



Transmission of SCHC-compressed packets over IEEE 802.15.4 networks

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Main goal



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+-----+
| CoAP, other |
+-----+
| UDP, other  |
+-----+
|   IPv6     |
+-----+
| 6LoWPAN HC |
+-----+
|6LoWPAN Frag|
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|  802.15.4  |
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Traditional

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+-----+
| CoAP, other |
+-----+
| UDP, other  |
+-----+
|   IPv6     |
+-----+
|  SCHC HC   |
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|6LoWPAN Frag|
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|  802.15.4  |
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SCHC-based

SCHC (RFC 8724) exploits a priori knowledge of header field values

3.2. SCHC architecture concepts (I/III)

- SCHC Stratum
 - When SCHC is used to compress IPv6 packets over IEEE 802.15.4 networks, the SCHC Stratum is located on top of layer 2 and below layer 3
 - The compressed data of the SCHC Stratum may also comprise upper layer packet headers
 - For example, SCHC may be used to compress IP headers, IP/UDP headers or IP/UDP/CoAP headers (all at once)
- Discriminator
 - 6LoWPAN Dispatch Type set to:
 - SCHC Dispatch
 - SCHC Pointer Dispatch

3.2. SCHC architecture concepts (II/III)

- Single-instance networks

SCHC Packet Instance → SCHC Instance
SCHC Header → SCHC Stratum Header

- All network nodes have:
 - A single SCHC Instance for C/D
 - A single SoR (there is only one SCHC Instance)
- SCHC Stratum Header is fully compressed
 - 0 bits sent over the air
- All network nodes have:
 - A single SCHC Stratum Header
 - A single SoR for SCHC Stratum Header C/D
 - » Comprises a single, implicit Rule for SCHC Stratum Header C/D

