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# Foreword

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**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

**shall not** indicates an interdiction (prohibition) to do something

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**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

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**need not** indicates permission not to do something

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**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

The constructions "can" and "cannot" are not substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

**is not** (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

The constructions "is" and "is not" do not indicate requirements.

# 1 Scope

The present document provides the security aspects for the 5G system to facilitate vehicular communications for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services. The architecture for these V2X services is described in TS 23.287 [2], which is based on the service requirements defined in TS 22.185 [3] and TS 22.186 [4].

# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TS 23.287: "Architecture enhancements for 5G System (5GS) to support Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services".

[3] 3GPP TS 22.185: "Service requirements for V2X services; Stage 1".

[4] 3GPP TS 22.186: "Service requirements for enhanced V2X scenarios".

[5] 3GPP TS 33.185: "Security aspect for LTE support of Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services".

[6] 3GPP TS 33.501: "Security architecture and procedures for 5G system".

[7] 3GPP TS 33.220: "Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture (GBA)".

[8] 3GPP TS 24.587: "Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services in 5G System (5GS); Stage 3".

[9] 3GPP TS 38.323: "NR; Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) specification".

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

Void

## 3.2 Symbols

Void

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

5GC 5G Core

NR New Radio (5G)

NRPEK NR PC5 Encryption Key

NRPIK NR PC5 Integrity Key

V2X Vehicle-to-Everything

# 4 Overview of advanced V2X security architecture

## 4.1 General

The V2X architecture is described in TS 23.287 [2] which describes V2X communication over both the Uu reference point supported by E-UTRA connected to 5GC and/or NR connected to 5GC and PC5 reference point supported by E-UTRA and/or NR. The NR based PC5 reference point supports unicast, groupcast and broadcast modes (see TS 23.287 [2]).

The security for PC5 reference point supported by E-UTRA is given in TS 33.185 [5]. The security for the other cases is given in the present document.

# 5 Security for V2X over NR based PC5 reference point

## 5.1 General

This clause contains the security and privacy requirements and specifies procedures that can achieve the requirements for V2X over NR based PC5 reference point except those for PC5 over E-UTRA which are given in TS 33.185 [5].

## 5.2 Common security

### 5.2.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that are commonly applied for the all kinds of communication modes, i.e. unicast mode, groupcast mode and broadcast mode, which the NR based PC5 reference point supports.

### 5.2.2 Requirements

#### 5.2.2.1 Requirements for Cross-RAT control authorization indication

The 5G System shall provide means to manage the cross-RAT PC5 control authorization.

### 5.2.3 Procedures

#### 5.2.3.1 Cross-RAT PC5 control authorization indication

The procedures for the cross-RAT PC5 control authorization indication are specified in TS 23.287 [2] clause 6.5.

## 5.3 Security for unicast mode

### 5.3.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that can be specifically applied for the NR based PC5 unicast mode.

### 5.3.2 Requirements

#### 5.3.2.1 Requirements for securing the PC5 unicast link

The initiating UE shall establish a different security context for each receiving UE during the PC5 unicast link establishment if the security is activated.

PC5 unicast link security establishment between the initiating UE and each receiving UE shall be protected from man-in-the-middle attacks.

The system shall support confidentiality protection, integrity protection and replay protection of the user plane data of PC5 unicast.

The system shall support confidentiality protection, integrity protection and replay protection of signalling for PC5 unicast link.

The system shall support means of configuring the signalling and user plane security policies to UEs for a particular PC5 unicast link.

Signalling plane protection of the PC5 unicast link for a V2X service shall align with the PC5 signalling security policies of the communicating UEs.

User plane protection of the PC5 unicast link for a V2X service shall align with the PC5 user plane security policies of the communicating UEs.

#### 5.3.2.2 Identity privacy requirements for the PC5 unicast link

The 5G System should provide means for mitigating trackability attacks on a UE during PC5 unicast communications.

The 5G System should provide means for mitigating link ability attacks on a UE during PC5 unicast communications.

NOTE: The 5G system provides means for mitigating trackability and link ability if security of the connection is activated.

### 5.3.3 Procedures

#### 5.3.3.1 Securing the PC5 unicast link

##### 5.3.3.1.1 General

The NR based PC5 unicast communication procedures are described in TS 23.287 [2]. Clause 5.3.3.1 details how the security for this communication is established and used.

##### 5.3.3.1.2 Overview

5.3.3.1.2.0 Security Context

The UE establishes a security context for each unicast link. The security context includes KNRP-sess, NRPEK (if applicable), NRPIK, the chosen confidentiality (if applicable) and integrity algorithms, and PDCP counters used with each bearer. The UE updates the security context associated to the unicast link when the unicast link is rekeyed. The UE deletes the security context associated to a unicast link once the unicast link is released.

5.3.3.1.2.1 Key hierarchy

PC5 unicast link uses 4 different layers of keying material as shown in figure 5.3.3.1.2.1-1.



Figure 5.3.3.1.2.1-1: Key Hierarchy for PC5 unicast link

The different layers of keys are the following:

- Long term credentials: These are the credentials that are provisioned into the UE(s) and form the root of the security of the PC5 unicast link. The credentials may include symmetric key(s) or public/private key pair depending on the particular use case. Authentication signalling (see clause 5.3.3.1.3.2) is exchanged between the UEs to derive the KNRP.

- KNRP: This is a 256-bit root key that is shared between the two entities that communicating using NR PC5 unicast link. It may be refreshed by re-running the authentication signalling using the long-term credentials. Nonces are exchanged between the UEs and used with the KNRP to generate a KNRP-sess (the next layer of keys). KNRP may be kept even when the UEs have no active unicast communication session between them. The 32-bit KNRP ID is used to identify KNRP.

