

# Introduction to SRv6 uSID Technology

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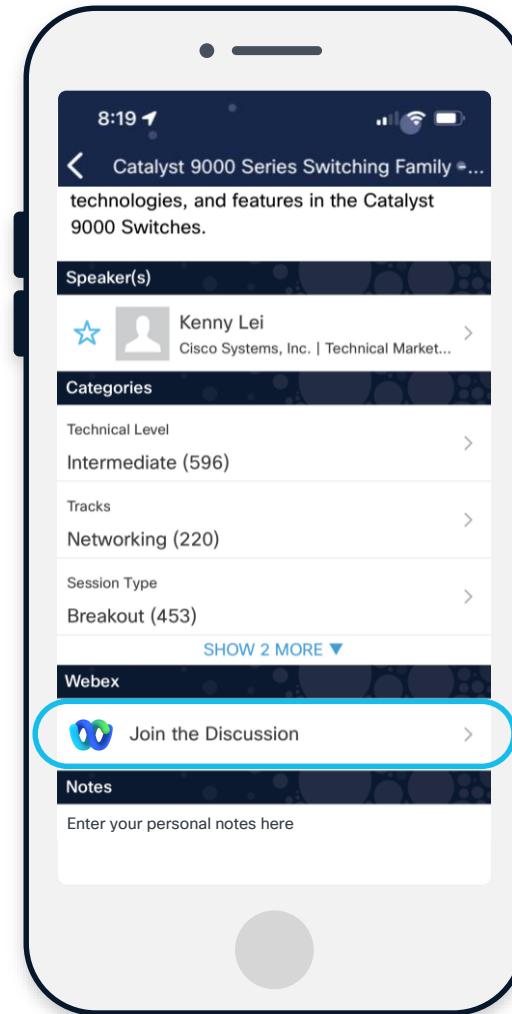
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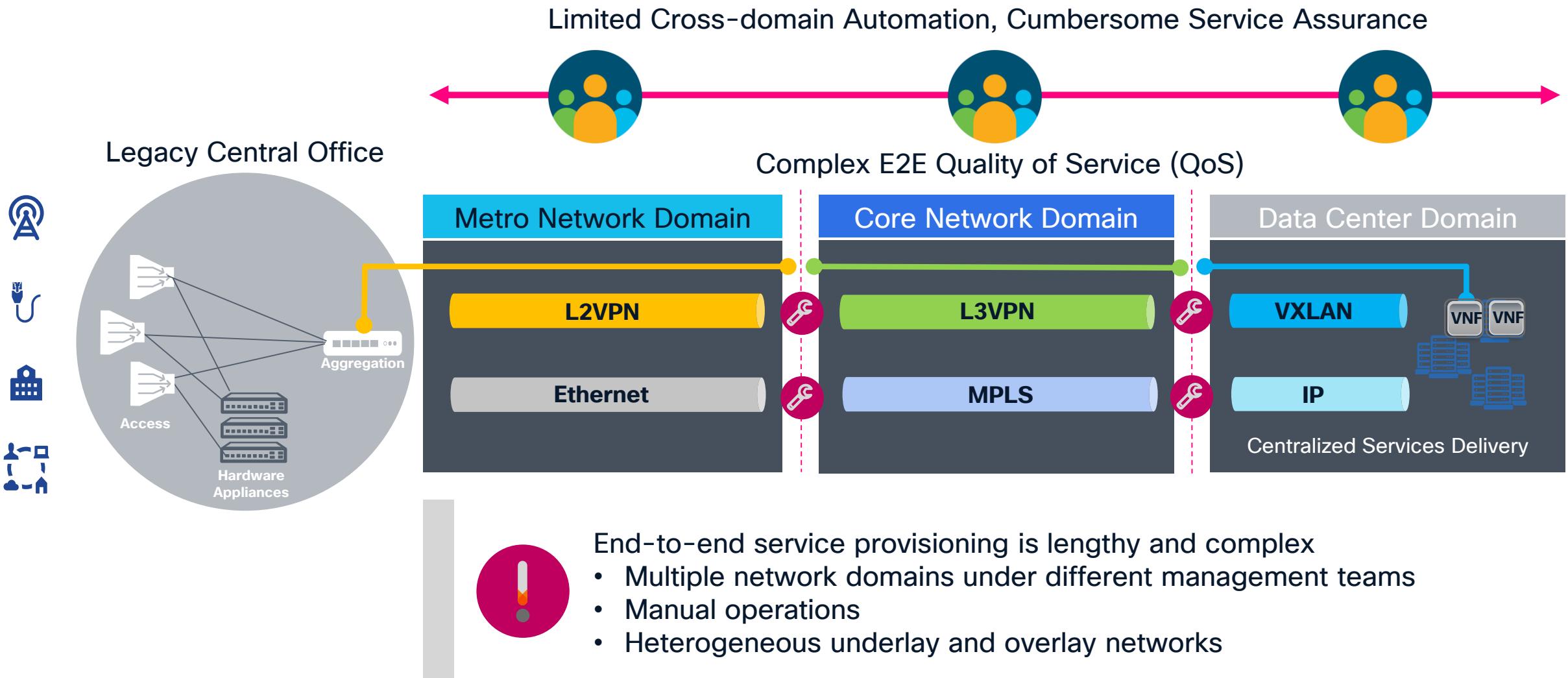
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# Introduction

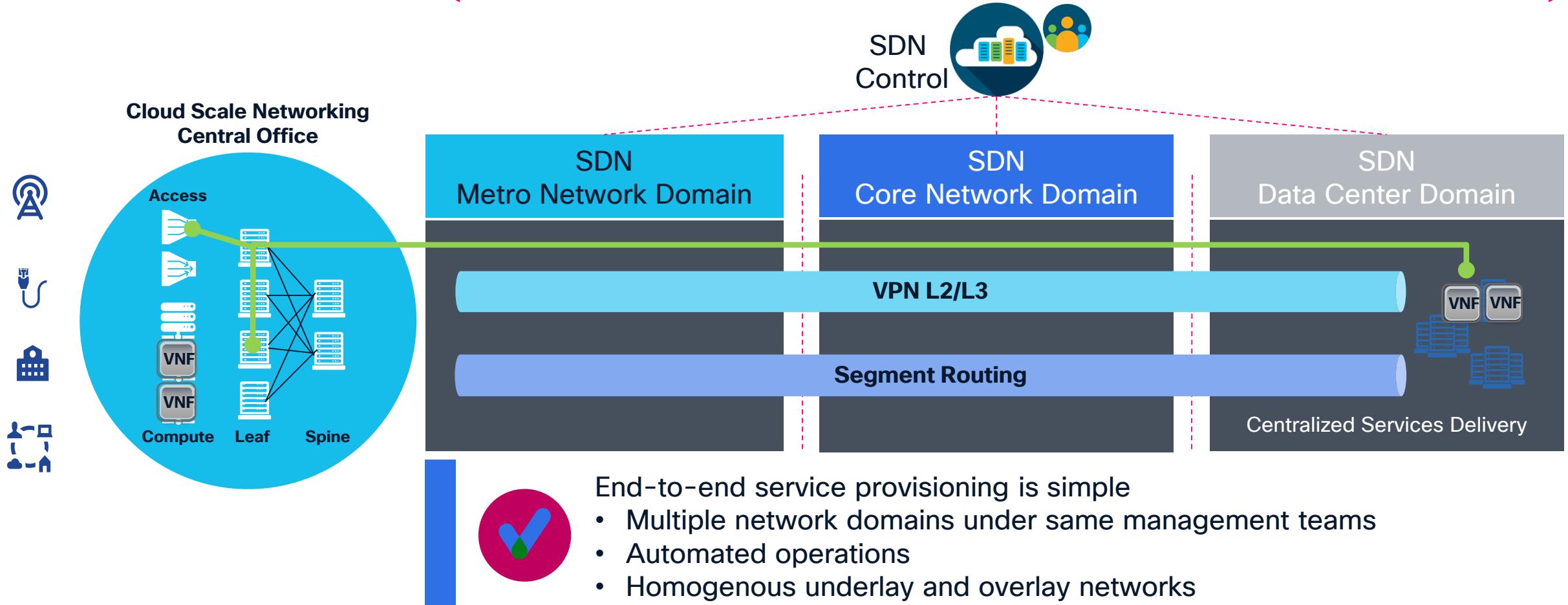
# Understanding Today's Service Creation



# SR-MPLS: SDN ready “Network as a Fabric” for Service Creation

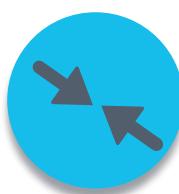


Homogenous Cross-domain Automation & Assurance



# SRv6: SDN, NfV, 5G ready

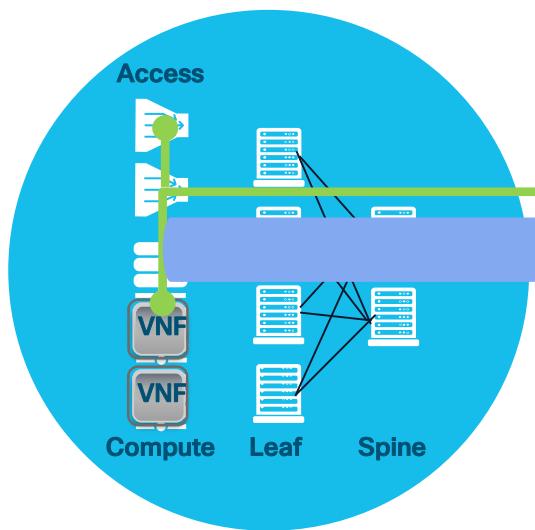
## “Network as an API” for Service Creation



Homogenous Cross-domain Automation & Assurance



Cloud Scale Networking  
Central Office



SDN  
Metro Network Domain

SDN  
Control

SDN  
Core Network Domain

SDN  
Data Center Domain

Segment Routing v6 (transport, services and programmability)

Centralized Services Delivery

End-to-end service provisioning is integrated with NfV, SDN

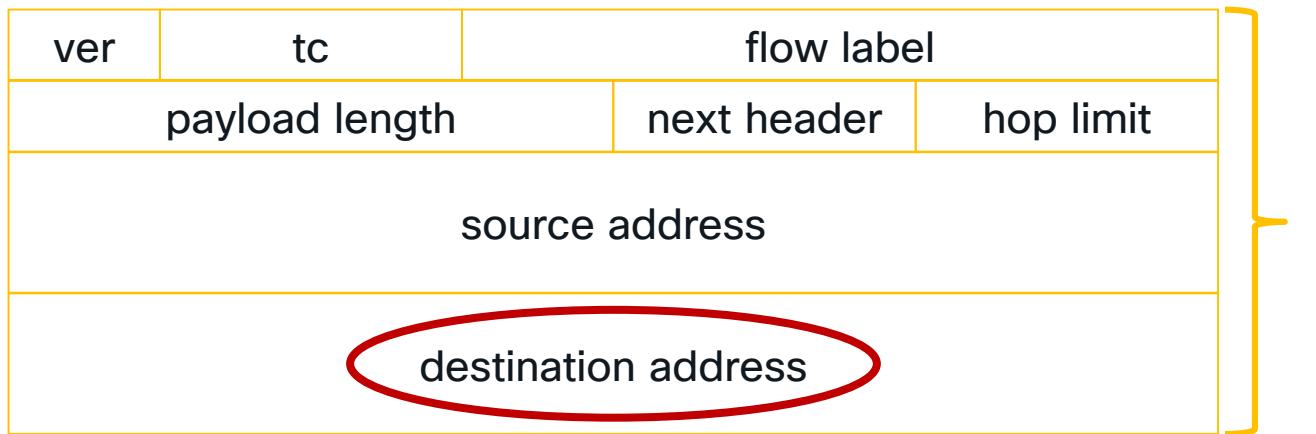
- Multiple network domains under same management teams
- Automated operations
- Integrated underlay and overlay networks (NfV)
- Network as API (NfV)
- Hyper Scale (5G)



