

Lab4

GRE Tunnel and Auto Creation

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Objective

- GRE tunnel configuration and observation
 - Inner and outer headers of packets
- Write a Auto Tunnel Creation Program in C/C++/Golang to
 - filter and parse incoming encapsulated packet
 - create tunnel automatically with parsing result



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Lab environment

- Previous Lab environment
 - Ubuntu 18.04
 - mininet 2.2.2
- C/C++ language compiler
 - Gcc/G++
- Golang
 - Latest version 1.16.2
 - <https://golang.org/doc/install>



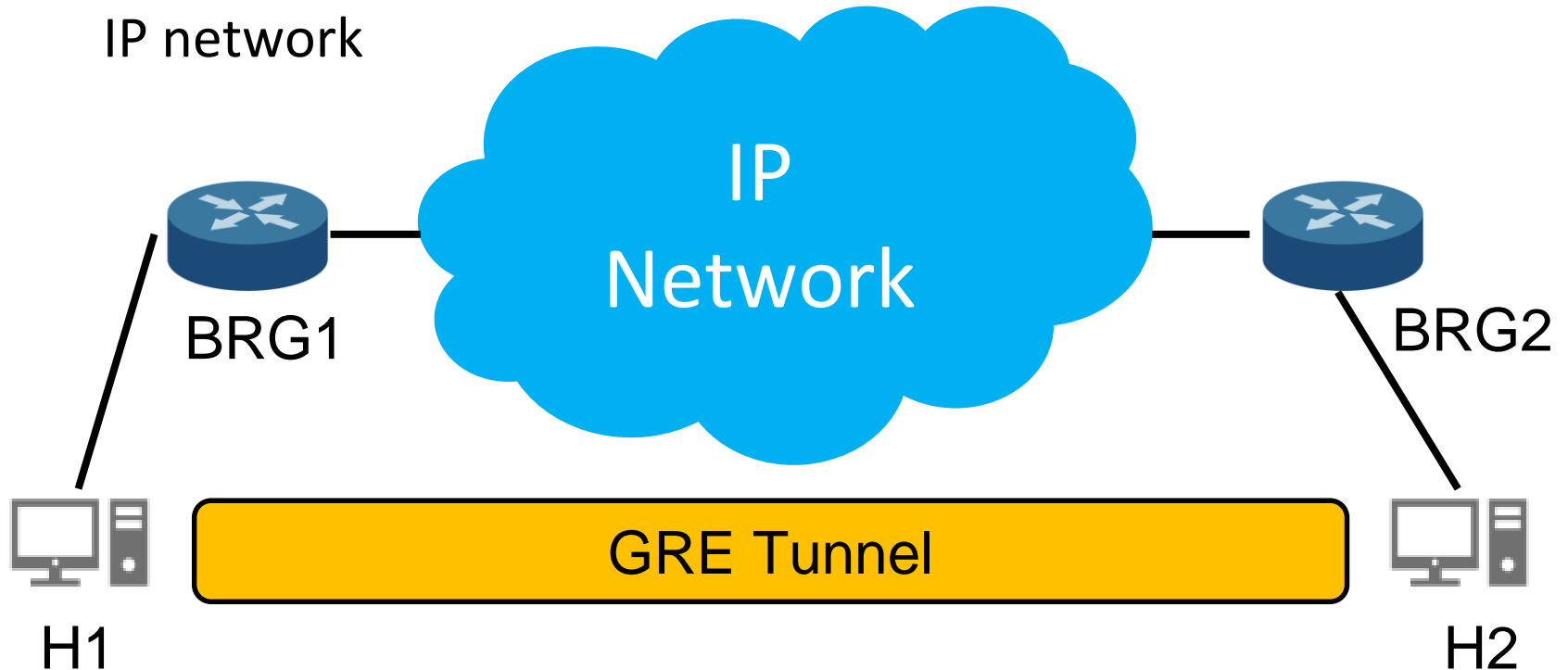
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GRE Tunnel and Virtual LANs

