

# NATURE INSPIRED APPROACH BASED SECURITY AWARE ALGORITHM AGAINST BLACKHOLE ATTACKS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

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**Abstract** - *Wireless networks are susceptible and prone to assorted attacks at different layers from multiple sources and therefore it is required to understand the mechanism as well as taxonomy of attacks. By this perspective, there is need to investigate the network level attacks, their impact and remedial measures so that the overall scenario can be made secured. The nodes in wireless environment are affected adversely by number of attacks focusing of the resources used by the nodes participating in the communication. These network nodes are generally associated with the assorted functional aspects including battery or energy, power, log of neighboring nodes, cache and number of services. In a network attack, the malicious node or packet attempts to temporarily or permanently halt these parameters so that the authentic and realistic*

*communication can be damaged. A number of algorithmic solutions work against assorted attacks but there is huge scope of research in this segment. This manuscript underlines the attacks on wireless networks with their related dimensions so that the effectual algorithm can be developed for overall security and integrity. The proposed approach is integrating ant colony optimization as nature inspired approach by which the packets loss can be highly reduced. The nearby nodes working as ants takes over the packets and hand over towards the valid destination by which the overall communication is made secured and integrity aware. The proposed approach is effectual and improved towards more than 25% on the evaluation of assorted parameters.*

*Keywords: Wireless Sensor Network, Reliable Communication, Wicked Wireless Node Attacks, Wireless Sensor Network Security*

- Wireless PAN
- Wireless MAN
- Cellular Network
- Global Area Network
- Space Network

## I. INTRODUCTION

In wireless networks, there are mobile nodes which are connected to each other using radio or related transmission line without any physical infrastructure. Wireless Network refers to a specific scenario having mobile nodes connected via mobile routers, base stations or satellites using which the overall network can be controlled and monitored. There are number of applications in which wireless sensor networks are integrated. In classical way, the wireless networks are implemented for the ease of mobility, remote accessibility and cross region connectivity.

### Features of Wireless Networks

- Autonomous
- Dynamic and Effective Load Balancing
- Scalability
- Network Access Control
- Distributed, Arbitrary and Connected Operations
- Multihop based Routing
- Network Topology in Dynamic
- Network Scalability
- Light Weight Terminals
- Ease and Speed of deployment
- Decreasing dependency on infrastructure
- Mobility and Quality of Service
- Portability and Transportation

### Taxonomy of Wireless Technology Networks

- Wireless LAN
- Wireless WAN
- Wireless Mesh Network

Table 1 - Comparison Aspects of Wireless Networks Technology

	<b>Bluetooth</b>	<b>WiFi (a)</b>	<b>WiFi (b)</b>	<b>WiFi (g)</b>	<b>WiMAX</b>
<b>International Protocol and Standard</b>	802.15	802.11a	802.11b	802.11g	802.16
<b>Frequency (In GHz)</b>	2.45	5	2.4	2.4	2 - 66
<b>Speed (In Mbps)</b>	0.72	54	11	54	80
<b>Range Parameter (meters)</b>	10	50	100	100	50
<b>Advantages</b>	Low Cost	Speed	Low Cost	Speed	Speed, Range
<b>Limitations</b>	Range Issues	Cost Factor	Speed	Cost and Range both	Cost

Table 2: Comparison between WSN and Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS	MOBILE AD HOC NETWORKS
Energy Consumption more and generally non rechargeable due to remote and sensitive locations	Energy is not the issue because of recharging
Very far and not accessible physically in general	More close of Human Experts / Users
Data Aggregation / Grouping	No need of aggregation
Clustering	Each mobile node act as router itself
Security and Integrity are the key issues	Security is not an issue as it is always very close to human user

**IEEE 802.11 Standards**

IEEE 802.11 refers to a set of specifications devised by IEEE for the representation of Wireless LAN (WLAN) technology. The standard 802.11 specifies an over-the-air interface between a wireless client and a base station or between two wireless clients. IEEE accepted this standard in year 1997.

