

# Mobile Collaborative Secrecy Performance Prediction for Artificial IoT Networks

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**Abstract**—The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) has promoted the rapid development of artificial IoT (AIoT) networks. A wide range of AIoT applications have generated a great deal of data. The fifth-generation (5G) mobile communication has powerful data processing capabilities, and it is a key technology to enable AIoT big data processing. The explosive growth of the 5G users has made information security in AIoT networks a significant issue. Real-time security evaluation in AIoT networks is difficult due to user mobility and dynamic wireless environments. Thus, evaluation and prediction of secrecy performance is a very critical research. In this paper, new expressions for the non-zero secrecy capacity probability (NSCP) are derived to evaluate the mobile collaborative secrecy performance. An improved convolutional neural network (CNN) model, named as SI-CNN in this paper, is proposed to predict the NSCP performance. The SI-CNN model combines the SqueezeNet and InceptionNet, and it has four convolution layers, which all adopt the Same convolution model. For the first two layers, they employ a  $2 \times 1$  convolution and a three-branch convolution, which not only increase the number of channels but also extract more features. For the last two layers, they employ the same structure, but different convolution kernels. The proposed SI-CNN prediction algorithm is shown to provide better NSCP performance prediction than other state-of-the-art methods. In particular, compared with wavelet neural network (WNN), the prediction precision of SI-CNN is improved by 26.8%.

**Index Terms**—AIoT network, collaborative secrecy performance, improved CNN, intelligent prediction.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

THE wireless devices and the associated multiuser services are increasing at a rapid rate. The corresponding growth in data volumes promotes the rapid integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial IoT (AIoT) networks begin to enter our everyday lives [1]. However, the big data processing poses significant challenges facing AIoT networks. The fifth-generation (5G) mobile communication technology has powerful data processing capabilities, and can be a key collaborative technology for AIoT networks [2]. However, the mobility and the resulting unpredictable wireless environments make 5G AIoT users more vulnerable to cyberattacks than other internet users. A diverse of 5G AIoT applications have reported a number of information security incidents [3]. As a result, the security of wireless communications, in particular 5G physical layer security, becomes critically important.

The 5G secrecy performance has been widely investigated in [4-7]. The secrecy outage probability (SOP) for an ambient backscatter system was investigated in [4]. A closed-form SOP expression over dual correlated Rayleigh fading channels and Nakagami- $m$  model was derived in [5] and [6], respectively. The complexity of wireless environments makes reliable mobile communications challenging. In [7], an  $N$ -Nakagami model was employed to characterize practical mobile communication scenarios, which is thus selected in this paper to evaluate the secrecy performance of mobile AIoT networks.

Closed-form SOP or non-zero secrecy capacity probability (NSCP) expressions have been derived for several types of channels. However, these expressions are computationally complex, which makes real-time analysis of the secrecy performance inapplicable. To ensure efficient and reliable secure communications, it is necessary to predict the secrecy performance in real-time. Recently, wireless communication applications have successfully applied AI for performance evaluation [8]. C. Q. Luo *et al.* employed the convolutional neural network (CNN) to predict the 5G wireless communication states in [9]. F. Demir *et al.* used a SqueezeNet model to extract the feature and classify human emotion in [10]. AI provides a new way for real-time prediction of secrecy performance, replacing the conventional methods which have high computational complexity.

To the best of the authors' knowledge, the NSCP performance prediction in 5G AIoT environments has not yet been investigated. Motivated by the above results, we aim

to propose an NSCP performance prediction algorithm based on an improved CNN model. In this paper, we analyze the collaborative NSCP performance of mobile AIoT networks. To reduce communication complexity, the transmit antenna selection (TAS) is taken into account. Particularly, we derive analytical NSCP expressions. The main contributions of this work are the following:

1. TAS is employed to analyze the mobile NSCP performance, and novel NSCP expressions are derived. Collaborative secrecy performance can be evaluated by these NSCP results, which differ from those in [4-7].
2. To predict secrecy performance, an improved CNN model named SI-CNN is proposed in this work. The SI-CNN model combines the SqueezeNet and InceptionNet, and it has four convolution layers. Through the designed network structure, the SI-CNN model is compressed to reduce the amount of calculation. At the same time, it ensures the prediction precision of the network through three branches.
3. An SI-CNN prediction algorithm is further proposed to determine the NSCP performance in real-time. In training phases, the proposed algorithm employs the channel state information (CSI) obtained from the above derived theoretical results to make a reliable NSCP performance prediction.
4. The performance of the proposed prediction algorithm is compared with those using other state-of-the-art methods, like SqueezeNet, InceptionNet, wavelet neural network (WNN), and deep neural network (DNN). It is shown that the proposed algorithm provides better prediction precision. Compared with WNN method, the prediction precision is increased by 26.8%.

