

Innovative survey of defense machinery against Sybil attacks over wireless ad hoc network on IoT

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ABSTRACT

Integrating IoT with Wireless Ad hoc Network (WANET) capabilities can solve several problems. However, because they both rely on identity nodes to communicate with each other, they are both vulnerable to Sybil attacks. Sybil attackers illegally change into several different identities (attackers) to carry out various malicious activities such as damaging data aggregation, voting, and disrupting routing. Several defense machineries have been proposed for Sybil attacks on WANET, which are mostly based on cryptography, location or position, network behavior, resource testing, and trust. However, the drawbacks are that not all machinery are suitable for use in networks with limited resources. This paper presents a survey, classification, and comparison of various defense machineries that have been proposed for non-IoT WANETs. The author emphasizes the issue of the advantages and disadvantages of this defense mechanism when applied to the IoT infrastructure and how each method can effectively recognize properties of Sybil attacks.

Keywords: Sybil Attack; Wireless Ad Hoc Network; Internet of things.

INTRODUCTION

Internet of Things (IoT) is a technology where devices get a particular identity to be able to connect and communicate with one another through internet networks without human-to-human or human-to-machine interactions. A collection of IoT devices connected by a network is called IoT infrastructure. It is grouped into four layers, i.e., sensors and actuators, internet gateway and data acquisition system, edge handler, and data center. Sensors and actuators are used to collect data from the environment or physically observed objects. Units of sensors and actuator are what we call nodes. Nodes can communicate with each other using specific protocols to produce this useful set of data. Analog data from sensors and actuators are converted into a digital form by data acquisition devices, which is then forwarded by the internet gateway to Edge handler layer. Edge handler function is to prevent data from the edge to consume data center bandwidth. It also can process raw data into data that is ready to be processed. The last layer is Data Center and Cloud; at this layer, data is processed and analyzed in depth for later use by its users.

In contrast to the current paradigm on the Internet, which is based on human-to-human relations, Gutiérrez (Reina DG et al., 2013) mentioned that IoT has a paradigm as the future internet, and every physical or virtual object that can be identified with unique identifiers will be considered to be interconnected (Lu Ta et al., 2010). So, keeping this in mind, although IoT uses distributed networks in nature, IoT has driven combinations with other technologies, such as short-range communication, real-time localization, embedded sensors, and ad hoc networks as a way to turn everyday things into smart things.

Combining IoT with an ad hoc network provides benefits because of the ad hoc properties as self-organized networks. They are built spontaneously by several connected devices. The nodes together build a unicast or multicast communication as a flow of messages, rather than relying on a router or base station, so they are suitable for implementation where the deployment of new fixed infrastructure is not feasible.

In addition, when the mobility characteristic is calculated, making it a Wireless Ad hoc Network, the Wireless Ad hoc Network itself represents a new communication paradigm where decentralized wireless nodes communicate with each other in collaborative ways to achieve common goals. So, considering the many capabilities owned by Wireless Ad hoc Network, it would be highly beneficial to IoT, and this will also be suitable for implementations that require mobility.

On the other hand, there is something to be considered in the integration of these two technologies. As both depend on the node that communicates using particular identities, both are still facing common security problems. It is vulnerable to Sybil attacks. A Sybil attack is defined as an intrusion where malicious devices get or change into several different identities illegally. Based on its characteristics, Sybil attack is grouped into the identity-based attack, in which both attacks compromised the system using false identities. This type of attack disguises themselves as legitimate devices, and it is done by attacker camouflaging its intrusion packet data similar to regular data packets. The security system would find it difficult to distinguish between the two types of data packages. For detecting this kind of attack, a lot of traditional countermeasures is proposed. However, adopting traditional security countermeasure cannot effectively be used in IoT due to its source limitation. Along with the many studies regarding the method of securing Sybil attacks on the Wireless Ad Hoc Network, the question that arises is related to what are the methods used in the IoT defense mechanism and what is the drawbacks? Similar questions have been investigated by Vasudeva A. et al. (2018) and Newsome J. et al. (2004) with both focusing on non-IoT infrastructure. In this paper, researches related to machine learning on IoT security are collected from various sources and then reviewed using the Systematic Literature Review method (Kitchenham B et al., 2009). The main focus would be the compatibility of the current Sybil defense mechanism in Wireless Ad hoc Networks, considering its integration in IoT infrastructure that has limitation in the resource. So, the aim of this paper is to present a survey of security mechanism that has been proposed for Wireless Ad Hoc Network to get the results of the analysis, methods of which are suitable, and what needs to be taken into account in the implementation of security machinery in IoT is that we classify each paper and then analyze advantages and limitations to analyze which methods are suitable to be implemented in the Wireless Ad hoc Networks application in IoT.