- KNRP-sess: This is the 256-bit key that is derived by UE from KNRP and is used derive keys that to protect the transfer of data between the UEs. The KNRP-sess is derived per unicast link. During activated unicast communication session between the UEs, the KNRP-sess may be refreshed by running the rekeying procedure. The actual keys (see next bullet) that are used in the confidentiality and integrity algorithms are derived directly from KNRP-sess. The 16-bit KNRP-sess ID identifies the KNRP-sess.

NOTE 1: A KNRP-sess ID with a zero value indicates that no security is used and hence the UEs do not assign an all zero value of KNRP-sess ID when creating a security context.

- NRPEK and NRPIK: The NR PC5 Encryption Key (NRPEK) and NR PC5 Integrity Key (NRPIK) are used in the chosen confidentiality and integrity algorithms respectively for protecting PC5-S signalling, PC5 RRC signalling, and PC5 user plane data. They are derived from KNRP-sess and are refreshed automatically every time KNRP-sess is changed.

NOTE 2: Whether the above keys (i.e. KNRP, KNRP-sess, NRPEK and NRPIK) are derived is based on the result of the security activation for the signalling security.

NOTE 3: KNRP is used to derive the keys for a security context for a unicast link established between a pair of UEs and could be used to derive keys for additional links established between a certain pair of UEs. The KNRP and its accompanying KNRP ID values are not part of the security context for a unicast link and do not have to be deleted after unicast link release.

5.3.3.1.2.2 Security states

A UE may be in one of the three different security states with respect to another UE as follows:

- Provisioned-security: This is where a UE just has its own long term keys.

- Partial-security: This is where a UE has recently communicated with another UE and still has the KNRP that it used with the other UE, but no other derived keys.

- Full-security: This is where a UE is actually communicating with another UE and has KNRP, and a security context per unicast link (see clause 5.3.3.1.2.0). Within a security context, the NRPEK and the chosen confidentiality algorithm may not exist if both signalling and user plane confidentiality are inactivated.

Once a UE ends its unicast communication session with another UE in Full-security state, it shall delete KNRP-sess, NRPEK, and NRPIK, the choice of algorithms and the counters, and may also delete KNRP.

5.3.3.1.2.3 High level flows for the security establishment

Figure 5.3.3.1.2.3-1 provides a high-level flow of a UE establishing a connection with other UE(s).



Figure 5.3.3.1.2.3-1: High-level flow of connection establishment

The flow proceeds as follow:

1. UE\_1 sends a Direct Communication Request. This message may be received by multiple UEs.

2a/3a/4a. UE\_2a chooses to respond to the message and may initiate the Direct Auth and Key Establishment procedure (if needed based clause 5.3.3.1.3) to generate the key KNRP. UE\_2a then runs the Direct Security Mode Command procedure with UE\_1 to continue the connection establishment procedures. If this is successful, UE\_2a sends the Direct Communication Accept message.

2b. UE\_2b chooses not to respond the UE\_1

2c/3c/4c. UE\_2c responds to UE\_1 using the same sequence of messages as UE\_2a.

When each responder decides to activate signalling integrity protection and/or signalling confidentiality protection, each responder establishes a different security context with UE\_1 that is not known to the other UEs, i.e. the security context used between UE\_1 and UE\_2a is not known to UE\_2b and UE\_2c.

The Direct Communication Request is always sent unprotected and only contains enough information for a secure connection to be established with the other UE. Any information UE\_1 needs to send to the other UEs in order to establish the connection is included in the Direct Security Mode Complete message (sent as part of the Direct Security Mode procedure, see TS 23.287 [2]) from UE\_1 as this message is both confidentiality and integrity protected under the condition of activated non-NULL signalling confidentiality protection of the link.

##### 5.3.3.1.3 Key establishment procedures

5.3.3.1.3.1 General

Clause 5.3.3.1.3 provides the details on the establishment of KNRP. The key establishment procedures in clause 5.3.3.1.3.1 and 5.3.3.1.3.2 shall be skipped if the receiving UE decides to not activate the signalling integrity protection of this PC5 unicast link. The long-term credentials and associated authentication method that are used to establish the keys used to protect the PC5 unicast link may either be specified in 3GPP specification or be a method described outside of 3GPP specifications. In the latter case, it is not practical for all cases to specify the signalling in individual IEs on the NR PC5 interface for all these applications, hence all the authentication is specified to be carried in a generic container (called Key\_Est\_Info in the following clause) on the NR PC5 interface. This allows, for example, an application to change the authentication method without affecting the NR PC5 interface.

5.3.3.1.3.2 Key establishment

At each step of the flow (and the possible multiple times that step 2 can be run), the Key\_Est\_Info contains the different data that is required for key establishment. Such data is transparent to the PC5 layer, i.e. the PC5 layer does not need to understand the content of Key\_Est\_info.

NOTE: The endpoint in the UEs that understands the contents of Key\_Est\_Info may be an application on the UEs. Between the PC5 layer and the application layer on the vehicles, the information contained in Key\_Est\_Info can be passed in an implementation-specific manner, e.g. as one block or several IEs.

Figure 5.3.3.1.3.2-1 shows the message flows for establishing security at PC5 using the key established at the layer above PC5. The need for both steps 2a and 2b (and the number of times both steps 2a and step 2b are run) depends on the authentication method being used.



