTEP destination

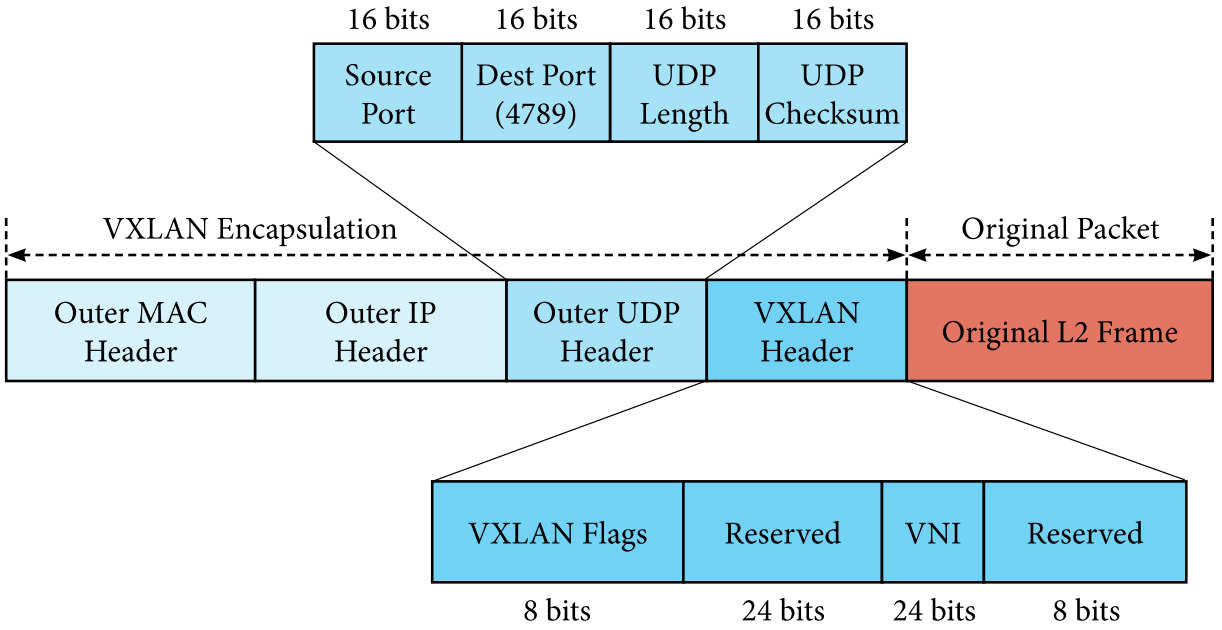
MAC address of s1

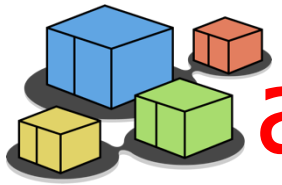
VNI of s1



VXLAN encapsulation

- overhead of 50 bytes
- random Source Port to fully exploit Multi-Path

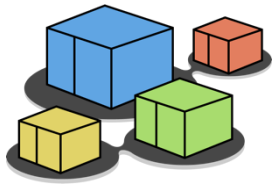




a PING packet encapsulated in VXLAN

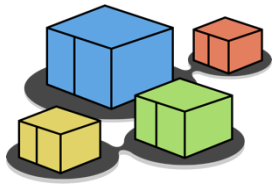
```
> Frame 11: 148 bytes on wire (1184 bits), 148 bytes captured (1184 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: ea:4f:03:8c:4b:95 (ea:4f:03:8c:4b:95), Dst: ee:8d:53:3a:12:b5 (ee:8d:53:3a:12:b5)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 193.204.0.1, Dst: 193.204.0.2
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 38648, Dst Port: 4789
> Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network
> Ethernet II, Src: c2:93:31:36:31:b6 (c2:93:31:36:31:b6), Dst: a2:6d:75:c7:06:6f (a2:6d:75:c7:06:6f)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.1, Dst: 10.0.0.2
v Internet Control Message Protocol
    Type: 8 (Echo (ping) request)
    Code: 0
    Checksum: 0x0945 [correct]
    [Checksum Status: Good]
    Identifier (BE): 11 (0x000b)
    Identifier (LE): 2816 (0x0b00)
    Sequence Number (BE): 2 (0x0002)
    Sequence Number (LE): 512 (0x0200)
    [Response frame: 12]
    Timestamp from icmp data: Dec  6, 2022 15:59:10.000000000 CET
    [Timestamp from icmp data (relative): 0.401357000 seconds]
  > Data (48 bytes)
```

- Outer Layer 1 and vtep2
- Outer MAC Header
- IPs of VTEPs
- Outer IP Layer
- MAC addresses of s1 and s2
- Outer UDP Header
- VXLAN Header
- Original Layer 2
- Original Layer 3
- Original ICMP Packet



