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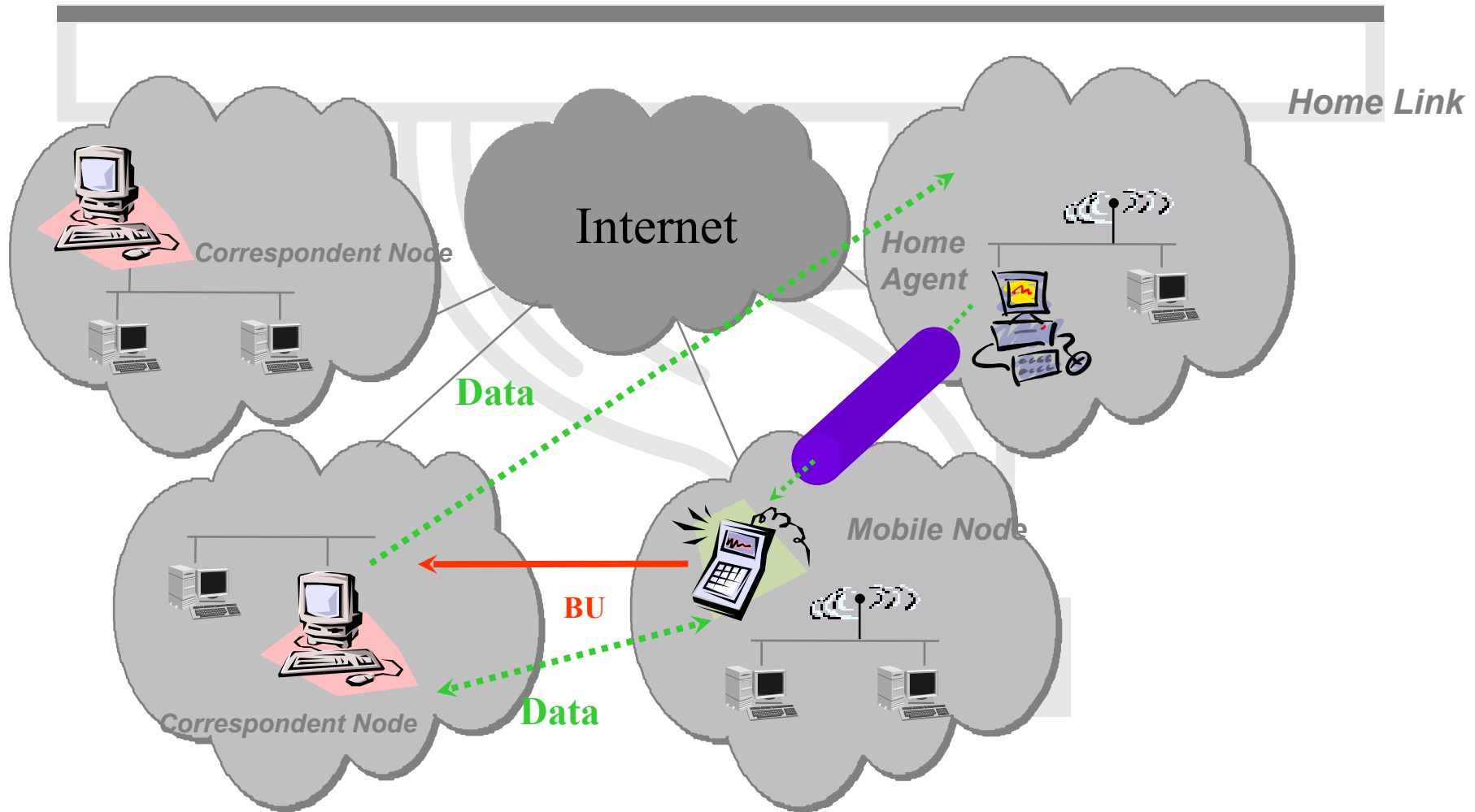


