

# Lightweight Key Management Scheme Using Fuzzy Extractor for Wireless Mobile Sensor Network

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Abstract: The mature design of wireless mobile sensor network makes it to be used in vast verities of applications including from home used to the security surveillance. All such types of applications based on wireless mobile sensor network are generally using real time data, most of them are interested in real time communication directly from cluster head of cluster instead of a base station in cluster network. This would be possible if an external user allows to directly access real time data from the cluster head in cluster wireless mobile sensor network instead of accessing data from base station. But this leads to a serious security breach and degrades the performance of any security protocol available in this domain. Most existing schemes for authentication and cluster key management for external users, exchange a number of messages between cluster head and base station to allow external to access real time data from the base station instead of cluster head. This increase communication cost and delay in such real time access information. To handle this critical issue in cluster wireless mobile sensor network, we propose a lightweight authentication and key management scheme using a fuzzy extractor. In this scheme, any external user can access data directly from the cluster head of any cluster without the involvement of the base station. The proposed scheme only uses the one-way hash functions and bitwise XOR operations, apart from the fuzzy extractor method for the user biometric verification at the login phase. The presented scheme supports scalability for an increasing number of nodes using polynomials. The proposed scheme increases the life-time of the network by decreasing the key pool size.

**Keywords:** Fuzzy extractor; user authentication; key management; cluster session key; wireless mobile sensor network



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#### **1** Introduction

The most recent innovative advances in Multi-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) have empowered the improvement of scaled-down sensor nodes [1]. These nodes are small in size having constrained communication and processing abilities with non-replaceable small power batteries. Besides, these nodes constrained storage capacity and commonly have transmission radio range.

Wireless sensor networks whose all or some sensors have the capability of movement around thef deployed area are called Wireless Mobile Sensor Network (WMSN) [2]. WMSN consists of a huge number of dispersed tiny mobile nodes possibly installed in a remote hostile environment. These nodes have limited power in terms of processing, memory storage, and most importantly the energy resources. After random deployment, sensor nodes are divided into different groups called clusters. Each group has selected one node as a representative node called cluster head (CH). The remaining nodes of a group are called member nodes and transmit their data toward the cluster head.

All the data are summarized on the cluster head and forward to BS [3]. Any external user can access data from a base station. A general structure of cluster base WMSN with the external user is shown in Fig. 1. Each cluster head has to manage a cluster of nodes and forward the send information of their member to the base station.

The given structure shown in Fig. 1, assumes an external user who went access the real-time information from the cluster head directly instead of a base station. Such access is provided both the external user and cluster head mutually authenticate each other with the help of the base station. The base station is mostly considered a trustworthy entity and will not be compromised by an attacker. Because of the wireless communication nature, different security issues occur in WMSN. Ordinary security frameworks utilizing open key cryptography make overhead with deference computational and transmission costs. Therefore, secure lightweight authentication and key management scheme need to be designed for WMSN, which should be efficient communicationally and computationally for an external user, sensor nodes, and base station [4].

Different nameless security schemes have been proposed for WMSN in the later past which shows differing natures and additional levels of security assurance at different prices. In this section, we talk about the current cryptography schemes that tended to the issue of key management for secure communication in WMSNs. Because of the resource's limitation in WMSNs, a comprehensive harmony between energy usage overhead and the security level is expected to moderate the safety threats. Some symmetric metrics, for example, Node-ID, message authentication code (MCA), nonce-number, and time-stamps. These are energy efficient parameters for cluster key management techniques. Additionally, this keeps away from the distinctive kind of attacks from a suspected node and stays away from compromised node attacks. Various security schemes presented for WMSNs utilize symmetric encryption, because of the simplicity of its execution [5]. Other than this, single node authentication has turned out to be not able to take care of the increasing transmission demand. When the services request is growing up day by day, a multiparty calculation is fundamental for nodes verification (authentication) concurrently and safely. Similarly, for inter and intracluster communication, member nodes jointly build a mutual session key called cluster key to allow secure exchange of messages [6].

The majority of the applications engaged with the WMSN are real-time based [7]. Along these lines, the external users are for the most part keen on getting to the real-time data from the base station instead of the cluster head of a specific cluster which may create a delay for such time-sensitive data. This occurs on the off chance that we permit the external user to straightforwardly access real-time information from the cluster head and not from the base station. As a rule, the data that is accumulated by the base station from the automatons cluster head occasionally, and accordingly, the gathered data

may not be in real time. Accordingly, to acquire the real time data from the cluster head, the user (for instance, driver of a rescue vehicle) needs to get to the information legitimately from a got to ramble given that the user is an authentic one to get to it from that cluster head is ordered to restrict un-authorized access information from the cluster head. On the premise of the received information from the specific cluster head, the external user can take a significant choice, for example, the driver of the rescue vehicle can pick the correct run time path which has fewer blockages to help that driver to spare the life of a patient. This requires designing an efficient external user authentication and key management scheme for providing real-time access in WMSN.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides the literature review of some wellknown cluster key management algorithms for WMSN. Section 3 describes the network and threat model. Section 3.2 describes the System model. Section 4 presents some preliminaries and Section 5 presents a proposed scheme. Section 6 describes the security analysis of the proposed scheme with other schemes and Section 7 discusses the simulation performance of the proposed scheme.