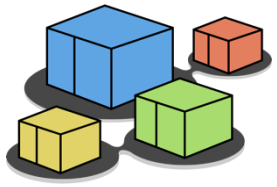
putting together

(EVPN-)BGP ☺

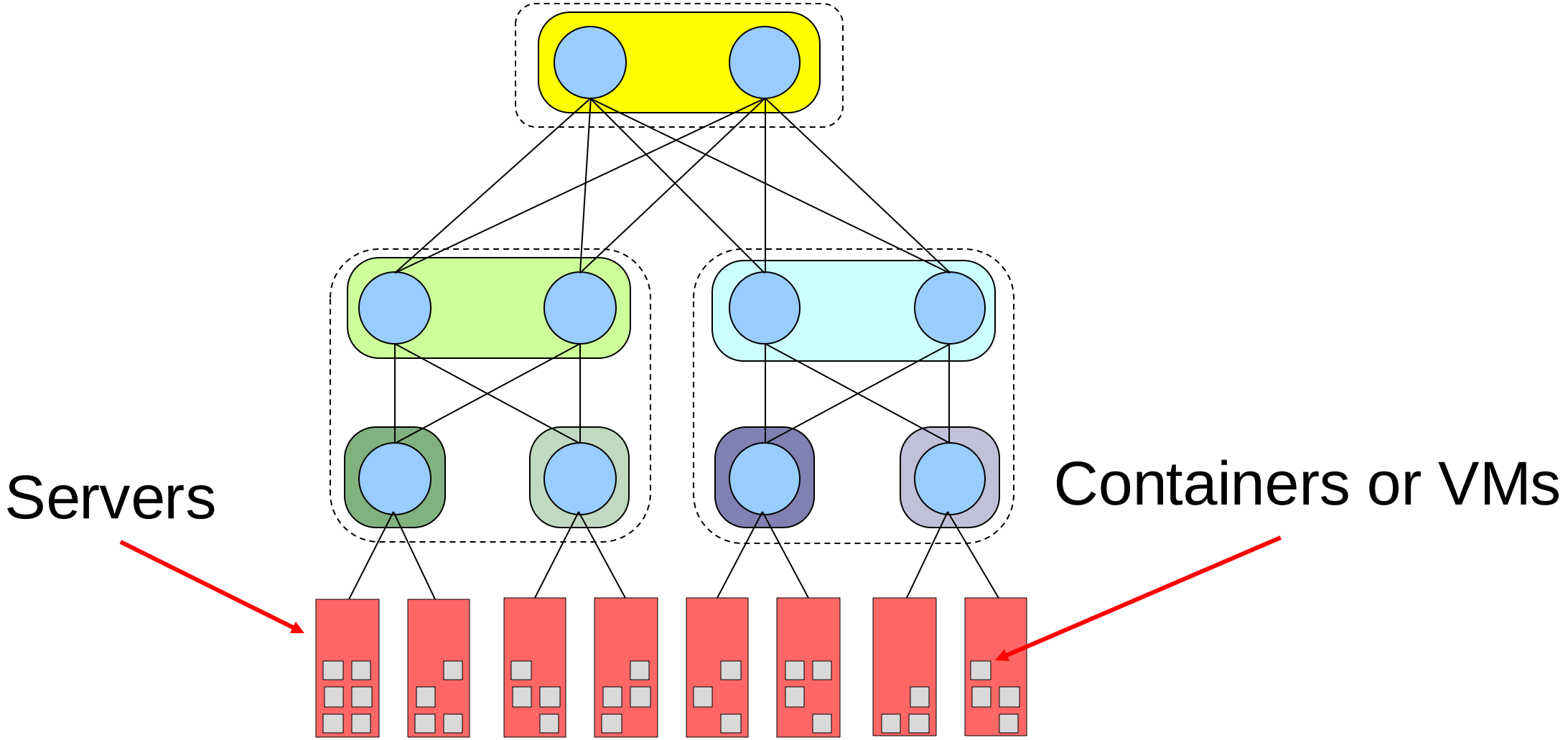


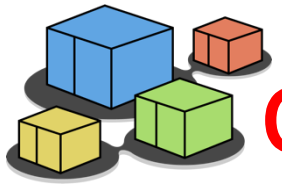
overview

- containers or VMs of different tenants
- where is the VTEP?
- the Leaf-server links
- inside the servers
- dual attached servers
- a complete lab experience



