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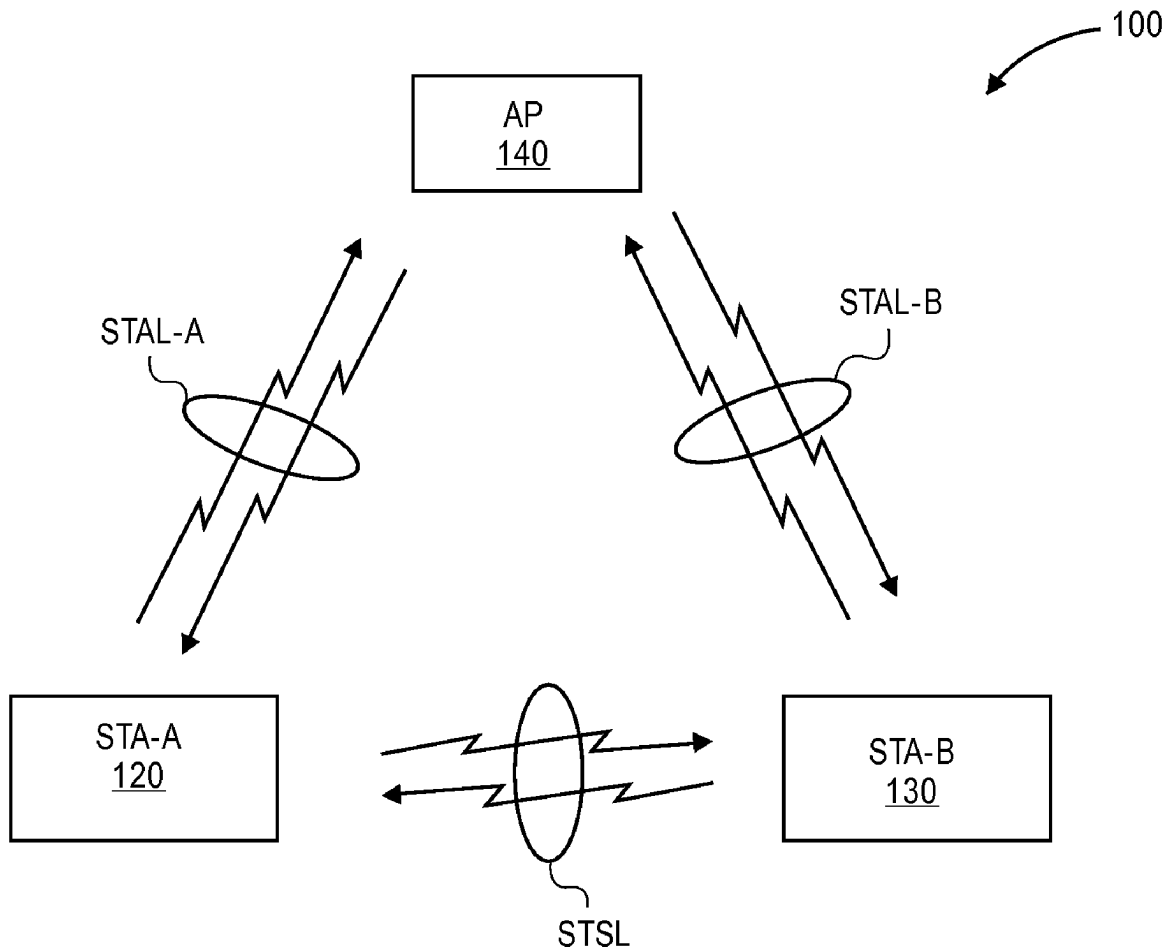
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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After establishing a direct station-to-station link (STSL) with a second wireless client device in a centralized network, a first wireless client device may initiate a process with the second wireless device to secure the link. Prior to securing the link, any exchange of frames that are routed through the intermediate access point (AP) may place the related security information in the payload of the frames.

