PF_KEY Extension as an Interface between Mobile IPv6 and IPsec/IKE

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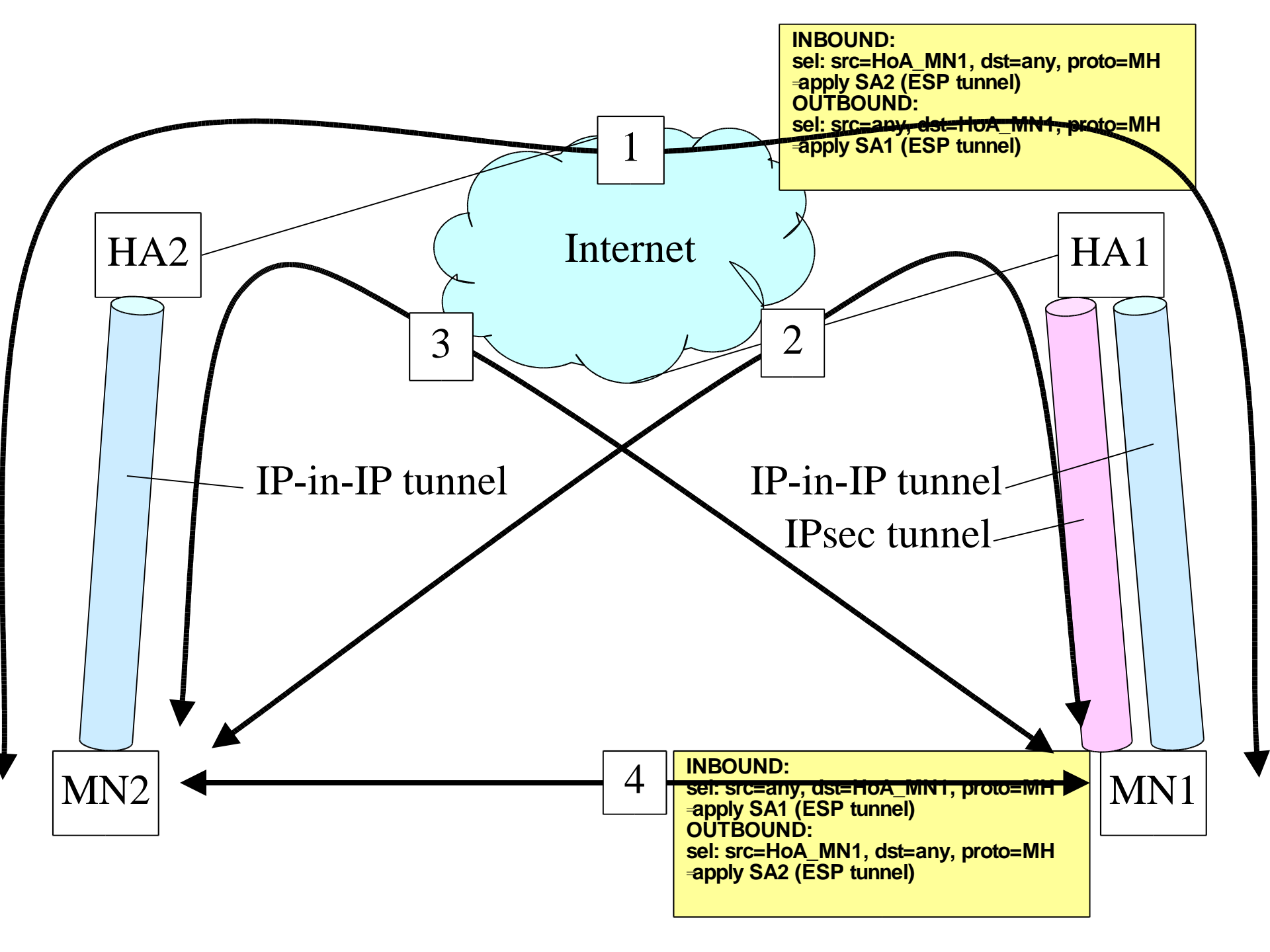
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Topics

