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Introduction:

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6.4.3 Cipher key and integrity key lifetime

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The USIM shall trigger the generation of a new access link key set (a cipher key and an integrity key) if the counter reaches a maximum value set by the operator and stored in the USIM at the next RRC connection request message sent out. When this maximum value is reached the cipher key and integrity key stored on USIM shall be deleted.

This mechanism will ensure that a cipher/integrity key set cannot be reused more times than the limit set by the operator.

6.4.4 Cipher key and integrity key identification

The key set identifier (KSI) is a number which is associated with the cipher and integrity keys derived during authentication. The key set identifier is allocated by the network and sent with the authentication request message to the mobile station where it is stored together with the calculated cipher key CK and integrity key IK.

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The key set identifier is three bits. Seven values are used to identify the key set. A value of "111" is used by the mobile station to indicate that a valid key is not available for use. At deletion of the cipher key and integrity key, the KSI is set to "111". The value '111' in the other direction from network to mobile station is reserved.

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6.4 Local authentication and connection establishment

Local authentication is obtained by integrity protection functionality.

6.4.1 Cipher key and integrity key setting

Mutual key setting is the procedure that allows the MS and the RNC to agree on the key IK used to compute message authentication codes using algorithm UIA. Authentication and key setting is are triggered by the authentication procedure and described in 6.3. Authentication and key setting may be initiated by the network as often as the network operator wishes. Key setting can occur as soon as the identity of the mobile subscriber (i.e. <u>P-TMSI</u>, TM<u>US</u>I or IM<u>US</u>I) is known by the <u>SN/VLR/SGSN</u>. The <u>CK andkey</u> IK isare stored in the <u>SN/VLR/SGSN</u> and transferred to the RNC when it is needed. The <u>CK and key</u> IK for the CS domain are is stored ion the USIM until it is and updated at the next authentication from this domain. The CK and IK for the PS domain are stored on the USIM and updated at the next authentication from this domain.

If an authentication procedure is performed during a data transfer in the PS mode, the new cipher key CK and integrity key IK shall be taken in use in both the RNC and the UE as part of the security mode negotiation (see 6.4.5) that follows the authentication procedure.

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The purpose of the key set identifier is to make it possible for the network to identify the cipher key CK and integrity key IK which <u>isare</u> stored in the mobile station without invoking the authentication procedure. This is used to allow reuse of the cipher key CK and integrity key IK during subsequent connection set-ups.

KSI and CKSN have the same format. The key set identifier is three bits. Seven values are used to identify the key set. A value of "111" is used by the mobile station to indicate that a valid key is not available for use. The value '111' in the other direction from network to mobile station is reserved.

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6.3.3 Authentication and key agreement

The purpose of this procedure is to authenticate the user and establish a new pair of cipher and integrity keys between the VLR/SGSN and the MS. During the authentication, the user verifies the freshness of the authentication vector that is used.

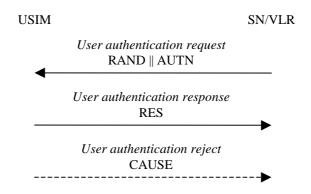


Figure 8: Authentication and key establishment

The VLR/SGSN invokes the procedure by selecting the next unused authentication vector from the ordered array of authentication vectors in the VLR database. The VLR/SGSN sends to the user the random challenge RAND and an authentication token for network authentication AUTN from the selected authentication vector.

Upon receipt the user proceeds as shown in Figure 9.

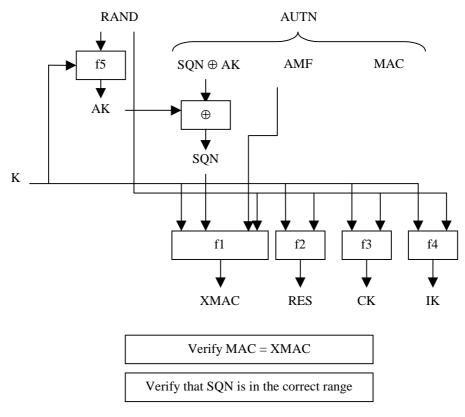


Figure 9: User authentication function in the USIM

Upon receipt of RAND and AUTN the user first computes the anonymity key $AK = f_{5_K}$ (RAND) and retrieves the sequence number SQN = (SQN \oplus AK) \oplus AK.

Next the user computes $XMAC = f1_K (SQN || RAND || AMF)$ and compares this with MAC which is included in AUTN. If they are different, the user sends *user authentication reject* back to the VLR/SGSN with an indication of the cause and the user abandons the procedure.

Next the USIM verifies that the received sequence number SQN is in the correct range.

If the user considers the sequence number to be not in the correct range, he sends *synchronisation failure* back to the VLR/SGSN including an appropriate parameter, and abandons the procedure.