The key threats to Wireless Technologies are hereby summarized

- Interception or Eavesdropping
- Wormhole or False Gateway Attack
- Non Optimal Path or Byzantine Allocation Attack
- Jamming
- Blackhole attack
- Byzantine attack
- Rushing attack

**II. BLACKHOLE ATTACK**

Packet Drops Attack or traditionally the blackhole attack is one of precarious assault in wireless

communication which leads to higher packets loss because of intruding nodes. This research work focus on the development and implementation of a novel and effective algorithm for achieving the security and avoidance of blackhole in the wireless networks.

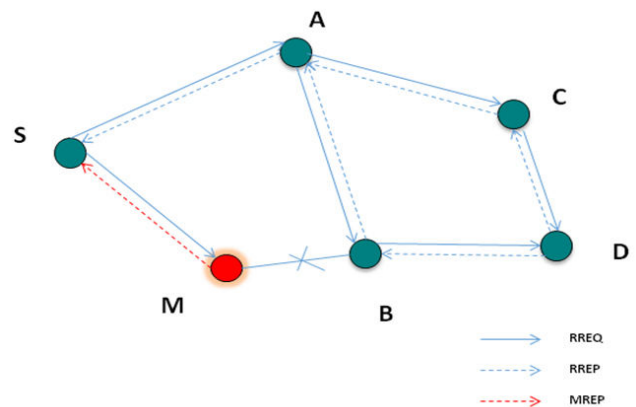


Figure 1: Black hole attack

**III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

There are a few difficulties posture by the asset constraints in the remote sensor arranges because of the vulnerabilities that may happen because of element conduct of systems. For deep and empirical analysis of the security and integrity aspects in

wireless networks, a number of research papers are analyzed from various sources. Following are the approaches and conclusions of research papers and manuscripts.

[1] In this paper, a novel and effective approach for the energy encryption is addressed. The approach is associated with WPT (Wireless Power Transfer) for improving the overall performance of the network in terms of security and integrity. The proposed approach is uses dynamic, secured and authorization based energy consumption so that the overall performance of network can be enhanced.

[2] In this research manuscript, an effective and high performance approach for security in clustered wireless environment is proposed. This approach used is query process based paradigm to implement the security in wireless networks. Using the proposed approach in this paper, the security and integrity is preserved on multiple parameters against various attacks

[3] In this paper, the authors address the use and integration cryptographic hash approaches for implementation of security and authentication in wireless networks. This work underlines and implements MD5 (Message Digest) and SHA (Secured Hash Algorithm) as a hybrid algorithm to ensure and enhance the security in wireless networks

[4] In this work, the lightweight cryptography is implemented for security and privacy issues in the wireless networks. A unique and effective ultra lightweight approach KLEIN to improve the overall efficiency of the network environment is proposed and implemented.

[5] Homomorphic Encryption is the base issue taken in this work. In this paper, the authors implemented symmetric encryption and homomorphic encryption for performance evaluation. Finally, it is found and concluded that the performance cannot be highly improved using homomorphic encryption approaches

[6] In this paper, the authors propose a lightweight hash, Neeva-hash fulfilling the especially critical considered lightweight cryptography. Neeva-hash depends on upon wipe method for cycle with programming liberal change which gives excellent ability and required security in RFID progression. The proposed hash can be utilized for some application based purposes.

[7] The work in this paper addresses the issues of WSN requests and lightweight security. This paper addresses and devises a new approach for security and integrity in the wireless networks.

[8] This work considers two applications: “hop by hop transmission of information from cluster nodes to the base station and direct communication to clustered nodes information by mobile clients by strategy for mobile gadgets. Because of the hardware blocks of WSNs, some irrelevant effort operations, for occurrence, symmetric cryptographic approaches and hash functions points are utilized to finish a dynamic key association. The session key can be redesigned to keep dangers of assault from every correspondence. With these strategies, the information accumulated in wireless sensor networks can be all the more safely gave. Additionally, the proposed plan is dejected down and separated and related game plans”. In addition, a NS2 era is made in which the exploratory results demonstrate that the designed correspondence convention is workable.

