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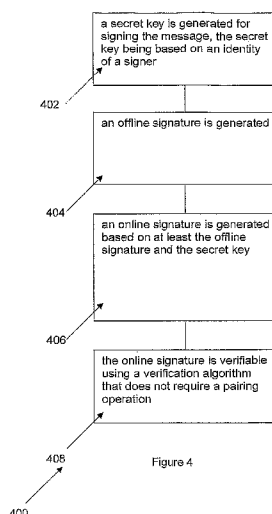


Figure 4

(57) Abstract: A method of signing a message, a base station for a wireless sensor network, a node for a wireless sensor network and a wireless sensor network are provided. The method comprises, generating a secret key for signing the message, the secret key being based on an identity of a signer; generating an offline signature; generating an online signature based on at least the offline signature and the secret key; and wherein the online signature is verifiable using a verification algorithm that does not require a pairing operation.