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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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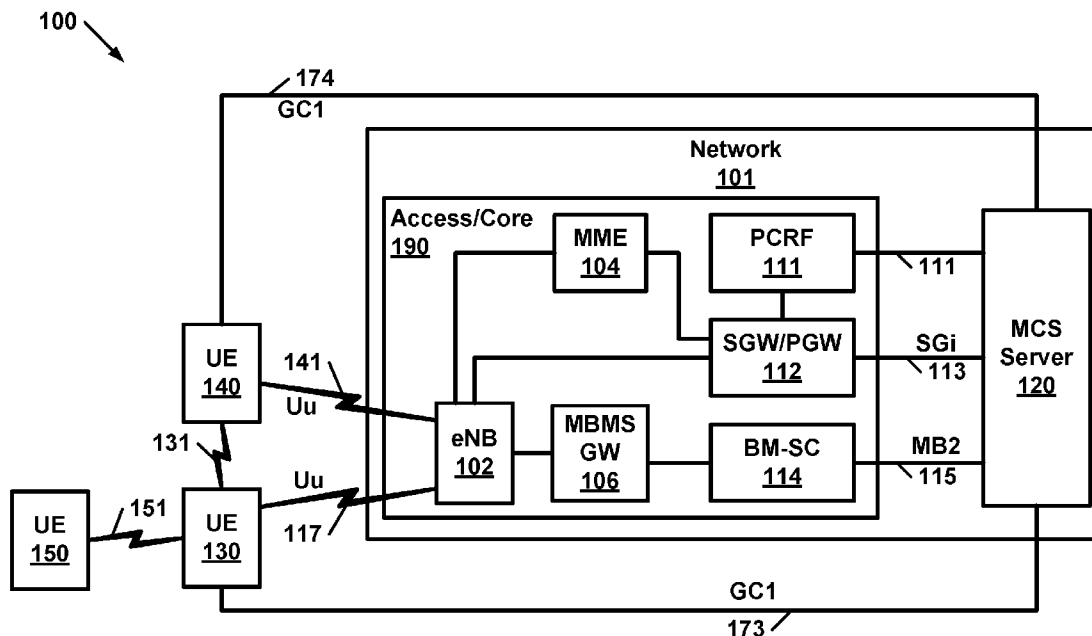
A first wireless device transmits to a second wireless device, a SIP REGISTER message comprising a first Contact header field comprising an internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device. The second wireless device transmits to an IMS network entity, a second SIP REGISTER message comprising a second Contact header field comprising the IMS identifier. The IMS network entity identifies a mission critical application server (MC AS) and registers the first wireless device to the MC AS. The MC AS: receives a SIP request from the IMS network entity for the first wireless device; determines that a mission critical video service can be established employing the SIP request and the mission critical video capability; and transmits the SIP request to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

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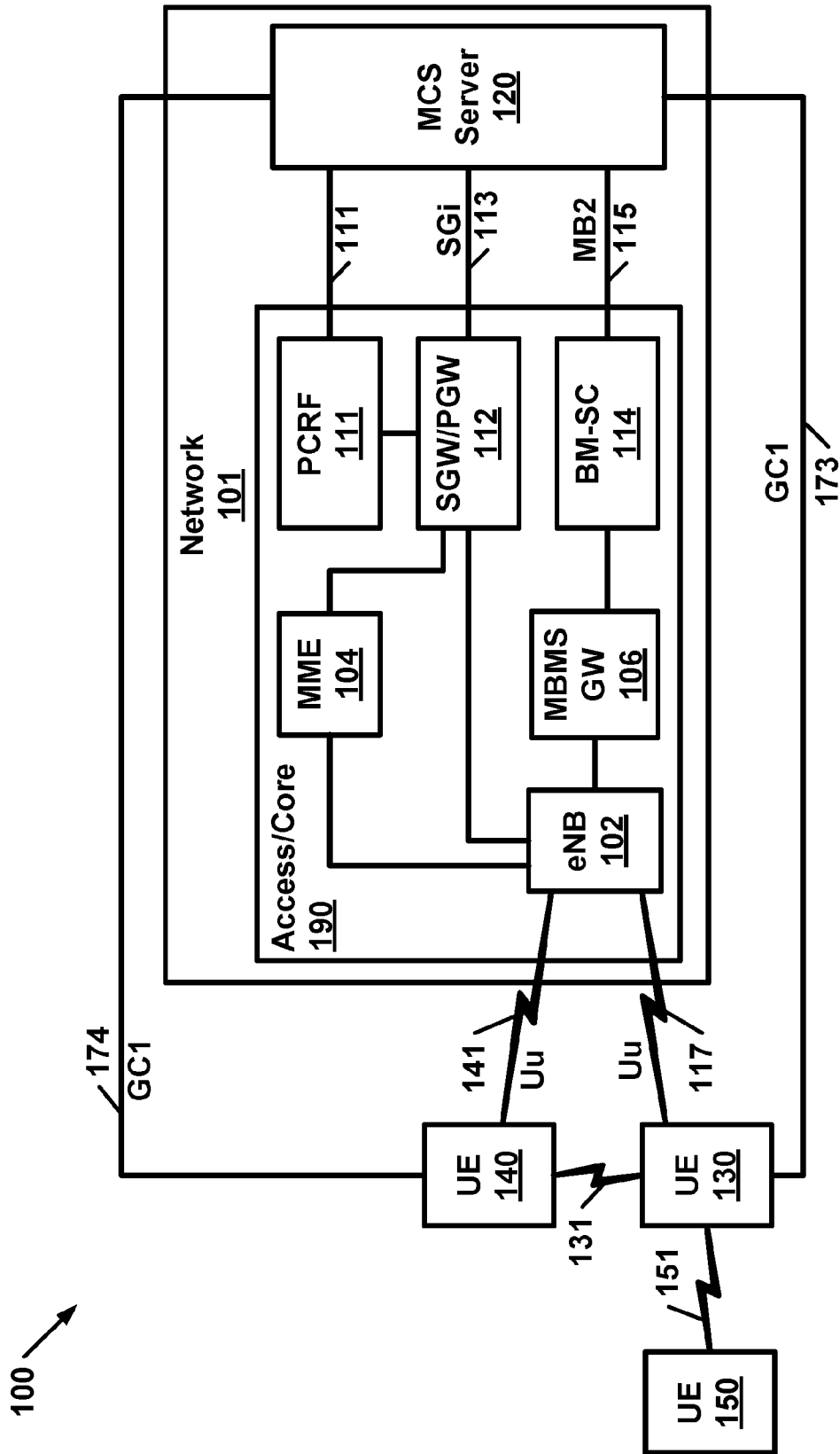


FIG. 1

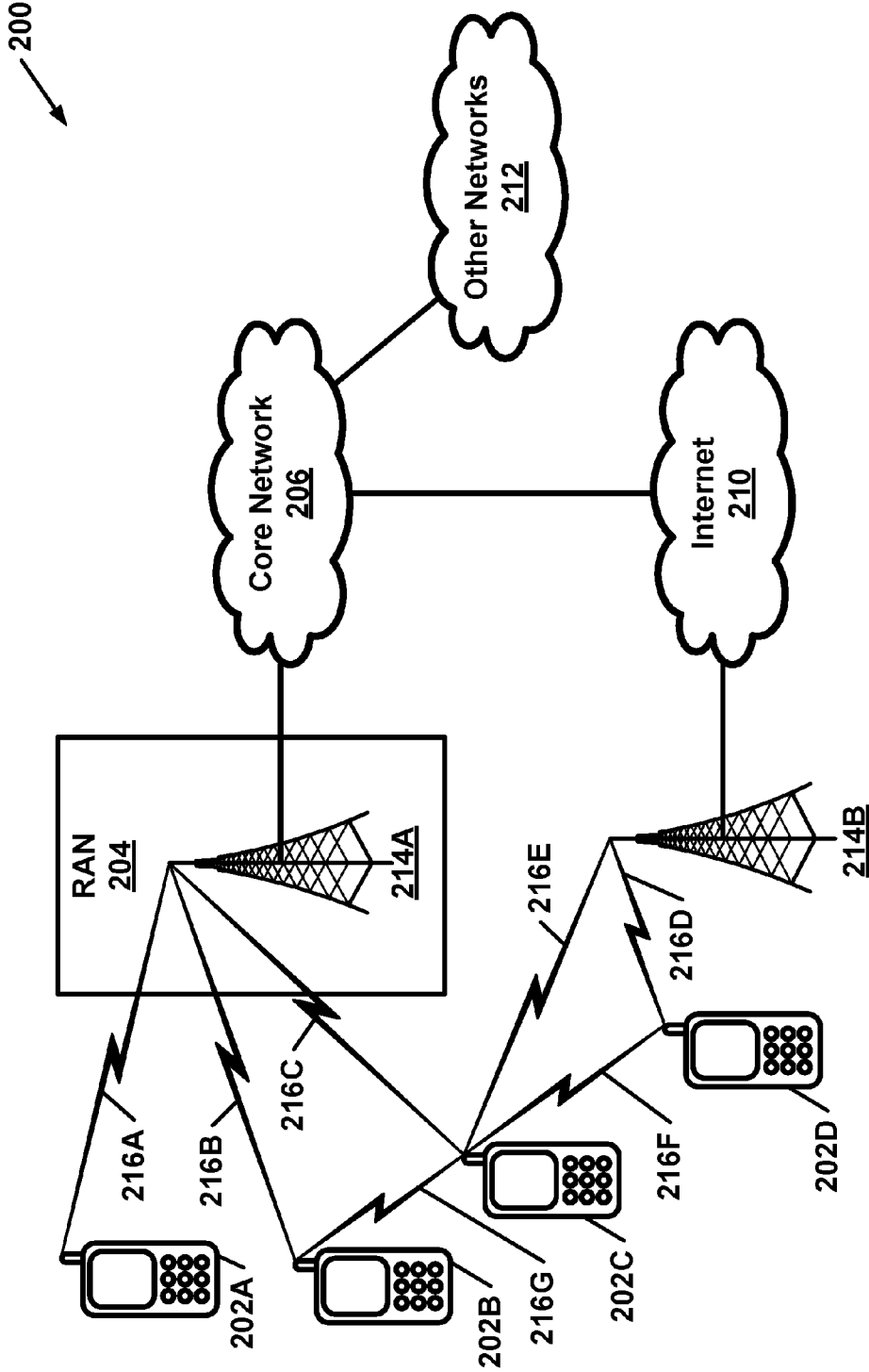


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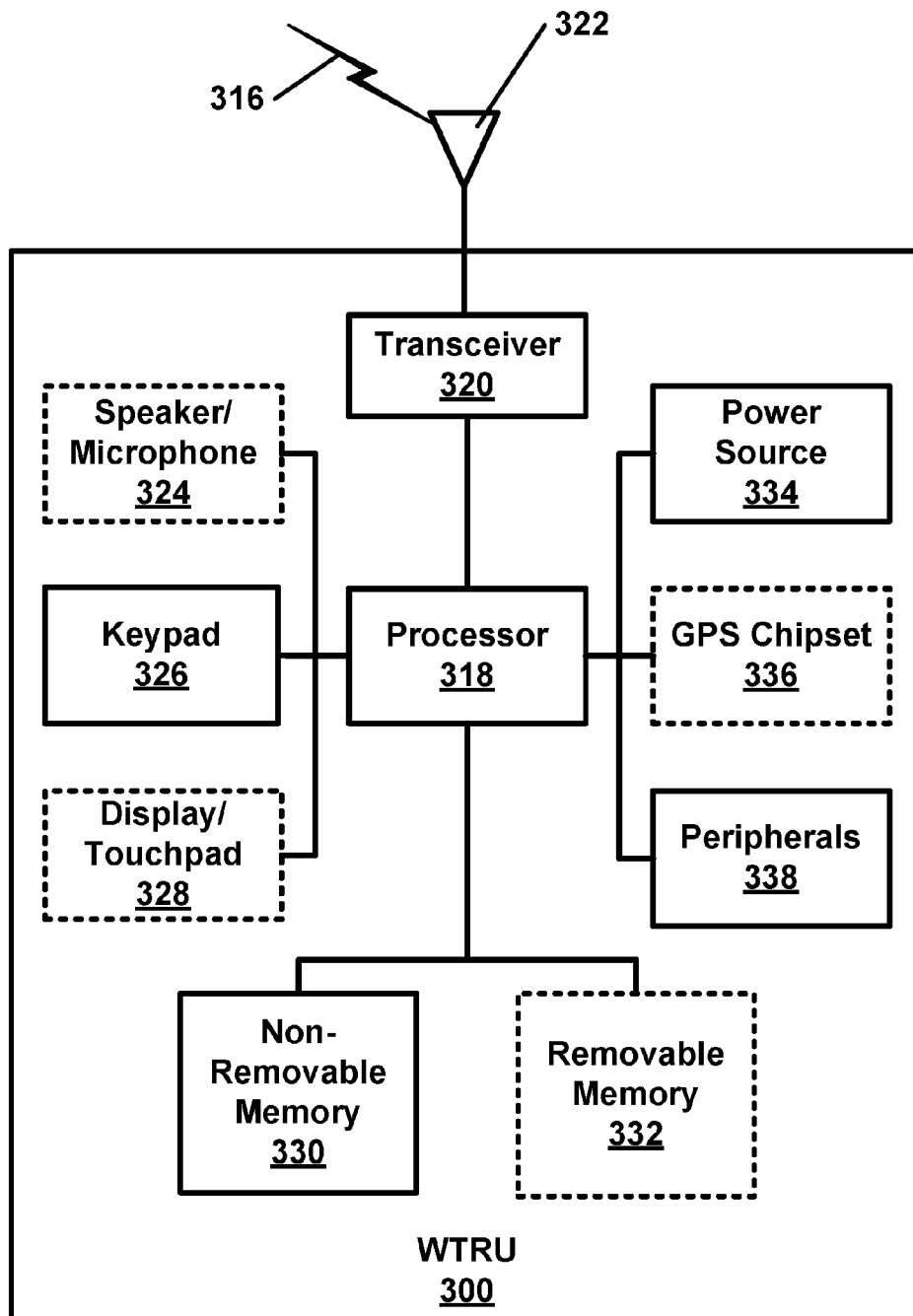


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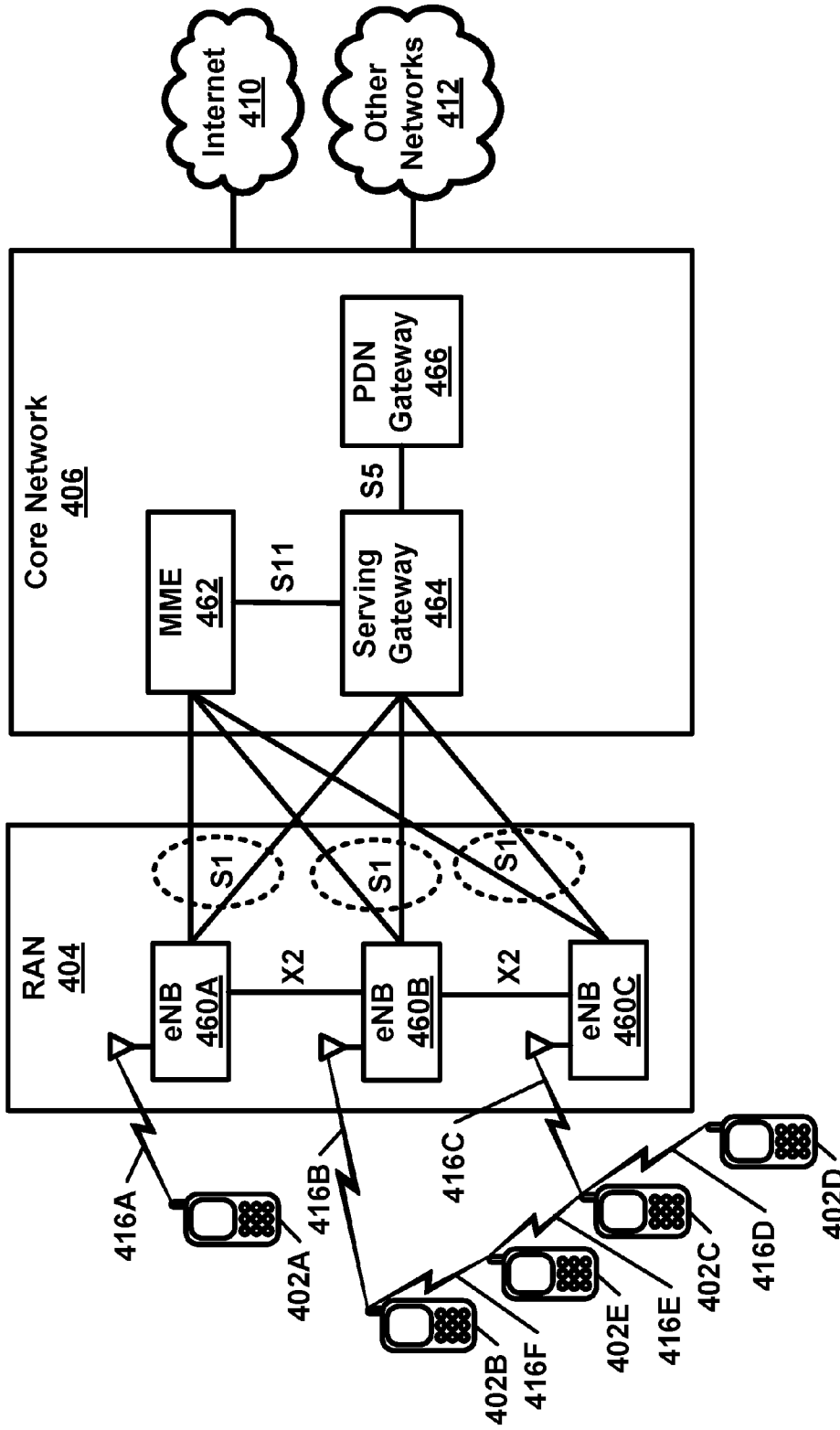


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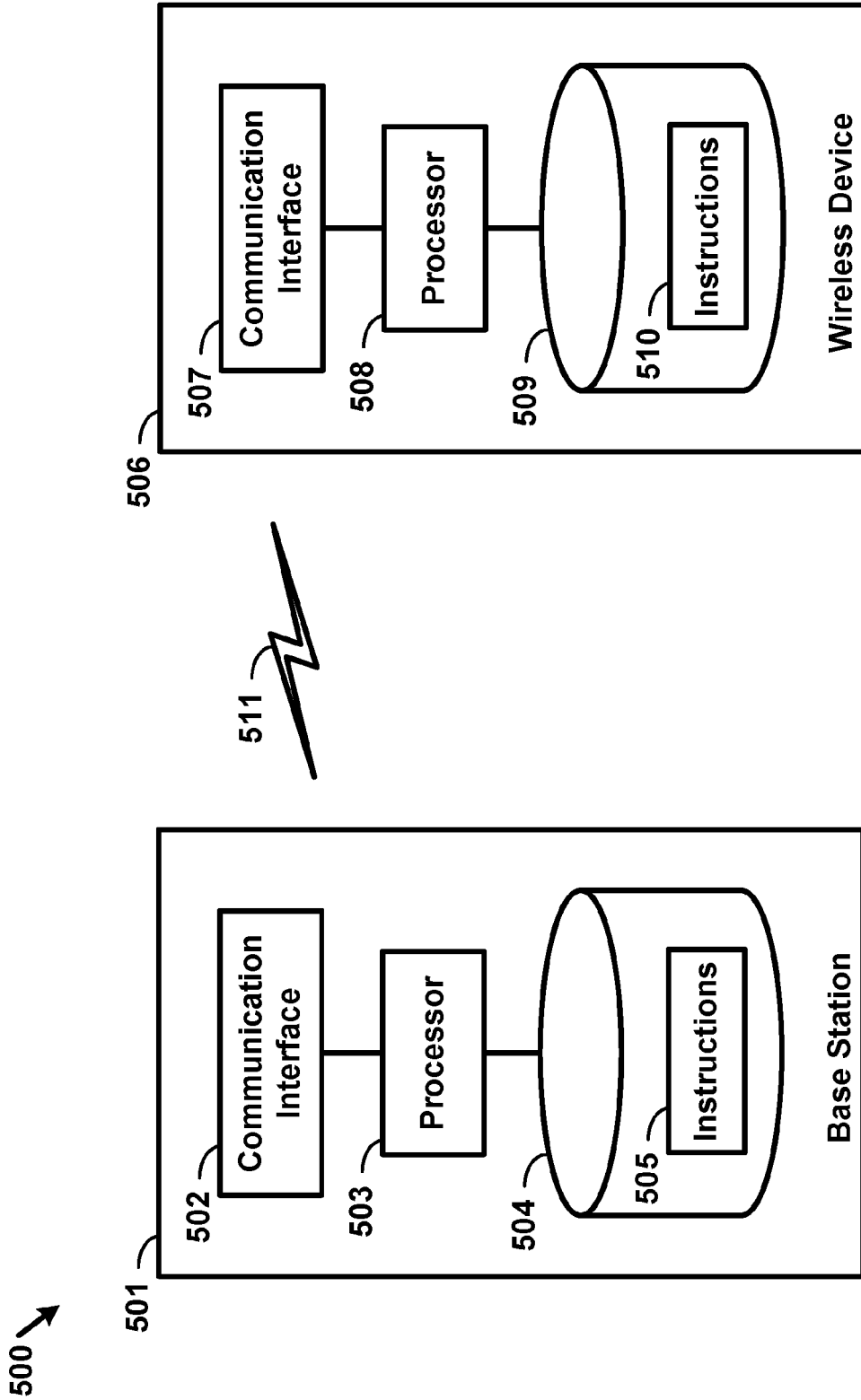


