

Developing **Physical-Layer Security Schemes** for Internet of Things Networks



What is PHYSEC?

Internet of Things (IoT) networks have a wide range of applications including military and security applications.

Distributed nodes in IoT networks are usually constrained by limited energy and processing capabilities. As such, employing conventional complex data security mechanisms represents a challenge to IoT nodes due to the induced complexity and high energy consumption.

The PHYSEC project will propose lightweight security mechanisms tailored for IoT networks considering the physical-layer security approaches.



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Technical work

The first technical task of the project (T2.1) involves a detailed literature review of malicious node detection in IoT Networks. In this task, the current algorithms/protocols in the literature for detecting attackers in IoT networks will be surveyed and analysed.

The focus of this task is threefold:

- Studying all the considered attack models in the literature,
- Analysing all the proposed algorithms/schemes/protocols for detecting the malicious nodes in the literature, and
- Evaluating the performance of these works in terms of the detection efficiency, the complexity, the resource consumption, and development ability.

The outcome of T2.1 will be deliverable D2.1 - State of the art for insider attacker detection in IoT networks.

PHYSEC Publications

Journal Papers:

- A. Abushattal, S. Althunibat, M. Qaraqe, H. Arslan, "A Secure Downlink NOMA scheme Against Unknown Internal Eavesdroppers", IEEE Wireless Communication Letters, Accepted, Feb 2021.
- A. Alhasanat, S. Althunibat, M. Alhasanat, M. Alsafasfeh, "An Efficient Index-Modulation Based Data Gathering Scheme for Wireless Sensor Networks," IEEE Communications Letters, Dec 2020, doi: 10.1109/LCOMM.2020.3047350.

Conference Papers:

- S. C. Tokgoz, S. Althunibat, S. Yarkan, K. A. Qaraqe, "Physical Layer Security of Hybrid FSO-mmWave Communications in Presence of Correlated Wiretap Channels", IEEE International Conference on Communications (IEEE ICC 2021), May 2021.
- M. Usman, S. Raponi, M. Qaraqe, and G. Oligeri, "KaFHCa: Key-establishment via Frequency Hopping Collisions," IEEE International Conference on Communications (IEEE ICC 2021)

Project Meetings

1st plenary meeting - PHYSEC kicked-off on 20th November 2020, as online meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2nd plenary meeting - PHYSEC held its second meeting on 9th April 2021, in an online format.



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