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The synchronisation failure message contains the parameter AUTS. It is AUTS = $Conc(SQN_{MS}) \parallel MACS$. $Conc(SQN_{MS}) = SQN_{MS} \oplus f_{5K}(MACS)$ is the concealed value of the counter SEQ_{MS} in the MS, and MACS = $f1*_K(SEQ_{MS} \parallel RAND \parallel AMF)$ where RAND is the random value received in the current user authentication request. f1* is a message authentication code (MAC) function with the property that no valuable information can be inferred from the function values of f1* about those of f1, ..., f5 and vice versa.

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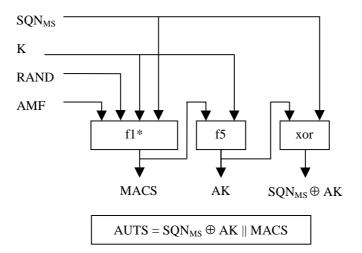


Figure 10: Construction of the parameter AUTS

If the sequence number is considered to be in the correct range however, the user computes $RES = f2_K$ (RAND) and includes this parameter in a *user authentication response* back to the VLR/SGSN. Finally the user computes the cipher key $CK = f3_K$ (RAND) and the integrity key $IK = f4_K$ (RAND). Note that if this is more efficient, RES, CK and IK could also be computed earlier at any time after receiving RAND. The MS stores RAND for re-synchronisation purposes.

Upon receipt of *user authentication response* the VLR/SGSN compares RES with the expected response XRES from the selected authentication vector. If XRES equals RES then the authentication of the user has passed. The VLR/SGSN also selects the appropriate cipher key CK and integrity key IK from the selected authentication vector.

<u>Conditions on the use of authentication information by the VLR/SGSN:</u> The VLR/SGSN shall use a UMTS authentication vector (i.e. a quintuplet) only once and, hence, shall send out each user authentication request *RAND* // *AUTN* only once no matter whether the authentication attempt was successful or not. A consequence is that UMTS authentication vectors (quintuplets) cannot be reused.

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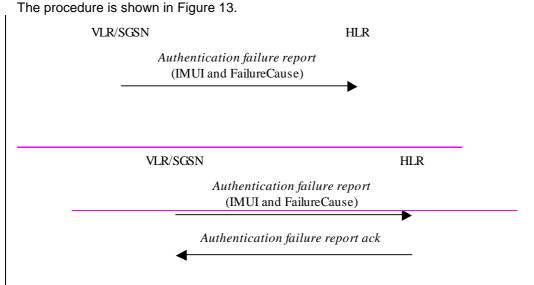


Figure 13: Reporting authentication failure from VLR/SGSN to HLR

The procedure is invoked by the serving network VLR/SGSN when the authentication procedure fails. -The *authentication failure report* shall contain the subscriber identity and a failure cause code. The possible failure causes are either that the network signature was wrong or that the user response was wrong.

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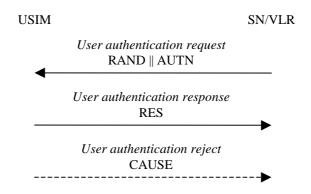


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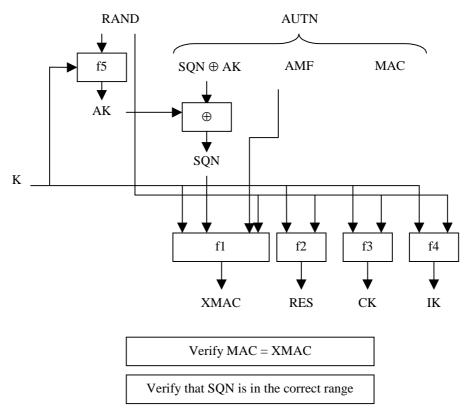


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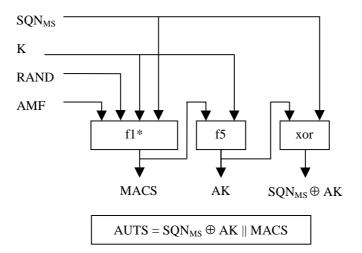


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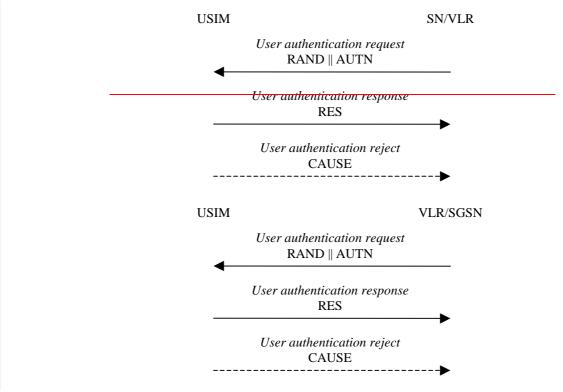


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The VLR/SGSN invokes the procedure by selecting the next unused authentication vector from the ordered array of authentication vectors in the VLR/SGSN database. The VLR/SGSN sends to the user the random challenge RAND and an authentication token for network authentication AUTN from the selected authentication vector.

