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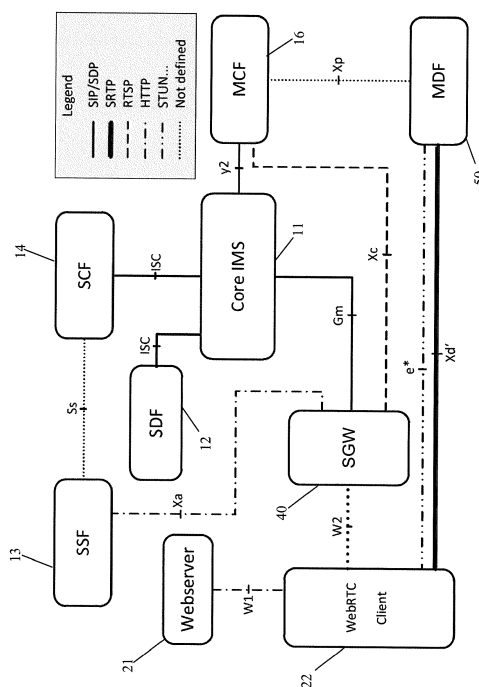
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(54) **IMS-based IPTV Services with WebRTC**

(57) The present invention provides a method and system for enabling a Web Real Time Communication, WebRTC, enabled client (22) to connect to an IP Multimedia Subsystem, IMS, based IP Television, IPTV, subsystem, the IMS based IPTV subsystem having an IMS core (11) enhanced by IPTV functions, wherein signaling information are exchanged between the WebRTC enabled client (22) and the IMS based IPTV subsystem via a signaling gateway, SGW (40); and IPTV content is transmitted to the WebRTC enabled client (22) over a secure channel using a Media Delivery Function, MDF, module (50) containing media data.

FIG. 3



## Description

**[0001]** The present invention relates to a system and a method utilizing IMS based IPTV services with WebRTC enabled devices. More specifically, the present invention relates to a system and a method for enabling a WebRTC enabled Client to connect to an IMS based IPTV network architecture.

**[0002]** IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS)-based IP Television (IPTV) Services have been standardized by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networking (TISPAN) working group finalizing this work in 2011. The ETSI specification TS 182027 (v3.5.1) gives an overview about the IPTV services and features supported by an IMS-based IPTV subsystem and their corresponding architecture. The most common services and features described are Broadcast TV, Time Shifted TV, Content on Demand (CoD), Network-Personal Video Recorder (N-PVR), Pay-Per-View (PPV), electronic program guide (EPG), parental control and advertising. The ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5) presents the IPTV communication procedures more in detail using several control protocols (Session Initiation Protocol/Session Description Protocol (SIP/SDP), Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP), Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) or Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)). The IMS-based IPTV architecture reuses the IMS core network subsystem (described in 3GPP TS 23.002 V12.4.0) enhanced by a set of IPTV typically functions like IPTV service discovery, service selection, service control, media control and delivery functions with extensions on the User Equipment (UE) side that includes an IMS UA (User Agent) which is interacting as an IMS-based IPTV end device. Therefore, the UE enables all those IPTV typical functions for media receiving and media playing. The standardized architecture of an IMS based IPTV service is depicted in Fig. 1 and is described as follows:

- Core IMS 11 includes the core network components as specified in 3GPP TS 23.002 V12.4.0.
- *Service Discovery Function (SDF)* 12 provides Service Attachment Information (SAI) with information about available services and related Service Selection Function (SSF).
- *Service Selection Function (SSF)* 13 provides Service Selection Information (SSI) containing the meta-data of the available content.
- *Service Control Function (SCF)* 14 is a Service Initiation Protocol (SIP) Application Server (AS) and the reference point for IMS UEs to start and control the IPTV sessions, moreover the SCF 14 assigns the corresponding Media Control Function (MCF) and forwards the session information to it.
- *Media Control Function (MCF)* 16 controls media transport of Media Delivery Function (MDF) and receives instructions of SCF 14 and UE.

- *Media Delivery Function (MDF)* 15 contains media data and transmits them to the UE.
- *User Equipment (UE)* 17 interacts as IMS based IPTV end user.

**[0003]** To realize IMS based IPTV, ETSI specification TS 182027 (v3.5.1) defines Generic IPTV Capabilities, a set of typically general signaling functions like service discovery and service control. All corresponding interfaces and used protocols are described more detailed in Section 4 of ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5).

**[0004]** New web technologies like Hypertext Markup Language Version 5 (HTML5), WebSockets, etc., offer an easy and timely development of new web applications.

The new upcoming framework named WebRTC enriches ordinary web browsers with real-time communication functions offering High-Definition (HD) audio and video exchange bi-directionally, without any further installation of plugins or applications.

**[0005]** WebRTC is an open project initiated by Google Incorporated and is still in the standardization process. The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) is responsible for the web developer Application Programming Interface (API) and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) for all corresponding protocols in an active working group named "Real-Time Communication in WEB-browsers - RTCweb" (IETF. Rtcweb status pages. <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/rtcweb/>, [retrieved: Jan., 2013]). First relevant standard documents are the W3C working draft "WebRTC 1.0: Real-time communication between browsers" (C. Jennings, A. Narayanan, D. Burnett, and A. Bergkvist, "WebRTC 1.0: Real-time communication between browsers," W3C, W3C Working Draft, Sep. 2013, <http://www.w3.org/TR/2013/WD-webrtc-20130910/>, [retrieved: Dec., 2013]) from September 2013 and also the IETF draft "Web Real-Time Communication Use-cases and Requirements" (C. Holmberg, S. Hakansson, G. Eriksson, "Web Real-Time Communication Use-cases and Requirements", <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-rtcweb-use-cases-and-requirements-14>, [retrieved: May., 2014]) from February 2014.

**[0006]** The extension of the web browsers enables developers to easily implement voice and video call web applications accessible via the specified API inside the web browser.

**[0007]** WebRTC does not define any particular signaling protocol. That is why developers can choose the most appropriate protocol for their special use case. So it is possible to implement new communication features, faster.

