

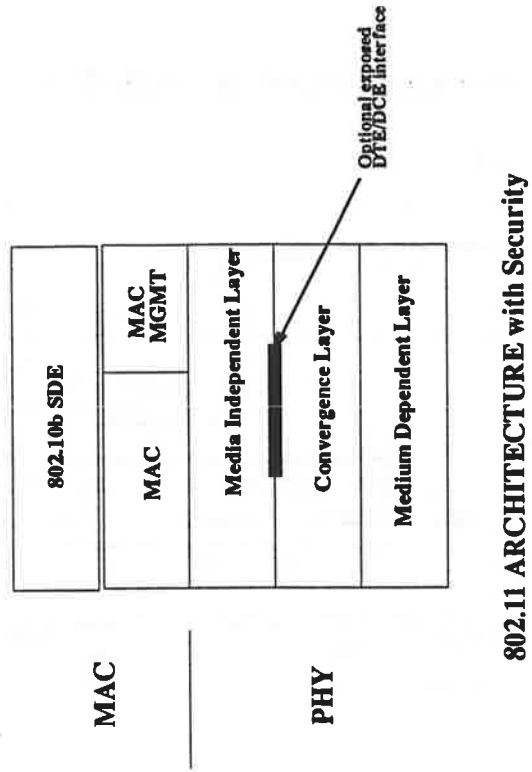
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SDE PDU Structure

SDE uses a single PDU type.

SDE PDU may contain up to five elements.

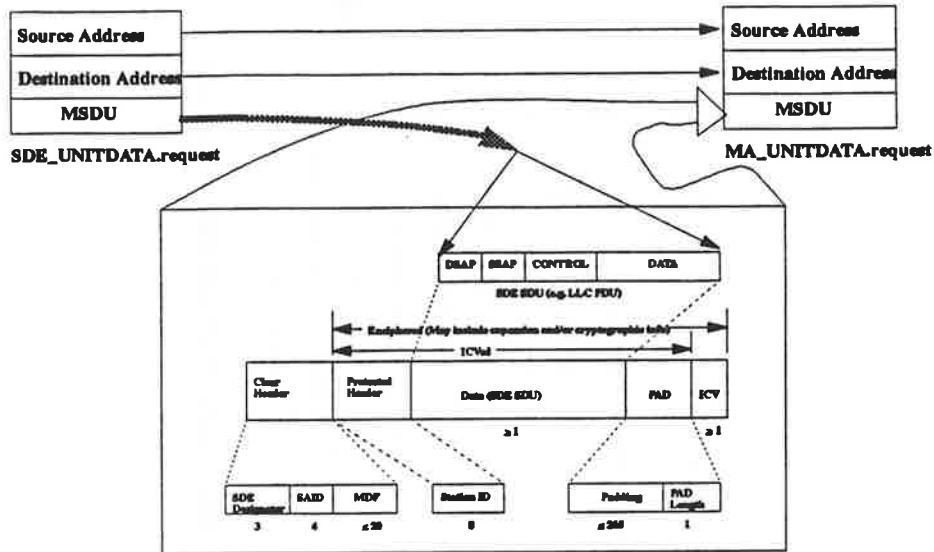
1. Clear Header
2. Protected Header
3. Data (SDE SDU)
4. PAD
5. Integrity Check Value (ICV)

All these elements are optional except Data.

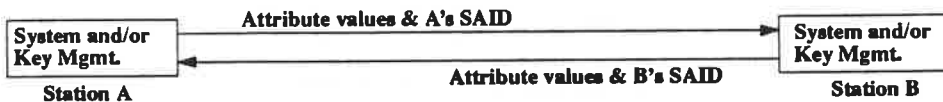
Protected Header, Data, and PAD may be transformed by the Integrity algorithm.

Protected Header, Data, PAD and ICV shall be transformed when the confidentiality algorithm is applied.