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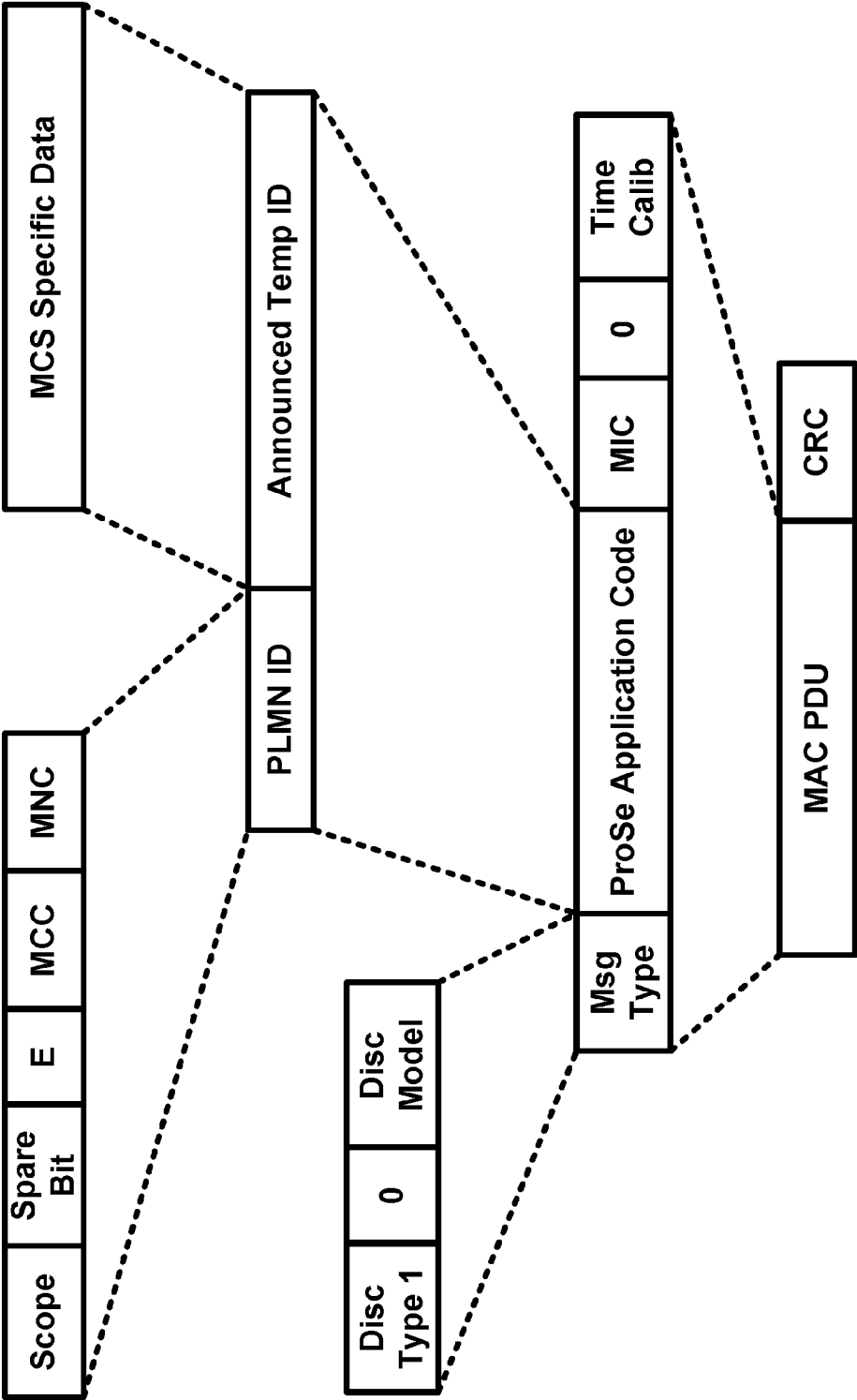


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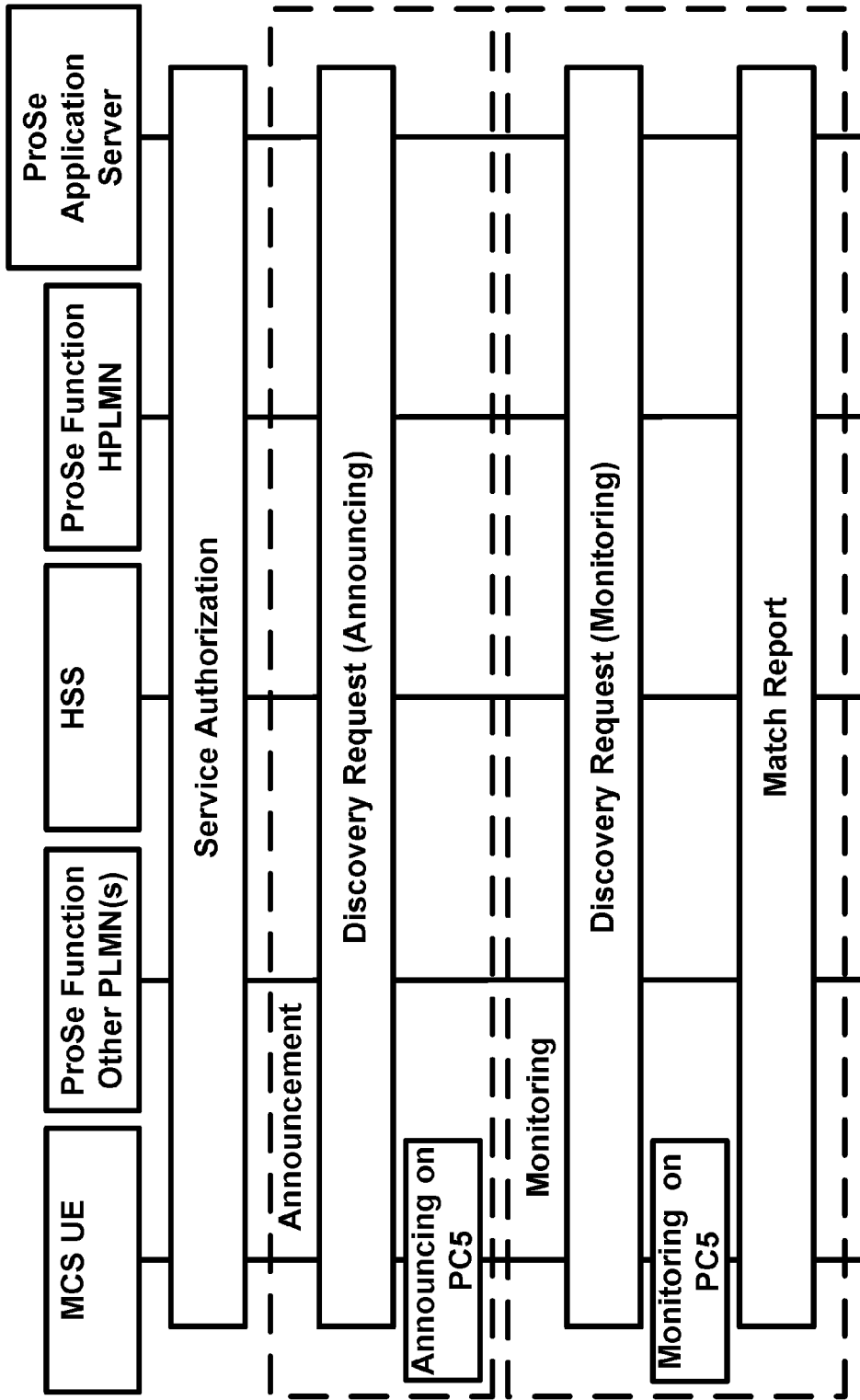


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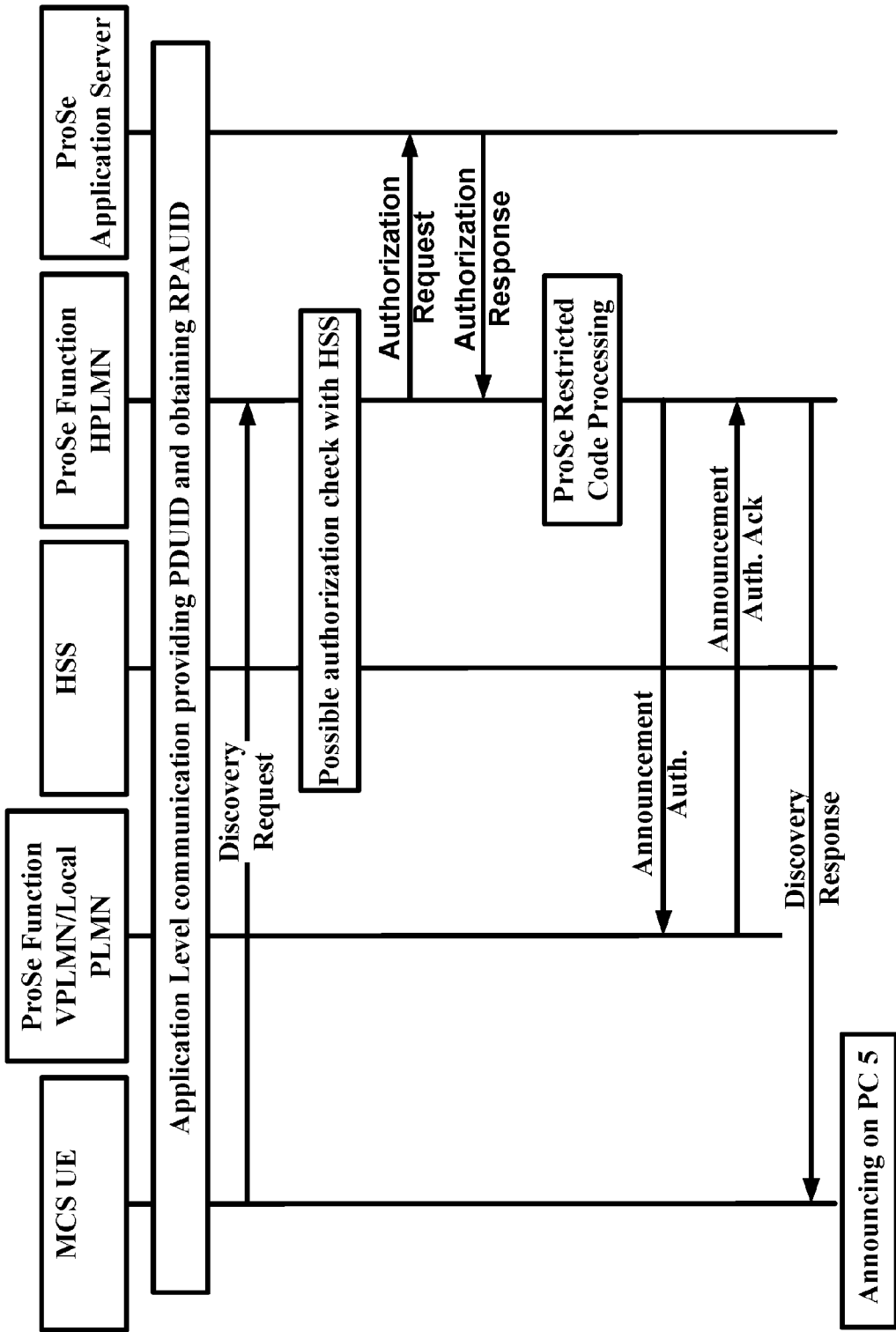


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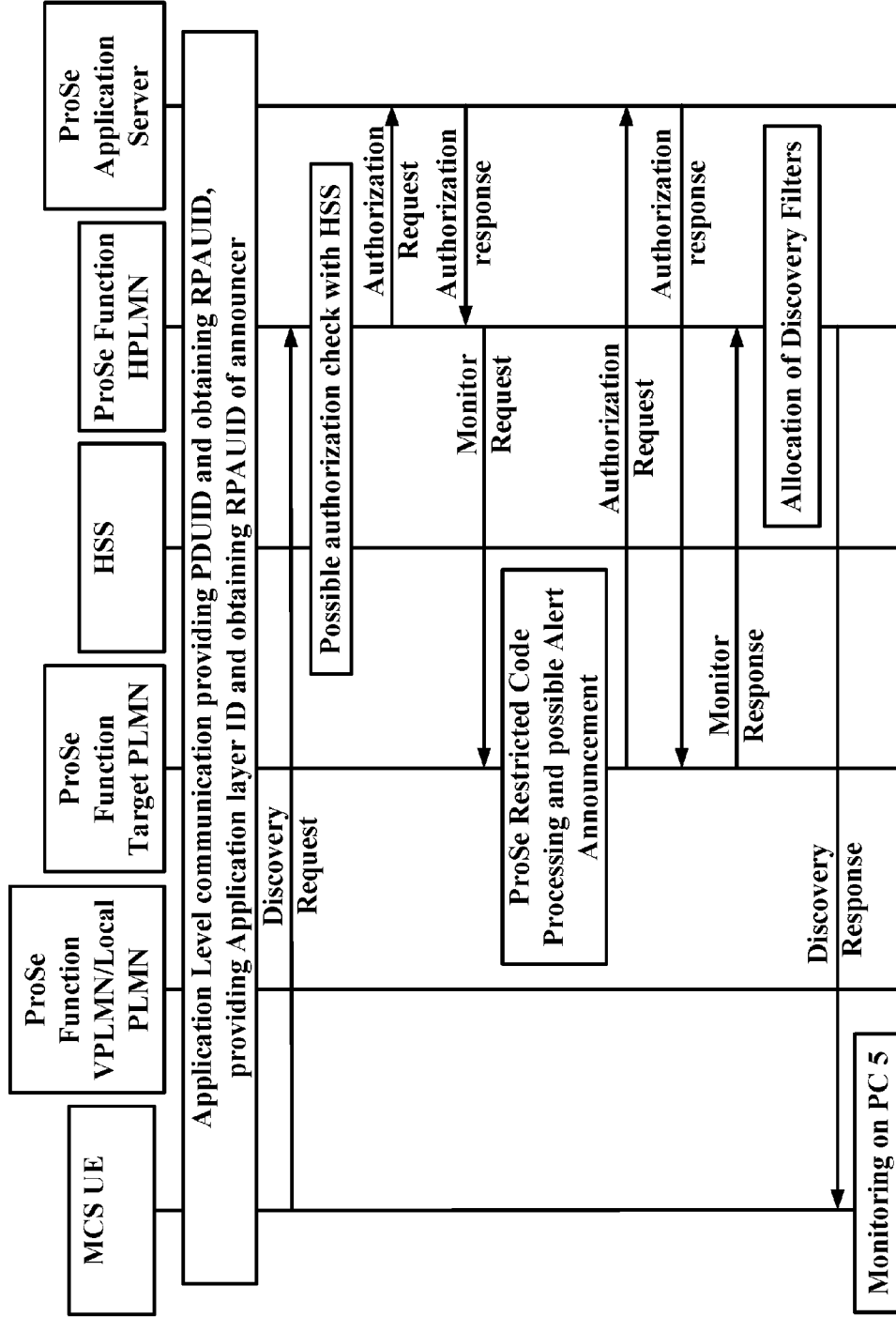


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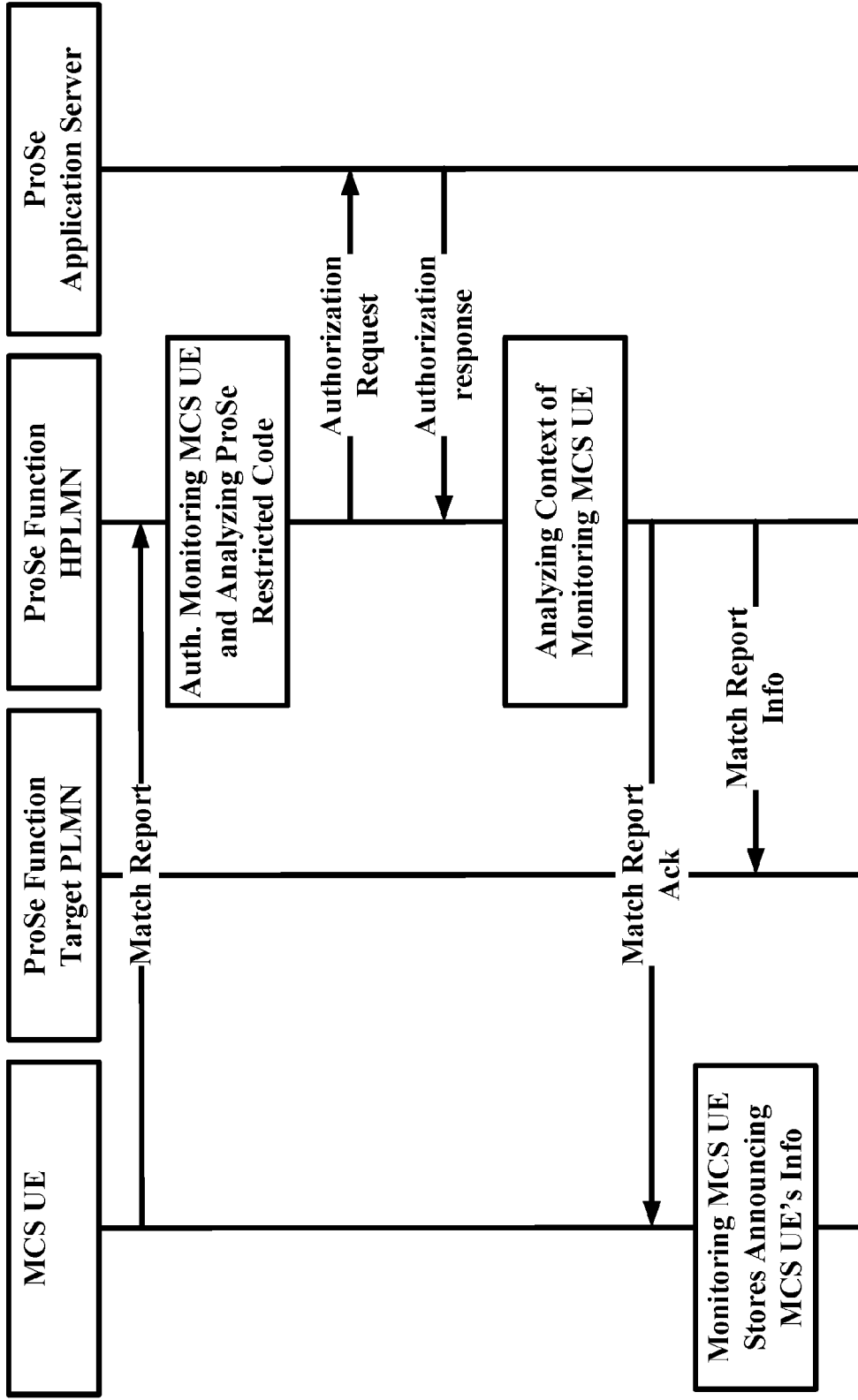


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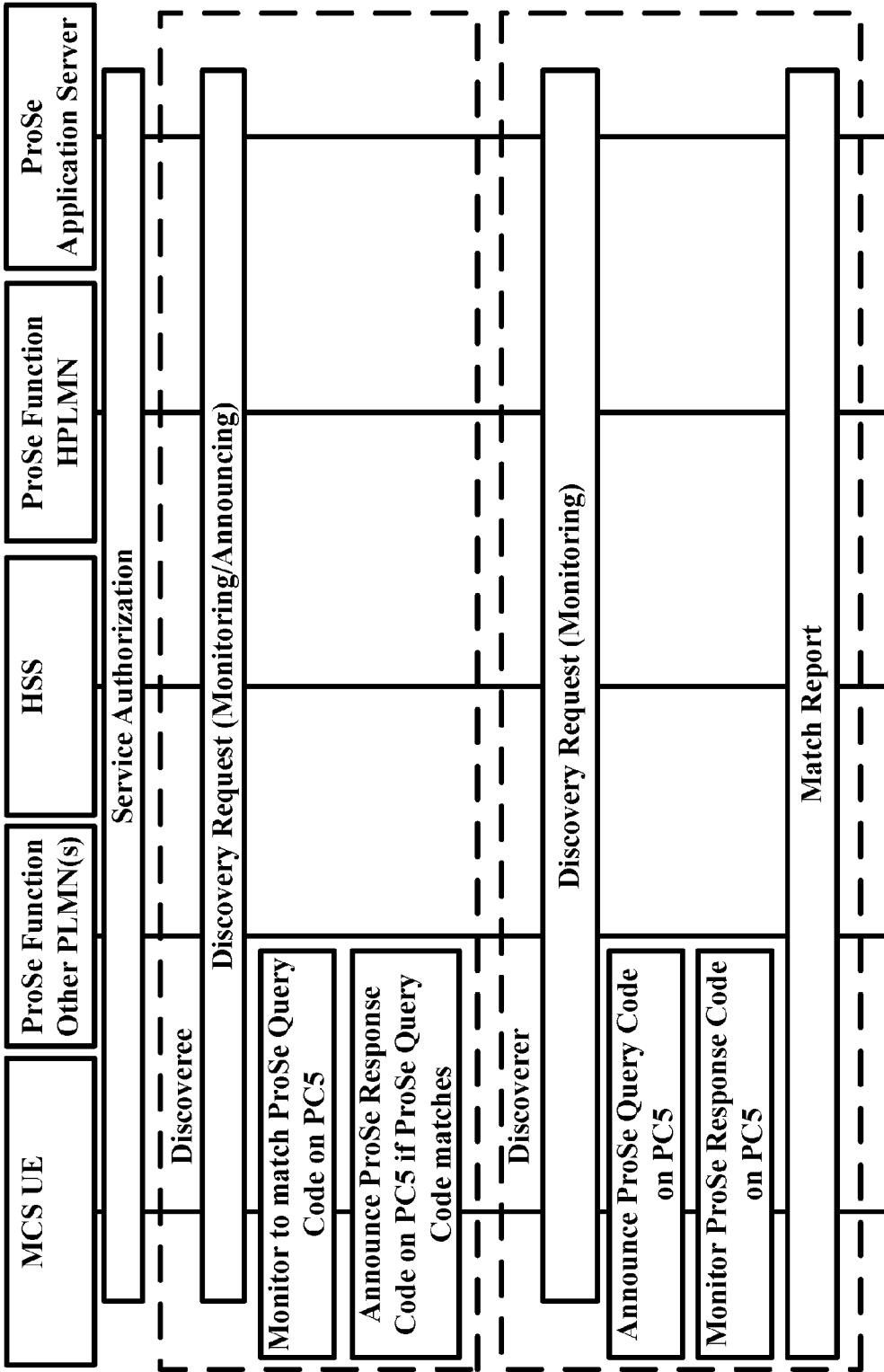


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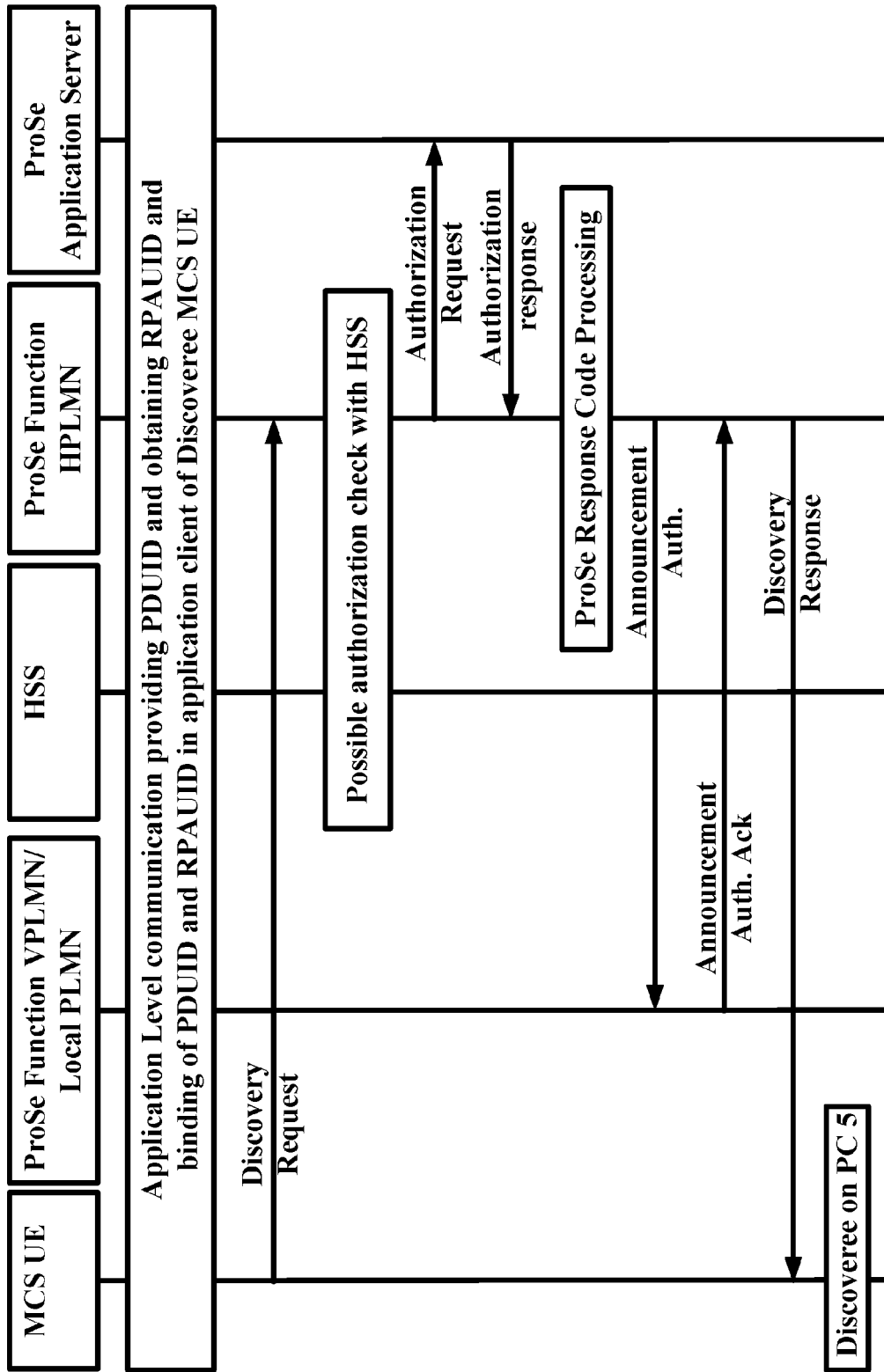