Figure 5.3.3.1.3.2-1: Message flow for the establishment of PC5 security key using a generic container

The steps are as follows and apply to establishment of the initial key or rekeying:

1. In the case, UE\_1 determines it needs to establish a PC5 connection with another UE, UE\_1 sends the Direct Communication Request message and this message is received by UE\_2. In case of rekeying an existing connection with UE\_2, UE\_1 shall send a Direct Rekeying Request message to UE\_2 instead of Direct Communication Request. The Direct Communication Request message shall include the Key\_Est\_Info unless UE\_1's signalling integrity security policy is NOT NEEDED. In the former case, the message may include Key\_Est\_Info. The Direct Rekeying Request message shall include Key\_Est\_Info unless the Null integrity algorithm is currently in use.

2. This step is optional and may be run multiple times depending on the authentication method used.

a. UE\_2 shall send a Direct Auth and Key Establish message including the Key\_Est\_Info to UE\_1.

b. UE\_1 shall send respond with a Direct Auth and Key Establish Response message including the Key\_Est\_Info to UE\_2.

3. In case the UE\_2 decides to activate the signalling integrity protection, UE\_2 shall calculate (if not already done) KNRP. UE\_2 shall send a Direct Security Mode Command messages to UE\_1. These messages may include Key\_Est\_Info if need by the authentication method being used and shall contain MSB of KNRP ID unless the Null integrity algorithm is selected by UE\_2. The MSB of KNRP ID are chosen so that they uniquely identify KNRP at UE\_2.

4. On receiving the Direct Security Mode Command, UE\_1 shall calculate (if not already done) KNRP based on Key\_Est\_Info (if provided). UE\_1 shall execute the following procedures unless the Null integrity algorithm is selected by UE\_2: UE\_1 shall choose the LSB of KNRP ID so that they uniquely identify KNRP at UE\_1. UE\_1 shall form KNRP ID from the received MSB of KNRP ID and its chosen LSB of KNRP ID and shall store the complete KNRP ID with KNRP.

UE\_1 shall send a Direct Security Mode Complete message to UE\_2 which shall contain the LSB of KNRP ID. UE\_2 shall form KNRP ID from its chosen MSB of KNRP ID and the received LSB of KNRP ID and shall store the complete KNRP ID with KNRP.

##### 5.3.3.1.4 Security establishment procedures

5.3.3.1.4.1 General

Clause 5.3.3.1.4.2 describes the security policy and how the UEs handle the policy. There are two different cases when an overall security context may be established; to set up a new connection and to re-key an ongoing connection. These cases are described in clauses 5.3.3.1.4.3 and 5.3.3.1.4.4 respectively. Clause 5.3.3.1.4.5 describes the establishment of security for a user plane bearer.

5.3.3.1.4.2 Security policy

5.3.3.1.4.2.1 General

The PC5 unicast link shall support activation or deactivation of security based on the security policy similar to Uu, as defined in TS 33.501[6]. The security policy shall be provisioned for PC5 unicast link as well, as detailed in clause 5.3.3.1.4.2.2 of the present document and handled as detailed in clause 5.3.3.1.4.2.3 of the present document.

5.3.3.1.4.2.2 Procedure for security policy provisioning for PC5 unicast link

For selectively activating or deactivation the security of the PC5 unicast link, the PCF may provision the security policy per V2X service, during service authorization and information provisioning procedure as defined in TS 23.287 [2].

5.3.3.1.4.2.3 Security policy handling

For a NR PC5 unicast link, the UE shall be provisioned with the following:

- The list of V2X services, e.g. PSIDs or ITS-AIDs of the V2X applications, with Geographical Area(s) and their security policy which indicates the following:

- Signalling integrity protection: REQUIRED/PREFERRED/NOT NEEDED

- Signalling confidentiality protection: REQUIRED/PREFERRED/NOT NEEDED

- User plane integrity protection: REQUIRED/PREFERRED/NOT NEEDED

- User plane confidentiality protection: REQUIRED/PREFERRED/NOT NEEDED

NOTE 1: No integrity protection on signalling traffic enables services that do not require security.

NOTE 2: Ensuring that only a connection with security is used for a V2X service is guaranteed if the signalling integrity security policy of at least one of the UEs for that V2X service is set to REQUIRED. It is recommended to set this security policy to REQUIRED in order to guarantee security protection.

NOTE 3: While some V2X applications are similar to Emergency Services and may require similar security policies handling, such V2X applications are outside of the scope of 3GPP.

REQUIRED means the UE shall only accept the connection if a non-NULL confidentiality or integrity algorithm is used for protection of the traffic.

NOT NEEDED means that the UE shall only establish a connection with no security.

PREFFERED means that the UE may try to establish security but may will accept the connection with no security. One use of PREFERRED is to enable a security policy to be changed without updating all UEs at once.

The handling of signalling security policy proceeds as follows:

- At initial connection, the initiating UE includes its signalling security policy in the Direct Communication Request message. The receiving UE(s) takes this into account when deciding whether to accept or reject the request and when deciding the agreed security policy to be sent back in the Direct Security Mode Command message. The initiating UE can reject the Direct Security Mode Command if the algorithm choice does not match its policy (see clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 for full details of the handling).

All the UP data of PC5 unicast link shall have the same security.

