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### 1.1 Introduction

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To deliver these benefits, MACsec has to be used in conjunction with appropriate policies for higher-level protocol operation in networked systems, an authentication and authorization framework, and network management. IEEE Std 802.1X ~~P802.1af<sup>TM</sup> [B2]~~<sup>1</sup> provides authentication and cryptographic key distribution.

### 1.2 Scope

*Change bullet i) as follows:*

- i) Specifies the interface/exchanges between a SecY and its associated and collocated MAC Security Key Agreement Entity (KaY, IEEE Std 802.1X ~~P802.1af [B2]~~) that provides and updates cryptographic keys.

*Change bullet o) as follows:*

- o) Specify how the relationships between MACsec protocol peers are discovered and authenticated, as supported by key management or key distribution protocols, but makes use of IEEE Std 802.1X ~~P802.1af Key Agreement for MAC security~~ to achieve these functions.

## 2. Normative references

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IEEE Std 802.1X™-2010, IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Port-based Network Access Control.

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## 6. Secure provision of the MAC Service

### 6.1 MACsec connectivity

*Change the first paragraph as follows:*

The connectivity provided (6.2) between the MAC Internal Sublayer Service (ISS) access points of stations connected to a single LAN composes an insecure association between communicating stations. Key agreement protocols as defined in ~~IEEE P802.1af~~ IEEE Std 802.1X establish and maintain a secure Connectivity Association (CA), which is a fully (i.e., symmetric and transitive) connected subset of the ISS service access points. Each instance of MACsec operates within a single CA.

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## 7. Principles of secure network operation

*Change bullet d) as follows:*

- d) MACsec Key Agreement Entities (~~IEEE P802.1ad~~ IEEE Std 802.1X)

### 7.1.2 Use of the secure MAC Service by bridges

*Change NOTE 1 as follows:*

NOTE 1—Using an SC identifier that includes a port number component would appear to be unnecessary in the case of a simple system that comprises a single LAN station, with a uniquely allocated 48-bit MAC address, and a single SecY. However, some systems require support for more SecYs than they have uniquely allocated addresses, either because they make use of technologies that support virtual MACs, or because their interface stacks include the possibility of including multiple SecYs at different sublayers. Provider bridges (~~IEEE Std 802.1ad-2005~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q) provide examples of the latter.

### 7.3.1 Client policies

*Change NOTE 1 as follows:*

NOTE 1—To facilitate policy selection by clients of the secure MAC Service, ~~IEEE P802.1ad~~ IEEE Std 802.1X specifies authorized permissions, including those required by MAC Bridges (IEEE Std 802.1D) and VLAN-aware Bridges (IEEE Std 802.1Q) to support the secure MAC Service in Bridged and Virtually Bridged Local Area Networks.

### 7.3.2 Use of the secure MAC Service by bridges

*Change NOTE 1 as follows:*

NOTE 1—The apparent exception to this configuration restriction, which does not permit the creation of security associations to create “secure tunnels” through selected bridges in a Bridged Local Area Network, is the use of a Provider Bridged Network as specified in ~~IEEE Std 802.1ad-2005~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q. However, a Provider Bridged Network appears to Customer Bridges as a single LAN providing full connectivity independent of the operation of Customer Bridge protocols.

*Change NOTE 2 as follows:*

NOTE 2—Use of this address ensures that the physical topology as perceived by spanning tree protocols aligns with that provided by MAC Security. In Provider Bridged Networks, the Provider Bridge Group Address is used. An exception to the alignment rule occurs with certain types of interface that are supported by Provider Bridge Networks, where a provider operated C-VLAN (see ~~IEEE Std 802.1ad-2005~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q) aware component provides the customer interface.

*Change bullet d) as follows:*

- d) Configuration of the VLAN Translation Table (~~IEEE Std 802.1ad-2005 only~~)

*Change NOTE 3 as follows:*

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## 8. MAC Security Protocol (MACsec)

### 8.1.3 Interoperability requirements

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Where the underlying MAC Service used by MACsec is supported by a Provider Bridged Network (~~IEEE Std 802.1ad~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q), communicating SecYs can be attached to different media operating (locally) at different transmission rates. Interoperability between, for example, 10 Gb/s and 1 Gb/s, and between 1 Gb/s and 100 Mb/s requires interoperability across the speed range. The design of MACsec facilitates interoperability from 1 Mb/s to 100 Gb/s without modification or negotiation of protocol formats and parameters. Operation at higher transmission rates depends on the capabilities of the Cipher Suite. The mandatory default Cipher Suite has been selected (Clause 14) in part because of its ability to perform across this range.



## 9. Encoding of MACsec protocol data units

### 9.8 Transmit SA status

*Change the NOTE, as follows:*

NOTE—~~As specified in this clause, the~~ The IV used by the ~~Default Cipher Suite (GCM-AES-128) (14.5) and the~~ GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite (14.6) comprises the SCI (even if the SCI is not transmitted in the SecTAG) and the PN. Subject to proper unique MAC Address allocation procedures, the SCI is a globally unique identifier for a SecY. To satisfy the IV uniqueness requirements of CTR mode of operation, a fresh key is used before PN values are reused.

