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E-mail: [sharad.arora@sensorise.net](mailto:sharad.arora@sensorise.net)**Keywords:** Bootstrapping; IoT Service Provider; OBF; OBF Proxy; OBF-Token; Open Bootstrap Framework; Trust Framework**Abstract:** This document proposes some modifications in the draft Recommendation ITU-T Y.OBF\_Trust (TD416-WP3) for discussion at interim e-meeting of Q16/13.**1. Introduction**

In the Editor's Note below Figure 1 in Section 6 in the output document (**TD416-WP3**) of e-meeting dated 27 April 2020, it is expected that the "*Overall structure of the Recommendation needs improvement*". In order to address this observation and for improved readability and more clarity, this contribution proposes to carry out some editorial changes.

**2. Proposal**

It is proposed to make some editorial changes in section 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and section 12.1 of the draft Recommendation ITU-T Y.OBF\_Trust (**TD416-WP3**), the acronym MNO is proposed to be replaced with NSP at various places in the document and re-arrange sections 8 to 11 in the sequence of Requirements, Pre-requisites, Capabilities and Functions by re-numbering section numbers. The proposed modifications are in track change mode in **Annexure-I**.

**3. Reference**

[1] T17-SG13-200720-TD-WP3-0416!!MSW-E: Base Document for this contribution.

## **Annexure-I**

### **1 Scope**

This Recommendation specifies an Open Bootstrap Framework that facilitates the Authentication and Authorisation of Connected Devices, Connected Services, Service Providers and Applications.

The scope of this Recommendation includes

- overview of the OBF
- description of the trust framework
- functional architecture for the OBF
- requirements and capabilities to support the OBF
- mechanisms and workflows for OBF deployment

This Recommendation demonstrates how existing secure elements and bootstrapping mechanisms deployed by Network Service Providers can be used to provision trusted services by Application Service Providers to untrusted Users and Connected Devices.

This Recommendation also includes Industry use cases in Appendix I for exemplifying the deployment of the OBF.

### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following terms defined elsewhere:

**3.1.1. Authentication servers** [ITU-T X.1113 (11/2007)]: Authentication servers refer to servers that provide authentication services to users or other systems. Authentication is generally used as the basis for authorization (determining whether a privilege will be granted to a particular user or process), privacy (preventing the disclosure of information to non-participants), and non-repudiation (not being able to deny having done something that was authorized to be done based on the authentication).

**3.1.2. Constrained Device** [ITU-T Y.4451 (09/2016)]: A device that has constraints on characteristics such as limited processing capability, small memory capability, limited battery power, short range and low bit rate.

**3.1.3. Internet of Things (IoT)** [ITU-T Y.4000/ Y.2060 (06/2012)]: A global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies.

NOTE 1 – Through the exploitation of identification, data capture, processing and communication capabilities, the IoT makes full use of things to offer services to all kinds of applications, whilst ensuring that security and privacy requirements are fulfilled.

NOTE 2 – From a broader perspective, the IoT can be perceived as a vision with technological and societal implications.

**3.1.4. M2M Service Provider** [ITU-T Terms and Definitions]: Entity (e.g., a company) that provides M2M common services to a M2M application service provider or to the user. See [ITU-T Y.4413/F.748.5 (11/2015)] and [ITU-T Series Y Supplement 53 (12/2018)].

**3.1.5. Network Operator** [ITU-T M.1400 (04/2015)]: An operator that manages a telecommunications network. A Network Operator may be a Service Provider and vice versa. A Network Operator may or may not provide particular telecommunications services. See clause 1.4.2.3 of [ITU-T M.3208.1 (10/97)], and clause 1.4.4 of [ITU-T M.3320 (04/97)].

**3.1.6. Resource server** [ITU-T Y.2724 (11/2013)]: The server hosting the protected resources, capable of accepting and responding to protected resource requests using access tokens.

**3.1.7. Secure element** [ITU-T X.1158 (11/2014)]: A dedicated microprocessor system that contains an operating system, memory, application environment and security protocols intended to be used to store sensitive data and execute sensitive applications.

NOTE – A secure element may reside in a universal subscriber identity module (USIM), a dedicated chip in a phone's motherboard, an external plug in a memory card or as an integrated circuit card.

**3.1.8. Session key** [ITU-T X.1113 (11/2007)]: The session key is a temporary key used to encrypt data for the current session only. The use of session keys keeps the secret keys even more secret because they are not used directly to encrypt the data. Secret keys are used to derive the session keys using various methods that combine random numbers from either the client or server or both.

**3.1.9. Trust** [ITU-T Y.3052 (03/2017)]: Trust is the measurable belief and/or confidence which represents accumulated value from history and the expecting value for future.

Note – Trust is quantitatively and/or qualitatively calculated and measured, which is used to evaluate values of entities, value-chains among multiple stakeholders, and human behaviours including decision making.

**3.1.10. User** [ITU-R F.1399 (05/2001)]: Any entity external to the network which utilizes connections through the network for communication.

## 3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

This Recommendation defines the following terms:

- 3.2.1. Bootstrapping:** Refers to a process performed in a secure context prior to the deployment of the connected device to establish a security association between the connected devices and application/services that may have been initialized with credentials, enabling a connected device to communicate securely with application/services as well as other connected devices after their deployment. See clause 3.2.2 of [ITU-T X.1311 (02/2011)].
- 3.2.2. Connected Device:** A device that has an embedded secure element in itself or its Connectivity Element.
- NOTE - Though Connected Device may or may not be a Constrained Device; however, in this framework a Constrained Device may also be used as a Connected Device.
- 3.2.3. IoT Service Provider:** A Provider of IoT Devices, Communications, Applications and Services.
- NOTE - Similar to M2M Service Provider defined in clause 3.1.4.
- 3.2.4. Machine KYC:** The Process of establishing a relationship between a machine and its custodian, usually accomplished by the IoT Service Provider by the use of physical or digital verification processes that establish the linkage between the identity of the custodian and the identity of the device owned by the custodian.
- 3.2.5. OBF:** A Trust Framework for provisioning of Trusted Services by extending the security capabilities of a network technology layer to benefit distributed and unrelated Connected Devices and Applications.
- 3.2.6. OBF\_Token:** A session key, independently generated in the Connected Device / User Equipment (UE) as well as in the Authentication Server, based on an agreed security schema between the Device and the Authentication Server for establishing a secure connection between the Connected Device and the Application.
- 3.2.7. Operator Services:** Services provided to the user of a Connected Device, that are offered by and hosted in the network of the Network Service Provider (NSP) e.g. mobile network operator (MNO), telecom service provider (TSP).
- 3.2.8. Resource Server:** A Server that holds / hosts the permissions/ restrictions applicable to protected user resources.
- 3.2.9. Third Party:** An entity other than the Network Service Provider or the IoT Service Provider, which consumes the security capabilities of a network for providing trust for applications and / or services offered to the end users.
- 3.2.10. Trust framework:** A system where a set of verifiable commitments are made by each of the various parties in a transaction to their counter parties, and these commitments

necessarily include: (a) controls to help ensure commitments are met and (b) remedies for failure to meet such commitments.