# SRv6 uSID Data Plane

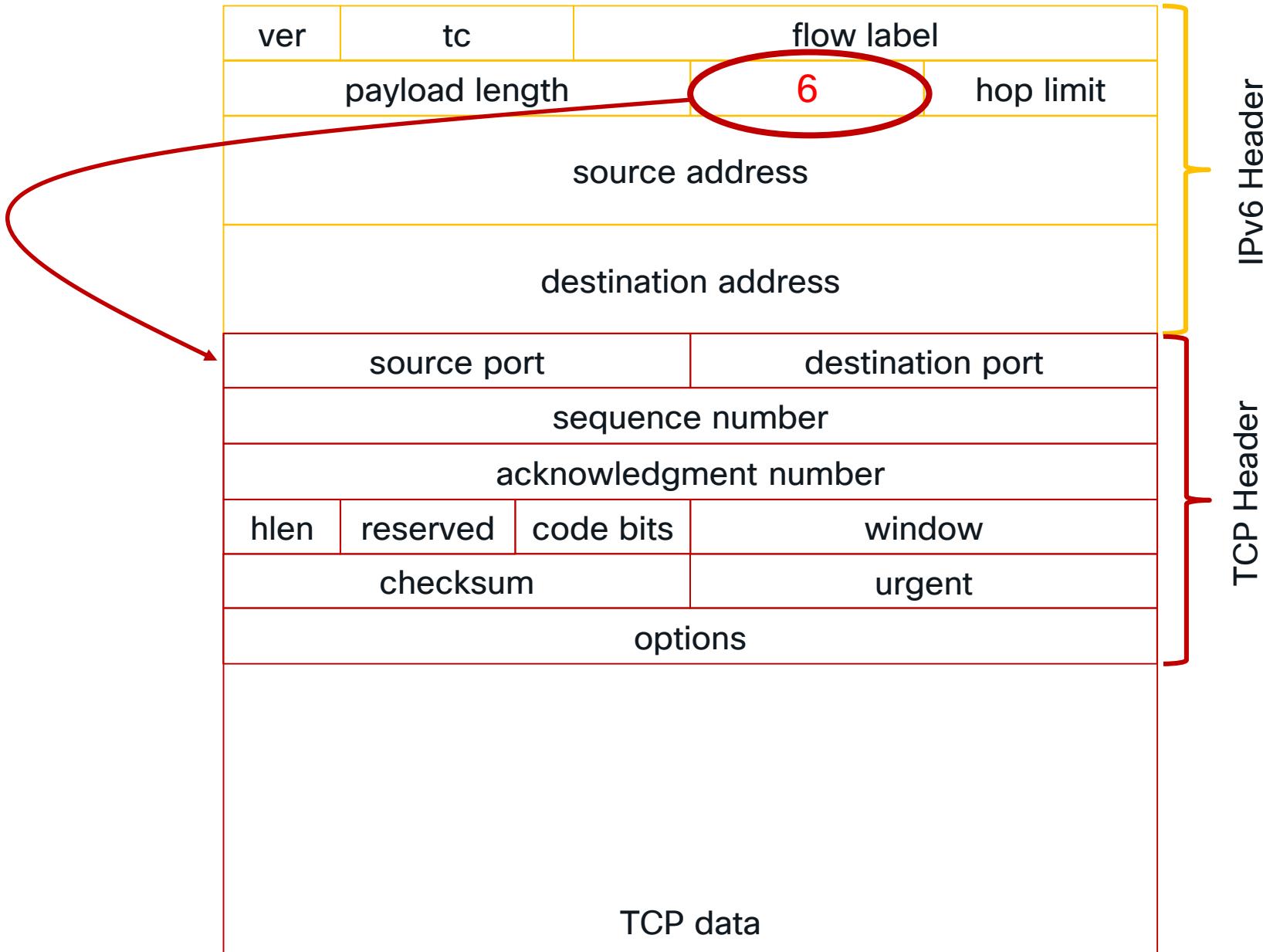
# SRv6

- IPv6 Header
- Destination IP address



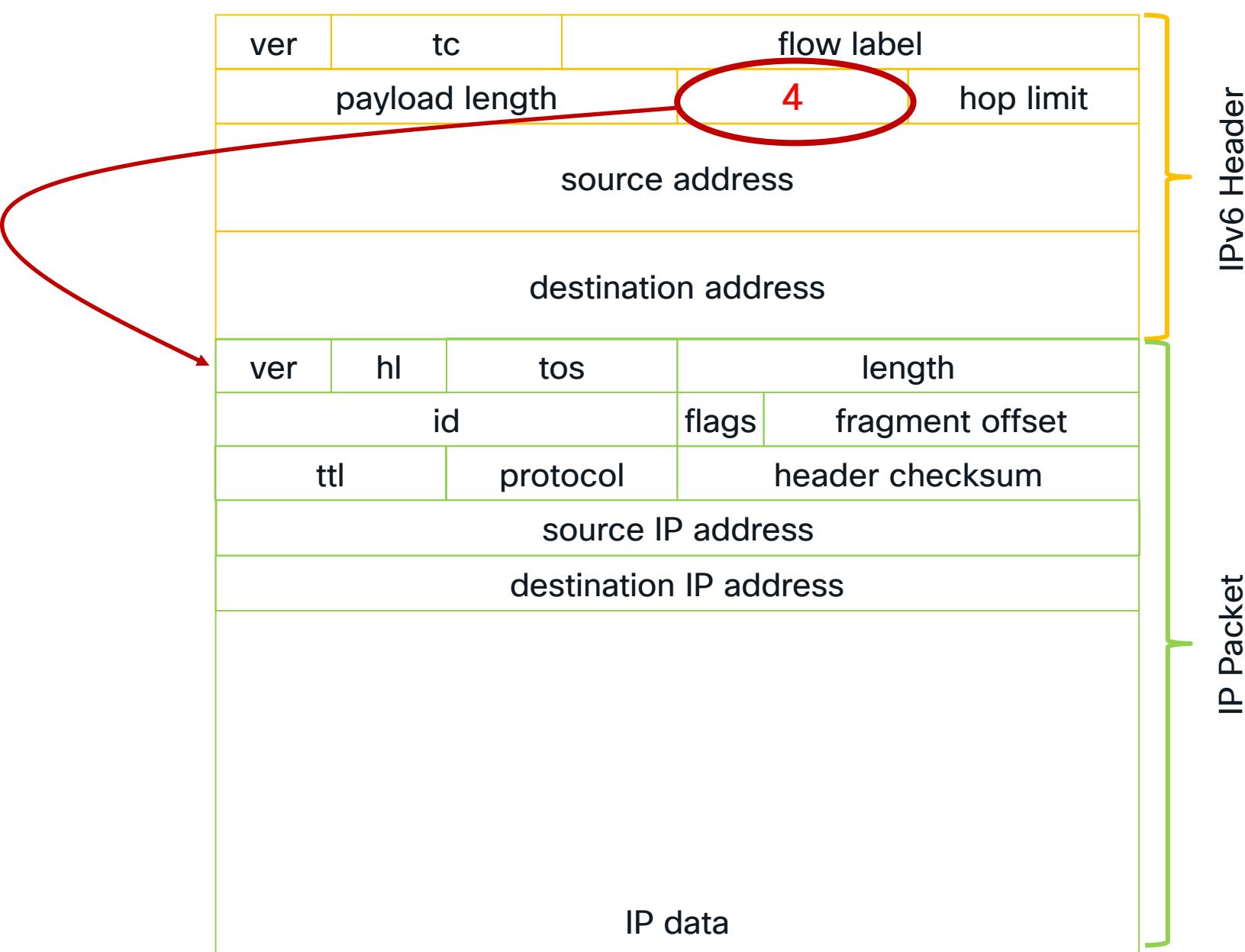
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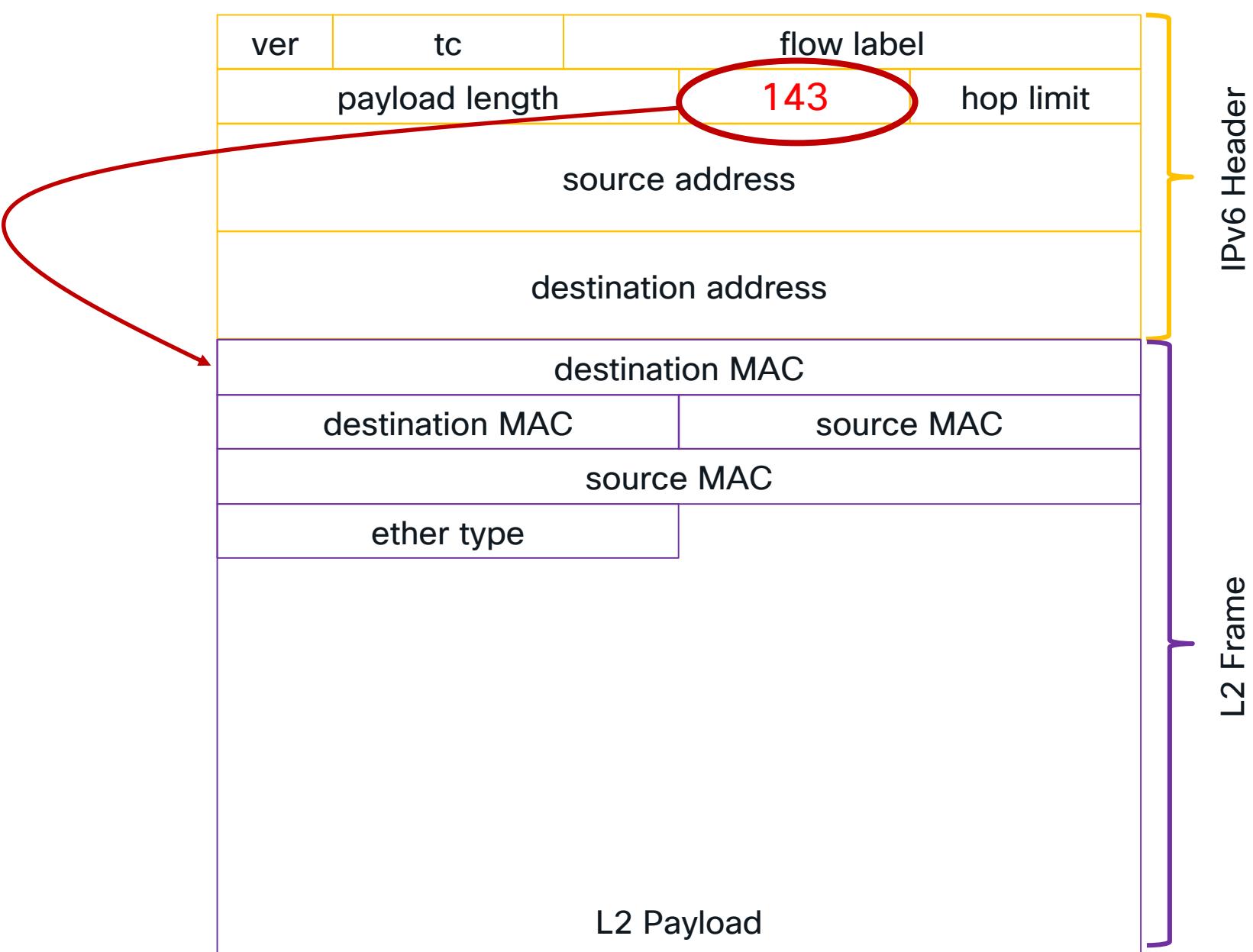
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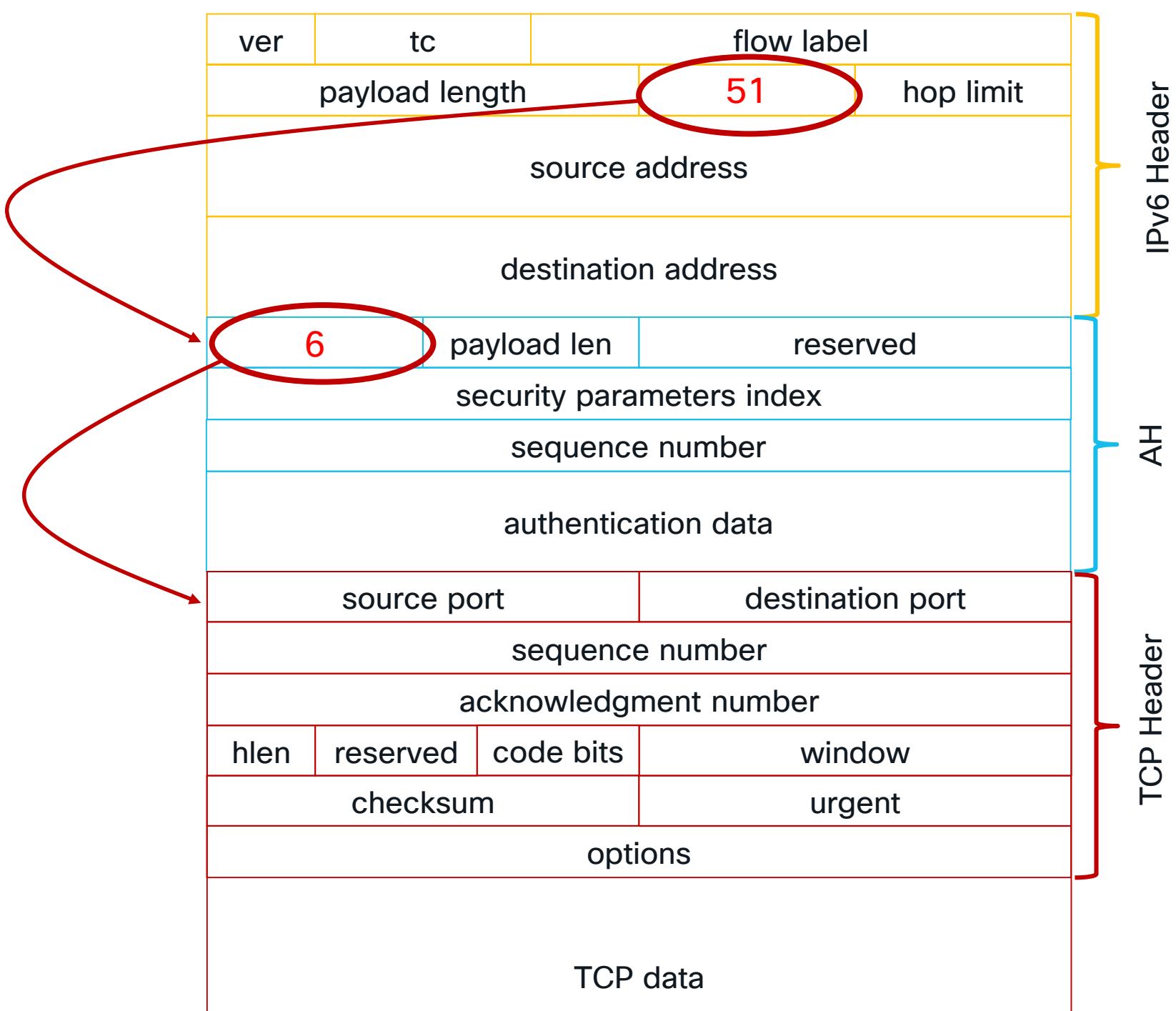
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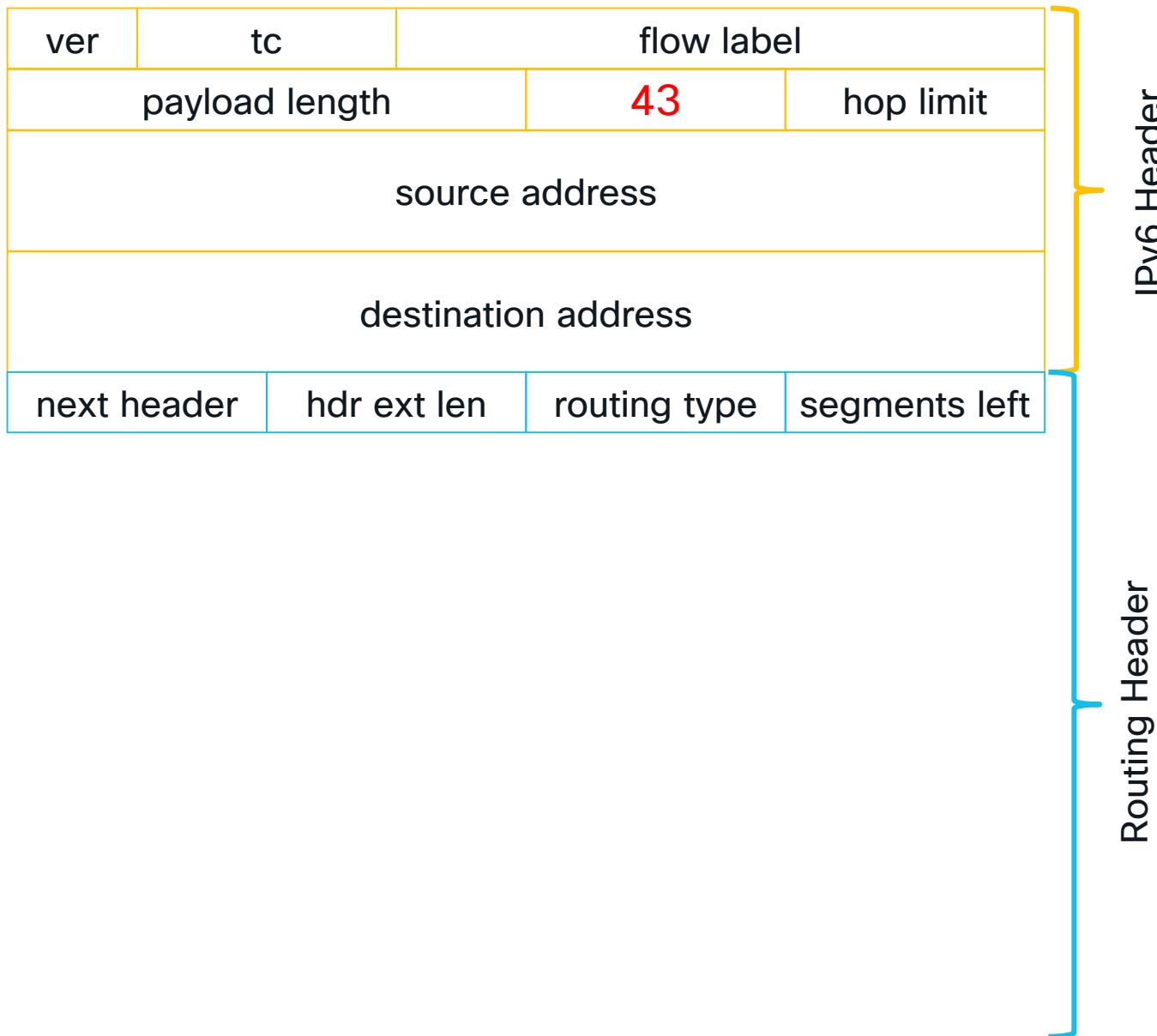
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  - Hop by Hop, Dest. Options, Fragmentation, Authentication Header ...