The handling of the user plane security policy proceeds with the following sequence:

a) At initial connection, the UE that sent the Direct Communications Request shall include the user plane security policy for the service in the Direct Security Mode Complete message.

b) If the signalling confidentiality protection is not activated, then UEs shall treat their user plane confidentiality policy for the V2X service for this connection as NOT NEEDED and the receiving UE shall set confidentiality for the user plane to off. The receiving UE may accept the Direct Communication Request and the response message (i.e. Direct Communication Accept) shall include the configuration of not activating (i.e. set to off) the user plane confidentiality protection.

c) The receiving UE shall reject the Direct Communication Request when the following cases occur: 1) if the received user plane security policy had either confidentiality/integrity set to NOT NEEDED and its own corresponding policy is set to REQUIRED or, 2) if the received user plane security policy had either confidentiality/integrity set to REQUIRED and its own corresponding policy is set to NOT NEEDED.

d) Otherwise, the receiving UE may accept the Direct Communication Request and the response message (i.e. Direct Communication Accept) shall include the configuration of user plane confidentiality protection based on the agreed user plane security policy, set as follows:

1) User plane confidentiality protection set to off if the received user plane security policy had either confidentiality set to NOT NEEDED and/or its own user plane security policy for the service is set to NOT NEEDED; or

2) User plane confidentiality protection set to on if the received user plane security policy had either confidentiality set to REQUIRED and/or its own user plane security policy for the service its own corresponding policy is set to REQUIRED; or

3) User plane confidentiality protection set to off or on otherwise (i.e. when both the received user plane security policy and its own user plane security policy for the service had the confidentiality set to PREFERRED).

User plane integrity protection set following the same rules as confidentiality protection but based on the received and its own user plane integrity protection policy for the service.

NOTE: When both UE’s signalling and the user plane security policies are PREFERRED, the receiving UE sets the confidentiality and/or integrity protection to on. There might be UE constraints limiting the enablement of confidentiality and/or integrity protection, e.g. UE hardware platform resource constraints/limitations.

Due to the purpose of adding a new V2X service to an existing PC5 unicast link, if the signalling and user plane security policies of the new V2X service are satisfied by the security in use for the PC5 unicast link, the initiating UE shall send the Link Modification Request to the receiving UE. The receiving UE shall reject the Link Modification Request if the security in use for the PC5 unicast link does not match the signalling and user plane security policies of the new V2X service.

The V2X layer of the UE shall pass the security configurations to its AS layer. The security configurations are mutually agreed by both sides' UEs, including the configuration of confidentiality and integrity protection.

5.3.3.1.4.3 Security establishment during connection set-up

The clause describes how security is established during connection set-up. The signalling flow is shown in figure 5.3.3.1.4.3-1.



Figure 5.3.3.1.4.3-1: Security establishment at connection set-up

1. UE\_1 has sent a Direct Communication Request to UE\_2. This message shall include UE\_1's security capabilities (the list of algorithms that UE\_1 will accept for this connection) and UE\_1's signalling security policy. The UE\_1 shall also include Nonce\_1 (for session key KNRP-sess generation), and the most significant 8-bits of the KNRP-sess ID in this message if UE\_1's signalling integrity protection policy is either "REQUIRED" or "PREFERRED". The most significant 8-bits of the KNRP-sess ID shall be chosen such that UE\_1 will be able to locally identify a security context that is created by this procedure using the KNRP-sess ID. The message may also include a KNRP ID if the UE\_1 has an existing KNRP for the UE that it is trying to communicate with. The absence of the KNRP ID parameter indicates that UE\_1 does not have a KNRP for UE\_2. The message also contains Key\_Est\_Info (see clause 5.3.3.1.3.2).

2. UE\_2 shall reject the Direct Communication Request if UE\_1's signalling security policy is "NOT NEEDED" while UE\_2's security policy is "REQUIRED". UE\_2 shall also reject the Direct Communication Request if UE\_1's signalling security policy is "REQUIRED" while UE\_2's security policy is "NOT NEEDED". UE\_2 may initiate a Direct Authentication and Key Establishment procedure with UE\_1. This is mandatory if the UE\_2 does not have the KNRP and KNRP ID pair indicated in step 1, and signalling is needed to establish the keys for the particular use case. If the Direct Authentication and Key Establishment procedure is initiated, the two UEs authenticate each other using the information exchanged in Key\_Est\_Info, where the used authentication method is application-specific. (See clause 5.3.3.1.3.2). During Direct Authentication and Key Establishment procedure, either of the UE’s may reject the authentication procedure.

3. UE\_2 shall send the Direct Security Mode Command message to UE\_1. This message shall only contain the MSB of KNRP ID unless the Null integrity algorithm is selected by UE\_2 and optionally Key\_Est\_Info if a fresh KNRP is to be generated (see clause 5.3.3.1.3). UE\_2 shall include the Chosen\_algs parameter to include the selected integrity and confidentiality algorithm. Non-Null security algorithm in the Chosen\_algs indicates the corresponding security protection is activated and the security algorithm the UEs will use to protect the data in the message. Null security algorithm in the Chosen\_algs indicates the corresponding security protection is unprotected. The Chosen\_algs may only indicate the use of the NULL integrity algorithm if UE\_2's signalling integrity security policy is either NOT NEEDED or PREFERRED. UE\_2 shall also return the UE\_1's security capabilities and UE\_1's signalling security policy to provide protection against bidding down attacks. In the case that the NULL integrity algorithm is chosen, the NULL confidentiality algorithm shall also be chosen and UE\_2 shall set the KNRP-sess ID of this security context to the all zero value.