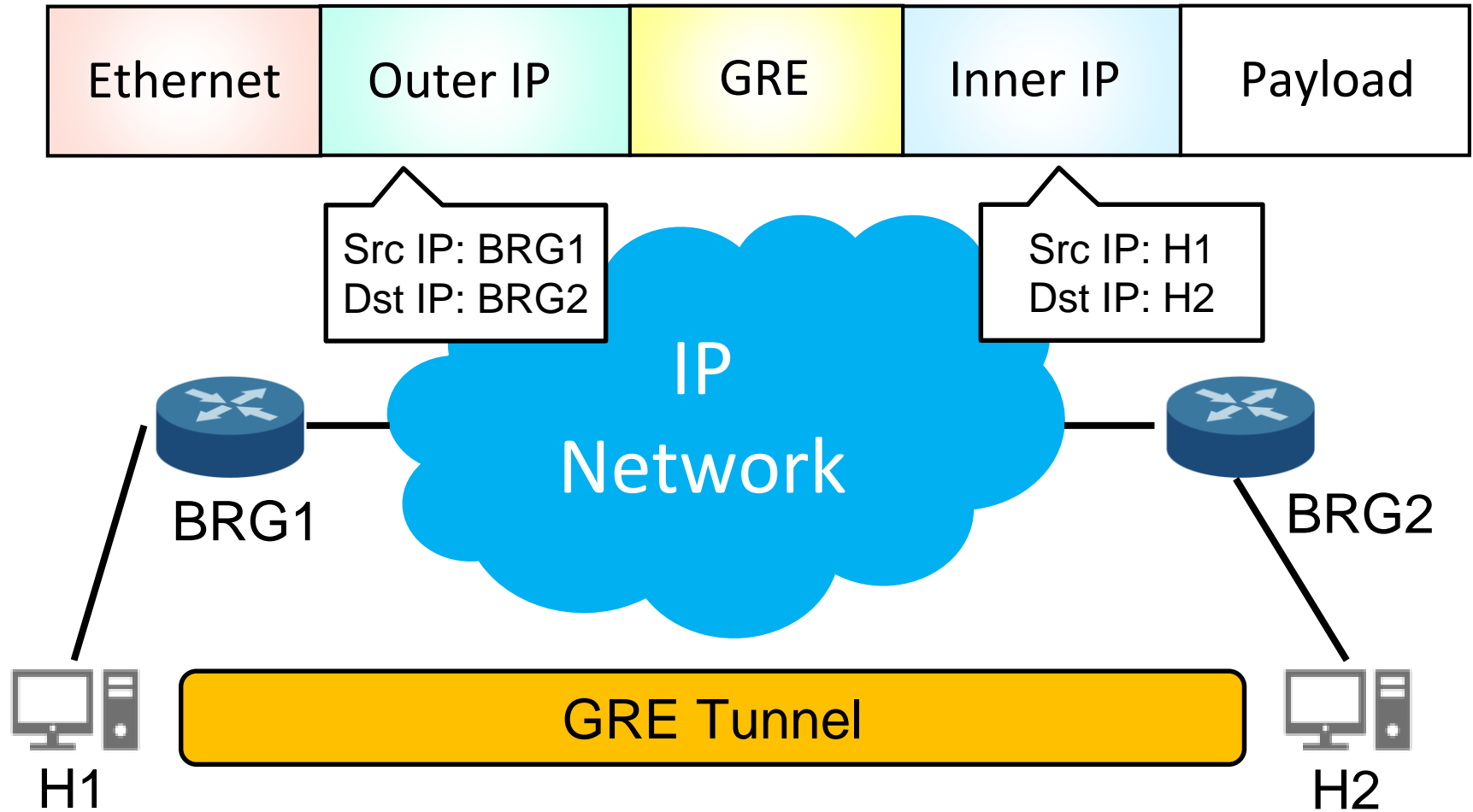
- Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE):
a protocol for encapsulating data packet inside a virtual point-to-point connection across a network
- Usage in this Lab
 - To create a logically L2 LAN with multiple physical LANs cross IP network





GRE Tunnel Headers

- An IP in IP tunneling protocol
 - Outer IP helps forward packets to remote LANs



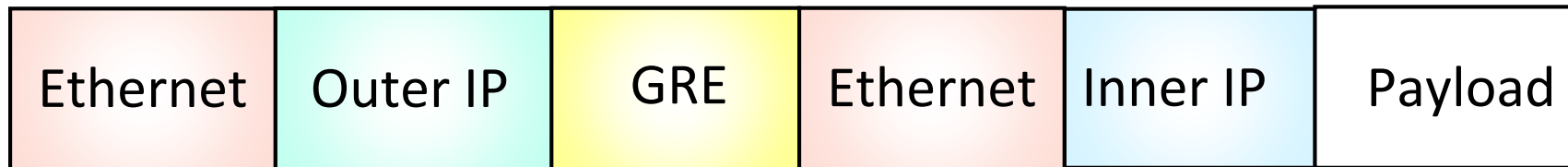


Types of GRE Tunnels

- GRE



- GRETAP



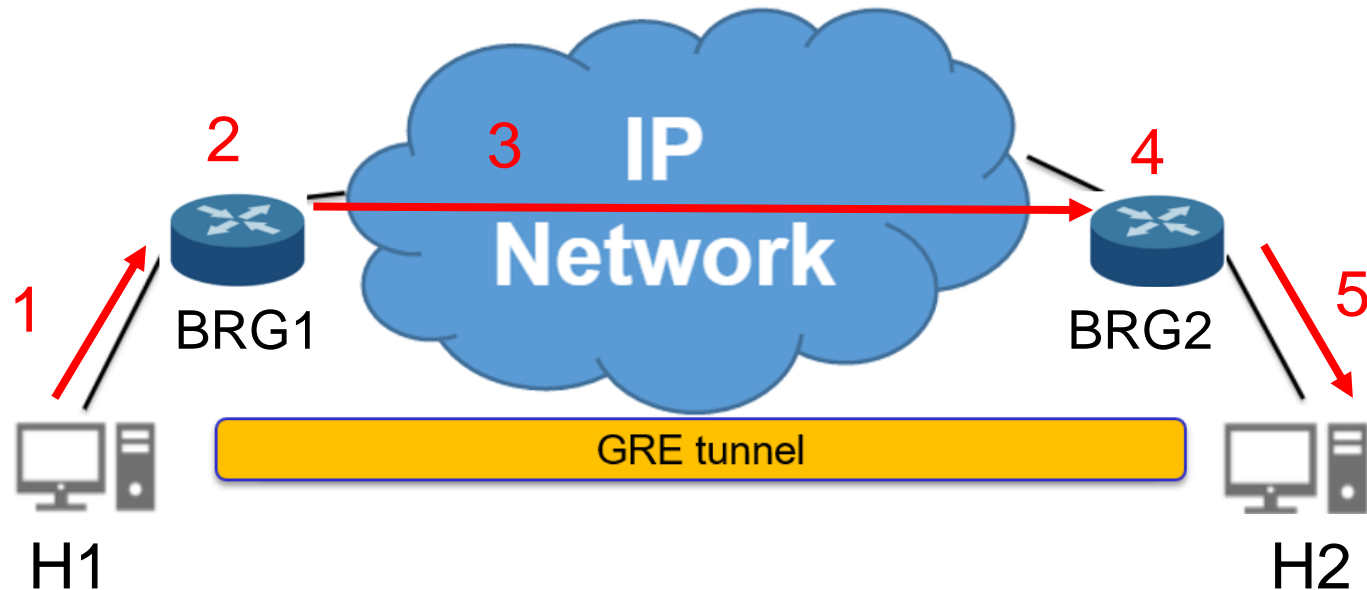
- ERSPAN (Encapsulated Remote Switch Port Analyzer)