## 2 Literature Review

Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) have a few applications including traffic observing, avalanche location, pipeline observing, fringe watch, restoration applications, accuracy horticulture, research facility mentoring, constant human services checking furthermore, military applications [8]. For all such types of applications, real-time information access is required by an approved user (external) from a specific node directly. Along these lines, user authentication is required for making secure communication.

By and large, security in WSN has been broadly researched in recent times. A large portion of the security arrangements has been composed either to protect WSNs from some known attacks (*e.g.*, particular sending, dark gap) or cautious procedures: for example, intrusion detection system [9] is proposed.

Prevention mechanism such as key management scheme is presented [10]. The key messages transmitted through an intermediate node ought to likewise be secure [11]. In any case, they are designed for static WSN [12] which requires a vast number of messages to set up and maintain an update key over the system. Also, the dynamic nature of WMSN (frequent mobility) requires keys to be refreshed when needed. This causes immense communication overhead on nodes with less energy and henceforth decreases their lifetime.

To build up secure keys among the member node of a cluster, the scheme in [13] proposed a Logical Key Hierarchy (LKH) where the whole cluster is represented like a tree. Leaf nodes *i.e.*, member nodes share symmetric keys. The cluster key is allocated to CH. Jen-Chiun Lin et al. presented One-way Key derivation (OKD) [14] that used the idea of one-way hash function like Dini et al. LKH scheme was additionally enhanced by Je et al. to consider the resources of each node during tree development. In these schemes, indirect path keys between leaf sensor nodes over the cluster are set up using the CH node of a neighboring cluster. Similarly, another tree-based cluster key management is presented [15] in which a leaf node can calculate keys toward CH.

One key exchange scheme is Localized Encryption and Authentication Protocol (LEAP) [16], which was proposed to secure the inter-cluster communication of WSNs. LEAP organized communication messages and presented four sorts of keys inside a network for security. Every one of the four keys was shared between individual nodes of the WSN. This scheme is very costly because large keys are used.

The paper [17] utilized two polynomial pools, common mobile and common static, on which they executed three-level architecture to pick up an improved level of security for WSNs. The pools have a sensor node with getting to focus and movable sinks. Keys are conveyed by the access point and the portable sinks. Pairwise key pre-distribution techniques are utilized for the authentication of a node with the assistance of polynomial keys.

One of the key management schemes [18] is presented for heterogeneous WMSNs using asymmetric key pre-distribution and hash function. It utilizes a seed key and hash capacity to understand the authentication of a mobile CH, however, it just allows CH mobility, and the entire members are static.

A key pre-distribution algorithm where BS provides seeds to sensor nodes to compute another key that gives satisfactory security was depicted in [19]. It permits secretly appropriating a secret to an arrangement of beneficiaries with just a single multicast correspondence [20]. A less expensive XOR-based re-keying scheme is presented in [21] which does not need message exchange in WSN for key distribution.

A dynamic polynomial-based key management scheme is presented in [22] where the master node is used for secure communication during cluster key establishment. In this scheme, some advanced nodes are used called H-sensor nodes responsible for key management. Every time H-Sensor nodes generate polynomial when change occurs in a cluster. It enhances the left-time of the sensor network by reducing the key pool size but this needs an advanced node which increases the cost of a network.

In [23] the author presents an energy efficient distributed deterministic key management algorithm (EDDK) for WMSN. EDDK concentrates on the establishment and updating of the pairwise keys, also the inter-cluster keys, and can settle a few imperfections in some current key management schemes. Construction of a neighboring table during key establishment not only gives the security to key support and information exchanges but it can likewise be utilized to adequately deal with the storage and refresh of the keys. By utilizing the elliptic curve digital signature algorithm in EDDK, both new and movable sensor nodes can join or leave or re-join a sensor network safely. The real reason for the low performance of EDDK is that it calculates the pairwise keys and changes in neighborhood impact on the estimation of pairwise keys, which may give the wrong example of pairwise keys and needs the recalculation of pairwise keys.

In [24] a new scheme called cluster based mobile key management system (CMKMS) considers two stages, first stage for key maintenance which sets up two private keys, home key for its cluster, and foreign key when a node move starting with one cluster then onto the next. The second stage keeps up the keys when CH moves starting with one group then onto the next. The proposed scheme enhances the efficiency of key management as far as security, energy saving, mobility, and network scalability. This scheme has efficiency because of using the RC4 algorithm for encryption and decryption.

Nabavi et al. [25] presents a novel key management scheme to enhance the energy efficiency, security, and scalability prerequisites by diminishing the computational complexity of the scheme. This scheme keeps running in two stages; in the first stage, it sets up the cluster and appoints the home and foreign keys to every node. The second stage keeps up the key update during the node and CH mobility. Besides, to improve energy efficiency, reduce computational overhead, and enhance encryption speed, the ECDSA encryption algorithm has been used.

