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# 1 Scope

The present document (together with three accompanying documents, [8], [9] and [10] describes the design rationale, and presents evaluation results, on the Tuak algorithm set [5] – a second example set of algorithms which may be used as the authentication and key generation functions  $f1, f1^*, f2, f3, f4, f5$  and  $f5^*$ , e.g. as an alternative to MILENAGE.

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

**Keccak:** algorithm selected as the winner of the SHA-3 competition

**MILENAGE:** previously designed example algorithm set for the 3GPP Authentication and Key Generation Functions

**TOPc:** value derived from TOP and K and used within the computations of the functions  $f1$ ,  $f1^*$ ,  $f2$ ,  $f3$ ,  $f4$ ,  $f5$  and  $f5^*$

**Tuak:** newly designed example algorithm set for the 3GPP Authentication and Key Generation Functions. It should be pronounced like "too-ack"

### 3.2 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].

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard block cipher
AK	Anonymity Key
AMF	Algorithm Management Field
AuC	Authentication Centre
CK	Cipher Key
CPU	Central Processing Unit
DEMA	Differential Electromagnetic Analysis
DPA	Differential Power Analysis
IC	Integrated Circuit



IK	Integrity Key
K	Long lived subscriber unique key
MAC	Message Authentication Code
MAC-A	MAC for normal authentication vectors
MAC-S	MAC for resynchronization vectors
MULTOS	Multi-application smart card operating system
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NSA	National Security Agency
NVM	Non-Volatile Memory
RAM	Random Access Memory
RAND	Random input parameter to authentication and key generation functions
RES	Response value
RNC	Radio Network Controller
ROM	Read-Only Memory
SAGE	Security Algorithms Group of Experts

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SHA-2	Secure Hash Algorithm already standardized by NIST
SHA-3	Secure Hash Algorithm soon to be standardized by NIST
TOP	Tuak Operator Variant Algorithm Configuration Field
SEMA	Simple Electromagnetic Analysis
SIM	Subscriber Identity Module
SPA	Simple Power Analysis
SQN	Sequence Number
UICC	Universal Integrated Circuit Card
USIM	Universal Subscriber Identity Module
XMAC	Expected MAC value

## 4 Structure of this report

The main content of the present document is organized as follows:

- Clause 5 and 6 give the requirements and background that were considered during the design of Tuak – first recalling the functional and performance requirements that were used for MILENAGE, then noting some differences and additional points that apply for Tuak.
- Clause 7 gives a brief overview of the Tuak design.
- Clause 8 runs through choices made during the design of Tuak, and the reasons behind those choices.
- Clause 9 introduces independent assessments that have been carried out on the security and performance of Tuak. The full independent assessment reports are included as companion documents to this one.
- Clause 10 gives some further observations on software implementation and protection against side channel attacks.
- Clause 11 concludes with an overall assessment of Tuak's fitness for purpose.

Three further documents [8], [9] and [10] complete the present document, as explained in clause 9.

## 5 Background to the design and evaluation work

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) is a global initiative dedicated to the development of specifications for the next generations of cellular mobile systems. Integration of strong security services is an important feature of this system and the general security architecture is defined in ref. [2]. The implementation of these security services should be based on a variety of cryptographic functions/algorithms.

Out of the full algorithm suite, only the UMTS encryption algorithms (*f8*) and the UMTS integrity algorithms (*f9*) are fully standardized. *f0* represents a random number generation algorithm, and has no standardization or interoperability

requirements at all. The remaining cryptographic functions for authentication and key agreement ( $f1 - f5^*$ ) are allocated to the Authentication Centre (AuC) and the USIM; this means that the functions are proprietary to the home environment, and there is no need for formal standardization of these algorithms. However, there are good reasons to have a well trusted example set of functions available for this purpose, for use by operators that choose not to develop their own solutions. The MILENAGE algorithm set [4] was created to meet this need.

There are also good reasons to have a second trusted example set of ( $f1 - f5^*$ ) algorithms available:

- To have a fallback already in place in case MILENAGE is ever compromised.
- In particular, for the embedded UICC, where it may be sensible to have two strong algorithms installed on the platform and available for selection by subsequently loaded USIM applications. This provides choice to operators; it also provides resilience against future cryptanalysis of either algorithm, in devices that may have a long lifetime in the field.

The Tuak algorithm set [5], [6] and [7] has been created to serve as this second trusted example algorithm set.

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## 6 Summary of algorithm requirements

### 6.0 Introduction

When MILENAGE was created, the requirements specification was taken from [3]. Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 below reproduce the main requirements necessary to understand the present document. Clause 6.3 describes some new requirements that came into play when designing Tuak.

### 6.1 General requirements for 3GPP cryptographic functions and algorithms (as stated for MILENAGE)

The functions should be designed with a view to their continued use for a period of at least 20 years. Successful attacks with a workload significantly less than exhaustive key search through the effective key space should be impossible.

The designers of above functions should design algorithms to a strength that reflects the above qualitative requirements.

Legal restrictions on the use or export of equipment containing cryptographic functions may prevent the use of such equipment in certain countries.

It is the intention that UE and USIMs that embody such algorithms should be free from restrictions on export or use, in order to allow the free circulation of 3G terminals. Network equipment, including RNC and AuC, may be expected to come under more stringent restrictions. It is the intention that RNC and AuC that embody such algorithms should be exportable under the conditions of the Wassenaar Arrangement, see reference [13].

### 6.2 Authentication and key agreement functions (as stated for MILENAGE)

#### 6.2.0 Introduction

The mechanisms for authentication and key agreement described in clause 6.3 of [2] require the following cryptographic functions:

- $f1$  The network authentication function;
- $f1^*$  The re-synchronization message authentication function;
- $f2$  The user authentication function;