GRE Tunneling Workflows

1. H1 sends a packet to request H2
2. BRG1 receives and encapsulates the packet
3. BRG1 forwards the encapsulated packet to a remote BRG (BRG2)
4. BRG2 receives and decapsulates the packet
5. BRG2 forwards the origin packet to H2 base on normal MAC address look up





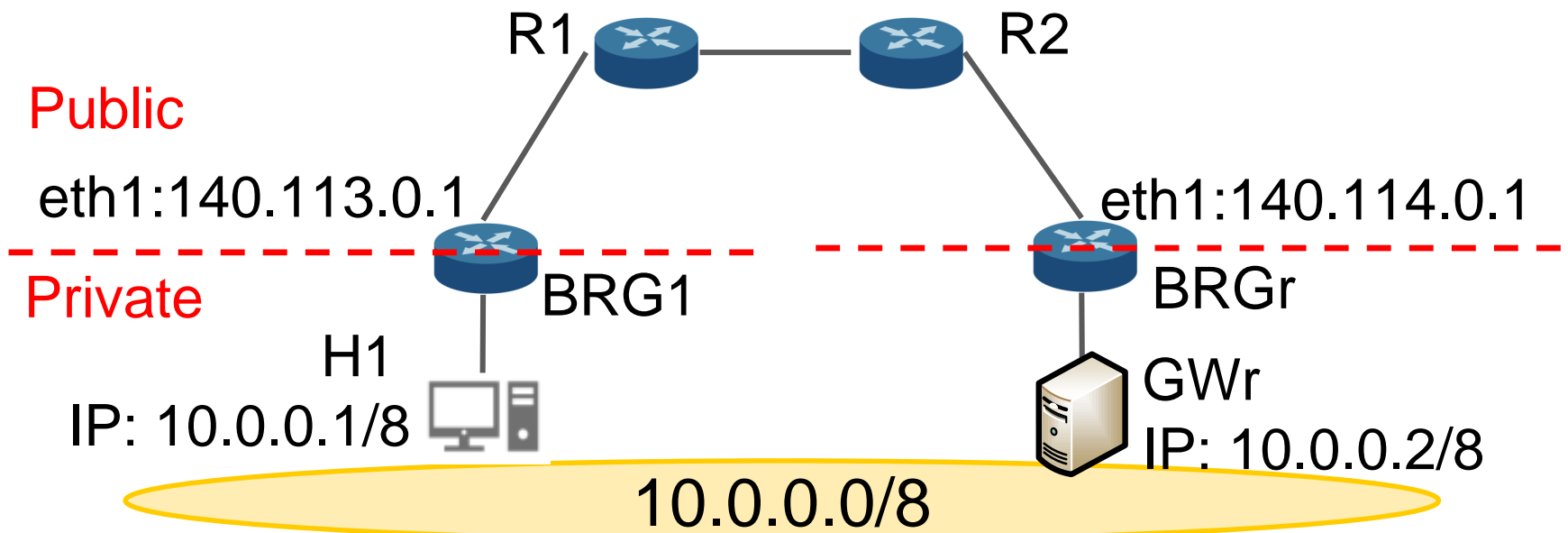
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Example Topology