Similarly, a lot of schemes [26–34] have been presented for dynamic key generation and authentication in cluster WMSN for a heterogeneous network, where advanced nodes are used for key generation and maintenance. Turkanovic et al. [35] proposed a user-authentication technique for WSNs, which arranges a cluster key with an overall sensor node in a cluster. This scheme plan gives mutual authentication between the external user, sensor, and the base station. Their scheme is reasonable for the asset obliged sensor hubs as it utilizes just straightforward hash and bitwise XOR calculations.

Nonetheless, Farash et al. [36] pointed out a few security traps in Turkanovic et al. [35] plot scheme, for example, it doesn't give sensor obscurity and user discernibility, and it isn't likewise secure against man-in-the-middle, session key security, sensor impersonation, and stolen card attacks.

Rehman et al. [37] has proposed a scheme called P that generated polynomials whenever they are needed by nodes. Polynomials are generated dynamically when changes occur in the cluster to create a new cluster key (session key). The proposed key management scheme is secure against eavesdropping and node capturing by using efficient key management based on the dynamic generation of a polynomial. The proposed scheme has low communication, storage, and computation without compromising the security of key management. The number of keys stored in CH is considerably reduced and provides resistance against insider and outsider attacks. But this scheme does not consider the real-time data communication as required by an external user when went to join a cluster and access data directly from the cluster head instead of from the base station.

#### **3** Threat and System Models

The threat model is based on Dolev-Yao model [38], initially, the nodes are deployed and can communicate over an open (insecure) channel. As the communication channel is open and the party like  $EU_i$  and  $CH_i$  are assumed to be untrusted.

Adversaries try to get important data from nodes or networks by deleting and modifying the transmitted data. The adversaries say Ai can be in the form of either active or passive attacks. Physical attacks can be launched by an adversary to compromising nodes and get secret data for future use. Inside and outside attacks can distribute the vital thing, caught data, interrupt the security collusively, and are called collusive physical attacks. For example, the CH<sub>i</sub> node and the newly joined nodes can dispatch tricky attacks over the cluster key no longer having a place with them. Capturing node physical attacks is exceptionally destructive to the system if over-the-top cryptographic keys are still available inside a node. By and large, attacks influencing safe key distribution are eavesdropping and node capturing.

Our network consists of two types of nodes, External node user  $(EU_i)$  and base station BS as shown in Fig. 1. One type is a normal node that gather data from the environment and the second type of node is one which are selected as a cluster head  $(CH_i)$  using some well know algorithm [39]. These nodes have limited computation, communication, and storage capacity. The second type of node is BS having a lot of resources, powerful computation, and is the most trusted entity. To establish mutual authentication among the sensor nodes (sensors, cluster heads), each sensor needs to accomplish a shared authentication mechanism and create a dynamic shared cluster prior to the communication. At last, every node can confirm its authenticity using this shared with another. Any EUi can access real-time data directly from any CH<sub>i</sub> after proper authentication EU<sub>i</sub> and CH<sub>i</sub> can establish a session key and start secure communication. The notations used in this study and its description are shown in Tab. 1.



Figure 1: Cluster based network model of WMSN

Notations	Description	
EUi	External ith user	
MBi	External user ith mobile device	
CH <sub>i</sub>	ith cluster head	
BS	Base station	
$EU_{Idi}, EU_{pwi}, EU_{Boi}$	External user i's identity, password and biometric	
BS <sub>Id</sub> , CH <sub>Id</sub>	Base station and cluster head ID	
$BS_{Pid}, EU_{Pid}, CH_{Pid}$	Base station, external user and cluster head pseudo identities	
l, n	20 Bytes secret number of BS and EU <sub>i</sub>	
$r_{1,} r_{2}, r_{2}$	20 Bytes nonce of $EU_i$ , BS and $CH_i$	
EU <sub>RTi</sub> , CH <sub>RTi</sub>	EU <sub>i</sub> and CH <sub>i</sub> registration timestamp	
$EU_{MKi}, C_{MKi}$	EU <sub>i</sub> and CH <sub>i</sub> 20 Bytes network cluster key	
$t_1, t_2, t_3$	Current timestamp	
T'	Message transmission delay	
Gen/Rep(.)	Generation/Reproduction function (Fuzzy extractor)	
$\varphi i$	Biometric value of EU <sub>i</sub> (biometric secret key)	
P <sub>ti</sub>	EU <sub>i</sub> reproduction parameter	
T <sub>er</sub>	Fuzzy extractor error tolerance threshold	
CSKi	Shared secret cluster key between member nodes, cluster head and external user	

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## **4** Preliminaries

This segment quickly presents fuzzy extractor work as follows. A fuzzy extractor alters the biometric input information into uniform random strings which at that point fills in as a biometric key [40]. Utilizing this calculation, any random length string Li could be transformed by consolidating a nonexclusive biometric input (pulse noise) Ji with the aide string Hi. This calculation needs two activities to work appropriately, for example, Gen and Rep. The Gen activity takes biometric input Ji and creates double output Li  $\in \{0, 1\}$  *l* and an aide yield Hi  $\in \{0, 1\}$  \*. The Li string is left well enough alone, while Hi is additionally put away. To recoup Li, the second activity Rep is utilized to utilize

the components Ji and Hi. To approve the rightness of the fuzzy extractor, the capacity ds (Ji, Ji\*)  $\leq t$  and Gen (Ji)  $\rightarrow$  (Li, Hi) is used. At that point, we get Rep (Ji\*, Hi)  $\rightarrow$  Li, where ds show distance function and t<sub>err</sub> as error threshold.