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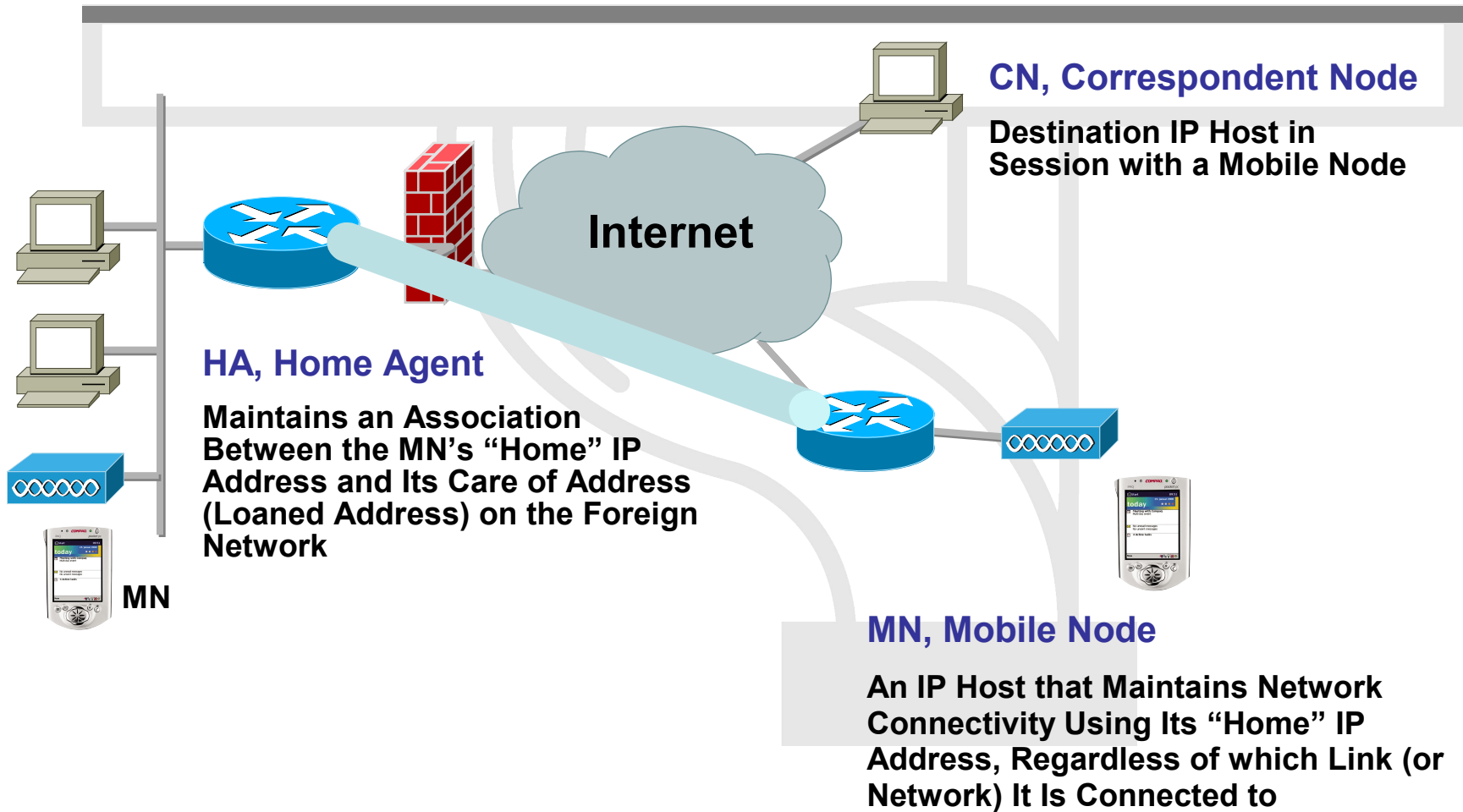
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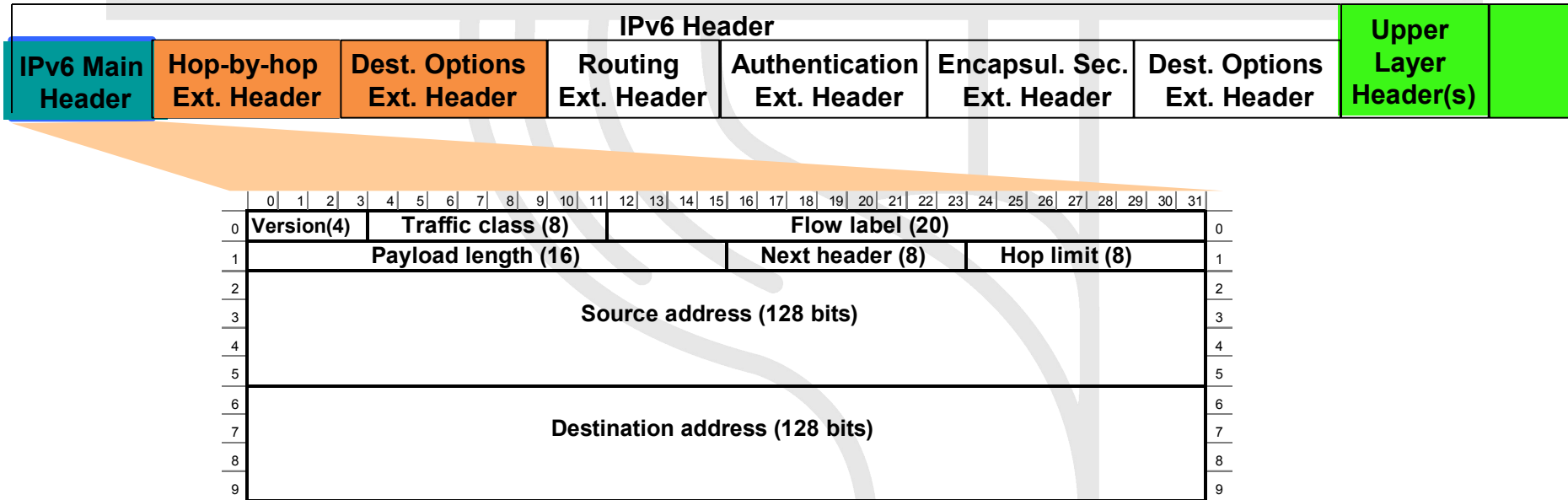
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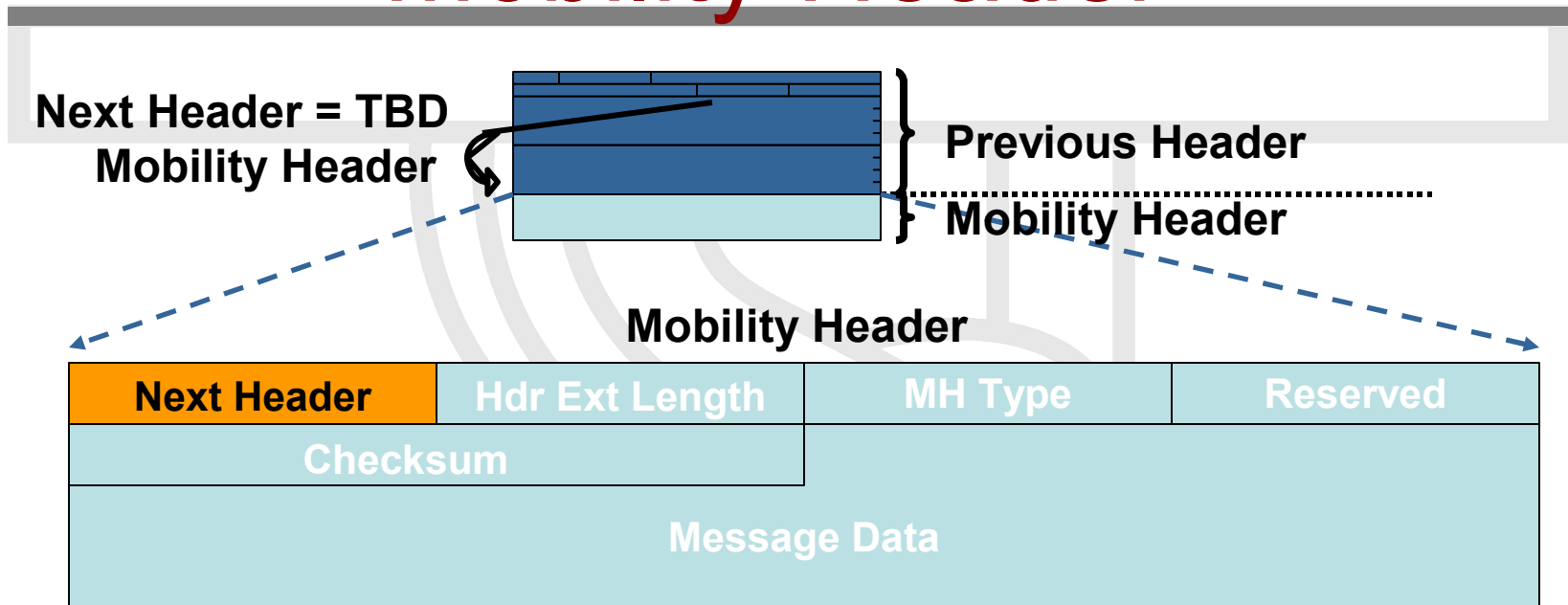
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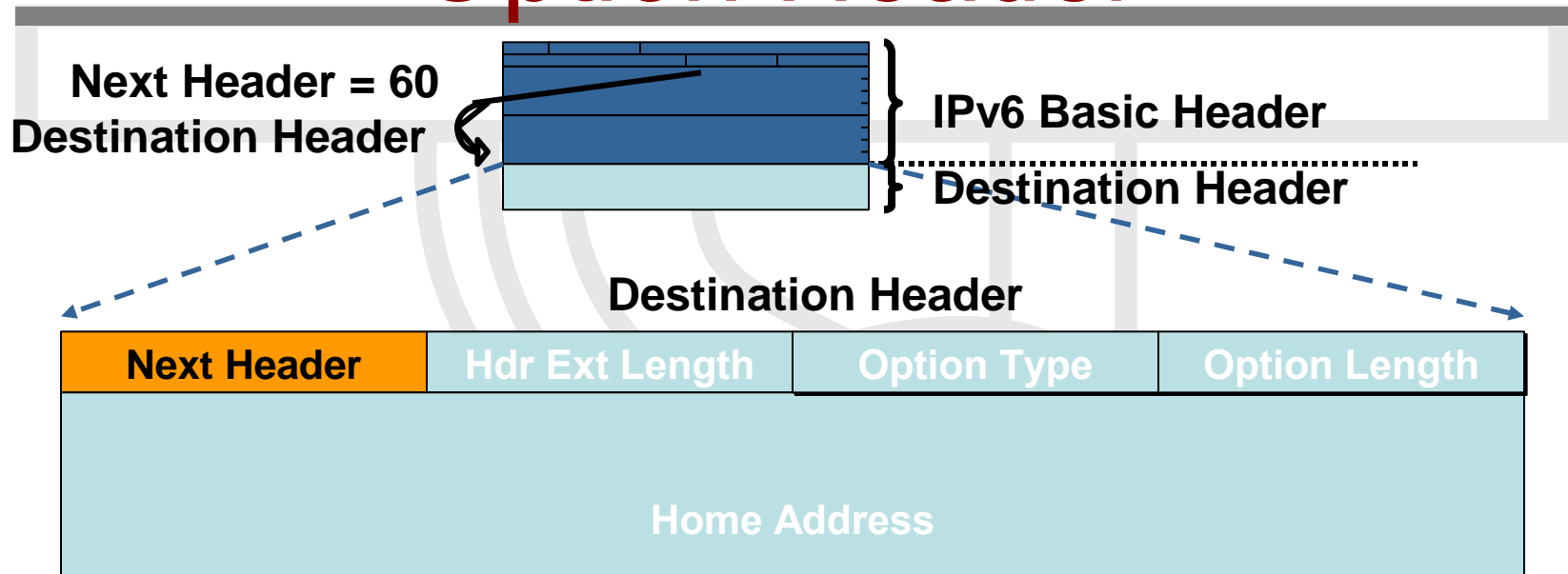