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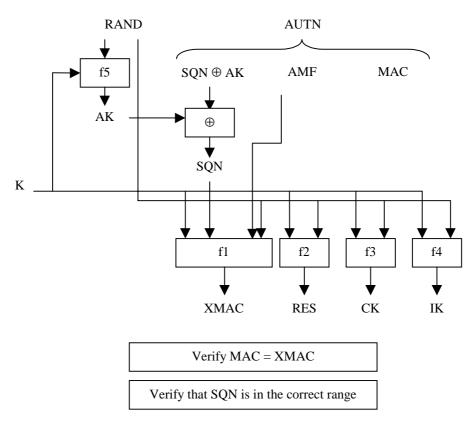


Figure 9: User authentication function in the USIM

Upon receipt of RAND and AUTN the user first computes the anonymity key $AK = f_{5_K}$ (RAND) and retrieves the sequence number SQN = (SQN \oplus AK) \oplus AK.

Next the user computes $XMAC = fl_K (SQN || RAND || AMF)$ and compares this with MAC which is included in AUTN. If they are different, the user sends *user authentication reject* back to the VLR/SGSN with an indication of the cause and the user abandons the procedure. In this case, VLR/SGSN shall initiate an Authentication Failure Report procedure towards the HLR as specified in section 6.3.6. VLR/SGSN may also decide to initiate a new identification and authentication procedure towards the user.

Next the USIM verifies that the received sequence number SQN is in the correct range.

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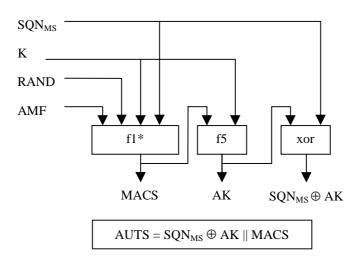


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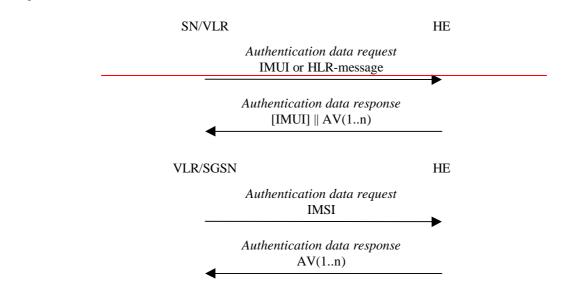


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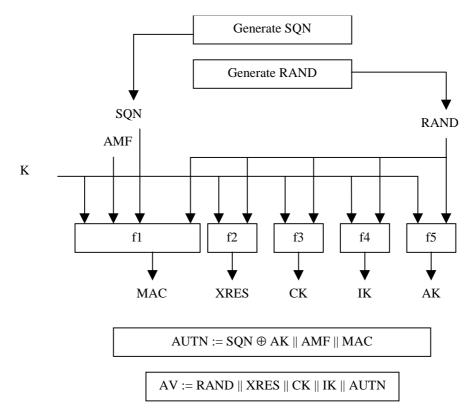


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1 Scope

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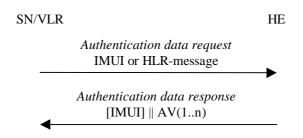


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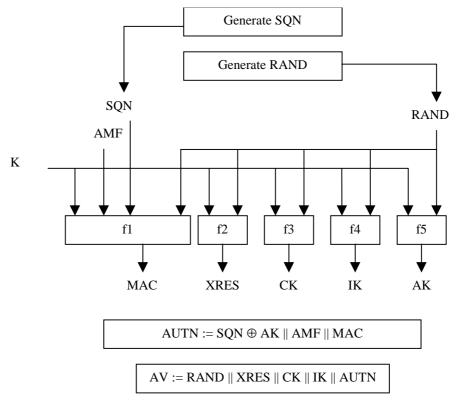


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6.1 Identification by temporary identities

6.1.1 General

This mechanism allows the identification of a user on the radio access link by means of a temporary mobile user <u>subscriber</u> identity (TM<u>SUI/P-TMSI</u>). A TM<u>SUI/P-TMSI</u> has local significance only in the location area <u>or routing area</u> in which the user is registered. Outside that area it should be a accompanied by an appropriate Location Area Identification (LAI) <u>or Routing Area Identification (RAI)</u> in order to avoid ambiguities. The association between the permanent and temporary user identities is kept by the Visited Location Register (VLR/<u>SGSN</u>) in which the user is registered.

The TM<u>S</u>UI/<u>P-TMSI</u>, when available, is normally used to identify the user on the radio access path, for instance in paging requests, location update requests, attach requests, service requests, connection re-establishment requests and detach requests.

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6.3.3.1 Cipher key and integrity key selection

Because of the separate mobility management for CS and PS services, the USIM establishes <u>a separate cipher/integrity</u> keys <u>set</u> with <u>both each of</u> the CS and the PS core network service domains. The conditions on the use of these eipher keys in the user and control planes are given below.