**[0008]** WebRTC requires secure transport of the RTP packets with the Secure Real-Time Transport Protocol (SRTP) based on the necessity to implement Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) encryption protocol used for key negotiation. For solving Network Address Translation (NAT) problems, WebRTC also provides Session Traversal Utilities for NAT (STUN), Traversal

Using Relays around NAT (TURN) and Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) capabilities. WebRTC uses the Session Description Protocol (SDP) for the negotiation of the session properties and uses the whole SDP's Offer/Answer Model. Furthermore, SDP is also used for exchanging the fingerprint of the certificate used in the DTLS Certificate exchange procedure and ICE specific parameters like the ICE Candidate objects.

**[0009]** The generic architecture of a WebRTC Client 22 with its components and interfaces is described in Fig. 2 based on H. Alvestrand, "Overview: Real Time Protocols for Browser-based Applications draft-ietf-rtcweb-overview-08", <http://tools.ietf.org/id/draftietf-rtcweb-overview-08.txt>, [retrieved: Jan., 2014]. The basic components in Fig. 2 can be described as follows:

- *Webserver 21* provides the web application to load and includes a server for the client 22 to connect to for handling the whole signaling flow.
- *Browser 221* is a generic web browser which is capable of the WebRTC features.
- *Web application 222* is the application source code executed by the web browser. The Web application 222 makes use of the built in WebRTC functions of the browser via the RTC APIs. The web application further makes use of other browser functions 2212 via other APIs.
- *Browser RTC Function 2211* is the WebRTC component inside the web browser providing voice, video and transport engines.
- *Signaling Path* is the connection that is used to transport the signaling SDP information..
- *Media Path* is the connection that is used to transport the payload. It provides secure encrypted connection between the endpoints by using SRTP.
- *STUN Connection* is a mandatory component to connect to a STUN server in order to bypass NAT restrictions.

**[0010]** For running a WebRTC client successfully, a capable web browser may conveniently be used. That means the browser has to implement the Browser RTC Function. Currently, web browsers like Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Opera provide this component by default.

**[0011]** Neither the above-mentioned W3C draft nor the IETF "RTCweb" standardisation working group is dealing with the combination of WebRTC and IMS-based IPTV services. The Annex of 3GPP TS 23.228 V12.4.0 (2014-03) specifies a network-based architecture for the support of WebRTC client's access to IMS network. However, this specification focuses on conversational real-time communication services like audio or video telephony but not on the interconnection of WebRTC with IMS-based IPTV services.

**[0012]** The object of the present invention is to provide a system and a method for utilizing IMS-based IPTV serv-

ices with WebRTC enabled devices. This object is achieved with the features of the independent claims. The dependent claims relate to further aspects of the invention.

**[0013]** According to one aspect of the invention a system for enabling a Web Real Time Communication, WebRTC, enabled client to connect to an IP Multimedia Subsystem, IMS, based IP Television, IPTV, subsystem, the IMS based IPTV subsystem having an IMS core enhanced by IPTV functions is provided. The system comprises a signaling gateway, SGW, exchanging signaling information between the WebRTC enabled client, and the IMS based IPTV subsystem and a Media Delivery Function, MDF, module (50) containing media data and transmitting IPTV content to the WebRTC enabled client over a secure channel.

**[0014]** Both functionalities, SGW and MDF, maybe provided by a single device.

**[0015]** Furthermore, the IMS core of the IMS based IPTV subsystem includes core network components, the IMS based IPTV subsystem may further comprise a Service Selection Function, SSF, providing Service Selection Information, SSI, containing metadata of available content, a Service Discovery Function, SDF, providing Service Attachment Information, SAI, with information about available services and related SSF, a Service Control Function, SCF, being a Service Information Protocol, SIP, Application Server, AS, the reference point for the client to start and control the IPTV sessions, and assigns the corresponding MCF and forwards the session information to it, and a Media Control Function, MCF, controlling media transport of the MDF and receives instructions of SCF and the client.

**[0016]** The Signaling Gateway might further comprise a Signaling Gateway Control Engine for controlling different signaling protocol handlers and assigning signaling messages to the adequate signaling protocol handler, a WebRTC Client Signaling Handler for maintaining a signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway and the WebRTC client, a HTTP Handler for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway and the Service Selection Function, a SIP Handler for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway and the IMS Core, and a RTSP Handler for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway and the MCF.

**[0017]** In addition, the Media Delivery Function might comprise a MDF control engine for dispatching signaling from the MCF towards the internal MDF functions and vice versa, a Streaming engine for providing the streaming server and the DTLS/SRTP support, and an Interactive Connectivity Establishment, ICE, Agent supporting ICE methods.

**[0018]** In one aspect of the present invention a WebRTC enabled browser may be used as client device. In another aspect of the present invention a WebRTC App browser is used as client device.

**[0019]** In another aspect of the present invention a method for enabling a Web Real Time Communication,

WebRTC, enabled client to connect to an IP Multimedia Subsystem, IMS, based IP Television, IPTV, subsystem, the IMS based IPTV subsystem having an IMS core enhanced by IPTV functions is provided, preferably using the apparatus as outlined above. The method comprising the steps of exchanging signaling information between the WebRTC enabled client, and the IMS based IPTV subsystem via a signaling gateway, SGW and transmitting IPTV content to the WebRTC enabled client (22) over a secure channel using a Media Delivery Function, MDF, module (50) containing media data.

**[0020]** According to the present invention IMS-based IPTV services are combined with a future-oriented web browser technology, the WebRTC. The invention reuses the standardized IMS-based IPTV architecture as well as a state of the art WebRTC enabled browser Client, which acts as a functional entity (IPTV UE) that provides the user with access to IPTV services (e.g. Video/Audio on Demand; Linear/Broadcast TV). It is important to mention that the current invention is however not limited to the current Browsers mentioned above. All devices which support WebRTC services in a browser or a dedicated software are able to be used as client devices for the proposed invention.

