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### **Abstract of document:**

The specification covers the security of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS). The aim is to enable the secure transfer of some data to multiple users simultaneously. As multicast presents specific security concerns, the specification contains the threats to a multicast service and the security requirements that are derived from these threats. The specification then describes some security mechanisms to tackle those threats. These are a key management scheme that allows a Broadcast/Multicast Service Centre to securely distribute MBMS specific keys to known mobiles and a method of protecting (using the distributed keys) the data that is transmitted to the UE, such that only the intended recipients can decrypt the data.

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### **Changes since last presentation to TSG Meeting:**

Text has been added to provide an overview of the key management and its relationship with MBMS Transport and User Services.

Text has been added to make it clear in which cases authentication will be provided.

The means of identifying and handling MSKs in the UE has been included. The methods of transporting MSKs to the UE using MIKEY have been detailed.

The means of identifying MTK and the method of transporting MTKs using MIKEY have been included.

Clauses have been included to describe the headers used in MIKEY and the structure of the MIKEY messages to be used in MBMS.

Clauses have been added to describe how the ME processes the received MIKEY messages.

Clauses have been added to describe how the ME or UICC validates the delivery of MSKs and MTKs.

SRTP has been added as the method to protect streaming data and the protection clause has been re-arranged to include subclauses to cover general, streaming and download requirements.

An Annex has been added to describe the UICC-ME interface.

Additionally many Editor's Notes have been removed.

### **Outstanding Issues:**

The exact details of the application layer joining and leaving are still to be determined.

The exact key derivation of MRK and MUK from the keys provided by GBA\_U is still ffs. SA3 are communicating with ETSI SAGE over the design of a key derivation function.

More work is needed on the exact details of the MIKEY messages that carry MSK and MTK from the BM-SC to the UE.

More details on the exact use of SRTP in MBMS are needed.

There are some more details needed on the handling of MSKs and MTKs.

The protection of download data is still ffs.

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The security of MBMS provides different challenges compared to the security of services delivered over point-to-point services. In addition to the normal threat of eavesdropping, there is also the threat that it may not be assumed that valid subscribers have any interest in maintaining the privacy of the communications, and they may therefore conspire to circumvent the security solution (for example one subscriber may publish the decryption keys enabling non-subscribers to view broadcast content). Countering this threat requires the decryption keys to be updated frequently in a manner that may not be predicted by subscribers while making efficient use of the radio network.

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# 1 Scope

The Technical Specification covers the security procedures of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) for 3GPP systems (UTRAN and GERAN). MBMS is a GPRS network bearer service over which many different applications could be carried. The actual method of protection may vary depending on the type of MBMS application.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 22.146: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Stage 1".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.246: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS); Architecture and Functional Description".
- [4] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G Security; Security Architecture".
- [5] 3GPP TS 22.246: "MBMS User Services".
- [6] 3GPP TS 33.220: "Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture".
- [7] 3GPP TS 31.102: "Characteristics of the USIM application".
- [8] IETF RFC 2617 "HTTP Digest Authentication".
- [9] IETF RFC 3830 "MIKEY: Multimedia Internet KEYing"
- [10] IETF RFC 1982 "Serial Number Arithmetic".
- [11] IETF RFC 3711 "Secure Real-time Transport Protocol".
- [12] 3GPP TS 43.020: "Security related network functions".

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# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply.

For the definitions of MBMS User Service refer to [5].

**MRK** = MBMS Request Key: This key is to authenticate the UE to the BM-SC when performing key requests etc.

**MSK** = MBMS Service Key: The MBMS Service key that is securely transferred (using the key MUK) from the BM-SC towards the UE. The MSK is not used directly to protect the MBMS User Service data (see MTK).



**MTK** = MBMS Traffic Key: A key that is obtained by the UICC or ME by calling a decryption function MGV-F with the MSK. The key MTK is used to decrypt the received MBMS data on the ME.

**MUK** = MBMS User Key: The MBMS user individual key that is used by the BM-SC to protect the point to point transfer of MSK's to the UE.

NOTE: The keys MSK and MUK may be stored within the UICC or the ME depending on the MBMS service.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

MUK_I	Integrity key derived from key MUK
MUK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MUK
MSK_I	Integrity key derived from key MSK
MSK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MSK

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

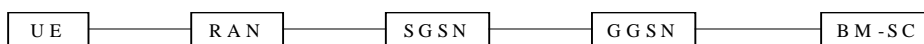
MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service
MGV-F	MBMS key Generation and Validation Function
MGV-S	MBMS key Generation and Validation Storage

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# 4 MBMS security overview

## 4.1 MBMS security architecture

MBMS introduces the concept of a point-to-multipoint service into a 3GPP system. A requirement of a multicast service is to be able to securely transmit data to a given set of users. In order to achieve this, there needs to be a method of authentication, key distribution and data protection for a multicast service. The AKA protocol (see TS 33.102 [4]) is used to both authenticate a user and agree on keys to be used between that user and the network. These keys are subsequently used to provide protection of traffic between the network and the UE.



**Figure 4.1: MBMS security architecture**

Figure 4.1 gives an overview of the network elements involved in MBMS from a security perspective. Nearly all the security functionality for MBMS (beyond the normal network bearer security) resides in either the BM-SC or the UE.

The Broadcast Multicast – Service Centre (BM-SC) is a source for MBMS data. It could also be responsible for scheduling data and receiving data from third parties (this is beyond the scope of the standardisation work) for transmission. It is responsible for generating and distributing the keys necessary for multicast security to the UEs and for applying the appropriate protection to data that is transmitted as part of a multicast service. The BM-SC also provides the MBMS bearer authorisation for UEs attempting to establish multicast bearer.

The UE is responsible for receiving or fetching keys for the multicast service from the BM-SC and also using those keys to decrypt the MBMS data that is received.

## 4.2 Key management overview

An MBMS User Service may use one or more MBMS Service Keys (MSKs), which may be in use at the same time and are managed at the MBMS User Service Level. The BM-SC controls the use of the MSKs to secure the different Transport Services that make up the MBMS User Service. The MSKs are not directly used to secure the MBMS

Transport Services, but they are used to protect the delivery of MBMS Transport Keys (MTKs), which are used to secure the MBMS Transport Services, as specified within subclauses 6.5 and 6.6.

NOTE: According to good security practice the use of the same MTK with two different security protocols shall be avoided.

For MBMS User Services it shall be possible to share one or more MSKs with other MBMS User Services, since according to TS 22.246 [5] there exist MBMS User Services with shared and non-shared Transport Services.

NOTE: While sharing MSKs among different MBMS User Services, care shall be taken that the Users are not given access to data that they are not entitled to.

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## 5 MBMS security functions

### 5.1 Authenticating and authorizing the user

A UE is authenticated and authorised in the following situations when participating in an MBMS User Service. That is:

- when the UE performs User Service joining (or leaving ) on the application level;

**Editor's Note: The final decision on application level join procedures relies of work in SA4.**

- when the UE establishes (or releases) the MBMS bearer(s) to receive an MBMS User Service;
- when the UE requests and receives MSKs for the MBMS User Service;
- when the UE performs post delivery procedures (e.g. point to point repair service).

**Editor's Note: The final decision on post delivery procedures relies of work in SA4.**

NOTE: The list above does not reflect the order of authentications.

### 5.2 Key management and distribution

Like any service, the keys that are used to protect the transmitted data in a Multicast service should be regularly changed to ensure that they are fresh. This ensures that only legitimate users can get access to the data in the MBMS service. In particular frequent re-keying acts as a deterrent for an attacker to pass the MBMS keys to others users to allow those other users to access the data in an MBMS service.

The BM-SC is responsible for the generation and distribution of the MBMS keys to the UE. A UE has the ability to request a key when it does not have the relevant key to decrypt the data. This request may also be initiated by a message from the BM-SC to indicate that a new key is available.

### 5.3 Protection of the transmitted traffic

The traffic for a particular MBMS service may require some protection depending on the sensitivity of the data being transmitted (e.g. it is possible that the data being transmitted by the MBMS service is actually protected by the DRM security method and hence requires no additional protection). This protection will be either confidentiality and integrity or just confidentiality. The protection is applied end-to-end between the BM-SC and the UEs and will be based on a symmetric key shared between the BM-SC and the UEs that are currently accessing the service. The actual method of protection specified may vary depending on the type of data being transmitted, e.g. media streaming application or file download.

NOTE: When MBMS data is received over a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer, it would be ciphered between the BM-SC and UE and may also ciphered over the radio interface. This "double ciphering" is unnecessary from a security point of view and hence the decision of whether or not to apply radio interface ciphering to a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer is outside the scope of this specification.

## 6 Security mechanisms

### 6.1 Using GBA for MBMS

GBA[6] is used to agree keys that are needed to run an MBMS Multicast User service. MBMS imposes the following requirements on the MBMS capable UICCs and MEs:

A UICC that contains MBMS key management functions shall implement GBA\_U.

An ME that supports MBMS shall implement GBA\_U and GBA\_ME, and shall be capable of utilising the MBMS key management functions on the UICC.

Before a user can access an MBMS User service, the UE needs to share GBA-keys with the BM-SC. If no valid GBA-keys are available at the UE, the UE shall perform a GBA run with the BSF of the home network as described within [6] clause 5. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The MSKs for an MBMS User service shall be stored on either the UICC or the ME. Storing the MSKs on the UICC requires a UICC that contains the MBMS management functions (and that is GBA aware) and requires that the BM-SC is GBA\_U aware. As a result of the GBA\_U run in these circumstances, the BM-SC will share a key Ks\_ext\_NAF with the ME and share a key Ks\_int\_NAF with the UICC. This key Ks\_int\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the UICC as the key MUK to protect MSK deliveries to the UICC as described within subclause 6.3. The key Ks\_ext\_NAF is used as the key MRK within the protocols as described within subclause 6.2.

NOTE: A run of GBA\_U on a GBA aware UICC will not allow the MSKs to be stored on the UICC, if the MBMS management functions are not present on the UICC.

In any other circumstance, a run of GBA results in the BM-SC sharing a key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF with the ME. This key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the ME to derive the key MUK and the key MRK (MBMS Request Key). The key MUK is used to protect MSK deliveries to the ME as described within subclause 6.3. The key MRK is used to authenticate the UE towards the BM-SC within the protocols as described within subclause 6.2.

### 6.2 Authentication and authorisation of a user

**Editor's Note:** The exact details on how to derive the keys MRK and MUK from the GBA keys are for ffs.

**Editor's Note:** According to S3-040212, SA4 has a working assumption to use HTTP as the transport protocol but this is only agreed for the download repair service.

#### 6.2.1 Authentication and authorisation in application level joining

When the user wants to join (or leave) an MBMS user service, it shall use HTTP digest authentication [8] for authentication. HTTP digest is run between BM-SC and ME. The MBMS authentication procedure is based on the general user authentication procedure over Ua interface that is specified in clause "Procedures using the bootstrapped Security Association" in [6]. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The following adaptations apply to HTTP digest:

- the transaction identifier as specified in [6] is used as username;
- MRK (MBMS Request Key) is used as password;
- the joined MBMS user service is specified in client payload of HTTP Digest message.

**Editor's Note:** The contents of the client payload are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4. The final decision on application level join and leave procedures relies of work in SA4.

## 6.2.2 Authentication and authorisation in MBMS bearer establishment

The authentication of the UE during MBMS bearer establishment relies on the authenticated point-to-point connection with the network, which was set up using network security described in TS 33.102 [4] or TS 43.020 [12]. Authorisation for the MBMS bearer establishment happens by the network making an authorisation request to the BM-SC to ensure that the UE is allowed to establish the MBMS bearer(s) corresponding to an MBMS User Service (see TS 23.246 [3] for the details). As MBMS bearer establishment authorisation lies outside the control of the MBMS bearer network (i.e. it is controlled by the BM-SC), there is an additional procedure to remove the MBMS bearer(s) related to a UE that is no longer authorised to access an MBMS User Service.

## 6.2.3 Authentication and authorisation in MSK request

When the UE requests MSK(s), the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in subclause 6.2.1.

## 6.2.4 Authentication and authorisation in post delivery procedures

When the UE requests post delivery procedures, the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in subclause 6.2.1.

# 6.3 Key update procedures

*Editor's Note: The contents of the http client payloads are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4.*

## 6.3.1 General

In order to protect an MBMS User service, it is necessary to transfer both MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclause 6.3.2 describes the possible procedures for transferring MSKs, while subclause 6.3.3 deals with the transfer of MTKs.

## 6.3.2 MSK procedures

### 6.3.2.1 MSK identification

Every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID

where

Network ID = MCC || MNC and is 3 bytes long. It is carried in the IDi payload in MIKEY message

Key Group ID is 2 bytes long and is used to group keys together in order to allow redundant MSKs to be deleted. It is carried in the CSB ID field of MIKEY common header.

MSK ID is 2 bytes long and is used to distinguish MSKs that have the same Network ID and Key Group ID. It is carried in the MSK-ID field of MIKEY extension payload.

If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs.

*Editor's Note: The handling of MSKs may need some enhancement to cover download services, where the MSK is fetched after the UE has received the encrypted data.*

### 6.3.2.2 UE initiated MSK update procedure

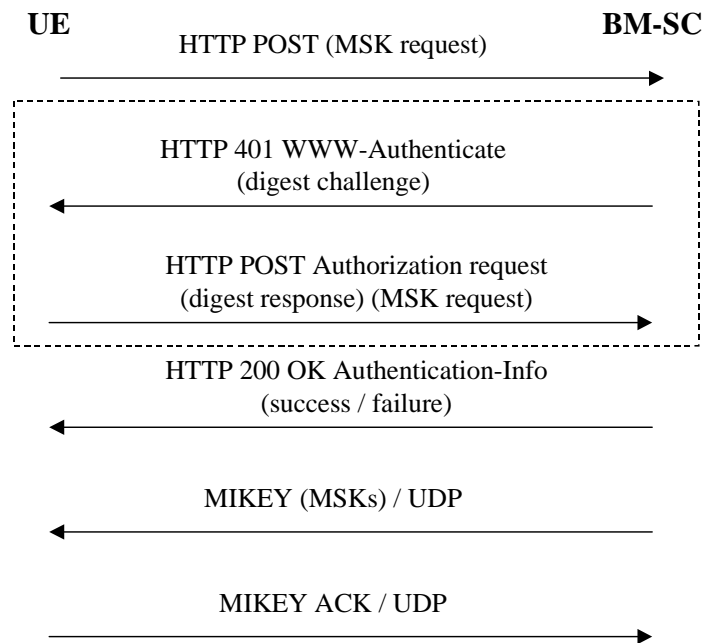
When a UE detects that it needs the MSK(s) for a specific MBMS User service, the UE should try to get the MSKs that will be used to protect the data transmitted as part of this multicast service. Reasons for UE to retrieve the MSK(s) include e.g.:

- retrieval of initial MSKs e.g. when the UE has joined the MBMS user service;

**Editor's note:** The initial key request may also be part of User Service joining procedure if SA4 decides to have such procedure. In this case the MSKs will be transported after the joining procedure has completed.

- retrieval of MSKs when the UE has missed a key update procedure e.g. due to being out of coverage.

If the UE fails to get hold of the MSK or receives confirmation that no updated MSK is necessary or available at this time, then, unless the UE has a still-valid, older MSK, the UE shall leave the MBMS user service.



**Figure 6.1: UE initiated MSK delivery**

The UE requests for the MSKs using the HTTP POST message. The key identification information is included in the client payload of the HTTP message.

The BM-SC may challenge the UE with HTTP response including WWW-Authenticate header and digest-challenge. Upon receiving the digest-challenge, the UE calculates the digest response and re-sends HTTP POST message including the key request and Authorization Request header including the digest response.

The BM-SC sends a response in HTTP 200 OK message with Authentication-Info header. The response in client payload includes cause code for success or reject.

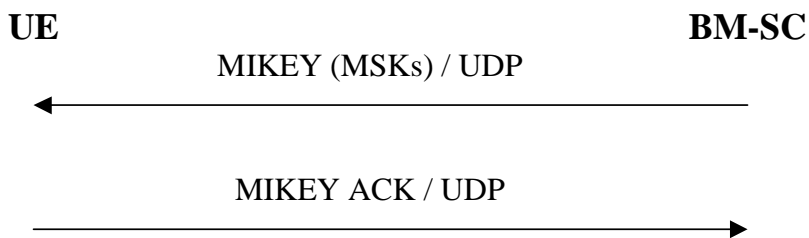
If the key request procedure above resulted to success, the BM-SC sends MIKEY messages over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

### 6.3.2.3 BM-SC initiated MSK update procedures

#### 6.3.2.3.1 Pushing the MSKs to the UE

The BM-SC controls when the MSKs used in a multicast service are to be changed. The below flow describes how MSK changes are performed.



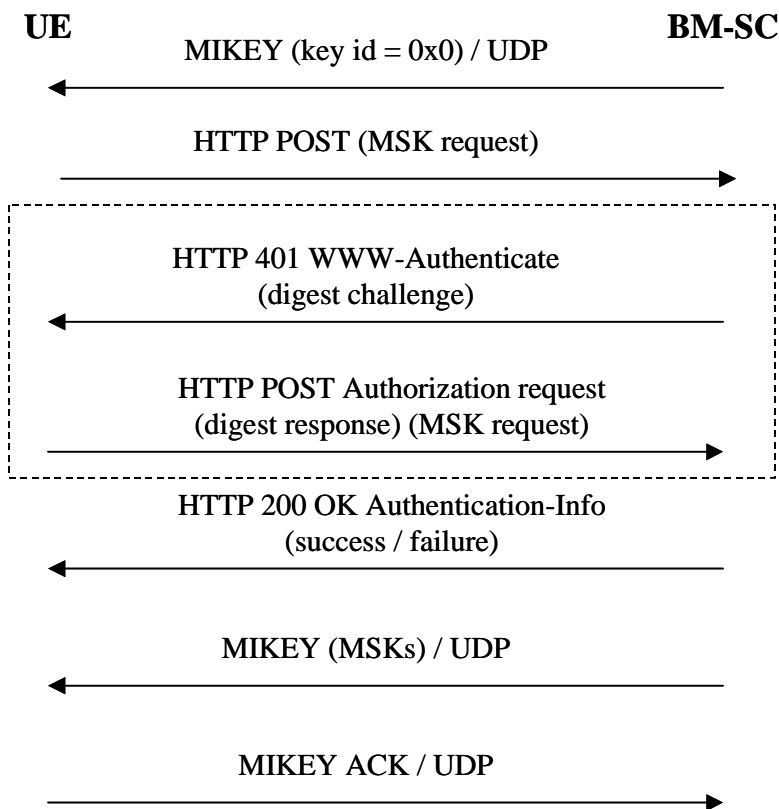
**Figure 6.2: Pushing the MSKs to the UE**

When the BM-SC decides that it is time to update the MSK, the BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

6.3.2.3.2 Push solicited pull

While the push is the regular way of updating the MSK to the UE, there may be situations where the BM-SC solicits the UE to contact the BM-SC and request for new MSKs. An example of such situation is when the BM-SC wants the UE to authenticate itself during the service or when the MUK has expired.



**Figure 6.3: Push solicited pull**

The BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP to the UE. The key IDs in the extension payload of the MIKEY message set to 0x0 to indicate that the UE should request for current MSK from the BM-SC.

When the UE contacts the BM-SC, the BM-SC may trigger re-authentication of the UE or even re-run of GBA procedure to update the MUK.

The rest of the procedure is the same as in 6.3.1.

### 6.3.3 MTK procedures

#### 6.3.3.1 MTK identification

Every MTK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID and MTK ID where

Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID are as defined in subclause 6.3.2.1.

*Editor's Note: The format of MTK is ffs.*

#### 6.3.3.2 MTK update procedure

The MTK is delivered to the UE as in 6.3.2.3.1 but the MIKEY ACK is not used.

## 6.4 MIKEY message creation and processing in the ME

*Editor's note: The need for salting keys in processing of MIKEY messages is for further study.*

### 6.4.1 General

MIKEY is used to transport the MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclauses 6.4.2, 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 describe how to create the MIKEY messages, while subclause 6.4.6 describe the initial processing by the ME on these messages. The final processing is done by the MBMS key Generation and Validation Function (MGV-F) and is described in subclause 6.5.

### 6.4.2 MIKEY common header

MIKEY shall be used with pre-shared keys as described in [9].

MSKs shall be carried in MIKEY messages with a Data Type value of 0x07 in the MIKEY common header that signals that the message contains an MBMS MSK. This allows legacy MIKEY implementations to discard the message early in the processing stage. The messages are sent point-to-point between the BM-SC and each UE. The messages use the MUK shared between the BM-SC and the UE as the pre-shared secret in MIKEY.

Once the MSK is in place in the UE, the UE can make use of the multicast MTK messages sent by the BM-SC. The MTK is carried in messages conforming to the structure defined by MIKEY and use the MSK as the pre-shared secret. A Data Type value of 0x08 is used in the MIKEY common header to signal that the message contains an MBMS MTK.

To keep track of MSKs and MTKs, a new Extension Payload (EXT) is added to MIKEY. The Extension contains the identities of MSKs and the MTKs (see subclause 6.3.2 and 6.3.3).

If the BM-SC requires an ACK for an MSK key update message this is indicated by setting the V-bit in the MIKEY common header. The UE shall then respond with a MIKEY message containing the verification payload. In the case the server does not receive an ACK, normal reliability constructions can be used, e.g., start a timer when the message is sent and then resend the message if no ACK is received before the timer expires.

The CSB ID field of MIKEY common header shall carry the Key Group ID.

### 6.4.3 Replay protection

Each MIKEY message contains the timestamp field (TS) of type 2. This means that the contents of the timestamp field is a 32-bit counter. The counter is increased by one for each message sent from the BM-SC to the UE. Note that there is one counter per UE for MSK delivery, and one counter common to all UEs for MTK delivery. The counter is used for replay protection; messages with a counter less than or equal to the current counter are discarded. Less than or equal is to be taken in the meaning of RFC1982. If the less than or equal relation is undefined in the sense of RFC1982, the message should be considered as being replayed and shall be discarded. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MSK transport messages when the MUK is updated. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MTK transport messages when the MSK is updated.

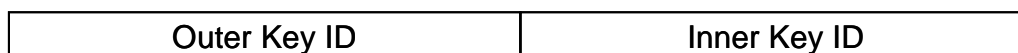
NOTE: The counter in TS field in MTK transport messages is used to detect replay attacks while the counter in MTK ID field of the EXT payload is used to detect the resendings of the same MTK keys.

## 6.4.4 General extension payload

The MSK and MTK shall be delivered in messages that conform to the structure defined in MIKEY [9]. To be able to keep track of the keys, a new general Extension Payload (EXT) is defined that conforms to the structure defined in 6.15 of MIKEY[9]. The IDs of the involved keys are kept in the EXT, to enable the UE to look up the identity of the key which was used to protect the message, and which key is delivered in the message. This EXT is incorporated in the MIKEY messages (see Figure 6.4). When an MSK is delivered to a UE, the MIKEY message contains an EXT that holds the MUK ID of the MUK used to protect the delivery, and the MSK ID of the MSK delivered in the message. For messages that contain an MTK, the EXT contains the MSK ID of the MSK used to protect the delivery, and the MTK ID of the MTK contained in the message. The MSK ID and MTK ID are increased by 1 every time the corresponding key is updated. It is possible that the same MTK is delivered several times in multicast, and the ME can then discard messages related to a key it already has instead of passing them to the MGV-F.

The MGV-F (see subclause 6.5) protects itself from a possibly malicious ME by checking the integrity and freshness of the MIKEY message.

The format of the key IDs shall be represented by unsigned integer counters, different from zero. The reason for disallowing zero is that it is reserved for future use. Note that this means that there can only be  $2^n - 1$  different keys in use during the same session, where  $n$  is the number of bits in the ID field.



**Figure 6.4: Extension payload used with MIKEY**

The Inner Key ID is the ID of the key that is transported in the message (i.e. an MSK or MTK). The Outer Key ID is the ID of the key used as pre-shared secret for the key delivery (i.e. an MUK or MSK).

