



Connect IPv4 Islands over IPv6 Core (4PE)

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Motivation for 4PE Document

IETF standard exists for connecting IPv6 islands over an IPv4 core (**RFC 4798**), however a standard does **NOT exist** for connecting IPv4 islands over an IPv6 core.

This draft provides informational document for connecting **IPv4 islands over an IPv6 core**.

As operators migrate to a single protocol IPv6-Only core per RFC 5565 **Softwire Mesh Framework** which involves **6to4 tunnel** of IPv6 packets over an IPv4 core called “**6PE**”, and now with this draft **4to6 tunnel** of IPv4 packets over an IPv6 core now called “**4PE**”.

The name “**6PE**” termed to define the tunneling of **IPv6 labeled packets** over an **IPv4 core** and now the name “**4PE**” is termed to define the tunneling of **IPv4 labeled packets** over an **IPv6 core**.



Recap of 4PE

- 4PE routers exchange IPv4 reachability **transparently tunneled** over an IPv6 core using MP-BGP IPv6 RFC 2545 using the BGP next hop field to convey the IPv6 address of the 4PE router so that the dynamically established **IPv6 signaled MPLS LSP** can be utilized without explicit tunnel configuration. (**Signal Topmost transport label LSP**)
- 4PE uses RFC 8950 for the **16 or 32 byte next hop** encoding.
- Ingress & Egress 4PE routers have the option to **bind a label to all the IPv4 prefixes** per RFC 8277 BGP-LU, **2 Level label stack, single PE-PE LSP label with all customer prefixes unlabeled, per CE label table interface LSP with customer prefixes unlabeled.**
- 4PE provides a lot more flexibility to the network designers than its 6PE predecessor.
- 4PE design supports RFC 4364 Inter AS Option A, B, C, AB.
- 4PE design supports MPLS, SR-MPLS & SRv6 data planes.



Updates

- Added terminology section referring to “IPv6-Only Network” as all 3 transports supported being referred to in the document for MPLS, SR-MPLS and SRv6
- Made the draft much more readable
- Simplified the verbiage to make easier to follow
- Cleaned up any topographical or grammatical errors in the draft

