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# Two-Factor Authenticated Key Agreement Supporting Unlinkability in 5G-Integrated Wireless Sensor Networks

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**ABSTRACT** The integration of 5G networks and wireless sensor networks (WSNs) is critical in the new era of the Internet of Things (IoT), for a wide range of applications. However, despite the potential advantages of this integration, there are concerns about unforeseen security threats that may impact our daily lives. Authenticated key agreement is an essential security feature for secure communication between users and IoT devices and for protecting IoT applications from security threats. An IoT notion-based authentication and key agreement scheme was recently proposed for heterogeneous WSNs, claiming to provide user anonymity and mutual authentication, as well as the ability to withstand several types of attacks. In this paper, we examine several security weaknesses of the aforementioned scheme. Next, we design a network architecture suitable for the integration of 5G networks and WSNs. Based on the network architecture, we propose a two-factor authentication and key agreement scheme in 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT that can resist various attacks, including those identified earlier, and that can preserve security requirements, including unlinkability. Lastly, we evaluate the security and performance of the proposed scheme and compare our scheme with other related schemes.

**INDEX TERMS** Two-Factor Authentication, Key Agreement, Password, Smart Card, Anonymity, Unlinkability, 5G Network, Wireless Sensor Networks, Internet of Things

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE Internet of Things (IoT) is an emerging technology that connects a variety of devices, including smartphones, home appliances, sensors, and other network devices. This new technology can be applied in many application domains, such as smart homes (e.g., security, heating and lighting control), smart cities, healthcare (e.g., remote patient monitoring), and smart manufacturing (e.g., remote monitoring and control of manufacturing system). For the development of IoT applications, establishing an open, standardized network stack with protocols catering to the needs of the constrained devices is essential [1]. Moreover, because the IoT spans such a wide range of application domains, its deployment requires heterogeneous network connectivity [2].

Smartphones have played an important role in early IoT services, communicating using Wi-Fi and cellular network technologies. Cellular networks are considered a potential candidate for providing connectivity to IoT devices, owing

to their mobility support, reliability, and ubiquitous deployment [3]. In particular, the fifth-generation networks (5G) currently under development are aiming to provide high speed (1 Gbps), low power, and low latency (1 ms or less). Hence 5G technology will accelerate the deployment of many IoT applications, demanding more ubiquity, more mobility, better performance and speed, and faster response times.

A wireless sensor network (WSN) consists of a large number of wireless, resource-constrained, small sensor nodes, deployed in an area of interest to monitor and collect physical or environmental conditions, such as light, temperature, pressure, motion, sound, or pollutants. WSNs play an important role in the IoT by supporting the sensing and collecting of environmental information. Thus, to successfully provide IoT applications, the integration of 5G networks and WSNs is required.

However, despite of the potential of this integration, it also exposes us further to security threats in our daily lives.

Hence, security and privacy are critical to protecting IoT applications from such attacks. Moreover, the heterogeneity of the networks can have a significant influence on the security of IoT applications [4], where resource-constrained sensor nodes must open a secure communication with more powerful devices. For example, in a smart home, home sensor nodes communicate with the user's smartphone. For secure communications between any parties, and to provide equivalent security levels for communications between diverse devices, optimal cryptography algorithms are essential. Furthermore, IoT devices require high-speed and efficient lightweight security.

In IoT, only legitimate users should be able to access authentic IoT devices (i.e., a gateway or sensor node) and a session key should be established between the user and the IoT device for secure data transmission. Therefore, mutual authentication with key agreement is an important requirement for the IoT. Because the IoT carries data that may contain personal privacy information (i.e., identity and position) and anyone can access another user's device, any information leaks may compromise users' privacy. In 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT, anonymity is an important security aspect, because it protects the privacy of both users and the IoT devices such as sensor nodes. Anonymity typically refers to the state in which an individual's personal identity or personally identifiable information is not known publicly. The unlinkability of two or more items of interest, from an attacker's perspective, means that within the system, the attacker cannot identify whether these items are related. Pfizmann and Hansen point out that unlinkability is a sufficient condition of anonymity, but not a necessary condition [5]. However, to remain completely anonymous, most users want strong anonymity [6], which requires unlinkability, where an attacker's examination of the pseudonym holder's message provides no new information about the holder's true name [7]. Thus, in order to properly protect user privacy, both anonymity and unlinkability should be considered.

### A. RELATED WORK

In 2006, Wong et al. proposed a lightweight user authentication scheme [8] for WSNs based on XOR and hash operations. However, in 2009, Das showed that the scheme could not withstand a stolen verifier attack and an attack where many users were logged-in with the same ID and, thus, proposed a two-factor-based user authentication scheme [9] to resolve these issues. In his scheme, a password and a smart card are used as two factors to authenticate a user. However, in 2010, a number of researchers [10]–[13] pointed out security problems in Das's scheme, and proposed improvements to overcome. Then, Das et al. [14] in 2012 and Xue et al. [15] in 2013 individually presented user authentication and key agreement schemes for WSNs based on the use of smart cards.

Recently, in 2014, Turkanović et al. proposed a user authentication and key agreement scheme for heterogeneous ad-hoc WSNs, based on the IoT [16]. Their scheme is

lightweight because it uses only simple operations, such as XOR and hash function. Through IoT, a random user can connect directly to a single sensor node from the WSN, and negotiate a session key with it without connecting to a gateway node. Unfortunately, the scheme was later proved to be vulnerable to multiple attacks, by Chang et al. [17], Farash et al. [18], Amin and Biswas [19], and Tai et al. [20].

In 2016, Chang et al. pointed out that Turkanović et al.'s scheme is susceptible to an impersonation attack with node capture, a stolen smart card attack, a sensor node spoofing attack, and a stolen verifier attack, as well as failing to ensure backward secrecy [17]. Chang et al. proposed a flexible authentication protocol using a smart card for WSNs that operates in two modes: a lightweight authentication scheme, as an improvement to that of Turkanović et al. scheme, and an advanced protocol based on elliptic curve cryptography (ECC), providing perfect forward secrecy.

At the same time, Farash et al. identified that Turkanović et al.'s scheme cannot resist a stolen smart card attack and a man-in-the-middle attack, and that it does not provide untraceability and forward/backward secrecy [18]. Based on their analysis, they proposed an improved user authentication and key agreement scheme for heterogeneous WSNs. However, Amin et al. found that Farash et al.'s scheme does not withstand a known session-specific temporary information attack, an offline password guessing attack using a stolen smart card attack, a new smart card issue attack, and a user impersonation attack. Furthermore, it does not preserve user anonymity and the secrecy of the secret key of the gateway node [21]. Amin et al. then presented an anonymous-preserving three-factor authenticated key exchange protocol for WSNs, in which a password, a smart card, and biometrics are used as three factors.

In 2016, Amin and Biswas proved that Turkanović et al.'s scheme does not prevent an offline identity-password guessing attack, a smart card theft attack, a user impersonation attack, and a sensor node impersonation attack, as well as providing an inefficient authentication phase [19]. As a solution, they proposed a secure lightweight scheme for user authentication and key agreement in multi-gateway based WSNs.

Most recently, in 2017, Tai et al. also showed that Turkanović et al.'s scheme does not ensure user anonymity, and that a session key established in the scheme can be leaked using compromised sensor nodes. To overcome these security flaws, they proposed an improvement to Turkanović et al.'s scheme. They claimed that their scheme ensures user anonymity and mutual authentication between all parties. However, we have found that Tai et al.'s scheme does not provide mutual authentication and sensor node anonymity and, furthermore that it is susceptible to a sensor node spoofing attack with sensor node capturing, a privileged-insider attack, and a session-specific temporary information attack [22]. We also find additional security weaknesses in the scheme, namely, being susceptible to stolen smart card and offline password guessing attacks and no securing user

anonymity.

## B. CONTRIBUTION

As shown in the section on related works, the existing studies on user authentication and key agreement for WSNs fail to satisfy desirable security features. In particular, most of the proposed schemes do not provide strong anonymity, referred to as unlinkability. In addition, they focus mainly on WSNs, which means their network architectures are not suitable for 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT.

- We analyze the security of Tai et al.'s most recent user authentication and key agreement scheme for IoT-based ad hoc heterogeneous WSNs. We show that their scheme is vulnerable to several attacks including stolen smart card, offline password guessing, sensor node spoofing, privileged-insider, and session-specific temporary information attacks. We also show that Tai et al.'s scheme does not preserve user and sensor node anonymity, mutual authentication, and the secrecy of the secret key of the gateway node.
- We design a network architecture suitable for 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT. Under the new network architecture, we propose a secure two-factor authentication and key agreement scheme that overcomes the aforementioned security weaknesses and preserves all the security features of Tai et al.'s scheme. Moreover, our proposed scheme withstands all known attacks and ensures unlinkability and, thus, strong anonymity.
- Using a security evaluation, we show that our proposed scheme can resist many attacks, including those that would compromise Tai et al.'s scheme. In addition, we compare the security features of our proposed scheme with those of other related schemes.
- Through a performance evaluation, we compare the performance of our proposed scheme with other related schemes in terms of their computational cost, communication cost, and storage cost.

