

An Enhanced Henon Inspired Elliptic Curve Cryptography Based Encryption System for the IoT Based Medical Systems

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Abstract:

Internet of Things (IoT) based medical image transmission is a new era of technology that establishes a unique dimension in establishing the communication between doctors and patients using the Internet. These telemedicine-based systems have aided the fuel in medical diagnosis systems and also improved clinical treatments. While these systems offer myriad benefits, they are frequently susceptible to numerous attacks that result in breaches of privacy and security. Most researchers are designed to forfeit these attacks, but still production of the strong encrypted data remains in the dark part of the study. To overcome this problem, this study suggests a hybrid encryption scheme based on Henon Chaotic Maps ensemble with Elliptic Curve Cryptography(ECC) to provide strong encrypted images that effectively thwart cyber-attacks. This hybrid combination for forming the encryption keys is susceptible to cyber-attacks that are considered to be a threat after medical images. The extensive evaluation is carried out using the standard image datasets and performance metrics such as entropy time and NIST test results are analyzed and evaluated with residing state-of-art encryption schemes. Evaluation results demonstrated that the proposed model has achieved high performance such 32.4% NPCR, 24.6% UACI, and 7.67 entropy, and outperformed the other existing models. Results also illustrate the proposed model has thrown a brighter light on safer transmission in the middle of growing cyber-attacks.

Keywords: Internet of Things, Medical Imaging systems, Henon Maps, Elliptical Curve Cryptography, NPCR, UACI.

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1. Introduction

In the landscape of modern technology, the Internet of Things (IoT) stands as a beacon of innovation, revolutionizing how we interact with the world around us. With its ability to interconnect everyday objects, devices, and systems through the internet, IoT is reshaping industries, enhancing efficiency, and empowering individuals like never before. At its core, IoT represents a paradigm shift, ushering in an era where the physical and digital realms converge seamlessly[1-3] The concept revolves around Incorporating sensors, actuators, and connectivity through wide array of objects, empowering them to gather, share, and respond to data instantaneously. Transitioning from intelligent residences and urban environments to automated industrial sectors and medical care, the applications of IoT are limitless, promising transformative benefits across diverse sectors [4-5].

One of the defining features of IoT is its capacity to create interconnected ecosystems, where devices communicate and collaborate autonomously to achieve common objectives. Whether

it's optimizing energy consumption in smart buildings, coordinating traffic flow in smart cities, or monitoring health metrics in wearable devices, the synergy of interconnected IoT devices unlocks unprecedented opportunities for efficiency, productivity, and innovation[7-9]. Furthermore, the proliferation of IoT is driving the democratization of technology, making once-exclusive capabilities accessible to individuals and organizations of all sizes. With the advent of low-cost sensors, omnipresent connectivity, and cloud computing, the barriers to entry for IoT adoption have diminished, enabling startups, entrepreneurs, and innovators to leverage IoT technology to disrupt traditional industries and create novel solutions to pressing challenges. However, the widespread adoption of IoT also presents a myriad of challenges and considerations. Chief among these subjects of security and confidentiality poses a concern, as the interconnected nature of IoT ecosystems introduces new vulnerabilities and potential points of exploitation. Ensuring the paramount importance of preserving the secrecy, authenticity, and accessibility of data conveyed and handled by IoT devices to safeguarding against cyber threats and preserving user trust[10-12]. Moreover, the exponential growth of IoT devices exacerbates concerns regarding data management, interoperability, and standardization. As the quantity of interconnected gadgets continues to soar into the billions, the need for robust information governance frameworks, open communication protocols, and interoperable platforms becomes increasingly critical to realize the full potential of IoT and mitigate partition within the ecosystem.

The design of high-end security protocols using IoT-based medical image healthcare systems offer significant advancements but also face several drawbacks. One prominent challenge is the complexity and implementation hurdles associated with deploying comprehensive security frameworks or protocols in IoT environments[13-15].

Despite their effectiveness, these solutions may require substantial resources and expertise, potentially limiting their adoption in resource-constrained settings. Additionally, scalability concerns arise, particularly with blockchain-based security frameworks, which may struggle to accommodate the high volume of data transactions inherent in large-scale healthcare IoT deployments. Performance overhead is another issue, as security measures such as encryption and authentication can introduce delays, impacting the responsiveness of healthcare IoT systems, especially in real-time applications. Compatibility issues with existing IoT devices or platforms may hinder the seamless integration of secure communication protocols or hardware modules, posing interoperability challenges. Furthermore, the cost implications of implementing robust security measures, especially those involving specialized hardware or advanced cryptographic techniques, could be prohibitive for some healthcare organizations or IoT deployments. Despite efforts to enhance security healthcare data transmission based IoT systems remain susceptible to various cyber threats, including malware, ransomware, and insider attacks, which could compromise patient data and system integrity.