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## 10. Principle of MAC Security Entity (SecY) operation

### 10.7.22 Transmit SA status

*Insert a further bullet e) directly after the existing bullet d), as follows:*

- e) nextPN (10.6, 10.6.5)

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## 11. MAC Security in Systems

### 11.7 MACsec in Provider Bridged Networks

*Change the first paragraph as follows:*

Provider Bridges are specified in the IEEE Std 802.1ad amendment to IEEE Std 802.1Q. Provider Bridges (IEEE Std 802.1Q) enable service providers to use VLANs to offer the equivalent of separate LANs to different users. Data for each of the virtual LANs is segregated within the provider's network by using a Service VLAN TAG (S-TAG) that is distinguished, by EtherType, from the Customer VLAN-TAGs (C-TAGs) used within each customer's network. See Figure 11-12.

*Change the NOTE as follows:*

NOTE—Figure 11-12 is based on Figure 15-1 of ~~IEEE Std 802.1ad-2005~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q.

*Change the paragraph describing Figure 11-14 as follows:*

Figure 11-14 shows the addition of the service access priority selection function described in 6.9 of ~~IEEE Std 802.1ad~~ IEEE Std 802.1Q to the interface stack of Figure 11-13, together with the use of Link Aggregation to support attachment to the provider's network with two LANs.

*Replace Figure 11-14 with the following figure, which changes the prior reference to IEEE Std 802.1ad Clause 6.9 to a reference to IEEE Std 802.1Q Clause 6.9:*

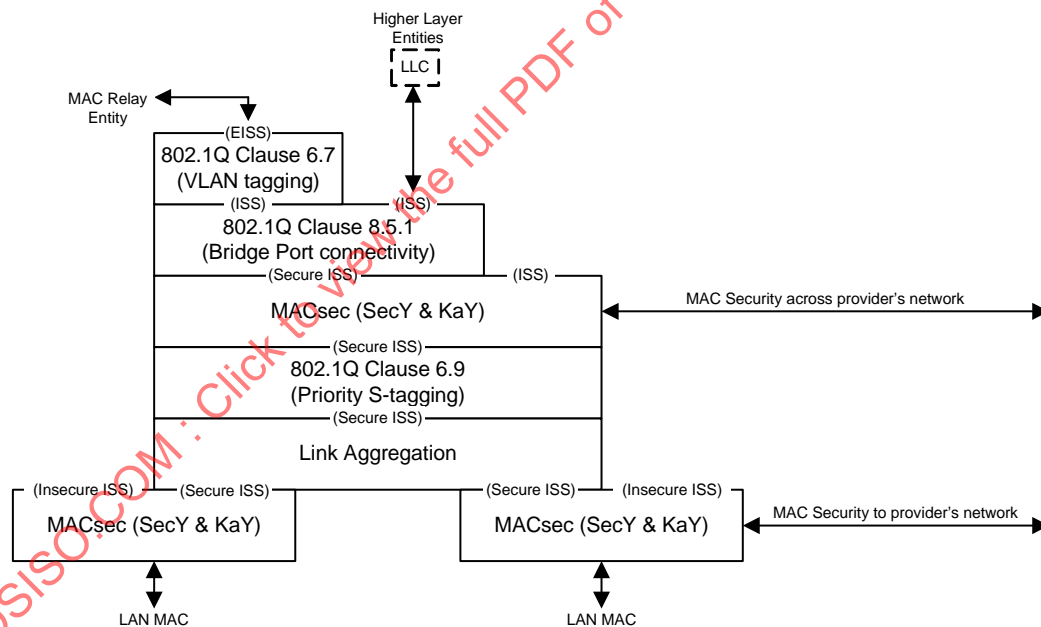
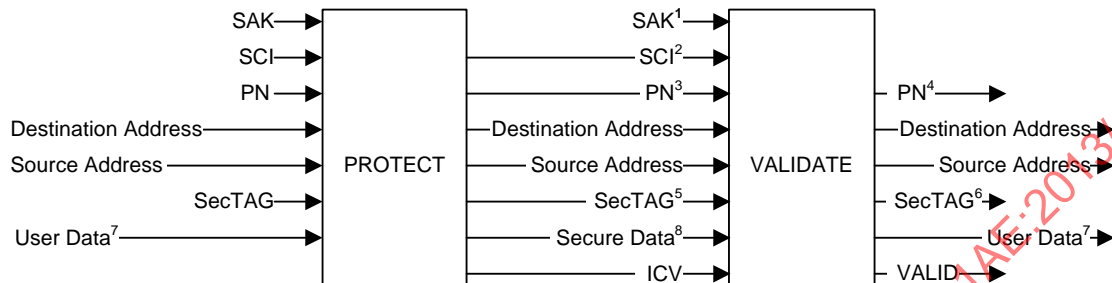


Figure 11-14—Provider network with priority selection and aggregation

## 14. Cipher Suites

### 14.1 Cipher Suite use

Change footnote 2 in Figure 14-1 as follows:



<sup>1</sup> The SAK to be used on receipt of the frame is identified by the SCI and the AN.

