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# Managing dynamic preamble selection (DPS)

It is anticipated that typical ranging traffic will take place using the normal preamble codes. Therefore, even if the messages are encrypted, a hostile device can monitor traffic, and turn on its transmitter to generally disrupt the ranging. To defeat this attack, this standard offers the DPS option, allowing the PDs participating in the ranging exchange to change preamble codes during the ranging exchange.

The coordination of DPS is beyond the scope of this standard; however it may be achieved by encrypted messages so that any hostile devices are denied knowledge of the preambles that will be used. To defeat a “jam and spoof the retry” attack the preambles used should be changed for each ranging attempt.

The *DPSIndexDuration* parameter ensures that the PDs are returned to an interoperable data state in the event of not receiving an expected message. PDs that do not implement DPS do not give up any other ranging capabilities.

Figure *1* shows a suggested message sequence employing DPS for the three-message double-sided two-way ranging exchange. The messages represented in the dot boxes are simple suggestions showing how the DPS capability might be selected. The MLME.DPS.Request primitive is described in 1.3.1.1, and the MLME-DPS.Confirm, as described in 1.3.1.2.

Upon the generation of the MLME.DPS.Confirm primitive, as illustrated in Figure 34, both of the PHYs have switched to use the TxDPSIndex and RxDPSIndex codes for their preamble symbols and MAC sublayers on both sides have started timers of the *DPSIndexDuration* value. The changing of preamble code is intended to help protect against attack, but as a side effect neither PHYs can communicate with the rest of its peers. The *DPSIndexDuration* value serves to prevent this situation persisting any longer than is necessary. If this timer duration is exceeded before the MAC sublayer issues the MCPS.DATA.Confirm (for the originator) or the MCPS.DATA.Indication primitive (for the recipient), then the MAC sublayer shall initiate the MLME.DPS.Indication to the next higher layer as described in 1.3.1.3.



**Figure 1 – message sequence chart for the three message DS-TWR using DPS**