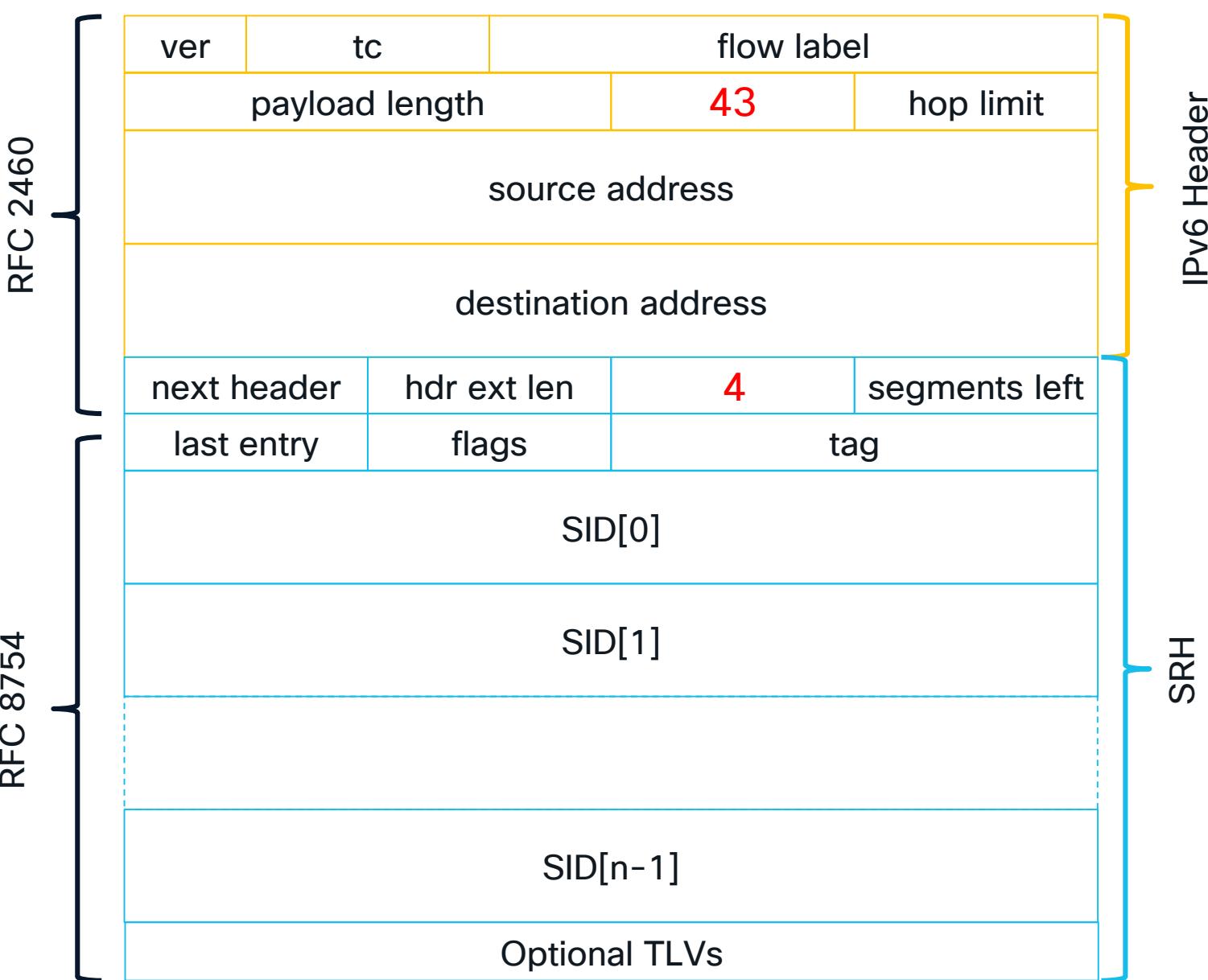
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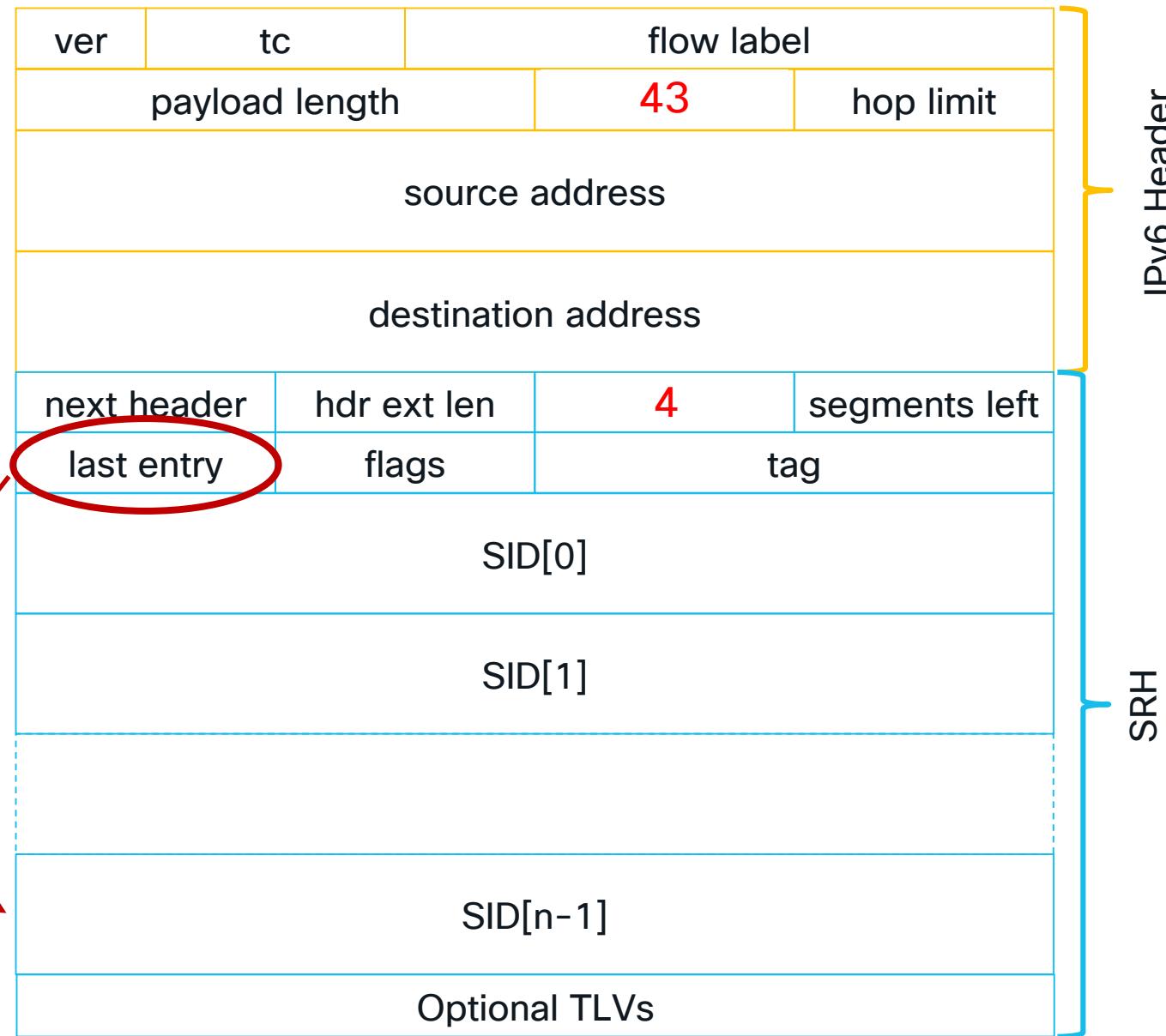
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    - 4 SRH (RFC 8754)**