- Background
- Do we need any interaction between Mobile IPv6 and IPsec/IKE?
- Extension to PF_KEY framework – MIGRATE
  - Basic mechanism
  - Message sequence
  - Limitation
- Implementation status

Background

- Mobile IPv6 uses IPsec to protect messages exchanged between MN and HA as specified in RFC 3775, RFC 3776:
    - Home Registration signals (BU/BA)
    - Return Routability messages (HoTI/HoT)
    - MIPv6 specific ICMPv6 messages (MPS/MPA)
    - Payload packets
- SA pairs are necessary to be established between the MN and HA in static or dynamic manner
- Tunnel mode SAs are necessary to be updated whenever the MN performs movement

Internet

HA2

HA1

1

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2

INBOUND:
sel: src=HoA_MN1, dst=any, proto=MH
⇒apply SA2 (ESP tunnel)
OUTBOUND:
sel: src=any, dst=HoA_MN1, proto=MH
⇒apply SA1 (ESP tunnel)

IP-in-IP tunnel

IP-in-IP tunnel

IPsec tunnel

MN2

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MN1

INBOUND:
sel: src=any, dst=HoA_MN1, proto=MH
⇒apply SA1 (ESP tunnel)
OUTBOUND:
sel: src=HoA_MN1, dst=any, proto=MH
⇒apply SA2 (ESP tunnel)

Necessary Interactions between Mobile IPv6 and IPsec/IKE

- Update endpoint address of tunnel mode SA
  - Mobile IPv6 component may not have full access to SADB
- Update endpoint address stored in SPD entry which is associated with tunnel mode SA
  - IKE should be able to continuously perform key negotiation and re-keying
- IKE daemon should update endpoint address of the IKE connection (aka K-bit) to keep its alive while the MN changes its CoA

Requirements

- Modifications to the existing software (Mobile IPv6 and IPsec/IKE stack) should be kept minimum
- The mechanism should not be platform dependent

Extension to PF_KEY framework – PF_KEY MIGRATE

- Introduce a new PF_KEY message named MIGRATE which is to be issued by Mobile IPv6 components to inform movement

- PF_KEY MIGRATE requests system and user application to update SADB as well as SPD:
  - Tunnel mode SA entry
  - SPD entry which is associated with the tunnel mode SA