## C. ORGANIZATION OF THE PAPER

Section 2 briefly reviews Tai et al.'s scheme, after which we discuss its security weaknesses in Section 3. Section 4 addresses the proposed authentication and key agreement scheme with unlinkability, based on the new network design. The security evaluation of the proposed scheme is discussed in Section 5. Section 6 presents the performance comparison with other related schemes. Finally, we conclude the paper in Section 7.

## II. REVIEW OF Tai et al.'s SCHEME

In this section, we briefly review Tai et al.'s scheme [20], which consists of six phases: pre-deployment, registration, login, authentication, password-change, and dynamic node addition. The registration phase is divided further into two sub-phases: user registration and sensor node registration. The notation used in Tai et al.'s scheme is given in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Notation for Tai et al.'s scheme.

Notation	Description
$SC$	Smart card
$U_i$	User
$S_j$	Sensor node
$GW_N$	Gateway node
$ID_i$	Identity of $U_i$
$PW_i$	Password of $U_i$
$SID_j$	Identity of $S_j$
$X_{GW_N}, X_U$	Secure password keys known only to the $GW_N$
$X_{GW_N-i}$	Shared secure password between $GW_N$ and $U_i$
$X_{GW_N-j}$	Shared secure password between $GW_N$ and $S_j$
$K_i$	Random number generated by $U_i$
$K_j$	Random number generated by $S_j$
$SK$	Agreed session key of the user and sensor node
$T$	Timestamp
$\Delta T$	Time interval for the allowed transmission delay
$h(\cdot)$	Cryptographic one-way hash function
$\parallel$	Concatenation operation
$\oplus$	Bitwise XOR operation

## A. PRE-DEPLOYMENT PHASE

A network administrator predefines a pair of an identifier  $SID_j$  and a password  $X_{GW_N-j}$  for each sensor node  $S_j$ , where  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $m$  is the number of sensor nodes in the WSN.  $X_{GW_N-j}$  is generated randomly and stored in  $S_j$ 's memory. For  $GW_N$ , the administrator predefines two secure password keys  $X_{GWM}$  and  $X_U$ , known only to  $GW_N$  and stored in  $GW_N$ 's memory. In addition,  $GW_N$  stores  $SID_j$  and  $X_{GW_N-j}$  for each sensor node  $S_j$ .

## B. USER REGISTRATION PHASE

On demand, a user  $U_i$  initiates the user registration phase, after which he/she can access any sensor node.

- (1)  $U_i$  selects her/his identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$  and sends a registration request  $\langle ID_i, PW_i \rangle$  to  $GW_N$  through a secure channel.
- (2)  $GW_N$  randomly selects a password key  $X_{GW_N-i}$  for  $U_i$  and stores it with  $ID_i$  in its memory. It then computes  $f_i = h(ID_i \parallel X_{GW_N-i})$ ,  $x_i = h(ID_i \parallel PW_i \parallel X_{GW_N-i})$ , and  $e_i = h(PW_i) \oplus X_U$ .
- (3)  $GW_N$  chooses an  $SC$  and writes  $\langle f_i, x_i, e_i, X_{GW_N-i}, h(\cdot) \rangle$  into the  $SC$ 's memory. Then,  $GW_N$  sends it to  $U_i$  through a secure channel.

## C. SENSOR NODE REGISTRATION PHASE

The sensor node registration phase is conducted after the deployment of sensor nodes in the target field.

- (1)  $S_j$  computes  $MP_j = h(SID_j \parallel T_1 \parallel X_{GW_N-j})$ , where  $T_1$  is the  $S_j$ 's current timestamp, and sends the registration request  $\langle SID_j, MP_j, T_1 \rangle$  to  $GW_N$ .
- (2) Upon receiving the registration request,  $GW_N$  checks  $|T_1 - T_C| < \Delta T$ , where  $T_C$  is the current timestamp of  $GW_N$ . If this fails,  $GW_N$  transmits a rejection message to  $S_j$ .
- (3) Otherwise,  $GW_N$  searches the corresponding  $X_{GW_N-j}$  using the received  $SID_j$  and computes

$MP_j^* = h(SID_j || T_1 || X_{GWN-j})$ .  $GWN$  then verifies  $MP_j^* \stackrel{?}{=} MP_j$ . If this fails,  $GWN$  terminates this phase and sends a rejection message to  $S_j$ . Otherwise,  $GWN$  computes  $f_j = h(SID_j || X_{GWN-j})$ ,  $x_j = h(T_2 || X_{GWN-j})$ ,  $e_j = f_j \oplus x_j$ , and  $z_j = h(f_j || e_j || T_2 || X_{GWN-j})$ , where  $T_2$  is the current timestamp of  $GWN$ .  $GWN$  sends a response message  $\langle e_j, z_j, T_2 \rangle$  to  $S_j$ .

- (4) On obtaining  $GWN$ 's response,  $S_j$  checks  $|T_2 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If this fails,  $S_j$  terminates this phase and sends a request to  $GWN$  to re-execute the phase. Otherwise,  $S_j$  computes  $x_j^* = h(T_2 || X_{GWN-j})$ ,  $f_j^* = e_j \oplus x_j^*$ , and  $z_j^* = h(f_j^* || e_j || T_2 || X_{GWN-j})$ .  $S_j$  then verifies  $z_j^* \stackrel{?}{=} z_j$ . If this fails,  $S_j$  asks  $GWN$  to resend  $\langle e_j, z_j \rangle$ . If  $S_j$  still cannot verify the resent  $\langle e_j, z_j \rangle$  successfully, this phase is re-executed immediately. If  $z_j^* = z_j$ ,  $S_j$  confirms that  $f_j^* = f_j$ , and stores  $f_j^*$  in its memory.

### D. LOGIN PHASE

In order to access information from the WSN,  $U_i$  needs to log in.

- (1)  $U_i$  inserts her/his  $SC$  into the card reader and inputs  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$ .
- (2)  $SC$  computes  $x_i^* = h(ID_i || PW_i || X_{GWN-i})$  using the inputted  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  and  $X_{GWN-i}$  stored in its memory.  $SC$  then verifies  $x_i^* \stackrel{?}{=} x_i$ . If this fails, this phase is terminated. If  $U_i$  inputs the wrong password more than three times,  $SC$  is locked immediately. If  $x_i^* = x_i$ ,  $SC$  chooses a random number  $K_i$ , and computes  $MI_i = h(T_1 || h(PW_i) \oplus e_i) \oplus ID_i$ ,  $Z_i = K_i \oplus h(T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ , and  $N_i = h(MI_i || ID_i || K_i || f_i || T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ , where  $T_1$  is  $U_i$ 's current timestamp.
- (3)  $U_i$  selects a sensor node  $S_j$ , and sends an authentication request  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1 \rangle$  to  $S_j$  through an open channel.

### E. AUTHENTICATION PHASE

In this phase,  $U_i$  and  $S_j$  can authenticate each other and negotiate a session key to be shared between them, with the help of  $GWN$ .

- (1) Upon receiving the authentication request from  $U_i$ ,  $S_j$  checks  $|T_1 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If this fails,  $S_j$  terminates this phase and sends a rejection message to  $U_i$ . Otherwise,  $S_j$  selects a random number  $K_j$ , and computes  $A_j = h(N_i || T_2 || X_{GWN-j}) \oplus K_j$  and  $B_j = h(A_j || K_j || T_2 || f_j)$ , where  $T_2$  is the current timestamp of  $S_j$ .  $S_j$  then sends  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1, SID_j, A_j, B_j, T_2 \rangle$  to  $GWN$  via an open channel.
- (2) On obtaining  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1, SID_j, A_j, B_j, T_2 \rangle$  from  $S_j$ ,  $GWN$  checks  $|T_2 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If this fails,  $GWN$  terminates this phase and sends a rejection message to  $S_j$ . Otherwise,  $GWN$  searches the corresponding  $X_{GWN-j}$  using the received  $SID_j$ , and computes  $K_j^* = h(N_i || T_2 || X_{GWN-j}) \oplus A_j$ ,  $f_j^* =$

$h(SID_j || X_{GWN-j})$ , and  $B_j^* = h(A_j || K_j^* || T_2 || f_j^*)$ .  $GWN$  then checks  $B_j^* \stackrel{?}{=} B_j$ . If this fails,  $GWN$  aborts all further actions and sends a rejection message to  $S_j$ . Otherwise,  $GWN$  successfully authenticates  $S_j$ .