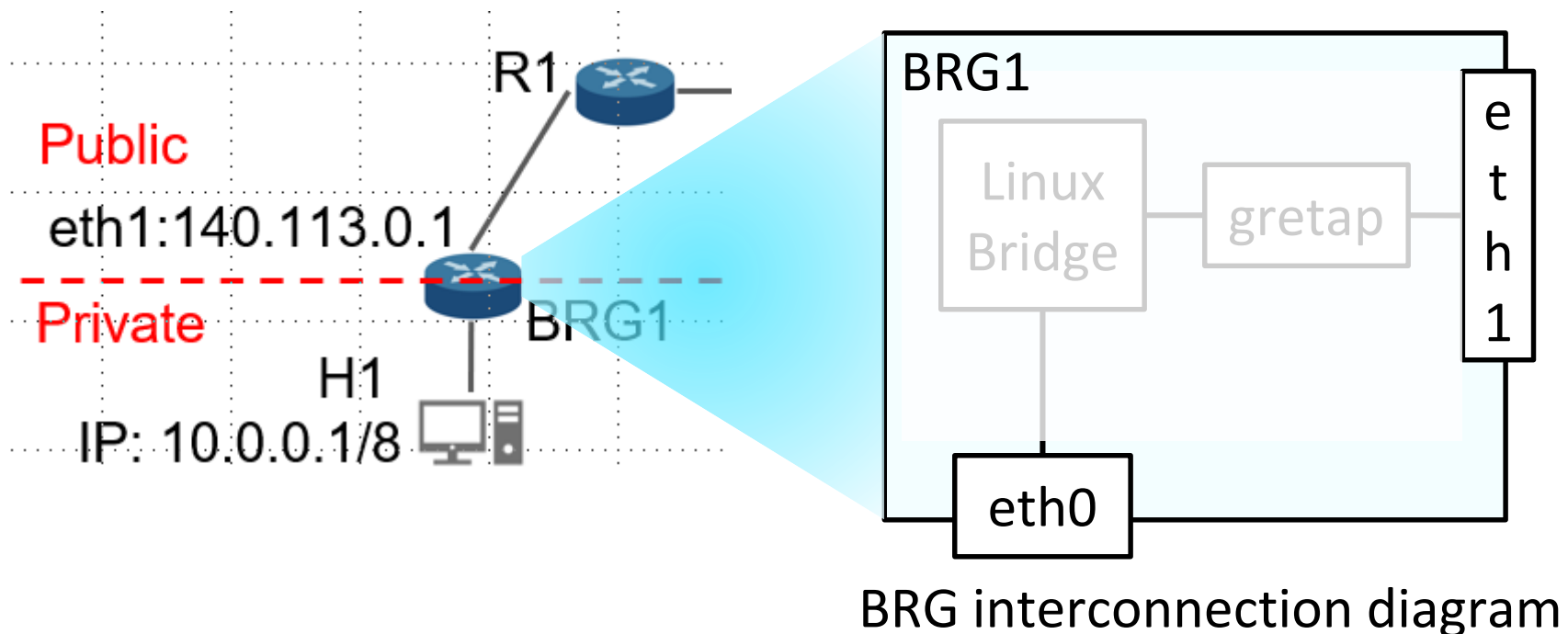
- A local host (H1) behinds a local bridge (BRG1) in a local network
- A remote gateway (GWr) behinds a remote bridge (BRGr) in a remote network
- Two BRGs establish a GRE Tunnel
- H1 uses GWr as the default gateway





BRG Bridge Configuration

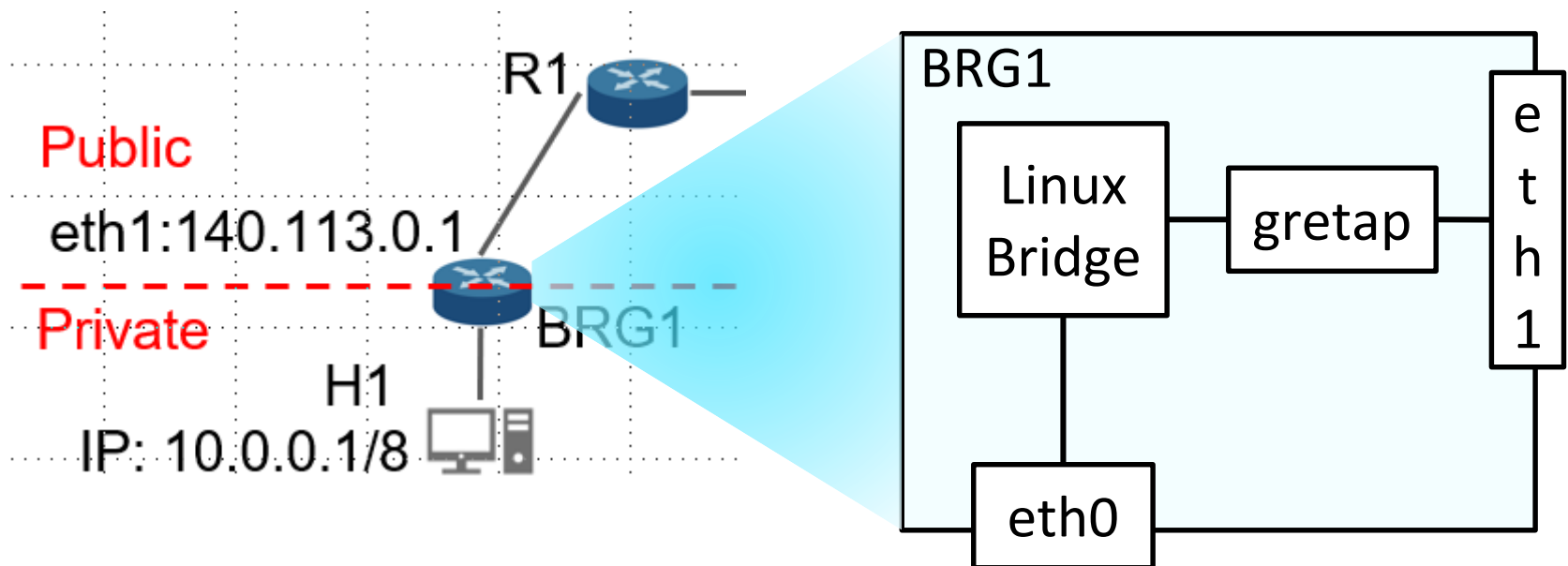
- BRG bridge network configuration
 - eth1 (WAN port) has a public IP address
 - eth0 (LAN bridge port) does not have an IP address





GRETAP configuration

1. Create and bind a **gretap** interface to the physical interface **eth1**
2. Create a Linux Bridge and bridge **gretap** with the physical interface **eth0**



BRG interconnection diagram



GRETAP Command

- Gretap command format

```
ip link add DEVICE type { gre | gretap } remote ADDR  
local ADDR [ [no][i|o]seq ] [ [i|o]key KEY | no[i|o]key ]  
[ [no][i|o]csum ] [ ttl TTL ] [ tos TOS ] [ [no]pmtudisc ]  
[ [no]ignore-df ] [ dev PHYS_DEV ] [ encap { fou | gue |  
none } ] [ encap-sport { PORT | auto } ] [ encap-dport  
PORT ] [ [no]encap-csum ] [ [no]encap-remcsum ] [ external  
]
```

