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(54) **LOCAL SECURITY KEY GENERATION**

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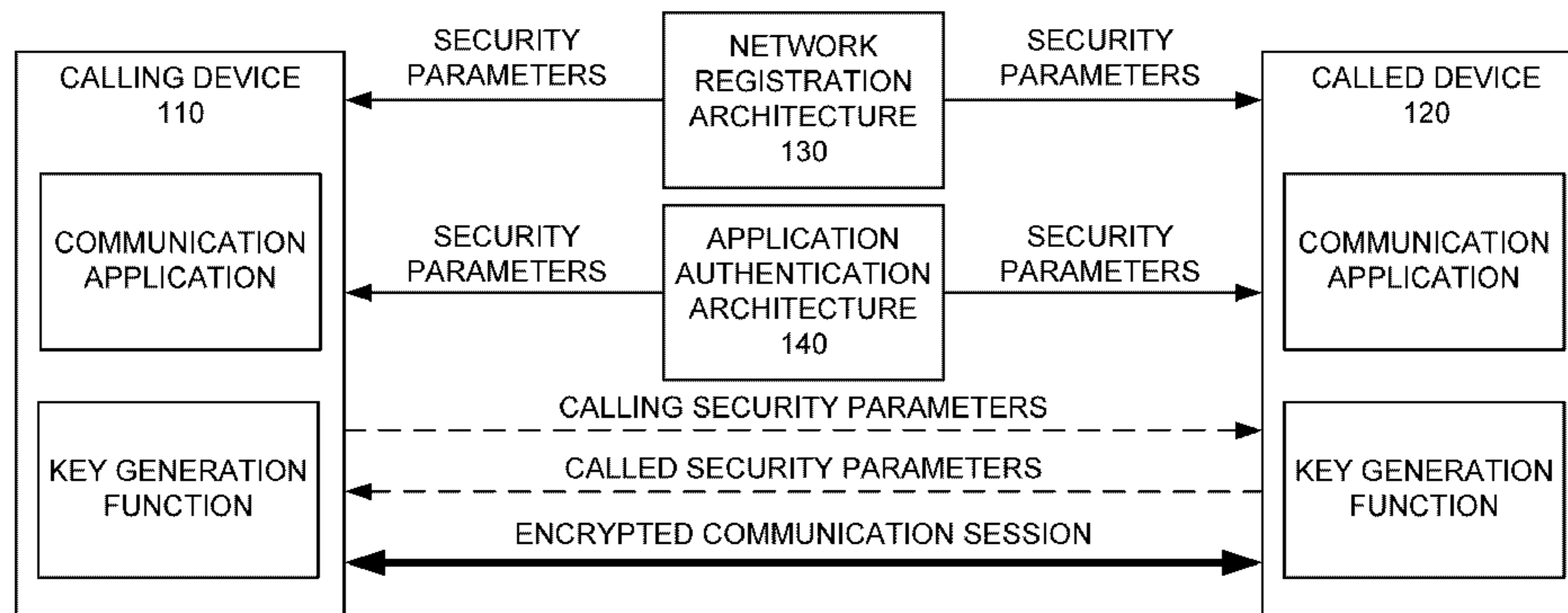
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A calling device may obtain a first calling security parameter by registering with a network and obtain a second calling security parameter in response to causing an application authentication architecture of the network to verify that that the calling device is authorized to access a network service corresponding to a communication application stored by the calling device. The calling device may communicate the first and second calling security parameters to a called device and receive first and second called security parameters from the called device in response to communicating the first and second calling security parameters. The calling device may generate a security key based on the first calling security parameter, the second calling security parameter, first called security parameter, and the second called security parameter, and use the security key to encrypt or decrypt communication between the calling device and the called device.

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FIG. 1

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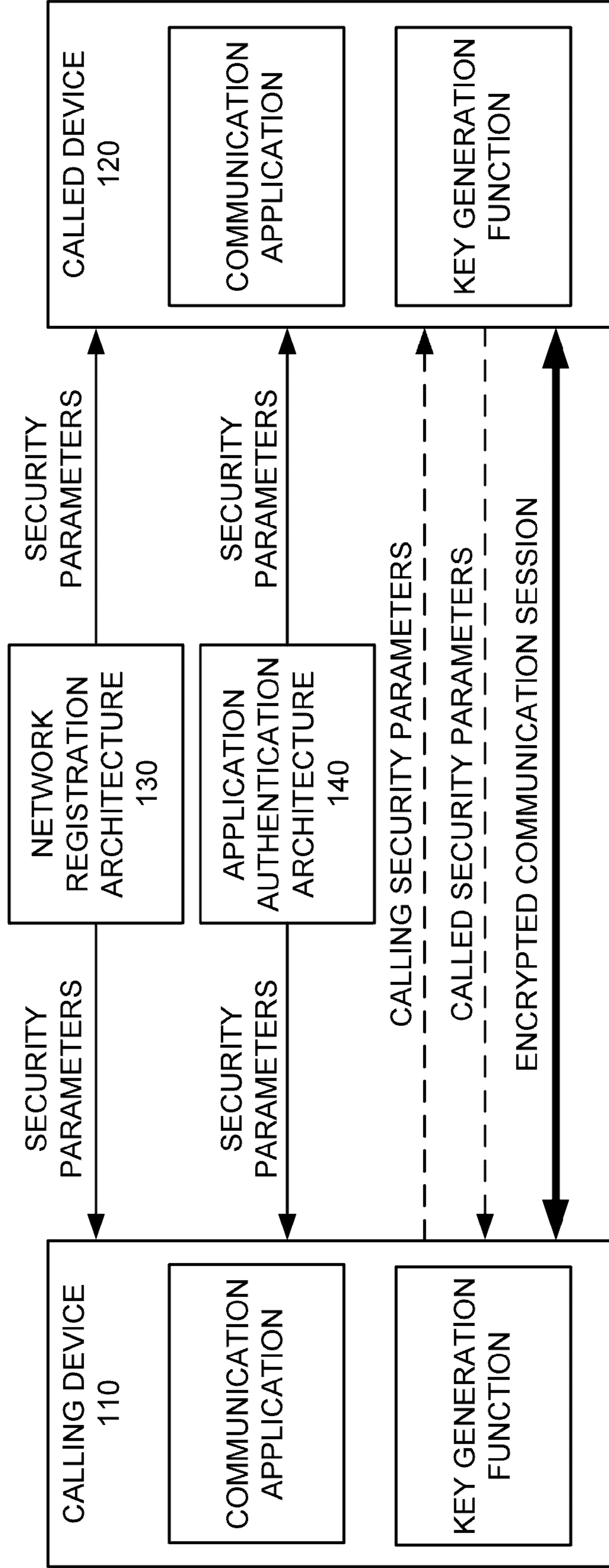