#### **5** Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme presented in this section consists of six steps: 1. Initial deployment, 2. External user registration, 3. External user login, 4. External user authentication and key management, 5. New cluster head addition and 6. is cluster head key management. One of the strong aspects of the proposed scheme is that it is based on a lightweight one-way hash function and bit-wise XOR operation as well as using fuzzy extractor technique which is only required for biometric verification of external users. A detailed explanation of each phase is given below.

In the initial deployment, it is the responsibility of BS to register each  $Ch_i$ . So, BS chose 20 Bytes unique secret number 1 and also the identity of  $CH_{Idi}$  of each CH. Pseudo ID is computed for each CH as  $CH_{PId} = h(CH_{Idi}||1)$  and BS also selects 20 B network cluster key  $C_{Mki}$  to each CH<sub>i</sub>. After that BS calculates temporary credential as  $T_{Chi} = h(CH_{Idi}||C_{Mki}||CH_{RTi})$  and  $CH_{RTi}$  denotes registration timestamp.

As because of random mobility in WMSN, for the establishment of pair-wise key between two neighbour CH, BS uses asymmetric bivariate polynomial  $p(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k} g_{i,j} x^{i} y^{j} \in GF(p)[x, y]$  of degree k over GF(p) and the coefficient of  $g_{i,j}$  are taken from GF(P). p shows the selected larger prime and k must be larger than the number of selected CHs in the deployed network.

At all, BS station send the calculated values of {CHIdi,  $CH_{RTi}$ ,  $T_{Chi}$ ,  $p(T_{Chi}, y)$ } to CH in the secure channel,  $T_{Chi}$  is the CH<sub>i</sub> temporary id. BS also stores the same information in its memory.

### 5.1 External User Registration

In this section, how the external user (firefighter)  $EU_i$  register in the network for accessing realtime data from a particular  $CH_i$  for providing relief to a particular region. For this  $EU_i$  first time register itself with BS using secure channel using the following step.

1. EU<sub>i</sub> send registration request-massage including EU<sub>idi</sub> to BS in secure channel. Upon receptions of this massage, BS compute  $EU_{pid} = h(EU_{id} \parallel 1)$  using 20 Bytes secret number 1 and at the same time BS calculates  $BS_{Pid} = h(BS_{id} \parallel 1)$  and  $A = h(BS_{pid} \parallel EU_i)$  and temporary credential  $T_{EUi} = h(EU_{idi} \parallel 1) \equiv H(EU_{idi} \parallel EU_{idi})$ . BS send reply massage to  $EU_i$  in secure channel including  $(RT_{EUi}, RT_{Chi}, RT_{BS}, T_{EUi}, A)$ .

2. Upon the receipt of the reply massage from BS,  $EU_i$  selects his password  $PW_{Eui}$  and biometric  $EU_{Boi}$  at his mobile device MB<sub>i</sub>. Widely used fuzzy extractor/verification [38] is applied from biometric verification.  $EU_i$  uses his MB<sub>i</sub> to generate biometric key  $\varphi$  and its public parameter  $t_i$  as  $Gen(EU_{Boi}) = (\varphi i, ti)$ .

3.  $EU_i$  generates 20 B secret number n and computes  $EU_{Pid}^{\sim} = EU_{Pid} \oplus h(PW_{Eui} \parallel \varphi)$ ,  $CH_{Pid}^{\sim} = CH_{Pid} \oplus h(EU_{idi} \parallel PW_{Eui} \parallel \varphi)$ ,  $T_{EUi}^{\sim} = T_{EUi} h(PW_{Eui} \parallel \varphi)$  and new temporary password  $TPW_i = h(PW_{Eui} \parallel n)$ ,  $B_{Pid}^{\sim} = BS_{Pid} \oplus h(EU_{Pid} \parallel \varphi)$  and further more computes the below given as:  $A^{\sim} = A \oplus h(EU_{Pid} \parallel \varphi i \parallel PW_{EUi})$ (1)

 $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{n} \oplus \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{PW}_{\text{EUi}} \| \mathbf{EU}_{\text{idi}} \| \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{i}) \tag{2}$ 

$$C = h(A \| CH_{Pid} \| TPW_i \| \varphi i)$$
(3)

After all,  $U_i$  store the following information in its mobile device memory:  $\{EU_{Pid}^{\sim}, CH_{Pid}^{\sim}, BS_{Pid}^{\sim}, T_{EUi}, A_{\sim}^{\sim}, B, C, t_i, Gen/Rep, h(.), t\}$ . BS also stores the following in its memory  $\{EU_i, EU_{Pid}, T_{EUi}, BS_{Pid}\}$ .