#### **4 Abbreviations and acronyms**

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

AKA Authentication and Key Agreement

COAP Constrained Object Authentication Protocol

EID Embedded universal integrated circuit card Identity

HTTP Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

ICT Information and Communication Technology

IoT Internet of Things

IoT SP IoT Service Provider

KYC Know Your Customer

M2M Machine to Machine

M2M SP M2M Service Provider

MNO Mobile Network Operator

MQTT Message Queue Telemetry Transport

NSP Network Service Provider, see also clause 3.1.5 - Network Operator

OBF Open Bootstrap Framework

PSK Pre-shared Key

SIM Subscriber Identification Module

TLS Transport Layer Security

TSP Telecom Service Provider, see also MNO

## **7 OBF Elements**

The OBF specifies three (3) Nodes, four (4) Reference Points and the OBF\_Token. Each of these elements is described in the section below.

### **7.1 OBF Nodes**

The OBF specifies three Nodes, each of which is described below:

#### **7.1.1 OBF Client**

The OBF Client is an application resident in the Connected Device or its associated Connectivity Element (e.g. the SIM in 3GPP Networks or the authentication element of LoRa networks) that provides the bootstrapping application and the key material on the device side for the bootstrapping of the Connected Device using the Authentication Function. The OBF Client provides the features and functions required for the interaction with the Authentication Server and Application Server. The OBF Client is specified and provisioned by the IoT Service Provider or the Mobile Network Operator that is providing the OBF services.

#### **7.1.2 OBF Resource Server**

The OBF Resource Server is a network node that provides the key material on the Service Provider side for the bootstrapping service provided by the Authentication Server. The OBF Resource server hosts the required Key Management Function.

The OBF Resource Server is specified and provisioned by the IoT Service Provider or the Mobile Network Operator that is providing the OBF services.

#### **7.1.3 OBF Authentication Server**

The OBF Authentication Server is a network node that mutually authenticates the OBF Client towards the OBF Resource Server, using a set of algorithms, in the process, to generate keys that are then used for the security of the transactions between the Connected Device and the Application Server that is hosting the Connected Services.

### **7.2 OBF Reference Points**

The OBF specifies four Reference Points, each of which is described below:

#### **7.2.1 RPAA**

The Reference Point between Authentication Server and Application Server. It is used by the Application Server to fetch key material from the Authentication Server. It is also used to fetch application-specific user security settings from the Authentication Server if requested. The recommended protocol to be used over RPAA is DIAMETER [b-RFC 6733] and [b-RFC 7155].

#### **7.2.2 RPAR**

The Reference Point between OBF Authentication Server and OBF Resource Server. Here the OBF Authentication Server can get the resource rights for a certain Connected Device. The recommended protocol to be used over RPAR is DIAMETER [b-RFC 6733] and [b-RFC 7155].

#### **7.2.3 RPCA**

The Reference Point is between the OBF Client hosted in the Secure Element and the OBF Authentication Server. The Reference point provides mutual authentication between the OBF Client in the Secure Element and OBF Authentication Server. It allows the OBF Client in the Secure Element to bootstrap the Connected Device and the Connected Service using session keys. The recommended

protocol to be used over RPCA is HTTP Digest protocol [b-RFC7616], the interface between the Connected Device and the Secure Element is as per the specifications of the underlying Network Technology.

#### **7.2.4 RPDS**

The Reference Point is between the Connected Device and the Application Server. It carries the application protocol, which is secured using the keys material agreed between OBF Client hosted in the Secure Element and the OBF Authentication Server.

NOTE – The communication protocol between the Connected Device and the Application Server is not in the scope of this recommendation.

#### **7.3 OBF-Token**

A session key independently generated in the Connected Device / User Equipment (UE) as well as in the Authentication Server, by the Authentication Function on the Device and Server, respectively, for establishing a secure association between the Connected Device and the Application provided by the Third-Party Service Provider or IoT Service Provider.

## **11 OBF Functions**

The Functions implemented in the Secure Element, Device and the Servers, which are involved in the Authentication process, are as follows:

### **11.1 Authentication Function**

This function is hosted in the network of the Network Operator/IoT SP under the control of the issuer of the Secure Element. The Authentication Server, Resource Server, and Secure Element participate in Authentication procedure in which a shared secret is established between the Authentication Server and the OBF Client hosted in the Secure Element by running the bootstrapping procedure over the reference point RPCA as described in the OBF Authorisation Function below.

### **11.2 Bootstrapping Function**

This function is hosted in the Authentication Server of the Network Operator/ IoT SP and in the OBF Client of the Connected Device. The Authentication Server creates a new registration for the Connected Device by way of establishment of secret keys for secure communication. The new association provides for mutual authentication of Connected Device and Applications hitherto unknown to each other.

### **11.3 Key Management Function**

This function resides in the OBF Client and in the Resource Server. The function provides the mechanisms for management and association of keys and algorithms between the Resource Server and the OBF Client.

### **11.4 OBF Client Function**

A function of the OBF Client hosted in the Connected Device that executes the bootstrapping procedure with the Authentication Server and provides the Connected Device with security association to run bootstrapping procedure.

#### **11.4.1 Connected Device Function**

An Application calls this function over the reference point RPDS when an application server requires a bootstrapped security association.

#### **11.4.2 Authorisation Function**

The Authorisation Function resides in the Resource Server and validates if the OBF Client has the right to use the authentication for the requested application/service. The Authorisation Function hosts the repository of registered Third Party applications that can be permitted for use by the Device / User. The OBF Authorisation Server maps the Application identities to the OBF-Token issued to the User by the Authentication Function.



## **10 Capabilities of the OBF Nodes**

### **10.1 Common capabilities for all OBF Nodes**

All the OBF Nodes are required to have the capability to support :

- transfer of Connected Devices between Authentication Service Providers such as NSPs, and IoT SPs; and
- functions and workflows as specified herein below.

### **10.2 Capabilities of individual OBF Nodes**

In addition to the common capabilities described in the sub-section above, the individual capabilities of the OBF Nodes are described below.

#### **10.2.1 OBF Client**

OBF Client has the capability to initiate the bootstrapping process to create a repository of trusted Connected Devices and the corresponding Authentication Servers.

#### **10.2.2 OBF Resource Server**

OBF Resource Server has the capability to:

- create and upload Keys through Key Management Function to the OBF Resource Server and the OBF Client, in cases where the underlying Network Technology system requires the creation of keys by an external element;
- ingest keys through Key Management Function, where the underlying Network Technology creates the keys;
- register the Resource Servers and the Resource Server Providers (NSPs and IoT Service Providers);
- to register the Application Servers and the Third Party Application Service Providers;
- provision Third Party Application Service provider applications towards Connected Devices;

#### **10.2.3 OBF Authentication Server**

OBF Authentication Server has the capability to initiate the bootstrapping process to create a repository of trusted Connected Devices and the corresponding Authentication Servers.

