

# An Efficient Black-Hole and Worm-Hole Attacks Resilient Scheme for Cloud and Fog-Assisted Internet of Vehicles

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## Abstract

The Internet of Vehicles (IoV) is a distributed network that supports the use of data created by connected cars and vehicular ad-hoc networks (VANETs) for real-time communication among the vehicles and other infrastructures in the network. Although, IoV increases safety and efficient information exchange in transportation, its inter-connectivity exposes the vehicles and the people to different cyber-attacks such as black-hole and worm-hole which are capable of disrupting the network. In this paper, we identify the black-hole and worm-hole attacks as the major security threats to the IoV technology. We then propose periodic-time slicing and trust factor approaches to detect and prevent a black-hole attack and a cryptography procedure to prevent other IoV related cyber-attacks.

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## 1 I. Introduction

IoV becomes more connected and more autonomous with advanced communication technologies for robust transportation services, it also becomes more attractive and susceptible to different cyber-attacks. IoV faces various types of attacks, such as replay, eavesdropping, Sybil, blackhole, and worm-hole attacks, which result in security and privacy challenges in IoV. Of all these attacks, worm-hole and black-hole attacks are the most active and elusive to most existing security schemes. They easily degrade the performance and reliability of the IoV as a result of the dynamism of the IoV network. Several solutions based on watchdog, statistical, predictive, heuristic, timing, trust, and incentives-based approaches have been developed to prevent black-hole and worm-hole attacks in the vehicular ad-hoc network and IoV [5]. However, the high complexity, high delay, and non-adaptiveness of some of them make them unsuitable to IoV networks.

Asides from blackhole and wormhole attacks, enforcing privacy and data integrity are also the major issues in IoV. For example, malicious information from IoV can easily lead to loss of lives or compromise the privacy of the car and passenger. In consequence of these, there is a need for a security scheme not only resilient to worm-hole and blackhole attacks but also capable of guarantee the privacy and integrity of IoV data.

In this paper, we propose a security scheme for IoV capable of detecting black-hole and worm-hole attacks. It uses periodic-slices and their corresponding concatenated hash, sent to the destination node through the secondary nodes, to detect black-hole attacks and a cryptography-based procedure to detect worm-hole attacks. The scheme includes incentive and trust models to establish a reputation-based communication to encourage cooperation and reduce black-hole attacks in the IoV. A provable one message authentication code, using onetime and mutual keys, is used to affirm the data integrity. The contributions of this paper are as follows: 1. A non-complex periodic-slices approach to detect blackhole attacks and a cryptography-based procedure to detect worm-hole attacks. 2. Incentive and trust model to enforce reputation and cooperation in IoV. attacks.

The paper is organized thus; the related past works on the security issues on IoV and existing solutions are discussed in section 2. Section 3 is the system overview where we describe the primitive, system, and adversary model. Section 4 describes the methodology of the proposed scheme with its incentive and trust model. Section

45 5 involves performance evaluation, this section consists of the results of the experimental analysis. We concluded  
 46 the work in Section 6.

## 47 2 II. Related Work

48 Detection and prevention of black-hole and worm-hole attacks are critical routing security issues in IoV. They  
 49 can easily convert reliable cyber-physical paths in IoV for data and control packets routing into a compromised  
 50 one. Meanwhile, they are elusive to most of the existing security solutions, therefore, the performance of IoV can  
 51 be improved by making it resistible to malicious attacks likes black-hole and wormhole.

52 Black-hole attacker drops all packets it is supposed to forward to the destination node, meanwhile the worm-  
 53 hole attacker re-direct packets taken from one location of the network to another part of the network.

54 Several approaches have been proposed to thwart blackhole in network [2], [8], [9], [10], [11], [3], [6], [12], [7].  
 55 For example, the work of Yao et al. [2] focus on blackhole. In the work, an entity-centric trust model is developed  
 56 for detecting black-hole attacks, however, their approach may unfairly label honest nodes as black-hole attackers.  
 57 Also, Daeinabi et al. [8] proposed an algorithm with a trust model capable of monitoring activities of a new  
 58 entrant in VANET. The algorithm decreases the trust of a malicious new entrant who is dropping the packet and  
 59 blacklists it once its trust is lower than the preset threshold. The authors in [9] improves the algorithm in [8] by  
 60 enhancing the selection of the verifier and adding the prevention and isolation mechanism of blackhole attacks.  
 61 Similar to [9], Uzma et al [10] enhanced the detection mechanism in [8] by increasing the verifier’s selection  
 62 criteria. In [11], Yao et al. developed a three-parameter of trust detection scheme for detecting selfish nodes in  
 63 VANET.