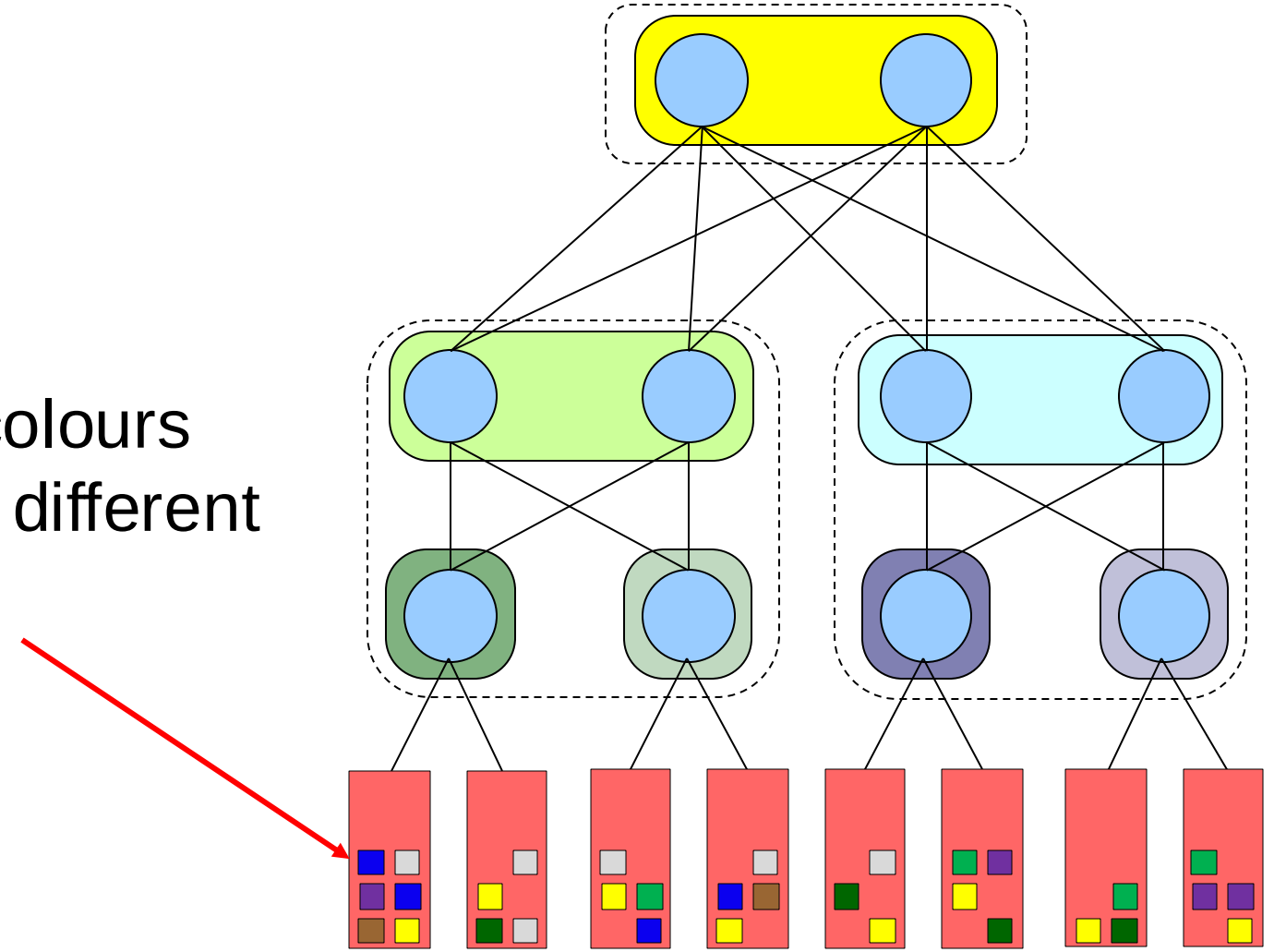
servers in the fabric – recap

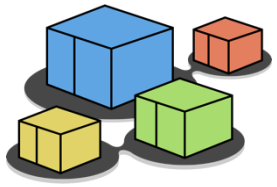




containers or VMs of different tenants

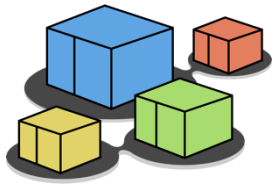
different colours represent different tenants





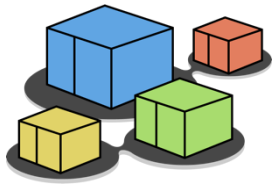
EVPN-BGP – where is the VTEP?

- containers must be unaware of tunneling
- different choices for positioning the VTEP
  - in each server
    - the server should have a BGP peering for enabling EVPN-BGP
    - the server CPU would be used to route packets
  - in each Leaf
    - a Leaf already has a BGP peering
    - a Leaf is a router, so it has dedicated routing hardware
    - usage of VLANs in the link connecting a Leaf and a server to distinguish tenants



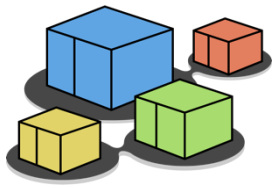
inside the Leaves

- VLANs are used
- mapping between VNIs and VLAN IDs
  - tenants are unaware of the mapping
- Leaves decapsulate VXLAN received packets and encapsulate them into VLAN frames, according to the mapping
  - and vice-versa