## 6.4.5 MIKEY message structure

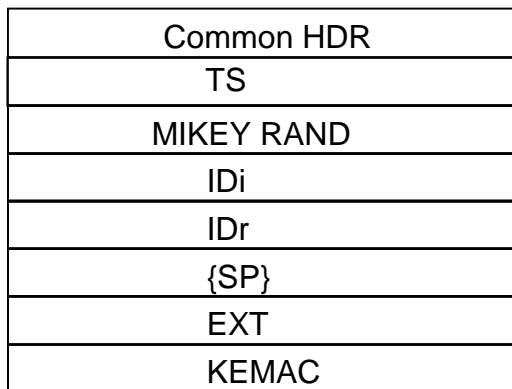
### 6.4.5.1 MSK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MSK key is depicted in Figure 6.5. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The MIKEY-RAND is used to derive e.g. encryption and authentication keys from the received keys. It is sent only in the initial MSK delivery message. The identity payloads of the initiator's and responder's IDs shall be included in the MSK transport messages. ID<sub>i</sub> is the ID of the BM-SC and ID<sub>r</sub> is the ID of the UE. Security Policy (SP) payload includes information for the security protocol such as algorithms to use, key lengths, initial values for algorithms etc. The Key Validity Data subfield is present in the KEMAC payload when MSK is transported but it is not present for MTK transport. The field defines the Key Validity Time for MSK in terms of sequence number interval (i.e. lower limit of MTK ID and upper limit of MTK ID). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs to be used by the MGV-F (see subclause 6.5).

**Editor's Note:** The type (URI or NAI) of identity payloads to use are for further study.

**Editor's Note:** The contents of the Security Policy payload depends on the used security protocols. MIKEY [9] has defined Security Policy payload for SRTP, but for other security protocols there is a need to define new Security Policy payloads. The exact definitions of these are FFS.

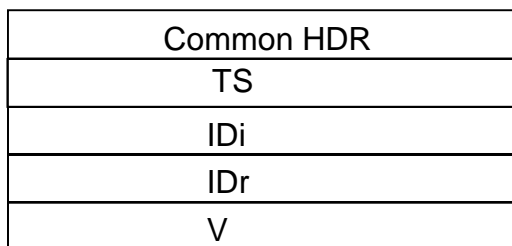




**Figure 6.5: The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK. For use of brackets, cf. clause 1.3 of MIKEY [9]**

#### 6.4.5.2 MSK Verification message

If the BM-SC expects a response to the MSK-transport message (i.e., the V-bit in the MIKEY common header is equal to 1), the UE shall send a verification message as a response. The verification message shall be constructed according to section 3.1 of MIKEY, and shall consist of the following fields: HDR || TS || IDi\_ || IDr || V, where IDi is the ID of the BM-SC and IDr is the ID of the UE. Note that the MAC included in the verification payload, shall be computed over both the initiator's and the responder's IDs as well as the timestamp in addition to be computed over the response message as defined in [9]. The key used in the MAC computation is the MUK\_I.



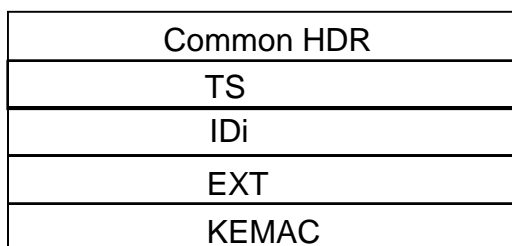
**Figure 6.6: The logical structure of the MIKEY Verification message**

The verification message shall not be sent as a response to MIKEY messages delivering MTK.

The verification message shall be constructed by the ME, except for the MAC field, and then be given to the MGV-F that will perform the MAC computation and will return the verification message appended with the MAC to the ME. The ME shall send the message to the BM-SC.

#### 6.4.5.3 MTK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MTK key is depicted in Figure 6.7. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The network identity payloads (IDi) shall be used in MTK transport messages.



**Figure 6.7: The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MTK**

## 6.4.6 Processing of received messages in the ME

### 6.4.6.1 MSK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MSK delivery, the MUK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUK (the counter value is retrieved from MGVS). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in the sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. The Security Policy payload is stored if it was present.
4. The message is transported to MGVS-F for further processing, cf 6.5.2.
5. The MGVS-F replies success or failure.

### 6.4.6.2 MTK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MTSK delivery, the MSK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MSK (the counter value is retrieved from MGVS). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in the sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. If the MTK ID extracted from the Extension payload is less than or equal to the current MTK ID (kept in the ME), the message shall be discarded.
4. The message is transported to MGVS-F for further processing, cf 6.5.3.
5. The MGVS-F replies success (i.e. sending the MTK) or failure.

## 6.5 Validation and key derivation functions in MGVS-F

### 6.5.1 General

It is assumed that the UE includes a secure storage (MGVS-S). This MGVS-S may be realized on the ME or on the UICC but for certain type of MBMS services the UICC shall be used as determined by the service provider. The MGVS-F is implemented inside MGVS-S.

**Editor's Note: The choice between MIKEY key derivation algorithms and other suitable key derivations has not been made as there could be algorithms already in the UE.**

### 6.5.2 MUK derivation

When a MUK has been installed in the MGVS-S, i.e. as a result of a GBA run, it is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive encryption and integrity keys (MUK\_C and MUK\_I) as defined in section 4.1.4 of MIKEY. MUK\_I and MUK\_C are used to verify the integrity of the MSK transport message and decrypt the key carried in the KEMAC payload.

### 6.5.3 MSK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key in the message is an MSK, MGV-F retrieves the MUK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

The MAC in the KEMAC payload is verified using MUK\_I, and the message is discarded if verification fails. If the MAC verification is successful the MUK\_C is used to decrypt the Key Data sub-payload, and the MSK can be installed in the MGV-S. The MSK is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive (as specified in section 4.1.4 of [9]) encryption and integrity keys (MSK\_I and MSK\_C). The Key Validity data is extracted from the message and stored (in the form of MTK ID interval). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs.

NOTE: The MSK is not necessarily updated in the message, since a MSK transport message can be sent e.g. to update the Key Validity data.

If MAC verification is successful, then the MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MUK ID.

### 6.5.4 MTK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key inside the message is an MTK, MGV-F retrieves the MSK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

It is assumed that the MBMS service specific data, MSK and the sequence number SEQs, have been stored within a secure storage (MGV-S). Both MSK and SEQs were transferred to the MGV-S with the execution of the MSK update procedures. The initial value of SEQs is determined by the service provider.

The MGV-F shall only calculate and deliver the MBMS Traffic Keys (MTK) to the ME if the ptm-key information is deemed to be fresh.

The MGV-F shall compare the received SEQp, i.e. MTK ID from the MIKEY message with the stored SEQs. If SEQp is equal or lower than SEQs then the MGV-F shall indicate a failure to the ME. If SEQp is greater than SEQs then the MGV-F shall calculate the MAC as defined in [9] using the received MIKEY message and MSK as input. This MAC is compared with the MAC of the KEMAC payload in the MIKEY message. If the MAC verification is unsuccessful, then the MGV-F will indicate a failure to the ME. If the MAC verification is successful, then the MGV-F shall update SEQs with SEQp value and start the generation of MTK. The MGV-F provides the MTK to the ME.

The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MSK ID.

NOTE: MIKEY includes functionality to derive further keys from MTK if needed by the security protocol. The key derivation is defined in section 4.1.3 of MIKEY [9].

## 6.6 Protection of the transmitted traffic

### 6.6.1 General

The data transmitted to the UEs is protected by a symmetric key (an MTK) that is shared by the BM-SC and UEs that are accessing the MBMS service. The protection of the data is applied by the BM-SC. In order to determine which key was used to protect the data key identification information is included with the protected data. The Key\_ID will uniquely identify the MSK and contain other information needed to calculate the MTK. The MTK is derived according to the methods described in subclauses 6.4 and 6.5. Whenever data from an MBMS User Service has been decrypted, if it is to be stored on the UE it will be stored decrypted.

NOTE: Including the key identification information with the protected data stops the UE trying to decrypt and render content for which it does not have the MSK.

## 6.6.2 Protection of streaming data

### 6.6.2.1 Usage of SRTP

When it is required to protect MBMS streaming data SRTP (Secure Real-time Transport Protocol) as defined in [11] shall be used. The MTK is carried to the UEs from the BM-SC using MIKEY [9] with extensions defined according to this specification. MTK shall be used as the master key in SRTP key derivation to derive the SRTP session keys as defined in chapter 4.3 of [9]. The correct MTK to use to decrypt the data is indicated using the MKI (Master Key identifier) field, which is included in the SRTP packets as defined in [11]. The form of MKI shall be a concatenation of Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID and MTK ID, i.e.  $MKI = (\text{Network ID} \parallel \text{Key Group ID} \parallel \text{MSK ID} \parallel \text{MTK ID})$ .

If the SRTP packets are to be integrity protected, the SRTP authentication tag is appended to the packets as defined in [9].

SRTP security policy parameters, such as encryption algorithm, are transported in MIKEY Security Policy payload as defined in chapter 6.10.1 in [9].

### 6.6.2.2 Packet processing in the UE

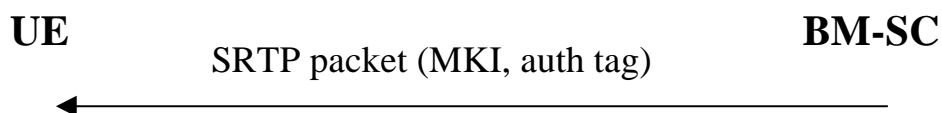
When the SRTP module receives a packet, it will check if it has the MTK corresponding to the value in the MKI field in the SRTP cryptographic context.

**NOTE:** The SRTP module does not need to interpret the MKI field semantics. It only checks whether it has the MTK corresponding to the MKI value.

If the check is successful, the SRTP module processes the packet according to the security policy.

If the SRTP module does not have the MTK, it will request the MTK corresponding to the MKI from the key management module. When the key management module returns a new MTK, the SRTP module will derive new session keys from the MTK and process the packet. However, if the key management module does not have the MSK indicated by MKI, then it should fetch the MSK using the methods discussed in the subclause 6.3.

The below flow shows how the protected content is delivered to the UE.



**Figure 6.8: Delivery of protected streaming content to the UE**

## 6.6.3 Protection of download content

Data that belongs to a download MBMS User Service is decrypted as soon as possible by the UE, if the MSK needed to provide the relevant MTK is already available on the UE.

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## Annex A (informative): Trust model

The following trust relationship between the roles that are participating in MBMS services are proposed:

- the user trusts the home network operator to provide the MBMS service according to the service level agreement;
- the user trusts the network operator after mutual authentication;
- the network trusts an authenticated user using integrity protection and encryption at RAN level;
- the network may have trust or no trust in a content provider.

The home network and visited network trust each other when a roaming agreement is defined, in the case the user is roaming in a VPLMN.

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## Annex B (informative): Security threats

### B.1 Threats associated with attacks on the radio interface

The threats associated with attacks on the radio interface are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-clauses:

- unauthorized access to multicast data;
- threats to integrity;
- denial of service;
- unauthorized access to MBMS services;
- privacy violation.

The attacks on the MBMS service announcements to the users on the radio interface are not discussed here, as these will most likely be transferred on a point-to-point connection (e.g. PS signaling connection), which is already secured today (integrity protected and optionally encrypted RAN level).

#### B.1.1 Unauthorised access to multicast data

- A1:** Intruders may eavesdrop MBMS multicast data on the air-interface.
- A2:** Users that have not joined and activated a MBMS multicast service receiving that service without being charged.
- A3:** Users that have joined and then left a MBMS multicast service continuing to receive the MBMS multicast service without being charged.
- A4:** Valid subscribers may derive decryption keys (MTK) and distribute them to unauthorized parties.
- NOTE:** It is assumed that the legitimate end user has a motivation to defeat the system and distribute the shared keys (MSK, MTK) that are a necessary feature of any broadcast security scheme.

#### B.1.2 Threats to integrity

- B1:** Modifications and replay of messages in a way to fool the user of the content from the actual source, e.g. replace the actual content with a fake one.

#### B.1.3 Denial of service attacks

- C1:** Jamming of radio resources. Deliberate manipulation of the data to disturb the communication.

#### B.1.4 Unauthorised access to MBMS services

- D1:** An attacker using the 3GPP network to gain “free access” of MBMS services and other services on another user’s bill.
- D2:** An attacker using MBMS shared keys (MSK, MTK) to gain free access to content without any knowledge of the service provider.

**NOTE:** It cannot be assumed that keys held in a terminal are secure. No matter how the shared keys (MSK, MTK) are delivered to the terminal, we have to assume they can be derived in an attack. For example, the shared keys, while secure in the UICC, may be passed over an insecure SIM-ME interface.

## B.1.5 Privacy violation

**E1:** The user identity could be exposed to the content provider, in the case the content provider is located in the 3GPP network, and then linked to the content.

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## B.2 Threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system

The threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-clauses:

- unauthorized access to data;
- threats to integrity;
- denial of service;
- A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on;
- Unauthorized insertion of MBMS user data and key management data.

### B.2.1 Unauthorised access to data

**F1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for intruders who may eavesdrop the new interface Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**F2:** Intruders may eavesdrop the new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC.

### B.2.2 Threats to integrity

**G1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for new attacks on the new interfaces Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**G2:** The new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC may open up for attacks as modifications of multimedia content.

### B.2.3 Denial of service

**H1:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> Content Provider to disturb the communication.

**H2:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> GGSN to disturb the communication.

### B.2.4 A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on

**I1:** A malicious ME querying the MTK generation function for MTK's to use them later on in an attack (e.g. in order to use the retrieved MTKs within an unauthorized data insertion attacks (See B.2.5)).

## B.2.5 Unauthorised insertion of MBMS user data and key management data

- J1:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with valid (previously retrieved) MTK from the MTK generation function, within the multicast stream.
- J2:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with old (using replayed key management messages) MTK, within the multicast stream.
- J3:** An attacker, which deliberately inserts incorrect key management information within the multicast stream to cause Denial of Service attacks.



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## Annex C (normative): Multicast security requirements

### C.1 Requirements on security service access

#### C.1.1 Requirements on secure service access

R1a: A valid USIM shall be required to access MBMS User Services.

R1b: It shall be possible to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access of MBMS User Services by masquerading as authorized users.

#### C.1.2 Requirements on secure service provision

R2a: It shall be possible for the network (e.g. BM-SC) to authenticate users at the start of, and during, service delivery to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access to MBMS User Services.

R2b: It shall be possible to prevent the use of a particular USIM to access MBMS User Services.

NOTE: No security requirements shall be placed on the UE that requires UE to be customised to a particular customer prior to the point of sale.

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### C.2 Requirements on MBMS transport Service signaling protection

R3a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS transport service signaling on the Gmb reference point.

**Editor's Note:** When the Gmb reference point is IP-based then NDS/IP methods according to TS 33.210 may be applied to fulfill requirement R3a. The Gmb interface is ffs.

R3b: Unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of all transport service signaling, on the RAN shall be prevented when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint (ptm) link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE.

NOTE: UTRAN Bearer signalling integrity protection will not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS signalling and GERAN has no bearer signalling integrity protection, even for point to point signalling.

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### C.3 Requirements on Privacy

R4a: The User identity should not be exposed to the content provider or linked to the content in the case the Content Provider is located outside the 3GPP operator's network.

R4b: MBMS identity and control information shall not be exposed when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE.

NOTE: UTRAN and GERAN Bearer confidentiality protection will be not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS sessions.

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## C.4 Requirements on MBMS Key Management

- R5a: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be confidentiality protected.
- R5b: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be integrity protected.
- R5c: The UE and MBMS key generator shall support the operator to perform re-keying as frequently as it believes necessary to ensure that:
- users that have joined an MBMS User Service multicast service, but then left, shall not gain further access to the MBMS User Service without being charged appropriately
  - users joining an MBMS User Service shall not gain access to data from previous transmissions in the MBMS User Service without having been charged appropriately
  - the effect of subscribed users distributing decryption keys to non-subscribed users shall be controllable.
- R5d: Only authorized users that have joined an MBMS User Service shall be able to receive MBMS keys delivered from the MBMS key generator.
- R5e: The MBMS keys shall not allow the BM-SC to infer any information about used UE-keys at radio level (i.e. if they would be derived from it).
- R5f: All keys used for the MBMS User Service shall be uniquely identifiable. The identity may be used by the UE to retrieve the actual key (based on identity match, and mismatch recognition) when an update was missed or was erroneous/incomplete.
- R5g: The BM-SC shall be aware of where all MBMS specific keys are stored in the UE (i.e. ME or UICC).
- R5h: The function of providing MTK to the ME shall only deliver a MTK to the ME if the input values used for obtaining the MTK were fresh (have not been replayed) and came from a trusted source.

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## C.5 Requirements on integrity protection of MBMS User Service data

- R6a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS User Service data sent to the UE on the radio interface. The use of integrity shall be optional.
- NOTE: It may be possible to detect the deletion of MBMS data packets, but it is impossible to prevent the deletion. Packets may be lost because of bad radio conditions, providing integrity protection will not help to detect or recover from this situation.
- NOTE: The use of shared keys (integrity and confidentiality) to a group of untrusted users only prevents attacks of lower levels of sophistication, such as preventing eavesdroppers from simply listening in
- R6b: The MBMS User Service data may be integrity protected with a common integrity key, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.
- R6c: It may be required to integrity protect the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface i.e. reference point Gi.

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## C.6 Requirements on confidentiality protection of MBMS User Service data

- R7a: It shall be possible to protect the confidentiality of MBMS User Service data on the radio interface.
- R7b: The MBMS User Service data may be encrypted with common encryption keys, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.
- R7c: It may be required to encrypt the MBMS User Service data on the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface, i.e. the reference points Gi.
- R7d: It shall be infeasible for a man-in-the-middle to bid down the confidentiality protection used on protect the MBMS User Service from the BM-SC to the UE.
- R7e: It shall be infeasible for an eavesdropper to break the confidentiality protection of the MBMS User Service when it is applied.

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## C.7 Requirements on content provider to BM-SC reference point

- R8a: The BM-SC shall be able to authenticate and authorize a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider that wishes to transmit data to the BM-SC.
- R8b: It shall be possible to integrity and confidentiality protect data sent from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider to the BM-SC.
- NOTE: This reference point will not be standardised.

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## Annex D (normative): UICC-ME interface

### D.1 MSK Update Procedure

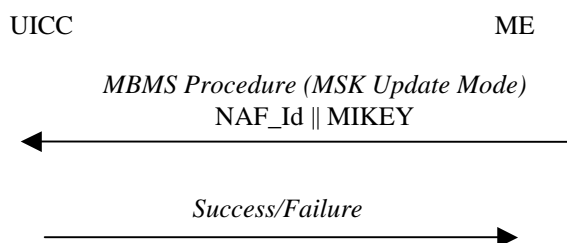
This procedure is part of the MSK update procedure as described in subclause 6.5 (Validation and key derivation functions in MGV-F).

The ME has previously performed a GBA\_U bootstrapping procedure as described in TS 33.220. The UICC stores the corresponding Ks\_int\_NAF together with the NAF\_Id associated with this particular bootstrapping procedure.

The ME receives a MIKEY message containing an MSK update procedure. After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF.

The UICC then uses Ks\_int\_NAF as the MUK value for MUK derivation and MSK validation and derivation (as described in subclauses 6.5.3).

After successful MSK Update procedure the UICC stores the Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MSK and MSK Validity Time (in the form of MTK ID interval).



**Figure D.1: MSK Update Procedure**

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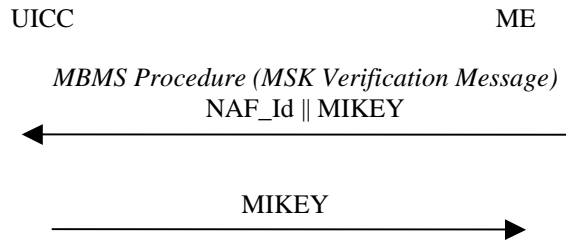
### D.2 MSK Verification Message Generation

This procedure is part of the MSK Verification Message as described in subclause 6.4.5.2 (MSK Verification message).

The ME constructs the verification message in response to the MSK-transport message when it is required by BM-SC.

The ME shall then give the constructed MIKEY verification message, with an empty MAC field, to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF=MUK to be used in the MSK Verification Message Generation.

The UICC will verify that the Time Stamp MIKEY field correspond to the previous MSK Update procedure. Then, the UICC shall compute and send the MIKEY packet to the ME (including the calculated MAC field) as defined in subclause 6.4.5.2. (MSK Verification message).

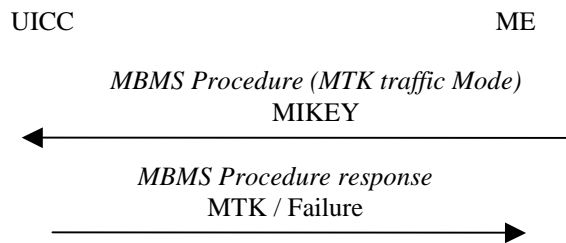


**Figure D.2: MSK Verification Message**

## D.3 MTK generation and validation

This procedure is part of the MTK generation and validation function as described in subclause 6.5.4 (MTK validation and derivation).

The ME receives the MIKEY message (containing Header, Time stamp, Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MTK ID = SEQp, MSK\_C[MTK] and MAC). After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The UICC computes the MGv-F function as described in subclause 6.5. (Validation and key derivation functions in MGv-F). After successful MGv-F procedure the UICC returns the MTK.



**Figure D.3: MTK Generation and Validation**

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## Introduction

The security of MBMS provides different challenges compared to the security of services delivered over point-to-point services. In addition to the normal threat of eavesdropping, there is also the threat that it may not be assumed that valid subscribers have any interest in maintaining the privacy of the communications, and they may therefore conspire to circumvent the security solution (for example one subscriber may publish the decryption keys enabling non-subscribers to view broadcast content). Countering this threat requires the decryption keys to be updated frequently in a manner that may not be predicted by subscribers while making efficient use of the radio network.

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# 1 Scope

The Technical Specification covers the security procedures of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) for 3GPP systems (UTRAN and GERAN). MBMS is a GPRS network bearer service over which many different applications could be carried. The actual method of protection may vary depending on the type of MBMS application.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

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- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 22.146: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Stage 1".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.246: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS); Architecture and Functional Description".
- [4] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G Security; Security Architecture".
- [5] 3GPP TS 22.246 "MBMS User Services"
- [6] 3GPP TS 33.220: "3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture".
- [7] 3GPP TS 31.102: "[3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Terminals; Characteristics of the USIM application](#)~~T3 specification describing MBMS application and interface procedures on UICC~~"
- [8] IETF RFC 2617 "HTTP Digest Authentication"
- [9] [IETF: MIKEY: Multimedia Internet KEYing; http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-msec-mikey-08.txt; Work In Progress](http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-msec-mikey-08.txt)
- [10] [IETF RFC 1982 "Serial Number Arithmetic"](#)
- [11] [IETF RFC 3711 "Secure Real-time Transport Protocol"](#)

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# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply.

For the definitions of MBMS User Service refer to [5].

~~MPK = MBMS traffic key Freshness Key. This key is derived from MSK and is used to ensure that MTK is fresh.~~

~~MGK = MBMS traffic key Generation Key: This key is derived from MSK and is used to protect MTK.~~

MRK = MBMS Request Key: This key is to ~~authenticate~~ authorize the UE to the BM-SC when performing key requests etc.

MSK = MBMS Service Key: The MBMS Service key that is securely transferred (using the key MUK) from the BM-SC towards the UE. For MBMS streaming the MSK is not used directly to protect the MBMS User Service data (see MTK).

~~Editors Note: How the MSK is used for download is still under study.~~

MTK = MBMS Traffic Key: A key that is obtained by the UICC or ME by calling a decryption function  $MGV-F_t$  with ~~a key derived from~~ the MSK. The key MTK is used to decrypt the received MBMS data on the ME.