- {}: Necessary parameter
- []: Optional parameter



Step1: GRE Tunnel Interface Creation

1. Add a gretap interface on each of BRG1 and BRGr

```
mininet> BRG1 ip link add GRETAP type gretap remote 140.114.0.1 local 140.113.0.1
mininet> BRGr ip link add GRETAP type gretap remote 140.113.0.1 local 140.114.0.1
mininet>
```

2. Bring up gretap devices

```
mininet> BRG1 ip link set GRETAP up
mininet> BRG1 ip link show GRETAP
7: GRETAP@NONE: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1462 qdisc fq_codel state
    link/ether fa:51:b6:3f:58:17 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
mininet> BRGr ip link set GRETAP up
mininet> BRGr ip link show GRETAP
7: GRETAP@NONE: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1462 qdisc fq_codel state
    link/ether 2e:6f:85:35:e1:2f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```



Step2: Interfaces Bridging

1. Create a Linux Bridge on BRG1

```
mininet> BRG1 ip link add br0 type bridge
```

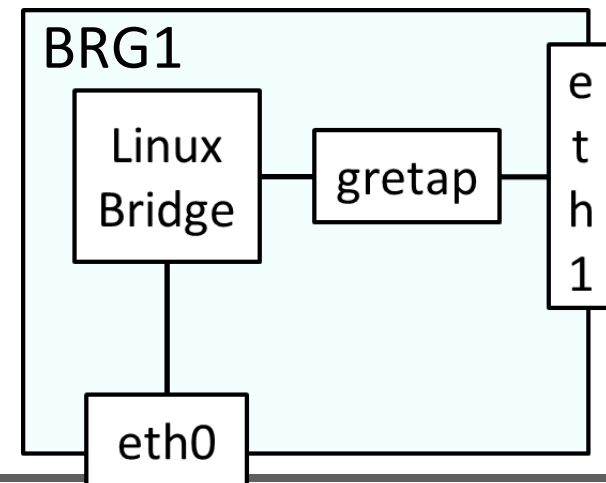
2. Bridge interface **gretap** with **eth0**

```
mininet> BRG1 brctl addif br0 BRG1-eth0  
mininet> BRG1 brctl addif br0 GRETAP
```

3. Bring up Linux Bridge

```
mininet> BRG1 ip link set br0 up
```

- Repeat same configuration on BRGr





Step3: Sending Test

- H1 sends ARP request to GWr (10.0.0.2)

```
mininet> h1 arping 10.0.0.2 -c 1
ARPING 10.0.0.2
42 bytes from 7e:a8:d1:20:2c:f4 (10.0.0.2): index=0 time=292.682 usec

--- 10.0.0.2 statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 packets received, 0% unanswered (0 extra)
rtt min/avg/max/std-dev = 0.293/0.293/0.293/0.000 ms
```

- H1 pings GWr

```
mininet> h1 ping GWr -c 1
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.72 ms