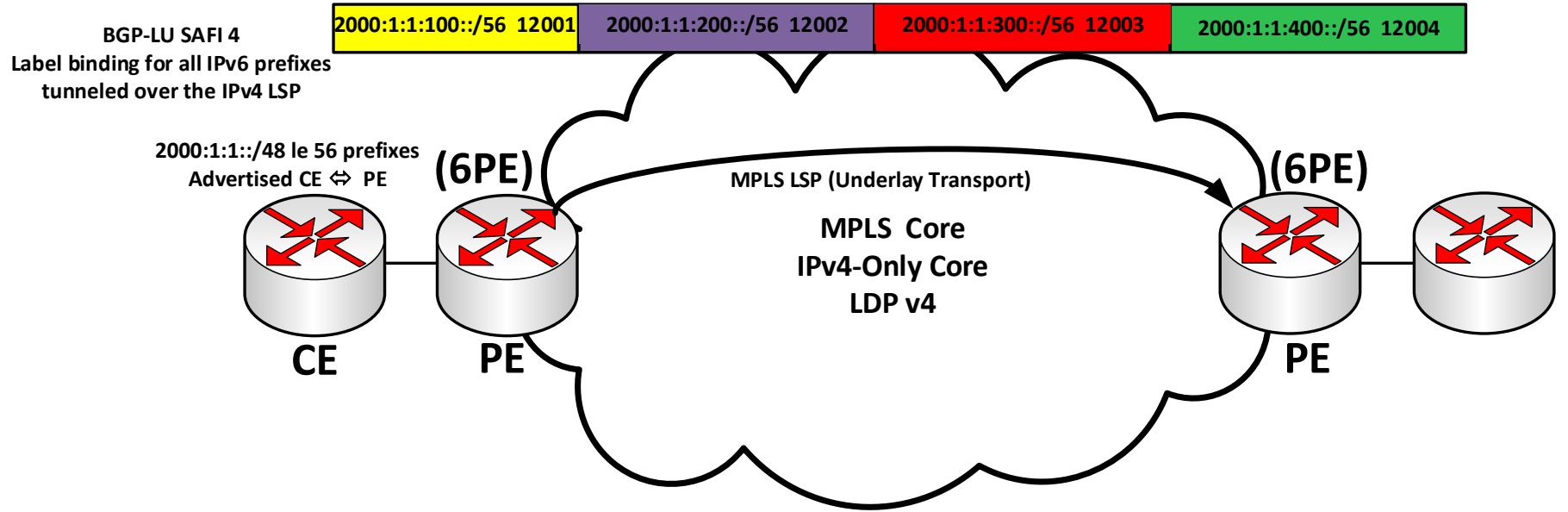


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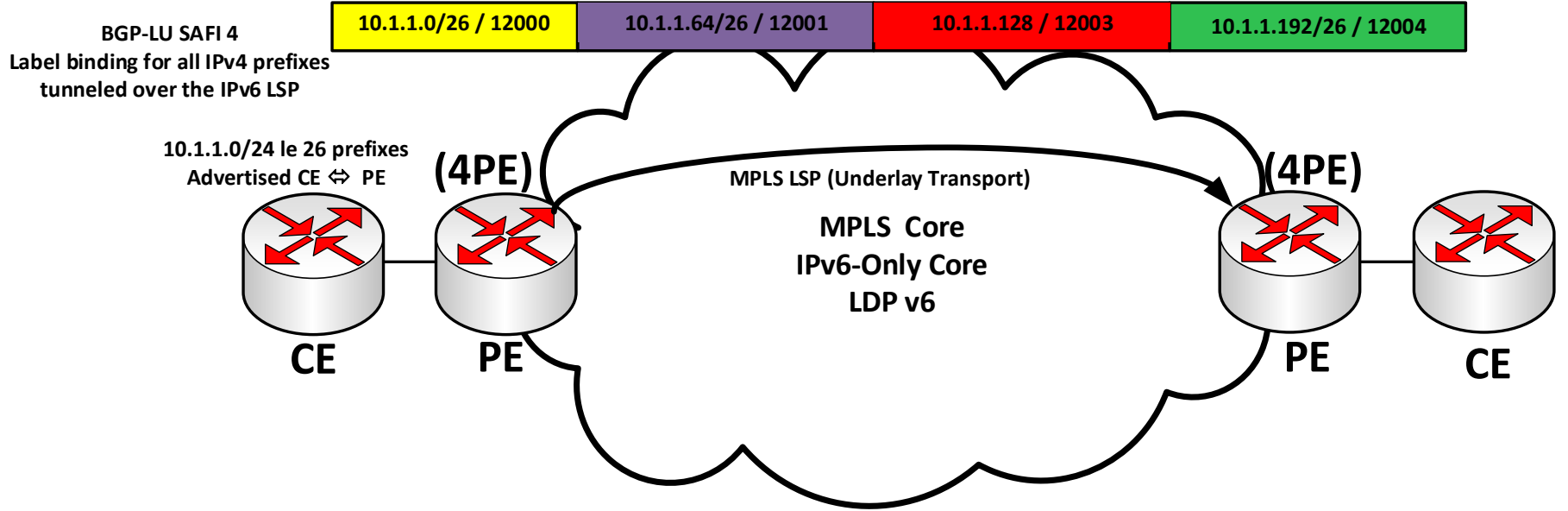
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