MUK = MBMS User Key: The MBMS user individual key that is used by the BM-SC to protect the point to point transfer of MSK's to the UE.

~~Editors Note~~ NOTE: The keys MSK and MUK may be stored within the UICC or the ME depending on the MBMS service. ~~The function  $F_t$  may be realized on the ME or the UICC~~

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

<del>MUK_I</del>	<del>Integrity key derived from key MUK</del>
<del>MUK_C</del>	<del>Confidentiality key derived from key MUK</del>
<del>MSK_I</del>	<del>Integrity key derived from key MSK</del>
<del>MSK_C</del>	<del>Confidentiality key derived from key MSK <math>F_t</math> MPK generation function</del>
<del><math>F_g</math></del>	<del>MGK generation function</del>
<del><math>F_m</math></del>	<del>Keyed MAC function used to check the freshness of MTK</del>
<del><math>F_t</math></del>	<del>MTK generation function</del>

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service
MGV-F	MTK Generation and Validation Function

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## ~~4 MBMS security architecture~~ 4 MBMS security overview

### 4.1 MBMS security architecture

MBMS introduces the concept of a point-to-multipoint service into a 3G network. A requirement of a multicast service is to be able to securely transmit data to a given set of users. In order to achieve this, there needs to be a method of authentication, key distribution and data protection for a multicast service. The point-to-point services in a 3G network use the AKA protocol (see TS 33.102 [4]) to both authenticate a user and agree on keys to be used between that user and the radio network. These keys are subsequently used to provide protection of traffic between the network and the UE.



Figure 1: MBMS security architecture

Figure 1 gives an overview of the network elements involved in MBMS from a security perspective. Nearly all the security functionality for MBMS (beyond the normal network bearer security) resides in either the BM-SC or the UE.

The Broadcast Multicast – Service Centre (BM-SC) is a source for MBMS data. It could also be responsible for scheduling data and receiving data from third parties (this is beyond the scope of the standardisation work) for transmission. It is responsible for generating and distributing the keys necessary for multicast security to the UEs and for applying the appropriate protection to data that is transmitted as part of a multicast service. The BM-SC also provides the MBMS bearer authorisation for UEs attempting to establish multicast bearer.

The UE is responsible for receiving or fetching keys for the multicast service from the BM-SC and also using those keys to decrypt the MBMS data that is received.

## 4.2 Key management overview

A MBMS User Service may contain one or more MSKs which may be in use at the same time and are managed at the MBMS User Service Level. The BM-SC controls the use of the MSKs towards the different Transport Services. The MSKs are not directly used towards the MBMS Transport Services but as a second level key MTK as specified within clauses 6.4 and 6.5.

NOTE: According to good security practice the use of the same MTK with two different protocols shall be avoided

For MBMS User Services it shall be possible to share one or more MSKs with other MBMS User Service, as according to TS 22.246 [5] there exist MBMS User Services with shared and non-shared Transport Services.

NOTE: While sharing MSKs among different MBMS User Services care shall be taken that the Users are not given access to data that they are not entitled to.

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# 5 MBMS security functions

## 5.1 Authenticating and authorizing the user

A UE is authenticated and authorised in ~~two following situations parts~~ when participating in an MBMS User Service. That is: Firstly-

- when the UE performs User Service joining (or leaving ) on the application level

Editor's Note: The final decision on application level join procedures relies of work in SA4.

~~- when the UE establishes (or releases) the MBMS bearer(s) to receive an MBMS User Service, and secondly when the UE requests and receives MSKs for the MBMS User Service. The MBMS bearer establishment requires a point to point connection with the network on which authentication is performed using network security described in TS 33.102 [4]. Authorisation for the MBMS bearer establishment happens by the network making an authorisation request to the BM-SC to ensure that the UE is allowed to establish the MBMS bearer(s) corresponding to an MBMS User Service (see TS 23.246 [3] for the details). As MBMS bearer establishment authorisation lies outside the control of the MBMS bearer network (i.e. it is controlled by the BM-SC), there is an additional procedure to remove the MBMS bearer(s) related to a UE that is no longer authorised to access an MBMS User Service.~~

- when the UE requests and receives MSKs for the MBMS User Service

- when the UE performs post delivery procedures (e.g. point to point repair service)

Editor's Note: The final decision on post delivery procedures relies of work in SA4.

NOTE: The list above does not reflect the order of authentications.

~~Editor's Note: It was agreed that the GBA method will be used for MBMS Security (GBA U + GBA ME + MIKEY). It was agreed that the work would continue under the assumption of there being both the UICC based solution and ME based solution. If a Terminal is to support MBMS, then it will need to support GBA U.~~

~~Editor's Note: Authentication may also be needed for application layer joining and leaving. The final decision relies of work in SA4.~~

## 5.2 Key management and distribution

Like any service, the keys that are used to protect the transmitted data in a Multicast service should be regularly changed to ensure that they are fresh. This ensures that only legitimate users can get access to the data in the MBMS service. In particular frequent re-keying acts as a deterrent for an attacker to pass the MBMS keys to others users to allow those other users to access the data in an MBMS service.

The BM-SC is responsible for the generation and distribution of the MBMS keys to the UE. A UE has the ability to request a key when it does not have the relevant key to decrypt the data. This request may also be initiated by a message from the BM-SC to indicate that a new key is available.

~~Editor's note: It needs to be decided if there is to be a minimum amount of traffic that is to be protected with one key, as this puts a lower limit on the frequency of key changes, e.g. one continuous transmission of data. It could also be possible for several of these minimum amounts to be transmitted with changing the key. It is ffs what this minimum amount should be and whether several of these minimum amounts can be transmitted without changing the key.~~

~~Editor's note: If all users need to request a key update simultaneously then there may need to be some method of ensuring that all the users do not request a key update at the same time. This mechanism is ffs.~~

~~Editor's note: The keys can be distributed to each user receiving the same MBMS service in point to point mode when the number of the users is relatively small. And the users receiving the same Multicast service within the same area can also be further combined into one to several subgroups to make it possible that the keys can be given to all users within one subgroup at a time in point to multipoint mode.~~

### 5.35.3 Protection of the transmitted traffic

The traffic for a particular MBMS service may require some protection depending on the sensitivity of the data being transmitted (e.g. it is possible that the data being transmitted by the MBMS service is actually protected by the DRM security method and hence requires no additional protection). This protection will be either confidentiality and integrity or just confidentiality. The protection is applied end-to-end between the BM-SC and the UEs and will be based on a symmetric key shared between the BM-SC and the UEs that are currently accessing the service. The actual method of protection specified may vary depending on the type of data being transmitted, e.g. media streaming application or file download.

~~Editor's note: It was agreed that the encryption should be done end to end between the UE and BM SC, and not at either the Radio or the Core Network level. The actual method of protection was for further study.~~

~~Editor's note: It was noticed that when data is sent on a ptp MBMS bearer, it would be ciphered between the BM SC and UE and also over the RAN. SA3 agreed that this "double ciphering" was unnecessary from a security point of view. This was indicated to RAN2 and GERAN2 in an LS (S3-030156) and the choice on whether to "double cipher" was left to these groups. RAN2 (S3-030328) indicated it would be easier to "double cipher" as this kept the RAN simpler, whereas GERAN2 (S3-030184) indicated that they would avoid "double ciphering".~~

NOTE: When MBMS data is received over a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer, it would be ciphered between the BM-SC and UE and may also ciphered over the (GE-)RAN. Although this "double ciphering" is unnecessary from a security point of view it is a (GE-)RAN decision whether to apply ciphering or not in (GE-)RAN.



## 6 Security mechanisms

### 6.1 Using GBA for MBMS

GBA[6] is used to agree keys that are needed to run an MBMS Multicast User service. MBMS imposes the following requirements on the MBMS capable UICCs and MEs:

A UICC that contains MBMS key management functions shall implement GBA\_U.

An ME that supports MBMS shall implement GBA\_U and GBA\_ME, and shall be capable of utilising the MBMS key management functions on the UICC.

Before a user can access an MBMS User service, the UE needs to share GBA-keys with the BM-SC. If no valid GBA-keys are available at the UE, the UE shall perform a GBA run with the BSF of the home network as described within [6] section 5. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The MSKs for an MBMS User service shall be stored on either the UICC or the ME. Storing the MSKs on the UICC requires a UICC that contains the MBMS management functions (and by requirement is GBA aware) and requires that all of the network elements, i.e. HSS, BSF and BM-SC, to be GBA\_U aware. As a result of the GBA\_U run in these circumstances, the BM-SC will share a key Ks\_ext\_NAF with the ME and share a key Ks\_int\_NAF with the UICC. This key Ks\_int\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the UICC as the key MUK to protect MSK deliveries to the UICC as described within clause 6.3. The key Ks\_ext\_NAF is used as the key MRK within the protocols as described within clause 6.2.

NOTE: A run of GBA\_U on a GBA aware UICC will not allow the MSKs to be stored on the UICC, if the MBMS management functions are not present on the UICC.

In any other circumstance, a run of GBA results in the BM-SC sharing a key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF with the ME. This key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the ME to derive the key MUK and the key MRK (MBMS Request Key). The key MUK is used to protect MSK deliveries to the ME as described within clause 6.3. The key MRK is used to authenticate the UE towards the ~~BM-SC~~MBMS within the protocols as described within clause 6.2.

### 6.2 Authentication and authorisation of a user

~~Editor's note: this section will contain the details on authentication and authorization of an MBMS user~~

Editor's Note: The exact details on how to derive the keys MRK and MUK from the GBA keys are for ffs.

Editor's Note: According to S3-040212, SA4 has a working assumption to use HTTP as the transport protocol but this is only agreed for the download repair service.

#### 6.2.1 Authentication and authorisation in application level joining

When the user wants to join (or leave) an MBMS user service, it shall use HTTP digest authentication [68] for authentication. HTTP digest is run between BM-SC and ME. The MBMS authentication procedure is based on the general user authentication procedure over Ua interface that is specified in chapter "Procedures using the bootstrapped Security Association" in [6]. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The following adaptations apply to HTTP digest:

- The transaction identifier as specified in [86] is used as username
- MRK (MBMS Request Key) is used as password.
- The joined MBMS user service is specified in client payload of HTTP Digest message.

Editor's Note: The contents of the client payload are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4.

~~Editor's Note:~~ The final decision on application level join and leave procedures relies of work in SA4.

## 6.2.2 Authentication and authorisation in MBMS bearer establishment

The authentication of the UE during MBMS bearer establishment relies on the authenticated point-to-point connection with the network, which was set up using network security described in TS 33.102 [4]. Authorisation for the MBMS bearer establishment happens by the network making an authorisation request to the BM-SC to ensure that the UE is allowed to establish the MBMS bearer(s) corresponding to an MBMS User Service (see TS 23.246 [3] for the details). As MBMS bearer establishment authorisation lies outside the control of the MBMS bearer network (i.e. it is controlled by the BM-SC), there is an additional procedure to remove the MBMS bearer(s) related to a UE that is no longer authorised to access an MBMS User Service.

## 6.2.3 Authentication and authorisation in MSK request

When the UE requests MSK(s), the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in subclause 6.2.1.

## 6.2.4 Authentication and authorisation in post delivery procedures

When the UE requests post delivery procedures, the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in chapter 6.2.1.

~~Editor's Note: The use of bootstrapped keys for leaving an MBMS user service, for an MSK key request and request to a download repair server is for ffs.~~

~~Editor's Note: According to S3-040212, SA4 has a working assumption to use HTTP as the transport protocol but this is only agreed for the download repair service.~~

## 6.3 Key update procedures

Editor's Note: The contents of the http client payloads are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4.

### 6.3.1 MSK procedures

#### 6.3.1.1 MSK identification

Every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID

where

Network ID = MCC || MNC and is 3 bytes long. It is carried in the ID\_I payload in MIKEY message

Key Group ID is 2 bytes long and is used to group keys together in order to allow redundant MSKs to be deleted. It is carried in the CSB\_ID field of MIKEY common header.

MSK ID is 2 bytes long and is used to distinguish MSKs that have the same Network ID and Key Service ID. It is carried in the MSK-ID field of MIKEY extension payload.

If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs.

Editor's Note: The handling of MSKs may need some enhancement to cover download services, where the MSK is fetched after the UE has received the encrypted data.

#### 6.3.1.2 UE initiated MSK update procedure

~~Once~~ When a UE detects that it needs the MSK(s) for a specific MBMS User service ~~has joined a multicast service~~, the UE should try to get the MSKs that will be used to 'protect' the data transmitted as part of this multicast service.

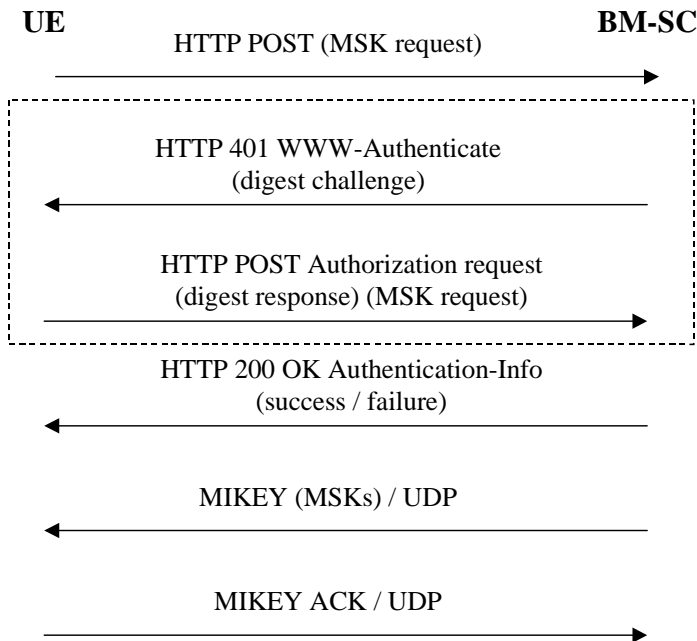
Reasons for UE to retrieve the MSK(s) include e.g.:

- Retrieval of initial MSKs e.g. when the UE has joined the MBMS user service

Editor’s note: The initial key request may also be part of User Service joining procedure if SA4 decides to have such procedure. In this case the MSKs will be transported after the joining procedure has completed.

- Retrieval of MSKs when the UE has missed a key update procedure e.g. due to being out of coverage

If the UE fails to get hold of the MSK or receives confirmation that no updated MSK is necessary or available at this time, then, unless the UE has a still-valid, older MSK, the UE shall leave the MBMS user service.



**Figure x. UE initiated MSK delivery**

The UE ~~tries requests for to get~~ the MSKs using the ~~second message in the below flow~~ HTTP POST message. The key identification information is included in the client payload of the HTTP message.

The BM-SC may challenge the UE with HTTP response including WWW-Authenticate header and digest-challenge. Upon receiving the digest-challenge, the UE calculates the digest response and re-sends HTTP POST message including the key request and Authorization Request header including the digest response.

The BM-SC sends a response in HTTP 200 OK message with Authentication-Info header. The response in client payload includes cause code for success or reject.

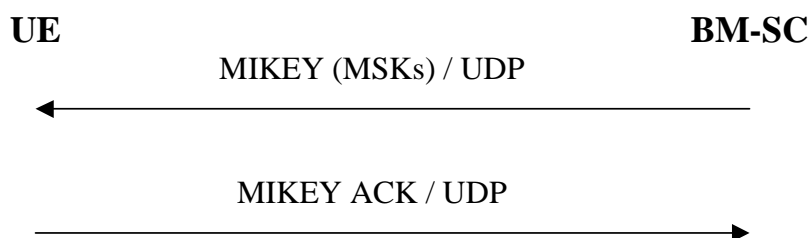
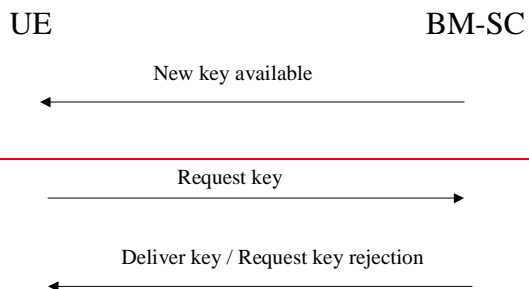
If the key request procedure above resulted to success, the BM-SC sends MIKEY messages over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

### 6.3.1.3 BM-SC initiated MSK update procedures

#### 6.3.1.3.1 Pushing the MSKs to the UE

The BM-SC controls when the MSKs used in a multicast service are to be changed. The below flow describes how MSK changes are performed.



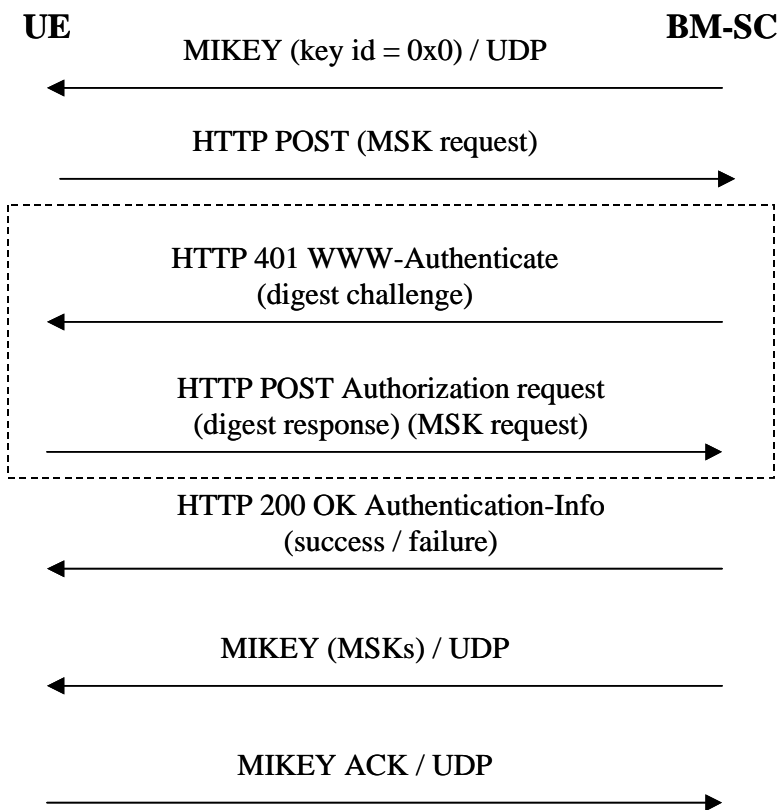
**Figure x. Pushing the MSKs to the UE**

When the BM-SC decides to that it is time to update the MSK, the BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

**6.3.1.3.2 Push solicited pull**

While the push is the regular way of updating the MSK to the UE, there may be situations where the BM-SC solicits the UE to contact the BM-SC and request for new MSKs. An example of such situation is when the BM-SC wants the UE to authenticate itself during the service or when the MUK has expired.



**Figure x. Push solicited pull**

The BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP to the UE. The key IDs in the extension payload of the MIKEY message set to 0x0 to indicate that the UE should request for current MSK from the BM-SC.

When the UE contacts the BM-SC, the BM-SC may trigger re-authentication of the UE or even re-run of GBA procedure to update the MUK.

The rest of the procedure is the same as in 6.3.1.

~~The first message is sent out by the BM-SC to indicate that new MSKs are available. It is an optional message in the flow. If it is sent to all UEs, then the BM-SC should provide the rules to the UE for subsequent request for the new MSK when a UE joins a multicast service, to avoid simultaneous requesting from all the UEs.~~

~~Editor's note: A possible method for achieving the above is for the BM-SC to allocate different "request delay-time" to different UEs; such that when the UEs receive the new key available message, they shall send the request key message after the delay requested by the BM-SC. Alternatively it is possible to use the key-lifetime methods suggested in S3-040059.~~

~~The second message is used to request an MSK. This is sent by the UE when it either receives the first message in the flow and does not have the new MSK, or has just joined a multicasts service and does not have an MSK for that service or has received some protected content and does not have the MSK that was used to protect the content. If the UE fails to get hold of the updated MSK or receive confirmation that no updated MSK is necessary or available at this time, then, unless the UE has a still valid older MSK, the UE shall leave the MBMS service.~~

- ~~• After receiving the second message the BM-SC should send out the appropriate MSK to the UE protected by the relevant means, or reject the UE's key request with an indication of the cause. Upon successfully receiving the new MSK, the UE should store this key for later use.~~

~~Editor's note: MIKEY was chosen as the method for carrying keys. The use of MIKEY will be based on the proposal in S3-040258.~~

### 6.3.2 MTK procedures

The MTK is delivered to the UE as in 6.3.2.1 but the MIKEY ACK is not used.

## 6.4 MIKEY message processing in the UE

Editor's note: The need for salting keys in processing of MIKEY messages is for further study.

### 6.4.1 MIKEY common header

MIKEY shall be used with pre-shared keys as described in [9].

MSKs shall be carried in MIKEY messages with a Data Type value of 0x07 in the MIKEY common header that signals that the message contains an MBMS MSK. This allows legacy MIKEY implementations to discard the message early in the processing stage. The messages are sent point-to-point between the BM-SC and each UE. The messages use the MUK shared between the BM-SC and the UE as the pre-shared secret in MIKEY.

To keep track of MSKs and MTKs, a new Extension Payload is added to MIKEY (see Section 6.3.2). The Extension contains the identities of MSKs and the MTKs.

Once the MSK is in place in the UE, the UE can make use of the broadcast MTK messages sent by the BM-SC. The MTK is carried in messages conforming to the structure defined by MIKEY and use the MSK as pre-shared secret. A Data Type value of 0x08 is used in the MIKEY common header to signal that the message contains an MBMS MTK.

If the BM-SC requires an ACK for a key update message this is indicated by setting the V-bit in the MIKEY common header. The UE shall then respond with a MIKEY message containing the verification payload. In the case the server does not receive an ACK, normal reliability constructions can be used, e.g., start a timer when the message is sent and then resend the message if no ACK is received before the timer expires.

The CSB ID field of MIKEY common header shall carry the Key Group ID.

### 6.4.2 Replay protection

Each MIKEY message contains the timestamp field (TS) of type 2. This means that the contents of the timestamp field is a 32-bit counter. The counter is increased by one for each message sent from the BM-SC to the UE. Note that there is one counter per UE for MSK delivery, and one counter common to all UE:s for MTK delivery. The counter is used for replay protection; messages with a counter less than or equal to the current counter are discarded. Less than or equal is to be taken in the meaning of RFC1982. If the less than or equal relation is undefined in the sense of RFC1982, the message should be considered as being replayed. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MSK transport messages when the MUK is updated. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MTK transport messages when the MSK is updated.

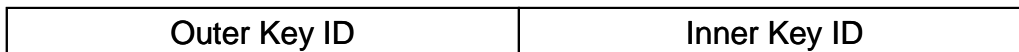
NOTE: The counter in TS field in MTK transport messages is used to detect replay attacks while the counter in MTK ID field of EXT payload is used to detect the resendings of the same MTK keys.

### 6.4.3 General extension payload

The MSK and MTK shall be delivered in messages that conform to the structure defined in MIKEY [9]. To be able to keep track of the keys, a new general Extension Payload (EXT) is defined that conforms to the structure defined in 6.15 of MIKEY[9]. The ID:s of the involved keys are kept in the EXT, to enable the UE to look up the identity of the key which was used to protect the message, and which key is contained in the message. This EXT is incorporated in the MIKEY messages (see Figure 1). When an MSK is delivered to a UE, the MIKEY message contains an EXT that holds the MUK ID of the MUK used to protect the delivery, and the MSK ID of the MSK delivered in the message. For messages that contains a MTK, the EXT contains the MSK ID of the MSK used to protect the delivery, and the MTK ID of the MTK contained in the message. The MSK ID and MTK ID are increased by 1 every time the corresponding key is updated. It is possible that the same MTK is delivered several times in multicast, and the ME can then discard messages related to a key it already has instead of passing them to the MGCV-F.