64 Aside from using the trust model, the watchdog approach can still be used to detect black-hole. Watchdog  
 65 approach checks the forwarding state of the forwarded packets by monitoring the next-hop neighbor can be  
 66 used to thwart blackhole attack [3]. Hortelano et al. [6] adopted a watchdog and trust mechanism to detect a  
 67 black-hole attack. Also, [12], adopted a watchdog technique to detect black-hole attacks.

68 Meanwhile, Delkesh et al. [7], proposed a heuristic approach for detecting black-hole attacks in mobile ad-  
 69 oc networks. Their technique sends forged packets in the ad-hoc on-demand distance vector route discovery.  
 70 Any node that replies to such fake destination IP address packets request is termed as a black-hole attacker.  
 71 A predictive technique was used in [?] to prevent and detect intrusion. The approach can detect multiple  
 72 misbehaviors of vehicles and selects the vehicle with the best trust value as the cluster head.

73 Like the black-hole, various solutions have also been proposed to detect worm-hole attacks in the network.  
 74 Examples are the work in [15], [17], [18] and [16]. Safi et al. [15] introduced a solution that relies on the packet’s  
 75 maximum and allowed transmission distance in control packet and message authenticated packet [16] to detect  
 76 worm-hole attacks. Hu et al. [17] adopted the temporal packet leash concept, with the notion of global clock  
 77 synchronization. Their approach detects the worm-hole attacks from the exceptions in the packet transmission  
 78 latency. C? apkun et al. [18] used round trip travel time for the packet delivery to detect unusual wormhole  
 79 channels. However, [17] and [18] solution are hardware based and presence of a global clock.

## 80 3 III. Security Goals and Primitives

81 The security goals include detection of wormhole attacks, integrity, and black-hole attacks in the IoV. Also, we  
 82 gear the scheme towards secure local and global access of IoV data. To achieve the security goals, we develop  
 83 periodic-slices and non-complex cryptography approaches for thwarting the elusive attacks in IoV networks.

### 84 4 b) Primitives

85 We adopted a cyclic addition group  $G$  of order  $q$  and generator  $P$ , a cryptographic hash functions  $H : 0; 1^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  
 86 and a bilinear pairing  $e$  such that  $e : G \times G \rightarrow G$  where  $l$  is the size of the secret key.

87 Table ?? shows the definition of the notations and symbols used in the scheme.

## 88 5 IV. Black-hole Resilient Scheme with Trust Factor

89 As shown in Figure ??, the system model of the IoV scheme consists of entities such as vehicles, pedestrians,  
 90 infrastructures, roadside units (RSU), and storage facilities, which include location-bound edge? ?  $Z^* q, l H : 0, 1^* X0, 1 l ? Z^* q$  a) Security Goals

92 and cloud server. Each entity can perform multi-hop communication such as vehicle to vehicle, vehicle to  
 93 infrastructure, and vehicle to pedestrian. Each entity and the nearby edge generates a mutual public parameter  
 94 and mutual secret key. The source entity, through either single-hop or multi-hop communication, pushes its IoV  
 95 information to the destination. The destination verifies the instance of attack and computes a reputation-based  
 96 incentive for the source. It uploads the IoV information to the edge for local access. The edge updates the source  
 97 entity trust factor, reencrypts the IoV information with the source trust factor, and pushes it to the cloud server  
 98 for global access. The cloud then decrypts the IoV information and updates its global trust table. The cloud  
 99 re-encrypts the IoV information and the source trust factor with the edge’s mutual secret keys and pushes it to  
 100 the corresponding edges to complete a global-request.