SYBIL ATTACK PROPERTIES

Sybil attack is defined as an intrusion, where malicious devices get or change into several different identities illegally. Newsome conveys the impact of the Sybil attack on several protocols, including the following:

Distributed storage: when there are nodes that cannot provide services, then the node will share its data to neighboring nodes. If this neighbor node is a Sybil node, then the data can be obtained.

Routing: especially a network that has a sink, when the Sybil point has gained control of the sink node, in addition to the Sybil node getting all data passed on the network, many other attacks can be carried out.

Data aggregation: if the Sybil node mediates data packets, then it can manipulate the data.

Voting: by increasing the number of nodes, Sybil nodes can influence the results of the voting, or a majority of Sybil points can accuse legitimate points of being evil.

Fair allocation of resources: the Sybil node can disrupt the system by unauthorized activation/deactivation of the node. So as to avoid these impacts, defense machineries that can accurately detect Sybil attacks are needed. To be able to design these defense machineries, knowledge is needed to recognize behavior and predict the possible actions of the Sybil attacker. Mishra (Mishra AK et al., 2019) classifies Sybil attacks based on nature and tasks carried out during this attack into three phases, namely, the compromise, deployment, and launch phases.

Compromised phase

The attacker tries to get a group of nodes that can be controlled by the attacker. There are two characteristics of Sybil attack at this stage, according to the way the attacker gets a node to be able to enter the network, namely, stealing/compromise and fabrication. This phase ends when the attacker gets a group of compromised nodes that are connected in the destination network.

- **Fabrication:** characteristics of Sybil attacks with Fabrication are usually carried out when there is the possibility of the attacker to create a new identity in accordance with network requirements. For example, if the network only gives an ID in the form of a number of n-bits, the Sybil attacker can create a new random identity randomly within a valid range (0 to n) so that it is recognized as a valid node.
- **Stealing/compromise:** if a fabrication attack cannot be carried out, then what the attacker can do is to steal the identity of a valid node. If one of the nodes or a group of valid nodes in the network can be taken over, the attacker can use this node directly, or by taking its identity, then the attacker temporarily interferes with the valid node or destroys it permanently.

Deployment phase

Sybil attackers will try to spread the nodes that are taken over by gathering network-related information. The most crucial thing in this phase is that the attacker will determine the placement of compromised nodes in strategic locations and allow for success in the launch phase. Sybil nodes can be moved at specific locations to be able to attack simultaneously, or individual nodes can be endeavored to take on the role of cluster heads.

There are two characteristics of Sybil at this stage, according to the capabilities of the Sybil attacker, namely, by spreading randomly and selectively.

- **Random Deployment:** the attacker chooses a location to use Sybil randomly.
- **Selective Deployment:** the attacker selectively chooses the set of Sybil nodes it has, for example, deploying the group at one central location so that it can dominate that location, or the attacker can spread Sybil nodes to various places on the network to avoid behavior-based detection.

Launching phase

There are several forms of Sybil attacks in carrying out attacks. This is adjusted to the objectives to be achieved by the attack, whether to disrupt the system, do the DoS, or other objectives. Forms of attack that are launched are also usually intended to avoid detection systems. The attack can be carried out directly, i.e., the Sybil node communicates directly with the valid node, or indirectly, i.e., the attack is carried out by communication through one of the Sybil nodes.

Indirect Communication in this attack version is when there is no node that can communicate directly with Sybil. Instead, one or more malicious devices are claimed to have reached Sybil's point. Messages sent to the Sybil node are routed through one of these dangerous intersections, which pretends that the message is returned to the Sybil node.

- **Simultaneous attackers** deploy a group or all Sybil nodes simultaneously. This group can directly connect with the network or participate through other Sybil points.
- **Nonsimultaneous attackers** do not attack simultaneously; for example, the attacker can choose attacks alternately according to a specific time lag. Usually, this is done to avoid specific detection.
- **Conspiracy Sybil** is Sybil attacks that conspire to do so by attacking the Sybil Node network that will freely control nodes that are compromised by other points as accomplices to attack directly or by using these nodes to give new identities to other Sybil nodes. The Sybil conspiracy attack in Vehicle Ad hoc Network (VANET) was first introduced in Feng X et al. (2017), where the attacker could pretend to be a conspiracy node, and then his identity is to send malicious messages to other nodes nearby.

