



Security Evolution of SIM card

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Overview

- SIM Security and business
- Security and privacy in SIM
- Introduction to new security standard
- Who? What? How ?

SIM cards

- Carrier's money card
- A chip to connect telephony equipments
- Store information and tools
- Provide security
- Add on services



T-Mobile SIM Starter Kit -
Nano SIM - No Annual
Contract

Quantity: 1

Free!

Change in size



Full size SIM	micro-SIM	nano-SIM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple iPhone 3GS• All USB modems• All Pocket WiFi modems• Samsung Galaxy Note• Samsung Galaxy SII• More.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple iPhone 4/4S• Apple iPad Retina Display• HTC One, One X, One SV, 8X• Nokia N9, Lumia 720/820• Samsung Galaxy Express, SIII, S4, Galaxy Note II• Sony Xperia S, TX, Z• More	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple iPhone 5, 5c, 5s and iPad Mini• More

Source: Vodafone

Why to talk about SIM Security?

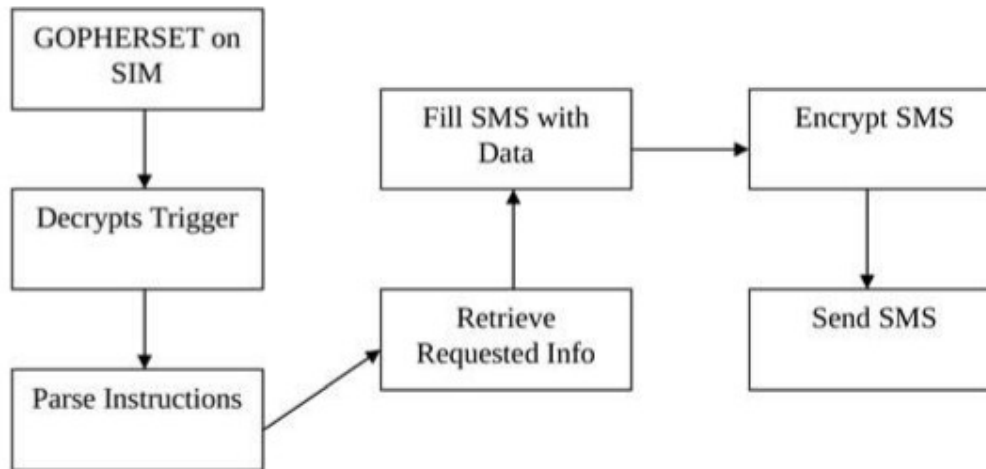
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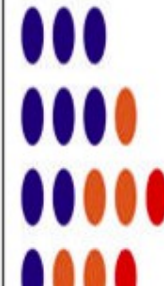
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(U//FOUO) GOPHERSET - Operational Schematic