FIG. 2

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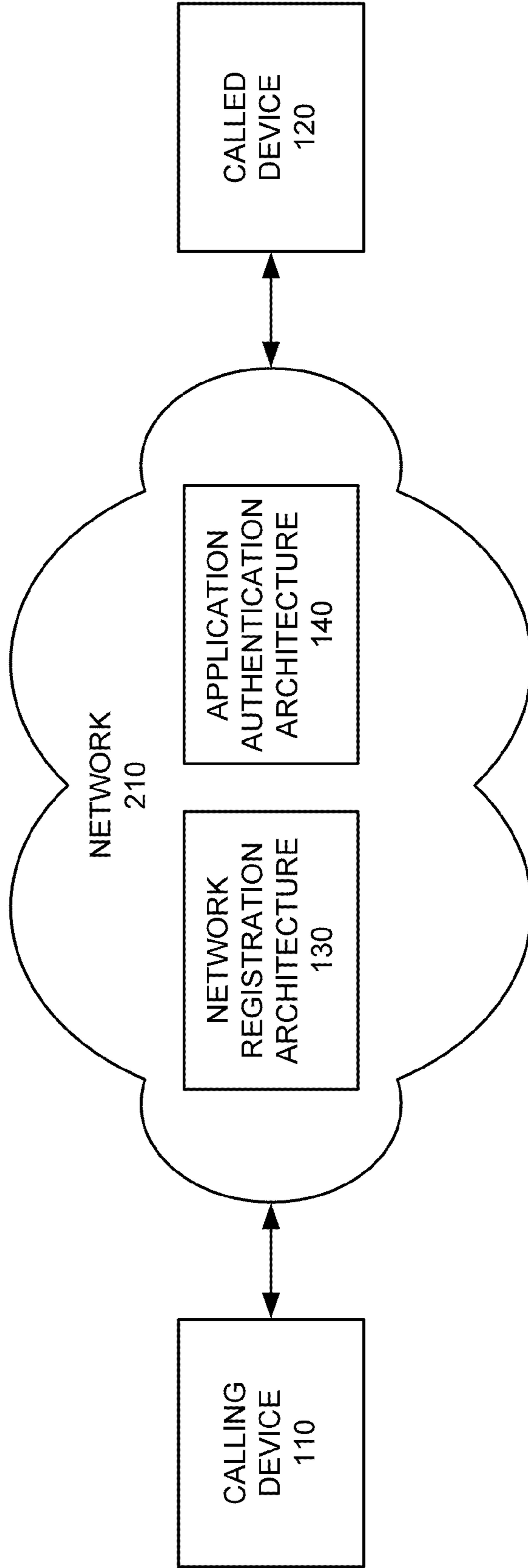
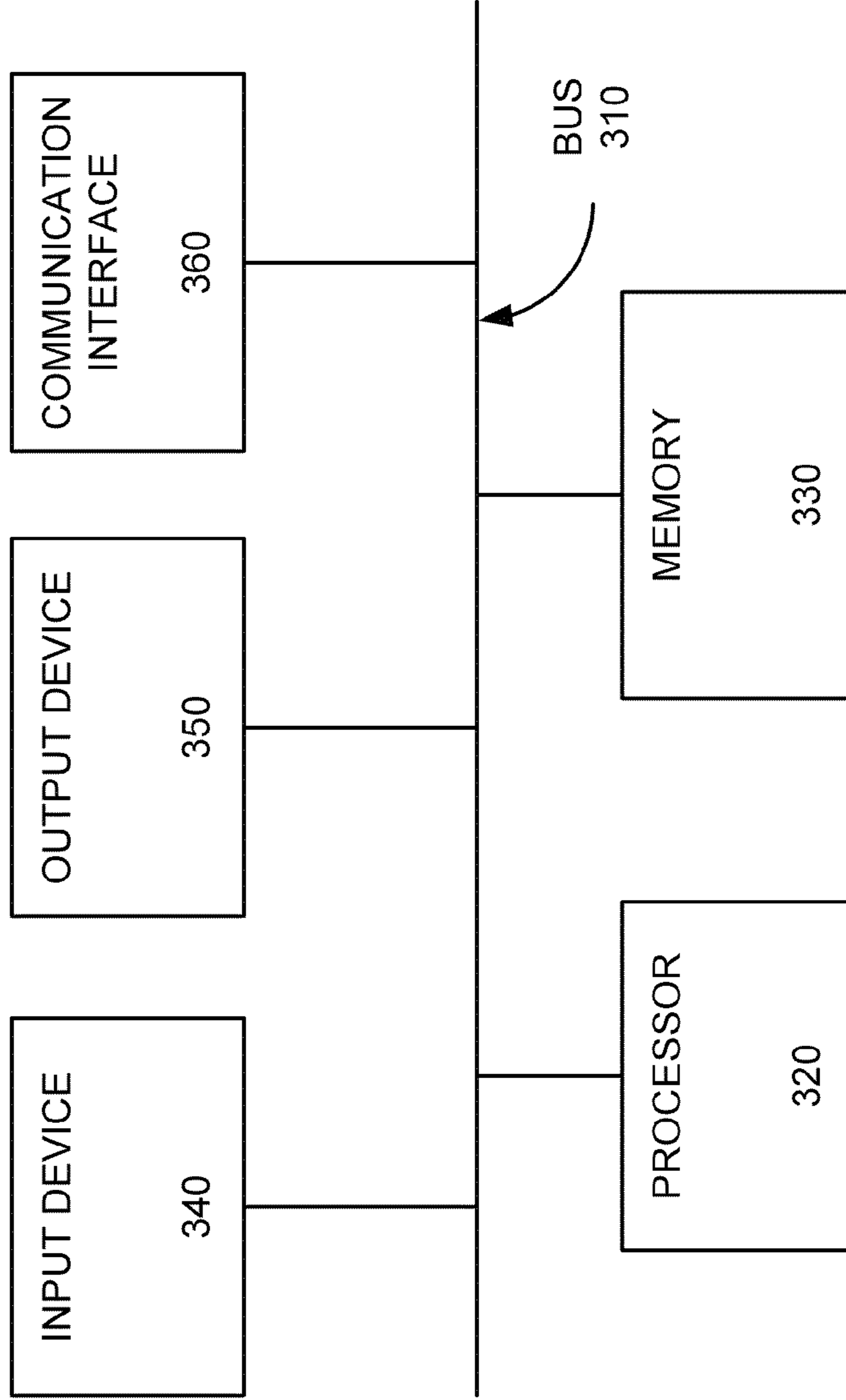




FIG. 3

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**FIG. 4**

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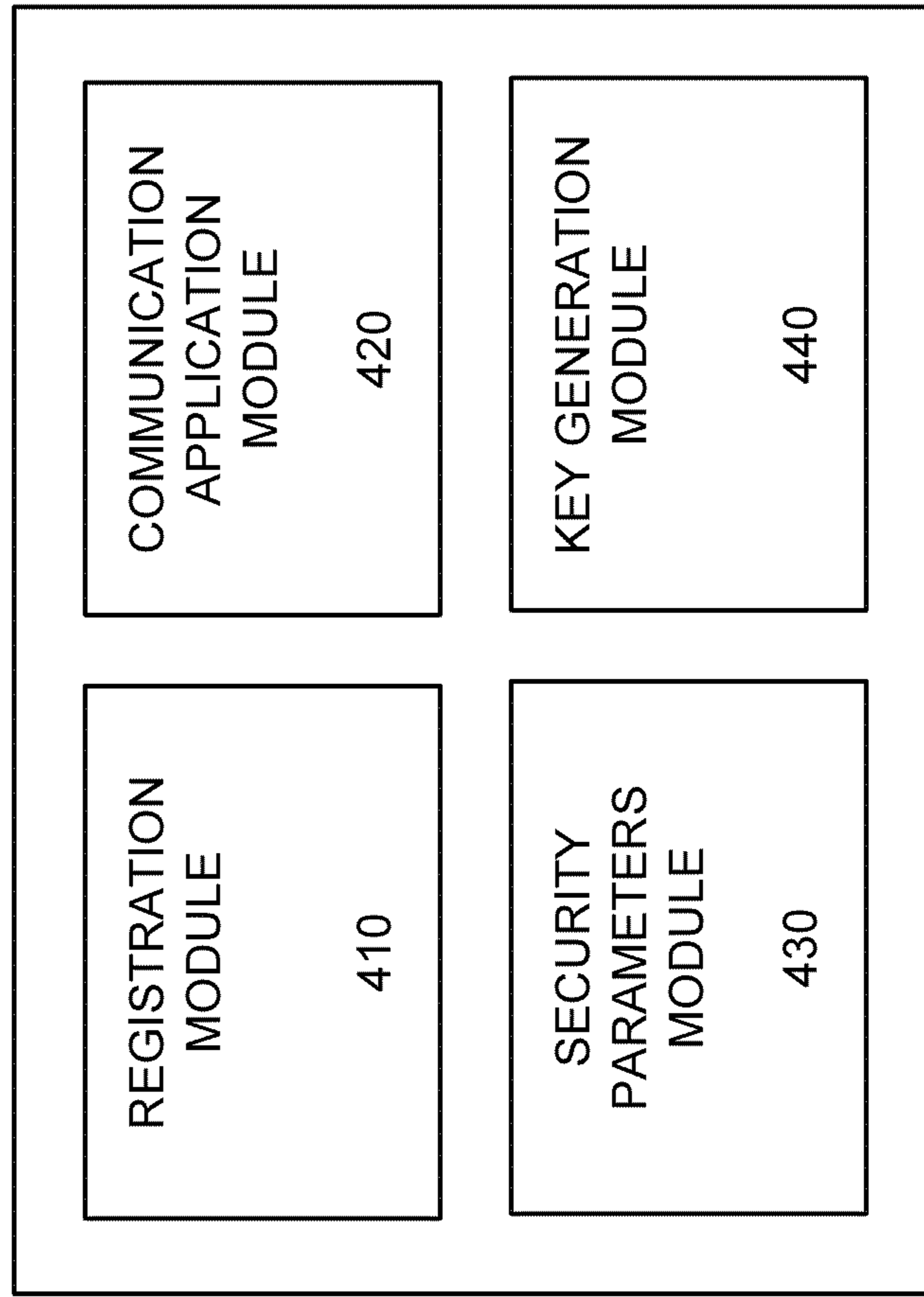
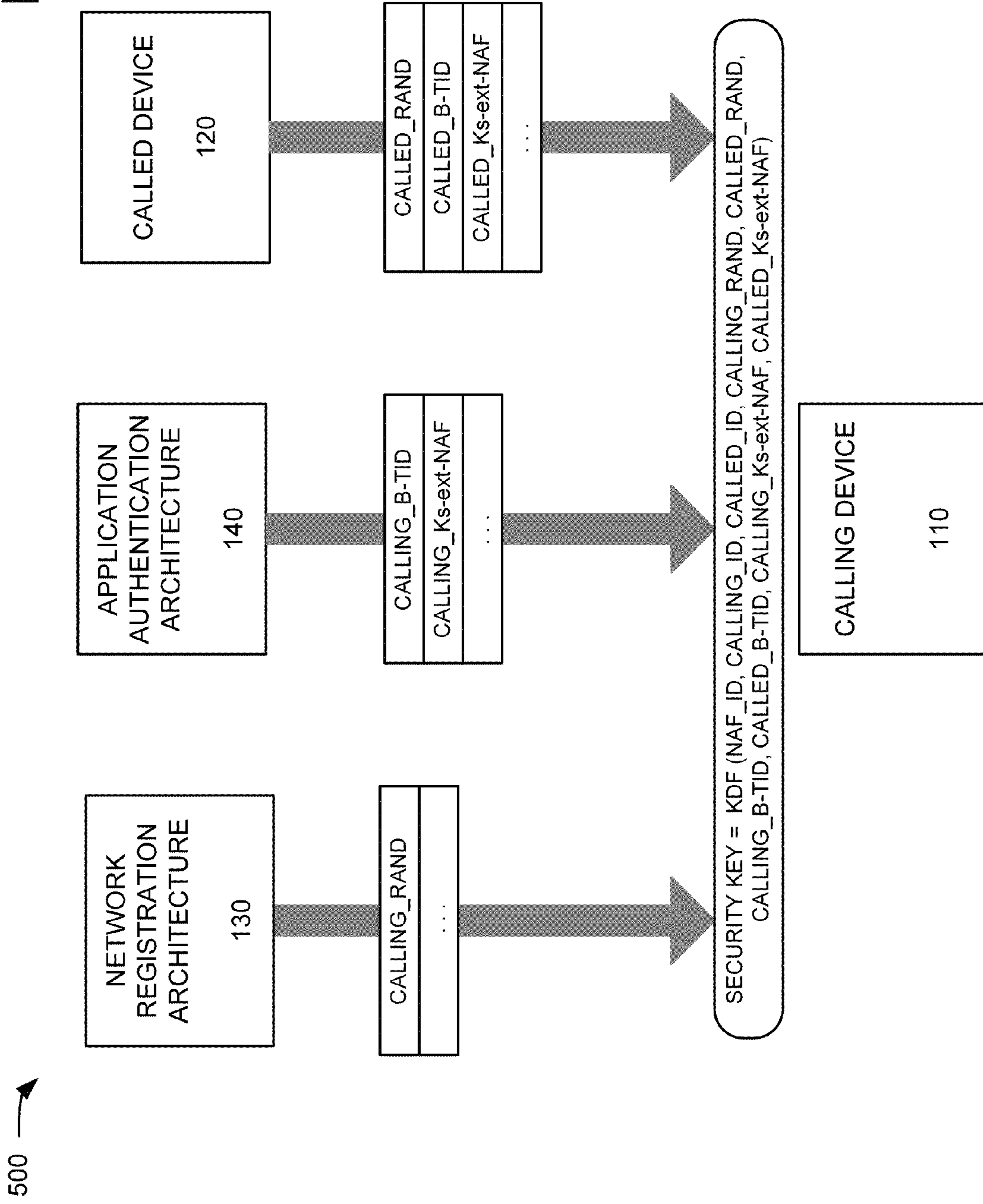
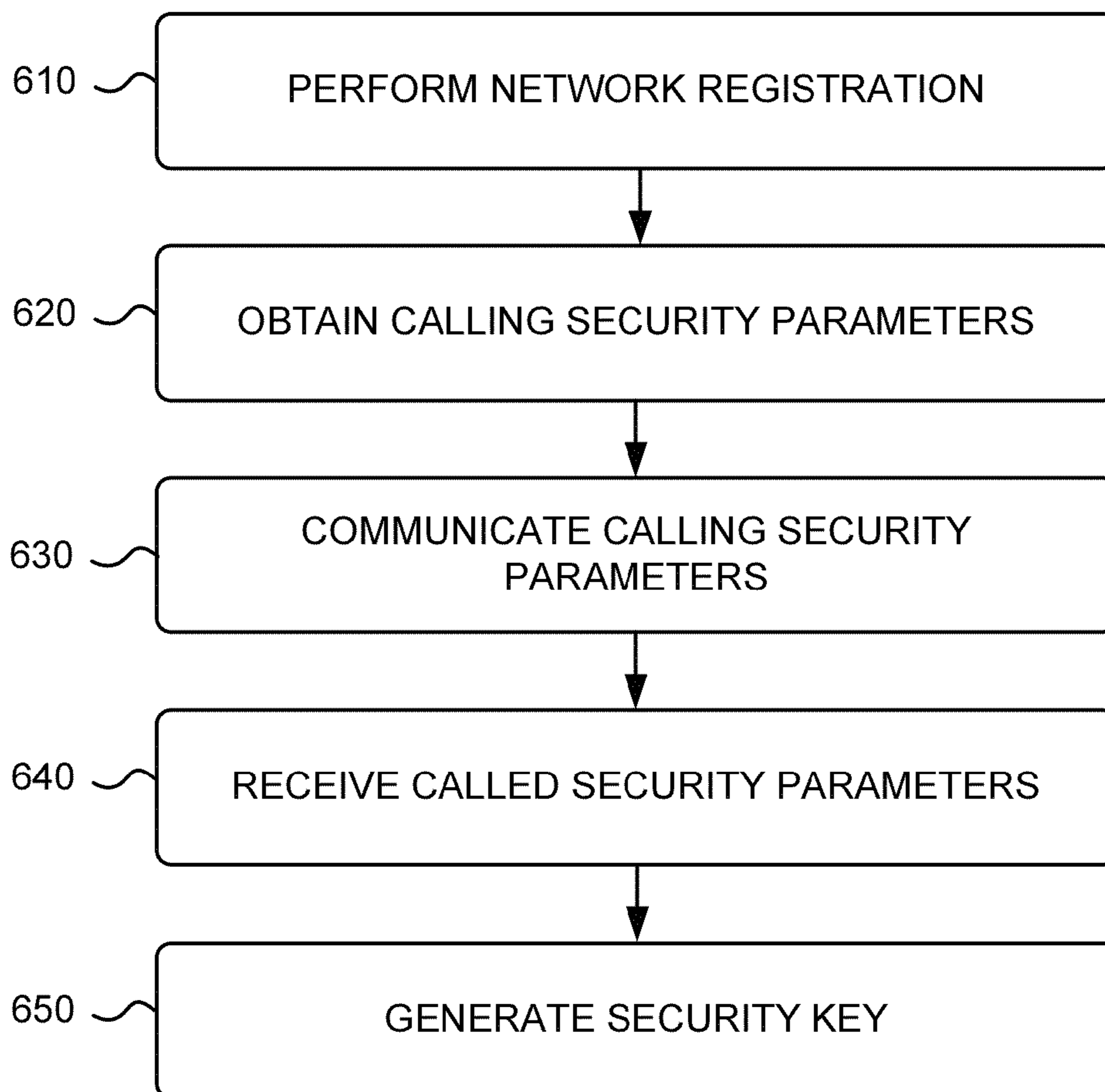