inside the servers

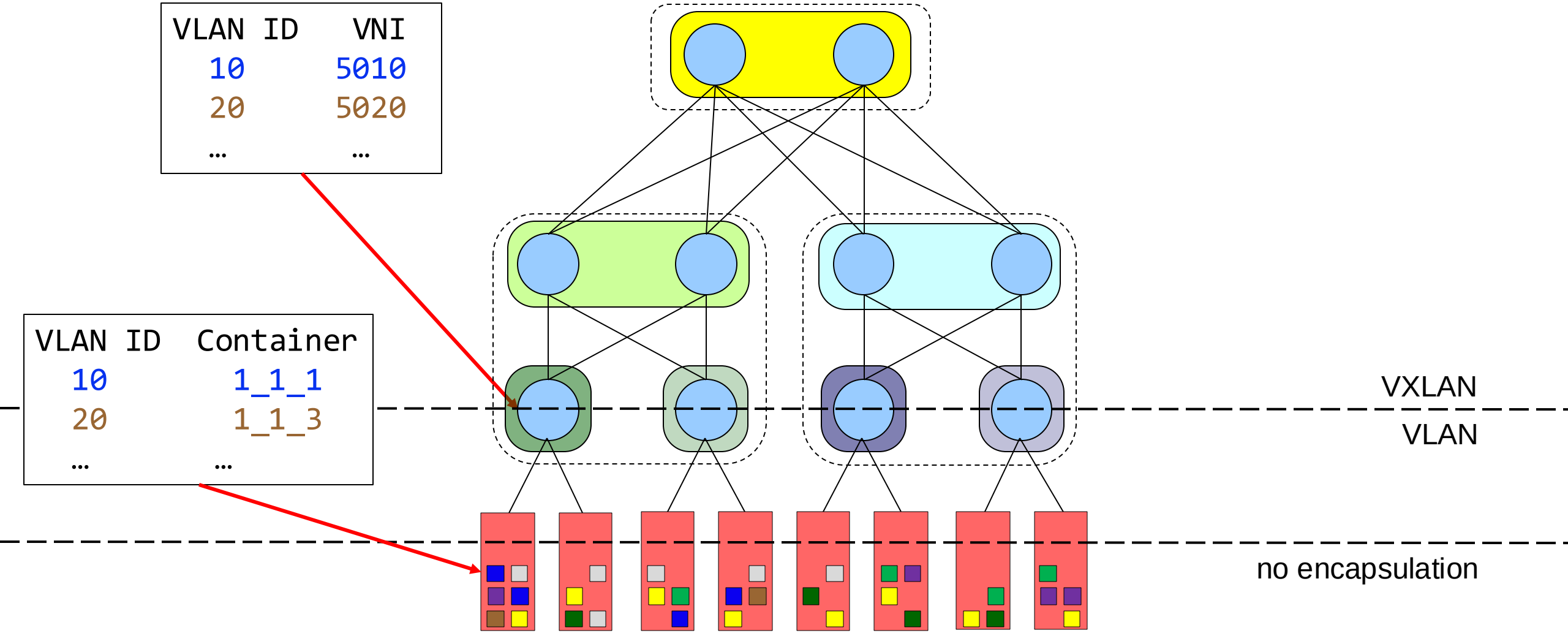
- the server uses the VLAN IDs to forward packets to the correct containers/VMs
- the server untags the packets so that the containers/VMs are unaware of the VLANs
  - containers/VMs of the same tenant share the same virtual Layer-2 network

