Cryptography and Network Security Chapter 16

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Chapter 16 – IP Security

If a secret piece of news is divulged by a spy before the time is ripe, he must be put to death, together with the man to whom the secret was told.

—*The Art of War*, Sun Tzu

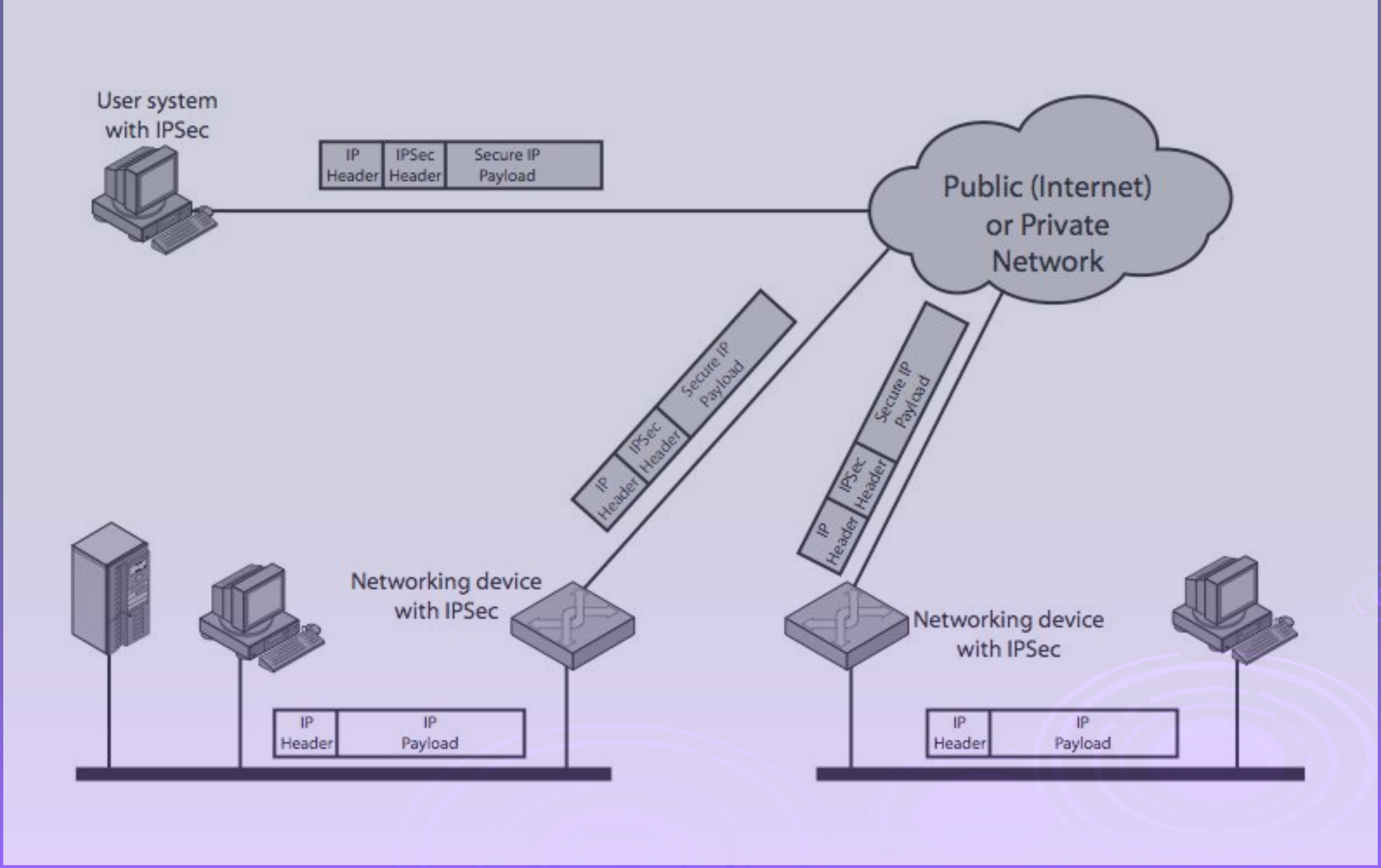
IP Security

- have a range of application specific security mechanisms
  - eg. S/MIME, PGP, Kerberos, SSL/HTTPS
- however there are security concerns that cut across protocol layers
- would like security implemented by the network for all applications