[9] In this paper, the issue of key management is addressed for security and integrity in the wireless environment. The key goal of this research manuscript is to evaluate, compare and extract the suitable and high performance protocol for the wireless scenarios.

[10] To address the objectives of security and respectability, this paper proposes a lightweight module considering the robust operations. The proposed cryptographic game plan utilizes elliptic curve cryptography to attest the going on focus focuses and as one of the puzzled helper parameters to make the pseudorandom bit movement. This social occasion is utilized as a bit of XOR, change and creamer operations with a specific completed target to encode the information pieces. The trial results in light of Mica2 sensor bit display that the proposed encryption game plan is nine times complex than the LED custom and two times speedier than the TWINE convention. The authors have also performed distinctive certain tests and cryptanalytic assaults to study the security way of the calculation and found the figure provably secure.

#### IV. NATURE INSPIRED APPROACH BASED BLACKHOLE AVOIDANCE

The projected approach for blackhole avoidance is having ant colony optimization in which there are number of wireless mobile nodes which communicate with each other in association of multiple nodes for secured transmission.

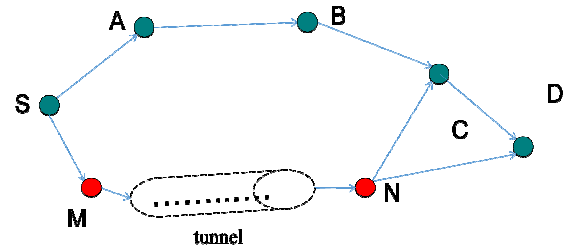


Figure 2: Black hole attack

The Classical Approach is making use of Cryptography which is not highly secured

- The cryptography functions can be sniffed and exploited by third party applications
- In the proposed work, the concept of Server Agent (SA) is introduced which keeps track of the location and registration id
- SA checks the suspicious location and earlier registration status and only then the communication will take place
- Any new node willing to communicate in the network will have to log to SA so that the identity cannot be forged by the Sybil Node
- The Sybil Nodes using this approach are repelled back and logged to the server for appropriate signature matching

#### Blackhole Avoidance Mechanism

In this classical RSS Based Approach (RBA) technique, followed RSS (Received Signal Strength), so if any nodes with RSS greater than the given threshold will be considered as the attacker as per the traditional work. This approach is totally not applicable for the wireless networks because mobile nodes may have various signal strength.

- GNU Plot
- awk

In order to prevent this attack a centralized approach is needed that will monitor the mobile nodes.

Step 1 : Allocation of the Wireless Networks with Unique Id and Authentication with the Centralized Server so that any attempt of Blackhole can be recognized.

Step 2 : Route Request and Node Recognition with the Server

Step 3 : Verification of the Source Node and Identification of Route Reply from Authenticated Nodes. The Server Agent initiates the process of registration and logging of valid nodes.

Step 4 : Broadcasting of Route Reply in association with the Server Agent so that any attempt of cracking cannot move ahead and the network can be made secured

Step 5 : Identification and Selection of the adjacent node having more power and energy so that the persistent and secured connection can take place

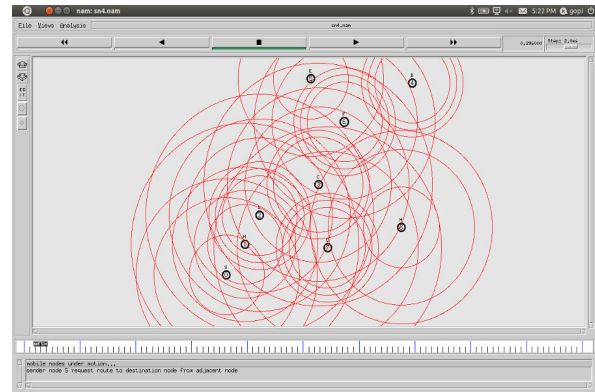
Step 6 : The Ant Colony Optimization based nature inspired approach is integrated and each node is functioning as ant in the wireless scenario