101 The proposed scheme is divided into four phases; set-up and key management, IoV information hopping,  
 102 IoV attacks detection and integrity test, incentive and trust factor generation phases, each of these phases are  
 103 described below.

104 To set-up, each entity, cloud, and the nearby edge performs the following:

105 1. Each entity randomly generates while the edge and cloud generate  $k_j$  and  $k_c$ , respectively. Each entity  
 106 computes and publishes its mutual public parameter as  $g^{k_j}$ , while the edge  $j$  also computes and publishes its mutual  
 107 public parameter as  $g^{k_c}$  to the surrounding entity, who uses it to compute edge-entity mutual secret key as  $K_{ej} = g^{k_j k_c}$ . Each  
 108 entity then computes one-time-key as  $K_{ej} = g^{k_j k_c}$ , where  $g$  and pseudonym as  $P_j$ . The cloud randomly generates  $k_c$ , computes  
 109 and publishes it to the surrounding edges, who also uses it to compute edge-cloud mutual key as  $K_{ec} = g^{k_j k_c}$ .

## 110 6 b) IoV Data Hopping

111 For each hopping session, the source subdivides the unique session period into periods, selects the primary  
 112 neighboring node for the IoV packet, and another secondary nodes for the transmission of the periodic slices and  
 113 their concatenated hash value as shown in Figure ???. It then sends the periodic slices and concatenated hash  
 114 value to the destination through the secondary neighboring entities.

115 It sends one of the periodic-slices, encrypted packet, and message authentication code through the primary  
 116 neighboring node to the destination.

117 The destination detects black-hole by recomputing the concatenated hash value, compare it with the received  
 118 hash value. If equal, it indicates no black-hole attack otherwise black-hole is detected. In case there is no  
 119 black-hole attack, the destination confirms the worm-hole attack through the received pseudonym and the data  
 120 integrity. The destination then computes the incentive for the source node, uploads the copies of the encrypted  
 121 IoV information and the incentive to the edge who updates the source trust factor. This phase is summarized  
 122 as follows: 1. The source generates periodic-slices  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  by sub-dividing the time stamp  $t$  into 2. The source  
 123 selects the primary neighbouring entity for the IoV information  $m$  and another secondary entities within the  
 124 coverage for the transmission of the periodic slices and hash value and encrypted source pseudonym as shown in  
 125 Figure ??? and 3. 3. The source sends periodic slices and  $h$  to the destination through the corresponding secondary  
 126 neighbouring  $n$  entities. 4. Generates mutual key between the destination  $d$  and the source  $i$  as  $K_{id}$ . Then, encrypted  
 127 packet  $E(m, K_{id})$ , encrypts pseudonym of the source as  $P_i$  using one of the next unused one-timekey in its key chain, generates  
 128 message authentication code  $MAC$ , and sends through the primary neighbouring entity to the destination node.

## 129 7 c) IoV Attacks Detection and Integrity Test

130 As shown in Figures ??? and 3, to detect blackhole attack the destination on receiving IoV data  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  from  
 131 the primary entity and  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  from secondary entities, it re-computes  $H = H(s_1 || s_2 || \dots || s_n || t_1 || t_2 || \dots || t_n)$

132 . Checks  $H$ , if holds, it implies no black-hole, otherwise black-hole is detected and drops the whole IoV  
 133 information.

134 To detect worm-hole attack, the destination performs the following:

135 ? Extracts and sends it to its edge for verification, who re-computes the edge-entity mutual key as  $K_{ej}$ . The edge  
 136 then re-computes the source one time secret key chain as  $K_{ej} = g^{k_j k_c}$ , where  $g$  and pseudonym  $P_j$ . It decrypts the and for  
 137 each checks if  $E(m, K_{id}) = m$ . If this does not hold for any of the then worm-hole attack detected otherwise the edge clears the  
 138 source node of the worm-hole.