6.3.3.1.1 User plane

The CS user data connections are ciphered with the cipher key CK_{CS} established between the user and the 3G CS core network service domain and identified in the security mode setting procedure. The PS user data connections are ciphered with the cipher key CK_{PS} established between the user and the 3G PS core network service domain and identified in the security mode setting procedure.

6.3.3.1.2 Control plane

When a security mode setting procedure is performed, the <u>established cipher/integrity key set of the core network</u> <u>service domain that is specified by this procedure is applied to the <u>common</u> signalling plane, what ever core network service domain is specified in the procedure. This may require that the cipher/integrity key of an (already ciphered/integrity protected) ongoing signalling connection is changed. This change should be completed within five seconds.</u>

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6.4.2 Ciphering key and integrity mode negotiation

When an MS wishes to establish a connection with the network, the MS shall indicate to the network in the MS/USIM Classmark which cipher and integrity algorithms the MS supports. This message information itself must be integrity protected. As it is the case that the RNC does not have the integrity key IK when receiving the MS/USIM Classmark the cipher and ithis information must be stored in the RNC. and the The data integrity of the classmark is performed, during the security mode set-up procedure with by use of the newly last-most recently generated IK (see section 6.4.5).and this value is transmitted to the RNC after the authentication procedure is complete.

The network shall compare its integrity protection capabilities and preferences, and any special requirements of the subscription of the MS, with those indicated by the MS and act according to the following rules:

- 1) If the MS and the SN have no versions of the UIA algorithm in common, then the connection shall be released.
- 2) If the MS and the SN have at least one version of the UIA algorithm in common, then the network shall select one of the mutually acceptable versions of the UIA algorithm for use on that connection.

The network shall compare its ciphering capabilities and preferences, and any special requirements of the subscription of the MS, with those indicated by the MS and act according to the following rules:

- 1) If the MS and the network have no versions of the UEA algorithm in common and the network is not prepared to use an unciphered connection, then the connection shall be released.
- 2) If the MS and the network have at least one version of the UEA algorithm in common, then the network shall select one of the mutually acceptable versions of the UEA algorithm for use on that connection.
- 3) If the MS and the network have no versions of the UEA algorithm in common and the user (respectively the user's HE) and the SN are willing to use an unciphered connection, then an unciphered connection shall be used.

Because of the separate mobility management for CS and PS services, one CN domain may, independent of the other CN, establish a connection to one and the same MS. Change of ciphering and integrity mode (algorithms) at establishment of a second MS to CN connection shall not be permitted. The preferences and special requirements for the ciphering and integrity mode setting shall be common for the both domains. (e.g. the order of preference of the algorithms).

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6.4.5 Security mode set-up procedure

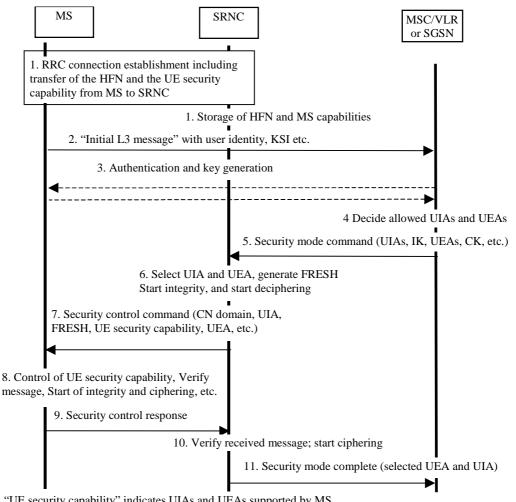
This section describes one common procedure for both ciphering and integrity protection set-up. This procedure is mandatory. It is mandatory to start integrity protection of signalling messages by use of this procedure at each new signalling connection establishment between MS and MSC/VLR respective SGSN. The three exceptions when it is not mandatory to start integrity protection are:

- If the only purpose with the signalling connection establishment and the only result is periodic location registration, i.e. no change of any registration information.
- If there is no MS-MSC/VLR (or MS-SGSN) signalling after the initial L3 signalling message sent from MS to MSC/VLR (or SGSN), i.e. in the case of deactivation indication sent from the MS followed by connection release.
- If the only MS-MSC/VLR (or MS–SGSN) signalling after the initial L3 signalling message sent from MS to MSC/VLR (or SGSN), and possible user identity request and authentication (see below), is a reject signalling message followed by a connection release.

When the integrity protection shall be started, the only procedures between MS and MSC/VLR respective SGSN that are allowed after the initial connection request (i.e. the initial Layer 3 message sent to MSC/VLR or SGSN) and before the security mode set-up procedure are the following:

- Identification by a permanent identity (i.e. request for IMSI), and
- Authentication and key agreement

The message sequence flow below describes the information transfer at initial connection establishment, possible authentication and start of integrity protection and possible ciphering.