**[0021]** The invention introduces a signaling gateway and a modification in the Media Delivery Function (MDF) that enables a WebRTC Client to connect to an IMS-based IPTV core. This offers multiple benefits:

- a) Any WebRTC capable client (like a current state of the art Google Chrome™ web browser) can be used without any further adjustments to connect and utilize IMS-based IPTV services. A separate media receiver and media player is therefore obsolete.
- b) WebRTC is offering a very good audio/video quality by the built-in audio and video codecs. Reusing this results also in a very good audio and video experience for IMS-based IPTV services.
- c) The current invention does not need real-time transcoding of multimedia data. Hence, a decrease of media quality is avoided.
- d) WebRTC includes confidentiality for the delivered on demand multimedia data (e.g. Video/Music-on-Demand).

**[0022]** The present invention is described in more detail in the following with reference to the Figures, wherein:

**Fig. 1** is showing the simplified and standardized of IMS-based IPTV functional architecture, based on ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5).

**Fig. 2** is illustrating the basic components of a typical WebRTC Client and its connections to other network components, based on H. Alvestrand, "Overview: Real Time Protocols for Brower-based Applications draft-ietf-rtcweb-overview-08", <http://tools.ietf.org/id/draftietf-rtcweb-overview-08.txt>, [retrieved: Jan., 2014].

**Fig. 3** shows the proposed architecture of the invention including the signaling gateway and the modified MDF.

**Fig. 4** illustrates the internal components and connections of the proposed signaling gateway of the invention.

**Fig. 5** illustrates the internal components and connections of the proposed modified MDF component.

**Fig. 6** shows a sequence chart of the example use case, which is described in the description.

**[0023]** With the help of the Browser RTC Function the Web Browser (WebRTC) is able to handle RTP packets without the need of any separate software or plug-in. However, due to differences in the used media codecs and payload transport protocols the technical parameters of WebRTC and IMS based IPTV do not match out-of-the-box. This invention covers the consolidation of the IMS-based IPTV architecture with WebRTC Clients. To fulfill all relevant IPTV services functions, a new Signaling Gateway (SGW) and a modified and extended MDF are added in the network architecture.

**[0024]** **Fig. 3** depicts the consolidated architecture according to an embodiment of the present invention. This proposed architecture is based on the simplified IMS-based IPTV functional architecture. Instead of an IMS IPTV UE 17, the endpoint of these IPTV services consists of a WebRTC Client 22. For the combination of both, a translation for the different signaling data and user data is necessary in various network components to gain compatibility.

**[0025]** The invention proposes and describes a new Signaling Gateway 40 to exchange signaling data between the WebRTC client 22 and the IMS-based IPTV core IMS network 11. The invention also proposes extensions of the component MDF 50. Unaffected components are the SDF 12, the SSF 13, the SCF 14, the MCF 16 and the Core IMS 11 network elements.

**[0026]** The new interface W2 (Fig. 3) is located between the WebRTC Client 22 and the SGW 40. WebRTC itself does not define any particular signaling protocol for this interface. Possible protocol options are SIP over WebSocket, REST based interface over WebSocket etc.

**[0027]** The new interface e\* (Fig. 3) is located between the WebRTC Client 22 and the MDF 50. This interface is used for the STUN based ICE/UDP hole punching procedures to bypass NAT restrictions.

**[0028]** The modified interface Xd' (Fig. 3) is located between the WebRTC client 22 and the MDF 50. This interface is used for real-time content streaming between these entities supporting DTLS for secure media path connection (SRTP).

**[0029]** Unaffected interfaces are W1 (HTTP), Xa (HTTP), Ss (undefined), ISC (SIP), y2 (SIP), Gm (SIP), Xp (undefined) and Xc (RTSP). The interface W1 (HTTP) is located between the WebRTC Client 22 and the Web-server 21, which is typically used for downloading the WebRTC web application.

**[0030]** These changes and modifications made are described in detail in Fig. 3 and Fig. 5. The Webserver 21 is only needed for providing the WebRTC application sources which are fetched anew every time the end users' browser accesses the web application. The WebRTC application is executed in a WebRTC capable browser.

**[0031]** To make IMS-based IPTV services accessible to WebRTC clients typical Generic IPTV Capabilities (described in ETSI specification TS 182027 (v3.5.1)) are supported. Fig. 4 illustrates the Signaling Gateway (SGW) 40 with its components and interfaces. The signaling Gateway comprises a signaling Gateway Control Engine 401, which is connected to a WebRTC Client Signaling Handler 402 via a line 403, to a HTTP Handler 404 via line 405, to a SIP Handler 406 via line 407 and a RTSP Handler 408 via line 409. It implements the following typical Generic IPTV Capabilities utilizing several communication protocols:

- service discovery (SIP),
- service selection (HTTP),
- service control (SIP),
- service interaction (SIP) and
- media control (RTSP).

**[0032]** This gateway function converts signaling control messages coming from the WebRTC client side to the core IMS network side and vice versa.

**[0033]** The Signaling Gateway Control Engine 401 is responsible for the control of the different signaling protocol handlers and assigns the signaling messages to the adequate signaling protocol handler.

**[0034]** The Signaling Gateway Control Engine 401 provides connections to all Signaling Protocol Handlers incorporated in the Signaling Gateway 40. Each of the Signaling Protocol Handlers encompasses the following functions:

- Sending and receiving of signaling protocol messages,
- Signaling protocol message building,
- Validation of the signaling protocol conformance.

**[0035]** Furthermore, the WebRTC Client Signaling Handler 402 is responsible for maintaining of the signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway and the WebRTC Client's Web Application via W2 interface.

**[0036]** Furthermore, the HTTP Handler 404 is responsible for the signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway 40 and the Service Selection Function 13 via the Xa interface.

**[0037]** Furthermore, the SIP Handler 406 is responsible for the signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway 40 and the Core IMS 11 via the Gm interface.

**[0038]** Furthermore, the RTSP Handler 408 is responsible for the signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway 40 and the MCF 16 via the Xc interface.

**[0039]** Fig. 5 explains the extended functionality of the

MDF 50 and MCF 16 to provide media delivery to WebRTC enabled client from standardized IMS based IPTV core IMS network. The MCF 16 usually receives information about sessions from the SCF 14, finds and chooses the right MDF 50 for media delivery and sends a response back to the user. The choice of the right MDF 50 is based on codec information or geographical location. Information about the used protocol for media delivery is also part of the selection. Then the MCF 16 transmits session information to the selected MDF 50. The Xp interface between the MCF 16 and the MDF 50 is extended in the range of functions, respectively the extension of the MDF.