The following procedures in step 3 shall only be executed if the UE\_2 decides to at least activate the integrity security protection for this connection: UE\_2 shall also include Nonce\_2 to allow a session key to be calculated, as well as the least significant 8-bits of KNRP-sess ID in the messages. These bits are chosen so that UE\_2 will be able to locally identify a security context that is created by this procedure. UE\_2 shall calculate KNRP-Sess from KNRP and both Nonce\_1 and Nonce\_2 (see clause A.3) and then derive the confidentiality (if applicable) and integrity keys based on the chosen algorithms (clause A.2). The lower layer shall be provided with the new security context and indication(s) to signal that the Direct Security Mode Command message needs integrity protection with the new security context and the signalling messages can be received using the new security context. The confidentiality key, NRPEK, shall be derived in this step if and only if signalling confidentiality protection is activated for this connection. The integrity protection key, NRPIK, shall be derived in this step if and only if signalling integrity protection is activated for this connection. UE\_2 shall integrity protect the Direct Security Mode Command before sending it to UE\_1. UE\_2 is then ready to receive signalling and messages protected with the new security context. UE\_2 shall form the KNRP-sess ID from the most significant bits it received in step1 and least significant bits it sent in step3.

4. On receiving the Direct Security Mode Command, the UE\_1 shall first check the Chosen\_algs and shall accept the NULL integrity algorithm only if its security policy for signalling integrity protection is either NOT NEEDED or PREFERRED. Then UE\_1 shall check the returned UE\_1's security capabilities and UE\_1's signalling security to avoid bidding down attacks if the NULL integrity algorithm is selected for signalling integrity protection. If the above check passes, UE\_1 shall send an unprotected Direct Security Mode Complete message to UE\_2. UE\_1 shall set the KNRP-sess ID of this security context to the all zero value.

Under the condition of non-NULL integrity algorithm indicated in the Chosen\_algs, UE\_1 shall first check that the received LSB of KNRP-sess ID is unique by checking that it has not been sent by another UE responding to this Direct Communication Request i.e. such that resulting KNRP-sess ID is not already being used for another link. If the LSB of KNRP-sess ID is not unique, then UE\_1 shall respond with a Direct Security Mode Reject message including a cause value to specify that the LSB of KNRP-sess ID is not unique. The peer UE-2 receiving a Direct Security Mode Reject message shall inspect the cause value and, if the cause is related to the session identifier uniqueness then, the UE-2 shall generate a new LSB of KNRP-sess ID and reply to UE-1 again (i.e., UE-2 shall send a Direct Security Mode Command message with the new LSB of KNRP-sess ID). UE\_2 shall associate the new LSB of KNRP-sess ID with the security context that is created in step 3. UE-2 shall erase the former LSB of KNRP-sess ID from its memory. On receiving this new Direct Security Mode Command, UE\_1 shall process the message from the start of step 4.

If the LSB of KNRP-sess ID is unique, UE\_1 shall calculate KNRP-sess and the confidentiality key (if applicable) and integrity key in the same way as UE\_2. The confidentiality key, NRPEK, shall be derived in this step if and only if the Chosen\_algs includes non-NULL confidentiality algorithm. The integrity protection key, NRPIK, shall be derived in this step if and only if signalling integrity protection is activated for this connection. UE\_1 shall check that the returned UE\_1 security capabilities and UE\_1's signalling security policy are the same as those it sent in step 1. UE\_1 shall also check the integrity protection on the message. If both these checks pass, then UE\_1 creates a security context to be associated with the KNRP-sess ID. UE\_1 is ready to send and receive signalling and message with the new security context. The lower layer shall be provided with the new security context and indication to signal that signalling starting with the Direct Security Mode Complete needs protection with new security context and the signalling messages can be received using the new security context. UE\_1 shall send integrity protected and confidentiality protected (if applicable) Direct Security Mode Complete message to UE\_2. UE\_1 shall form the KNRP-sess ID from the most significant bits it sent in step1 and least significant bits it received in step3. KNRP-sess ID is used to locally identify the security context that is created by this procedure.

5. If the Chosen\_algs in step 3 includes non-NULL integrity algorithm, UE\_2 checks the integrity protection on the received Direct Security Mode Complete. If this passes, UE\_2 is now ready to send signalling message and send and receive user plane traffic protected with the new security context. UE\_2 shall send integrity protected and confidentiality (if applicable) protected Direct Communication Accept message to UE\_1 with the new security context. The lower layer shall be provided with an indication before sending Direct Communication Accept message to indicate that the signalling message starting with the Direct Communication Accept is protected with the new security context and an indication after sending Direct Communication Accept message to indicate that the user plane traffic is protected with the new security context. UE\_2 deletes any old security context it has for UE\_1.

6. After receiving the Direct Communication Accept message, the lower layer of UE\_1 shall be provided with an indication of activation of the PC5 unicast user plane security protection for the PC5 unicast link (if applicable). UE\_1 is now ready to send and receive user plane traffic protected with the new security context. UE\_1 deletes any old security context it has for UE\_2.

5.3.3.1.4.4 Security establishment during re-keying

By rekeying, the UEs ensure fresh session keys KNRP-sess are used. Optionally the rekeying can also enforce refresh of KNRP. Either UE may rekey the connection at any time. This shall be done before the counter for a PDCP bearer repeats with the current keys. A rekeying operation shall refresh the KNRP-sess and NRPEK and NRPIK, and may refresh KNRP. There is no benefit in running the rekeying procedure if the NULL integrity algorithm is in use, hence it is recommended not to trigger it when using the NULL integrity algorithm. A rekeying operation follows the flows given in figure 5.3.3.1.4.4-1.

NOTE: The rekeying procedure is not required from security point of view if the connection is unprotected.