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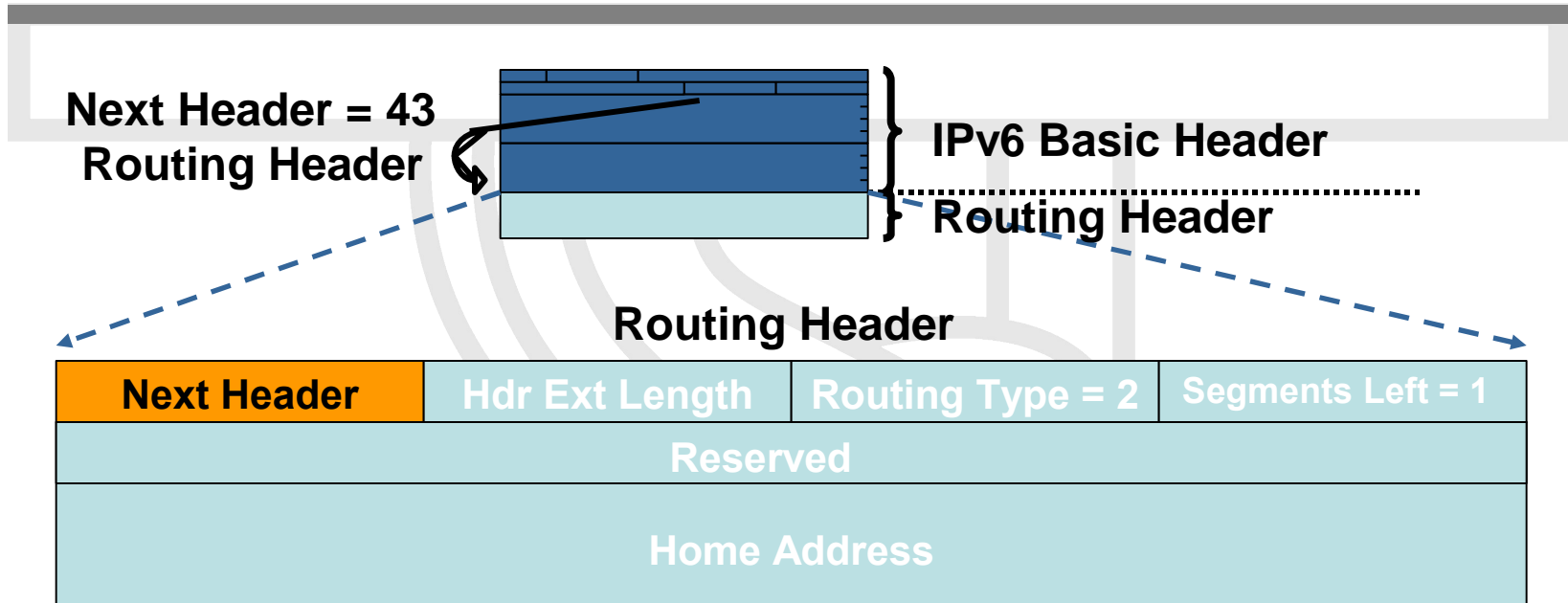
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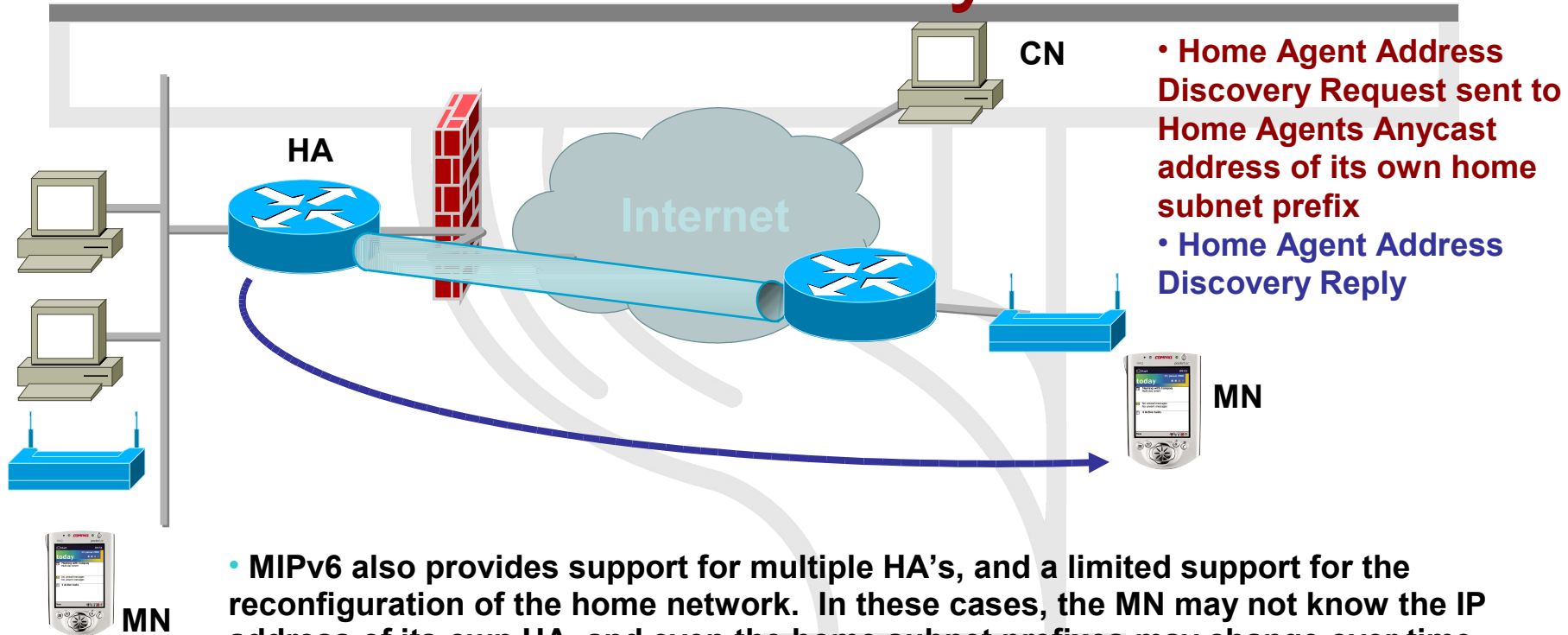


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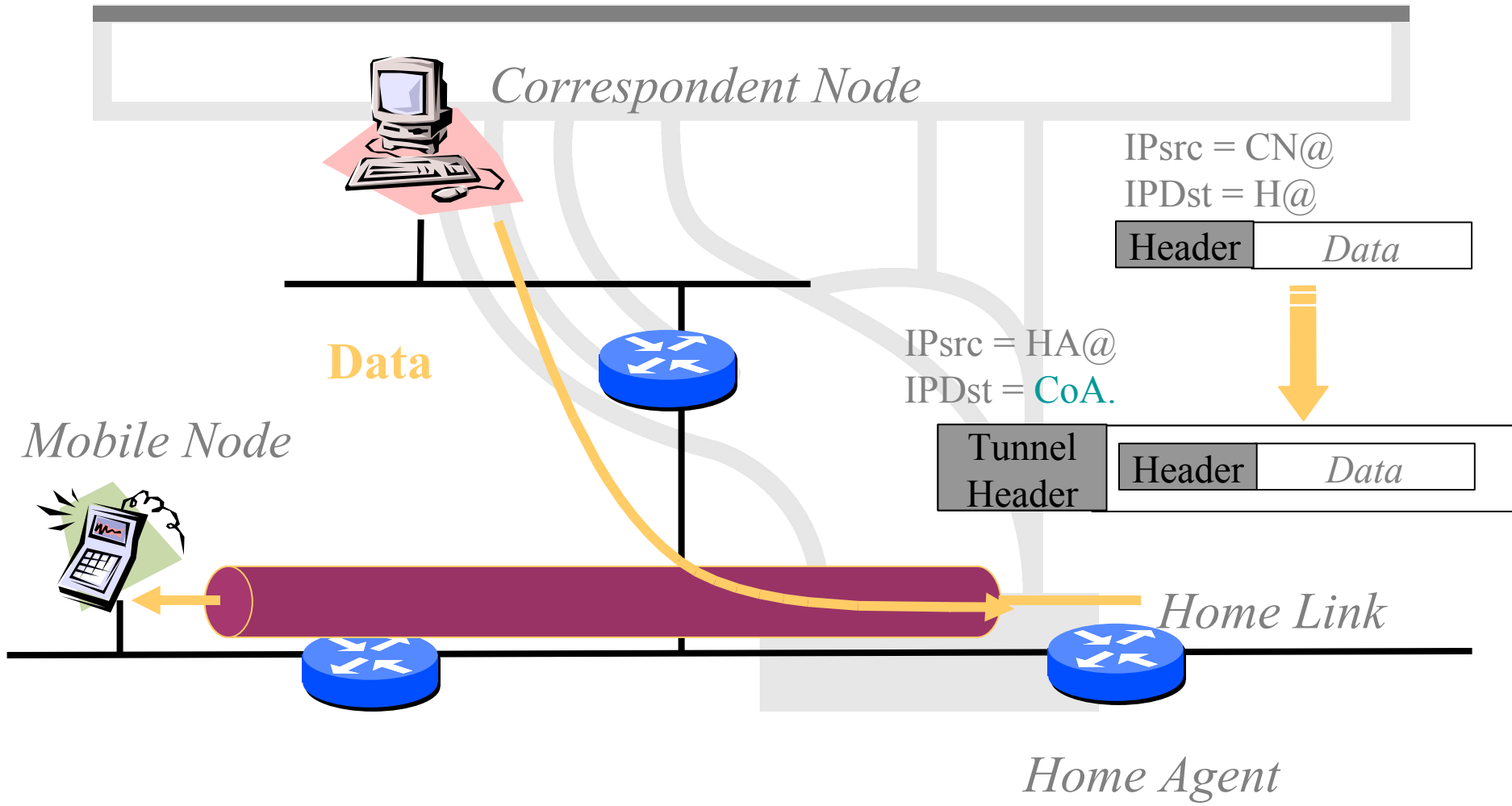