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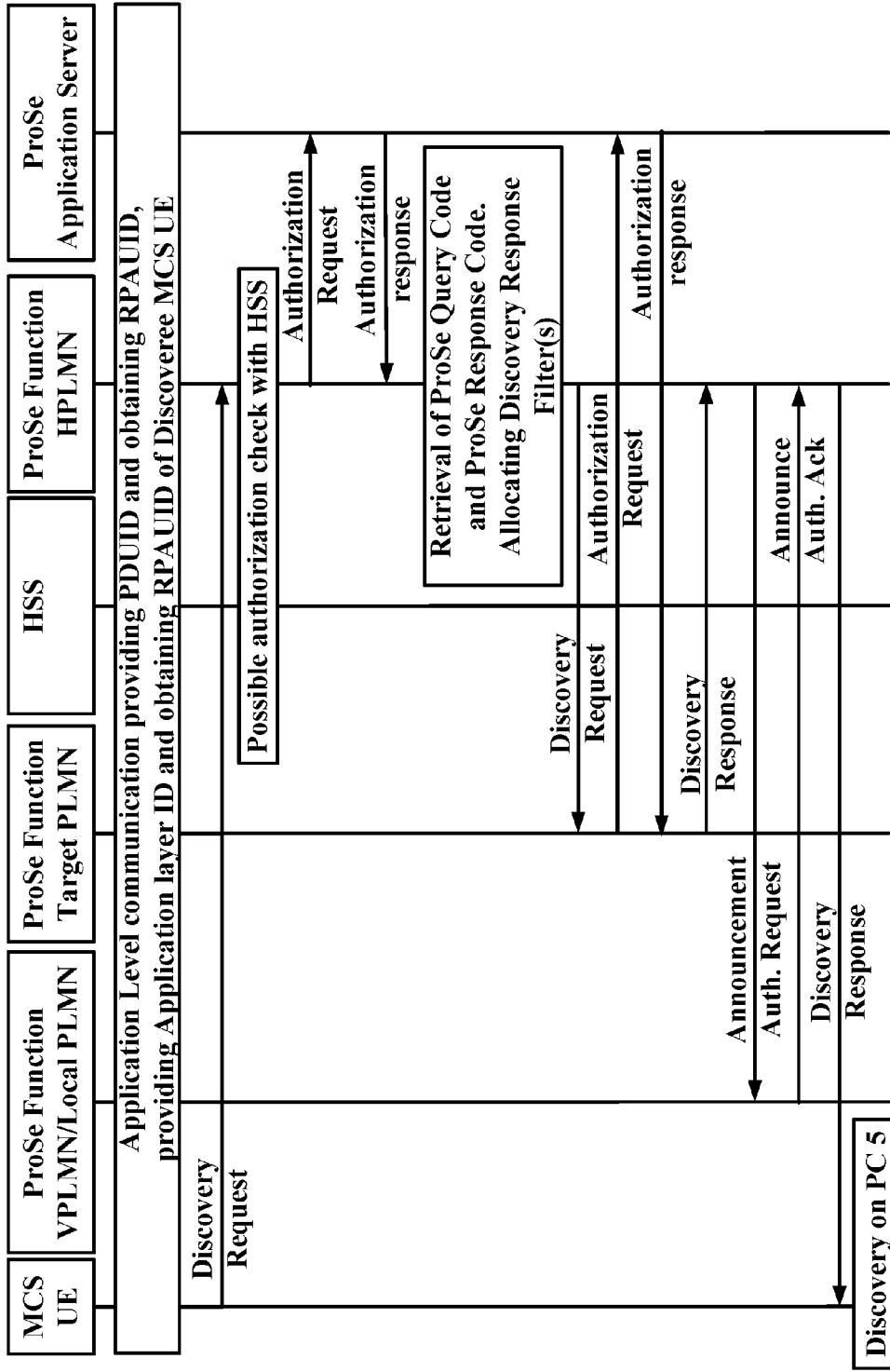


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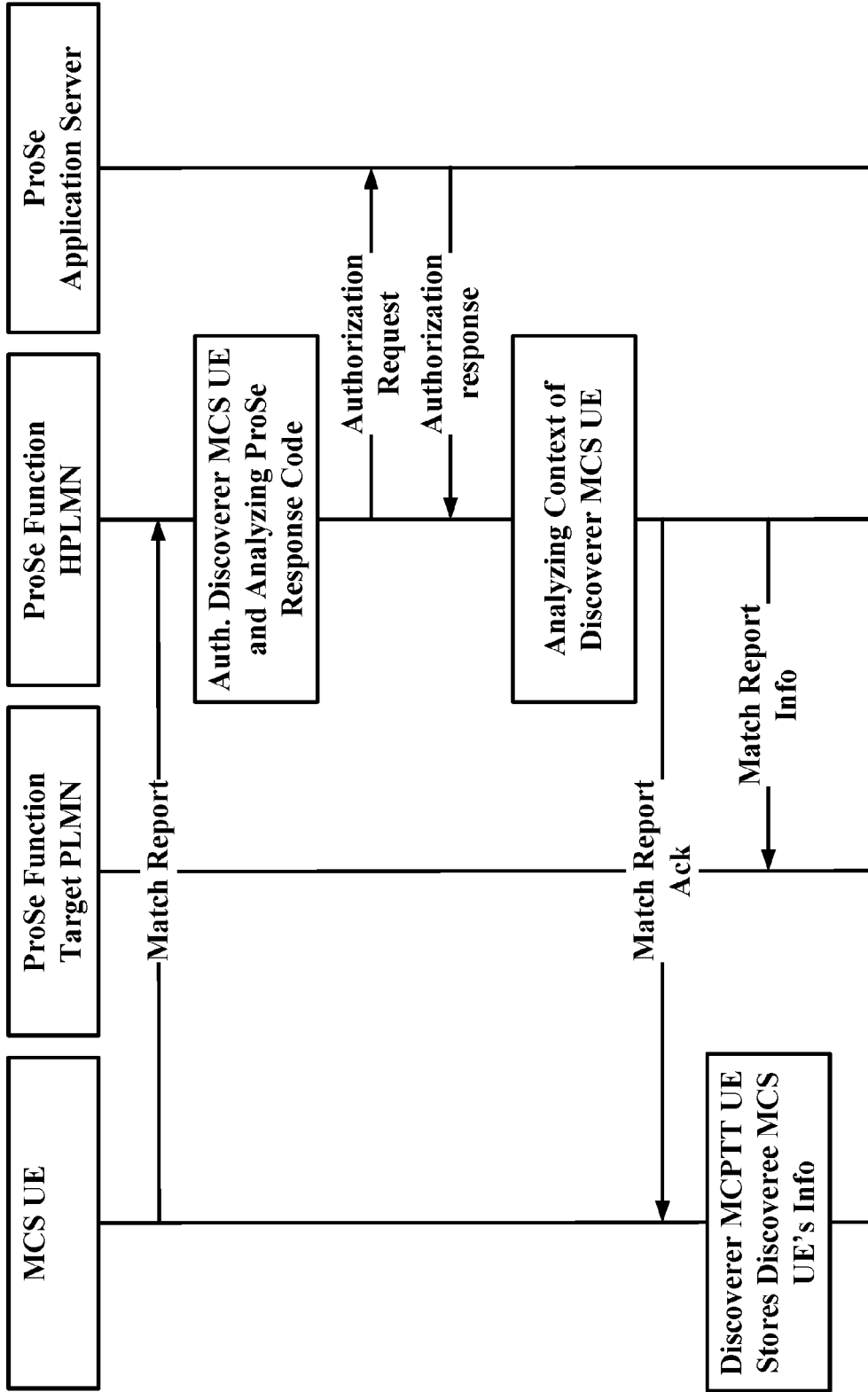


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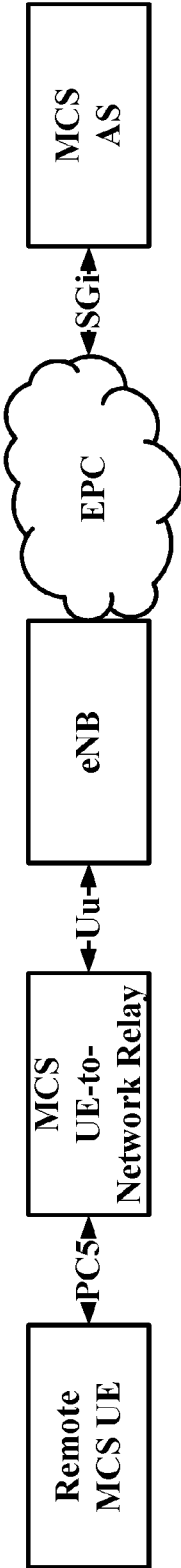


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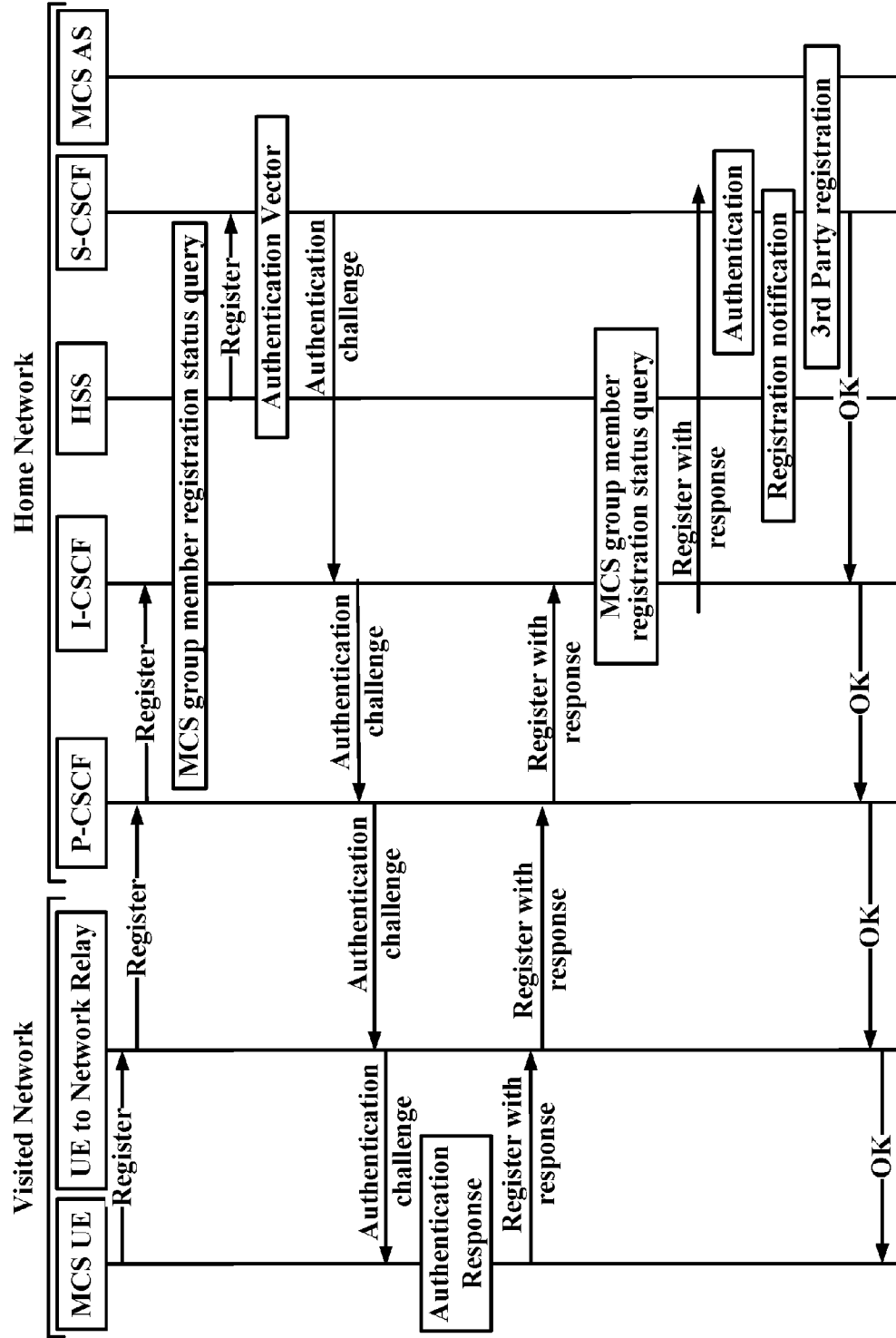


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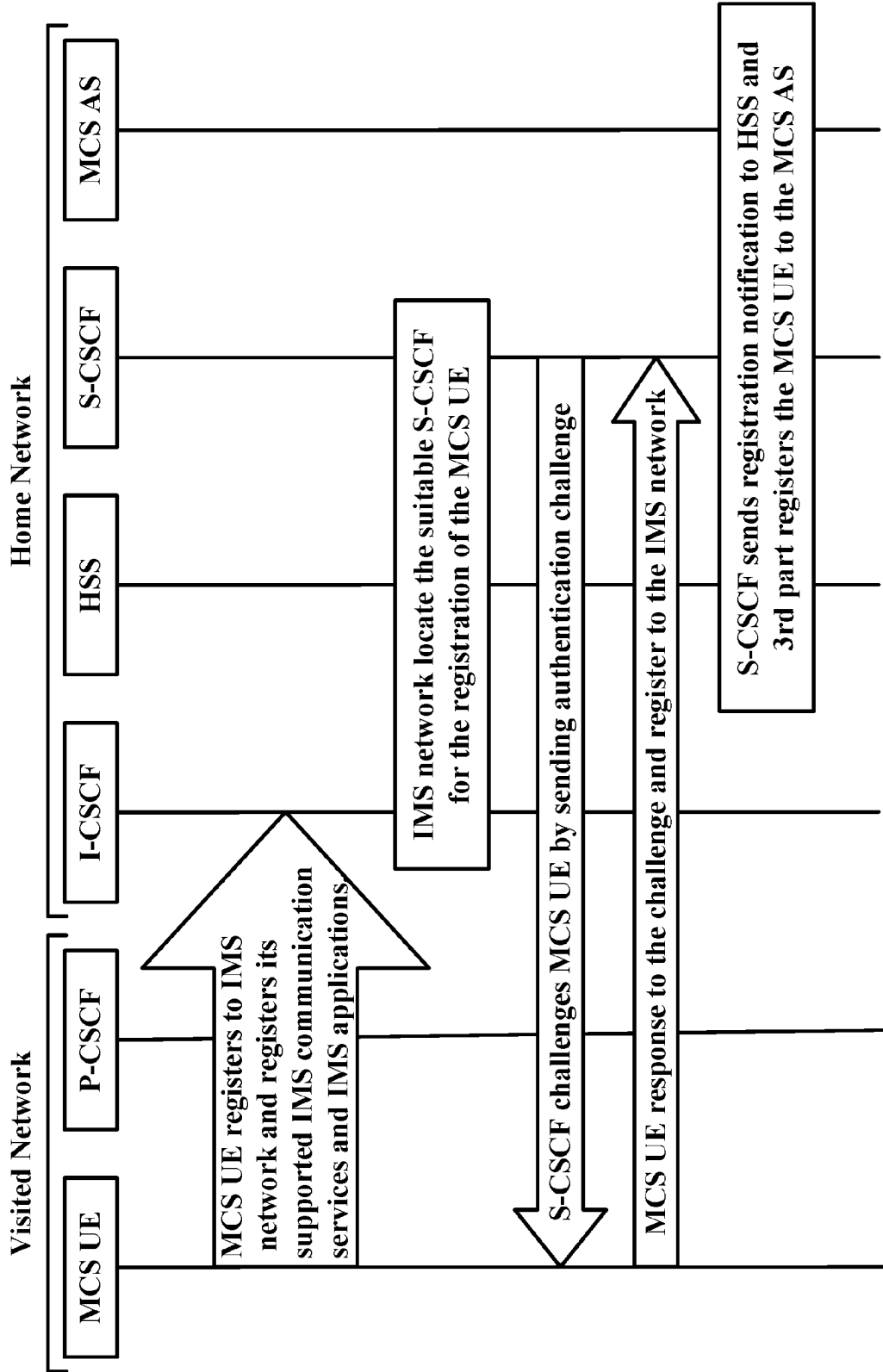


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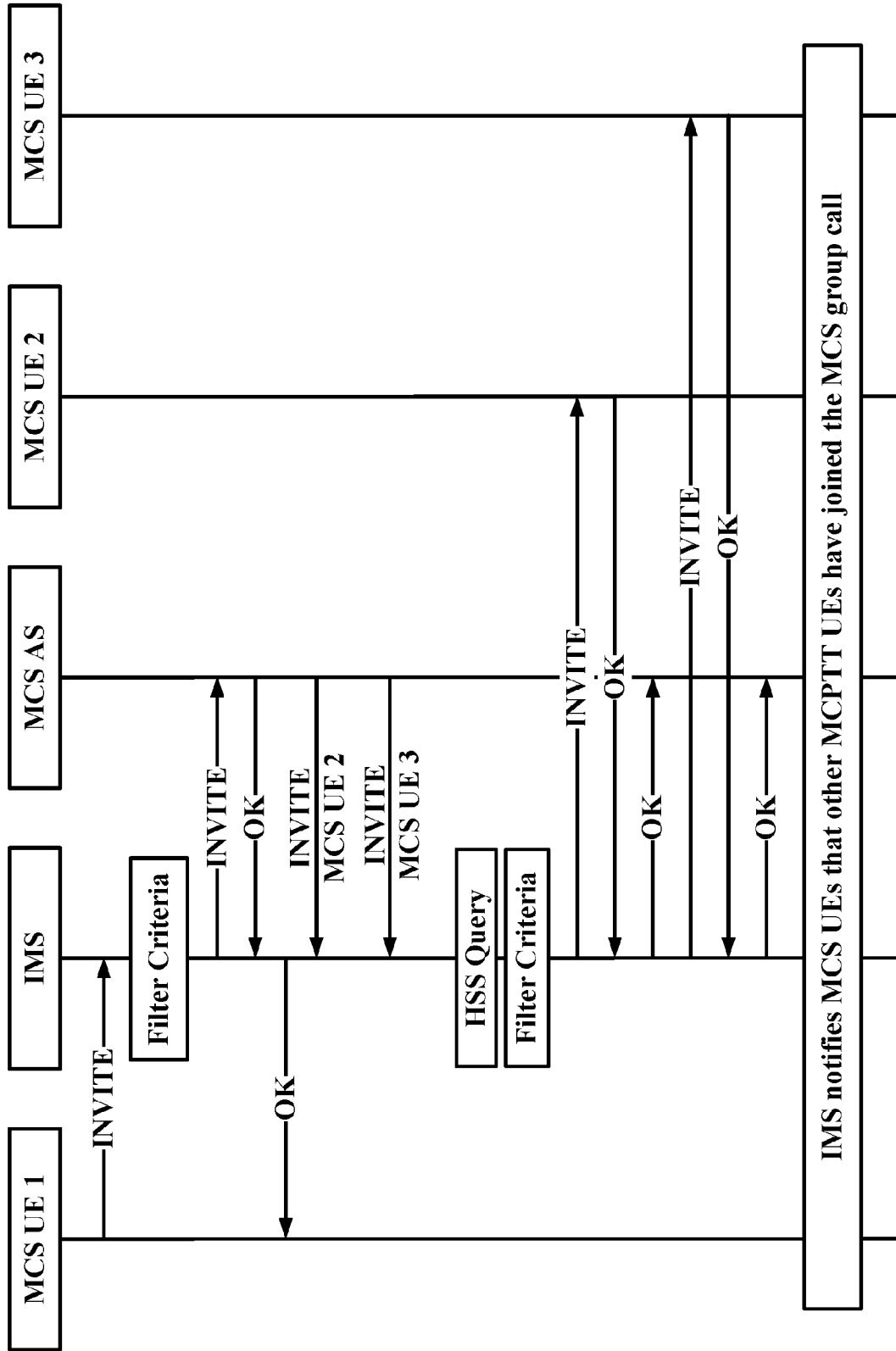