Step 7 : The ants in the mobile wireless communication keeps track of the transmission and if packet drops, the hand-over shift takes place

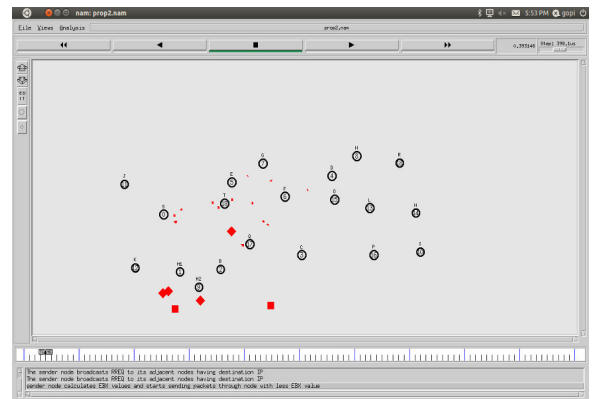
Step 8 : Using proposed approach the packets will be lost at very negligible level due to higher and global optimization that is achieved by the ant colony optimization.

#### Tools and Technologies Used

- Linux : Ubuntu 16.04 LTS 64 Bit
- ns2
- xgraph



**Figure 3: Mobile Nodes in Motion and Transmitting Signals**



**Figure 4: Route Request (RREQ)**

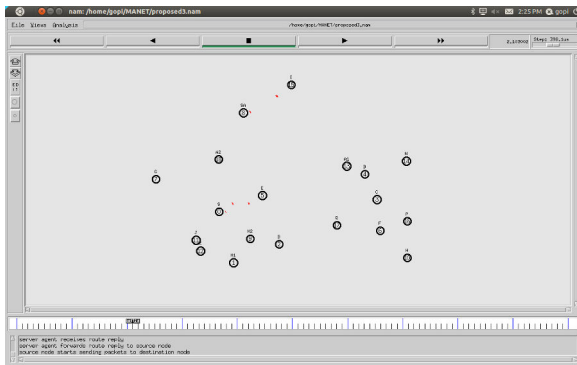


Figure 5: Route Reply (RREP)