3.2. SCHC architecture concepts (III/III)

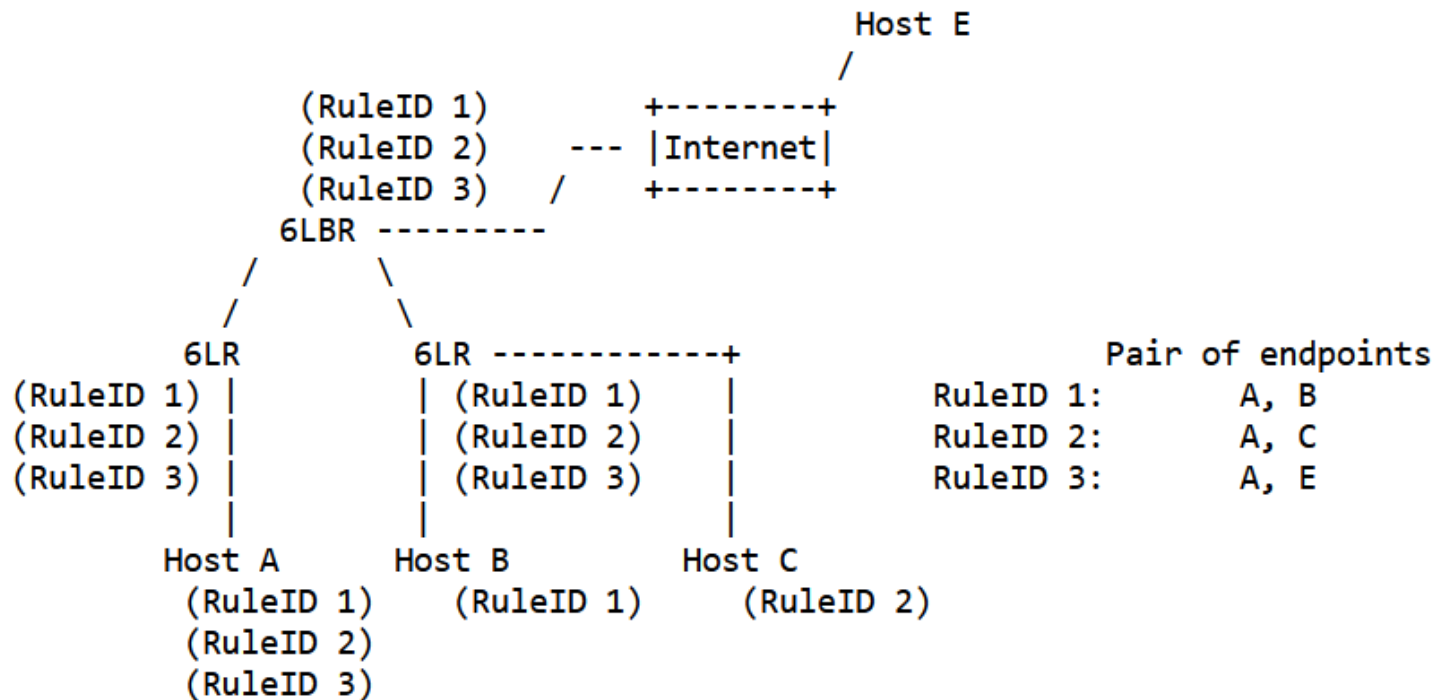
- Multiple-instance networks

SCHC Packet Instance → SCHC Instance
SCHC Header → SCHC Stratum Header

- At least some network nodes have:
 - More than one SCHC Instance for C/D
 - One SoR for each SCHC Instance