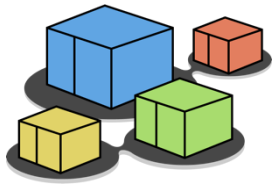


deploying VXLAN

VLAN ID	VNI
10	5010
20	5020
…	…

VLAN ID	Container
10	1_1_1
20	1_1_3
…	…

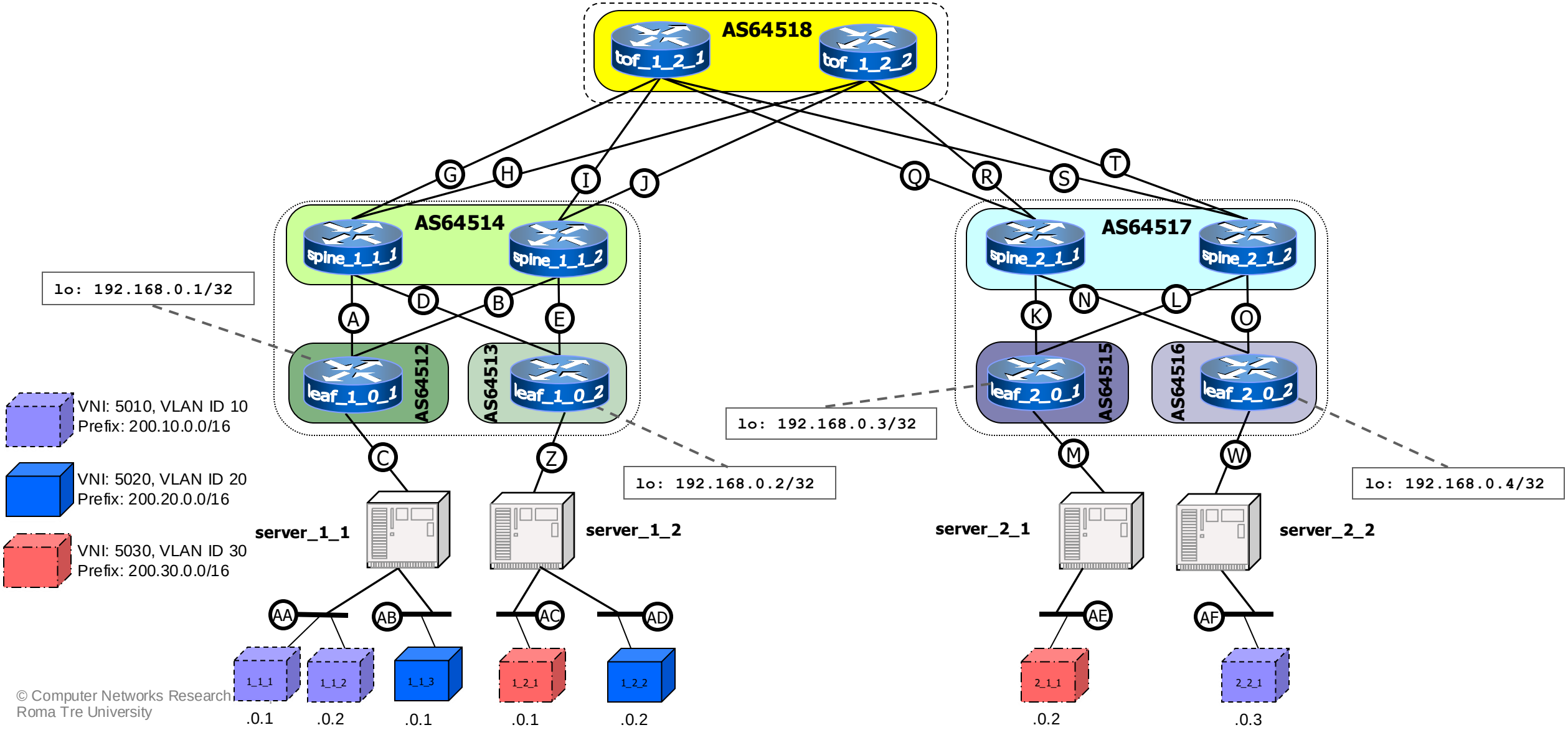


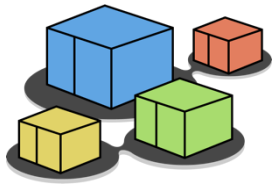


EVPN-BGP Fat-Tree lab

hands on Kathará

lab topology





leaf configuration example – part 1

leaf_1_0_1.startup

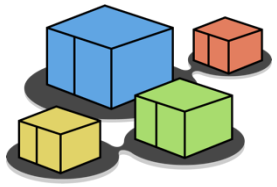
```
# Create loopback
ip address add 192.168.0.1/32 dev lo:1
ip route add 192.168.0.1/32 dev lo:1

# Setting up VXLAN interfaces
ip link add vtep5010 type vxlan id 5010 dev lo dstport 4789 local 192.168.0.1 nolearning
ip link add vtep5020 type vxlan id 5020 dev lo dstport 4789 local 192.168.0.1 nolearning
ip link add vtep5030 type vxlan id 5030 dev lo dstport 4789 local 192.168.0.1 nolearning

# Creating the companion bridge
ip link add br100 type bridge
ip link set br100 addrgenmode none
```

configure an IP address on the loopback interface

set source IP for the VTEPs to be the loopback IP



leaf configuration example – part 2

leaf_1_0_1.startup – part 2

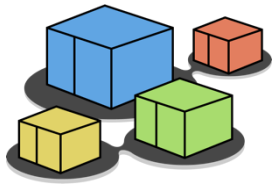
```
# Attach interfaces to the bridge
ip link set dev vtep5010 master br100 addrgenmode none
ip link set vtep5010 type bridge_slave neigh_suppress on learning off
ip link set dev vtep5020 master br100 addrgenmode none
ip link set vtep5010 type bridge_slave neigh_suppress on learning off
ip link set dev vtep5030 master br100 addrgenmode none
ip link set vtep5010 type bridge_slave neigh_suppress on learning off
ip link set dev eth2 master br100

# Enable bridge vlans
ip link set dev br100 type bridge vlan_filtering 1
bridge vlan add vid 10 dev vtep5010 pvid untagged
bridge vlan add vid 20 dev vtep5020 pvid untagged
bridge vlan add vid 30 dev vtep5030 pvid untagged
bridge vlan add vid 10 dev eth2
bridge vlan add vid 20 dev eth2
bridge vlan add vid 30 dev eth2
```

enable VLANs on the bridge

configure the vtep ports to receive/send untagged traffic of specific VLANs

configure the server ports to receive/send VLAN tagged traffic of specific VLANs



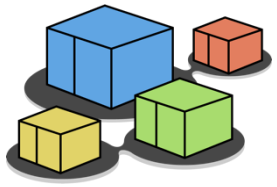
leaf configuration example – part 3

leaf_1_0_1.startup – part 3

```
# Enable interfacesns
ip link set up dev vtep5010
ip link set up dev vtep5020
ip link set up dev vtep5030
ip link set up dev br100

systemctl start frr
```

enable all the created interfaces (VTEPs and the bridge)



leaf BGP configuration example

bgpd.conf - part 1

```
router bgp 64512
 timers bgp 3 9
 bgp router-id 192.168.0.1
 no bgp ebgp-requires-polic
 bgp bestpath as-path multi

neighbor TOR peer-group
 neighbor TOR remote-as external
 neighbor TOR advertisement-interval 0
 neighbor TOR timers connect 10
 neighbor eth0 interface peer-group TOR
 neighbor eth1 interface peer-group TOR
```

enable the l2vpn evpn AFI/SAFI A.F.