- (3)  $GWN$  computes  $ID_i^* = MI_i \oplus h(T_1 || X_U)$  and searches the corresponding  $X_{GWN-i}$  using  $ID_i^*$ .  $GWN$  computes  $f_i^* = h(ID_i^* || X_{GWN-i})$ ,  $K_i^* = Z_i \oplus h(T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ , and  $N_i^* = h(MI_i || ID_i^* || K_i^* || f_i^* || T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ .  $GWN$  then checks  $N_i^* \stackrel{?}{=} N_i$ . If this fails,  $GWN$  aborts all further actions and sends a rejection message indicating that  $U_i$  is illegal to  $S_j$ . Otherwise,  $GWN$  confirms that  $U_i$  and  $S_j$  are legal.
- (4)  $GWN$  then computes  $R_i = K_j^* \oplus h(T_3 || N_i || f_i^* || X_{GWN-i})$ ,  $R_j = K_i^* \oplus h(T_3 || B_j || f_j^* || X_{GWN-j})$ , and  $F_{ij} = h(T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || R_i || K_i^* || K_j^*)$ , where  $T_3$  is the  $GWN$ 's current timestamp.  $GWN$  then sends  $\langle R_i, R_j, F_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3 \rangle$  to  $S_j$  via an open channel.
- (5) Upon receiving  $\langle R_i, R_j, F_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3 \rangle$  from  $GWN$ ,  $S_j$  checks  $|T_3 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If this fails, all further actions are aborted and  $S_j$  sends a rejection message to  $GWN$  and  $U_i$ . Otherwise,  $S_j$  computes  $K_i^* = R_j \oplus h(T_3 || B_j || f_j^* || X_{GWN-j})$  and  $F_{ij}^* = h(T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || R_i || K_i^* || K_j)$ .  $S_j$  then checks  $F_{ij}^* \stackrel{?}{=} F_{ij}$ . If this fails,  $S_j$  asks  $GWN$  to resend the message. If  $S_j$  still cannot verify the resent message successfully, all further actions are aborted and  $S_j$  sends a rejection message to  $GWN$  and  $U_i$ . Otherwise, if  $F_{ij}^* = F_{ij}$ ,  $S_j$  computes the session key  $SK = h(K_i^* \oplus K_j)$  shared with  $U_i$  and  $R_{ij} = h(T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || T_4 || K_i^* || K_j || SK)$ , where  $T_4$  is  $S_j$ 's current timestamp, and sends  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 \rangle$  to  $U_i$  via an open channel.
- (6) On obtaining  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 \rangle$  from  $S_j$ ,  $U_i$  checks  $|T_4 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If this fails,  $U_i$  aborts all further actions and sends a rejection message to  $S_j$ . Otherwise,  $SC$  computes  $K_j^* = R_i \oplus h(T_3 || N_i || f_i || X_{GWN-i})$ , the session key  $SK^* = h(K_i \oplus K_j^*)$  shared with  $S_j$ , and  $R_{ij}^* = h(T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || T_4 || K_i || K_j^* || SK^*)$ . It then checks  $R_{ij}^* \stackrel{?}{=} R_{ij}$ . If this fails,  $U_i$  asks  $S_j$  to resend the message  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 \rangle$ . If the resent message is still not verified successfully,  $U_i$  terminates this phase and sends a rejection message to  $S_j$ . Otherwise, if  $R_{ij}^* = R_{ij}$ ,  $U_i$  confirms that  $GWN$  and  $S_j$  are legal, and that the computed  $SK^*$  is equal to  $S_j$ 's  $SK$ .

## III. SECURITY WEAKNESSES OF Tai et al.'s SCHEME

In this section, we discuss the security weaknesses of Tai et al.'s scheme, and show that an adversary can mount different types of attacks on the scheme.

### A. INSECURITY OF THE SECRET KEY OF THE GATEWAY NODE

In Tai et al.'s scheme, an authorized user  $U_i$  can extract the hashed value of secret key  $X_U$ , because it is easy for  $U_i$  to



compute  $X_U = e_i \oplus h(PW_i)$  using its own password  $PW_i$  and the retrieved information  $e_i$  from his/her smart card  $SC_i$ . Thus, the secret key  $X_U$  of the gateway node, which is used for every user, is not secure.

### B. STOLEN SMART CARD AND OFFLINE PASSWORD GUESSING ATTACKS

Although a smart card is usually equipped with tamper resistant hardware, by launching power analysis attacks [23], an adversary can extract all sensitive information stored in its memory. Thus, we assume that if a user's smart card is stolen or lost, an adversary can obtain the information (i.e.,  $\langle f_i, x_i, e_i, X_{GWN-i}, h(\cdot) \rangle$  in Tai et al.'s scheme) from the card.

In Section III-A, we described how an authorized user  $U_j$ , who wants to act as an adversary, can know  $X_U$ . After extracting  $X_U$  from his/her own smart card, and using the smart card stolen from the legal user  $U_i$ , adversary  $U_j$  can guess  $PW_i^*$  and compute  $e_i^* = h(PW_i^*) \oplus X_U$ . If  $e_i^* = e_i$  holds, then the adversary can obtain the actual password. Thus, Tai et al.'s scheme is susceptible to stolen smart card and offline password guessing attacks.

### C. INSECURITY OF USER ANONYMITY

As in the case of an offline password guessing attack, if an authorized user  $U_j$ , who acts as an adversary, knows  $X_U$ , the adversary can compute another legitimate user's identity. The adversary  $U_j$  intercepts a legitimate user  $U_i$ 's login message  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1 \rangle$  during protocol execution, where  $MI_i = h(T_1 || h(PW_i) \oplus e_i) \oplus ID_i$ ,  $Z_i = K_i \oplus h(T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ , and  $N_i = h(MI_i || ID_i || K_i || f_i || T_1 || X_{GWN-i})$ . Then, the adversary  $U_j$  can easily compute  $ID_i' = MI_i \oplus h(T_1 || X_U)$ , which is the original identity of  $U_i$ . Therefore, the user-anonymity property can be broken easily.

### D. NO SENSOR NODE ANONYMITY

In the authentication phase, the sensor node  $S_j$  sends the request message  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1, SID_j, A_j, B_j, T_2 \rangle$  to the gateway node  $GWN$  via an insecure channel. Clearly, if an adversary intercepts this request message from the insecure channel, he/she can obtain  $S_j$ 's identity  $SID_j$ . Thus, the anonymity of sensor nodes is not preserved in Tai et al.'s scheme.

### E. LACK OF MUTUAL AUTHENTICATION

In a user authentication and key agreement scheme, mutual authentication of all involved parties is essential. Tai et al. stated that their scheme provides mutual authentication between any two of a gateway node, a sensor node, and a user. However, in their scheme, it is not possible for a user to authenticate a sensor node.

In Tai et al.'s scheme,  $U_i$  should authenticate the chosen sensor node  $S_j$  with the help of  $GWN$ . However, in the last step of the authentication phase,  $S_j$  delivers only one value  $R_i$  received from  $GWN$  to  $U_i$ , and  $R_i$  does not include any information to authenticate  $S_j$ . Here,  $U_i$  only utilizes this

value to extract  $K_j^*$  in order to compute  $SK$ , which will be shared with  $S_j$  in this session. Furthermore,  $U_i$  verifies only the session key through  $R_{ij}^* \stackrel{?}{=} R_{ij}$ , and does not verify the source authentication of the message  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 \rangle$ . In other words,  $U_i$  does not check whether the message is truly from the selected  $S_j$  with  $SID_j$  herself/himself during the login phase. Thus, an adversary can launch the sensor node spoofing attack described in the next section, because of the lack of mutual authentication.

### F. SENSOR NODE SPOOFING ATTACK WITH SENSOR NODE CAPTURING

An adversary can capture or compromise a sensor node and extract important information stored in its memory because WSNs are installed in unattended or hostile environments. In Tai et al.'s scheme, if an adversary compromises one sensor node, he/she can masquerade any non-compromised and legitimate sensor node to which a user is trying to log in.

Suppose that an adversary compromises a sensor node  $S_j$  and obtains  $SID_j, X_{GWN-j}$ , and  $f_j$  from the compromised  $S_j$ . When a user  $U_i$  wants to log into the sensor node  $S_k$ , the adversary performs the following steps to launch a sensor node spoofing attack:

- (1) When  $U_i$  sends  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1 \rangle$  to  $S_k$ , the adversary intercepts that message and randomly selects  $K_j'$ . Then, the adversary computes  $A_j' = h(N_i || T_2' || X_{GWN-j}) \oplus K_j'$  and  $B_j' = h(A_j' || K_j' || T_2' || f_j)$  using  $S_j$ 's compromised parameters  $X_{GWN-j}$  and  $f_j$  and the current timestamp  $T_2'$ . The adversary sends  $\langle MI_i, Z_i, N_i, T_1, SID_j, A_j', B_j', T_2' \rangle$  to  $GWN$ .
- (2) Upon receiving the above message from  $S_j$ ,  $GWN$  performs the verification process as per step (2) in the authentication phase. Because  $M_i, Z_i$ , and  $N_i$  are not bound to  $S_k$ ,  $GWN$  cannot identify whether these were actually sent to  $S_k$ , and not to  $S_j$ . In addition, the adversary used valid parameters of  $S_j$  to compute  $A_j'$  and  $B_j'$  and, thus,  $GWN$  trusts that the received message is valid and that is originated from the sensor node  $S_j$ , chosen by  $U_i$ .  $GWN$  then computes  $R_i, R_j$ , and  $F_{ij}$  and sends  $\langle R_i, R_j, F_{ij}, T_1, T_2', T_3 \rangle$  to the adversary, who is now impersonating the sensor node  $S_j$ .
- (3) On receiving  $\langle R_i, R_j, F_{ij}, T_1, T_2', T_3 \rangle$  from  $GWN$ , the adversary obtains  $K_i^*$  using the compromised parameters  $f_j$  and  $X_{GWN-j}$ , and computes  $SK' = h(K_i^* \oplus K_j')$  and  $R_{ij} = h(T_1 || T_2' || T_3 || K_i^* || K_j' || SK')$ . Finally, the adversary sends  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2', T_3, T_4' \rangle$ , where  $T_4'$  is the current timestamp of the adversary, to  $U_i$ .
- (4) After receiving  $\langle R_i, R_{ij}, T_1, T_2', T_3, T_4' \rangle$  from  $S_j$ ,  $U_i$  verifies the timestamp  $T_4'$  and obtains  $K_j^* = R_i \oplus h(T_3 || N_i || f_i || X_{GWN-i})$ .  $U_i$  then will successfully computes  $SK^* = h(K_i || K_j^*)$  and verifies  $R_{ij}^* \stackrel{?}{=} R_{ij}$ .