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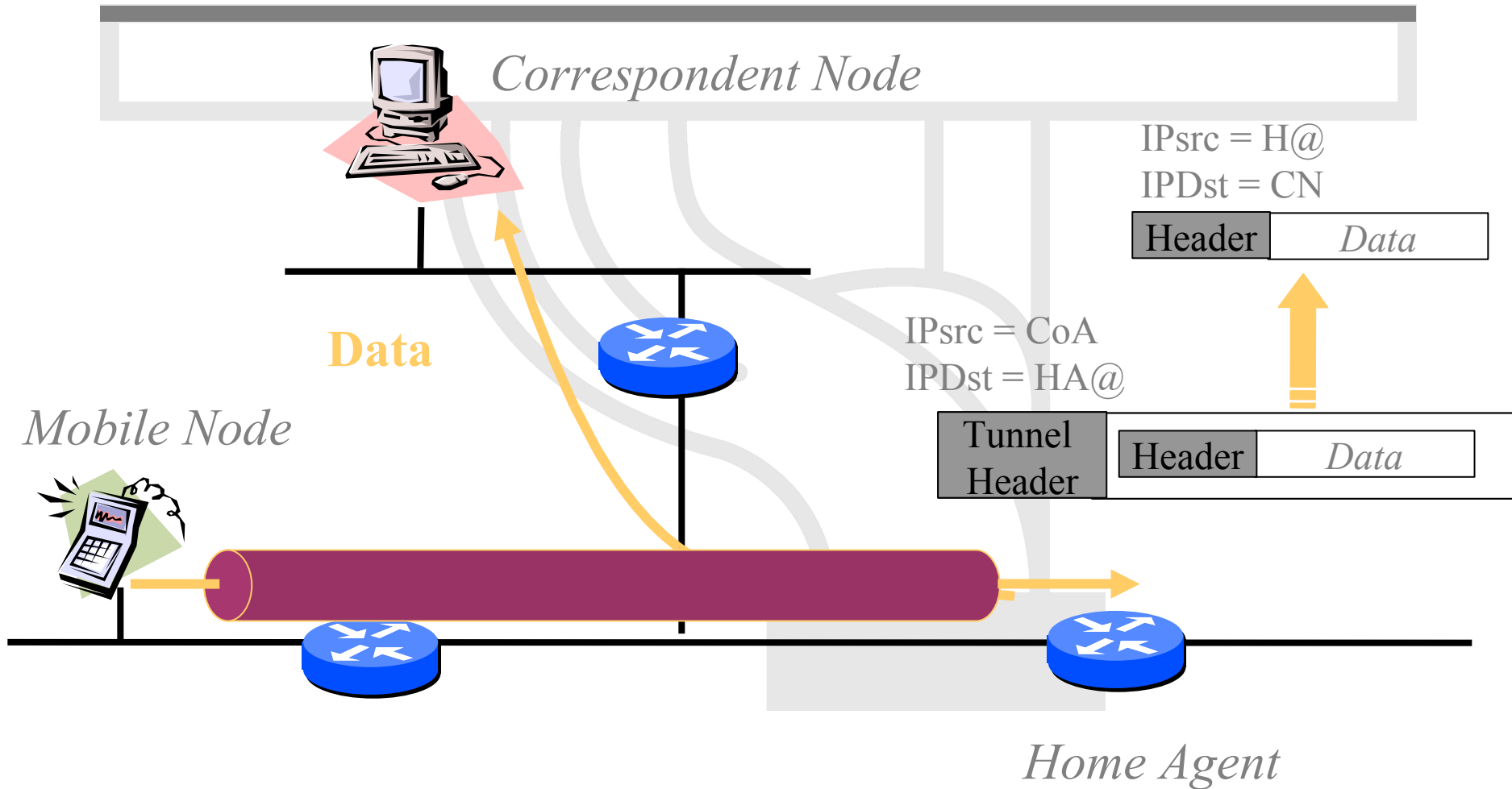
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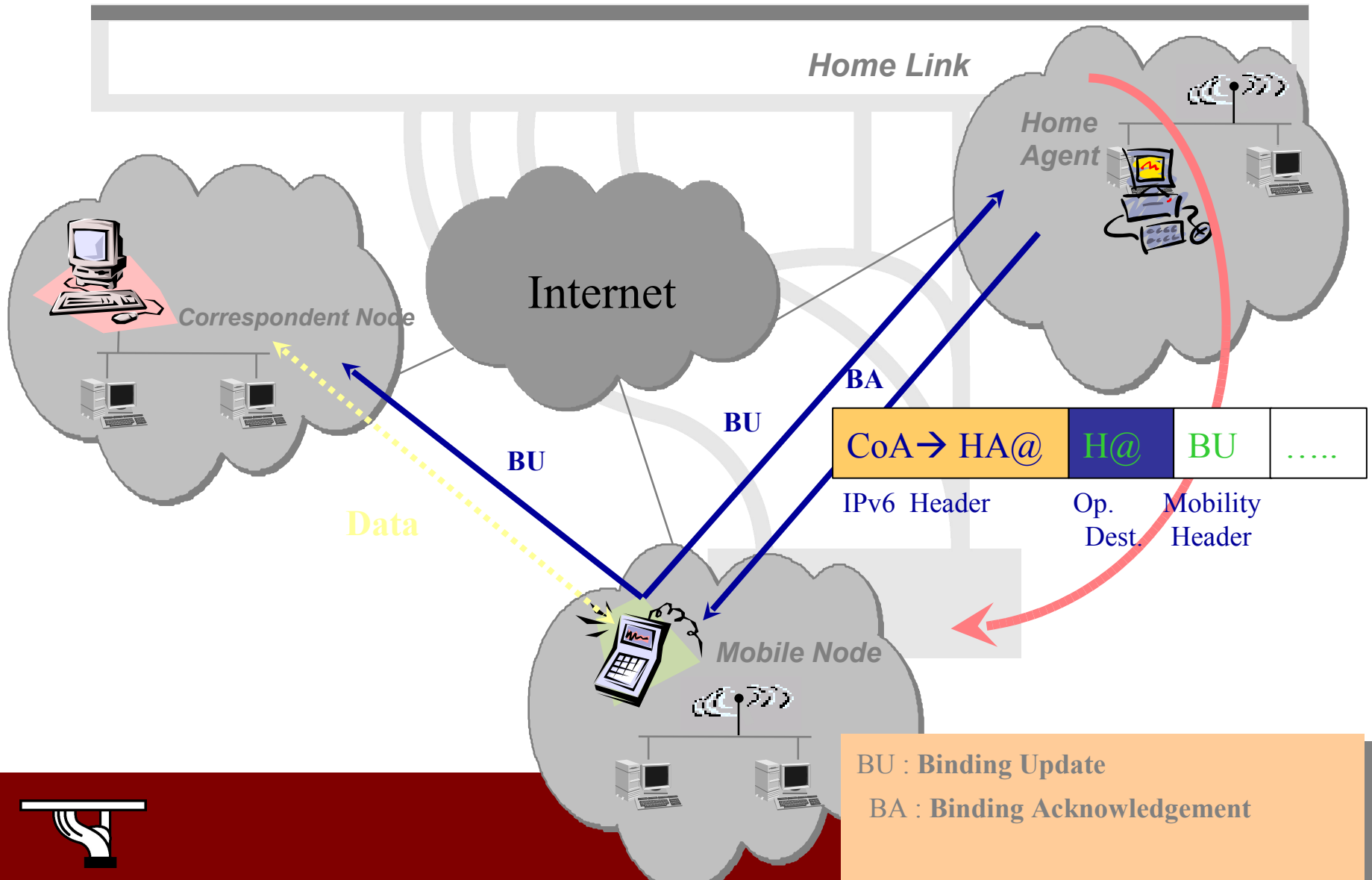
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