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19 **Executive Summary**
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21 This document describes the SBAS authentication Concept of Operations (ConOps). SBAS authentication
22 is a message authentication capability that provides confidence that received SBAS data content is actually
23 from SBAS systems and was not generated by a spoofer. SBAS authentication requires SBAS providers to
24 comply with the SBAS authentication standards, provide ICAO Aviation Common Certificate Policy
25 compliant public key material from ICAO approved PKI Certification Authorities (CAs), and broadcast
26 SBAS authentication messages. This document:

- 27 • identifies the threats mitigated by SBAS authentication, reviews the scope and assumptions of the
28 SBAS authentication capability.
- 29 • provides a description of the key aspects of SBAS authentication to enable completion of SBAS
30 authentication standardization in Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Minimum
31 Operational Performance Standards (MOPS).
- 32 • identifies how SBAS authentication may be integrated and used in air traffic management
33 applications.

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96 **1 Introduction**

97 This document describes the Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) authentication Concept of
98 Operations (ConOps). SBAS authentication is a message authentication capability that provides
99 confidence that received SBAS data contents are actually from authentic SBAS systems and were not
100 generated by aspoof. SBAS authentication requires SBAS providers to comply with the SBAS
101 authentication standards, make public key material available from PKI Certification Authorities (CAs)
102 compliant with ICAO Aviation Common Certificate Policy (ACCP) policy, and broadcast SBAS
103 authentication messages. To use the service, the airborne element adds the ability to handle and store
104 SBAS service providers' public keys, receive and process SBAS authentication messages, and provide
105 position outputs using authenticated SBAS data.

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108 The SBAS authentication ConOps

- identifies the threats mitigated by SBAS authentication, reviews the scope and assumptions of the SBAS authentication capability.
- provides a description of the key aspects of SBAS authentication to enable completion of SBAS authentication standardization in Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS).
- identifies how SBAS authentication may be integrated and used in air traffic management applications.

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118 SBAS authentication relies on the Timed-Efficient Stream Loss-Tolerant Authentication (TESLA)
119 protocol. In this protocol, message authentication tags are developed from the secure hash of broadcast
120 messages with a key. A specific key is calculated for each message based on a hash point for a group of
121 five messages. The hash points are linked to other hash points through a secure, one-way function. The
122 hash points used to generate the message authentication tags are released after a short delay (nominal 6
123 seconds) after release of the tags. This enables a user to receive the tags in advance of the hash point. At
124 the time of the tag generation, only the approved SBAS would have access to the hash point. Therefore,
125 successful confirmation of the message tags by the user receiver after receipt of the hash point indicates
126 that the broadcast data is valid.

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128 **1.1 SBAS Authentication ConOps Document Structure**

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: Scope / Assumptions
- Section 3: Threat description
- Section 4: SBAS message authentication
- Section 5: Authentication key management
- Section 6: Cryptography agility
- Section 7: SBAS provider perspective
- Section 8: Avionics perspective
- Section 9: Cockpit perspective
- Section 10: Air traffic and air space perspective

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140 **1.2 SBAS Authentication ConOps Document Objective**

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142 The objectives of the SBAS authentication ConOps document are to describe:

- a common understanding of the operation of SBAS authentication.

- 144 • an understanding of SBAS authentication to aid in adoption and deployment of SBAS
145 authentication.
146 • additional details on the threat covered by the scheme,
147 • the technical aspect supporting the authentication scheme,
148 • the way to operate with SBAS authentication and
149 • the benefits of SBAS authentication function for various aviation's stakeholders.

150 SBAS success is dependent on the internationally agreed SBAS SARPs that makes a DO-229() receiver
151 compatible and interoperable with any SBAS of today and foreseen in the future. Therefore, the SBAS
152 authentication standard is developed as an international interoperable standard, maintaining a single
153 unique standard definition with harmonized cryptographic primitives, and avoiding SBAS provider-
154 specificities.

156 **2 Scope / Assumptions**

157 **2.1 Context**

158 SBAS currently provides satellite and ionospheric corrections and integrity over regional areas,
159 allowing use of GNSS for safety-critical operations such as aircraft precision approaches. Current SBAS
160 receivers operate with received SBAS signals and require no additional checks to validate them. The
161 complete trust placed in SBAS signals means that the receiver will operate on a spoofed signal as if it
162 were a legitimate SBAS signal. Spoofing can lead to an integrity failure when the spoofing signals that
163 are received and processed as valid GNSS signals create positioning errors that exceed their respective
164 protection levels. Therefore, spoofing of the SBAS signal is a threat to safety-critical operations and
165 spoofed SBAS data can lead a receiver into a coherently false position with no warning to the user.

166 While the potential impact of spoofing has been known for a long time, actual spoofing of aircraft GNSS
167 systems has only been observed in the last few years. The Automatic Dependent Surveillance –
168 Broadcast (ADS-B) position reported by aircraft operating near conflict zones has shown abnormal
169 behavior. Such behavior includes instantaneous jumps from the current position to distant locations,
170 such as from the Mediterranean to the Beirut Airport, or jumps to a circling trajectory. Japan reported
171 observing spoofing indications in GPS/INS capable aircraft operating over Japan oceanic airspace and
172 attributed the source to fisherman trying to mask illegal or unregulated fishing.

175 **2.2 Motivation**

176 SBAS authentication provides a means to identify SBAS signals sent by specific SBAS providers.
177 SBAS authentication needs to be implementable by both existing SBAS systems and future SBAS
178 receivers while having minimal to no impact to current SBAS receivers and operations that do not
179 support SBAS authentication.

180 SBAS authentication is a part of the broader effort to harden aviation receivers from jamming and
181 spoofing threats and to provide security and resilience to aviation use of GNSS. While SBAS
182 authentication implemented on one receiver may provide protection for that receiver, SBAS
183 authentication may help receivers identify spoofing which could help manage the airspace with a mix of
184 legacy receivers that have no spoofing protection. The receiver may use the indication of spoofing
185 detected through failure of SBAS authentication to make a general spoofing declaration. A general
186 spoofing declaration determined by the receiver may be forwarded to air traffic control as one input into
187 a broader interference detection and mitigation capability that is beyond the scope of this concept
188 document.

191 **2.3 Assumptions**

192 The concept described later in this document complies with the following assumptions about the SBAS
193 authentication service, system and signal capabilities, which have been consolidated over time. The
194 sentences added in italics at the end of each assumption summarize the impact of the assumption on the
195 presented technical solution.

- 196 • **RF bands and services:** GSWG started the development of SBAS authentication with the
197 presumption that it is only needed to apply to the DFMC SBAS service (SBAS L5 frequency at
198 1176.45 MHz), but then determined that it is also necessary to provide equivalent protection to the
199 L1 SBAS service (SBAS L1 frequency at 1575.42 MHz). This is because a spoofer could simply
200 jam the L5 signals and then spoof the L1 SBAS messages, thus bypassing the protection provided by
201 DFMC SBAS authentication. *The message authentication scheme must be compatible with the L1*
202 *SBAS and DFMC SBAS services to support SBAS authentication on each SBAS service.*
- 203 • **Signal RF properties:** The addition of SBAS authentication needs to be compatible with the
204 already established SBAS signal requirements. This means that user received power levels for the
205 L1 in-phase and L5-in-phase signals should remain within the current user receiver requirements.
206 The addition of authentication would not change the current signal RF properties (signal
207 polarization, carrier stability and noise, code/carrier coherency, etc.). The addition of authentication
208 should also be compatible with in-service geostationary satellites and not require recapitalization of
209 the SBAS space segment. *The proposed scheme is compatible with the existing signal structure and*
210 *does not change the RF signal properties.*
- 211 • **Code and data modulation:** The addition of SBAS authentication needs to be compatible with the
212 already established SBAS signal requirements in the ICAO SARPs and the RTCA/EUROCAE
213 MOPS. Data formats need to be compatible with the overall spreading code structure used for the
214 respective channels. Data message additions to the L1 in-phase and L5 in-phase signals follow the
215 already established formats for data on those channels, except when explicitly noted (e.g. MT-50
216 removal of CRC). Data added to the L1 SBAS channel needs to be backwards compatible such that
217 it maintains the high-level performance requirements for existing users that do not process the
218 authentication messages. *The proposed scheme is integrated in the current signal modulation plan,*
219 *i.e. in the SBAS L5 and L1 in-phase components, without adding a quadrature component and*
220 *without impact on the code or data modulation of existing messages.*
- 221 • **Message structure and bandwidth:**
 - 222 o SBAS authentication will inherently add data and messages to the SBAS standard. *One new*
223 *message type provides the message authentication Hash-Based Message Authentication Codes*
224 *(HMACS) and related keys. Other new message types will be needed to enable validation of the*
225 *TESLA Confirmed Hash point and any Over-the-Air-Rekey (OTAR) capability.*
 - 226 o The authentication data requirements need to permit the broadcast of other SBAS messages at
227 the minimum broadcast rates identified in the SBAS standards. The current proposal sends an
228 authentication signature message every six seconds and may require up to an additional twenty
229 OTAR messages every 300 seconds for a total authentication message occupancy up to 24%.
230 *The proposed scheme is expected to use a maximum of 24% of each of the L5 and L1 SBAS*
231 *message streams.*
- 232 • **SBAS performance assumptions:**
 - 233 o SBAS authentication is expected to maintain compliance with the SBAS performance
234 requirements over the target service area, up to CAT-I requirements (35 m VAL). No significant
235 degradation in service coverage or performance should occur due to its introduction. *The*
236 *proposed scheme maintains the SBAS service performance requirements.*
 - 237 o With SBAS authentication, SBAS will maintain the Time To Alert (TTA) of 5.2 seconds. In
238 order to achieve the TTA requirement, it is considered acceptable to immediately use some
239 SBAS message information without waiting for authentication, such as alert information and
240 increases in user range errors (UDRE/DFRE). *The proposed scheme uses integrity parameters*

242 *that increase user error deviations or indicate an alert condition on receipt, in order to*
243 *maintain the Time To Alert, while other data is only used after authentication to preserve*
244 *integrity and counter spoofing.*

- 245 o For data not used immediately, the receiver needs to wait to receive both the message to be
246 authenticated, and its corresponding authentication message. This may lead to an extension of
247 the message content timeouts as proposed in the current standards. *The proposed scheme*
248 *requires the extension of some user error timeouts (UDRE/DFRE) provided that the messages*
249 *continue to be received.*

250 • **Cryptographic assumptions:**

- 251 o The cryptographic functions, parameters, and minimum security level included in the proposed
252 scheme are, to the extent possible, based on current standards. In case any design decision is not
253 explicitly justified by current standards, this is duly noted and justified in this report. According
254 to this approach, post-quantum cryptographic functions are at the moment not included, as they
255 are not yet standardized and their security is currently being assessed. *The proposed scheme*
256 *uses standard cryptographic techniques and achieve security levels as recommended by*
257 *common cryptographic standards.*
- 258 o The cryptographic functions require an out-of-band technique to receive keys or to establish a
259 trust anchor for any cryptographic information broadcast in-band. *The proposed scheme*
260 *includes requirements on establishment of trust anchors and enables multiple levels of in-band*
261 *key distribution anchored by a key received out of band.*
- 262 o The proposed scheme must include a key management scheme that will not require airlines to
263 implement key management actions more frequently than the current ARAC update cycle.
264 *There is still a tradeoff here between a multi-layer approach or one that provides more frequent*
265 *out-of-band trust anchors for the TESLA Confirmed Hash Point.*

266 • **Receiver assumptions:**

- 267 o SBAS authentication receivers must be able to store, update and protect public cryptographic
268 information. No private information such as secret keys is required. *The proposed scheme*
269 *requires the receiver to store and update public cryptographic information.*
- 270 o SBAS authentication receivers must be able to validate that any updated cryptographic
271 information is only obtained from the correctly associated source. There must be a
272 manufacturer installed trust anchor that establishes valid cryptographic update sources specific
273 to each SBAS service provider (e.g. the public cryptographic information associated with
274 WAAS must only be obtained from a validated FAA source). *The receiver must only obtain*
275 *updated cryptographic data from correctly associated and validated sources.*
- 276 o The additional CPU load required for message authentication will be commensurate, if not
277 much lower, to that already required for existing functions of the SBAS receivers. *The*
278 *cryptographic operations required in the receiver will be as a maximum commensurate, in*
279 *terms of CPU load, with already existing processing functions.*
- 280 o SBAS authentication receivers must be able to synchronize with a loose time reference that
281 must be different than the time obtained from SBAS and GNSS signals. Further details are
282 provided in the next sections. *The proposed scheme requires the receiver to maintain a time*
283 *synchronization within +/-3 seconds of the SBAS network time through use of a reliable*
284 *independent time reference.*

286 **3 Threat Description**

287 Designing and validating SBAS authentication requires a threat model – a definition of which security
288 threats SBAS authentication shall protect against. This section describes such a threat model as input for
289 design decisions on the protocol for SBAS authentication. The section describes the notional security
290 scope before identifying the threats to be addressed. The section first addresses the threat model for a
291 notional SBAS model and then extends to entities and interactions introduced with the SBAS
292 authentication concept.

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294 By the Airworthiness Security Process Specification (RTCA DO-326B / EUROCAE ED-202B), a
295 security scope is comprised of two parts: the security perimeter and the security environment. The
296 security perimeter denotes the boundary between the assets to protect (along with their security
297 measures) and the security environment. For example, for airworthiness, assets to protect are aircraft
298 resources (like aircraft functions and data) that contribute to the aircraft's airworthiness. The security
299 environment describes entities and interactions outside the security perimeter as relevant for the
300 protection of the assets.

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302 **Figure 1** illustrates the security scope considered for SBAS authentication. Being part of the GNSS user
303 segment, the assets to protect are aircraft functions, systems, and data relying on SBAS, notably
304 including SBAS-capable GNSS receivers and their functions. The security perimeter is formed by the
305 aircraft antennas used to receive DFMC SBAS broadcasts, including the signals of core constellation
306 services (i.e., GPS SPS, GLONASS CSA, Galileo OS, and BDS OS) and of SBAS services (on L1 and
307 L5). These antennas are directly exposed to sources of Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) security
308 threats.