The MGCV-F (see Section 6.4) protects itself from a possibly malicious ME by checking the integrity and freshness of the MIKEY message.

The format of the key IDs shall be represented by unsigned integer counters, different from zero. The reason for disallowing zero is that it is reserved for future use. Note that this means that there can only be  $2^n - 1$  different keys in use during the same session, where  $n$  is the number of bits in the ID field.



**Figure 1. The figure shows the Extension payload used with MIKEY. The Inner Key ID is the ID of the key that is transported in the message (i.e. an MSK or MTK). The Outer Key ID is the ID of the key used as pre-shared secret for the key delivery (i.e. an MUK or MSK).**

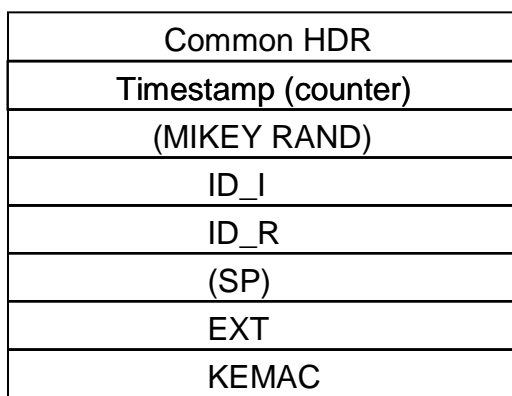
### 6.4.4 MIKEY message structure

#### 6.4.4.1 MSK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MSK key is depicted in Figure 2. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The MIKEY-RAND is used to derive e.g. encryption and authentication keys from the received keys. It is sent only in the initial MSK delivery message. The identity payloads of the initiator's and responder's IDs shall be included in the MSK transport messages. ID<sub>I</sub> is the ID of the BM-SC and ID<sub>R</sub> is the ID of the UE. Security Policy (SP) payload includes information for the security protocol such as algorithms to use, key lengths, initial values for algorithms etc. The Key Validity Data subfield is present in the KEMAC payload when MSK is transported but it is not present for MTK transport. The field defines the Key Validity Time for MSK in terms of sequence number interval (i.e. lower limit of MTK ID and upper limit of MTK ID). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs in the MTK Generation and Validation Function.

Editor's note: The type (URI or NAI) of identity payloads to use are for further study.

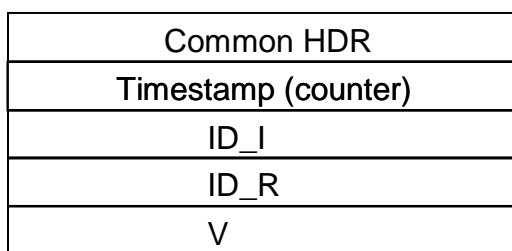
Editor's Note: The contents of the Security Policy payload depends on the used security protocols. MIKEY [9] has defined Security Policy payload for SRTP, but for other security protocols there is a need to define new Security Policy payloads. The exact definitions of these are FFS.



**Figure 2. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK.**

#### 6.4.4.2 MSK Verification message

If the BM-SC expects a response to the MSK-transport message (i.e., the V-bit in the MIKEY common header is equal to 1), the UE shall send a verification message as a response. The verification message shall be constructed according to Section 3.1 of MIKEY, and shall consist of the following fields: HDR || TS || ID<sub>i</sub> || ID<sub>r</sub> || V, where ID<sub>I</sub> is the ID of the BM-SC and ID<sub>R</sub> is the ID of the UE. Note that the MAC included in the verification payload, shall be computed over both the initiator's and the responder's IDs as well as the timestamp in addition to be computed over the response message as defined in [9]. The key used in the MAC computation is the MUK<sub>I</sub>.



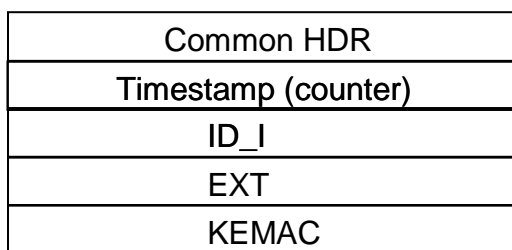
**Figure 3. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK.**

The verification message shall not be sent as a response to MIKEY messages delivering MTK.

The verification message shall be constructed by the ME, except for the MAC field, and then be given to the MGV-F that will perform the MAC computation and will return the verification message appended with the MAC to the ME. The ME shall send the message to the BM-SC.

#### 6.4.4.3 MTK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MTK key is depicted in Figure 3. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The network identity payloads (ID\_I) shall be used in MTK transport messages.



**Figure 4. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MTK.**

### 6.4.5 Processing of received messages in the UE

#### 6.4.5.1 MSK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following Section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MSK delivery, the MUK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the Counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUK (the Counter value is retrieved from MGV-S). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. The Security Policy payload is stored if it was present.
4. The message is transported to MGV-F for further processing, cf 6.5.2.
5. The MGV-F replies success or failure.

#### 6.4.5.2 MTK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following Section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MTSK delivery, the MSK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.



2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the Counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUSK (the Counter value is retrieved from MGVS). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. If the MTK ID extracted from the Extension payload is less than or equal to the current MTK ID (kept in the ME), the message must be discarded.
4. The message is transported to MGVS-F for further processing, cf 6.5.3.
5. The MGVS-F replies success (i.e. sending the MTK) or failure.

## 6.5. Validation and key derivation functions in MGVS-F

### 6.5.1 General

It is assumed that the UE includes a secure storage (MGVS). This MGVS may be realized on the ME or on the UICC but for certain type of MBMS services the UICC shall be used as determined by the service provider. The MGVS-F is implemented inside MGVS.

Editor's note: The choice between MIKEY key derivation algorithms and other suitable key derivations has not been made as there could be algorithms already in the UE.

### 6.5.2 MUK derivation

When a MUK has been installed in the MGVS, i.e. as a result of a GBA run, it is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive encryption and integrity keys (MUK\_C and MUK\_I) as defined in Section 4.1.4 of MIKEY. MUK\_I and MUK\_C are used to verify the integrity of the MSK transport message and decrypt the key carried in the KEMAC payload.

### 6.5.3 MSK validation and derivation

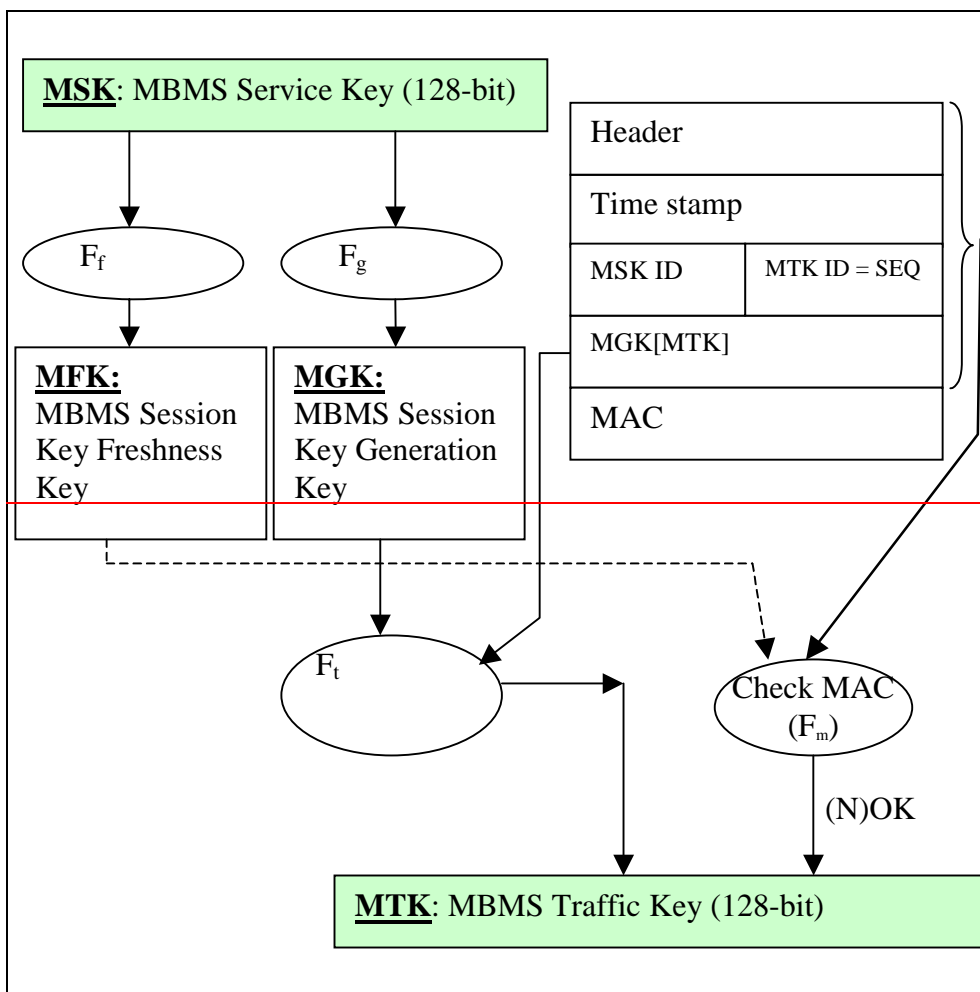
When the MGVS-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key in the message is an MSK, MGVS-F retrieves the MUK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

The MAC in the KEMAC payload is verified using MUK\_I, and the message is discarded upon failure. If the MAC verification is successful the MUK\_C is used to decrypt the Key Data sub-payload, and the MSK can be installed in the key management module. The MSK is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive (as specified in section 4.1.4 of [9]) encryption and integrity keys (MSK\_I and MSK\_C). The Key Validity data is extracted from the message and stored (in the form of MTK ID interval). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs.

NOTE: The MSK is not necessarily updated in the message, since a MSK transport message can be sent e.g. to update the Key Validity data.

The MGVS-F shall update in MGVS the Counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MUK ID.

~~6.4 — MTK generation and validation at the UE~~



**Figure 1: MTK Validation and Generation Function**

The ME will call the (MTK Generation and Validation Function) MGV-F that is realized as part of the ME or as part of the UICC.

### 6.5.4 MTK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key inside the message is an MTK, MGV-F retrieves the MSK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

It is assumed that the MBMS service specific data, MSK and the sequence number SEQs, have been stored within a secure storage (MGV-S). This MGV-S may be realized on the ME or on the UICC but for certain type of MBMS services the UICC shall be used as determined by the service provider. Both MSK and SEQs were transferred to the MGV-S with the execution of the MSK key update procedures as described in section 6.2. The initial value of SEQs is determined by the service provider.

When the ME receives the MIKEY message (including e.g. MSK ID, MTK ID = SEQ, MGK[MTK], MAC) from the ptm data stream, it shall give the MIKEY message to the MGV-F. The MGV-F shall only calculate and deliver the MBMS Traffic Keys (MTK) to the ME if the ptm-key information is deemed to be fresh. How this shall be done is described below:

The MGV-F shall derive a key MFK (MBMS traffic key Freshness Key) from the MSK using a key derivation function  $F_f$ , and shall derive a key MGK (MBMS traffic key Generation Key) from the MSK using a key derivation function  $F_g$ .

The traffic key generation shall be performed in the following way:

The traffic key decrypt function  $F_t$  decrypts the received MGK[MTK] to obtain MTK.

~~The freshness check shall be performed in the following way:-~~

The MGV-F shall compare the received SEQp, i.e. MTK ID from the MIKEY message with the stored SEQs. If SEQp is equal or lower than SEQs then the MGV-F shall indicate a failure to the ME. If SEQp is greater than SEQs then the MGV-F shall calculate the MAC as defined in [9] using ~~a keyed MAC function F<sub>m</sub> with~~ the received MIKEY message and ~~MSK the key MGK~~ as input. This MAC is compared with the MAC of the KEMAC payload in the MIKEY message. If the MAC differs then the MGV-F will indicate a failure to the ME. If the MAC is equal then the MGV-F shall update SEQs with SEQp value and start with the generation of MTK. The MGV-F provides the MTK to the ME.

The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MSK ID.

NOTE: MIKEY includes functionality to derive further keys from MTK if needed by the security protocol. The key derivation is defined in Section 4.1.3 of MIKEY [9].

## 6.6~~5~~ Protection of the transmitted traffic

### 6.6.1 General

The data transmitted to the UEs is protected by a symmetric key (an MTK) that is shared by the BM-SC and UEs that are accessing the MBMS service. The protection of the data is applied by the BM-SC. In order to determine which key was used to protect the data a Key\_ID is included with the protected data. The Key\_ID will uniquely identify the MSK and contain other information needed to calculate the MTK. ~~If the UE does not have the MSK indicated by Key\_ID, then it should fetch the MSK using the methods discussed in the clause 6.3.~~ The MTK is derived according to the methods described in clauses 6.4 and 6.5. Whenever data from an MBMS User Service has been decrypted, if it is to be stored on the UE it will be stored decrypted.

Note: including the Key\_ID with the protected data stops the UE trying to decrypt and render content for which it does not have the MSK.

### 6.6.2 Protection of streaming data

Editor's Note: The content of this clause will be checked after the joint meeting with SA4

#### 6.6.2.1 Usage of SRTP

When it is required to protect MBMS streaming data SRTP (Secure Real-time Transport Protocol) as defined in [11] shall be used to protect MBMS streaming data. The MTK is carried to the UEs from the BM-SC using extended MIKEY. MTK shall be used as the master key in SRTP key derivation to derive the SRTP session keys as defined in chapter 4.3 of [9]. The correct MTK to use to decrypt the data is indicated using the MKI (Master Key identifier) field, which is included in the SRTP packets as defined in [11]. The form of MKI shall be a concatenation of MSK ID and MTK ID, i.e. MKI = (MSK ID || MTK ID).

If the SRTP packets are to be integrity protected, the SRTP authentication tag is appended to the packets as defined in [9].

SRTP security policy parameters, such as encryption algorithm, are transported in MIKEY Security Policy payload as defined in chapter 6.10.1 in [9].

#### 6.6.2.2 Packet processing in the UE

When the SRTP module receives a packet, it will check if it has the MTK corresponding to the value in the MKI field in the cryptographic context.

NOTE: The SRTP module does not need to interpret the MKI field semantics. It only checks whether it has the MTK corresponding to the MKI value.

If the check is successful, the SRTP module processes the packet according to the security policy.

If the SRTP module does not have the MTK, it will request for MTK corresponding to the MKI from the key management module. When the key management module returns a new MTK, SRTP module will derive new session keys from the MTK and process the packet. However, if the key management module does not have the MSK indicated by MKI, then it should fetch the MSK using the methods discussed in the clause 6.3.

The below flow shows how the protected content is delivered to the UE.

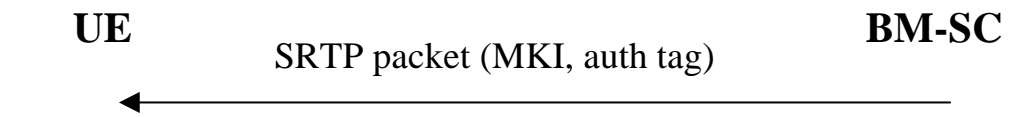
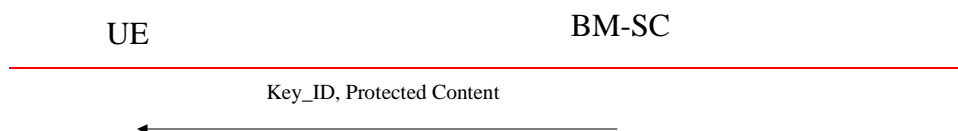


Figure x. Delivery of protected streaming content to the UE

### 6.6.3 Protection of download content

Data that belongs to a download MBMS User Service is decrypted as soon as possible by the UE, if the MSK needed to provide the relevant MTK is already available on the UE.

~~The below flow shows how the protected content is delivered to the UE~~



~~After using a key to decrypt protected traffic, the UE deletes any older key for this multicast service.~~

~~Editor's note: this section may contain several protection methods.~~

~~Editor's note: if SRTP is chosen, the master key identifier can be used to indicate the current MBMS key whichever key management method is chosen~~

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## Annex A (informative): Trust model

The following trust relationship between the roles that are participating in MBMS services are proposed:

The user trusts the home network operator to provide the MBMS service according to the service level agreement. .

The user trusts the network operator after mutual authentication.

The network trusts an authenticated user using integrity protection and encryption at RAN level.

The network may have trust or no trust in a content provider.

The home network and visited network trust each other when a roaming agreement is defined, in the case the user is roaming in a VPLMN.

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## Annex B (informative): Security threats

### B.1 Threats associated with attacks on the radio interface

The threats associated with attacks on the radio interface are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-chapters:

- unauthorized access to multicast data;
- threats to integrity;
- denial of service;
- unauthorized access to MBMS services;
- privacy violation.

The attacks on the MBMS service announcements to the users on the radio interface are not discussed here, as these will most likely be transferred on a point-to-point connection (e.g. PS signaling connection), which is already secured today (integrity protected and optionally encrypted RAN level).

#### B.1.1 Unauthorised access to multicast data

- A1:** Intruders may eavesdrop MBMS multicast data on the air-interface.
- A2:** Users that have not joined and activated a MBMS multicast service receiving that service without being charged.
- A3:** Users that have joined and then left a MBMS multicast service continuing to receive the MBMS multicast service without being charged.
- A4:** Valid subscribers may derive decryption keys (MTK) and distribute them to unauthorized parties.

Note: It is assumed that the legitimate end user has a motivation to defeat the system and distribute the shared keys (MSK, MTK) that are a necessary feature of any broadcast security scheme.

#### B.1.2 Threats to integrity

- B1:** Modifications and replay of messages in a way to fool the user of the content from the actual source, e.g. replace the actual content with a fake one.

#### B.1.3 Denial of service attacks

- C1:** Jamming of radio resources. Deliberate manipulation of the data to disturb the communication.

#### B.1.4 Unauthorised access to MBMS services

- D1:** An attacker using the 3GPP network to gain “free access” of MBMS services and other services on another user’s bill.
- D2:** An attacker using MBMS shared keys (MSK, MTK) to gain free access to content without any knowledge of the service provider.

Note: It cannot be assumed that keys held in a terminal are secure. No matter how the shared keys (MSK, MTK) are delivered to the terminal, we have to assume they can be derived in an attack. For example, the shared keys, while secure in the UICC, may be passed over an insecure SIM-ME interface.

## B.1.5 Privacy violation

**E1:** The user identity could be exposed to the content provider, in the case the content provider is located in the 3GPP network, and then linked to the content.

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## B.2 Threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system

The threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-chapters:

unauthorized access to data;

threats to integrity;

denial of service;

A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on;

Unauthorized insertion of MBMS user data and key management data.

### B.2.1 Unauthorised access to data

**F1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for intruders who may eavesdrop the new interface Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**F2:** Intruders may eavesdrop the new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC.

### B.2.2 Threats to integrity

**G1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for new attacks on the new interfaces Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**G2:** The new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC may open up for attacks as modifications of multimedia content.

### B.2.3 Denial of service

**H1:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> Content Provider to disturb the communication.

**H2:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> GGSN to disturb the communication.

### B.2.4 A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on.

**I1:** A malicious ME querying the MTK generation function for MTK's to use them later on in an attack (e.g. in order to use the retrieved MTKs within an unauthorized data insertion attacks (See B.2.5)).

## B.2.5 Unauthorised insertion of MBMS user data and key management data

**J1:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with valid (previously retrieved) MTK from the MTK generation function, within the multicast stream.

**J2:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with old (using replayed key management messages) MTK, within the multicast stream

**J3:** An attacker, which deliberately inserts incorrect key management information within the multicast stream to cause Denial of Service attacks.

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## Annex C (normative): Multicast security requirements

~~Editor's note: Not all the security requirements in this section have been agreed.~~

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### C.1 Requirements on security service access

#### C.1.1 Requirements on secure service access

R1a: A valid USIM shall be required to access ~~any 3G service including the~~ MBMS User Services.

R1b: It shall be possible to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access of MBMS User Services by masquerading as authorized users.

~~Editor's note: No requirements shall be placed on the UE that requires UE to be customised to a particular customer prior to the point of sale~~

#### C.1.2 Requirements on secure service provision

R2a: It shall be possible for the network (e.g. BM-SC) to authenticate users at the start of, and during, service delivery to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access to MBMS User Services.

~~Editor's note: Authentication during service is ffs.~~

R2b: It shall be possible to prevent the use of a particular USIM to access MBMS User Services.



~~Editor's Note: It is for FFS to what extent it is required to detect and prevent fraudulent use of MBMS services.~~  
NOTE: No security requirements shall be placed on the UE that requires UE to be customised to a particular customer prior to the point of sale.

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## C.2 Requirements on MBMS transport Service signaling protection

R3a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS transport service signaling on the Gmb reference point.

~~Editor's note: When the Gmb reference point is IP-based then NDS/IP methods according to TS 33.210 may be applied to fulfill requirement R3a. The Gmb interface is ffs.~~

R3b: Unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of all transport service signaling, on the RAN shall be prevented when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint (ptm) link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE

~~Editor's note~~NOTE: UTRAN Bearer signalling integrity protection will not be provided ~~be turned off~~ for point to multipoint MBMS signalling sessions and GERAN has no bearer signalling integrity protection, even for point to point signalling.

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## C.3 Requirements on Privacy

R4a: The User identity should not be exposed to the content provider or linked to the content in the case the Content Provider is located outside the 3GPP operator's network.

~~Editor's note: This may already be covered by some national regulations.~~

R4b: MBMS identity and control information shall not be exposed when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE.

NOTE~~Editor's note~~: UTRAN and GERAN Bearer confidentiality protection will be not be provided ~~turned off~~ for point to multipoint MBMS sessions

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## C.4 Requirements on MBMS Key Management

R5a: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be confidentiality protected.

R5b: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE ~~may~~ shall be integrity protected.

R5c: The UE and MBMS key generator shall support the operator to perform re-keying as frequently as it believes necessary to ensure that

- users that have joined an MBMS User Service multicast service, but then left, shall not gain further access to the MBMS User Service without being charged appropriately
- users joining an MBMS User Service shall not gain access to data from previous transmissions in the MBMS User Service without having been charged appropriately
- the effect of subscribed users distributing decryption keys to non-subscribed users shall be controllable.

R5d: Only authorized users that have joined an MBMS User Service shall be able to receive MBMS keys delivered from the MBMS key generator.

R5e: The MBMS keys shall not allow the BM-SC to infer any information about used UE-keys at radio level (i.e. if they would be derived from it).

R5f: All keys used for the MBMS User Service shall be uniquely identifiable. The identity may be used by the UE to retrieve the actual key (based on identity match, and mismatch recognition) when an update was missed or was erroneous/incomplete.

~~Editor's note: If ptm re-keying is used, the keys shall be delivered in a reliable way. Ptp re-keying is assumed to be reliable.~~

R5g: The BM-SC shall be aware of where all MBMS specific keys are stored in the UE (i.e. ME or UICC).

R5h: The function of providing MTK to the ME shall only deliver a MTK to the ME if the input values used for obtaining the MTK were fresh (have not been replayed) and came from a trusted source.

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## C.5 Requirements on integrity protection of MBMS User Service data

R6a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS User Service data sent to the UE on the radio interface. The use of integrity shall be optional.

~~Editor's note~~**NOTE:** It may be possible to detect the deletion of MBMS data packets, but it is impossible to prevent the deletion. Packets may be lost because of bad radio conditions, providing integrity protection will not help to detect or recover from this situation.

**NOTE**~~Note:~~ **T**he use of shared keys (integrity and confidentiality) to a group of untrusted users only prevents attacks of lower levels of sophistication, such as preventing eavesdroppers from simply listening in

R6b: The MBMS User Service data may be integrity protected with a common integrity key, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R6c: It may be required to integrity protect the "BM-SC - GGSN" interface i.e. reference point Gi.

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## C.6 Requirements on confidentiality protection of MBMS User Service data

R7a: It shall be possible to protect the confidentiality of MBMS User Service data on the radio interface.