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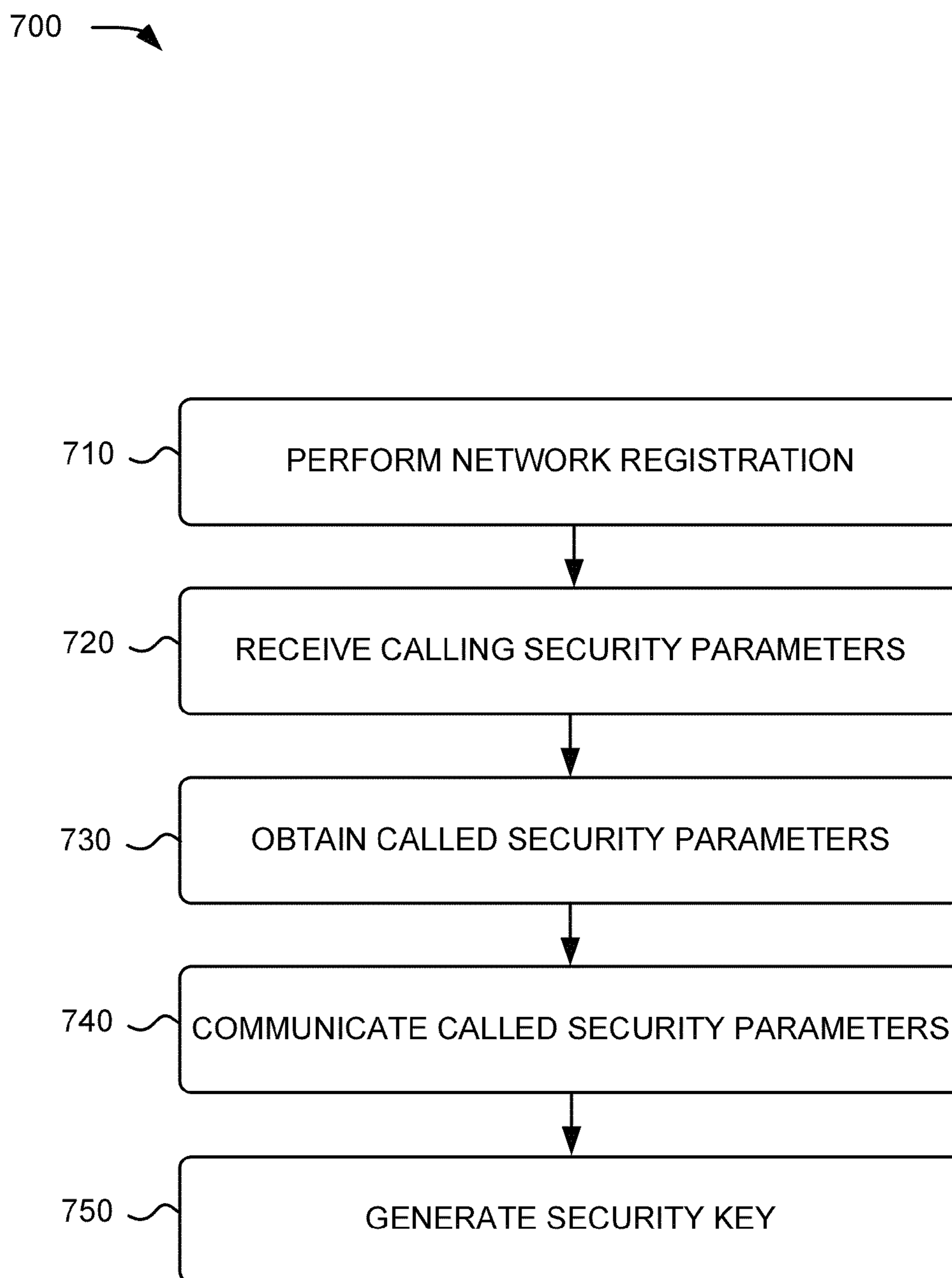