- SCHC Stratum Header cannot (generally) be fully compressed
 - More than 0 bits sent over the air
- All network nodes have:
 - A single SCHC Stratum Header
 - A single SoR for SCHC Stratum Header C/D
 - » May comprise several Rules for SCHC Strat. Header C/D

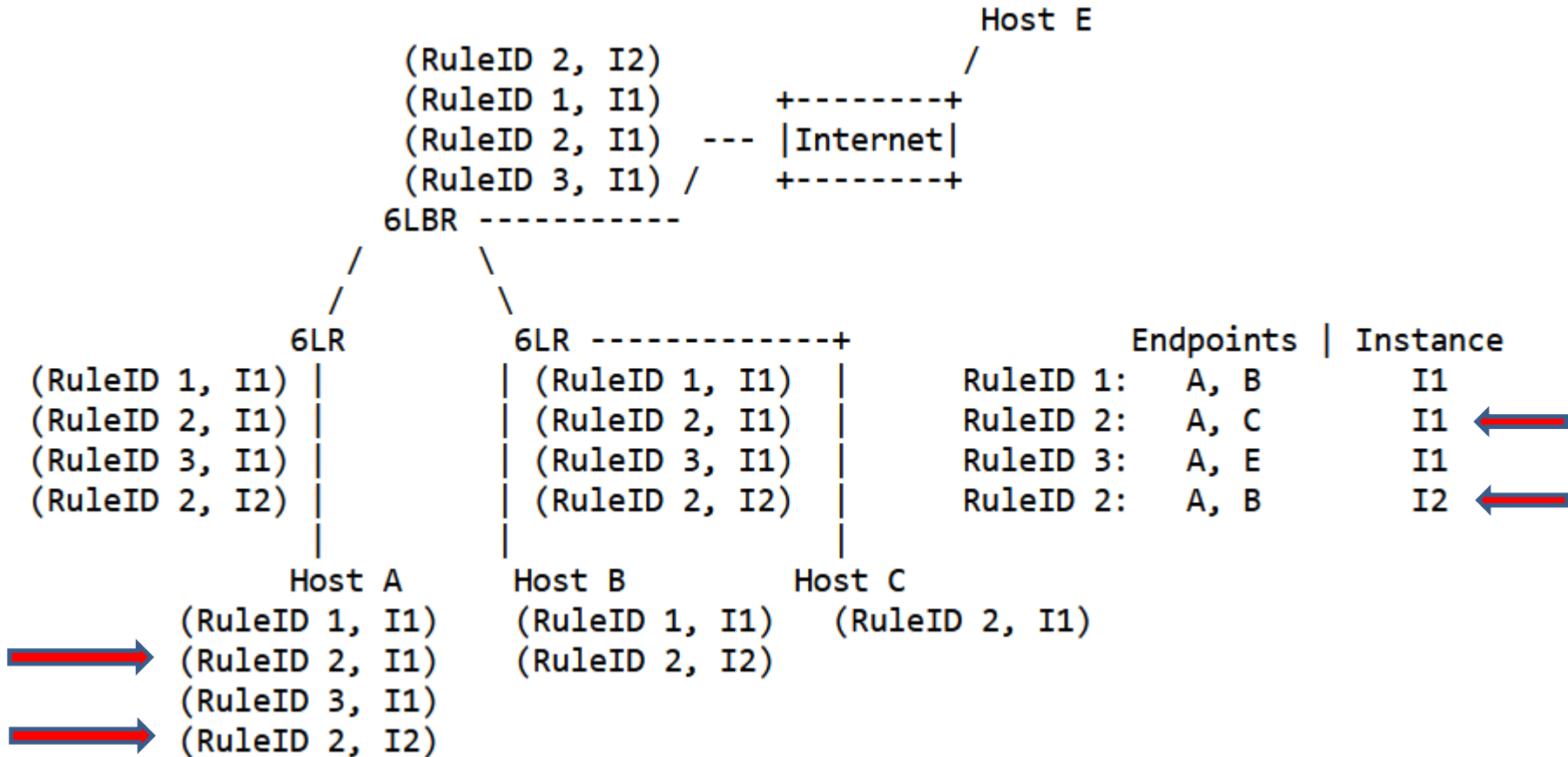
3.5. Multihop communication (I/VIII)