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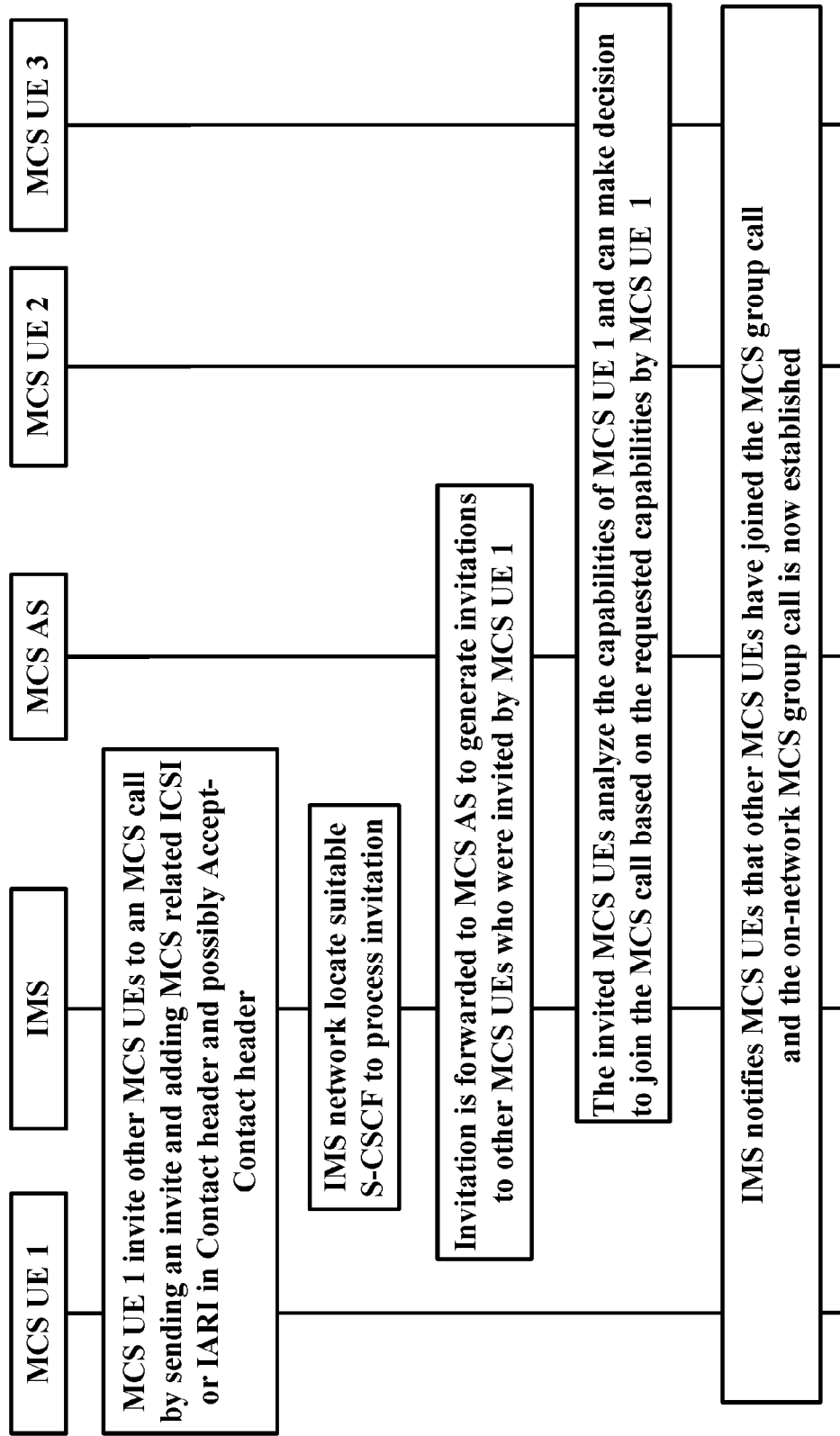


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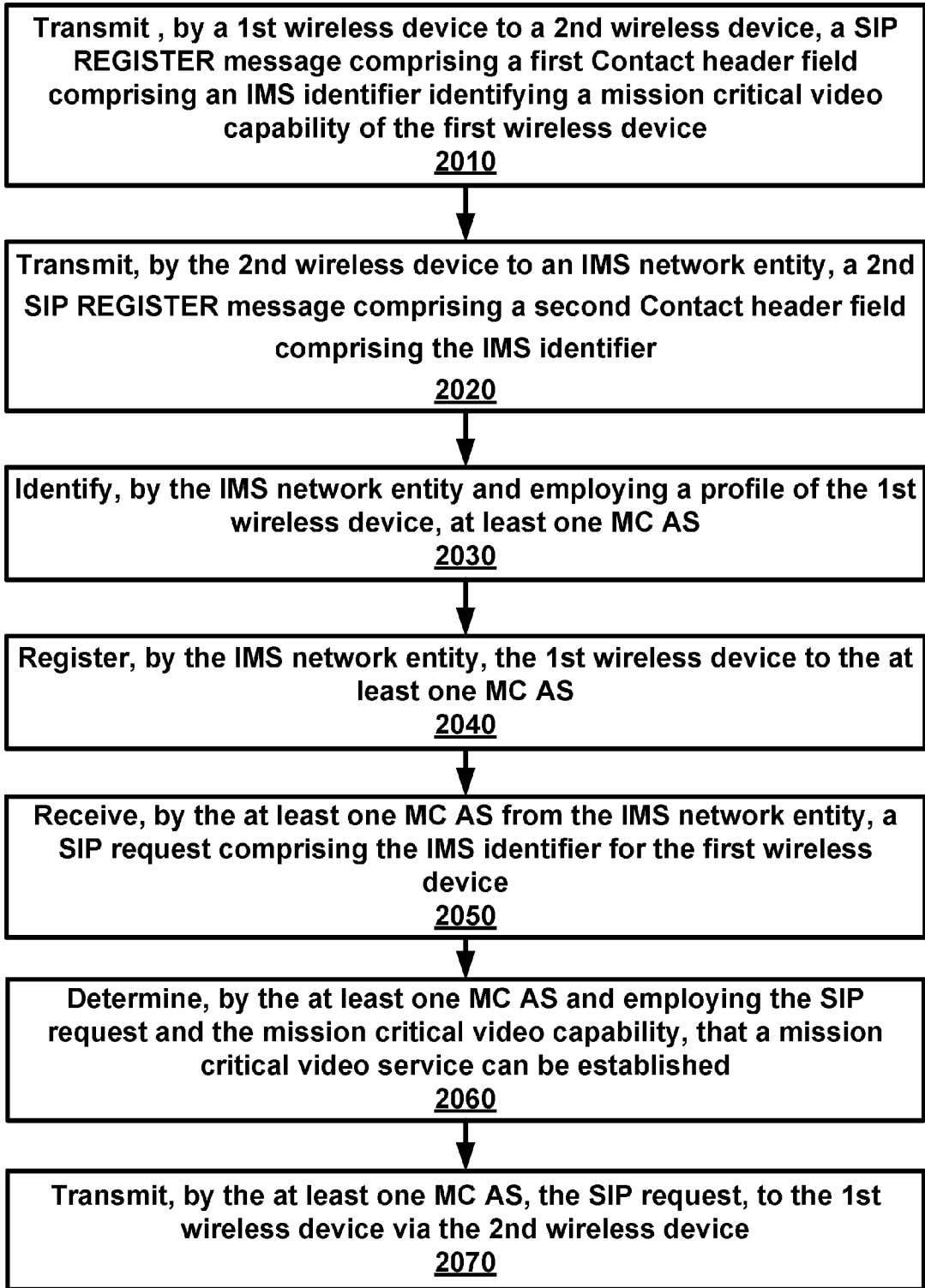


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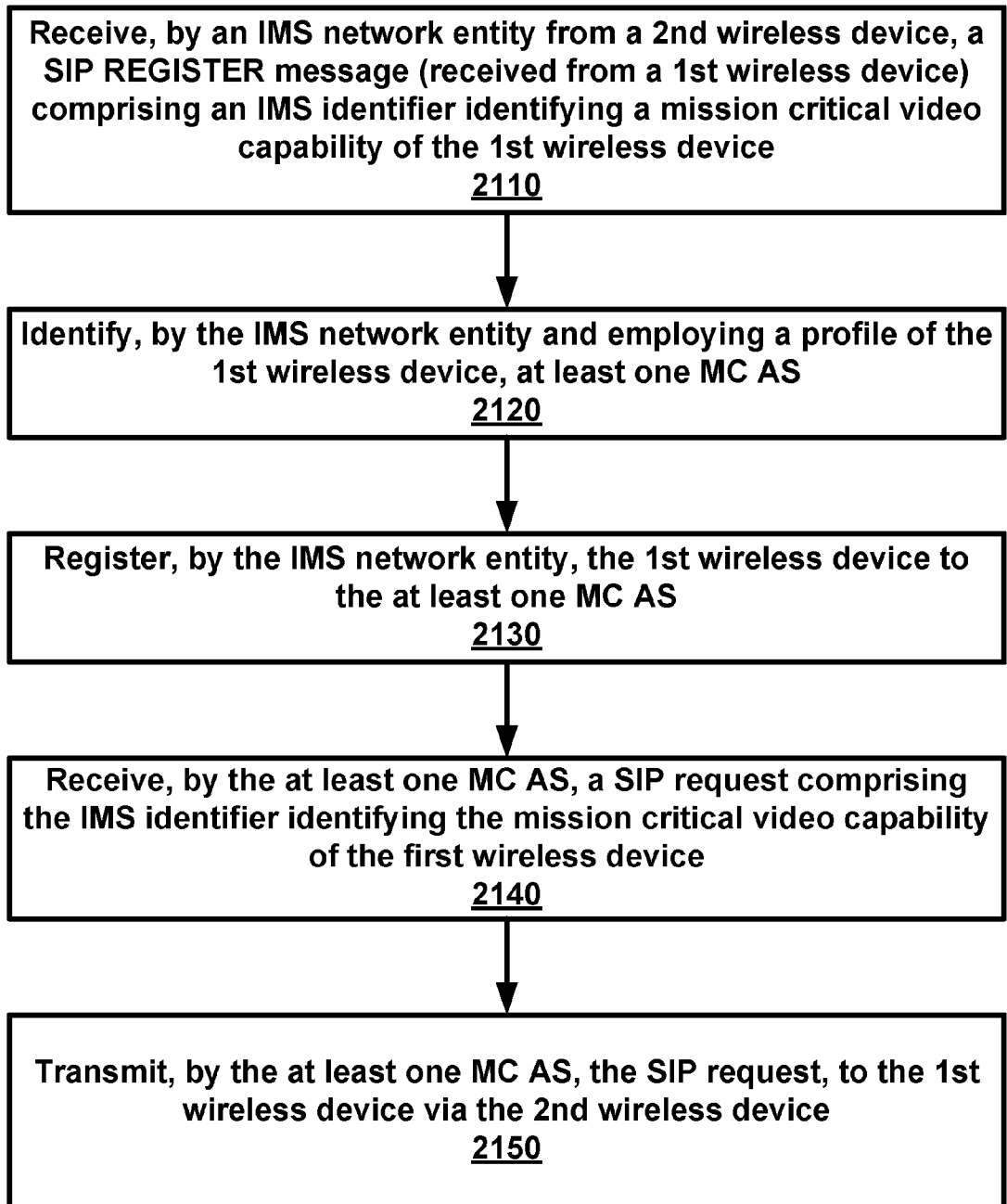


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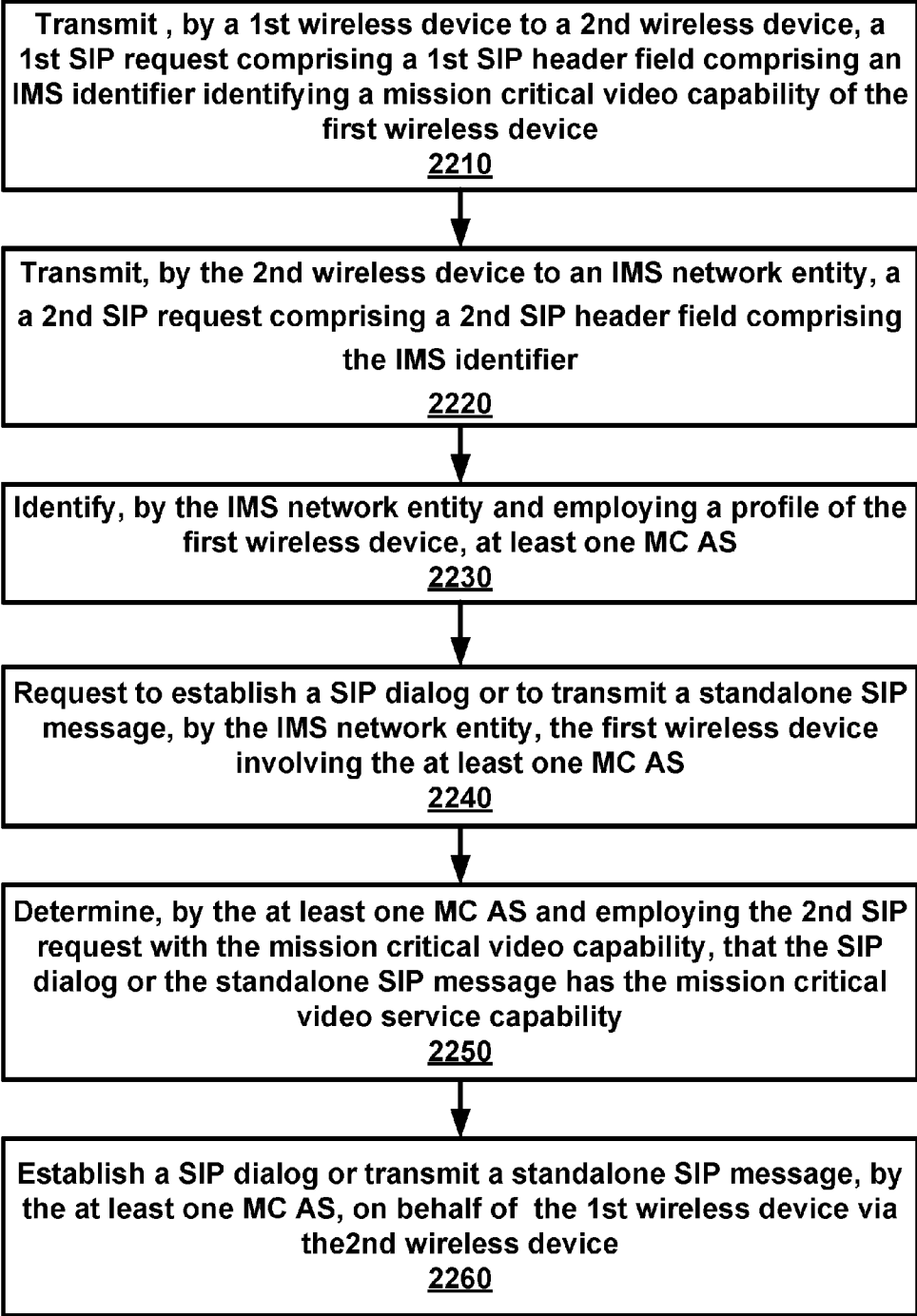


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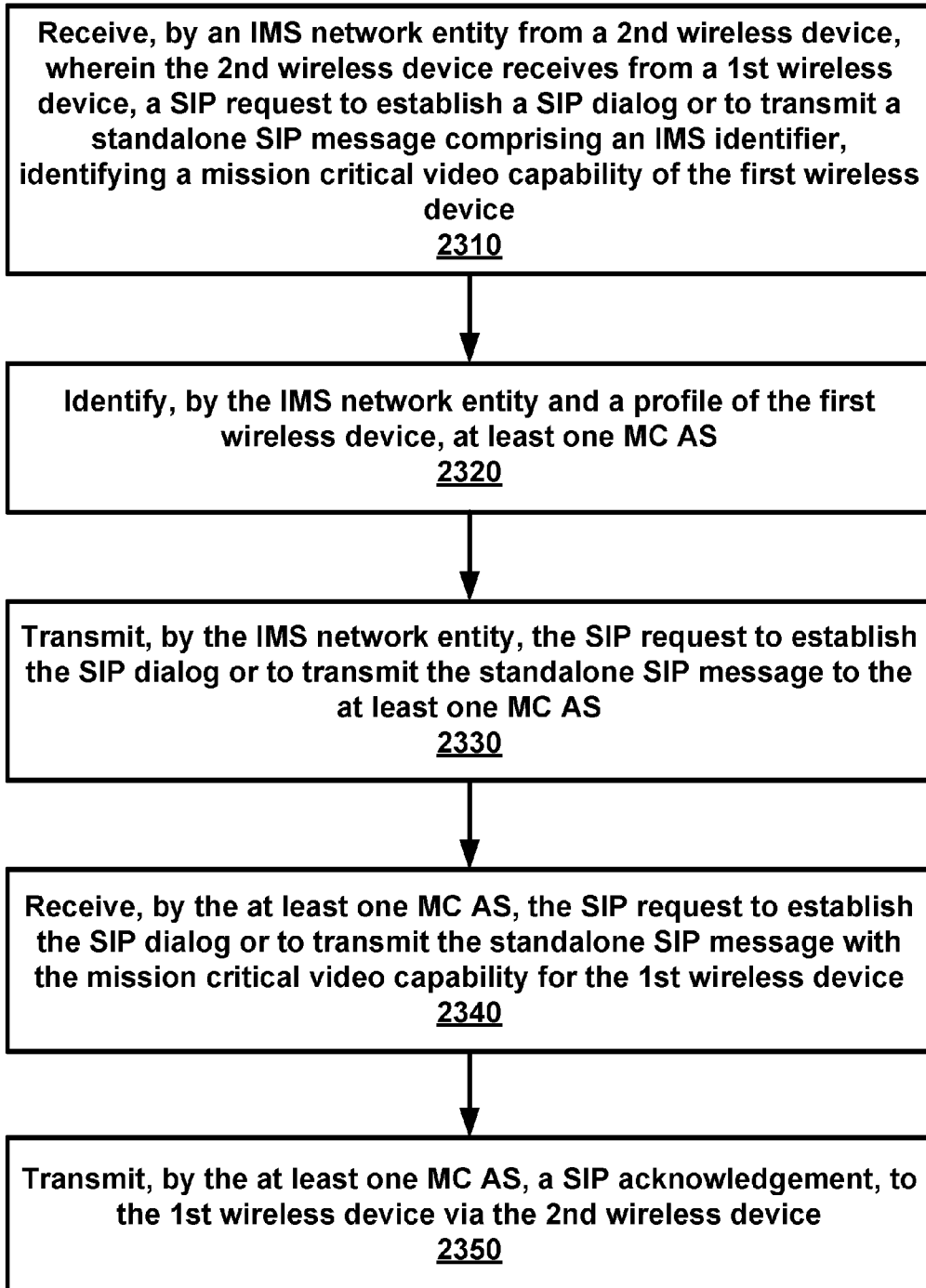


FIG. 23

MISSION CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/300,797, filed Feb. 27, 2016, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

- [0002] Examples of several of the various embodiments of the present invention are described herein with reference to the drawings.
- [0003] FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of an example system 100 according to various embodiments.
- [0004] FIG. 2 is a system diagram of an example communications system in which one or more disclosed embodiments may be implemented.
- [0005] FIG. 3 is a system diagram of an example wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0006] FIG. 4 is a system diagram of an example radio access network and core network as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0007] FIG. 5 is a block diagram of a base station and a wireless device as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0008] FIG. 7 is a flow diagram of an example procedure for Model A discovery as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0009] FIG. 8 is a flow diagram showing an example procedures for the announcing MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0010] FIG. 9 is a flow diagram showing an example procedures for the monitoring MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0011] FIG. 10 is a flow diagram showing an example match reporting procedure as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0012] FIG. 11 is a flow diagram showing an example procedures for Model B discovery as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0013] FIG. 12 is a flow diagram showing an example procedure for the discoveree MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0014] FIG. 13 is a flow diagram of an example procedure for discoverer MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0015] FIG. 14 is a flow diagram showing an example matched reporting procedure as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0016] FIG. 15 is a block diagram of an example MCS UE-to-network relay as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0017] FIG. 16 is a flow diagram showing an example IMS registration procedure of an MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0018] FIG. 17 is a flow diagram of an example IMS registration of an MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0019] FIG. 18 is a flow diagram shows an example MCS group session setup by MCS UE as per an aspect of an embodiment.
- [0020] FIG. 19 is a flow diagram of an example MCS session setup by MCS UE A as per an aspect of an embodiment.

- [0021] FIG. 20 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure.
- [0022] FIG. 21 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure.
- [0023] FIG. 22 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure.
- [0024] FIG. 23 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

- [0025] A remote off-network mission critical wireless device may discover a user equipment (UE)-to-network wireless device employing a proximity services discovery procedure. An internet protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) register message may be transmitted by the remote off-network mission critical wireless device by employing the UE-to-network relay wireless device to the IMS network to register the remote off network mission critical wireless device to the IMS network.
- [0026] Example embodiments are generally directed to critical communication service (e.g., A) that may involve use of wireless mobile telecommunication cellular and/or wireless mobile broadband technologies. Wireless mobile broadband technologies may include wireless technologies suitable for use with wireless devices and/or user equipment (UE), such as one or more third generation (3G), fourth generation (4G) or emerging fifth generation (5G) wireless standards, revisions, progeny and variants. Examples of wireless mobile broadband technologies may include without limitation any of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.16m and 802.16p standards, 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Long Term Evolution (LTE) and LTE-Advanced (LTE-A) standards, and International Mobile Telecommunications Advanced (IMT-ADV) standards, including their revisions, progeny, and variants. Other suitable examples may include, without limitation, Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)/Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution (EDGE) technologies, Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS)/High Speed Packet Access (HSPA) technologies, Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) or the WiMAX II technologies, Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) 2000 system technologies (e.g., CDMA2000 1XRTT, CDMA2000 EV-DO, CDMA EV-DV, and so forth), High Performance Radio Metropolitan Area Network (HIPERMAN) technologies as defined by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) Broadband Radio Access Networks (BRAN), Wireless Broadband (WiBro) technologies, GSM with General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) system (GSM/GPRS) technologies, High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA) technologies, High Speed Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM) Packet Access (HSOPA) technologies, High-Speed Uplink Packet Access (HSUPA) system technologies, 3 GPP Rel. 8, 9, 10 or 11 of LTE/System Architecture Evolution (SAE), and so forth. The examples are not limited in this context. In this disclosure, the term “critical” is being employed as a term of art as disclosed, for example, in various communication specifications and is therefore not intended to otherwise limit the scope of the claims.
- [0027] By way of example and not limitation, various examples may be described with specific reference to various 3 GPP radio access network (RAN) standards, such as

the 3 GPP Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN), the 3 GPP Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) and 3GPP's suite of UMTS and LTE/LTE-Advanced Technical Specifications (in case of LTE/LTE-Advanced collectively "3GPP LTE Specifications" according to the 36 Series of Technical Specifications), and IEEE 802.16 standards, such as, for example, the IEEE 802.16-2009 standard and current third revision to IEEE 802.16 referred to as "802.16 Rev3" consolidating standards 802.16-2009, 802.16h-2010 and 802.16m-2011, and the IEEE 802.16p draft standards including IEEE P802.16.1b/D2 Jan. 2012 titled "Draft Amendment to IEEE Standard for WirelessMAN-Advanced Air Interface for Broadband Wireless Access Systems, Enhancements to Support Machine-to-Machine Applications" (collectively "IEEE 802.16 Standards"), and any drafts, revisions or variants of the 3 GPP LTE Specifications and the IEEE 802.16 Standards. Although some embodiments may be described as a 3GPP LTE Specifications or IEEE 802.16 Standards system by way of example and not limitation, it may be appreciated that other types of communications system may be implemented as various other types of mobile broadband communications systems and standards. The examples are not limited in this context.

[0028] As contemplated in the present disclosure, mission critical service (MCS) may support an enhanced mission critical push-to-talk (MCPTT) service, an enhanced mission critical video (MCVIDEO) service, an enhanced mission critical data/message (MCDATA) service, and/or the like. An MCS service may be suitable for mission critical scenarios and may be based upon 3GPP EPS services. MCS may typically be a session initiation protocol (SIP) based service that may be provided via a centralized MCS server residing in a network (e.g., a 3GPP EPS network). The MCS server may be an IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) application server, but the MCS server may also be a non-IMS based SIP server. User equipment (UEs) may directly attach to the network to receive critical communication services from an MCS server. Some UEs may also utilize Proximity Services (ProSe) capabilities to indirectly attach to the network through a relay UE. UEs utilizing ProSe capabilities may be outside of a coverage area of the network and may be referred to as remote UEs.