R7b: The MBMS User Service data may be encrypted with ~~a~~ common encryption keys, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R7c: It may be required to encrypt the MBMS User Service data on the "BM-SC - GGSN" interface, i.e. the reference points Gi.

R7d: It shall be infeasible for a man-in-the-middle to bid down the confidentiality protection used on protect the MBMS User Service from the BM-SC to the UE.

R7e: It shall be infeasible for an eavesdropper to break the confidentiality protection of the MBMS User Service when it is applied.

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## C.7 Requirements on content provider to BM-SC reference point

R8a: The BM-SC shall be able to authenticate and authorize a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider that wishes to transmit data to the BM-SC.

R8b: It shall be possible to integrity and confidentiality protect data sent from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider to the BM-SC.

NOTE: This reference point will not be standardised.

## Annex D (normative): UICC-ME interface

### D.1 MSK Update Procedure

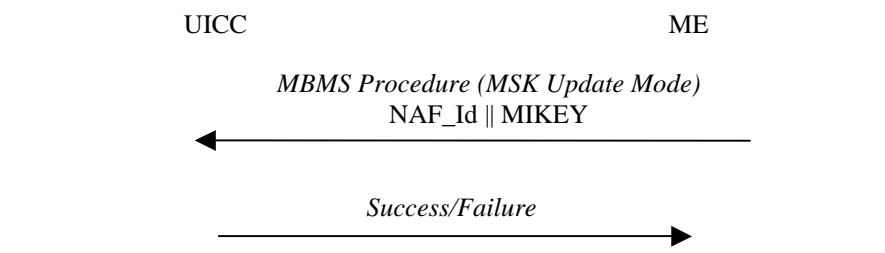
This procedure is part of the MSK update procedure as described in 6.4 (Validation and key derivation functions in MGV-F).

The ME has previously performed a GBA\_U bootstrapping procedure as described in TS 33.220. The UICC stores the corresponding Ks\_int\_NAF together with the NAF\_Id associated with this particular bootstrapping procedure.

The ME receives a MIKEY message containing an MSK update procedure. After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF.

The UICC then uses Ks\_int\_NAF as the MUK value for MUK derivation and MSK validation and derivation (as described in chapter 6.4.1 and 6.4.2)

After successful MSK Update procedure the UICC stores the Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MSK and MSK Validity Time (in the form of MTK ID interval).



**Figure x: MSK Update Procedure**

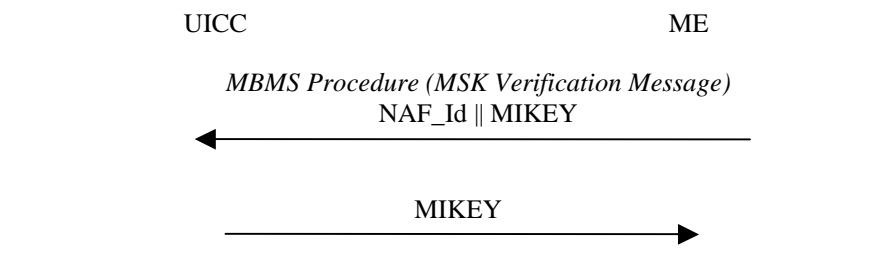
### D.2 MSK Verification Message Generation

This procedure is part of the MSK Verification Message as described in 6.3.6.2 (MSK Verification message)

The ME constructs the verification message in response to the MSK-transport message when it is required by BMSC.

The ME shall then give the constructed MIKEY verification message, with an empty MAC field, to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF=MUK to be used in the MSK Verification Message Generation.

The UICC will verify that the Time Stamp MIKEY field correspond to the previous MSK Update procedure. Then, the UICC shall compute and send the MIKEY packet to the ME (including the calculated MAC field) as defined in 6.3.6.2. (MSK Verification message).

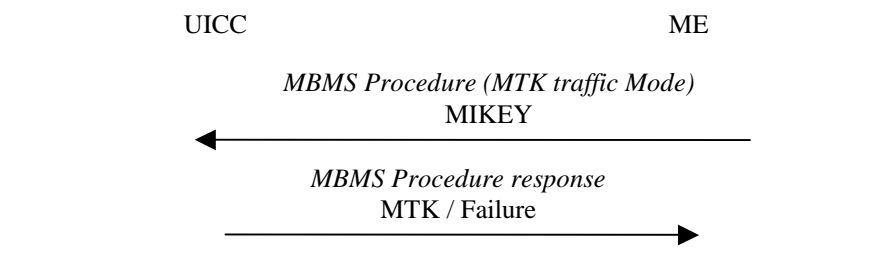


**Figure x: MSK Verification Message**

### D.3. MTK generation and validation

This procedure is part of the MTK generation and validation function as described in 6.4.3 (MTK validation and derivation)

The ME receives the MIKEY message (containing Header, Time stamp, Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MTK ID = SEOp, MSK\_C[MTK] and MAC). After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The UICC computes the MGv-F function as described in section 6.4. (Validation and key derivation functions in MGv-F). After successful MGv-F procedure the UICC returns the MTK.



**Figure x: MTK Generation and Validation**

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## Introduction

The security of MBMS provides different challenges compared to the security of services delivered over point-to-point services. In addition to the normal threat of eavesdropping, there is also the threat that it may not be assumed that valid subscribers have any interest in maintaining the privacy of the communications, and they may therefore conspire to circumvent the security solution (for example one subscriber may publish the decryption keys enabling non-subscribers to view broadcast content). Countering this threat requires the decryption keys to be updated frequently in a manner that may not be predicted by subscribers while making efficient use of the radio network.

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# 1 Scope

The Technical Specification covers the security procedures of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) for 3GPP systems (UTRAN and GERAN). MBMS is a GPRS network bearer service over which many different applications could be carried. The actual method of protection may vary depending on the type of MBMS application.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 22.146: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Stage 1".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.246: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS); Architecture and Functional Description".
- [4] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G Security; Security Architecture".
- [5] 3GPP TS 22.246 "MBMS User Services"
- [6] 3GPP TS 33.220: "3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture".
- [7] 3GPP TS 31.102: "3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Terminals; Characteristics of the USIM application"
- [8] IETF RFC 2617 "HTTP Digest Authentication"
- [9] IETF: MIKEY: Multimedia Internet KEYing; <http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-msec-mikey-08.txt>; Work In Progress
- [10] IETF RFC 1982 "Serial Number Arithmetic"
- [11] IETF RFC 3711 "Secure Real-time Transport Protocol"

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# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply.

For the definitions of MBMS User Service refer to [5].

**MRK** = MBMS Request Key: This key is to authenticate the UE to the BM-SC when performing key requests etc.

**MSK** = MBMS Service Key: The MBMS Service key that is securely transferred (using the key MUK) from the BM-SC towards the UE. For MBMS streaming the MSK is not used directly to protect the MBMS User Service data (see MTK).

**MTK** = MBMS Traffic Key: A key that is obtained by the UICC or ME by calling a decryption function MGV-F with the MSK. The key MTK is used to decrypt the received MBMS data on the ME.

**MUK** = MBMS User Key: The MBMS user individual key that is used by the BM-SC to protect the point to point transfer of MSK's to the UE.

NOTE: The keys MSK and MUK may be stored within the UICC or the ME depending on the MBMS service.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

MUK_I	Integrity key derived from key MUK
MUK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MUK
MSK_I	Integrity key derived from key MSK
MSK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MSK

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service
MGV-F	MTK Generation and Validation Function

# 4 MBMS security overview

## 4.1 MBMS security architecture

MBMS introduces the concept of a point-to-multipoint service into a 3G network. A requirement of a multicast service is to be able to securely transmit data to a given set of users. In order to achieve this, there needs to be a method of authentication, key distribution and data protection for a multicast service. The point-to-point services in a 3G network use the AKA protocol (see TS 33.102 [4]) to both authenticate a user and agree on keys to be used between that user and the radio network. These keys are subsequently used to provide protection of traffic between the network and the UE.



**Figure 1: MBMS security architecture**

Figure 1 gives an overview of the network elements involved in MBMS from a security perspective. Nearly all the security functionality for MBMS (beyond the normal network bearer security) resides in either the BM-SC or the UE.

The Broadcast Multicast – Service Centre (BM-SC) is a source for MBMS data. It could also be responsible for scheduling data and receiving data from third parties (this is beyond the scope of the standardisation work) for transmission. It is responsible for generating and distributing the keys necessary for multicast security to the UEs and for applying the appropriate protection to data that is transmitted as part of a multicast service. The BM-SC also provides the MBMS bearer authorisation for UEs attempting to establish multicast bearer.

The UE is responsible for receiving or fetching keys for the multicast service from the BM-SC and also using those keys to decrypt the MBMS data that is received.

## 4.2 Key management overview

A MBMS User Service may contain one or more MSKs which may be in use at the same time and are managed at the MBMS User Service Level. The BM-SC controls the use of the MSKs towards the different Transport Services. The MSKs are not directly used towards the MBMS Transport Services but as a second level key MTK as specified within clauses 6.4 and 6.5.

NOTE: According to good security practice the use of the same MTK with two different protocols shall be avoided

For MBMS User Services it shall be possible to share one or more MSKs with other MBMS User Service, as according to TS 22.246 [5] there exist MBMS User Services with shared and non-shared Transport Services.

NOTE: While sharing MSKs among different MBMS User Services care shall be taken that the Users are not given access to data that they are not entitled to.

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## 5 MBMS security functions

### 5.1 Authenticating and authorizing the user

A UE is authenticated and authorised in following situations when participating in an MBMS User Service. That is:

- when the UE performs User Service joining (or leaving ) on the application level

**Editor's Note: The final decision on application level join procedures relies of work in SA4.**

- when the UE establishes (or releases) the MBMS bearer(s) to receive an MBMS User Service
- when the UE requests and receives MSKs for the MBMS User Service
- when the UE performs post delivery procedures (e.g. point to point repair service)

**Editor's Note: The final decision on post delivery procedures relies of work in SA4.**

NOTE: The list above does not reflect the order of authentications.

### 5.2 Key management and distribution

Like any service, the keys that are used to protect the transmitted data in a Multicast service should be regularly changed to ensure that they are fresh. This ensures that only legitimate users can get access to the data in the MBMS service. In particular frequent re-keying acts as a deterrent for an attacker to pass the MBMS keys to others users to allow those other users to access the data in an MBMS service.

The BM-SC is responsible for the generation and distribution of the MBMS keys to the UE. A UE has the ability to request a key when it does not have the relevant key to decrypt the data. This request may also be initiated by a message from the BM-SC to indicate that a new key is available.

### 5.3 Protection of the transmitted traffic

The traffic for a particular MBMS service may require some protection depending on the sensitivity of the data being transmitted (e.g. it is possible that the data being transmitted by the MBMS service is actually protected by the DRM security method and hence requires no additional protection). This protection will be either confidentiality and integrity or just confidentiality. The protection is applied end-to-end between the BM-SC and the UEs and will be based on a symmetric key shared between the BM-SC and the UEs that are currently accessing the service. The actual method of protection specified may vary depending on the type of data being transmitted, e.g. media streaming application or file download.

NOTE: When MBMS data is received over a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer, it would be ciphered between the BM-SC and UE and may also ciphered over the (GE-)RAN. Although this “double ciphering” is unnecessary from a security point of view it is a (GE-)RAN decision whether to apply ciphering or not in (GE-)RAN.

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## 6 Security mechanisms

### 6.1 Using GBA for MBMS

GBA[6] is used to agree keys that are needed to run an MBMS Multicast User service. MBMS imposes the following requirements on the MBMS capable UICCs and MEs:

A UICC that contains MBMS key management functions shall implement GBA\_U.

An ME that supports MBMS shall implement GBA\_U and GBA\_ME, and shall be capable of utilising the MBMS key management functions on the UICC.

Before a user can access an MBMS User service, the UE needs to share GBA-keys with the BM-SC. If no valid GBA-keys are available at the UE, the UE shall perform a GBA run with the BSF of the home network as described within [6] section 5. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The MSKs for an MBMS User service shall be stored on either the UICC or the ME. Storing the MSKs on the UICC requires a UICC that contains the MBMS management functions (and by requirement is GBA aware) and requires that all of the network elements, i.e. HSS, BSF and BM-SC, to be GBA\_U aware. As a result of the GBA\_U run in these circumstances, the BM-SC will share a key  $Ks\_ext\_NAF$  with the ME and share a key  $Ks\_int\_NAF$  with the UICC. This key  $Ks\_int\_NAF$  is used by the BM-SC and the UICC as the key MUK to protect MSK deliveries to the UICC as described within clause 6.3. The key  $Ks\_ext\_NAF$  is used as the key MRK within the protocols as described within clause 6.2.

NOTE: A run of GBA\_U on a GBA aware UICC will not allow the MSKs to be stored on the UICC, if the MBMS management functions are not present on the UICC.

In any other circumstance, a run of GBA results in the BM-SC sharing a key  $Ks\_ext\_NAF$  with the ME. This key  $Ks\_ext\_NAF$  is used by the BM-SC and the ME to derive the key MUK and the key MRK (MBMS Request Key). The key MUK is used to protect MSK deliveries to the ME as described within clause 6.3. The key MRK is used to authenticate the UE towards the BM-SC within the protocols as described within clause 6.2.

### 6.2 Authentication and authorisation of a user

**Editor's Note:** The exact details on how to derive the keys MRK and MUK from the GBA keys are for ffs.

**Editor's Note:** According to S3-040212, SA4 has a working assumption to use HTTP as the transport protocol but this is only agreed for the download repair service.

#### 6.2.1 Authentication and authorisation in application level joining

When the user wants to join (or leave) an MBMS user service, it shall use HTTP digest authentication [8] for authentication. HTTP digest is run between BM-SC and ME. The MBMS authentication procedure is based on the general user authentication procedure over Ua interface that is specified in chapter “Procedures using the bootstrapped Security Association” in [6]. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The following adaptations apply to HTTP digest:

- The transaction identifier as specified in [6] is used as username
- MRK (MBMS Request Key) is used as password.
- The joined MBMS user service is specified in client payload of HTTP Digest message.



Editor's Note: The contents of the client payload are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4. The final decision on application level join and leave procedures relies of work in SA4.

## 6.2.2 Authentication and authorisation in MBMS bearer establishment

The authentication of the UE during MBMS bearer establishment relies on the authenticated point-to-point connection with the network, which was set up using network security described in TS 33.102 [4]. Authorisation for the MBMS bearer establishment happens by the network making an authorisation request to the BM-SC to ensure that the UE is allowed to establish the MBMS bearer(s) corresponding to an MBMS User Service (see TS 23.246 [3] for the details). As MBMS bearer establishment authorisation lies outside the control of the MBMS bearer network (i.e. it is controlled by the BM-SC), there is an additional procedure to remove the MBMS bearer(s) related to a UE that is no longer authorised to access an MBMS User Service.

## 6.2.3 Authentication and authorisation in MSK request

When the UE requests MSK(s), the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in subclause 6.2.1.

## 6.2.4 Authentication and authorisation in post delivery procedures

When the UE requests post delivery procedures, the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in chapter 6.2.1.

# 6.3 Key update procedures

Editor's Note: The contents of the http client payloads are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4.

## 6.3.1 General

In order to protect an MBMS User service, it is necessary to transfer both MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclause 6.3.2 describes the possible procedures for transferring MSKs, while subclause 6.3.3 deals with the transfer of MTKs.

## 6.3.2 MSK procedures

### 6.3.2.1 MSK identification

Every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID

where

Network ID = MCC || MNC and is 3 bytes long. It is carried in the ID\_I payload in MIKEY message

Key Group ID is 2 bytes long and is used to group keys together in order to allow redundant MSKs to be deleted. It is carried in the CSB ID field of MIKEY common header.

MSK ID is 2 bytes long and is used to distinguish MSKs that have the same Network ID and Key Service ID. It is carried in the MSK-ID field of MIKEY extension payload.

If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs.

Editor's Note: The handling of MSKs may need some enhancement to cover download services, where the MSK is fetched after the UE has received the encrypted data.

### 6.3.2.2 UE initiated MSK update procedure

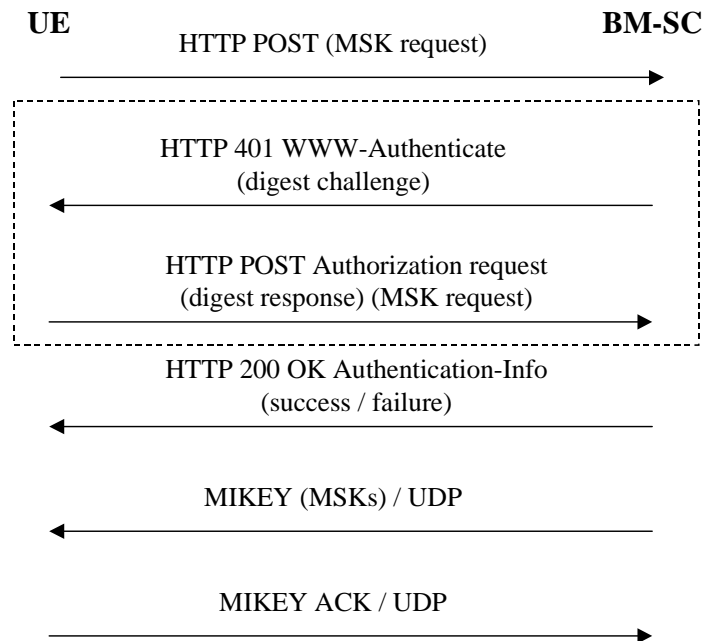
When a UE detects that it needs the MSK(s) for a specific MBMS User service, the UE should try to get the MSKs that will be used to 'protect' the data transmitted as part of this multicast service. Reasons for UE to retrieve the MSK(s) include e.g.:

- Retrieval of initial MSKs e.g. when the UE has joined the MBMS user service

**Editor's note:** The initial key request may also be part of User Service joining procedure if SA4 decides to have such procedure. In this case the MSKs will be transported after the joining procedure has completed.

- Retrieval of MSKs when the UE has missed a key update procedure e.g. due to being out of coverage

If the UE fails to get hold of the MSK or receives confirmation that no updated MSK is necessary or available at this time, then, unless the UE has a still-valid, older MSK, the UE shall leave the MBMS user service.



**Figure x. UE initiated MSK delivery**

The UE requests for the MSKs using the HTTP POST message. The key identification information is included in the client payload of the HTTP message.

The BM-SC may challenge the UE with HTTP response including WWW-Authenticate header and digest-challenge. Upon receiving the digest-challenge, the UE calculates the digest response and re-sends HTTP POST message including the key request and Authorization Request header including the digest response.

The BM-SC sends a response in HTTP 200 OK message with Authentication-Info header. The response in client payload includes cause code for success or reject.

If the key request procedure above resulted to success, the BM-SC sends MIKEY messages over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

### 6.3.24.3 BM-SC initiated MSK update procedures

#### 6.3.24.3.1 Pushing the MSKs to the UE

The BM-SC controls when the MSKs used in a multicast service are to be changed. The below flow describes how MSK changes are performed.

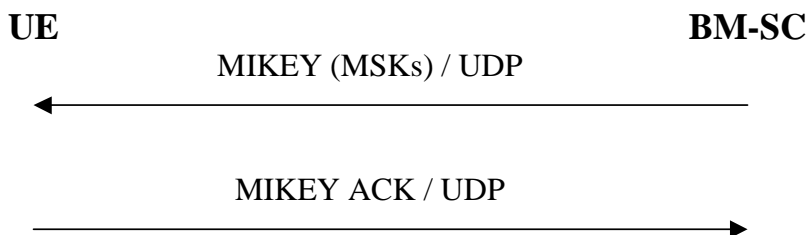


Figure x. Pushing the MSKs to the UE

When the BM-SC decides that it is time to update the MSK, the BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

6.3.2.3.2 Push solicited pull

While the push is the regular way of updating the MSK to the UE, there may be situations where the BM-SC solicits the UE to contact the BM-SC and request for new MSKs. An example of such situation is when the BM-SC wants the UE to authenticate itself during the service or when the MUK has expired.

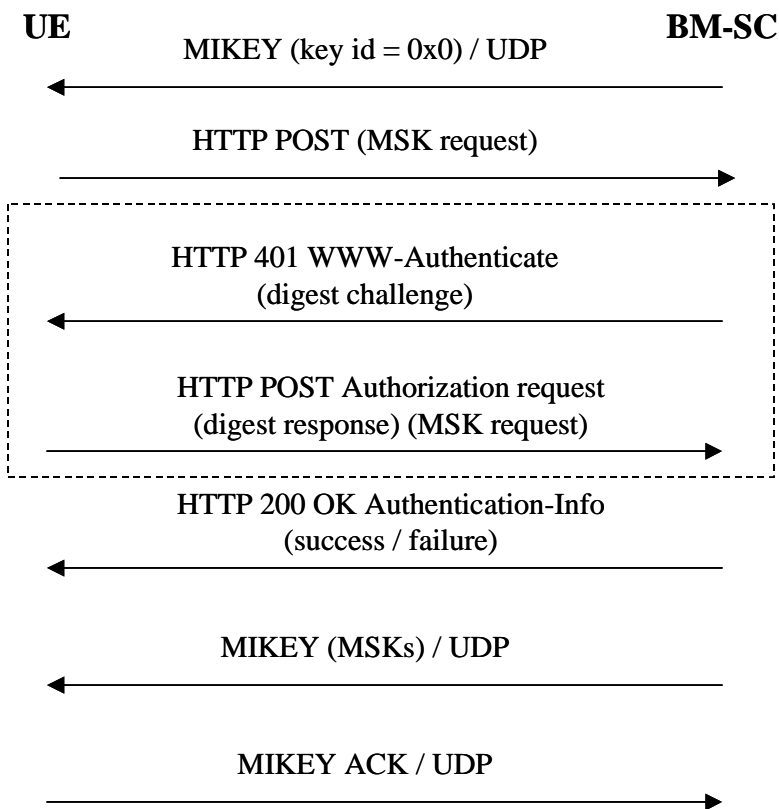


Figure x. Push solicited pull

The BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP to the UE. The key IDs in the extension payload of the MIKEY message set to 0x0 to indicate that the UE should request for current MSK from the BM-SC.

When the UE contacts the BM-SC, the BM-SC may trigger re-authentication of the UE or even re-run of GBA procedure to update the MUK.

The rest of the procedure is the same as in 6.3.1.

## 6.3.32 MTK procedures

### 6.3.3.1 MTK identification

Every MTK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID and MTK ID

where

Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID are as defined in subclause 6.3.2.1.

Editor's Note: The format of MTK is ffs.

### 6.3.3.2 MTK update procedure

The MTK is delivered to the UE as in 6.3.2.1 but the MIKEY ACK is not used.

## 6.4 MIKEY message creation and processing in the MUE

Editor's note: The need for salting keys in processing of MIKEY messages is for further study.

### 6.4.1 General

MIKEY is used to transport the MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclauses 6.4.2, 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 describe how to create the MIKEY messages, while subclause 6.6.6 describe the initial processing by the ME on these messages. The final processing is done by the MGF-V and is described in subclause 6.5.

### 6.4.21 MIKEY common header

MIKEY shall be used with pre-shared keys as described in [9].

MSKs shall be carried in MIKEY messages with a Data Type value of 0x07 in the MIKEY common header that signals that the message contains an MBMS MSK. This allows legacy MIKEY implementations to discard the message early in the processing stage. The messages are sent point-to-point between the BM-SC and each UE. The messages use the MUK shared between the BM-SC and the UE as the pre-shared secret in MIKEY.

To keep track of MSKs and MTKs, a new Extension Payload is added to MIKEY (see Section 6.3.2). The Extension contains the identities of MSKs and the MTKs.

Once the MSK is in place in the UE, the UE can make use of the broadcast MTK messages sent by the BM-SC. The MTK is carried in messages conforming to the structure defined by MIKEY and use the MSK as pre-shared secret. A Data Type value of 0x08 is used in the MIKEY common header to signal that the message contains an MBMS MTK.