139 After receiving the worm-hole clearance from the edge, the destination checks the integrity of the data as  
 140 follows:  $r = H(s_1 || s_2 || \dots || s_n || t_1 || t_2 || \dots || t_n)$

141 ?  $i = e(P, P) r^i$  ?  $j = e(P, P) k_j$  ?  $i ? j = ? r^j j = e(P, P) r^j r^i$  . ? Re-computes the one-time-key, using the  
 142 mutual public parameter of the source, as  $= ? h+1 = 0, 1, \dots, w$   $H ? i ? j (? h) ? h ? 0 = H ? i ? j (? i ? j || i) i =$   
 143  $H id i . ? c = e(P, P) u u * ? c ? j ? j ? c = ? k_j c = e(P, P) urj . n n = n n ? 1 n t 1 , t 2 n ? 1 , t n n . n = n$   
 144  $n ? 1 ? t = H(t 1 || t 2 |..||t n) t 1 , t 2 , \dots, t n ? 1 ? t || ? i ? i ? d = (? d) r i c i, t = E ? i ? d (m i, t) ? i = E ? h ($   
 145  $i) ? = H ? i ? d (m i, t) t n , ? , ? i , c i, t (t n , ? , i ? i, t ? t t 1 , t 2 n ? 1 , ? t n ? t (t 1 || t 2 |..||t n) ? t ? = ?$   
 146  $t ? i , ? i ? i ? j = ? i k j .. ? h+1 H ? i ? j (? h) ? h ? 0 ? i ? j ? j i (i = E ? i ? j ? i ? h+1 i ? = i ? h+1 a)$

147 ? Decrypts the IoV information as  $m$ . Re-generates message authentication code as  $MAC$ , and checks  $MAC$ . If holds  
 148 the integrity test holds and then accepts the IoV information  $m$ ; otherwise rejects the factor  $I$ , respectively.  
 149 The incentive and trust factors models are described as follows:

150 (2) where  $I_i$  is the incentive given to the source by the destination node,  $I_{i-1}$  is the previous trust factor of the  
 152 source node,  $T_{nbh}$  is the total number of previous blackhole attacks launched by are the black-hole, worm-hole,  
 153 and integrity attacks weights, respectively, are the corresponding black-hole, worm-hole, and integrity attacks  
 154 launched status.  $I_i = (s_2+s_3)s_1 I_{i-1} + (s_1+s_3)s_2 I_{i-2} + (s_1+s_2)s_3 I_{i-3}$   $I_{i+1} = I_i + (1 - e^{-T_{nbh}}) + T_{nbh} e^{-I_i} d ? i$   
 155  $= ? r d i e(r d P, r i P) = e(P, P) r d r i m i, t = D ? d ? i (c i, t) ? H ? (m i, t) d ? i ? ? = ?$

156 To detect and dissuade black-hole attacks, we develop an incentive and trust models as shown in equation 1  
 157 and 2. These models are used by the destination and edge to compute incentive and trust At the clearance of  
 158 source node of worm-hole attack, successful black hole and integrity tests, the destination node computes the  
 159 incentive using Eqn 1, encrypts the computed incentive as  $I_i$ , using the next unused master secret key from its  
 160 master secret key chain, and sends it to the edge. The edge decrypts the  $I_i$ , updates the source node trust factor

161 using equation 2, and pushes a copy of the updated trust factor table and the IoV data to the cloud server for  
162 other entities outside the edge coverage.  $i = 1, 2, 3$

## 163 8 V. Results and Discussions

164 In this section, we presented the experimental results for the proposed scheme in terms of communication and  
165 computation overheads incur as a result of the execution of the scheme.

166 The experimental set-up evaluates the computation and communication costs. To achieve this, we simulate  
167 each of the cryptographic operations used in the proposed scheme using a cryptoPP library [?] implemented on  
168 Intel(R) Core(TM)i3 2.73GHz.

169 The simulation shows that an exponentiation operation in  $G$  ( $T_e$ ) takes 5.5ms, a bilinear pairing operation  
170 ( $T_{bp}$ ) takes 11.07ms, 256-bit Rijndael symmetric encryption ( $T_{se}$ ) takes 1.9348ms, 0:007ms as the running time  
171 of a general hash function operation ( $T_H$ ), and a scalar multiplication operation ( $T_{sm}$ ) takes 2.165ms. With the  
172 these cryptography operations running times, the set-up phase takes  $T_{bp} + T_e + (m_0 + 1)T_H = 16:807ms$  for  
173 any registered entity, while the edge and cloud each take  $t_{bp} = 11:07ms$ . Meanwhile, in the IoV data hopping  
174 phase for a hop count, source takes  $2T_{se} + T_e + T_H = 7:442ms$  while the destination node requires  $(h + 2)T_H +$   
175  $T_{se} + T_e + T_{dec} = 19:184ms$ . Figure ?? shows the summary of the computation overheads of each phases in  
176 terms of running time.