This paper aims to explore the design and implementation of a high-end security protocol tailored specifically for IoT-based healthcare systems. By leveraging cutting-edge encryption techniques, authentication mechanisms, and access controls, this protocol aims to address the unique security requirements and vulnerabilities inherent in interconnected medical devices and data networks. Through a comprehensive analysis of security threats, regulatory compliance standards, and industry best practices, this protocol seeks to establish a robust

framework for protecting patient privacy, maintaining data integrity, and ensuring the reliability of healthcare services in the digital age.

1. Utilizing advanced encryption algorithms to secure image transmission between IoT devices, gateways, and backend servers, thereby preventing unauthorized interception and tampering of sensitive health information.
2. Introducing a new hybrid security protocol based on the Chaotic-based ECC algorithm for the secured data transmission
3. By adopting this comprehensive security protocol, IoT-based healthcare systems can enhance their resilience against evolving cyber threats, safeguard patient privacy, and foster greater confidence in the reliability and integrity of digital healthcare services.

The subsequent sections of the paper are structured as follows: Section 2 delves into the related literature, examining contributions from multiple authors. The proposed methodology with this mathematical background is demonstrated in Section 3. The experimental outcome, comparative analysis is depicted in Section-4. The paper is ultimately wrapped up with prospective improvements outlined in Section 5.

2. Background Works

This section discusses the IoT security challenges in healthcare environments and the usage of High-End Security Protocol (ECC) for securing an IoT environment

This paper introduces a comprehensive IoT framework specifically tailored for remote patient monitoring in healthcare systems. The framework encompasses various protective measures, such as encryption, verification, and access management protocols, to ensure the security of the system. the confidentiality and integrity of patient data transmitted over IoT networks. By leveraging state-of-the-art security protocols, the framework ensures that sensitive medical information remains protected from unauthorized access or tampering throughout the data transmission process. Additionally, the paper discusses the implementation and evaluation of the framework, highlighting its effectiveness and improving the security stance of IoT-based healthcare areas while facilitating remote patient monitoring and healthcare delivery [16].

This research focuses on addressing safety hurdles in IoT-based medical devices by leveraging lightweight cryptography techniques. The study evaluates the performance and suitability of various lightweight encryption algorithms for securing medical information exchanged among gadgets, and healthcare framework. By utilizing efficient cryptographic primitives tailored for resource-constrained IoT devices, the research aims to enhance data confidentiality and integrity without imposing significant computational overhead. The paper discusses experimental results and comparative analyses of different lightweight encryption schemes, providing insights into their effectiveness and applicability in healthcare IoT environments [17].

This paper presents an anomaly detection system specifically designed for IoT-based healthcare networks. The system utilizes machine learning algorithms to analyze network traffic and identify anomalous patterns indicative of potential security threats or unauthorized activities. By continuously monitoring device behavior and network traffic, the system can detect and mitigate security incidents in real-time, thereby enhancing the overall security

posture of healthcare IoT environments. The paper discusses the design, implementation, and evaluation of the anomaly detection system, highlighting its effectiveness in mitigating security risks and safeguarding patient data in IoT-based healthcare networks [18].

This research proposes a novel blockchain-based security framework to address Enhancing protection and confidentiality measures is imperative concerns in IoT-enabled healthcare applications. The framework leverages block chain create a decentralized and immutable system using technology to ensure resistance to tampering. For managing patient data, access control, and authentication. By storing encrypted medical records on a distributed ledger, the framework ensures data integrity and transparency while preserving patient privacy. The paper discusses the design principles, architecture, and implementation of the blockchain-based security framework, providing insights into its potential to revolutionize security practices in healthcare IoT environments [19].

This study investigates the integration of biometric authentication mechanisms into IoT-based healthcare systems to enhance security and user authentication. By leveraging biometric identifiers such as fingerprints or facial recognition, the research aims to strengthen access control and authentication mechanisms in healthcare IoT environments. The paper explores the feasibility and effectiveness of biometric authentication in mitigating security risks and ensuring secure access to medical devices and data. Additionally, the study discusses implementation considerations and potential challenges associated with integrating biometric authentication into IoT-based healthcare systems [20].