## **8 Requirements**

The OBF may be deployed by a NSP or an IoT SP and used by Third Party Application providers. The requirements for the Open Bootstrap Framework are identified in the clauses below:

### **8.1 Requirements for the OBF Nodes**

All the OBF Nodes are required to have support for:

- Published addressability, access and registration processes for Connected Devices and Applications offered by NSPs, IoT SPs or Third Party Service Providers;
- Inter-operability and transferability such as to provide freedom for the end user or buyer to choose services from any NSP, IoT SP or Third Party Application Service Providers without affecting the Authentication Services offered by the OBF; and
- Compatibility with various underlying Networking Technologies, in order to provide the Authentication and Authorization Services using the global identities, key material and crypto algorithm as per the underlying Network Technology layer.

Apart from the above requirements pertaining to all the nodes, additional requirements of the OBF Client, OBF Resource Server and the OBF Authentication Server are as below.

#### **8.1.1 Requirements for the OBF Client**

The OBF Client is required to be capable of interacting with the Secure Element, which may be a part of the Connected Device or the Connectivity Element.

#### **8.1.2 Requirements for the OBF Resource Server**

(a) The OBF Resource Server implementation is required to conform to the following:

- Store the identities and credentials of the Connected Devices and the Applications
- Store the mapping of the stakeholders and custodians with the Connected Devices and the Applications; and
- Provide methods for provisioning of the Applications permitted to be accessed by Connected Devices.

(b) The Resource Server Key Management Function and the Secure Element must support commonly used security algorithms.

#### **8.1.3 Requirements for the OBF Authentication Server**

The OBF Authentication Server implementation is required to support:

- The use of global identities as per the underlying Network Technology layer without any change; and
- The use of Pre-Shared Keys or Public Key Infrastructure, either as part of the Network Technology layer authentication service or as a standalone OBF Authentication Service provided by an IoT SP.

## **8.2 Requirements for the Reference Points**

### **8.2.1 Requirements for the RPAA**

The OBF RPAA interface requires that the Authentication Server and Application Server implement mechanisms that:

- secure the communication between the Application Server and the Authentication Server; and
- ensure transfer of the OBF\_Token from the Authentication Server to the Application Server.

### **8.2.2 Requirements for the RPAR**

The OBF RPAR interface requires that the Resource Server provide the Authentication Server with relevant data to be shared with an Application Server.

### **8.2.3 Requirements for the RPCA**

The OBF RPCA interface requires that:

- the identification of the OBF Client (Secure Element), and the Connected Device that the Secure Element is attached to, is possible to be undertaken by the Authentication server;
- the mechanism for mutual authentication between the Authentication Server and OBF Client (Secure Element) is implemented by the Authentication Server and the OBF Client; and
- the mechanism for transfer of the OBF\_Token from the Authentication Server to the Application Server is implemented by both sides.

### **8.2.4 Requirements for the RPDS**

The OBF RPDS interface requires that:

- The OBF Client and the Authentication Server support the HTTP Digest protocol [b-RFC7616];
- The OBF Client has an implementation that allows the OBF Client to communicate with the Secure Element;
- The Third-Party application running on the Connected Device signals to the OBF Client (Secure Element) when it requires to use the OBF; and
- The Application Server and the Connected Device Application use the OBF\_Token to create new sessions (TLS PSK).

## **8.3 Requirements for the OBF\_Token**

The OBF\_Token is required to be:

- globally unique;
- usable as a key identifier in protocols used in Reference point RPAA;
- derived either from the device or secure element by using device / Secure element identification, Secure key material, connectivity information and time stamp / counters or optionally, other such device / secure element based parameters; and

- able to provide adequate information to the OBF Authentication Server to make it capable of detecting the domain and the OBF Resource Server of the Connected Device.

## **9 Pre-requisites for the Devices and Application Servers**

### **9.1 Pre-requisites for the Devices**

Following pre-requisites are required to be fulfilled by the Connected Devices that make use of the OBF:

- Host a Secure Element and have an implementation of the OBF Client in the Connected Device or its Connectivity Element;
- Support for interface between the Connected Device and the Secure Element as per the specifications of the underlying Network Technology; and
- Support for one or more protocols - HTTP, MQTT, Web Sockets or COAP.

### **9.2 Pre-requisites for the Application Servers**

Following pre-requisites are required to be fulfilled by the Application Servers that make use of the OBF:

- Support for one or more protocols - HTTP, MQTT, Web Sockets or COAP, which are used by the Devices in the ecosystem; and
- Have the ability to set local validity conditions of the shared key material according to the local policy; and
- Have the ability to honour lifetime and local validity condition of the shared key material.

NOTE - It is recommended that support for new protocols are added as and when released within the relevant ecosystem.

## 12 Operations and Mechanisms

The following operational workflows are defined for the OBF. However, in the workflows, the details/ aspects of Numbering, Identity and Machine KYC management, the Challenge-Response Mechanism adopted for establishment of trust, and the method of session key generation are not covered and are outside the scope of this Recommendation.

### 12.1 Authentication Workflow

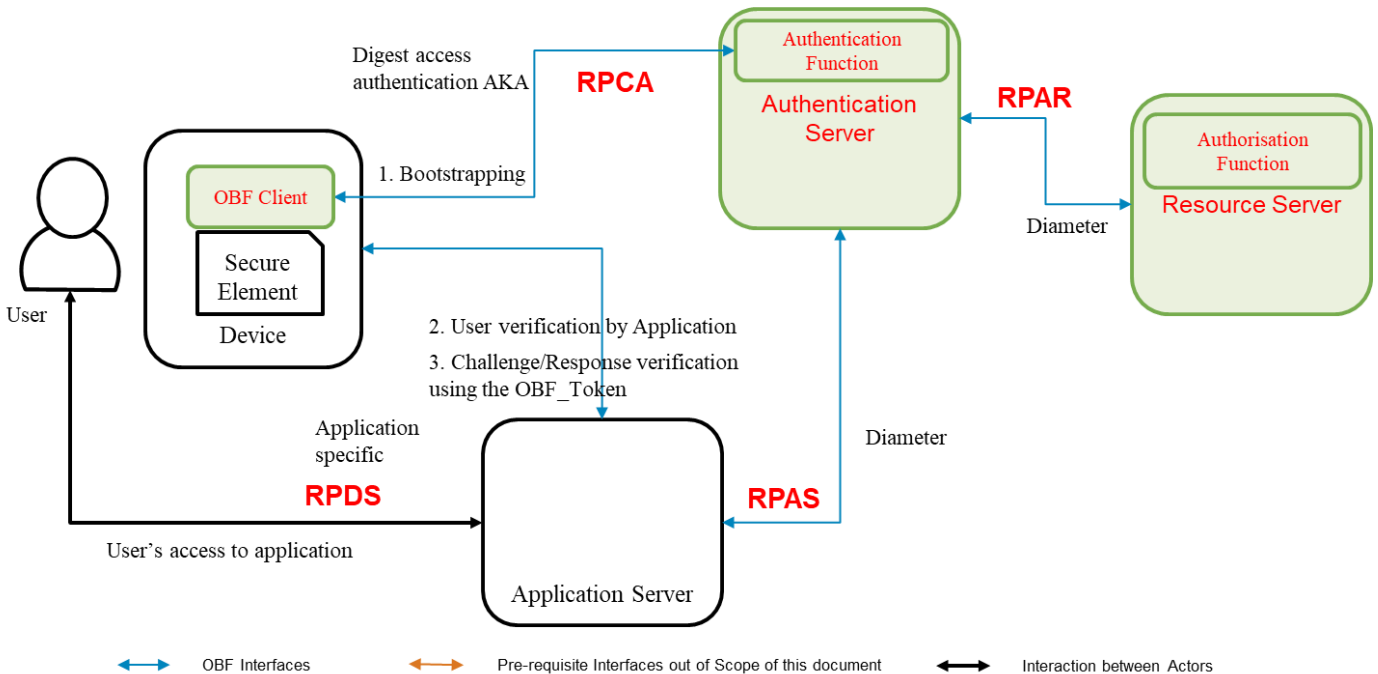
The Authentication Workflow is meant for a User that would like to use a Service or an Application that can benefit from the OBF Authentication.