Table I gives the notations used in this work.

TABLE I  
NOTATIONS

| Symbols       | Designation                          |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| $E$           | Total transmit power                 |
| $N$           | The number of Nakagami variable      |
| $m$           | Nakagami fading coefficient          |
| SNR           | Signal-to-noise ratio                |
| CDF           | The cumulative distribution function |
| PDF           | The probability density function     |
| MSE           | Mean squared error                   |
| AE            | Absolute error                       |
| $\max(\cdot)$ | Maximum function                     |
| $G(\cdot)$    | Meijer's G-function                  |

## II. RELATED WORK

The secrecy performance evaluation of 5G AIoT is a research hotspot of intelligent communications [11]. In a two-tier 5G heterogeneous network, Y. Huo *et al.* employed cooperative jamming to ensure secure communications in [12]. L. Kong *et al.* derived the SOP over Fox H-function model in [13]. In [14], considering the vehicle-to-vehicle

communication scenarios, A. Pandey *et al.* derived the SOP expressions, and showed the impacts of the mobile relay positions on the secrecy performance.  $n \times$  Rayleigh model was investigated by Y. Alghorani *et al.* in [15], and NSCP results were obtained. In [16], a learning-based resource allocation scheme was proposed by S. H. Ahmed *et al.* for industrial IoT. H. L. He *et al.* employed cooperative jamming and artificial noise to realize the secure transmission in scenarios with the presence of multiple eavesdroppers [17]. With a multi-antenna eavesdropper, J. Y. Zhang *et al.* investigated the security performance employing reconfigurable intelligent surface, and derived the SOP results [18]. In [19], to improve the security performance, re-configurable intelligent surface and non-orthogonal multiple access were employed to fight against internal eavesdroppers. However, the calculation process of these SOP or NSCP expressions is very complicated, which is not practical to real-time secrecy performance analysis.

AI is widely used by wireless communication applications to improve the communication performance [20], which include CNN, SqueezeNet, InceptionNet, WNN, and Elman methods, to name a few. With a proposed adaptive security specification method, B. M. Mao *et al.* predicted the wireless power harvested for IoT networks [21]. In [22], a spatial-frequency CNN model was used for channel estimation in the millimeter wave transmissions. H. Lee *et al.* employed the CNN model to detect object in [23]. WNN model was used to estimate the hourly electricity price in [24]. N. S. Chandel *et al.* proposed an InceptionNet model to identify crop water stress in [25]. In [26] Elman model was employed to realize the outage probability prediction in IoT networks. In underwater acoustic sensor networks, S. S. Song *et al.* proposed a location prediction model employing a belief propagation neural network, which can obtain location information effectively in [27]. A. P. Hermawan *et al.* investigated the beyond 5G communications and proposed an automatic modulation classification model employing the CNN network in [28], which can obtain better classification accuracy than other machine learning methods.

From the above analysis, we can see that AI techniques have been widely employed to enhance communication performance. Mobile AIoT user information security faces severe challenges. However, there has been very little research on the mobile secrecy performance prediction in AIoT networks. To this end, we propose an SI-CNN approach to investigate the secrecy performance prediction. The SI-CNN employs four convolution layers and adopts a Same model, which includes  $2 \times 1$  convolution kernels and an ReLU activation function. Same convolution model will not change size after convolution. For the first two layers, they employ a  $2 \times 1$  convolution and a three-branch convolution, which not only increases the number of channels but is also able to extract more features. For the last two layers, they employ the same structure, but with different convolution kernels. Compared with other AI methods, the SI-CNN model can significantly reduce computational complexity.

