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(57) Abstract :

The present disclosure relates to a method and system for secure key management in a Machine Type Communication (MTC) environment. The User Equipment (UE) (110) initiates a secure key exchange with a network (120) during registration through a registration unit (111). Session keys are derived using a key derivation unit (113) within the UE (110), leveraging a secure one-way function and parameters like device-specific attributes and session identifiers. These session keys facilitate secure communication via a secure channel (130). The network component (120) possesses a key management unit (121) for the reception and secure storage of keys. Provisions for updating session keys are addressed using key update units (114 & 123). In security breach scenarios, rekeying units (115 & 124) generate new session keys. Additionally, computer-readable storage mediums (140, 141, 142) enable execution of the outlined method. This abstract underscores the holistic approach to secure key management in MTC systems.

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