When a User requires to access an Application from the Connected Device, or the Application requires to exchange data with the Connected Device, it signals to the OBF Client the requirement to use the bootstrap framework for authentication. This process is accomplished in the following steps:

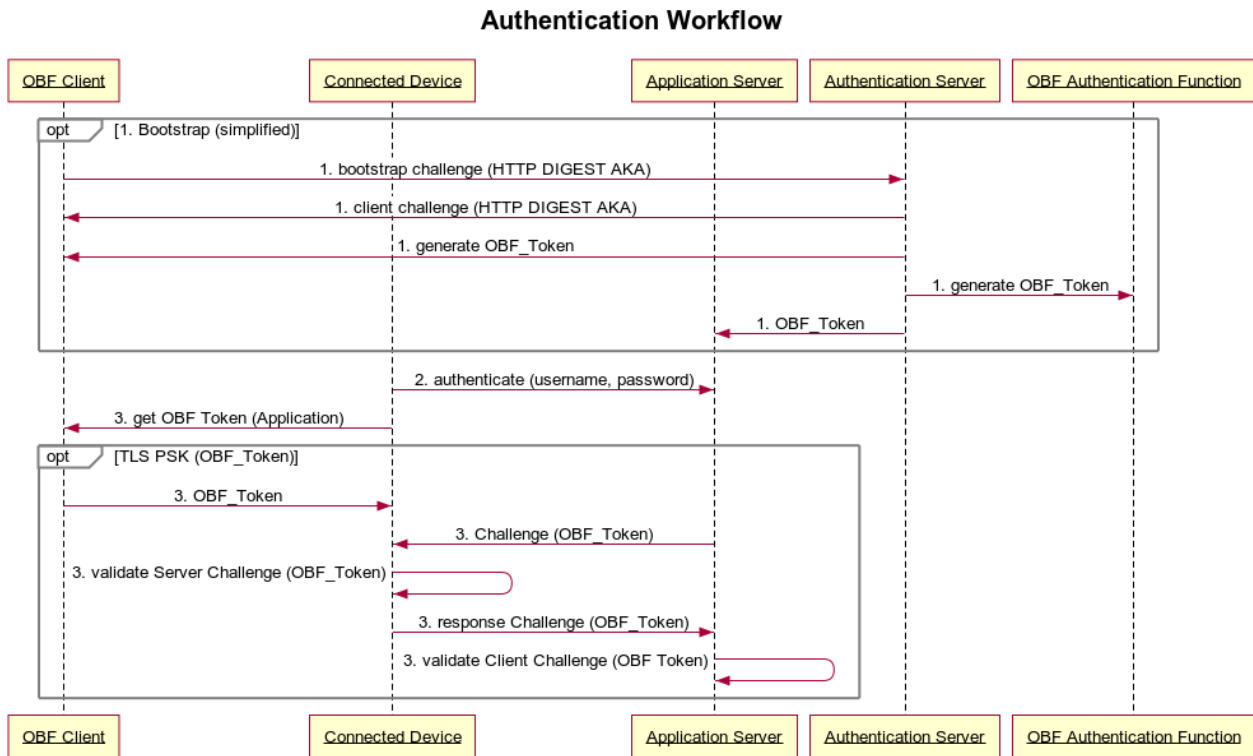
1. Bootstrapping is initiated, if it has not been executed previously. Please see section 12.2 below;
2. The User request towards the Application server is executed and the application uses a challenge-response mechanism to identify the User and the user responds to the challenge-response mechanism used by the Application; and
3. The OBF Client uses the OBF\_Token, which is used to set up a secure connection using TLS for any data exchange between the Connected Device application and the Application Server.

NOTE – The mechanism to invoke the OBF Client for initiating the Bootstrap procedure is left to the implementation and not covered in the scope of this recommendation.

The Authentication workflow is described in the diagram below (Figure 4 & 5):



**Figure 4: Authentication Workflow**



**Figure 5: Authentication Sequence Diagram**

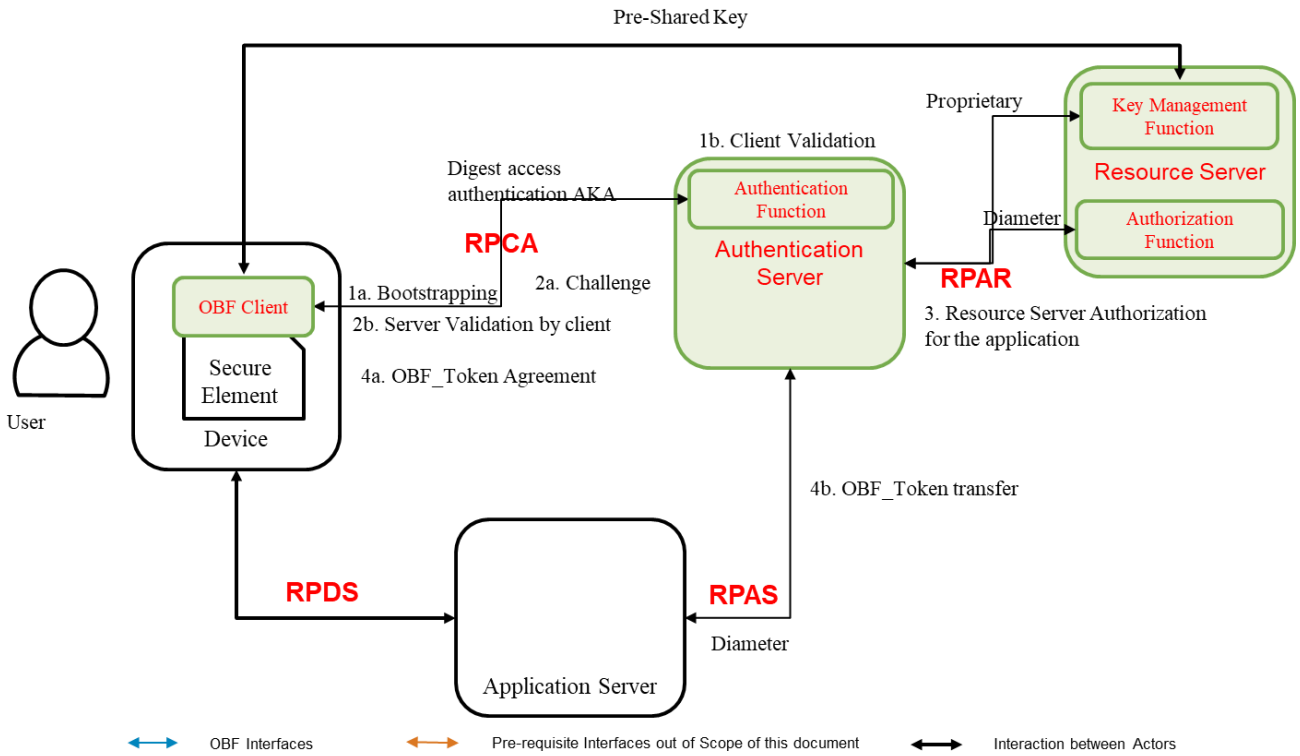
## 12.2 Key Management during bootstrap Flow