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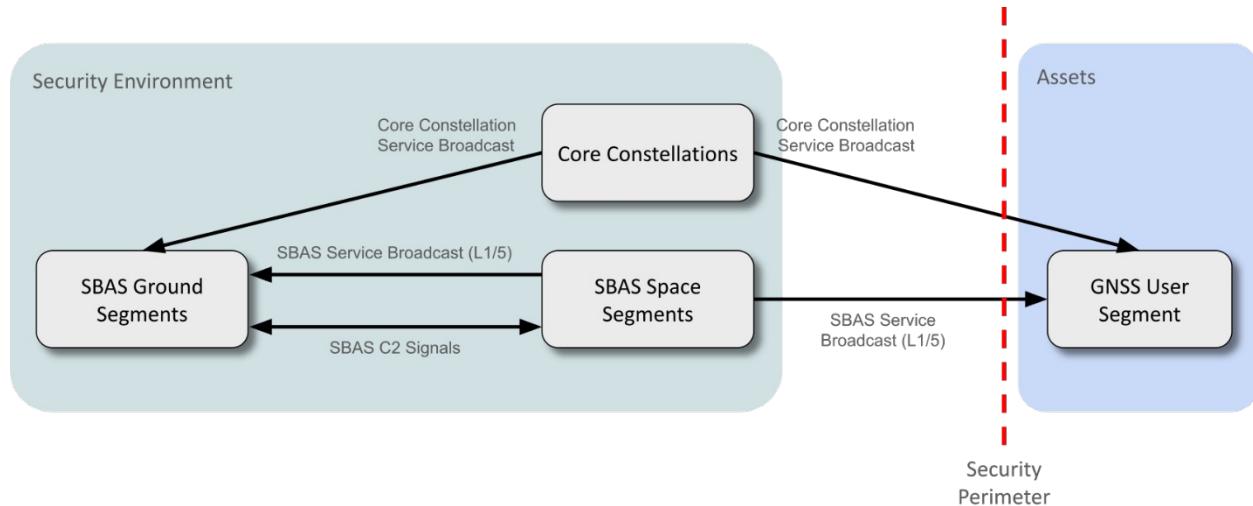
310 The security environment includes the core constellations (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, and Bei-Dou), the
311 SBAS ground segments, and the SBAS space segments. The authentic core constellations and SBAS
312 segments are trusted and, therefore, not considered a source of threats.

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318 **Figure 1: Security Scope for SBAS Authentication**

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320 The SBAS space segments broadcast their service signals (on L1 and L5), which are received by the
321 GNSS user segment and the SBAS ground segments (for monitoring and for computing SBAS ranging
322 correction parameters). The SBAS signals received by the GNSS user segment cross the security

323 perimeter and are the focus of SBAS authentication: SBAS authentication shall protect against security
324 threats targeting the GNSS user segment via SBAS navigation message manipulations.

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326 SBAS broadcasts received by the SBAS ground segments (inside the security environment) are not
327 particularly considered for protection by SBAS authentication, while they may take benefit from SBAS
328 authentication similar to the user segment. Likewise, the interactions between the SBAS ground and
329 space segments for command and control are inside the security environment and are not considered a
330 source of threats. SBAS system is responsible to manage these threats within the security environment.

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332 The core constellation service signals are received by the GNSS user segment and by the SBAS ground
333 segments (for computing the correction parameters). The signals received by the SBAS ground
334 segments are not considered as a source of threats. While, for example, core constellation spoofing may
335 affect SBAS reference receivers and, if not detected, may lead to erroneous SBAS services, such threats
336 are beyond the scope of SBAS authentication. SBAS system is responsible to manage these threats
337 within the security environment.

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339 **3.1 STRIDE Model**

340 The identification of the threats to be addressed by SBAS authentication is performed relying on the
341 threat classes of the STRIDE methodology. With STRIDE, threats are categorized into

- 342 • Spoofing: masquerading as another entity,
- 343 • Tampering: unauthorized change of data or state,
- 344 • Repudiation: performing an action and later denying having it performed,
- 345 • Information Disclosure: unauthorized access to information,
- 346 • Denial of service: preventing service use when needed, and
- 347 • Elevation of Privileges: gaining elevated access beyond authorization.

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349 **3.1.1 Spoofing.**

350 With spoofing, an adversary masquerades as one or more SBAS satellites broadcasting syntactically
351 valid, but semantically erroneous signals. Such threats may, for example, impair the SBAS services on
352 correction and GNSS health status and mislead the position solution of receivers.

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354 As the focus of SBAS authentication is on navigation message authentication, spoofing threats that do
355 not manipulate the SBAS navigation messages are out-of-scope. Notably, SBAS authentication neither
356 protects against core constellation spoofing nor SBAS spoofing with authentic SBAS navigation
357 messages (e.g., by repeaters or meaconing). Nevertheless, the presence of such threats shall not
358 invalidate the protection offered by SBAS authentication on the integrity and authenticity of SBAS
359 navigation messages. For example, the SBAS authentication solution needs to operate correctly even
360 in the presence of core constellation spoofing, such as core satellite constellation spoofing that leads to
361 an erroneous time solution.

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363 **3.1.2 Tampering.**

364 Tampering threats include different variants of re-broadcasting authentic GNSS signals: An adversary
365 may record GNSS signals and re-broadcast them, effectively tampering with signal properties used for
366 ranging (like code, carrier, Doppler) without affecting the navigation messages. Alternatively, an
367 adversary may re-broadcast the signals after manipulating the recorded signals (possibly including
368 navigation messages). As for spoofing, tampering threats that do not manipulate the SBAS navigation
369 messages are out-of-scope, but shall not invalidate the protection offered on navigation data by SBAS
370 authentication.

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372 **3.1.3 Repudiation.**

373 For a repudiation threat, an authentic core constellation or SBAS service would repudiate having made
374 specific broadcasts. As the authentic core constellations and SBAS services are considered trusted, such
375 threats are considered out-of-scope for SBAS authentication (not applicable to GNSS).

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377 **3.1.4 Information Disclosure.**

378 Information disclosure threats are considered not applicable as the SBAS broadcasts contain no data
379 whose confidentiality needs to be protected.

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381 **3.1.5 Denial-of-Service.**

382 For a denial-of-service threat, an adversary makes unavailable (parts of) the core constellation and
383 SBAS services or their data. For example, an adversary may (selectively) jam the GNSS broadcast
384 channel (possibly affecting complete services, single SVs, single receivers, and single messages). As
385 SBAS authentication aims to protect the integrity and authenticity of SBAS navigation messages,
386 jamming threats are out-of-scope. As for spoofing and tampering, they shall not invalidate the protection
387 offered by SBAS authentication. For example, jamming an authenticated SBAS service shall not allow
388 to downgrade a receiver to using an unauthenticated SBAS service.

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390 As another denial-of-service threat, an adversary may broadcast specially crafted messages that either
391 misuse the protocols (e.g., declaring all core constellation SVs as not healthy) or trigger potential
392 receiver implementation vulnerabilities causing a receiver to cease services. Such threats are similar to
393 spoofing threats and are in-scope as long as they rely on navigation message manipulations.

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395 **3.1.6 Elevation of Privileges**

396 For an elevation of privileges threat, an adversary broadcasts specially crafted messages that trigger
397 potential receiver implementation vulnerabilities yielding some level of control over the receiver control
398 flow to the adversary (“remote code execution”). Such threats are similar to spoofing threats and are in-
399 scope as long as they rely on navigation message manipulations.

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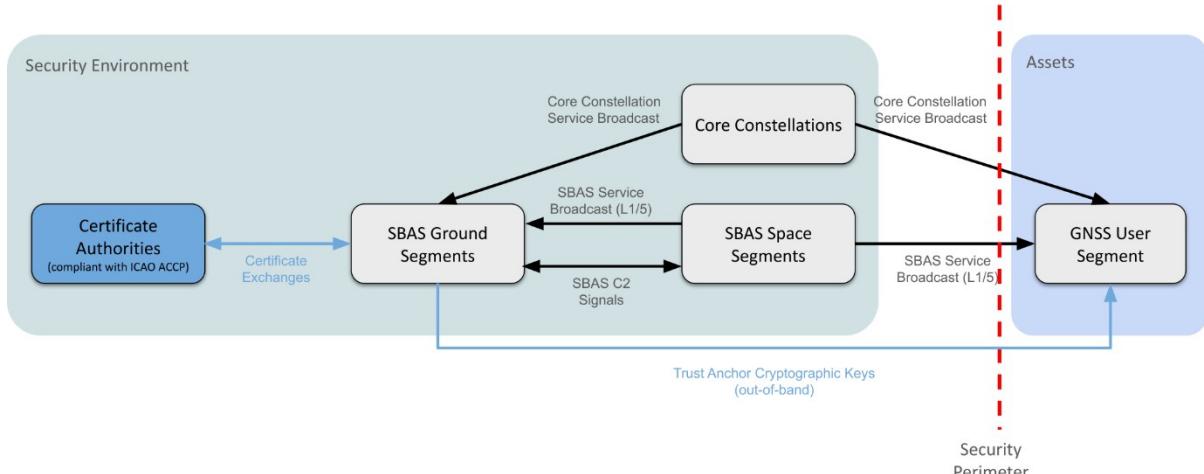
401 **3.2 Threats to SBAS authentication protocols**

402 For protecting the SBAS navigation messages, the SBAS authentication concept relies on cryptographic
403 protocols. An adversary may try to break the cryptographic protocols to perform spoofing despite SBAS
404 authentication protections. Such an adversary is assumed to have access to the same level of
405 computation power as a nation-state actor. Also, an adversary is assumed to know all SBAS
406 authentication protocol details and to have access to all previously broadcasted signals. For example, an
407 adversary may try to randomly guess the aggregated MAC tags or may try to determine the TESLA hash
408 points based on previously observed hash points.

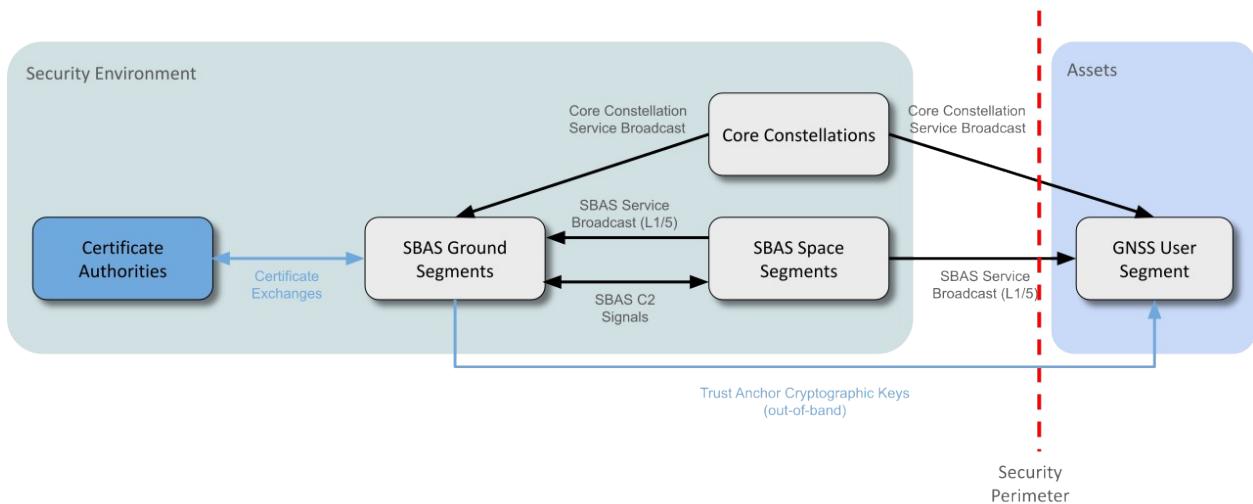
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410 SBAS authentication relies on different cryptographic keys (see section 5). For the management of the
411 keys, the authentication concept requires the use of a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) compliant to
412 ICAO ACCP and, accordingly, introduces new PKI entities and data flows to the system model. As
413 illustrated in [Figure 2](#), the new entities are Certificate Authorities (CAs) that interact with the SBAS
414 ground segments. For transfer of some key material, a new data flow from SBAS ground segments to the
415 GNSS user segment is introduced to provide the SBAS CA chains and potentially additional
416 cryptographic material.

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Figure 2: Security Scope extended by authentication concept entities

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422 SBAS providers interact (via their ground segments) with the CAs to request, renew or rekey, and
 423 revoke digital certificates. The CAs issue and provide certificates to SBAS providers, who use them to
 424 digitally sign data used within the SBAS authentication protocol.

425

426 The exchanges between the CAs and the SBAS ground segments are crucial for the security of SBAS
 427 authentication. For example, if an authentic CA issues an SBAS service certificate to an adversary, the
 428 adversary may spoof SBAS broadcasts with valid authentication tags. As the exchanges are assumed to
 429 follow established certificate policies (e.g., as under development with the Aviation Common
 430 Certificate Policy (ACCP) by the ICAO Trust Framework Panel), the threats to such exchanges are not
 431 further elaborated or in scope for SBAS authentication. See Section Error: Reference source not found
 432 for an overview on key management concerns and associated security needs.

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434 For the validation of digital certificates used for SBAS authentication, the GNSS user segment requires
 435 access to trust anchors, which are distributed out-of-band (i.e., not via SBAS L1/L5). This data flow
 436 crosses the security perimeter of the GNSS user segment. As the security of the SBAS authentication
 437 protocol depends on the integrity and authenticity of the trust anchors, the data flow needs to be
 438 protected against injections or manipulations of trust anchors (e.g., via spoofing or tampering threats).

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440 While the authentic SBAS services are considered trusted, an adversary may retrieve secret
441 cryptographic key material from an SBAS service via information disclosure threats. Access to certain
442 key material enables an adversary to spoof SBAS broadcasts with valid authentication tags. While no
443 cryptographic protocol can perfectly protect against adversaries with access to secret key material,
444 SBAS authentication may, at least, limit such threats in time (e.g., by regular re-keying) and in space
445 (e.g., to the SBAS service, whose keys were disclosed).

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447 **4 SBAS Message Authentication Technique**

448 The SBAS authentication scheme is based on an implementation of the Timed-Efficient Stream Loss-
449 Tolerant Authentication (TESLA) protocol adapted to SBAS. TESLA is standardized as a lightweight
450 broadcast authentication protocol and it provides ideal properties in terms of bandwidth overhead and
451 tolerance to errors. In exchange, it requires a loose time synchronization source to maintain its security.
452 TESLA for SBAS authentication uses a hash chain generated by a one-way function as the basis of hash
453 points. The hash points are used to generate keys, and the message contents and keys are combined to
454 generate a Hash-based Message Authentication Code (MAC). The SBAS implementation sends an
455 aggregated Message Authentication Code (aMAC) with a later disclosure of the TESLA hash point used
456 to generate the individual message MACs and the associated aMAC.