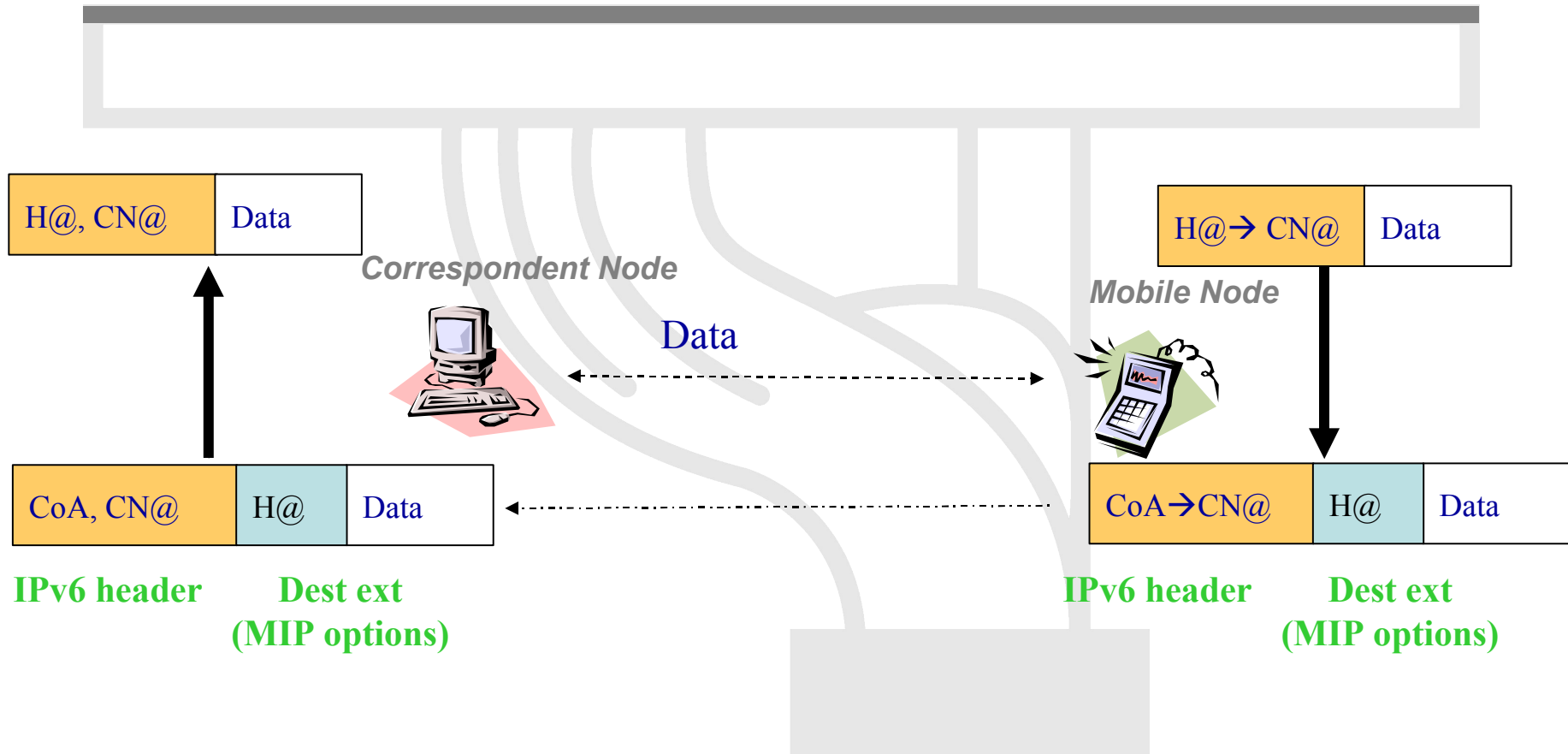
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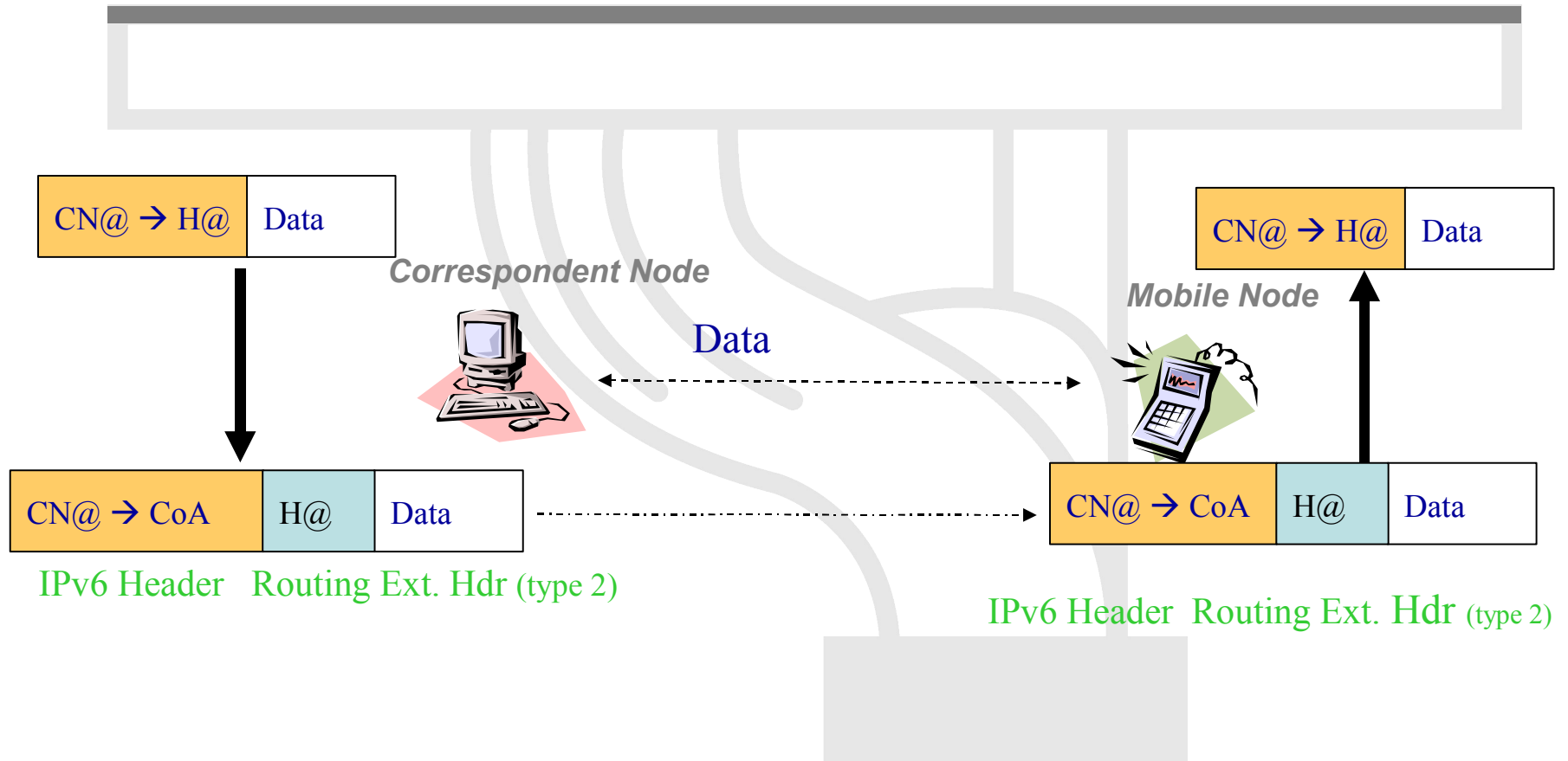
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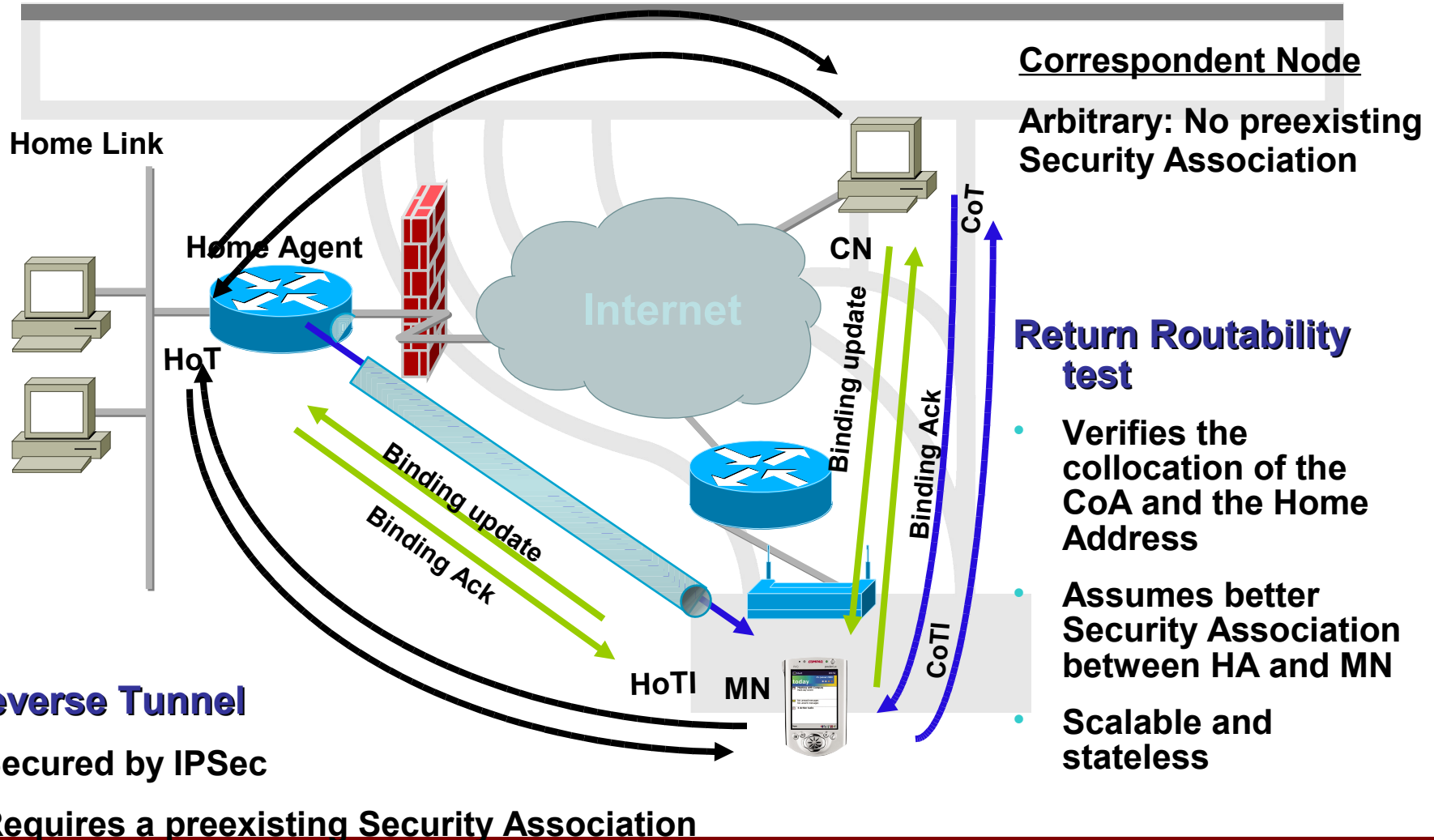