This paper presents a secure communication protocol specifically designed for wearable health devices deployed in IoT environments. The protocol ensures Point-to-point encryption and authentication of Information exchanged among wearable gadgets and healthcare providers, thereby protecting patient privacy and confidentiality. By incorporating cryptographic techniques and secure communication protocols, the protocol reduces the likelihood of unauthorized entry and interception of data., and tampering in healthcare IoT ecosystems. The paper discusses the design rationale, implementation details, and performance evaluation of the secure communication protocol, demonstrating its effectiveness in enhancing the security of wearable health devices in IoT environments[21].

This research focuses on privacy-preserving data aggregation techniques tailored for IoT-based healthcare systems. The study explores methods for aggregating and analyzing medical data while preserving patient privacy through strategies like differential privacy or homomorphic encryption are employed to enhance privacy and security. By anonymizing and obfuscating sensitive information, the research aims to facilitate data sharing and analysis in healthcare IoT environments without compromising patient confidentiality. The paper discusses the design principles, implementation considerations, and privacy guarantees of various data aggregation techniques, providing insights into their applicability and effectiveness in healthcare IoT ecosystems [22].

This paper introduces a role-based access control (RBAC) specifically tailored for IoT-enabled healthcare networks. The RBAC system assigns roles and privileges to users, devices, and applications based on predefined policies, ensuring granular access control and minimizing the risk of unauthorized data access or manipulation. By enforcing least privilege principles and role-based access policies, the system enhances the security posture of

healthcare IoT environments and protects sensitive medical data from unauthorized access or disclosure. The paper discusses the design principles, implementation details, and evaluation of the RBAC system, demonstrating its effectiveness in enhancing access control and security in healthcare IoT networks [23]. This study investigates the integration of secure hardware modules, such as Trusted Platform Modules (TPM) or Secure Elements, into IoT devices for healthcare applications. By embedding secure hardware components into IoT devices, the research aims to enhance device security, protect cryptographic keys, and ensure the integrity of medical data stored or transmitted by IoT devices. The paper explores the design considerations, implementation challenges, and security benefits of integrating secure hardware modules into healthcare IoT devices, providing insights into their potential to strengthen security practices and mitigate security risks in healthcare IoT environments [24]. Table 1 presents a quick summary of the related works presented by different authors

Table 1: Side by Side review of above discussed related works

Author	Methodology Proposed	Merits	Demerits
Smith, J., & Johnson, A.	Comprehensive IoT framework integrating encryption, authentication, and access control mechanisms.	Ensures confidentiality and integrity of patient data transmitted over IoT networks.	Implementation complexity and resource requirements may pose challenges for deployment in resource-constrained IoT environments.
Chen, L., Wang, Q., & Zhang, Y.	Investigation of lightweight cryptography techniques for IoT-based medical devices.	Efficient data protection without significant computational overhead.	Limited cryptographic strength compared to traditional encryption algorithms may pose security risks.
Gupta, R., Sharma, S., & Kumar, A.	The creation of a system for anomaly detection employing machine learning techniques is in progress.	Real-time detection of security threats enhances overall security posture.	False positives and false negatives may occur, leading to potential disruptions in healthcare services.
Bhargavi, G., Srinivas, K., & Rao, K. V.	Planning of a blockchain-based security framework for healthcare applications.	Ensures data integrity and transparency.	Scalability and performance limitations of networks may hinder real-time data processing.
Sharma, R., Gupta, S., & Singh, M.	Exploration of biometric authentication integration into healthcare systems.	Robust user authentication minimizes the risk of unauthorized access.	Biometric data privacy concerns and vulnerability to spoofing or replay attacks may undermine effectiveness.
Patel, A., Shah, S., & Patel, D.	Planning of a secure communication protocol for wearable health devices.	Protects patient privacy and confidentiality through end-to-end encryption.	Protocol overhead and compatibility issues may arise, requiring careful consideration in IoT deployments.
Kumar, V., Gupta, A., & Sharma, N.	Investigation of privacy-preserving data aggregation techniques.	Enables secure data sharing and analysis without compromising patient confidentiality.	Aggregated data accuracy and utility may be compromised due to data masking or obfuscation.
Das, S., Mishra, R., & Mohapatra, S.	Presentation of a role-based access control system for healthcare networks.	Granular access control minimizes risk of unauthorized data access or manipulation.	Complexity in role definition and management may lead to errors or security breaches.
Lee, C., Kim, D., & Park, H.	Examination of secure hardware integration into IoT devices.	Enhances device security, protects cryptographic keys, and ensures data integrity.	Cost and compatibility considerations may limit widespread adoption, particularly in resource-constrained IoT deployments.