Construction of the SDE PDU



SDE Security Associations



Initial Exchange

Security Associations

Attributes	Confid.	Integ.	Alg. ID	Alt. ID	MDF
Security Asso. # 1	Y	Y	1	2	8ADBC7	
Security Asso. # 2	N	Y	1	.	.	.
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Security Asso. # n

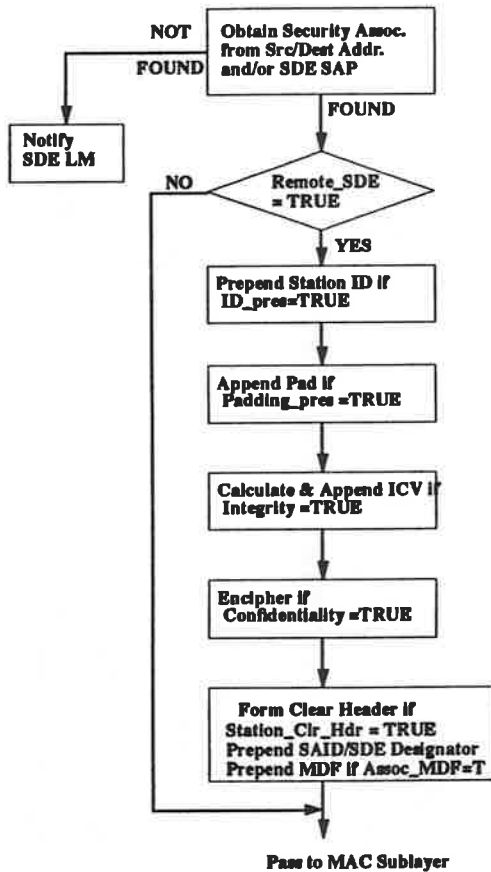
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Station Objects

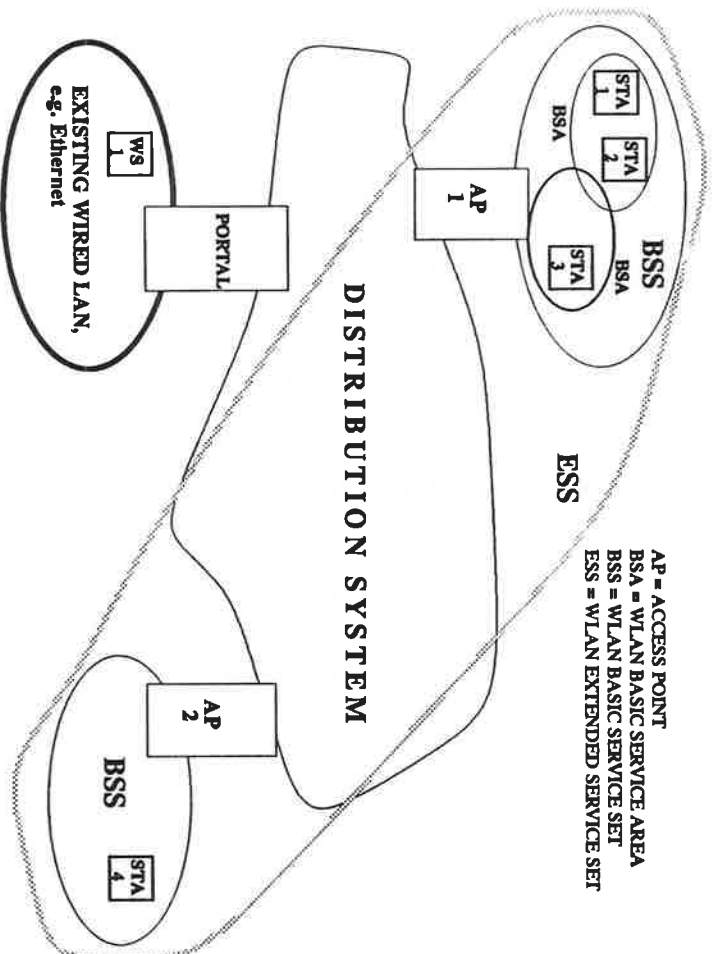
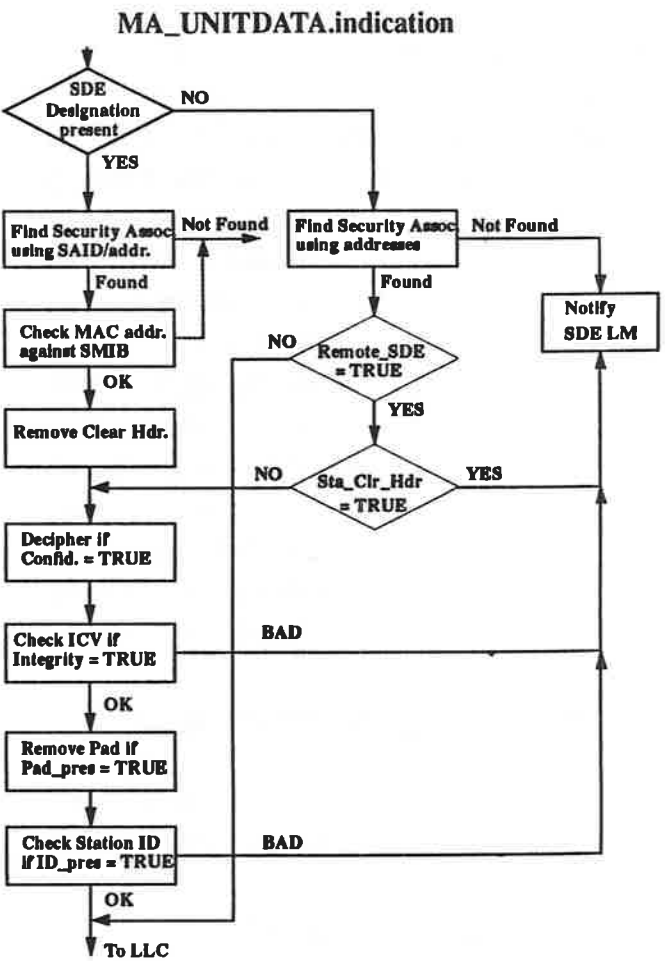
- Station_Clear_Hdr: Boolean
- Station_MDF: Boolean