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- Home Address Destination Option can only be used when a CN already has a Binding Cache entry for the given home address.
- Tunnels protection between a MN and HA
  - MN verifies that the outer IP address corresponds to its HA.
  - HA verifies that the outer IP address corresponds to the current location of the MN (Binding Updates sent to the home agents are secure).
  - HA identifies the MN through the source address of the inner packet. (home address of the MN)
- For traffic tunneled via the HA, additional IPSec ESP encapsulation MAY be supported





# Mobile IPv6 Terms

- Binding management key (Kbm)
  - A binding management key (Kbm) is a key used for authorizing a binding cache management message (e.g., BU or BA). Return routability provides a way to create a binding management key.
- Cookie
  - A cookie is a random number used by a mobile nodes to prevent spoofing by a bogus correspondent node in the return routability procedure.
- Keygen Token
  - A keygen token is a number supplied by a correspondent node in the return routability procedure to enable the mobile node to compute the necessary binding management key for authorizing a Binding Update.
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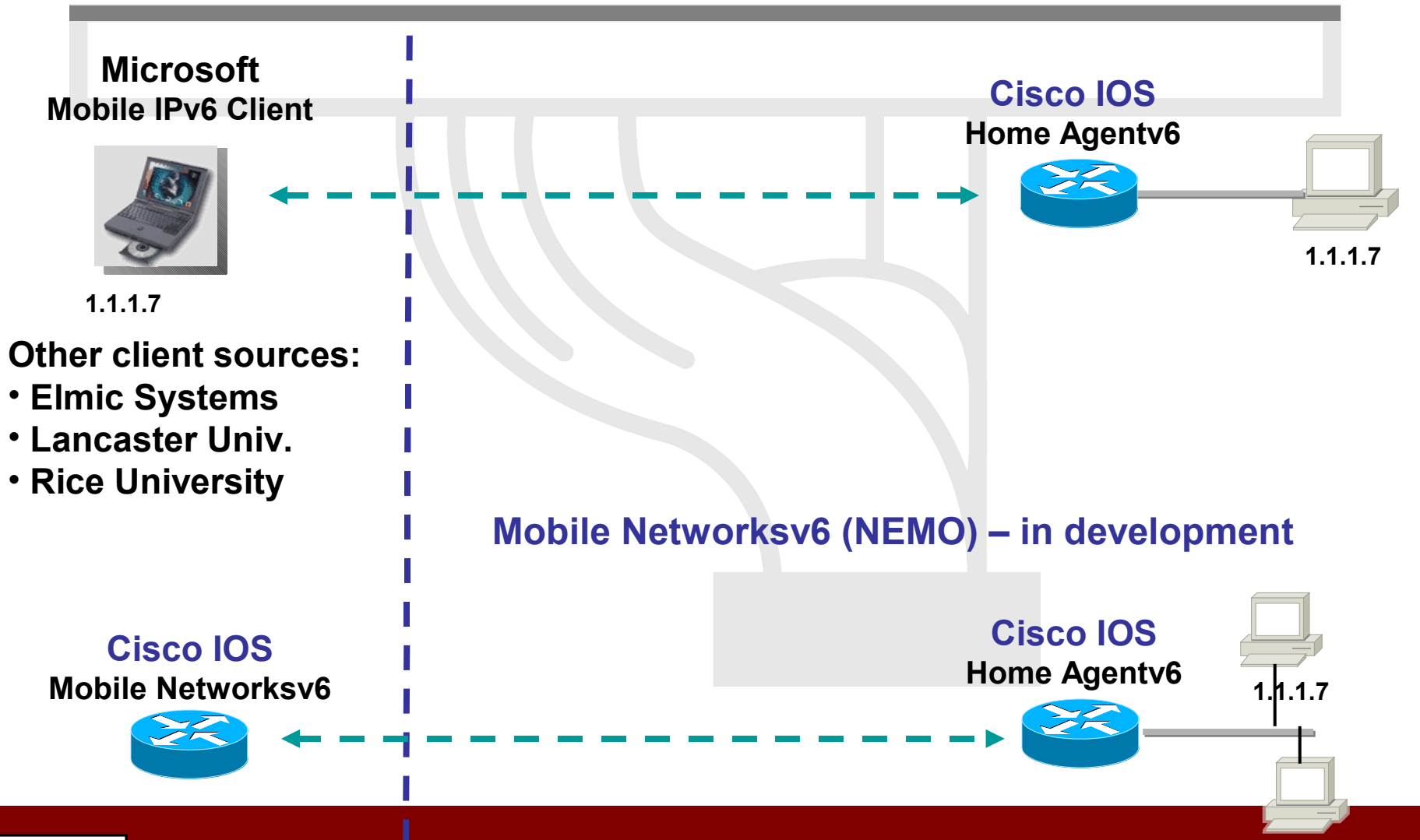


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  - In Field Trial since CY01
  - RFC3775 Compliant
    - <http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-mobileip-ipv6-24.txt>
    - Some issues from TAHI - Dynamic HA Address Discovery, Mobile Prefix Discovery - being worked on
  - Available from Cisco IOS 12.3(14)T
  - Enhanced ACL – routing type filtering capability – planned on 12.4Tpi1
  - Light authentication planned on 12.4Tpi3
- Mobile IPv6 is part of the planned IPv6 rollouts
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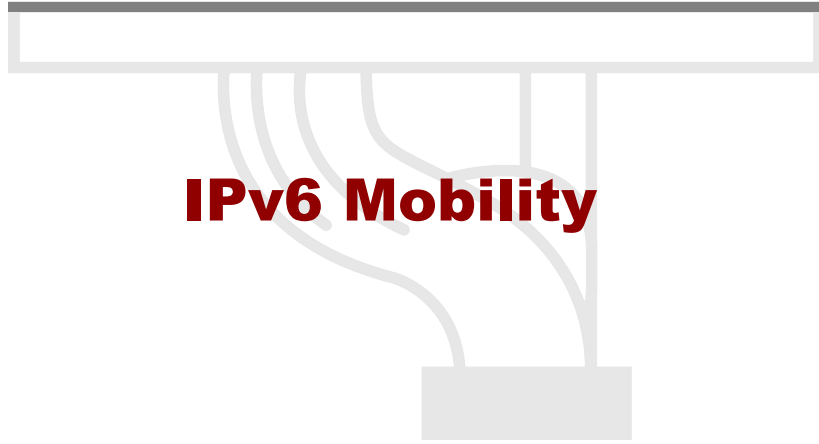
- Other client sources:
- Elmic Systems
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  - Rice University



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  - Planned on MWAM 3.0
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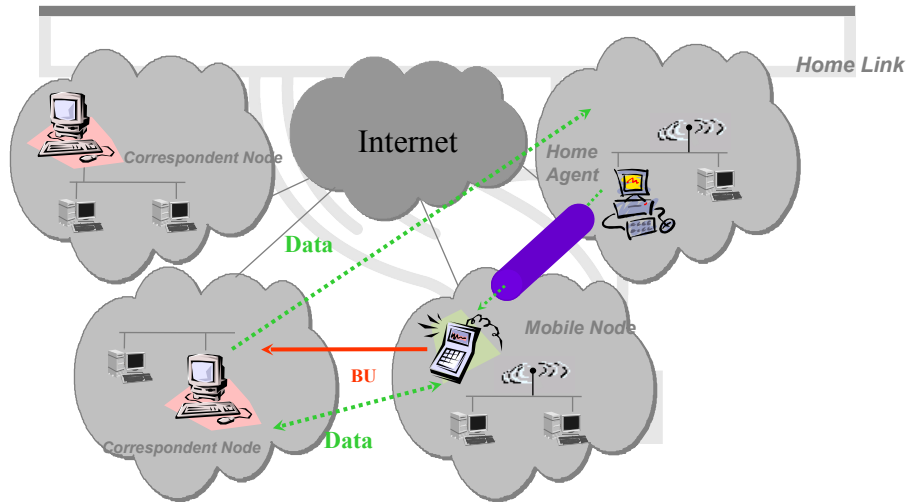


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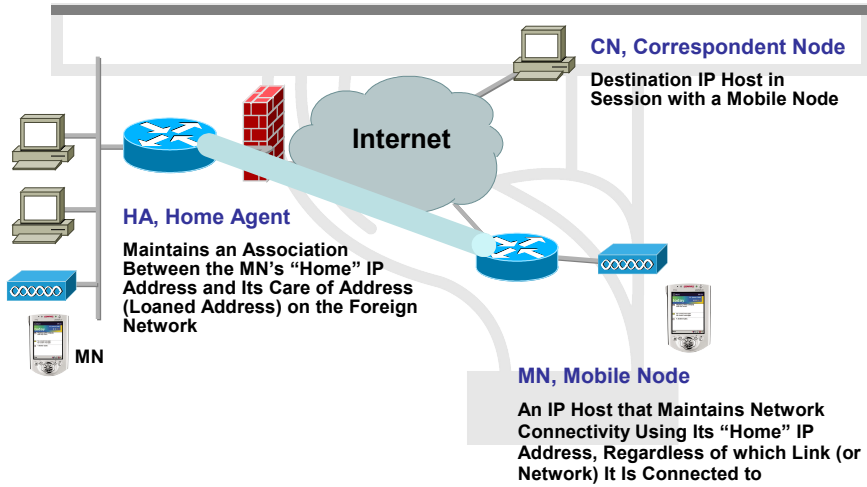
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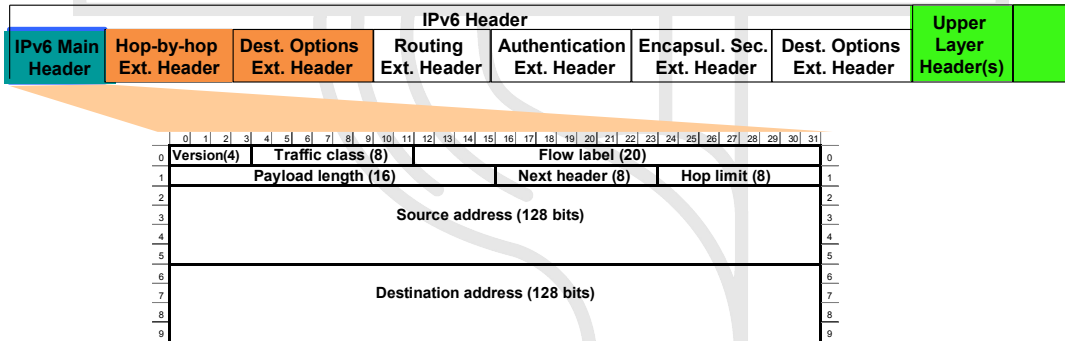


