






# Lightweight Mutual Authentication and Privacy-Preservation Scheme for Intelligent Wearable Devices in Industrial-CPS

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**Abstract**—Industry 5.0 is the digitalization, automation, and data exchange of industrial processes that involve artificial intelligence, industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), and industrial cyber-physical systems (I-CPS). In healthcare, I-CPS enables the intelligent wearable devices to gather data from the real-world and transmit to the virtual world for decision-making. I-CPS makes our lives comfortable with the emergence of innovative healthcare applications. Similar to any other IIoT paradigm, I-CPS capable healthcare applications face numerous challenging issues. The resource-constrained nature of wearable devices and their inability to support complex security mechanisms provide an ideal platform to malevolent entities for launching attacks. To preserve the privacy of wearable devices and their data in an I-CPS environment, in this article we propose a lightweight mutual authentication scheme. Our scheme is based on client-server interaction model that uses symmetric encryption for establishing secured sessions among the communicating entities. After mutual authentication,

the privacy risk associated with a patient data is predicted using an AI-enabled hidden Markov model. We analyzed the robustness and security of our scheme using Burrows–Abadi–Needham logic. This analysis shows that the use of lightweight security primitives for the exchange of session keys makes the proposed scheme highly resilient in terms of security, efficiency, and robustness. Finally, the proposed scheme incurs nominal overhead in terms of processing, communication and storage and is capable to combat a wide range of adversarial threats.

**Index Terms**—Artificial intelligence (AI), authentication, client-server model, industrial cyber-physical systems (I-CPS), Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), privacy, security.

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE latest developments in Industry 5.0 have enabled the integration of industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), industrial cyber-physical systems (I-CPS), big data technologies, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence (AI) [1]. It has resulted in collecting huge amounts of data from different industrial applications using intelligent IIoT devices. For example, in I-CPS enabled healthcare applications, wearable devices implanted on a patient body are capable to stream the real-time data to the cyberspace for computation, storage, and bigdata analytics [2]. I-CPS facilitate the healthcare entities with cyber computational capabilities for making quicker decisions. To deliver high-quality services at low cost, the healthcare practitioners need to adopt I-CPS based practices. In a healthcare ecosystem, the smart devices of IIoT are capable to gather, analyze, and broadcast a diverse range of data. These devices ensure the real-time monitoring of patients to save lives in an event of emergency, e.g., heart failure, severe pain, asthma, etc. The proliferation in mobile communication bridges the gap among these smart devices and the practitioners by providing seamless and reliable delivery of gathered data [3]. The patient-centric approach of I-CPS enables the remote monitoring of patients with shorter hospital stays and, in most cases, avoiding the hospital altogether. Using industrial techniques in I-CPS, we need to consider the patients' willingness and feelings about these techniques.

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The increasing use of industrial techniques in I-CPS brings new risks, vulnerabilities, and challenges for practitioners and their patients. Not only the IIoT devices and their data, but the complete healthcare ecosystem needs to be secured against the adversarial attacks [4]. The IIoT devices hosting the healthcare applications contain sensitive information, e.g., date of birth, prescriptions, medical histories, and social security numbers of the patients. These devices act as gateways to the secured Internet. An adversary may compromise these devices to inject fabricated data, ransomwares and other malwares into the network [5]. In the traditional computing platforms, cybersecurity is a matured domain and can defend against most of these adversarial threats. The existing cybersecurity solutions include cryptographic techniques, secured protocols and privacy protections that require ample of network resources. However, the security requirements and system architecture of IIoT-based I-CPS are different and as such, these existing solutions are not directly applicable [6], [7]. In I-CPS, most of the devices are connected to the Internet for the first time. It is extremely difficult to predict the nature of adversarial threats posed by these devices, if compromised. To secure the I-CPS, data integrity, data confidentiality, data availability, authenticity, and nonrepudiation need to be in place [8].

I-CPS enabled healthcare applications consist of resource-constrained sensor nodes and requires lightweight and low-cost protective measures. To deal with the aforementioned challenges, datagram transport layer security (DTLS) is proposed as a lightweight secured approach for these applications of I-CPS [9]. In literature, numerous DTLS-enabled authentication approaches exist for secured data transmission, and privacy of patients in healthcare applications [8], [10]–[12]. In [10], the authors proposed an end-to-end authentication scheme for a mobility-enabled healthcare application. A certificate-based DTLS handshake approach is used for the end-users authentication and authorization. The proposed scheme provides robust mobility using the interconnected smart gateways at the expense of computational overhead due to the use of certificate-based DTLS. In [11], a secured authentication approach was proposed using a body sensor network. The use of crypto-primitives enable the proposed approach to achieve system efficiency and robustness, and at the same time, provides the transmission confidentiality and authentication among the wearables and a backend server. However, the use of an asymmetric algorithm, i.e., Elliptic-curve cryptography, incurs additional overhead for these intelligent wearables. In [12], the authors presented a lightweight DTLS-enabled authentication approach for wearables of a smart healthcare system. The proposed approach allows a user to authenticate his/her wearable device(s) and a mobile terminal, prior to establishing a session key among them. The use of bitwise exclusive-OR (XOR) and hash functions make the proposed scheme significantly lightweight for the resource-constrained wearables. The security analysis of DTLS via different techniques, such as the random oracle model [13] and the Burrows–Abadi–Needham (BAN) logic [14], showed that the use of DTLS for secured message exchanges leaves a handful of payload for most of healthcare applications. This

remaining payload is not sufficient for these applications due to their larger packet sizes, e.g., healthcare streaming applications.

Besides authentication, the privacy of patients and their data needs to be dealt with utmost care in I-CPS. Different machine learning (ML) algorithms have been used in the literature for this purpose. An ML-based privacy-preserved healthcare framework was presented in [15]. This framework uses ML-based scoring service for the classification, and cryptographic algorithms for data protection. It is a cloud-based framework for privacy risk prediction in healthcare applications. In [16], the authors have provided general guidelines about privacy challenges in AI-based healthcare applications. The proposed work mainly focuses on policies for the usage of AI-based healthcare guidelines to preserve the privacy of patients. In [17], the authors have proposed a framework known as ModelChain. This framework uses ML and blockchain for privacy preservation of patients in a decentralized environment. ModelChain embeds the intelligence in private blockchains to preserve the privacy of patients and increases the interoperability between healthcare centers. In [18], the authors have discussed AI-based cyber-physical security and privacy for healthcare applications. They proposed a ciphertext-policy attribute-based encryption scheme. In the proposed scheme, complex computation tasks are offloaded to the third parties for reducing load on wearables while preserving their privacy at the same time. Most of these approaches use asymmetric encryption that require ample resources on part of the wearables to perform effectively.