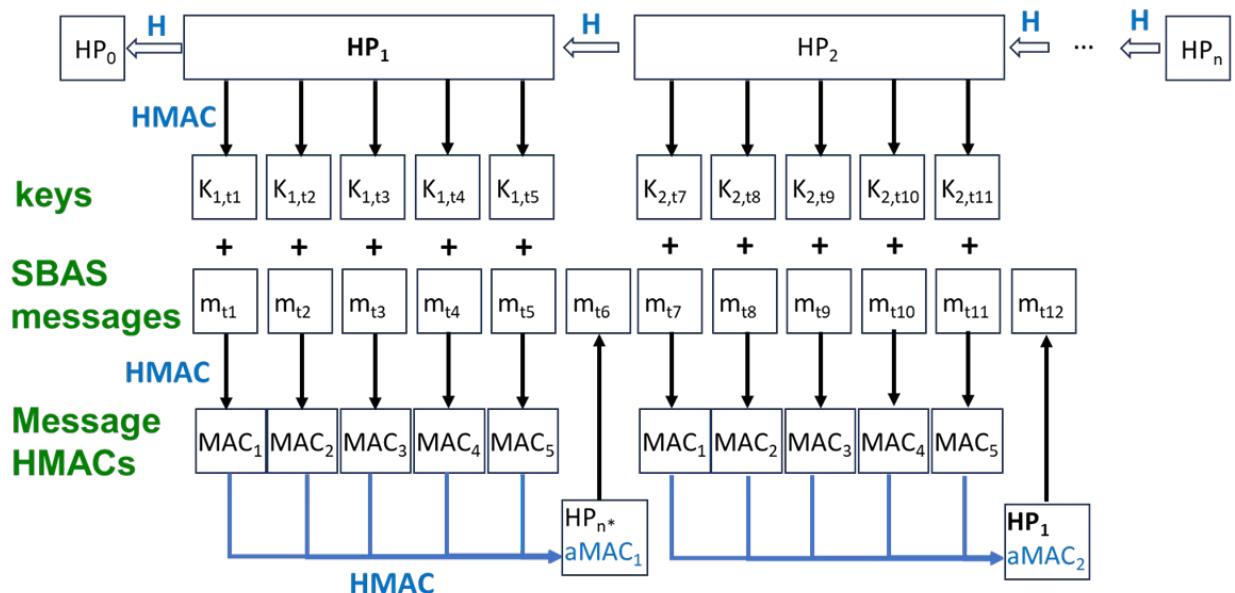
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458 As illustrated in the Figure 3 below, TESLA uses one-way chains being lists of so-called “hash points”,
459 hp_0, \dots, hp_n , where the computation of a hash point hp_i from hp_{i+1} is efficient using a hash function H ,
460 but the calculation of hp_i is not tractable given hp_0, \dots, hp_{i-1} . The TESLA Confirmed Hash Point, hp_0 , is
461 provided in advance to the receiver in a secure manner and is not used to generate MACs.

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463 To compute a navigation message’s MAC, an SBAS service first computes a symmetric cryptographic
464 key $k_{i,t}$ from the current hash point pi and information on the message’s sending time t by an HMAC
465 function and uses the resulting message-specific key, $k_{i,t}$ to compute a hash-based message
466 authentication code (HMAC) as shown in Figure 3. A single hash point hp_i is used to compute the keys
467 for 5 navigation messages. A single hash point may be used to compute keys for both the L1 and L5
468 signals and to compute the keys for every SBAS satellite of a given provider. Alternatively, the SBAS
469 provider may use a different TESLA hash chain for each SBAS satellite and may use a different TESLA
470 Hash Chain for each SBAS signal. The applicability of the TESLA hash chain is identified in the
471 TESLA hash point signing message. The five navigation message HMACs are aggregated and truncated
472 to form an aggregated MAC (aMAC) for broadcasted via the SBAS authentication message (Message
473 Type (MT) 20 for SBAS L1 and MT 50 for SBAS L5). The broadcast also includes two erasure/recovery
474 fields which enable recovery of the individual message MACs even if the messages were not
475 successfully received. This enables successful authentication of the remaining 5 messages in the set.
476 After a short time period that is at least 6 seconds and may be up to 11 seconds after the aMAC is
477 released in some alert scenarios, the SBAS then also broadcasts the hash point hp_i in the subsequent
478 MT-20 or MT-50 to enable the aMAC verification by receivers.

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481 **Figure 3: Illustration of a TESLA one-way chain and HMAC key derivation.**

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483 To authenticate or verify a message, receivers store the messages and then store the aMAC when it is
 484 received. Receivers then wait for the release of the hash point associated with the set of messages and
 485 the aMAC. On receipt of the hash point, the receiver first confirms the hash point received is correct by
 486 hashing to a known hash point. At startup, the receiver will receive a known hash point, called the hash
 487 path end point, associated with a specific time with an asymmetric signature. The first hash path end
 488 point is p_0 . However, the SBAS may update the broadcast hash path endpoint to any previously released
 489 hash point in the hash chain to enable faster confirmation of the hash path. The receiver needs to
 490 confirm that the received hash point is part of the hash chain and was released within the correct epoch.
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493 Once the hash point is confirmed, the receiver then calculates the keys for each message and computes
 494 the HMAC for each message. The receiver then aggregates the HMACs for comparison with the
 495 broadcast aMAC. If there is a match, then the receiver considers the messages authenticated and uses
 496 the data contents.

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498 Since the HMACs are aggregated in the MT-20 and MT-50, the concept also includes an erasure /
 499 recovery technique. The erasure / recovery technique permits authentication of the five-message set
 500 when up to two messages are lost. The baseline erasure / recovery technique is called EVEN/ODD.

501

502 If an MT-20 or MT-50 message is lost, then the aMAC and erasure / recovery parameters are lost and the
 503 set of five messages cannot be authenticated. The hash point associated with the previous set of five
 504 messages will also not be received. The receiver can wait another 6 seconds to receive the subsequent
 505 hash point and then hash back to recover the lost hash point. Once the recovered hash point has been
 506 validated, then the receiver can authenticate the previous set of five messages. Therefore, when there is
 507 a missed message, the 7 to 11 second delay in authentication increases to 13 to 17 seconds. The SBAS
 508 provider should consider appropriate message broadcast rates and timeouts for data to ensure continued
 509 service when either the data message or the SBAS authentication message (MT-20 / MT-50) is lost.

510

511 In general, SBAS information is only used after it has been authenticated. The exception is integrity
 512 data that provides an alert or increases the integrity bounds. This includes immediate reaction on receipt
 513 of a Do Not Use (Type 0) messages. It also means using UDRE or DFRE data on receipt that has a larger
 514 variance (index) than the data in use. UDRE or DFRE data that have lower bounds will not be used until
 515 authenticated. This results in the need to extend the timeout period for authenticated UDRE or DFRE

515 data to 23 seconds, provided that UDRE or DFRE data continue to be received. Under this approach,
516 spoofed data is either not used or only used to increase the UDRE or DFRE value, resulting in larger
517 protection levels.

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519 The TESLA protocol requires an accurate, GNSS-independent clock to support receiver loose time
520 synchronization. The receiver needs to be able to independently confirm the time to ensure that the
521 aMAC and the TESLA hash points are received in the correct timeframe. This is required to ensure that
522 SBAS messages are received in the correct timeframe and not delayed. This prevents the threat where
523 spoofer listens to and receives the correct hash point, and then broadcasts seemingly valid messages
524 with aMACs that are consistent with the hash point. These messages will inherently be delayed by at
525 least 6-seconds (the delay in release of the hash point). Therefore, the independent clock needs to be
526 synchronized (lead or lag) () within 3 seconds of GNSS/SBAS time (the smallest time of any HMAC to
527 hash-point separation). Note that the leading case requirement prevents false alarms. The receiver needs
528 a recurring synchronization procedure or capability. Automated synchronization may include a two-
529 way protocol such as Network Time Protocol (NTP) and address man-in-the middle attacks. The
530 GNSS-independent clock could be a real-time clock.

531
532 The TESLA hash chain will periodically need to be refreshed as the hash chain can only be so long in
533 practice. The TESLA Confirmed Hash Point will be communicated to the user via another new message
534 labeled MT21 for the L1 SBAS authentication service and MT51 for the DFMC SBAS authentication
535 service, or via out-of-band distribution. The TESLA Confirmed Hash Point is authenticated via one or
536 two asymmetric keys, with the final key using a pre-installed PKI certification as the root of trust.

537 5 Authentication Key Management

539 SBAS authentication relies on cryptographic means to protect the SBAS navigation messages. A pre-
540 requisite for the security of these means is an adequate management of the involved cryptographic keys
541 and related metadata throughout their complete life-cycle. Notably, the effectiveness of SBAS
542 authentication depends on the secure generation, storage, distribution, usage, roll-over, revocation, and
543 destruction of the involved cryptographic keys.

544
545 SBAS authentication uses two basic types of cryptographic keys: symmetric keys for Hash-based
546 Message Authentication Codes (HMACs) and asymmetric key pairs to authenticate the base symmetric
547 key (TESLA confirmed hash point). The asymmetric keys have two levels, a longer-lived trust anchor
548 that is provided out of band and a shorter-lived key that is provided in-band. The present section
549 provides an overview on the management of these keys.

550 5.1 Tesla Hash Path

552 The security of SBAS authentication depends on different security properties of the TESLA one-way
553 chains: Note that, in the following, we do not further distinguish a hash point $h_{i,t}$ and the keys $k_{i,t}$ derived
554 from the hash point as they are essentially subject to the same operational constraints.

- 555
- 556 • Temporary confidentiality: Until it is disclosed by the TESLA protocol, a hash point
557 used for MAC computations has to be kept confidential.
 - 558 • Integrity: After their generation, the hash points used for MAC computations have to be
559 protected from manipulation.
 - 560 • Authenticity: When a hash point is used for computing or verifying the MAC of a
561 navigation message, it has to be originating from the message's SBAS service.
 - 562 • Timeliness: When a hash point is used for computing or verifying a MAC, it has to be
563 the hash point that is supposed to be used at the current time (e.g. not an old hash point

564 supposed to be used in the past); each hash point has a cryptoperiod and has to be used
565 in this cryptoperiod only.

566
567 If one or more of these security properties are violated,
568 • an adversary may be able to compute MACs for spoofed navigation messages
569 considered valid by receivers, or
570 • the authentication of legitimate navigation messages may fail.

571
572 Note that SBAS authentication does not include a revocation mechanism for the TESLA one-way chains
573 as their cryptoperiods are short.
574

575 **5.1.1 Generation**

576 An SBAS service provider using a one-way chain is responsible for its secure generation: (temporal)
577 confidentiality is ensured by generating hash points that cannot be guessed by an adversary. Upon
578 generation, the SBAS service provider associates a cryptoperiod to the one-way chain denoting the time
579 period when the one-way chain can be used.

580 The protocol given in Annex 10 describes how to securely compute a one-way chain given its last hash
581 point hp_n . To ensure its confidentiality, the last hash point p_n is randomly generated based on a random
582 number generator suitable for cryptographic purposes. For each one-way chain, the last hash point hp_n is
583 independently generated (i.e. is not reused or based on previous one-way chains).
585

586 **5.1.2 Storage**

587 A hash point is stored by an SBAS service provider computing MACs and by receivers verifying MACs.
588 The SBAS service provider generating and using a hash point is responsible for securely storing it,
589 preventing an untimely disclosure and any manipulation to it. For example, an SBAS service provider
590 may decide to use a hardware security module for the generation and storage of the hash points.
591

592 A receiver manufacturer is responsible for designing a receiver that prevents manipulations of a hash
593 point after it was received over-the-air.
594

595 **5.1.3 Distribution**

596 An SBAS service provider may decide to use a hash point at a location different from the one, where the
597 hash point was generated. For example, the hash points may be generated within the SBAS ground
598 segment, while the MACs are computed within the space segment. In this case, the SBAS service
599 provider is responsible for securely distributing the hash points to the location where they are used,
600 preventing an untimely disclosure and a manipulation.
601

602 By the TESLA protocol, when a hash point is used to compute a MAC, the hash point is broadcasted
603 after the MACs to enable receivers to verify the MAC. That is, the hash point is distributed by the SBAS
604 service to receivers. The SBAS service provider is responsible for the timely broadcast of the hash
605 points (i.e. hash points are not broadcasted too early to prevent attacks and not broadcasted too late to
606 enable a timely MAC verification by receivers). When it's time to broadcast a hash point, it deliberately
607 becomes public (i.e. the need for keeping it confidential is lifted). The authenticity, integrity, and
608 timeliness of received hash points is ensured by the SBAS authentication protocol (see further below).
609

610 **5.1.4 Usage**

611 By the SBAS authentication protocol, an SBAS service uses a hash point within its cryptoperiod to
612 compute a MAC; a receiver uses the hash point to verify the MAC.

613
614 Before a hash point is used, a receiver needs to check the authenticity, integrity, and timeliness of the
615 hash point. As a prerequisite, the receiver needs to already have received a denoted hash point of the
616 one-way chain (i.e. the first element of the chain). The receiver checks

- 617 • the digital signature of the denoted hash point (see below for further information),
618 • the cryptoperiod of the denoted hash point,
619 • whether the denoted hash point and the current hash point belong to the same one-way
620 chain, and
621 • the cryptoperiod of the hash point (implicitly as part of the one-way chain construction).

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623 **5.1.5 Roll-over**

624 The TESLA one-way chains are short-lived and, therefore, require a frequent roll-over. By the current
625 proposal for constructing one-way chains, the cryptoperiod of every chain ends latest within the same
626 GPS week as its beginning (i.e. the cryptoperiod does not extend beyond a GPS week). Before an SBAS
627 service starts to use the next chain, it broadcasts a denoted hash point of the chain to enable a seamless
628 roll-over at receiver level.

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631 **5.1.6 Revocation**

632 If a hash point is compromised (i.e. is disclosed to an adversary) after its cryptoperiod, there is no
633 relevant security impact. If a hash point is compromised before or during its cryptoperiod, an adversary
634 may be able to use the key for spoofing navigation messages. Given the short cryptoperiods of hash
635 points and one-way chains, SBAS authentication does not include any mechanism of revoking a hash
636 point or a one-way chain given their limited window of exposure.

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638 **5.1.7 Destruction**

639 As the hash points are broadcasted and become public over time, there are no particular needs for
640 securely destroying them. However, an SBAS service provider ensures to not reuse key material across
641 one-way chains.

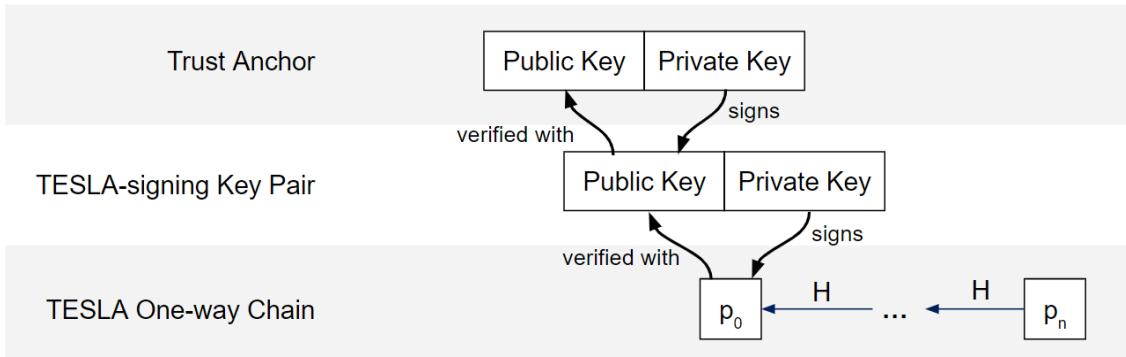
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643 **5.2 Asymmetric Trust Chain Key Pairs**

644 As discussed above, a receiver needs to check the authenticity, integrity, and timeliness of the currently
645 used one-way chain. More precisely, TESLA requires checking the authenticity, integrity, and
646 timeliness of a denoted hash point in the one-way chain (e.g. the first hash point in the chain). SBAS
647 authentication uses digital signatures with an asymmetric cryptographic key pair (i.e. a public and
648 associated private key) for this purpose: An SBAS service digitally signs the denoted hash point (along
649 with related metadata) using a private asymmetric key. The denoted hash point is broadcasted along
650 with its metadata (e.g. on the cryptoperiod) and its digital signature via MT 21 messages for SBAS L1
651 and via MT 51 for SBAS L5. SBAS receivers verify the digital signature using the public asymmetric
652 key to check the authenticity and integrity of the denoted hash point.