**[0040]** The current invention proposes to include the following information in the session information:

- the resource identifier of the media file to be streamed,
- the DTLS certificate fingerprint,
- the generated ICE candidates of the WebRTC client
- and additional specific connection information for establishing a transport channel.

**[0041]** The invention proposes three main components to be included in the MDF 50:

- MDF Control engine 501. This engine dispatches the signaling from the MCF 16 towards the internal MDF functions and vice versa via Xp.
- Streaming engine 502: The streaming engine provides the streaming server 5021 and the DTLS/SRTP support 5022 via Xd'. The streaming server 5021 is responsible for the codec handling. It includes the audio and video codecs, which are also supported by the WebRTC client. The streaming engine 5021 is also responsible to set-up the secure transport channel with the WebRTC client via Xd'. Therefore the MDF 50 is extended to support the SRTP 5022 to establish a secure channel. The SRTP keys can be obtained through the DTLS key exchange. To verify the correctness of the keys the DTLS fingerprints are included in the message to the WebRTC client via Xd'.
- ICE Agent 503: The ICE agent 503 supports the ICE methods of WebRTC regarding the SDP Offer/Answer negotiation and procedures for doing connectivity checks. It also implements a STUN server 5031 functionality to support the STUN keep-alive usage as defined in the IETF RFC for Session Traversal Utilities for NAT (STUN) via e\*. This is used by the WebRTC client to preserve the NAT bindings.

**[0042]** Fig. 6 shows an example use case how a WebRTC Client is able to use the audio/video on demand functionality. For this use case, some assumptions have to be made:

- The client is already attached, authorized and au-

thenticated to an access network.

- The WebRTC Client application is downloaded.
- The user has been successfully registered via the WebRTC Signaling Gateway.
- The termination of the session is out of scope in this example.

**[0043]** The use case can be described with the following sequences related to Fig. 6:

- Sequence 1) depicts the service discovery whereas the WebRTC Client 22 maps the service discovery messages into feasible messages to the Signaling Gateway 40 via W2 and vice versa and whereas the Signaling Gateway 40 maps the service discovery messages into a feasible messages to the SDF 12 via Gm and ISC and vice versa, as specified in ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5).
- Sequence 2) depicts the service selection whereas the WebRTC Client 22 maps the service selection messages into feasible messages to the Signaling Gateway 40 via W2 and vice versa and whereas the Signaling Gateway 40 maps the service selection messages into feasible messages to the SSF 13 and via Xa vice versa, as specified in ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5).
- Sequence 3) depicts the service control whereas the WebRTC Client 22 maps the service control messages into feasible messages to the Signaling Gateway 40 via W2 and vice versa and whereas the Signaling Gateway 40 maps the service control messages into feasible messages to the MCF 16 via Gm and y2 and vice versa, as specified in ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5).
- Sequence 4a) depicts the media control whereas the WebRTC Client 22 maps the media control messages into feasible messages to the Signaling Gateway 40 via W2 and vice versa and whereas the Signaling Gateway 40 maps the media control messages into feasible messages to the MCF 16 via Xc and vice versa, as specified in ETSI specification TS 183063 (v3.5.5). Sequence 4a) further depicts the media control whereas the MCF 16 maps the media control messages into feasible messages to the MDF 50 via Xp and vice versa. The concurrent running sequence 4b) depicts the ICE/STUN procedures to establish a real-time path between the WebRTC Client 22 and the MDF 50 via e\*.
- Sequence 5) depicts the secured real-time streaming of audio/video between the WebRTC Client 22 and the MDF 50 via Xd'.

**[0044]** Other aspects, features, and advantages will be apparent from the summary above, as well as from the description that follows, including the figures and the claims.

**[0045]** While the invention has been illustrated and described in detail in the drawings and foregoing descrip-

tion, such illustration and description are to be considered illustrative or exemplary and not restrictive. It will be understood that changes and modifications may be made by those of ordinary skill within the scope of the following claims. In particular, the present invention covers further embodiments with any combination of features from different embodiments described above and below.

**[0046]** Furthermore, in the claims the word "comprising" does not exclude other elements or steps, and the indefinite article "a" or "an" does not exclude a plurality. A single unit may fulfil the functions of several features recited in the claims. The terms "essentially", "about", "approximately" and the like in connection with an attribute or a value particularly also define exactly the attribute or exactly the value, respectively. Any reference signs in the claims should not be construed as limiting the scope.

## Claims

1. A system for enabling a Web Real Time Communication, WebRTC, enabled client (22) to connect to an IP Multimedia Subsystem, IMS, based IP Television, IPTV, subsystem, the IMS based IPTV subsystem having an IMS core (11) enhanced by IPTV functions, the system comprising:

a signaling gateway, SGW (40), exchanging signaling information between the WebRTC enabled client, and the IMS based IPTV subsystem; and

a Media Delivery Function, MDF, module (50) containing media data and transmitting IPTV content to the WebRTC enabled client over a secure channel.

2. The system according to claim 1, wherein both functionalities SGW (40) and MDF (50) are provided by a single device.

3. The system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the IMS core (11) of the IMS based IPTV subsystem includes core network components, the IMS based IPTV subsystem further comprising:

a Service Selection Function, SSF (13), providing Service Selection Information, SSI, containing metadata of available content;

a Service Discovery Function, SDF (12), providing Service Attachment Information, SAI, with information about available services and related SSF;

a Media Control Function, MCF (16), controlling media transport of the MDF and receives instructions of SCF and the client; and

a Service Control Function, SCF (14), being a Service Information Protocol, SIP, Application

Server, AS, the reference point for the client to start and control the IPTV sessions, and assigns the corresponding MCF (16) and forwards the session information to it.

Media Delivery Function, MDF, module (50) containing media data.