- SRO:
 - Single-instance networks:
 - A Rule and its RuleID MUST be unique network-wide
 - The means to ensure so are out of scope
 - To simplify the management of RuleIDs, in SRO, all nodes in the network MAY share the same SoR



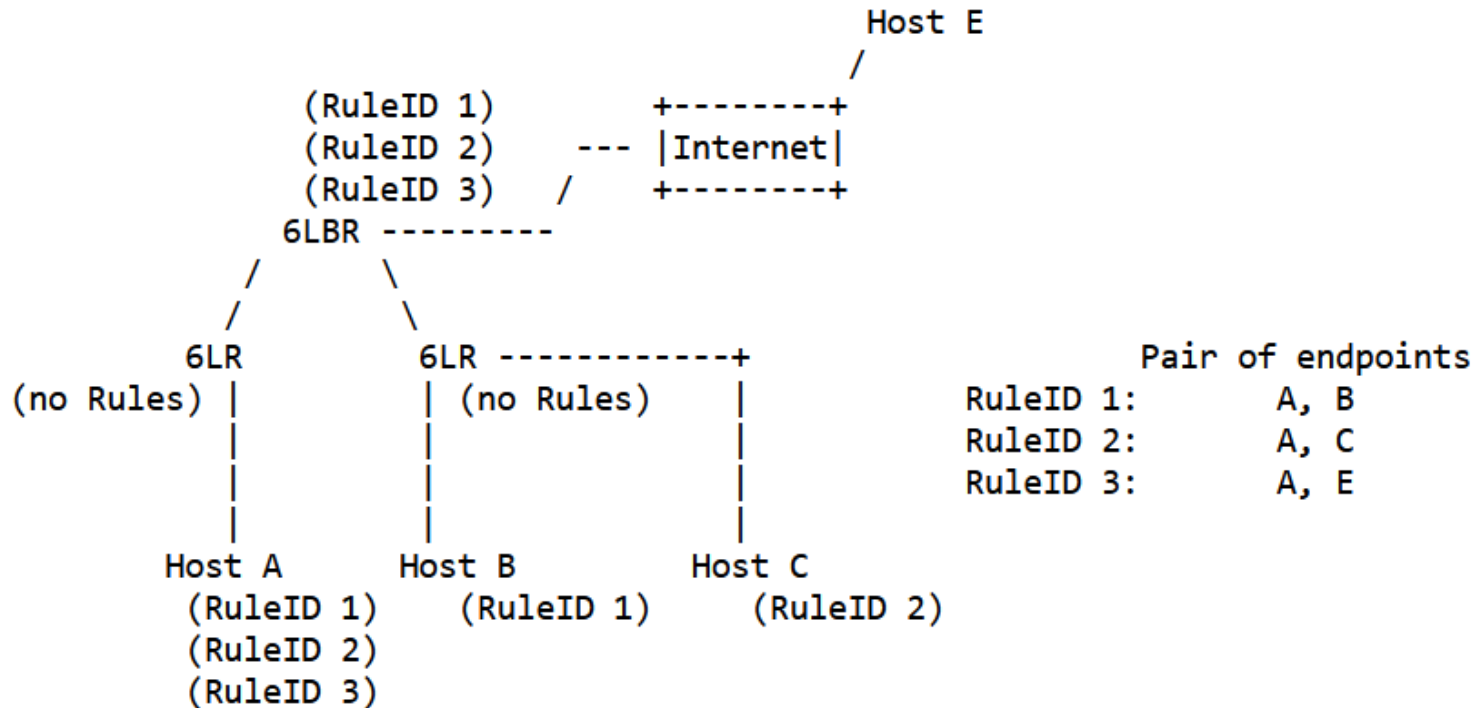
3.5. Multihop communication (II/VIII)