In view of the resource-constrained nature of the healthcare devices, we propose a lightweight mutual authentication scheme for I-CPS. The proposed scheme uses symmetric encryption for the exchange of handshake messages that can be used as an alternative to the DTLS scheme. We perform its security analysis using BAN logic to determine whether the exchanged information is trustworthy and secured against eavesdropping attack, and predict the privacy leakage using a hidden Markov model (HMM). The hidden and observable states of HMM are used to measure the risk of data leakage by preserving the privacy of a patient and his/her connected devices. The major contributions of the proposed work are as follows.

- 1) An authentication scenario is proposed in which a client-server authentication takes place only if the clients, i.e., wearable patients, are within the coverage of their designated servers. Each server maintains a record of preshared keys for the clients in its proximity. For the aforementioned scenario, a set of theorems are proposed and their proofs are provided. Each theorem corresponds to a handshake message that takes into account the possibility and probability of an adversarial attack.
- 2) A privacy risk prediction model is proposed using HMM. The proposed model is used to predict the risk of privacy leakage of the patient identity and his/her data. If the privacy risk is predicted, the patients' data is altered with a loss in utility. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first ever work on HMM for predicting the privacy leakage.
- 3) Security analysis of mutual authentication and session key exchange of our proposed scheme is performed using

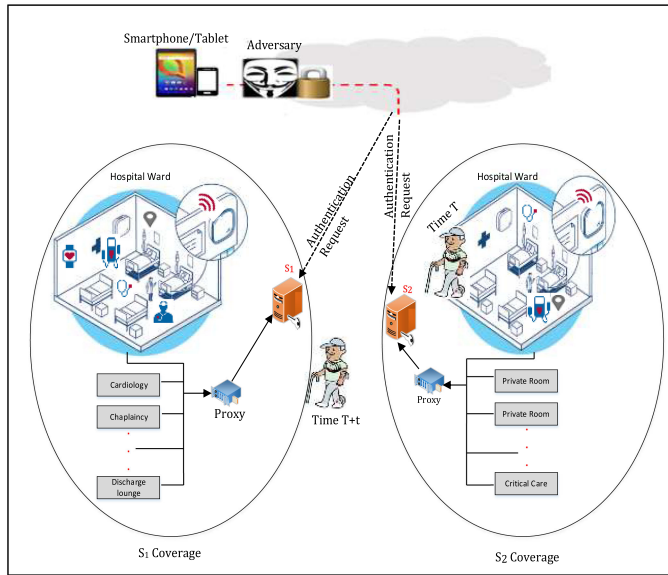


Fig. 1. Smart and secured healthcare facilitation center.

BAN logic. The security goals are set according to the exchanged messages and are proven using the postulates of BAN logic.

The rest of the article is organized as follows. In Section II, the network and threat model is briefly explained. In Section III, our proposed lightweight mutual authentication and privacy-preservation scheme are presented. In Section IV, the security analysis of the proposed scheme is performed using BAN logic. In Section V, we present the experimental results of our proposed scheme. Finally, the article is concluded in Section VI.

## II. NETWORK AND THREAT MODEL

We have considered a healthcare facilitation center, i.e., a hospital within an industry, as a case study of our proposed I-CPS scheme. Various units such as critical care, chaplaincy, cardiology, radiology, wards, and discharge lounge, along with private rooms provide timely healthcare facilities to the patients. These units and rooms are connected to remote servers for storing the patients' data and other credentials to provide on-demand and responsive services. In Fig. 1, the sensor-embedded wearables, i.e., clients, in various units and rooms are connected to servers via their proxies. Each server facilitates a number of clients within its coverage region. A client is static in the context of the server's coverage region, i.e., a client remains within the coverage region of its associated server. For seamless and interoperable communication, these clients need to establish secured communication links to their concerned servers.

In healthcare applications, any adversarial attack can lead to the loss of precious lives and the associated medical data. An adversary may establish secured connections to the servers if its authentication requests are accepted. The smart healthcare environment of Fig. 1 is prone to various types of adversarial attacks. An adversary may infiltrate the network by seizing

the identities of clients and servers to pose various threats. It is important to mention that in Fig. 1 the adversary uses a smartphone to launch the attacks. Moreover, it may clone itself for a large-scale adversarial effect on the overall system. To prevent such threats, we propose a lightweight mutual authentication approach for resource-starving intelligent wearables. Our authentication approach is resilient against the following threats.

- 1) **Replay:** An adversary may replay a stream of previously transmitted messages to the clients or servers.
- 2) **Forward and backward secrecy:** An adversary may launch this attack by seizing the session key to predict the outcome of previous or future sessions.
- 3) **Client and server impersonation:** An adversary may impersonate a legitimate client to the server by fabricating the preshared key of the given client. Moreover, it may impersonate a legitimate server to one or more clients by fabricating the session key of the given server.
- 4) **Anonymity and untraceability:** An adversary may launch this attack by extracting the one-time nonces, and the identities of clients and servers from exchanged messages. In doing so, it may interlink various sessions to maliciously affect the clients and servers.
- 5) **Eavesdropping:** An adversary may launch active or passive eavesdropping by listening to the communication in transit. It may seize various messages, manipulate them, and may launch other types of attacks. The use of pseudorandom nonces in our approach restricts an adversary from launching this attack.
- 6) **Denial of service (DoS):** An adversary may broadcast excessive requests to the clients or servers to authenticate itself. By doing so, it may deprive the legitimate clients from exchanging their data with the legitimate servers. The use of preshared keys restricts an adversary from launching a DoS attack in our approach.

## III. LIGHTWEIGHT MUTUAL AUTHENTICATION AND PRIVACY-PRESERVATION SCHEME

In this section, we discuss our mutual authentication and privacy preservation scheme for the healthcare facilitation center of Fig. 1. Numerous wearables within the hospital communicate with their concerned servers for authentication, as shown in Fig. 2. In this figure,  $A$  is the set of attackers,  $C$  is the set of clients, and  $S$  is the set of servers, where  $C_i$  can communicate either directly with  $S_j$  or via a proxy ( $P$ ). Our proposed scheme comprises of  $C_i$  clients and  $S_j$  servers, where  $i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, I\}$  and  $j = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, J\}$ , such that  $i, j \in N$ , and  $i > j$ . Here,  $N$  is the total number of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  in the network, i.e.,  $N = C_i \cup S_j$ .  $C_i$  are dynamic in nature and may change their positions quite frequently, whereas  $S_j$  are static in nature. Our proposed scheme initiates a four-way handshake between any  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  for mutual authentication. If the handshake is successful,  $S_j$  provides a session key to  $C_i$  for data transmission. The list of Symbol used in authentication is given in Table I. We discuss mutual authentication in Section III-A and privacy risk prediction using HMM in Section III-B.



