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1. Scope

This contribution and accompanying pseudo CR [1] discuss and describe how MIKEY and SRTP can be used as key management and security protocols for MBMS, respectively. It is proposed to include the suggested text in the companion pseudo CR to the MBMS Security TS 33.246 [2] to show that a complete solution is available. It is also proposed that SA3 should follow and re-use the work done in IETF MSEC (Secure Multicast) WG. This contribution also answers some clarifying questions about MIKEY that were raised in SA3#28.

2. Introduction

In SA3#25 Ericsson presented contributions [3] and [4] which proposed to adopt SRTP and MIKEY for MBMS.

[4] discussed MIKEY and it was compared to two other multicast key management protocols, namely Group Domain of Interpretation (GDOI) [5] and Group Security Association And Key Management Protocol (GSAKMP-light) [5]. MIKEY was found the most efficient and best suitable for MBMS since it is using pre-shared keys with symmetric cryptography. MIKEY was proposed for MBMS.

In [3] SRTP was compared against IP sec and radio –level multicast security. The contribution proposed SRTP as security protocol for streaming applications for MBMS.

However, SA3 #25 concluded that there were too many open issues regarding e.g. the security architecture and further contributions were requested to progress the technical specification. At that time the TS was not mature enough for specific protocols to be included.

In meetings #27 and #28 SA3 agreed on some important security architecture issues, namely that the encryption of MBMS traffic shall be done between UE and BM-SC and that the BM-SC shall be the entity to generate and distribute the traffic encryption key (TEK) to the UEs [6]. Today many issues are still to be specified, e.g. regarding user authentication, charging models (and related keying mechanisms) and Gmb interface functionality.

Ericsson presented a discussion paper [7] on the status of MIKEY [8] and SRTP [9] in IETF in SA3#28. These protocols are strong candidates for key management and security protocols for MBMS and they are likely to get RFC status during 2003.

Also discussion regarding charging models and relation to keying is ongoing.

The intention with this contribution is to enhance the TS and show that a complete solution for key management and security protocol is available.

This contribution and accompanying pseudo CR [1] discuss and describe how MIKEY and SRTP can be used as key management and security protocols for MBMS, respectively. It is also proposed to include the suggested text in the companion pseudo CR to the MBMS Security TS 33.246 [2] to show that a complete solution is available.

2. Discussion

Relation between MSEC and MBMS

The MBMS architecture is a secure multicast system that should re-use and should be aligned and compatible with the work of IETF Secure Multicast (MSEC) WG as much as possible in order to make compatible systems and to avoid overlapping work. MSEC documents [10] and [11] specify the overall architecture and key management architecture of MSEC.

The MSEC architecture consists of GSA (Group Security Association), which comprises of three SAs: Registration SA, Re-key SA and Data Security SA.

The corresponding components in MBMS security architecture are: Authenticating and authorizing the user, Key management and distribution and Protection of the transmitted traffic.

The relation of these components between MSEC and MBMS are depicted in table below. These are shortly discussed in the following chapters.

COMPONENT IN MSEC	CORRESPONDING FUNCTIONALITY IN MBMS
Out of scope	Subscribing to service
Registration SA - Authentication of the user - Authorization check of the user - Provide needed keys for the user	(Authenticating and authorizing the user) Key management and distribution (initial keying part)
Re-key SA	Key management and distribution (re-keying part) (Comparison valid only for point to multipoint re-keying since Re-key SA is a multicast SA)
Data Security SA	Protection of the transmitted traffic

The main entities in the MSEC architecture are: GC/KS (Group controller / key server), the sender(s) and the receiver(s). They can be mapped to MBMS entities as in the following table

ENTITY IN MSEC	CORRESPONDING ENTITY IN MBMS
GC/KS	BM-SC
Sender(s)	BM-SC
Receiver(s)	UE(s)s

Authenticating and authorizing the user

The Registration SA includes authentication and authorizing the joining member and giving the needed keys to the joining member. Thus in the MBMS security architecture this means that the initial keying is closely related to authenticating and authorizing the user since they are all parts of a user joining to a secure multicast group. Still the initial keying mechanism can be independent of the actual authentication mechanism when joining to the service. Regarding authentication refer to the Ericsson contribution discussing authentication framework [12].