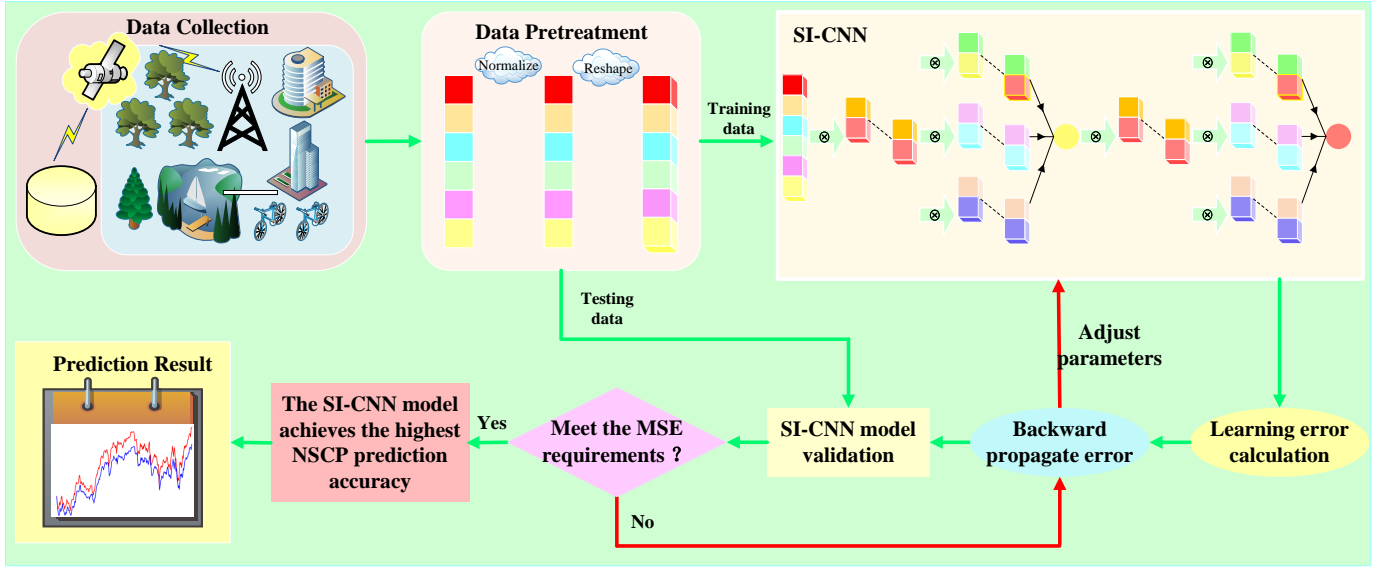


Fig. 1 The prediction algorithm

### III. SYSTEM MODEL

The system model consists of a mobile source (MS) equipped with  $N_t$  antennas, a mobile eavesdropper (ME), and a mobile destination (MD). We employ TAS to select the best antenna to transmit the signals. All wireless channels exhibit  $N$ -Nakagami model, which is more in line with the practical mobile communication environment.

When a signal  $x$  is transmitted from the  $i$ th MS antenna ( $MS_i$ ), the received signals at the destination and eavesdropper are

$$r_{SDi} = \sqrt{W_{SD}E}h_{SDi}x + n_{SDi} \quad (1)$$

$$r_{SEi} = \sqrt{W_{SE}E}h_{SEi}x + n_{SEi} \quad (2)$$

where  $h_{\{SD,SE\}i}$  is the  $MS_i$  to  $\{MD,ME\}$  link channel coefficient, and  $W_{\{SD,SE\}}$  is the MS to  $\{MD,ME\}$  link relative geometrical gain.  $n_{SDi}$  and  $n_{SEi}$  are independent Gaussian noise.

The SNR at the mobile destination is

$$\gamma_{SDi} = \frac{KW_{SD}|h_{SDi}|^2E}{N_0} \quad (3)$$

where  $K$  is the relative SNR gain, and average SNR is

$$\overline{\gamma_{SD}} = KW_{SD}\bar{\gamma} \quad (4)$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{E}{N_0} \quad (5)$$

The SNR at the mobile eavesdropper is

$$\gamma_{SEi} = W_{SE}|h_{SEi}|^2\bar{\gamma} \quad (6)$$

with average SNR

$$\overline{\gamma_{SE}} = W_{SE}\bar{\gamma} \quad (7)$$

The instantaneous secrecy capacity is given as [29]

$$C_i = \max\{\ln(1 + \gamma_{SDi}) - \ln(1 + \gamma_{SEi}), 0\} \quad (8)$$

$z$  is selected as the optimal antenna

$$z = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_t} (C_i) \quad (9)$$

### IV. NON-ZERO SECRECY CAPACITY PROBABILITY

Theorem 1 below provides the exact expression for NSCP, which captures the effect of fading parameters.

*Theorem 1:* The non-zero secrecy capacity probability (NSCP) is

$$F_{NSCP} = 1 - \left( \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma(m_i) \prod_{d=1}^N \Gamma(m_d)} G_{N+1,N+1}^{N+1,N} \right)^{N_t} \times \left[ \frac{\overline{\gamma_{SD}}}{\overline{\gamma_{SE}}} \prod_{d=1}^N \frac{m_d}{\Omega_d} \middle| \begin{matrix} 1-m_1, \dots, 1-m_N, 1 \\ m_1, \dots, m_N, 0 \end{matrix} \right] \quad (10)$$

where  $m$  is Nakagami fading coefficient.