IPSec

- general IP Security mechanisms
- provides
  - authentication
  - confidentiality
  - key management
- applicable to use over LANs, across public & private WANs, & for the Internet

IPSec Uses


User system with IPSec
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Benefits of IPSec

- in a firewall/router provides strong security to all traffic crossing the perimeter
- in a firewall/router is resistant to bypass
- is below transport layer, hence transparent to applications
- can be transparent to end users
- can provide security for individual users
- secures routing architecture

IP Security Architecture

- specification is quite complex
- defined in numerous RFC’s
  - incl. RFC 2401/2402/2406/2408
  - many others, grouped by category
- mandatory in IPv6, optional in IPv4
- have two security header extensions:
  - Authentication Header (AH)
  - Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

IPSec Services

- Access control
- Connectionless integrity
- Data origin authentication
- Rejection of replayed packets
  - a form of partial sequence integrity
- Confidentiality (encryption)
- Limited traffic flow confidentiality

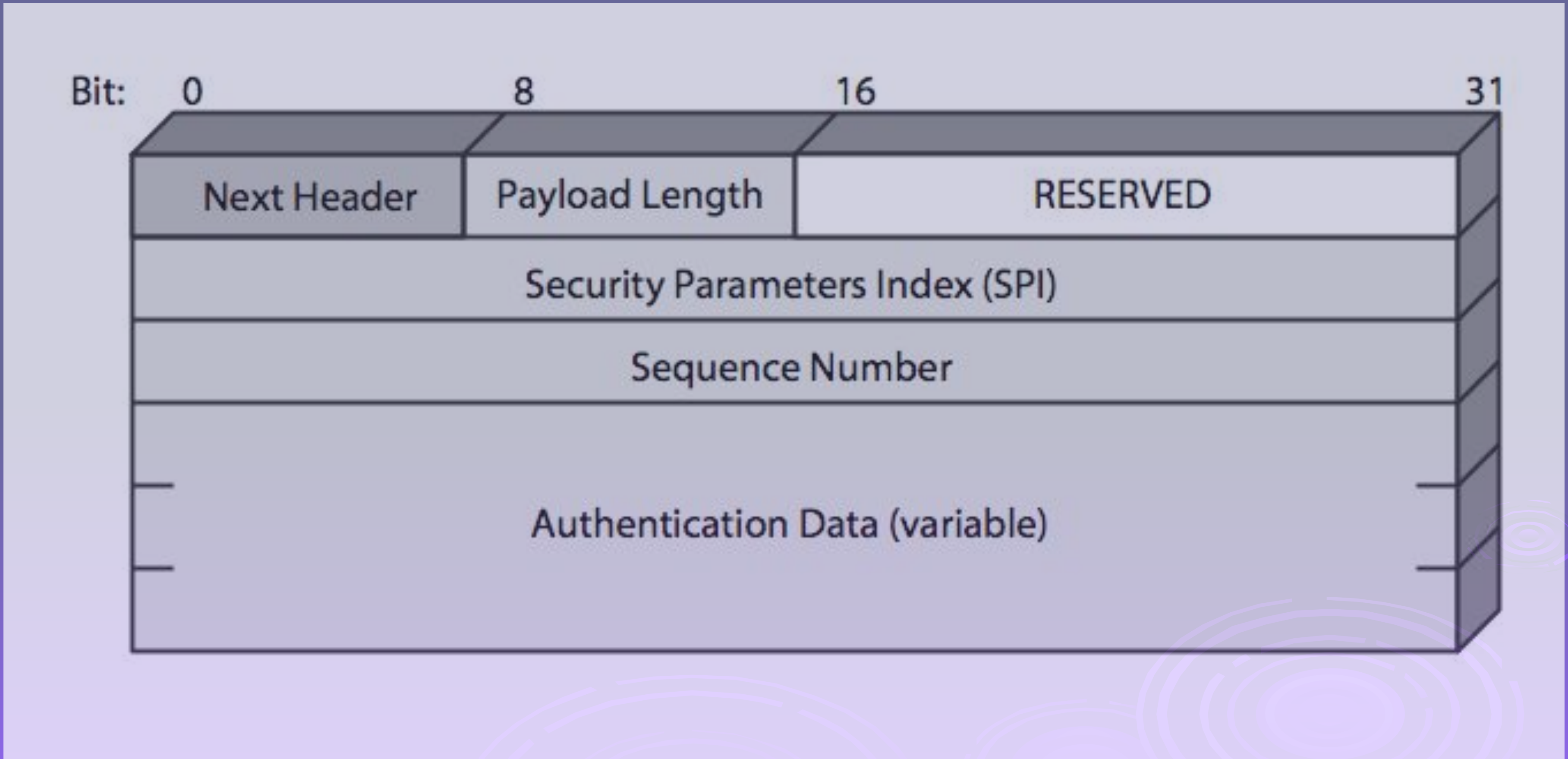
Security Associations

- a one-way relationship between sender & receiver that affords security for traffic flow
- defined by 3 parameters:
  - Security Parameters Index (SPI)
  - IP Destination Address
  - Security Protocol Identifier
- has a number of other parameters
  - seq no, AH & EH info, lifetime etc
- have a database of Security Associations

Authentication Header (AH)

- provides support for data integrity & authentication of IP packets
  - end system/router can authenticate user/app
  - prevents address spoofing attacks by tracking sequence numbers
- based on use of a MAC
  - HMAC-MD5-96 or HMAC-SHA-1-96
- parties must share a secret key