<sup>2</sup> The SCI is extracted from the SCI field of the SecTAG if present. A value conveyed by key agreement (point-to-point only) is used otherwise.

In the GCM-AES-128 and GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suites (14.5, 14.6), the SCI is always included in the IV parameter whether included in the SecTAG or not (and thus always contributes to the ICV). However the Cipher Suite parameter A includes the SCI if and only if the SCI is included in the SecTAG.

<sup>3</sup> The PN is conveyed in the SecTAG

<sup>4</sup> The validated PN can be used for replay protection.

<sup>5</sup> All the transmitted octets of the SecTAG are protected, including the optional SCI field if present

<sup>6</sup> The validated received SecTAG contains bits of the TCI, and optionally the SCI, these can be used for service multiplexing (11.7).

<sup>7</sup> The length, in octets, of the User Data is conveyed by the User Data parameter, and is protected by Cipher Suite operation.

<sup>8</sup> The length, in octets, of the Secure Data is conveyed by the MACsec frame, unless it is short, when it is conveyed by the SL parameter in the SecTAG TCI

**Figure 14-1—Cipher Suite Protect and Validate operations**

### 14.4 Cipher Suite conformance

Change Table 14-1 as follows:

**Table 14-1—MACsec Cipher Suites**

Cipher Suite # Identifier	Cipher Suite Name	Services provided		Mandatory/Optional	Defining Clause
		Integrity without confidentiality	Integrity and confidentiality		
<u>00-80-02-00-01-00-00-01</u> <u>00-80-C2-00-01-00-00-01</u>	GCM-AES-128	Yes	Yes	Mandatory	14.5
<u>00-80-C2-00-01-00-00-02</u>	<u>GCM-AES-256</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>14.6</u>

Delete the NOTE after the table as follows:

NOTE—Currently, Table 14-1 does not include any optional Cipher Suites.

***Insert the following NOTE after the paragraph beginning “Table 14-1 assigns a Cipher Suite reference number for use in protocol identification within a MACsec context”:***

NOTE—In IEEE Std 802.1AE-2006 (the first edition of this standard) the Cipher Suite Identifier for GCM-AES-128 was incorrectly shown as 00-80-02-00-01-00-00-01 in Table 14-1. Prior to the inclusion of GCM-AES-256, GCM-AES-128 was the only conformant Cipher Suite. IEEE Std 802.1X uses a reserved encoding for the Default Cipher Suite rather than the Cipher Suite Identifier to identify GCM-AES-128.

***Change 14.5 as follows:***

## 14.5 Default Cipher Suite (GCM-AES-128)

The Default Cipher Suite uses the Galois/Counter Mode of Operation with the AES-128 symmetric block cipher, as specified in this clause by reference to the terms  $K$ ,  $IV$ ,  $A$ ,  $P$ ,  $C$ ,  $T$  used in section 2.1 of the GCM specification (GCM) as submitted to NIST NIST SP 800-38D.

$K$  is the 128 bit SAK. The 64 most significant bits of the 96-bit  $IV$  are the octets of the SCI, encoded as a binary number (9.1). The 32 least significant bits of the 96-bit  $IV$  are the octets of the PN, encoded as a binary number (9.1).  $T$  is the ICV, and is 128 bits long. When the bit-strings  $A$ ,  $P$ , and  $C$  are specified in terms of octet strings, earlier octets compose earlier bits, and more significant bits in each octet are earlier.

NOTE—The bit strings obtained by transforming MAC Address and data octets using these rules do not correspond to IEEE 802.3 “wire order” for frame transmission.

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Integrity Protection

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG and User Data concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is null.
- The Secure Data is the octets of the User Data, without modification.

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Confidentiality Protection without a confidentiality offset

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is the octets of the User Data.
- The Secure Data is  $C$ .

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Confidentiality Protection with a confidentiality offset

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG and the first confidentialityOffset (10.7.24) octets of the User Data concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is the remaining octets of the User Data.
- The Secure Data is the first confidentialityOffset octets of the User Data concatenated with  $C$ , in that order.

***Insert 14.6 as follows:***

## 14.6 GCM-AES-256

GCM-AES-256 uses the Galois/Counter Mode of operation with the AES-256 symmetric block cipher, as specified in this clause by reference to the terms  $K$ ,  $IV$ ,  $A$ ,  $P$ ,  $C$ ,  $T$  used in NIST SP 800-38D.

$K$  is the 256 bit SAK. The 64 most significant bits of the 96-bit  $IV$  are the octets of the SCI, encoded as a binary number (9.1). The 32 least significant bits of the 96-bit  $IV$  are the octets of the PN, encoded as a binary number (9.1).  $T$  is the ICV, and is 128 bits long. When the bit-strings  $A$ ,  $P$ , and  $C$  are specified in terms of octet strings, earlier octets compose earlier bits, and more significant bits in each octet are earlier.

NOTE—The bit strings obtained by transforming MAC Address and data octets using these rules do not correspond to IEEE 802.3 “wire order” for frame transmission.