Figure 5.3.3.1.4.4-1: Security establishment during rekeying

1. UE\_1 sends a Direct Rekey Request to UE\_2. This message shall include UE\_1 security capabilities (the list of algorithms that UE\_1 will accept for this connection). In addition, if a non-Null integrity algorithm is in use, the message shall include Nonce\_1 (for session key generation) and the most significant 8-bits of the KNRP-sess ID. These bits are chosen such that UE\_1 will be able to locally identify a security context that is created by this procedure. The message may also include a Re-auth Flag if UE\_1 wants to rekey KNRP. The message also contains Key\_Est\_Info (see clause 5.3.3.1.3.2).

2. UE\_2 may initiate a Direct Auth Key Establish procedure with UE\_1. This is mandatory if UE\_1 included the Re-auth Flag and signalling is needed to establish KNRP.

3. This step is the same as step 3 in clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 except the following differences: the chosen integrity algorithm shall only be NULL if and only if the NULL integrity algorithm is currently in use, the chosen confidentiality algorithm shall only be NULL if and only if the NULL confidentiality algorithm is currently in use and UE\_1's signalling security policy is not included in this message. UE\_2 is then ready to receive both signalling and user plane traffic protected with the new security context. The lower layer shall be provided with an indication that the new security context can be used to receive protected user plane traffic in addition to the indication(s) from step 3 in clause 5.3.3.1.4.3.

4. This step is the same as step 4 in clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 except the following differences:the UE\_1 shall only accept the NULL integrity algorithm if and only if the NULL integrity algorithm is currently in use, UE\_1 shall only accept the NULL confidentiality algorithm if and only if the NULL confidentiality algorithm is currently in use, and UE\_1 does not check the returned signalling security policy (as it is not sent in this case). UE\_2 is then ready to both send and receive both signalling and user plane traffic protected with the new security context. The lower layer shall receive an indication that the new security context shall be used to send and can be used to receive protected user plane traffic after the Direct Security Mode Complete message has been sent in addition to the indications given in step 4.

5. This step is the same as step 5 in clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 except the following changes: the Direct Communication Accept message is replaced by Direct Link Rekeying Response message. There is no need for the indication to be ready to receive user plane with the new context as this indication was received at step 3 but the rest of the indication from step 5 of clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 are needed.

6. This step is the same as step 6 in clause 5.3.3.1.4.3 except the following: the Direct Communication Accept message is replaced by Direct Link Rekeying Response message. No indication to the AS layer is needed at this step.

5.3.3.1.4.5 Security establishment for user plane bearers

The UEs handle the user plane security policies as described in clauses 5.3.3.1.4.2.3.

The UE initiating the establishment of a user plane bearer shall select an LCID whose associated value of Bearer for input to the security algorithms (see clauses 5.3.3.1.5.2 and 5.3.3.1.5.3) has not been used with the current keys, NRPEK and NRPIK. If this is not possible the UE shall initiate a re-keying (see clause 5.3.3.1.4.4) before establishing the user plane bearer.

When establishing or re-configuring the user plane bearers, the UEs shall activate the user plane security for the bearers according to the configuration of confidentiality and integrity protection received from its V2X layer. The confidentiality and/or integrity protection algorithms are same as those selected for protecting the signalling bearers if confidentiality and/or integrity protection are required for both signalling and user plane. The user plane confidentiality protection algorithm is the same as the selected signalling confidentiality algorithm if signalling confidentiality protection is not activated.

Both UEs shall ensure that the user plane for each V2X service is only sent or received (e.g. dropped if received on a bearer with incorrect security) on user plane bearers with the necessary security if security protection of this link is activated.

##### 5.3.3.1.5 Protection of the PC5 unicast link

5.3.3.1.5.1 General

Protection for the signalling and user plane data between the UEs is provided at the PDCP layer. As the security is not preserved through a drop of the connection, all signalling messages that need to be sent before security is established for a connection may be sent with no protection. The PC5-S signalling messages that can be sent and processed unprotected are given in TS 24.587 [8]. Once security is established for a connection all signalling messages for that connection are sent integrity protected and confidentiality protected with the chosen algorithms except the Direct Security Mode Command which is sent integrity protected only.

5.3.3.1.5.2 Integrity protection

UEs shall implement NIA0, 128-NIA1 and 128-NIA2 and may implement 128-NIA3 for integrity protection of the unicast link. The algorithm identifiers from clause 5.11.1.2 of TS 33.501 [6] are reused for PC5-S, PC5-RRC, and PC5-U.

These integrity algorithms are as specified in TS 33.501 [6] and are reused with the following modifications:

- The key used is NRPIK;

- Direction is set to 1 for direct link signalling transmitted by the UE that sent the Direct Security Mode Command for this security context and 0 otherwise;

- Bearer[0] to Bearer[4] are set to 5 LSB of LCID;

- COUNT[0] to COUNT[31] are filled with counter value (see clause 6.3.5 of TS 38.323 [9]).

NOTE: The above input parameters do not apply to NIA0 as specified in Annex D.1 of TS 33.501 [6].

The receiving UE ensures that received protected signalling messages and user plane data that is integrity protected are not replayed.

5.3.3.1.5.3 Confidentiality protection

UEs shall implement NEA0, 128-NEA1 and 128-NEA2 and may implement 128-NEA3 for ciphering of the unicast link. The algorithm identifiers from clause 5.11.1.1 of TS 33.501 [6] are reused for PC5-S, PC5-RRC, and PC5-U.

These ciphering algorithms are as specified in TS 33.501 [6] and are used with the following modifications:

- The key used in NRPEK;

- Direction is set as for integrity protection (see 5.3.3.1.5.2);

- Bearer[0] to Bearer[4] are set to 5 LSB of LCID;

- COUNT[0] to COUNT[31] are filled with counter value.