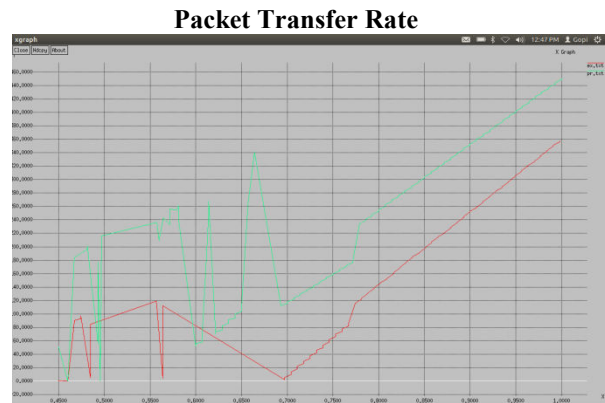


Figure 8: Evaluation of Packets Transfer

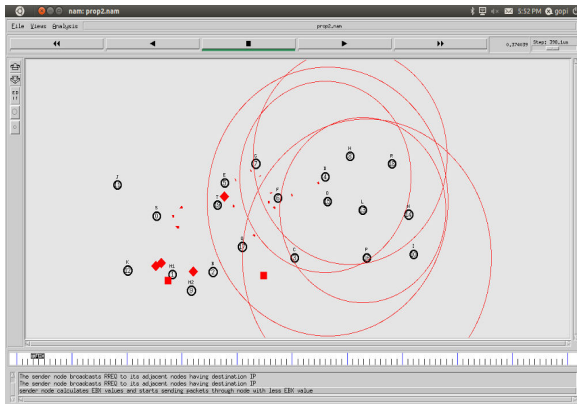


Figure 6: Packets Transfer in the Wireless Nodes

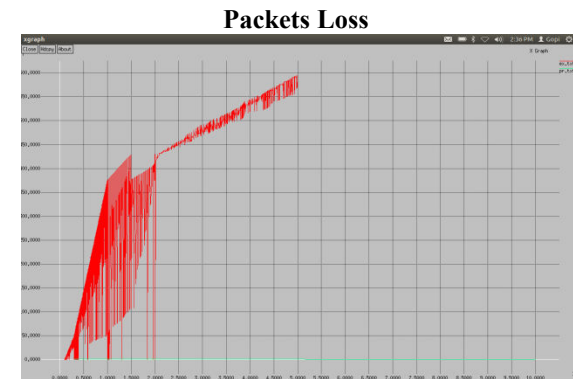


Figure 9: Packets Loss

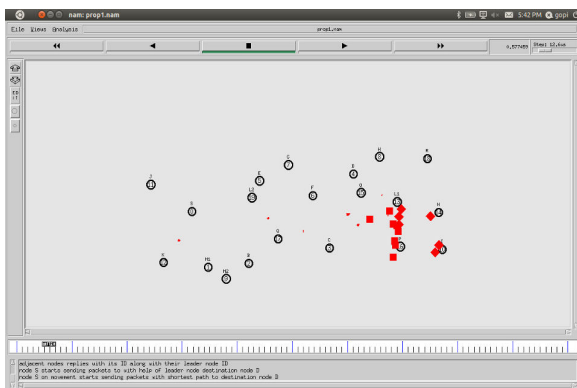


Figure 7: Representation of Packet Drops

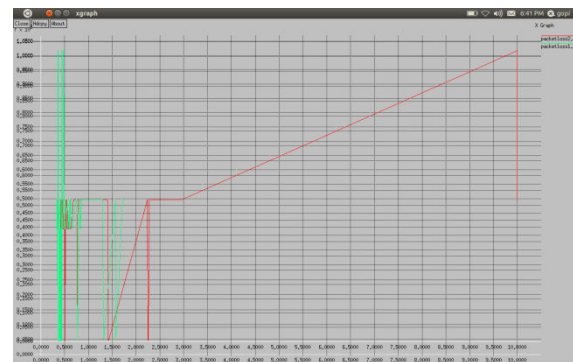


Figure 10: Comparison of Packets Loss

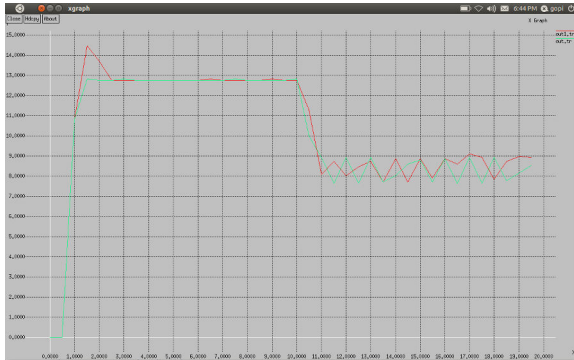


Figure 11: Evaluation of Jitter

Table 3: Packets Loss

Greedy Based Traditional Approach	Nature Inspired Approach based Blackhole Avoidance
300	101
390	189
389	168
490	190

Table 4: Throughput - Transfer Rate

Greedy Based Traditional Approach	Nature Inspired Approach based Blackhole Avoidance
60	98
68	80
89	94
64	90