"UE security capability" indicates UIAs and UEAs supported by MS

Figure 14: Local authentication and connection set-up

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6.4.6 Signalling procedures in the case of an unsuccessful integrity check

The supervision of failed integrity checks shall be performed both in the MS and the SRNC. In case of failed integrity check (i.e. faulty or missing MAC) is detected after that the integrity protection is started the concerned message shall be discarded. This can happen on the RNC side or on the MS side. The following procedure is used by the RNC to request the CN to perform an authentication and to provide a new CK and IK in case of unsuccessful integrity check. This can happen on the RNC side or in the UE side. In the latter case the UE sends a SECURITY CONTROL REJECT message to the RNC.

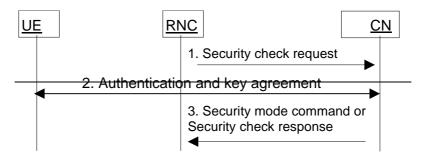


Figure 15: Procedures at unsuccessful integrity check

RNC detects that new security parameters are needed. This may be triggered by (repeated) failure of integrity checks (e.g. COUNT I went out of synchronisation), or at handover the new RNC does not support an algorithm selected by the old RNC, etc.

1. RNC sends a SECURITY CHECK REQUEST message to CN (indicating cause of the request).

- 2. The CN performs the authentication and key agreement procedure.
- If the authentication is successful, the CN sends a Security mode command to RNC. This will restart the ciphering and integrity check with new parameters. If the authentication is not successful, the CN sends a SECURITY CHECK RESPONSE (Cause) to RNC.

4. If the failure situation persists, the connection should be dropped.

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6.5 Access link data integrity

6.5.1 General

Most <u>RRC</u>, <u>MM and CC</u><u>control</u> signalling information elements <u>that are sent between the MS and the network</u> are considered sensitive and must be integrity protected. A message authentication function shall be applied on these signalling information elements transmitted between the MS and the SN.

The UMTS Integrity Algorithm (UIA) shall be used with an Integrity Key (IK) to compute a message authentication code for a given message.

After the RRC connection establishment and execution of the security mode set-up procedure, all dedicated MS <-> network control signalling messages (e.g. RRC, MM, CC, GMM, and SM messages) shall be integrity protected.- The Mobility Management layer in the MS supervises that the integrity protection is started (see 6.5.4 section 6.4.5)

All signalling messages except the following ones shall then be integrity protected:

- -Notification
- Paging Type 1
- RRC Connection Request
- RRC Connection Setup
- RRC Connection Setup Complete
- RRC Connection Reject
- All-System Information-messages (broadcasted information).

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6.5.2 Integrity algorithm

The UIA shall be implemented in the UE and in the RNC.

Figure 16 illustrates the use of the UIA to authenticate the data integrity of a signalling message.

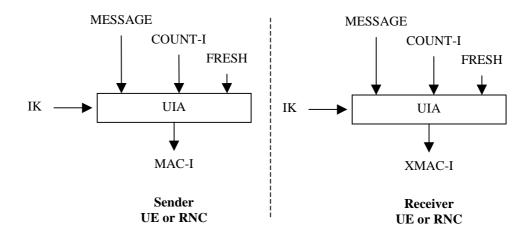


Figure 16: Derivation of MAC-I (or XMAC-I) on a signalling message

The input parameters to the algorithm are the Integrity Key (IK), a time dependent input (COUNT-I), a random value generated by the network side (FRESH), the direction bit (DIRECTION) and the signalling data (MESSAGE). Based on these input parameters the user computes message authentication code for data integrity (MAC-I) using the UMTS Integrity Algorithm (UIA). The MAC-I is then appended to the message when sent over the radio access link. The receiver computes XMAC-I on the message received in the same way as the sender computed MAC-I on the message sent and verifies the data integrity of the message by comparing it to the received MAC-I.

The input parameter COUNT-I protects against replay during a connection. It is a value incremented by one for each integrity protected message. COUNT-I consists of two parts: the HYPERFRAME NUMBER (HFN) as the most significant part and a RRC Sequence Number as the least significant part. The initial value of the hyperframe number is sent by the user to the network at connection set-up (see 6.4.5). The user stores, on the USIM, the greatest used hyperframe number from the previous connection and increments it by one (see 6.4.5xxx). In this way the user is assured that no COUNT-I value is re-used (by the network) with the same integrity key. A reset of the HFN (HFN=0) is performed when the new generated security key set is used for the first time. The user stores one HFN per established security key set.

The input parameter FRESH protects network against replay of signalling messages by the user. At connection set-up the network generates a random value FRESH and sends it to the user. The value FRESH is subsequently used by both the network and the user throughout the duration of a single connection. This mechanism assures the network that the user is not replaying any old MAC-Is.

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6.3.3.2 Emergency calls

Emergency call is a serving network option that applies to the CS domain and is allowed to be performed even

1. without any (U)SIM present in the UE

2. when user authentication fails (USIM present)

3. when authentication is impossible to perform (USIM present but network failure or invalid USIM)

Since integrity protection is mandatory in UMTS, a default IK is used for emergency calls in the above-mentioned cases and only in these cases. The security mode set-up procedure will then also always be executed during the establishment of an emergency call.