From Washington Post

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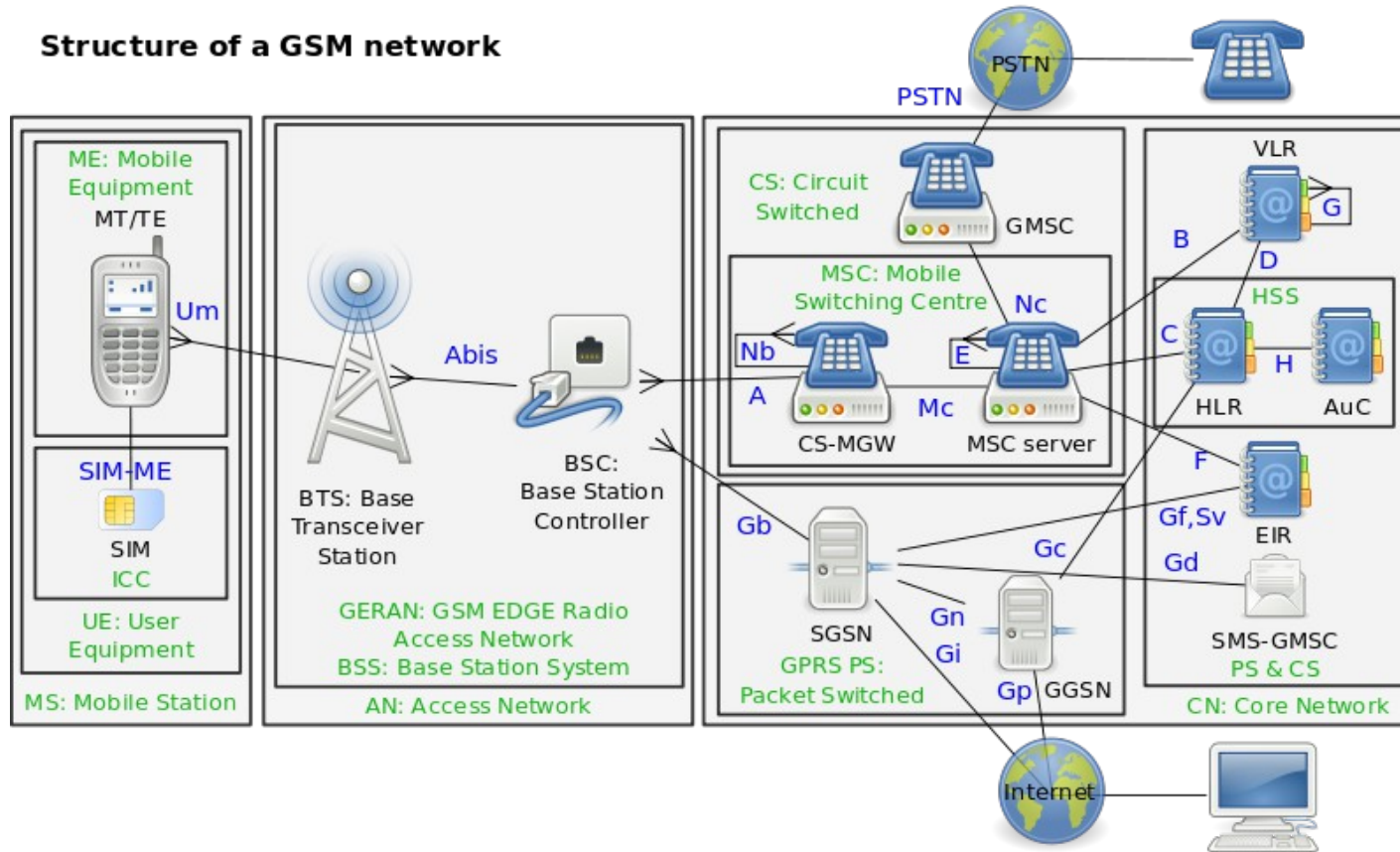
Security in SIM cards

Features and functions

- **Identity and Access control** (IMSI, PIN code)
- **Authentication** to network operator (Ki, A3)
- **Confidentiality** (Kc, A8)
- Anonymity (TMSI)
- SIM application toolkit