*proof.* The NSCP can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{NSCP} &= \Pr \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_t} (C_i) > 0 \right) \\ &= 1 - \Pr \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_t} (C_i) < 0 \right) \\ &= 1 - (Q_1)^{N_t} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$Q_1$  in (11) is given as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= \Pr (C(\gamma_{SD}, \gamma_{SE}) < 0) \\ &= \Pr (\gamma_{SD} < \gamma_{SE}) \\ &= \int_0^\infty F_{\gamma_{SD}}(\gamma_{SE}) f_{\gamma_{SE}}(\gamma_{SE}) d\gamma_{SE} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The CDF of  $\gamma_k$ ,  $k \in \{SD, SE\}$  is then

$$F_{\gamma_k}(r) = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma(m_i)} G_{1,N+1}^{N,1} \left[ \frac{r}{\bar{\gamma}_k} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{\Omega_i} \middle| \begin{matrix} 1 \\ m_1, \dots, m_N, 0 \end{matrix} \right] \quad (13)$$

and the corresponding PDF is

$$f_{\gamma_k}(r) = \frac{1}{r \prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma(m_i)} G_{0,N}^{N,0} \left[ \frac{r}{\bar{\gamma}_k} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{\Omega_i} \middle| \begin{matrix} - \\ m_1, \dots, m_N \end{matrix} \right] \quad (14)$$