If the BM-SC requires an ACK for a key update message this is indicated by setting the V-bit in the MIKEY common header. The UE shall then respond with a MIKEY message containing the verification payload. In the case the server does not receive an ACK, normal reliability constructions can be used, e.g., start a timer when the message is sent and then resend the message if no ACK is received before the timer expires.

The CSB ID field of MIKEY common header shall carry the Key Group ID.

### 6.4.32 Replay protection

Each MIKEY message contains the timestamp field (TS) of type 2. This means that the contents of the timestamp field is a 32-bit counter. The counter is increased by one for each message sent from the BM-SC to the UE. Note that there is one counter per UE for MSK delivery, and one counter common to all UE:s for MTK delivery. The counter is used for replay protection; messages with a counter less than or equal to the current counter are discarded. Less than or equal is to be taken in the meaning of RFC1982. If the less than or equal relation is undefined in the sense of RFC1982, the message should be considered as being replayed. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MSK transport messages when the MUK is updated. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MTK transport messages when the MSK is updated.

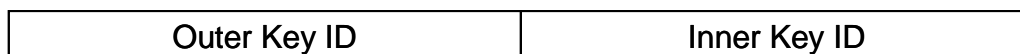
NOTE: The counter in TS field in MTK transport messages is used to detect replay attacks while the counter in MTK ID field of EXT payload is used to detect the resendings of the same MTK keys.

## 6.4.43 General extension payload

The MSK and MTK shall be delivered in messages that conform to the structure defined in MIKEY [9]. To be able to keep track of the keys, a new general Extension Payload (EXT) is defined that conforms to the structure defined in 6.15 of MIKEY[9]. The ID:s of the involved keys are kept in the EXT, to enable the UE to look up the identity of the key which was used to protect the message, and which key is contained in the message. This EXT is incorporated in the MIKEY messages (see Figure 1). When an MSK is delivered to a UE, the MIKEY message contains an EXT that holds the MUK ID of the MUK used to protect the delivery, and the MSK ID of the MSK delivered in the message. For messages that contains a MTK, the EXT contains the MSK ID of the MSK used to protect the delivery, and the MTK ID of the MTK contained in the message. The MSK ID and MTK ID are increased by 1 every time the corresponding key is updated. It is possible that the same MTK is delivered several times in multicast, and the ME can then discard messages related to a key it already has instead of passing them to the MGV-F.

The MGV-F (see Section 6.4) protects itself from a possibly malicious ME by checking the integrity and freshness of the MIKEY message.

The format of the key IDs shall be represented by unsigned integer counters, different from zero. The reason for disallowing zero is that it is reserved for future use. Note that this means that there can only be  $2^n - 1$  different keys in use during the same session, where n is the number of bits in the ID field.



**Figure 1.** The figure shows the Extension payload used with MIKEY. The Inner Key ID is the ID of the key that is transported in the message (i.e. an MSK or MTK). The Outer Key ID is the ID of the key used as pre-shared secret for the key delivery (i.e. an MUK or MSK).

## 6.4.54 MIKEY message structure

### 6.4.54.1 MSK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MSK key is depicted in Figure 2. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The MIKEY-RAND is used to derive e.g. encryption and authentication keys from the received keys. It is sent only in the initial MSK delivery message. The identity payloads of the initiator's and responder's IDs shall be included in the MSK transport messages. ID\_I is the ID of the BM-SC and ID\_r is the ID of the UE. Security Policy (SP) payload includes information for the security protocol such as algorithms to use, key lengths, initial values for algorithms etc. The Key Validity Data subfield is present in the KEMAC payload when MSK is transported but it is not present for MTK transport. The field defines the Key Validity Time for MSK in terms of sequence number interval (i.e. lower limit of MTK ID and upper limit of MTK ID). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs in the MTK Generation and Validation Function.

**Editor's note:** The type (URI or NAI) of identity payloads to use are for further study.

**Editor's Note:** The contents of the Security Policy payload depends on the used security protocols. MIKEY [9] has defined Security Policy payload for SRTP, but for other security protocols there is a need to define new Security Policy payloads. The exact definitions of these are FFS.

Common HDR
Timestamp (counter)
(MIKEY RAND)
ID_I
ID_R
(SP)
EXT
KEMAC

Figure 2. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK.

#### 6.4.54.2 MSK Verification message

If the BM-SC expects a response to the MSK-transport message (i.e., the V-bit in the MIKEY common header is equal to 1), the UE shall send a verification message as a response. The verification message shall be constructed according to Section 3.1 of MIKEY, and shall consist of the following fields: HDR || TS || ID\_i || ID\_r || V, where ID\_I is the ID of the BM-SC and ID\_r is the ID of the UE. Note that the MAC included in the verification payload, shall be computed over both the initiator's and the responder's IDs as well as the timestamp in addition to be computed over the response message as defined in [9]. The key used in the MAC computation is the MUK\_I.

Common HDR
Timestamp (counter)
ID_I
ID_R
V

Figure 3. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK.

The verification message shall not be sent as a response to MIKEY messages delivering MTK.

The verification message shall be constructed by the ME, except for the MAC field, and then be given to the MGW-F that will perform the MAC computation and will return the verification message appended with the MAC to the ME. The ME shall send the message to the BM-SC.

#### 6.4.54.3 MTK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MTK key is depicted in Figure 3. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The network identity payloads (ID\_I) shall be used in MTK transport messages.

Common HDR
Timestamp (counter)
ID_I
EXT
KEMAC

Figure 4. The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MTK.

## 6.4.65 Processing of received messages in the MUE

### 6.4.65.1 MSK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following Section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MSK delivery, the MUK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the Counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUK (the Counter value is retrieved from MGVS). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. The Security Policy payload is stored if it was present.
4. The message is transported to MGVS-F for further processing, cf 6.5.2.
5. The MGVS-F replies success or failure.

### 6.4.65.2 MTK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following Section 5.3 of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MTSK delivery, the MSK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the Counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUSK (the Counter value is retrieved from MGVS). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. If the MTK ID extracted from the Extension payload is less than or equal to the current MTK ID (kept in the ME), the message must be discarded.
4. The message is transported to MGVS-F for further processing, cf 6.5.3.
5. The MGVS-F replies success (i.e. sending the MTK) or failure.

## 6.5. Validation and key derivation functions in MGVS-F

### 6.5.1 General

It is assumed that the UE includes a secure storage (MGVS-S). This MGVS-S may be realized on the ME or on the UICC but for certain type of MBMS services the UICC shall be used as determined by the service provider. The MGVS-F is implemented inside MGVS-S.

**Editor's note: The choice between MIKEY key derivation algorithms and other suitable key derivations has not been made as there could be algorithms already in the UE.**

### 6.5.2 MUK derivation

When a MUK has been installed in the MGVS-S, i.e. as a result of a GBA run, it is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive encryption and integrity keys (MUK\_C and MUK\_I) as defined in Section 4.1.4 of MIKEY. MUK\_I and MUK\_C are used to verify the integrity of the MSK transport message and decrypt the key carried in the KEMAC payload.

### 6.5.3 MSK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key in the message is an MSK, MGV-F retrieves the MUK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

The MAC in the KEMAC payload is verified using MUK\_I, and the message is discarded upon failure. If the MAC verification is successful the MUK\_C is used to decrypt the Key Data sub-payload, and the MSK can be installed in the key management module. The MSK is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive (as specified in section 4.1.4 of [9]) encryption and integrity keys (MSK\_I and MSK\_C). The Key Validity data is extracted from the message and stored (in the form of MTK ID interval). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs.

NOTE: The MSK is not necessarily updated in the message, since a MSK transport message can be sent e.g. to update the Key Validity data.

The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the Counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MUK ID.

### 6.5.4 MTK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key inside the message is an MTK, MGV-F retrieves the MSK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

It is assumed that the MBMS service specific data, MSK and the sequence number SEQs, have been stored within a secure storage (MGV-S). Both MSK and SEQs were transferred to the MGV-S with the execution of the MSK update procedures. The initial value of SEQs is determined by the service provider.

The MGV-F shall only calculate and deliver the MBMS Traffic Keys (MTK) to the ME if the ptm-key information is deemed to be fresh.

The MGV-F shall compare the received SEQp, i.e. MTK ID from the MIKEY message with the stored SEQs. If SEQp is equal or lower than SEQs then the MGV-F shall indicate a failure to the ME. If SEQp is greater than SEQs then the MGV-F shall calculate the MAC as defined in [9] using the received MIKEY message and MSK as input. This MAC is compared with the MAC of the KEMAC payload in the MIKEY message.. If the MAC defers then the MGV-F will indicate a failure to the ME. If the MAC is equal then the MGV-F shall update SEQs with SEQp value and start with the generation of MTK. The MGV-F provides the MTK to the ME.

The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MSK ID.

NOTE: MIKEY includes functionality to derive further keys from MTK if needed by the security protocol. The key derivation is defined in Section 4.1.3 of MIKEY [9].

## 6.6 Protection of the transmitted traffic

### 6.6.1 General

The data transmitted to the UEs is protected by a symmetric key (an MTK) that is shared by the BM-SC and Ues that are accessing the MBMS service. The protection of the data is applied by the BM-SC. In order to determine which key was used to protect the data a Key\_ID is included with the protected data. The Key\_ID will uniquely identify the MSK and contain other information needed to calculate the MTK. The MTK is derived according to the methods described in clauses 6.4 and 6.5. Whenever data from an MBMS User Service has been decrypted, if it is to be stored on the UE it will be stored decrypted.

Note: including the Key\_ID with the protected data stops the UE trying to decrypt and render content for which it does not have the MSK.

### 6.6.2 Protection of streaming data

Editor's Note: The content of this clause will be checked after the joint meeting with SA4



### 6.6.2.1 Usage of SRTP

When it is required to protect MBMS streaming data SRTP (Secure Real-time Transport Protocol) as defined in [11] shall be used to protect MBMS streaming data. The MTK is carried to the UEs from the BM-SC using extended MIKEY. MTK shall be used as the master key in SRTP key derivation to derive the SRTP session keys as defined in chapter 4.3 of [9]. The correct MTK to use to decrypt the data is indicated using the MKI (Master Key identifier) field, which is included in the SRTP packets as defined in [11]. The form of MKI shall be a concatenation of MSK ID and MTK ID, i.e.  $MKI = (MSK\ ID \parallel MTK\ ID)$ .

If the SRTP packets are to be integrity protected, the SRTP authentication tag is appended to the packets as defined in [9].

SRTP security policy parameters, such as encryption algorithm, are transported in MIKEY Security Policy payload as defined in chapter 6.10.1 in [9].

### 6.6.2.2 Packet processing in the UE

When the SRTP module receives a packet, it will check if it has the MTK corresponding to the value in the MKI field in the cryptographic context.

NOTE: The SRTP module does not need to interpret the MKI field semantics. It only checks whether it has the MTK corresponding to the MKI value.

If the check is successful, the SRTP module processes the packet according to the security policy.

If the SRTP module does not have the MTK, it will request for MTK corresponding to the MKI from the key management module. When the key management module returns a new MTK, SRTP module will derive new session keys from the MTK and process the packet. However, if the key management module does not have the MSK indicated by MKI, then it should fetch the MSK using the methods discussed in the clause 6.3.

The below flow shows how the protected content is delivered to the UE.

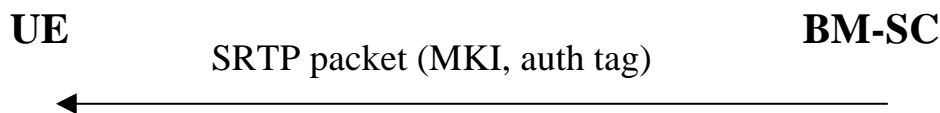


Figure x. Delivery of protected streaming content to the UE

### 6.6.3 Protection of download content

Data that belongs to a download MBMS User Service is decrypted as soon as possible by the UE, if the MSK needed to provide the relevant MTK is already available on the UE.

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## Annex A (informative): Trust model

The following trust relationship between the roles that are participating in MBMS services are proposed:

The user trusts the home network operator to provide the MBMS service according to the service level agreement. .

The user trusts the network operator after mutual authentication.

The network trusts an authenticated user using integrity protection and encryption at RAN level.

The network may have trust or no trust in a content provider.

The home network and visited network trust each other when a roaming agreement is defined, in the case the user is roaming in a VPLMN.

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## Annex B (informative): Security threats

### B.1 Threats associated with attacks on the radio interface

The threats associated with attacks on the radio interface are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-chapters:

unauthorized access to multicast data;

threats to integrity;

denial of service;

unauthorized access to MBMS services;

privacy violation.

The attacks on the MBMS service announcements to the users on the radio interface are not discussed here, as these will most likely be transferred on a point-to-point connection (e.g. PS signaling connection), which is already secured today (integrity protected and optionally encrypted RAN level).

#### B.1.1 Unauthorised access to multicast data

**A1:** Intruders may eavesdrop MBMS multicast data on the air-interface.

**A2:** Users that have not joined and activated a MBMS multicast service receiving that service without being charged.

**A3:** Users that have joined and then left a MBMS multicast service continuing to receive the MBMS multicast service without being charged.

**A4:** Valid subscribers may derive decryption keys (MTK) and distribute them to unauthorized parties.

Note: It is assumed that the legitimate end user has a motivation to defeat the system and distribute the shared keys (MSK, MTK) that are a necessary feature of any broadcast security scheme.

## B.1.2 Threats to integrity

**B1:** Modifications and replay of messages in a way to fool the user of the content from the actual source, e.g. replace the actual content with a fake one.

## B.1.3 Denial of service attacks

**C1:** Jamming of radio resources. Deliberate manipulation of the data to disturb the communication.

## B.1.4 Unauthorised access to MBMS services

**D1:** An attacker using the 3GPP network to gain “free access” of MBMS services and other services on another user’s bill.

**D2:** An attacker using MBMS shared keys (MSK, MTK) to gain free access to content without any knowledge of the service provider.

**Note:** It cannot be assumed that keys held in a terminal are secure. No matter how the shared keys (MSK, MTK) are delivered to the terminal, we have to assume they can be derived in an attack. For example, the shared keys, while secure in the UICC, may be passed over an insecure SIM-ME interface.

## B.1.5 Privacy violation

**E1:** The user identity could be exposed to the content provider, in the case the content provider is located in the 3GPP network, and then linked to the content.

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## B.2 Threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system

The threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-chapters:

unauthorized access to data;

threats to integrity;

denial of service;

A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on;

Unauthorized insertion of MBMS user data and key management data.

### B.2.1 Unauthorised access to data

**F1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for intruders who may eavesdrop the new interface Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**F2:** Intruders may eavesdrop the new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC.

### B.2.2 Threats to integrity

**G1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for new attacks on the new interfaces Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**G2:** The new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC may open up for attacks as modifications of multimedia content.

### B.2.3 Denial of service

**H1:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> Content Provider to disturb the communication.

**H2:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> GGSN to disturb the communication.

### B.2.4 A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on.

**I1:** A malicious ME querying the MTK generation function for MTK's to use them later on in an attack (e.g. in order to use the retrieved MTKs within an unauthorized data insertion attacks (See B.2.5)).

### B.2.5 Unauthorised insertion of MBMS user data and key management data

**J1:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with valid (previously retrieved) MTK from the MTK generation function, within the multicast stream.

**J2:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with old (using replayed key management messages) MTK, within the multicast stream

**J3:** An attacker, which deliberately inserts incorrect key management information within the multicast stream to cause Denial of Service attacks.

Annex C (normative):

Multicast security requirements

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## C.1 Requirements on security service access

### C.1.1 Requirements on secure service access

R1a: A valid USIM shall be required to access MBMS User Services.

R1b: It shall be possible to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access of MBMS User Services by masquerading as authorized users.

### C.1.2 Requirements on secure service provision

R2a: It shall be possible for the network (e.g. BM-SC) to authenticate users at the start of, and during, service delivery to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access to MBMS User Services.

R2b: It shall be possible to prevent the use of a particular USIM to access MBMS User Services.

NOTE: No security requirements shall be placed on the UE that requires UE to be customised to a particular customer prior to the point of sale.

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## C.2 Requirements on MBMS transport Service signaling protection

R3a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS transport service signaling on the Gmb reference point.

Editor's note: When the Gmb reference point is IP-based then NDS/IP methods according to TS 33.210 may be applied to fulfill requirement R3a. The Gmb interface is ffs.

R3b: Unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of all transport service signaling, on the RAN shall be prevented when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint (ptm) link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE

NOTE: UTRAN Bearer signalling integrity protection will not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS signalling and GERAN has no bearer signalling integrity protection, even for point to point signalling.

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## C.3 Requirements on Privacy

R4a: The User identity should not be exposed to the content provider or linked to the content in the case the Content Provider is located outside the 3GPP operator's network.

R4b: MBMS identity and control information shall not be exposed when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE.

NOTE: UTRAN and GERAN Bearer confidentiality protection will be not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS sessions

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## C.4 Requirements on MBMS Key Management

R5a: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be confidentiality protected.

R5b: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be integrity protected.

R5c: The UE and MBMS key generator shall support the operator to perform re-keying as frequently as it believes necessary to ensure that

- users that have joined an MBMS User Service multicast service, but then left, shall not gain further access to the MBMS User Service without being charged appropriately
- users joining an MBMS User Service shall not gain access to data from previous transmissions in the MBMS User Service without having been charged appropriately
- the effect of subscribed users distributing decryption keys to non-subscribed users shall be controllable.

R5d: Only authorized users that have joined an MBMS User Service shall be able to receive MBMS keys delivered from the MBMS key generator.

R5e: The MBMS keys shall not allow the BM-SC to infer any information about used UE-keys at radio level (i.e. if they would be derived from it).

R5f: All keys used for the MBMS User Service shall be uniquely identifiable. The identity may be used by the UE to retrieve the actual key (based on identity match, and mismatch recognition) when an update was missed or was erroneous/incomplete.

R5g: The BM-SC shall be aware of where all MBMS specific keys are stored in the UE (i.e. ME or UICC).

R5h: The function of providing MTK to the ME shall only deliver a MTK to the ME if the input values used for obtaining the MTK were fresh (have not been replayed) and came from a trusted source.

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## C.5 Requirements on integrity protection of MBMS User Service data

R6a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS User Service data sent to the UE on the radio interface. The use of integrity shall be optional.

NOTE: It may be possible to detect the deletion of MBMS data packets, but it is impossible to prevent the deletion. Packets may be lost because of bad radio conditions, providing integrity protection will not help to detect or recover from this situation.

NOTE: The use of shared keys (integrity and confidentiality) to a group of untrusted users only prevents attacks of lower levels of sophistication, such as preventing eavesdroppers from simply listening in

R6b: The MBMS User Service data may be integrity protected with a common integrity key, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R6c: It may be required to integrity protect the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface i.e. reference point Gi.

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## C.6 Requirements on confidentiality protection of MBMS User Service data

R7a: It shall be possible to protect the confidentiality of MBMS User Service data on the radio interface.

R7b: The MBMS User Service data may be encrypted with common encryption keys, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R7c: It may be required to encrypt the MBMS User Service data on the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface, i.e. the reference points Gi.

R7d: It shall be infeasible for a man-in-the-middle to bid down the confidentiality protection used on protect the MBMS User Service from the BM-SC to the UE.

R7e: It shall be infeasible for an eavesdropper to break the confidentiality protection of the MBMS User Service when it is applied.

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## C.7 Requirements on content provider to BM-SC reference point

R8a: The BM-SC shall be able to authenticate and authorize a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider that wishes to transmit data to the BM-SC.

R8b: It shall be possible to integrity and confidentiality protect data sent from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider to the BM-SC.

NOTE: This reference point will not be standardised.

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## Annex D (normative): UICC-ME interface

### D.1 MSK Update Procedure

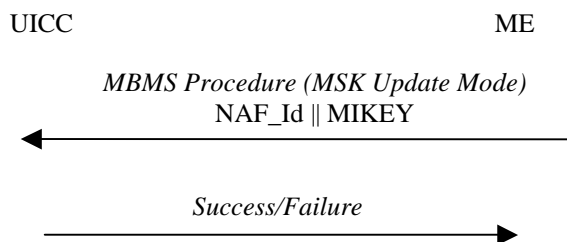
This procedure is part of the MSK update procedure as described in 6.4 (Validation and key derivation functions in MGv-F).

The ME has previously performed a GBA\_U bootstrapping procedure as described in TS 33.220. The UICC stores the corresponding Ks\_int\_NAF together with the NAF\_Id associated with this particular bootstrapping procedure.

The ME receives a MIKEY message containing an MSK update procedure. After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF.

The UICC then uses  $Ks\_int\_NAF$  as the MUK value for MUK derivation and MSK validation and derivation (as described in chapter 6.4.1 and 6.4.2)

After successful MSK Update procedure the UICC stores the Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MSK and MSK Validity Time (in the form of MTK ID interval).



**Figure x: MSK Update Procedure**

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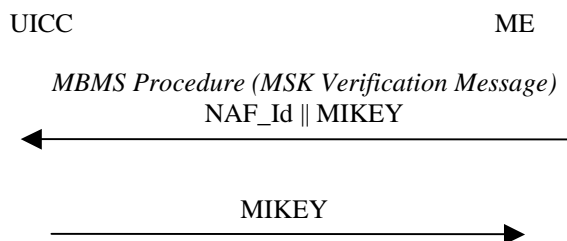
## D.2 MSK Verification Message Generation

This procedure is part of the MSK Verification Message as described in 6.3.6.2 (MSK Verification message)

The ME constructs the verification message in response to the MSK-transport message when it is required by BMSC.

The ME shall then give the constructed MIKEY verification message, with an empty MAC field, to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request  $NAF\_Id$  to identify the stored  $Ks\_int\_NAF=MUK$  to be used in the MSK Verification Message Generation.

The UICC will verify that the Time Stamp MIKEY field correspond to the previous MSK Update procedure. Then, the UICC shall compute and send the MIKEY packet to the ME (including the calculated MAC field) as defined in 6.3.6.2. (MSK Verification message).



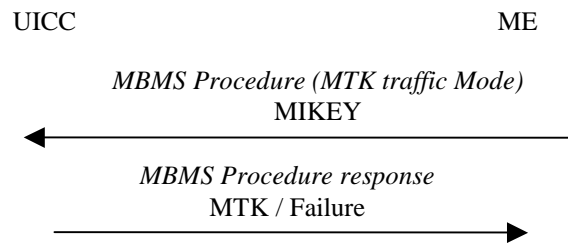
**Figure x: MSK Verification Message**

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## D.3. MTK generation and validation

This procedure is part of the MTK generation and validation function as described in 6.4.3 (MTK validation and derivation)

The ME receives the MIKEY message (containing Header, Time stamp, Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MTK ID = SEQp, MSK\_C[MTK] and MAC). After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The UICC computes the MGv-F function as described in section 6.4. (Validation and key derivation functions in MGv-F). After successful MGv-F procedure the UICC returns the MTK.



**Figure x: MTK Generation and Validation**



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## Introduction

The security of MBMS provides different challenges compared to the security of services delivered over point-to-point services. In addition to the normal threat of eavesdropping, there is also the threat that it may not be assumed that valid subscribers have any interest in maintaining the privacy of the communications, and they may therefore conspire to circumvent the security solution (for example one subscriber may publish the decryption keys enabling non-subscribers to view broadcast content). Countering this threat requires the decryption keys to be updated frequently in a manner that may not be predicted by subscribers while making efficient use of the radio network.

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# 1 Scope

The Technical Specification covers the security procedures of the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS) for 3GPP systems (UTRAN and GERAN). MBMS is a GPRS network bearer service over which many different applications could be carried. The actual method of protection may vary depending on the type of MBMS application.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 22.146: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Stage 1".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.246: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS); Architecture and Functional Description".
- [4] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G Security; Security Architecture".
- [5] 3GPP TS 22.246: "MBMS User Services".
- [6] 3GPP TS 33.220: "~~3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects;~~ Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture".
- [7] 3GPP TS 31.102: "~~3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Terminals;~~ Characteristics of the USIM application".
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- [12] [3GPP TS 43.020: "Security related network functions".](#)

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# 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply.