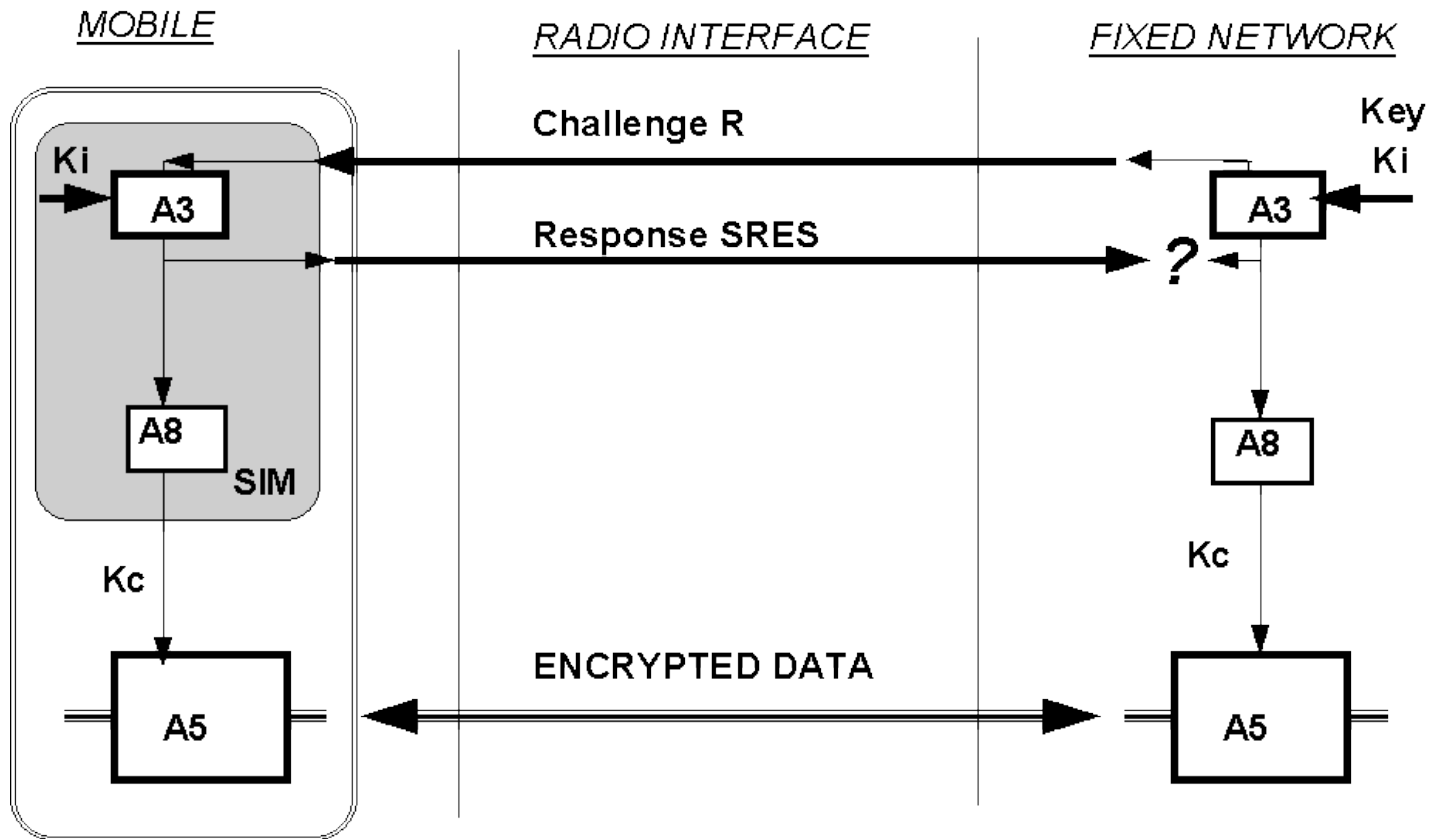
GSM Background

Structure of a GSM network



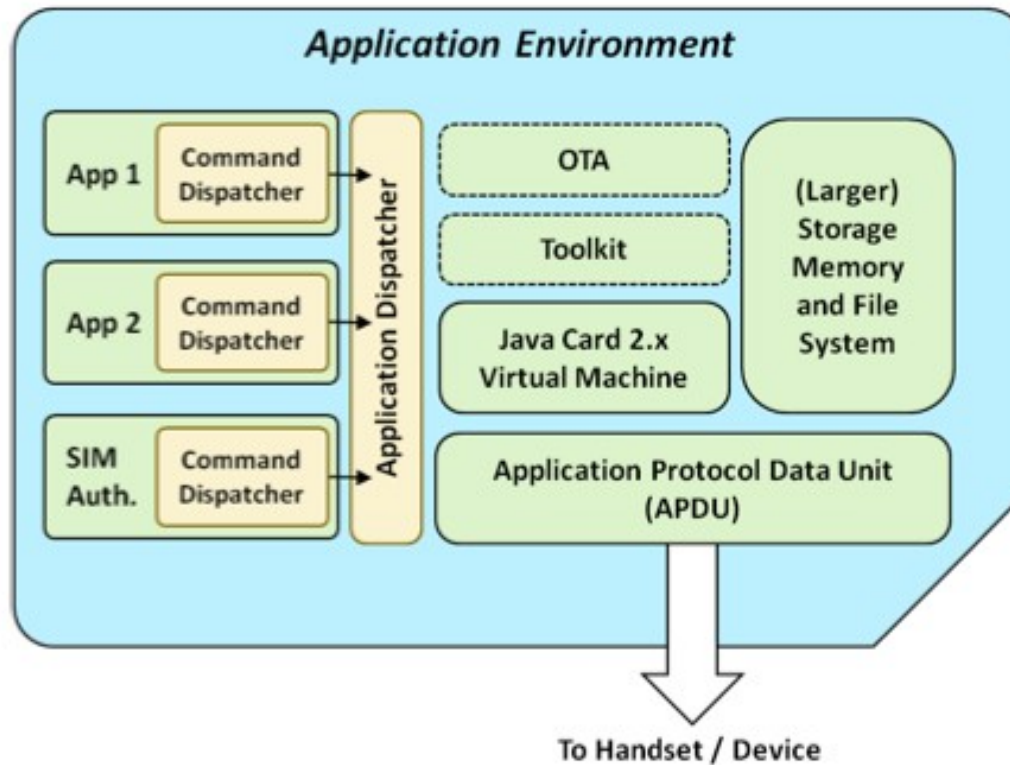
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Authentication and Encryption