It is important to understand that a member joins to a secure multicast group with the Registration SA and this happens between the user (e.g. UE) and the application server (e.g. BM-SC). This is independent of sending IGMP/MLD Join message to the nearest router. This is stated in section 5.2.4 of [MSEC Arch] and in a recent discussion in MSEC mail list where the following was mentioned by co-author of [10]:

“The bridge between the application layer group and the multicast routing is the network level “join” to a group. Joins to a multicast group are not the same as “joining” a secure group. I.e., the former involves sending an IGMP or MLD messages to the closest multicast-aware router, and the latter means registering with a GCKS to obtain the policy and keys necessary to participate in the group. (This is already mentioned in section 5.2.4, but probably needs more emphasis.)”

MIKEY is a key management protocol that is being developed in MSEC WG and it is compatible with the MSEC architecture and it can be used with different authentication frameworks for initial keying.

Key management and distribution

Different reasons for re-keying include e.g. group membership changes, creation of new keys, expiration of keys or then a user that has been “offline” during the latest re-keying may want to re-synch the keys. Applicable re-keying mechanism depends among other things on the chosen charging models, which are currently FFS.

Point-to-point versus point-to-multipoint

Lately many contributions have been seen on keying issues in the latest SA3 meetings, e.g. [14], [13] and [15]. The discussion has been concerning mainly whether re-keying should be done as point-to-point transmission or as point-to-multipoint transmission between the BM-SC and the UE(s).

It has been stated that point-to-multipoint re-keying uses resources more efficiently since it uses multicast and it probably is a feasible choice in the long run. For future interoperability and taking into account also other access technologies the chosen multicast keying mechanism should be based on IETF multicast key management protocols. However, the development of point-to-multipoint mechanisms, such as Logical Key Hierarchy (LKH) [16], is in early stages in IETF and is not awaited to be finalized in the timeframe of 3GPP Release 6, which is the first release for MBMS services. Introducing point-to-multipoint re-keying mechanism would also add extra complexity to the system and possibly endanger the timetable for Release 6. Despite of this Release 6 system should be designed so that point-to-multipoint mechanism could be introduced in later releases, if required.

Based on the reasoning above point-to-point re-keying mechanisms should be considered for Release 6 MBMS service. Point-to-point mechanism is said to suffer from scalability problems when users have to be re-keyed individually. Therefore, such mechanisms need to be developed that this problem is overcome. Some ideas for this could be e.g.

- Sending many keys at one re-key message
- Spreading individual re-keying requests randomly within an interval
- Scheduling the users to request new keys so that no overlap occurs
- Distributing BM-SC functionality to several entities

MIKEY can carry several keys. It cannot currently support LKH mechanisms but it can be extended to support LKH, which requires extensions (either specified in 3GPP or by an IETF RFC). This contribution discusses point-to-point re-keying. Point-to-multipoint is FFS.

Reliable key delivery

The reliable delivery of keys to the UEs is important for secure multicast systems for example for charging reasons. There are in practice two ways to do it: Either the re-keying mechanism has functionality for reliable key delivery or the re-keying mechanism relies on the underlying transport to be reliable.

Doing re-keying reliably over point-to-multipoint may cause scalability problems since all UEs need to acknowledge the delivery. Reliable multicasting in general is a hard problem.

If re-keying is done point-to-point, there are better chances to assure reliable transport. E.g. when MIKEY is run over HTTP, TCP is used and thus the reliable delivery is in place.

Protection of the transmitted traffic

Different security protocols can be used for securing MBMS data. SRTP protocol has been developed especially for securing streaming applications. SRTP is compatible with MIKEY and MSEC architecture.

The following chapters describe some basic features of MIKEY and SRTP.

Features of MIKEY

MIKEY [8] is a key management protocol, which is designed to provide key management for secure multimedia sessions. It can be used for streaming as well as for downloading /messaging scenarios.

The design goals of MIKEY have been: end-to-end security; simplicity; efficiency (low bandwidth consumption, low computational workload, small code size and minimal number of roundtrips); tunnelling (possibility to tunnel/integrate MIKEY to session establishment protocols, e.g. SIP [17] and RTSP [18]); independent of any specific security functionality of the underlying transport.

Regarding the applicability to different security protocols MIKEY supports currently only SRTP but it can be extended to support other protocols also, e.g. IPSec. Extension requires another RFC though.

MIKEY has no identity protection and will therefore need to rely on external mechanisms for identity protection.