[0029] FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of an example system 100 according to various embodiments. According to an embodiment, elements of system 100 may be arranged for providing critical communication services to one or more UEs (e.g. UE 130, UE 140 and UE 150). These critical communication services may comprise MCS services as specified in, for example, 3GPP technical specification (TS) 22.179, entitled "Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; MCS over LTE, Stage 1", Release 13, V13.0.1, published in January of 2015, and/or previous or subsequent releases or versions (hereinafter referred to as 3GPP TS 22.179). For example, as shown in FIG. 1, a network 101 may include an MCS server 120 that may serve as centralized server to enable network 101 to provide a SIP-based critical communication service to UEs 130, 140 or 150. MCS server 120 may be arranged as, for example, an IMS application server or a non-IMS based SIP server. In this disclosure, mission critical push to talk (MCPTT) is an example of MCS where the media is only audio. However, the term MSC is being used to include other media such video, data, and/or the like.

[0030] According to an embodiment, access/core 190 may comprise elements of network 101 typically associated with 3GPP E-UTRAN access and 3GPP E-UTRAN core elements. For example, a UE such as UE 130 may gain access to network 101 via Uu 117 coupled to evolved Node B (eNB) 102. Also, as shown in FIG. 1, MCS server 120 may couple to various access/core 190 elements. For example, MCS server 120 may couple to a policy and charging rules function (PCRF) 111 via 111. Link 111 may represent an Rx interface reference point. MCS server 120 may also couple to a serving gateway/packet data gateway (SGW/PWG) 112 via SGi 113. SGi 113 may represent an SGi interface reference point. (According to various embodiments, an interface may comprise and/or be a reference point). MCS server 120 may also couple to a broadcast/multicast-service center (BM-SC) 114 via MB2 115. MB2 115 may represent an MB2 reference point.

[0031] Mobile management entity (MME) 104 and multimedia broadcast/multicast service gateway (MBMS GW) 106 may provide core 3 GPP E-UTRAN services to MCS server 120 and/or UEs 130, 140 and 150 to facilitate network 101 in providing critical communication services.

[0032] According to an embodiment, UE 130 may attach directly to MCS server 120. UE 130 may comprise an MCS client that may be arranged as a SIP-based MCS client for communication with MCS server 120. MCS server 120 may be arranged as a type of group communication service application server (GCS AS) and GC1 173 may represent a GC1 reference point through which MCS server 120 couples with MCS client at UE 130.

[0033] According to an embodiment, UEs out of network coverage of network 101 may still be able to obtain critical communication service by coupling through UEs serving as UE-to-network relays such as UE 130. For example, UE 150 may be able to indirectly couple to MCS server 120 via a first link 151 between UE 150 and UE 130 and through a second link (GC1 173) between UE 130 and MCS server 120.

[0034] According to an embodiment, UE 130 acting as an UE-to-network relay may relay traffic from MCS server 120 for authorized UEs and/or authorized groups of UEs (e.g., belonging to an MCS group). UE 130 may act as an UE-to-network relay for groups of which it is not a member. As such, a relay UE, such as UE 130, may comprise logic and/or features to enable the relay UE to act as a node between an MCS server and a remote UE such as UE 150 via link 151.

[0035] According to an embodiment, critical communication content may be delivered to directly coupled UEs such as UEs 130 or 140 in either a unicast mode (e.g., via EPS bearers) and/or in multicast mode (e.g., via evolved MBMS (eMBMS) bearers). Use of eMBMS bearers may be justified in cases where a sufficient number of UEs are physically located within a same coverage area or cell. When the number of UEs in a cell is low, unicast delivery via EPS may be more efficient compared to eMBMS or multicast delivery. MCS server 120 may comprise logic and/or features capable of monitoring the number of UEs in a cell and then adjust a delivery mode accordingly.

[0036] According to an embodiment, as part of ProSe capabilities, UE 130 and UE 150 may establish a direct link 151. UE 130 may couple to MCS server 120 through GC1 173. Alternatively, UE 150 may couple to MCS server 120 via: (1) link 151 between UE 150 and UE 130; (2) link 131

between UE 130 and UE 140; and (3) GCI 174 between UE 140 to MCS Server 120. Establishment of the direct link may comprise relay discovery, mutual authentication and IP address assignment. Establishment of the direct link may comprise UE 130 and UE 150 setting up a wireless local area network (WLAN) direct connection. The WLAN direct connection may be arranged to operate according to Ethernet wireless standards (including progenies and variants) associated with the IEEE Standard for Information technology—Telecommunications and information exchange between systems—Local and metropolitan area networks—Specific requirements Part 1 1: WLAN Media Access Controller (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications, published March 2012, and/or later versions of this standard (“IEEE 802.11”). According to an embodiment, following the same logic as mentioned above for MCS server 120 selecting a unicast or multicast delivery mode, logic and/or features of a relay UE such as UE 130 and/or 140 may choose a unicast or multicast delivery mode to relay information (e.g., critical communication content) to one or more remote UEs such as UE 150 and/or each other.

[0037] A direct link between UEs 140 and 130 may be established via, for example, a PC5 interface (e.g. 131). The PC5 interface may be selectively chosen to communicate information. It may be possible to use unicast delivery via the LTE-Uu interface.

[0038] Concepts expressed herein may be implemented in connection with cellular telephones and/or other types of User Equipment (UE) used on communication networks, and particularly wireless communication networks. Described below are one or more example communication networks and related equipment within which at least some of the aspects of the herein described concepts may be implemented.

[0039] FIG. 2 is a diagram of an example communications system 200 in which one or more disclosed embodiments may be implemented. The communications system 200 may comprise a multiple access system configured to provide content, such as voice, data, video, messaging, broadcast, etc., to multiple wireless users. The communications system 200 may enable multiple wireless users to access such content through the sharing of system resources, including, for example, wireless bandwidth. For example, communications systems 200 may employ one or more channel access processes, such as code division multiple access (CDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), frequency division multiple access (FDMA), orthogonal FDMA (OFDMA), single-carrier FDMA (SC-FDMA), and/or the like.

[0040] As shown in FIG. 2, the communications system 200 may comprise wireless transmit/receive units (WTRUs) 202A, 202B, 202C, 202D, a radio access network (RAN) 204, a core network 206, the Internet 210, and/or other networks 212. It will be appreciated that the disclosed embodiments contemplate various numbers of WTRUs, base stations, networks, and/or network elements. Each of the WTRUs 202A, 202B, 202C, 202D may be configured to operate and/or communicate in a wireless environment. By way of example, WTRUs 202A, 202B, 202C, 202D may be configured to transmit and/or receive wireless signals and may comprise user equipment (UE), a mobile station, a fixed or mobile subscriber unit, a pager, a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a smartphone, a laptop, a

network, a personal computer, a wireless sensor, consumer electronics, combinations thereof, and/or the like.

[0041] The communications systems 200 may also comprise a base station 214A and/or base station 214B. Each of the base stations 214A, 214B may be a type of device configured to wirelessly interface with at least one of the WTRUs 202A, 202B, 202C, 202D to facilitate access to one or more communication networks, such as core network 206, Internet 210 and/or networks 212. By way of example, base stations 214A and/or 214B may comprise a base transceiver station (BTS), a Node-B, an eNode B, a Home Node B, a Home eNode B, a site controller, an access point (AP), a wireless router, combinations thereof, and/or the like. While base stations 214A and 214B are each depicted as a single element, it will be appreciated that base stations 214A and 214B may comprise various numbers of interconnected base stations and/or network elements.

[0042] As illustrated, base station 214A may be a part of the RAN 204, which may also comprise other base stations and/or network elements (not shown), such as, for example, a base station controller (BSC), a radio network controller (RNC), relay nodes, combinations thereof, and/or the like. Base station 214A and/or the base station 214B may be configured to transmit and/or receive wireless signals within a particular geographic region, which may be referred to as a cell (not shown). The cell may be further divided into cell sectors. For example, the cell associated with the base station 214A may be divided into three sectors. Thus, according to an embodiment, base station 214A may comprise three transceivers, i.e., one for each sector of the cell. According to an embodiment, base station 214A may employ multiple-input multiple output (MIMO) technology and, therefore, may utilize multiple transceivers for each sector of the cell.

[0043] Base stations 214A and/or 214B may communicate with one or more of the WTRUs (e.g. 202A, 202B, 202C, and 202D) over an air interface (e.g. 216A, 216B, (216C and/or 216E), and 216D, respectively), which may comprise a wireless communication link (e.g., radio frequency (RF), microwave, infrared (IR), ultraviolet (UV), visible light, etc.). An air interface (e.g. 216A, 216B, 216C, 216D, 216E, 216F and 216G) may be established employing a suitable radio access technology (RAT).

[0044] More specifically, as noted above, communications system 200 may comprise a multiple access system and may employ one or more channel access schemes, such as CDMA, TDMA, FDMA, OFDMA, SC-FDMA, combinations thereof, and/or the like. For example, base station 214A in the RAN 204 and WTRUs 202A, 202B, and 202C may implement a radio technology such as Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access (UTRA), which may establish air interface (e.g. 202A, 202B, and 202C) employing wideband CDMA (WCDMA). WCDMA may comprise communication protocols such as High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA) and/or Evolved HSPA (HSPA+). HSPA may comprise High-Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA) and/or High-Speed Uplink Packet Access (HSUPA).

[0045] According to an embodiment, base station 214A and WTRUs 202A, 202B, 202C may implement a radio technology such as Evolved UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA), which may establish air interface (e.g. 216A, 216B, and 216C, respectively) employing Long Term Evolution (LTE) and/or LTE-Advanced (LTE-A).

[0046] According to an embodiment, base station **214A** and WTRUs **202A**, **202B**, **202C** may implement radio technologies such as IEEE 802.16 (i.e., Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX)), CDMA2000, CDMA2000 1X, CDMA2000 EV-DO, Interim Standard 2000 (IS-2000), Interim Standard 95 (IS-95), Interim Standard 856 (IS-856), Global System for Mobile communications (GSM), Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution (EDGE), GSM EDGE (GERAN), combinations thereof, and/or the like.

[0047] Base station **214B** in FIG. 2 may comprise a wireless router, Home Node B, Home eNode B, or an access point, for example, and may utilize a RAT for facilitating wireless connectivity in a localized area, such as a place of business, a home, a vehicle, a campus, combinations thereof, and/or the like. According to an embodiment, base station **214B** and WTRUs **202C**, **202D** may implement a radio technology such as IEEE 802.11 to establish a wireless local area network (WLAN). According to an embodiment, base station **214B** and WTRUs **202C** and **202D** may implement a radio technology such as IEEE 802.15 to establish a wireless personal area network (WPAN). According to an embodiment, base station **214B** and WTRUs **202C** and **202D** may utilize a cellular-based RAT (e.g., WCDMA, CDMA2000, GSM, LTE, LTE-A, etc.) to establish a picocell or femtocell. As shown in FIG. 2, base station **214B** may have a direct connection to the Internet **210**. Thus, base station **214B** may not be required to access the Internet **210** via the core network **206**.

[0048] The RAN **204** may be in communication with the core network **206**, which may be a type of network configured to provide voice, data, applications, and/or voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services to one or more of the WTRUs **202A**, **202B**, **202C**, and **202D**. For example, core network **206** may provide call control, billing services, mobile location-based services, pre-paid calling, Internet connectivity, video distribution, etc., and/or perform high-level security functions, such as user authentication. Although not shown in FIG. 2, it is anticipated that according to an embodiment, RAN **204** and/or core network **206** may be in direct or indirect communication with other RANs that employ the same RAT as the RAN **204** or a different RAT. For example, in addition to being connected to the RAN **204**, which may utilize an E-UTRA radio technology, the core network **206** may also be in communication with another RAN (not shown).

[0049] Core network **206** may serve as a gateway for the WTRUs **202A**, **202B**, **202C** and/or **202D** to access the PSTN **208**, the Internet **210** and/or other networks **212**. The Internet **210** may comprise a global system of interconnected computer networks and devices that use common communication protocols, such as the transmission control protocol (TCP), user datagram protocol (UDP) and the internet protocol (IP) in the TCP/IP internet protocol suite. Other networks **212** may comprise wired and/or wireless communications networks owned and/or operated by other service providers. For example, the networks **212** may comprise another core network connected to one or more RANs, which may employ the same RAT as the RAN **204** or a different RAT.

[0050] Some or all of the WTRUs **202A**, **202B**, **202C**, and **202D** in the communications system **200** may comprise multi-mode capabilities (i.e., the WTRUs **202A**, **202B**, **202C**, and **202D** may comprise multiple transceivers for

communicating with different wireless networks over different wireless links). For example, example WTRU **300** shown in FIG. 3 may be configured to communicate with base station **214A**, which may employ a cellular-based radio technology, and with the base station **214B**, which may employ an IEEE 802 radio technology.

[0051] FIG. 3 is a system diagram of an example WTRU **300**. As shown in FIG. 3, example WTRU **300** may comprise a processor **318**, a transceiver **320**, a transmit/receive element **322**, a speaker/microphone **324**, a keypad **326**, a display/touchpad **328**, non-removable memory **330**, removable memory **332**, a power source **334**, a global positioning system (GPS) chipset **336**, and other peripherals **338**. It will be appreciated that the WTRU **300** may comprise a sub-combination of the foregoing elements while remaining consistent with an embodiment. For example, an WTRU **300** embodiment may be implemented without one or more of the dashed elements **324**, **328**, **336** and/or **332**.

[0052] The processor **318** may be a general purpose processor, a special purpose processor, a conventional processor, a digital signal processor (DSP), a plurality of microprocessors, one or more microprocessors in association with a DSP core, a controller, a microcontroller, Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGAs) circuits, any other type of integrated circuit (IC), a state machine, and the like. Processor **318** may perform signal coding, data processing, power control, input/output processing and/or other functionality that enables example WTRU **300** to operate in a wireless environment. Processor **318** may be coupled to the transceiver **320**, which may be coupled to the transmit/receive element **322**. While FIG. 3 depicts elements such as, for example, processor **318** and transceiver **320** as separate components, it will be appreciated that the elements such as processor **318** and the transceiver **320** may be integrated together in an electronic package and/or chip. While FIG. 3 depicts elements such as, for example, processor **318** and transceiver **320** as individual components, it will be appreciated that the elements such as processor **318** and the transceiver **320** may be implemented as a collection of other elements.

[0053] The transmit/receive element **322** may be configured to transmit signals to, or receive signals from, a base station (e.g., the base station **214A**) over the air interface **316**. For example, in an embodiment, the transmit/receive element **322** may be an antenna configured to transmit and/or receive RF signals. According to an embodiment, the transmit/receive element **322** may be an emitter/detector configured to transmit and/or receive IR, UV, or visible light signals, for example. According to an embodiment, the transmit/receive element **322** may be configured to transmit and receive both RF and light signals. It will be appreciated that the transmit/receive element **322** may be configured to transmit and/or receive any combination of wireless signals.

[0054] In addition, although the transmit/receive element **322** is depicted in FIG. 3 as a single element, example WTRU **300** may comprise any number of transmit/receive elements **322**. More specifically, example WTRU **300** may employ MIMO technology. Thus, according to an embodiment, example WTRU **300** may comprise two or more transmit/receive elements **322** (e.g., multiple antennas) for transmitting and receiving wireless signals over the air interface **316**.

[0055] Transceiver **320** may be configured to modulate signals that are to be transmitted by transmit/receive element

322 and to demodulate signals received by transmit/receive element **322**. As noted above, example WTRU **300** may have multi-mode capabilities. Thus, the transceiver **320** may comprise multiple transceivers for enabling example WTRU **300** to communicate via multiple RATs, such as E-UTRA and IEEE 802.11, for example.

[0056] Processor **318** of example WTRU **300** may be coupled to, and may receive user input data from, for example, the speaker/microphone **324**, the keypad **326** and/or the display/touchpad **328** (e.g., a liquid crystal display (LCD) display unit or organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display unit). Processor **318** may output user data to, for example, the speaker/microphone **324**, the keypad **326** and/or the display/touchpad **328**. Processor **318** may access information from, and store data in, a type of suitable memory, such as the non-removable memory **330** and/or the removable memory **332**. The non-removable memory **330** may comprise random-access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), a hard disk, and/or other type of memory storage device. The removable memory **332** may comprise a subscriber identity module (SIM) card, a memory stick, a secure digital (SD) memory card, and/or the like. According to an embodiment, processor **318** may access information from, and store data in, memory that is not physically located on example WTRU **300**, such as on a server or a home computer (not shown).

[0057] Processor **318** may receive power from the power source **334**, and may be configured to distribute and/or control the power to the other components in example WTRU **300**. Power source **334** may be a suitable device for powering example WTRU **300**. For example, power source **334** may comprise one or more dry cell batteries (e.g., nickel-cadmium (NiCd), nickel-zinc (NiZn), nickel metal hydride (NiMH), lithium-ion (Li-ion), etc.), solar cells, fuel cells, combinations thereof, and/or the like.

[0058] Processor **318** may also be coupled to GPS chipset **336**, which may be configured to provide location information (e.g., longitude and latitude) regarding the current location of example WTRU **300**. In addition to, and/or in lieu of, the information from the GPS chipset **336**, example WTRU **300** may receive location information over the air interface **316** from a base station (e.g., base stations **214A**, **214B**) and/or determine a location based on the timing of the signals being received from two or more nearby base stations. It will be appreciated that the WTRU **300** may acquire location information by way of other suitable location-determination process(es) while remaining consistent with an embodiment.

[0059] Processor **318** may further be coupled to other peripherals **338**, which may comprise one or more software and/or hardware modules that provide additional features, functionality, and/or wired or wireless connectivity. For example, peripherals **338** may comprise, for example, an accelerometer, an e-compass, a satellite transceiver, a digital camera (for photographs or video), a universal serial bus (USB) port, a vibration device, a television transceiver, a hands free headset, a Bluetooth™ module, a frequency modulated (FM) radio unit, a digital music player, a media player, a video game player module, an Internet browser, a combination thereof, and/or the like.

[0060] FIG. 4 is a system diagram of an example communications system comprising an example RAN **404** and an example core network **406**. This example communications system is disclosed for example purposes. Variations in

communications systems may be implemented within the scope of the embodiment. In this example embodiment, RAN **404** may employ an E-UTRA radio technology to communicate with the WTRUs **402A**, **402B** and/or **402C** over air interfaces **416A**, **416b** and/or **416C** respectively. RAN **404** may be in communication with the core network **406**.

[0061] Example RAN **404** may comprise eNBs **460A**, **460B** and/or **460C**, though it will be appreciated that the RAN **404** may comprise various numbers of eNBs while remaining consistent with an embodiment. The eNBs **460A**, **460B** and/or **460C** may each comprise one or more transceivers for communicating with the WTRUs **402A**, **402B** and/or **402C** over air interface **416A**, **416B** and/or **416C** respectively. In an embodiment, the eNBs **460A**, **460B** and/or **460C** may implement MIMO technology. Thus, the eNB **460A**, for example, may use multiple antennas to transmit wireless signals to, and receive wireless signals from, example WTRUs **402A**.

[0062] Some WTRUs may be configured to communicate with each other directly. For example, as illustrated, WTRU **402E** may be configured to communicate with example WTRU **402B** and/or example WTRU **402C** over the air interfaces **416F** and/or **416E**, respectively. Similarly, example WTRU **402D** may be configured to communicate with example WTRU **402C** over the air interfaces **416D**.

[0063] Each of the eNBs **460A**, **460B**, and/or **460C** may be associated with a particular cell (not shown) and may be configured to handle radio resource management decisions, handover decisions, scheduling of users in the uplink and/or downlink, and the like. As shown in FIG. 4, the eNBs **460A**, **460B** and/or **460C** may communicate with one another over, for example: an X2 interface, a reference point, and/or the like.

[0064] Example core network **406** shown in FIG. 4 may comprise a mobility management gateway (MME) **462**, a serving gateway **464**, a packet data network (PDN) gateway **466**, and/or the like. While each of the foregoing elements are depicted as part of the core network **406**, it will be appreciated that various elements operating in a core network (e.g. **406**) may be owned and/or operated by an entity other than the core network operator.

[0065] The MME **462** may be connected to each of the eNBs **460A**, **460B**, **460C** in RAN **404** via an S1 interface, a reference point, and/or the like and may serve as a control node. For example, the MME **462** may be responsible for authenticating users of the WTRUs **402A**, **402B**, **402C**, **402D** and/or **402E**, bearer activation/deactivation, selecting a particular serving gateway during an initial attach of the WTRUs **402A**, **402B**, **402C**, **402D** and/or **402E**, and/or the like. The MME **462** may also provide a control plane function for switching between the RAN **404** and other RANs (not shown) that employ other radio technologies, such as, for example, GSM and/or WCDMA.

[0066] Serving gateway **464** may be connected to each of the eNode Bs **460A**, **460B** and/or **460C** in the RAN **404** via an S1 interface, a reference point, and/or the like. The serving gateway **464** may generally route and forward user data packets to and from the WTRUs **402 a**, **402B** and/or **402C**. The serving gateway **464** may also perform other functions, such as anchoring user planes during inter-eNode B handovers, triggering paging when downlink data is

available for the WTRUs 402A, 402B and/or 402C, managing and storing contexts of the WTRUs 402A, 402B and/or 402C, and/or the like.

[0067] The serving gateway 464 may also be connected to the PDN gateway 466, which may provide the WTRUs 402a, 402B and/or 402C with access to packet-switched networks, such as the Internet 410, to facilitate communications between the WTRUs 402A, 402B and/or 402C and IP-enabled devices.

[0068] Example core network 406 may facilitate communications with other networks. For example, core network 406 may provide the WTRUs 402A, 402B and 402C with access to circuit-switched networks to facilitate communications between the WTRUs 402A, 402B, 402C and traditional land-line communications devices. For example, the core network 406 may comprise, and/or may communicate with, an IP gateway (e.g., an IP multimedia subsystem (IMS) server) that serves as an interface between the core network 406 and a PSTN. In addition, the core network 406 may provide the WTRUs 402A, 402B, 402C with access to the networks 412, which may comprise other wired or wireless networks that are owned and/or operated by other service providers.

[0069] FIG. 5 is an example block diagram of a base station 501 and a wireless device 506, as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present invention. A communication network 500 may comprise at least one base station 501 and at least one wireless device 506. The base station 501 may comprise at least one communication interface 502, at least one processor 503, and at least one set of program code instructions 505 stored in non-transitory memory 504 and executable by the at least one processor 503. The wireless device 506 may comprise at least one communication interface 507, at least one processor 508, and at least one set of program code instructions 510 stored in non-transitory memory 509 and executable by the at least one processor 508. Communication interface 502 in base station 501 may be configured to engage in communication with communication interface 507 in wireless device 506 via a communication path that comprises at least one wireless link 511. Wireless link 511 may be a bi-directional link. Communication interface 507 in wireless device 506 may also be configured to engage in a communication with communication interface 502 in base station 501. Base station 501 and wireless device 506 may be configured to send and receive data over wireless link 511 using multiple frequency carriers. According to some of the various aspects of embodiments, transceiver(s) may be employed. A transceiver is a device that comprises both a transmitter and receiver. Transceivers may be employed in devices such as wireless devices, base stations, relay nodes, and/or the like.