For the definitions of MBMS User Service refer to [5].

**MRK** = MBMS Request Key: This key is to authenticate the UE to the BM-SC when performing key requests etc.

**MSK** = MBMS Service Key: The MBMS Service key that is securely transferred (using the key MUK) from the BM-SC towards the UE. ~~For MBMS streaming-T~~the MSK is not used directly to protect the MBMS User Service data (see MTK).

**MTK** = MBMS Traffic Key: A key that is obtained by the UICC or ME by calling a decryption function MGV-F with the MSK. The key MTK is used to decrypt the received MBMS data on the ME.

**MUK** = MBMS User Key: The MBMS user individual key that is used by the BM-SC to protect the point to point transfer of MSK's to the UE.

NOTE:   The keys MSK and MUK may be stored within the UICC or the ME depending on the MBMS service.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

MUK_I	Integrity key derived from key MUK
MUK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MUK
MSK_I	Integrity key derived from key MSK
MSK_C	Confidentiality key derived from key MSK

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service
MGV-F	<del>MBMS key</del> TK Generation and Validation Function
<u>MGV-S</u>	<u>MBMS key Generation and Validation Storage</u>

# 4 MBMS security overview

## 4.1 MBMS security architecture

MBMS introduces the concept of a point-to-multipoint service into a 3GPP ~~system-network~~. A requirement of a multicast service is to be able to securely transmit data to a given set of users. In order to achieve this, there needs to be a method of authentication, key distribution and data protection for a multicast service. The ~~point-to-point services in a 3G network use the~~AKA protocol (see TS 33.102 [4]) is used to both authenticate a user and agree on keys to be used between that user and the ~~radio~~network. These keys are subsequently used to provide protection of traffic between the network and the UE.



**Figure 4.1: MBMS security architecture**

Figure 4.1 gives an overview of the network elements involved in MBMS from a security perspective. Nearly all the security functionality for MBMS (beyond the normal network bearer security) resides in either the BM-SC or the UE.

The Broadcast Multicast – Service Centre (BM-SC) is a source for MBMS data. It could also be responsible for scheduling data and receiving data from third parties (this is beyond the scope of the standardisation work) for transmission. It is responsible for generating and distributing the keys necessary for multicast security to the UEs and for applying the appropriate protection to data that is transmitted as part of a multicast service. The BM-SC also provides the MBMS bearer authorisation for UEs attempting to establish multicast bearer.

The UE is responsible for receiving or fetching keys for the multicast service from the BM-SC and also using those keys to decrypt the MBMS data that is received.



## 4.2 Key management overview

An MBMS User Service may ~~contain~~ use one or more MBMS Service Keys (MSKs), which may be in use at the same time and are managed at the MBMS User Service Level. The BM-SC controls the use of the MSKs ~~towards to secure~~ the different Transport Services that make up the MBMS User Service. The MSKs are not directly used ~~towards to secure~~ the MBMS Transport Services, ~~but as a second~~ they are used to ~~derive~~ protect the delivery of ~~lower level~~ MBMS Transport Keys (MTKs), which are used to secure the MBMS Transport Services, as specified within subclauses 6.4.5 and 6.6.5.

NOTE: According to good security practice the use of the same MTK with two different security protocols shall be avoided.

For MBMS User Services it shall be possible to share one or more MSKs with other MBMS User Services, ~~as since~~ according to TS 22.246 [5] there exist MBMS User Services with shared and non-shared Transport Services.

NOTE: While sharing MSKs among different MBMS User Services, care shall be taken that the Users are not given access to data that they are not entitled to.

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## 5 MBMS security functions

### 5.1 Authenticating and authorizing the user

A UE is authenticated and authorised in the following situations when participating in an MBMS User Service. That is:

- when the UE performs User Service joining (or leaving ) on the application level

**Editor's Note: The final decision on application level join procedures relies of work in SA4.**

- when the UE establishes (or releases) the MBMS bearer(s) to receive an MBMS User Service
- when the UE requests and receives MSKs for the MBMS User Service
- when the UE performs post delivery procedures (e.g. point to point repair service)

**Editor's Note: The final decision on post delivery procedures relies of work in SA4.**

NOTE: The list above does not reflect the order of authentications.

### 5.2 Key management and distribution

Like any service, the keys that are used to protect the transmitted data in a Multicast service should be regularly changed to ensure that they are fresh. This ensures that only legitimate users can get access to the data in the MBMS service. In particular frequent re-keying acts as a deterrent for an attacker to pass the MBMS keys to others users to allow those other users to access the data in an MBMS service.

The BM-SC is responsible for the generation and distribution of the MBMS keys to the UE. A UE has the ability to request a key when it does not have the relevant key to decrypt the data. This request may also be initiated by a message from the BM-SC to indicate that a new key is available.

### 5.3 Protection of the transmitted traffic

The traffic for a particular MBMS service may require some protection depending on the sensitivity of the data being transmitted (e.g. it is possible that the data being transmitted by the MBMS service is actually protected by the DRM security method and hence requires no additional protection). This protection will be either confidentiality and integrity or just confidentiality. The protection is applied end-to-end between the BM-SC and the UEs and will be based on a symmetric key shared between the BM-SC and the UEs that are currently accessing the service. The actual method of protection specified may vary depending on the type of data being transmitted, e.g. media streaming application or file download.

NOTE: ~~When MBMS data is received over a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer, it would be ciphered between the BM-SC and UE and may also be ciphered over the (GE-)RAN radio interface. Although this “double ciphering” is unnecessary from a security point of view and hence the decision of whether or not to apply radio interface ciphering to a point-to-point MBMS radio bearer is outside the scope of this specification. - it is a (GE-)RAN decision whether to apply ciphering or not in (GE-)RAN.~~

## 6 Security mechanisms

### 6.1 Using GBA for MBMS

GBA[6] is used to agree keys that are needed to run an MBMS Multicast User service. MBMS imposes the following requirements on the MBMS capable UICCs and MEs:

A UICC that contains MBMS key management functions shall implement GBA\_U.

An ME that supports MBMS shall implement GBA\_U and GBA\_ME, and shall be capable of utilising the MBMS key management functions on the UICC.

Before a user can access an MBMS User service, the UE needs to share GBA-keys with the BM-SC. If no valid GBA-keys are available at the UE, the UE shall perform a GBA run with the BSF of the home network as described within [6] ~~clause~~<sup>section</sup> 5. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The MSKs for an MBMS User service shall be stored on either the UICC or the ME. Storing the MSKs on the UICC requires a UICC that contains the MBMS management functions (and ~~by requirement~~<sup>that</sup> is GBA aware) and requires that ~~the BM-SC is all of the network elements, i.e. HSS, BSF and BM-SC, to be~~<sup>are</sup> GBA\_U aware. As a result of the GBA\_U run in these circumstances, the BM-SC will share a key Ks\_ext\_NAF with the ME and share a key Ks\_int\_NAF with the UICC. This key Ks\_int\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the UICC as the key MUK to protect MSK deliveries to the UICC as described within ~~sub~~<sup>clause</sup> 6.3. The key Ks\_ext\_NAF is used as the key MRK within the protocols as described within ~~sub~~<sup>clause</sup> 6.2.

NOTE: A run of GBA\_U on a GBA-~~U~~<sup>U</sup> aware UICC will not allow the MSKs to be stored on the UICC, if the MBMS management functions are not present on the UICC.

In any other circumstance, a run of GBA results in the BM-SC sharing a key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF with the ME. This key Ks\_(ext)\_NAF is used by the BM-SC and the ME to derive the key MUK and the key MRK (MBMS Request Key). The key MUK is used to protect MSK deliveries to the ME as described within ~~sub~~<sup>clause</sup> 6.3. The key MRK is used to authenticate the UE towards the BM-SC within the protocols as described within ~~sub~~<sup>clause</sup> 6.2.

### 6.2 Authentication and authorisation of a user

*Editor's Note: The exact details on how to derive the keys MRK and MUK from the GBA keys are for ffs.*

*Editor's Note: According to S3-040212, SA4 has a working assumption to use HTTP as the transport protocol but this is only agreed for the download repair service.*

#### 6.2.1 Authentication and authorisation in application level joining

When the user wants to join (or leave) an MBMS user service, it shall use HTTP digest authentication [8] for authentication. HTTP digest is run between BM-SC and ME. The MBMS authentication procedure is based on the general user authentication procedure over Ua interface that is specified in ~~clause~~<sup>chapter</sup> “Procedures using the bootstrapped Security Association” in [6]. The BM-SC will act as a NAF according to [6].

The following adaptations apply to HTTP digest:

- The transaction identifier as specified in [6] is used as username
- MRK (MBMS Request Key) is used as password.
- The joined MBMS user service is specified in client payload of HTTP Digest message.

**Editor's Note:** The contents of the client payload are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4. The final decision on application level join and leave procedures relies of work in SA4.

## 6.2.2 Authentication and authorisation in MBMS bearer establishment

The authentication of the UE during MBMS bearer establishment relies on the authenticated point-to-point connection with the network, which was set up using network security described in TS 33.102 [4] or TS 43.020 [12]. Authorisation for the MBMS bearer establishment happens by the network making an authorisation request to the BM-SC to ensure that the UE is allowed to establish the MBMS bearer(s) corresponding to an MBMS User Service (see TS 23.246 [3] for the details). As MBMS bearer establishment authorisation lies outside the control of the MBMS bearer network (i.e. it is controlled by the BM-SC), there is an additional procedure to remove the MBMS bearer(s) related to a UE that is no longer authorised to access an MBMS User Service.

## 6.2.3 Authentication and authorisation in MSK request

When the UE requests MSK(s), the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in subclause 6.2.1.

## 6.2.4 Authentication and authorisation in post delivery procedures

When the UE requests post delivery procedures, the UE shall be authenticated with HTTP digest as in ~~chapter~~ [subclause 6.2.1](#).

# 6.3 Key update procedures

**Editor's Note:** The contents of the http client payloads are FFS and may require input from TSG SA WG4.

## 6.3.1 General

In order to protect an MBMS User service, it is necessary to transfer both MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclause 6.3.2 describes the possible procedures for transferring MSKs, while subclause 6.3.3 deals with the transfer of MTKs.

## 6.3.2 MSK procedures

### 6.3.2.1 MSK identification

Every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID

where

Network ID = MCC || MNC and is 3 bytes long. It is carried in the ID<sub>i</sub> payload in MIKEY message

Key Group ID is 2 bytes long and is used to group keys together in order to allow redundant MSKs to be deleted. It is carried in the CSB ID field of MIKEY common header.

MSK ID is 2 bytes long and is used to distinguish MSKs that have the same Network ID and Key ~~Service~~ [Group](#) ID. It is carried in the MSK-ID field of MIKEY extension payload.

If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs.

**Editor's Note:** The handling of MSKs may need some enhancement to cover download services, where the MSK is fetched after the UE has received the encrypted data.

### 6.3.2.2 UE initiated MSK update procedure

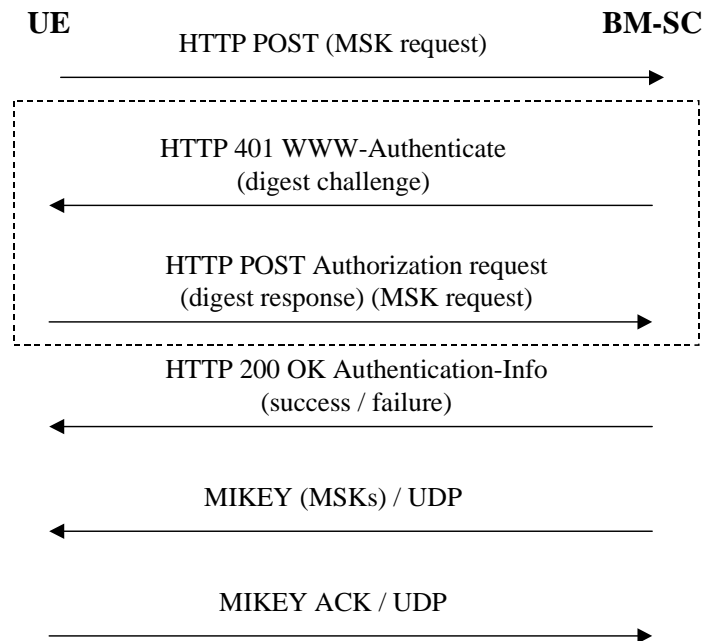
When a UE detects that it needs the MSK(s) for a specific MBMS User service, the UE should try to get the MSKs that will be used to ~~protect~~ the data transmitted as part of this multicast service. Reasons for UE to retrieve the MSK(s) include e.g.:

- Retrieval of initial MSKs e.g. when the UE has joined the MBMS user service

**Editor's note:** The initial key request may also be part of User Service joining procedure if SA4 decides to have such procedure. In this case the MSKs will be transported after the joining procedure has completed.

- Retrieval of MSKs when the UE has missed a key update procedure e.g. due to being out of coverage

If the UE fails to get hold of the MSK or receives confirmation that no updated MSK is necessary or available at this time, then, unless the UE has a still-valid, older MSK, the UE shall leave the MBMS user service.



**Figure 6.1:** UE initiated MSK delivery

The UE requests for the MSKs using the HTTP POST message. The key identification information is included in the client payload of the HTTP message.

The BM-SC may challenge the UE with HTTP response including WWW-Authenticate header and digest-challenge. Upon receiving the digest-challenge, the UE calculates the digest response and re-sends HTTP POST message including the key request and Authorization Request header including the digest response.

The BM-SC sends a response in HTTP 200 OK message with Authentication-Info header. The response in client payload includes cause code for success or reject.

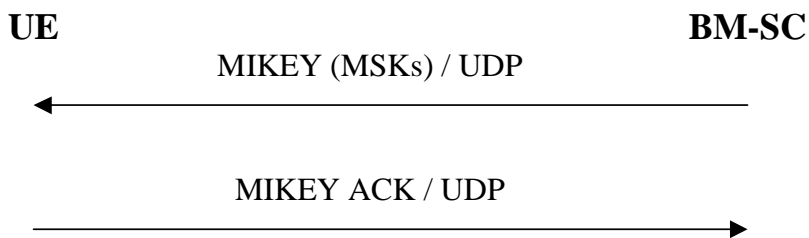
If the key request procedure above resulted to success, the BM-SC sends MIKEY messages over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

### 6.3.2.3 BM-SC initiated MSK update procedures

#### 6.3.2.3.1 Pushing the MSKs to the UE

The BM-SC controls when the MSKs used in a multicast service are to be changed. The below flow describes how MSK changes are performed.



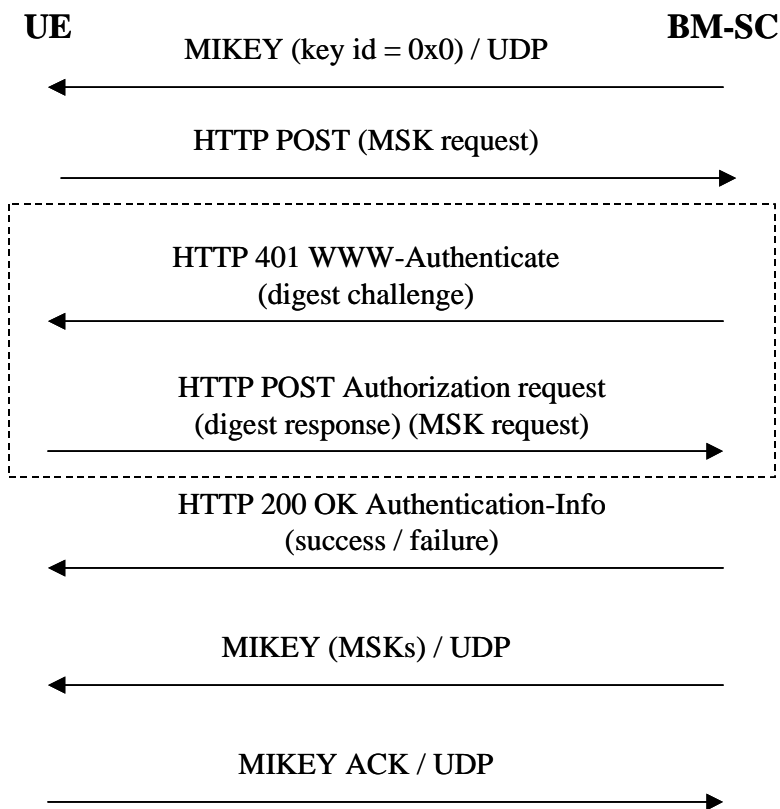
**Figure 6.2:** Pushing the MSKs to the UE

When the BM-SC decides that it is time to update the MSK, the BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP transporting the requested MSKs to the UE.

If requested by the BM-SC, the UE sends a MIKEY acknowledgement message to the BM-SC.

### 6.3.2.3.2 Push solicited pull

While the push is the regular way of updating the MSK to the UE, there may be situations where the BM-SC solicits the UE to contact the BM-SC and request for new MSKs. An example of such situation is when the BM-SC wants the UE to authenticate itself during the service or when the MUK has expired.



**Figure 6.3:** Push solicited pull

The BM-SC sends MIKEY message over UDP to the UE. The key IDs in the extension payload of the MIKEY message set to 0x0 to indicate that the UE should request for current MSK from the BM-SC.

When the UE contacts the BM-SC, the BM-SC may trigger re-authentication of the UE or even re-run of GBA procedure to update the MUK.

The rest of the procedure is the same as in 6.3.1.

### 6.3.3 MTK procedures

#### 6.3.3.1 MTK identification

Every MTK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID and MTK ID where

Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID are as defined in subclause 6.3.2.1.

*Editor's Note: The format of MTK is ffs.*

#### 6.3.3.2 MTK update procedure

The MTK is delivered to the UE as in 6.3.2.3.1+2 but the MIKEY ACK is not used.

## 6.4 MIKEY message creation and processing in the ME

*Editor's note: The need for salting keys in processing of MIKEY messages is for further study.*

### 6.4.1 General

MIKEY is used to transport the MSKs and MTKs from the BM-SC to the UE. Subclauses 6.4.2, 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 describe how to create the MIKEY messages, while subclause 6.4.6 describe the initial processing by the ME on these messages. The final processing is done by the [MBMS key Generation and Validation Function](#) ~~MGF (MGV-F)~~ and is described in subclause 6.5.

### 6.4.2 MIKEY common header

MIKEY shall be used with pre-shared keys as described in [9].

MSKs shall be carried in MIKEY messages with a Data Type value of 0x07 in the MIKEY common header that signals that the message contains an MBMS MSK. This allows legacy MIKEY implementations to discard the message early in the processing stage. The messages are sent point-to-point between the BM-SC and each UE. The messages use the MUK shared between the BM-SC and the UE as the pre-shared secret in MIKEY.

~~To keep track of MSKs and MTKs, a new Extension Payload is added to MIKEY (see Section 6.3.2). The Extension contains the identities of MSKs and the MTKs.~~

Once the MSK is in place in the UE, the UE can make use of the [broadcast-multicast](#) MTK messages sent by the BM-SC. The MTK is carried in messages conforming to the structure defined by MIKEY and use the MSK as [the](#) pre-shared secret. A Data Type value of 0x08 is used in the MIKEY common header to signal that the message contains an MBMS MTK.

~~To keep track of MSKs and MTKs, a new Extension Payload (EXT) is added to MIKEY (see Section 6.3.2). The Extension contains the identities of MSKs and the MTKs (see subclause 6.3.2 and 6.3.3).~~

If the BM-SC requires an ACK for an [MSK](#) key update message this is indicated by setting the V-bit in the MIKEY common header. The UE shall then respond with a MIKEY message containing the verification payload. In the case the server does not receive an ACK, normal reliability constructions can be used, e.g., start a timer when the message is sent and then resend the message if no ACK is received before the timer expires.

The CSB ID field of MIKEY common header shall carry the Key Group ID.

### 6.4.3 Replay protection

Each MIKEY message contains the timestamp field (TS) of type 2. This means that the contents of the timestamp field is a 32-bit counter. The counter is increased by one for each message sent from the BM-SC to the UE. Note that there is one counter per UE for MSK delivery, and one counter common to all UEs for MTK delivery. The counter is used for replay protection; messages with a counter less than or equal to the current counter are discarded. Less than or equal is

to be taken in the meaning of RFC1982. If the less than or equal relation is undefined in the sense of RFC1982, the message should be considered as being replayed **and shall be discarded**. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MSK transport messages when the MUK is updated. The counter in the TS field shall be reset for MTK transport messages when the MSK is updated.

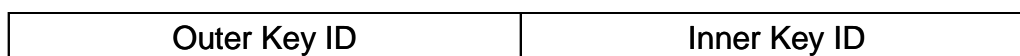
NOTE: The counter in TS field in MTK transport messages is used to detect replay attacks while the counter in MTK ID field of **the** EXT payload is used to detect the resendings of the same MTK keys.

#### 6.4.4 General extension payload

The MSK and MTK shall be delivered in messages that conform to the structure defined in MIKEY [9]. To be able to keep track of the keys, a new general Extension Payload (EXT) is defined that conforms to the structure defined in 6.15 of MIKEY[9]. The IDs of the involved keys are kept in the EXT, to enable the UE to look up the identity of the key which was used to protect the message, and which key is **contained-delivered** in the message. This EXT is incorporated in the MIKEY messages (see Figure 6.4+). When an MSK is delivered to a UE, the MIKEY message contains an EXT that holds the MUK ID of the MUK used to protect the delivery, and the MSK ID of the MSK delivered in the message. For messages that contains **an** MTK, the EXT contains the MSK ID of the MSK used to protect the delivery, and the MTK ID of the MTK contained in the message. The MSK ID and MTK ID are **is** increased by 1 every time the corresponding key is updated. It is possible that the same MTK is delivered several times in multicast, and the ME can then discard messages related to a key it already has instead of passing them to the MGV-F.

The MGV-F (see **subclause Section 6.54**) protects itself from a possibly malicious ME by checking the integrity and freshness of the MIKEY message.

The format of the key IDs shall be represented by unsigned integer counters, different from zero. The reason for disallowing zero is that it is reserved for future use. Note that this means that there can only be  $2^n - 1$  different keys in use during the same session, where n is the number of bits in the ID field.



**Figure 6.4:1. The figure shows the Extension payload used with MIKEY.**

The Inner Key ID is the ID of the key that is transported in the message (i.e. an MSK or MTK). The Outer Key ID is the ID of the key used as pre-shared secret for the key delivery (i.e. an MUK or MSK).

#### 6.4.5 MIKEY message structure

##### 6.4.5.1 MSK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MSK key is depicted in Figure 6.52. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The MIKEY-RAND is used to derive e.g. encryption and authentication keys from the received keys. It is sent only in the initial MSK delivery message. The identity payloads of the initiator's and responder's IDs shall be included in the MSK transport messages. ID<sub>i-I</sub> is the ID of the BM-SC and ID<sub>r-R</sub> is the ID of the UE. Security Policy (SP) payload includes information for the security protocol such as algorithms to use, key lengths, initial values for algorithms etc. The Key Validity Data subfield is present in the KEMAC payload when MSK is transported but it is not present for MTK transport. The field defines the Key Validity Time for MSK in terms of sequence number interval (i.e. lower limit of MTK ID and upper limit of MTK ID). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs **in-to-be-used-by** the ~~MTK Generation and Validation Function~~ **MGV--F** (see **subclausection 6.5**).

Editor's **N**ote: The type (URI or NAI) of identity payloads to use are for further study.

Editor's **N**ote: The contents of the Security Policy payload depends on the used security protocols. MIKEY [9] has defined Security Policy payload for SRTP, but for other security protocols there is a need to define new Security Policy payloads. The exact definitions of these are FFS.



Common HDR	Common HDR
TS	Timestamp (counter)
MIKEY RAND	(MIKEY RAND)
IDI	ID_I
IDr	ID_R
{SP}	(SP)
EXT	EXT
KEMAC	KEMAC

**Figure 6.5:2** The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MSK. For use of brackets, cf. clause 1.3 of MIKEY [9].