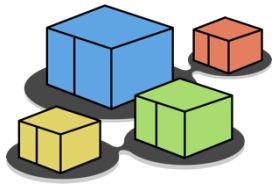
bgpd.conf - part 2

```
address-family ipv4 unicast
  neighbor TOR activate
  redistribute connected route-map LOOPBACKS
  maximum-paths 64
exit-address-family

address-family l2vpn evpn
  neighbor TOR activate
  advertise-all-vni
exit-address-family

route-map LOOPBACKS permit 10
  match interface lo
```

route-map to announce the loopback IP



spine BGP configuration example

bgpd.conf - part 1

```
router bgp 64514
 timers bgp 3 9
 bgp router-id 192.168.0.5
 no bgp ebgp-requires-policy
 bgp bestpath as-path multipath-relax

neighbor TOR peer-group
 neighbor TOR remote-as external
 neighbor TOR advertisement-interval 0
 neighbor TOR timers connect 10
 neighbor eth0 interface peer-group TOR
 neighbor eth1 interface peer-group TOR
```

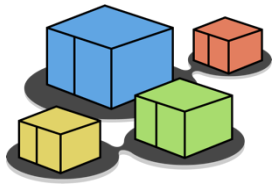
bgpd.conf - part 2

```
neighbor fabric peer-group
 neighbor fabric remote-as external
 neighbor fabric advertisement-interval 0
 neighbor fabric timers connect 10
 neighbor eth2 interface peer-group fabric
 neighbor eth3 interface peer-group fabric

address-family ipv4 unicast
  neighbor fabric activate
  neighbor TOR activate
  maximum-paths 64
exit-address-family

address-family l2vpn evpn
  neighbor fabric activate
  neighbor TOR activate
exit-address-family
```

activate the l2vpn evpn AFI/SAFI A.F.



ToF BGP configuration example

bgpd.conf - part 1

```
router bgp 64518
 timers bgp 3 9
 bgp router-id 192.168.0.13
 no bgp ebgp-requires-policy
 bgp bestpath as-path multipath-relax
```

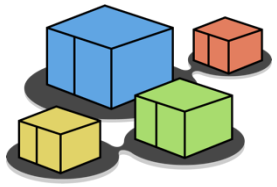
bgpd.conf - part 2

```
neighbor fabric peer-group
 neighbor fabric remote-as external
 neighbor fabric advertisement-interval 0
 neighbor fabric timers connect 10
 neighbor eth0 interface peer-group fabric
 neighbor eth1 interface peer-group fabric
 neighbor eth2 interface peer-group fabric
 neighbor eth3 interface peer-group fabric

address-family ipv4 unicast
  neighbor fabric activate
  maximum-paths 64
exit-address-family

address-family l2vpn evpn
  neighbor fabric activate
exit-address-family
```

activate the l2vpn evpn AFI/SAFI A.F.



server configuration example

server_1_1.startup

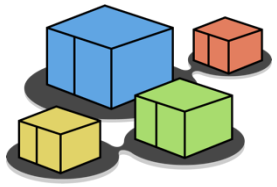
```
# Creating the bridge
ip link add br100 type bridge

# Attach interfaces to the bridge
ip link set dev eth0 master br100
ip link set dev eth1 master br100
ip link set dev eth2 master br100

# Enable bridge vlans
ip link set dev br100 type bridge vlan_filtering 1
bridge vlan add vid 10 dev eth0
bridge vlan add vid 20 dev eth0
bridge vlan add vid 10 dev eth1 pvid untagged
bridge vlan add vid 20 dev eth2 pvid untagged
ip link set up dev br100
```

configure the leaf port of the bridge to receive tagged VLAN packets

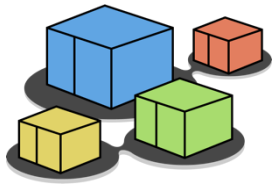
configure the container ports to send untagged frames



a leaf data plane

```
root@leaf_1_0_1:/# ip route

10.0.0.0/30 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 10.0.0.1
10.0.0.4/30 dev eth1 proto kernel scope link src 10.0.0.5
192.168.0.1 dev lo scope link
192.168.0.7 nhid 10 proto bgp metric 20
    nexthop via 10.0.0.2 dev eth0 weight 1
    nexthop via 10.0.0.6 dev eth1 weight 1
```

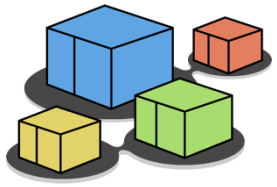


a leaf BGP control plane

```
leaf_1_1_1# show ip bgp

BGP table version is 2, local router ID is 192.168.0.1, vrf id 0
Default local pref 100, local AS 64512
Status codes:  s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, = multipath,
               i internal, r RIB-failure, S Stale, R Removed
Nexthop codes: @NNN nexthop's vrf id, < announce-nh-self
Origin codes:  i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete

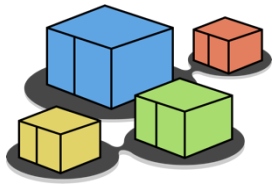

   Network          Next Hop            Metric LocPrf Weight Path
*> 192.168.0.1/32   0.0.0.0                  0         32768 i
*> 192.168.0.7/32   10.0.0.2                                 0 64514 64518 64517 64515 i
*=                  10.0.0.6                                 0 64514 64518 64517 64515 i
```