From 1994, Brookson

Current SIM architecture



Source: ofcom

Security attacks

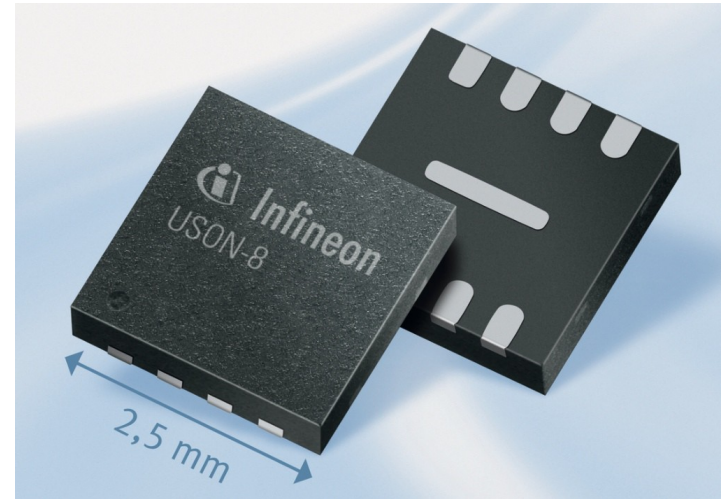
- SIM Cloning (1998)
 - Comp128 leaked
 - Reverse engineered & cryptanalyzed
- SIM toolkit attacks
 - Fuzzing SMS
 - Send premium SMS
 - Mobile operators
- Cracking SIM Update keys
 - Recover DES OTA keys
 - Singed malicious applets with key
 - <https://wiki.thc.org/gsm/simtoolkit>

Changing Telco world

- Goal achieved in last 25 years - “billions users connecting every continent “
- Next goal- “Connecting billions of devices (m2m devices, vehicles, IoT devices)”
- SIM to USIM to eSIM
- Embedded SIM vs Soft SIM
- New security architecture

Embedded SIM

- Designed for M2M devices
- Non-removable
- No Soft/virtual SIM
- New security standard
- No change in authentication / encryption to the operator
- Security architecture for remote provisioning



eSIM Standard requirements

- Contain one or more profiles
- **But ONLY one profile active at a time**
- Behavior is same as in SIM or USIM
- Certification mandatory
- Satisfies “3G Security, Security Threats and Requirements” (TS 21.133)