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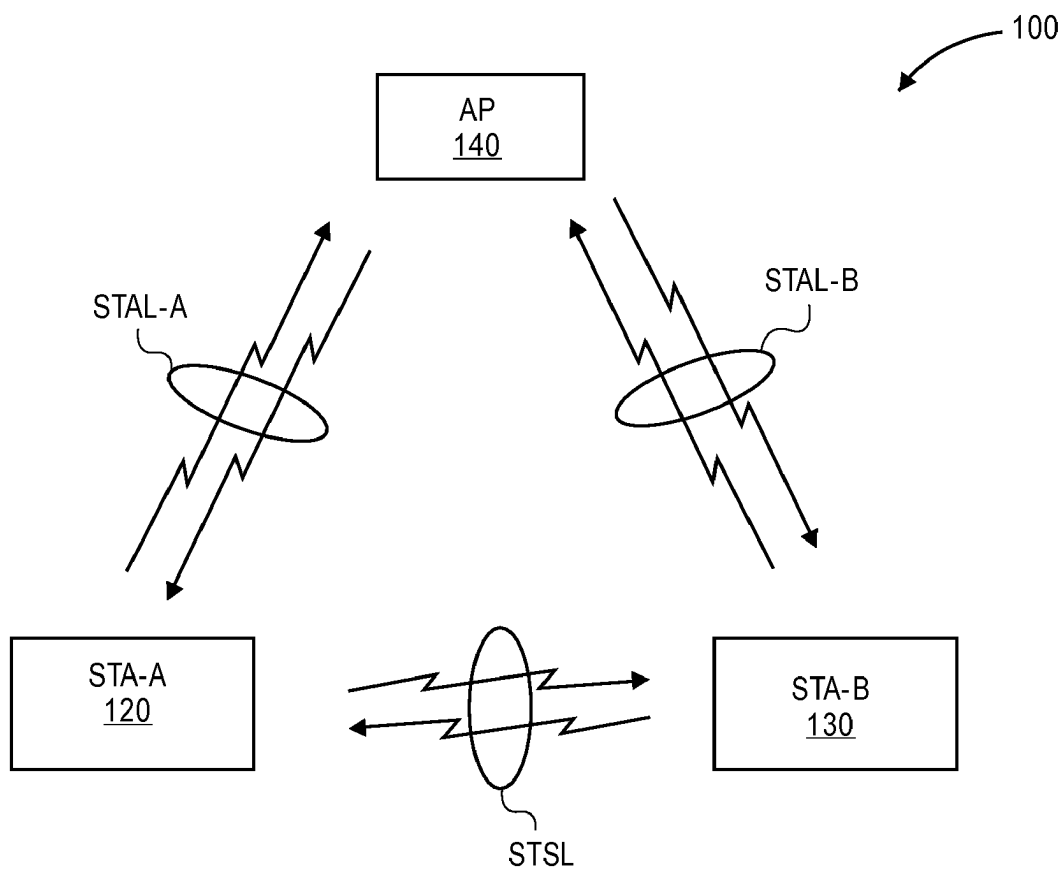