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Integrity Protection

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG and User Data concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is null.
- The Secure Data is the octets of the User Data, without modification.

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Confidentiality Protection without a confidentiality offset

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is the octets of the User Data.
- The Secure Data is  $C$ .

When the Default Cipher Suite is used for Confidentiality Protection with a confidentiality offset

- $A$  is the Destination MAC Address, Source MAC Address, and the octets of the SecTAG and the first confidentialityOffset (10.7.24) octets of the User Data concatenated in that order.
- $P$  is the remaining octets of the User Data.
- The Secure Data is the first confidentialityOffset octets of the User Data concatenated with  $C$ , in that order.

## Annex B

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## Bibliography

*Delete bibliographical reference [B2] and the accompanying footnote as follows, renumbering other bibliographical references and updating cross-references as necessary.*

[B2] IEEE P802.1af, Draft Standard for Key Agreement for MAC Security.<sup>3</sup>

*Insert the following bibliographical references in alphanumerical order, renumbering other bibliographical references and updating cross-references as necessary:*

[Bxx] IETF RFC 5116, An Interface and Algorithms for Authenticated Encryption, McGrew, D., January 2008.

[Bxx] The Galois/Counter Mode of Operation (GCM), David A. McGrew and J. Viegas. May 31, 2005.<sup>4</sup>

[Bxx] The Security and Performance of the Galois/Counter Mode (GCM) of Operation. D. McGrew and J. Viegas. Proceedings of INDOCRYPT '04, Springer-Verlag, 2004.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Numbers preceded by P are IEEE authorized standards projects that were not approved by the IEEE-SA Standards Board at the time this publication went to press. (The most recent draft should be used.) For information about obtaining drafts, contact the IEEE.

<sup>4</sup>A prior revision of this document was the normative reference for GCM in IEEE Std 802.1AE-2006, but has been superseded by NIST SP 800-38D for that purpose. It does contain additional background information, and can be downloaded from <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/toolkit/BCM/documents/proposedmodes/gcm/gcm-revised-spec.pdf>

<sup>5</sup>Available from the IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive: Report 2004/193, <http://eprint.iacr.org/2004/193>

*Insert new Annex C, as follows:*

## **Annex C**

(informative)

### **MACsec Test Vectors**

This annex provides test case examples of the use of MACsec. Each example shows an unprotected frame that could be transmitted as a result of a MAC Service request (with a given set of parameters) and the corresponding MACsec protected frame (with a given set of MACsec SecY parameters). Test cases include the use of integrity protection without confidentiality (authenticated, but unencrypted) and the use of both integrity protection and confidentiality (authenticated and encrypted).

The test cases use a number of different unprotected frame sizes. Two correspond to common sizes of internet packets, 54 octets and 60 octets—two common representations of a TCP/IP SYN packet. A TCP SYN comprises 40 octets plus 14 octets of MAC DA+SA+Ethertype. The frame could be padded to 60 octets to meet minimum Ethernet frame length requirements prior to MACsec processing. The remaining frame sizes represent “corner cases” of the GCM padding algorithm. A 61-octet frame, when encrypted, has a 49-octet payload, which results in the maximum 15 octets of padding for ICV calculation. When integrity protection is provided but confidentiality is not (i.e., when the user data is not encrypted) a 65-octet frame also requires that maximum padding. A 75-octet frame has a 63 octet payload, requiring 1 octet of padding for ICV calculation, as does a 79-octet frame that is integrity protected without confidentiality. The zero-octet padding case is covered by the 60-octet frame, above. MACsec processing is performed above the media-dependent functions of media access control, so all frame sizes given are prior to the addition of the 32-bit CRC or other media dependent fields.

Test cases are provided for both the Default Cipher Suite (GCM-AES-128, 14.5) and GCM-AES-256 (14.6). The notation used in this annex is that specified in Clause 14 (Cipher Suites) and NIST SP 800-38D. Fields in the MACsec header are specified in Clause 9. Summaries of the computation and intermediate outputs are provided.



## C.1 Integrity protection (54-octet frame)

The MAC Destination Address, MAC Source Address, and MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU, User Data) of a MAC Service data request and a corresponding data indication are shown in Table C-1. These comprise the octets of an unprotected frame when concatenated in the order given (with the addition of any media dependent additional fields such as padding). The User Data shown includes the IP EtherType.

**Table C-1—Unprotected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	D6 09 B1 F0 56 63
MAC SA	7A 0D 46 DF 99 8D
User Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 00 01

The MAC Security TAG (SecTAG) comprises the MACsec EtherType, the TCI, the AN, the SL, the PN, and the (optional) SCI. The PN differs for each protected frame transmitted with any given SAK (*K*) and has been arbitrarily chosen (for this and in other examples) as have the other parameter values. The fields of the protected frame are shown (in the order transmitted) in Table C-2.