4. For Login into the system,  $EU_i$  generates  $T_1$ , 20 B nonce  $r_1$  and computes the following using a mobile device:

$$K_{1} = EU_{Pid} \oplus h(BS_{Pid} || T_{1})$$

$$K_{2} = CH_{Pid} \oplus h(T_{EUi} || EU_{idi} || T_{1})$$

$$K_{3} = h(BS_{Pid} || T_{EUi} || T_{1}) \oplus r_{1}$$
(6)

$$K_{4} = h(EU_{id} \| BS_{Pid} \| CH_{Pid} \| T_{EUi} \| r_{1} \| T_{1})$$
(7)

Finally, EU<sub>i</sub> send login-req including  $M_1 = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, T_1\}$  to BS using any open channel and the registration process is shown in Fig. 2.

External User (EU <sub>i</sub> )	<b>Base Station (BS)</b>
(EU <sub>idi</sub>   login-req)	
Computes $(EU_{pid} = h(EU_{id}  1)$	
$BS_{Pid} = h (BS_{id}    l)$	
$A = h (BS_{pid}    EU_i)$	
$T_{EUi} = h (EU_{idi}   EU_{MKi}  RT_{EUi})$	
$(RT_{EUi}, RT_{Chi}, RT_{BS}, T_{EUi}, A)$	
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$\mathrm{EU}_{\mathrm{Pid}}^{\sim}=\mathrm{EU}_{\mathrm{Pid}}\oplus\mathrm{h}\left(\mathrm{PW}_{\mathrm{Eui}}\parallelarphi i ight)$	
$\operatorname{CH}_{\operatorname{Pid}} = \operatorname{CH}_{\operatorname{Pid}} \oplus \operatorname{h}\left(\operatorname{EU}_{\operatorname{idi}} \  \operatorname{PW}_{\operatorname{Eui}} \  \varphi i\right)$	
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{EUi}}^{}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{EUi}}\oplus\mathrm{h}\ (\mathrm{PW}_{\mathrm{Eui}}\parallelarphi i)$	
$TPW_i = h (PW_{Eui} \parallel n)$	
$\mathrm{BS}_{\mathrm{Pid}} = \mathrm{BS}_{\mathrm{Pid}} \oplus \mathrm{h} \left( \mathrm{EU}_{\mathrm{Pid}} \parallel \varphi i \right)$	
$A^{\sim} = A \oplus h(EU_{Pid} \parallel \varphi i \parallel PW_{EUi})$	
$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{n} \oplus \mathbf{h} (\mathbf{PW}_{\mathrm{Eui}} \parallel \mathrm{EU}_{\mathrm{idi}} \parallel \boldsymbol{\varphi} i)$	
$C = h (A \ CH_{Pid}\ TPW_i\  \varphi i)$	
$K_1 = EU_{Pid} \oplus h(BS_{Pid}     T_1)$	
$K_2 = CH_{Pid} \oplus h(T_{EUi}     EU_{idi}     T_1)$	
$K_3 = h (BS_{Pid}     T_{EUi}     T_1) \oplus r_1$	
$K_4 = h (EU_{id}    BS_{Pid}   CH_{Pid}    T_{EUi}    r_1   T_1)$	
$M_1 = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, T_1\}$	
Vi Open Channel	BS store $(M_1)$
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Figure 2: External user registration

#### 5.2 Key Agreement

Upon the receipt of login-req massg from  $EU_i$ , the following communication step-wise are performed among BS,  $EU_i$ , and particular  $CH_i$  for the establishment of session key between  $EU_i$  and  $CH_i$ .

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1. BS first checks the freshness of login-req masg by calculating  $|T_1 - T_1^{\sim}| < T^{\sim}$  and when false then terminate it, otherwise BS computes  $EU_{Pid} = K_1 \oplus h(BS_{Pid} \parallel T_1)$ . For extraction of  $T_{EUi}$ , BS calculates the following:

$$CH_{Pid} = K_2 \oplus h(T_{EUi} || EU_{idi} || T_1)$$
(8)

$$\mathbf{r}_{1}^{\sim} = \mathbf{K}_{3} \oplus \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{id}} \| \mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{EUi}} \| \mathbf{T}_{1}) \tag{9}$$

 $\mathbf{K}_{4}^{\sim} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{E}\mathbf{U}_{idi} \| \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}_{Pid} \| \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_{Pid} \| \mathbf{T}_{EUi} \| \mathbf{r}_{1}^{\sim} \| \mathbf{T}_{1})$ (10)

When  $K_{4}^{\sim} = K_{4}$ , then EU<sub>i</sub> is truly authenticated by BS, otherwise, BS terminates session.

2. BS send auth-req masg to  $CH_i$  in open channel, including {K<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>6</sub>, K<sub>7</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>}, generates new nonce  $r_2$  and computes K<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>6</sub>, K<sub>7</sub> as follows:

$$\mathbf{K}_{5} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{T}_{CHi} \| \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_{Pid}) \oplus \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}_{Pid} \| \mathbf{r}_{1} \| \mathbf{r}_{2}) \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_6 = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{Chi}} \| \mathbf{T}_2) \oplus \mathrm{EU}_{\mathrm{Pid}} \tag{12}$$

$$K_{7} = h(CH_{Pid} || T_{Chi} || h(BS_{Pid} || r_{1} || r_{2} || T_{1})$$
(13)

3. When  $CH_i$  received auth-reg masg, first check the freshness of this massage by computing  $|T_2 - T_2^{\sim}| < T^{\sim}$ . When this condition true, then  $CH_i$  computes the following:  $EU_{Pid} = K_6 \oplus h(T_{Chi} || T_2)$  (14)

$$K_8 = K_5 \oplus h(T_{Chi} \sim \parallel \sim CH_{Pid}) \tag{15}$$

$$K_{9} = h(CH_{Pid} || T_{Chi} || K_{8} || T_{2})$$
(16)

 $CH_i$  check  $K_9 = K_7$ , if it is true then BS is authenticated by  $CH_i$ , otherwise  $CH_i$  terminates session.