FIG. 1

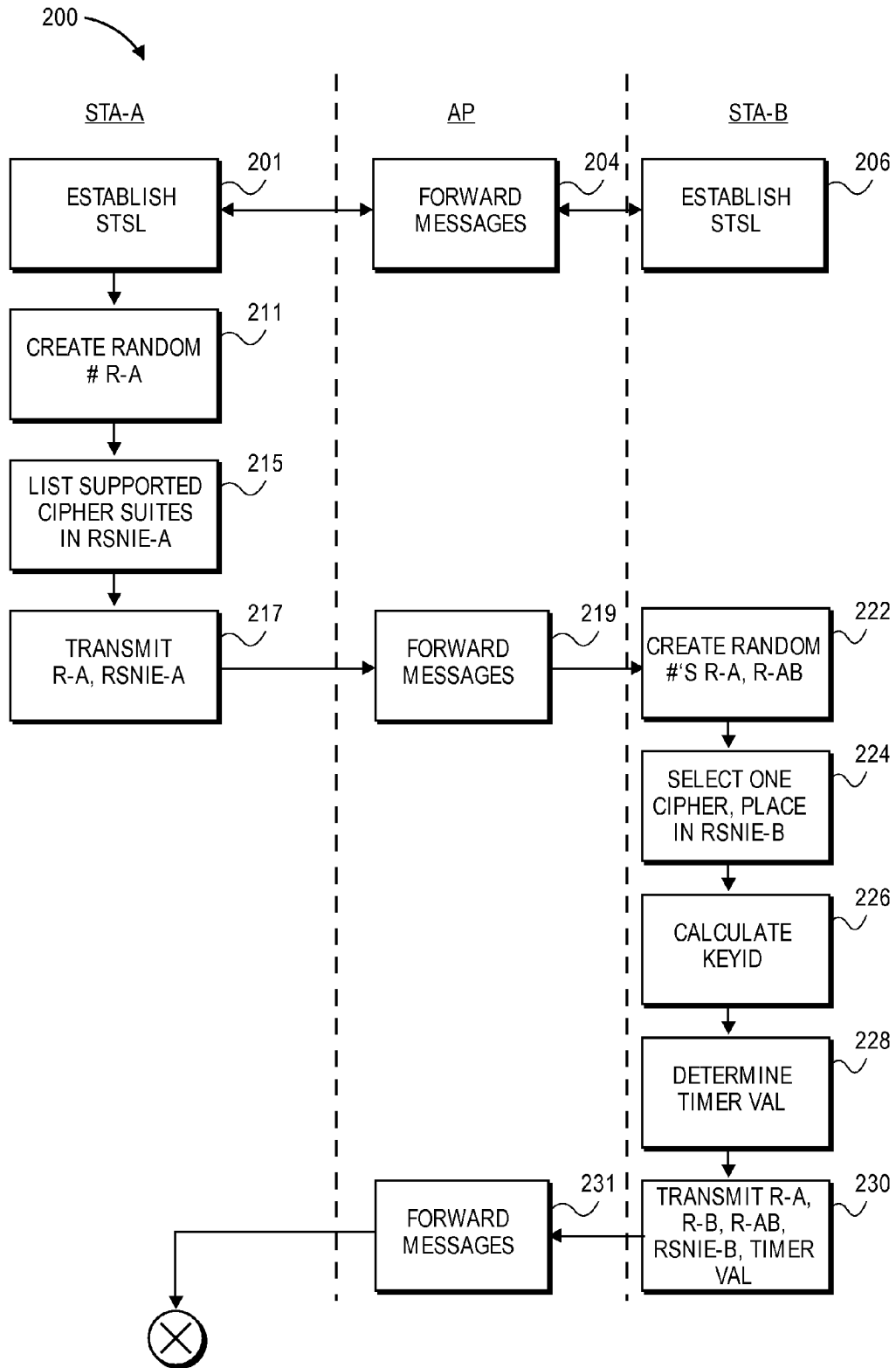


FIG. 2A

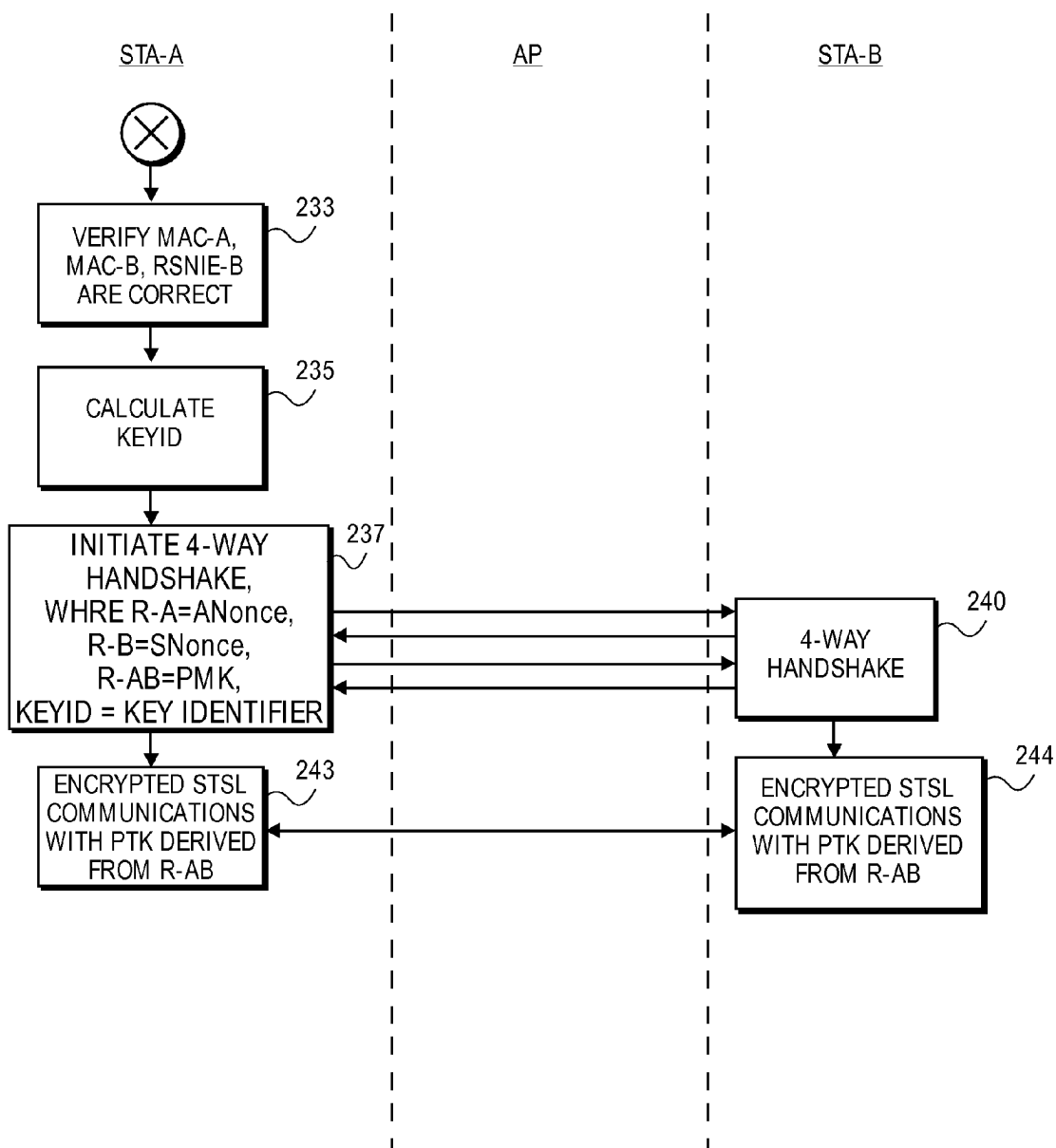