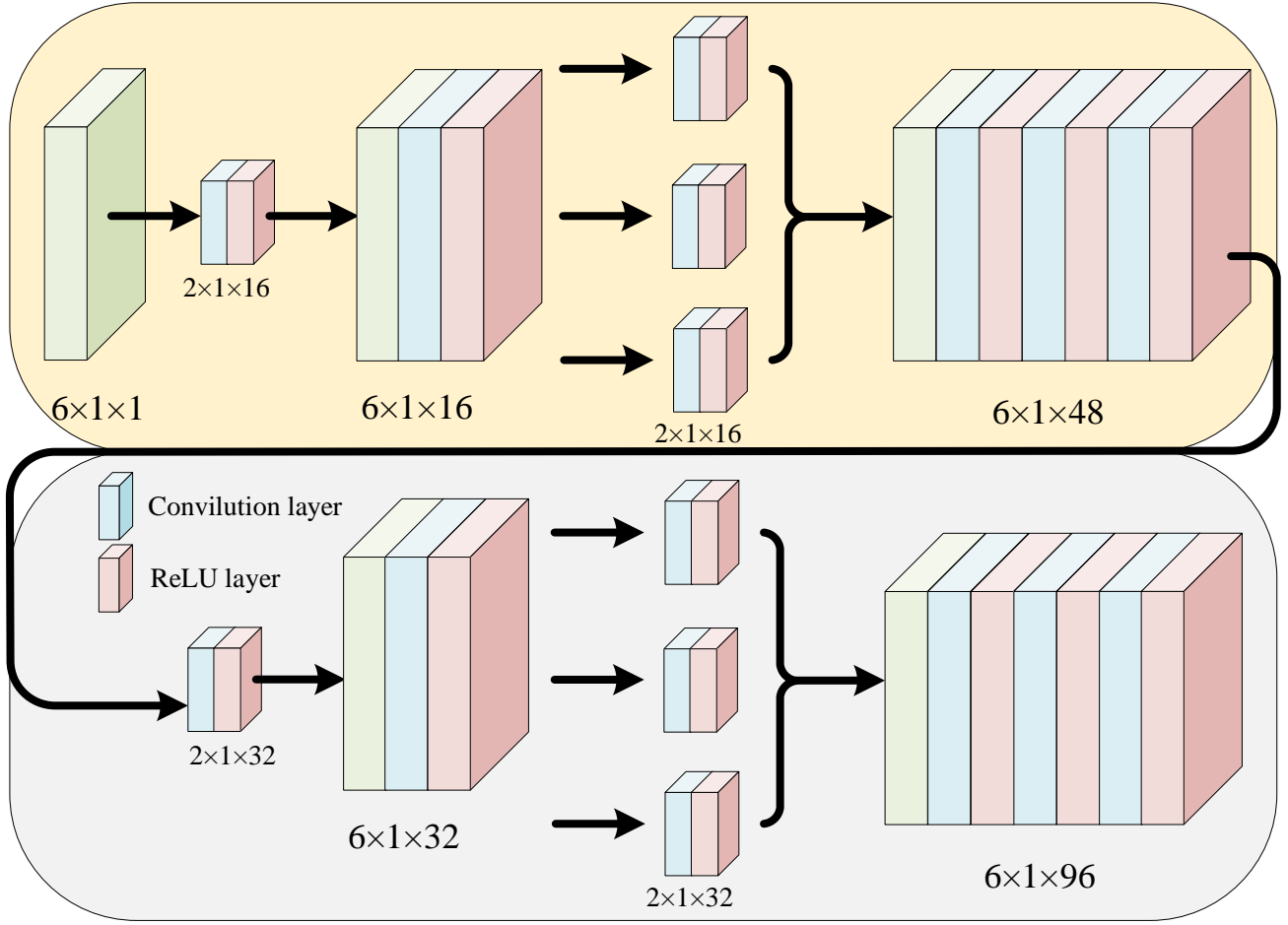


Fig. 2 The convolution layer of SI-CNN

Substituting (13), and (14) into (12) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_1 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\prod_{d=1}^N \Gamma(m_d)} G_{1,N+1}^{N,1} \left[ \frac{\gamma_{SE}}{\gamma_{SD}} \prod_{d=1}^N \frac{m_d}{\Omega_d} \middle|_{m_1, \dots, m_N, 0}^1 \right] \\
 &\times \frac{1}{\gamma_{SE} \prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma(m_i)} G_{0,N}^{N,0} \left[ \frac{\gamma_{SE}}{\gamma_{SE}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{\Omega_i} \middle|_{m_1, \dots, m_N}^- \right] d\gamma_{SE} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma(m_i) \prod_{d=1}^N \Gamma(m_d)} G_{N+1,N+1}^{N+1,N} \left[ \frac{\gamma_{SD}}{\gamma_{SE}} \prod_{d=1}^N \frac{m_d}{\Omega_d} \middle|_{m_1, \dots, m_N, 0}^{1-m_1, \dots, 1-m_N, 1} \right]
 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

and then (10) can be obtained by substituting (15) into (11).

## V. SECRECY PERFORMANCE PREDICTION ALGORITHM

Based on a novel SI-CNN model, a new NSCP performance prediction algorithm is proposed and illustrated in Fig. 1.

### A. Data sets

Data sets is  $T_i = (X_i, y_i)$ . The 6 parameters  $W_{SD}$ ,  $W_{SE}$ ,  $m$ ,  $K$ ,  $N$ ,  $\bar{\gamma}$  construct the input vector

$$X_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{i6}) \quad (16)$$

and this is used in (10) to obtain the NSCP  $y_i$ .

### B. SI-CNN Structure

To predict NSCP performance, a novel SI-CNN model is proposed in this work. The designed SI-CNN model combines the SqueezeNet and InceptionNet, which can better extract features and obtain better prediction results than other methods. The InceptionNet employs the parallel multiple branches structure. The multiple branches are combined horizontally and finally concatenated according to the depth direction, which increases the number and accuracy of feature extraction. The SqueezeNet provides the idea of lightweight network and employs the method of compressed channel re-expansion. By compressing the dimension of the characteristic graph, it can reduce the network weight parameters and do not affect the performance of the network.

For the SI-CNN network, it uses the Adam optimizer. The batch size is 50, learning rate is 0.000056, and epochs are 30000.

1) *Input layer*:  $T_i$  is  $6 \times 1$  data. Therefore, the  $6 \times 1$  is transformed into  $6 \times 1 \times 1$  in the data preprocessing. Input layer has 6 neurons. The  $6 \times 1 \times 1$  data is then fed into the input layer.

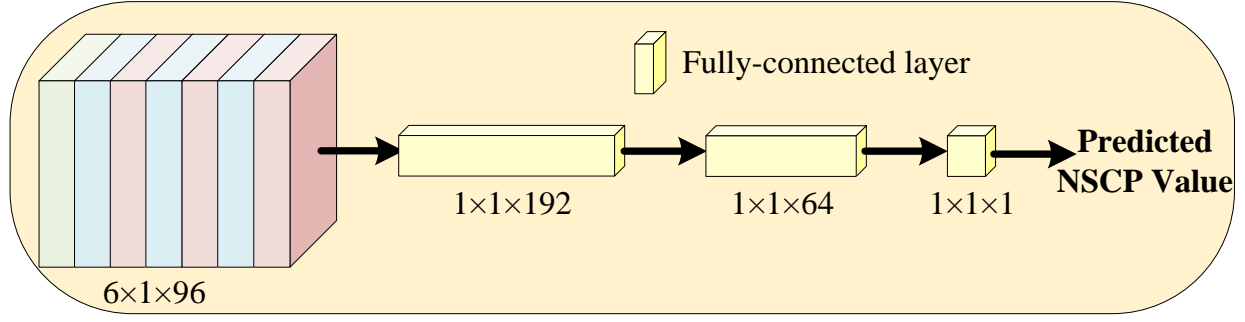


Fig. 3 The fully connected layer

2) *Convolution layers*: The SI-CNN has four convolution layers, which are shown in Fig. 2. The convolution layer *conv1* has 16 convolution kernels and 1 channel. Through the *conv1*, a  $6 \times 1 \times 16$  matrix is obtained. The convolution layer *conv2* has three branches. Each branch has 16 convolution kernels and 16 channels. Next, it concatenates the data from three branches to obtain a  $6 \times 1 \times 48$  matrix. The convolution layer *conv3* (32 convolution kernels and 48 channels) processes the  $6 \times 1 \times 48$  matrix, and it can obtain a  $6 \times 1 \times 32$  matrix. After that, the convolution *conv4* processes  $6 \times 1 \times 32$  matrix. It has three branches, each branch has 32 convolution kernels and 32 channels. Finally, it can acquire a  $6 \times 1 \times 96$  matrix.