Thus, the adversary has succeeded in masquerading as the sensor node  $S_k$ .

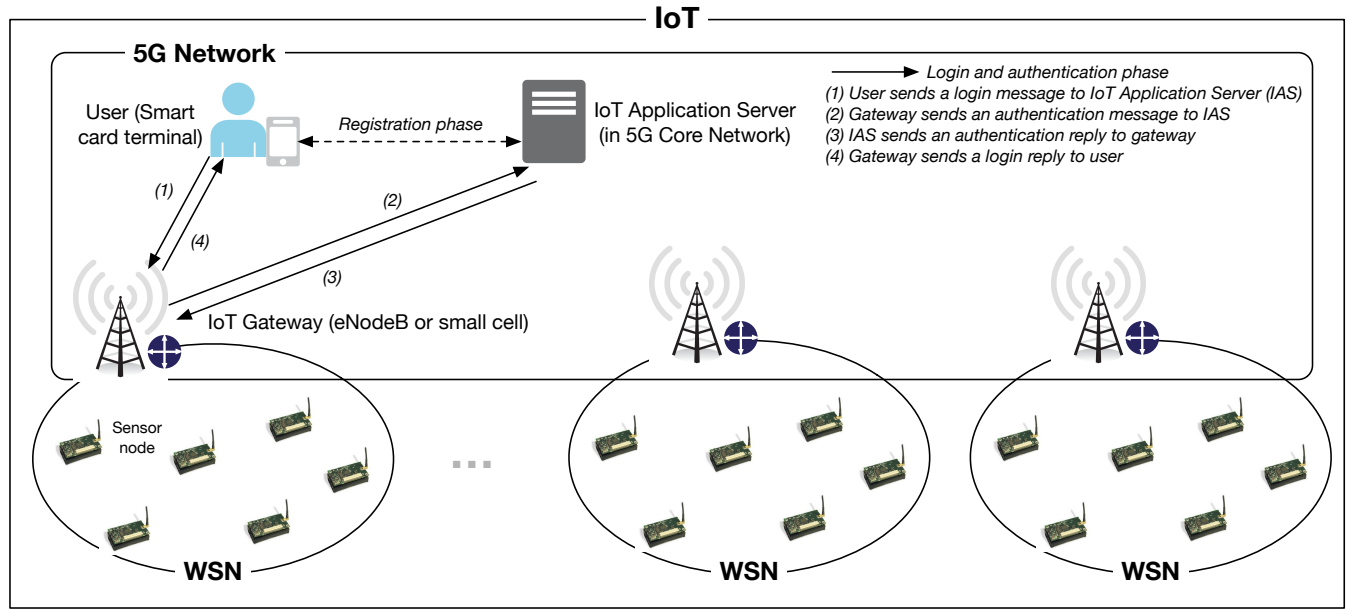


FIGURE 1. Proposed scheme architecture of 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT.

### G. PRIVILEGED-INSIDER ATTACK

In Tai et al.'s scheme, a user  $U_i$  sends the plaintext password to  $GWN$  in the registration phase. If  $U_i$  submits the same password used in other systems to  $GWN$ ,  $GWN$  can use the password to impersonate the victim user when accessing other systems. Thus, Tai et al.'s scheme is susceptible to a privileged-insider attack.

### H. SESSION-SPECIFIC TEMPORARY INFORMATION ATTACK

Canetti and Krawczyk [24] introduced a session-specific temporary information attack. This attack implies that if the specific information generated temporarily for a session is leaked, the session key established in the that session is no longer secure.

In Tai et al.'s scheme,  $U_i$  and  $S_j$  compute the session key based on the temporary random numbers  $K_i$  and  $K_j$  generated by  $U_i$  and  $S_j$ , respectively. If these two temporary numbers  $K_i$  and  $K_j$  are leaked, then an adversary can compute the session key  $SK = h(K_i \oplus K_j)$  established between  $U_i$  and  $S_j$ . Thus, the security of the session key is compromised in the event of a leakage of session-specific temporary information.

## IV. OUR PROPOSED SCHEME

In this section, we propose a two-factor authentication and key agreement scheme in 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT, that overcomes the aforementioned security weaknesses identified in Tai et al.'s scheme.

As mentioned in Section I-B, we design a network architecture suitable for user authentication and key agreement in 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT. Figure 1 describes the

TABLE 2. Notation for the proposed scheme.

Notation	Description
$IAS$	IoT Application Server
$GW_j$	IoT Gateway
$MID_i$	Masked identity of $U_i$
$MPW_i$	Masked password of $U_i$
$GWID_j$	Identity of $GW_j$
$X_U$	Secret of $IAS$ used for authenticating users
$X_{GW}$	Secret of $IAS$ used for authenticating gateways
$PU_i^k$	One-time pseudonym of $U_i$ used in the $k$ -th authentication.
$PGW_j^k$	One-time pseudonym of $GW_j$ used in the $k$ -th authentication.
$r_i^k$	Random number generated by $U_i$ for updating $PU_i^k$
$s_j^k$	Random number generated by $GW_j$ for updating $PGW_j^k$

network architecture. The proposed model consists of three types of entities: the user ( $U_i$ ), IoT gateway ( $GW_j$ ), and an IoT application server ( $IAS$ ). After registration and mutual authentication, for IoT services,  $U_i$  can obtain real-time data from  $GW_j$  via a 5G network. The main tasks of  $GW_j$  are to collect real-time data from sensor nodes in the WSN, and to deliver them to the authenticated user via the 5G network. Thus, as an IoT gateway,  $GW_j$  can be located in eNodeB or a small cell in the 5G access network. Here,  $IAS$  is responsible for providing a registration facility for  $U_i$ , as well as proper IoT services, based on the underlying WSNs, to the authenticated user via the 5G network. Thus,  $IAS$  can be located in the 5G core network.

Our proposed scheme consists of four phases: system setup, user registration, login and authentication, and password change. We use the additional notation for the proposed scheme listed in Table 2.

## A. SYSTEM SETUP PHASE

Before the deployment of gateways and sensor nodes in a target field, this phase is executed by the IoT application server (*IAS*) in offline mode. This phase is described below.

- (1) *IAS* selects a master secret  $X_U$  for users, which is known only to *IAS*.
- (2) *IAS* chooses an identity  $GWID_j$  and randomly selects the first one-time pseudonym  $PGW_j^1$  for every gateway  $GW_j$ , where  $1 \leq j \leq m$  and  $m$  is the number of gateways.
- (3) *IAS* selects a master secret  $X_{GW}$  for gateways, which is known only to *IAS*, and computes  $v_j = h(GWID_j || X_{GW})$  and  $w_j^1 = h(PGW_j^1)$ , which are different for each gateway.
- (4) *IAS* finally embeds  $\langle GWID_j, PGW_j^1, v_j, w_j^1 \rangle$  in the memory of  $GW_j$  in a secure manner.

## B. USER REGISTRATION PHASE

When a new user  $U_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $n$  is the number of users, wants to obtain an IoT application service based on WSNs,  $U_i$  must first register with the *IAS*. This phase is described in Figure 2 and below.

- (1) The new user  $U_i$  chooses the desired identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$ , and selects a random number  $a_i$ .  $U_i$  then computes  $MID_i = h(a_i || ID_i)$  and  $MPW_i = h(a_i || PW_i)$  and sends the masked identity and password as the registration request,  $\langle MID_i, MPW_i \rangle$ , to *IAS* via a secure channel.
- (2) After receiving the  $U_i$ 's registration request, *IAS* selects the first one-time pseudonym  $PU_i^1$  for  $U_i$  and computes  $x_i = h(MID_i || MPW_i)$ ,  $y_i = h(MID_i || X_U)$ ,  $d_i = y_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i)$ ,  $e_i = PU_i^1 \oplus h(MPW_i || y_i)$ ,  $z_i^1 = h(PU_i^1 || X_U)$ , and  $g_i = z_i^1 \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i || y_i)$ . Then, *IAS* issues a new smart card  $SC_i$  for  $U_i$  after storing  $\{c_i, d_i, e_i, g_i\}$  in the memory of  $SC_i$  through a secure channel. Finally, *IAS* stores  $\{MID_i, PU_i^1\}$  in its memory.
- (3) Upon receiving the smart card  $SC_i$ ,  $U_i$  computes  $b_i = a_i \oplus h(ID_i || PW_i)$  and stores  $\{b_i\}$  in  $SC_i$ . Finally,  $SC_i$  contains  $\{c_i, d_i, e_i, g_i, b_i\}$ .