- It is beneficial if the message can also be used to handle K-bit

PF_KEY MIGRATE – message format

- Selector Information:
  - Source address
  - Destination address
  - Upper layer protocol (i.e. MH)
  - Direction (inbound/outbound)
- Old SA Information:
  - Old tunnel source address
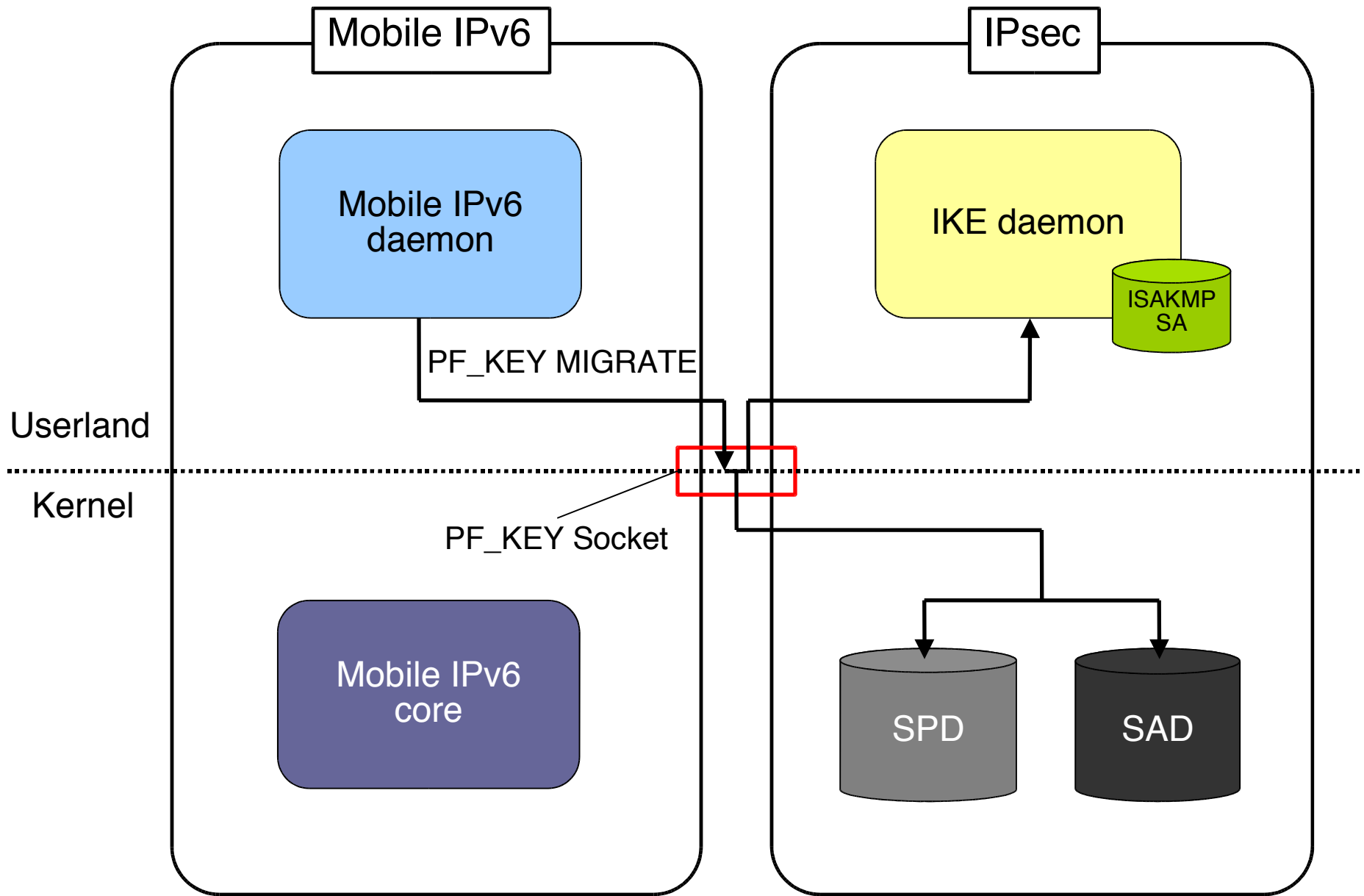 - Old tunnel destination address
  - Protocol (ESP/AH)
- New SA Information:
  - New tunnel source address
  - New tunnel destination address
  - Protocol (ESP/AH)

3ffe:501:ffff:100:1:2:3:4/128 (HoA)

::/128

135 (MH)

For instance, in order for the MN to update its outbound SP entry and associated Tunnel Mode SA to protect MH messages…

(outbound)

3ffe:501:ffff:500:1:2:3:4/128 (Old-CoA)

3ffe:501:ffff:100::1/128 (HA address)

50 (ESP)

3ffe:501:ffff:400:1:2:3:4/128 (New-CoA)

