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Abstract	To minimize the handoff interruption time, short-hand authentication procedure is suggested which doesn't use normal re-authorization procedure. Sending Ranging-Request message with HMAC Tuple attached, SS can be authenticated by the BS implicitly without the full reauthorization procedure. In order to do this short-hand authentication, security context shall be transferred from serving BS to target BS.	
Purpose	Discuss and Adopt as the enhanced handoff authentication procedure	
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# Minimization of Handoff interruption time skipping Reauthorization procedure

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## 1. Problem Statements

Current IEEE 802.16e/D2 specify reauthorization procedure after handoff. Considering the fact that asymmetric encryption like RSA is computationally complex and therefore CPU-intensive, generating AK and encrypting it using the X.509 certificate of SS adds additional overload to the target BS. Additionally, there is no doubt about the security concerns about the HMAC Tuple of Key Request/Reply messages. Replacing reauthorization procedure with the short-hand authorization procedure will reduce unnecessary authorizations from SS-BS and will reduce latency due to handoff.

## 2. Overview of Proposed Solutions

Firstly, security context from serving BS to target BS should be transferred which is piggybacked on HO-pre-notification backbone message.

Table 1 Security Context Information

Type	Content
AK Related	Older/Newer {AK, Remaining lifetime, Key Sequence Number}
TEK Related	Older/Newer {TEK Parameters(TEK, Remaining Key-Lifetime, Key-Sequence-Number, CBC-IV), SAID} per SAID

Table 2 Session Context Information

Type	Content
CID	Basic/Primary Management/Secondary Management CID, Transport Ids, Service Flow IDs
etc	IP Address, NAI(Network Address Identifier), MAC Address

Secondly, current re-authorization procedure which is supposed to be performed just after handoff is not performed. By sending Ranging Request with HMAC Tuple instead of re-authorization procedure after handoff, MSS is implicitly authorized by BS. HMAC Tuple, which is calculated with the AK issued by serving BS, is added to the Ranging Request for MSS which undergoes handoff. The rationale behind this is during the stay in Serving BS, HMAC Tuple is good enough to verify the validity of the MSS when MSS sends Key Request/Reply/Reject/TEK Invalid and the other messages listed in Table 1 of P80216-REVd\_D4. And HMAC-Digest's authentication key is derived from the Authorization Key, which is transferred with the other security context information from serving BS to target BS according to the first step. If the target BS had not previously received security context from Serving BS over the backbone, target BS may request SS to perform full reauthorization using the indicator in Ranging Response message.

Table 3 HMAC Tuple Definition(P80216-REVd\_D4)

Type	Length	Value	Scope
27	21		DSx-REQ, DSx-RSP, DSx-ACK, REG-REQ, REG-RSP, RES-CMD, DREG-CMD, TFTP-CPLT

### 3. Proposed Changes to IEEE 802.16e/

#### 6.3.2.3.8 Registration Response(REG-RSP) message

Unless otherwise indicated in this section, MSS mobile network entry/re-entry is processed according to 6.4.9. For purposes of this process, MSS network re-entry and hand-over are synonymous.

For mobile networks, Target BS may include CID\_update TLVs and SAID\_update TLVs in the REG-RSP for MSS recognized by the Target BS as performing HO or network re-entry by the presence of a Serving BS ID in the RNG-REQ.

CID\_update - The CID\_update is a compound TLV value that provides a shorthand method for renewing active connections used by the MSS in its previous Serving BS. The TLVs specify CID in the Target BS that shall replace active CID used in the previous Serving BS. Multiple iterations of these TLVs may occur in the REG-RSP suitable to re-creating and re-assigning all active Service Flows for the MSS from its previous Serving BS including Basic, Primary and Secondary CIDs. If any of the Service Flow parameters change, then those Service Flow parameters and CS parameter encoding TLVs that have changed will be added. Only active Service Flows are transferred in this manner.

These TLVs enable the Target BS to renew connections used in the previous Serving BS, but with different QoS settings.

SAID\_update - The SAID\_update is a compound TLV value that provides a shorthand method for renewing active SAs used by the MSS in its previous Serving BS. The TLVs specify SAID in the Target BS that shall replace active SAID used in the previous Serving BS. Multiple iterations of these TLVs may occur in the REG-RSP suitable to re-creating and re-assigning all active Security Associations for the MSS from its previous Serving BS including Primary, Dynamic and Static SAIDs. If any of the Security Associations parameters change, then those Security Associations parameters encoding TLVs that have changed will be added.