## C. LOGIN AND AUTHENTICATION PHASE

The login and authentication phase is executed through a public channel whenever  $U_i$  wants to gain access to a WSN using his/her  $ID_i$ ,  $PW_i$ , and  $SC_i$ . Figure 3 illustrates the login and authentication phase of the proposed scheme. To achieve mutual authentication and session key agreement, this phase executes in several steps as follows.

- (1)  $U_i$  inserts own  $SC_i$ , and inputs identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$  into a terminal (i.e., a smart card reader).  $SC_i$  computes  $a_i = b_i \oplus h(ID_i || PW_i)$ ,  $MID_i = h(a_i || ID_i)$ , and  $MPW_i = h(a_i || PW_i)$ . Then,  $SC_i$  computes  $x_i^* = h(MID_i || MPW_i)$  and checks whether  $x_i^*$  matches with the stored  $x_i$ . If it

matches,  $SC_i$  has ensured that  $U_i$  has provided the correct  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$ .

- (2)  $SC_i$  randomly chooses numbers  $K_i$  and  $r_i^1$ . The random number  $K_i$  is used to generate a session key, and  $r_i^k$  is used to update the next one-time pseudonym  $PU_i^{k+1}$ .  $SC_i$  then computes  $y_i^* = d_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i^*)$ ,  $PU_i^{1*} = e_i \oplus h(MPW_i || y_i^*)$ ,  $z_i^{1*} = g_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i^* || y_i^*)$ ,  $M_1 = h(z_i^{1*} || T_1) \oplus MID_i$ ,  $M_2 = K_i \oplus h(y_i^* || T_1)$ ,  $M_3 = r_i^1 \oplus h(y_i^* || z_i^* || T_1)$ , and  $M_4 = h(M_1 || M_2 || M_3 || K_i || r_i^1 || GWID_j || T_1)$ , where  $T_1$  is the current timestamp of  $U_i$ , and  $GWID_j$  is the identity of the gateway  $GW_j$  where the user is currently located.  $SC_i$  sends a login message  $\langle PU_i^{1*}, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, T_1 \rangle$  to  $GW_j$ .
- (3) Upon receiving the login message,  $GW_j$  first checks whether  $|T_1 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If the verification succeeds,  $GW_j$  chooses random numbers  $K_j$  and  $s_j^1$ . The random number  $K_j$  is used to generate a session key, and  $s_j^k$  is used to update the next one-time pseudonym  $PGW_j^{k+1}$ . Using the stored values  $v_j$ ,  $w_j^1$ , and  $PGW_j^1$ ,  $GW_j$  then computes  $M_5 = h(w_j || T_2) \oplus GWID_j$ ,  $M_6 = K_j \oplus h(v_j || T_2)$ ,  $M_7 = s_j^1 \oplus h(v_j || w_j || T_2)$ , and  $M_8 = h(M_5 || M_6 || M_7 || K_j || s_j^1 || PU_i^{1*} || T_2)$ , where  $T_2$  is the current timestamp of  $GW_j$ . In order to authenticate each other, with the help of *IAS*,  $GW_j$  sends an authentication message  $PGW_j^1, M_5, M_6, M_7, M_8$ , and  $T_2$ , including the values received from  $U_i$ ,  $PU_i^{1*}, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$ , and  $T_1$ , to *IAS* through a public channel.
- (4) On receiving the message from  $GW_j$ , *IAS* first checks whether  $|T_2 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If the verification does not hold, *IAS* aborts any further action and sends a rejection message to  $GW_j$ . If the verification holds, *IAS* extracts  $GWID_j$  from the database using  $PGW_j^1$  and computes  $w_j^{1*} = h(PGW_j^1 || X_{GW})$  and  $GWID_j^* = M_5 \oplus h(w_j^{1*} || T_2)$ . *IAS* then checks if the retrieved  $GWID_j^*$  is equal to the searched  $GWID_j$ , based on the pseudonym. If the verification does not hold, *IAS* terminates the scheme because  $GW_j$  is not proved to be legitimate. Furthermore, *IAS* sends a rejection message to  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ .
- (5) If the above verification holds, *IAS* has successfully authenticated  $GW_j$  and starts with authenticating  $U_i$ . First, *IAS* extracts  $MID_i$  from the database using  $PU_i^1$ , computes  $z_i^{1*} = h(PU_i^1 || X_U)$  and  $MID_j^* = M_1 \oplus h(z_i^{1*} || T_1)$ , and checks if  $MID_i^* = MID_i$ . If this holds,  $U_i$  is authenticated to *IAS*. Otherwise, *IAS* aborts the session and sends a rejection message to  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ .
- (6) After successfully authenticating both  $GW_j$  and  $U_i$ , *IAS* derives random values that will be used to generate a session key and to update the one-time pseudonyms. *IAS* computes  $v_j^* = h(GWID_j || X_{GW})$ ,  $K_j^* = M_6 \oplus h(v_j^* || T_2)$ ,

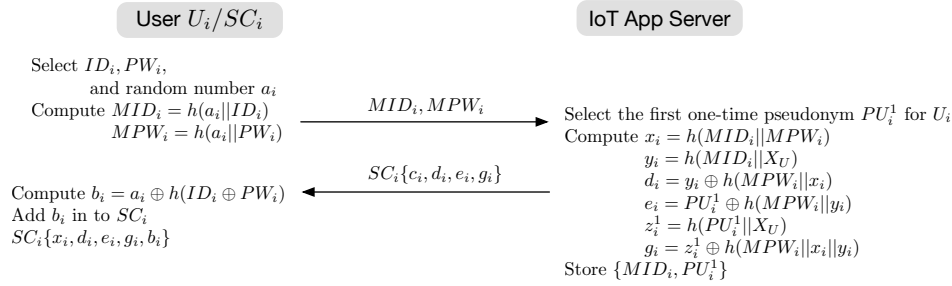


FIGURE 2. User registration phase of our proposed scheme.

$s_j^{1*} = M_7 \oplus h(v_j^* || w_j^{1*} || T_2)$ , and  $M_8^* = h(M_5 || M_6 || M_7 || K_j^* || s_j^{1*} || PU_i^1 || T_2)$ , and checks the correctness of the received  $M_8$ . If the latter is not valid,  $IAS$  aborts the session. Otherwise,  $IAS$  computes  $y_i^* = h(MID_i || X_U)$ ,  $K_i^* = M_2 \oplus h(y_i^* || T_1)$ ,  $r_i^{1*} = M_3 \oplus h(y_i^* || z_i^{1*} || T_1)$ , and  $M_4^* = h(M_1 || M_2 || M_3 || K_i^* || r_i^{1*} || GWID_j || T_1)$ , and checks the correctness of the received  $M_4$ . If the latter is not valid,  $IAS$  aborts the session and sends a rejection message to  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ . Otherwise,  $IAS$  continues to the next step.

- (7)  $IAS$  computes  $NK_i = h(K_i^* || MID_i)$  and  $NK_j = h(K_j^* || GWID_j)$ , which are used to compute the session key between  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ .  $IAS$  then computes  $PU_i^2 = h(PU_i^1 || r_i^{1*})$ ,  $PGW_j^2 = h(PGW_j^1 || s_j^{1*})$ ,  $z_i^2 = h(PU_i^2 || X_U)$ , and  $w_j^{2*} = h(PGW_j^2 || X_{GW})$  to update the one-time pseudonyms  $PU_i^2$  and  $PGW_j^2$ , and their confirmation values  $z_i^2$  and  $w_j^2$  for the next authentication of  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ , respectively.
- (8) Finally,  $IAS$  computes  $M_9 = NK_j \oplus h(GWID_j || y_i^* || T_3)$ ,  $M_{10} = z_i^2 \oplus h(y_i^* || z_i^{1*} || T_3)$ ,  $M_{11} = h(M_9 || M_{10} || NK_i || NK_j || PU_i^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || y_i^*)$ ,  $M_{12} = NK_i \oplus h(PU_i^1 || v_j^* || T_3)$ ,  $M_{13} = w_j^2 \oplus h(v_j^* || w_j^{1*} || T_3)$ , and  $M_{14} = h(M_{11} || M_{12} || NK_i || NK_j || PGW_j^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || v_i^*)$ . Then, it sends the authentication reply  $\langle M_9, \dots, M_{14}, T_1, T_2, T_3 \rangle$  to  $GW_j$  via a public channel, and updates database  $PU_i^1$  to  $PU_i^2$  for  $U_i$ , and  $PGW_j^1$  to  $PGW_j^2$  for  $GW_j$ .
- (9) Upon receipt of the authentication reply,  $GW_j$  first verifies whether  $|T_3 - T_C| < \Delta T$ . If the verification does not hold,  $GW_j$  aborts any further action and sends a rejection message to  $IAS$  and  $U_i$ . Otherwise,  $GW_j$  computes  $NK_i^* = M_{12} \oplus h(PU_i^1 || v_j || T_3)$ ,  $NK_j = (K_j || GWID_j)$ ,  $PGW_j^2 = h(PGW_j^1 || s_j^1)$ ,  $w_j^2 = M_{13} \oplus h(v_j || w_j^1 || T_3)$ , and  $M_{14}^* = h(M_{11} || M_{12} || NK_i^* || NK_j || PGW_j^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || v_j)$ , and checks whether the newly computed value  $M_{14}^*$  is equal to the received  $M_{14}$ . If the verification holds,  $GW_j$  believes that  $IAS$  and  $U_i$  are authentic. Otherwise,  $GW_j$  aborts any further action and sends a rejection message to  $IAS$  and  $U_i$ .
- (10) After authenticating both  $U_i$  and  $IAS$ ,  $GW_j$  estab-

lishes a session key  $SK_{U_i, GW_j} = h(NK_i^* || NK_j)$ , computes  $M_{15} = h(PU_i^1 || GWID_j || SK_{U_i, GW_j} || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || T_4)$ , and sends the login reply  $\langle M_9, M_{10}, M_{11}, M_{15}, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 \rangle$  to  $U_i$  via a public channel. Lastly,  $GW_j$  updates its memory  $PGW_j^1, w_j^1$  to  $PGW_j^2, w_j^2$ , respectively.