Use of the default IK should be signalled in the security mode command and should only be accepted when an emergency call is made.

Default IK definition: IK[0], IK[1],, IK[127], is set to

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6.8.3 Intersystem handover for CS Services – from UTRAN to GSM BSS

If ciphering has been started when an intersystem handover occurs from UTRAN to GSM BSS, the necessary information (e.g. Kc, supported/allowed GSM ciphering algorithms) is transmitted within the system infrastructure before the actual handover is executed to enable the communication to proceed from the old RNC to the new GSM BSS, and to continue the communication in ciphered mode.

6.8.3.1 UMTS security context

At the network side, two cases are distinguished:

- a) In case of a handover to a GSM BSS controlled by the same MSC/VLR, the MSC/VLR derives the GSM cipher key Kc from the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys CK and IK (using the conversion function c3) and sends Kc to the BSC (which forwards it to the BTS).
- b) In case of a handover to a GSM BSS controlled by another MSC/VLR, the initial MSC/VLR derives the GSM cipher key from the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys (using the conversion function c3) and sends it to the BSC via the (second) MSC/VLR controlling the BSC. The initial MSC/VLR remains the anchor point throughout the service.

At the user side, in either case, the UE derives the GSM cipher key Kc from the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys CK and IK (using the conversion function c3) and applies Kc.

6.8.3.2 GSM security context

At the network side, two cases are distinguished:

- a) In case of a handover to a GSM BSS controlled by the same MSC/VLR, the MSC/VLR sends the stored GSM cipher key Kc to the BSC (which forwards it to the BTS).
- b) In case of a handover to a GSM BSS controlled by another MSC/VLR, the initial MSC/VLR sends the stored GSM cipher key Kc to the BSC via the (second) MSC/VLR controlling the BSC. The initial MSC/VLR remains the anchor point throughout the service.

At the user side, in either case, the UE applies the stored GSM cipher key Kc.

6.8.4 Intersystem handover for CS Services – from GSM BSS to UTRAN

If ciphering has been started when an intersystem handover occurs from GSM BSS to UTRAN, the necessary information (e.g. CK, IK, initial HFN value information, supported/allowed UMTS algorithms) is transmitted within the system infrastructure before the actual handover is executed to enable the communication to proceed from the old GSM BSS to the new RNC, and to continue the communication in ciphered mode.

The integrity protection of signalling messages shall be started immediately after that the intersystem handover from GSM BSS to UTRAN is completed.

6.8.4.1 UMTS security context

At the network side, two cases are distinguished:

- a) In case of a handover to a UTRAN controlled by the same MSC/VLR, the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys CK and IK are sent to the new RNC.
- b) In case of a handover to a UTRAN controlled by another MSC/VLR, the initial MSC/VLR sends the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys CK and IK to the new RNC via the (second) MSC/VLR that controls the new RNC. The initial MSC/VLR remains the anchor point for throughout the service.

At the user side, in either case, the UE applies the stored UMTS cipher/integrity keys CK and IK.

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7.6 Distribution of security parameters to UTRAN

Confidentiality and integrity between the user and the network is handled by the UE/USIM and the RNC.

The security parameters for the confidentiality and integrity algorithms must be distributed from the core network to the RNC over the Iu-interface in a secure manner. The actual mechanism for securing these parameters has not yet been identified.

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6.4.3 Cipher key and integrity key lifetime

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Each time an RRC connection is released the highest value of the hyperframe number (the current value of COUNT) of the bearers that were protected in that RRC connection is stored in the USIM. When the next RRC connection is established that value is read from the USIM and incremented by one.

The USIM shall trigger the generation of a new access link key set (a cipher key and an integrity key) if the counter reaches a maximum value set by the operator and stored in the USIM at the next RRC connection request message sent out or during an RRC connection.

This mechanism will ensure that a cipher/integrity key set cannot be reused more times than beyond the limit set by the operator.

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6.4.3 Cipher key and integrity key setting

Mutual key setting is the procedure that allows the MS and the RNC to agree on the key IK used to compute message authentication codes using algorithm UIA. Authentication and key setting is triggered by the authentication procedure and described in 6.3. Authentication and key setting may be initiated by the network as often as the network operator wishes. Key setting can occur as soon as the identity of the mobile subscriber (i.e. TMUI or IMUI) is known by the SN/VLR. The key IK is stored in the SN/VLR and transferred to the RNC when it is needed. The key IK is stored in the USIM until it is updated at the next authentication.

If an authentication procedure is performed during a data transfer in the PS modea connection (PS or CS mode), the new cipher key CK and integrity key IK shall be taken in use in both the RNC and the UE as part of the security mode negotiation (see 6.4.5) that follows the authentication procedure.

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6.4 Local authentication and connection establishment

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6.4.2 Cipher key and integrity mode negotiation

When an MS wishes to establish a connection with the network, the MS shall indicate to the network in the MS/USIM Classmark which cipher and integrity algorithms the MS supports. This message itself must be integrity protected. As it is the case that the RNC does not have the integrity key IK when receiving the MS/USIM Classmark the cipher and imust be stored in the RNC and the integrity of the classmark with the newly generated IK and this value is transmitted to the RNC after the authentication procedure is complete.

