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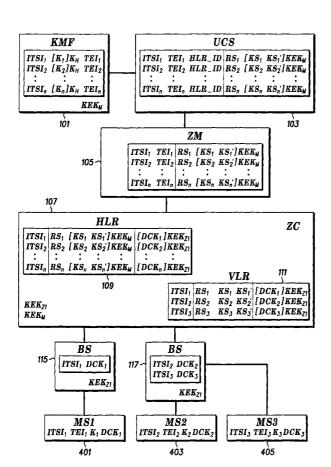
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AUTHENTICATION IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A method includes receiving an authentication request from a mobile station (401) and determining whether to forward the request to an authentication agent. When it is determined to forward the request, the request is forwarded to the authentication agent (107). A random number and a random seed are received from the authentication agent (107). The random number and the random seed are forwarded to the mobile station (401). A response to the random number and the random seed from the mobile station (401) is received and forwarded to the authentication agent (107). The authentication agent (107) compares the response with an expected response. When the authentication agent (107) authenticates the mobile station (401), a derived cipher key is received from the authentication agent (107).



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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claims 1-3 and 6, drawn to methods for distributing a cipher key between a mobile station and a base station.

Group II, claims 7-9, drawn to a method for forwarding encrypted session authentication information to a storage device in a non-real-time manner.

Group III, claims 10-13, drawn to systems and methods of encrypting, storing, and forwarding session authentication information.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the special technical features of Group I are generating a random number and a random seed; forwarding the random number and random seed; and forwarding a cipher key if a response to the random number and random seed being authenticated; the special technical features of Group II are generating session authentication information for each of a plurality of authentication keys for use in a communication system and forwarding the encrypted session authentication information to a storage device in a non-real-time manner; the special technical feature of Group III is distributing encrypted session authentication information in a real-time manner.

Since the special technical features of any of Groups I, II, and III are not present in any of Groups II and III, I and III, and I and II, respectively, unity of invention is lacking.

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