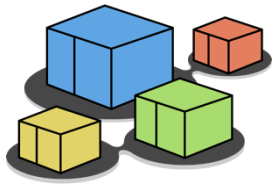
a leaf EVPN control plane

```
leaf_1_1_1# show evpn mac vni 5010

Number of MACs (local and remote) known for this VNI: 3
Flags: N=sync-neighs, I=local-inactive, P=peer-active, X=peer-proxy
MAC                Type   Flags Intf/Remote ES/VTEP            VLAN  Seq #'s
8e:cf:26:1f:44:16 local        eth2                             10    0/0
d2:23:78:4a:e9:02 local        eth2                             10    0/0
76:76:b2:f0:18:6d remote       192.168.0.7                            0/0
```

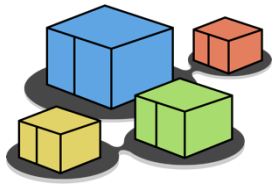


EVPN-BGP and Bond



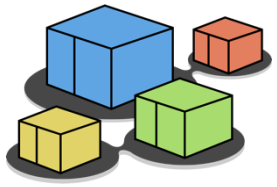
the last problem to overcome

- if a Leaf-server link breaks down, the server is severed off the data center
- if a Leaf breaks, all the servers connected to that Leaf are severed off the data center
- if a maintenance needs to be done on a Leaf, all the servers connected to that Leaf are temporarily severed off the data center



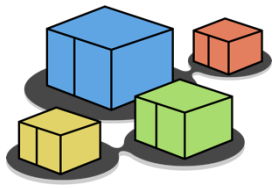
dual attached servers – bonding

- aggregates multiple NICs into a single virtual interface
- Layer-2 technology
- different policies are possible
  - active-backup
  - active-active
    - balance-rr
    - balance-xor
    - 802.3ad
    - and more…



MLAG

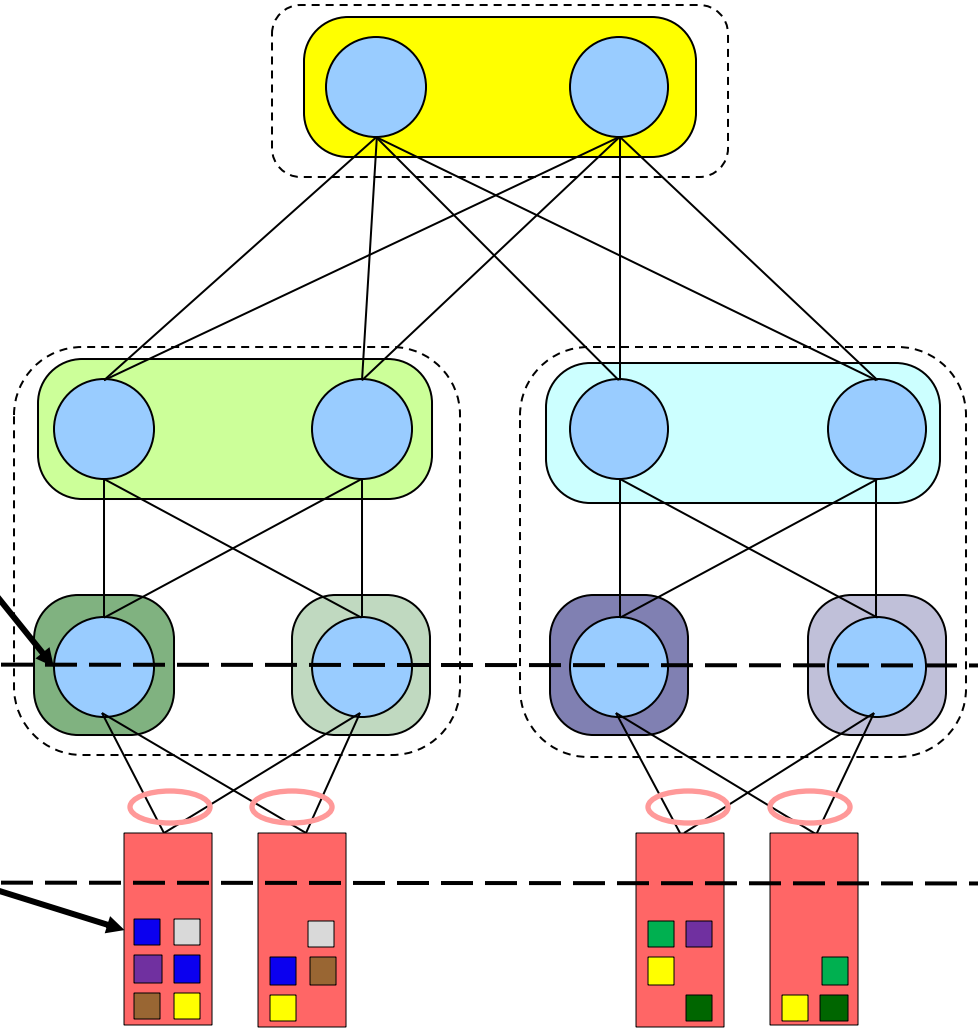
- MLAG stands for Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation
- MLAG enables a server or switch with a two-port bond, to connect those ports to different switches and operate as if they are connected to a single, logical switch. This provides greater redundancy and greater system throughput.
- classic Linux kernels do not support MLAG