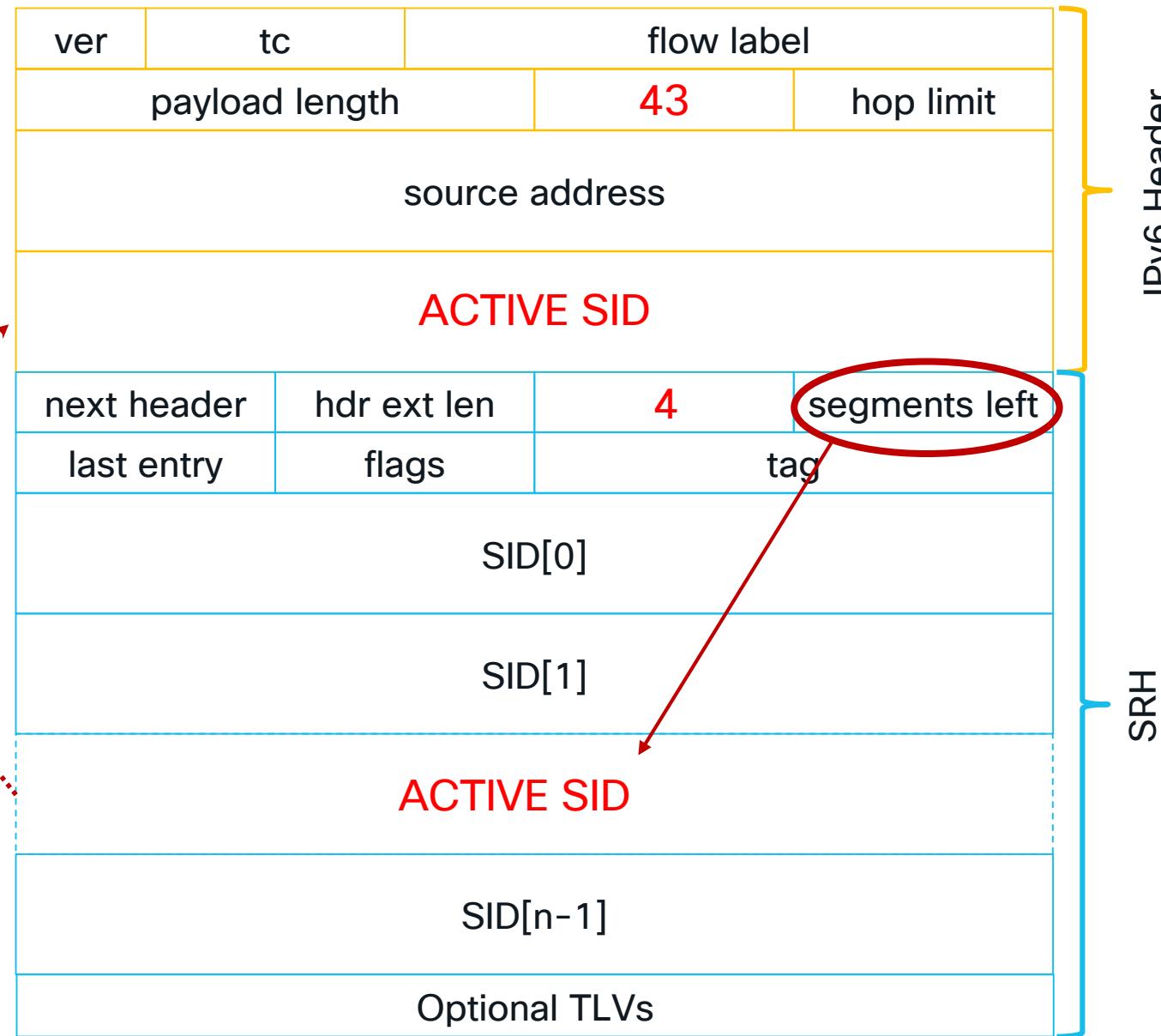
# SRH

- Segment Routing Header
- First Segment
  - Pointer to very first SID



# SRH

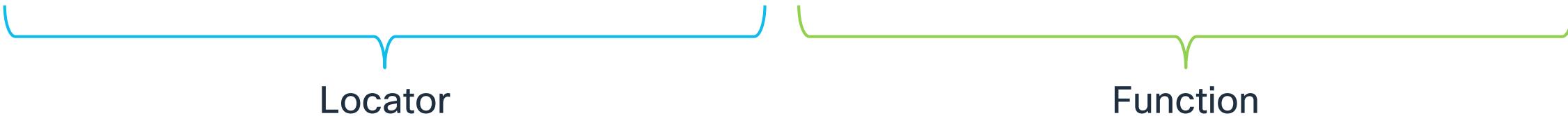
- Segment Routing Header
- First Segment
  - Pointer to very first SID
- Segments left
  - Pointer to Active SID
  - Active SID always in destination addr



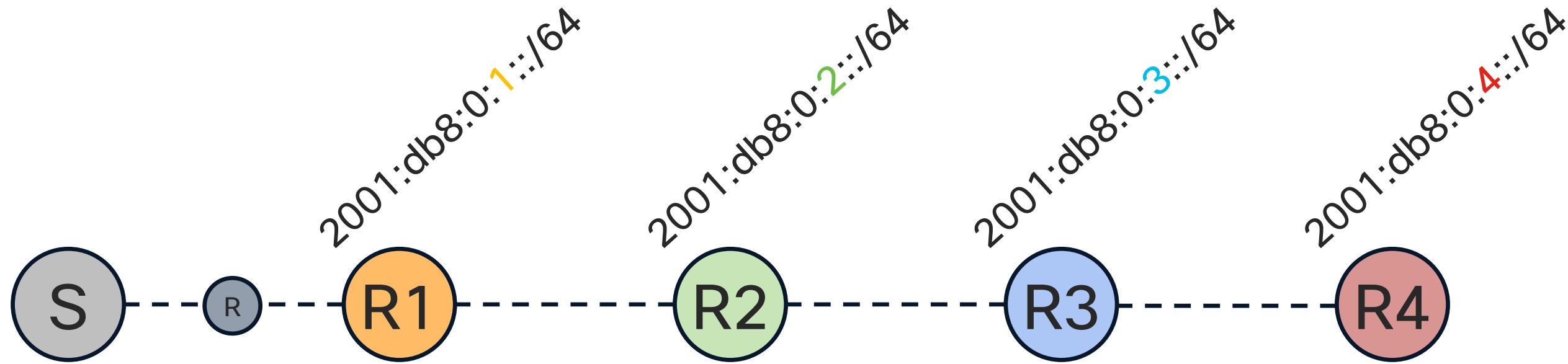
# SID Structure -Locator

128 Bits Like IPv6 address but different semantics

1111:2222:3333:4444:5555:6666:7777:8888



# SRv6 Full SID



**BGP:2001:db8:0:4:eeee::**

SA:2001::1
DA:2001:db8:0:1:1::
NH:RH
Type:4(SRH)
NH:IPv4 SL:3
Segment List:
[0]:2001:db8:0:4:eeee::
[1]:2001:db8:0:3:48::
[2]:2001:db8:0:2:1::
[3]:2001:db8:0:1:1::

SA:2001::1
DA:2001:db8:0:2:1::
NH:RH
Type:4(SRH)
NH:IPv4 SL:2
Segment List:
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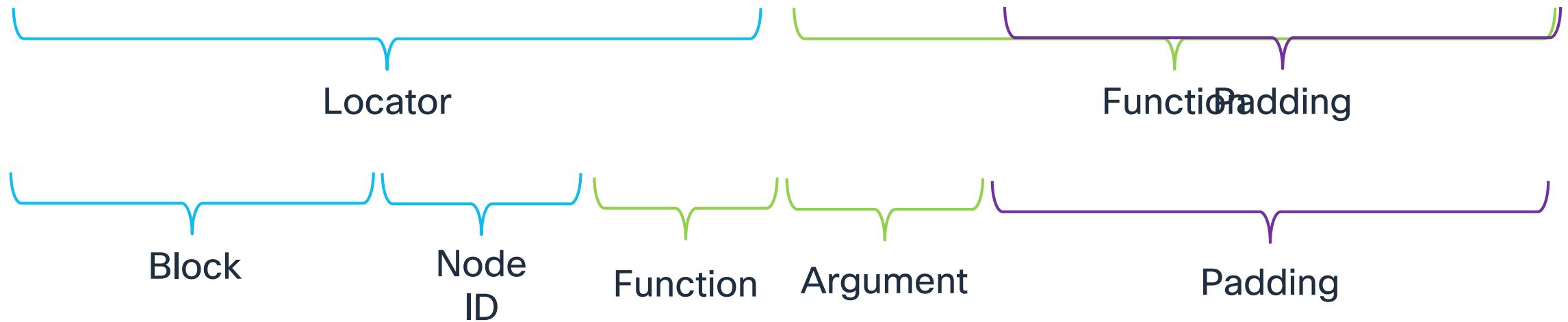
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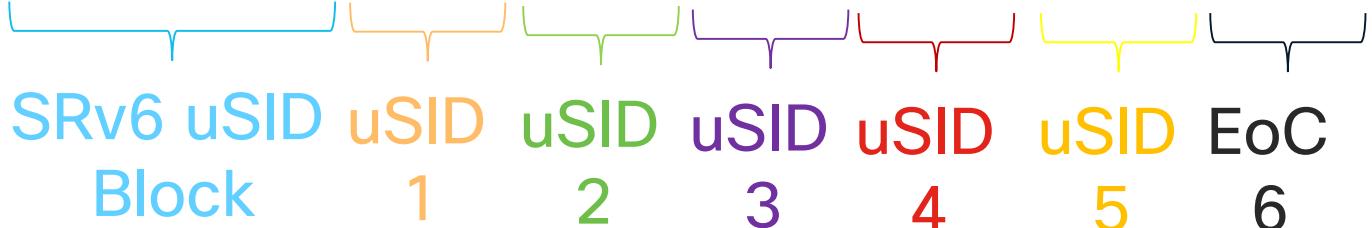
# SRv6 uSID format

: 0100 : =SRV6 uSID

16 bits here, but can be anything

## SRV6 uSID Container

2001 : 0db8 : 0100 : 0200 : 0300 : 0400 : 0500 : 0000



32 bits here,  
but can be anything

## SRV6 Encapsulation

SA:2001::1  
DA:2001:db8:0:4:1:0:0:0  
NH:RH

Type:4(SRH)  
NH:IPv4|SL:1  
Segment List:  
[0]: 2001:db8:0:5:45:0:0:0  
[1]: 2001:db8:0:4:1:0:0:0  
[2]: 2001:db8:0:3:48:0:0:0  
[3]: 2001:db8:0:2:1:0:0:0  
[4]: 2001:db8:0:1:42:0:0:0

SA:7.5.4.3  
DA:11.6.19.71  
Port:UDP

UDP Header/Data

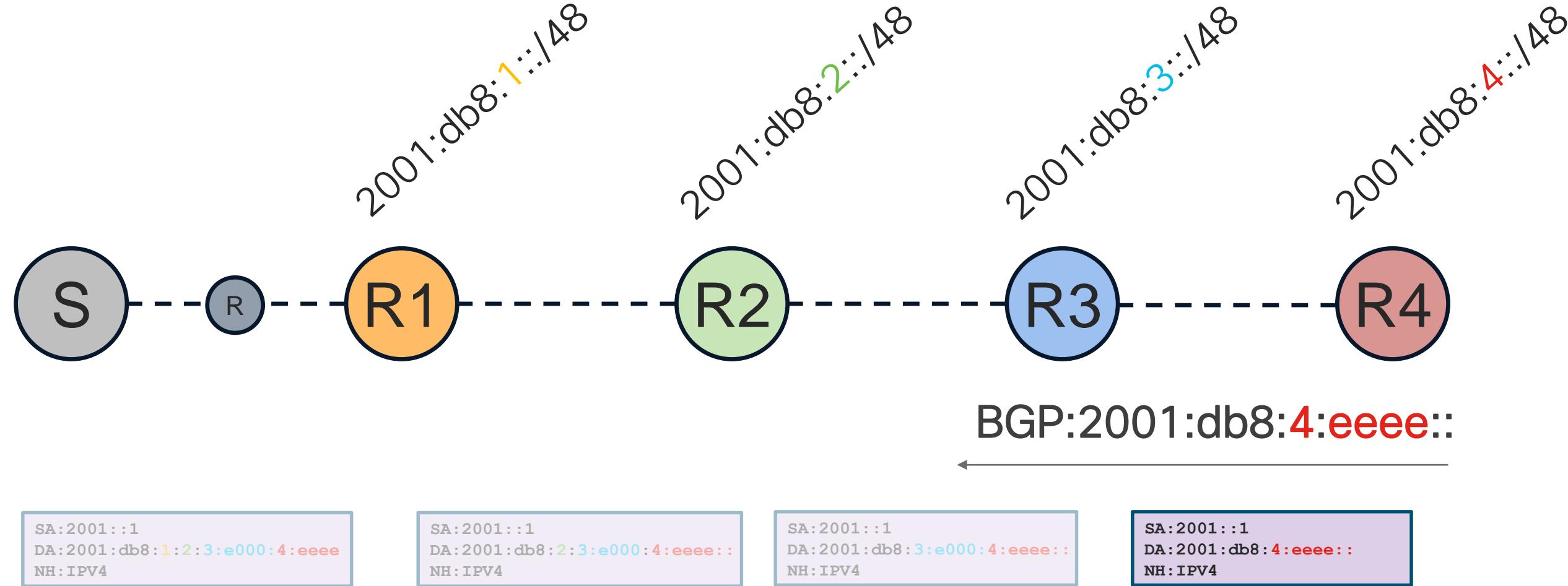
## SRV6 uSID Encapsulation

SA:2001::1  
DA:2001:db8:100:200:300:400:500::  
NH:IPv4

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UDP Header/Data

# SRv6 uSID F3216



# SRv6 uSID Control Plane

# SRv6 functions: Steering and Services

Codename	Behavior		
End	uN	Endpoint	[Node SID]
End.X	uA	Endpoint with Layer-3 cross-connect	[Adj SID]
End.B6.Insert	uB6.Insert	Endpoint bound to an SRv6 policy	[BSID]
End.B6.Encap	uB6.Encaps	Endpoint bound to an SRv6 encapsulation policy	[BSID]
End.DX6	uDx6	Endpoint with decapsulation and IPv6 cross-connect	[L3VPN Per-CE]
End.DX4	uDx4	Endpoint with decapsulation and IPv4 cross-connect	[L3VPN Per-CE]
End.DT6	uDt6	Endpoint with decapsulation and specific IPv6 table lookup	[L3VPN Per-VRF]
End.DT4	uDt4	Endpoint with decapsulation and specific IPv4 table lookup	[L3VPN Per-VRF]
End.DT46	uDt46	Endpoint with decapsulation and specific IPv4&v6 table lookup	[L3VPN Per-VRF]
End.DX2	uDx2	Endpoint with decapsulation and L2 cross-connect	[E-LINE]
End.DT2U/M	uDt2U/M	Endpoint with decapsulation and L2 unicast lookup / flooding	[E-LAN]
End.DTM	uDtm	Endpoint with decapsulation and MPLS table lookup	[Interworking]
H.Insert / H.Encaps	Headend with Insertion / Encapsulation of / into an SRv6 policy		[TiLFA]
H. Encaps.L2	H.Encaps Applied to Received L2 Frames		[L2 Port Mode]
H.Encaps.M	H.Encaps Applied to MPLS Label Stack		[Interworking]