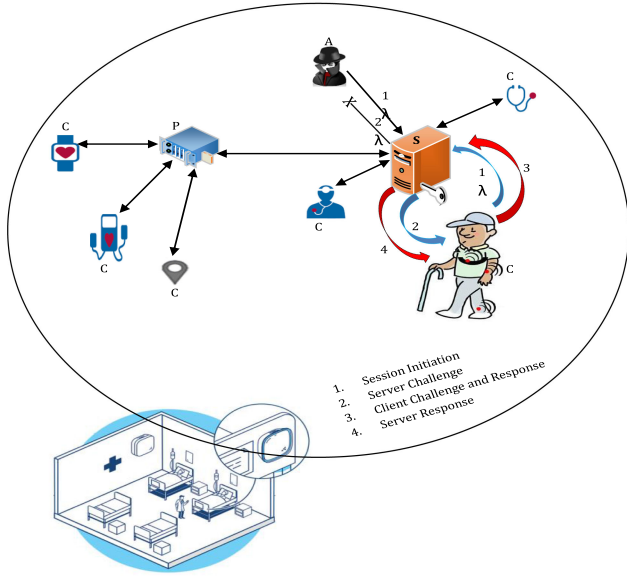


Fig. 2. Proposed mutual authentication scheme.

TABLE I  
SYMBOLS AND MEANING USED IN AUTHENTICATION

Symbols	Meanings
$C_i$	Client $i$
$S_j$	Server $j$
$A_k$	adversary $k$
$\lambda$	128-bit pre-shared key
$\mu$	128-bit session key
$ID_i$	Identity of Client $i$
$h()$	hash function
$\eta$	one-time 128-bit pseudo nonce
$\gamma_{challenge}$	256-bit server challenge
$\gamma_{response}$	Server response to client
$\beta_{challenge}$	256-bit client challenge

### A. Mutual Authentication

Each  $C_i$  periodically collects the desired data and transmits to the nearest  $S_j$ . However, prior to the data transmission, both  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  need to be authenticated. Our lightweight authentication scheme verifies the identities of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  before their engagement for data exchange. The authentication is performed using the following four handshake messages.

- 1) Session initiation.
- 2) Server challenge.
- 3) Client response and challenge.
- 4) Server response.

Initially, both  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  are assumed to be unauthentic, and thus, untrustworthy. Prior to mutual authentication, each  $C_i$  is assigned a unique 128-b preshared key ( $\lambda_i$ ), and an identity ( $ID_i$ ) in an offline phase. These secret primitives are also shared with their associated  $S_j$ , located in their vicinity. The offline phase is a prerequisite for the initialization of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ , respectively. Next, each  $C_i$  initiates a session request to its associated  $S_j$ . This session initiation request contains the encrypted identity

$\lambda_i(ID_i)_{h()}$  of  $C_i$ , i.e.,  $ID_i$  is encrypted by  $C_i$  using its  $\lambda_i$  and hashed using  $h()$ . The transmitted request message is meaningless to the neighboring  $C_{i-1}$  clients and adversaries  $A_k$ , where  $k=\{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}$ , such that  $k \notin \{i, j\}$ . The recipient, be it  $C_i$ ,  $S_j$  or  $A_k$ , needs to decrypt  $\lambda_i(ID_i)_{h()}$  with the same  $\lambda_i$  and  $h()$ . Please note that the mode of wireless communication means that any device can intercept the session initiation request.

**Theorem 1:** At least one legitimate  $C_i$ , not an adversary  $A_k$ , initiates a session with the corresponding  $S_j$ .

**Proof:** Each  $C_i$  shares its  $\lambda_i$  with its associated  $S_j$  in an offline phase. The set of identities and keys of  $C_i$ , i.e.,  $\{ID_1, ID_2, ID_3, \dots, ID_i\}$  and  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_i\}$ , respectively, are stored by  $S_j$  in a database. An  $A_k$  may initiate a session request by transmitting a message  $\lambda_k(ID_k)_{h(ID_k)}$ , encrypted with a fabricated  $\lambda_k$  and  $h(ID_k)$ .  $S_j$  checks the authenticity of this request by retrieving the corresponding decrypting key  $\lambda_k$ . Since,  $\lambda_k \notin \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_i\}$ ,  $S_j$  assumes that the request was initiated by an adversary. The  $\lambda_i$  for encryption and decryption is computed using the equality to compute  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda'_i$ , respectively [19].

$$\lambda_i = \text{from-state} \oplus \text{Round}_{0-9} \oplus \text{Add-Round}_{key} \oplus \text{to-state} \lambda'_i = \text{from-state} \oplus \text{Round}_{0-9} \oplus \text{Add-Round}_{key} \oplus \text{to-state}$$

Here,  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda'_i$  are the secret encryption and decryption keys, where  $\lambda_i = \lambda'_i$ . The only difference is that in  $\lambda_i$ , from-state represents the plain text and to-state represents the cipher text. For  $\lambda'_i$ , from-state and to-state work oppositely to  $\lambda_i$ . Round is a function used to compute a unique key every time [19], as explained below.

$\text{Round}_0 \text{ state}_{key} = \text{AddRound}_{key} (\text{ShiftRows}(\text{SubBytes}(\text{state}))) \oplus (\text{Round}_{n+1} \text{ state}_{key} = \text{Round}_n \text{ state}_{key} (\text{AddRound}_{key} (\text{MixColumns} (\text{ShiftRows} (\text{SubBytes}(\text{state}))))))$ . where, AddRound is a pairwise XOR operation, ShiftRows applies permutation to the block, SubBytes applies an S-Box operation on every state and MixColumns transforms every column of the metric.

The session initiation request is terminated by  $S_j$  either by ignoring it or by sending a denial message, i.e., when  $\lambda_k \notin \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_i\}$ . Hence, any  $C_i$  with an appropriate  $\lambda_i$  is capable of initiating the session with an  $S_j$ . Conversely, if the session initiation request, encrypted with  $\lambda_i$ , is received by an  $A_k$ , the latter is unable to decrypt it. This is because the  $\lambda'_i$  is known only to encrypting  $C_i$  and to the associated  $S_j$ .