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4. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the Signaling Gateway (40) comprises:

a Signaling Gateway Control Engine (401) for controlling different signaling protocol handlers and assigning signaling messages to the adequate signaling protocol handler; 10  
 a WebRTC Client Signaling Handler (402) for maintaining a signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway (40) and the WebRTC client (22); 15  
 a HTTP Handler (404) for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway (40) and the Service Selection Function (13);  
 a SIP Handler (406) for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway (40) and the IMS Core (11); and 20  
 a RTSP Handler (408) for signaling connection between the Signaling Gateway (40) and the MCF (Xc). 25

5. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the Media Delivery Function (50) comprises a MDF control engine (501) for dispatching signaling from the MCF (16) towards the internal MDF functions and vice versa; 30  
 a Streaming engine (502) for providing a streaming server (5021) and a DTLS/SRTP support (5022); and  
 an Interactive Connectivity Establishment, ICE, Agent (503) supporting ICE methods. 35

6. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein a WebRTC enabled browser is used as client device. 40

7. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein a WebRTC App browser is used as client device.

8. A method for enabling a Web Real Time Communication, WebRTC, enabled client (22) to connect to an IP Multimedia Subsystem, IMS, based IP Television, IPTV, subsystem, the IMS based IPTV subsystem having an IMS core (11) enhanced by IPTV functions, preferably using the apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 7, the method comprising the steps of: 45  
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exchanging signaling information between the WebRTC enabled client (22), and the IMS based IPTV subsystem via a Signaling Gateway, SGW (40); and 55  
 transmitting IPTV content to the WebRTC enabled client (22) over a secure channel using a