177 We also evaluate the communication overhead of the scheme. We notice that the source node incurs bits as  
178 the communication overhead during IoV data hopping where  $n$  is the number of periodic-slices used,  $jH_j$  is the size of a  
179 periodic-slice,  $jH_j$  is the size of the hash function, and  $jC_j$  is the size of the ciphertext. The attacks detection and  
180 integrity test phase incur  $jH_j + jG_j$  bits. That is, the total communication overhead of the scheme is  $n(jH_j + 4jH_j$   
181  $+ jC_j + jG_j) = 232$  bytes for 256 bits ciphertext of Rijndael symmetric encryption, periodic-slice of size 16-bit,  
182 of 512-bit size group  $G$ , and 256-bit SHA-256. This reflects that the proposed scheme only has an insignificant  
183 communication overhead.

184 The proposed incentive and trust factors model are evaluated in terms of how different attack patterns  $A =$   
185 "black hole, worm-hole, integrity" affects the incentive and trust of source node with initial trust value  $I = 50$ ,  
186 where "0" represents attack and "1" represent no attack. Figure ?? shows the incentives of source nodes launching  
187 different patterns of black-hole, wormhole, and integrity attacks. It indicates that any instance of attack reduces  
188 the incentive and both worm-hole and blackhole attacks significantly reduce the source node incentive at an  
189 instance of integrity attack. Figure ?? depicts the effect of different attacks of different patterns on the trust  
190 values of the source node. It implies that the scheme assigns the highest trust value for a source node with  
191 no record of attack in the network. That is, it indicates a good reputation for the source node with no or few  
192 records of attacks. Also, the mean waiting time of the destination node for different network sizes and one-time  
193 key chains are shown in Figure ?. It shows that the network size does not affect the mean waiting time, that  
194 is with the increase in the network size the proposed scheme introduces insignificant delay. However, there is a  
195 significant delay as the entity's time key chain increases.