### 6.4.5.2 MSK Verification message

If the BM-SC expects a response to the MSK-transport message (i.e., the V-bit in the MIKEY common header is equal to 1), the UE shall send a verification message as a response. The verification message shall be constructed according to Section 3.1 of MIKEY, and shall consist of the following fields: HDR || TS || ID<sub>i</sub> || ID<sub>r</sub> || V, where ID<sub>i</sub> is the ID of the BM-SC and ID<sub>r</sub> is the ID of the UE. Note that the MAC included in the verification payload, shall be computed over both the initiator's and the responder's IDs as well as the timestamp in addition to be computed over the response message as defined in [9]. The key used in the MAC computation is the MUK<sub>I</sub>.

Common HDR	Common HDR
TS	Timestamp (counter)
IDI	<del>ID_I</del>
IDr	ID_R
V	V

**Figure 6.6:3** The logical structure of the MIKEY Verification message ~~used to deliver MSK.~~

The verification message shall not be sent as a response to MIKEY messages delivering MTK.

The verification message shall be constructed by the ME, except for the MAC field, and then be given to the MGW-F that will perform the MAC computation and will return the verification message appended with the MAC to the ME. The ME shall send the message to the BM-SC.

### 6.4.5.3 MTK message structure

The structure of the MIKEY message carrying a MTK key is depicted in Figure 6.7:3. The actual key that is delivered is kept in the KEMAC payload. The network identity payloads (ID<sub>i</sub>) shall be used in MTK transport messages.

Common HDR	Common HDR
TS	Timestamp (counter)
IDI	<del>ID_I</del>
EXT	EXT
KEMAC	KEMAC

**Figure 6.7:4** The logical structure of the MIKEY message used to deliver MTK.



## 6.4.6 Processing of received messages in the ME

### 6.4.6.1 MSK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following [Section 5.3](#) of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MSK delivery, the MUK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the ~~C~~ounter-counter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given MUK (the ~~c~~ounter value is retrieved from MGV-S). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in [the](#) sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. The Security Policy payload is stored if it was present.
4. The message is transported to MGV-F for further processing, cf 6.5.2.
5. The MGV-F replies success or failure.

### 6.4.6.2 MTK MIKEY Message Reception

When the MIKEY message arrives at the ME, the processing proceeds following the steps below (basically following [Section 5.3](#) of [9]).

1. The Data Type field of the common MIKEY header (HDR) is examined, and if it indicates an MTSK delivery, the MSK ID is extracted from the Extension Payload.
2. The Timestamp Payload is checked, and the message is discarded if the ~~c~~ounter is larger or equal to the current MIKEY replay counter associated with the given M~~U~~SK (the ~~c~~ounter value is retrieved from MGV-S). To avoid issues with wrap around of the ID fields ``smaller than`` should be in [the](#) sense of RFC1982 [10].
3. If the MTK ID extracted from the Extension payload is less than or equal to the current MTK ID (kept in the ME), the message ~~shall~~**must** be discarded.
4. The message is transported to MGV-F for further processing, cf 6.5.3.
5. The MGV-F replies success (i.e. sending the MTK) or failure.

## 6.5. Validation and key derivation functions in MGV-F

### 6.5.1 General

It is assumed that the UE includes a secure storage (MGV-S). This MGV-S may be realized on the ME or on the UICC but for certain type of MBMS services the UICC shall be used as determined by the service provider. The MGV-F is implemented inside MGV-S.

**Editor's ~~N~~ote:** The choice between MIKEY key derivation algorithms and other suitable key derivations has not been made as there could be algorithms already in the UE.

### 6.5.2 MUK derivation

When a MUK has been installed in the MGV-S, i.e. as a result of a GBA run, it is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive encryption and integrity keys (MUK\_C and MUK\_I) as defined in [Section 4.1.4](#) of MIKEY. MUK\_I and MUK\_C are used to verify the integrity of the MSK transport message and decrypt the key carried in the KEMAC payload.

### 6.5.3 MSK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key in the message is an MSK, MGV-F retrieves the MUK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

The MAC in the KEMAC payload is verified using MUK\_I, and the message is discarded ~~upon if verification fails~~. If the MAC verification is successful the MUK\_C is used to decrypt the Key Data sub-payload, and the MSK can be installed in the ~~key management module~~ MGV-S. The MSK is used as pre-shared secret together with the MIKEY-RAND and the Key Group ID from the MIKEY message to derive (as specified in section 4.1.4 of [9]) encryption and integrity keys (MSK\_I and MSK\_C). The Key Validity data is extracted from the message and stored (in the form of MTK ID interval). The lower limit of the interval defines the SEQs.

NOTE: ~~The~~ MSK is not necessarily updated in the message, since a MSK transport message can be sent e.g. to update the Key Validity data.

~~If MAC verification is successful, then t~~The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the ~~c~~Counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MUK ID.

### 6.5.4 MTK validation and derivation

When the MGV-F receives the MIKEY message, it first determines the type of message by reading the Data Type field in the common header. If the key inside the message is an MTK, MGV-F retrieves the MSK with the ID given by the Extension payload.

It is assumed that the MBMS service specific data, MSK and the sequence number SEQs, have been stored within a secure storage (MGV-S). Both MSK and SEQs were transferred to the MGV-S with the execution of the MSK update procedures. The initial value of SEQs is determined by the service provider.

The MGV-F shall only calculate and deliver the MBMS Traffic Keys (MTK) to the ME if the ptm-key information is deemed to be fresh.

The MGV-F shall compare the received SEQp, i.e. MTK ID from the MIKEY message with the stored SEQs. If SEQp is equal or lower than SEQs then the MGV-F shall indicate a failure to the ME. If SEQp is greater than SEQs then the MGV-F shall calculate the MAC as defined in [9] using the received MIKEY message and MSK as input. This MAC is compared with the MAC of the KEMAC payload in the MIKEY message. ~~If the MAC defers verification is unsuccessful,~~ then the MGV-F will indicate a failure to the ME. If the MAC ~~verification is equal~~ successful, then the MGV-F shall update SEQs with SEQp value and start ~~with~~ the generation of MTK. The MGV-F provides the MTK to the ME.

The MGV-F shall update in MGV-S the ~~c~~Counter value in the Time Stamp payload associated with the corresponding MSK ID.

NOTE: ~~The~~ MIKEY includes functionality to derive further keys from MTK if needed by the security protocol. The key derivation is defined in ~~s~~Section 4.1.3 of MIKEY [9].

## 6.6 Protection of the transmitted traffic

### 6.6.1 General

The data transmitted to the UEs is protected by a symmetric key (an MTK) that is shared by the BM-SC and ~~Ues~~ UEs that are accessing the MBMS service. The protection of the data is applied by the BM-SC. In order to determine which key was used to protect the data ~~key identification information~~ Key\_ID is included with the protected data. The Key\_ID will uniquely identify the MSK and contain other information needed to calculate the MTK. The MTK is derived according to the methods described in ~~sub~~clauses 6.4 and 6.5. Whenever data from an MBMS User Service has been decrypted, if it is to be stored on the UE it will be stored decrypted.

NOTE: ~~ote: including~~ Including the ~~Key\_Id~~ key identification information with the protected data stops the UE trying to decrypt and render content for which it does not have the MSK.

## 6.6.2 Protection of streaming data

~~Editor's Note: The content of this subclause will be checked after the joint meeting with SA4~~

### 6.6.2.1 Usage of SRTP

When it is required to protect MBMS streaming data SRTP (Secure Real-time Transport Protocol) as defined in [11] shall be used ~~to protect MBMS streaming data~~. The MTK is carried to the UEs from the BM-SC using ~~extended~~ MIKEY [9] ~~with extensions defined according to this specification~~. MTK shall be used as the master key in SRTP key derivation to derive the SRTP session keys as defined in chapter 4.3 of [9]. The correct MTK to use to decrypt the data is indicated using the MKI (Master Key identifier) field, which is included in the SRTP packets as defined in [11]. The form of MKI shall be a concatenation of Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID and MTK ID, i.e. MKI = (Network ID || Key Group ID || MSK ID || MTK ID).

If the SRTP packets are to be integrity protected, the SRTP authentication tag is appended to the packets as defined in [9].

SRTP security policy parameters, such as encryption algorithm, are transported in MIKEY Security Policy payload as defined in chapter 6.10.1 in [9].

### 6.6.2.2 Packet processing in the UE

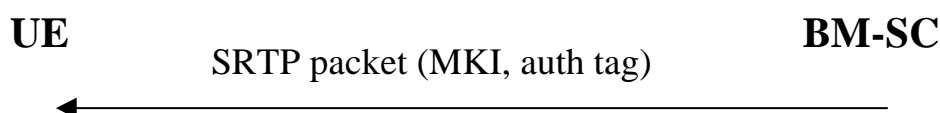
When the SRTP module receives a packet, it will check if it has the MTK corresponding to the value in the MKI field in the SRTP cryptographic context.

NOTE: The SRTP module does not need to interpret the MKI field semantics. It only checks whether it has the MTK corresponding to the MKI value.

If the check is successful, the SRTP module processes the packet according to the security policy.

If the SRTP module does not have the MTK, it will request ~~for the~~ MTK corresponding to the MKI from the key management module. When the key management module returns a new MTK, the SRTP module will derive new session keys from the MTK and process the packet. However, if the key management module does not have the MSK indicated by MKI, then it should fetch the MSK using the methods discussed in the subclause 6.3.

The below flow shows how the protected content is delivered to the UE.



**Figure 6.8:** ~~x~~ Delivery of protected streaming content to the UE

## 6.6.3 Protection of download content

Data that belongs to a download MBMS User Service is decrypted as soon as possible by the UE, if the MSK needed to provide the relevant MTK is already available on the UE.

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## Annex A (informative): Trust model

The following trust relationship between the roles that are participating in MBMS services are proposed:

The user trusts the home network operator to provide the MBMS service according to the service level agreement. .

The user trusts the network operator after mutual authentication.

The network trusts an authenticated user using integrity protection and encryption at RAN level.

The network may have trust or no trust in a content provider.

The home network and visited network trust each other when a roaming agreement is defined, in the case the user is roaming in a VPLMN.

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## Annex B (informative): Security threats

### B.1 Threats associated with attacks on the radio interface

The threats associated with attacks on the radio interface are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-[clauses](#)[chapters](#):

- unauthorized access to multicast data;
- threats to integrity;
- denial of service;
- unauthorized access to MBMS services;
- privacy violation.

The attacks on the MBMS service announcements to the users on the radio interface are not discussed here, as these will most likely be transferred on a point-to-point connection (e.g. PS signaling connection), which is already secured today (integrity protected and optionally encrypted RAN level).

#### B.1.1 Unauthorised access to multicast data

- A1:** Intruders may eavesdrop MBMS multicast data on the air-interface.
- A2:** Users that have not joined and activated a MBMS multicast service receiving that service without being charged.
- A3:** Users that have joined and then left a MBMS multicast service continuing to receive the MBMS multicast service without being charged.
- A4:** Valid subscribers may derive decryption keys (MTK) and distribute them to unauthorized parties.

**Note****NOTE:** It is assumed that the legitimate end user has a motivation to defeat the system and distribute the shared keys (MSK, MTK) that are a necessary feature of any broadcast security scheme.

## B.1.2 Threats to integrity

**B1:** Modifications and replay of messages in a way to fool the user of the content from the actual source, e.g. replace the actual content with a fake one.

## B.1.3 Denial of service attacks

**C1:** Jamming of radio resources. Deliberate manipulation of the data to disturb the communication.

## B.1.4 Unauthorised access to MBMS services

**D1:** An attacker using the 3GPP network to gain “free access” of MBMS services and other services on another user’s bill.

**D2:** An attacker using MBMS shared keys (MSK, MTK) to gain free access to content without any knowledge of the service provider.

**Note****NOTE:** It cannot be assumed that keys held in a terminal are secure. No matter how the shared keys (MSK, MTK) are delivered to the terminal, we have to assume they can be derived in an attack. For example, the shared keys, while secure in the UICC, may be passed over an insecure SIM-ME interface.

## B.1.5 Privacy violation

**E1:** The user identity could be exposed to the content provider, in the case the content provider is located in the 3GPP network, and then linked to the content.

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## B.2 Threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system

The threats associated with attacks on other parts of the system are split into the following categories, which are described in the following sub-[clauses](#)[apters](#):

unauthorized access to data;

threats to integrity;

denial of service;

A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on;

Unauthorized insertion of MBMS user data and key management data.

### B.2.1 Unauthorised access to data

**F1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for intruders who may eavesdrop the new interface Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**F2:** Intruders may eavesdrop the new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC.

### B.2.2 Threats to integrity

**G1:** It is assumed that the BM-SC and the GGSN are located in the same network. The BM-SC can though be located in a different place than the GGSN, and therefore can open up for new attacks on the new interfaces Gi and Gmb between the BM-SC and GGSN.

**G2:** The new interface between the content provider and the BM-SC may open up for attacks as modifications of multimedia content.

### B.2.3 Denial of service

**H1:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> Content Provider to disturb the communication.

**H2:** Deliberated manipulation of the data between the BM-SC <-> GGSN to disturb the communication.

### B.2.4 A malicious UE generating MTKs for malicious use later on.

**I1:** A malicious ME querying the MTK generation function for MTK's to use them later on in an attack (e.g. in order to use the retrieved MTKs within an unauthorized data insertion attacks (See B.2.5)).

### B.2.5 Unauthorised insertion of MBMS user data and key management data

**J1:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with valid (previously retrieved) MTK from the MTK generation function, within the multicast stream.

**J2:** An ME, which deliberately inserts key management and malicious data, encrypted with old (using replayed key management messages) MTK, within the multicast stream

**J3:** An attacker, which deliberately inserts incorrect key management information within the multicast stream to cause Denial of Service attacks.

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## Annex C (normative): Multicast security requirements

### C.1 Requirements on security service access

#### C.1.1 Requirements on secure service access

R1a: A valid USIM shall be required to access MBMS User Services.

R1b: It shall be possible to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access of MBMS User Services by masquerading as authorized users.

#### C.1.2 Requirements on secure service provision

R2a: It shall be possible for the network (e.g. BM-SC) to authenticate users at the start of, and during, service delivery to prevent intruders from obtaining unauthorized access to MBMS User Services.

R2b: It shall be possible to prevent the use of a particular USIM to access MBMS User Services.

NOTE: No security requirements shall be placed on the UE that requires UE to be customised to a particular customer prior to the point of sale.

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## C.2 Requirements on MBMS transport Service signaling protection

R3a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS transport service signaling on the Gmb reference point.

Editor's Note: When the Gmb reference point is IP-based then NDS/IP methods according to TS 33.210 may be applied to fulfill requirement R3a. The Gmb interface is ffs.

R3b: Unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of all transport service signaling, on the RAN shall be prevented when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint (ptm) link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE

NOTE: UTRAN Bearer signalling integrity protection will not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS signalling and GERAN has no bearer signalling integrity protection, even for point to point signalling.

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## C.3 Requirements on Privacy

R4a: The User identity should not be exposed to the content provider or linked to the content in the case the Content Provider is located outside the 3GPP operator's network.

R4b: MBMS identity and control information shall not be exposed when the RAN selects a point-to-multipoint link for the distribution of MBMS data to the UE.

NOTE: UTRAN and GERAN Bearer confidentiality protection will be not be provided for point to multipoint MBMS sessions

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## C.4 Requirements on MBMS Key Management

R5a: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be confidentiality protected.

R5b: The transfer of the MBMS keys between the MBMS key generator and the UE shall be integrity protected.

R5c: The UE and MBMS key generator shall support the operator to perform re-keying as frequently as it believes necessary to ensure that

- users that have joined an MBMS User Service multicast service, but then left, shall not gain further access to the MBMS User Service without being charged appropriately
- users joining an MBMS User Service shall not gain access to data from previous transmissions in the MBMS User Service without having been charged appropriately
- the effect of subscribed users distributing decryption keys to non-subscribed users shall be controllable.

R5d: Only authorized users that have joined an MBMS User Service shall be able to receive MBMS keys delivered from the MBMS key generator.

R5e: The MBMS keys shall not allow the BM-SC to infer any information about used UE-keys at radio level (i.e. if they would be derived from it).

R5f: All keys used for the MBMS User Service shall be uniquely identifiable. The identity may be used by the UE to retrieve the actual key (based on identity match, and mismatch recognition) when an update was missed or was erroneous/incomplete.

R5g: The BM-SC shall be aware of where all MBMS specific keys are stored in the UE (i.e. ME or UICC).

R5h: The function of providing MTK to the ME shall only deliver a MTK to the ME if the input values used for obtaining the MTK were fresh (have not been replayed) and came from a trusted source.

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## C.5 Requirements on integrity protection of MBMS User Service data

R6a: It shall be possible to protect against unauthorized modification, insertion, replay or deletion of MBMS User Service data sent to the UE on the radio interface. The use of integrity shall be optional.

NOTE: It may be possible to detect the deletion of MBMS data packets, but it is impossible to prevent the deletion. Packets may be lost because of bad radio conditions, providing integrity protection will not help to detect or recover from this situation.

NOTE: The use of shared keys (integrity and confidentiality) to a group of untrusted users only prevents attacks of lower levels of sophistication, such as preventing eavesdroppers from simply listening in

R6b: The MBMS User Service data may be integrity protected with a common integrity key, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R6c: It may be required to integrity protect the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface i.e. reference point Gi.

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## C.6 Requirements on confidentiality protection of MBMS User Service data

R7a: It shall be possible to protect the confidentiality of MBMS User Service data on the radio interface.

R7b: The MBMS User Service data may be encrypted with common encryption keys, which shall be available to all users that have joined the MBMS User Service.

R7c: It may be required to encrypt the MBMS User Service data on the “BM-SC - GGSN” interface, i.e. the reference points Gi.

R7d: It shall be infeasible for a man-in-the-middle to bid down the confidentiality protection used on protect the MBMS User Service from the BM-SC to the UE.

R7e: It shall be infeasible for an eavesdropper to break the confidentiality protection of the MBMS User Service when it is applied.

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## C.7 Requirements on content provider to BM-SC reference point

R8a: The BM-SC shall be able to authenticate and authorize a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider that wishes to transmit data to the BM-SC.

R8b: It shall be possible to integrity and confidentiality protect data sent from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party content provider to the BM-SC.

NOTE: This reference point will not be standardised.



## Annex D (normative): UICC-ME interface

### D.1 MSK Update Procedure

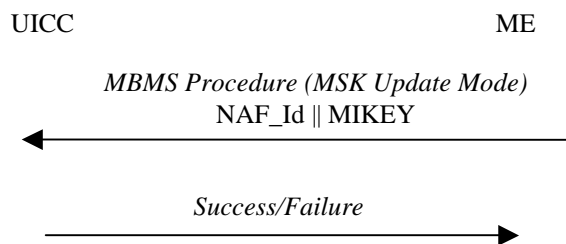
This procedure is part of the MSK update procedure as described in [subclause 6.5.4](#) (Validation and key derivation functions in MGV-F).

The ME has previously performed a GBA\_U bootstrapping procedure as described in TS 33.220. The UICC stores the corresponding Ks\_int\_NAF together with the NAF\_Id associated with this particular bootstrapping procedure.

The ME receives a MIKEY message containing an MSK update procedure. After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF.

The UICC then uses Ks\_int\_NAF as the MUK value for MUK derivation and MSK validation and derivation (as described in [subclauses chapter 6.5.3.4.1 and 6.4.2](#))

After successful MSK Update procedure the UICC stores the Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MSK and MSK Validity Time (in the form of MTK ID interval).



**Figure D.1** MSK Update Procedure

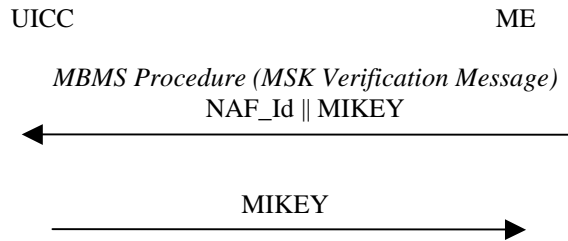
### D.2 MSK Verification Message Generation

This procedure is part of the MSK Verification Message as described in [subclause 6.4.3.5.6.2](#) (MSK Verification message)

The ME constructs the verification message in response to the MSK-transport message when it is required by BM-SC.

The ME shall then give the constructed MIKEY verification message, with an empty MAC field, to the UICC. The ME also includes in this request NAF\_Id to identify the stored Ks\_int\_NAF=MUK to be used in the MSK Verification Message Generation.

The UICC will verify that the Time Stamp MIKEY field correspond to the previous MSK Update procedure. Then, the UICC shall compute and send the MIKEY packet to the ME (including the calculated MAC field) as defined in [subclause 6.4.3.5.6.2](#). (MSK Verification message).

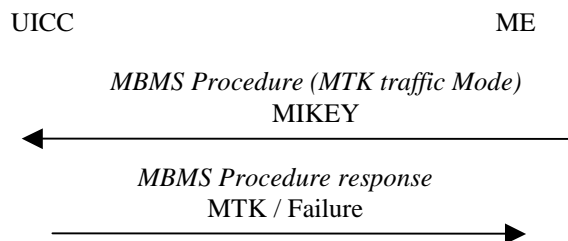


**Figure D.2:** MSK Verification Message

## D.3. MTK generation and validation

This procedure is part of the MTK generation and validation function as described in [subclause 6.5.4.4](#) (MTK validation and derivation)

The ME receives the MIKEY message (containing Header, Time stamp, Network ID, Key Group ID, MSK ID, MTK ID = SEQp, MSK\_C[MTK] and MAC). After performing some validity checks, the ME sends the whole message to the UICC. The UICC computes the MGv-F function as described in [subclause section 6.5.4](#). (Validation and key derivation functions in MGv-F). After successful MGv-F procedure the UICC returns the MTK.



**Figure D.3:** MTK Generation and Validation

## Annex <X> (informative): Change history

Change history							
Date	TSG #	TSG Doc.	CR	Rev	Subject/Comment	Old	New
2002-09					Initial version supplied by Rapporteur		0.0.1
2002-11					Updated to include the threat and requirements discussed at SA3 #25.	0.0.1	0.0.2
2003-02					Updated to reflect changes to the requirements agreed at SA#26	0.0.2	0.0.3
2003-04					Updated to reflect changes agreed at the SA#27	0.0.3	0.10.0
2003-07					Updated to reflect the decision on TEK distribution and independence of the MBMS keys from radio level keys	0.1.0	0.1.1
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2003-09					Updated to reflect decision at Antwerp ad-hoc.	0.2.0	0.2.1
2003-11					Updated to reflect changes to requirements and threat at SA3#30	0.2.1	0.2.2
2003-11					Updated to reflect decisions taken at SA3#31 while discussing tdoc 755 and attached pseudo CR.	0.2.2	0.2.3
2003-11					Updated to reflect all the other decisions taken at SA3#31	0.2.3	0.3.0
2003-11					Updated with some editorial modification and presented to the SA plenary for information	0.3.0	1.0.0
2004-02					Updated to reflect changes agreed at SA3#32	1.0.0	1.1.0
2004-04					Minor corrections agreed by e-mail discussion	1.1.0	1.1.1
2004-05					Updated to reflect the decisions taken at SA3#33	1.1.1	1.2.0
2004-06					Small editorial corrections	1.2.0	1.2.1
2004-07					Updated to reflect the decisions taken at SA3#34 S3-040470, S3-040469, S3-040553, S3-040535, S3-040489, S3-040565, S3-04573, S3-040620 (update of S3-040582), S3-040676 (update of S3-040497 via S3-040618) and S3-040677 (update of S3-040582 via S3-040619)	1.2.1	1.3.0
<a href="#">2004-09</a>					<a href="#">Editorial updates after SA3#34 and some changes proposed by joint SA3/SA4 meeting</a>	<a href="#">1.3.0</a>	<a href="#">1.3.1</a>