3) *Fully Connected Layer*: It receives the  $6 \times 1 \times 96$  matrix from the convolution layers, and then it flattens the data into one dimension data. There are two hidden layers, and the neurons are 192 and 64, respectively. The Sigmoid function is used at the end of the calculation. Fig. 3 shows the fully connected layer.

### C. Secrecy performance prediction based on SI-CNN

The metrics, mean square error (MSE) and absolute error (AE), are given as

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{\sum_{z=1}^P (d^z - y^z)^2}{P} \quad (17)$$

and

$$\text{AE} = |d^\beta - y^\beta| \quad (18)$$

where  $d^z$  is the desired result,  $y^z$  is the actual value, and  $P$  is the size of testing data.

Algorithm 1 provides the pseudo code of the proposed SI-CNN prediction algorithm.

## VI. RESULT ANALYSIS

In this section, we assume the total energy  $E = 1$ . All simulations are performed using MATLAB R2015b.

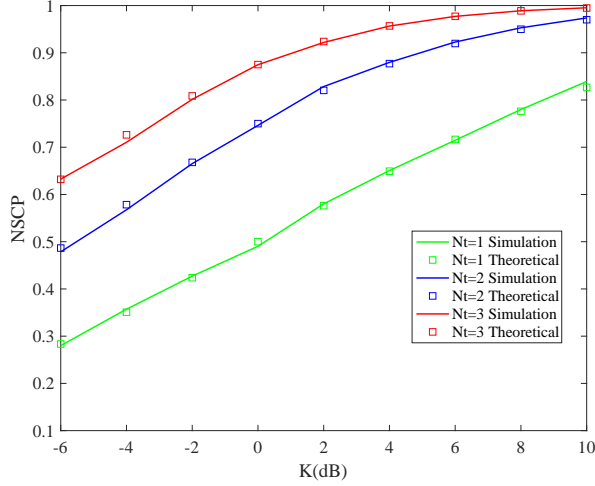
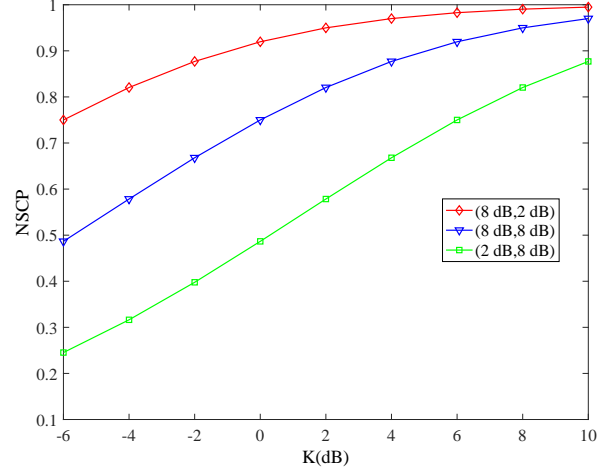
Fig. 4 presents the NSCP versus  $K$  with  $\bar{\gamma} = 10$  dB. Other parameters are given in Table II. Fig. 4 shows that the simulation results match the analytical results very well. As expected, increasing  $N_t$  improves the secrecy performance. When  $N_t$  is fixed, larger  $K$  increases the NSCP. This is because a higher  $K$  improves the MS to MD channel while degrades the MS to ME channel.

### Algorithm 1 The Proposed SI-CNN Prediction Algorithm

**Input:** The ranges  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_6$  of the selected 6 variables,  $W_{SD}, W_{SE}, m, N, K, \gamma_{th}$ ;