When the TEK is carried in the MIKEY message, it can be protected with KEK (Key Encryption Key). It is FFS if TLS could be used as a protection mechanism for TEK distribution, see another Ericsson contribution in this meeting [12].

Clarifications to MIKEY

In the following some questions are clarified that were raised in SA3#28 regarding MIKEY:

Has it been considered to carry MIKEY in SIP? The work to carry MIKEY in SIP is underway. An internet draft [4] has been submitted to IETF regarding the transport of MIKEY in SDP (which can be carried in SIP). This internet draft is currently put on hold since it is waiting for MIKEY to move on to RFC status.

Has the replay protection with MIKEY been studied? MIKEY has replay protection using time stamps or counters from which the counter alternative could be more attractive for MBMS, since it is less complex.

Is there a need to profile these protocols to suit 3GPP MBMS needs if re-keying with LKH (Logical Key Hierarchy) is agreed? MIKEY needs to be profiled to allow support for multicast re-keying, e.g. LKH. This needs to be specified either in 3GPP or by an IETF RFC.

Status of MIKEY in IETF

MIKEY has passed IESG Security review and will approach IESG last call. An RFC is likely to be published during 2003.

Features of SRTP

SRTP (Secure RTP) [9] is a security protocol and a profile of RTP which can provide confidentiality, message authentication and replay protection to the RTP/RTCP traffic. SRTP can achieve high throughput and low packet expansion. SRTP proves to be a suitable protection for heterogeneous environments.

Lately a Denial of Service attack against RTP has been published. This is a well-known problem and the attack as well as proposed prevention of this attack is described in an internet draft [19].

SRTP is compatible with MSEC architecture as it is part of this architecture.

Status of SRTP in IETF

SRTP has passed IESG last call and is in practice approved by IETF.

3. Proposal

It is proposed that the description on MIKEY and SRTP in the pseudo CR is included in TS 33.246 in chapter 6.

It is also proposed that SA3 should follow and re-use the work done in IETF MSEC WG.

4. Conclusion

This contribution has shared information regarding the relation between the MSEC architecture and MBMS architecture. It has also given the reasoning for choosing SRTP and MIKEY as security and key management protocols and introducing them to TS 33.246. Companion CR [1] describes the proposed changes to TS 33.246.

5. References

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- [9] The Secure Real-time Transport Protocol, draft-ietf-avt-srtp-07.txt, work in progress
- [10] The Multicast Security Architecture, draft-ietf-msec-arch-01.txt, work in progress
- [11] Group Key Management Architecture, draft-ietf-msec-gkmarch-05.txt, work in progress
- [12] TD S3-030xxx, Access to Application Servers using HTTP in MBMS, Ericsson
- [13] TD S3-030197, MBMS re-keying: point-to-point and LKH, Qualcomm
- [14] TD S3-030286, Further consideration of LKH for MBMS re-keying, Samsung
- [15] TD S3-030238, Levels of MBMS key hierarchy, Nokia
- [16] IETF RFC 2627, Key management for Multicast: Issues and Architecture, June 1999
- [17] IETF RFC 3261, SIP: Session Initiation Protocol
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CHANGE REQUEST

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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 TR 23.846: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Architecture and Functional Description".
- [4] 3GPP TS 33.102: "3G Security; Security Architecture".
- [5] [3GPP TS 23.246: "Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service; Architecture and Functional Description"](#).
- [6] [MIKEY: Multimedia Internet KEYing, draft-ietf-msec-mikey-07.txt](#)
- [7] [The Secure Real-time Transport Protocol, draft-ietf-avt-srtp-07.txt](#)

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

Delete from the above heading those words which are not applicable.

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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.

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TEK – Traffic Encryption Key: the common encryption key, encrypting the MBMS traffic broadcasted to all users.

KEK – Key Encryption Key: the pre-shared encryption key in the UE and the network node (i.e. BM-SC) is, a) used by the network node to encrypt the TEK before distributing the TEK to the UE; and b) used by the UE to decrypt the TEK received from the BM-SC. Whether the KEK is the same as CK or derived from CK is FFS.

3.2 Symbols

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

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3.3 Abbreviations

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

<u>KEK</u>	<u>Key Encryption Key</u>
MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service
<u>TEK</u>	<u>Traffic Encryption Key</u>

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6.2 Key management

Editor's note: this section will contain the details of how the keys are updated in a Multicast Service

Editor's note: The key management mechanisms and detailed procedures are currently under investigation and they may change depending on e.g. chosen charging models.