653 The public asymmetric key is broadcasted via SBAS navigation messages (also via MT 21/51
654 messages). To establish trust into this public key, a receiver needs to check its authenticity, integrity, and
655 timeliness. As illustrated in the Figure 4 below, SBAS authentication uses a trust chain for this purpose:
656 The trust chain consists of two asymmetric cryptographic keys with a “trust anchor” key pair as first
657 element and the key pair used for digitally signing a hash point as the second element. The latter key pair
658 (along with metadata) is digitally signed with the private key of the trust anchor.

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 661 **Figure 4: Illustration of the Trust Chain of Asymmetric Key Pairs**

662 A receiver verifies the digital signature of TESLA-signing key pair using the trust anchor public key.
 663 The trust anchor public key is distributed out-of-band to receivers (e.g. via Loadable Software Aircraft
 664 Parts). Overall, trust in a denoted hash point is established by:

- 665 • a trustworthy out-of-band distribution of trust anchors (along with metadata),
- 666 • a digital signature of the key used to digitally sign the denoted hash point,
- 667 • a digital signature of the denoted hash point (along with related metadata).

668 The security of SBAS authentication depends on different security properties of the asymmetric key
 669 pairs:
 670

- 671 • Confidentiality: The private key has to be kept confidential (at least within its
 672 cryptoperiod).
- 673 • Integrity: After their generation, a key pair (along with its metadata) has to be protected
 674 from manipulation.
- 675 • Authenticity: When a key pair is used for computing or verifying a digital signature, it
 676 has to be a key pair originating from the authentic source (e.g. the SBAS service
 677 provider).
- 678 • Timeliness: When a key pair is used for computing or verifying a digital signature, it has
 679 to be the key pair that is supposed to be used at the current time (e.g. not an old key
 680 supposed to be used in the past): Each key pair has a cryptoperiod and has to be used in
 681 this cryptoperiod only.
- 682 • Non-revocation: Some of the asymmetric keys in a trust chain are long-lived and,
 683 therefore, have a long time of exposure to being compromised. If a long-lived private
 684 key is detected to be compromised within its cryptoperiod, the key pair is revoked.
 685 When a key pair is used for computing or verifying a digital signature, it has to be a non-
 686 revoked key pair.

687 If one or more of these security properties are violated,

- 688 • an adversary may be able to interfere with the trust chain and ultimately compute MACs
 689 for spoofed navigation messages considered valid by receivers, or
- 690 • the authentication of legitimate navigation messages may fail.

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 692 **5.2.1 Generation**

693 An SBAS service provider is responsible for securely generating the key pairs of the trust chain. It
 694 ensures the confidentiality of the private keys by generating key pairs that cannot be guessed by an
 695 adversary. Upon generation, the entity associates a cryptoperiod to a key pair denoting the time period
 696 when the key pair can be used.

699 **5.2.2 Storage**

700 Any private key of an asymmetric key pair is stored by an SBAS service provider computing digital
701 signatures. The corresponding public key for signature verification is stored by the SBAS provider and
702 by receivers verifying the digital signatures.

703 The SBAS service provider generating and using a key pair is responsible for securely storing it,
704 preventing a disclosure and any manipulation to the key pair. By best practices, an SBAS service
705 provider generates and stores the key pair in a hardware security module, which allows a secure
706 generation and storage with high assurance.

708 709 A receiver manufacturer is responsible for designing a receiver that prevents manipulations of a public
710 key after it was received over-the-air or via out-of-band means.

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712 **5.2.3 Distribution**

713 An SBAS service provider may decide to use a key pair at a location different from the one, where the
714 key pair was generated. For example, a key pair may be generated within the SBAS ground segment,
715 while the digital signature of a denoted TESLA key is computed within the space segment, which
716 requires distributing the key material from the ground segment to the space segment. In this case, the
717 SBAS service provider is responsible for securely distributing the key pair to the location where it is
718 used, preventing a disclosure of the private key and a manipulation of the key pair.

719 720 Some of the public keys in a trust chain may be broadcasted over-the-air. The SBAS service provider is
721 responsible for the timely broadcast of these public keys (i.e. keys are broadcasted on time to ensure a
722 timely MAC verification by receivers). The authenticity, integrity, and timeliness of received keys is
723 ensured by checking the digital signatures along the trust chain up to a trust anchor.

724 725 Trust anchor public keys (and possibly other public keys in a trust chain) are distributed out-of-band to
726 receivers. These out-of-band means need to ensure the integrity, authenticity, and timeliness of the keys
727 made available to receivers. For example, such out-of-band distribution may be based on data loading
728 mechanisms if the keys are part of Loadable Software Aircraft Parts for the receivers or part of avionics
729 databases such as the Navigation Database with Final Approach Segment data available to receivers.

730 731 For keys managed out-of-band, SBAS service providers and receiver operators need to ensure a timely
732 distribution. An SBAS service provider needs to make available a new public key sufficiently in
733 advance to enable the receiver operators to install the key before the service starts to use it. A receiver
734 operator needs to install new keys in a timely manner as, otherwise, the receiver is not able to
735 authenticate messages relying on the new key.

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737 **5.2.4 Usage**

738 An SBAS service provider uses the private key of an asymmetric key within its cryptoperiod to compute
739 digital signatures; a receiver uses the associated public key to verify signatures.

740 741 Before usage of a public key, a receiver needs to check the authenticity, integrity, and timeliness of the
742 key. For a trust anchor, this is ensured by the out-of-band distribution means. For another public key, as
743 a prerequisite, the receiver needs to have already received and checked the public keys in the trust chain
744 from a trust anchor up to the public key. The receiver then checks

- 745 • that the public key has been digitally signed by the preceding key in the trust chain,
746 • the revocation status (see below),
747 • the cryptoperiod of the public key.

748 When checking a public key used for signing denoted hash points, the receiver additionally checks that
749 the trust chain is appropriate for the SBAS service using the hash point (i.e. the public keys in the trust
750 chain are acceptable for the SBAS service whose hash point shall be used).

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752 **5.2.5 Roll-over**

753 The asymmetric key pairs have a limited cryptoperiod and, therefore, require a roll-over before the end
754 of their cryptoperiod. Before an SBAS service starts to use the next key pair, it needs to distribute it to
755 enable a seamless roll-over.

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757 For key pairs managed out-of-band, SBAS service providers and receiver operators need to ensure a
758 timely distribution with sufficient lead time before usage. For public keys managed via broadcast, the
759 SBAS service provider needs to broadcast the public key before usage. Note that a receiver needs to
760 support multiple public keys (the old one and the new one) for the same purpose to support a seamless
761 roll-over.

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763 **5.2.6 Revocation**

764 If the private key of an asymmetric key pair is compromised (i.e. is disclosed to an adversary) after its
765 cryptoperiod, there is no relevant security impact (as receivers are expected to reject the key pair based
766 on the expired cryptoperiod). If the private key is compromised before or during its cryptoperiod, an
767 adversary may become able to create a TESLA one-way chain that is accepted by receivers (and,
768 therefore, spoof navigation messages). To limit the associated risks, a key revocation mechanism has to
769 be foreseen for long-lived asymmetric key pairs. As the long-lived key pairs are distributed out-of-band
770 to receivers and, in case of a revocation, generally a new long-lived key pair has to be distributed to
771 receivers, SBAS authentication relies on out-of-band mechanisms to revoke long-lived asymmetric key
772 pairs. That is, revocation is managed analogously to distribution and roll-over. The revocation
773 information to provide out-of-band could be a list of revoked keys or to remove keys from the list of trust
774 anchors.

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776 Short-lived key pairs may not need to be revoked depending on the remaining window of exposure
777 (from the key being compromised to the end of its cryptoperiod).

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779 **5.2.7 Destruction**

780 An asymmetric key pair may be decommissioned before the end of its cryptoperiod. If the key pair was
781 not revoked (e.g. in case of roll-over before the end of the cryptoperiod), receivers continue to accept the
782 key pair for operations. Hence, the private key of an asymmetric key pair should be securely disposed to
783 prevent a disclosure.

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785 Some details of the trust chain have not been decided yet. Notably, the following open points remain:

- 786 • Which public keys of the trust chain are distributed out-of-band? Is out-of-band
787 distribution limited to trust anchors or also including other public keys?
- 788 • By which means are public keys initially made available for out-of-band distribution?
789 That is, how do SBAS service providers make available the public keys for out-of-band
790 distribution to receivers? Are any Data Service Providers involved? Are any “clearing
791 houses” involved? Would they themselves digitally sign the trust anchors?
- 792 • What are the maximum lead times for the out-of-band distribution of public keys and
793 revocation information? What are the minimum time periods for an SBAS provider
794 announcing a new public key for out-of-band distribution before starting to use it?
- 795 • In which form is (out-of-band) revocation information managed exactly? Is it a list of
796 revoked keys?

- 797 • Given a compromised asymmetric key pair, what is the maximum remaining
798 cryptoperiod justifying to not invoke revocation?
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800 **6 Cryptographic Agility**

801 The SBAS authentication concept requires use of cryptographic primitives for four main functions.
802 These functions are the general hash function, a key-derivation function, a signing function MAC, and a
803 signing function for the TESLA Confirmed Hash Point. In general, the SBAS authentication concept
804 targets 128-bit security and intends to use approved cryptographic primitives. Over time, some of these
805 approved methods may be superseded or determined to be inadequate to provide the desired level of
806 security. Cryptographic agility addresses the ability to switch to other cryptographic primitives. The
807 ability to change the cryptographic primitive depends on the function in which the cryptographic
808 primitive is used and the overall receiver architecture.

809 Hash functions are used in every aspect of the SBAS TESLA authentication approach. Hash functions
810 are used to generate the TESLA hash path. Hash functions are used in the key-derivation function to
811 develop keys from the TESLA hash points. Hash functions are used in the authentication functions as
812 part of the MAC generation and the asymmetric signature generation. Current standards identify two
813 families of hash functions, with multiple variants and levels of security: SHA-2 (Secure Hash Algorithm
814 2) and SHA-3 (Secure Hash Algorithm 3).
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821 The generation of the authentication tag, or Message Authentication Code (MAC) can be a hash-based
822 message authentication code (HMAC), which is also called a keyed-hash message authentication code.
823 HMAC is a specific type of MAC generation involving a cryptographic hash function and a secret
824 cryptographic key. Any cryptographic hash function, such as SHA-2 or SHA-3, may be used in the
825 calculation of HMAC. The MAC generation can also be a Keccak hash function (KMAC).
826

827 Asymmetric authentication relies on Public Key Infrastructure and uses a hash function identified for
828 use with the specific asymmetric approach. There are Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Architecture
829 (ECDSA) approaches. Security depends on the selected curve.
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831 Research and standardization of post-quantum cryptography (PQC) suitable for SBAS authentication
832 use is ongoing. Current PQC approaches have large signatures that are too large for broadcast by an
833 SBAS. Use of PQC would require out-of-band provisioning of the TESLA Confirmed Hash point
834 signature. If a PQC technique with signature that fits into the MT-21/51 signature block is developed,
835 then it could be adopted in the future.
836

837 Cryptography agility has two potential parts, the ability to change processing between currently defined
838 approaches and the introduction of new approaches. First would be the ability to alternate between
839 existing known cryptographic approaches, such as changing the hash function, changing asymmetric
840 approaches (e.g. ECDSA to EdDSA), or changing security length or curves. Provided that there is
841 agreement on options that are required for receiver implementation, these could be identified in the
842 cryptography metadata included in broadcast SBAS messages. The receiver would need to process the
843 metadata to interpret the cryptographic approach. Processing the lower security level instantiations
844 requires less computational time and presumably less memory storage. However, future computing
845 might reduce the effective security, in which case there might be a desire to transition to the higher
846 security level variations. Additionally, use of a long-lived key, like the Level 1 key, would push for use
847 of the higher security levels. Still, the processing of the TESLA hash chain and MAC generation will
848 drive computation use. The receiver may need the capacity to process the larger hash functions at the

849 shorter, MAC-generation and verification timeframe. The receiver would need to be able to conduct all
850 functions using the most onerous cryptographic primitive.

851
852 The introduction of new approaches will be difficult, in that it will require update to whatever functional
853 block operates using the cryptographic approach, and an update in message processing for anything that
854 is broadcast by SBAS. Based on experience with radio-altimeters, it can take years to change fleet
855 equipage once new standards and new equipment are available. Two scenarios are envisaged: “smooth
856 transition” and “sharp transition”. In the “smooth transition”, the SBAS system introduces use of the
857 new cryptographic approach in parallel with the old cryptographic approach. This allows civil aviation
858 industry and operators to transition to use of the new authentication service over a given period of time
859 without loss of the existing authentication service. This concept provides time for the SBAS users to
860 implement the new cryptographic approach, but likely requires SBAS providers to add additional
861 broadcast messages, likely resulting in an increase in time to receive cryptographic material from the
862 SBAS signal-in-space. In the “sharp transition”, the SBAS system will replace the existing
863 cryptographic approach with the new cryptographic approach. When the new approach is identified well
864 in advance, there will be some time for the aviation industry and operators to develop and implement the
865 new cryptographic approach and be ready for the transition. For users that do not manage to
866 accommodate the new cryptographic approach in advance, these users will lose authentication
867 capability at the transition point until they can update their equipment. The feasibility of the “sharp
868 transition” concept mainly depends on the possibility to update the cryptographic function in the
869 receiver, including any required recertification and deploy the updates to the equipped aircraft in
870 advance of the transition date. This concept reduces the impact on the SBAS provision in that the SBAS
871 does not need to provide means to support the old and new authentication scheme, but transfers risk to
872 SBAS users to update their equipment in advance of the transition date.