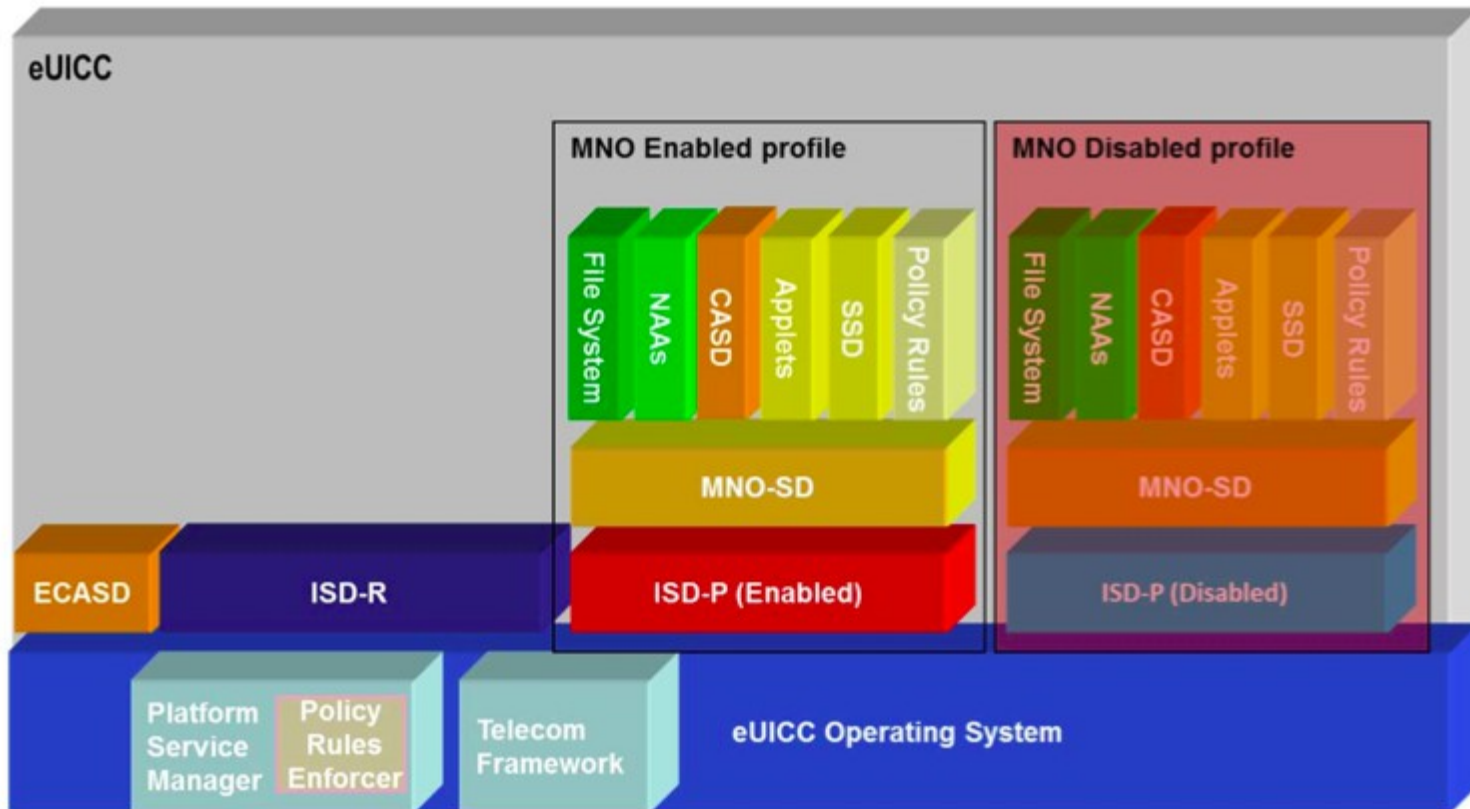
Remote Provisioning

- Challenge was to securely and **remotely** change Ki (Subscription)
- New card platform to support multi-profiles
- Introduced new network elements (SM-SR/SM-DP)
- Done over SMS or HTTPS connection
- Over-the-air packets encrypted with OTA keys