Upon the reception of a session initiation request,  $S_j$  retrieves  $\lambda_i(ID_i)_{h()}$  and decrypts it with  $\lambda'_i$  and  $h()$  to check  $ID_i$  in it. If the embedded  $ID_i$  matches with an entry in  $S_j$  database, it means that the session initiation request was received from a legitimate  $C_i$ . At this point,  $S_j$  creates a challenge for the concerned  $C_i$  to confirm its authenticity by establishing a session with it. For this purpose,  $S_j$  generates a 128-b session key ( $\mu_j$ ), and a temporary one-time 128-b pseudononce ( $\eta_{\text{server}}$ ). The nonce is computed by generating two pseudorandom numbers  $\eta_{s1}$  and  $\eta_{s2}$ , and an XOR operation is performed on them using (1).

$$\eta_{\text{server}} = \eta_{s1} \oplus \eta_{s2}. \quad (1)$$

Next, an XOR operation is performed on  $\mu_j$  and  $\lambda_i$ , and their 128-b resultant is concatenated with  $\eta_{\text{server}}$ . Finally,  $\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j | \eta_{\text{server}}$  is encrypted with  $\lambda_i$  and hashed with  $h()$  to generate a

256-b server challenge ( $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$ ) as shown in (2). The advanced encryption standard (AES) of 128 b is used for symmetric encryption in Cipher block chaining mode.

$$\gamma_{\text{challenge}} = \text{AES}((\lambda_i, (\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j | \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}). \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 2:** An encrypted  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  is resolved **iff** a  $C_i$  or an  $A_k$  has the required  $\lambda'_i$  for decryption.

*Proof:* Any  $C_i$  receiving the  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  that contains  $\mu_j$  needs to have the required  $\lambda'_i$  for decryption. Assume that the  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  is received by  $A_k$ , and  $f(x_k)$  is the function used by  $A_k$  to compute a matching  $\lambda_i$  from the set  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_i\}$  as shown in (3).

$$f(x_k) = \{S_j, (C_1, \lambda_1), (C_2, \lambda_2), (C_3, \lambda_3), \dots, (C_i, \lambda_i)\}. \quad (3)$$

Here,  $\{C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_i\}$  represents the client devices' IDs that are generated by  $A_k$  based on historic data collection, and  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_i\}$  are their dummy secret keys. These dummy keys are computed using (4).

$$\lambda_i = C_i \oplus \text{statistics}(\lambda_i). \quad (4)$$

Since, the  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  is encrypted with a particular  $\lambda_i$  known only to a legitimate  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ ,  $A_k$  will compute and apply different  $\lambda_i$  values, as shown in (3), to decipher the cipher text of (2). However, the success probability is  $\frac{1}{2^{128}}$ . Thus,  $A_k$  will not be able to decrypt the  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  within a stipulated time. Conversely, if a  $C_i$  has the required  $\lambda_i$ , then it will decrypt  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  within its stipulated time. Hence, an encrypted  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$  is resolved only by a single  $C_i$  that has the required  $\lambda_i$ .

Upon the reception of  $\gamma_{\text{challenge}}$ , if  $C_i$  successfully deciphers it, then it will have access to the corresponding  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  and  $\mu_j$ . Additionally, it proves the authenticity of  $C_i$  to  $S_j$ . It is because  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  and  $\mu_j$  are known only to a given  $S_j$  and  $\lambda_i$  to the concerned  $C_i$ . To authenticate an  $S_j$ ,  $C_i$  generates a client challenge for the given  $S_j$ . Initially, a temporary one-time 128 b pseudononce ( $\eta_{\text{client}}$ ) is computed by generating two pseudorandom numbers  $\eta_{c_1}$  and  $\eta_{c_2}$ . Next, an XOR operation is performed on them using (5).

$$\eta_{\text{client}} = \eta_{c_1} \oplus \eta_{c_2}. \quad (5)$$

Next, an XOR operation is performed on  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  and  $\lambda_i$ , their resultant is concatenated with  $\eta_{\text{client}}$ , and finally encrypted with  $\mu_j$  to generate a 256-b client challenge  $\beta_{\text{challenge}}$ , as shown in (6).

$$\beta_{\text{challenge}} = \text{AES}((\mu_j, (\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i | \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}). \quad (6)$$

**Theorem 3:** An encrypted  $\beta_{\text{challenge}}$  is resolved and responded **iff** a device, such as  $S_j$ , has the shared information, i.e.,  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  and  $\mu_j$ .

*Proof:* The  $\mu_j$  and  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  are known only to a given  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ . Assume that an  $A_k$  receives  $\beta_{\text{challenge}}$  and tries to decrypt it using a probabilistic function  $g(x)$ . This function is used to compute the desired  $\mu_j$  by using (7).

$$g(x) = \text{probability}((C_1, \mu_1), (C_2, \mu_2), \dots, (C_i, \mu_j)). \quad (7)$$

The function  $g(x)$  utilizes the  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  information to return a single pair of values for  $A_k$ , i.e.,  $(ID_i, \mu_j)$ . However, this

scenario is applicable only if  $A_k$  maintains a complete record of the overall communication between  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ , which is not a realistic assumption especially in a resource-constrained health-CPS environment. In addition to  $\mu_j$  and  $\lambda_i$  values that are known only to  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ ,  $A_k$  needs to verify its authenticity to  $C_i$  as well. Conversely, if  $\beta_{\text{challenge}}$  is received correctly by the concerned  $S_j$ , then the latter decipherers  $(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i | \eta_{\text{client}})_{h()}$  of (6) correctly with  $\mu_i$  and  $h()$  to retrieve  $\eta_{\text{client}}$ . Thus,  $\beta_{\text{challenge}}$  of a given  $C_i$  is resolved by a particular  $S_j$  that possesses the required  $\mu_j$ .

Finally, during the server response, the concerned  $S_j$  creates a response by concatenating the  $C_i$ 's  $\eta_{\text{client}}$  to its  $\mu_j$ , and generates an encrypted server response ( $\gamma_{\text{response}}$ ) using  $\lambda_i$  (8).

$$\gamma_{\text{response}} = \text{AES}((\lambda_i, \{\eta_{\text{client}} | \mu_j\})_{h()}). \quad (8)$$

Upon reception, a  $C_i$  having a valid  $\lambda'_i$  will be able to decipher  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$  and retrieve  $\eta_{\text{client}}$  to confirm the authenticity of the given  $S_j$ .

**Theorem 4:** The encrypted  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$  of an  $S_j$  is decrypted by a  $C_i$  **iff** it has the required  $\lambda_i$ .