- SRO:
 - Multiple-instance networks:
 - A not fully compressed SCHC Stratum Header MUST be used



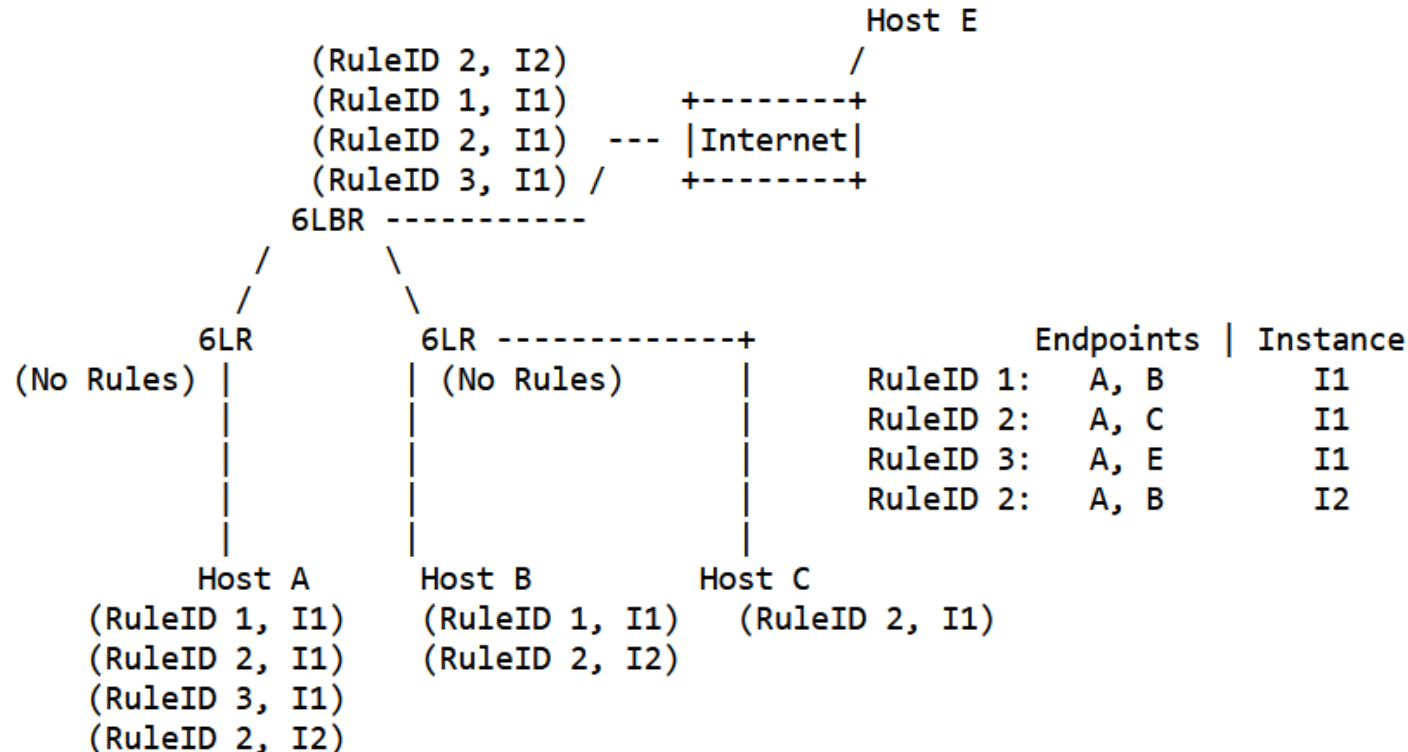
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- TRO:
 - Single-instance networks:
 - A Rule and its RuleID MUST be unique network-wide
 - The means to ensure so are out of scope