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874 The cryptographic agility sets some challenges to airframers, receiver manufacturers and operators. The
875 sharp transition would need several steps in a very limited timeframe to make it happen successfully.
876 First, there is a need to establish an internationally agreed standard which can take some years based on
877 recent experience. The use of a unique standard is certainly one key of a rapid successful convergence
878 between member States. In addition, this standardization must allow receiver manufacturers to assess,
879 experiment, validate and test the new cryptographic technique, hoping that fielded hardware will be able
880 to accommodate it. Given the current long service life of SBAS receivers, it is quite possible that new
881 cryptographic techniques will exceed the provisions for growth originally put into place when the
882 equipment was designed. Second of all, in the best case, no hardware change is necessary and there is a
883 need for a software development with relevant validation & verification following Industry standard
884 DO-178() / ED-12(). At this stage, the Design Assurance Level needed for the crypto function is not
885 decided yet. However, it is likely that it will not be lower than a DAL C, at least to limit the false alert
886 rate to an acceptable level.

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888 7 SBAS providers perspective

889 The approach proposed is to introduce the SBAS authentication feature as an optional feature for any
890 given SBAS service provider. The standard covers provision of authentication for the SBAS L5 signal
891 and the SBAS L1 signal. Depending on SBAS provider capability to deploy authentication on SBAS L5
892 signal or on SBAS L1 signal, authentication may be implemented on one signal in advance of
893 implementation on the other signal. While optional for SBAS system and SBAS signals, when an SBAS
894 implements authentication, the SBAS will provide authentication from all SBAS satellites for signals
895 that support authentication. Authentication might become available at different times from different
896 SBAS systems and signals.

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898 SBAS systems implementing authentication expect that the “next generation” of user equipment will
899 use the authentication when provided by the SBAS service provider. There would be no option for
900 individual states to “opt out” of the use of authentication if they employ an SBAS for which the
901 authentication provision exists. Only States operating an SBAS have a role in the provision of the

902 authentication service. Other States using SBAS may verify the usability of the authentication, either
903 directly or through a delegated entity, which could include the SBAS provider.

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905 SBAS service providers deciding to implement authentication will have to implement the standardized
906 solution according to SARPs. When an SBAS provider decides to support SBAS authentication on L1
907 SBAS or DFMC SBAS, all SBAS PRNs of this SBAS provider should support authentication on the
908 corresponding service. It is not allowed to have some operational SBAS PRNs broadcast with
909 authentication on one frequency and others operational SBAS PRNs by the same provider and on the
910 same frequency broadcast without authentication, unless in test mode. Receivers do not use SBAS
911 PRNs that do not support authentication from an SBAS provider that supports authentication.

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913 The standardized solution of SBAS authentication continues to support existing L1 SBAS users that
914 cannot take advantage of the authentication. SBAS providers implementing authentication on SBAS L1
915 may need to adjust existing designs to provide similar service to existing users. However, several design
916 options exist that are consistent with existing L1 SBAS standards and backward compatible with
917 existing users. These options include slowing the rate of fast corrections, use of MT-24, or
918 implementation of dynamic masking.

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920 The standardized solution has been assessed to have little to no impact on the L1 SBAS service for
921 existing users. However, the impact could vary based on individual SBAS implementation.

922 This will also ensure that the key management process is common to all providers and can result in
923 standardized practices for the user equipment. Each SBAS provider will remain responsible for the
924 generation of their own set of keys and the provisioning of the out-of-band trust anchor and transmission
925 of the public keys, signatures or TESLA confirmed hash point information necessary for the user to
926 implement SBAS authentication for their system.

927 Each SBAS provider's key management and key transition process should be derived from a security
928 risk assessment (related to the cryptographic part of the solution). The SBAS provider will ensure that
929 there is ample time to receive new key material before ceasing the use of older key material. The SBAS
930 transition process must maintain continuity for users.

931 Equipment standards will only implement a few defined cryptographic approaches. SBAS providers
932 will need to use one of the identified cryptographic standards in order to be compatible with user
933 equipment.

934 SBAS providers will provide an indication that they provide authentication and on which signals the
935 authentication applies. This will allow user equipment to reject SBAS signals that appear to be from the
936 SBAS provider that do not include authentication. This notification will be provided out of band with
937 issuance of the SBAS system key material.

938 **8 Airborne equipment operations**

939 In general, SBAS information from an SBAS service that implements authentication is only used after
940 the information has been authenticated, following the "authenticate then use" paradigm. The exception
941 is integrity data that provides an alert or increases the integrity bounds. This includes an immediate
942 reaction to the reception of a Do Not Use (Type 0) message. It also means using UDRE, GIVE, or DFRE
943 data on receipt when the new UDRE, GIVE, or DFRE has a larger variance (index) than the data in use.
944 The correction value or ionosphere delay value that may come in the same message as the UDRE, GIVE,
945 or DFRE would only be used after authentication. In the case of UDRE or DFRE, there is a need to add
946 an additional condition for the timeout of UDRE or DFRE data. The UDRE or DFRE data respectively
947 will timeout per the existing requirements (e.g. 12-seconds for approach operations) from the last receipt
948 of UDRE or DFRE data. Normal authentication of UDRE or DFRE data occurs within 11-seconds of
949 broadcast, with a maximum of 5-seconds from broadcast of the UDRE or DFRE data until release of the

950 aMAC, and another 6-seconds for release of the associated hash point. The initial timeout of 12-seconds
951 already accounts for the loss of one message. Therefore, the second timeout condition for UDRE or
952 DFRE data is that the data has been authenticated within the timeout period plus 11-seconds (e.g. 23-
953 seconds for approach operations). Under this approach, spoofed data is either not used and cannot
954 provide position corrections or is used to increase the UDRE or DFRE or GIVE value which would
955 result in larger protection levels.

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957 The “authenticate then use” paradigm leads to a modification of the receiver processing flow, as shown
958 in Figure [6] for the L1 data processing. A similar change applies to the L5 data processing chain. Under
959 standard SBAS processing, the receiver tracks the SBAS signal and demodulates the SBAS data. The
960 receiver checks proper reception including validating that the header and data content passes the cyclic
961 redundancy check (CRC). When not implementing authentication, the receiver then parses the SBAS
962 data based on the indicated message type and stores it in the appropriate fields in an SBAS data store.
963 When the receiver generates SBAS corrections and calculates the SBAS position and protection level, it
964 uses the new SBAS data. Therefore, the new SBAS data is reflected in outputs within 800 milliseconds
965 for approach operations to Category 1 minima, and withing 2-seconds for enroute operations.

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967 If authentication is implemented, the data processing flow changes. For the L1 processing flow, after
968 demodulation and reception checks, including the validation of the CRC, the receiver will do two things.
969 First it buffers all SBAS data. At the same time, the receiver checks whether the new message is
970 Message Type 0, contains UDRE or GIVE data or is a Message Type 20. The receiver will immediately
971 follow the existing protocol on receipt of Message Type 0, resulting in clearing data received from that
972 signal. With receipt of UDRE or GIVE information, the receiver will immediately apply UDRE or
973 GIVE information that is larger than the information in use, including acting on Not Monitored or Do
974 Not Use indications. Other data is not immediately used (e.g., ionosphere delay or correction data). The
975 receiver processes the Message Type 20 SBAS authentication message on receipt as well. The receiver
976 will store the aMAC and Block Erasure terms. The receiver will validate the received hash point by
977 confirming that it hashes to a previously confirmed hash point and that it is received in the correct time
978 window for the associated authentication frame. Once the receiver validates the hash point, the receiver
979 essentially follows the same process that SBAS system did to generate the aMAC. The receiver uses the
980 hash point to generation message keys and performs the HMAC function operating on the keys and
981 associated messages to generate the individual message MACs. If necessary, the receiver calculates
982 MACs for missing messages using the block erasure terms. The receiver then generates the aMAC,
983 which can then be compared with the received aMAC. If the aMAC check fails, the data cannot be used
984 and cannot be added to the SBAS data store. This constitutes an authentication failure and may indicate
985 spoofing. When the aMAC check passes, the receiver adds the new data to the SBAS data store. The new
986 data will now be used in the generation of SBAS corrections and protection levels. Without any missed
987 messages, the position output will reflect use of the new data 7 to 11 seconds after the receiver
988 demodulates the data from the SBAS signal. With the exception of fast correction data, this
989 authentication delay is less than 5% of the total message validity time and has only minimal impact.

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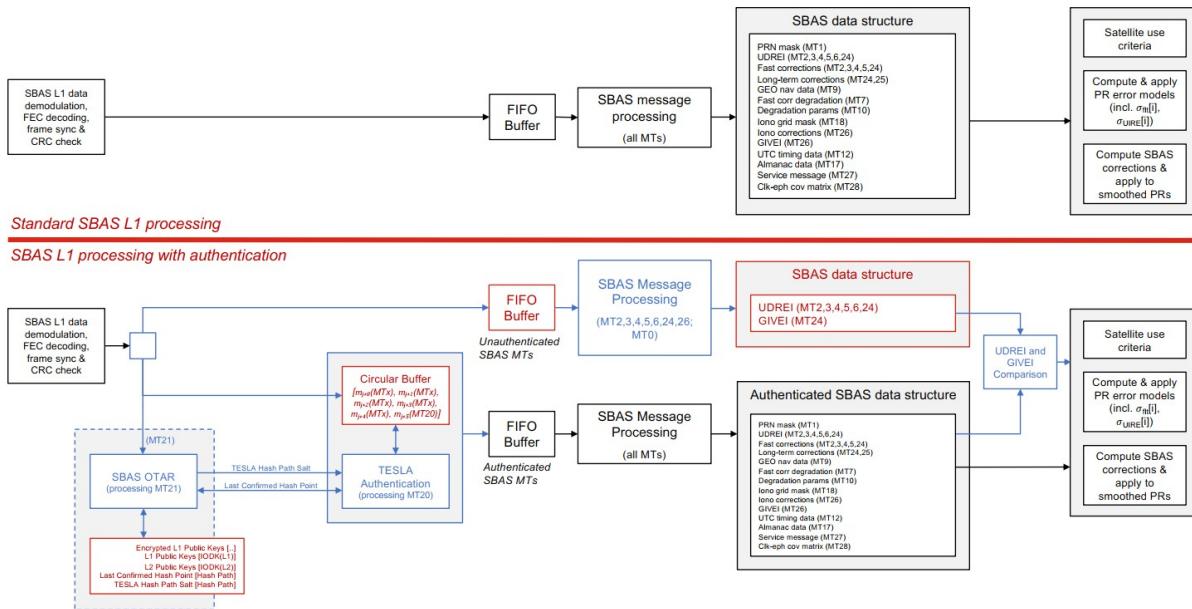


FIGURE 6 The L1 SBAS data processing flow changes from L1 SBAS data processing without authentication to L1 SBAS data processing with authentication.

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995 The L5 SBAS processing flow is similar to that of the L1 SBAS processing flow (see Figure [7]). After
 996 demodulation and reception checks, including the validation of the CRC for all messages other than a
 997 Message Type 50, which does not have CRC, the receiver will do two things. First it buffers all SBAS
 998 data. At the same time, the receiver checks whether the new message is Message Type 0, contains DFRE
 999 data or is a Message Type 50. The receiver will immediately follow existing protocol on receipt of
 1000 Message Type 0, resulting in clearing data received from that signal. With receipt of DFRE information,
 1001 the receiver will immediately apply DFRE information that is larger than the information in use,
 1002 including acting on Do Not Use indications. Other data is not immediately used (e.g. correction or
 1003 covariance data). The receiver processes the Message Type 50 SBAS authentication message on receipt
 1004 as well. The receiver will store the aMAC and Block Erasure terms. The receiver will validate the
 1005 received hash point by confirming that it hashes to a previously confirmed hash point and that it is
 1006 received in the correct time window for the associated authentication frame. Once the receiver validates
 1007 the hash point, the receiver essentially follows the same process that the SBAS system did to generate
 1008 the aMAC. The receiver uses the hash point to generate message keys and performs the HMAC
 1009 function operating on the keys and associated messages to generate the individual message MACs. If
 1010 necessary, the receiver calculates MACs for missing messages using the block erasure terms. The
 1011 receiver then generates the aMAC, which can then be compared with the received aMAC. If the aMAC
 1012 check fails and the receiver has received all the messages or is only missing one message, then the
 1013 receiver could alternately check that the MACs can reproduce the block erasure terms. Passing the block
 1014 erasure cross-check without passing the aMAC could indicate data corruption of the aMAC term. When
 1015 the MACs cannot be confirmed, the data cannot be used and cannot be added to the SBAS data store.
 1016 Since there is no CRC, failure of the aMAC check or failure to validate the hash point could be related to
 1017 incorrect data reception or could be indicative of spoofing. The receiver may determine that spoofing is
 1018 present with multiple sequential failures to authenticate. When the aMAC check passes, the receiver
 1019 adds the new data to the SBAS data store. The new data will now be used in the generation of SBAS
 1020 corrections and protection levels. Without any missed messages, the position output will reflect use of
 1021 the new data 7 to 11 seconds after the receiver demodulates the data from the SBAS signal. With the
 1022 exception of correction data, this authentication delay is less than 5% of the total message validity time
 1023 and has only minimal impact.

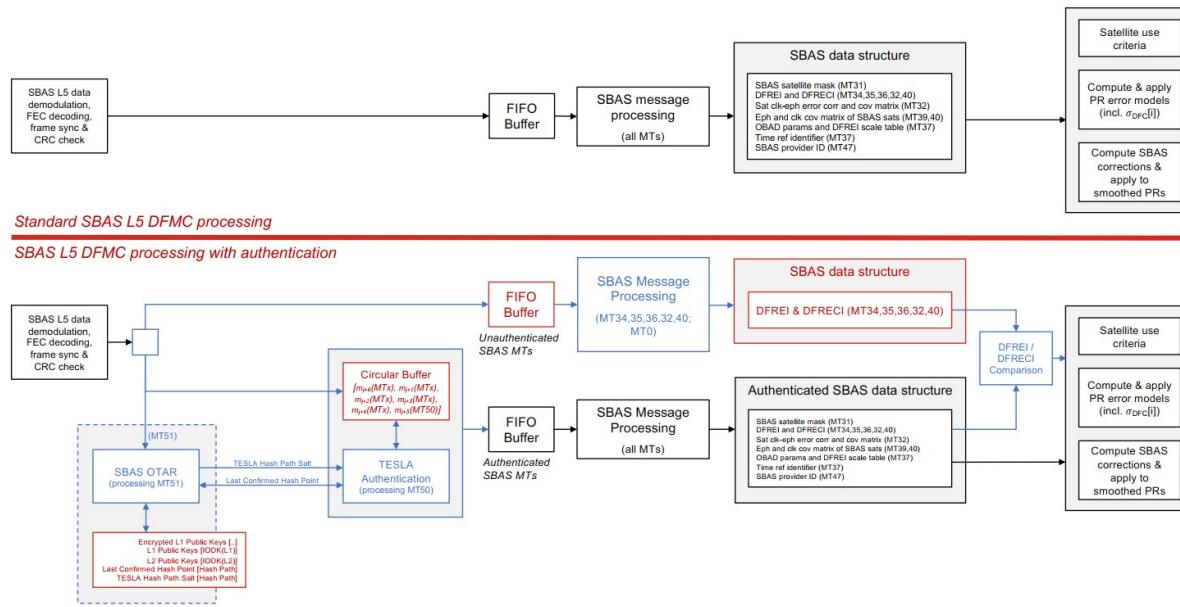


FIGURE 7 The L5 SBAS data processing flow changes from L5 SBAS data processing without authentication to L5 SBAS data processing with authentication.