6.2.1 General

The multicast data of a specific MBMS service is protected with a common traffic encryption key (TEK). The TEK is distributed to all the UEs that have registered to the MBMS service in order for the UEs to be able to decrypt the encrypted multicast data sent from the BM-SC.

The TEK is generated by the BM-SC and distributed to the UEs using the MIKEY [6] protocol. MIKEY is carried over HTTP.

Editor's note: How to carry MIKEY over HTTP needs to be specified in 3GPP or by an IETF RFC.

When the TEK is distributed to the UEs, it is protected by the BM-SC with a Key Encryption Key (KEK) and encapsulated into MIKEY message. The KEK is unique shared secret between a UE and the BM-SC, i.e. it is not common to all UEs in the group. The UE and the BM-SC retrieve the KEK during the authentication procedure. E.g. it can be the CK resulting from the Digest AKA procedure between the UE and the BM-SC or the KEK can be derived from the CK.

Editor's note: How to derive the KEK from, e.g. CK is FFS.

Editor's note It is FFS if TLS could be used as a protection mechanism for TEK distribution.

The key management can be separated in two parts, initial keying and the re-keying.

6.2.2 Initial keying

The initial keying happens point to point between the UE and the BM-SC when the UE registers to the MBMS service. In the initial keying the UE receives the TEK from the BM-SC in order to be able to decrypt the encrypted MBMS data sent from the BM-SC. The UE has to be authenticated and authorised for the specific MBMS service before the TEK is distributed to it.

Note that the IGMP Join message is considered as a join request for the nearest router (i.e. GGSN) [not for the application server (i.e. BM-SC)] in order for the to GGSN to enable multicast transmission towards the UE. The GGSN may need to perform authorisation towards the BM-SC, but this authorisation is made in order to trigger

the MBMS context activation and resource reservation procedures towards SGSN and RAN. The MBMS application in UE is authorised to the MBMS service during the authentication when it gets the TEK.

Editor's note: If a UE is registering for a second (or n:th) MBMS service to the same BM-SC, it should not be authenticated again, but only authorised for the requested service. This saves authentication vectors and signalling burden especially on the radio interface.