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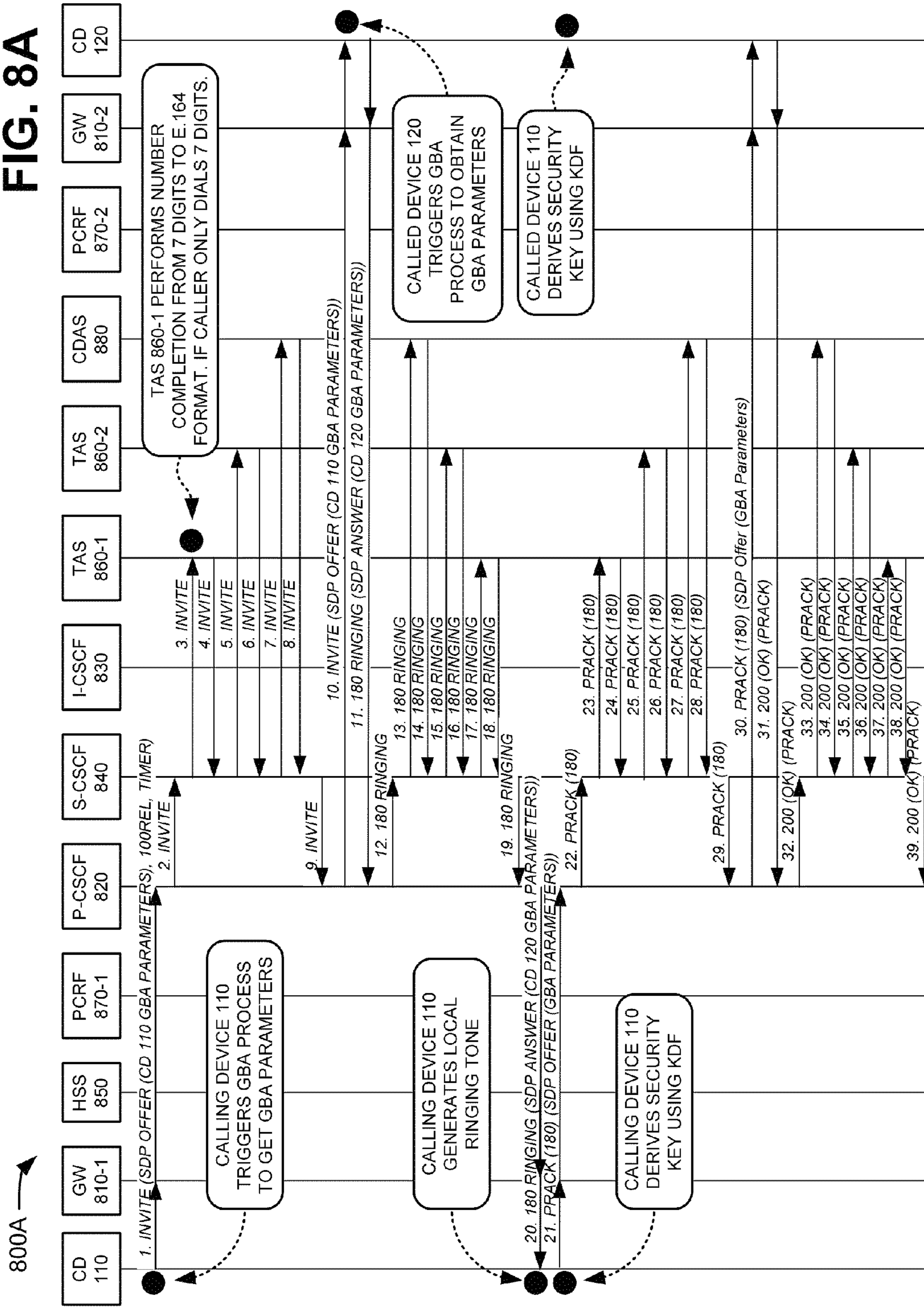
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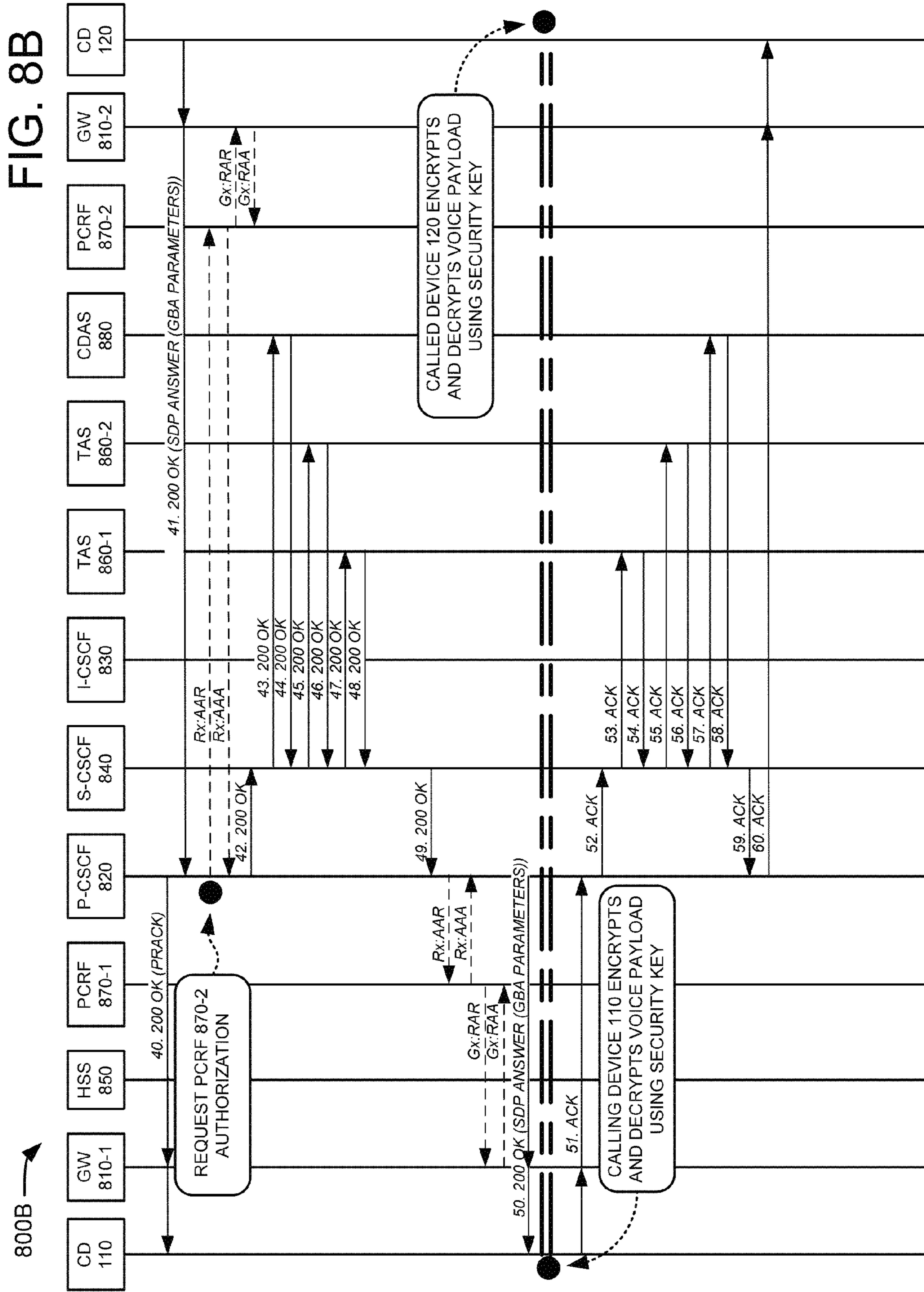