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1028 The TESLA protocol requires an accurate, GNSS-independent clock to support receiver loose time
 1029 synchronization. The receiver needs to be able to independently confirm the time to ensure that the
 1030 aMAC and the TESLA hash points are received in the correct timeframe and not delayed. This prevents
 1031 the threat where the spoofer listens to and receives the authentic hash point, and then broadcasts
 1032 seemingly valid messages with aMACs that are consistent with the hash point. These messages will
 1033 inherently be delayed by at least 6-seconds (the delay in release of the hash point). Therefore, the real-
 1034 time independent clock needs synchronization within 3 seconds (lead or lag) of the true SBAS time in
 1035 order to confirm the correct release of the hash point. The receiver has a possible time error of ± 3
 1036 seconds. When the receiver is 3 seconds ahead, the authentic SBAS signal will appear 3 seconds in
 1037 delay and the receiver should operate in this condition. If the receiver were 3 seconds in delay, then a
 1038 received SBAS signal that also appears to be three seconds in delay would be accepted. This is the latest
 1039 a signal could be accepted without risk that it was generated by a spoofer that had already received the
 1040 valid hash point. Note that the leading case requirement prevents false alarms. The receiver GNSS-
 1041 independent clock needs a recurring synchronization procedure or capability. Automated
 1042 synchronization should include a two-way protocol such as Secure Network Time Protocol (SNTP) and
 1043 address man-in-the middle attacks. The GNSS-independent clock could be a real-time clock to enable
 1044 independent receiver operations.

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1046 The aircraft will need to store and manage keys. As currently defined, there are 3-bits allocated as Issue
 1047 of Data Key available for broadcast in the Type 21 or Type 51 message. Therefore, each SBAS system
 1048 could enumerate up to eight Level 2 public keys. There is a possibility of 30 SBAS Provider Identifiers.
 1049 Therefore, the receiver may need to store 240 PKI certificates for the Level 2 public keys. As currently
 1050 defined, there are 3-bits allocated for Issue of Data Key for the Level 3 TESLA Hash Chain. There are
 1051 39 SBAS satellite PRNs identified, and each satellite could identify 8 TESLA Hash Chains for each
 1052 signal, resulting in 624 TESLA Hash Chains. Therefore, the receiver may need to store 624 TESLA
 1053 Confirmed Hash Points and the associated metadata. There is currently no restriction on the size of the
 1054 TESLA Hash Chain. The receiver does not need to store the entire hash chain.

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1056 The aircraft element will need to check the validity of the keys prior to use. When loading keys, the
 1057 aircraft element will need to confirm that the PKI certificate is valid. When using the keys, the aircraft
 1058 element will need to check that the key is being used within its validity period. All the keys come with a
 1059 validity start time and either have a validity end time or validity duration. When revoked, the aircraft

1060 element will need to manage the revocation in such a manner to preclude subsequent receipt and re-use
1061 of the revoked key.

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1064 In order to limit the receiver complexity, it is envisaged that a single authentication solution is
1065 standardized by ICAO. This includes the authentication cryptographic function, the message generation
1066 and transmission, as well as the authentication key management scheme. While initial DFMC SBAS
1067 offered by service providers may not have the authentication capability, since SBAS authentication is an
1068 optional requirement in the SARPs, several ICAO member States have indicated their intent to deploy
1069 SBAS authentication. This means that any SBAS provider may decide now or in the future to deploy
1070 authentication. As a consequence, the DFMC SBAS receiver MOPS developers will consider the
1071 requirement to support SBAS authentication as a minimum requirement at least for some classes of
1072 receivers flying internationally. Since receiver lifetime can be as long as 25 years or more, this implies
1073 that receiver manufacturers that develop DFMC SBAS receivers capable of SBAS authentication should
1074 be prepared to implement this function with all the variants of the SBAS authentication methods (if
1075 more than one) for all SBAS, or at a minimum design receivers with sufficient provisions in terms of
1076 spare CPU throughput, memory, to incorporate SBAS authentication at a later stage.

1077 Different views have been expressed for whether the authentication feature should be required in all
1078 future DFMC avionics. There is a general understanding that equipment (and corresponding regulatory
1079 material) should be available to take credit from the authentication feature if decided.

1080 The SBAS Authentication scheme must be backwards compatible with both already approved SBAS
1081 avionics and DFMC avionics that does not apply the authentication protocols. In the longer term, all
1082 DFMC receivers could be equipped with the SBAS authentication feature. On the other hand, the
1083 existing SBAS L1 only receivers, compliant to DO-229(), will not implement SBAS authentication as a
1084 minimum requirement. Indeed, this would require a massive retrofit up to several hundreds of thousands
1085 of receivers which would pose a significant challenge for manufacturers and operators. This would also
1086 require reopening the DO-229 MOPS to incorporate these SBAS authentication requirements while
1087 some legacy SBAS receivers might not be capable of sustaining the extra computational resources
1088 needed in terms of CPU and memory and might lack some interfaces to manage security (e.g., for key
1089 management). Finally, during the transition period with coexistence of legacy receivers with and
1090 without SBAS authentication, it would pose the risk of interrupting the use of SBAS technology which
1091 will be detrimental to safety for some aircraft that only rely on SBAS to have an approach means with
1092 geometrical vertical guidance.

1093 Authentication aware receivers will have knowledge of which SBAS provides an authentication feature
1094 through the key management mechanisms (either loading of specific keys for each SBAS or information
1095 on list of SBAS with authentication if single key is used across all SBASs). Authentication aware
1096 receivers will also need a high trust method to know which SBAS signals do not provide authentication.

1097 If Core GNSS constellation data augmented by SBAS data is used to assist with aligning an inertial
1098 navigation sensor (INS) of an aircraft at the gate and authentication is supported by the SBAS,
1099 authentication should be applied in the receiver prior to using the SBAS data for alignment.

1100 In addition, SBAS authentication should be implemented together with other spoofing detection
1101 techniques such as basic receiver consistency checks of measurement, position, time and data, and INS,
1102 if available. Such additional information sources and any impact on the determination of the presence of
1103 “spoofing” are not addressed in this document.

1104 **9 Cockpit perspective**

1105 In modern aircraft, GNSS is one sensor among others contributing to navigation and other capabilities.
1106 The result of the authentication check may therefore not need to be processed by the crew for the purpose of reconfiguring the avionics or pursuing its navigation, but only taken into account by the
1107 avionics to determine what residual navigation capability is available to pursue the operations.

1109 However, considering the result of the authentication check as part of bringing degraded GNSS
1110 conditions to the attention of the crew would still be important, notably with the objective of reporting
1111 the occurrence to the relevant ATC services. Since the communication link is open, it would be
1112 preferable for ATC to synthesize the information without open communication if possible. In addition,
1113 care would need to be taken to clearly separate navigation alerting and spoofing detection indications to
1114 the crew in order to respect existing crew resource management principles.

1115 SBAS authentication relies on different cryptographic keys with some distributed out-of-band. The
1116 receivers should, upon start-up, check to have valid key material for each SBAS service for which
1117 authentication shall be performed. In case of a service without valid key material, receivers should
1118 indicate the need for maintenance actions.

1119 One detailed point to address is if the dispatch of an aircraft should be allowed in case the authentication
1120 feature is known not to be available (for example, due to the airborne equipment – e.g., keys).

1121 Further discussion with aircraft manufacturers and ANSP/ATC services is required.

1122 **10 Air traffic and air space perspective**

1123 The reliability of GNSS has become a crucial factor in the efficient and safe operation of ATM. GNSS is
1124 the primary technology supporting Performance Based Navigation (PBN), as well as ADS-B and
1125 CPDLC which all rely on the status of GNSS on-board aircraft. The provision of time services to ATM
1126 systems on the ground is also primarily based on GNSS, and so maintaining the reliability and resilience
1127 of PNT services in both cases is a critical factor.

1128 SBAS authentication can play a significant role in this resilience aim.

1129 The primary benefit of SBAS authentication to ATC operation is as a safety mitigation for RNP APCH
1130 using SBAS. As a secondary benefit the alerting provided by SBAS authentication could be used by
1131 ATC to potentially infer (as part of a series of independent GNSS related indications) a confidence level
1132 in the overall reliability of GNSS to the ATC operation. This may have the effect to increase operational
1133 efficiency and workload mitigation within en-route airspace.

1134 **10.1 RNP APCH Impact**

1135 An SBAS authentication alert can trigger a clear indication (or alert) to flight crew that the SBAS input
1136 on-board should not be used. During the approach phase of flight when flight crew are performing an
1137 RNP APCH which makes use of SBAS, e.g. LPV, such an indication can protect the flight by triggering
1138 the flight crew to terminate the current approach and request an alternative. The benefit here is that a
1139 spoofing attack is most harmful because it is very difficult to detect; authentication can provide this
1140 detection.

1141 At airfields with a low level of CNS infrastructure in particular, where RNP APCH (based on GNSS) is
1142 likely to provide the primary method of approach, then SBAS authentication will harden the SBAS
1143 service and improve safety in these more exposed areas.

1144 When considering the impact on RNP APCH operations, the need for a high level of confidence in
1145 SBAS authentication indications becomes critical with a low occurrence of false alerting, especially at
1146 the less equipped airfields. If there is a need to potentially close an airfield due to lack of access to RNP
1147 APCH, then this will have a clear negative business impact to the specific airfield, and may trigger a
1148 spike in ATC workload for co-ordination in the surrounding area.

1149 As a secondary benefit, an SBAS authentication indication during the approach phase can also be
1150 communicated to ATC (and potentially other airspace users), who can determine a picture of GNSS
1151 unreliability if multiple such indications are received.

1152 In terms of ATC safety management, if a series of indications point to a spoofing attack specific to
1153 SBAS in a region, then it is reasonable to interpret this as part of wider GNSS unreliability in that region,
1154 e.g. GNSS Core Constellation, SBAS L1. ATC can then use this information to make future planning
1155 decisions for local airport operations.

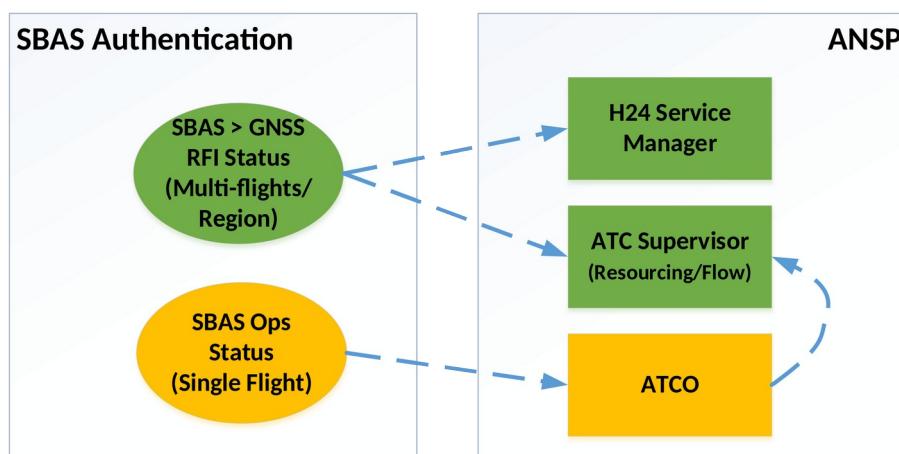
1156 10.2 En-route Airspace Impact

1157 Within the en-route operation, both ATC and airspace users have a series of mitigation layers available
1158 in order to maintain safety and operational efficiency should GNSS be unreliable. A key point therefore,
1159 is to know that GNSS is no longer reliable with a high confidence level.

1160 It is crucial that ATC are able to determine whether key (GNSS dependent) components of ATM, such
1161 as PBN operations, ADS-B surveillance, CPDLC exchanges or ADS-C trajectory downlinking
1162 capability are reliable or degraded. GNSS spoofing effects are much more difficult to detect than
1163 jamming and this is where signal authentication functions can play a key role, such as SBAS
1164 authentication. SBAS (only) authentication can be beneficial on its own, but the safety benefits increase
1165 significantly if authentication techniques are also applied independently to the underlying GNSS core
1166 constellations, providing authenticated messages at all layers of GNSS aviation services.

1167 As noted earlier, SBAS authentication indications being triggered by multiple aircraft in a region of
1168 airspace can allow ATC to reasonably infer a wider GNSS unreliability in that region. Any SBAS
1169 authentication navigation alerts from aircraft would be used in combination with other triggers and
1170 observations by ATC in order to inform any subsequent operational safety or capacity decisions. There
1171 is no expectation that ATC would rely solely on triggers due to SBAS authentication for this purpose.
1172 The description above can also be useful for ATC to judge how to best manage advisory services for
1173 aircraft flying outside of controlled airspace also.

1174 Figure 1 below provides an illustration of where the main benefit could be derived by ATC from the
1175 introduction of SBAS authentication indications to the operation.



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1177 Figure 1: *Possible paths into ATC operation for SBAS/GNSS indications*

1178 From the figure, the provision of GNSS RFI status, e.g. SBAS authentication indication directly to an
1179 ATCO, is designated as “amber”, as the benefit is not directly significant. An ATCO would react in the
1180 same way as any “loss of Nav capability” indication, by recognising flight crew requests such as moving
1181 to a surveillance vectoring service.

1182 The “Green” benefit areas of the diagram address the situation where multiple GNSS RFI status
1183 indications, e.g. through SBAS authentication, are provided to ATC (through flight crew
1184 communication). In this case the information would be used by ATC supervisors, together with Service
1185 Managers to assess the GNSS environment, the scale of the impact, possible inference of duration, and
1186 any consequent impacts on airspace management (sectorisation), and overall capacity (flow
1187 regulations).

1188 In this way, the ATC response to GNSS unavailability in a region can be similar to how ATC would
1189 manage an area of bad weather and requests to avoid from aircraft. ATC would be armed with a
1190 universal view of the GNSS environment and would therefore be in a better position to provide advisory
1191 information to all flights within an airspace region whether they were equipped with GNSS interference
1192 detection capabilities or not. It should be noted that even with this capability, ATC would expect to react
1193 to aircraft requests to avoid certain areas of airspace or reports of navigation issues on-board. The SBAS
1194 authentication information would not be used in isolation to proactively direct aircraft without guidance
1195 from flight crew.