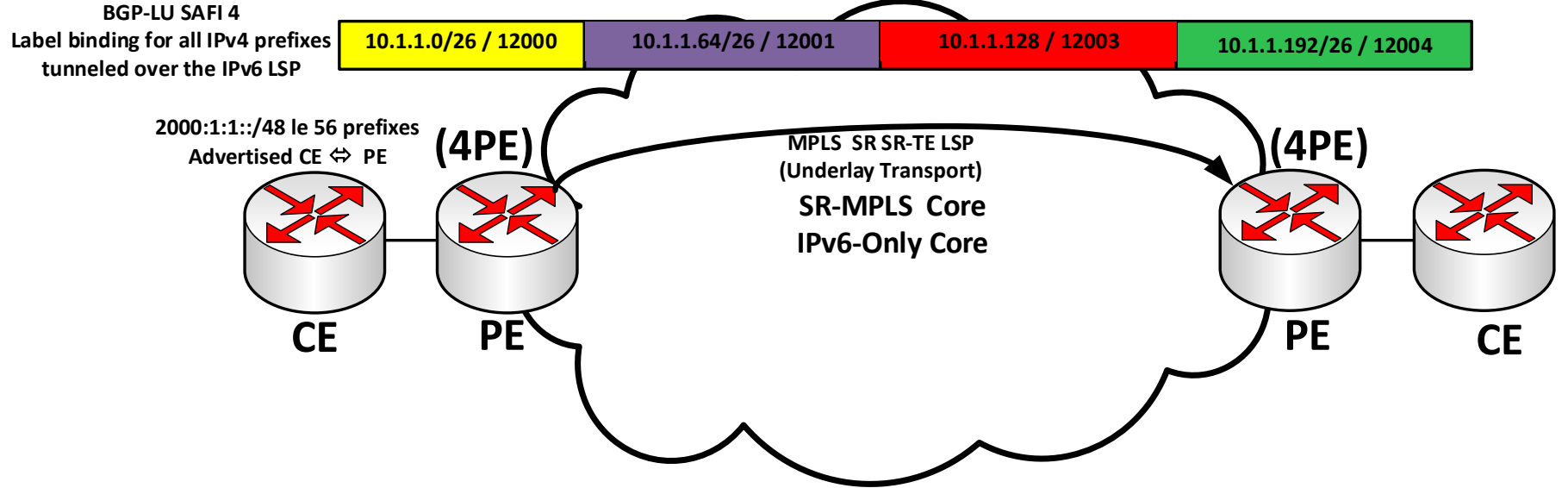
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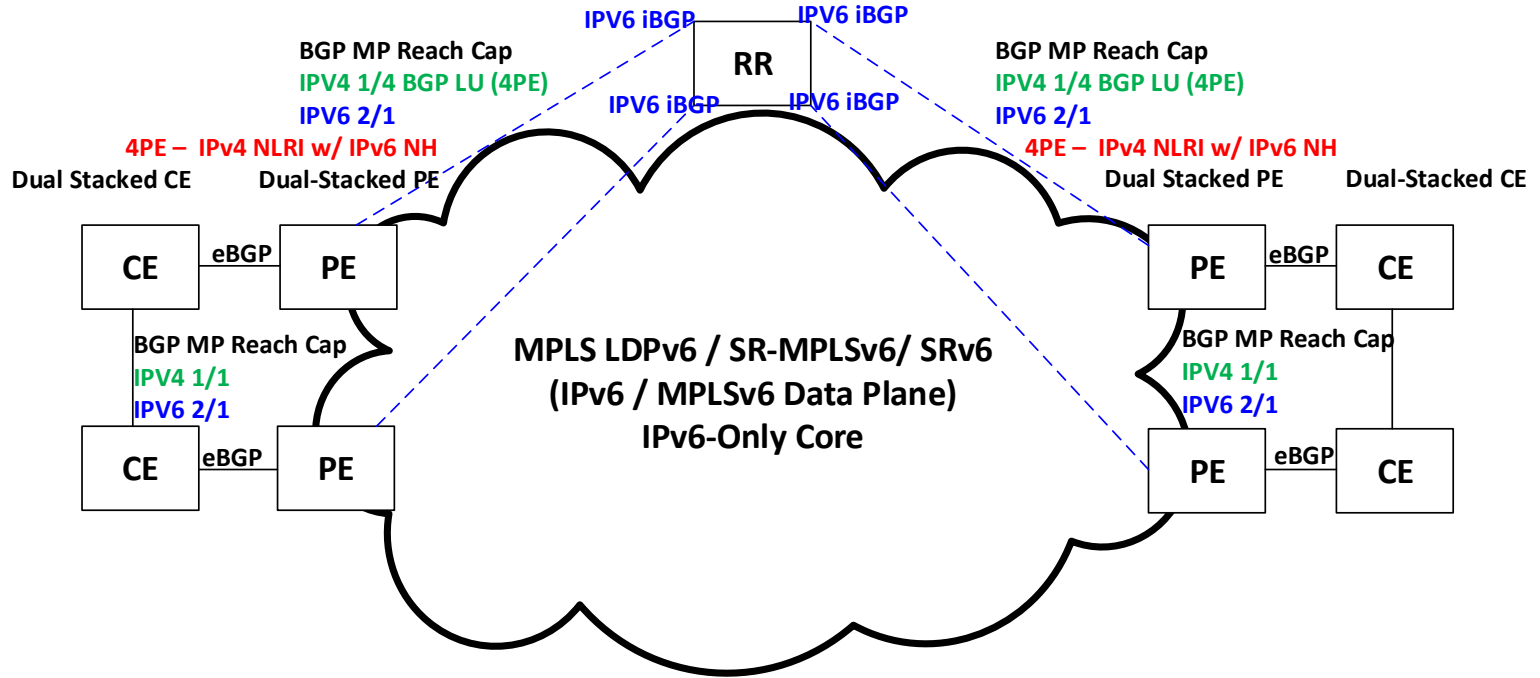