Authentication Header



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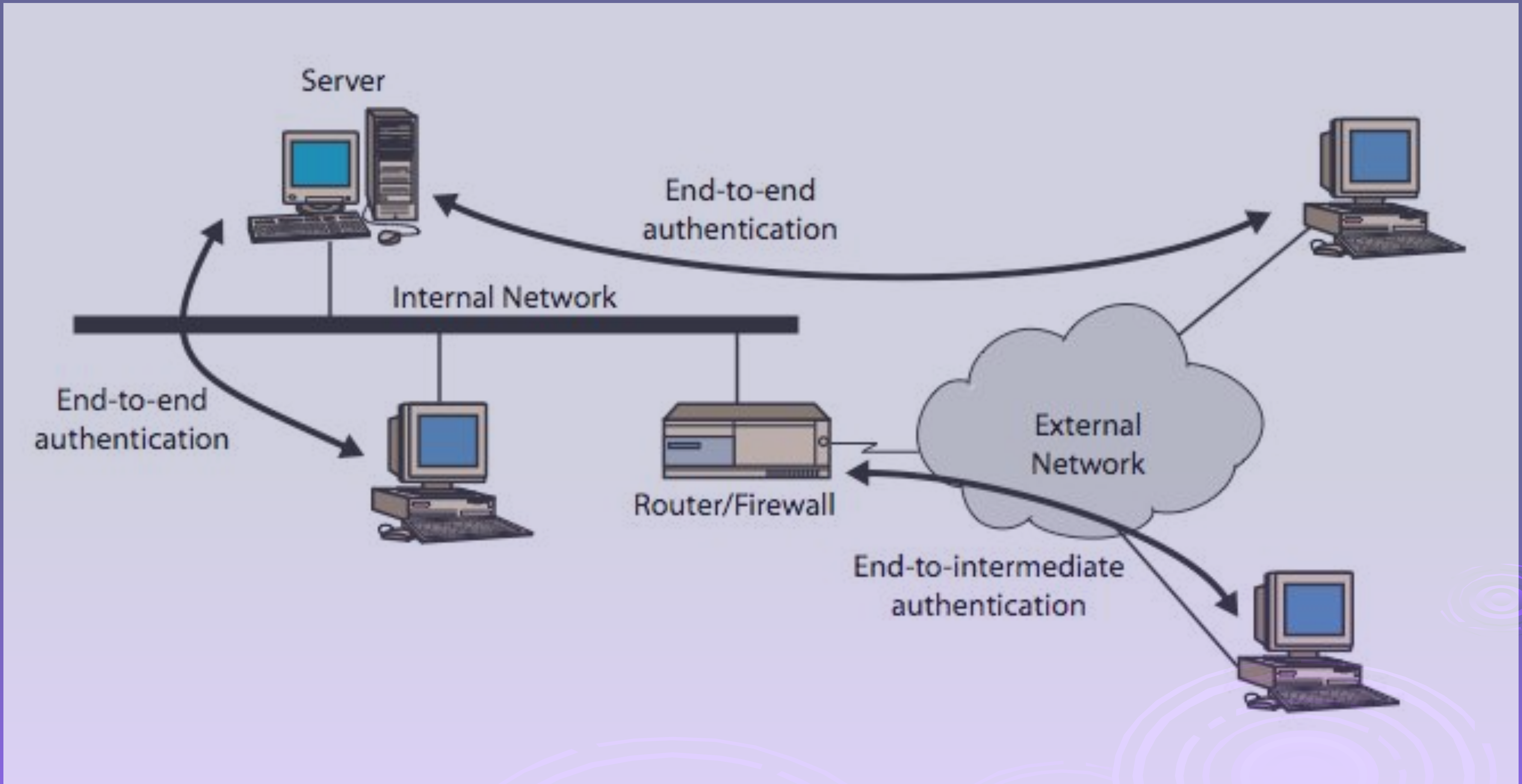
Next Header	Payload Length	RESERVED
Security Parameters Index (SPI)		
Sequence Number		
Authentication Data (variable)		