# END- Default endpoint (Node SID)

- *Decrement SL*
- *Copy Active SID*
- *Forward*



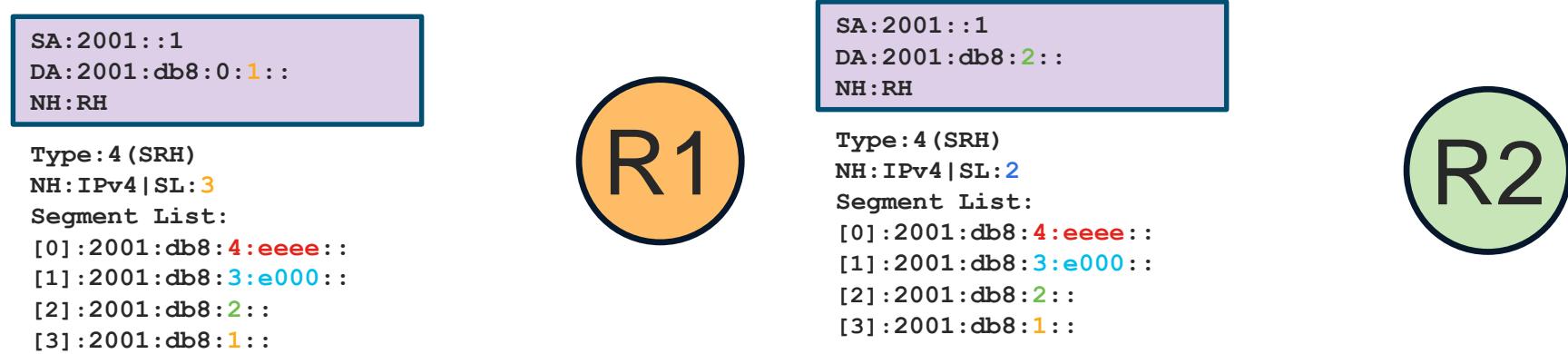
- **Different Flavors:**

- End
- End with PSP
- End with USP
- End with PSP & USP
- End with USD
- End with PSP & USD
- End with USP & USD
- End with PSP, USP & USD

- End with **NEXT**-ONLY-CSID
- End with **NEXT**-CSID
- End with **NEXT**-CSID & PSP
- End with **NEXT**-CSID & USP
- End with **NEXT**-CSID, PSP & USP
- End with **NEXT**-CSID & USD
- End with **NEXT**-CSID, PSP & USD
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# uN=END with Next - Default endpoint (Node SID)

- Decrement SL
- Copy Active SID
- Forward

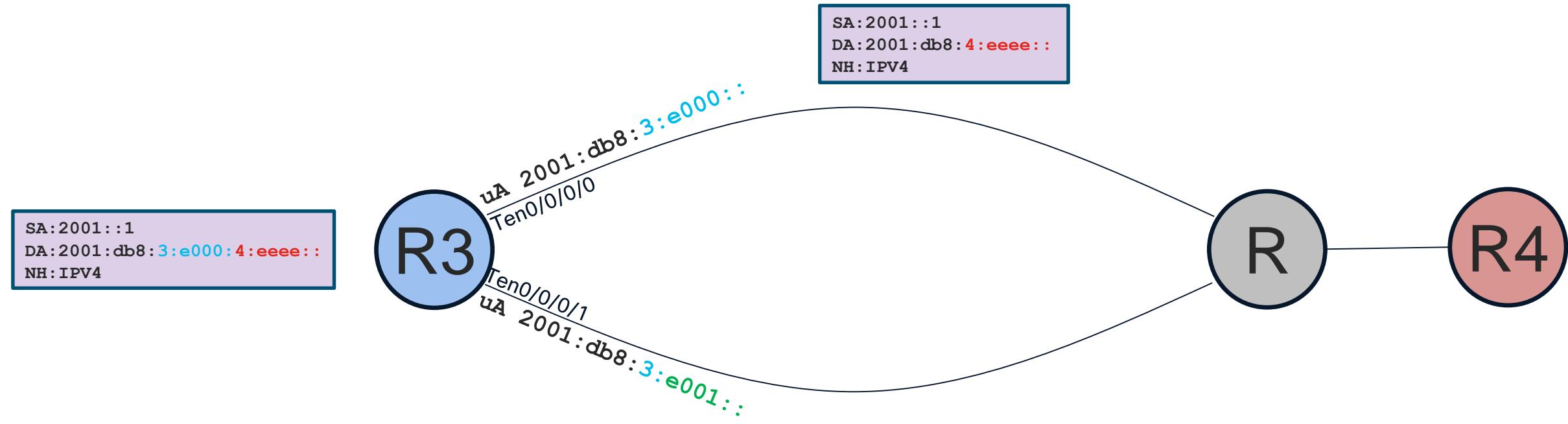


**Better way:**

- Shift & Forward



# uA=END.X with Next - (Adjacency SID)



- Shift & Forward to **SPECIFIC INTERFACE**

# $uDX4=END.DX4$ , $uDX6=END.DX6$ , $uDX2=END.DX2$ Endpoint with Decapsulation and Xconnect

- *Decapsulate and Forward to **SPECIFIC INTERFACE***
- *Same as Per CE Label Allocation*
- *Must be last function in SID list*



# uDT4=END.DT4, uDT6=END.DT6 Endpoint with Decapsulation and Table Lookup

- *Decapsulate and Table Lookup (VRF)*
- ***Same as Per VRF Label Allocation (aggregate label)***
- *Must be last function in SID list*



# Functions might be signaled differently

Signalling	IGP	BGP-LS	BGP-IP/VPN
End, uN	Yes	Yes	
End.X, uA	Yes	Yes	
End.T	Yes	Yes	
End.DX4,uDX4		Yes	Yes
End.DX6,uDX6	Yes	Yes	Yes
End.DX2,uDX2		Yes	Yes
END.DT4,uDT4		Yes	Yes
End.DT6,uDT6	Yes	Yes	Yes
End.B		Yes	

Signalling	IGP	BGP-LS	BGP-IP/VPN
H.insert			Yes
H.Encap			Yes

**Locator – routing table**

# ISIS for SRv6

LSP (Link State Packet):

TLVs:

Hostname: r2

Interfaces: Hu0/0/0/0 uA:fcbb:0:2:e001::  
Structure: BL=32;NL=16;FL=16;AL=0

Hu0/0/0/1 uA:fcbb:0:2:e002::  
Structure: BL=32;NL=16;FL=16;AL=0

Lo0

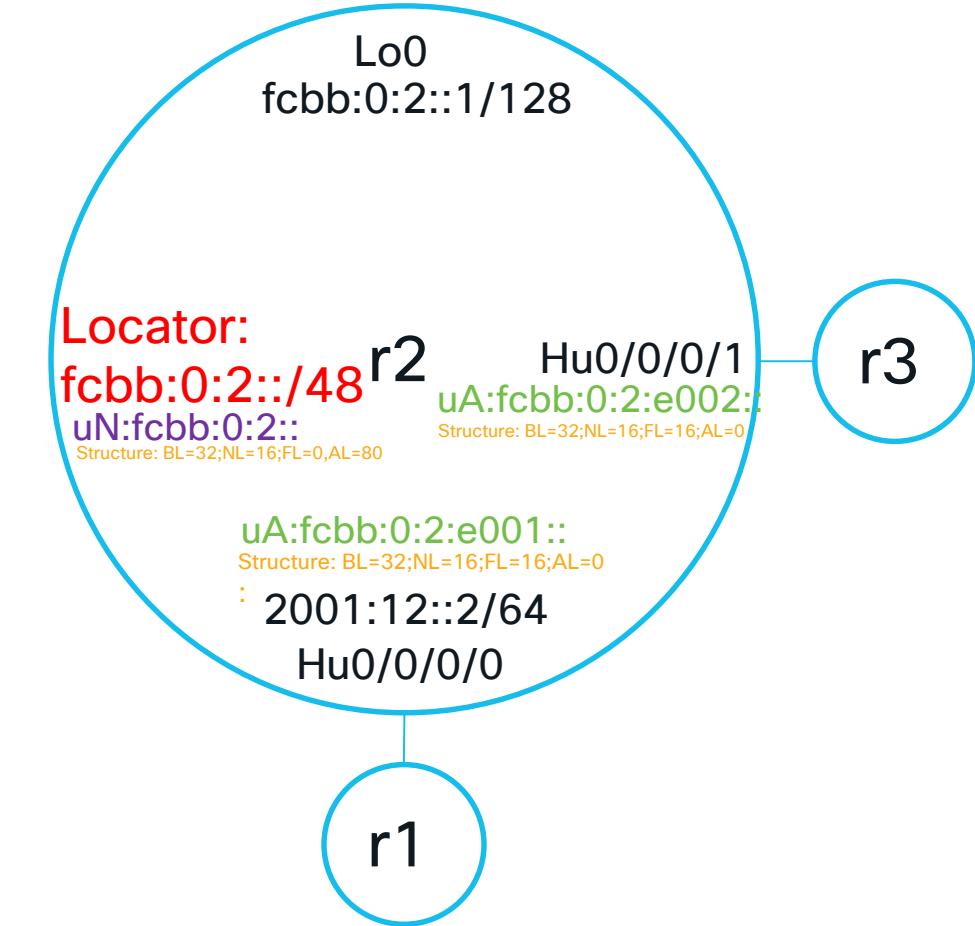
Neighbors: r1

r3

IP addresses: fcbb:0:2::1/128  
2001:12::2/64

Locator:  
**fcbb:0:2::/48**  
**uN:fcbb:0:2::**  
Structure: BL=32;NL=16;FL=0,AL=80

Capabilities:  
Algorithms .....  
SIDs can insert  
SIDs can decap  
.....



# ISIS LSP Example

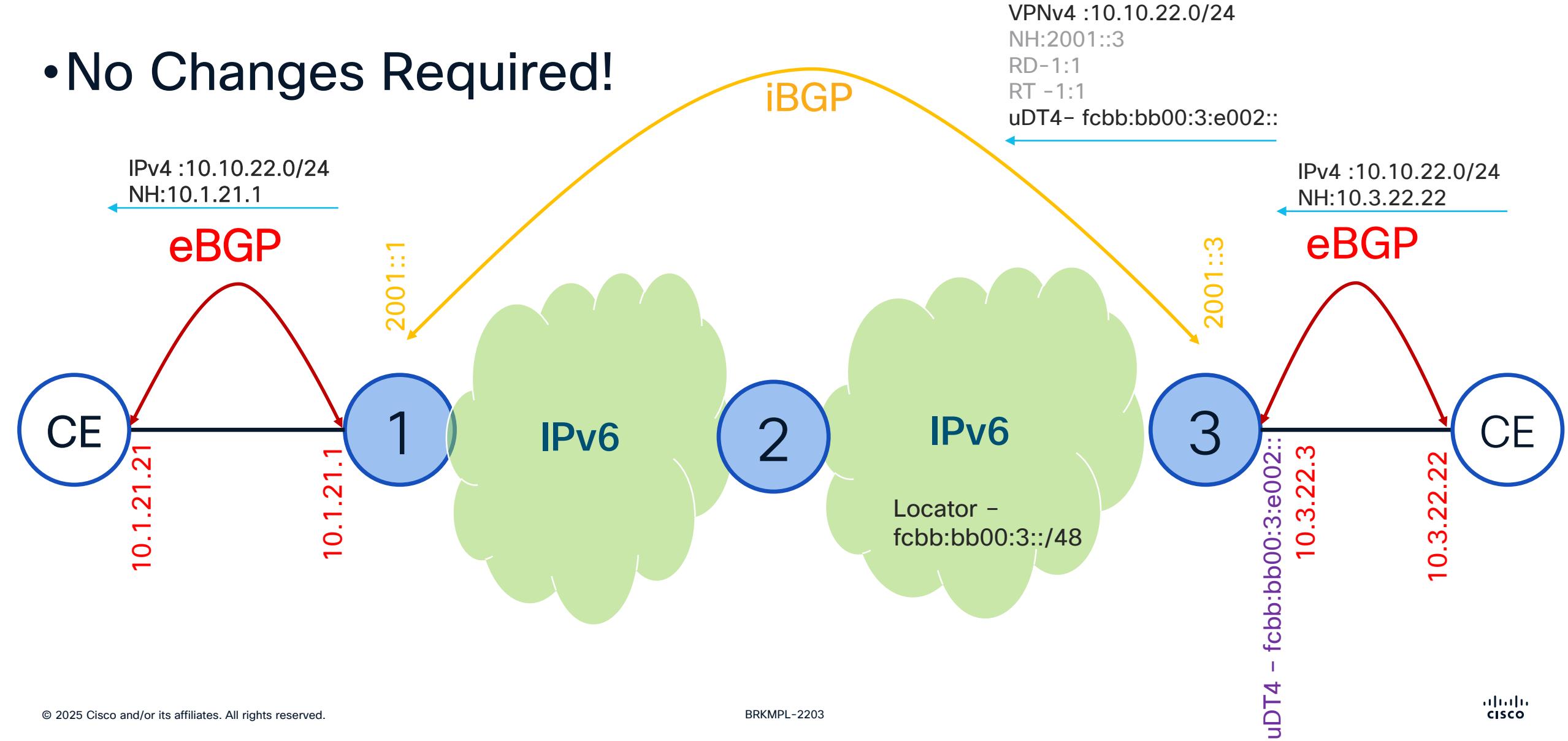
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IS-IS 1 (Level-2) Link State Database
LSPID          LSP Seq Num  LSP Checksum  LSP Holdtime/Rcvd  ATT/P/OI
r2.00-00      0x00000009  0x4f06        1145 /1200       0/0/0