- (11) On receiving the login reply from  $GW_j$ ,  $U_i$  checks whether  $|T_4 - T_C| < \Delta T$  holds. If this is incorrect,  $U_i$  aborts the session and sends a rejection message to  $GW_j$ . Otherwise,  $U_i$  computes  $NK_j^* = M_9 \oplus h(GWID_j || y_i^* || T_3)$ ,  $NK_i = h(K_i || MID_i)$ ,  $PU_i^2 = h(PU_i^1 || r_i^1)$ ,  $z_i^{2*} = M_{10} \oplus h(y_i^* || z_i^{1*} || T_3)$ , and  $M_{11}^* = h(M_9 || M_{10} || NK_i || NK_j || PU_i^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || y_i^*)$ , and checks if  $M_{11}^* = M_{11}$ . If this fails,  $U_i$  aborts the session and sends a rejection message to  $GW_j$ . If it matches,  $IAS$  is confirmed to be authentic.  $U_i$  computes a session key  $SK_{U_i, GW_j} = h(NK_i \oplus NK_j^*)$  and  $M_{15}^* = h(PU_i^1 || GWID_j || SK_{U_i, GW_j} || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || T_4)$ , and then verifies the legitimacy of  $GW_j$  by checking if  $M_{15}^* = M_{15}$ . If this fails,  $U_i$  terminates the session and sends a rejection message to  $GW_j$ . If it matches,  $U_i$  believes the authenticity of  $GW_j$  and updates  $e_i, g_i$  of the memory of its own smart card  $SC_i$  using  $PU_i^2, z_i^{2*}$ , respectively. Finally,  $U_i$  successfully ends the login and authentication phase, and both  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$  can communicate securely using the derived session key  $SK_{U_i, GW_j}$ .

#### D. PASSWORD CHANGE PHASE

In the proposed scheme, a user can freely change his/her password without the help of an IoT application server. This phase contains the following steps.

- (1)  $U_i$  inserts his/her smart card  $SC_i$  into a terminal, and inputs identity  $ID_i$  and his/her old password  $PW_i^{old}$ .
- (2)  $SC_i$  computes  $a_i^* = b_i \oplus h(ID_i || PW_i^{old})$ ,  $MID_i^* = h(a_i || ID_i)$ ,  $MPW_i^* = h(a_i || PW_i^{old})$ , and  $x_i^* = h(MID_i || MPW_i)$ . Then,  $SC_i$  compares the computed  $x_i^*$  with the stored  $x_i$  in its memory. If these do not match, this means that  $U_i$  has inputted his/her old password  $PW_i^{old}$  incorrectly and, hence,  $SC_i$  terminates the password change phase immediately. Other-



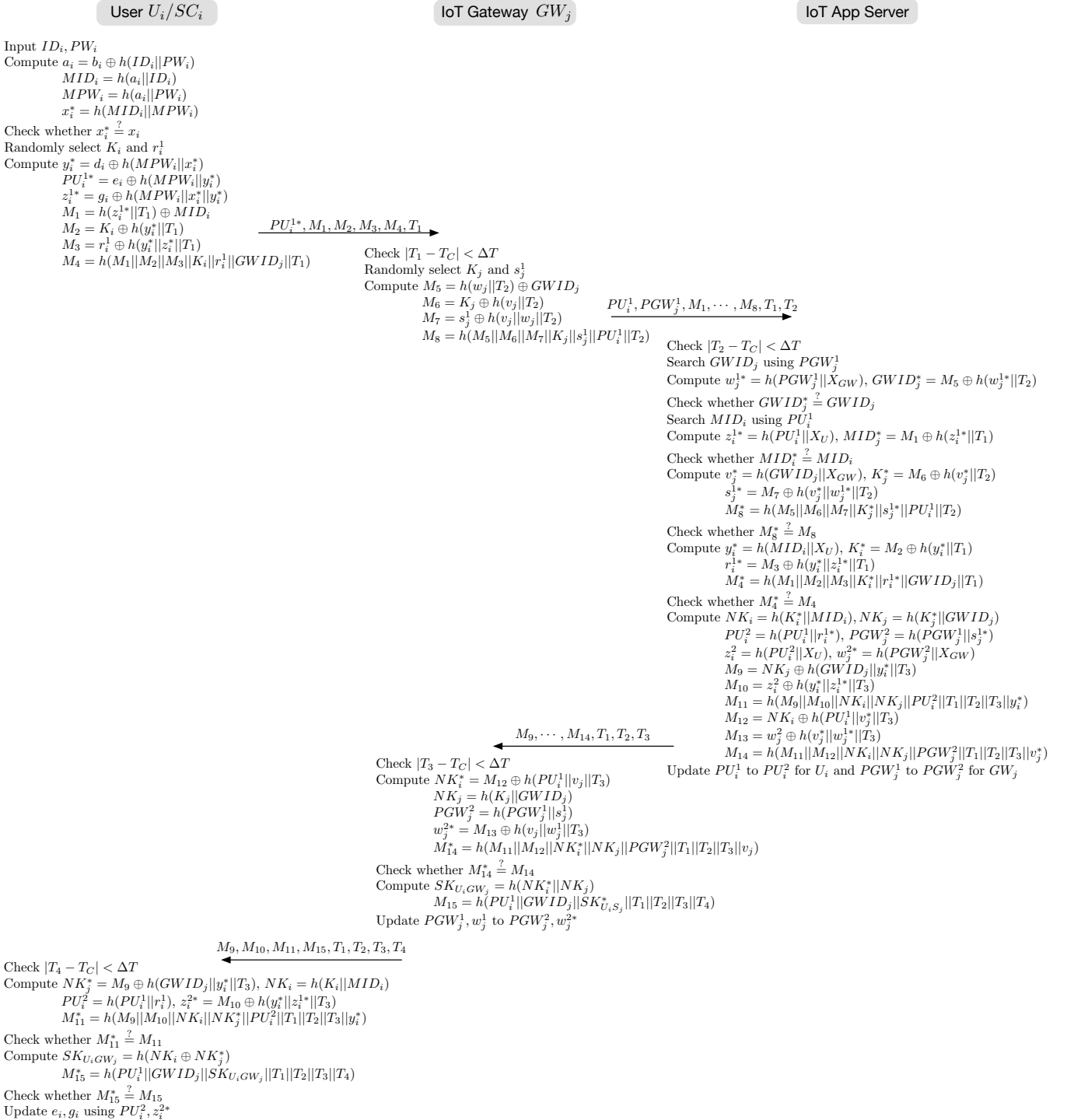


FIGURE 3. Login and authentication phase of our proposed scheme.

wise,  $SC_i$  demands a new password of  $U_i$ .

- (3) Using the new password  $PW_i^{new}$ ,  $SC_i$  computes the new masked password  $MPW_i' = h(a_i || PW_i^{new})$ . Then,  $SC_i$  computes  $y_i^* = d_i \oplus h(MPW_i' || x_i^*)$ ,  $PU_i^{k*} = e_i \oplus h(MPW_i' || y_i^*)$ , and  $z_i^{k*} = g_i \oplus h(MPW_i' || x_i^* || y_i^*)$ , where  $k$  is an index indicating the

next authentication number.

- (4)  $SC_i$  replaces  $x_i, d_i, e_i, g_i$ , and  $b_i$  with  $x_i' = h(MID_i || MPW_i')$ ,  $d_i' = y_i^* \oplus h(MPW_i' || x_i')$ ,  $e_i = PU_i^{k*} \oplus h(MPW_i' || y_i^*)$ ,  $g_i' = z_i^{k*} \oplus h(MPW_i' || x_i^* || y_i^*)$ , and  $b_i' = a_i \oplus h(ID_i || PW_i^{new})$ , respectively, in its memory.