(4PE) –Connecting IPv4 islands over IPv6 SR-MPLS using IPv4 Provider Edge Routers



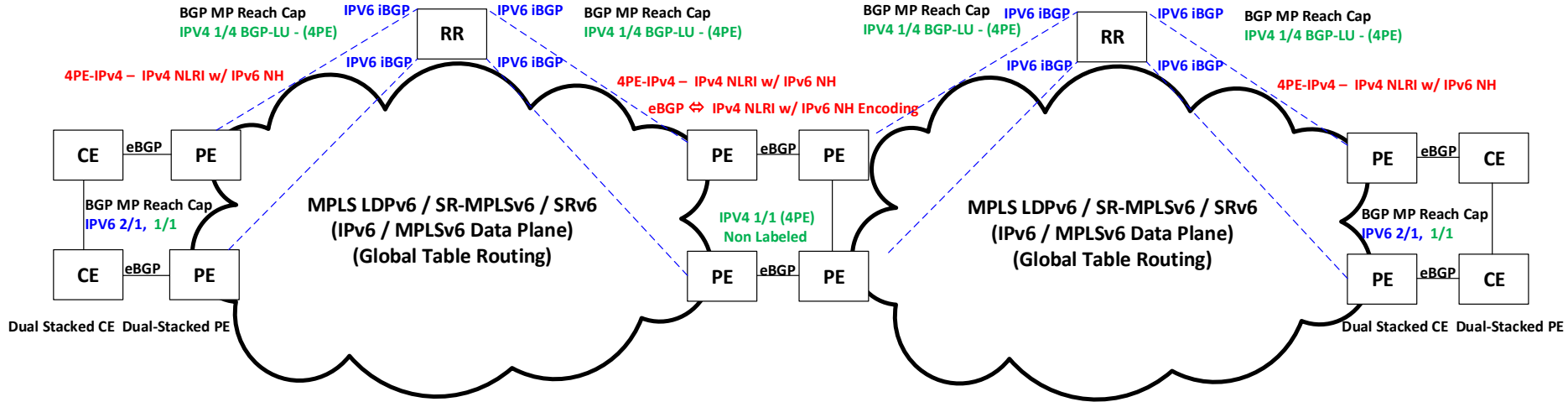
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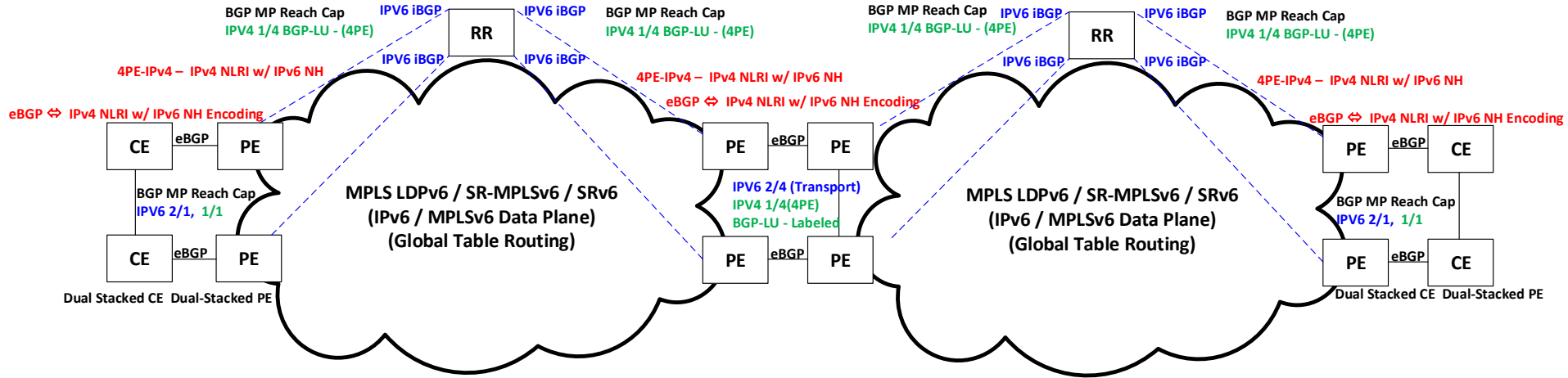
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(4PE) - Inter-AS Option A