The initial keying procedure is as follows

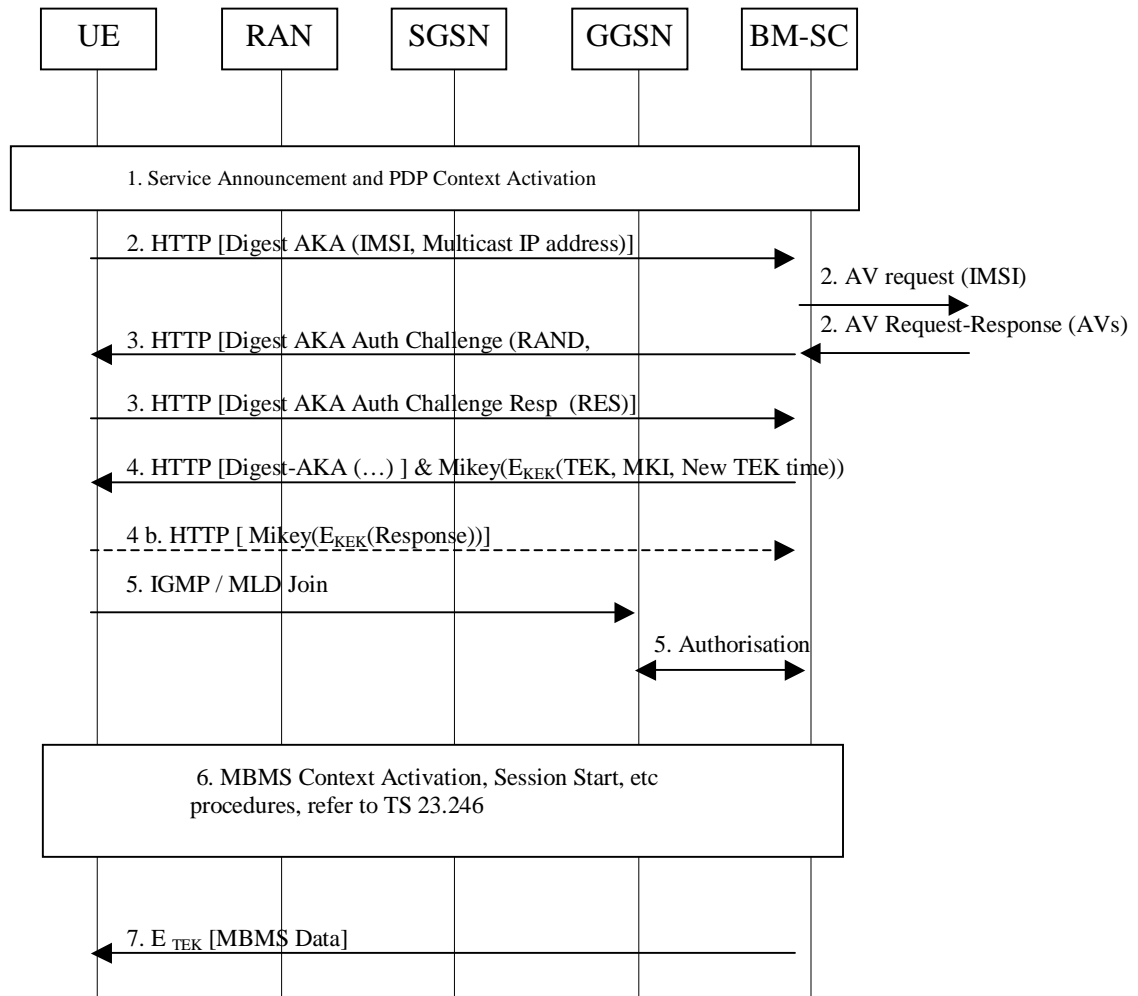


Figure 1 Initial keying

Note: The user is authenticated depending on the chosen authentication framework. This procedure uses HTTP Digest AKA as example.

1. It is assumed that the UE has learnt the multicast IP address of the service and the IP address of the BM-SC from the service announcement. It is also assumed that the regular PDP context has been setup.
2. The user sends a HTTP request (HTTP GET [IMSI, Multicast IP address]) to register to a specific MBMS service to the BM-SC via the general purpose PDP context.
3. The BM-SC initiates a HTTP Digest AKA authentication challenge towards the UE. The UE responds. Note that the detailed authentication procedure is described in chapter x.x.

4. When the UE has responded successfully to the challenge, the BM-SC makes a check whether the UE is authorised to receive this MBMS service. If the UE is authorised for the specific MBMS service, the BM-SC sends the following parameters encrypted with KEK in a MIKEY message to the UE. Refer to point 4 in figure 1:

- Traffic encryption key (TEK);
- Master Key Identifier (MKI), which identifies the TEK. This is used in the security protocol (i.e. SRTP) to indicate which TEK is in use. From the MKI the UE sees when a new TEK has been taken into use. The UEs must have received the new TEK before the TEK is activated in the multicast data transmission;

Editor's note: The exact mechanisms how the UEs fetch the new TEK without causing congestion (e.g. overloading the BM-SC) is under investigation.

- Time to fetch a new TEK. This is a time specified by the BM-SC when the UE has to fetch new TEK in order to avoid congestion when UEs fetch new keys;

Editor's note: The current view is to use time. Another possibility enabled by MIKEY is to use an SRTP Sequence Number value to indicate the time to fetch a new TEK. These alternatives need further investigation.

Editor's note: A parameter for "Lifetime of the TEK" may not be needed since the exact activation of the new TEK is indicated when the MKI changes in SRTP packets and the UE knows when to fetch the new key from the "Time to fetch a new TEK" parameter.

Editor's note: MIKEY has an optional Response message, which could be used to ensure the delivery of TEK to the UE. It is shown as 4b) in the figure above. Whether this message could be applicable for MBMS is FFS.

5. The UE sends IGMP / MLD Join message over the regular PDP context in order to signal its interest in receiving a specific MBMS service identified by a multicast IP address.

Note that the IGMP Join message is considered as a join request for the nearest router (i.e. GGSN) [not for the application server (i.e. BM-SC)] in order for the to GGSN to enable multicast transmission towards the UE. The GGSN may need to perform authorisation towards the BM-SC, but this authorisation is made in order to trigger the MBMS context activation and resource reservation procedures towards SGSN and RAN. The MBMS application in UE is authorised to the MBMS service during the authentication when it gets the TEK.

6. The MBMS Context Activation, Session Start, etc procedures until the data transmission phase are out of the scope of this TS. Refer to TS 23.246 [5].