3ffe:501:ffff:100::1/128 (HA address)
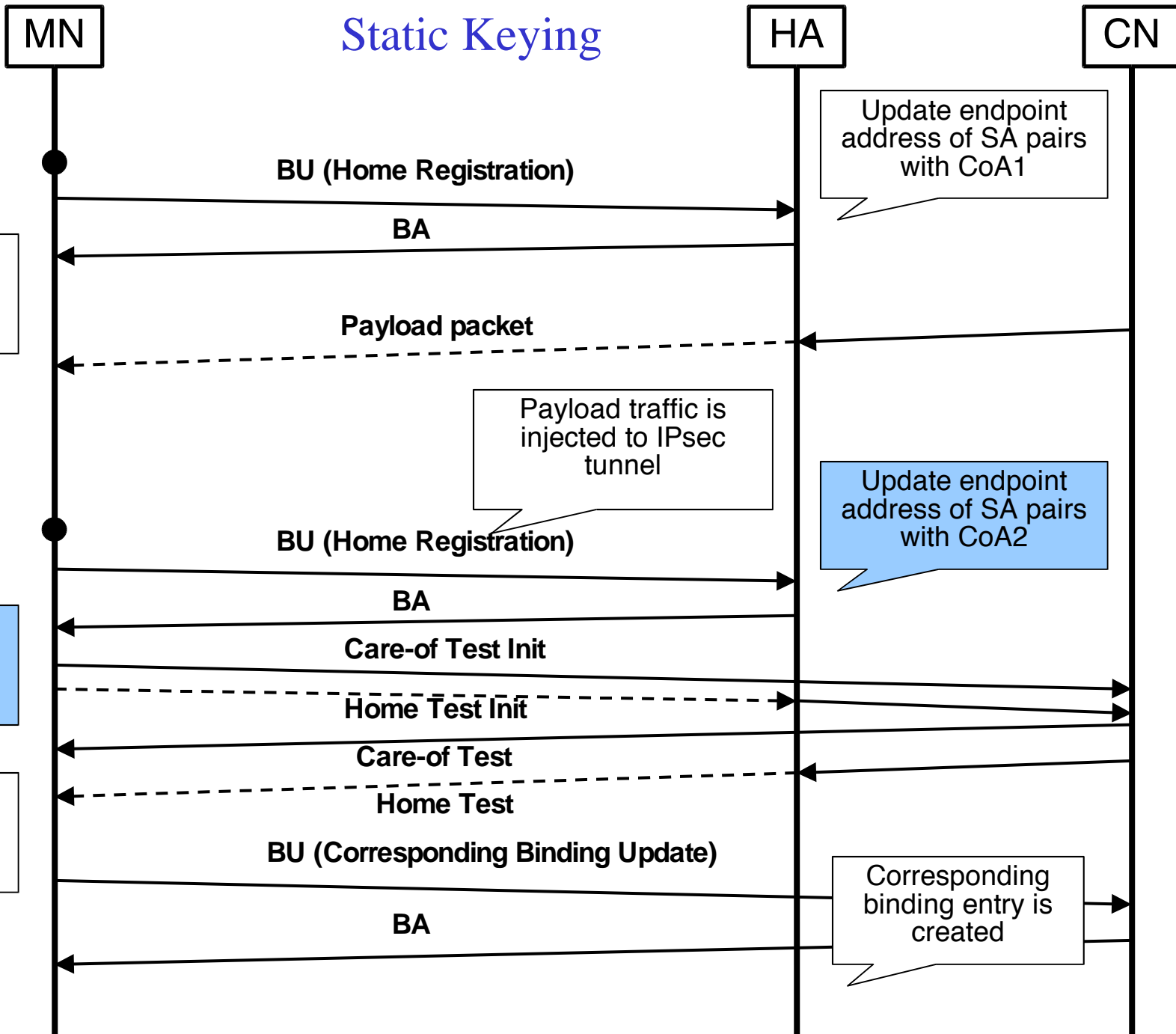
50 (ESP)