[0070] An interface may be a hardware interface, a firmware interface, a software interface, and/or a combination thereof. The hardware interface may comprise connectors, wires, electronic devices such as drivers, amplifiers, and/or the like. A software interface may comprise code stored in a memory device to implement protocol(s), protocol layers, communication drivers, device drivers, combinations thereof, and/or the like. A firmware interface may comprise a combination of embedded hardware and code stored in and/or in communication with a memory device to implement connections, electronic device operations, protocol(s), protocol layers, communication drivers, device drivers, hardware operations, combinations thereof, and/or the like.

[0071] The term configured may relate to the capacity of a device whether the device is in an operational or non-operational state. Configured may also refer to specific settings in a device that effect the operational characteristics of the device whether the device is in an operational or non-operational state. In other words, the hardware, software, firmware, registers, memory values, and/or the like may be “configured” within a device, whether the device is in an operational or nonoperational state, to provide the device with specific characteristics. Terms such as “a control message to cause in a device” may mean that a control message has parameters that may be used to configure specific characteristics in the device, whether the device is in an operational or non-operational state.

[0072] According to some of the various aspects of embodiments, an LTE network may comprise a multitude of base stations, providing a user plane PDCP/RLC/MAC/PHY and control plane (RRC) protocol terminations towards the wireless device. The base station(s) may be interconnected with other base station(s) (e.g. employing an X2 interface, reference point, and/or the like). The base stations may also be connected employing, for example, an S1 interface to an EPC. For example, the base stations may be interconnected to the MME employing the S1-MME interface, reference point, and/or the like and to the Serving Gateway (S-G) employing the S1-U reference point. The S1 interface, reference point, and/or the like may support a many-to-many relation between MMEs/Serving Gateways and base stations. A base station may comprise many sectors for example: 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 sectors. A base station may comprise many cells, for example, ranging from 1 to 50 cells or more. A cell may be categorized, for example, as a primary cell or secondary cell. At RRC connection establishment/re-establishment/handover, one serving cell may provide the NAS (non-access stratum) mobility information (e.g. TAI), and at RRC connection re-establishment/handover, one serving cell may provide the security input. This cell may be referred to as the Primary Cell (PCell). In the downlink, the carrier corresponding to the PCell may be the Downlink Primary Component Carrier (DL PCC), while in the uplink, it may be the Uplink Primary Component Carrier (UL PCC). Depending on wireless device capabilities, Secondary Cells (SCells) may be configured to form together with the PCell a set of serving cells. In the downlink, the carrier corresponding to an SCell may be a Downlink Secondary Component Carrier (DL SCC), while in the uplink, it may be an Uplink Secondary Component Carrier (UL SCC). An SCell may or may not have an uplink carrier.

[0073] A cell, comprising a downlink carrier and optionally an uplink carrier, may be assigned a physical cell ID and a cell index. A carrier (downlink or uplink) may belong to only one cell. The cell ID or Cell index may also identify the downlink carrier or uplink carrier of the cell (depending on the context it is used). In the specification, cell ID may be equally referred to a carrier ID, and cell index may be referred to carrier index. In implementation, the physical cell ID or cell index may be assigned to a cell. A cell ID may be determined using a synchronization signal transmitted on a downlink carrier. A cell index may be determined using RRC messages. For example, when the specification refers to a first physical cell ID for a first downlink carrier, the specification may mean the first physical cell ID is for a cell comprising the first downlink carrier. The same concept may apply to, for example, carrier activation. When the specifi-

cation indicates that a first carrier is activated, the specification may equally mean that the cell comprising the first carrier is activated.

[0074] Embodiments may be configured to operate as needed. The disclosed mechanism may be performed when certain criteria are met, for example, in a wireless device, a base station, a radio environment, a network, a combination of the above, and/or the like. Example criteria may be based, at least in part, on for example, traffic load, initial system set up, packet sizes, traffic characteristics, a combination of the above, and/or the like. When the one or more criteria are met, various example embodiments may be applied. Therefore, it may be possible to implement example embodiments that selectively implement disclosed protocols.

[0075] A base station may communicate with a mix of wireless devices. Wireless devices may support multiple technologies, and/or multiple releases of the same technology. Wireless devices may have some specific capability (ies) depending on its wireless device category and/or capability(ies). A base station may comprise multiple sectors. When this disclosure refers to a base station communicating with a plurality of wireless devices, this disclosure may refer to a subset of the total wireless devices in a coverage area. This disclosure may refer to, for example, a plurality of wireless devices of a given LTE release with a given capability and in a given sector of the base station. The plurality of wireless devices in this disclosure may refer to a selected plurality of wireless devices, and/or a subset of total wireless devices in a coverage area which perform according to disclosed methods, and/or the like. There may be a plurality of wireless devices in a coverage area that may not comply with the disclosed methods, for example, because those wireless devices perform based on older releases of LTE technology.

[0076] In order to set up a session for a mission critical service (MCS), where the mission critical service may be mission critical push-to-talk (MCPTT), the MCS UEs affiliated to MCS groups may first discover each other. This discovery may be a restricted discovery since MCS is a public safety feature. In the restricted discovery, the discoverer UEs and discoveree UEs may be authorized by being pre-provisioned with one or more parameters for the discovery procedure.

[0077] Examples for ProSe direct discovery methods are Model A and Model B.

[0078] Model A may include the following examples two roles for the ProSe-enabled UEs that are participating in ProSe Direct Discovery: Announcing UE: a) The UE announces certain information that may be used by UEs in proximity that have permission to discover. b) Monitoring UE: The UE that monitors certain information of interest in proximity of announcing UEs.

[0079] In Model A the announcing UE may broadcast discovery messages at discovery intervals (e.g. pre-defined intervals) and the monitoring UEs that are interested in these messages may read them and may process them. In an example, this model may be equivalent to “I am here” since the announcing UE may broadcast information about itself (e.g. its restricted ProSe application code in the discovery message).

[0080] The UE may act as “announcing UE” in the carrier frequency signaled by the serving PLMN when using Model A mode. The UE may act as a “monitoring” UE in the resources of the serving PLMN and Local PLMNs, when

using Model A mode. When inter-PLMN discovery transmission is supported, the carrier frequency may be operated by a PLMN other than the serving PLMN. Open and/or restricted discovery types may be supported by Model A.

[0081] Model B, when restricted discovery type is used, includes the following examples two roles for the ProSe-enabled UEs that are participating in ProSe Direct Discovery: a) Discoverer UE: The UE transmits a request containing certain information about what it is interested in discovering. b) Discoveree UE: The UE that receives the request message may respond with some information related to the discoverer’s request.

[0082] In an example, the discoverer UE message in Model B is equivalent to “who is there/are you there.” The discoverer UE sends information about other UEs that may like to receive responses from, for example, information about a ProSe application identity corresponding to a group and the members of the group that may respond.

[0083] When using Model B discovery, the discoverer UE and discoveree UE may announce in the carrier frequency signaled by the serving PLMN. When inter-PLMN discovery transmission is supported, the carrier frequency may be operated by a PLMN other than the serving PLMN. The discoverer UE and discoveree UE may be allowed to monitor in the serving PLMN and Local PLMNs when authorized. In an example implementation, only restricted discovery types may be supported by Model B. In an example application, the public safety discovery may be considered restricted. The monitoring UE/discoverer UE may need to have authorization (such as through pre-provisioned parameters) to perform discovery of appropriate service(s).

[0084] Public safety discovery is considered restricted and depends on Model A or Model B. Public safety discovery may use ProSe a restricted code for Model A. Public safety discovery may use ProSe a query code/ProSe response code respectively for Model B.

[0085] These code parameters may be n bits, for example 64 bits, and may be part of a ProSe Application Code. The code parameters may correspond to one or more restricted ProSe application user ID(s) (RPAUID). The ProSe application user ID may be allocated and bound to ProSe discovery UE ID (PDUID) by the ProSe application server.

[0086] FIG. 6 is an example of a ProSe Discovery message which may be employed for discovery procedures in Model A and Model B. In Model A, the announcing MCS UE may use a ProSe restricted code and if the application-controlled extension is used, it may use ProSe restricted code prefix and ProSe restricted code suffix(es) to announce its identity over the PC5 interface. The monitoring MCS UE may use a discovery filter which may be provided by the HPLMN ProSe function comprising the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe Restricted Code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) to monitor the announcing MCS UE for a duration of time.

[0087] Model A may comprise a procedure for announcing MCS UE and a procedure for the monitoring MCS UE. It may include a matching procedure for the case when the monitoring MCS UE receives ProSe restricted code over the air that matches the discovery filter provided by the HPLMN ProSe function to the monitoring MCS UE in the discovery response message, however the correspond-

ing restricted ProSe application UE identity (RPAUID) does not have a valid validity timer.

[0088] FIG. 7 is a flow diagram of an example procedure for Model A discovery. This example procedure for the Model A discovery may include one or more of the following:

[0089] Authorization: The MCS UE may get authorized for restricted ProSe direct discovery. In an example, MCS may be public safety and the ProSe direct discovery may be restricted.

[0090] Announcement: The announcing MCS UE may request for discovery and may receive the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix and ProSe restricted code suffix(es) to announce itself, if the application-controlled extension is used). The announcing MCS UE may announce the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix and ProSe restricted code suffix(es) to announce itself, if the application-controlled extension is used).

[0091] Monitoring: The monitoring MCS UE may request for discovery and may receive the ProSe Filter comprising the ProSe Restricted Code (or ProSe Restricted Code Prefix and ProSe Restricted Code Suffix(es) to announce itself, if the application-controlled extension is used). The monitoring MCS UE may monitor for the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix and ProSe restricted code suffix(es) to announce itself, if the application-controlled extension is used).

[0092] Match-Reporting: The monitoring UE may match-report if having monitored ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix and ProSe restricted code suffix(es) to announce itself, if the application-controlled extension is used) with corresponding PRAUID with no valid validity timer.

[0093] The announcing, monitoring, and match-reporting procedures are explained below. FIG. 8, FIG. 9, and FIG. 10.

[0094] FIG. 8 is a flow diagram showing an example procedure for the announcing MCS UE. An example procedure for the announcing MCS UE is as follows:

[0095] The application client in the MCS UE may retrieve the ProSe discovery UE identity (PDUID) and may provide it to the ProSe application server. The ProSe application server may allocate a restricted ProSe application UE identity (RPAUID) for that PDUID, may store the binding between the PDUID and the RPAUID and may return the RPAUID to the application client in the MCS UE. MCS UE may use RPAUID instead of PDUID since MCS is a public safety feature.

[0096] MCS UE may construct a discovery request message containing RPAUID, UE identity set to international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI), command=announce, discovery type set to restricted discovery, application ID set to unique identifier of the MCS application ID, discovery entry ID indicating if this is a new request, optional requested discovery timer set to validity timer associated with the expected ProSe restricted code from the HPLMN ProSe Function (if it is set to zero, the MCS UE is requesting to remove the discovery entity ID and release the associated resources), (if application-controlled extension is used) application level container containing the request and the relevant information, announcing type such as "on demand" for the indicated application, and the PLMN ID of the carrier frequency in announcing PLMN ID if the serving PLMN signaled carrier frequency is not operated by HPLMN or VPLMN and if inter-PLMN ProSe discovery transmission is

supported. MCS UE may send the discovery request message to HPLMN ProSe function.

[0097] HPLMN ProSe function may check for authorization for the MCS application. If there is not any associated MCS UE context, the HPLMN ProSe function may check with HSS and if needed may create a new context for the MCS UE that contains the subscription parameters for this MCS UE. HSS may provide MSISDN of the MCS UE and PLMN ID of where the MCS UE is registered.

[0098] The HPLMN ProSe function may send an authorization request containing RPAUID and request type set to "restricted discovery/announce" towards the ProSe application server. The authorization request may contain allowed number of suffixes if restricted Direct Discovery with application-controlled extension is used. The request type is set to "restricted discovery with application-controlled extension/announce".

[0099] The ProSe application server may answer by an authorization response containing PDUID(s) corresponding the RPAUID stored in the ProSe application server and response type set to "restricted discover/announce ack". The authorization response may include ProSe restricted code suffix pool with allocated suffixes by the ProSe Application if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used. The response type is set to "restricted discovery with application-controlled extension/announce ack".

[0100] HPLMN ProSe function may assign a ProSe restricted code corresponding to the RPAUID in the discovery request and an associated validity timer which identifies the duration of validity of the ProSe restricted code. MCS UE may use this ProSe restricted code within this validity duration if PLMN is not changed. If restricted direct discovery with application-controlled is used, then HPLMN ProSe functions may assign ProSe restricted code prefix instead of ProSe restricted code. If discovery request message indicates "on demand" announcing and the "on demand" announcing is authorized and enabled based on application ID and operator's policy, the HPLMN ProSe function may store RPAUID, ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix) with the associated validity timer, and enabled indicator in the user context. "On demand" announcing is only activated based on an ongoing monitoring request, otherwise, the following steps are not executed.

[0101] If the Discovery request is authorized, HPLMN ProSe Function may construct announce authorization message containing RPAUID, MCS application ID, ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used) set to assigned code for this request, UE ID set to IMSI or mobile station identifier number (MSISDN), discovery entry ID, and validity timer. The HPLMN ProSe function may update the existing announcing MCS UE's discovery entry with the new ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used) and the new validity timer by using the MCS UE's corresponding discovery entry ID included in the discovery request message. If discovery request message included discovery timer set to zero for a discovery entity ID, then the HPLMN ProSe function may inform the VPLMN ProSe function to remove resources for that discovery entry ID by

setting the timer to zero. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the announce authorization message towards the VPLMN ProSe Function.

[0102] The VPLMN ProSe function may acknowledge the HPLMN ProSe function that it authorizes the MCS UE to perform restricted discovery announcing if the announce authorization message contain a new discovery entry ID. If the discovery entry ID already exists, the VPLMN ProSe function may acknowledge the update as requested.

[0103] If the announcing is not “on-demand”, the HPLMN ProSe function may construct a discovery respond message with ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used), validity timer, and discovery entity ID. If the announcing is “on-demand” and is authorized and enabled, the HPLMN ProSe function may construct the discovery respond message with validity timer, announcing enabled indicator, and discovery entity ID. The validity timer is set to zero if it is zero in discovery request message originated by the MCS UE. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the discovery respond message towards the MCS UE.

[0104] MCS UE may start announcing the provided ProSe restricted code. if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used, the MCS UE may append a ProSe restricted code suffix from the received ProSe restricted code suffix pool to the ProSe Restricted Code Prefix to form a ProSe Restricted Code. The MCS UE may use different suffixes from the provided ProSe restricted code suffix pool to form and announce different ProSe restricted codes without having to contact the HPLMN ProSe function as long as the validity timer permits. If “on-demand” announcing is used and the HPLMN ProSe function has not provided ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used), the MCS UE may need to wait for an announcing alert request message from the HPLMN ProSe function before announcing on PC5 interface.

[0105] FIG. 9 is a flow diagram showing an example procedures for the monitoring MCS UE. The example procedure for monitoring MCS UE is as follows:

[0106] The application client in the MCS UE may retrieve the ProSe discovery UE identity (PDUID) and may provide it to the ProSe application server. The ProSe application server may allocate a restricted ProSe application UE identity (RPAUID) for that PDUID, may store the binding between the PDUID and the RPAUID and may return the RPAUID to the application client in the MCS UE. The MCS UE may obtain RPAUIDs of those MCS target users from the ProSe Application Server passed in an application level container. RPAUID instead of PDUID is used since MCS is a public safety feature.

[0107] In order to get the discovery filter, the monitoring MCS UE may construct a discovery request message comprising RPAUID set to the monitoring MCS UE identity, UE identity set to IMSI, command=monitor, discovery type, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered discovery procedure, application level container comprising the Target RPAUIDs that the MCS UE is to monitor, discovery entry ID showing the discovery identity that it is a new discovery or an existing one, and the optional requested discovery timer. The requested discovery timer may be set to zero to indicate HPLMN to delete the

discovery filter(s) for that discovery entry ID. The application level container may include some information about ProSe restricted code suffix such as group or user specific information if direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used. The MCS UE may send the discovery request message towards HPLMN ProSe function.

[0108] HPLMN ProSe function may check for authorization for the MCS application. If there is not any associated MCS UE context, the HPLMN ProSe function may check with HSS and if needed may create a new context for the MCS UE that contains the subscription parameters for this MCS UE. HSS provides also MSISDN of the MCS UE and PLMN ID of where the MCS UE is registered.

[0109] The HPLMN ProSe function may send an authorization request containing RPAUID and request type set to “restricted discovery/monitor” towards the ProSe application server. If restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used, the request type is then set to “restricted discovery with application-controlled extension/monitor”.

[0110] The ProSe application server constructs an authorization response comprising target PDUIDs and corresponding Target RPAUID that the RPAUID in the authorization request may monitor, PDUID of the requesting MCS UE, and response type set to “restricted discovery/monitor ack” (or to “restricted discovery with application-controlled extension/monitor ack” if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used). The ProSe application server may send the authorization response towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0111] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a monitor request message comprising RPAUID of monitoring MCS UE, UE identity set to IMSI or MSISDN, Target PDUID and corresponding target RPAUID, application ID set to unique identifier for application that triggered the discovery procedure, and discovery entry ID to identify the discovery entry being new or an existing one. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the monitor request towards the target PLMN ProSe function which belongs to the monitoring MCS UE. If the discovery entry ID is an existing one, the target PLMN ProSe function may modify the existing discovery procedure with the parameters included in the monitor request message.

[0112] The target PLMN ProSe function may retrieve the ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix if the restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used) corresponding to the targeted PDUID, targeted RPAUID, and application ID. If in the context of the announcing MCS UE, the announcing enabled indicator is stored, the target PLMN ProSe function may construct an announcing alert request message comprising RPAUID indicating which monitoring MCS UE is interested in the targeted MCS UE announcement, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered discovery procedure, ProSe restricted code which was retrieved from the context of the targeted announcing MCS UE (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE), and discovery entry ID to indicate it is a new discovery entity or an existing one. The target PLMN ProSe function may send the message towards the targeted MCS UE and upon receipt of the announce alert response message from that MCS announcing UE, the ProSe function removes the announcing

enabled indication associated to the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) from the Announcing MCS UE context. The MCS UE may now start announcing the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE).

[0113] The target ProSe function may construct an authorization request message comprising RPAUID set to that of the monitoring MCS UE, Request Type set to “restricted discovery/permission”, and target RPAUID set to that of the announcing MCS UE. The target ProSe function may send the authorization request message towards the ProSe application server.

[0114] The ProSe application server may acknowledge the target ProSe function by constructing an authorization response message comprising PDUID of the announcing MCS UE which is to be monitored and response type set to “restricted discovery/permission ack” and by sending it towards the target PLMN ProSe function.

[0115] The target ProSe function constructs a monitor response message comprising ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) and the corresponding validity timer. The target ProSe function may send the monitor response message towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0116] From the ProSe application server, the HPLMN ProSe function has now retrieved the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) and the corresponding validity timer for each pair of target PDUID-target RPAUID bound with application ID and stored as the user content of the monitoring MCS UE. The HPLMN ProSe function based on the ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) and the corresponding validity timer, allocates a discovery filter with corresponding time-to-live (TTL).

[0117] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a discovery response message comprising target RPAUID(s) and the corresponding discovery filter(s) that comprises ProSe restricted code (or ProSe restricted code prefix with ProSe restricted code suffix pool if restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension was requested by the announcing MCS UE) to be monitored and the corresponding TTL showing how long the filter is valid. If the requested discovery timer in discovery request message sent by MCS monitoring UE was set to zero, the TTL in the discovery response message is set to zero. The discovery response message also comprises discovery entry ID to identify the discovery entity. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the discovery response message towards the monitoring MCS UE.

[0118] The MCS UE uses the discovery filter to monitor the announcing MCS UE.

[0119] FIG. 10 is a flow diagram showing an example match reporting procedure. The example procedure for match reporting for announcing/monitoring is as follows:

[0120] If the monitoring MCS UE has over the air received a ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix and the ProSe restricted code suffix if the restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used) is matching the discovery filter obtained in the discovery response message from the HPLMN ProSe function but the announcing MCS UE does not have an RPAUID with a valid TTL, the monitoring MCS UE may construct a match report message comprising its own RPAUID, its IMSI or MSISDN as UE identity, discovery type set to “restricted discovery”, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered the monitoring request, the over the air received ProSe restricted code, optional metadata requested, and announcing PLMN ID of the PLMN where the announcing MCS UE was monitored. The monitoring MCS UE transmits the match report message towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0121] The HPLMN ProSe function may verify if the monitoring MCS UE may perform restricted discovery and may analyze ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix and the ProSe restricted code suffix if the restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used). The HPLMN ProSe function may identify the announcing MCS UE’s RPAUID in the context of the monitoring MCS UE.

[0122] If metadata requested was included to the originated match report message by the monitoring MCS UE, the HPLMN ProSe function may locate the ProSe application server from the application ID and may construct an authorization request message comprising monitoring MCS UE’s RPAUID, announcing MCS UE’s RPAUID, and request type set to “restricted discovery/match”. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the authorization request message towards the ProSe application server. This step is optional if metadata requested was not included into the original match report message.

[0123] The ProSe application server may construct an authorization response comprising monitoring MCS UE’s PDUID, announcing MCS UE’s PDUID, response type set to “restricted discovery/match ack”, and metadata corresponding to the Announcing MCS UE.

[0124] The HPLMN ProSe function may verify that the PDUID belongs to the monitoring MCS UE and the announcing MCS UE’s PDUID are the same as the announcing MCS UE’s PDUID that is stored in the context of the Monitoring MCS UE.

[0125] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a match report ack comprising application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered the monitoring request, announcing MCS UE’s RPAUID, validity timer, and optionally meta data.

[0126] The monitoring MCS UE may store the mapping between the ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix and the ProSe restricted code suffix if the restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used), announcing MCS UE’s RPAUID, the application ID unique identifier of the application that triggered the monitoring procedure, and the related validity timer.

[0127] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a Match Report Info message comprising Monitoring MCS UE's RPAUID, announcing MCS UE's RPAUID, announcing MCS UE's identity set to IMSI or MSISDN for charging purposes, ProSe restricted code (or the ProSe restricted code prefix and the ProSe restricted code suffix if the restricted direct discovery with application-controlled extension is used), and discovery type set to "restricted discovery". The HPLMN ProSe function may send the match report info message towards the announcing MCS UE's PLMN ProSe function and the ProSe function of the PLMN where the announcing MCS UE may be roaming in.

[0128] In Model B, the discoverer MCS UE may use ProSe query code to find the discoveree MCS UE. The discoveree MCS UE may use ProSe response code to identify itself. The ProSe response code is sent by the discoveree MCS UE over the air upon receiving a ProSe query code matching any discovery query filter(s). The discoverer MCS UE discovers then the discoveree MCS UE by matching the ProSe response code to any discovery response filter(s). The ProSe query code, and the discovery response filter(s) are allocated by HPLMN ProSe function to the discoverer MCS UE. The ProSe response code and discovery query filter(s) are allocated by the HPLMN ProSe function to the discoveree MCS UE.

[0129] Model B comprises procedure for the discoveree MCS UE and procedure for the discoverer MCS UE procedure. It may include matching procedure for the case when the discoverer MCS UE receives ProSe response code over the air that matches the discovery filter provided by the HPLMN ProSe function to the discoveree MCS UE in the discovery response message, however the corresponding RPAUID does not have valid validity timer. Model B is always for restricted discovery.