**Output:** The prediction value of NSCP  $Y'$ ;

- 1: Data set establishment. Data set  $T$  is divided into a training set  $T_1$  and a testing set  $T_2$ ;
- 2: **for**  $i = 1 : 6$  **do**
- 3:  $x_i = \text{rand}(r_i, q)$ ;
- 4: **end for**
- 5:  $Y = \text{Eq.}(10)(x_1, \dots, x_6)$ ;
- 6:  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_6]$ ;
- 7:  $T = [X, Y]$ ;
- 8: Network initialization. It sets the values of the maximum number of iterations, and the learning rate. The weights and biases are calculated as follows  
//Generate normal distribution random numbers;
- 9:  $w_j = \text{random.normal}(r_j, n)$ ;
- 10:  $b_j = \text{zero}(r_j, n)$ ;
- 11: Network training. During training, the outputs of each layer are obtained, and it calculates the training error loss.  
//Convolution layers
- 12: **for**  $ii = 1 : 30000$  **do**
- 13:  $XX_0 = T_1$ ;
- 14: **for**  $j = 0 : 3$  **do**
- 15:  $\text{conv}_{j+1} = \text{conv2d}(XX_j, w_{j+1})$ ;
- 16:  $XX_{j+1} = \text{ReLU}(\text{bias\_add}(\text{conv}_{j+1}, b_{j+1}))$ ;
- 17: **end for**  
//Fully connected layers
- 18:  $fc_1 = \text{ReLU}(\text{matmul}(XX_4, w_j) + b_j)$ ;
- 19:  $fc_2 = \text{ReLU}(\text{matmul}(fc_1, w_j) + b_j)$ ;
- 20:  $\hat{Y} = \text{Sigmoid}(\text{matmul}(fc_2, w_j) + b_j)$ ;
- 21:  $\text{loss} = (Y - \hat{Y})^2$ ;
- 22: **end for**
- 23: Network testing.  $T_2$  is used to evaluate the training SI-CNN model. If these requirements are met, the training SI-CNN model can be used for NSCP prediction;
- 24:  $M = \text{Testing}(T_2)$ ;
- 25:  $\text{MSE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^P (d^i - y^i)^2}{P}$ ;
- 26:  $Y' = M(X')$ ;

Fig. 4 The NSCP versus  $N_t$ .Fig. 5 The NSCP for the three values of  $(W_{SD}, W_{SE})$ TABLE II  
SIMULATION PARAMETERS FOR FIGS. 4,5

| Parameter     | Value            |
|---------------|------------------|
| $m_{SD}$      | 1                |
| $m_{SE}$      | 1                |
| $W_{SD}$      | 2 dB, 5 dB, 8 dB |
| $W_{SE}$      | 2 dB, 5 dB, 8 dB |
| $N_{SD}$      | 2                |
| $N_{SE}$      | 2                |
| $N_t$         | 1,2,3            |
| $\gamma_{th}$ | 0 dB             |

Fig. 5 presents the NSCP versus  $K$  for the three values of  $(W_{SD}, W_{SE})$  with  $\bar{\gamma} = 10$  dB. For a fixed  $K$ , increasing  $W_{SD}$  and decreasing  $W_{SE}$  improve the NSCP. The NSCP for (8 dB, 2 dB) is better than that with (8 dB, 8 dB) or (2 dB, 8 dB). This is because increasing  $W_{SD}$  means the MD is closer to the MS than the ME, *i.e.* the SNR of the  $\{MS, MD\}$  link is higher than that of the  $\{MS, ME\}$  link. Further, larger  $K$  improves the NSCP.

The prediction results of SI-CNN are presented in Fig. 6, which are better than any of the other methods. This is because the proposed SI-CNN algorithm employs a  $2 \times 1$  convolution and a three-branch convolution, which not only increase the number of channels, but also extract more features. The SI-CNN model is compressed to reduce the burden of computation. At the same time, it ensures the prediction precision of the SI-CNN model through three branches.

Comparisons of the AEs and MSEs for the five algorithms are given in Figs. 7 and 8. In Fig. 7, the MSE with the SI-CNN algorithm is only 0.00951 and is lower than other methods. Compared with WNN, it shows that the SI-CNN algorithm enjoys a 26.8% improvement. In Fig. 8, the SI-CNN algorithm has the best AE. Compared with WNN algorithm, the SI-CNN has a 45% reduction. All these makes the SI-CNN the best prediction model.

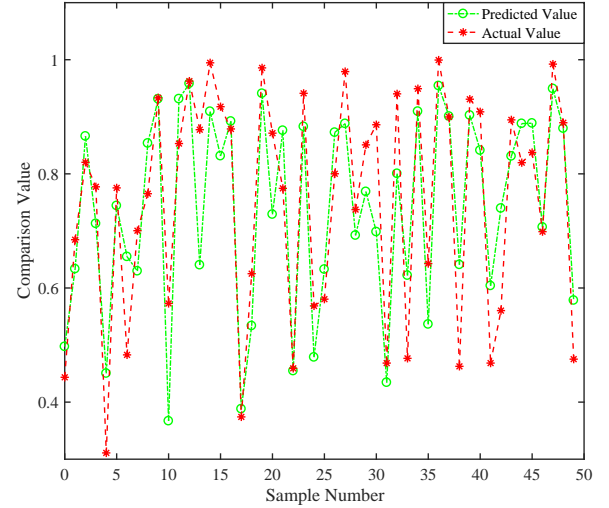


Fig. 6 Prediction of SI-CNN.