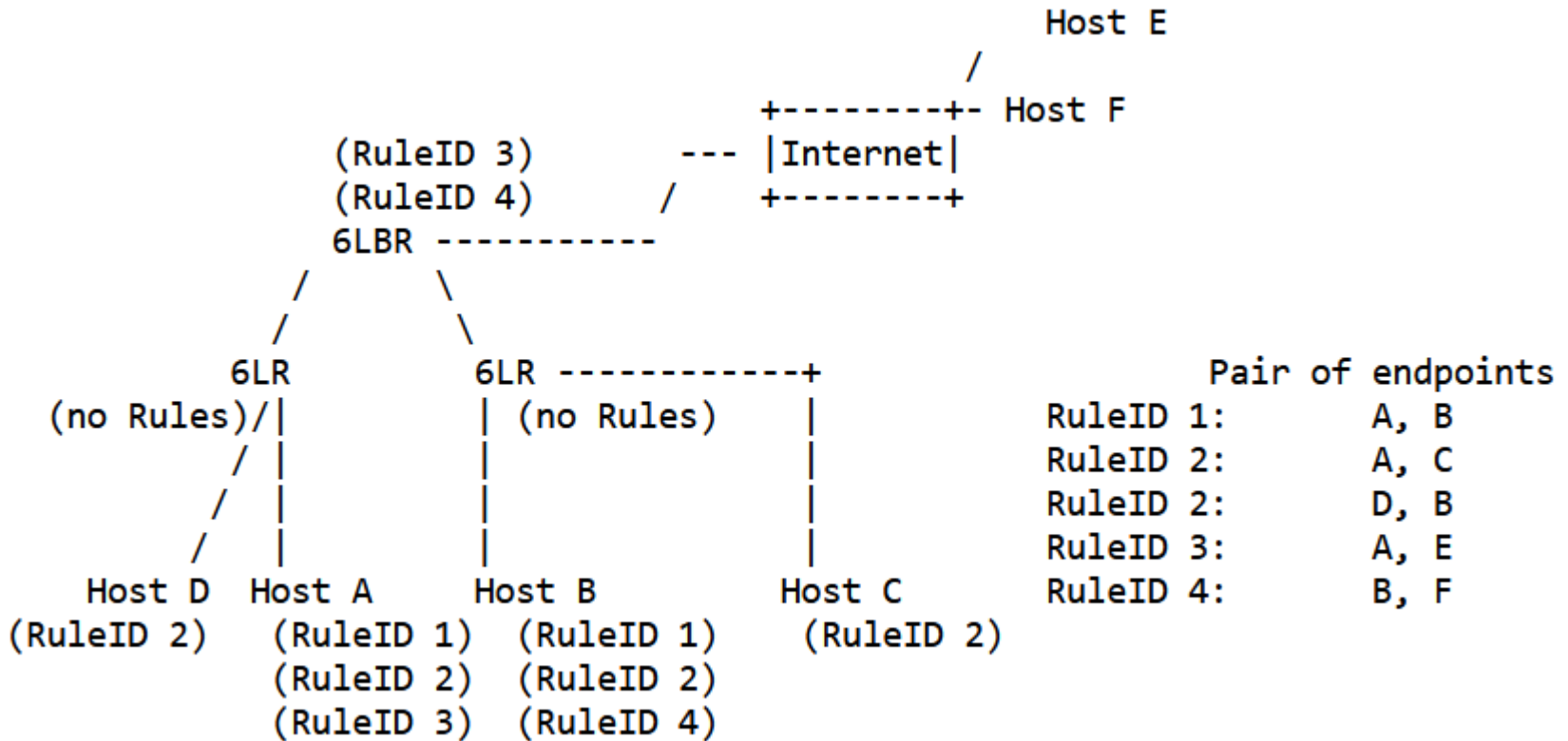
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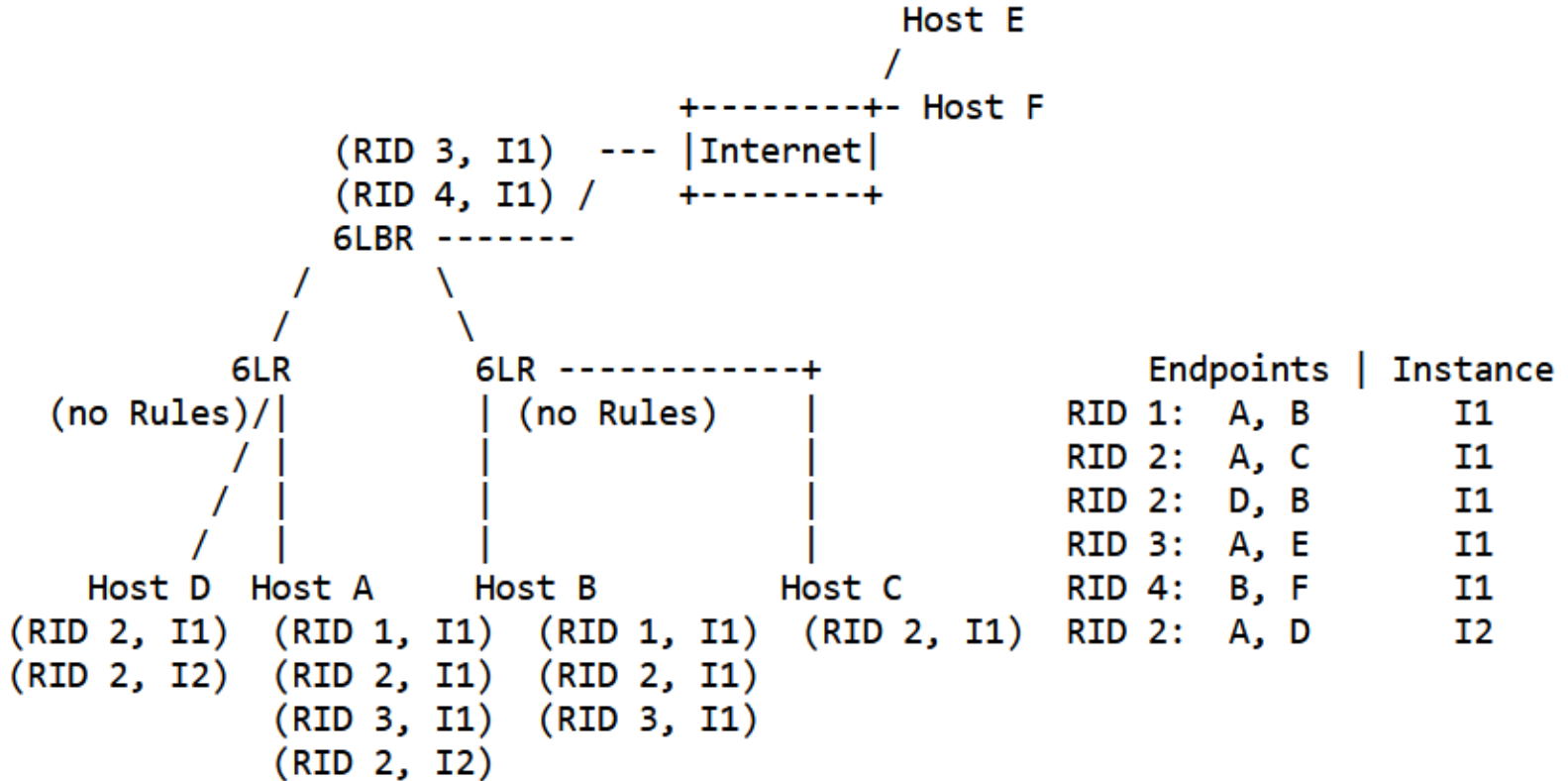
3.5. Multihop communication (V/VIII)

