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SYMBOLS

m mass

v velocity

ABBREVIATIONS

abbr	abbreviation
bcf	billion cubic feet
BMOC	big man on campus

NOMENCLATURE

Alanine	2-Aminopropanoic acid
Valine	2-Amino-3-methylbutanoic acid

GLOSSARY

chick female, usually young

dude male, usually young

ABSTRACT

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This is the abstract.

1. INTRODUCTION

2. SECURITY/DATA AGGREGATION BACKGROUND

Cite papers read and also summarize

[1] [2]

3. NETWORKING AND CRYPTOGRAPHY TOOLS

Networking - Algorithms of generating tree from a given graph. Optimal tree structure.

Hash

Elliptic curve

4. IN-NETWORK DATA AGGREGATION OVERVIEW

4.1 In-network data aggregation

Sensor networks are used in scientific data collection, emergency fire alarm systems, traffic monitoring, wildfire tracking, wildlife monitoring and many other applications. In sensor networks, thousands of sensor nodes may interact with the physical environment and collectively monitors an area, generating a large amount of data to be transmitted and reasoned about. The sensor nodes in the network often have limited resources, such as computation power, memory, storage, communication capacity and most significantly, battery power. Furthermore, data communication between nodes consumes a large portion of the total energy consumption. The in-network data aggregation reduces the energy consumption by eliminating redundant data being transmitted to the base station. For example, in-network data aggregation of the *SUM* function can be performed as follows. Each intermediate sensor node in the network forwards a single sensor reading containing the sum of all the sensor readings from all of its descendants, rather than forwarding each descendants sensor reading one at a time to the base station. It is shown that the energy savings achieved by in-network data-aggregation are significant [3]. The in-network data aggregation approach requires the sensor nodes to do more computations. But studies have shown that data transmission requires more energy than data computation. Hence, in-data aggregation is an efficient and a widely used approach for saving bandwidth by doing less communications between sensor nodes and ultimately giving longer battery life to sensor nodes in the network.

We define the following terms to help us define the goals of in-network data-aggregation approach.

Definition 4.1.1 [4] **Payload** is the part of the transmitted data which is the fundamental purpose of the transmission, to the exclusion of information sent with it such as metadata solely to facilitate the delivery.

Definition 4.1.2 **Information-rate** for a given node is the ratio of the **payloads**, number of **payloads** sent divided by the number of **payloads** received.

The goal of the aggregation process is to achieve the lowest possible **information rate**. In the following sections, we show that reducing **information rate** makes the intermediate (aggregator) sensor nodes more powerful. Also, it makes aggregated **payload** more fragile and vulnerable to various security attacks. We describe bandwidth analysis of different in-network aggregation approaches.

4.2 Bandwidth analysis

Congestion is widely used parameter while doing bandwidth analysis of networking applications. The congestion for any given node is defined as follows:

$$Congestion = edgeCongestion * fanout \quad (4.1)$$

Congestion is very useful factor while analyzing sensor network as it measures how quickly the sensor nodes will exhaust their batteries [5]. To transmit a k - bit packet at distance d , the energy dissipated is:

$$E_{tx}(k, d) = E_{elec} * k + \varepsilon_{amp} * k * d^2 \quad (4.2)$$

and to receive the k - bit packet, the radio expends

$$E_{rx}(k) = E_{elec} * k \quad (4.3)$$

For μAmp wireless sensor, $E_{elec} = 50nJ/b$ and $\varepsilon_{amp} = 100pJ/b/m^2$. [cite papers and add more details on the equations](#)

Some nodes in the sensor network have more congestion than the other. The highly congested nodes are the most important to the the network connectivity, for

example, the nodes closer to the base station are essential for the network connectivity. The failure of the highly congested nodes may cause the sensor network to fail even though most of the nodes in the network are working. Hence it is desirable to have a lower congestion on the highly congested nodes even though it costs more congestion within the overall sensor network.

To achieve the lowest possible *information rate*, we can construct an aggregation protocol where each node transmits a single data-item defined in $X.X$ to its parent in the aggregation tree. It implies there is $\Omega(1)$ congestion on each edge in the aggregation tree, thus resulting in $\Omega(f)$ congestion on the node, where f is the fanout of that node according to Definition 4.1. In this approach, f is dependent on the given aggregation tree, which can be $O(n)$ for the star tree topology and $O(1)$ for the palm tree topology. This can create some highly congested nodes in the aggregation tree which is highly undesirable. In most of the real world applications we cannot control f as the aggregation tree is random. Hence, it is desirable to have almost uniform *information rate* across the aggregation tree.

Talk about No aggregation approach.

SHIA tries to achieve uniform congestion in the network.

4.3 Security in In-network data aggregation

In-network data aggregation approach saves bandwidth by transmitting less *payloads* between sensor nodes but it gives more power to the intermediate aggregator sensor nodes. For example, a malicious intermediate sensor node who is doing aggregation over all of its descendants *payloads*, needs to tamper with only one aggregated *payload* instead of tampering with all the *payloads* received from all of its descendants. Thus, a malicious intermediate sensor node needs to do less work to skew the final aggregated *payload*. An adversary controlling few sensor nodes in the network can cause the network to return unpredictable *payloads*, making an entire sensor network unreliable. Notice that the more descendants an intermediate sensor node

has the more powerful it becomes. Despite the fact that in-network aggregation makes an intermediate sensor nodes more powerful, some aggregation approaches requires strong network topology assumptions or honest behaviors from the sensor nodes. For example, in-network aggregation schemes in [5, 6] assumes that all the sensor nodes in the network are honest. Secure Information Aggregation (SIA) of [7], provides security for the network topology with a single-aggregator model.

Secure hierarchical in-network aggregation (*SHIA*) in sensor networks [8] presents the first and provably secure sensor network data aggregation protocol for general networks and multiple adversaries. We discuss the details of the protocol in the next chapter. *SHIA* limits the adversary's ability to tamper with the aggregation result with the tightest bound possible but it does not help detecting an adversary in the network. Also, we claim that same upper bound can be achieved with compact label format defined in the next chapter.

5. SECURE HIERARCHICAL IN-NETWORK DATA AGGREGATION

We describe the Secure Hierarchical In-network data aggregation (*SHIA*) protocol of [8] as our work enhances this protocol by making it more efficient and adding new capabilities to the protocol.

The goal of *SHIA* is to compute aggregate functions (such as *SUM*, *AVERAGE*, *COUNT*) of the sensed values by the sensor nodes while assuming that a portion of the sensor nodes are controlled by an adversary which is attempting to skew the final result.

Describe their label format with an example. Then elaborate your approach. Two differences: data-item format CT generation being root in as many trees as possible

6. A PROTOCOL FOR COMMITMENT TREE GENERATION

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