--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 received, 0% packet loss, time 0ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.726/1.726/1.726/0.000 ms
```



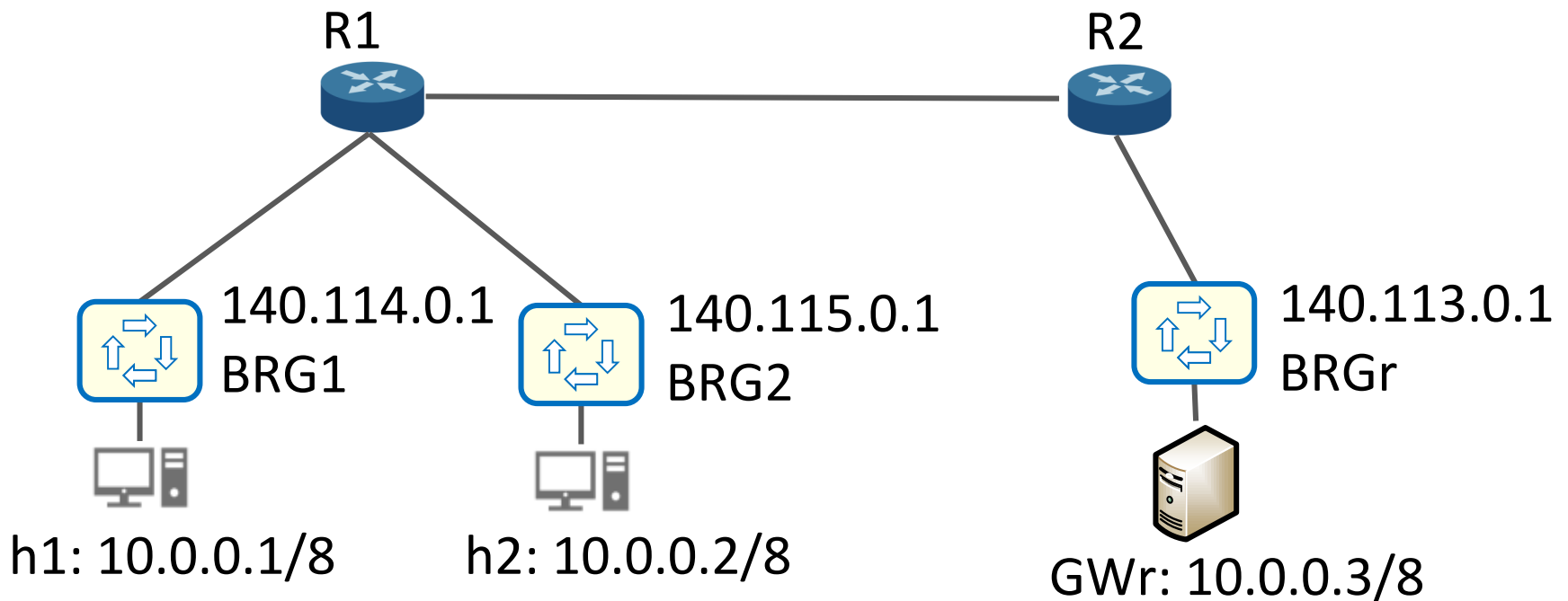
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Lab Topology

- Download topology.py from e3
- All routers/BRGs has pre-configured static routing rules
- BRG1 and BRG2 has pre-configured GRE interface
- BRGr does not have GRE interface yet

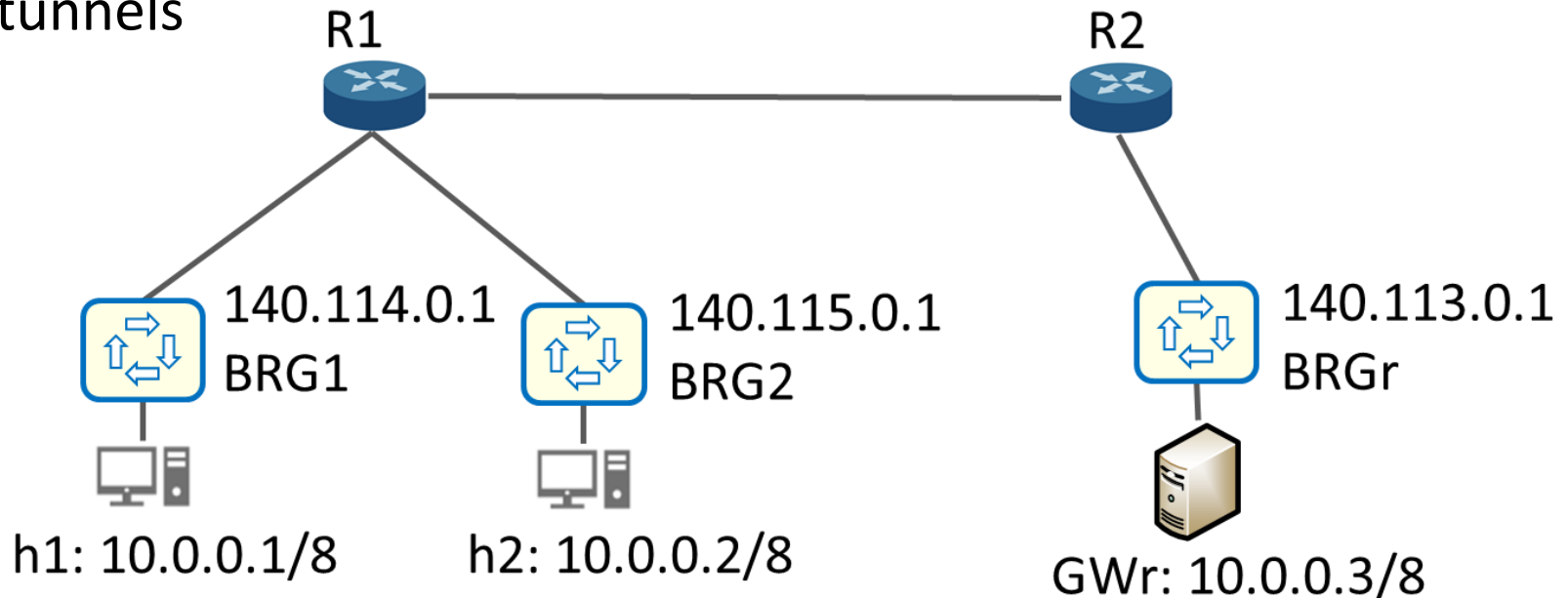




Tunnel Auto Creation Workflows

- A program running on BRGr
 1. Set BPF filter rules to capture GRE packet
 2. Parse out Outer Src/Dst IPs of incoming GRE packets to create corresponding GRE interface
 3. Update BPF filter rules

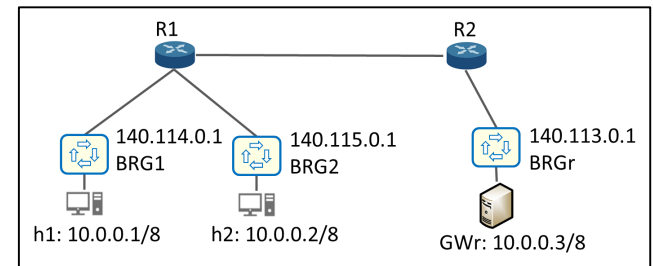
Stops packet capturing and parsing for established GRE tunnels





Tunnel Auto Creation Program

- Write a **C/C++/Golang** program with **pcap** library to create GRE Tunnel dynamically
 - C/C++: libpcap.c
 - Compile with **gcc/g++ <code>.c -lpcap** to use pcap library
 - Golang: Gopacket
- Execute your program on node BRGr
 - This program should be able to
 - Show all Interfaces on BRGr
 - Select an interface on BRGr to capture packets
 - Parse packets and create corresponding GRE tunnel interface on BRGr





Demo: Program Function and Architecture (1/2)

1. Show Interface list after program starts (5%)
2. Select an interface to capture packet with a UI (5%)
3. Packet filtering
 - Input basic BPF Filtering expression with a UI (5%)
 - Print byte codes of all captured packets in Hexadecimal (5%)
 - Efficiency of packet filtering and processing (20%)
 - Use BPF to filter packets
 - Dynamic update BPF filtering expression
 - Minimize the number of packets captured by BPF and processed in user space



Demo: Program Function and Architecture (2/2)

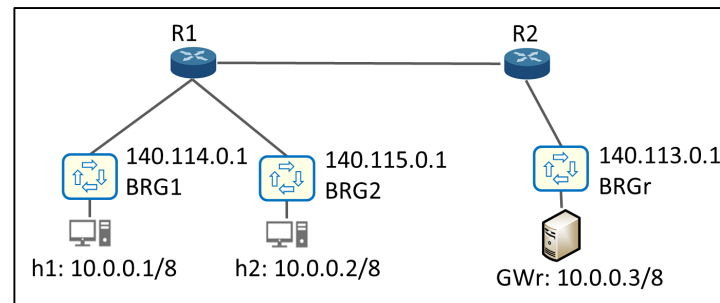
4. Show packet parsing result (10%)
 - Outer Ethernet Header: MAC address and ether type (Hexadecimal)
 - Outer IP Header: Source and Destination IP (Decimal)
 - GRE Header: Protocol types
 - Inner Ethernet Header: MAC address and ether type (Hexadecimal)
5. Correctness of tunnel creation
 - Reachability among hosts (10%)



Report: Answer Questions (1/2)

1. Show the ping results to test reachability (5%)
 - a) h1 and h2 ping GWr
2. Show all interfaces of Node **BRGr** after h1 and h2 can ping GWr(5%)
3. Draw the **interconnection diagram** of interfaces and Linux bridge on **BRGr**. Explain your diagram with the screenshot of interface list of BRGr. (10%)
4. **Explain how** Linux kernel of BRGr determines which **gretap** interface to forward packets from GWr to hosts (h1 or h2)? Describe your answer with appropriate screenshot. (10%)

Hint: MAC Learning