*Proof:* In the prerequisite offline phase,  $C_i$  shared their  $\lambda_i$  with their concerned  $S_j$ . The  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$  is decrypted by an  $A_k$  only if it has the required  $\lambda_i$ , which is not the case. An  $A_k$  uses the functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , as discussed earlier, to find an exact copy of  $\lambda_i$ .

$$\lambda_i = f(x) \oplus g(x). \quad (9)$$

Where,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  return a pair of values, i.e.,  $(C_i, \lambda_i)$  and  $(C_i, \mu_j)$ , respectively. However by adopting the approach of (9),  $A_k$  will only be able to obtain  $\mu_j$  at the expense of excessive resource consumption. However, it will still not be able to collect the desired  $\lambda'_i$  that is required to decrypt  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$ . Conversely, if  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$  is received by the concerned  $C_i$  having the appropriate  $\lambda_i$ , it will be able to decrypt this message within the stipulated time. Thus, a given  $C_i$  having  $\lambda_i$  is able to successfully decrypt the  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$  of  $C_i$ . Upon successful decryption of  $\gamma_{\text{response}}$ , both  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  have mutually authenticated each other and are authorized to exchange data. After successful authentication, data are transmitted from  $C_i$  to  $S_j$ . During data transmission and storage at  $S_j$ , the  $C_i$  privacy can be leaked, and hence needs to be preserved. To solve the privacy leakage issues, we use HMM to predict the privacy of  $C_i$ . In the next section, we present an approach to predict the privacy risks of  $C_i$  using HMM.

## B. Privacy Risk Prediction Using HMM

In this section, we predict the risk of a client's privacy leakage using HMM. In HMM, states are partially observed that helps in solving real-world problems using sequential or temporal data. The aim of the proposed model is to measure the risk of data privacy leakage using HMM. The graphical representation of HMM is shown in Fig. 3. The HMM uses two sets of random variables, hidden variable  $\mathbf{H} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m\}$  and observed variable  $\mathbf{O} = \{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n\}$ , where  $\mathbf{O} \in \{\text{discrete values, real values}, \mathbb{R}^d\}$ . In our proposed scheme,  $\mathbf{H}$  is the data generated by the patients and  $\mathbf{O}$  is the usage pattern of  $C_i$  devices associated

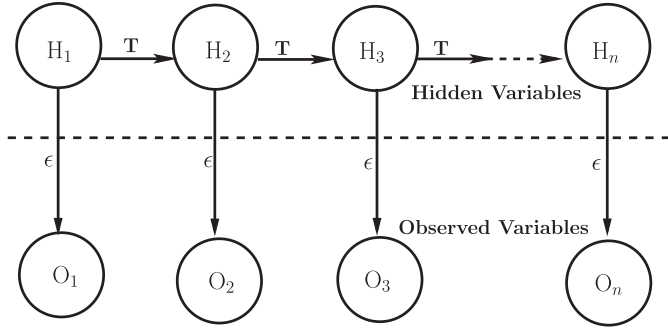


Fig. 3. Graphical demonstration of HMM.

with a patient. The joint probability distribution of HMM in terms of  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{O}$  is given in (10).

$$P(O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n) \\ = P(H_1)P(O_1|H_1) \prod_{k=2}^n P(H_k|H_{k-1})P(O_k|H_k). \quad (10)$$

1) **Probabilities of the HMM:** The HMM works on the initial probability  $\pi(i)$ , the observation probability  $E_i(O)$ , and the transition probability  $T_{ij}$ . The initial probability ( $\pi(i)$ ) of a patient's data in the context of HMM is given in (11),

$$\pi(i) = P(H_1 = i), \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}. \quad (11)$$

where,  $\pi(i)$  is based on the previous data shared by a patient, which include personal identification (PI) such as patient's name, patient's location, and his/her illness, etc.  $\pi(i)$  is important in the privacy risk identification because it reveals PI of a patient that can be linked to anonymized data shared by the patient using HMM. The initial risk probability of a client  $C_i$  is computed by observing data  $D_t$ . (11) can be re-written as

$$\pi(C_i) = \begin{cases} p(C_i|D_t) > 0, & \text{for a patient having a shared PI} \\ p(C_i|D_t) = 0, & \text{for a patient having no shared PI} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

$E_i$  is the probability distribution on  $\mathbf{O}$ , which can be defined as a probability density function for  $\{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m\}$  and  $\forall O \in \mathbf{O}$ , it can be written as

$$E_i(O) = P(O|H_k = i), \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ and } O \in \mathbf{O}. \quad (13)$$

When  $\mathbf{O}$  takes discrete random numbers, then (13) can be written as the probability mass function as shown in (14).

$$E_i(O) = P(O_k = O|H_k = i), \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \\ \text{and } O \in \mathbf{O}. \quad (14)$$

$E_i$  is the probability of the data stored previously by  $C_i$  that can reveal the consistency in the patient data and his/her usage pattern. We modeled  $E_i$  as the probability of data ( $D_t$ ) shared by various patients in (12). It is needed to embed inconsistency in the frequency of data sharing by a patient. The data frequently shared by a patient reveal his/her concern of causing higher risk, that can easily be inferred from the shared data. To increase the

inconsistency in the patient data and reduce the privacy risk, a weight is multiplied with each probability and then it is inverted, as shown in (15).

$$W_{E_i(O)} = 1 - \frac{p(C_i|D_t)}{\text{count}(C_i|D_t)}. \quad (15)$$

where,  $1/\text{count}(C_i|D_t)$  is the weight multiplied to each probability.

The transition probability  $T_{ij}$  is given in (16), which is the conditional probability of current data given a sequence of previously shared data.

$$T_{ij} = P(H_{k+1} = j|H_k = i), \forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}. \quad (16)$$

Eq. (16) models the distinctiveness of a patient's data from all other patients because the data distinguishability depends on the previous data. The  $T_{ij}$  between  $p(O_j|O_{j-1})$  are weighted by the number of occurring transitions. To decrease the distinctiveness and privacy risk in the patient data, weighted transition probabilities are computed as in (17).

$$W_{T_{ij}} = \frac{p(O_j|O_{j-1})}{\text{count}(O_j|O_{j-1})}. \quad (17)$$

where,  $1/\text{count}(O_j|O_{j-1})$  is the weight multiplied to each probability.

The probability of a patient's ( $C_i$ ) privacy along with a sequence of his/her observed data  $O_1 \rightarrow O_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow O_j$  is calculated based on the Markov probability of (10),

$$p(O_1, \dots, O_j|C_i) = \min(\text{HMM}_{PI|C_i}) \times \omega_T \\ \times p(O_1) \times (1 - \omega_O \times p(C_i|O_1)) \\ \times \prod_{k=2}^n \omega_T \times p(O_k|O_{k-1}) \times (1 - \omega_O \times p(C_i|O_k)) \quad (18)$$

where,  $\omega_T$  is  $1/\text{count}(O_j|O_{j-1})$ , and  $\omega_O$  is  $1/\text{count}(C_i|D_t)$ . The  $\text{HMM}_{PI|C_i}$  returns the list of privacy probabilities computed from the PI. It includes probabilities from the paths where  $E_i$  of a patient is greater than 0.