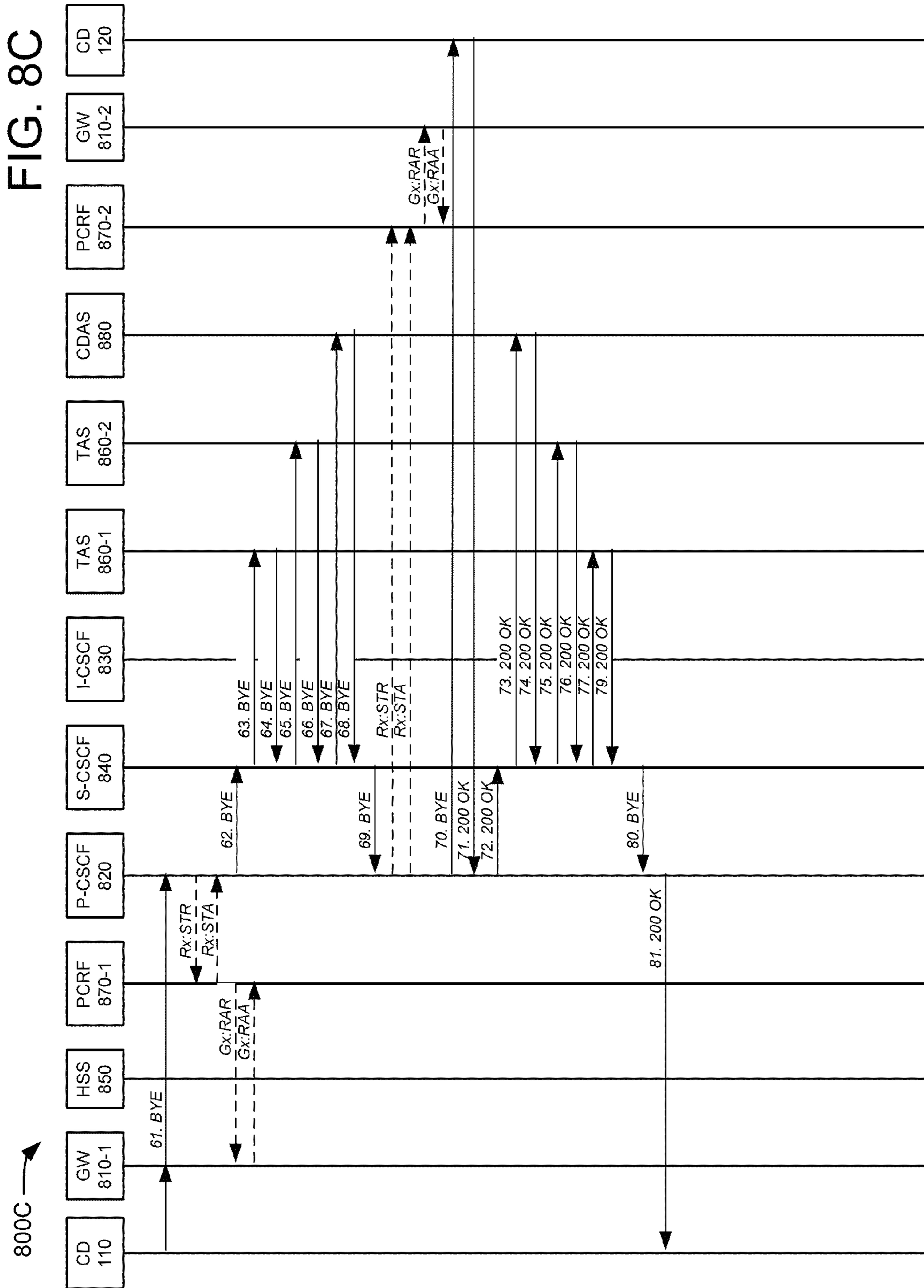


**FIG. 7**

FIG. 8A









## LOCAL SECURITY KEY GENERATION

## BACKGROUND

Current network communication technologies include various approaches to network security. For example, in many networks, user devices are assigned security keys (also referred to as cipher keys) for encrypting and decrypting messages communicated over the network. However, such technologies often include various deficiencies. For instance, assigning security keys to user devices often involves a third device (e.g., a key management system) to assign the security keys, which can introduce security risks and increase operational complexity within the network.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a diagram of an example overview of an implementation described herein;

FIG. 2 is a diagram of an example environment in which systems and/or methods, described herein, may be implemented;

FIG. 3 is a diagram of example components of a device according to one or more implementations described herein;

FIG. 4 is a diagram of example functional components corresponding to one or more implementations described herein;

FIG. 5 is a diagram of an example data flow according to one or more implementations described herein;

FIG. 6 is a diagram of an example process for generating a security key according to one or more implementations described herein;

FIG. 7 is a diagram of another example process for generating a security key according to one or more implementations described herein; and

FIGS. 8A-8C are diagrams of an example call session according to one or more implementations described herein.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The following detailed description refers to the accompanying drawings. The same labels and/or reference numbers in different drawings may identify the same or similar elements.

In one or more implementations, described herein, devices may be used to locally generate security keys. For example, a calling device may receive calling security parameters by registering with a network and demonstrating that the calling device is authorized to access a particular network service (e.g., a voice over Internet Protocol (IP) (VoIP) service) and/or use a particular communication application (e.g., a VoIP application). The calling device may communicate the calling security parameters to a called device and, in response, receive called security parameters from the called device. The calling device and the called device may each execute a key generation function based on the calling security parameters and the called security parameters to locally generate security keys for encryption and decryption purposes.

FIG. 1 is a diagram of an example overview 100 of an implementation described herein. As depicted, overview 100 may include calling device 110, called device 120, network registration architecture 130, and application authentication architecture 140. In some implementations, the systems and devices of FIG. 1 may correspond to one or more systems or device discussed elsewhere in this specification.

Calling device 110 and called device 120 may each include one or more of a variety of devices, such as a telephone, a

smart phone, a laptop computer, a tablet computer, a desktop computer, a server, or another type of computing or communication device. For example, calling device 110 and called device 120 may each be a smart phone. However, in another example, calling device 110 may include a tablet computer, and called device 120 may include a network application server. In yet another example, calling device 110 and called device 120 may each be application servers.

Calling device 110 may include a device that sends a communication session invitation (e.g., a call session invitation, a session initiation protocol (SIP) INVITE message, etc.), and called device 120 may include a device that receives the communication session invitation. However, in some implementations, called device 120 may also be capable of sending a communication session invitation, and calling device 110 may be capable of receiving the communication session invitation. In certain implementations, therefore, a particular device (e.g., a smart phone) may operate as calling device 110 in one scenario and called device 120 in another scenario.

As depicted, calling device 110 and called device 120 may include communication applications. The communication applications may enable calling device 110 and called device 120 to communicate with one another via a particular type of network service. For example, a communication application may include a VoIP application, a simple message service (SMS) application, an instant messaging (IM) application, a video conference application, or another type of communication application. In some implementations, before a communication application may be used, application authentication architecture 140 may perform one or more authentication or authorization processes to verify that calling device 110 or called device 120 are authorized to use the communication applications and/or corresponding network service.

Additionally, or alternatively, calling device 110 and called device 120 may include key generation functions. The key generation functions may enable calling device 110 and called device 120 to generate a security key based on one or more security parameters. In certain implementations, the key generation function of the calling device 110 and the key generation function of the called device 120 may be the same. For example, in some implementations, if the same parameters are inputted into the key generation function of the calling device 110 and the key generation function of the called device 120, the outputs of both key generation functions may be the same.

Network registration architecture 130 may include one or more of a variety of computing devices. For example, network registration architecture 130 may include a desktop computer, a server, a cluster of servers, or one or more other types of computing or communication devices. In some implementations, network registration architecture 130 may be capable of registering calling device 110 or called device 120 with a network (e.g., an IP multimedia subsystem (IMS) network). In some implementations, network registration architecture 130 may include one or more IMS network devices (not shown in FIG. 1), such as one or more call session control function (CSCF) devices (e.g., a proxy-CSCF (P-CSCF) device, an interrogating-CSCF (I-CSCF) device, a serving-CSCF (S-CSCF) device, etc.), a home subscriber server (HSS), and/or one or more other types of IMS devices.

Similarly, application authentication architecture 140 may include one or more of a variety of computing devices. For example, application authentication architecture 140 may include a desktop computer, a server, a cluster of servers, or one or more other types of computing or communication devices. In some implementations, application authentication architecture 140 may provide one or more of a variety of



authentication and/or authorization services to enable calling device **110** and called device **120** to communicate with one another via a particular network service and/or a particular communication application.

In certain implementations, application authentication architecture **140** may include a generic bootstrap architecture (GBA). Additionally, or alternatively, application authentication architecture **140** may include one or more bootstrapping server functions (BSFs), one or more network application functions (NAFs), or one or more additional or alternative functions or devices for providing authentication and authorization services. For instance, in some implementations, application authentication architecture **140** may communicate or otherwise cooperate with the devices of network registration architecture **130** (e.g., a HSS) in order to provide authentication and authorization services.

As depicted, calling device **110** or called device **120** may receive one or more security parameters from network registration architecture **130**. In some implementations, the security parameters from network registration architecture **130** may be received during, or in response to, calling device **110** or called device **120** registering with a network via network registration architecture **130**. Additionally, or alternatively, calling device **110** or called device **120** may receive one or more security parameters from application authentication architecture **140**. In some implementations, the security parameters from application authentication architecture **140** may be received in response to application authentication architecture **140** (e.g., a BSF) verifying that calling device **110** or called device **120** is authorized to access a particular network communication service or in response to application authentication architecture **140** (e.g., a NAF) verifying that calling device **110** or called device **120** is authorized to use a particular communication application.

Calling device **110** may communicate one or more of the security parameters received from network registration architecture **130** and application authentication architecture **140** to called device **120**. Similarly, called device **120** may communicate one or more of the security parameters received from network registration architecture **130** and application authentication architecture **140** to calling device **110**. In some implementations, this may ensure that calling device **110** and called device **120** apply the same security parameters to the key generation functions in order to generate security keys that complement one another. Additionally, or alternatively, calling device **110** or called device **120** may use security keys to encrypt and decrypt a communication session (e.g., a VoIP call session).

FIG. 2 is a diagram of an example environment **200** in which systems and/or methods, described herein, may be implemented. As depicted, environment **200** may include calling device **110**, called device **120**, network registration architecture **130**, application authentication architecture **140**, and network **210**. While FIG. 2 shows a particular number and arrangement of networks and devices, in alternative implementations, environment **200** may include additional networks or devices, fewer networks or devices, different networks or devices, or differently arranged networks or devices than those depicted in FIG. 2.

Calling device **110**, called device **120**, network registration architecture **130**, and application authentication architecture **140** are each described above with reference to FIG. 1. Network **210** may include any type of network or combination of networks. For example, network **210** may include a local area network (LAN) (e.g., an Ethernet network), a wireless LAN (WLAN) (e.g., an IEEE 802.11x network), a wide area network (WAN) (e.g., the Internet), or a wireless WAN (WWAN)

(e.g., a Long-Term Evolution (LTE) network, a High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA) network, an Evolved High Rate Packet Data (eHRPD) network, etc). Network **210** may also, or alternatively, include an IMS network, a fiber optic (e.g., a fiber optic service (FiOS)) network, a VoIP network, a metropolitan area network (MAN), an ad hoc network, or a telephone network (e.g., a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)).