Limitations of PF_KEY MIGRATE

- There is an ambiguity in the way to specify target SADB entry:
  - Current scheme to specify target SADB entry does not seem to be the best solution
  - Mobile IPv6 is required to sequentially maintain the binding record
- Delivery of PF_KEY MIGRATE message cannot be guaranteed:
  - When a message is lost, there will be an inconsistency between Mobile IPv6 and IPsec database
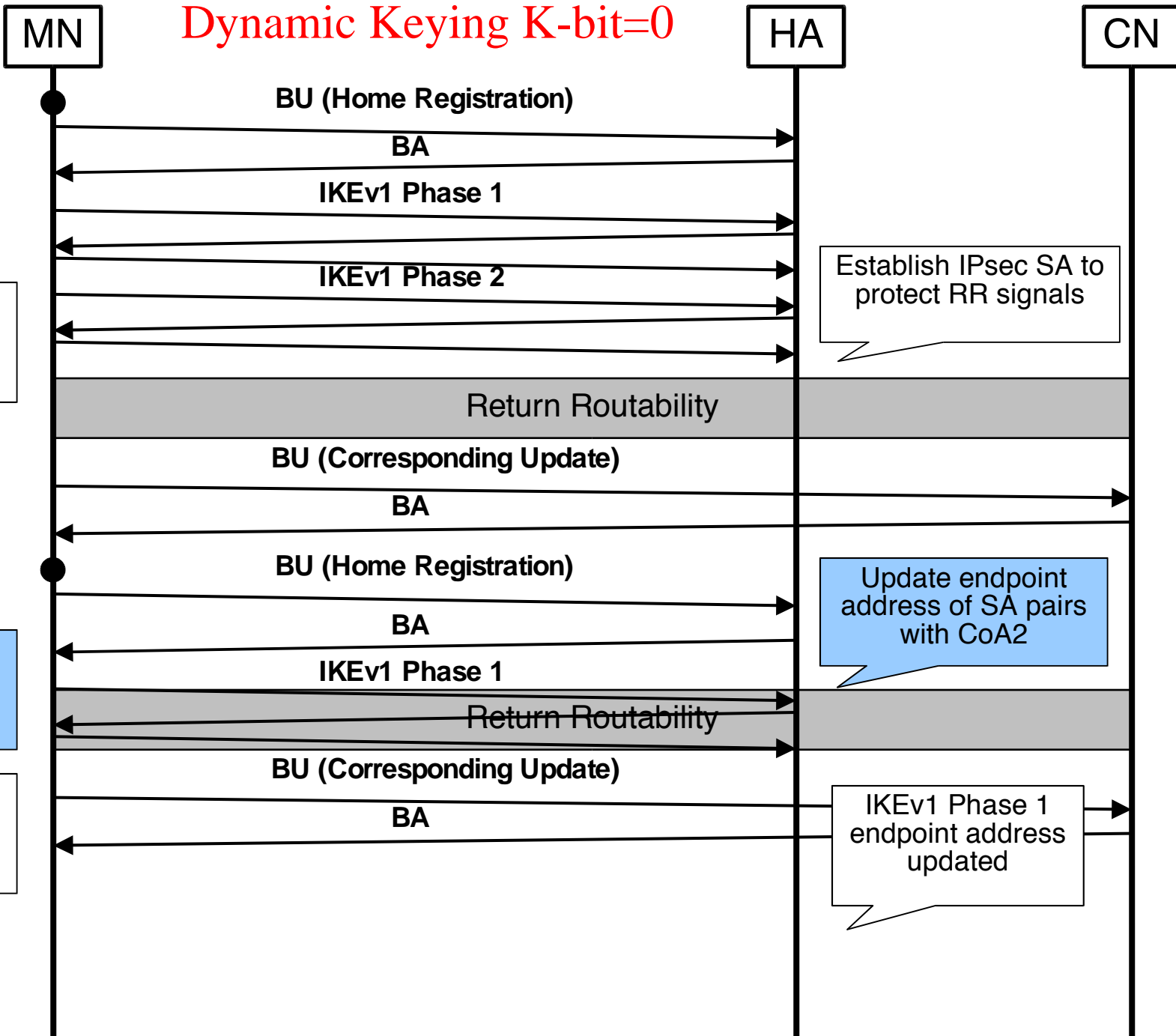
Implementation Status

- KAME/BSD Platform

- MIPL2.0 on Linux-2.6

  – Prototype Implemented

  – To be tested in Connectathon 2005

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Any Questions?