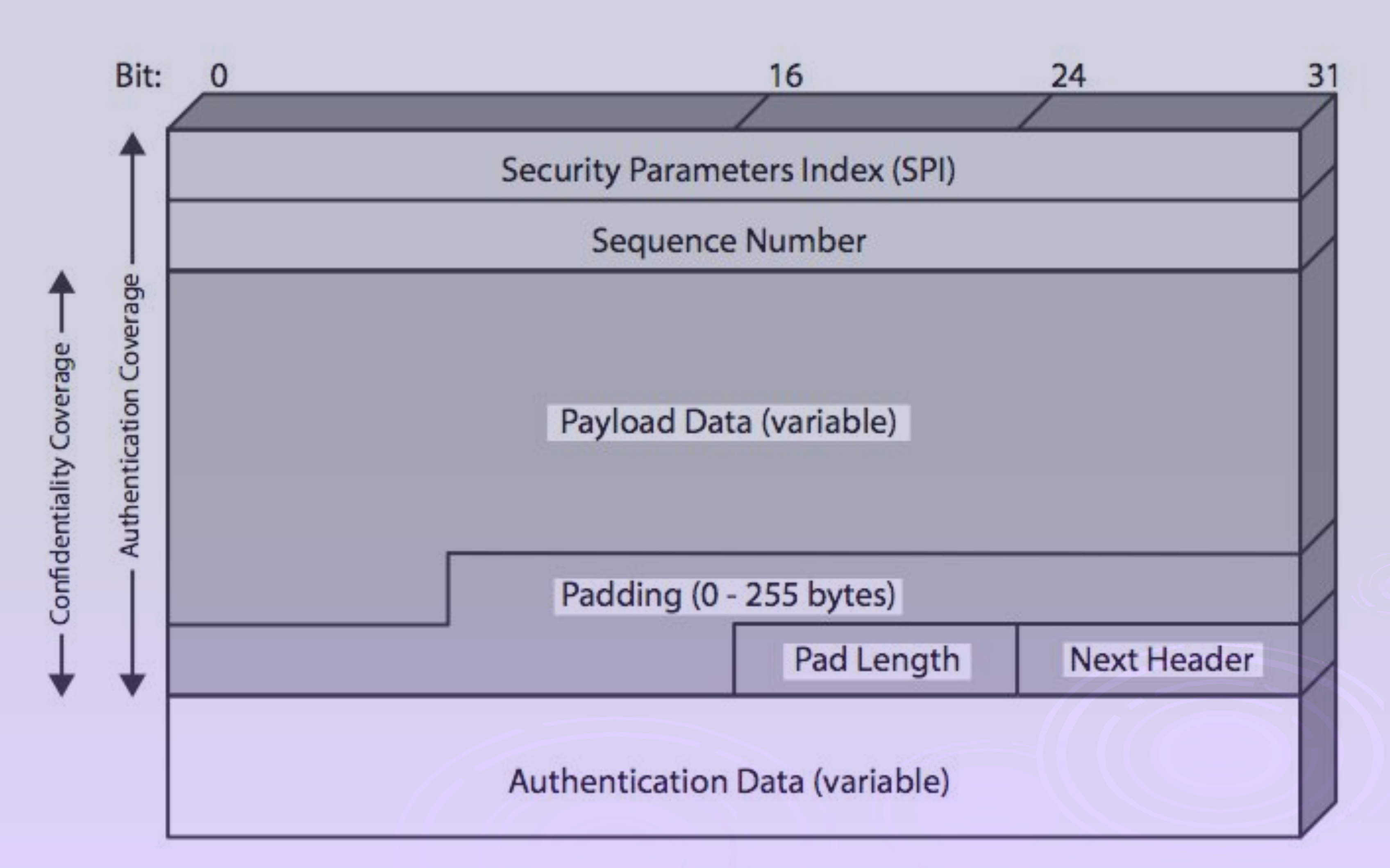
Transport & Tunnel Modes



Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

- provides message content confidentiality & limited traffic flow confidentiality
- can optionally provide the same authentication services as AH
- supports range of ciphers, modes, padding
  - incl. DES, Triple-DES, RC5, IDEA, CAST etc
  - CBC & other modes
  - padding needed to fill blocksize, fields, for traffic flow

Encapsulating Security Payload



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Security Parameters Index (SPI)

Sequence Number

Payload Data (variable)

Padding (0 - 255 bytes)

Pad Length

Next Header

Authentication Data (variable)