7. The BM-SC sends streaming MBMS multicast data. It is carried over SRTP [7]. The MKI field is present and it specifies the used TEK. The UE decrypts the received data.

6.2.3 Re-keying

6.2.3.1 General

Different reasons for re-keying include e.g. group membership changes, creation of new keys, expiration of keys or then a user that has been "offline" during the latest re-keying may want to re-synchronize the keys. Applicable re-keying mechanism depends among other things on the chosen charging models, which are currently FFS.

Re-keying procedure includes two phases: a) actual re-keying, i.e. sending the new TEK to the UEs and b) activating the new TEK.

6.2.3.2 Re-keying

Re-keying is performed point to point between each UE and the BM-SC.

When time to fetch a new TEK comes, UE requests a new TEK from the BM-SC. MIKEY does not include a specific re-key request message but the UE needs to make a "re-registration" request by sending a HTTP request

to the BM-SC. The network may perform authentication procedures depending on the authentication framework. Refer to point 2 in figure 1.

The congestion problem when requesting new TEKs is FFS. It can be overcome by e.g.

- Sending many keys at one re-key message
- Spreading individual re-keying requests randomly within an interval
- Scheduling the users to request new keys so that no overlap occurs
- Distributing BM-SC functionality to several entities

The BM-SC sends similar parameters as in the registration phase to the UE encrypted with KEK in a MIKEY message:

- Traffic encryption key (TEK):
- Master Key Identifier (MKI), which identifies the TEK. This is used in the security protocol (i.e. SRTP) to indicate which TEK is in use. From the MKI the UE sees when a new TEK has been taken into use. The UEs must have received the new TEK before the TEK is activated in the multicast data transmission;

Editor's note: The exact mechanisms how the UEs fetch the new TEK without causing congestion (e.g. overloading the BM-SC) is under investigation.

- Time to fetch a new TEK. This is a time specified by the BM-SC when the UE has to fetch new TEK in order to avoid congestion when UEs fetch new keys;

Editor's note: The current view is to use time. Another possibility enabled by MIKEY is to use an SRTP Sequence Number value to indicate the time to fetch a new TEK. These alternatives need further investigation.

Editor's note: A parameter for "Lifetime of the TEK" may not be needed since the exact activation of the new TEK is indicated when the MKI changes in SRTP packets and the UE knows when to fetch the new key from the "Time to fetch a new TEK" parameter.

6.2.3.3 Activation of new TEK

It is assumed that the UEs have fetched the new TEK before the new TEK is activated.

Editor's note: The exact mechanisms how the UEs fetch the new TEK without causing congestion (e.g. overloading the BM-SC) is under investigation.

The SRTP data packets include the MKI field, which identifies the current TEK.

When a new TEK is activated, the BM-SC updates the MKI respectively in the sent SRTP packets.

UEs notice the MKI change in the received SRTP stream and can thus activate a correct TEK for decrypting the received data.

UEs that have been out of radio coverage and may therefore have dropped out of key synchronisation from the current TEK can notice that the MKI in SRTP data stream is unknown for them. These UEs can then request a new TEK from the BM-SC. It is FFS whether this is needed for streaming services.

The exact activation of the new TEK is indicated when the MKI changes in SRTP packets.

Editor's note: The current view is to use time as a lifetime of the TEK. Another possibility enabled by MIKEY is to use an SRTP Sequence Number interval to indicate the lifetime. These alternatives need further investigation.

6.3 Protection of the transmitted traffic

Editor's note: This section will contain the details of how traffic is protected

Different types of media can be carried over the MBMS service. The requirements of different media require specific security protocol solutions.

Editor's note: The security protocols for different MBMS media are under investigation. SRTP is applicable only for streaming media and its detailed usage in MBMS requires e.g. coordination with SA4. The security protocols for messaging / download applications are FFS.

SRTP [7] is used as the security protocol for protecting streaming MBMS data. SRTP tailored for use with MIKEY. SRTP is a security protocol and a profile of RTP, which can provide confidentiality, message authentication and replay protection to the RTP/RTCP traffic. SRTP can achieve high throughput and low packet expansion. SRTP proves to be a suitable protection for heterogeneous environments.

The Master Key Identifier (MKI) field is optional in SRTP [7], but it shall be used in MBMS. MKI indicates the current TEK that is used by the BM-SC to encrypt the data.