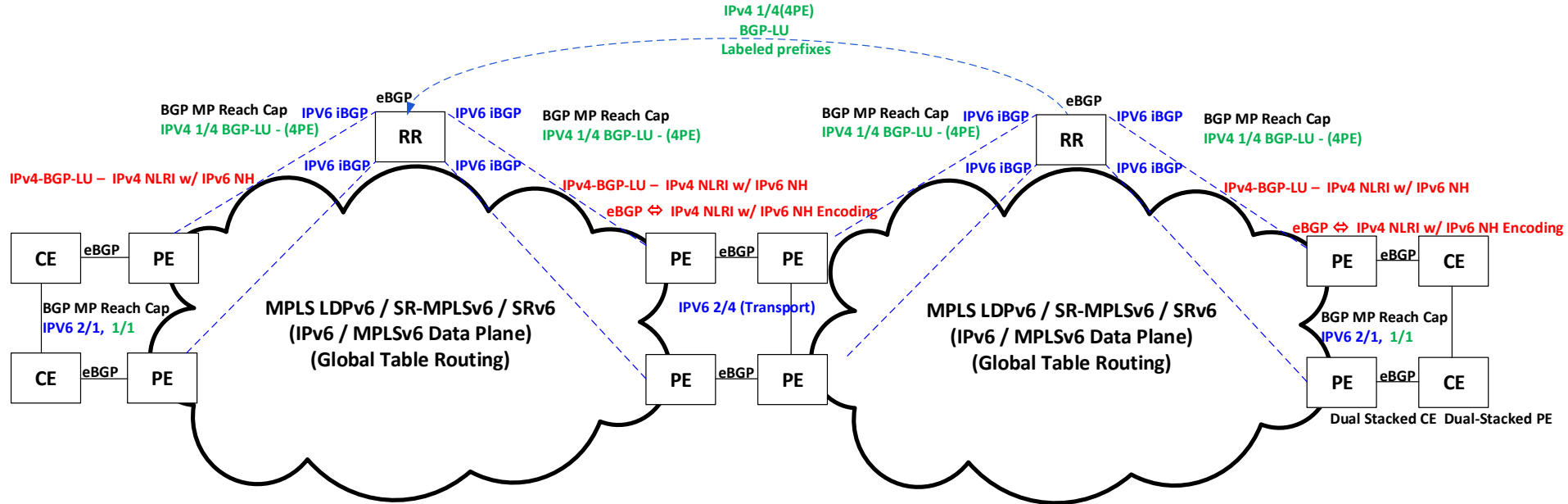
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(4PE) –Control Plane & Data Plane Inter-AS Option C Procedure

(4PE) - Inter-AS Option C



(4PE) –Control Plane & Data Plane Inter-AS Option AB Procedure

4PE - Inter-AS Option AB (Same as Opt B)

