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Birthday Forgery Attack on 128-EIA3 Version 1.5

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Abstract: 128-EIA3 is an integrity algorithm considered for adoption as a third integrity algorithm by European Telecommunication Standard Institute (ETSI) for 4th generation of GSM networks. 128-EIA3 is vulnerable to birthday forgery attack. Birthday forgery attack requires minimum 2^{16} known message-MAC pairs for finding collision in 128-EIA3. 128-EIA3 is susceptible to internal collision of its universal hash function and external collision of its Xoring transformation. Birthday forgery attack on 128-EIA3 allows message forgery with success probability greater than $1/2^{32}$.

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