Report: Answer Questions (2/2)

5. Run tcpdump on h1 to capture packet and take screenshot to explain why or why not h1 is aware of GRE tunneling. (10%)
- Run tcpdump on h1 to capture ICMP packet received by h1
 - h1 pings GWr
 - `mininet> h1 ping GWr -c 1`
 - Show screenshot and explain your answer.



Report Submission

- Files
 - `<studentID>.c/cpp/go` (60%, with Demo)
 - A Report: `lab4_<studentID>.pdf` (40%)
- Submission
 - Zip all files into a **zip** file
 - Name: `lab4_<studentID>.zip`
- Wrong filename or format subjects to score deduction (-5%)



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- ip link man page
 - <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man8/ip-link.8.html>
- Golang installation
 - <https://golang.org/doc/install>
- Golang Basic
 - <https://www.openmymind.net/assets/go/go.pdf>
- Gopcket
 - <https://github.com/google/gopacket>



Appendix

- Libpcap.c function
 - pcap_findalldevs
 - https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/pcap_findalldevs.3pcap.html
 - pcap_open_live
 - https://linux.die.net/man/3/pcap_open_live
 - pcap_compile
 - https://linux.die.net/man/3/pcap_compile
 - pcap_setfilter
 - https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/pcap_setfilter.3pcap.html
 - pcap_loop
 - https://linux.die.net/man/3/pcap_loop
- BPF Filter expression
 - <https://linux.die.net/man/7/pcap-filter>



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- RFC 2784: GRE protocol
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2784>
- GRE protocol family type
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1701>

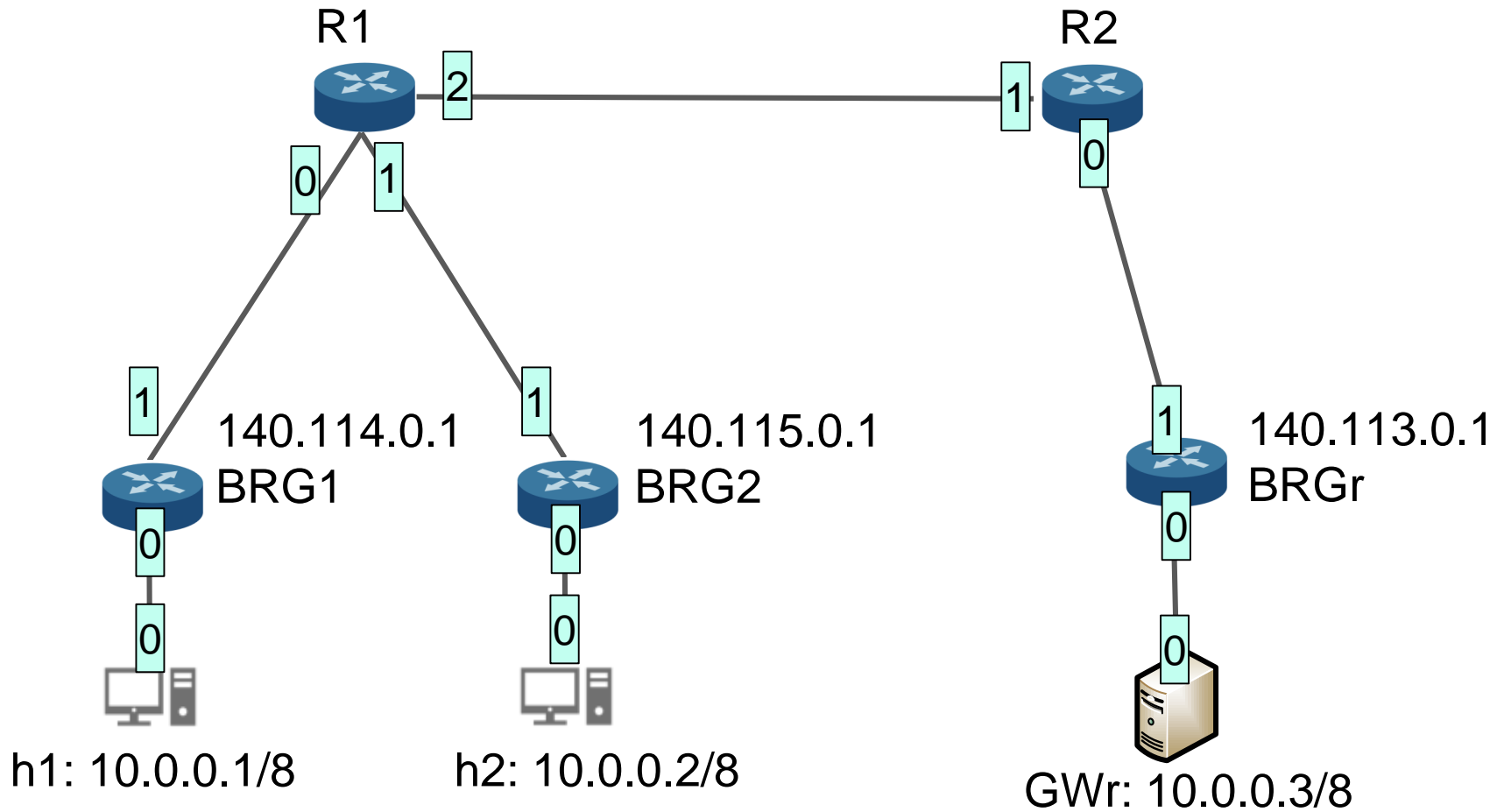
Current List of Protocol Types

The following are currently assigned protocol types for GRE. Future protocol types must be taken from DIX ethernet encoding. For historical reasons, a number of other values have been used for some protocols. The following table of values MUST be used to identify the following protocols:

| Protocol Family | PTYPE |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| ----- | ---- |
| Reserved | 0000 |
| SNA | 0004 |
| OSI network layer | 00FE |
| PUP | 0200 |
| XNS | 0600 |
| IP | 0800 |
| Chaos | 0804 |
| RFC 826 ARP | 0806 |
| Frame Relay ARP | 0808 |
| VINES | 0BAD |
| VINES Echo | 0BAE |
| VINES Loopback | 0BAF |
| DECnet (Phase IV) | 6003 |
| Transparent Ethernet Bridging | 6558 |
| Raw Frame Relay | 6559 |
| Apollo Domain | 8019 |
| Ethertalk (Appletalk) | 809B |
| Novell IPX | 8137 |
| RFC 1144 TCP/IP compression | 876B |
| IP Autonomous Systems | 876C |
| Secure Data | 876D |
| Reserved | FFFF |



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Program Example (1/2)

- Interface List and Selection
- Basic BPF filter expression