The network shall compare its integrity protection capabilities and preferences, and any special requirements of the subscription of the MS, with those indicated by the MS and act according to the following rules:

- 1) If the MS and the SN have no versions of the UIA algorithm in common, then the connection shall be released.
- 2) If the MS and the SN have at least one version of the UIA algorithm in common, then the network shall select one of the mutually acceptable versions of the UIA algorithm for use on that connection.

The network shall compare its ciphering capabilities and preferences, and any special requirements of the subscription of the MS, with those indicated by the MS and act according to the following rules:

- 1) If the MS and the network have no versions of the UEA algorithm in common and the network is not prepared to use an unciphered connection, then the connection shall be released.
- 2) If the MS and the network have at least one version of the UEA algorithm in common, then the network shall select one of the mutually acceptable versions of the UEA algorithm for use on that connection.
- 3) If the MS and the network have no versions of the UEA algorithm in common and the user (respectively the user's HE) and the SN are willing to use an unciphered connection, then an unciphered connection shall be used.

6.4.3 Cipher key and integrity key lifetime

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6.4.4 Cipher key and integrity key identification

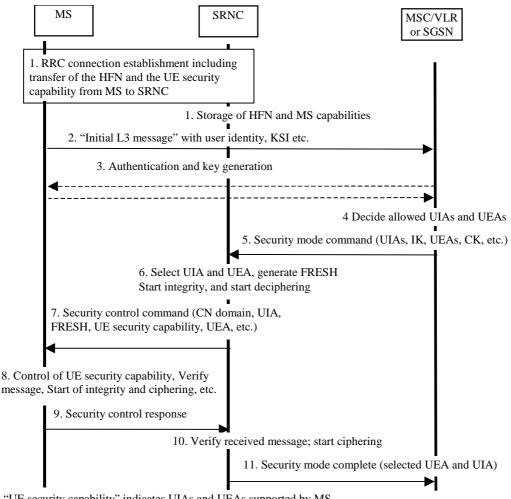
The key set identifier (KSI) is a number which is associated with the cipher and integrity keys derived during authentication. The key set identifier is allocated by the network and sent with the authentication request message to the mobile station where it is stored together with the calculated cipher key CK and integrity key IK.

The purpose of the key set identifier is to make it possible for the network to identify the cipher key CK and integrity key IK which is stored in the mobile station without invoking the authentication procedure. This is used to allow re-use of the cipher key CK and integrity key IK during subsequent connection set-ups.

The key set identifier is three bits. Seven values are used to identify the key set. A value of "111" is used by the mobile station to indicate that a valid key is not available for use. The value '111' in the other direction from network to mobile station is reserved.

6.4.5 Security mode set-up procedure

This section describes one common procedure for both ciphering and integrity protection set-up. This procedure is mandatory. The message sequence flow below describes the information transfer at initial connection establishment, possible authentication and start of integrity protection and possible ciphering.



"UE security capability" indicates UIAs and UEAs supported by MS

Figure 14: Local authentication and connection set-up

NOTE 1: The network must have the "UE security capability" information before the integrity protection can start, i.e. the "UE security capability" must be sent to the network in an unprotected message. Returning the "UE security capability" later on to the UE in a protected message will give UE the possibility to verify that it was the correct "UE security capability" that reached the network. This latter point, as well as the RRC interwork described below, is yet to be agreed in RAN WG2. Detailed description of the flow above:

- 1. RRC connection establishment includes the transfer from MS to RNC of the UE security capability and the hyperframe number to be used as part of one of the input parameters for the integrity algorithm and for the ciphering algorithm. The COUNT-I parameter (together with COUNT which is used for ciphering) is stored in the SRNC.
- 2. The MS sends the Initial L3 message (Location update request, CM service request, Routing area update request, attach request, paging response etc.) to the relevant CN domain. This message contains relevant MM information e.g. KSI. The KSI (Key Set Identifier) is the number allocated by the CN at the last authentication for this CN domain.
- 3. Authentication of the user and generation of new security keys (IK and CK) may be performed. A new KSI will then also be allocated.
- 4. The CN node determines which UIAs and UEAs that are allowed to be used.
- 5. The CN initiates integrity (and possible also ciphering) by sending the RANAP message Security Mode Command to SRNC. This message contains a list of allowed UIAs and the IK to be used. It may also contain the allowed UEAs and the CK to be used.
- 6. The SRNC decides which algorithms to use by selecting from the list of allowed algorithms, the first UEA and the first UIA it supports. The SRNC generates a random value FRESH and initiates the downlink integrity protection. If SRNC supports no UIA algorithms in the list, it sends a SECURITY MODE REJECT message to CN.
- 7. The SRNC generates the RRC message Security control command. The message includes the UE security capability, the UIA and FRESH to be used and possibly also the UEA to be used. Additional information (start of ciphering) may also be included. Since we have two CNs with an IK each, the network must indicate which IK to use. This is obtained by including a CN type indicator information in "Security control command". Before sending this message to the MS, the SRNC generates the MAC-I (Message Authentication Code for Integrity) and attaches this information to the message.
- 8. At reception of the Security control command message, the MS controls that the UE security capability received is equal to the UE security capability sent in the initial message. The MS computes XMAC-I on the message received by using the indicated UIA, the stored COUNT-I and the received FRESH parameter. The MS verifies the integrity of the message by comparing the received MAC-I with the generated XMAC-I.
- 9. If all controls are successful, the MS compiles the RRC message Security control command response and generates the MAC-I for this message. If any control is not successful, a SECURITY CONTROL REJECT message is sent from the MS.
- 10. At reception of the response message, the SRNC computes the XMAC-I on the message. The SRNC verifies the data integrity of the message by comparing the received MAC-I with the generated XMAC-I.
- 11. The transfer of the RANAP message Security Mode Complete response, including the selected algorithms, from SRNC to the CN node ends the procedure.