The shared key that exists on both the Secure Element, and in the Key Management F of the Resource Server, is used to authenticate the OBF Client with the Authentication Server. Session Keys are used for securing the communication between the Connected Device and an Application. This process is accomplished in the following steps:

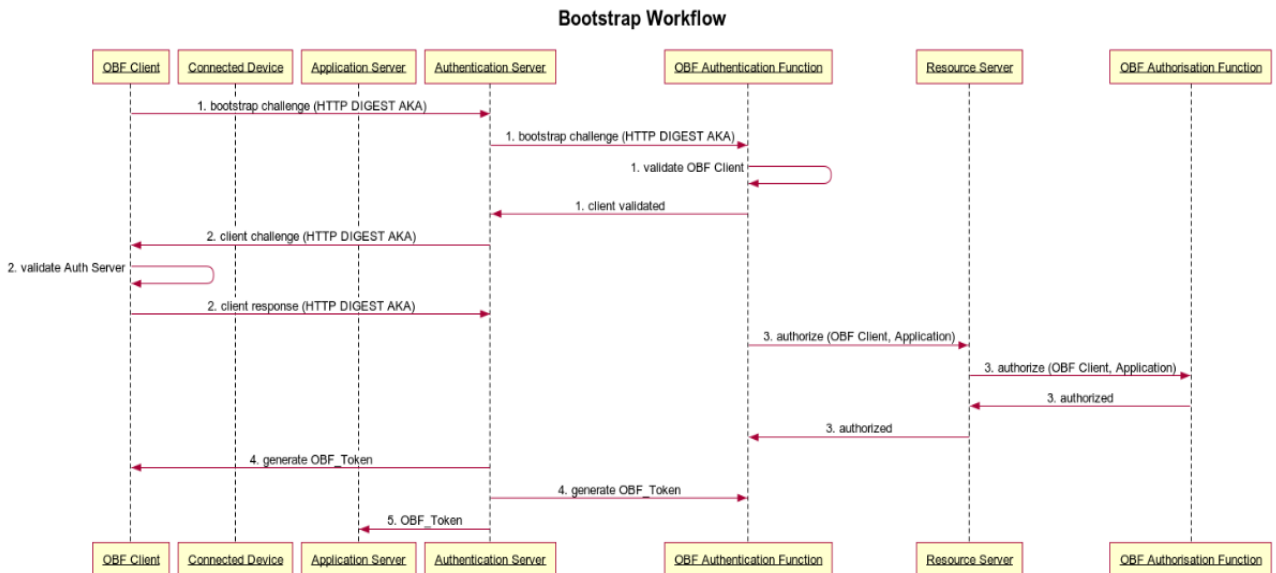
1. The Authentication Server will validate the client in the bootstrapping stage;
2. The Authentication Server and the OBF Client will mutually challenge each other to validate credentials;
3. The Resource Server validates if the User has the right to use the authentication for the given Application;
4. When the mutual authentication has completed the OBF Client and Authentication Server agree on the OBF-Token; and
5. The OBF-Token is provided to the Application Server for use in subsequent security associations.

Note: The steps 1, 2, 3 are a part of the Digest access authentication AKA.

The Bootstrapping and the Session Key management process is described in the diagram below (Figure 6 & 7):