NOTE: The above input parameters do not apply to NEA0 as specified in Annex D.1 of TS 33.501 [6].

5.3.3.1.5.4 Content of the PDCP packet

The Key ID and least significant bits of the counter are carried in the PDCP header, along with any MAC that is needed for integrity protection if integrity protection is activated. The key ID is used to signal which security context is being used and shall be set to KNRP-sess ID. The payload field and MAC (if required) fields are ciphered if confidentiality protection is activated.

This is illustrated in Figure 5.3.3.1.5.4-1.



Figure 5.3.3.1.5.4-1: Security parameters in the PDCP header for NR based PC5 unicast mode

#### 5.3.3.2 Identity privacy for the PC5 unicast link

##### 5.3.3.2.1 General

The link identifier update procedure given in TS 23.287 [2] is used to provide privacy for the identities in the unicast link. This procedure only provides privacy if a non-NULL confidentiality algorithm is selected. This means the messages in this procedure are sent confidentiality protected (i.e. using a non-NULL confidentiality algorithm) and hence the new identities agreed by the UEs are only known to the involved UEs. A three-way message exchange procedure is required with this procedure since both UEs need to change their identifiers during the same procedure and to allow these new values to be acknowledged before them being used. This procedure is used to preserve the privacy for the identities that are seen in the clear for an ongoing unicast connection.

NOTE: From a security point of view, it is assumed that the link identifier update procedure is used with a protected connection.

A separate privacy threat that allows to link two subsequent connections is caused by either the same KNRP ID or same partial KNRP ID value being sent in the Direct Communication Request message for subsequent connections. The Layer-2 link release procedure given in TS 23.287 [2] is used to provide privacy for the KNRP ID. The messages in the Layer-2 link release procedure are always sent protected and hence the new KNRP ID agreed by the UEs is only known to the involved UEs.

##### 5.3.3.2.2 Procedures

5.3.3.2.2.1 Link identifier update

Figure 5.3.3.2.2-1 shows the flows for changing the identities of the UEs involved in PC5 unicast link. The figure only displays the security parameters (KNRP-sess ID)that are changed and the Layer-2 IDs but not the other parameters described in TS 23.287 [2].



Figure 5.3.3.2.2.1-1: Link identifier update procedure

The procedure proceeds with the following steps and provides additional handling on top of what is provided in TS 23.287 [2].

0. UE\_1 and UE\_2 are communicating via a unicast link and have established the security for the link.

1. UE\_1 decides to change its identifiers and sends a Link Identifier Update Request message to UE\_2 (see TS 23.287 [2]). In addition to the changed identifiers, UE\_1 shall include the new MSB of KNRP-sess ID in the Link Identifier Update Request message. These bits shall be chosen so that they uniquely identify KNRP-sess at UE\_1. The new MSB of KNRP-sess ID shall be selected randomly.

2. UE\_2 shall choose the new LSB of KNRP-sess ID so that they uniquely identify KNRP-sess at UE\_2. The new LSB of KNRP-sess ID shall be selected randomly. UE\_2 shall form the new KNRP-sess ID from the MSB received from UE\_1 and the LSB that UE\_2 chose. UE\_2 shall associate the new KNRP-sess ID with the updated Layer-2 IDs (see TS 23.287 [2]) and shall use this new KNRP-sess ID when it uses the updated Layer-2 IDs. In addition to its updated identifiers, UE\_2 shall send the LSB of KNRP-sess ID to UE\_1 along with the received MSB of KNRP-sess ID and other identifiers received from UE\_1 in the Link Identifier Update Response message. UE\_1 shall check that the returned MSB of KNRP-sess ID is identical to the one sent in step 1.

3. UE\_1 shall form the new KNRP-sess ID from the LSB received from UE\_2 and the MSB chosen by UE\_1 (in step 1). UE\_1 shall associate the new KNRP-sess ID with the updated Layer-2 IDs (see TS 23.287 [2]) and shall use this new KNRP-sess ID when it uses the updated Layer-2 IDs. UE\_1 shall send the Link Identifier Update Ack message to UE\_2 including the LSB of KNRP-sess ID and other identifiers received from UE\_2. UE\_2 shall check that the returned LSB of KNRP-sess ID are identical to the one sent in step 2.

5.3.3.2.2.2 Layer-2 link release

Figure 5.3.3.2.2.2-2 shows the message flows for changing the KNRP ID of the UEs involved in PC5 unicast link to remediate the privacy threat for the KNRP ID. This message flow is based on the Layer-2 link release procedure provided in clause 6.3.3.3 of TS 23.287 [2]. The messages in the Layer-2 link release procedure are always sent protected and hence the new KNRP ID agreed by the UEs is only known to the involved UEs. The new KNRP ID is used on a subsequent unicast link establishment procedure (see clause 5.3.3.1.4.3).



Figure 5.3.3.2.2.2-2: Layer-2 link release procedure

0. UE\_1 and UE\_2 have a unicast link established as described in TS 23.287 [2].

1. UE\_1 sends a Disconnect Request message to UE\_2 in order to release the layer-2 link (see TS 23.287 [2]). UE\_1 shall include the new MSB of KNRP ID in the Disconnect Request message. These bits shall be chosen so that they uniquely identify KNRP at UE\_1. The new MSB of KNRP ID shall be selected randomly.