[0130] FIG. 11 is a flow diagram showing an example procedures for Model B discovery. The example procedure for the Model B discovery is as follows:

[0131] Authorization: The MCS UE may get authorized for restricted ProSe direct discovery. In an example, MCS may be public safety and the ProSe direct discovery may be restricted.

[0132] Discoveree procedure: The discoveree MCS UE may request for discovery and may receive the ProSe response code and associated discovery query filter(s). The discoveree MCS UE may employ the discovery filter(s) to monitor ProSe query code on PC5. The discoveree MCS UE may announce the ProSe response code if receiving a ProSe query code over the air which matches any of discovery filter(s).

[0133] Discoverer procedure: The discoverer MCS UE may request for discovery and may receive the ProSe query code and associated discovery response filter(s). The discoverer MCS UE may announce the ProSe query code on PC5 interface. The discoverer MCS UE may monitor ProSe response code on PC5 interface that may match any of the discovery response filter(s). The discoverer UE may match-report if having discovered ProSe response code with corresponding RPAUID with no valid validity timer.

[0134] Example discoveree, discoverer, and match-reporting procedures are explained below with respect to FIG. 12, FIG. 13, and FIG. 14. FIG. 12 is a flow diagram showing an example procedure for the discoveree MCS UE. The example procedure for discoveree MCS UE is as follows:

[0135] The application client in the MCS UE may retrieve the ProSe discovery UE identity (PDUID) and may provide it to the ProSe application server. The ProSe application server may allocate a restricted ProSe application UE identity (RPAUID) for that PDUID, may store the binding between the PDUID and the RPAUID and may return the RPAUID to the application client in the MCS UE. The application client in the MCS UE may store the binding between the RPAUID and its own PDUID and may use those RPAUID to perform discoveree request procedure.

[0136] The discoveree MCS UE may establish connection to HPLMN ProSe function and may construct a discovery request message comprising RPAUID set to what the MCS UE will announce, UE identity set to IMSI, command indicating this is for discoveree UE, discovery type set to "restricted discovery", discovery model indicating Model B, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered discovery procedure, discovery entry ID showing the discovery identity that it is a new discovery or an existing one, and PLMN ID of the carrier frequency in announcing PLMN ID if the serving PLMN signaled carrier frequency is not operated by HPLMN or VPLMN and if inter-PLMN ProSe discovery transmission is supported. MCS UE may send the discovery request message to HPLMN ProSe function.

[0137] HPLMN ProSe function may check for authorization for the MCS application. If there is not any associated MCS UE context, the HPLMN ProSe function may check with HSS and if needed may create a new context for the MCS UE that contains the subscription parameters for this MCS UE. HSS may provide MSISDN of the MCS UE and PLMN ID of where the MCS UE is registered.

[0138] The HPLMN ProSe function may locate the ProSe application server based on the application ID in the discovery request message and may send an authorization request containing RPAUID and request type set to "restricted discovery/response" towards the ProSe application server.

[0139] The ProSe application server may answer by an authorization response containing PDUID(s) corresponding the RPAUID stored in the ProSe application server and response type set to "restricted discover/response ack".

[0140] The HPLMN ProSe function may verify that at least of one of the PDUID(s) may belong to the discoveree MCS UE. The HPLMN ProSe function may assign a ProSe response code and ProSe query code with the associated discovery query filter(s). The ProSe response code corresponds to the RPAUID in the discovery request and the HPLMN ProSe function may assign an associated validity timer for the ProSe response code and ProSe query code with the associated discovery query filter(s). The validity timer identifies the duration of validity of the ProSe response code and ProSe query code with the associated discovery query filter(s). The discoveree MCS UE may use this ProSe response code within this validity duration if PLMN is not changed. The HPLMN ProSe function may store ProSe response code with its associated validity timer and ProSe query code with associated discovery query filter(s) in the context of the MCS user.

[0141] If the discovery request is authorized, HPLMN ProSe function may construct announce authorization message containing RPAUID, MCS application ID, ProSe response set to assigned code for this request, UE ID set to IMSI or MSISDN, discovery entry ID to identify the dis-

covery entry, and validity timer indicating how long the ProSe response code will be valid. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the announce authorization message towards the VPLMN ProSe function.

[0142] The VPLMN ProSe function may acknowledge the HPLMN ProSe function that it authorizes the MCS UE to perform restricted discovery announcing if the announce authorization message contain a new discovery entry ID. If the discovery entry ID already exists, the VPLMN ProSe function may acknowledge the update as requested i.e. updating the discoveree MCS UE's discovery entry by the new ProSe response code and its associated validity timer.

[0143] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a discovery response message with discovery type set to Model B, ProSe response code, discovery query filter(s) suited for certain ProSe Query code, validity timer associated to ProSe response code and the discovery query filter(s), and discovery entity ID to identify the discovery identity. The MCS discoveree UE may use the discovery query filter(s) (which may be multiple) to determine which ProSe query code triggers that the MCS discoveree UE announces the assigned ProSe response code. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the discovery response message towards MCS discoveree UE.

[0144] The MCS discoveree UE may use the discovery query filter(s) which may be multiple to determine which ProSe query code triggers that the MCS discoveree UE announces the assigned ProSe response code. If the validity timer expires, the MCS discoveree UE may send a new discovery request message towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0145] FIG. 13 is a flow diagram of an example procedure. The procedure for discoverer MCS UE is as follows:

[0146] The application client in the MCS UE may retrieve the ProSe discovery UE identity (PDUID) and may provide it to the ProSe application server. The ProSe application server allocates a restricted ProSe application UE identity (RPAUID) for that PDUID, may store the binding between the PDUID and the RPAUID and may return the RPAUID to the application client in the MCS UE. The MCS UE may obtain RPAUIDs of those MCS target users from the ProSe application server passed in an application level container. RPAUID instead of PDUID may be used for public safety feature MCS.

[0147] The discoverer MCS UE may establish a connection to the MPLMN ProSe function and may construct a discovery request message comprising RPAUID set to what the discoverer MCS UE wants to announce, UE identity set to IMSI, command showing this is for ProSe query procedure, discovery type set to "restricted discover", discovery model set to Model B, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered discovery procedure, application level container comprising the target RPAUIDs that the MCS UE is to discover, discovery entry ID showing the discovery identity that it is a new discovery or an existing one, and the optional requested discovery timer. The requested discovery timer is set to zero to indicate HPLMN to delete the discovery filter(s) for that discovery entry ID. The MCS UE may send the discovery request message towards HPLMN ProSe Function.

[0148] HPLMN ProSe function may check for authorization for the MCS application. If there is not any associated MCS UE context, the HPLMN ProSe function may check with HSS and if needed may create a new context for the

MCS UE that contains the subscription parameters for this MCS UE. HSS may provide MSISDN of the MCS UE and PLMN ID of where the MCS UE is registered.

[0149] The HPLMN ProSe function may locate the ProSe application server based on the application ID in the discovery request message and may send an authorization request containing RPAUID, request type set to "restricted discovery/query", and application level container towards the ProSe application server.

[0150] The ProSe application server may construct an authorization response comprising target PDUIDs and corresponding target RPAUID that the RPAUID in the authorization request may discover, PDUID of the requesting MCS UE, and response type set to "restricted discovery/query ack". The ProSe application server may send the authorization response towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0151] The HPLMN ProSe function may allocate the context for the discoveree UE(s) if the PLMN ID in the target PDUID-target RPAUID corresponds to a valid ProSe response code. The HPLMN ProSe function may allocate the discovery response filter(s) which trigger the MCS discoveree UE to transmit the ProSe response code. This procedure has expiration time which is specified by validity timer.

[0152] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a discovery request message comprising RPAUID of discoveree MCS UE, UE identity set to IMSI or MSISDN, target PDUID and corresponding target RPAUID, application ID set to unique identifier for application that triggered the discovery procedure, and discovery entry ID to identify the discovery entry being new or an existing one. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the discovery request towards the target PLMN ProSe Function which belongs to the discoveree MCS UE. If the discovery entry ID is an existing one, the Target PLMN ProSe function may modify the existing discovery procedure with the parameters included in the discovery request message.

[0153] The target ProSe Function has an option to construct an authorization request message comprising RPAUID set to that of the discoverer MCS UE, Request Type set to "restricted discovery/query", and target RPAUID set to that of the discoveree MCS UE. The target ProSe function may send the authorization request message towards the ProSe application server.

[0154] The ProSe application server may acknowledge the target ProSe function by constructing an authorization response message comprising PDUID of the discoverer MCS UE, response type set to "restricted discovery/query ack", and target PDUID of the discoveree MCS UE. The ProSe application server may send the authorization response message towards the target PLMN ProSe function.

[0155] The target PLMN ProSe function may allocate the context of the discoveree MCS UE based on target PDUID-target RPAUID and the application ID. The target PLMN ProSe function may respond with a discovery response comprising ProSe query code which will be used by HPLMN ProSe function to build the discovery query filter so that it triggers the discoveree UE to send ProSe Response code, the actual ProSe response code, and validity timer to indicate for how long the ProSe Query code and ProSe response code are valid.

[0156] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct an announce authorization message comprising RPAUID of the discovery MCS UE, application ID, ProSe query code and

its associated validity timer, UE identity set to IMSI or MSISDN of discovery MCS UE for charging purposes in the visiting domain, and discovery entry ID to identify the discovery entry. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the announce authorization message towards the VPLMN ProSe function.

[0157] The VPLMN may acknowledge that it authorizes the discovery MCS UE to perform ProSe direct discovery procedure. If the discovery entry ID in the announce authorization message corresponded an already discovery entry, the VPLMN ProSe function may acknowledge the replacement of the existing ProSe query code and its associated validity timer.

[0158] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct the discovery response message comprising discovery model set to Model B, ProSe query code, one or multiple discovery response filters which are generated by the HPLMN ProSe function based on ProSe response code, and validity timer for how long the ProSe query code and discovery response filter(s) are valid. The HPLMN ProSe Function may transmit the Discovery Response message to the Discoverer MCS UE.

[0159] The discoverer MCS UE may obtain the information from the discovery response message to discover discoveree MCS UE. If the validity timer is expired, the discoverer MCS UE may send a new discovery request message towards the HPLMN ProSe function.

[0160] FIG. 14 is a flow diagram showing an example matched reporting procedure. An example procedure for match reporting for discoveree/discoverer is as follows:

[0161] If the discoverer MCS UE may have received over the air a ProSe response code is matching the discovery response filter obtained in the discovery response message from the HPLMN ProSe function but the discoveree MCS UE does not have an RPAUID with a valid TTL, the discoverer MCS UE may construct a match report message comprising its own RPAUID, its IMSI or MSISDN as UE Identity, discovery type set to “restricted discovery”, application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered the monitoring request, the over the air received ProSe response code, optional metadata requested, and discoveree PLMN ID of the PLMN where the discoveree MCS UE was discovered. The discoveree MCS UE may transmit the match report message towards the HPLMN ProSe Function.

[0162] The HPLMN ProSe function may verify if the discoverer MCS UE has performed restricted discovery and may analyze Prose response code. The HPLMN ProSe function may identify the discoveree MCS UE’s RPAUID in the context of the discoverer MCS UE.

[0163] If metadata requested was included to the originated match report message by the discoverer MCS UE, the HPLMN ProSe function may locate the ProSe application server from the application ID and may construct an authorization request message comprising discoverer MCS UE’s RPAUID, discoveree MCS UE’s RPAUID, and request type set to “restricted discovery/match”. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the authorization request message towards the ProSe application server. This step is optional if metadata requested was not included into the original match report message.

[0164] The ProSe application server may construct an authorization response comprising discoverer MCS UE’s PDUID, discoveree MCS UE’s PDUID, response type set to

“restricted discovery/match ack”, and metadata corresponding to the discoveree MCS UE.

[0165] The HPLMN ProSe function may verify that the PDUID belongs to the discoverer MCS UE and the discoveree MCS UE’s PDUID are the same as the discoveree MCS UE’s PDUID that is stored in the context of the discoverer MCS UE.

[0166] The HPLMN ProSe function may construct a match report ack comprising application ID set to unique identifier for the application that triggered the discovery request, discoveree MCS UE’s RPAUID, validity timer, and optionally meta data.

[0167] The discoverer MCS UE may store the mapping between the ProSe response code, discoveree MCS UE’s RPAUID, the application ID unique identifier of the application that triggered the discovery procedure, and the related validity timer.

[0168] The HPLMN ProSe Function may construct a match report info message comprising discoverer MCS UE’s RPAUID, discoveree MCS UE’s RPAUID, discoveree MCS UE’s Identity set to IMSI or MSISDN for charging purposes, ProSe response code, and discovery type set to “restricted discovery”. The HPLMN ProSe function may send the match report info message towards the discoveree MCS UE’s PLMN ProSe function and the ProSe function of the PLMN where the discoveree MCS UE may be roaming in.

[0169] FIG. 15 is a block diagram of an example MCS UE-to-network relay. In this disclosure, mission critical push to talk (MCPTT) is an example of MCS where the media is only audio. However, the term MSC is being used to include other media such video, data, and/or the like. A public safety ProSe (MCS) UE may provide the functionality to support connectivity to the network for a remote MCS UE. An MCS UE is considered to be remote if it has established a successful PC5 link connection to a UE-to-Network relay. A remote MCS UE may be out of E-UTRAN coverage. An MCS UE may be within a coverage of E-UTRAN and may choose not to use E-UTRAN coverage. At the time of discovery ProSe relay service codes for MCS services in the MCS UE-to-Network relay are recognized by the remote MCS UE to identify the MCS UE-to-Network relay. Relay service codes are pre-provisioned in the MCS UE-to-Network relay and the remote MCS UE and are communicated by discovery announcement message for Model A ProSe discovery and by discovery solicitation message/discovery response message for Model B ProSe discovery. The remote MCS UE employs the MCS UE-to-Network relay to access E-UTRAN and thereby performing IMS registration and also MCS session establishment.

[0170] The MCS UE-to-Network relay may function as a relay for unicast traffic between remote UE and the network by relaying any IP traffic to the UE. The MCS UE-to-Network relay may function as a relay for multicast broadband multicast service (MBMS) traffic using one ProSe Direct Communication.

[0171] In this context, the MCS UE may be represented by a remote MCS UE and a UE-to-Network MCS UE which have PC5 interface to each other. This may be transparent to the E-UTRAN network and/or IMS network.

[0172] To set up an on-network MCS media session, the MCS UEs may register with IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) network. At the time of registration to the IMS network, an MCS UE may register its supported IMS

communication service identifier (ICSI) values for the IMS communication services it intends to use. The MCS UE may also register its supported IMS applications reference identifier (IARI) values for the IMS applications the MCS UE intends to use at the time of IMS registration. The MCS UE may include supported ICSI values in a `g.3gpp.icsi-ref` media feature tag for the IMS communication services the MCS UE intends to use, and IARI values, for the IMS applications it intends to use in a `g.3gpp.iari-ref` media feature tag. The MCS UE may include the media feature tags for supported streaming media types.

[0173] FIG. 16 is a flow diagram showing an example IMS registration procedure of an MCS UE. This example flow diagram shows that an MCS UE may send a SIP REGISTER request containing MCS feature tags in Contact header field towards the proxy—call session control function (P-CSCF) in the visiting network. P-CSCF may use the MCS UE's ID to locate the interrogating—call session control function (I-CSCF) in the home network by domain name system (DNS) query. I-CSCF in the home network may select suitable S-CSCF with help of home subscriber server (HSS). S-CSCF may challenge the registration by requesting an authentication. If the authentication information is not valid, S-CSCF may get it from HSS. MCS UE may provide an authentication response and may send the SIP REGISTER request containing authentication response and the MCS feature tags in the Contact header towards the P-CSCF in the visiting network. P-CSCF may use the MCS UE's ID to locate the I-CSCF in the home network by DNS query. I-CSCF in the home network may select suitable S-CSCF with help of HSS. S-CSCF may authenticate the MCS UE and may send registration notification to the HSS and may receive the MCS user profile from the HSS. The MCS user profile may be used for the third party register to the MCS application server (AS). S-CSCF may respond OK to the MCS UE.

[0174] In an example embodiment, MCS calls may include capabilities such as audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering. To avoid or reduce any possible compatibility issues, new service or application identifiers may be implemented for additional capabilities registered at the time or registration. According to an example embodiment, ICSI feature tags may indicate different capabilities for MCS (e.g. audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities). One or more IMS service parameters may be communicated during the registration process to indicate at least one MCS capability to a network server, for example, a proxy server, a registrar server, and/or the like.

[0175] The wireless device may register one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs) of push-to-talk (e.g. mission critical PTT) in a wireless network. One of the one or more ICSIs may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. ICSI may be in the form of a media feature tag. A feature tag may indicate one or more capability of the wireless device. For, example a specific feature tag, such as `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo` may indicate a video capability. This is an example, other features tag names may be used. One or more ICSIs may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless

device. For example, a feature tag `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttmedia`, may indicate capability for both audio and video.

[0176] In another example, one or more additional parameters may be included in the registration message along with a feature tag to indicate the wireless device capability or a combination of one or more capabilities of the wireless device.

[0177] In an implementation, the wireless device may be a remote UE and may transmit the registration message to a UE-to-network relay which relays to message to a network node. The wireless device may discover the UE-to-network relay using discovery model A or model B. In an example, the UE-to-network relay may decode the registration message and may update the message headers before retransmitting the message. The UE relay may update the source and destination address in the registration message.

[0178] In an example, the registration message may further register one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs). One of the one or more IARIs may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. IARI may be in the form of a media feature tag. A feature tag may indicate one or more capability of the wireless device. For, example a specific feature tag, such as `3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttvideo` may indicate video capability. This is an example, other features tag names may be used. One or more IARI may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. For example, a feature tag `3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttmedia`, may indicate capability for both audio and video.

[0179] In an example embodiment, the wireless device may register one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs) of a push-to-talk in a wireless network. One of the one or more IARIs indicates at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. In an example, the one or more IARIs may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. The wireless device may further registering one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs). One of the one or more ICSIs indicates at least one of video and data capabilities of the wireless device.

[0180] In an example, the wireless device may register one or more IMS service parameters of push-to-talk in a wireless network. The one or more IMS service parameters may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device. The one or more IMS service parameters indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and/or administering capabilities of the wireless device.

[0181] In an example, embodiments may include enhanced service identifiers representing new services such as, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttaudio`, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo`, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdata`, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttfullduplex`, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdispatcher`, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttadminister`.

[0182] In an example, embodiments may include enhanced application identifiers that represent applications for the MCPTT service, such as, `3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcptt`, `3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttaudio`, `3gpp-applica-`

tion.ims.iari.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcptt-data, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdispatcher, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttadminister, and/or the like.

[0183] Release 13 of MCS mission critical push-to-talk (MCPTT) supports audio with service identifier 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcptt. In an example embodiment, in order to maintain interoperability with release 13, release 14 may create three enhanced service identifiers for MSC such as MCPTT, MCPTT video, and MCPTT data such as 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdefault, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdata, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdispatcher, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttadminister, and/or the like.

[0184] In an example, two enhanced application identifiers for MCPTT video and MCPTT data and a service identifier for default MCPTT may be employed, such as 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdefault, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdata, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdata-dispatcher, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttadminister, and/or the like.

[0185] In an example, embodiments may register one or more IMS communication identifiers (ICSI) for capabilities such as capabilities for full duplex, call dispatching and/or administrating of push-to-talk in a wireless network.

[0186] In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network may proxy one or many other remote MCS UEs for ICSI registration and/or IARI registration to the IMS network with no modification to the register message. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network may proxy one or many other remote MCS UEs for ICSI registration and/or IARI registration to the IMS network with modification to the header of the register message. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network may proxy one or many other MCS remote UEs for ICSI registration and/or IARI registration to the IMS network with modification to the body of the register message. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network may proxy one or many other MCS remote UEs for ICSI registration and/or IARI registration to the IMS network with modification to the header and the body of the register message.

[0187] Other combinations for creating feature tags for service and application identifiers for MCPTT may be implemented.

[0188] FIG. 17 is a flow diagram of an example IMS registration of an MCS UE. The MCS UE may register its supported IMS communication services and IMS applications. The MCS UE may intent to use a Contact header field of the register message when registering to the IMS network. IMS network may locate the most suitable S-CSCF for this registration and may forward the registration request to that S-CSCF. S-CSCF may challenge the MCS UE by sending authentication request to the UE. MCS UE may respond to the authentication request. S-CSCF may third party register the MCS UE to the MCS AS.

[0189] A wireless device may register one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSI) of push-to-talk in a wireless network. One of the one or more ICSIs may indicate at least one of video and data capabilities of the wireless device.

[0190] The 3rd generation partnership project (3GPP) has defined mission critical service (MCS) as mission critical push-to-talk (MCPTT) for release 13 to be limited to audio

calls for MCPTT group calls and MCPTT private calls, however in release 14 the MCPTT group calls and MCPTT private calls will also include new capabilities i.e. video and data. For release 14, 3GPP WG SA1 may modify the requirement specification for MCPTT, 3GPP TS 22.179 by removing all audio related requirements and only keeping the generic requirements for MCPTT. Release 14 has new specifications for MCPTT audio group and private calls, MCPTT video group and private calls, and MCPTT data group and private calls. These new capabilities may result in compatibility issue at the time of session setup if the UEs are from different release or from the same release but having different capabilities. New methods disclosed to avoid incompatibility.

[0191] In some example cases, network (e.g. the registrar (S-CSCF) or application servers (AS), and/or third party application servers, and/or other network entities) may need to know the MCPTT UE's capabilities in terms of supported services and applications.

[0192] A network node may transmit a request to a registrar (S-CSCF) and/or network node storing MCPTT UE capability and request for MCPTT UE capabilities. The network node may transmit a response message to the requester (directly or indirectly) indicating the MCPTT UE capabilities of the UE. The network nodes may communicate (transmit/receive) the MCPTT user's capabilities by exchanging SIP message(s) (e.g. INVITE, MESSAGE).

[0193] The network node may transmit a SIP message (e.g. SIP INVITE request) to the UE to set up a session to stream a video clip to the MCPTT UE. The network may need to know if the MCPTT UE has the capability to receive it.

[0194] The network node may transmit a SIP message (e.g. SIP MESSAGE request) to the UE to set up a session to send information about multicast bearer and the related ports for media reception. The network may need to know about the MCPTT UE's capabilities to receive the multicast media. The IMS may maintain the information the UE's capabilities for the possible session setup by a third-party entity or another MCS UE.

[0195] A third-party entity may like to get a MCPTT UE's capabilities from the operator's network where MCPTT UE is registered in order to, for example, provide a service and/or application. A third-party entity may transmit a session initiation protocol (SIP) message (e.g. SIP INVITE request) to the UE to set up a session. The network may need to know the MCS UE's capabilities to provide this information to the third-party entity.

[0196] The UE may respond to the SIP message. The network/third party may subsequently start communicating and transmitting/receiving data, audio, and/or video to/from the MCPTT UE.