**TABLE 3.** Security feature comparison of the proposed scheme with other related schemes.

Features	Proposed scheme	Tai et al. [20]	Chang et al. ( $\mathcal{P}_1$ ) [17]	Farash et al. [18]	Turkanović et al. [16]	Xue et al. [15]	Das et al. [14]
Mutual Authentication	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Session Key Agreement	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
User Anonymity	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Unlinkability	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Sensor Node Anonymity ( $GW$ in our scheme)	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Resilience to a							
Offline Password Guessing Attack	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Privileged-Insider Attack	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Impersonation Attack	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Stolen Verifier Attack	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Stolen Smart Card Attack	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Session-specific Temporary Information Attack	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES

## V. SECURITY EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME

Here, we present a security evaluation of our proposed scheme by showing how it satisfies the security requirements and is secure against various known attacks. We also compare the security of the proposed scheme with other related schemes, in Table 3.

### A. MUTUAL AUTHENTICATION

On receiving the authentication message, including the login message of  $U_i$  from  $GW_j$ ,  $IAS$  uses the pseudonyms  $PU_i^1$  and  $PGW_j^1$  to search for identities  $MID_i$  and  $GWID_j$ , respectively, in the database. This is because an adversary cannot generate legal  $z_i^{1*} = h(PU_i^1 || X_U)$  and  $w_j^{1*} = h(PGW_j^1 || X_{GW})$  without knowing  $IAS$ 's secret  $X_U$  and  $X_{GW}$ , even if he/she knows  $PU_i^1$  and  $PGW_j^1$ .  $IAS$  also retrieves  $MID_i^*$  and  $GWID_j^*$  from the received messages  $M_1$  and  $M_5$  by computing  $z_i^{1*}$  and  $w_j^{1*}$ , and verifies the legitimacy of  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$  using  $MID_i^* = MID_i$  and  $GWID_j^* = GWID_j$ , respectively.

On the other hand, on receiving the authentication reply from  $IAS$ , using  $PU_i^1$  in the login message of  $U_i$ ,  $GW_j$  retrieves  $NK_i^*$  from the message and computes  $NK_j$  and  $PGW_j^2$  itself. Then,  $GW_j$  computes  $M_{14}^* = h(M_{11} || M_{12} || NK_i^* || NK_j || PGW_j^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || v_j)$  to verify the legitimacy of  $IAS$  and  $U_i$  using  $M_{14}^* = M_{14}$ . This is because only a legitimate  $IAS$  can retrieve the correct value  $v_j = h(GWID_j || X_{GW})$  of  $GW_j$  and can compute  $M_{12}$  using both  $v_j$  and the same pseudonym  $PU_i^1$  of  $U_i$ , who requested the login, and provide these values to  $GW_j$ .

On receiving the login reply from  $GW_j$ , using  $GWID_j$  of the gateway requested access in the login message  $M_4$ ,  $U_i$  retrieves  $NK_j^*$  from the reply and computes  $NK_i$  and  $PU_i^2$  itself. Then,  $U_i$  computes  $M_{11}^* = h(M_9 || M_{10} || NK_i || NK_j^* || PU_i^2 || T_1 || T_2 || T_3 || y_i^*)$  to verify the legitimacy of  $IAS$  and  $GW_j$  using  $M_{11}^* = M_{11}$ . This is because only a legitimate  $IAS$  can retrieve the correct values  $y_i^* = h(MID_i || X_U)$  and  $z_i^{1*} = h(PU_i^1 || X_U)$  of  $U_i$ , compute  $M_{11}$  using  $y_i$ ,  $z_i^{1*}$ , and the same identity  $GWID_j$  of  $GW_j$  which the user wants to access, and provide these val-

ues to  $U_i$ . Therefore, our proposed scheme provides mutual authentication.

### B. SECURE SESSION KEY AGREEMENT AND RESILIENCE TO A SESSION-SPECIFIC TEMPORARY INFORMATION ATTACK

Secure session key agreement is essential to providing confidentiality of future communication between a user and a gateway. In the proposed scheme, at the end of the authentication phase,  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$  agree on the session key  $SK_{U_i, GW_j} = h(NK_i || NK_j)$ . On receiving the authentication and login replies from  $IAS$ ,  $GW_j$  and  $U_i$  retrieve  $NK_i = h(K_i || MID_i)$  and  $NK_j = h(K_j || GWID_j)$ , respectively, from the replies. Then,  $GW_j$  and  $U_i$  individually compute  $NK_j$  and  $NK_i$  using randomly selected values  $K_j$  and  $K_i$  and their identities  $GWID_j$  and  $MID_i$ , respectively. After mutual authentication, they compute  $SK_{U_i, GW_j}$ . Both randomly selected values  $K_i$  and  $K_j$ , from  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ , respectively, are always masked by the secret values  $y_i$  and  $z_i$ . Even if an adversary knows  $K_i$  and  $K_j$ , he/she cannot compute  $SK_{U_i, GW_j}$  without knowing  $U_i$ 's masked identity  $MID_i$  and the identity of  $GW_j$ . In addition to, the adversary cannot retrieve  $NK_j$ ,  $NK_i$  from the login and authentication replies  $M_9 = NK_j \oplus h(GWID_j || y_i^* || T_3)$  and  $M_{12} = NK_i \oplus h(PU_i^1 || v_j^* || T_3)$  without knowing  $y_i$  and  $z_i$ , respectively. As a result, our proposed scheme achieves secure key agreement, and a leakage of the session-specific temporary information  $K_i$  and  $K_j$  does not affect the security of the established session key.

### C. ANONYMITY WITH UNLINKABILITY

From the registration phase, user  $U_i$  always uses the masked identity  $MID_i = h(a_i || ID_i)$  instead of the real identity  $ID_i$ . In the login authentication phase,  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$  hide  $MID_i$  and  $GWID_j$  by computing masked versions  $M_1 = h(z_i^{1*} || T_1) \oplus MID_i$  and  $M_5 = h(w_j || T_2) \oplus GWID_j$ , respectively. Because all messages in the login and authentication phase are transmitted via a public channel, an adversary could simply eavesdrop on the channel. If an adversary eavesdrops on the communication between all parties in the login

and authentication phase, he/she cannot detect the identities  $MID_i$  and  $GW_j$  from the intercepted messages.

To enable  $IAS$  to identify each  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ , the proposed scheme utilizes the one-time pseudonyms  $PU_i^k$  and  $PGW_j^k$ , which are different for each login and authentication session. During the  $k$ -th login and authentication, these pseudonyms  $PU_i^k$  and  $PGW_j^k$  are updated individually for the  $k + 1$ -th login and authentication using random numbers  $r_i^k$  and  $s_j^k$  selected by  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$ , respectively.  $IAS$  is also able to update the pseudonyms using  $r_i^{*k}$  and  $s_j^{*k}$ , retrieved from the received message. Then,  $U_i$  and  $GW_j$  can verify that the updated pseudonyms of  $IAS$  are properly synchronized using  $M_{11}^* = M_{11}$  and  $M_{14}^* = M_{14}$ , respectively. Moreover, all other messages are also different for each login and authentication session due to the use of current timestamps. Thus, an adversary cannot identify users between different login and authentication sessions by capturing all messages of those sessions. In addition to, an adversary cannot determine which gateway is involved in different login and authentication sessions. In conclusion, our proposed scheme achieves user and gateway anonymity with unlinkability.

#### D. RESILIENCE TO STOLEN SMART CARD, OFFLINE IDENTITY GUESSING, AND OFFLINE PASSWORD GUESSING ATTACKS

During the execution of the proposed scheme, a user's identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$  are protected by a random value  $a_i$  and the non-invertible cryptographic one-way hash function. Thus, an adversary cannot extract the user's identity and password. However, the adversary may attempt to extract the stored information of  $U_i$  and guess  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$ , based on the extracted information.

Suppose that an adversary steals the smart card of a legal user  $U_i$ . By launching power analysis attacks [23], the adversary can then extract the stored information  $\{x_i, d_i, e_i, g_i, b_i\}$  in the smart card  $SC_i$  of the user  $U_i$ , where  $x_i = h(MID_i || MPW_i)$ ,  $d_i = y_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i)$ ,  $e_i = PU_i^1 \oplus h(MPW_i || y_i)$ ,  $g_i = z_i^1 \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i || y_i)$ , and  $b_i = a_i \oplus h(ID_i \oplus PW_i)$ . Because both  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  in  $x_i$  are well protected by the non-invertible cryptographic one-way hash function, these are unknown to the adversary. If the adversary tries to guess either an identity or password, he/she has to guess two parameters at the same time, which is infeasible in polynomial time. Furthermore, except of  $b_i$ , all other values are computed using the masked identity  $MID_i$  and password  $MPW_i$  with a random value  $a_i$ , instead of  $ID_i$  and  $PW$ . Therefore, the proposed scheme is secure against stolen smart card, offline identity guessing, and offline password guessing attacks.

#### E. RESILIENCE TO A PRIVILEGED-INSIDER ATTACK

A strong password policy and a multi-factor authentication system can make it difficult for a user to remember passwords on multiple accounts [25]. Thus, it is common practice for users to reuse passwords on multiple accounts [26], [27]. In such situations, a privileged-insider, such as the sys-

tem administrator or IoT application server in the proposed scheme, can misuse or disclose the user's passwords, resulting in a user impersonation on other application systems. A privileged-insider attack can occur when a user sends her/his password to the system administrator in plaintext form [28].