Upon identification of the privacy risk using (18), we alter the data to circumvent the privacy risk with a utility loss ( $ul$ ). The  $ul$  uses a semantic similarity function [20], [21] to distinguish the original data  $D_t$  from the altered data  $D'_t$ , which is calculated as

$$ul(D, D') = 1.0 - \text{sim}(D, D') \quad (19)$$

The similarity function ( $\text{sim}$ ) returns values within the range  $[0, 1]$ . The higher the similarity is, the lower  $ul$  is by using altered data. In this fashion, using HMM, the privacy of  $C_i$  is preserved. After privacy preservation, we need to analyze the correctness and efficiency of our proposed scheme. In the next section, we perform the security analysis of the proposed scheme using BAN logic.

#### IV. SECURITY ANALYSIS

In this section, we analyze the mutual authentication and session key ( $\mu$ ) of our proposed scheme using BAN logic [22]. BAN logic describes the trust of two parties involved in the

**TABLE II**  
NOTATIONS AND RULES USED IN BAN LOGIC

Notations	Meanings
$P \models X$	P believes X
$P \triangleleft X$	P sees X or P receives X
$P \sim X$	P once said X
$P \Rightarrow X$	P has jurisdiction over X
$\#(X)$	X is fresh
$P \xleftrightarrow{K} Q$	P and Q may use the shared key K
$(X)_K$	X hashed under the key K
$\{X\}_\lambda$	X encrypted under the key K
Rule-1	Message meaning rule
Rule-2	Nonce verification rule
Rule-3	Jurisdiction rule
Rule-4	Freshness concatenation rule

communication. The notations and rules used in BAN logic are given in **Table II**.

1. The Postulates of BAN logic are given below,

1) Postulate of Rule-1 is,

$$\lambda_i = \frac{S_j \text{ believes } C_i \xleftrightarrow{\lambda_i} S_j, S_j \text{ sees } \{X\}_{\lambda_i}}{S_j \text{ believes } C_i \text{ said } X}$$

2) Postulate of Rule-2 is,

$$\frac{S_j \text{ believes fresh } (X), S_j \text{ believes } C_i \text{ said } X}{S_j \text{ believes } C_i \text{ believes } X}$$

3) Postulate of Rule-3 is,

$$\frac{S_j \text{ believes } C_i \text{ controls } X, S_j \text{ believes } C_i \text{ believes } X}{S_j \text{ believes } X}$$

4) Postulate of Rule-4 is,

$$\frac{S_j \text{ believes fresh } (X)}{S_j \text{ believes fresh } (X, Y)}$$

2. The following security goals must be met by the proposed scheme,

$$G_1. S_j \models C_i \Rightarrow \mu_j$$

$$G_2. C_i \models S_j \Rightarrow \mu_j$$

$$G_3. S_j \models C_i \models S_j \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} C_i$$

$$G_4. C_i \models S_j \models C_i \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} S_j$$

3. The proposed scheme should be transformed into an idealized form as below,

$$\text{Msg1. } C_i \rightarrow S_j : (\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Msg2. } S_j \rightarrow C_i : (\lambda_i(\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j || \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Msg3. } C_i \rightarrow S_j : (\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Msg4. } S_j \rightarrow C_i : (\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}} || \mu_j))_{h()}$$

4. The following assumptions are mandatory for BAN logic.

$$A_1. C_i \models S_j \xleftrightarrow{\lambda_i} C_i$$

$$A_2. S_j \models C_i \xleftrightarrow{\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i)} S_j$$

$$A_3. C_i \models S_j \xleftrightarrow{\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{server}})} C_i$$

$$A_4. S_j \models C_i \xleftrightarrow{\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}})} S_j$$

$$A_5. C_i \models \#(\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{server}}))$$

$$A_6. S_j \models \#(\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}}))$$

$$A_7. S_j \models C_i \Rightarrow S_j \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} C_i$$

$$A_8. C_i \models S_j \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} S_j$$

5. We analyze security of the proposed scheme based on the idealized form,

$$s_1. \text{ From Msg1, we obtain } S_j \triangleleft (\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i))_{h()}$$

$$s_2. \text{ Applying Rule-1 and A2, we get } S_j \models C_i \sim (\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i))_{h()}$$

$$s_3. \text{ Applying Rule-4 and A6, we obtain } S_j \models \#((\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i))_{h()})$$

$$\text{Then, we apply Rule-2 to get } S_j \models C_i \models \#(\lambda_i(\text{ID}_i))_{h()}$$

$$s_4. \text{ From Msg2, we obtain } C_i \triangleleft (\lambda_i(\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j || \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_5. \text{ Applying Rule-1 and A1, we get } C_i \models S_j \sim (\lambda_i(\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j || \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_6. \text{ Applying Rule-4 and A5, we obtain } C_i \models \#(\lambda_i(\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j || \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Then, we apply Rule-2 to get } C_i \models S_j \models (\lambda_i(\lambda_i \oplus \mu_j || \eta_{\text{server}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_7. \text{ From Msg3, we obtain } S_j \triangleleft (\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_8. \text{ Applying Rule-1 and A2, we get } S_j \models C_i \sim (\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_9. \text{ Applying Rule-4 and A6, we obtain } S_j \models \#(\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Then, we apply Rule-2 to get } S_j \models C_i \models (\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_{10}. \text{ From Msg4, we obtain } C_i \triangleleft (\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}} || \mu_j))_{h()}$$

$$s_{11}. \text{ Applying Rule-1 and A1, we get } C_i \models S_j \sim (\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}} || \mu_j))_{h()}$$

$$s_{12}. \text{ Applying Rule-4 and A5, we obtain } C_i \models \#(\lambda_i(\eta_{\text{client}} || \mu_j))_{h()}$$

$$\text{Then, we apply Rule-2 to get } C_i \models S_j \models (\mu_j(\eta_{\text{server}} \oplus \lambda_i || \eta_{\text{client}}))_{h()}$$

$$s_{13}. \text{ Applying the logic rule of BAN to } s_{12} \text{ and A4, which split conjunctions that yields } C_i \models S_j \models C_i \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} S_j, (\text{Goal 4})$$

$$s_{14}. \text{ Applying the logic rule of BAN to } s_9 \text{ and A3, which split conjunctions that yields } S_j \models C_i \models S_j \xleftrightarrow{\mu_j} C_i, (\text{Goal 3})$$

$$s_{15}. \text{ Applying Rule-3 to } s_{13} \text{ and A8, which results in } C_i \models S_j \Rightarrow \mu_j, (\text{Goal 2})$$

$$s_{16}. \text{ Applying Rule-3 to } s_{14} \text{ and A7, which results in } S_j \models C_i \Rightarrow \mu_j, (\text{Goal 1})$$

By performing the security analysis of our proposed scheme using BAN logic, the four security goals  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ , and  $G_4$  are achieved. In the next section, we present the experimental results of our proposed scheme.