[0197] When establishing new dialog or constructing standalone transactions, the MCS UEs may be registered to the IMS network. If an MCS UE may like to establish an MCS media session, the MCS UE may declare all its supported ICSI values for the IMS communication services the MCS UE may intend to use to other SIP methods than the SIP REGISTER method. The MCS UE may include its supported IARI values for the IMS applications the MCS UE may intend to use to those methods. If this is a request for a new dialog, the Contact header field may be populated as a Contact header value which may be a public globally routable user agent uniform resource identifier (GRUU)

value, a temporary GRUU value, or SIP uniform resource identifier (URI) comprising the contact address of the MCS UE; an “ob” SIP URI parameter; an ICSI that the MCS UE may include in a g.3gpp.icsi-ref media feature tag; an IARI that the MCS UE may include in a g.3gpp.iari-ref media feature tag; and/or the like.

[0198] When the MCS UE receives ICSI values corresponding to the IMS communication services that the network provides to the user, if the MCS UE constructs a request for a new dialog or standalone transaction and the request is related to one of the ICSI values, the MCPTT UE may populate a P-Preferred-Service header field with one of the ICSI values. In construction of the same request for a new dialog and standalone transaction, the MCS UE may populate an Accept-Contact header field comprising an ICSI value which may differ from the one added to P-Preferred-Service header field. In construction of a request for a new dialog or standalone transaction, the MCPTT UE may populate an Accept-Contact header field comprising an IARI value if an IMS application indicates that an IARI is to be included in a request.

[0199] The MCS UE may modify established dialog capabilities by, for example, adding a media or requesting a supplementary service if the modification is defined for the IMS communication service. If the modification is not defined for that IMS communication service, the MCS UE may initiate a new dialog.

[0200] FIG. 18 is a flow diagram showing an example MCS group session setup by MCS UE. MCS UE 1 may initiate an MCS group session with MCS UE 2 and MCS UE 3 by sending an SIP INVITE request which may comprise an MCS feature tag in a SIP header field. The SIP header field may also comprise the MCS feature tag which may indicate that MCS service may be required for the MCS group session. IMS may validate the service profile of the MCS UE 1 and may evaluate the filter criteria. The MCS UE 1 may thereafter forward the invite towards an MCS AS. The MCS AS may accept the MCS group session and may invite MCS UE 2 and MCS UE 3 by sending an SIP INVITE request which may comprise the MCS feature tag in the SIP header field. The SIP header field may also comprise the MCS feature tag which may indicate an MCS service that may be required for the MCS group session. HSS may be queried to locate MCS UE 2 and MCS UE 3 and IMS may validate their service profile and may evaluate the filter criteria. MCS UE 2 and MCS UE 3 may accept the invitation for the MCS group session. IMS may notify the MCS UEs that other MCS UEs have now joined the on-network MCS group session.

[0201] Existing MCS calls may only include audio (i.e. mission critical push-to-talk (MCPTT)). MCPTT may not support various enhanced call capabilities. MCPTT signaling may be enhanced to support advanced call capabilities. In an example embodiment, enhanced MCPTT calls (i.e. MCS calls) may include capabilities such as audio, video and/or data. To avoid or reduce possible compatibility issues, new service or application identifiers may be implemented for the additional capabilities. An example embodiment, enhances ICSI to indicate different capabilities for MCS (e.g. audio, video, and/or data capabilities). One or more IMS service parameters may be communicated during the new dialog establishment procedure and/or standalone transaction process to indicate at least one MCS capability

to a network server (e.g. a proxy server (P-CSCF), a registrar server (S-CSCF), and/or the like).

[0202] The wireless device may employ one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs) of a mission critical service (MCS) for new dialogs establishment or standalone transactions in a wireless network. One of the one or more ICSIs may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. ICSI may be in the form of a media feature tag. A feature tag may indicate one or more capability of the wireless device. For, example a specific feature tag, such as 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo may indicate video capability. This is an example, other features tag names may be used. One or more ICSI may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. For example, a feature tag 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttmedia, may indicate capability for both audio and video. In another example, one or more additional parameters may be included in the new dialog establishment or a standalone transaction along with a feature tag to indicate the wireless device capability or a combination of one or more capabilities of the wireless device.

[0203] In an implementation, the remote wireless device may transmit the message to establish a new dialog or as a standalone transaction to a UE-to-network relay which relays to message to a network node. The remote wireless device may discover the UE-to-network relay using discovery model A or model B. In an example, the UE-to-network relay may decode the message for new dialog establishment or for the standalone transaction and may update the message headers before retransmitting the message. The UE-to-network relay may update the source and destination address in the message to establish a new dialog or as a standalone message.

[0204] In an example, the message for the new dialog and the standalone transaction may further employ one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs). One of the one or more IARIs may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. An IARI may be in the form of a media feature tag. A feature tag may indicate one or more capability of the wireless device. For, example a specific feature tag, such as 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttvideo may indicate video capability. This is an example, other features tag names may be used. One or more IARIs may indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, and data capabilities of the wireless device. For example, a feature tag 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttmedia, may indicate capability for both audio and video.

[0205] In an example embodiment, the wireless device may employ one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network for establishment of a new dialog or for a standalone message. One of the one or more IARIs may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. In an example, the one or more IARIs may indicate a combination of at least two of: audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. The wireless device may further employ one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs) for establishing a new dialog or standalone message. One of the one or more ICSIs

may indicate at least one of audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device.

[0206] In an example, the wireless device may employ one or more IMS service parameters of push-to-talk in a wireless network for establishing a new dialog or a standalone message. The one or more IMS service parameters may indicate a combination of at least two of: audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device. The one or more IMS service parameters may indicate at least one of: audio, video, data, full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities of the wireless device.

[0207] In an example, the embodiments may include enhanced service identifiers representing new services such as, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdata, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdispatcher, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttadminister. In an example, the embodiments may include enhanced application identifiers that represent applications for the MCPTT service, such as 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcptt, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdata, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdispatcher, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttadminister.

[0208] Release 13 of MCPTT supports audio with service identifier 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcptt. In an example embodiment, in order to maintain interoperability with release 13, release 14 may create three enhanced service identifiers for MCPTT, MCPTT video, and MCPTT data, such as 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdefault, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdata, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdispatcher, 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttadminister.

[0209] In an example, two enhanced application identifiers for MCPTT video and MCPTT data and a service identifier for default MCPTT may be employed, such as: 3gpp-service.ims.icsi.mcpttdefault, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttvideo, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdata, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttfullduplex, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttdatadispatcher, 3gpp-application.ims.iari.mcpttadminister, and/or the like.

[0210] In an example embodiment, the message for new dialog establishment or a standalone message may employ one or more IMS communication identifiers (ICSI) for capabilities such as capabilities for full duplex, call dispatching and/or administering of push-to-talk in a wireless network. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network relay may proxy of one or many other remote MCS UEs for new dialogs or standalone transactions with no modification to the requests, by using those remote MCS UEs' capabilities in terms of ICSI and/or IARI values. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network relay may proxy of one or many other remote MCS UEs for new dialogs or standalone transactions with modification of the header of the requests, by using those remote MCPTT UEs' capabilities in terms of ICSI and/or IARI values. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network relay may proxy of one or many other remote MCS UEs for new dialogs or standalone transactions with modification of the body of the requests, by using those remote MCS UEs' capabilities in terms of ICSI and/or IARI values. In an example embodiment, an MCS UE-to-network relay may

proxy of one or many other remote MCS UEs for new dialogs or standalone transactions with modification of the body and the header of the requests, by using those remote MCS UEs' capabilities in terms of ICSI and/or IARI values. Other combination for creating feature tags for service and application identifiers for MCPTT may be implemented.

[0211] FIG. 19 is a flow diagram of an example MCS session setup by MCS UE 1. MCS UE 1 may initiate an MCS session with other MCS UEs by sending an SIP INVITE request which may comprise MCS related ICSI and IARI in the SIP Contact header field. The Accept-Contact header field may also comprise the MCPTT related ICSI and IARI which may indicate that the MCS service or the MCS application which may be required for the MCS session, IMS may validate the service profile of the MCS UE 1 and may locate the suitable S-CSCF to process the MCS session invitation. The S-CSCF may forward the invitation to the MCS application server (AS) which may generate separate invitations towards other MCS UEs who were originally invited by MCS UE 1. The invited MCS UEs may analyze the capabilities of MCS UE 1 who invited them to the MCS call and may make decision to join the MCS session based on the requested capabilities by MCS UE 1. IMS may notify MCS UEs that other MCS UEs have joined the MCS group session and the on-network MCS group session is now established.

[0212] In other cases, an MCS UE may identify its capabilities for new dialogs or a standalone transaction. In one example embodiment, an MCS UE may like to inform the end MCS UE that the MCS UE is capable of voice session while using packet switch. In one example embodiment, an MCS UE may like to share information that the MCS UE is capable of audio emergency call and not video emergency call. In one example embodiment, MCS UE A may like to setup a video capable MCS group call with MCS UE B, MCS UE C, and MCS UE D. MCS UE A sends a SIP INVITE request message to MCS AS indicating the video capabilities for this MCS group call. In one example embodiment, MCS UE A is a legacy MCS UE which does not support video or data. MCS UE B with video capabilities realizes that MCS UE A is a legacy MCS UE at the time of session setup. Thus there may not be any backward incompatibility issue. An MCS UE (in IMS) may transmit (e.g. share) its capabilities with the network and the end MCS UE by adding service feature tags and application feature tags to the SIP requests.

[0213] Some non-limiting example claims follow.

[0214] In one example embodiment, a method may comprise registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network. One of the one or more ICSIs may indicate at least one of video and data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, a method may comprise, by a wireless device, one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where the one or more ICSIs indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, and data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, the method of any one of the previous example embodiments, may further register one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs), where one of the one or more IARIs indicates at least one of audio, video and data capabilities of the wireless device.

[0215] In one example embodiment, a method may comprise registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where one of the one or more IARIs indicates at least one of audio, video, or data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, a method may comprise registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where the one or more IARIs indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, or data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, the method of any one of the previous example embodiments, further registering one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSI), where one of the one or more ICSIs indicates at least one of video and data capabilities of the wireless device.

[0216] In one example embodiment, a method may comprise, registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS service parameters of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where the one or more IMS service parameters indicate a combination of at least two of audio, video, or data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, a method may comprise, registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS service parameters of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where the one or more IMS service parameters indicate at least one of audio, video, or data capabilities of the wireless device. In one example embodiment, a method may comprise registering, by a wireless device, one or more IMS communication service identifiers (ICSI) and one or more IMS application reference identifiers (IARIs) of push-to-talk in a wireless network, where one of the one or more ICSIs and one of the one or more IARIs indicates at least one of audio, video, or data capabilities of the wireless device; transmitting, by a wireless device to a network node, a registration message to register as an push-to-talk.

[0217] According to various embodiments, a device such as, for example, a wireless device, a base station, an internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity, mission critical application server (MC AS), and/or the like, may comprise one or more processors and memory. The memory may store instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the device to perform a series of actions. Embodiments of example actions are illustrated in the accompanying figures and specification.

[0218] FIG. 20 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure. At 2010, a first wireless device may transmit to a second wireless device, a SIP REGISTER message. The SIP REGISTER message may comprise a first Contact header field. The first Contact header field may comprise an internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) identifier. The internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) identifier may identify a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device. According to an embodiment, the IMS identifier may be one of: an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI), an IMS application reference identifier (IARI), and/or the like. The first wireless device may comprise, for example, a mission critical data capability.

[0219] At 2020, the second wireless device may transmit a second SIP REGISTER message to an IMS network entity. The second SIP REGISTER message may comprise a second Contact header field. The second Contact header field may comprise the IMS identifier. At 2030, the IMS network

entity, employing a profile of the first wireless device, may identify at least one mission critical application server (MC AS). At 2040, the IMS entity may register the first wireless device to the MC AS. At 2050, the MC AS may receive a SIP request comprising the IMS identifier for the first wireless device from the IMS network entity. At 2060, the at least one MC AS may determine, employing the SIP request and the mission critical video capability, that a mission critical video service can be established. At 2070, the at least one MC AS may transmit the SIP request to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

[0220] According to an embodiment, the first wireless device may further discover the second wireless device employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe). The second wireless device may provide, for example, ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services. The ProSe relay service codes may be, for example, pre-provisioned in the second wireless device. The first wireless device may employ the second wireless device to access an Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) and an IMS network. The first wireless device may comprise, for example at least one of: full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities. The first wireless device may, for example, register one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers. The second wireless device may, for example, modify at least one of the header of the SIP REGISTER request or the body of the SIP REGISTER request from the first wireless device.

[0221] FIG. 21 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure. At 2110, an internet protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity may receive from a second wireless device a session initiation protocol (SIP) REGISTER message. The second wireless device may have received the SIP REGISTER message from a first wireless device. The SIP REGISTER message may comprise an IMS identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device. At 2120, the IMS network entity may identify, employing a profile of the first wireless device, at least one mission critical application server (MC AS). At 2130, the IMS network entity may register the first wireless device to the at least one MC AS. At 2140, the at least one MC AS may receive a SIP request comprising the IMS identifier identifying the mission critical video capability of the first wireless device. At 2150, the at least one MC AS may transmit the SIP request to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

[0222] According to an embodiment, the IMS identifier may be one of the following: an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI); or an IMS application reference identifier (IARI). The first wireless device may further discover the second wireless device employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe). The second wireless device may provide, for example, ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services. The ProSe relay service codes may, for example, be pre-provisioned in the second wireless device. The first wireless device may employ, for example, the second wireless device to access Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network(s) (E-UTRAN) and IMS network(s). The first wireless device may have, for example, mission critical data capability(ies). The first wireless device may have, for example, at least one

of full duplex, dispatching, and administering capability. The first wireless device may, for example, register one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers. The second wireless device may, according to an embodiment, modify at least one of the header of the SIP REGISTER request or the body of the SIP REGISTER request from the first wireless device.

[0223] FIG. 22 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure. At 2210, a first wireless device may transmit a first session initiation protocol (SIP) request to a second wireless device. The first session initiation protocol (SIP) request may comprise a first SIP header field. The first SIP header field may comprise an IMS identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device. At 2220, transmitting, by the second wireless device to an internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity, a second SIP request may comprise a second SIP header field, where the second SIP header field comprises the IMS identifier. At 2230, identifying, by the IMS network entity and employing a profile of the first wireless device, at least one mission critical application server (MC AS). At 2240, requesting to establish a SIP dialog or to transmit a standalone SIP message, by the IMS network entity, the first wireless device involving the at least one MC AS. At 2250, determining, by the at least one MC AS by employing the second SIP request comprising the IMS identifier with the mission critical video capability, that the SIP dialog or the standalone SIP message has the mission critical video service capability. At 2260, establishing a SIP dialog or to transmitting a standalone SIP message, by the at least one MC AS, on behalf of the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

[0224] According to an embodiment, the IMS identifier may be one of the following: an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI); or an IMS application reference identifier (IARI). According to an embodiment, the first wireless device may further discover the second wireless device employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe). The second wireless device may provide, for example, ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services. The ProSe relay service codes may be, for example, pre-provisioned in the second wireless device. The first wireless device may employ, for example, the second wireless device to access Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network(s) (E-UTRAN) and IMS network(s). The first wireless device may have, for example, mission critical data capability(ies). The first wireless device may have, for example, at least one of full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities. The first wireless device may transmit, for example, one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers. The second wireless device may modify, for example, at least one of the header of the SIP request or the body of the SIP request from the first wireless device.

[0225] FIG. 23 is an example flow diagram as per an aspect of an embodiment of the present disclosure. At 2310, an internet protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity may receive a session initiation protocol (SIP) request from a second wireless device. The SIP request may be configured to establish a SIP dialog or to transmit a standalone SIP message. The SIP request may comprise an IMS identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device.

[0226] At 2320, the IMS network entity may identify at least one mission critical application server (MC AS) employing a profile of the first wireless device. At 2330, the IMS network entity may transmit the SIP request to establish the SIP dialog or to transmit the standalone SIP message to the at least one MC AS. At 2340, the at least one MC AS may receive the SIP request to establish the SIP dialog or to transmit the standalone SIP message with the mission critical video capability for the first wireless device. At 2350, the at least one MC AS may transmit a SIP acknowledgement to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

[0227] According to an embodiment, the IMS identifier may comprise one of the following: an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI); or an IMS application reference identifier (IARI). According to an embodiment, the first wireless device may further discover the second wireless device employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe). The second wireless device may provide ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services. The ProSe relay service codes may be, for example, pre-provisioned in the second wireless device. The first wireless device may employ the second wireless device to access Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) and IMS network. The first wireless device may comprise, for example, mission critical data capability. The first wireless device may have, for example, at least one of full duplex, dispatching, and administering capability. The first wireless device may comprise, for example, one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers in the SIP request. The second wireless device may modify, for example, at least one of the header of the SIP request or the body of the SIP request from the first wireless device.

[0228] In this specification, “a” and “an” and similar phrases are to be interpreted as “at least one” and “one or more.” In this specification, the term “may” is to be interpreted as “may, for example.” In other words, the term “may” is indicative that the phrase following the term “may” is an example of one of a multitude of suitable possibilities that may, or may not, be employed to one or more of the various embodiments. If A and B are sets and every element of A is also an element of B, A is called a subset of B. In this specification, only non-empty sets and subsets are considered. For example, possible subsets of B={cell1, cell2} are: {cell1}, {cell2}, and {cell1, cell2}.

[0229] In this specification, parameters (Information elements: IEs) may comprise one or more objects, and each of those objects may comprise one or more other objects. For example, if parameter (IE) N comprises parameter (IE) M, and parameter (IE) M comprises parameter (IE) K, and parameter (IE) K comprises parameter (information element) J, then, for example, N comprises K, and N comprises J. In an example embodiment, when one or more messages comprise a plurality of parameters, it implies that a parameter in the plurality of parameters is in at least one of the one or more messages, but does not have to be in each of the one or more messages.

[0230] Many of the elements described in the disclosed embodiments may be implemented as modules. A module is defined here as an isolatable element that performs a defined function and has a defined interface to other elements. The modules described in this disclosure may be implemented in hardware, software in combination with hardware, firmware, wetware (i.e. hardware with a biological element) or a

combination thereof, all of which are behaviorally equivalent. For example, modules may be implemented as a software routine written in a computer language configured to be executed by a hardware machine (such as C, C++, Fortran, Java™, Basic, Matlab™ or the like) or a modeling/simulation program such as Simulink™, Stateflow™, GNU Octave, or LabVIEWMathScript™. Additionally, it may be possible to implement modules using physical hardware that incorporates discrete or programmable analog, digital and/or quantum hardware. Examples of programmable hardware comprise: computers, microcontrollers, microprocessors, application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs); field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs); and complex programmable logic devices (CPLDs). Computers, microcontrollers and microprocessors are programmed using languages such as assembly, C, C++ or the like. FPGAs, ASICs and CPLDs are often programmed using hardware description languages (HDL) such as VHSIC hardware description language (VHDL) or Verilog that configure connections between internal hardware modules with lesser functionality on a programmable device. Finally, it needs to be emphasized that the above mentioned technologies are often used in combination to achieve the result of a functional module.

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[0232] While various embodiments have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example, and not limitation. It will be apparent to persons skilled in the relevant art(s) that various changes in form and detail can be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope. In fact, after reading the above description, it will be apparent to one skilled in the relevant art(s) how to implement alternative embodiments. Thus, the present embodiments should not be limited by any of the above described exemplary embodiments. In particular, it should be noted that, for example purposes, the above explanation has focused on mission critical services such as mission critical push-to-talk services employing media types such as audio services, video services and media services. However, one skilled in the art will recognize that embodiments of the invention may also be implemented in a system comprising other types of services such as, for example, data services, augmented reality services, data fusion services, combinations thereof, and/or the like.

[0233] In addition, it should be understood that any figures which highlight the functionality and advantages, are presented for example purposes only. The disclosed architecture is sufficiently flexible and configurable, such that it may be utilized in ways other than that shown. For example, the actions listed in any flowchart may be re-ordered or only optionally used in some embodiments.

[0234] Further, the purpose of the Abstract of the Disclosure is to enable the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally, and especially the scientists, engineers and practitioners in the art who are not familiar with patent or legal terms or phraseology, to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and essence of the technical disclosure of the application. The Abstract of the Disclosure is not intended to be limiting as to the scope in any way.

[0235] Finally, it is the applicant's intent that only claims that include the express language "means for" or "step for" be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims that do not expressly include the phrase "means for" or "step for" are not to be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. 112.

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - transmitting, by a first wireless device to a second wireless device, a first session initiation protocol (SIP) REGISTER message comprising a first Contact header field, wherein the first Contact header field comprises an IMS identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device;
 - transmitting, by the second wireless device to an internet Protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity, a second SIP REGISTER message comprising a second Contact header field, the second Contact header field comprising the IMS identifier;
 - identifying, by the IMS network entity and employing a profile of the first wireless device, at least one mission critical application server (MC AS);
 - registering, by the IMS network entity, the first wireless device to the at least one MC AS;
 - receiving, by the at least one MC AS from the IMS network entity, a SIP request comprising the IMS identifier for the first wireless device;
 - determining, by the at least one MC AS and employing the SIP request and the mission critical video capability, that a mission critical video service can be established; and
 - transmitting, by the at least one MC AS, the SIP request, to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the IMS identifier is one of the following:
 - an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI); or
 - an IMS application reference identifier (IARI).
3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising discovering, by the first wireless device, the second wireless device, employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe).
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the second wireless device provides ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services.
5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the ProSe relay service codes is pre-provisioned in the second wireless device.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first wireless device employs the second wireless device to access Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) and IMS network.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first wireless device has mission critical data capability.
8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first wireless device has at least one of full duplex, dispatching, and administering capabilities.
9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first wireless device registers one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers.
10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the second wireless device modifies at least one of the header of the SIP REGISTER request or the body of the SIP REGISTER request from the first wireless device.

11. A method comprising:
 receiving, by an internet protocol multimedia subsystem (IMS) network entity from a second wireless device, wherein the second wireless device receives from a first wireless device, a session initiation protocol (SIP) REGISTER message comprising an IMS identifier identifying a mission critical video capability of the first wireless device;
 identifying, by the IMS network entity and employing a profile of the first wireless device, at least one mission critical application server (MC AS);
 registering, by the IMS network entity, the first wireless device to the at least one MC AS;
 receiving, by the at least one MC AS, a SIP request comprising the IMS identifier and identifying the mission critical video capability of the first wireless device; and
 transmitting, by the at least one MC AS, the SIP request, to the first wireless device via the second wireless device.

12. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the IMS identifier is one of the following:
 an IMS communication service identifier (ICSI); or
 an IMS application reference identifier (IARI).

13. The method according to claim **11**, further comprising discovering, by the first wireless device, the second wireless device, employing at least one of Method A or Method B of proximity services (ProSe).

14. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the second wireless device provides ProSe relay service codes identifying mission critical services.

15. The method according to claim **14**, wherein the ProSe relay service codes is pre-provisioned in the second wireless device.

16. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the first wireless device employs the second wireless device to access Evolved Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) and IMS network.

17. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the first wireless device has mission critical data capability.

18. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the first wireless device has at least one of full duplex, dispatching, and administering capability.

19. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the first wireless device register one or more capabilities by employing one or more IMS identifiers.

20. The method according to claim **11**, wherein the second wireless device modifies at least one of the header of the SIP REGISTER request or the body of the SIP REGISTER request from the first wireless device.

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