- PRO:
 - Single-instance networks:
 - A RuleID MAY be used to identify different Rules used by different pairs of endpoints



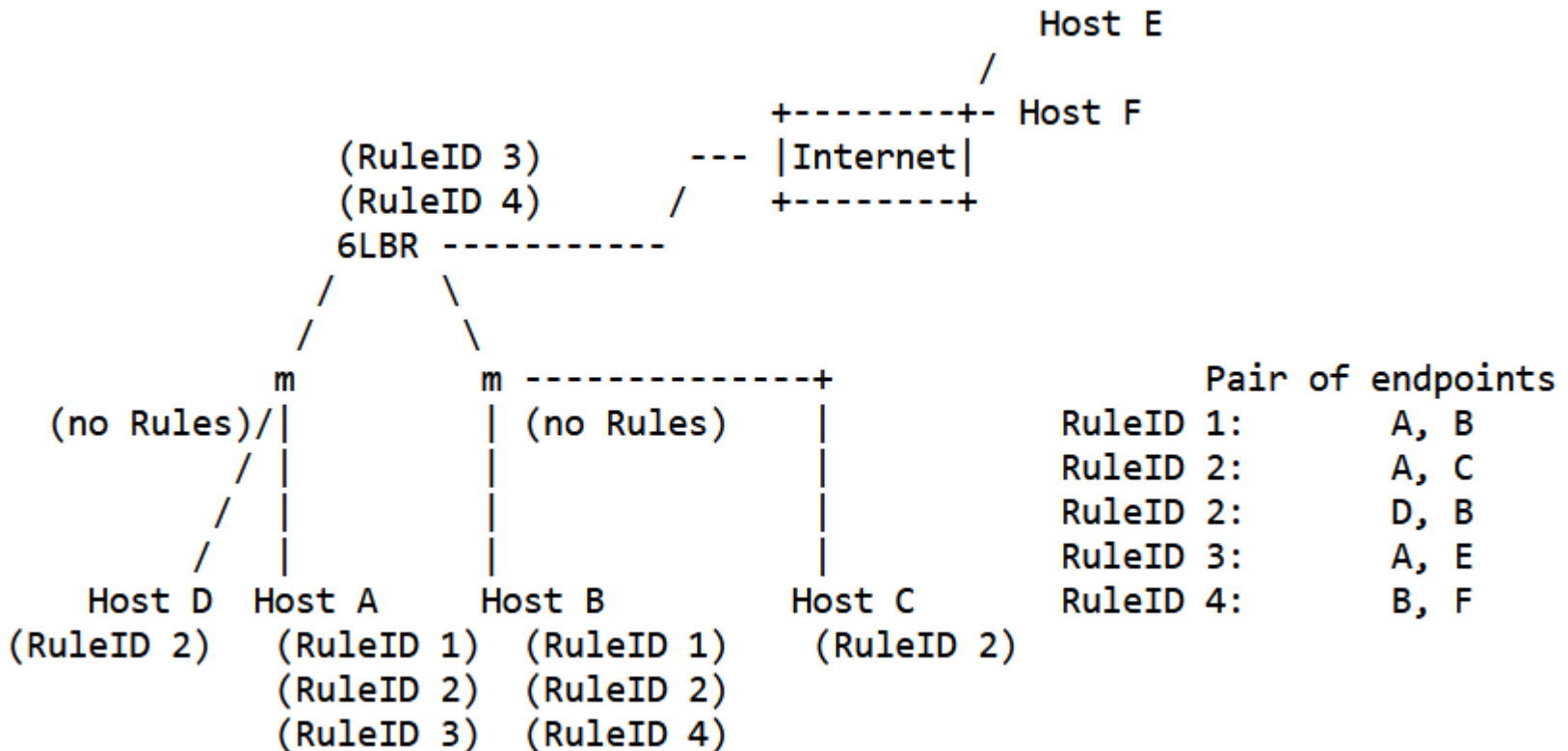
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 - Multiple-instance networks:
 - A not fully compressed SCHC Stratum Header MUST be used