## V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, we evaluate the performance of our approach against existing state of the art schemes. For authentication, we used Netduino Plus 2 boards as clients and Netduino 3 boards as servers. The Netduino 3 boards were interfaced with MATLAB ThingSpeak server via the  $\mu$  PLibrary 1.8.<sup>1</sup> This library abstracts the ThingSpeak API and works with these boards using NET Micro Framework. For privacy-preservation, we relied on MATLAB simulation at the ThingSpeak server. We evaluate the performance of our approach in term of computational, communication, storage overheads, and its resilience against various adversarial threats. These boards are resource-constrained and as such, lightweight authentication approaches need to be designed. For this purpose, we tested our proposed authentication in terms of computation, communication, and storage overhead incur by our authentication. For privacy preservation, we tested our approach through privacy risk prediction and privacy risk alleviation.

<sup>1</sup>[Online]. Available: <https://www.nuget.org/packages/uPLibrary>



**TABLE III**  
COMPUTATIONAL OVERHEAD COMPARISON

Schemes	Client Side	Server Side	Total Cost
<i>Li et. al [23]</i>	$3T_h + 7T_{XOR}$	$4T_h + 12T_{XOR}$	$7T_h + 19T_{XOR}$
<i>Gupta et. al [6]</i>	$4T_h + 4T_{XOR}$	$5T_h + 3T_{XOR}$	$9T_h + 7T_{XOR}$
<i>Gope et. al [7]</i>	$3T_h + 1T_{XOR}$	$9T_h + 4T_{XOR}$	$12T_h + 5T_{XOR}$
<i>Chang et. al [9]</i>	$5T_h + 4T_{XOR}$	$8T_h + 1T_{XOR}$	$13T_h + 5T_{XOR}$
<i>Proposed Scheme</i>	$2T_h + 2T_{XOR}$	$2T_h + 2T_{XOR}$	$4T_h + 4T_{XOR}$

**TABLE IV**  
COMMUNICATION OVERHEAD COMPARISON

Schemes	Number of messages	Number of bits
<i>Li et. al [23]</i>	4	4672
<i>Gupta et. al [6]</i>	5	3808
<i>Gope et. al [7]</i>	4	3184
<i>Chang et. al [9]</i>	4	3104
<i>Proposed Scheme</i>	4	896

In **Table III**, we provide a summary of the computational overhead analysis. We compare the execution time of our scheme against the existing schemes. In this table,  $T_h$  and  $T_{XOR}$  refer to the computational time needed to perform the hash and XOR operations. In our scheme, the encryption with  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mu_j$  works similar to hashing. The proposed scheme requires only  $2T_h + 2T_{XOR}$  execution time at the  $C_i$  and  $S_j$ . The low computational overhead is contributed mainly to the lightweight mechanism adopted by  $\lambda_k(ID_k)_{h()}$ ,  $\gamma_{challenge}$ ,  $\beta_{challenge}$ , and  $\gamma_{response}$  of the proposed scheme.

In **Table IV**, we provide a summary of the communication overhead analysis of our scheme against the existing schemes. The proposed scheme requires four handshake messages for the authentication. In this scenario,  $\lambda_k(ID_k)_{h()}$  is 128 b, and  $\gamma_{challenge}$ ,  $\beta_{challenge}$ , and  $\gamma_{response}$  are 256 b each. Hence, total of 896 b communication overhead is incurred by these messages. In comparison, the existing schemes have much higher communication overhead due to the complex cipher-suites and the involvement of resource-intensive operators.

In **Table V**, we compare the storage overhead incurred by  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  of our proposed authentication scheme. In the proposed scheme, each  $C_i$  stores its  $ID_i$  and  $\lambda_i$ , respectively. On the other hand, each  $S_j$  stores  $ID_i$  and  $\lambda_i$  for  $n$  clients associated with it. In comparison, in [23] and [9], each  $C_i$  stores its  $ID_i$  and  $\lambda_i$  along with  $ID_G$  and  $\lambda_G$  of the gateway. In these schemes, each  $C_i$  is connected to its  $S_j$  via a gateway. Moreover, each  $S_j$  in these schemes incur excessive storage overhead as they need to store the security primitives of  $n$  clients and  $m$  gateways. As discussed earlier,  $\lambda_i$  is of 128 b. Thus, the cost incurred by  $S_j$  is  $n$  times higher than  $C_i$  for storing  $\lambda_i$  of  $n$  clients in [23]

**TABLE V**  
STORAGE OVERHEAD COMPARISON

Schemes	Client Side	Server Side
<i>Li et. al [23]</i>	$(ID_i + \lambda_i) + (ID_G + \lambda_G)$	$n(ID_i + \lambda_i) + m(ID_G + \lambda_G)$
<i>Gupta et. al [6]</i>	-	-
<i>Gope et. al [7]</i>	-	-
<i>Chang et. al [9]</i>	$(ID_i + \lambda_i) + (ID_G + \lambda_G)$	$n(ID_i + \lambda_i) + m(ID_G + \lambda_G)$
<i>Proposed Scheme</i>	$ID_i + \lambda_i$	$n(ID_i + \lambda_i)$

**TABLE VI**  
RESILIENCE AGAINST VARIOUS ATTACKS

Attacks	[23]	[6]	[7]	[9]	Proposed
Replay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eavesdropping	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Forward & Backward Secrecy	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Client Impersonation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Server Impersonation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anonymity	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
DoS	No	No	No	No	Yes

and it is  $m$  times higher than  $C_i$  for storing  $\lambda_G$  of  $m$  gateways. Similar to [23], the cost incurred by  $S_j$  is  $n$  times higher than  $C_i$  for storing  $\lambda_i$  of  $n$  clients, and it is  $m$  times higher than  $C_i$  for storing  $\lambda_G$  of  $m$  gateways.