Confidentiality Coverage

Authentication Coverage

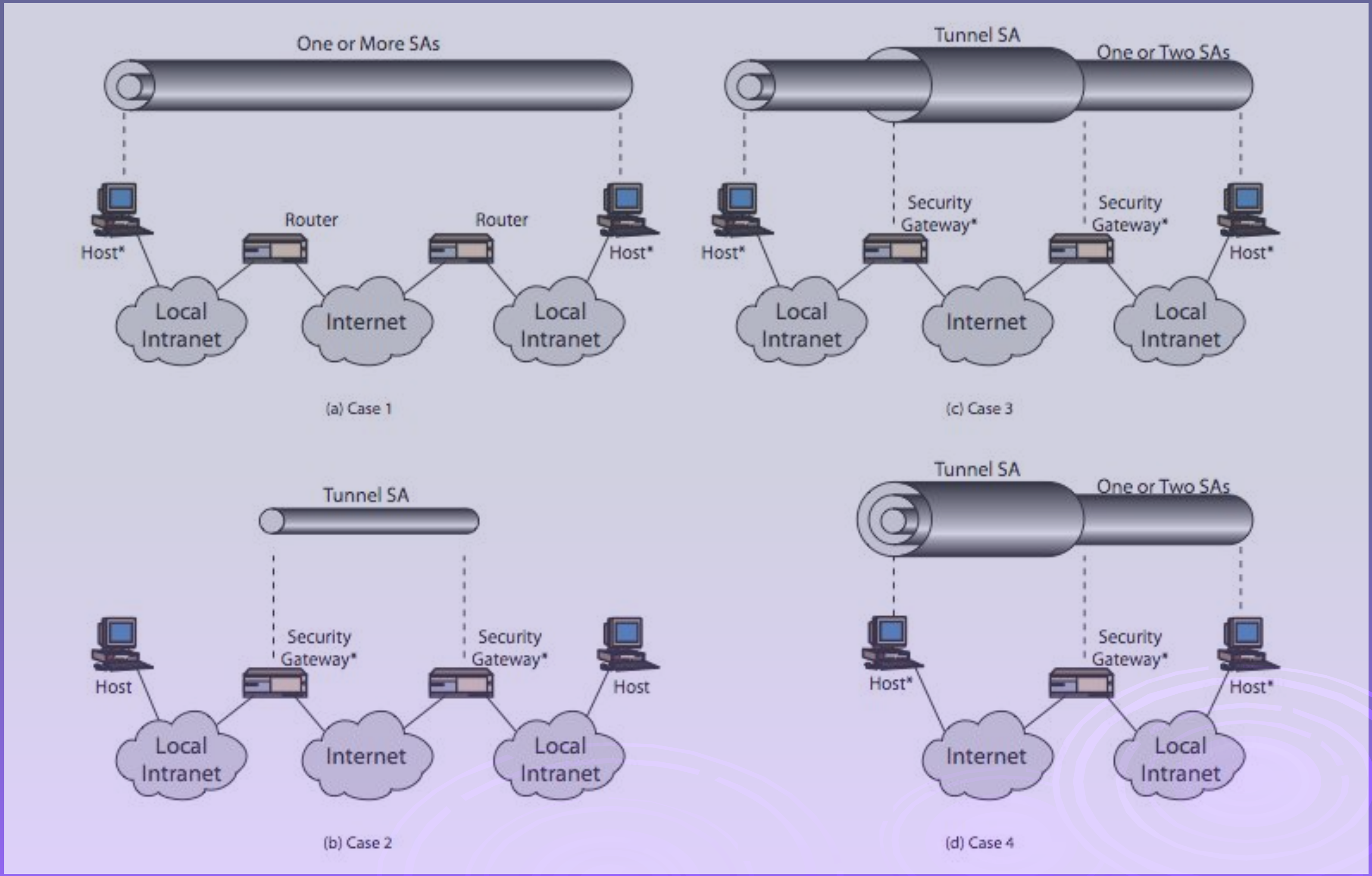
Transport vs Tunnel Mode ESP

- transport mode is used to encrypt & optionally authenticate IP data
  - data protected but header left in clear
  - can do traffic analysis but is efficient
  - good for ESP host to host traffic
- tunnel mode encrypts entire IP packet
  - add new header for next hop
  - good for VPNs, gateway to gateway security

Combining Security Associations

- SA's can implement either AH or ESP
- to implement both need to combine SA's
  - form a security association bundle
  - may terminate at different or same endpoints
  - combined by
    - transport adjacency
    - iterated tunneling
- issue of authentication & encryption order

Combining Security Associations



Key Management

- handles key generation & distribution
- typically need 2 pairs of keys
    - 2 per direction for AH & ESP
- manual key management
    - sysadmin manually configures every system
- automated key management
    - automated system for on demand creation of keys for SA’s in large systems
    - has Oakley & ISAKMP elements