FIG. 1

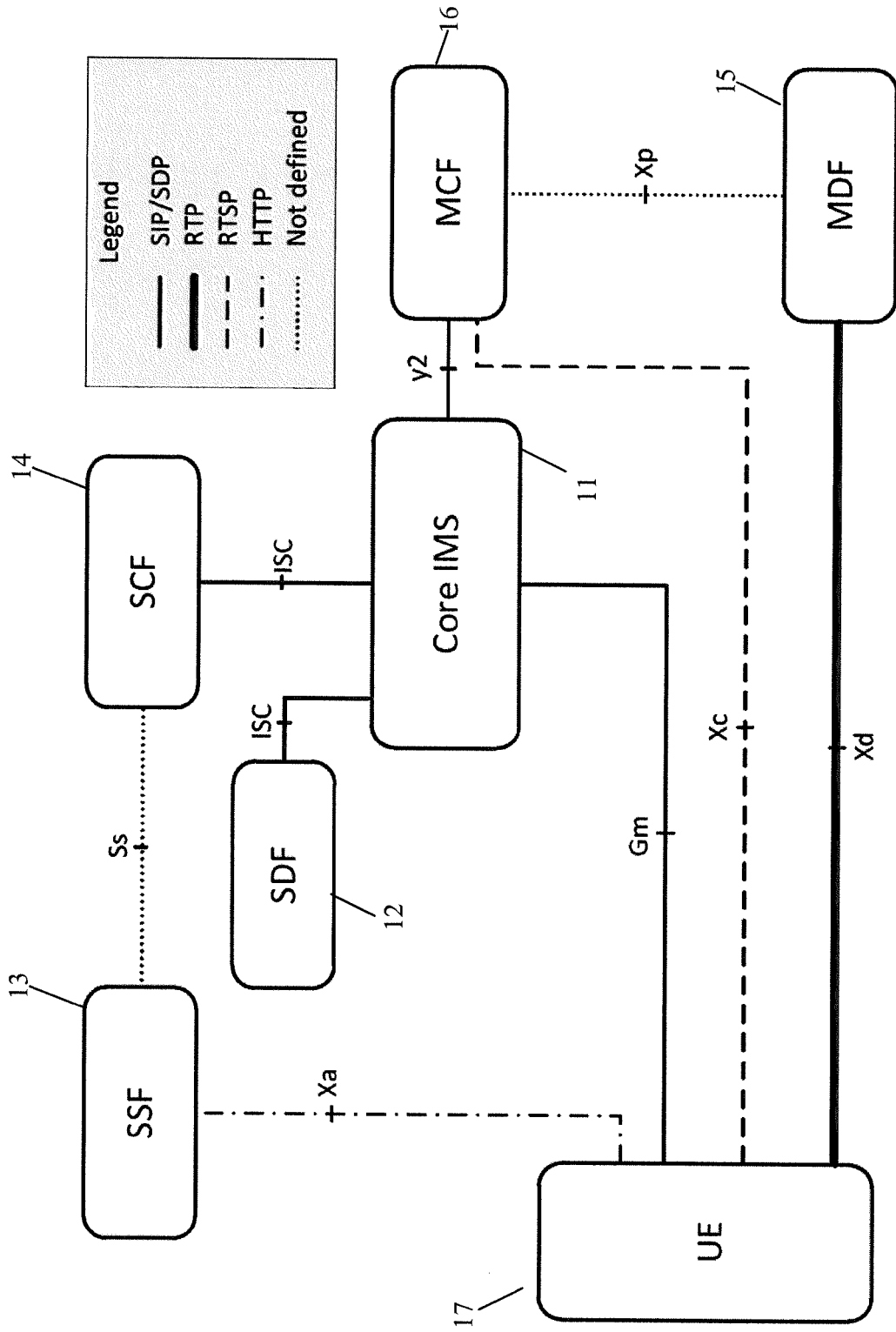




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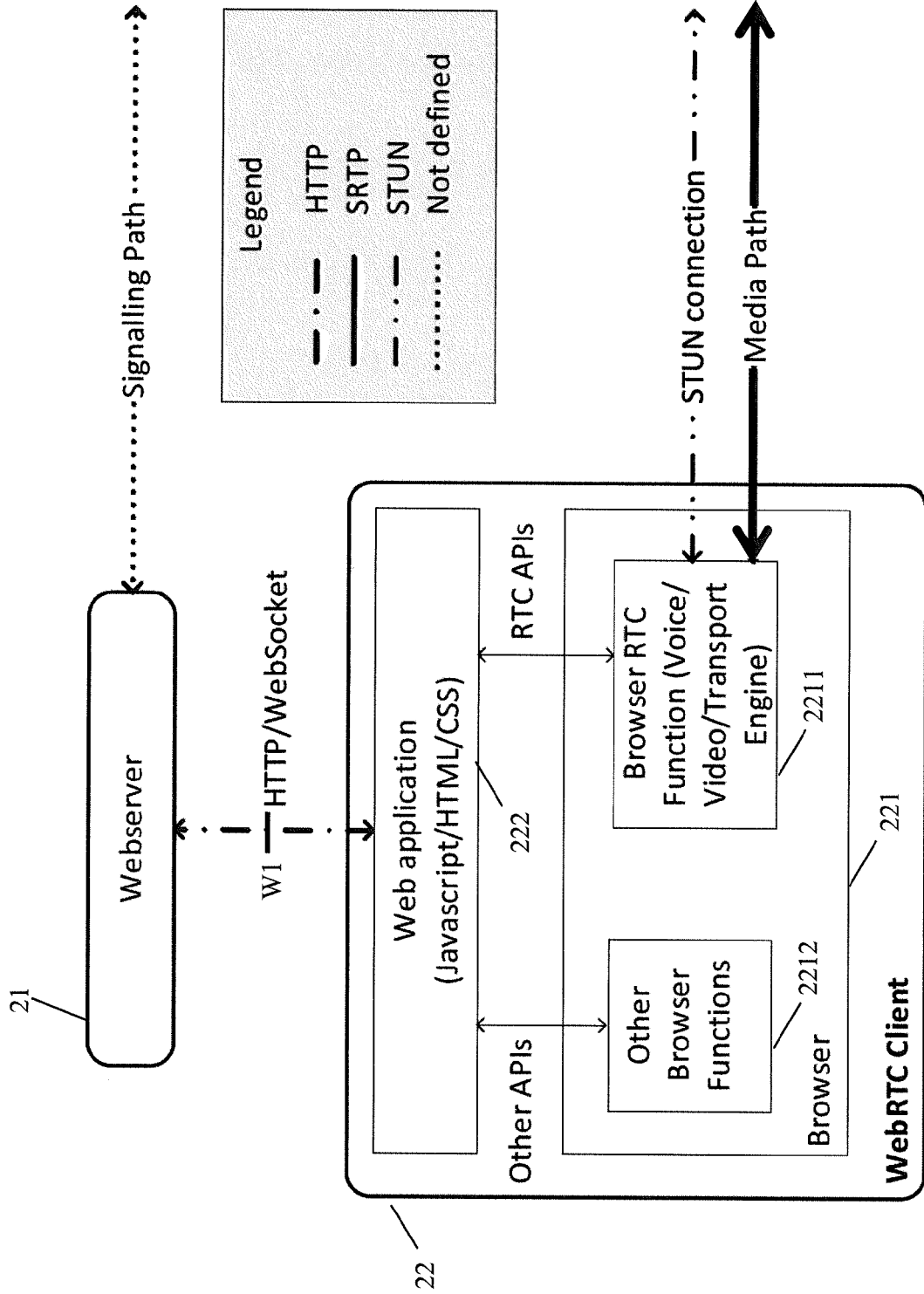


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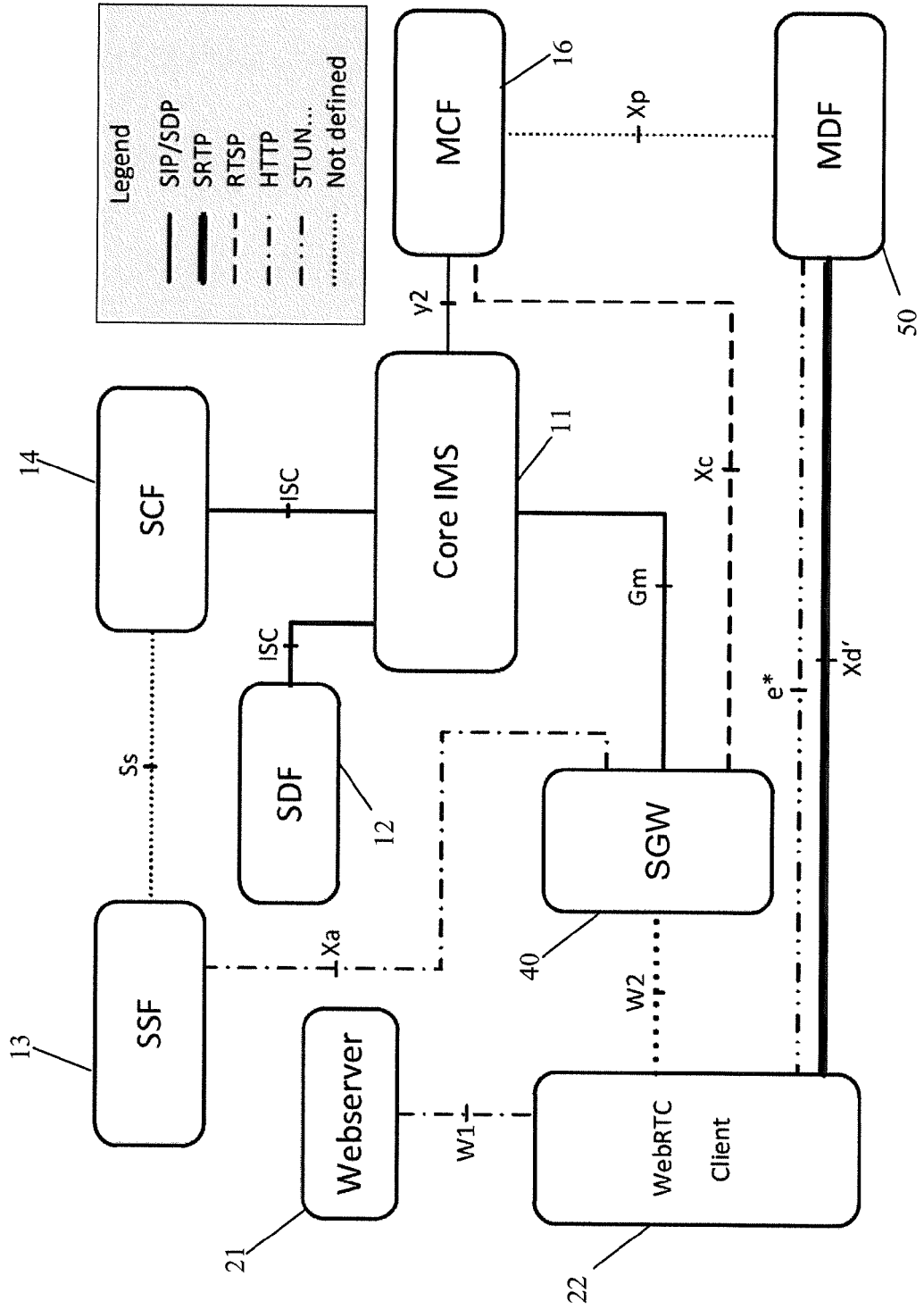