```
root@ubuntu:~/Downloads/ICN-lab4# ./main
0 Name: BRGr-eth0
1 Name: br0
2 Name: BRGr-eth1
3 Name: any
4 Name: lo
5 Name: nflog
6 Name: nfqueue
7 Name: usbmon1
8 Name: usbmon2
Insert a number to select interface
2
Start listening at $BRGr-eth1
Insert BPF filter expression:
ip proto gre
filter: ip proto gre
```



Program Example (2/2)

- Show parsing result

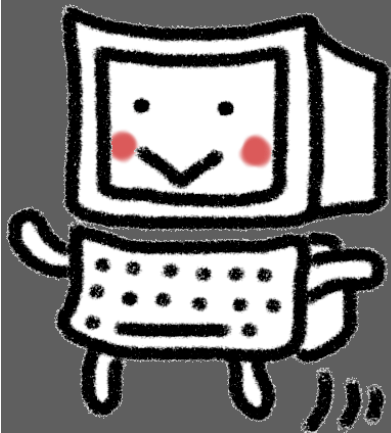
```
Packet Num [1]
Source MAC: c2:9e:0d:64:ce:98
Destination MAC: 7a:eb:b0:c3:e8:ac
Ethernet type: IPv4
Src IP 140.115.0.1
Dst IP 140.113.0.1
Next Layer Protocol: GRE
Tunnel finish
```

```
Packet Num [2]
Source MAC: c2:9e:0d:64:ce:98
Destination MAC: 7a:eb:b0:c3:e8:ac
Ethernet type: IPv4
Src IP 140.114.0.1
Dst IP 140.113.0.1
Next Layer Protocol: GRE
Tunnel finish
```

- Update BPF filter

```
Packet Num [9]
Source MAC: 7a:eb:b0:c3:e8:ac
Destination MAC: c2:9e:0d:64:ce:98
Ethernet type: IPv4
Src IP 140.113.0.1
Dst IP 140.115.0.1
Next Layer Protocol: GRE
```

```
64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_seq=99 ttl=64 time=0.167 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_seq=100 ttl=64 time=0.194 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_seq=101 ttl=64 time=0.165 ms
```



Q & A