The Security mode command to MS starts the downlink integrity protection, i.e. also all following downlink messages sent to the MS are integrity protected and possibly ciphered. The Security mode command response from MS starts the uplink integrity protection and possible ciphering, i.e. also all following messages sent from the MS are integrity protected and possibly ciphered.

6.4.6 Signalling procedures in the case of an unsuccessful integrity check

The following procedure is used by the RNC to request the CN to perform an authentication and to provide a new CK and IK in case of unsuccessful integrity check. This can happen on the RNC side or in the UE side. In the latter case the UE sends a SECURITY CONTROL REJECT message to the RNC.

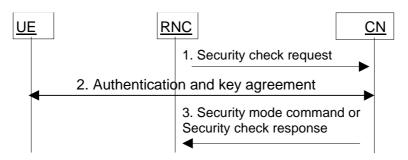


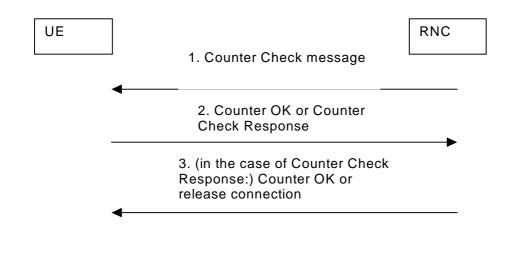
Figure 15: Procedures at unsuccessful integrity check

RNC detects that new security parameters are needed. This may be triggered by (repeated) failure of integrity checks (e.g. COUNT-I went out of synchronisation), or at handover the new RNC does not support an algorithm selected by the old RNC, etc.

- 1. RNC sends a SECURITY CHECK REQUEST message to CN (indicating cause of the request).
- 2. The CN performs the authentication and key agreement procedure.
- 3. If the authentication is successful, the CN sends a Security mode command to RNC. This will restart the ciphering and integrity check with new parameters. If the authentication is not successful, the CN sends a SECURITY CHECK RESPONSE (Cause) to RNC.
- 4. If the failure situation persists, the connection should be dropped.

6.4.7 Signalling procedure for periodic local authentication

The following procedure is used by the RNC to periodically perform a local authentication. At the same time, the amount of data sent during the RRC connection is periodically checked by the RNC and the UE. The RNC is monitoring the COUNT value associated to each radio bearer. The procedure is triggered whenever any of these values reaches a critical checking value. The granularity of these checking values and the values themselves are defined by the visited network. All messages in the procedure are integrity protected.



1. When a checking value is reached (e.g. the value in some fixed bit position in the hyperframe number is changed), a Counter Check message is sent by the RNC. The Counter Check message contains the most significant parts of the counter values (which reflect amount of data sent and received) from each active radio bearer.

2. The counter values in the Counter Check message are checked by UE and if they agree with the current status in the UE, a 'Counter OK' message is returned to the RNC. If there is a difference between the counter values in the UE and the values indicated in the Counter Check message, the UE sends a Counter Check response to the RNC. The form of this message is similar to the Counter Check message.

3. In case the RNC receives the 'Counter OK' message the procedure is completed. In case the RNC receives the Counter Check response it compares the counter values indicated in it to counter values in the RNC. If there is no difference or if

the difference is acceptable then the RNC completes the procedure by sending the 'Counter OK' message. Otherwise, the connection is released.

6.5 Access link data integrity

6.5.1 General

Most RRC, MM and CC signalling information elements are considered sensitive and must be integrity protected. A message authentication function shall be applied on these signalling information elements transmitted between the MS and the SN.

The UMTS Integrity Algorithm (UIA) shall be used with an Integrity Key (IK) to compute a message authentication code for a given message.

All signalling messages except the following ones shall be integrity protected:

- Notification
- Paging Type 1
- RRC Connection Request
- RRC Connection Setup
- RRC Connection Setup Complete
- RRC Connection Reject
- All System Information messages.