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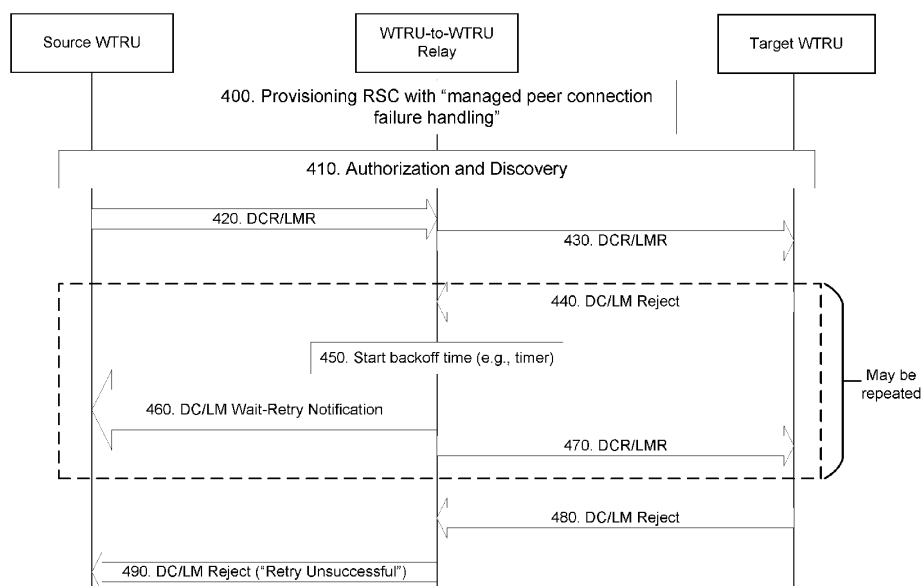


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: Systems and methods are described herein for handling connection rejects via a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU)-to-WTRU (U2U) relay associated with backoff times on behalf of a source end WTRU. A relay WTRU may retry to establish connection with a target WTRU on behalf of a source WTRU, for example, based on receiving a rejection (e.g., with a backoff value) from the target WTRU. The source WTRU may associate the reject message to the target WTRU, and the relay WTRU may be available to reach other target WTRUs. The relay WTRU may send a reject message to other source WTRUs (e.g., if the back off duration is active, running) for the same target WTRU.

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