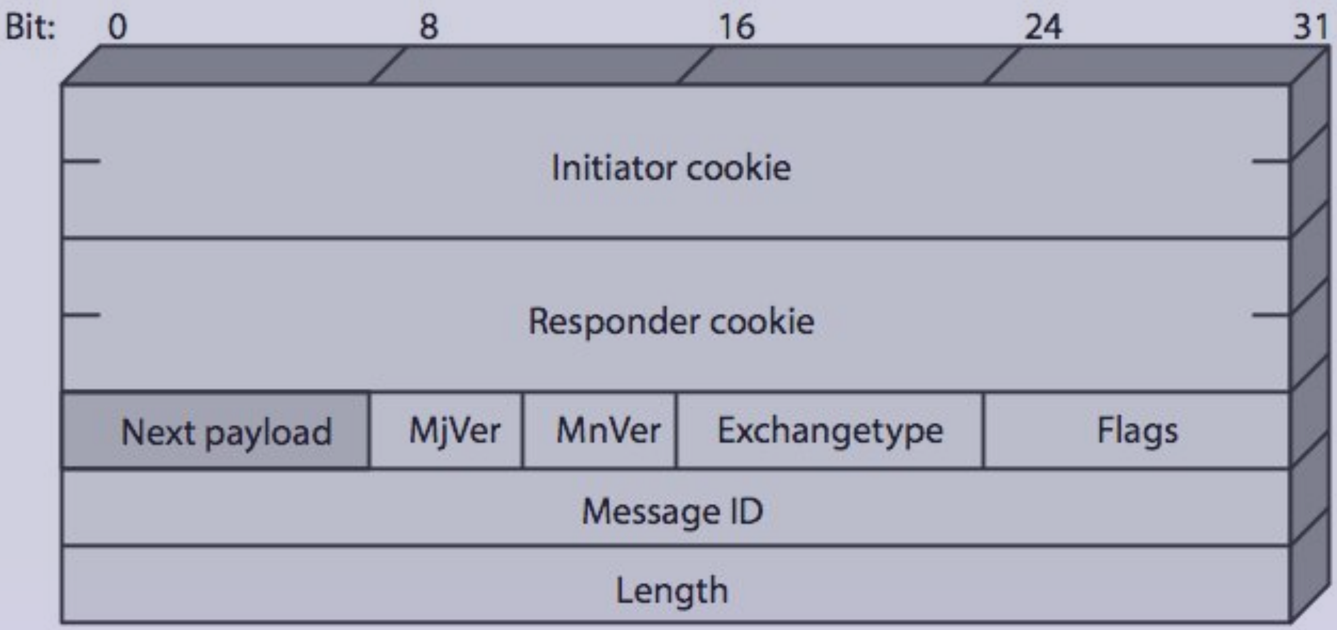
Oakley

- a key exchange protocol
- based on Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- adds features to address weaknesses
  - cookies, groups (global params), nonces, DH key exchange with authentication
- can use arithmetic in prime fields or elliptic curve fields

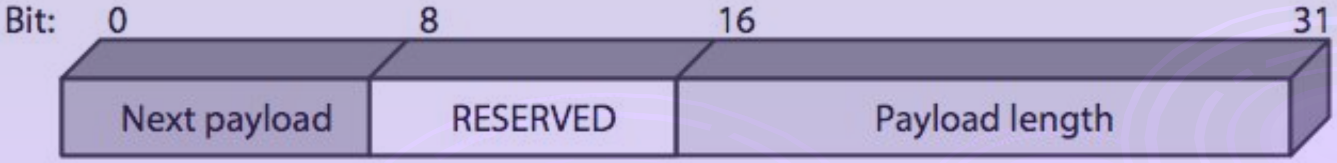
ISAKMP

- Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol
- provides framework for key management
- defines procedures and packet formats to establish, negotiate, modify, & delete SAs
- independent of key exchange protocol, encryption alg, & authentication method

ISAKMP



(a) ISAKMP Header



(b) Generic Payload Header

ISAKMP Payloads & Exchanges

- have a number of ISAKMP payload types:
  - Security, Proposal, Transform, Key, Identification, Certificate, Certificate, Hash, Signature, Nonce, Notification, Delete
- ISAKMP has framework for 5 types of message exchanges:
  - base, identity protection, authentication only, aggressive, informational

Summary

- have considered:
  - IPSec security framework
  - AH
  - ESP
  - key management & Oakley/ISAKMP