After BS authentication,  $CH_i$  generates nonce  $r_3$  and new timestamp  $T_3$ , and compute  $K_{10} = h(CH_{Pid} \parallel EU_{Pid} \parallel T_3) r_3$ , cluster session key  $CSK_i = h(K_8 \parallel r_3 \parallel EU_{Pid} \parallel CH_{Pid})$  which shared with  $EU_{id}$ .  $CH_i$  also generates  $K_{11} = h(EU_{Pid} \parallel CH_{Pid} \parallel r_3) \oplus K_8$  and  $K_{12} = h(CSK_i \parallel T_3)$ .  $CH_i$  send auth-reply massg  $M_2 = \{K_{10}, K_{11}, K_{12}, T_3\}$  to  $EU_i$  in open channel.

4. Upon reception of auth-reply masg,  $EU_i$  first check freshness of this masseg by find  $|T_3 - T_3| < T^{\sim}$ , if true then computes  $r^{\sim}_3 = K_{10} \oplus h(CH_{Pid} \parallel EU_{Pid} \parallel T_3)$ .  $K^{\sim}_8 = K_{11} \oplus h(EU_{Pid} \parallel CH_{Pid} \parallel r^{\sim}_3)$ ,  $CSK^{\sim}_1 = h(K^{\sim}_8 \parallel r^{\sim}_3 \parallel EU_{Pid} \parallel CH_{Pid})$  and  $K_{13} = h(CSK^{\sim}_2 \parallel T_3)$  and if  $K_{13} = K_{12}$  then  $CH_i$  is authenticated by  $EU_i$ . After that  $EU_i$  computes  $CSK^{\sim}_1 = CSK_i$  then maintain this cluster session key for communication as shown in Fig. 3.

### 5.3 NewlExisting Cluster Head Addition

As in WMSN, all nodes are mobile and can move in any direction. So, it is the possibility that CH<sub>i</sub> can move from an existing cluster and join a new cluster. Because of mobility in WMSN, the node may be moved from one cluster to another or a new cluster head can be added to the network. A scalable key management scheme needs the capacity of adding a new node to the network. These new nodes require building a new cluster shared cluster key (CSKi) with the existing cluster head for authentication. When a new CH<sub>j</sub> tries to join a cluster, it sends a join request message containing ID to the correspondence CH<sub>i</sub>. BS plays an important role in the authentication process.



Figure 3: Authentication and key agreement

When CH<sub>i</sub> leaves their cluster and tries to join their neighbour cluster then BS generates used their CH<sub>idi</sub> for the calculation of new-pseudo identity  $CH_{Pid}^{N} = h(CH_{idi} \parallel l)$  using the l secrete key of BS. BS also select 20B new network key  $C_{MKi}^{N}$  and computes new temporary credential as  $T_{Chi}^{N} = h(CH_{idi} \parallel C_{MKi}^{N} \parallel CH_{RTi}^{N})$ . Furthermore, BS also generates a new temporary ID  $CH_{Tidi}$  and computes the polynomial  $p(CH_{Tidi}, y)$ .

BS station send some data {CHTidi,  $CH_{Pid}^{N}$ ,  $T_{Chi}^{N}$ ,  $p(CH_{Tidi}, y)$ } to the migrated  $CH_i$ . BS also broadcast all the nodes of the network about the new change.

#### 5.4 Dynamic Key Management

The management of mobility in WMSN is an important and critical issue. As discus earlier, because of the mobility of nodes,  $CH_i$  can share their data to neighbouring  $CH_j$ . For sharing of information between neighbouring cluster heads ( $CH_i$ ,  $CH_i$ ), there must be first secure communication

between these nodes. This requires pair wise key management between these nodes. For the establishment of pair wise key between these nodes (CH<sub>i</sub>, CH<sub>j</sub>), we use a polynomial based key management scheme [41].

First CH<sub>i</sub> sends their temporary identity CH<sub>Tidi</sub> to CH<sub>j</sub> and CH<sub>j</sub> also sends their CH<sub>Tidj</sub> to CH<sub>i</sub> for pair wise key establishment. CH<sub>i</sub> computes shared secret cluster key CSK<sub>i,j</sub> using share polynomial as:  $CSK_{i,j} = p(CH_{idi}, CH_{Tidi})$  (17)

In the same way CH<sub>i</sub> also calculates share secret key using their polynomial as:

$$CSK_{i,j} = p(CH_{Tidi}, CH_{Tidi})$$
(18)

$$= p(CH_{idi}, CH_{Tidj})$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

$$= SK_{ij} \tag{20}$$

Hence  $CH_i$  can communicates with neighbouring  $CH_j$  using share key  $CSK_{i,j}$  through polynomial p(x, y).