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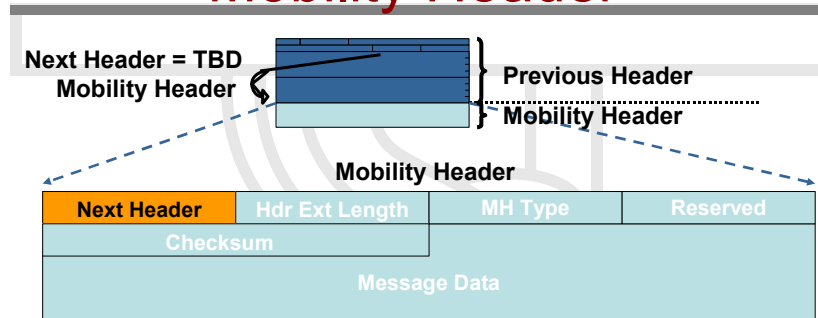
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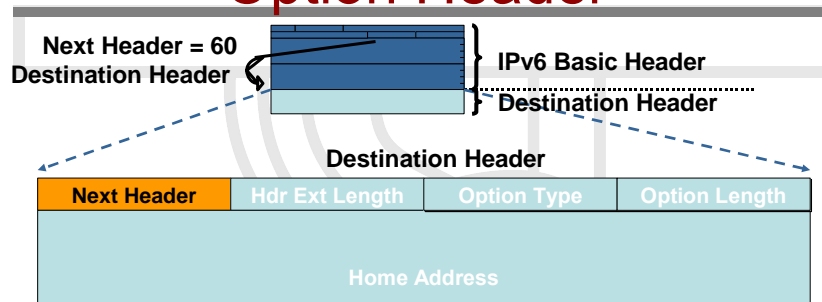


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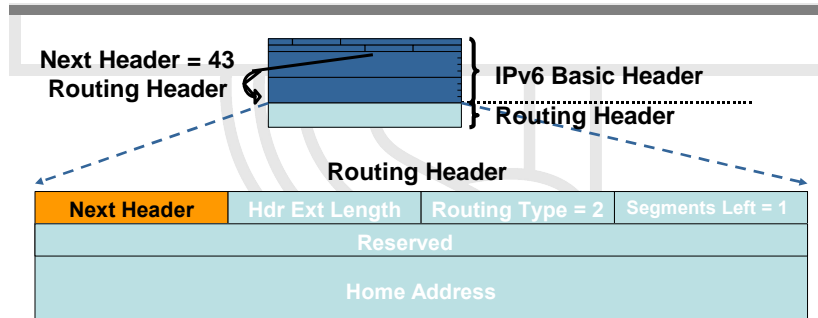


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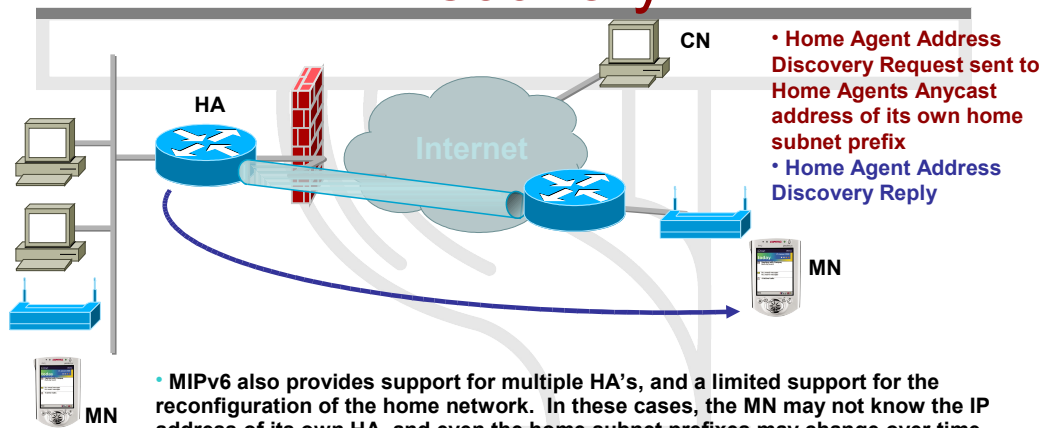


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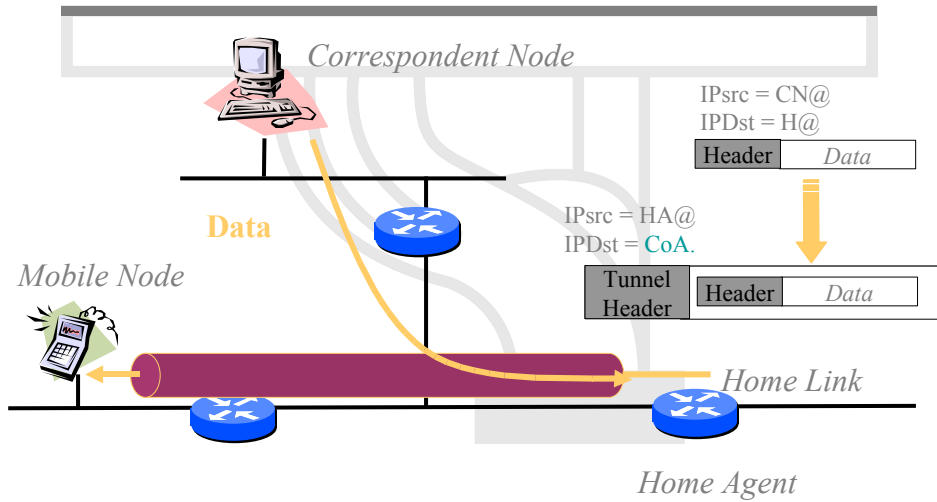


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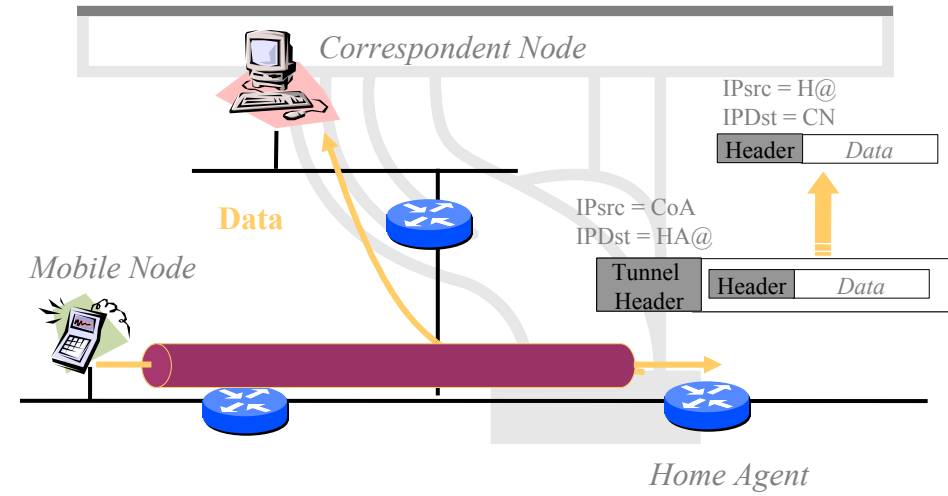
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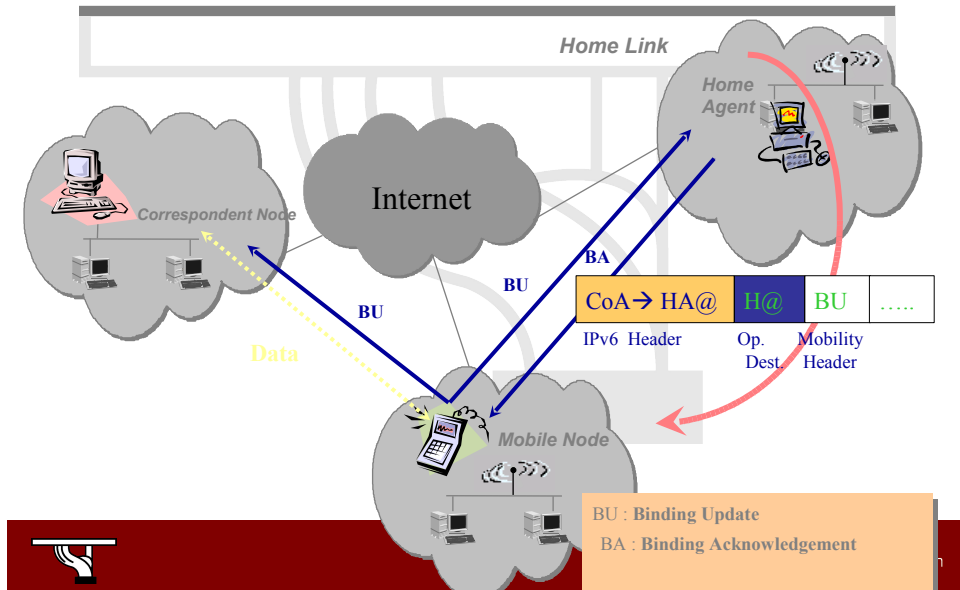