In **Table VI**, the resilience of our scheme against various adversarial attacks is compared with the existing schemes. In our scheme,  $\eta_{client}$  and  $\eta_{server}$  are generated by a pseudorandom number  $R_i$  and appended to a timer  $T_i$ . This combination of  $T_i$  and  $R_i$  makes it extremely difficult for an adversary to replay messages. In our scheme, the use of one-time nonces  $\eta_{client}$  and  $\eta_{server}$  restrict the adversary from active eavesdropping. An  $A_k$  may compromise the  $\mu_j$ ; however, the latter does not reveal any information about the previous or future sessions. This is mainly because  $\mu_j$  is a one-time session key generated every time. Hence, forward and backward secrecy are maintained by our scheme. An  $A_k$  may intercept the exchanged handshake messages  $\langle \lambda_i(ID_i)_{h()}, \gamma_{challenge}, \beta_{challenge}, \gamma_{response} \rangle$  and may generate different message patterns such as  $\langle \lambda_k(ID_k)_{h()}, \gamma_{challenge}^k, \beta_{challenge}^k, \gamma_{response}^k \rangle$ . The  $A_k$  may impersonate as  $C_i$  by transmitting  $\lambda_k(ID_k)_{h()}$ , and  $\beta_{challenge}^k$  to  $S_j$ . Also, the same  $A_k$  impersonates as  $S_j$  by transmitting  $\gamma_{challenge}^k$  and  $\gamma_{response}^k$  to  $C_i$ . To impersonate as  $C_i$  or  $S_j$ ,  $A_k$  would need  $\lambda_i$ . Because,  $A_k$  fabricates its own  $\lambda_k$  that does not exist either with  $C_i$  or  $S_j$ , i.e.,  $\lambda_k \neq \lambda_i$ , hence it is unable to launch client or server impersonation attack. Moreover,  $A_k$  would need to fabricate  $\eta_k$ ,  $\mu_k$ , and  $ID_k$  as well to launch these attacks. These parameters are computationally inefficient to be calculated as each one would require  $2^{128}$  attempts. In our scheme, the identities of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  are masked in the messages  $(\lambda_i(ID_i))_{h()}$ ,  $\gamma_{challenge}$ ,  $\beta_{challenge}$ , and  $\gamma_{response}$ . An  $A_k$  cannot interpret the identities of  $C_i$



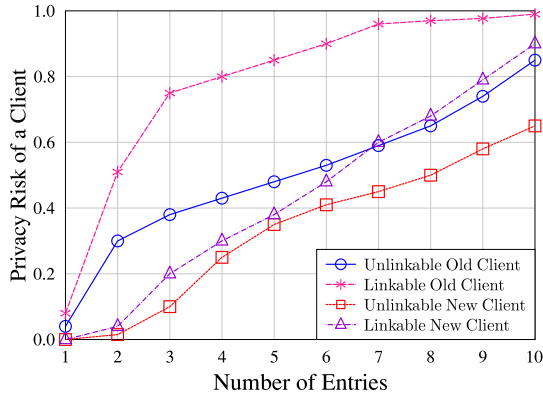


Fig. 4. Privacy risk prediction against number of entries.

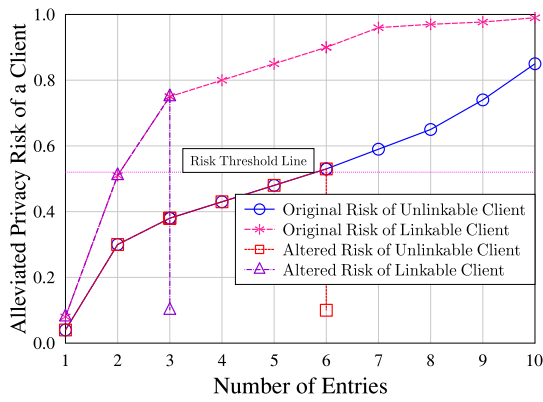


Fig. 5. Privacy risk alleviation against number of entries.

and  $S_j$  from the aforementioned messages as they are protected upon encryption by  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mu_j$ . As a result, the anonymity of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  is preserved. Moreover, our proposed scheme uses fresh nonces, i.e.,  $\eta_{\text{client}}$  and  $\eta_{\text{server}}$  for every new session, and a new timer  $T_i$  as well. Hence, all sessions are nonlinkable and  $A_k$  is unable to trace any  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  from previous messages, thus providing untraceability feature. Finally,  $S_j$  restricts a  $C_i$  to only one connection at a given time. As a result, it is extremely difficult for an adversary to launch a DoS attack. In comparison to our scheme, all the existing schemes are susceptible to one or more such attacks and affect the privacy of  $C_i$  and  $S_j$  in one way or the other.

Our proposed scheme has used HMM to predict the privacy leakage of a client. In Fig. 4, we have shown the client's privacy risk against the number of entries. The privacy risk is associated with the number of visits, i.e., entries, a client makes to a hospital server. As evident from this figure, the privacy of linkable clients is higher than unlinkable clients, where a linkable client is the one whose personal identification can be extracted from entries and search results on a particular topic. For example, when a client searched for a specialist practitioner and read his/her profile or read about a particular disease etc. When a client visits the hospital server for the first time, his/her privacy risk is relatively low and increases with each entry to the hospital server. If the personal identification of this new client is linkable, the privacy risk is higher in comparison to unlinkable client.

Similarly, for old linkable clients, the privacy risk is highest and is moderate for unlinkable clients. The proposed scheme preserve the privacy of clients by predicting the privacy leakage using HMM. When the predicted privacy leakage crosses a specified threshold, the risk is altered, as shown in Fig. 5. The threshold is probabilistic and application-dependent that can be changed according to the application requirements. In this article, the threshold probability is 0.52, and once privacy leakage crosses it, the client's information is altered, and risk is alleviated, as shown in Fig. 5.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In this article, we proposed a lightweight mutual authentication and key establishment scheme for IIoT wearable devices of I-CPS. The proposed scheme was based on client-server interaction model that used symmetric encryption. It was extremely lightweight and was suitable for large-scale I-CPS infrastructures. It was feasible for clients having limited resources and requires low computational, communication, and storage overhead while interacted with the servers for the exchange of session keys. After authentication, the privacy leakage of clients and their data was predicted using HMM. Upon privacy leakage detection, the data were altered through semantic similarity function with a loss in utility. The efficiency, correctness, and robustness of the security scheme were analyzed using BAN logic. The analysis showed that the proposed scheme was highly resilient against various adversarial attack. Moreover, it was efficient in terms of computation, communication, and storage overhead due to lightweight primitives, fewer number of exchanged messages and the absence of gateways, respectively. In the future, we aimed to use software-defined network for analyzed the exchanged data and the behavior of interacting entities of our scheme.

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