**Figure 6: Bootstrapping and Session Key Management**



**Figure 7: Bootstrap and OBF Token generation Sequence**

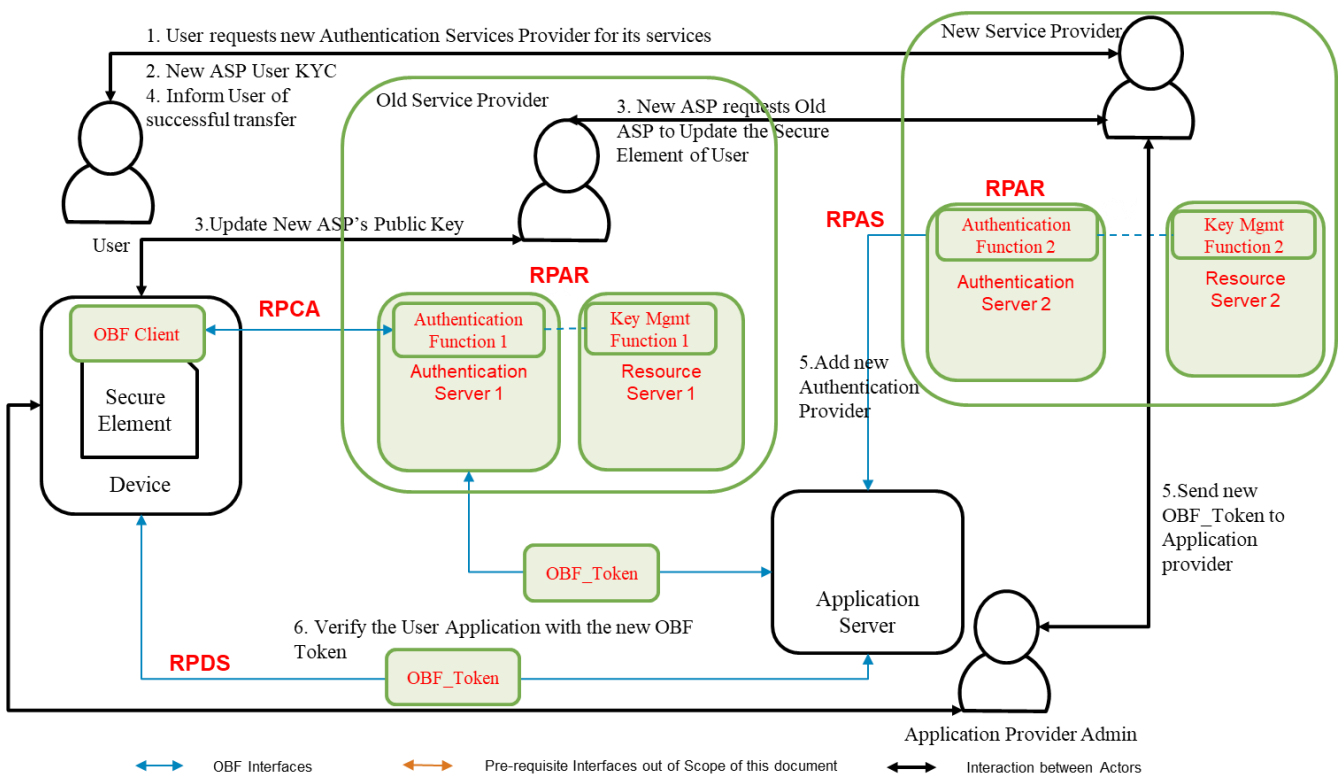


### 12.3 Changing of Authentication Provider Flow (Asymmetric keys)

A User may change the Connectivity Provider, but still may want to continue the use of Services which are supported by the OBF Authentication. The Authentication Provider may be changed as per the mechanism defined below:

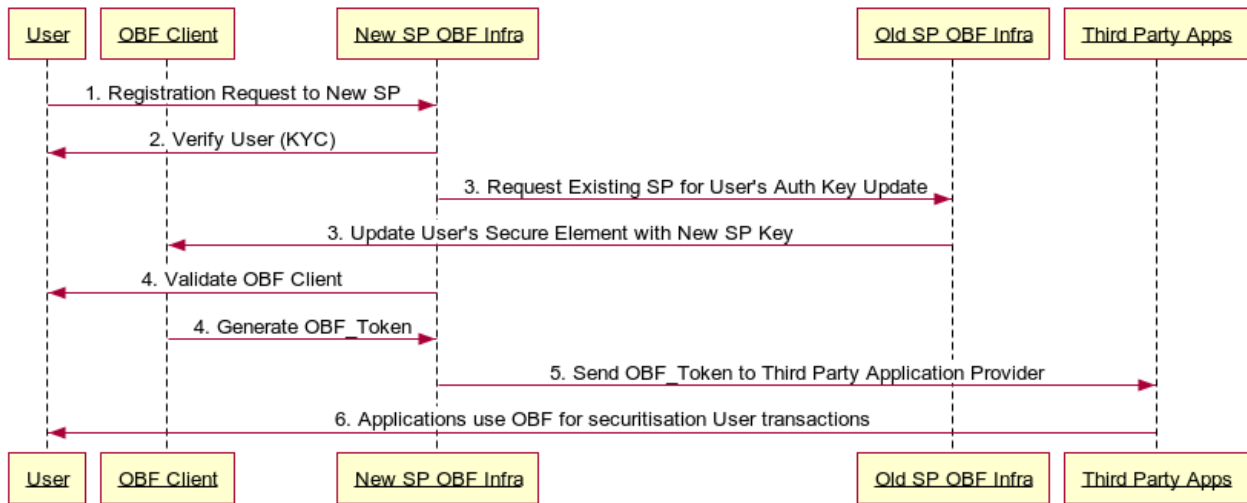
1. User requests new Authentication Services Provider for its services;
2. The new Authentication Services Provider completes the Machine KYC;
3. The new Authentication Service Provider provides its Public Key to the old Authentication Service Provider with a request to transfer the User's Account to the new Authentication Service Provider;
4. The old Authentication Services Provider uses its Private Key to update the Secure Element of the User with the Public Key of the New Authentication Services Provider;
5. Upon successful confirmation of the transfer the new Authentication Services Provider informs the Application Services Providers about the change in the OBF\_Token for a User; and
6. The Application Service Provider uses the new OBF\_Token along with embedded connectivity identity to verify the User.

The Process is described in the diagram below (Figure 8 & 9):



**Figure 8: Authentication Provider Switch (Asymmetric keys)**

### Authentication Provider Change (Asymmetric Keys)



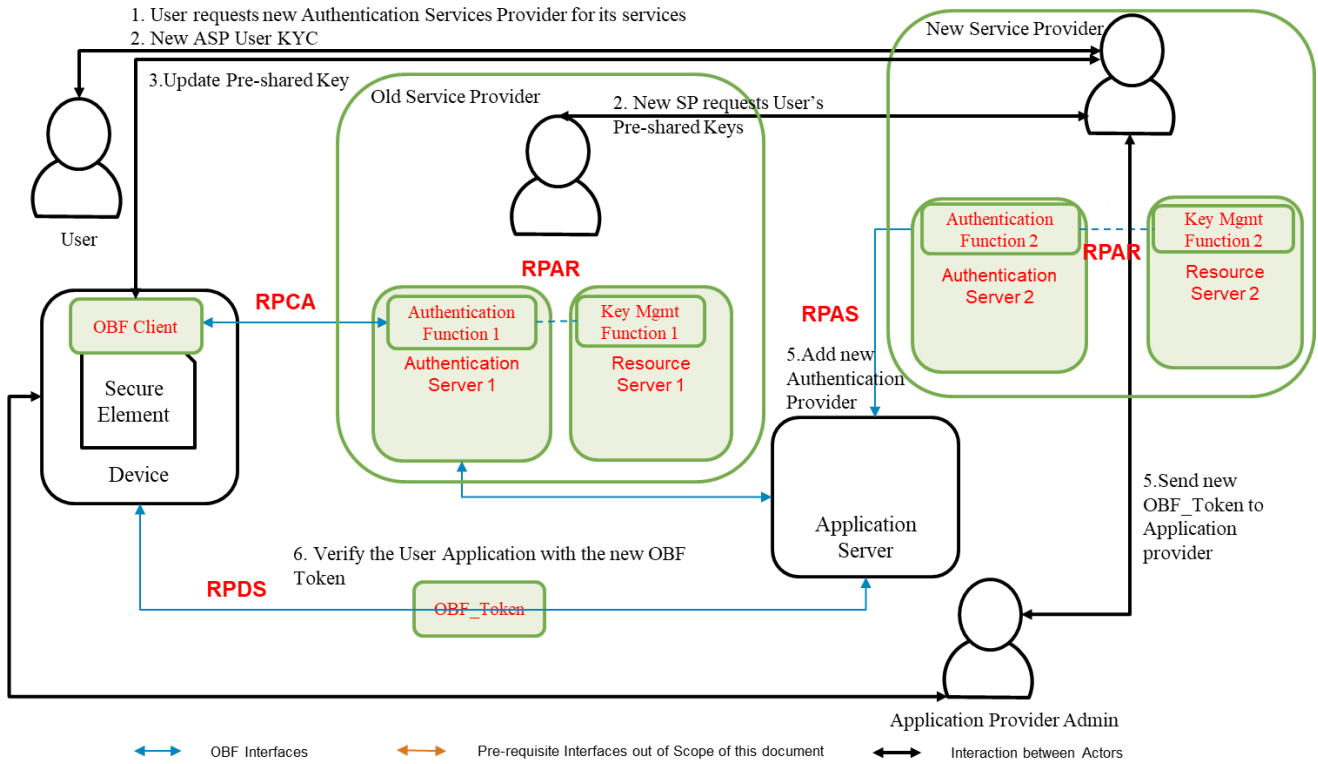
**Figure 9: Authentication Provider Switch (Asymmetric keys) Sequence**