For example, in some implementations, network **210** may include one or more LTE access networks connected to an IMS network. In such implementations, calling device **110** or called device **120** may include one or more LTE-enabled user devices (e.g., a smart phone, a tablet computer, a laptop computer, etc.). Additionally, or alternatively, network registration architecture **130** may include a P-CSCF device, an I-CSCF device, an S-CSCF device, an HSS, and/or one or more other types of network devices. In such implementations, application authentication architecture **140** may include a GBA, a BSF, one or more NAFs, and/or one or more other types of functions, systems, or devices relating to authentication.

FIG. 3 is a diagram of example components of a device **300** according to one or more implementations described herein. Device **300** may correspond to calling device **110**, called device **120**, network registration architecture **130**, and/or application authentication architecture **140**. Each of calling device **110**, called device **120**, network registration architecture **130**, and/or application authentication architecture **140** may include one or more devices **300** or one or more of the components of device **300**. As depicted, device **300** may include bus **310**, processor **320**, memory **330**, input device **340**, output device **350**, and communication interface **360**. However, in other implementations, device **300** may include fewer components, additional components, different components, or differently arranged components than those illustrated in FIG. 3.

Bus **310** may include one or more component subsystems or communication paths that enable the components of device **300** to communicate. Processor **320** may include one or more processors, microprocessors, data processors, co-processors, network processors, application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs), controllers, programmable logic devices (PLDs), chipsets, field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), or other types of components that may interpret or execute instructions or data. Processor **320** may control the overall operation, or a portion thereof, of device **300**, based on, for example, an operating system and/or various applications. Processor **320** may access instructions from memory **330**, from other components of device **300**, or from a source external to device **300** (e.g., a network or another device).

Memory **330** may include memory and/or secondary storage. For example, memory **330** may include random access memory (RAM), dynamic RAM (DRAM), read-only memory (ROM), programmable ROM (PROM), flash memory, or some other type of memory. Memory **330** may include a hard disk (e.g., a magnetic disk, an optical disk, a magneto-optic disk, a solid state disk, etc.) or some other type of computer-readable medium, along with a corresponding drive. A computer-readable medium may be defined as a non-transitory memory device. A memory device may include space within a single physical memory device or spread across multiple physical memory devices.

Input device **340** may include one or more components that permit a user to input information into device **300**. For example, input device **340** may include a keypad, a button, a switch, a knob, fingerprint recognition logic, retinal scan logic, a web cam, voice recognition logic, a touchpad, an



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input port, a microphone, a display, or some other type of input component. Output device 350 may include one or more components that permit device 300 to output information to a user. For example, output device 350 may include a display, light-emitting diodes (LEDs), an output port, a speaker, or some other type of output component.

Communication interface 360 may include one or more components that permit device 300 to communicate with other devices or networks. For example, communication interface 360 may include some type of wireless or wired interface. Communication interface 330 may also include an antenna (or a set of antennas) that permit wireless communication, such as the transmission and reception of radio frequency (RF) signals.

As described herein, device 300 may perform certain operations in response to processor 320 executing software instructions contained in a computer-readable medium, such as memory 330. The software instructions may be read into memory 330 from another computer-readable medium or from another device via communication interface 360. The software instructions contained in memory 330 may cause processor 320 to perform one or more processes described herein. Alternatively, hardwired circuitry may be used in place of, or in combination with, software instructions to implement processes described herein. Thus, implementations described herein are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry and software.

FIG. 4 is a diagram of example functional components 400 corresponding to one or more implementations described herein. For example, calling device 110 or called device 120 may include functional components 400. As depicted, functional components 400 may include registration module 410, communication application module 420, security parameters module 430, and key generation module 440. Depending on the implementation, one or more of modules 410-440 may be implemented as a combination of hardware and software based on the components illustrated and described with respect to FIG. 3. Alternatively, modules 410-440 may each be implemented as hardware based on the components illustrated and described with respect to FIG. 3. While FIG. 4 shows a particular number and arrangement of modules, in alternative implementations, functional components 400 may include additional modules, fewer modules, different modules, or differently arranged modules than those depicted.

Registration module 410 may provide calling device 110 or called device 120 with functionality regarding network registration. For example, network registration module 410 may communicate with network registration architecture 130 to register with network 210, which may include establishing a communication session (e.g., a SIP session) with network 210. Additionally, or alternatively, network 210 may associate the communication session with a random number (e.g., a RAND, a RAND\_ID, a session identifier, etc.) or other data structure that may be used to setup and identify the communication session. As described below, a RAND may also be used as a security parameter for generating a security key.

In some implementations, by registering with network 210, calling device 110 or called device 120 may be granted access to one or more network services (e.g., standard calling services, Internet access, etc.). However, other network services (e.g., VoIP services, SMS services, IM services, video conferencing services, etc.) may require one or more additional authentication or authorization processes. For example, obtaining access to network services, corresponding to a particular communication, application may require application authentication architecture 140 to perform one or more application authentication procedures as described herein.

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Communication application module 420 may provide calling device 110 or called device 120 with functionality regarding communication applications. For instance, communication application module 420 may include a VoIP application that enables calling device 110 or called device 120 to communicate over network 210 via VoIP. In implementations where a communication application requires authentication, communication application module 420 may communicate with application authentication architecture 140 to complete the authentication process.

Application authentication architecture 140 may communicate with network registration architecture 130 (e.g., HSS) to determine whether calling device 110 or called device 120 is authorized for a particular network service (e.g., a VoIP service, SMS service, etc.). Application authentication architecture 140 may also, or alternatively, associate an authentication or authorization process with a transaction identifier (e.g., a bootstrapping transaction identifier (B-TID)) in order to track the process. Additionally, or alternatively, a NAF identifier (e.g., a NAF\_ID) may be used to derive a NAF key (e.g., an external NAF key, Ks\_ext\_NAF, etc.), and a NAF key may be submitted to a NAF so that calling device 110 or called device 120 may, for example, use a stored communication application to gain access to a particular network service.

Security parameters module 430 may provide calling device 110 or called device 120 with functionality regarding security parameters. For instance, security parameters module 430 may collect security parameters (e.g., a RAND\_ID) received by network registration module 410 during a network registration process, or security parameters (e.g., a B-TID, Ks\_ext\_NAF, etc.) received by communication application module 420 during an authentication or authorization process. Security parameters module 430 may also, or alternatively, collect one or more security parameters that may be available locally. Examples of such parameters may include a telephone number or another type of identifier associated with calling device 110 (e.g., a CALLING\_ID), a telephone number or another type of identifier associated with called device 120, and/or an identifier associated with a network service or network application function (e.g., a NAF\_ID).

Security parameters module 430 may communicate one or more security parameters to called device 120 and, in response, receive one or more security parameters from called device 120. Alternatively, security parameters module 430 may receive one or more security parameters from calling device 110 and, in response, collect and communicate security parameters to the calling device 110. In some implementations, security parameters collected by, communicated by, or otherwise corresponding to calling device 110 may be identified as calling security parameters (e.g., CALLING\_RAND\_ID, CALLING\_B-TID, etc.). Similarly, security parameters collected by, communicated by, or otherwise corresponding to called device 120 may be identified as called security parameters (e.g., CALLED\_RAND\_ID, CALLED\_B-TID, etc.).

Key generation module 440 may provide calling device 110 or called device 120 with functionality regarding security keys. For example, key generation module 440 may generate a security key based on one or more of the security parameters collected or otherwise obtained by security parameters module 430. In some implementations, key generation module 440 may generate a security key by executing one or more key generation functions, which may include a key derivation function (KDF) or another type of hash function. In some implementations, a KDF may be implemented according to one or more communication standards, such as the 3rd Gen-



eration Partnership Project (3GPP). As mentioned above, a security key may be used to encrypt and decrypt data structures (e.g., IP packets) of a communication session.

FIG. 5 is a diagram of an example data flow 500 for generating a security key according to one or more implementations described herein. Example data flow 500 is presented from the perspective of calling device 110 collecting or otherwise obtaining security parameters. A similar or analogous data flow could be applicable to called device 120.

As depicted, security parameters may be obtained by calling device 110 from different sources and at different times. For example, calling device 110 may receive a CALLING\_RANDOM parameter or another type of security parameter from network registration architecture 130 while registering with network 210. Additionally, or alternatively, calling device 110 may receive a CALLING\_B-TID parameter, a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or one or more other types of security parameters while communicating with application authentication architecture 140 to, for example, obtain authorization to access a particular network service or use a particular communication application.

Calling device 110 may also, or alternatively, receive a CALLED\_RANDOM parameter, a CALLED\_B-TID parameter, a CALLED\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or one or more other types of security parameters in response to sending one or more calling security parameters (e.g., a CALLING\_RANDOM parameter, a CALLING\_B-TID parameter, a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, etc.) to called device 120. In some implementations, one or more security parameters may be locally available to calling device 110 (e.g., a NAF\_ID parameter, a CALLING\_ID parameter, a CALLED\_ID parameter, etc.).

As illustrated, one or more of the foregoing parameters may be inserted or otherwise applied to a key generation function (e.g., a KDF) to generate a security key. The security key may be used to encrypt or decrypt messages or other information sent to and from called device 120. As mentioned above, data flow 500 provides an example for generating a security key from the perspective of calling device 110. As described below with reference to FIGS. 7-8C, an analogous data flow could be applied to called device 120.

FIG. 6 is a diagram of an example process 600 for generating a security key according to one or more implementations described herein. Process 600 may be performed by, or otherwise correspond to, calling device 110. In one or more implementations, process 600 may be performed by one or more components of calling device 110. In other implementations, one or more blocks of process 600 may be performed by one or more other components/devices, or a group of components/devices, including or excluding calling device 110.