During the registration phase of the proposed scheme,  $U_i$  submits the masked password  $MPW_i$  instead of the plaintext password  $PW_i$  to  $IAS$  via a secure channel, where  $MPW_i = h(a_i || PW_i)$ . The privileged-insider  $IAS$  of our scheme cannot extract the original password  $PW_i$  from  $MPW_i$  owing to the non-invertible cryptographic one-way hash function. Hence, the insider cannot use the user's password to access other systems. Therefore, the proposed scheme can withstand a privileged-insider attack.

#### F. RESILIENCE TO A STOLEN VERIFIER ATTACK

In general, the system administrator or IoT application server stores some information related to users for use during the authentication phase. This information may be stolen by an adversary to launch attacks, including a user impersonation attack. In our scheme,  $IAS$  does not maintain any user-specific information (i.e.,  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$ ), other than the masked identity  $MID_i$  and one-time pseudonym  $PU_i^k$ . Thus, the proposed scheme is safe against a stolen verifier attack.

#### G. RESILIENCE TO AN IMPERSONATION ATTACK

Suppose an adversary obtains a legitimate user  $U_i$ 's smart card  $SC_i$ , extracts the stored data  $\{x_i, d_i, e_i, g_i, b_i\}$ , and intercepts all messages from the previous authentication session. In order to impersonate the user, the adversary should produce a legal login message  $\langle PU_i^{1*}, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, T_1 \rangle$ . The adversary must possess the values  $\{MID_i, PU_i^k, x_i, y_i, z_i\}$  to produce the legal message. In particular, to prove the legitimacy of  $U_i$ ,  $M_1 = h(z_i^{1*} || T_1) \oplus MID_i$  and  $M_2 = K_i \oplus h(y_i^* || T_1)$  are important. To compute  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , the adversary needs to compute the values  $z_i^{1*} = g_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i^* || y_i^*)$  and  $y_i^* = d_i \oplus h(MPW_i || x_i^*)$ , as well as  $x_i^* = h(MID_i || MPW_i)$ . However, without either  $U_i$ 's password  $PW_i$  or the smart card  $SC_i$ , the adversary cannot compute these values. Thus, the proposed scheme is able to resist a user impersonation attack.

### VI. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME

We evaluate the performance of the proposed scheme and compare it with other related schemes in terms of various features, such as the computational cost, communication cost, and storage cost.

#### A. COMPUTATIONAL COST ANALYSIS

Our proposed scheme only uses a hash function and XOR operation, which are lightweight compared with other operations, such as symmetric-key encryption/decryption and

**TABLE 4.** Computational cost comparison of the proposed scheme with other related schemes.

Scheme	Proposed scheme	Tai et al. [20]	Chang et al. ( $\mathcal{P}_1$ ) [17]	Farash et al. [18]	Turkanović et al. [16]	Xue et al. [15]	Das et al. [14]
User	$18T_H$	$4T_H$	$7T_H$	$11T_H$	$7T_H$	$7T_H$	$4T_H+1T_{E/D}$
Sensor node ( $GW$ in our scheme)	$11T_H$	$5T_H$	$5T_H$	$7T_H$	$5T_H$	$6T_H$	$3T_H+1T_{E/D}$
Gateway node ( $IAS$ in our scheme)	$24T_H$	$10T_H$	$8T_H$	$14T_H$	$7T_H$	$13T_H$	$3T_H+3T_{E/D}$
Total computation complexity	$53T_H$	$19T_H$	$20T_H$	$32T_H$	$19T_H$	$26T_H$	$10T_H+5T_{E/D}$
Total running time	0.0212 ms	0.0038 ms	0.008 ms	0.0128 ms	0.0038 ms	0.0104 ms	0.6555 ms

$T_h$ : Time complexity of computing the one-way hash function;  $T_{E/D}$ : Time complexity of computing the symmetric encryption/decryption.

**TABLE 5.** Communication cost comparison of the proposed scheme with other related schemes.

Scheme	Proposed scheme	Tai et al. [20]	Chang et al. ( $\mathcal{P}_1$ ) [17]	Farash et al. [18]	Turkanović et al. [16]	Xue et al. [15]	Das et al. [14]
User	6 (8)	4 (6)	4 (3)	4 (5)	5 (6)	6 (4)	7 (-)
Sensor node ( $GW$ in our scheme)	20 (15)	14 (1)	9 (8)	13 (9)	8 (11)	- (9)	-
Gateway node ( $IAS$ in our scheme)	9 (12)	6 (8)	4 (6)	5 (8)	6 (8)	5 (10)	9 (7)
Total number of sent values	35	24	17	22	19	19	15
Total length of sent values	520 bytes	384 bytes	272 bytes	352 bytes	304 bytes	304 bytes	240 bytes

x (y): the number of values contained in the sent messages (the number of values contained in the received messages)

**TABLE 6.** Storage cost comparison of the proposed scheme with other related schemes.

Scheme	Proposed scheme	Tai et al. [20]	Chang et al. ( $\mathcal{P}_1$ ) [17]	Farash et al. [18]	Turkanović et al. [16]	Xue et al. [15]	Das et al. [14]
User ( $SC$ )	768 bits	640 bits	512 bits	640 bits	768 bits	640 bits	$768+(256 \times CH^*)$ bits
Sensor node ( $GW$ in our scheme)	640 bits	512 bits	384 bits	640 bits	640 bits	512 bits	384 bits

$CH^*$ : the total number of all cluster heads in the WSN

public-key cryptographic functions. We assume that the running time of symmetric-key encryption/decryption is  $T_{e/d} \approx 0.1303$  ms and the running time of the hash function is  $T_h \approx 0.0004$  ms, based on the experimental results of [29].

In Table 4, we summarize the computational cost (computation complexity) and running time of the proposed scheme and of existing schemes in [14]–[18], [20] for the user, gateway node (IoT application server in the proposed scheme), and sensor node (gateway in the proposed scheme). With the exception of Das et al.'s scheme, our proposed scheme has a higher computational cost and running time than those of the other schemes. With only 0.084 ms to 0.174 ms added to the running time, our scheme provides all the security features, including unlinkability, and is resilient to various known attacks, as shown in Table 3. In addition to, all entities in our proposed scheme are more powerful devices than the sensor nodes in other schemes, because the proposed scheme has a different network model to the other schemes.

## B. COMMUNICATION COST ANALYSIS

The communication costs of  $U_i$ ,  $GW_j$ , and  $IAS$  of our scheme and other schemes in [14]–[18], [20] are given in Table 5. We assume that the lengths of the identity, password, random number, and output of the hash function are each 128 bits (16 bytes). In the propose scheme,  $U_i$  transmits 96 bytes,  $GW_j$  transmits 320 bytes, and  $IAS$  transmits 144 bytes.

Therefore, the total transmission costs of  $U_i$ ,  $GW_j$ , and  $IAS$  are 520 bytes. The communication costs of  $U_i$  and  $IAS$  do not differ greatly from the communication costs in other related schemes, whereas the communication cost of  $GW_j$  is relatively high compared to the communication cost of the sensor node in other schemes. However, 320 bytes is not a large value for  $GW_j$  because the gateways in the proposed scheme have sufficient resources, unlike sensor nodes.

## C. STORAGE COST ANALYSIS

Here, we analyze the storage cost in terms of memory capacity of  $SC$  and the sensor node or gateway node in our scheme. In other words, we calculate the total length of the parameters, including the hash function  $h(\cdot)$ , in bits, that a smart card and a sensor or gateway node need to store in their memory. For convenience, we assume that all parameters and the hash function are 128 bits in length.

In Table 6, we present a smart card storage cost comparison of the proposed scheme and other related existing schemes in [14]–[18], [20]. In Das et al.'s scheme [14], a smart card saves the identities and keys for all cluster heads, where  $CH^*$  denotes the number of cluster heads. The storage cost of the proposed scheme for the smart card and the sensor node is almost equal to that of other schemes, while providing more security features and being resilient to more attacks.



## VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we reviewed Tai et al.'s scheme and demonstrated that it is vulnerable to a stolen smart card attack, offline password guessing attack, sensor node spoofing attack, privileged-insider attack, and session-specific temporary information attack. We further showed that Tai et al.'s scheme does not preserve user and sensor node anonymity, mutual authentication, and the secrecy of the secret key of the gateway node. We have designed a network architecture suitable for 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT. Based on this network architecture, we have proposed a secure two-factor authentication and key agreement scheme with unlinkability. We evaluated the security of the proposed scheme and compared it with other related schemes. The results show that the proposed scheme is secure against various known attacks, and that it satisfies all security features, including unlinkability, required for secure user authentication and key agreement. We also evaluated the performance of the proposed scheme in terms of its computational cost, communication cost, and storage cost, which we then compared with those of other related schemes. The evaluation results of security and performance show that our scheme provides better safety without significantly different performance from other schemes, and performance results are expected to improve because the gateway performs better than the sensor node in 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT.

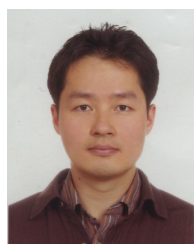
In the future work, we will measure the performance of the proposed scheme by implementing and conducting experiments using actual devices on 5G-integrated WSNs for the IoT (e.g., smart phones and sensor motes) and, will improve the proposed scheme based on the experimental results.

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