FIG. 2B

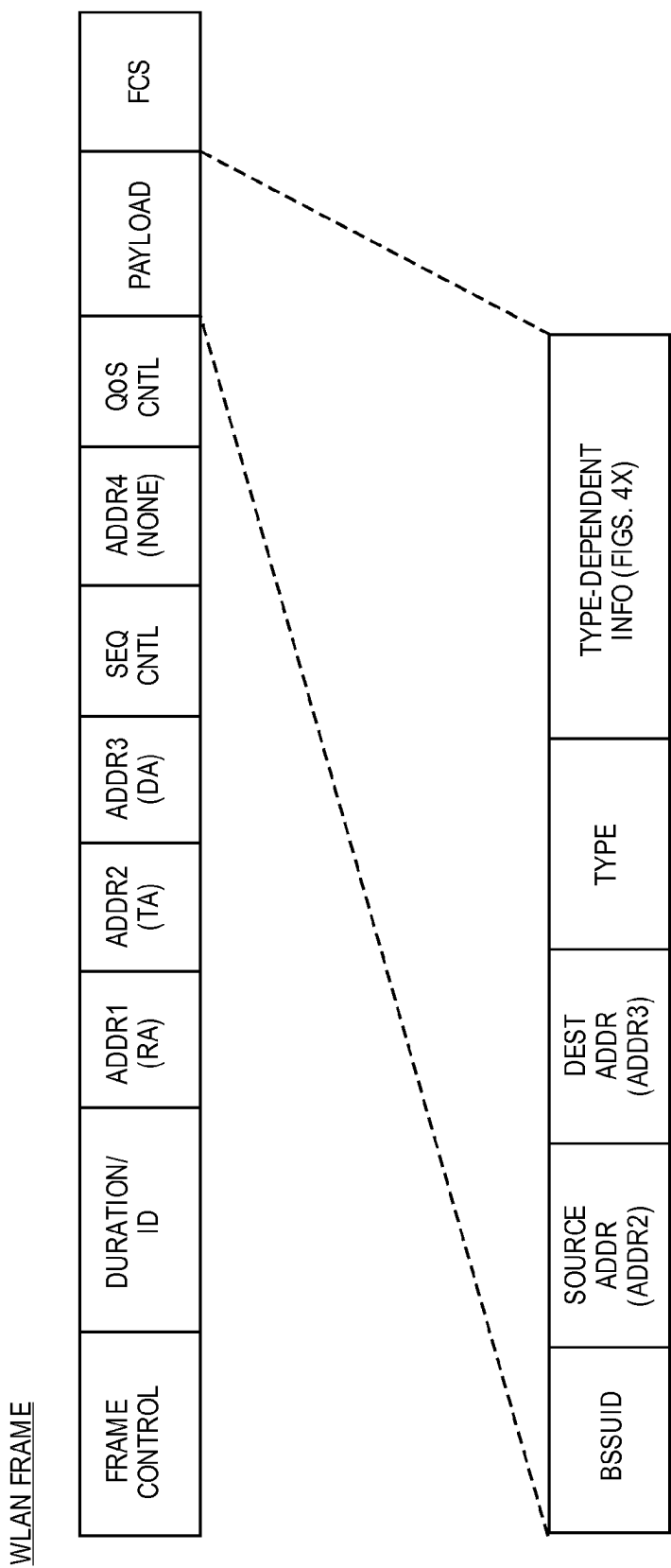


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