the full picture

VLAN ID	VNI
10	5010
20	5020
…	…

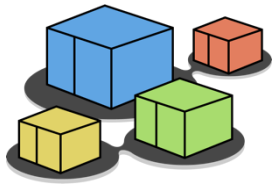
VLAN ID	Container
10	1_1_1
20	1_1_3
…	…



VXLAN

VLAN

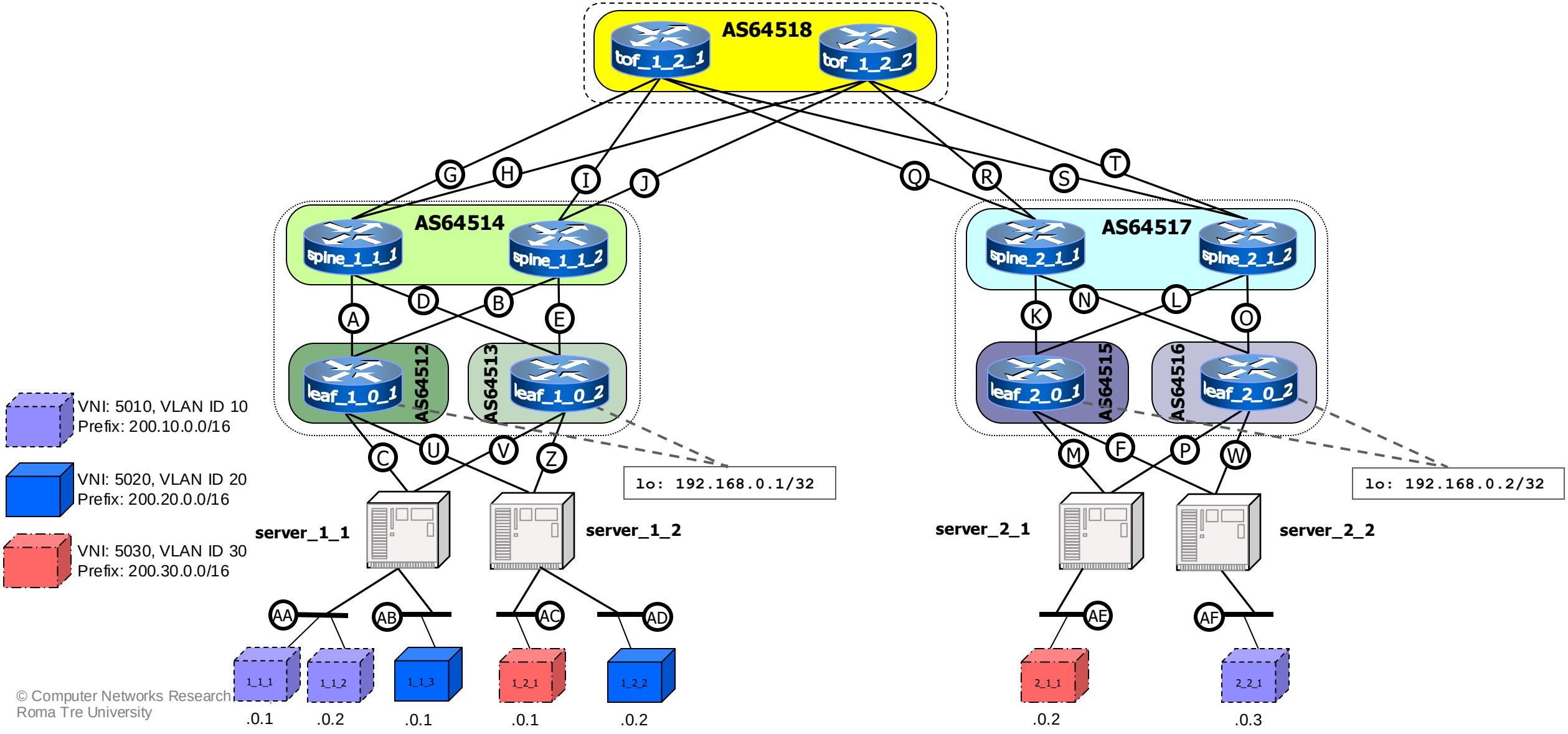
no encapsulation



anycast BGP

- technique that allows different devices to share the same IP address
- often used in the Internet with DNS servers and CDN servers
- BGP chooses among the nearest instance of the IP address
- in the data center, multipath is exploit to balance over multiple instances of the same anycast IPs

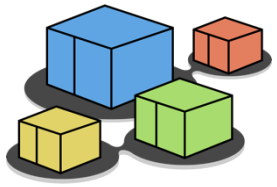
lab topology



VNI: 5010, VLAN ID 10
Prefix: 200.10.0.0/16

VNI: 5020, VLAN ID 20
Prefix: 200.20.0.0/16

VNI: 5030, VLAN ID 30
Prefix: 200.30.0.0/16



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