  Area Address: 49
  NLPID:        0x8e
  Hostname:     r1
  IPv6 Address: 2001::2
  Metric: 10      MT (IPv6 Unicast) IPv6 fcbb:bb00:2::1/128
    Prefix Attribute Flags: X:0 R:0 N:1 E:0 A:0
Metric: 1      MT (IPv6 Unicast) IPv6 fcbb:bb00:2::/48
    Prefix Attribute Flags: X:0 R:0 N:0 E:0 A:0
  MT:           IPv6 Unicast                      0/0/0
SRv6 Locator:  MT (IPv6 Unicast) fcbb:bb00:2::/48 D:0 Metric: 0 Algorithm: 0
  Prefix Attribute Flags: X:0 R:0 N:0 E:0 A:0
END SID: fcbb:bb00:2:: un (PSP/USD)
  SID Structure:
    Block Length: 32, Node-ID Length: 16, Func-Length: 0, Args-Length: 0
Router Cap:   0.0.0.0 D:0 S:0
  IPv6 Router ID: 2001::2
  SR Algorithm:
    Algorithm: 0
    Algorithm: 1
  SRv6: O:0
  Node Maximum SID Depth:
    SRH Max SL: 3
    SRH Max End Pop: 3
    SRH Max T.insert: 3
    SRH Max T.encaps: 4
    SRH Max End D: 4
Metric: 10      MT (IPv6 Unicast) IS-Extended r1.00
  Local Interface ID: 6, Remote Interface ID: 6
  Interface IPv6 Address: 2001:12::2
  Neighbor IPv6 Address: 2001:12::1
END.X SID: fcbb:bb00:2:e001:: B:0 S:0 P:0 uA (PSP/USD) Alg:0
  SID Structure:
    Block Length: 32, Node-ID Length: 16, Func-Length: 16, Args-Length: 0
Total Level-2 LSP count: 1      Local Level-2 LSP count: 0
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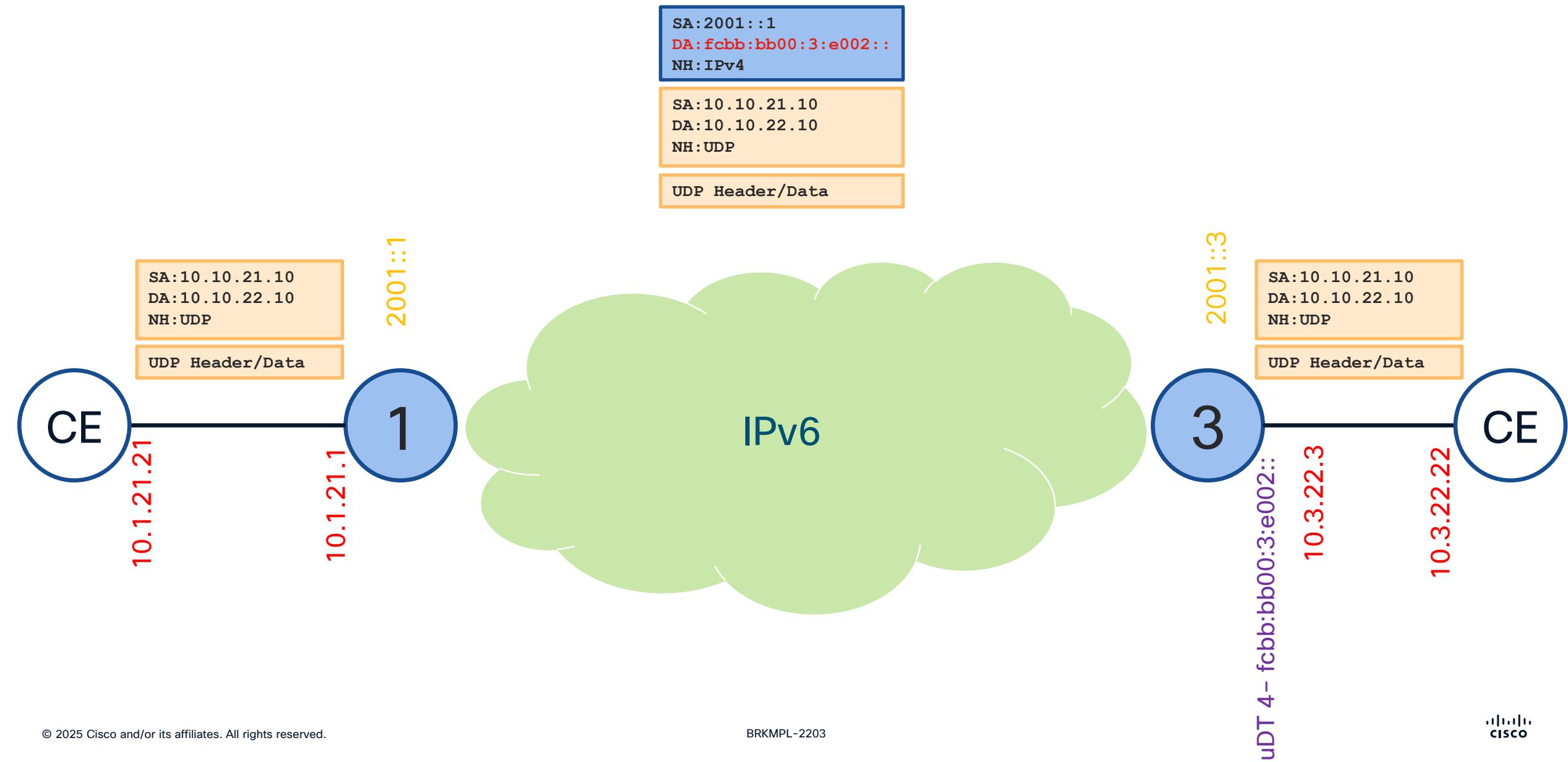
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# BGP

- No Changes Required!

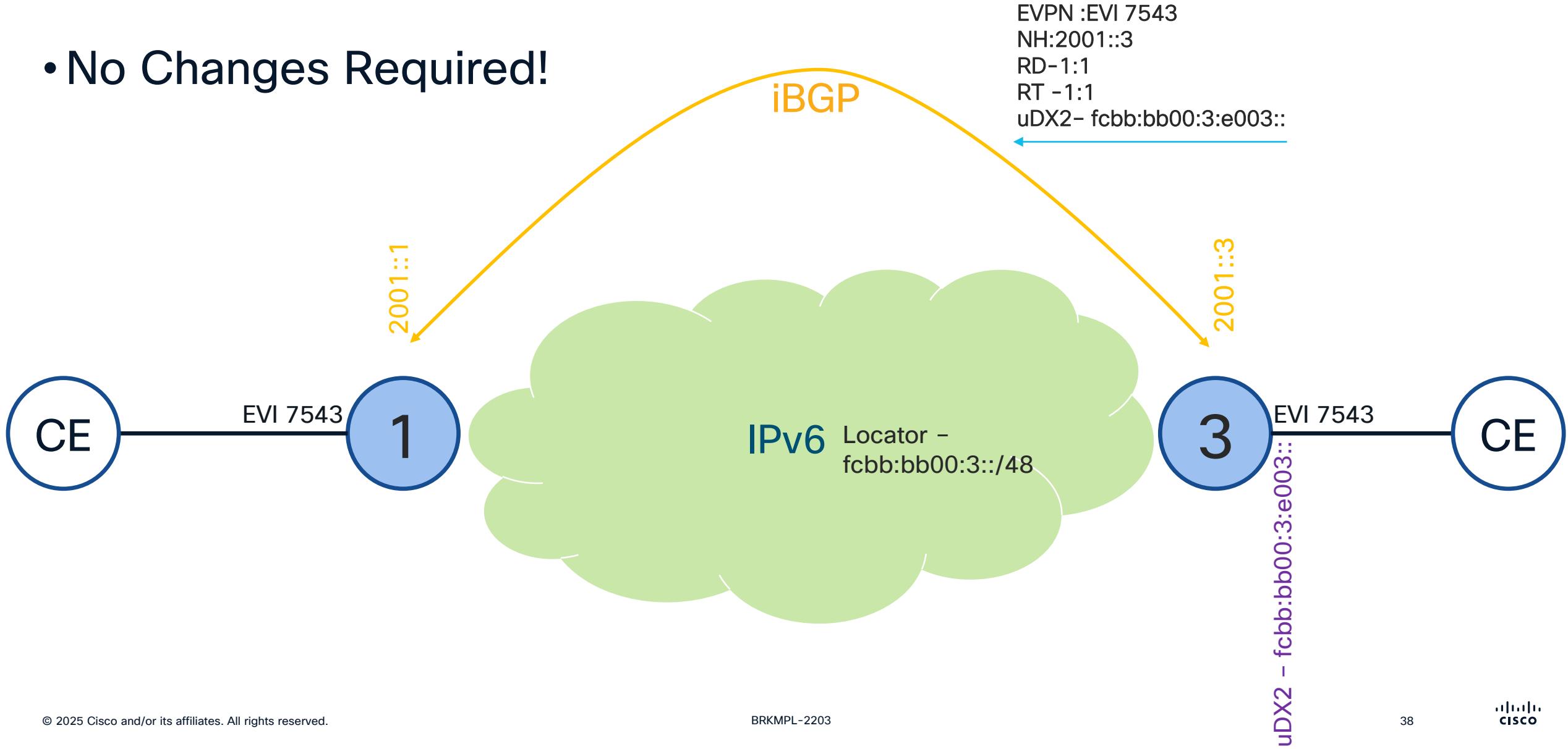


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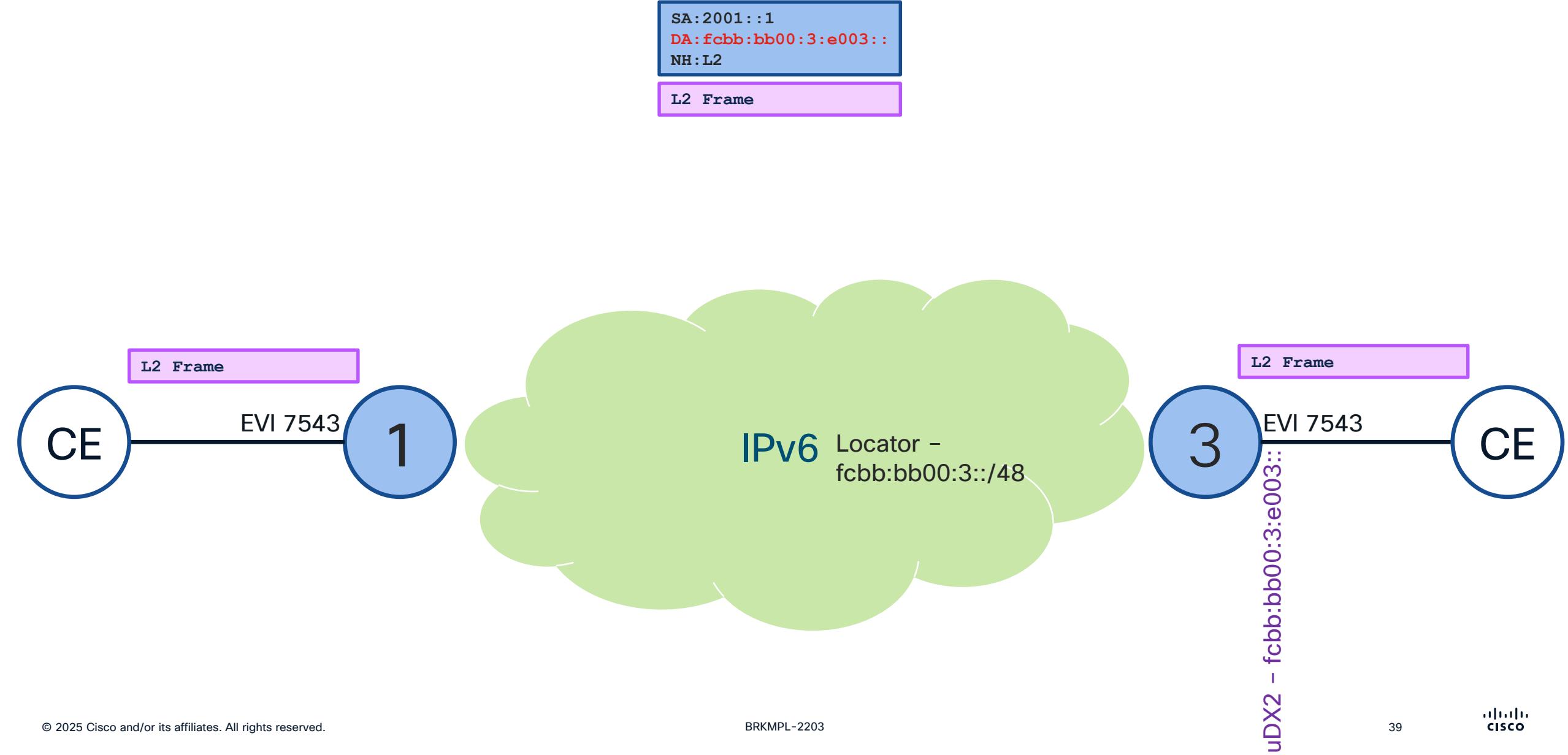