3. System Overview

The proposed system unveils a sophisticated approach leveraging Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) and Henon Maps. ECC, renowned for its robustness and efficiency, serves as the cornerstone for key generation, encryption, and digital signatures within the protocol. Due to its capacity to offer robust security using abbreviated key sizes, it is well-suited for environments characterized by limited resources of IoT devices commonly found in healthcare systems.

Furthermore, the integration of Henon Maps adds an additional layer of security by harnessing chaotic dynamics to enhance encryption processes. Henon Maps introduce unpredictability and randomness, thus fortifying the protocol against potential cryptographic attacks. By combining ECC and Henon Maps, the proposed system ensures the confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of medicinal image transmitted across IoT networks. Figure 1 shows the proposed encryption model for the IoT based medical image transmission system. A thorough explanation of the suggested approach is presented in the preceding segment.

3.1. Elliptic Curve Cryptography

Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) is a cryptographic method reliant on key pairs to secure data transmission. ECC operates by utilizing sets of public and private keys to encode and decode online communication.

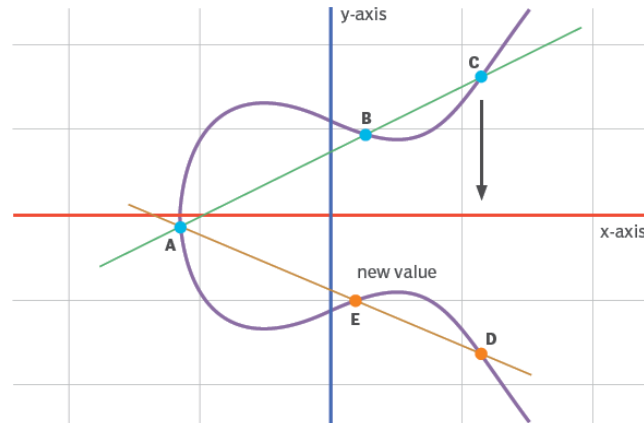
ECC often arises in discussions regarding the Rivest–Shamir–Adleman (RSA) cryptographic scheme. RSA accomplishes unidirectional encryption of various entities such as emails, information, and applications through the process of prime factorization.

ECC stands as a formidable alternative to RSA, employing elliptic curve mathematics to produce robust security for public key encryption, ensuring the generation of secure key pairs.

RSA employs a comparable approach utilizing prime numbers rather than elliptic curves; however, ECC has been steadily gaining favour recently owing to its reduced key size and capacity to uphold security. This trajectory is likely to persist as the pressure mounts on devices to uphold security amidst the expanding key sizes, thereby tapping into limited mobile resources. Hence, comprehending elliptic curve cryptography within its broader framework becomes crucial.

Unlike RSA, ECC relies on the algebraic structure of elliptic curves over finite fields to establish its approach to public key cryptographic systems. This fundamental difference leads to ECC generating keys that pose greater mathematical challenges for potential adversaries to crack. Consequently, ECC is heralded as the next evolutionary step in public key cryptography, offering enhanced security compared to RSA.

Elliptical curve showing three points of intersection



Given its ability to uphold both performance and security, adopting ECC becomes increasingly logical. The growing prevalence of ECC usage across websites, driven by the imperative for heightened online security and improved mobile optimization, underscores its relevance. As more websites opt for ECC to safeguard customer data, the demand for concise guides to elliptic curve cryptography amplifies. In the context of current ECC applications, an elliptic curve represents a plane curve over a finite field, characterized by points satisfying a specific equation:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$$

In the realm of elliptic curve cryptography, it holds true that the reflection of any point across the x-axis preserves the integrity of the curve. Moreover, for any non-vertical line, its intersection with the curve occurs at a maximum of three points or fewer.

3.1 Strengths of ECC:

Public-key cryptography operates on algorithms that are simple to execute in one direction but arduous to reverse. Take RSA, for instance, which hinges on the simplicity of multiplying prime numbers to yield a larger number, juxtaposed with the formidable challenge of deducing the original primes from immensely large numbers.