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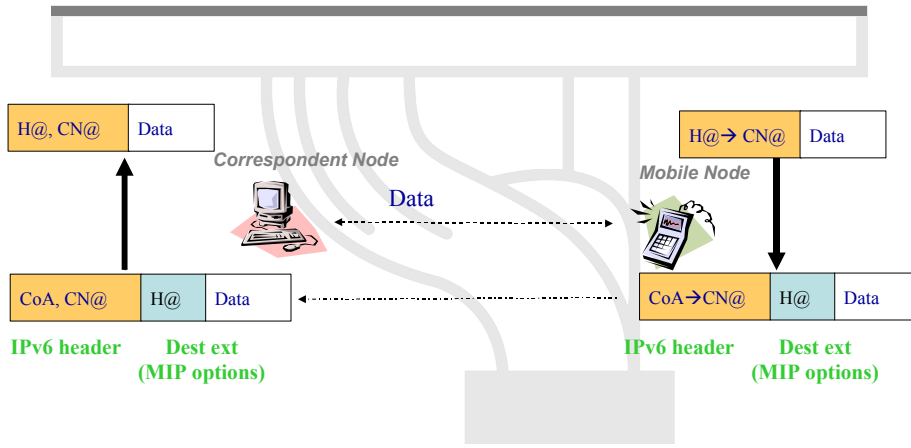




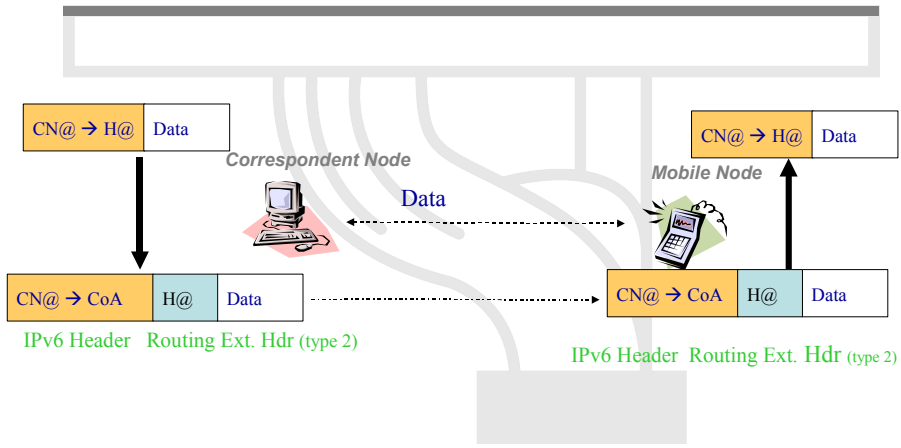
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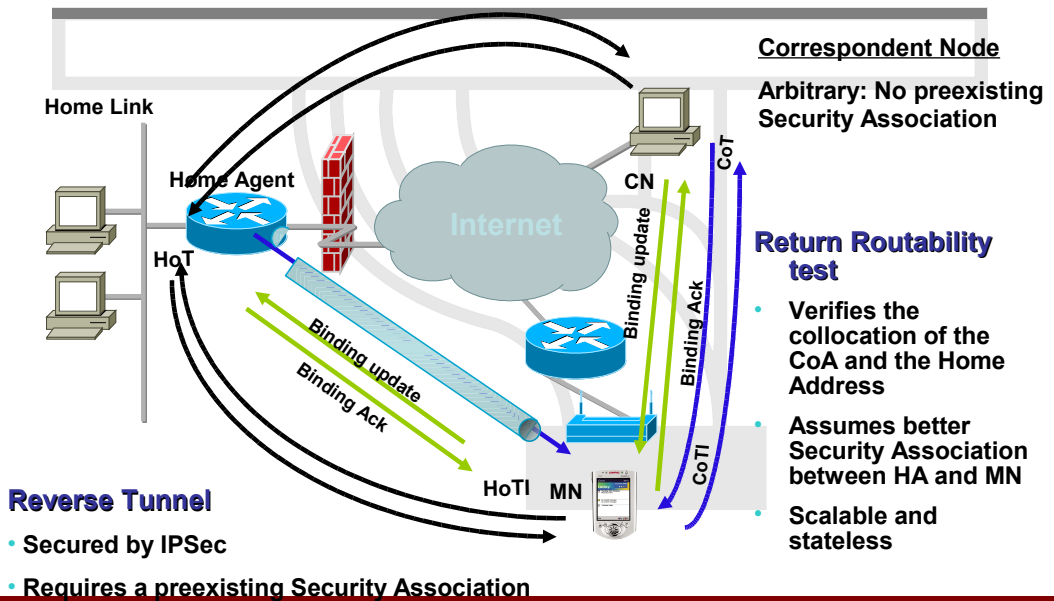
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- Home Address Destination Option can only be used when a CN already has a Binding Cache entry for the given home address.
- Tunnels protection between a MN and HA
  - MN verifies that the outer IP address corresponds to its HA.
  - HA verifies that the outer IP address corresponds to the current location of the MN (Binding Updates sent to the home agents are secure).
  - HA identifies the MN through the source address of the inner packet. (home address of the MN)
- For traffic tunneled via the HA, additional IPSec ESP encapsulation MAY be supported



# Mobile IPv6 Terms

- **Binding management key (Kbm)**
  - A binding management key (Kbm) is a key used for authorizing a binding cache management message (e.g., BU or BA). Return routability provides a way to create a binding management key.
- **Cookie**
  - A cookie is a random number used by a mobile nodes to prevent spoofing by a bogus correspondent node in the return routability procedure.
- **Keygen Token**
  - A keygen token is a number supplied by a correspondent node in the return routability procedure to enable the mobile node to compute the necessary binding management key for authorizing a Binding Update.
- **Nonce**
  - Nonces are random numbers used internally by the correspondent node in the creation of keygen tokens related to the return routability procedure. The nonces are not specific to a mobile node, and are kept secret within the correspondent node.

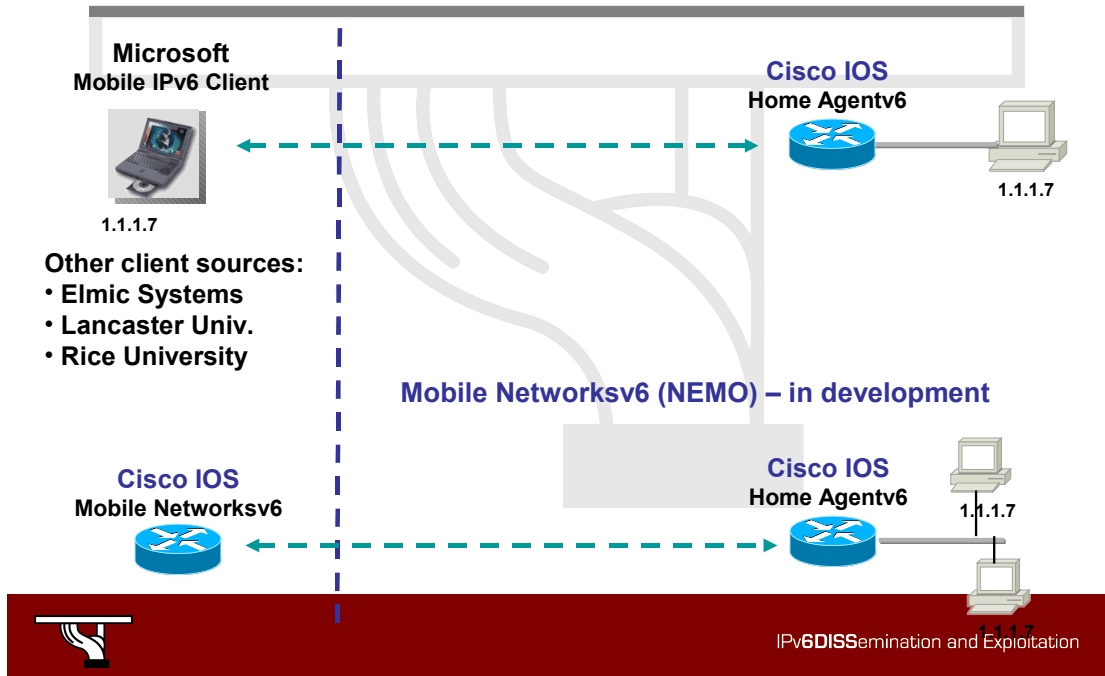


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- Home Agent
  - In Field Trial since CY01
  - RFC3775 Compliant
    - <http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-mobileip-ipv6-24.txt>
    - Some issues from TAHI - Dynamic HA Address Discovery, Mobile Prefix Discovery - being worked on
  - Available from Cisco IOS 12.3(14)T
  - Enhanced ACL – routing type filtering capability – planned on 12.4Tpi1
  - Light authentication planned on 12.4Tpi3
- Mobile IPv6 is part of the planned IPv6 rollouts
  - [http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/732/Tech/ipv6/ipv6\\_learnabc](http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/732/Tech/ipv6/ipv6_learnabc)
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# Cisco IOS MIPv6 Implementation

- Supported on Cisco 1800, 2600XM, 2691, 2800, 3640, 3660, 3700, 3800 and 7200 series
  - Cisco IOS 12.3(14)T
  - Planned on MWAM 3.0
- TAHI
  - few aspects from TAHI testing bring resolved
  - Dynamic HA Address Discovery, Mobile Prefix Discovery
- Authentication
  - MD5 Lightweight authentication
  - Cisco authored a draft to IETF
  - IPSec support planned in a future stage
- CEF support on the roadmap
- Track NEMO working group
  - Develop a plan to bring Mobile Networks v6 to market