**Table C-2—Integrity protected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	D6 09 B1 F0 56 63
MAC SA	7A 0D 46 DF 99 8D
MACsec EtherType	88 E5
TCI and AN	22
SL	2A
PN	B2 C2 84 65
SCI	12 15 35 24 C0 89 5E 81
Secure Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 00 01
ICV	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-3 and Table C-4)

The GCM parameter *A*, the additional data to be authenticated, is formed by concatenating the MAC DA, the MAC SA, the SecTAG, and the User Data. This input is then processed through the authentication-only operation of the GCM module. The SCI and the PN are concatenated (in that order) to form the 96-bit *IV* used by GCM. The computed GCM parameter *T* is the ICV.

C.1.1 GCM-AES-128 (54-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-3 specifies an arbitrary 128-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-128 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-2. Details of the computation follow the table.

Table C-3—GCM-AES-128 Key and calculated ICV (example)

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	AD7A2BD03EAC835A6F620FDCB506B345
ICV	F0 94 78 A9 B0 90 07 D0 6F 46 E9 B6 A1 DA 25 DD

key size = 128 bits  
P: 0 bits  
A: 560 bits  
IV: 96 bits  
ICV: 128 bits  
K: AD7A2BD03EAC835A6F620FDCB506B345  
P:  
A: D609B1F056637A0D46DF998D88E5222A  
B2C2846512153524C0895E8108000F10  
1112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F20  
2122232425262728292A2B2C2D2E2F30  
313233340001  
IV: 12153524C0895E81B2C28465  
GCM-AES Authentication  
H: 73A23D80121DE2D5A850253FCF43120E  
Y[0]: 12153524C0895E81B2C2846500000001  
E(K,Y[0]): EB4E051CB548A6B5490F6F11A27CB7D0  
X[1]: 6B0BE68D67C6EE03EF7998E399C01CA4  
X[2]: 5AABADF6D7806EC0CCCB028441197B22  
X[3]: FE072BFE2811A68AD7FDB0687192D293  
X[4]: A47252D1A7E09B49FB356F435DEB4CD0  
X[5]: 18EBF4C65CE89BF69EFB4981CEE13DB9  
GHASH(H,A,C): 1BDA7DB505D8A165264986A703A6920D  
C:  
T: F09478A9B09007D06F46E9B6A1DA25DD

### C.1.2 GCM-AES-256 (54-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-4 specifies an arbitrary 256-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-2. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-4—GCM-AES-256 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	E3C08A8F06C6E3AD95A70557B23F7548 3CE33021A9C72B7025666204C69C0B72
ICV	2F 0B C5 AF 40 9E 06 D6 09 EA 8B 7D 0F A5 EA 50

key size = 256 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 560 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: E3C08A8F06C6E3AD95A70557B23F7548  
3CE33021A9C72B7025666204C69C0B72

P:

A: D609B1F056637A0D46DF998D88E5222A  
B2C2846512153524C0895E8108000F10  
1112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F20  
2122232425262728292A2B2C2D2E2F30  
313233340001

IV: 12153524C0895E81B2C28465

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H: 286D73994EA0BA3CFD1F52BF06A8ACF2

Y[0]: 12153524C0895E81B2C2846500000001

E(K,Y[0]): 714D54FDCFCFEE37D5729CDDAB383A016

X[1]: BA7C26F578254853CF321281A48317CA

X[2]: 2D0DF59AE78E84ED64C3F85068CD9863

X[3]: 702DE0382ABF4D42DD62B8F115124219

X[4]: DAED65979342F0D155BFD3E362132078

X[5]: 9AB4AFD6344654B2CD23977E41AA18B3

GHASH(H,A,C): 5E4691528F50E5AB5EC346A7BC264A46

C:

T: 2F0BC5AF409E06D609EA8B7D0FA5EA50

## C.2 Integrity protection (60-octet frame)

The MAC Destination Address, MAC Source Address, and MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU, User Data) of a MAC Service data request and a corresponding data indication are shown in Table C-5. These comprise the octets of an unprotected frame when concatenated in the order given (with the addition of any media dependent additional fields such as padding). The User Data shown includes the IP EtherType.

**Table C-5—Unprotected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	E2 01 06 D7 CD 0D
MAC SA	F0 76 1E 8D CD 3D
User Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 00 03

The MAC Security TAG comprises the MACsec EtherType, the TCI, the AN, the SL, the PN. In this example the optional SCI has been omitted. The fields of the protected frame are shown (in the order transmitted) in Table C-6.

**Table C-6—Integrity protected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	E2 01 06 D7 CD 0D
MAC SA	F0 76 1E 8D CD 3D
MACsec EtherType	88 E5
TCI and AN	40
SL	00
PN	76 D4 57 ED
Secure Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 00 03
ICV	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-7 and Table C-8)

**C.2.1 GCM-AES-128 (60-octet frame integrity protection)**

Table C-7 specifies an arbitrary 128-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-128 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-5. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-7—GCM-AES-128 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	071B113B0CA743FECCCF3D051F737382
ICV	0C 01 7B C7 3B 22 7D FC C9 BA FA 1C 41 AC C3 53

key size = 128 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 544 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 071B113B0CA743FECCCF3D051F737382

P:

A: E20106D7CD0DF0761E8DCD3D88E54000  
76D457ED08000F101112131415161718  
191A1B1C1D1E1F202122232425262728  
292A2B2C2D2E2F303132333435363738  
393A0003

IV: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED

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H: E4E01725D724C1215C7309AD34539257

Y[0]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000001

E(K,Y[0]): FC25539100959B80FE3ABED435E54CAB

X[1]: 8DAD4981E33493018BB8482F69E4478C

X[2]: 5B0BFA3E67A3E080CB60EA3D523C734A

X[3]: 051F8D267A68CF88748E56C5F64EF503

X[4]: 4187F1240DB1887F2A92DDAB8903A0F6

X[5]: C7D64941A90F02FA9FCDECC083B4B276

GHASH(H,A,C): F02428563BB7E67C378044C874498FF8

C:

T: 0C017BC73B227DFCC9BAFA1C41ACC353

### C.2.2 GCM-AES-256 (60-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-8 specifies an arbitrary 256-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-6. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-8—GCM-AES-256 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	691D3EE909D7F54167FD1CA0B5D76908 1F2BDE1AEE655FDBAB80BD5295AE6BE7
ICV	35 21 7C 77 4B BC 31 B6 31 66 BC F9 D4 AB ED 07

key size = 256 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 544 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 691D3EE909D7F54167FD1CA0B5D76908  
1F2BDE1AEE655FDBAB80BD5295AE6BE7

P:

A: E20106D7CD0DF0761E8DCD3D88E54000  
76D457ED08000F101112131415161718  
191A1B1C1D1E1F202122232425262728  
292A2B2C2D2E2F303132333435363738  
393A0003

IV: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED

GCM-AES Authentication

H: 1E693C484AB894B26669BC12E6D5D776

Y[0]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000001

E(K,Y[0]): 87E183649AE3E7DBF725659152C39A22

X[1]: 20107B262134C35B60499E905C532004

X[2]: D7A468F455F09F947884E35A2C80CD7F

X[3]: A82D607070F2E4470FD94C0EECA9FCC1

X[4]: 03C3C8725883EB355963BD53B515C82D

X[5]: 8FF6F0311DDE274FFA936965C0C905B4

GHASH(H,A,C): B2C0FF13D15FD66DC643D96886687725

C:

T: 35217C774BBC31B63166BCF9D4ABED07

### C.3 Integrity protection (65-octet frame)

The MAC Destination Address, MAC Source Address, and MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU, User Data) of a MAC Service data request and a corresponding data indication are shown in Table C-9. These comprise the octets of an unprotected frame when concatenated in the order given (with the addition of any media dependent additional fields such as padding). The User Data shown includes the IP EtherType.

**Table C-9—Unprotected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	84 C5 D5 13 D2 AA
MAC SA	F6 E5 BB D2 72 77
User Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 00 05

The MAC Security TAG comprises the MACsec EtherType, the TCI, the AN, the SL, the PN, and the (optional) SCI. The fields of the protected frame are shown (in the order transmitted) in Table C-10.

**Table C-10—Integrity protected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	84 C5 D5 13 D2 AA
MAC SA	F6 E5 BB D2 72 77
MACsec EtherType	88 E5
TCI and AN	23
SL	00
PN	89 32 D6 12
SCI	7C FD E9 F9 E3 37 24 C6
Secure Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 00 05
ICV	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-11 and Table C-12)

### C.3.1 GCM-AES-128 (65-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-11 specifies an arbitrary 128-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-128 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-10. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-11—GCM-AES-128 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	013FE00B5F11BE7F866D0CBBC55A7A90
ICV	21 78 67 E5 0C 2D AD 74 C2 8C 3B 50 AB DF 69 5A

key size = 128 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 648 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 013FE00B5F11BE7F866D0CBBC55A7A90

P:

A: 84C5D513D2AAF6E5BBD2727788E52300  
8932D6127CFDE9F9E33724C608000F10  
1112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F20  
2122232425262728292A2B2C2D2E2F30  
3132333435363738393A3B3C3D3E3F00  
05

IV: 7CFDE9F9E33724C68932D612

GCM-AES Authentication

H: EB28DCB361EE1110F98CA0C9A07C88F7

Y[0]: 7CFDE9F9E33724C68932D61200000001

E(K,Y[0]): 4EAAF8E4DF948ACAC7F3349C1006A91F

X[1]: 279344E391DB8834EFA68FD3F1BA5CD8

X[2]: DC35B123F4D387BBB076D0822BD60816

X[3]: 8AB3B52963CC15C9C2DB3E4C801CB65A

X[4]: CAB6A261225F42578E6B86ABA9F0DD18

X[5]: 6ABDBB3ECAC0458F116A82AA0DAC563F

X[6]: 8F39EF45985C691E35814202B6BB6EF6

GHASH(H,A,C): 6FD29F01D3B927BE057F0FCCBBD9C045

C:

T: 217867E50C2DAD74C28C3B50ABDF695A



### C.3.2 GCM-AES-256 (65-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-12 specifies an arbitrary 256-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-10. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-12—GCM-AES-256 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	83C093B58DE7FFE1C0DA926AC43FB360 9AC1C80FEE1B624497EF942E2F79A823
ICV	6E E1 60 E8 FA EC A4 B3 6C 86 B2 34 92 0C A9 75

key size = 256 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 648 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 83C093B58DE7FFE1C0DA926AC43FB360  
9AC1C80FEE1B624497EF942E2F79A823

P:

A: 84C5D513D2AAF6E5BBD2727788E52300  
8932D6127CFDE9F9E33724C608000F10  
1112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F20  
2122232425262728292A2B2C2D2E2F30  
3132333435363738393A3B3C3D3E3F00  
05

IV: 7CFDE9F9E33724C68932D612

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H: D03D3B51FDF2AACB3A165D7DC362D929

Y[0]: 7CFDE9F9E33724C68932D61200000001

E(K,Y[0]): E97EA8EE4455AE79EC4225CAC340E326

X[1]: 22C28F4DF8D09267EA3E11F019F5932C

X[2]: 3D02CFE5FC6A8A9E65B8FFD63E525083

X[3]: 78466AE4A3490819A08645DDC95B143B

X[4]: 6FE4921A6F0A1D5DD90A100A40206142

X[5]: C880DEC2FF2C44F8AD611692AF6D1069

X[6]: CF4D709A4D020BA876F4371BAA788444

GHASH(H,A,C): 879FC806BEB90ACA80C497FE514C4A53

C:

T: 6EE160E8FAECA4B36C86B234920CA975

## C.4 Integrity protection (79-octet frame)

The MAC Destination Address, MAC Source Address, and MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU, User Data) of a MAC Service data request and a corresponding data indication are shown in Table C-13. These comprise the octets of an unprotected frame when concatenated in the order given (with the addition of any media dependent additional fields such as padding). The User Data shown includes the IP EtherType.

**Table C-13—Unprotected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	68 F2 E7 76 96 CE
MAC SA	7A E8 E2 CA 4E C5
User Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 4A 4B 4C 4D 00 07

The MAC Security TAG comprises the MACsec EtherType, the TCI, the AN, the SL, and the PN. In this example the optional SCI has been omitted. The fields of the protected frame are shown (in the order transmitted) in Table C-14.

**Table C-14—Integrity protected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	68 F2 E7 76 96 CE
MAC SA	7A E8 E2 CA 4E C5
MACsec EtherType	88 E5
TCI and AN	41
SL	00
PN	02E 58 49 5C
Secure Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 4A 4B 4C 4D 00 07
ICV	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-15 and Table C-16)

### C.4.1 GCM-AES-128 (79-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-11 specifies an arbitrary 128-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-128 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-14. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-15—GCM-AES-128 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	88EE087FD95DA9FBF6725AA9D757B0CD
ICV	07 92 2B 8E BC F1 0B B2 29 75 88 CA 4C 61 45 23

key size = 128 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 696 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 88EE087FD95DA9FBF6725AA9D757B0CD

P:

A: 68F2E77696CE7AE8E2CA4EC588E54100  
 2E58495C08000F101112131415161718  
 191A1B1C1D1E1F202122232425262728  
 292A2B2C2D2E2F303132333435363738  
 393A3B3C3D3E3F404142434445464748  
 494A4B4C4D0007

IV: 7AE8E2CA4EC500012E58495C

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H: AE19118C3B704FCE42AE0D15D2C15C7A

Y[0]: 7AE8E2CA4EC500012E58495C00000001

E(K,Y[0]): D2521AABC48C06033E112424D4A6DF74

X[1]: CA0CAE2BEE8F19845DCB7FE3C5E713AB

X[2]: 5D3F9C7A3BC869457EA5FDFD404A415F

X[3]: 760E6A2873ACC0515D4901B5AC1C85E4

X[4]: 5A40A8425165E3D1978484F07AFC70D8

X[5]: D9687630FC4436EE582A90A8E4AFC504

X[6]: 311CE361065F86403CDA5DB00798B961

GHASH(H,A,C): D5C03125787D0DB11764ACEE98C79A57

C:

T: 07922B8EBCF10BB2297588CA4C614523

### C.4.2 GCM-AES-256 (79-octet frame integrity protection)

Table C-12 specifies an arbitrary 256-bit key (SAK), and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-14. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-16—GCM-AES-256 Key and calculated ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	4C973DBC7364621674F8B5B89E5C1551 1FCED9216490FB1C1A2CAA0FFE0407E5
ICV	00 BD A1 B7 E8 76 08 BC BF 47 0F 12 15 7F 4C 07

key size = 256 bits

P: 0 bits

A: 696 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 4C973DBC7364621674F8B5B89E5C1551  
1FCED9216490FB1C1A2CAA0FFE0407E5

P:

A: 68F2E77696CE7AE8E2CA4EC588E54100  
2E58495C08000F101112131415161718  
191A1B1C1D1E1F202122232425262728  
292A2B2C2D2E2F303132333435363738  
393A3B3C3D3E3F404142434445464748  
494A4B4C4D0007

IV: 7AE8E2CA4EC500012E58495C

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H: 9A5E559A96459C21E43C0DFF0FA426F3