Security Association Objects

- Local_SAID: Octetstring
- Remote_SAID: Octetstring
- Assoc_MDF: Boolean
- Confid: Boolean
- Confid_Algorithm_ID: Octetstring
- Integ: Boolean
- Integ_Algorithm_ID: Octetstring
- Padding_pres: Boolean
- ID_pres: Boolean
- SDE_SAP: Octetstring
- Remote_SDE: Boolean
- Outgoing_Source_MAC_Address: Octetstring
- Outgoing_Destination_MAC_Address: Octetstring
- Incoming_Source_MAC_Address: Octetstring
- Incoming_Destination_MAC_Address: Octetstring



Transmission of an MA_UNITDATA.request



SDE TYPES

Case 1. Single SDE used by STA1 & STA2

Case 2. Two Options;

- a. Single SDE used by STA1 & STA3, AP1 passes SDE unmodified, may still check validity.
- b. Two SDE's used one for STA1 to AP1 and another for AP1 to STA3, AP1 removes SDE from one path and insert new SDE other path.

Case 3. STA1 to AP1 SDE may be same or different from AP2 to STA4 SDE.

Case 4. STA1 SDE is passed unmodified through AP1 and AP2 to STA4, may check for validity, other combinations possible.

Case 5. AP1 removes SDE for transport of SDU to WS1, (no knowledge on WS1).

Case 6. AP1 leaves SDE intact with knowledge that WS1 is an SDE entity, may check for validity.

- In cases 2b, 3, and 5 Access Point treats all SDE's alike, applies SDE on wireless portion of path only.
- In cases 2a, 4, and 6 AP determines final destination and either passes SDE unmodified or replaces it with new SDE. SDE's treatment is dependent on knowledge resident in AP data base.

Station Security Associations