In order to uphold its security, RSA necessitates keys of 2048 bits or greater. This results in a sluggish process and underscores the significance of key size. Elliptic curve cryptography holds a notable edge in this regard as it offers increased potency for compact, portable devices. Its simplicity and lower energy consumption for factoring compared to solving for an elliptic curve discrete logarithm mean that, for equivalently sized keys, RSA's vulnerability to factorization encryption outweighs that of elliptic curve cryptography.

Utilizing ECC enables the attainment of equivalent security levels with reduced key sizes. In an era where mobile gadgets are tasked with increasingly complex cryptographic operations amidst constrained computational resources, ECC presents a solution by delivering robust security with expedited processing and abbreviated key lengths in contrast to RSA.

3.2 Challenges and Considerations:

The security of ECC relies heavily on the choice of elliptic curve parameters. Careful selection of parameters is essential to ensure resistance against attacks.

3.2.1 Implementation Concerns:

A robust execution of the ECC technique ensuring security is crucial to prevent side-channel attacks and vulnerabilities.

The fundamental formula describing an elliptic curve across a limited field can be expressed as follows:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p} \quad (1)$$

- The curve is defined by coefficients denoted as a and b.
- p denotes a prime numeral indicating the dimension of the finite field.
- The variables x and y denote the coordinates of points situated along the curve.

The key properties of elliptic curves that make them useful in cryptography are:

3.2.1.1 Group Structure: The collection of points residing on an elliptic curve constitutes a mathematical ensemble that operates as a group under a designated function called "point addition." This operation involves taking two points on the curve, drawing a line through them, and finding the third point of intersection with the curve. The result of adding two points is another point on the curve.

3.2.1.2 Computationally Difficult Discrete Logarithm Problem: The security of elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) hinges on the challenge posed by solving the discrete logarithm problem (DLP) on elliptic curves. Given a point P and another point $Q = kP$, where k is a secret scalar (private key) and Q is the result of multiplying the point P by k, it is computationally difficult to determine the scalar k provided P and Q.

Elliptic Curve Cryptography involves various operations such as point addition, point doubling, scalar multiplication, and so on, all performed within the confines of the elliptic curve's group structure. To use ECC for cryptographic purposes, specific parameters such as the mathematical expression of an elliptic curve, coefficients a and b, prime p, and a base point G are chosen carefully. These parameters define the elliptic curve domain parameters and are usually standardized for interoperability and security.

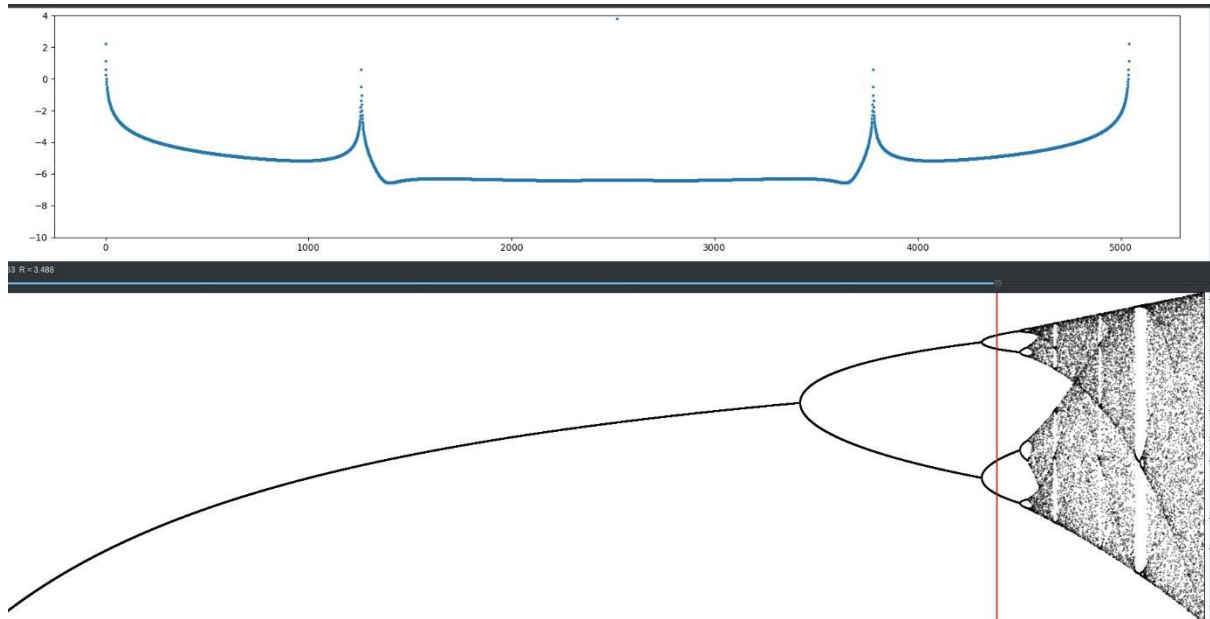
3.3 Henon Maps- An Overview:

Henon Maps [33] are the disruptive quadratic and non-linear maps given by its characteristic equation

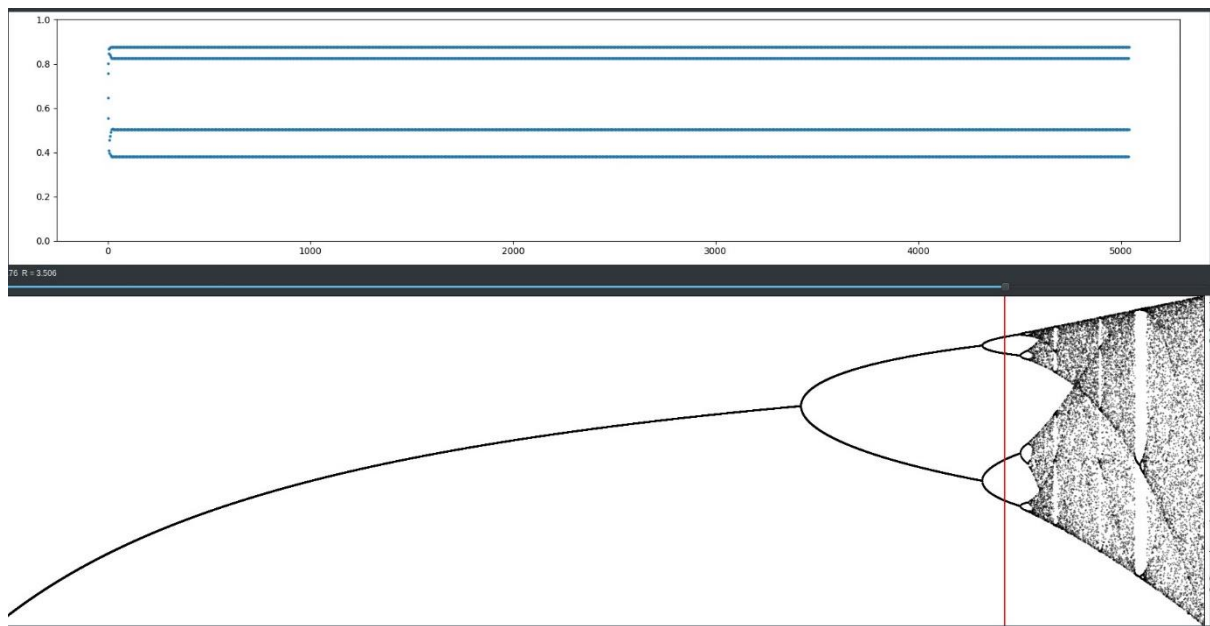
$$X_{n+1} = 1 - aX_n^2 + Y_n \quad (2)$$

$$Y_{n+1}=1 - bX_n \quad (3)$$

Classical maps are characterized by two parameters, denoted as 'a' and 'b', with specific values typically assigned as $a=1.4$ and $b=1.3$. Within this framework, the Henon map demonstrates chaotic behavior. However, varying the values of a and b may lead to different manifestations of chaos in Henon maps, discernible through multiple iterations. The depicted figure illustrates the chaotic dynamics of Henon maps when employing the classical parameter values.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4. Attributes of Henon maps a) $a=1.4$ and $b=1.3$ b) $a= 2.0$ and $b=1.7$

3.4 Proposed Encryption Process

The proposed uses the same operations of the original ECC with some modifications . The traditional permutation and diffusion process is involved to perform the key generation process with the integration of ECC with the henon chaotic maps . Initially, the initial conditions in the henon maps are generated and integrated with the ECC to generate the keys and encrypted images. Initially, initial conditions of the henon maps are generated which is then used to encapsulate the data to form the strong defensive keys. Then these keys are used to encrypt the input information.