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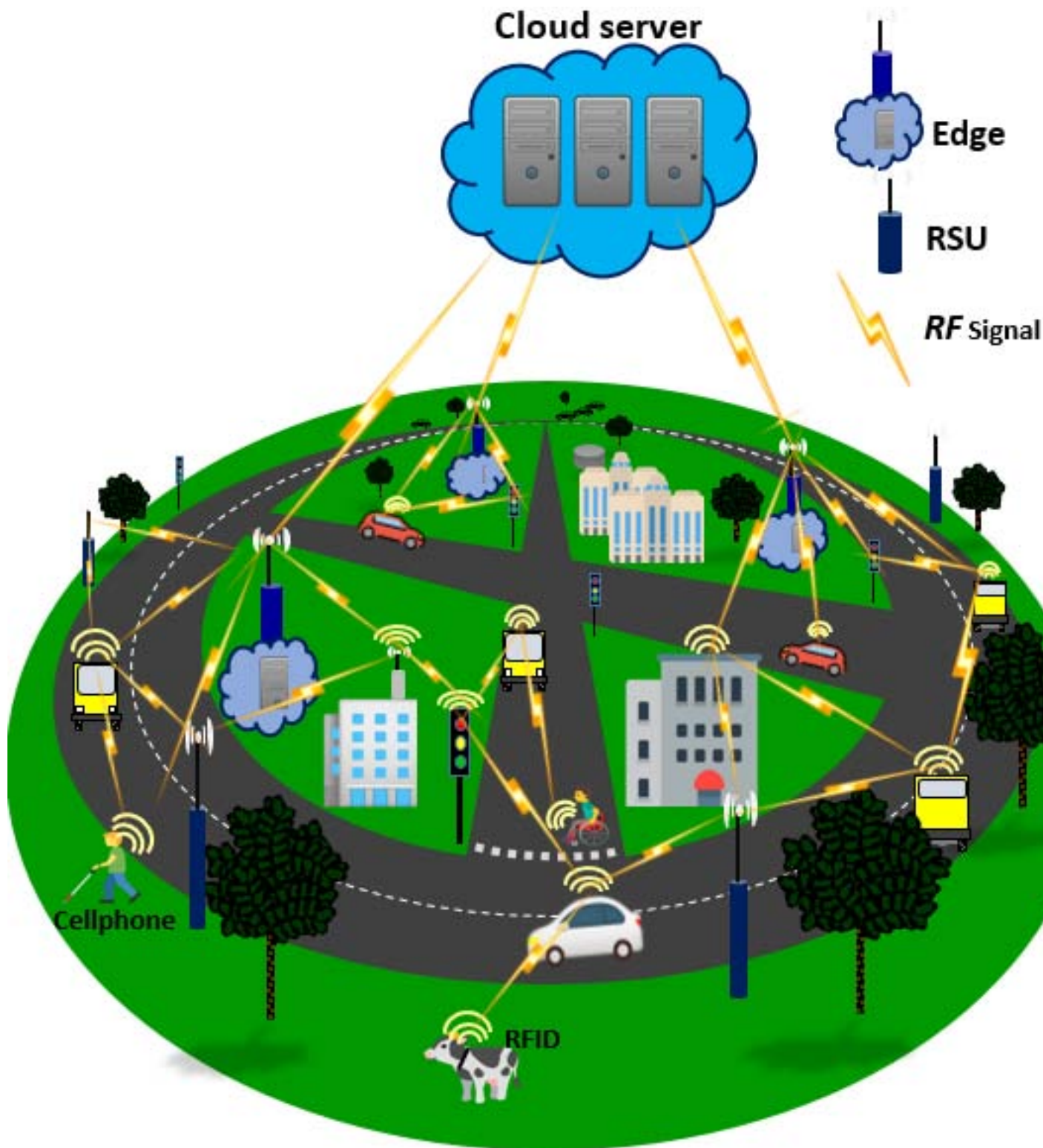
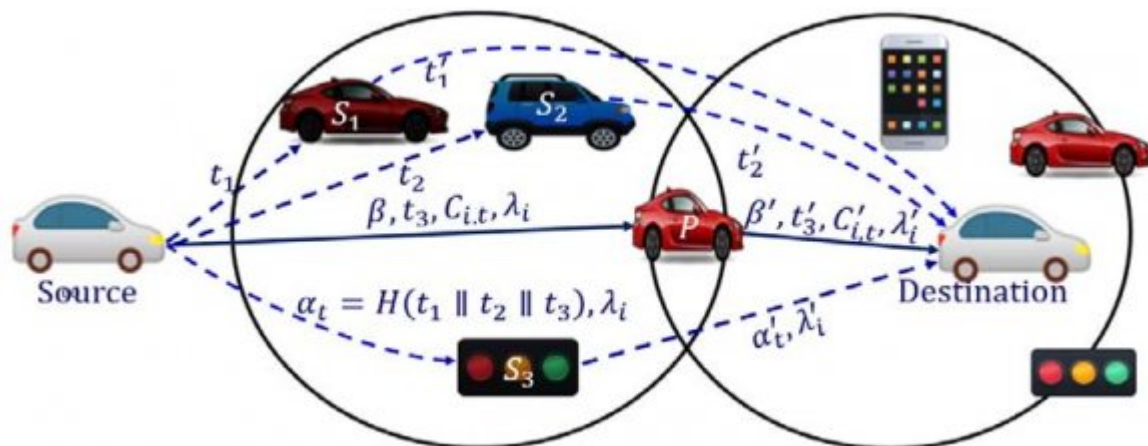
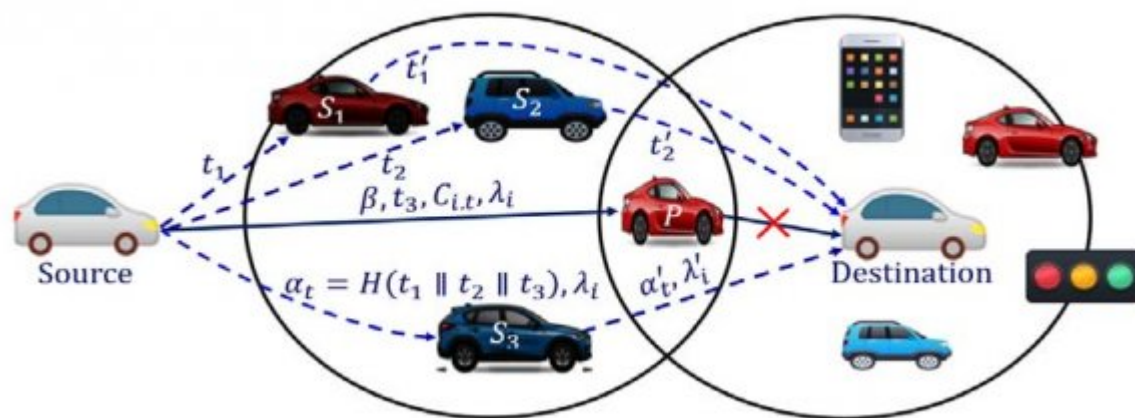