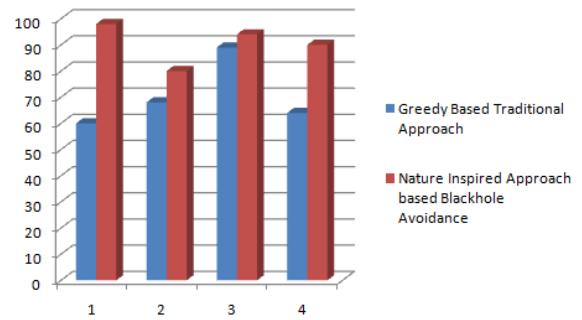


Figure 13: Analysis of Transfer Rate after Trace File Analysis

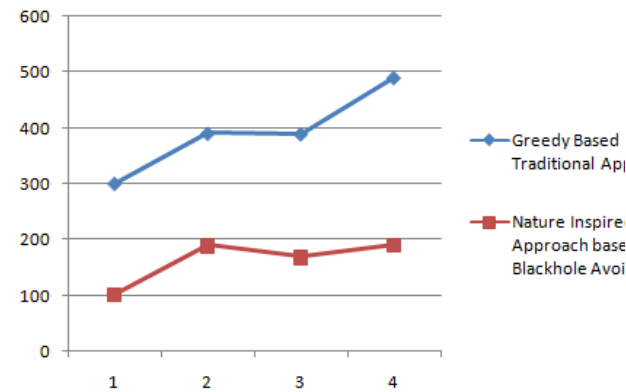
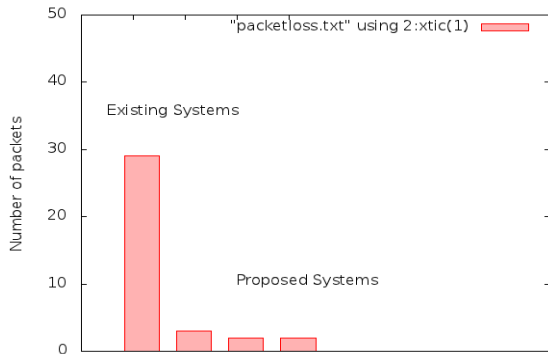


Figure 12: Analysis of Packets Loss after Trace File Analysis

Table 5: Complexity

Greedy Based Traditional Approach	Nature Inspired Approach based Blackhole Avoidance
90	26
80	42
86	40
98	30

Table 6: Overall Performance

Greedy Based Traditional Approach	Nature Inspired Approach based Blackhole Avoidance
60	87
78	89
53	96
50	98



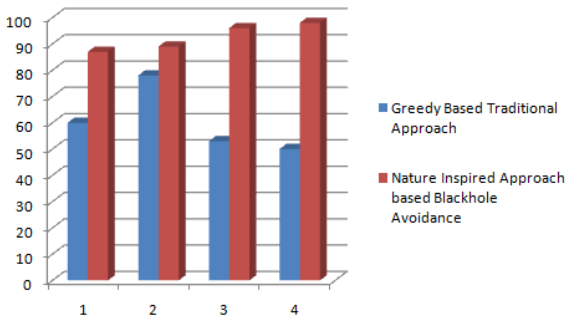


Figure 14: Analysis of Packets Loss after Trace File Analysis

*It is evident from the results that the proposed ant colony based nature inspired approach is giving better and effectual results in terms of less packets loss and higher degree of throughput. The phase of jitter evaluation is effectual and better in the proposed approach which denotes the overall performance and escalated efficiency.*

## V. CONCLUSION AND SCOPE OF FUTURE WORK

There are number of algorithms and approaches for encryption and dynamic cryptography for security in wireless networks. Still, there is need to propose, devise and implement the salt based hybrid and dynamic cryptography so that the higher level of security and integrity can be proposed. The networks should be secured with the design of a new algorithm using hybrid cryptography approach for security in the wireless base control station.

The current security approaches can be made hybrid and high performance using metaheuristic approaches including Ant Colony Optimization, Simulated Annealing, Honeybee Algorithm, Firefly Algorithm, River Formation Dynamics and many others.

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