Y[0]: 7AE8E2CA4EC500012E58495C00000001

E(K,Y[0]): 316F5EDB0829AC9271A6AFF79F3600BF

X[1]: 06A9019B44B76FFEC18978E8B21513E2

X[2]: 89A6401E39EAB6EE5B8159570139F54D

X[3]: 0A5E22BA54F282CE464C334D1AF598EF

X[4]: 4514D8A5C15E15CABC3D2A0E24FC758E

X[5]: 6F98DE3369B88F25AACBF3A993003E78

X[6]: 8183B21C0A932A2D5F598E1B2967564B

GHASH(H,A,C): 31D2FF6CE05FA42ECE1A0E58A494CB8

C:

T: 00BDA1B7E87608BCBF470F12157F4C07

## C.5 Confidentiality protection (54-octet frame)

The MAC Destination Address, MAC Source Address, and MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU, User Data) of a MAC Service data request and a corresponding data indication are shown in Table C-17. These comprise the octets of an unprotected frame when concatenated in the order given (with the addition of any media dependent additional fields such as padding). The User Data shown includes the IP EtherType.

**Table C-17—Unprotected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	E2 01 06 D7 CD 0D
MAC SA	F0 76 1E 8D CD 3D
User Data	08 00 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 00 04

The MAC Security TAG (SecTAG) comprises the MACsec EtherType, the TCI, the AN, the SL, and the PN. In this example the optional SCI has been omitted. The fields of the protected frame are shown (in the order transmitted) in Table C-18.

**Table C-18—Confidentiality protected frame (example)**

Field	Value
MAC DA	E2 01 06 D7 CD 0D
MAC SA	F0 76 1E 8D CD 3D
MACsec EtherType	88 E5
TCI and AN	4C
SL	2A
PN	76 D4 57 ED
Secure Data	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-19 and Table C-20)
ICV	Cipher Suite and Key (SAK) dependent (see Table C-19 and Table C-20)

The GCM parameter  $P$ , the data to be encrypted, is the User Data. The additional data  $A$  to be authenticated is formed by concatenating the MAC DA, the MAC SA, and the SecTAG. The SCI and the PN are concatenated (in that order) to form the 96-bit  $IV$  used by GCM. The computed GCM parameter  $T$  is the ICV.

### C.5.1 GCM-AES-128 (54-octet frame confidentiality protection)

Table C-19 specifies an arbitrary 128-bit key (SAK), the Secure Data, and the ICV generated by the GCM-AES-128 Cipher Suite when that key is used in conjunction with the frame field data of Table C-18. Details of the computation follow the table.

**Table C-19—GCM-AES-128 Key, Secure Data, and ICV (example)**

Field	Value
Key (SAK)	071B113B0CA743FECCCF3D051F737382
Secure Data	13 B4 C7 2B 38 9D C5 01 8E 72 A1 71 DD 85 A5 D3 75 22 74 D3 A0 19 FB CA ED 09 A4 25 CD 9B 2E 1C 9B 72 EE E7 C9 DE 7D 52 B3 F3
ICV	D6 A5 28 4F 4A 6D 3F E2 2A 5D 6C 2B 96 04 94 C3

key size = 128 bits

P: 336 bits

A: 160 bits

IV: 96 bits

ICV: 128 bits

K: 071B113B0CA743FECCCF3D051F737382

P: 08000F101112131415161718191A1B1C  
1D1E1F202122232425262728292A2B2C  
2D2E2F30313233340004

A: E20106D7CD0DF0761E8DCD3D88E54C2A  
76D457ED

IV: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED

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H: E4E01725D724C1215C7309AD34539257  
Y[0]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000001  
E(K,Y[0]): FC25539100959B80FE3ABED435E54CAB  
Y[1]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000002  
E(K,Y[1]): 1BB4C83B298FD6159B64B669C49FBECF  
C[1]: 13B4C72B389DC5018E72A171DD85A5D3  
Y[2]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000003  
E(K,Y[2]): 683C6BF3813BD8EEC82F830DE4B10530  
C[2]: 752274D3A019FBCAED09A425CD9B2E1C  
Y[3]: F0761E8DCD3D000176D457ED00000004  
E(K,Y[3]): B65CC1D7F8EC4E66B3F7182C2E358591  
C[3]: 9B72EEE7C9DE7D52B3F3  
X[1]: A0AE6DFAE25C0AE80E9A1AAC0D5123D3  
X[2]: EAEA2A767986B7D5B9E6ED37A3CBC63B  
X[3]: 8809F1263C02DC9BD09FDF0F34575BA6  
X[4]: A173C5A2C03DE08C025C93945B2E74B7  
X[5]: 65D113682551614E556BFAA80AA2FA7A  
GHASH(H,A,C): 2A807BDE4AF8A462D467D2FFA3E1D868

C: 13B4C72B389DC5018E72A171DD85A5D3  
752274D3A019FBCAED09A425CD9B2E1C  
9B72EEE7C9DE7D52B3F3

T: D6A5284F4A6D3FE22A5D6C2B960494C3