#### 6.3.20.4 Network entry/re-entry

Unless otherwise indicated in this section, MSS mobile network entry/re-entry is processed according to 6.4.9. For purposes of this process, MSS network re-entry and hand-over are synonymous.

MSS and Target BS shall conduct Ranging per 6.4.9.5 to begin network entry/re-entry except as MSS may take advantage of a non-contention based MSS Initial Ranging opportunity if present. If MSS RNG-REQ includes an Serving BS ID and Target BS had not previously received MSS information over the backbone (see section Backbone network HO procedures), then Target BS may make an MSS information request of Serving BS over the backbone network and Serving BS may respond. Regardless of having received MSS

information from Serving BS, Target BS may request MSS information from another network management entity via the backbone network. Network re-entry proceeds per 6.4.9.5 except as may be shortened by Target BS possession of MSS information obtained from Serving BS over the backbone network.

If MSS RNG-REQ included an Serving BS ID, HMAC-Digest and Target BS had previously received an backbone message (see section Backbone network HO procedures) containing MSS information and security context information, Target BS shall skip

~~use the embedded TLV PKM-REQ information and the re-authorization process as defined in 7.2 and authenticates MSS using HMAC-Digest which is calculated with the AK of the serving BS. But Target BS may request MSS to re-authorize setting Authorization Required field in RNG-RSP.~~

If Target BS had previously received an backbone message (see section Backbone network HO procedures), Target BS may use the embedded TLV REG-REQ & DSA-REQ information to build and send an unsolicited REG-RSP message. The REG-RSP message may include New\_CID, Old\_CID, New\_SAID, Old\_SAID, and Connection\_Info TLVs. If the post-handoff shortcut HMAC authorization is performed and full reauthorization is skipped, SAID's shall be updated by SAID\_update contained in REG-RSP. Target BS may ignore only the first REG-REQ message received if it sends an unsolicited REG\_RSP message. MSS is not required to send an REG-REQ if it receives an unsolicited REG-RSP prior to MSS attempt to send REG-REQ.

If MSS RNG-REQ included an Serving BS ID, MSS and Target BS may skip Time of day process.

If MSS RNG-REQ included an Serving BS ID, MSS may skip the MSS configuration file download procedure.

If MSS received a REG-RSP message that included New\_CID, Old\_CID, and Connection\_Info TLVs, MSS and Target BS may skip the establish connections procedure.

Network entry/re-entry process completes with establishment of MSS Normal Operations.

Figure 141j shows the SDL of an MSS initiating handoff with the BS.

*[Change the following as shown below:]*

#### **6.3.2.3.5 Ranging Request (RNG\_REQ) message**

The following parameters shall be included in the RNG-REQ message when the MSS is attempting to perform re-entry, association or hand-over:

##### **Serving BS ID**

The BS ID of the BS to which the MSS is currently connected (has completed the registration cycle and is in Normal Operation). Serving BS ID shall not be included if interval timer is timed-out (Serving BS ID AGINGTIMER, see Table 264a). Inclusion of Serving BS ID in the RNG-REQ message signals to the Target BS that the MSS is currently connected to the network through the serving BS and is performing association or is in the process of either hand-over or network re-entry.

##### **HMAC Tuple**

The HMAC Tuple is calculated with HMAC\_KEY\_S derived from AK issued by serving BS. Inclusion of the keyed digest allows the target BS to implicitly authenticate MSS and allows skipping authorization just after handoff. The HMAC Tuple attribute shall be the final attribute in the message's attribute list.

#### **6.3.2.3.6 Ranging Response (RNG-RSP) message**

*[Add the following to section 6.4.2.4.6:]*

When a BS sends a RNG-RSP message in response to a RNG-REQ message containing Serving BS ID, the BS may include the following TLV parameter in the RNG-RSP message:

**Service Level Prediction** — This value indicates the level of service the MSS can expect from this BS. The following encodings apply:

- 0 = No service possible for this MSS.
- 1 = Some service is available for one or several Service Flow authorized for the MSS.
- 2 = For each authorized Service Flow, a MAC connection can be established with QoS specified by the

AuthorizedQoSParamSet.

3 = No service level prediction available.

Service Level prediction may be accompanied by a number of Service Flow Encodings as specified in 11.4.913 sufficient to uniquely identify the AuthorizedQoSParamSet associated with the predicting SLP. If Service Flow Encodings are included, then the SLP response is specific to the presented AuthorizedQoSParamSet defined by the associated encodings. Included Service Flow Encodings are restricted to the following parameters only:

- Global Service Class Name
- Service Flow QoS parameter set encodings as defined in 11.13 such that the combination of Global Service Class Name and any Service Flow modifying parameters fully defines an AuthorizedQoSParamSet profile being assessed
- Service Flow Identifier

If individual AuthorizedQoSParamSet profiles are provided for multiple Service Level Predictions, then each Service Level Prediction is specific to its associated AuthorizedQoSParamSet profile and shall include only response options '0' or '2'.