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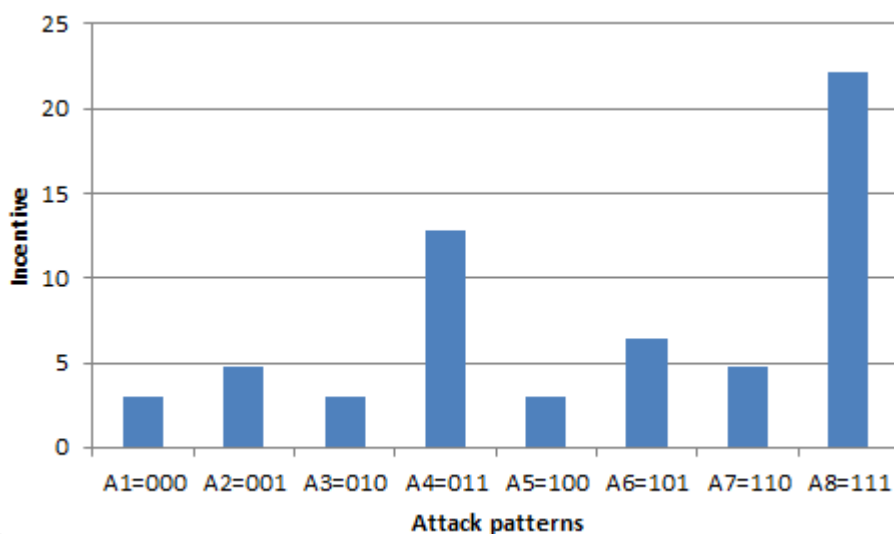
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Figure 2: s 1 , s 2 , s 3 d)Fig. 1 :Fig. 2 :



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Figure 3: Fig. 3 :Fig. 4 :



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Figure 4: Fig. 5 :Fig. 6 :

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( ) B	Notation	Description
	$\mathbb{Z}_q$	set of integer of order p
	G	addition group of order q
	P	generator of G
	$H_k(\cdot)$	key based hash function
	I	trust factor
	$\delta_i$	incentive value
	$\tilde{p}_i$	pseudonym of entity i
	$n'$	number of selected secondary nodes
	$\tilde{p}_i$	encrypted pseudonym of i
	$\alpha$	message authentication code
	e	bilinear mapping function

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[Note:  $j, \delta_i, \delta_d, \delta_c$  mutual public key parameter of  $i, j, d$ , and  $c$ , respectively  $\tilde{p}_{i \rightarrow j}, \tilde{p}_{c \rightarrow j}$  entity-edge mutual secret key, cloud-edge mutual key  $\delta$  one-time-key chain]

Figure 5: Table I





198 This paper proposed a new method to detect the black hole, worm-hole, and integrity attacks during  
199 communication in an IoV environment and assigns high trust and incentive to an honest entity but low or  
200 no trust and incentive to a malicious entity.

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