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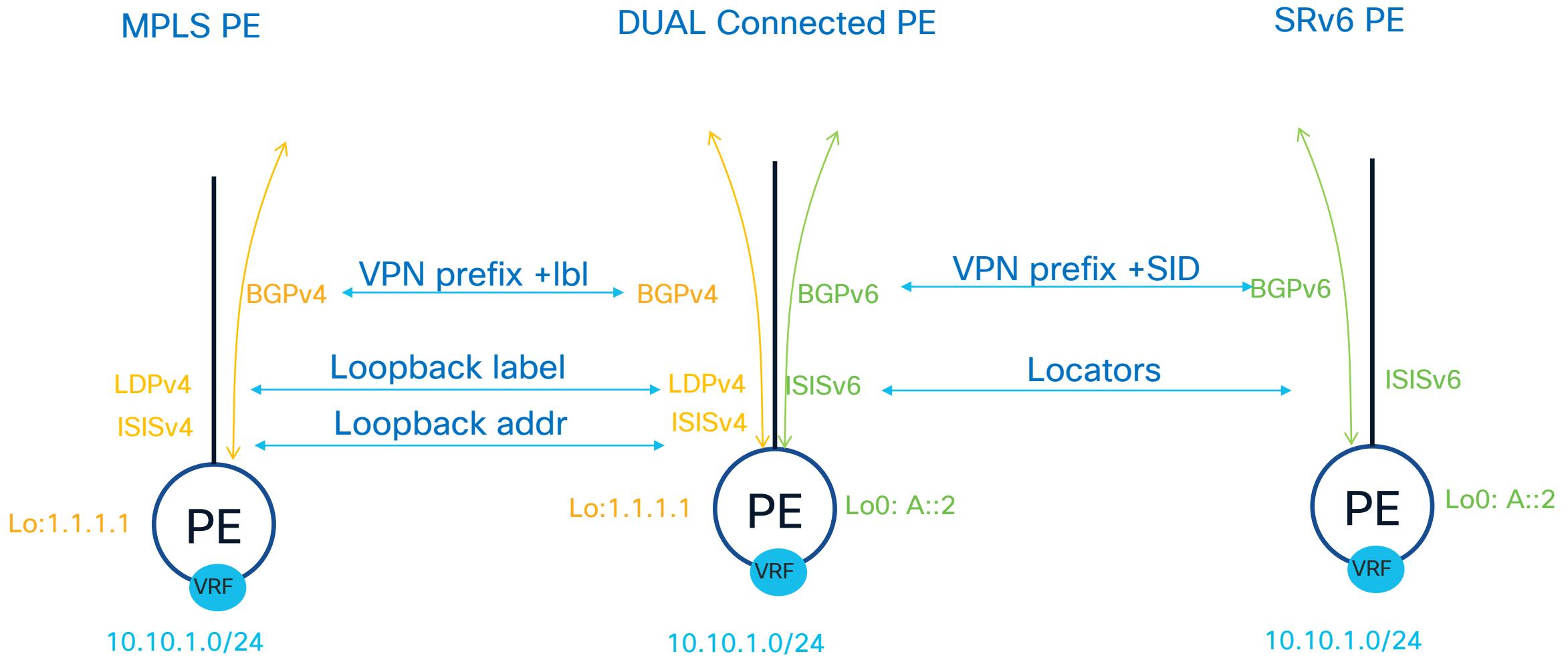


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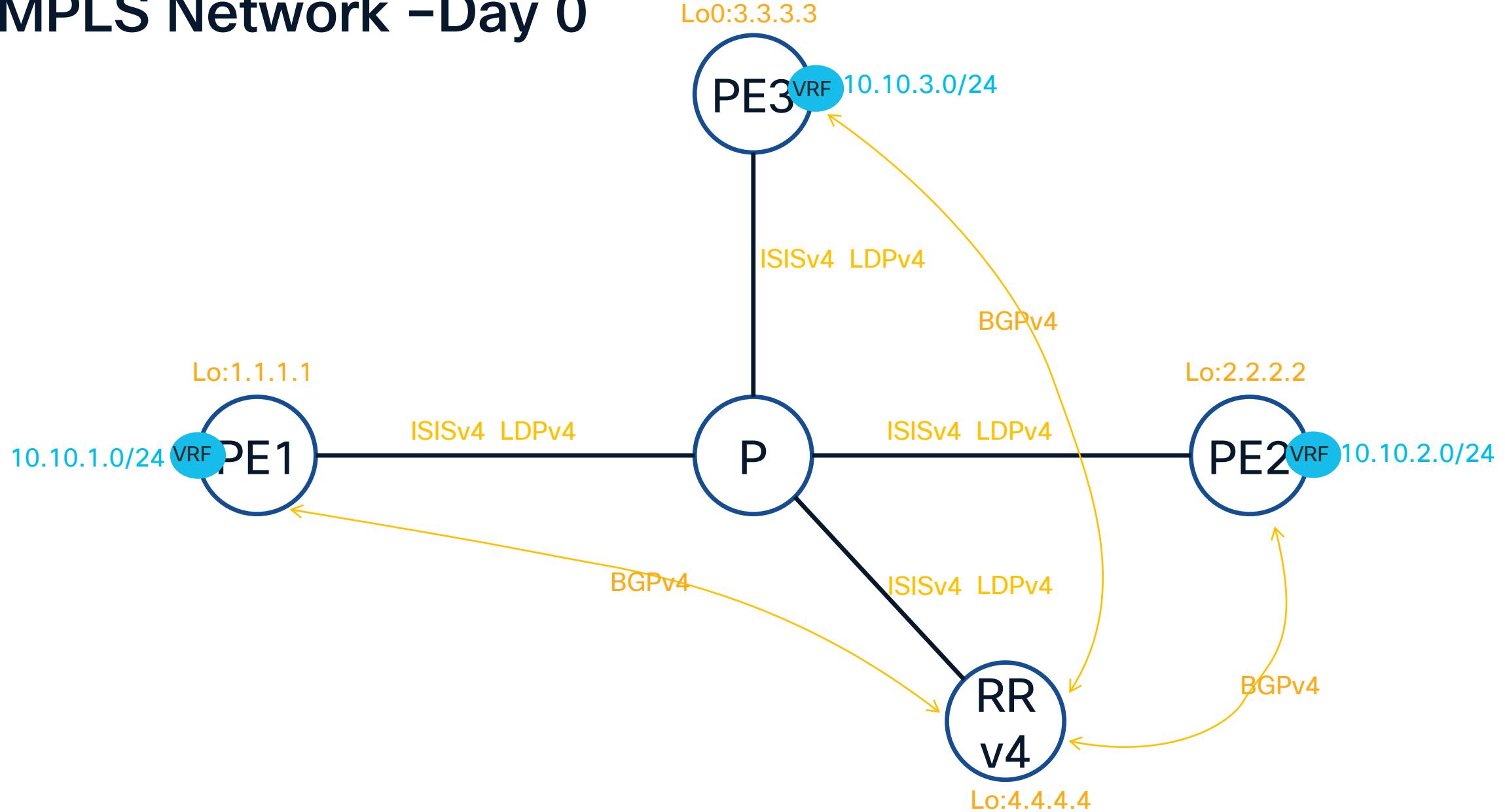


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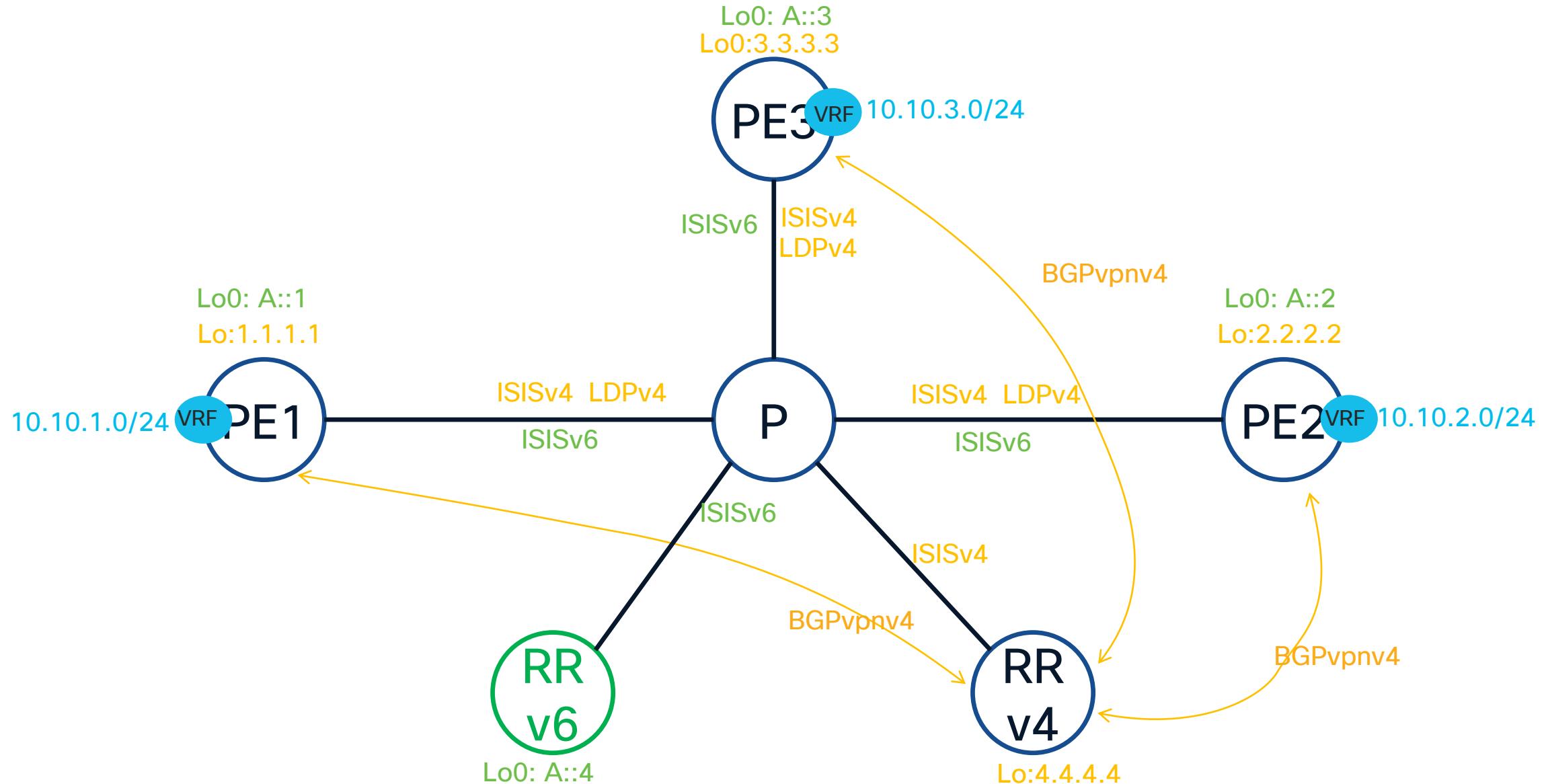
# Dual Connected PE