SM-SR : Subscription Manager – Secure Routing

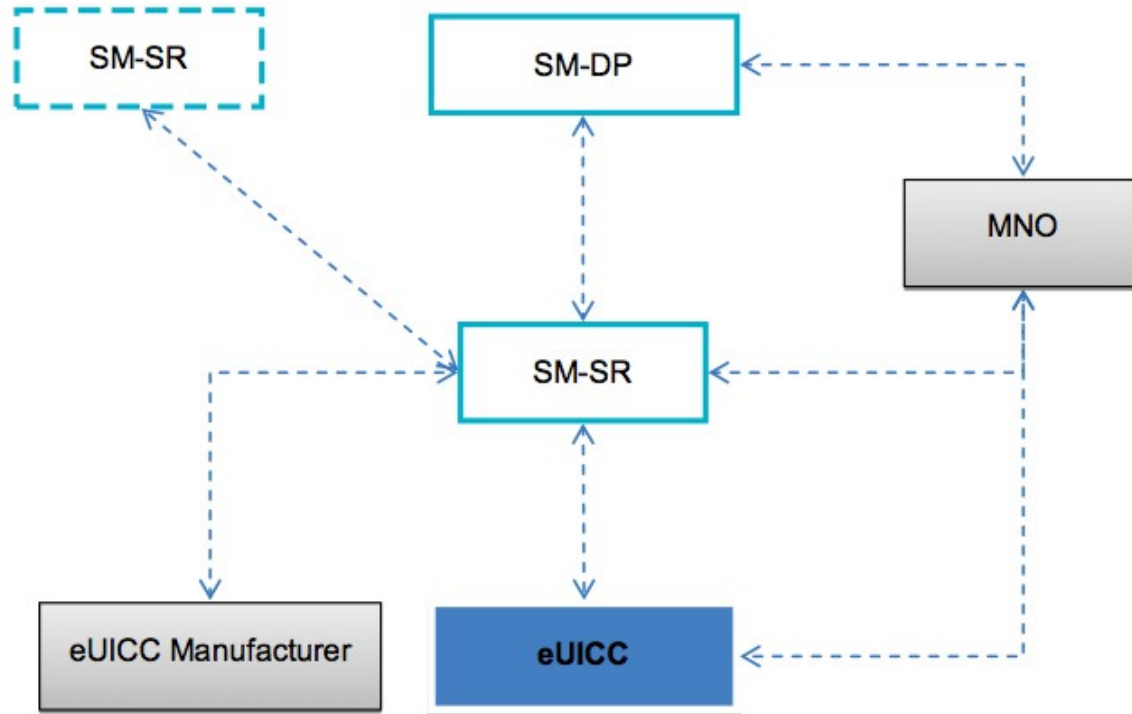
SM-DP : Subscription Manager – Data Preparation