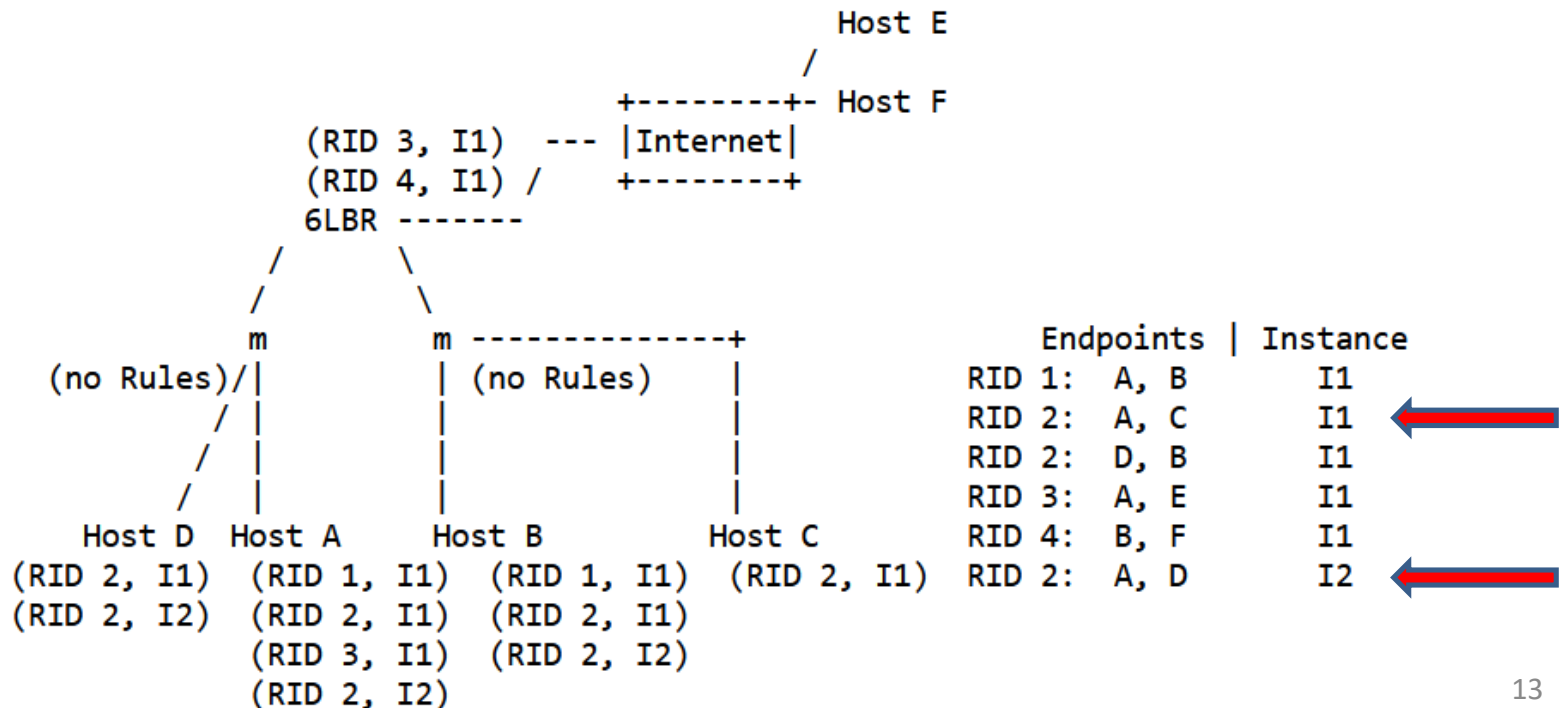
3.5. Multihop communication (VII/VIII)

- Mesh-Under:
 - Single-instance networks:
 - A RuleID MAY be used to identify different Rules used by different pairs of endpoints



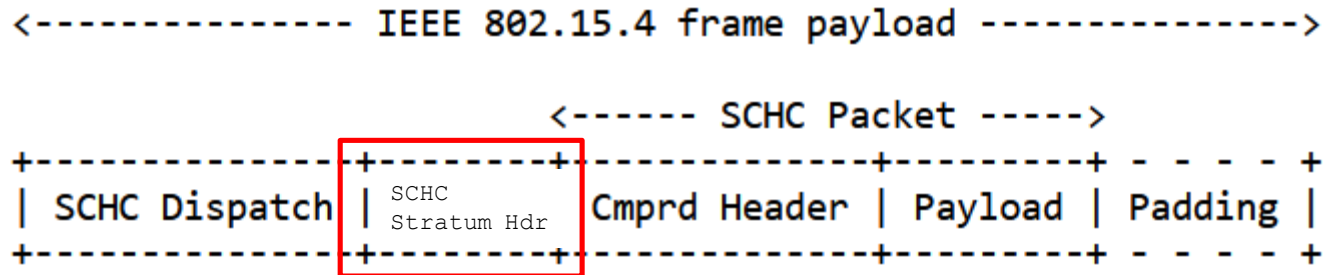
3.5. Multihop communication (VIII/VIII)

- Mesh-Under:
 - Multiple-instance networks:
 - A fully compressed SCHC Stratum Header MAY be used
 - » Only if it is possible to determine the SCHC Packet Instance needed to decompress a SCHC-compressed packet based on the packet source identifier (Mesh-Under header [RFC 4944])



4.1. Single-hop or SRO frame format

- Frame format:



- SCHC Stratum Header

- Determines the SCHC Instance to be used to decompress the next field
- In compressed form: a RuleID and a compression residue
- Single-instance networks: fully compressed (0 bits)
- Multiple-instance networks: (generally) not fully compressed
 - » RuleID size RECOMMENDED between 1 and 8 bits



Next Steps

- Define the SCHC Stratum Header format
- Define the number of strata for the transition protocol stack (section 5)
 - Traditional 6LoWPAN to compress IPv6 header
 - RFC 6282
 - Two SCHC Strata may be needed:
 - One for UDP and another for CoAP



Comments/Questions?

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