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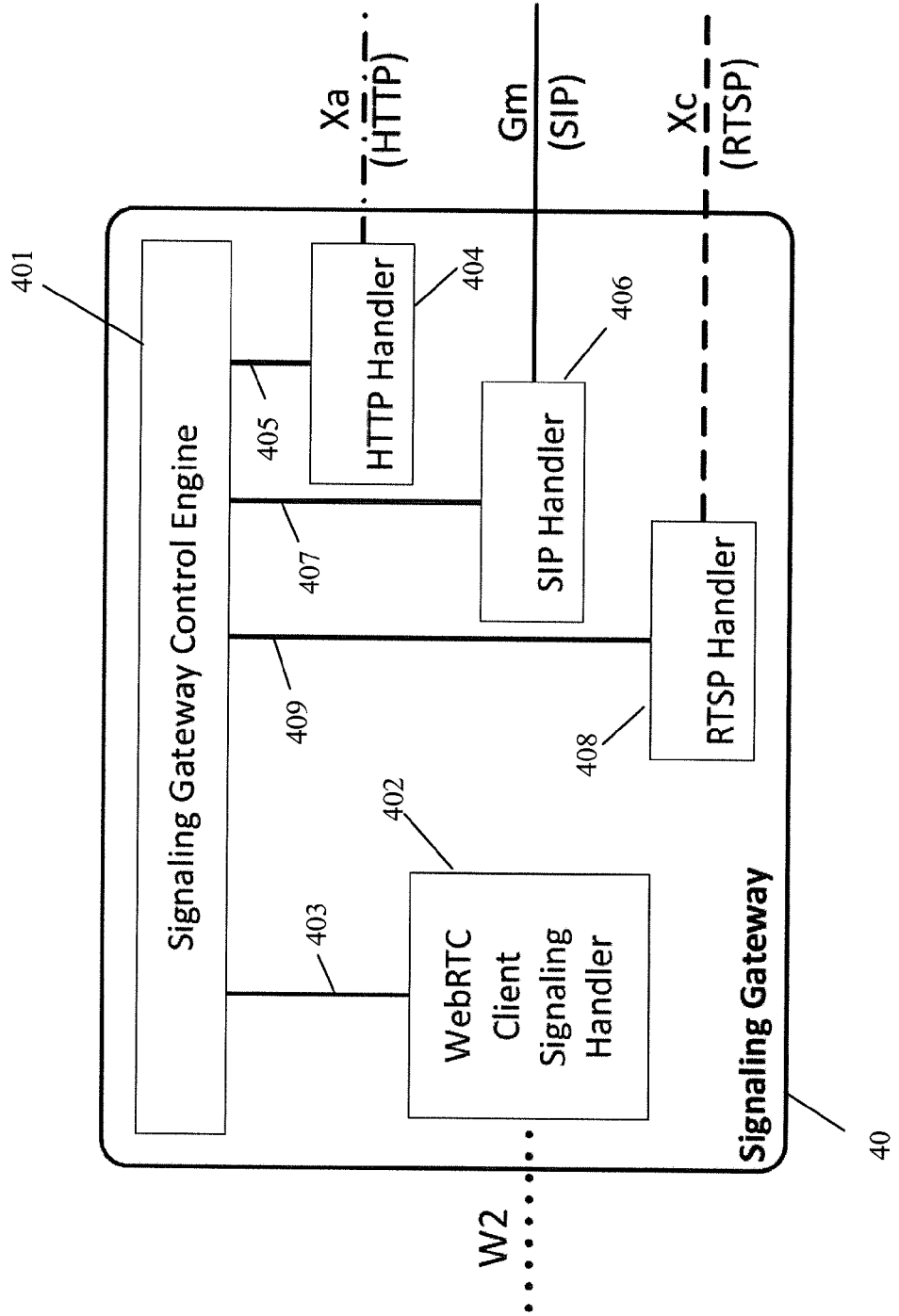