Card Architecture



Source: GSMA

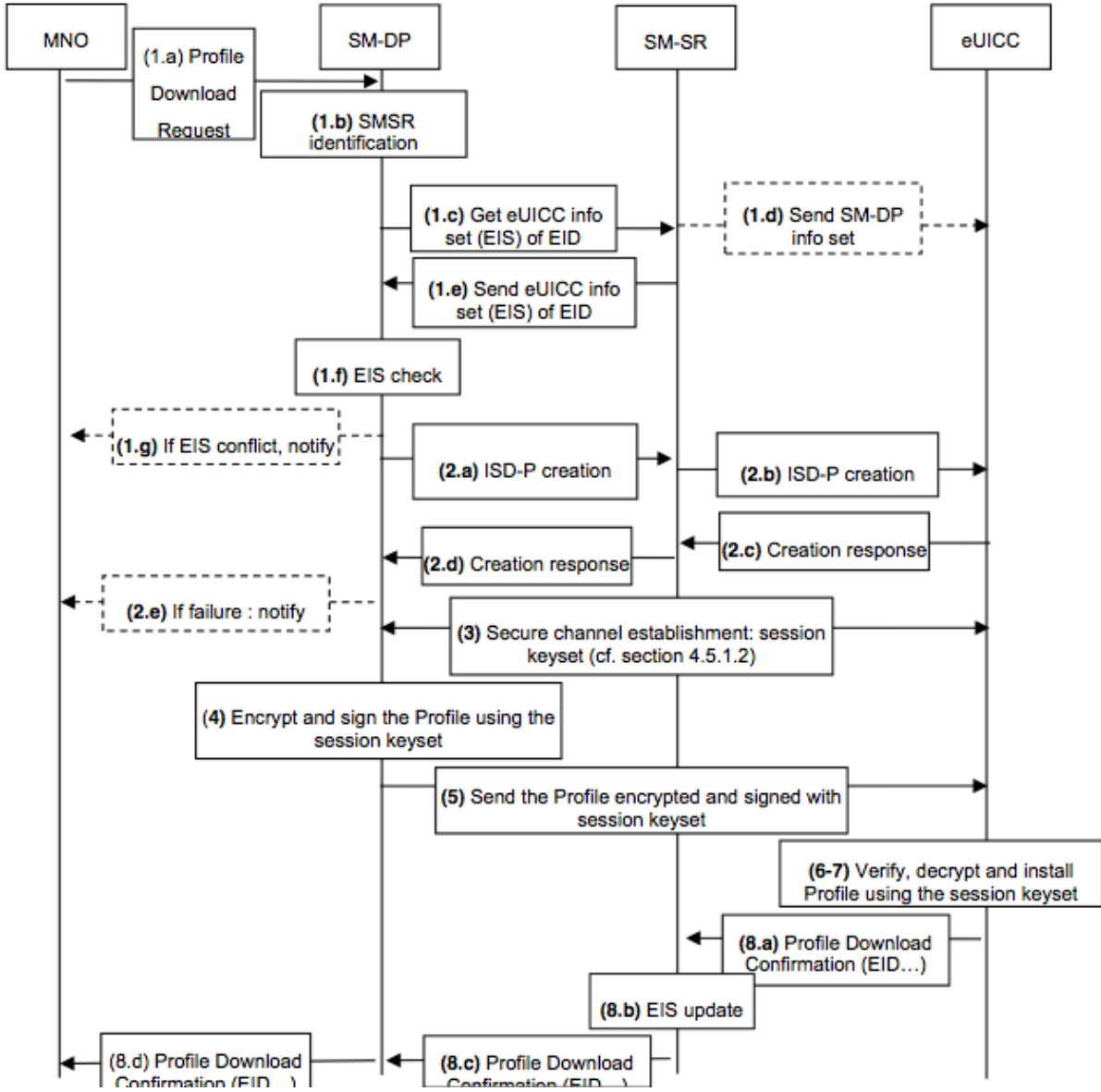
Remote provisioning architecture



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Ref: 12FAST.13 - Embedded SIM Remote Provisioning Architecture

Example - change operator



Source: GSMA



Security threats

- Over-the-air attacks (DoS)
- Hardware attacks
- Privacy Issues (who owns what?)
- eSIM (cloning? Jailbreak?)
- Device theft?

Implant for eSIM??

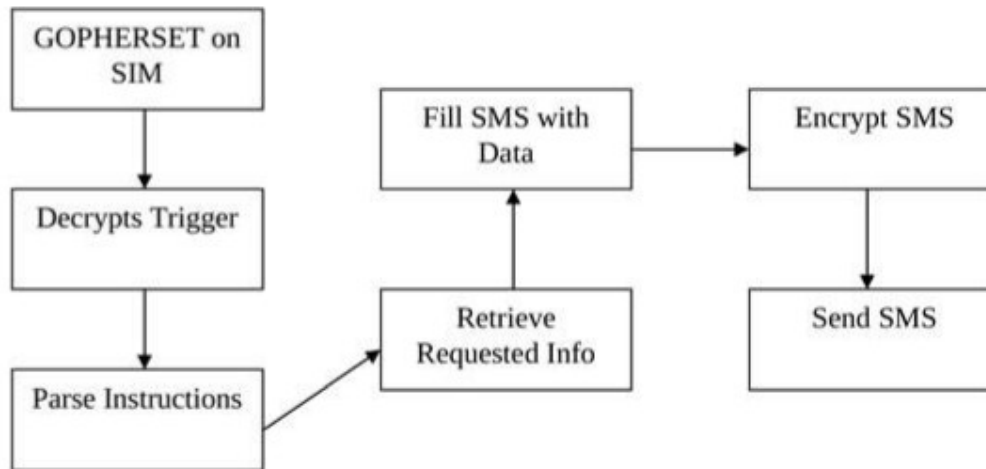
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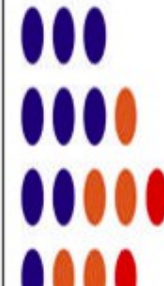
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