1196 Provision of radar vectoring service to one or two aircraft within an en-route sector should be considered
1197 as falling within ATC normal operation. If more aircraft concurrently report this sort of indication and
1198 require assistance, then this will have the impact of increasing workload for ATC. Should the
1199 unreliability of GNSS in a region of airspace require the closure of certain airfields (that may be
1200 primarily reliant on RNP APCH), then this will significantly increase the workload for ATC whereby
1201 traffic flow regulation may be required. This is largely due to the additional co-ordination required to
1202 manage diversions of flights to alternate destinations.

1203 In this case it is beneficial to have a reliable forward view of how long such a regional GNSS issue may
1204 endure. The provision of authentication alerts could help in determining the scale and / or duration of
1205 impact.

1206 The reliance on GNSS use is even greater in Oceanic/Remote Airspace (such as North Atlantic or North
1207 Pacific in Japanese FIR) where the availability of independent surveillance, and voice-based
1208 communications is very limited due to geography. Within this airspace operations are based upon
1209 Performance Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS) criteria and performance, supported by
1210 data being delivered from the aircraft in the form of ADS-B, ADS-C and CPDLC applications. The
1211 performance of these applications along with GNSS for each flight directly dictates the separation
1212 minima that can be assumed for each flight, unlike in domestic airspace. All of these applications rely
1213 strongly on GNSS position and time capabilities.

1214 Although SBAS is not used for navigation within these predominantly high-altitude regions of airspace,
1215 it can be assumed that SBAS capable receivers will still be providing SBAS-based position and time
1216 services to primary (in oceanic operations) systems such as ADS-B, and CPDLC. Therefore, it is
1217 assumed that SBAS authentication can also add a level of protection within Oceanic/remote airspace
1218 within a similar framework of ATC decision making described earlier.

1219 SBAS spoofing can also trigger longer term effects whereby a receiver will “latch” in a failed state,
1220 should the aircraft fly through an intense area of GNSS interference. In these cases, an SBAS
1221 authentication indication can trigger short-term maintenance activities on the receiver which will enable
1222 the receiver to come back online more readily to continue support for ATM operations.

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1224 **10.3 ATM Timing Source Impact**

1225 Historically ATM has been based around discreet Communication, Navigation and Surveillance
1226 services which can be seen as independent from each other. Separate sub-systems with isolated
1227 requirements. ATM is moving towards concepts which are underpinned by the exchange of data in both
1228 air-to-ground and ground-to-ground domains demanding an emphasis on quality and timeliness of these
1229 data exchanges. These concepts therefore rely much more heavily on precise time being delivered both
1230 on-board aircraft and on the ground.

1231 As with navigation, the primary source of precise time to aviation and ATM is provided by GNSS,
1232 including the same vulnerabilities discussed earlier. More and more therefore, it will be critical to
1233 understand the reliability of GNSS in this context and the consequent risk to quality and accuracy of the
1234 precise time being passed to all stakeholders.

1235 SBAS authentication alerting can be used (along with other separate indications) to infer a confidence
1236 level for GNSS reliability in a certain region, and this could also benefit protection of time services.

1237 **10.4 Additional Considerations**

1238 A large amount of work has already been done on developing a concept of operations for SBAS
1239 authentication from a user perspective through the ad-hoc NSP sub-group. The group now need to
1240 complete the work and finally reach agreed outcomes on the open points such as:

- 1241 • Final mapping of operational response to SBAS authentication alert states
- 1242 • Assessment of operational criticality of SBAS authentication by flight phase
- 1243 • Assessment of SBAS authentication as part of a larger aggregated GNSS/SBAS status
1244 indication
- 1245 • Impacts of making authentication optional for receiver MOPS
- 1246 • Impacts of making authentication optional for SBAS providers
- 1247 • Estimate adequate numbers of equipped aircraft to trigger operational benefit

1248 **10.5 Benefits of SBAS authentication for ATC**

1249 The benefits of SBAS authentication are part of a holistic approach to hardening security and resilience
1250 around the aviation and ATM use of GNSS. This should include measures to equally protect GNSS core
1251 constellation and SBAS services. The introduction of SBAS authentication can improve safety for every
1252 individual flight equipped that is undertaking an RNP APCH procedure based on SBAS.

1253 The benefits to ANSPs of SBAS authentication as part of a wider GNSS resilience strategy would be
1254 seen not only within Navigation and PBN operations, but also across other dependent applications such
1255 as ADS-B, CPDLC and timing services. ANSPs could use SBAS authentication indications as part of a
1256 wider GNSS assessment based upon other sources of relevant information to build a resilient picture.

1257 The benefit of the introduction of SBAS authentication in the context of en-route airspace operations,
1258 whereby SBAS authentication can act as a pseudo GNSS status monitor, will be directly proportional to
1259 the number of equipped aircraft available within a certain region of airspace. Navigation alerts triggered

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1260 by SBAS authentication are assumed to be communicated via ATC voice channels from the flight crew
1261 or other appropriate means.

1262 From an operational perspective, the expected operational response to any SBAS authentication alerts
1263 by flight crew and ATC would need to be kept very simple and clear, based on the information provided
1264 by the equipment equipped with SBAS authentication.

1265 **11 List of Acronyms**

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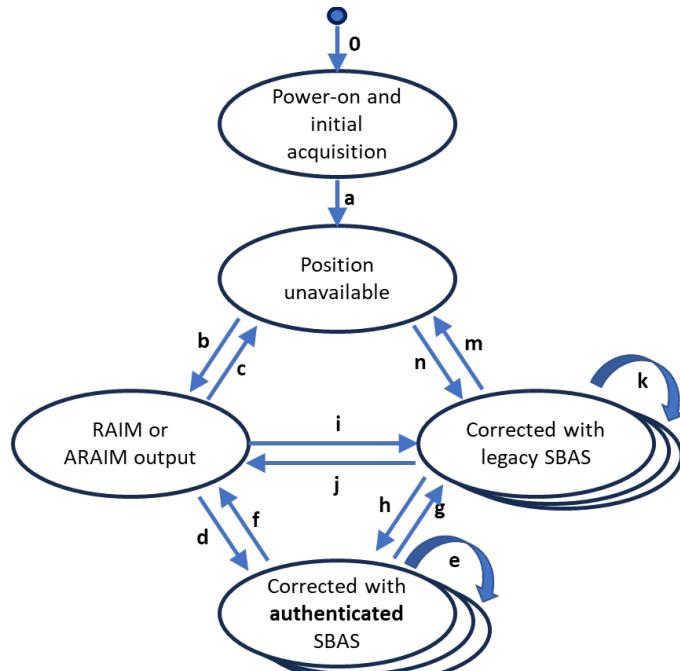
Acronym	Definition
ABAS	Aircraft-based Augmentation System
ADS-B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication
ARAIM	Advanced Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring
CNAV	Civil Navigation
ConOps	Concept of Operations
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CSP	Constellation Service Provider
DFMC	Dual-Frequency Multi-Constellation
EU	European Union
GLONASS	Global Orbiting Navigation Satellite System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HAL	Horizontal Alert Limit
H-ARAIM	Horizontal ARAIM
HPL	Horizontal Protection Level
HUL	Horizontal Uncertainty Level
ISD	Integrity Support Data
ISM	Integrity Support Message
ISMG	Integrity Support Message Generator
LNAV	Lateral Navigation
LPV	Localizer Performance with Vertical guidance
MOPS	Minimum Operational Performance Standards
MTTN	Mean-Time-To-Notify
NAGU	Notice Advisories to Galileo Users
NANU	Notice Advisory to NAVSTAR Users
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen, Notice to Air Mission (U.S.)
RAIM	Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring
SARPS	Standards and Recommended Practices
SBAS	Satellite Based Augmentation System
SIS	Signal-in-Space
SSR	Secondary Surveillance Radar
TOW	Time of Week
URA	User Range Accuracy
V-ARAIM	Vertical ARAIM

VNAV	Vertical Navigation
VUL	Vertical Uncertainty Level
WN	Week Number

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1268 **ATTACHMENT A: EXAMPLE OF RECEIVER STATES AND**
1269 **TRANSITIONS – MULTIPLE CHANNEL MODEL**

1270 The following States and Transitions diagram represents the integrity states and transitions for receivers
1271 with SBAS authentication. Receivers may operate in an Aircraft Based Augmentation System (ABAS)
1272 state, using either Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM) or Advanced RAIM (ARAIM).
1273 Receivers may also use SBAS systems that support authentication in an authenticate-then-use paradigm, or
1274 SBAS systems that do not support authentication. The use of authenticated SBAS data provides confidence
1275 that the received data was actually sent by the SBAS system and is not spoofed data. Authentication of the
1276 SBAS data does not by itself prove that the signal is the direct-path reception from the SBAS satellite, nor
1277 does it prove that the other GNSS signals used by the receiver are authentic direct-path signals. With the
1278 removal of the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) from the SBAS authentication message, failure to
1279 authenticate is not conclusive identification of spoofing. Failure to authenticate may result from data
1280 corruption in flight or at signal reception and not only be a result of spoofing. Therefore, this States and
1281 Transitions diagram does not contain a spoofing identified state. Receivers may have other means to detect
1282 spoofing. If the receiver identifies individual spoofed satellites and removes them from the position
1283 solution, then operations may continue with either ABAS or SBAS integrity. Receiver detection of
1284 spoofing may lead to no signals being available and a loss of position data output. Making a spoofing
1285 detection claim based on a failure of SBAS authentication should be based on multiple failures to establish a
1286 connection between the hash point and the last validated hash point or multiple epochs in a short period of
1287 time where authentication has failed.



1288 *Figure 5: States and Possible Transitions for a Receiver with SBAS authentication capability.*

1289 SBAS authentication is authenticate before use. Therefore, an SBAS receiver with authentication can
1290 output a position solution from an SBAS that supports authentication only after being able to authenticate
1291 the SBAS data. Otherwise, it can output a RAIM/ARAIM solution or else a position solution using an
1292 SBAS that does not support authentication.

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State Descriptions			
<i>State</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>PVT Outputs</i>	<i>Navigation Message Authentication Status</i>
<i>Power-on and Initial Acquisition</i>	Acquiring satellites and collecting / confirming initial navigation data.	None, prior to Time to First Fix	N/A
<i>Position Unavailable</i>	Insufficient satellites (initial acquisition, interference), spoofing detected (and unable to isolate authentic signals), RAIM/ARAIM detection and failed exclusion	No computed data —or — output but flagged consistent with legacy requirements when navigation is unavailable	None
<i>Outputs with RAIM or ARAIM</i>	Providing position data outputs using RAIM or ARAIM. Receiver inherent spoofing detection methods applied.	Nominal PVT output	None
<i>Corrected with authenticated SBAS</i>	Providing position data outputs using authenticated SBAS data. Receiver inherent spoofing detection methods applied.	Nominal PVT output	Partial NMA
<i>Corrected with legacy (unauthenticated) SBAS</i>	Providing position data outputs using SBAS data without authentication. Receiver inherent spoofing detection methods applied.	Nominal PVT output	None

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Notes on States and Possible Transitions

1. If an SBAS system supports authentication, the receiver will only output position data using authenticated SBAS data. If the receiver is unable to generate an SBAS solution with authentication, it will revert to ABAS.

- 1303 2. The receiver will include inherent spoofing detection methods. The receiver will either remove signals
 1304 identified as spoofed with position data outputs using one of the integrity methods, or else transition to
 1305 Position Unavailable.
- 1306 3. Authentication is applied on a per SBAS GEO basis. When the SBAS supports authentication, data is used
 1307 only after the message passes authentication. There is no action based on a failure to authenticate data.
- 1308 4. Individual messages may pass authentication or may not be able to be authenticated. These do not by
 1309 themselves cause a change in the receiver state as different messages have different levels of criticality in
 1310 supporting quality and availability of the PVT solution. Additionally with removal of the CRC, a failure to
 1311 pass the authentication protocol could indicate either transmission reception errors (bit flips) or spoofing.
- 1312 5. A failure to validate a certain number of hash points should lead to deselection of the signal.
- 1313 6. A Position Confidence output would be useful, and could characterize whether the receiver applied either
 1314 Navigation Message Authentication or Signal Authentication, and whether it was applied for all signals or a
 1315 partial subset of signals.

1316 Notional State Transition Conditions

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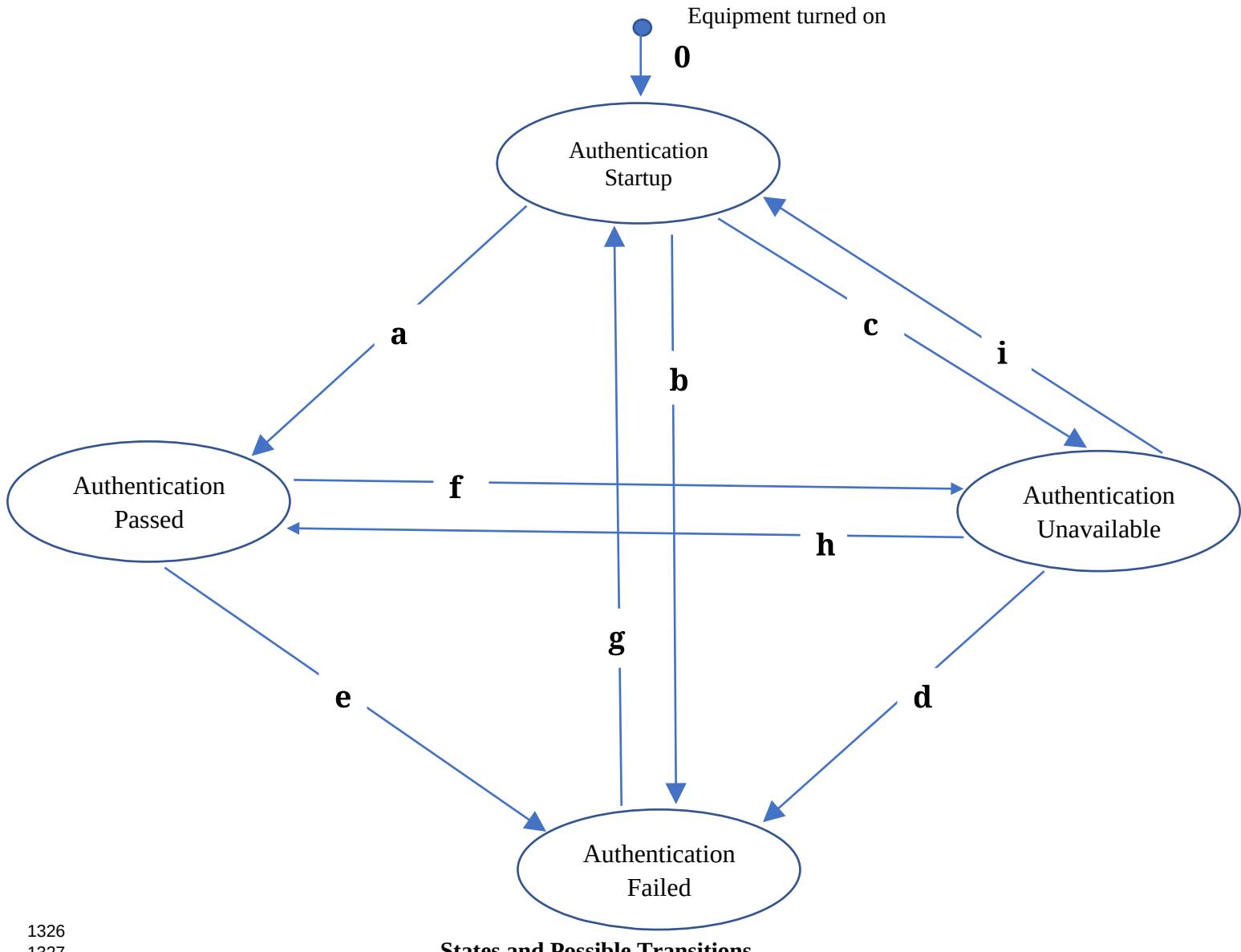
- 1318 (1) N/A