## VII. CONCLUSION

The NSCP performance prediction of mobile AIoT networks was investigated in this paper. Novel expressions for the NSCP were derived. Furthermore, an SI-CNN algorithm was presented for NSCP performance prediction. The SI-CNN has four convolution layers, which all employ the Same convolution model. At the same time, it can ensure the prediction precision through three branches with 32 convolution kernels and 32 channels. Compared with DNN, SqueezeNet, InceptionNet, and WNN methods, the proposed SI-CNN algorithm provided better MSE and AE results. Compared with WNN method, the MSE and AE had a 26.8% and 45% improvement, respectively.

In future work, we will consider designing the lightweight network model, which can achieve a balance between prediction accuracy and network complexity.

TABLE III  
PARAMETERS FOR THE FIVE ALGORITHMS

| Algorithm | SI-CNN                                   | SqueezeNet                  | InceptionNet                               | WNN              | DNN                        |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|
|           | Training set: 11830                      |                             |  | Testing set: 50  |                            |
| $ X $     | 6  | 6                           | 6  | 6                | 6                          |
| $ Y $     | 1  | 1                           | 1  | 1                | 1                          |
|           | $q : [16; 16, 16, 16; 32; 32, 32, 32; ]$ | $q : [16; 16; 32; 64, 64]$  | $q : [16; 32; 32; 32; 32, 64; 32, 64; 32]$ | $\tau_1 : 0.01$  | $[16; 32]$                 |
|           | $learning\ rate : 0.00009$               | $learning\ rate : 0.000048$ | $learning\ rate : 0.000056$                | $\tau_2 : 0.001$ | $learning\ rate : 0.00012$ |

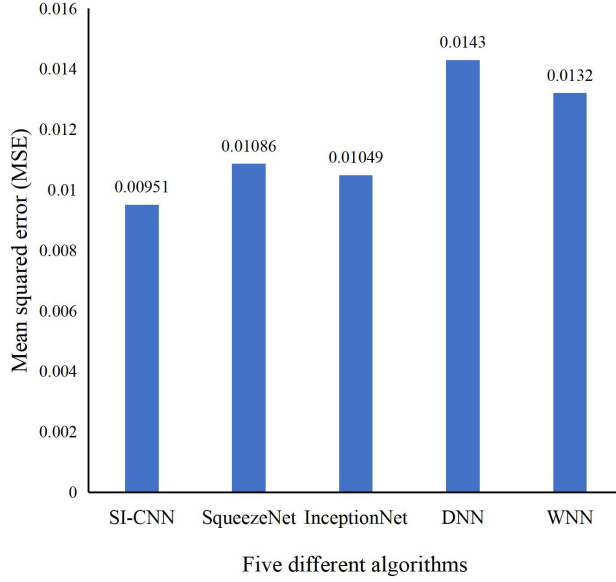


Fig. 7 MSE comparison for the five algorithms

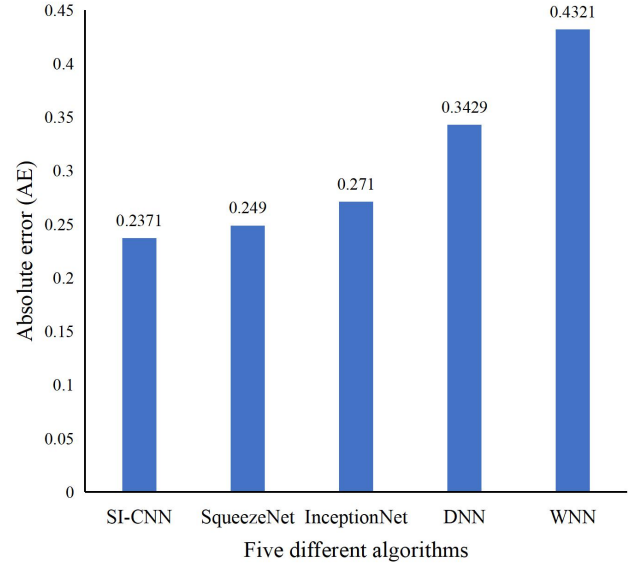


Fig. 8 AE comparison for the five algorithms

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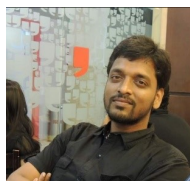
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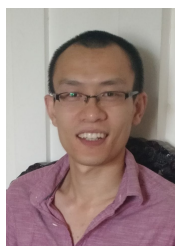


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