#### 6 Security Analysis

This section analyses the security features of the proposed scheme. The threats and attack models try to affect the key management in cluster communication of two types, one is inside attacks and the second is outside attacks. The proposed scheme is secure against physical capture and offline password guessing attack. Assume if attackers say A find the ID's of  $EU_{idi}$  or extract information  $\{EU^{\sim}_{Pid}, CH^{\sim}_{Pid}, EU_{Tid}, A, B, C, t\}$  from  $EU_{idi}$  biometric device by physical capture or stolen this device after the completion of registration of the external user. After performing power analysis attack [41], A can compute secret credential  $n = B \oplus h(PW_{EUi} \parallel EU_{idi} \parallel \varphi)$ . Without  $EU_{idi}$  biometric key  $\phi$ , A cannot verify their guessed password and at the same time with  $\varphi$ , it is very difficult to compute  $EU_{pid}$ ,  $CH_{pdi}$  and  $T_{Eui}$ .

The proposed scheme is secured again external user impersonation attack. Assume an attackers say A send login-req message including  $M^{\sim} = \{M^{\sim}_{1}, M^{\sim}_{2}, M^{\sim}_{3}, M^{\sim}_{4}\}$  to BS on behalf of valid EU<sub>i</sub>. But it's very hard for A to compute valid login-req on behalf without some security credential  $\{EU_{Pid}, CH_{Pid}, C_{NKi}, \varphi\}$ .

Due to massages exchange having nonce and new timestamps in login, authentication, and key agreement, the proposed scheme is secure against anonymity and un-traceability attacks. Because of different messages, the attacker is unable to trace out  $EU_i$ ,  $CH_i$ , and BS.

The  $SK_{i,j}$  is established through the distribution of polynomial which provides the secure establishment of key between member nodes. Sharing of shared secret cluster key  $SK_{i,j}$  through polynomial among cluster heads restrict attacker to know about cluster key. Without knowing the  $SK_{i,j}$ , an attacker cannot intercept member communication individually and not be able to modify it. The proposed scheme ensures integrity and confidentiality through resistance against insider attacks.

The non-member nodes of the cluster can eavesdrop on the cluster information through outsider's attack. When the CH sends the polynomial without encryption then the outsider attacker attempts to eavesdrop that communication. Without knowing the  $SK_{i,j}$ , and even with no encryption, it is very hard to recover the cluster key. On the off chance that the adversary tries the experimentation approach, the exponential log implements extra complexity. This approach may occupy the attacker to discover the log value for the separate ID value. Deriving the  $SK_{i,j}$  using polynomial factorization is additionally

exceptionally hard. To guess the cluster key, an extended polynomial needs really O(n log n) solutions for a polynomial extension problem. Here, the presence of cluster key in the polynomial forces is difficult in the polynomial factorization and making the polynomial factorization with a specific end goal to break the proposed scheme is non-deterministic polynomial-time (NP) hard.

The proposed scheme also secures against Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack and men-in-the-middle attack. The EU<sub>i</sub> in the proposed scheme verifies mutually established session key CSK<sub>i</sub> between the user and CH<sub>i</sub> with the help of BS. The verification of parameters by comparing  $K_{4}^{\sim} = K_{4}$  ensures the authenticity of the recovered session key by the user, while K4 is computed by embedding various factors including the current session key CSK<sub>i</sub>.s

### 7 Result and Discussions

The proposed solution has been validated through simulation and compares its performance with the rest of schemes including EKMS, EDDK, SKM, and PKM. The result comparison among the proposed scheme and with the rest of the schemes has been carried out using the following simulation parameters shown in Tab. 2. The proposed system efficiency is analyzed based on the cost effectiveness by using these parameters: communication overhead, computational overheads, storage overhead, energy consumption, and average latency.

Parameters	Values
Mobility model	Random way point
Number of sensor nodes	100
Length of data packet	256 Bit
Length of control packet	50 Bit
Initial energy	1 Joule
Interface queue type	Proposed scheme
Communication model	<b>Bi-directional</b>
Simulation area	$1000 \times 1000 \text{ m}2$
Node speed	1–15 m/s
Maximum queue	50 packets
Simulation time	300 s

**Table 2:** Simulation parameters

Communication overhead is the measurement of the number of bits transmission for the establishment of cluster key in case of new external node addition or existing external node migration between CH and member nodes of the cluster. Fig. 4 shows the communication overhead for establishing sessions among all participating nodes in case of news external user addition to cluster. The main reason of the lower performance of EDDK is the usage of pairwise key and local cluster key for each node in the cluster. In case of new node addition first pairwise keys are established, then a session key will be established which increases communication cost. Similarly, EKMS and SKM used local cluster and foreign keys for the establishment of new cluster key which also increases communication overhead. Our proposed scheme has a low communication overhead because session key establishment and authentication of external users are performed local without base station collaboration. There is no need to exchange any messages between BS and cluster head for session key establishment and external user authentication. Hence the proposed scheme has superior performance in communication cost compared with the other three schemes for secure new node addition in the cluster.