a	Receiver has acquired and confirmed data for a minimum number of satellites on at least one frequency.	b	Receiver has sufficient satellite observations to generate a PVT solution with RAIM or ARAIM integrity.
c	Receiver can no longer generate a PVT solution with RAIM or ARAIM integrity and SBAS integrity is not available. This could occur due to a detection and failed exclusion, interference, inability to track signals (e.g. scintillation), or receiver inherent spoofing detection invalidating some or all satellites.	d	Receiver has validated the TESLA Confirmed Hash Point and has validated the broadcast hash point received in the MT-20 or MT-50 to the TESLA Confirmed Hash Point.
e	Transition to another SBAS signal that meets all of condition d when <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SBAS solution from the SBAS signal in use is no longer valid (unable to authenticate data from signal, receipt of an MT-0, signal is no longer trackable), or b) there is a better PVT solution from another SBAS signal. 	f	Receiver authenticates all of the required information to generate an SBAS solution. Transition to RAIM/ARAIM per condition b when <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tracking an SBAS system that supports authentication and unable to authentication SBAS data (either failure to authenticate or loss of signal that should be present), or b) there is a better PVT solution using RAIM/ARAIM than the authenticated SBAS solution and SBAS is not required for the operation (includes exiting the SBAS coverage area).

g	Transition from an SBAS with authentication to an SBAS that does not support authentication when:	h	Transition to an SBAS system that supports authentication that meets all of condition d and is able to support the intended operation anytime a specific SBAS is not required for the operation.
<i>Note: When there is a failure to authenticate, it is required to transition to RAIM/ARAIM rather than an unauthenticated SBAS signal.</i>			
i	Transition from RAIM/ARAIM to an SBAS that does not support authentication when:	j	There is a better PVT solution using RAIM/ARAIM than the SBAS solution and SBAS is not required for the operation.
<i>Note: There is a preference to use authenticated SBAS or RAIM/ARAIM before using unauthenticated SBAS.</i>			
k	Transition to another SBAS signal when	m	Loss of valid position while using an unauthenticated SBAS and transitions h or j are not available.
n	Expected when position solution returns after an m transition	0	Equipment turn-on, initial acquisition

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1324 **ATTACHMENT B: RECEIVER STATES AND TRANSITIONS -**
1325 **SINGLE CHANNEL MODEL**



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State	Description	PVT Outputs	State Descriptions		
			Authentication Status	Output	Value
Startup	Tracking satellites, have not yet tried to authenticate (do not have all of the data describing the currently employed keys)	According to PVT output requirements for GPS RAIM or ARAIM			None
Authentication Unavailable	Insufficient valid authentication information is available to execute the authentication protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a different SBAS channel or; • Provide PVT output from RAIM/ARAIM • Provide a valid PVT output with indication that it is unauthenticated according to legacy PVT output requirements 			None
Authentication Passed	All authentication information is available and valid and the authentication has passed	Provide a valid PVT using authenticated SABS date according to legacy PVT output requirements			True
Authentication Failed	All authentication information is available and valid and the authentication has had a recent failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a different channel that has authentication, or; • No computed data —or — output but flagged consistent with legacy requirements when MI is detected, integrity alert with indication that it is due to failed authentication (latter would be preferred for reporting purposes) 			False

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Notes on States and Possible Transitions

- 1333 1. In all states, the receiver continuously tries to execute the authentication protocols when
1334 the receiver has indication that the channel supports authentication (has received keys or
1335 MT-20/50 messages).
- 1336 2. State description covers SBAS use only and does not extend to other uses of GNSS
1337 a. Does not include the incorporation of non-authentication based spoofing detection
1338 schemes
- 1339 3. Authentication is initially evaluated on a per SBAS GEO basis. It is employed on a
1340 message by message basis where each individual message is accepted or discarded based
1341 upon whether or not it passes authentication.
- 1342 4. Individual messages may pass authentication or may not be able to be authenticated.
1343 These do not by themselves cause a change in the receiver state as different messages
1344 have different levels of criticality in supporting quality and availability of the PVT
1345 solution.

1346 Notional State Transition Conditions

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- 1348 (2) Conditions bulleted with “+” are OR conditions. If any of the “+” conditions are met, a
1349 state transition occurs.
- 1350 (3) This table only addresses the assessment of a single SBAS channel. On authentication
1351 fail for this channel, the equipment could look for another channel with authentication
1352 that passes the authentication protocol. However, when there is spoofing of an SBAS
1353 channel, there is also likely spoofing of core satellite constellation signals.

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a	Receiver obtains all of the required information to use the current set of keys (verified the TELSA hash point) and has collected and authenticated sufficient SBAS messages, from at least one SBAS satellite, to form an SBAS PVT solution using authentication SBAS data.	f	Fly outside coverage of SBAS with authentication (better service from unauthenticated SBAS), or; + Aircraft has flown outside of area covered by the SBAS satellite providing authentication (or better service with unauthenticated SBAS) + Unauthenticated SBAS required for the operation
b	TELSA Hash Point is verified and +aMAC comparison fails when received in MT-20 (with valid CRC) +multiple MT-50 aMAC comparisons fail and unable to provide PVT output Or TESLA Hash Point does not hash to a confirmed TELSA Hash Point	g	+ If on the same signal/satellite/provider, one hour or 200 NM has transpired from entering the state (<i>previously this was 15 minutes</i>) (<i>Note: This is to support an in-flight reset possibility.</i>) + If another authenticated signal/satellite/provider is available
c	+ Receiver obtains all of the required	h	Same as a

information to use the current set of keys and has not collected and authenticated sufficient SBAS messages to form an SBAS PVT solution

- + Unable to validate a TESLA Confirmed Hash Point or unable to validate Level 1 or Level 2 asymmetric keys (keys are unavailable)

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- + SBAS satellite doesn't provide authentication service

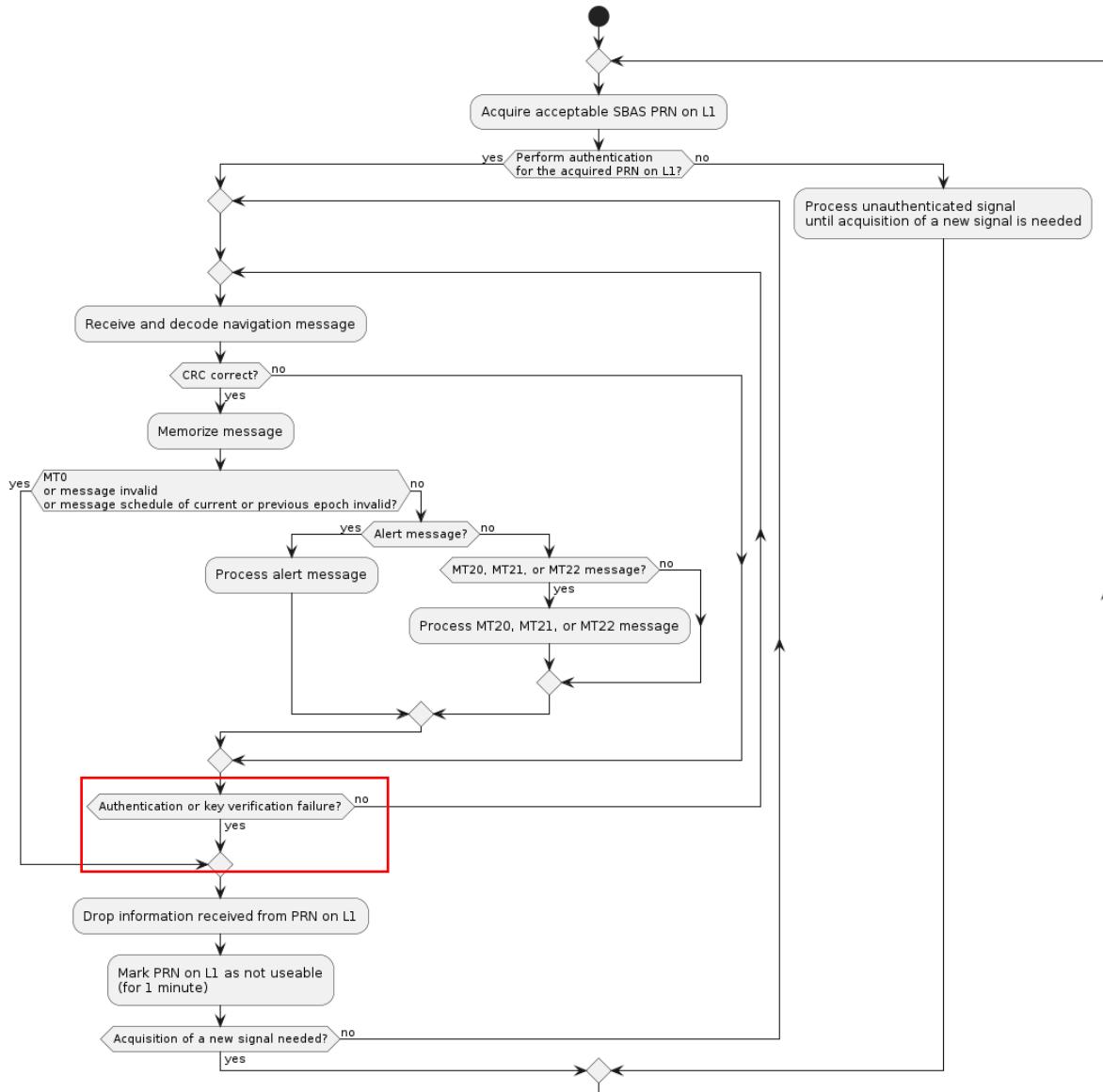
d	Same as b	i	Current keys expire and the next set not yet obtained
e	Same as b	o	Tracking SBAS satellite (Revisit this in regard to covering the case of SV transition. for example after failure or leaving coverage region)

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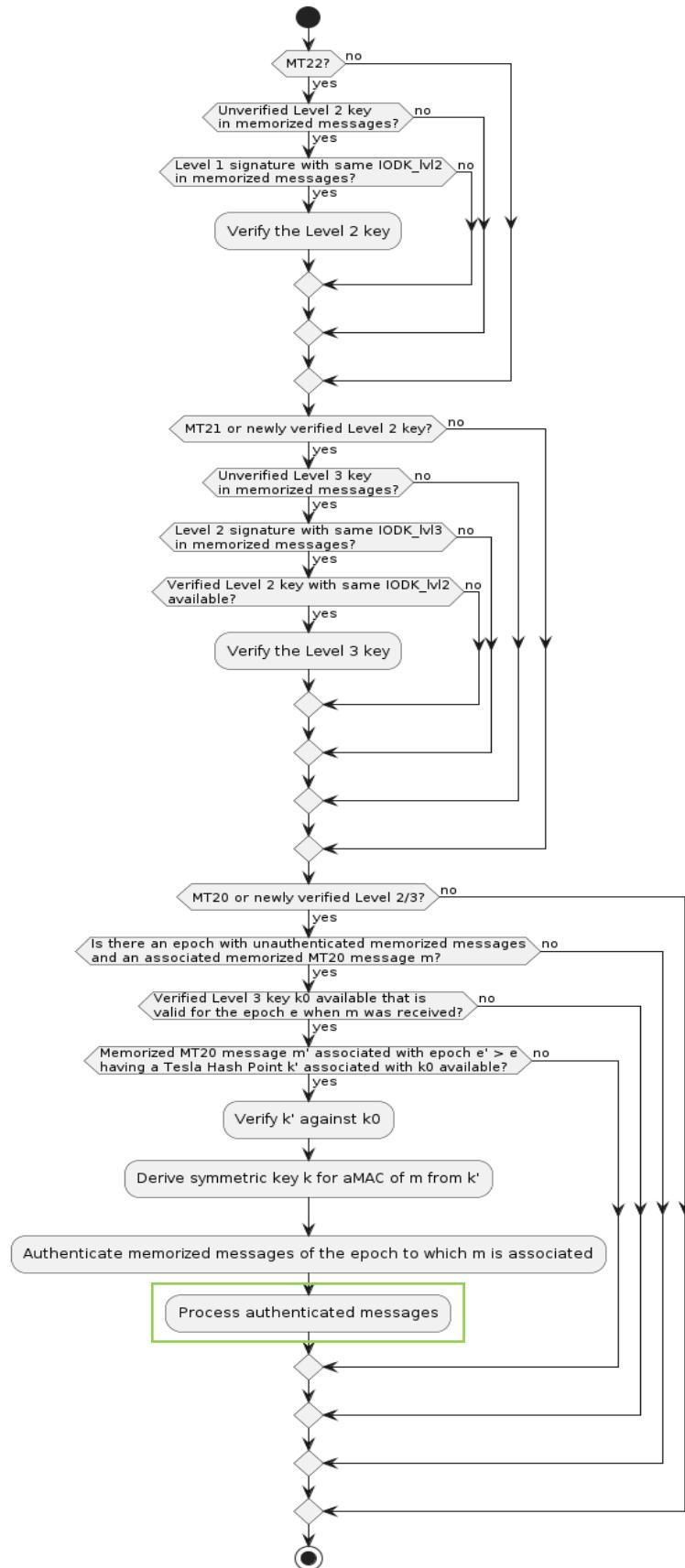
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1357 **ATTACHMENT C: Example of receiver processing logic of an SBAS L1 signal**
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1359 The following figures shows the processing logic of an SBAS L1 signal with authentication. The first figure
1360 provides the overall steps to be followed to authenticate SBAS data, the second figure provides more details
1361 on the “process MT20, MT21, MT22” step inserted in the first figure, detailing how the various key material
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1365 Those diagrams cover initial receiver states discussed in previous versions of the SBAS authentication
1366 ConOps. For example, “authentication passed” corresponds to the green box in the figure above while the
1367 “authentication failed” corresponds to the red box.