Process 600 may include registering with network 210 (block 610). For example, calling device 110 may communicate with network registration architecture 130 to register with network 210. In some implementations, registering with network 210 may enable calling device 110 to, for example, obtain access to some network services, such as standard calling services, Internet services, television services, or one or more other types of network services. As mentioned above, however, some network services may require calling device 110, or one or more communication applications of calling device 110, to be authenticated by application authentication architecture 140.

Calling security parameters may be obtained (block 620). For instance, calling device 110 may obtain calling security parameters from various sources or at various times. In some implementations, calling device 110 may obtain a CALLING\_RANDOM parameter from network registration architec-

ture 130 in response to registering with network 210. Calling device 110 may also, or alternatively, obtain a CALLING\_B-TID parameter or a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter from interacting with application authentication architecture 140.

Calling device 110 may also obtain security parameters that are locally available, such as a NAF\_ID parameter, a CALLING\_ID parameter, or a CALLED\_ID parameter.

Calling security parameters may be communicated (block 630). For example, calling device 110 may send parameters to called device 120. In certain implementations, calling device 110 may communicate one or more calling security parameters using a session initiation message, such as a SIP INVITE message. In such implementations, security parameters may be included in the SIP INVITE message by using session description protocol (SDP).

Called security parameters may be received (block 640). For example, calling device 110 may receive called security parameters from called device 120. As discussed above with reference to FIG. 5, called security parameters may include a CALLED\_RANDOM parameter, a CALLED\_B-TID parameter, a CALLED\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, and/or one or more other types of security parameters, such as a CALLED\_ID parameter, a CALLING\_ID parameter, or a NAT\_ID parameter. In some implementations, one or more of the security parameters sent by called device 120 may already be locally available to calling device 110. However, calling device 120 may use such security parameters (e.g., redundant security parameters) to verify that calling device 110 and called device 120 will be applying the same parameters to the key generation function.

A security key may be generated (block 650). For instance, calling device 110 may generate a security key using one or more key generation functions, as described above. Additionally, or alternatively, the security key may be based on the calling security parameters and/or the called security parameters collected or obtained by calling device 110.

While FIG. 6 shows a flowchart diagram of an example process 600 for generating a security key, in other implementations, a process for generating a security key may include fewer operations, different operations, differently arranged operations, or additional operations than depicted in FIG. 6.

FIG. 7 is a diagram of an example process 700 for generating a security key according to one or more implementations described herein. As depicted, process 700 may include one or more operations that are similar or analogous to the process of FIG. 6. However, while the process of FIG. 6 may be performed by calling device 110, process 700 may be performed by called device 120. For instance, in one or more implementations, process 700 may be performed by one or more components of called device 120. In other implementations, one or more blocks of process 700 may be performed by one or more other components/devices, or a group of components/devices, including or excluding called device 120.

Process 700 may include registering with network 210 (block 710). For example, called device 120 may register with network 210. In some implementations, called device 120 may register with network 210 by communicating with network registration architecture 130. In certain implementations, registering with network 210 may enable called device 120 to, for example, obtain access to one or more network services, such as standard calling services, Internet services, television services, or one or more other types of network services. However, some network services may require called device 120, or a communication application of called device 120, to be authenticated by application authentication architecture 140.



Calling security parameters may be received (block 720). For instance, called device 120 may receive one or more calling security parameters from calling device 110. The calling security parameters may be included in a session initiation message (e.g., a SIP INVITE message). In certain implementations, the calling security parameters may include a NAF\_ID parameter, a CALLING\_ID parameter, a CALLED\_ID parameter, a CALLING RAND parameter, a CALLING\_B-TID parameter, a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or one or more other types of security parameters. In some implementations, one or more of the security parameters sent by calling device 110 may already be locally available to called device 120. However, called device 120 may use the security parameters (e.g., the redundant security parameters) to verify that calling device 110 and called device 120 are applying the same parameters to the key generation function.

Called security parameters may be obtained (block 730). For example, called device 120 may obtain called security parameters from one or more sources or at one or more times. For example, called device 120 may obtain a CALLED RAND parameter from network registration architecture 130 in response to registering with network 210. Called device 120 may also, or alternatively, obtain a CALLED\_B-TID parameter, a CALLED\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or another type of security parameter as a result of interacting with application authentication architecture 140. Called device 120 may also, or alternatively, obtain security parameters that are available locally, such as a NAF\_ID parameter, a CALLING\_ID parameter, or a CALLED\_ID parameter.

Called security parameters may be communicated (block 740). For instance, called device 120 may send, or otherwise communicate, called security parameters to calling device 110. In some implementations, called device 120 may communicate called security parameters in response to, for example, receiving a communication session invitation (e.g., a SIP INVITE message) with calling security parameters from calling device 110. In such implementations, calling device 110 may respond by sending the calling security parameters in a SIP response message, such as a SIP RINGING message that may be modified using SDP to include the called security parameters.

A security key may be generated (block 750). For instance, called device 120 may generate a security key. In some implementations, called device 120 may generate a security key using a key generation function (e.g., a KDF), as described above. Additionally, or alternatively, the security key may be based on one or more security parameters. For instance, in some implementations, called device 120 may generate a security key by executing one or more KDFs based on one or more of the calling security parameters and/or one or more of the called security parameters.

While FIG. 7 shows a flowchart diagram of an example process 700 for generating a security key, in other implementations, a process for generating a security key may include fewer operations, different operations, differently arranged operations, or additional operations than depicted in FIG. 7.

FIGS. 8A-8C are diagrams of an example call session 800 (referenced individually by 800A, 800B, and 800C, respectively) according to one or more implementations described herein. As depicted, call session 800 may involve calling device 110, called device 120, gateway 810-1, gateway 810-2, P-CSCF device 820, I-CSCF device 830, S-CSCF device 840, HSS 850, telephony application server (TAS) 860-1, TAS 860-2, policy charging and rules function (PCRF) device 870-1, PCRF device 870-2, and call delivery application server (CDAS) 880. While FIGS. 8A-8C represent a particu-

lar number and arrangement of devices, operations, and data structures, in alternative implementations, a call session may include additional devices, operations, and data structures, fewer devices, operations, and data structures, different devices, operations, and data structures, or differently arranged devices, operations, and data structures than those depicted in FIGS. 8A-8C.

Referring to FIG. 8A, call session 800A may begin with calling device 110 triggering a GBA function (e.g., a BSF) to obtain GBA parameters (e.g., a CALLING\_B-TID parameter, a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or other types of security parameters). In some implementations, this may include calling device 110 communicating with application authentication architecture 140 and receiving one or more security parameters, such as a CALLING\_B-TID parameter, a CALLING\_Ks-ext-NAF parameter, or another type of security parameter. Additionally, or alternatively, calling device 110 may register with network 210 before triggering the GBA (see, for example, FIG. 6, blocks 610 and 620).

Calling device 110 may send a session initiation message that includes the GBA parameters (event 1). The session initiation message may include a SIP INVITE 100rel, timer message that is modified with SDP to include the GBA parameters. As depicted, the session invitation message may be routed to various devices, including P-CSCF device 820, S-CSCF device 840, TAS 860-1 (which may perform number completion from 7 digits to E.164 format), TAS 860-2, and CDAS 880 (events 2-9). The session initiation message may arrive at called device 120 via gateway 810-2 (event 10).

Similar to calling device 110, called device 120 may trigger a GBA process to obtain GBA parameters, such as a CALLED\_B-TID, a CALLED\_Ks-ext-NAF, or one or more other types of security parameters (see, for example, FIG. 7, block 730). As depicted, called device 120 may communicate a SIP RINGING message (180) that has been modified with SDP to include the GBA parameters obtained by called device 120 (event 11). The SIP RINGING message may be passed to several network devices, including P-CSCF device 820, S-CSCF device 840, CDAS 880, TAS 860-2, and TAS 860-1 (events 12-19). The SIP RINGING message may arrive at calling device 110 via gateway 810-1 (event 20), which may result in calling device 110 generating a local ringing tone.

At this point, calling device 110 and calling device 120 may each derive or otherwise calculate a security key using, for example, a KDF. As depicted, calling device 110 may produce a SIP provisional acknowledgement (PRACK) message in response to the SIP RINGING message from called device 120 (event 21). The SIP PRACK message may be modified to include GBA parameters. Additionally, or alternatively, the SIP PRACK message may be communicated to various network devices including P-CSCF device 820, S-CSCF device 840, TAS 860-1, TAS 860-2, and CDAS 880 (events 22-29). The SIP PRACK message may arrive at called device 120 via gateway 810-2 (event 30).

Called device 120 may communicate a SIP OK message (200) in response to the SIP PRACK message of calling device 110. Similar to several of the SIP messages discussed above, the SIP OK message may be communicated to several network devices. For example, the SIP OK message may be sent to P-CSCF device 820, S-CSCF device 840, CDAS 880, TAS 860-2, and TAS 860-1 (events 31-39).

Referring to FIG. 8B, the SIP OK message from called device 120 may arrive at calling device 110 via gateway 810-1 (event 40). Called device 120 may also, or alternatively, communicate a SIP OK (200) message corresponding to the SIP



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INVITE message of calling device **110**, which may be received by P-CSCF **820** (event **41**).

As depicted, an authentication authorization request (AAR) message and an authentication authorization answer (AAA) message may be exchanged between P-CSCF **820** and PCRF **870-2** via an Rx interface. Additionally, a re-authentication request (RAR) message and re-authentication answer (RAA) message may be exchanged between PCRF device **870-2** and gateway **810-2** via a Gx interface.