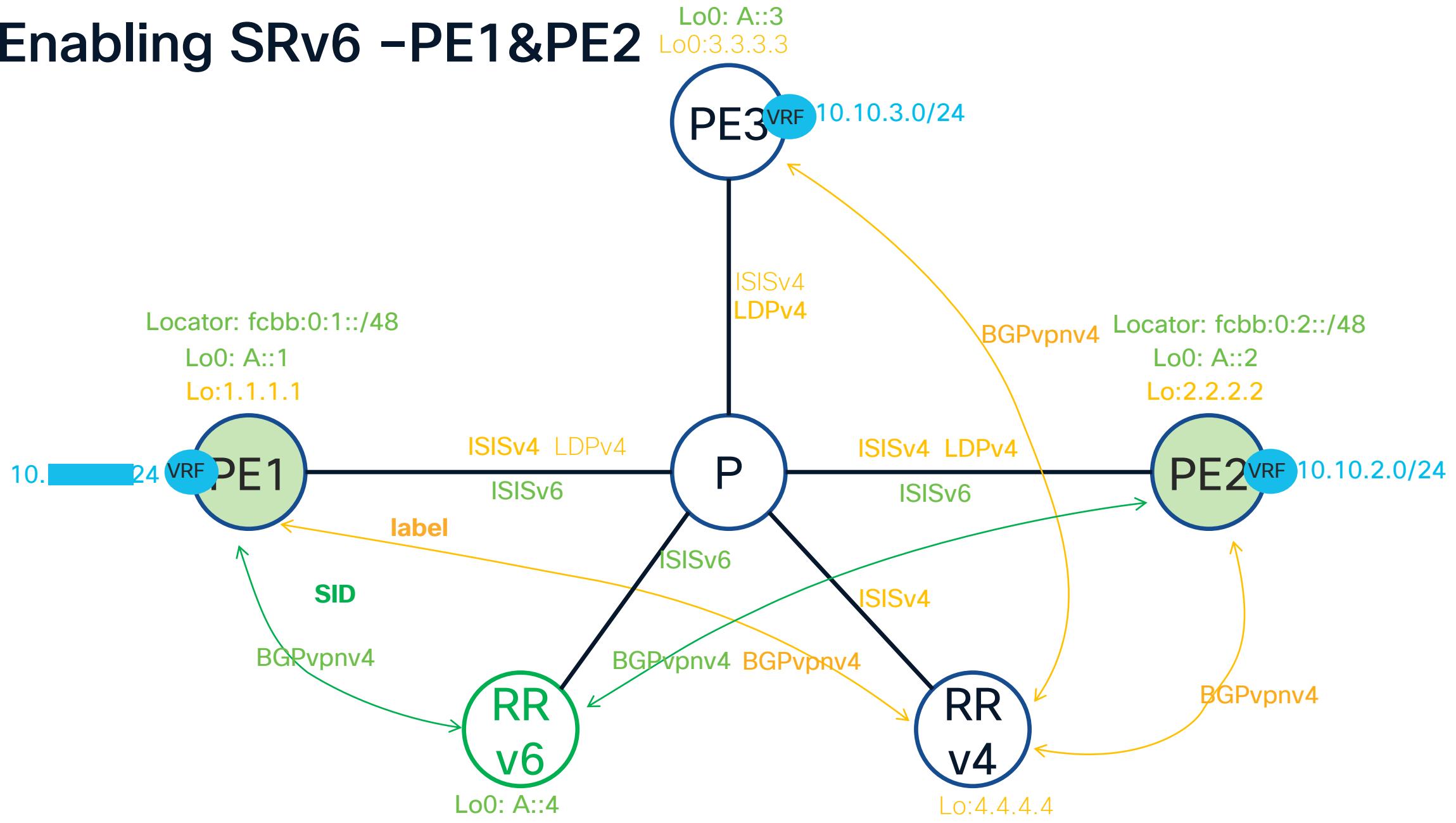
# MPLS Network -Day 0



# Enabling IPv6 Routing- Day 1

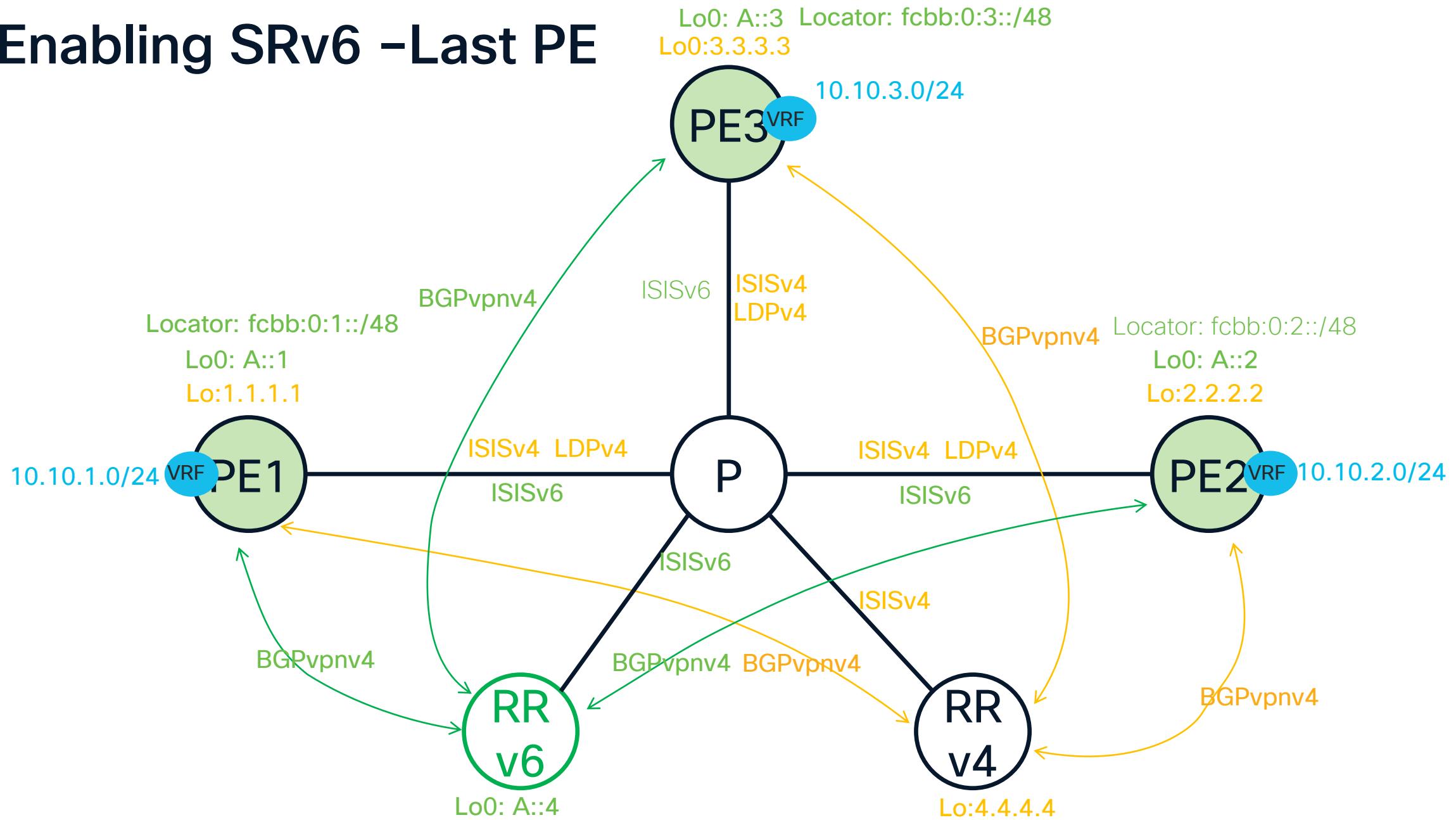


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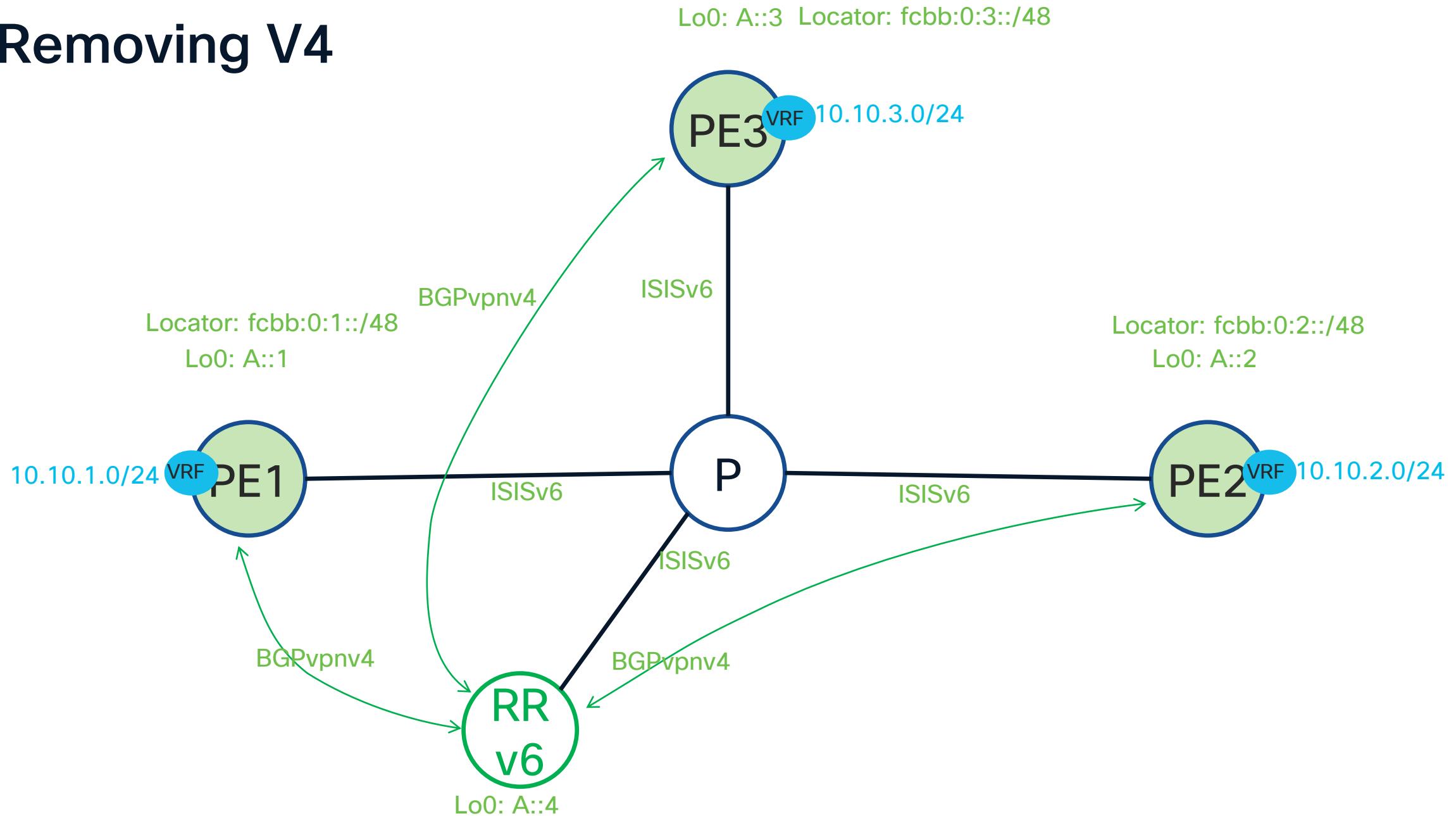


Everything is BGP best path selection driven!! (ie Local Preference)

# Enabling SRv6 -Last PE



# Removing V4



# Conclusion

# SRv6 is Fully Standardized

## Architecture

- SR Architecture – **RFC 8402**
- SRTE Policy Architecture – **RFC 9256**
- Compressed SRv6 Segment List – **WG Draft**

## Data Plane

- SRv6 Network Programming – **RFC 8986**
- IPv6 SR header – **RFC 8754**

## Control Plane

- SRv6 BGP Services – **RFC 9252**
- SRv6 ISIS – **RFC 9352**
- SR Flex-Algo – **RFC 9350**

## Operation & Management

- SRv6 OAM – **RFC 9259**
- Performance Management – **RFC 5357**

Strong Cisco Commitment and Leadership

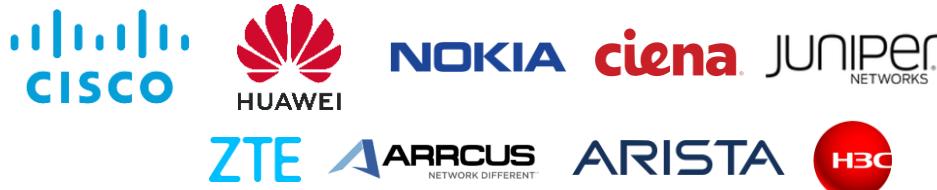
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# Rich SRv6 uSID Ecosystem

## Open-Source Networking Stacks

### Network Equipment Manufacturers



### Merchant Silicon



### Open-Source Applications



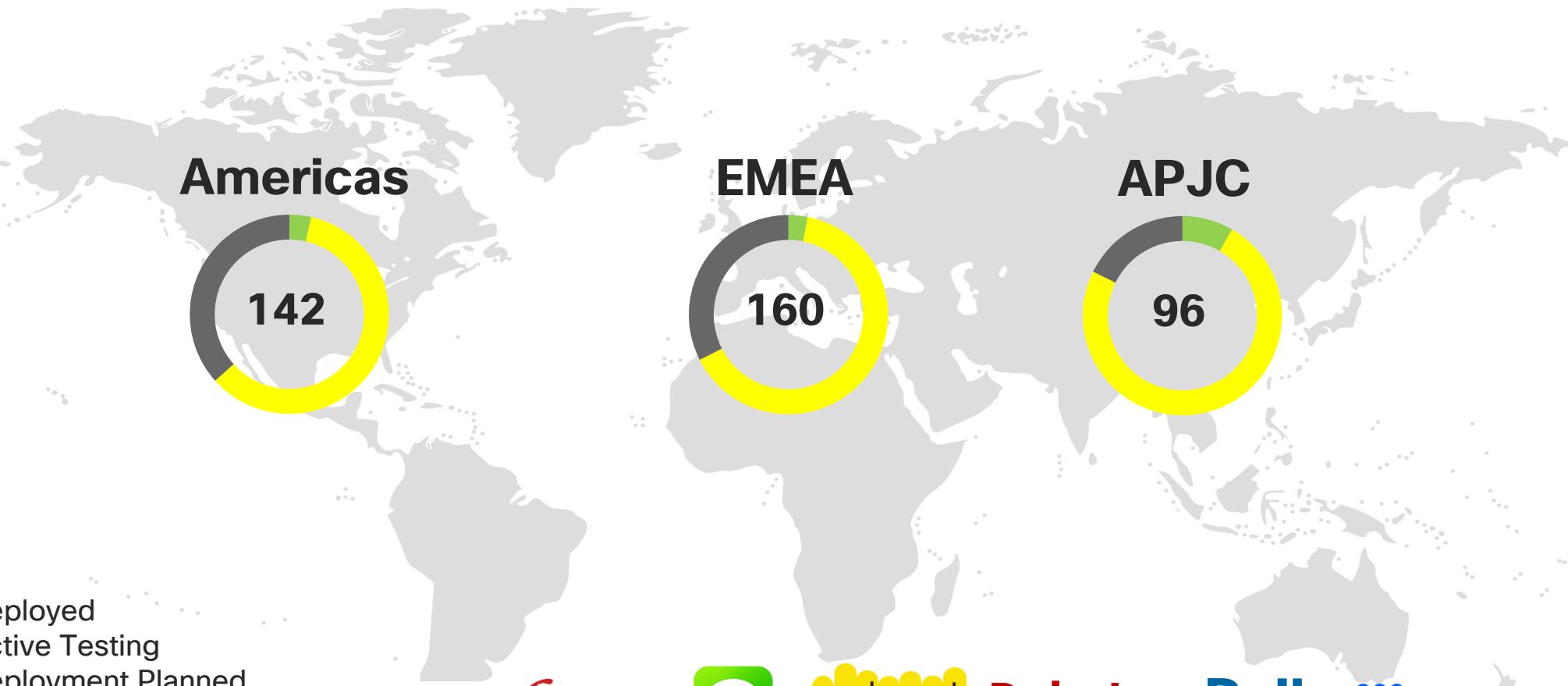
### Smart NIC



### Partners



# SRv6 ... at Record-Speed



- Deployed
- Active Testing
- Deployment Planned

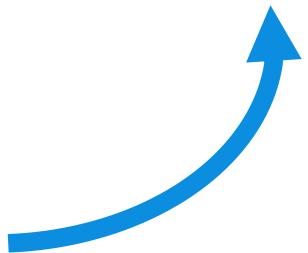


# Simplicity Always Prevails

~~LDP~~  
~~RSVP-TE~~  
~~BGP 3107~~  
~~MPLS~~  
~~UDP/VxLAN~~  
~~NSH~~



Furthermore, with more and functionality scale



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