#### 12.4 Changing of Authentication Provider Flow (Symmetric keys)

The User of the service has to approach the new IoT Service Provider / Mobile Operator for enabling the use of the Authentication Services. The Steps for such a transfer are described below:

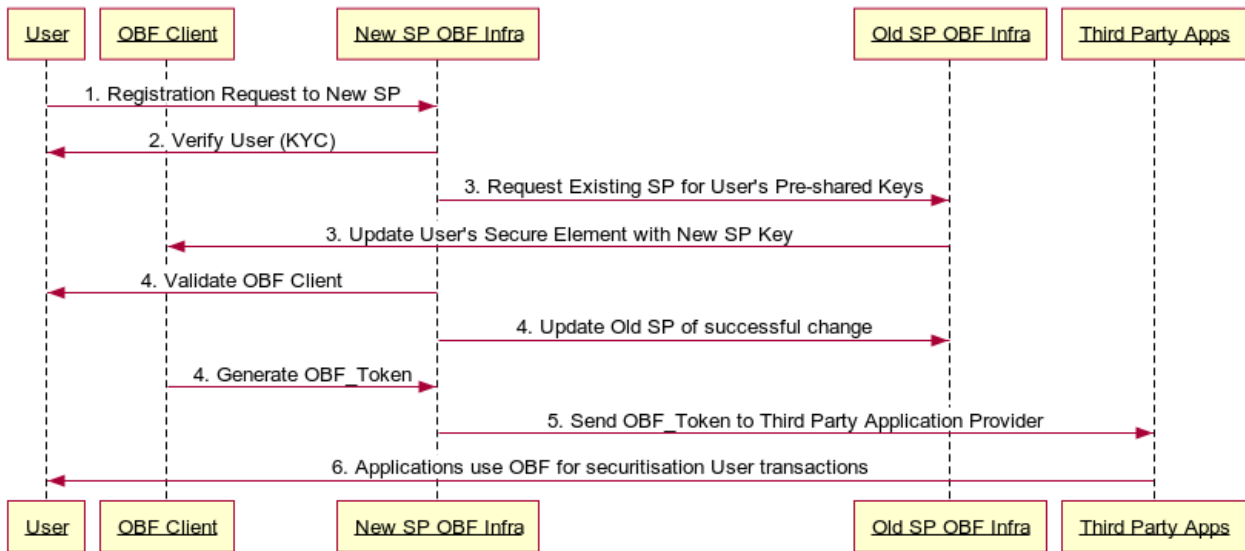
1. User requests new Authentication Services Provider for its services;
2. The new Authentication Service Provider requests existing Authentication Service Provider for User's Shared Keys;
3. The new Authentication Services Provider uses the old key to update the Secure Element with a new key following the Machine KYC;
4. The new Authentication Services Provider informs the User and the old Authentication Services provider of the successful confirmation of the transfer to the new Authentication Services Provider;
5. Upon successful confirmation of the transfer the new Authentication Services Provider informs the Application Services Providers about the change in the OBF\_Token for a User;
6. The Application Service Provider uses the new OBF\_Token along with embedded connectivity identity to verify the User.

The Process is described in the diagram below (Figure 10 & 11):



**Figure 10: Change Authentication Service Provider (Symmetric Keys)**

### Authentication Provider Change (Symmetric Keys)



**Figure 11: Change Authentication Service Provider (Symmetric Keys) Sequence**

## **Appendix I**

### **Explanation of the use case example**

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

This appendix provides explanation of the use case examples of OBF. In this use case, the background, the device functions and the sample data flow has been described.

#### **I.1 Background and Diversified multi-stakeholder eco system**

The Ecosystem comprises of the following Actors

- a. Network Operator or IoT SP: Supplier of the SIM and Secure Element
- b. Device Manufacturer – manufacturer of the Device with the embedded SIM / Secure Element
- c. Vehicle Manufacturer – manufactures of the vehicle with the embedded device, SIM and Secure Element
- d. Buyer – the entity or person that pays for the Vehicle
- e. Application Provider – the entity that provides the Application for registration, tracking and transfer of the vehicle
- f. Certifying Agency – the entity that Certifies the Device and the Application
- g. Trust Centre – the Agency responsible for the registration and enforcement of Vehicle rules, typically a State actor

##### **I.1.1 Background**

Indian automotive standard body has laid down a Standard (Automotive Indian Standard AIS140) for the registration and tracking of public service vehicles, including the communication between Vehicle Tracking Device (VTS) and a Vehicle Tracking and Alarms Management Server (VTAMS)

As per this standard, the VTS device sends various data packets to the VTAMS server like Position-Velocity-Time Data, Panic Alarm, Safety Alerts, Health Data, Diagnostics etc. VTAM Server controls the devices by sending various commands to VTS device; like get device diagnosis, configuration command, Panic Alarm Acknowledgement, Panic Alarm Closure etc. Communication from device to server and server to device is taking place over SMS and TCP/IP channel.

Given the mission critical nature of the service, the VTAMS server is having mechanisms to establish the Integrity, Identity, Authenticity and Trust to ensure the secure and trustful implementation of public safety for the citizens.

##### **I.1.2 Diversified multi-stakeholder eco system**

In continuation of background, it is also important to describe the diversified eco system which will enable the AIS140 standard in India.

1. There are more than 40 VTS device manufacturer who are supplying the VTS devices for Public Transport Vehicles

2. Few device manufacturers are designing and manufacturing the devices from ground up and few are assembling the devices and controlling the firmware only. Many devices are constrained devices and are designed for specific purpose only.
3. There are 4 major MNOs (Mobile Network Operators) providing the communication channel.
4. There are multiple IoT Service Providers, providing the end to end services
5. There are multiple SIM Manufacturer, supplying the SIM Cards to IoT SP or OEM Directly
6. There are more than 30 States that will implement their own Application Servers at the State Data Centres
7. There are dozens of Application Service Providers who will license the Tracking and Alarms Management Systems to individual States

## I.2 Use case

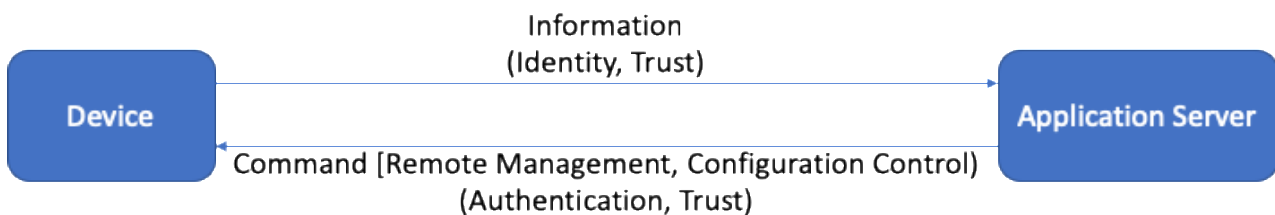
This use case is for Remote Manageable basic vehicle tracking devices (without crypto functionality) with embedded SIM (Secure Element). In this use case, device is sending health, diagnosis and other data to national backend system (Application Server). Device is also receiving configuration change command (like application server IP change) from National Backend System (Application Server).