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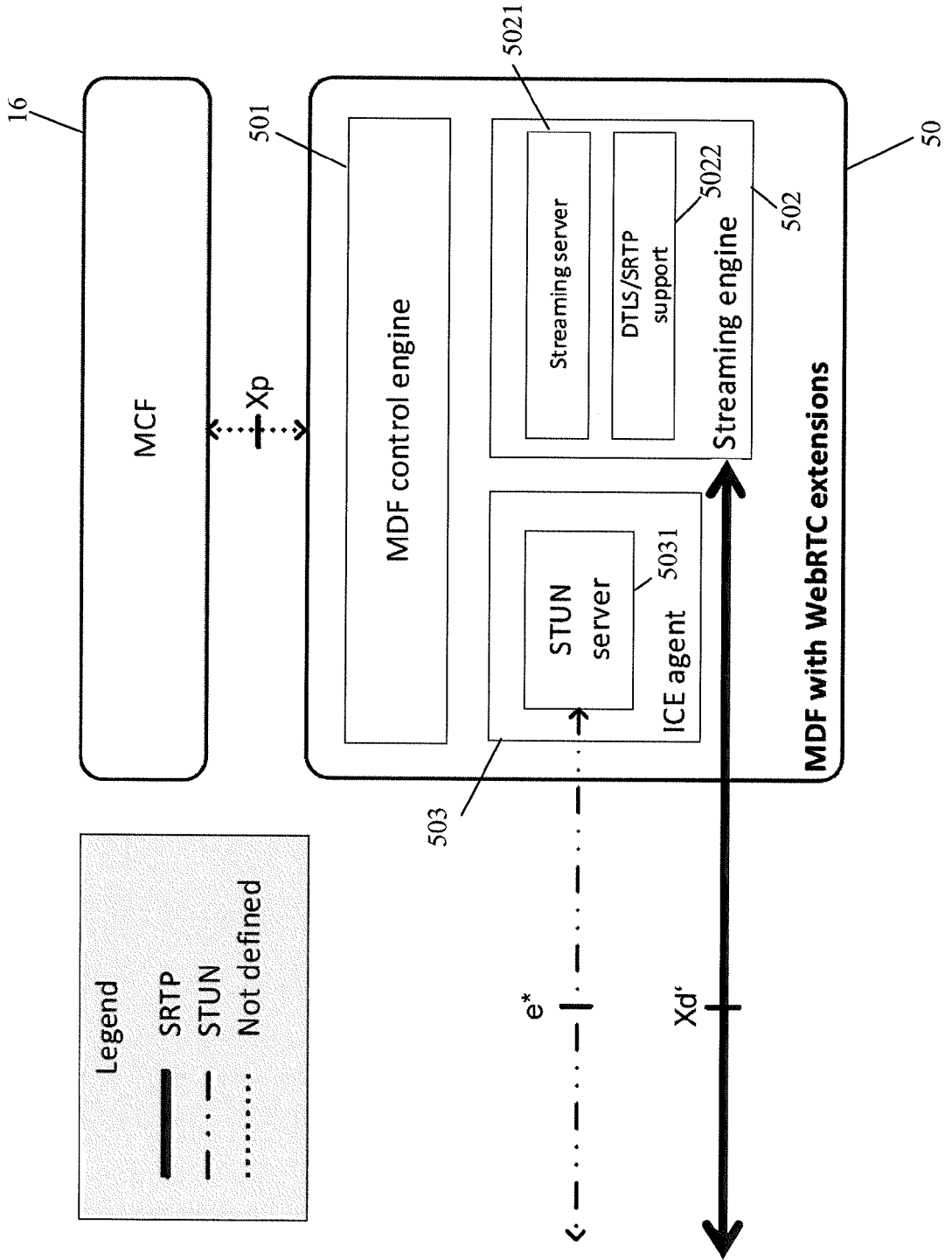
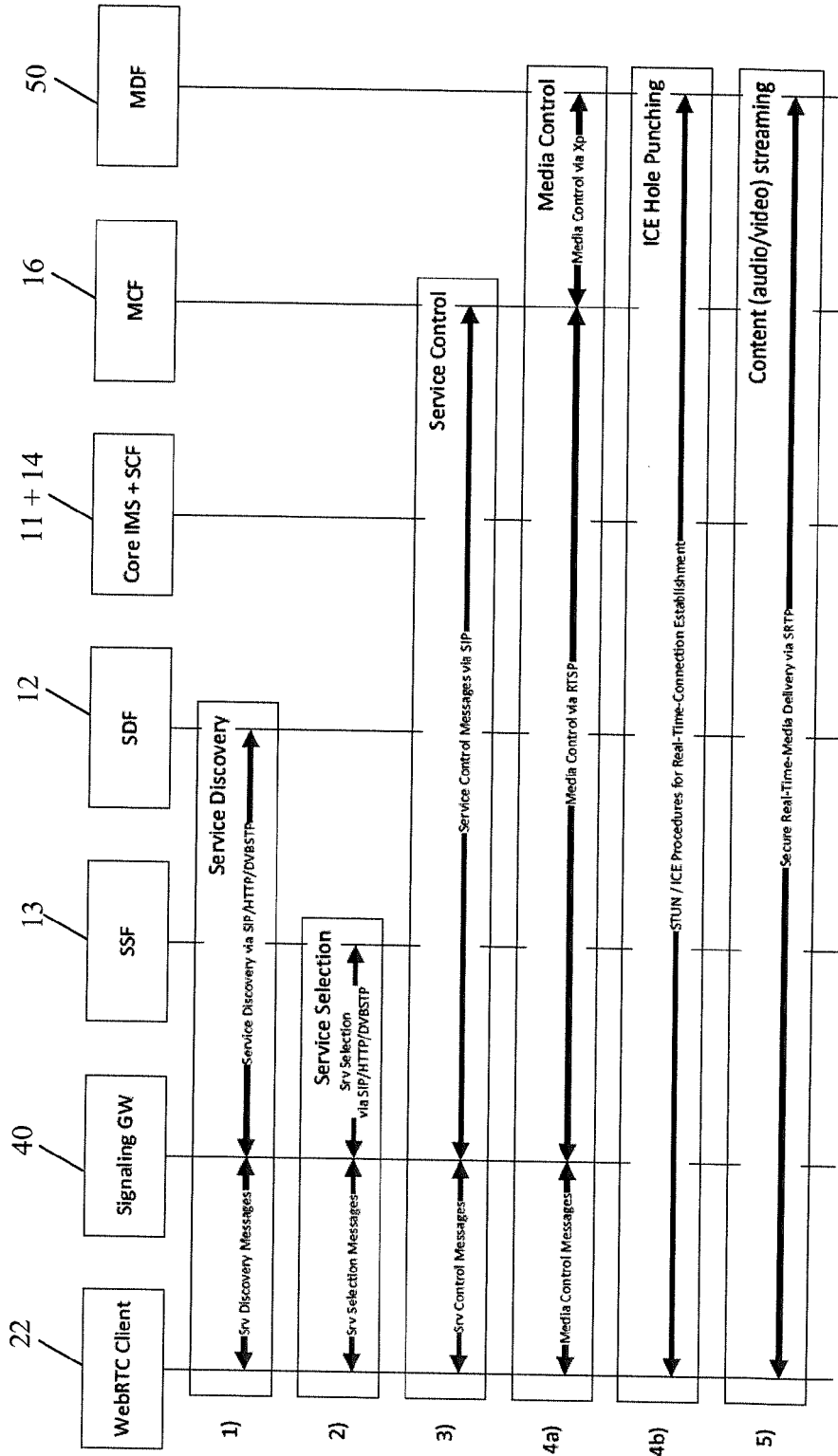


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