Figure 4: Communication cost in case of external node

Similarly, communication overhead in case of increasing external user is shown in Fig. 5. Every external user sends leave and joint request to their alternative CH for leaving and joining new one. CH should update their session for their member as authentication process is completed locally. In EDDK, node has exchange two keys for leaving and two for joining which increases communication overhead. Similarly, EKMS and rest schemes has higher communication cost when existing node move from one cluster to another cluster. Our proposed scheme performed better then because authentication and session key are manged at every cluster head locally. So, the proposed scheme performed better as compared with the rest of the schemes.



Figure 5: Communication overhead in case of node migration

Tab. 3 show the Storage overhead of the proposed scheme, EDDK, EDMS and SKM with other schemes. The amount of storage capacity required to store security parameters for session key generation and authentication of external user is considered is storage overhead. EDDK has the worst storage due to the fact that each sensor node requirements for storing a neighbour table because each node have to generate new common key for the new node addition.

Additionally, CH need more storage for storing all member nodes keys and tables. EKMS and scheme has also high storage overhead because of usage: of two keys *i.e.*, one is home key and another is foreign key for the generation of cluster key. The proposed scheme has less storage overhead because CH store only one ID and  $(m + 1) \log_2(p) + l(20)$  bytes data for session key establishment an authentication of external user.

Name of scheme	Data stored in CH	Data stored in external user	Data stored in BS
EDDK	n + n * neighbor table	2 + 3 * neighbour table	N + 3 * neighbour table
CMKMS	2 * n + polynomial	2  keys + polynomial	2 * N + polynomial
SKM	2 * n + polynomial	2  keys + polynomial	2 * N + polynomial
РКМ	N + 1 + polynomial	1 key + polynomial	N + 1 + polynomail
Proposed scheme	$(m+1)\log_2(p) + l(20)$	$ID + 20 B + EU_{Pid} + 20$	$(m+1) \log_2(p) + 100 B$
	$B) + CH_{Pid}$	$B C_{MKi} + \varphi$	$+1(20 \text{ B}) + C_{MK}(20 \text{ B})$

 Table 3: Storage overhead comparison

Tab. 4 and Fig. 6 show the computation overhead comparison of the proposed scheme with the rest of the three schemes for establishing a session key and authentication of the user. Encryption and decryption plus one pseudo random generation function execution operations are performed to established a secure cluster key in EDDK.

Similarly, EKMS and SKM schemes also need encryption and decryption operations for establishing cluster keys for the entire cluster. In the proposed scheme single encryption and decryption operation are required for establishing session key and for external user authentication. Thus, the proposed scheme performed better performance in term of less computation cost.

Name of schemes	Encryp/Decryp in CH	Encyp/Decryp in member node
EDDK	Encryp + Decryp + 1 pseudo random function	Encryp + Decryp
CMKMS	Encyp + Decryp	Encypt + Decryp
PKM	Encyp + Decryp	Encyp + Decryp
SKM	Polynomial function	Function
Proposed scheme	Encryption	Decryp

 Table 4: Computational cost comparison

The amount of energy consumed during cluster key establishment when member nodes leave or join a cluster in EDDK, EKMS, and SKM schemes is compared with the proposed scheme. EDDK has lower performance in terms of energy consumption because the change in neighbouring nodes affects the calculation of keys, which may give the wrong instance of keys and re-calculation is needed. The main reason EKMS has lower energy efficiency is the usage of the RC5 algorithm for encryption and decryption involved during node leaving or joining of a cluster. Similarly, the scheme SKM also used the ECDSA algorithm for encryption and decryption in case of leaving or joining a cluster. The total energy required to compute a polynomial of the cluster is linear, while the rest of the three schemes have n multiple and n shows the number of nodes in a cluster. The energy consumption of computing a secure hash of sensor node id is 5.6 nJ per byte. For a cluster of n nodes, the hash computation of member node n consumed n \* 5.6 nJ. Fig. 6 shows the energy consumption of cluster key establishment of the proposed scheme compared with the rest of the three schemes.



Figure 6: Energy consumption of nodes

### 8 Conclusion

This works proposed an efficient external user authentication and key management in real-time access information for cluster WMSN. One of the strong aspects of the proposed scheme is that it is based on a lightweight one-way hash function and bit-wise XOR operation as well as using fuzzy extractor technique which is only required for biometric verification of external user. The external users EU<sub>i</sub> registered in the network for accessing real-time data from particular CH<sub>i</sub> for providing relief to this region without the involvement of BS during the authentication process. BS is only involved during the registration process for the first time and the cluster session key is established without BS. The management of mobility in WMSN is achieved using dynamic key management for cluster WMSN. The proposed scheme ensures integrity and confidentiality through resistance against insider attacks. The proposed key management scheme is secure against eavesdropping and node capturing by using an efficient authentication for an external user and key management based on dynamic generation of polynomial and fuzzy extractor method. The proposed scheme has low communication, storage, and computation without compromising the security of external user authentication and key management in WMSN.

For future direction, this scheme will analyze the different security aspects of the network and further improvements will be made for efficient communication and quality of services.

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