### **Authorization Required**

This indicates whether the authorization is required or not. If the target BS did not receive security context information from serving BS, HMAC-Digest validation fails, or operator's policy mandates, authorization is required.

### **11.5 RNG-REQ message encodings**

[Add the following rows to table 318:]

Table 318a-RNG-REQ Message Encodings

Name	Type(1 byte)	Length	Value
Serving BS ID	4	6	The unique identifier of the former Serving BS
Basic CID	6	2	Basic CID allocated from the former Serving BS
HMAC-Digest	7	20	Keyed SHA message digest

### **11.5 RNG-RSP TLV for re-establishment of Service Flows**

[Add the following rows to table 320:]

Table 318a-RNG-RSP Message Encodings

Name	Type(1 byte)	Length	Value
QoS Parameters	[145/146].Variable	Variable	Compound TLV incorporating one or more 11.13 QoS Parameter Set definition encodings
SFID	[145/146].1	4	
Resource Retain Flag	20		This value indicates whether the former Serving BS retains the connection information of the MSS. 0 = the connection information for the MSS is deleted 1 = the connection information for the MSS is r
<u>Authorization Required</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>This indicates whether the authorization is required or not</u> <u>0 = authorization not required</u> <u>1 = authorization required</u>

### **11.7 REG-REQ/RSP management message encodings**

[Add the following rows to the end of 11.7.10.1:]

#### **11.7.11 SAID update encodings**

This field provides a translation table that allows an MSS to update its security associations so that it may continue security service after a hand-over to a new serving BS.

Name	Type (1 byte)	Length (1 byte)	Value (Variable length)
SAID_update	20	variable	Compound

The following TLV values shall appear in each SAID\_update TLV.

Name	Type (1 byte)	Length (1 byte)	Value (Variable length)
New_SAID	20.1	2	New SAID after hand-over to new BS
Old_SAID	20.2	2	Old SAID before hand-over from Old BS

## D.2.5 HO-pre-notification message

This message is sent by a BS to advertise an MSS intention to perform HO. The message is typically sent to neighbor BS referenced in the MOB-BSHO-REQ or MOB-MSSHO-REQ message. The message serves to query the Target BS whether it can serve the HO requesting MSS. The message contains the following information:

**Table D6—HO-pre-notification Message**

Field	Size	Notes
Global Header	152-bit	
For (j=0; j<Num_Records; j++) {		
MSS unique identifier	48-bit	48-bit unique identifier used by MSS (as provided by the MSS or by the <i>I-am-host-of</i> message)
Estimated Time to HO	16-bit	In milliseconds, relative to the time stamp. A value of 0 indicates that the estimated time is unknown.
Required BW	8-bit	Bandwidth which is required by MSS (to guarantee minimum packet data transmission)
For (i=0; i<Num_SFID_Records; i++) {		
SFID	32-bit	
For (i=0; i<Num_QoS_Records; i++) {	Variable	
Required QoS		11.13 QoS Parameter definition encodings that in combination define an AdmittedQoSParamSet specific to the SFID
}		
}		
<u>N_SAIE</u>		<b>Number of Security Association Information Elements</b>
<u>For(k=0;k&lt;N_SAIE;k++){</u>		
<u>Field Size</u>	<b>16-bit</b>	<b>Size, in bytes, of TLV encoded information field below</b>
<u>TLV encoded information</u>	<b>Variable</b>	<b>TLV information as allowed on a PKM-xxx MAC messages</b>
}		
<u>Old AK Remaining key Lifetime</u>		

<u>Old AK Key Sequence Number</u>		
<u>New AK</u>		
<u>New AK Remaining key Lifetime</u>		
<u>New AK Key Sequence Number</u>		
<u>N_SAIE</u>		<b>Number of Security Association Information Elements</b>
<u>For(k=0;k&lt;N_SAIE;k++){</u>		
<u>  Old AK</u>		
<u>  Old TEK Remaining key Lifetime</u>		
<u>  Old TEK Key Sequence Number</u>		
<u>  Old TEK CBC Init Vector</u>		
<u>  NEW TEK</u>		
<u>  New TEK Remaining key Lifetime</u>		
<u>  New TEK Key Sequence Number</u>		
<u>  New TEK CBC Init Vector</u>		
<u>  }</u>		
<u>}</u>		
Security field		A means to authenticate this message