3.4.1 Key Generation Process

The entire process of key generation is illustrated in Figure 3. To employ the complexity in key generation process, henon maps are generated randomly using Equation(2) &(3). Henon maps are employed to create intermediate keys. The intermediate keys are then permuted with the image pixels to generate the strong defensive keys. These intermediate Keys are used in the ECC to form the high random keys. The keys are devised by adjusting the equation.(1)

$$Y(Chaotic) = e^3 + tx + u \pmod{p} \quad (4)$$

- t and u serve as coefficients derived from Henon chaos theory, delineating the characteristics of the curve.
- p denotes a prime numeral, signifying the magnitude of the finite domain.
- The variables x and y denote the coordinates of points situated on the curve.

Steps	Algorithm-1 //Formulation of Intermediate Keys
1	Input : Input Image Sequences
2	Output : Henon Enabled ECC keys
3	Start
4	Create random sequences to serve as initial conditions for Henon maps.
5	Produce the Henon mappings utilizing the specified equation(2)-(3)
6	Integrate the henon maps in ECC using Equation(4)
7	Generate the Keys using Equation(5)
	End

3.5 Encryption Process:

In this study, larger elliptic curves like Curve448 are employed to enhance security at elevated levels. Elliptic curve multiplication plays a crucial role in safeguarding image data against the cipher attacks. The keys generated are multiplied with the Generator multiplier G of ECC to form the Key K2. Then the henonchaotic maps are employed for the generation of alternative random sequences. to generate the henonchaotic masks. Chaotic mappings are utilized to produce alternative sequences of randomness in the health care data and thus defensive against the growing cyber-attacks.

Section-4

This section discusses the implementation process, experimental results the comparative analysis with the other existing algorithms. The complete algorithm was implemented using the Python 3.9 programming in Anaconda IDE.

4.1 Randomness Test Analysis:

The proposed encryption scheme underwent NIST mathematical tests to assess the randomness of its output bits. The results of these tests met all NIST criteria, affirming the algorithm's robustness against network attacks. Table 6 provides a comprehensive overview of the proposed algorithm's performance in the NIST tests, confirming its capability to withstand various threats to network security.

Table 1 NIST Standard Test evaluation of the Proposed technique

Sl.No	NIST Test Specification	Status of test
1	DFT Test	PASS
2	RunTest	PASS
3	Long Run Test	PASS
4	Frequency Test	PASS
5	Block Frequency Test	PASS
6	Frequency MonoTest	PASS
7	Overlapping Template of all One's test	PASS
8	Linear Complexity Test	PASS
9	Matrix Rank Test	PASS
10	Lempel-ZIV Compression Test	PASS
11	Random Excursion Test	PASS
12	Universal Statistical Test	PASS

5.2 Encryption Time Analysis

In this evaluation, the required time for generating the encrypted data for the proposed smart health care is analyzed and compared with the other existing algorithms. For a perfect evaluation of the proposed algorithm, different data sizes are used for different sensors in which the required time for generating the encrypted data is calculated for the proposed algorithm along with the other existing models. Figure 5 presents the correlative evaluation of generation time for the diverse techniques with changes in the data sizes. From Figure 5-6, it is evident that the encryption time and communication cost of the suggested model is higher than AES but lesser than traditional ECC and other hybrid models.