2. UE\_2 shall choose the new LSB of KNRP ID so that they uniquely identify KNRP at UE\_2. The new LSB of KNRP ID shall be selected randomly. UE\_2 shall form the new KNRP ID from the MSB received from UE\_1 and the LSB that UE\_2 chose. UE\_2 may use this new KNRP ID when it reconnects with UE\_1. UE\_2 shall send the LSB of KNRP ID to UE\_1 in the Disconnect Response message. Upon reception of the Disconnect Response message, UE\_1 shall form the new KNRP ID from the LSB received from UE\_2 and the MSB that was chosen by UE\_1 (in step 1). UE\_1 may use this new KNRP ID when it reconnects with UE\_2.

## 5.4 Security for groupcast mode

### 5.4.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that can be specifically applied for the groupcast mode over the NR PC5 interface.

### 5.4.2 Requirements

#### 5.4.2.1 Requirements for securing the NR based PC5 groupcast mode

There are no requirements for securing the NR based PC5 reference point for groupcast mode.

#### 5.4.2.2 Identity privacy requirements for the NR based PC5 groupcast mode

The 5G System shall protect against link ability attacks on Layer-2 ID and IP address for groupcast mode.

The 5G System shall protect against trackability attacks on Layer-2 ID and IP address for groupcast mode.

### 5.4.3 Procedures

#### 5.4.3.1 Securing the NR based PC5 groupcast mode

There are no particular procedures defined for securing the NR based PC5 groupcast mode.

#### 5.4.3.2 Identity privacy procedures for the PC5 groupcast mode

The below privacy procedures follow the privacy mechanism defined in TS 33.185 [5] for V2X LTE which is intended to mitigate against the threat of tracking the UE by an attacker based on its used source identities.

The UE shall change and randomize its source Layer-2 ID and source IP address including IP prefix (if used) when the V2X application indicates that the Application Layer ID has changed. The UE may change and randomize its source Layer-2 ID and source IP address including IP prefix (if used) at other times (e.g. see clause 5.6.1.1 in TS 23.287 [2]). The UE shall provide an indication to the V2X application layer whenever the source Layer-2 ID and/or source IP address are changed.

NOTE: There are no additional procedures defined for privacy of destination Layer-2 ID in this release.

## 5.5 Security for broadcast mode

### 5.5.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that can be specifically applied for the broadcast mode over the NR PC5 interface.

### 5.5.2 Requirements

#### 5.5.2.1 Requirements for securing the NR based PC5 broadcast mode

There are no requirements for securing the NR based PC5 reference point for broadcast mode.

#### 5.5.2.2 Identity privacy requirements for the NR based PC5 broadcast mode

The 5G System shall protect against link ability attacks on Layer-2 ID and IP address for broadcast mode.

The 5G System shall protect against trackability attacks on Layer-2 ID and IP address for broadcast mode.

### 5.5.3 Procedures

#### 5.5.3.1 Securing the NR based PC5 broadcast mode

There are no particular procedures defined for securing the NR based PC5 broadcast mode.

#### 5.5.3.2 Identity privacy procedures for the NR based PC5 broadcast mode

These procedures for the privacy of source Layer-2 ID and source IP address are the same as that given in clause 5.4.3.2 for the source identities in the UE.

# 6 Security for V2X over Uu reference point

## 6.1 General

This clause contains the security and privacy requirements and procedures that meet the requirements over Uu connectivity with 5G core network.

## 6.2 Requirements

There are no additional security or privacy requirements for V2X beyond those given in TS 33.501 [6] for Uu connectivity with 5G core network.

## 6.3 Procedures

There are no additional security or privacy procedures of V2X beyond those given in TS 33.501 [6] for Uu connectivity with 5G core network.

NOTE: The present document does not provide technical solutions to address any privacy concerns specific to V2X service that require privacy for a UE being attached to the network, or that due to the data traversing the network in Uu mode. However, there are general privacy principles applicable outside of 3GPP scope; data minimization and user consent if privacy impacting data collection is unavoidable for providing the V2X service.

Annex A (normative):  
Key derivation functions

# A.1 KDF interface and input parameter construction

## A.1.1 General

This annex specifies the use of the Key Derivation Function (KDF) specified in TS 33.220 [7] for the current specification. This annex specifies how to construct the input string, S, to the KDF (which is input together with the relevant key). For each of the distinct usages of the KDF, the input parameters S are specified below.

## A.1.2 FC value allocations

The FC number space used is controlled by TS 33.220 [7].

# A.2 Calculation of NRPEK and NRPIK

When calculating an NRPIK or NRPEK from KNRP-sess, the following parameters shall be used to form the input S to the KDF that is specified in Annex B of TS 33.220 [7]:

- FC = 0x7E

- P0 = 0x00 if NRPEK is being derived or 0x01 if NRPIK is being derived

- L0 = length of P0 (i.e. 0x00 0x01)

- P1 = algorithm identity

- L1 = length of algorithm identity (i.e. 0x00 0x01)

The algorithm identity shall be set as described in TS 33.501 [6].

The input key shall be the 256-bit KNRP-sess.

For an algorithm key of length n bits, where n is less or equal to 256, the n least significant bits of the 256 bits of the KDF output shall be used as the algorithm key.

# A.3 Calculation of KNRP-sess from KNRP

When calculating KNRP-sess from KNRP, the following parameters shall be used to form the input S to the KDF that is specified in Annex B of TS 33.220 [7]:

- FC = 0x7F

- P0 = Nonce\_1

- L0 = length of Nonce\_1 (i.e. 0x00 0x10)

- P1 = Nonce\_2

- L1 = length of Nonce\_2 (i.e. 0x00 0x10)

The input key shall be the 256-bit KNRP.

Annex B (informative):  
Change history

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