When device is sending data to National Backend System (Application Server), then:

1. Application server is able to identify the device correctly
2. Application server is able to check the data integrity which means no one in between have changed the data
3. Application server is be able to identify replay attack from a malicious entity
4. No one in between device and application server should be able to read the data being sent by device

Similarly, when National Backend System (Application Server) is sending command, like application server address change, to device:

1. Device is able to identify that this request is coming from authorized application server
2. Device is able to check the data integrity which means no one in between have changed the data
3. Device is able to identify replay attack from a malicious entity
4. No one in between application server and device should be able to read the data being sent



**Figure I.1: Device-Application Server Communication**

### I.2.1 Important consideration for security

Following are important consideration for security implementation:

1. The tamper proof identity of the SIM / Secure Element (IccID / EID) is used as the primary identifier for the connected device

2. Appropriate mechanisms are followed for the generation and sharing of Security key between the SIM / Secure Element and the Authentication Server
3. The Network Application Function (NAF) and the OBF interact securely following the standards prescribed by 3GPP GAA.

## **I.2.2 Functions required**

Following functions are required on device, secure element and application server to meet the mentioned security requirement "see clause I.2.1":

### **I.2.2.1 Device Functions**

#### **(a) Validate Checksum Function**

This function is used by device to validate the checksum of the incoming data. This will ensure the **Data Integrity**. If checksum is not matched, then device will not process the data further and ignore it.

#### **(b) Decrypt Encrypted Server Data Function**

When Device receives data from an application server (like configuration change command), it will first establish the data integrity. Once the data integrity is established, the Device will send the data to Secure Element for decryption.

The purpose of the function is to authenticate the Application Server to the Device and protect the communication from man in the middle / replay attacks.

#### **(c) Encrypted Device Data Function**

This function is used by Device when device is sending any data [like Health Packet or Diagnosis Data or PVT (Position, Velocity, Time) data] to an Application Server.

### **I.2.2.2 Secure Element Functions**

#### **(a) Decrypt Data Function**

This function is called by device and responded by the Secure Element with the result that the Secure Element decrypts the Server Encrypted Data by the use of a key from a specified key index.

#### **(b) Encrypt Device Data Function**

This function is called by device and responded by the Secure Element with the result that the Secure Element encrypts the Device Data by the use of a key from a specified key index.

### **I.2.2.3 Application Server Functions**

#### **(a) Key Import Function**

This function is used by Application Server to import encryption/decryption keys for the SE (Secure Element) from a trusted source. Establishing trusted source is out of scope of this explanation.

**(b) Decrypt Device Data Function**

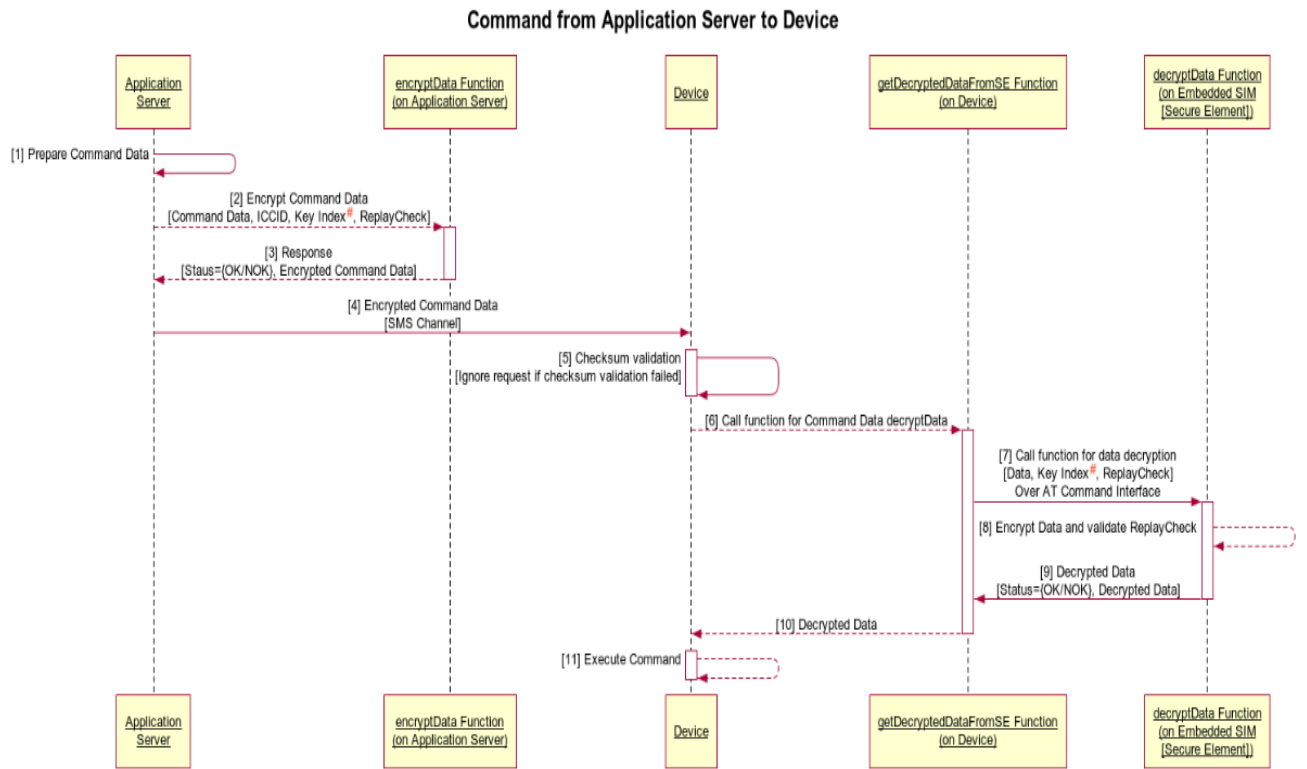
This function is used by Application Server to request the decryption of incoming data from the device. Application server establishes 'Identity' and 'Authenticity' of the incoming Device Data request using this function.

**(c) Encrypt Server Data Function**

This function is used by Application Server to request the encryption of data intended to be sent to a device (e.g. a command, like configuration change). When called, this function adds TRUST data which is used by device to establish mutual authentication with the server.

**I.2.3 Application Server to Device flow (Sample)**

Following is a sample data flow for 'Command (Remote Management, Configuration Control)' sent from Application Server to Device.



**Figure I.2: Application Server to Device Communication Flow**

NOTE 1 – # In future, one-time session key, shared using public/private key and crypto challenge could be used instead of fixed keys