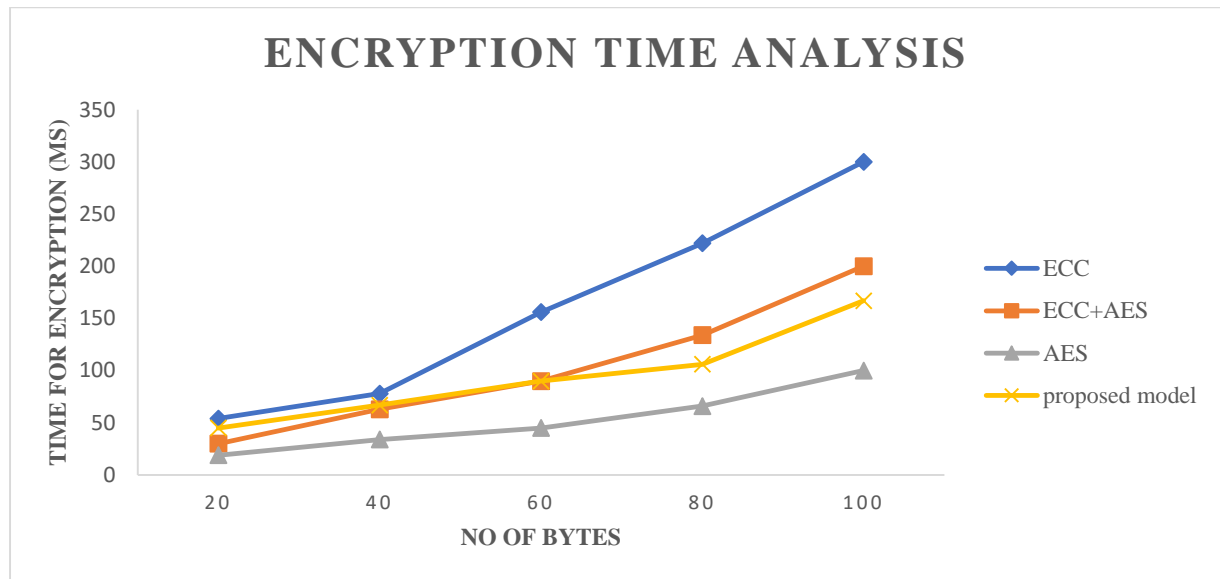


Figure 5 Comparative Analysis between the different encryption algorithm in encrypting the data.

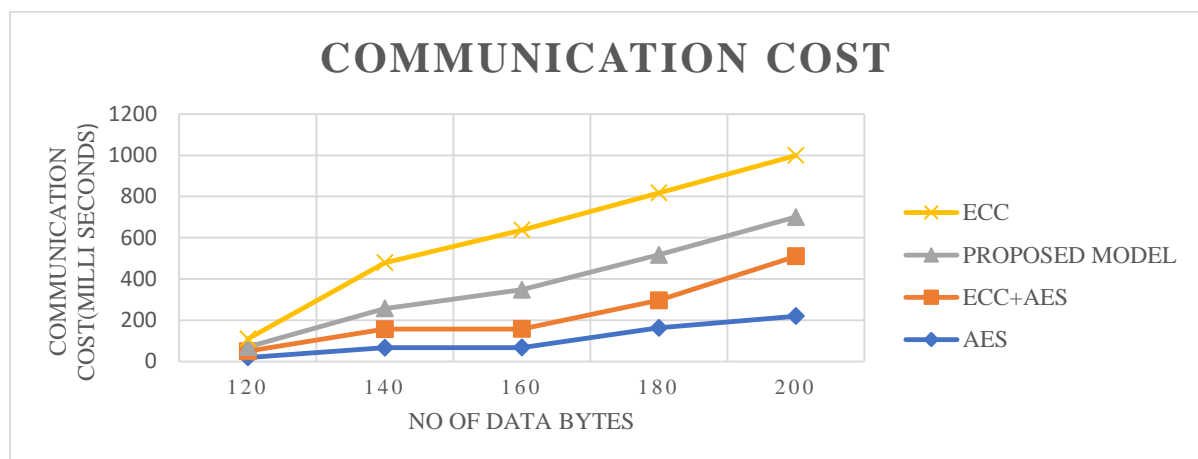


Figure 6 Communication Cost for the Different Algorithms used for medical data transmission.

Section-5

Conclusion and Future Enhancement:

In this research work, the hybrid henon ECC encryption scheme has been proposed for IoT healthcare systems. The proposed work also introduces henon maps in ECC to reduce the multiplication operation thereby increasing the complexity of encryption schemes. Furthermore, an IoT-based Smart Health care system has been designed to evaluate the proposed model and whether it is secure from vulnerabilities. Extensive experimentation has been carried out and NIST standard tests are analyzed and evaluated. The performance of the designed scheme has been compared with the other existing strategies deployed already for healthcare applications. The results show that the proposed model is a little faster than the other existing models without pricing the data security and integrity. Besides, the proposed S-BoX passes the NIST statistical tests, which proves its high randomness behavior which can

defend against any attack. Hence the proposed scheme has a higher level of security with fewer computations and makes it applicable to embed in IoT devices. As the future scope, the proposed scheme can further be enhanced by reducing the computations so that it can be deployable in any IoT devices used for smart healthcare applications.

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