The SIP OK message corresponding to the SIP INVITE message may be sent to S-CSCF **840**, CDAS **880**, TAS **860-2**, TAS **860-1**, and again to S-CSCF device **840** and P-CSCF device **820** (events **42-49**). Similar to the Rx and Gx interface exchanges mentioned above, an authentication authorization request (AAR) message and an authentication authorization answer (AAA) message may be exchanged between P-CSCF **820** and PCRF **870-1** via an Rx interface. Additionally, a re-authentication request (RAR) message and re-authentication answer (RAA) message may be exchanged between PCRF device **870-1** and gateway **810-1** via a Gx interface.

The SIP OK message corresponding to the SIP INVITE message may be received by calling device **110** (event **50**). At this stage, calling device **110** and called device **120** may begin encrypting and decrypting a voice payload of the call session using the previously generated security keys. As depicted, a SIP acknowledgement (ACK) message may be sent from calling device **110** to called device **120** via a sequence of transmissions (events **51-60**) that is similar to the communications described above.

Referring to FIG. **8C**, a SIP BYE message may also be sent from calling device **110** to called device **120** using a similar sequence of transmission (events **61-70**). As the SIP BYE message is being transmitted to called device **120**, session termination request (STR) messages and session termination answer (STA) messages may be exchanged between P-CSCF device **820** and PCRF device **870-1** and between P-CSCF device **820** and PCRF device **870-1**, via Rx interfaces. Similarly, RAR message and RAA messages may be exchanged between PCRF **870-1** and GW **810-1** and between PCRF **870-2** and GW **810-2**, via Gx interfaces. In response to the SIP BYE message, called device **120** may communicate a SIP OK (200) message, which may use a sequence of transmissions similar to those discussed above (events **71-81**).

In one or more implementations, described herein, devices may be used to generate security keys locally. For instance, calling device **110** may receive calling security parameters by registering with network **210** and interacting with application authentication architecture to demonstrate that calling device **110** is authorized to access a particular network service (e.g., a VoIP service) and/or use a particular communication application (e.g., a VoIP application). Calling device **110** may communicate the calling security parameters to called device **110** and, in response, receive called security parameters from called device **110**. Calling device **110** and called device **120** may each execute a key generation function based on the calling security parameters and the called security parameters to locally generate security keys that may be used to encrypt and/or decrypt information passed between calling device **110** and called device **120**.

It will be apparent that example aspects, as described above, may be implemented in many different forms of software, firmware, and hardware in the implementations illustrated in the figures. The actual software code or specialized control hardware used to implement these aspects should not be construed as limiting. Thus, the operation and behavior of the aspects were described without reference to the specific

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software code—it being understood that software and control hardware could be designed to implement the aspects based on the description herein.

Further, certain implementations may involve a component that performs one or more functions. These components may include hardware, such as an ASIC or a FPGA, or a combination of hardware and software.

Even though particular combinations of features are recited in the claims and/or disclosed in the specification, these combinations are not intended to limit disclosure of the possible implementations. In fact, many of these features may be combined in ways not specifically recited in the claims and/or disclosed in the specification. Although each dependent claim listed below may directly depend on only one other claim, the disclosure of the implementations includes each dependent claim in combination with every other claim in the claim set.

No element, act, or instruction used in the present application should be construed as critical or essential to the implementations unless explicitly described as such. Also, as used herein, the article “a” is intended to include one or more items. Where only one item is intended, the term “one” or similar language is used. Further, the phrase “based on” is intended to mean “based, at least in part, on” unless explicitly stated otherwise.

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

obtaining, by a calling device, a first calling security parameter by registering with a network;

obtaining, by the calling device, a second calling security parameter in response to causing an application authentication architecture of the network to verify that the calling device is authorized to access a network service corresponding to a communication application stored by the calling device;

communicating the first calling security parameter and the second calling security parameter to a called device;

receiving a first called security parameter and a second called security parameter from the called device in response to communicating the first calling security parameter and the second calling security parameter;

generating a security key based on the first calling security parameter, the second calling security parameter, the first called security parameter, and the second called security parameter; and

using the security key to encrypt or decrypt communication between the calling device and the called device.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

establishing a communication session with the called device; and

using the security key to encrypt information communicated to the called device and decrypt information received from the called device during the communication session.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

obtaining a third calling security parameter comprising a data structure used to demonstrate to the application authentication architecture that the calling device is authorized to use the communication application to establish a communication session within the network; and

communicating the third calling security parameter to the called device with the first calling security parameter and the second calling security parameter.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

receiving a third called security parameter, from the called device, with the first called security parameter and the



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second called security parameter, where the third called security parameter comprises a data structure used to demonstrate to the application authentication architecture that the called device is authorized to use a communication application that corresponds to the communication application of the calling device.

5 **5.** The method of claim 1, where the first calling security parameter comprises a data structure identifying a network session associated with the calling device upon registering with the network.

**6.** The method of claim 1, where:

the first called security parameter comprises a data structure identifying a network session associated with the called device upon registering with the network, and

the second called security parameter comprises a security parameter type and security parameter format consistent with the second calling security parameter.

**7.** The method of claim 1, where communicating the first calling security parameter and the second calling security parameter comprises sending a session communication invitation, comprising the first and second calling security parameters, to the called device.

**8.** The method of claim 1, where generating the security key comprises executing a key generation function, where:

an input of the key generation function comprises the first calling security parameter, the second calling security parameter, the first called security parameter, and the second called security parameter, and

an output of the key generation function is the security key.

**9.** The method of claim 8, where the key generation function comprises a key derivation function (KDF) that is identical to a KDF used by the called device to generate security keys.

**10.** The method of claim 1, where:

the network comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) multimedia subsystem (IMS) network,

the application authentication architecture comprises a generic bootstrap architecture (GBA) of the IMS network, and

the second calling security parameter comprises a bootstrap transaction identifier (B-TID).

**11.** A first device, comprising:  
a memory to:

store a communication application to enable the first device to establish a first communication session with a second device using a selected network service, and store a first key generation function to enable the first device to generate a security key; and

a processor, connected to the memory, to:

register the first device with a network, where registering with the network comprises receiving a first network session identifier from the network,

communicate with an application authentication architecture of the network to demonstrate that the first device is authorized to use the selected network service, where communicating with the application authentication architecture comprises receiving a first transaction identifier from the application authentication architecture,

communicate the first network session identifier and the first transaction identifier to the second device,

receive a second network session identifier and a second transaction identifier from the second device, and

execute the first key generation function to generate a security key based on the first network session identifier,

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tifier, the first transaction identifier, the second network session identifier, and the second transaction identifier.

**12.** The first device of claim 11, where the first device obtains access to at least one network service, other than the selected network service, upon registering with the network.

**13.** The first device of claim 11, where the processor is to: establish a communication session, with the second device, using the selected network service, and

use the security key to encrypt information sent to the second device via the selected network service and decrypt information received from the second device via the network service.

**14.** The first device of claim 11, where the processor is to: obtain a first data structure used to demonstrate to the application authentication architecture of the network that the first device is authorized to use the communication application to establish a communication session within the network, and

communicate the first data structure, to the second device, the first network session identifier and the first transaction identifier.

**15.** The first device of claim 14, where the first transaction identifier comprises a data structure that associates the first device with a first authentication process, performed by the application authentication architecture, to verify that the first device is authorized to use the communication application.

**16.** The first device of claim 14, where the processor is to: receive a second data structure, from the second device, with the second network session identifier and the second transaction identifier, where the second data structure comprises information used to demonstrate to the application authentication architecture that the second device is authorized to use a communication application that corresponds to the communication application stored by the first device.

**17.** The first device of claim 11, where the second transaction identifier comprises a data structure that associates the second device with a second authentication process, performed by the application authentication architecture, to verify that the second device is authorized to use a communication application that corresponds to the communication application stored by the first device.

**18.** The first device of claim 11, where, to communicate the first network session identifier and the first transaction identifier to the second device, the processor is to:

generate a communication session invitation directed to the second device,

include the first network session identifier and the first transaction identifier in the communication session invitation, and

send the communication session invitation to the second device.

**19.** The first device of claim 11, where:

the network comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) multimedia subsystem (IMS) network, and

the application authentication architecture comprises a generic bootstrap architecture (GBA) of the IMS network.

**20.** A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing a program for causing a first device to perform a method, the method comprising:

obtaining a first security parameter by communicating with a generic bootstrapping architecture (GBA) to demonstrate that the first device is authorized to use a selected network communication service for establishing a communication session within a network, where the first

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security parameter is generated by the GBA to associate the first device with a first GBA authentication process; obtaining a second security parameter from a second device in response to communicating the first security parameter to the second device, where the second security parameter is obtained by the second device by communicating with the GBA to demonstrate that the second device is authorized to use the selected network communication service, where the second security parameter is generated by the GBA to associate the second device with a second GBA authentication process; generating a security key based on the first security parameter and the second security parameter; and using the security key to establish an encrypted communication session, using the selected network communication service, with the second device.

**21.** The computer-readable medium of claim **20**, where the method further comprises:

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obtaining a third security parameter by registering with the network, where:

registering with the network enables the first device to communicate with the GBA, and

the third security parameter is generated by a network registration architecture of the network to identify a network session associated with the first device; and generating the security key based on the first security parameter, the second security parameter, and the third security parameter.

**22.** The computer-readable medium of claim **20**, where: the network comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) multimedia subsystem (IMS) network, and the network communication service corresponds to a voice over IP (VoIP) communication service.

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