SYBIL DETECTION IN WIRELESS AD HOC NETWORK

Table 1. Sybil Defense Mechanism in WANET Taxonomy.

| Method | Schemes | | Reference |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Cryptography Based | Authentication Based | Password Comparison Zero-Knowledge Protocol Fujisaki-Okamoto | Amuthavalli R et al., 2014 |
| | | GSM's SRES | Saud Khan M et al., 2016 |
| | Public Key Infrastructure | ID-based Signature | Vinayagam SS et al., 2014 |
| | | Certificate trust | |
| | | Pseudo Certificate | |
| | | Token-Based | |
| | Group Signature | | |
| Watermarking Based | | Harjito B et al., 2017 | |
| Symmetric key Based | | Aggarwal P et al., 2015, Ambika N et al., 2014 | |
| Location Based | RSSI Based | Observer collection | De Sales TM et al., 2014, Li M, Xiong Y et al., 2013, Jan MA et al., 2015 |
| | | Neighbor Collection | Liu R et al., 2014, Jan MA et al., 2018, Demirbas M et al., 2006, Wang J et al., 2008, Bhuvaneshwari G et al., 2014, Lv S et al., 2008, Faisal M et al., 2018, Yao Y et al., 2019 |
| | Time-based | ToA / TDoA | Huang X et al., 2012, Garg N et al., 2014, Rajesh M et al., 2012 |
| | | TDMA Spider Monkey | Ali Alheeti KM et al., 2018, Iwendi C et al., 2018 |
| | | Time Synchronization | Wang Z et al., 2018, Dong W et al., 2015, Benzaid C et al., 2011 |
| Range free | | Geetha C et al., 2015, Shi W et al., 2015, Ayaida M et al., 2019, Patil DS et al., 2017, Grover J et al., 2010, Karuppiyah AB et al., 2014, Tian B et al., 2013 | |
| Network Feature/ Behavior | Traffic and Mobility | | Han S et al., 2017, Golestani Najafabadi S et al., 2013 |
| | Enter - Exit Behavior Attack Edge | | Jamshidi M et al., 2018, Silawan T et al., 2016 |
| | Node relation (Graph) | | Subba B et al., 2018, Zhang K et al., 2014, Sicari S et al., 2017 |
| | Network/physical data | | Singh R et al., 2017, Sujatha V et al., 2017, Wang H et al., 2018, Gantsou D et al., 2015 |
| Resource Test | Energy-Based | Power Signal Strength Clock Skew State Information Speed info Transient based Radio Fingerprinting MAC and MAP | Gaikwad V et al., 2017, Sinha S. et al., 2013, Saggi MK et al., 2015, Danev B et al., 2009, Uddin MB et al., 2011, Sieka B et al., 2006, Lakhanpal R et al., 2016 |
| | Physical Fingerprinting | | |
| Trust-Based | Centralized trust | Game-Based | Liao X et al., 2011, Tanuja R et al., 2012, Jamshidi M et al., 2017, Hsieh C et al., 2011 |
| | | Reputation Based | |
| | | Bayes rule filter | |
| | | Energy cost | Hamdan S et al., 2018, Nikam A et al., 2018, Meena Kowshalya A et al., 2016, Edwin Prem Kumar G et al., 2016, Triki B et al., 2014 |
| | | Routing based | |
| | | Ant colony | |
| | Physical trust | | |
| | Decentralized trust (neighbor trust) | Position Based | Tang Q et al., 2018, Wang W-T et al., 2010, Ssu K-F et al., 2009 |
| | | Sequential Hypothesis testing | Vamsi PR et al., 2014 |
| | | Message Exchange | Shi Y-L et al., 2018, Chen C et al., 2011, Grover J et al., 2014 |
| Ultra-wideband ranging | | Sarigiannidis P et al., 2015 | |
| Speed | | Medjek F et al., 2017 | |

The defense mechanism of Sybil by considering the characteristics of Sybil that has been mentioned is vital to improve detection accuracy. We have reviewed several defense machineries from Sybil attacks on Wireless Ad Hoc Networks using the Systematic Literature Review (SLR) method. In general, the steps taken are planning, implementation, and documentation. The planning step consists of identifying review needs, defining and taking specific research questions, developing research protocols, and evaluating review protocols. In the second stage, the implementation of research identification is carried out by conducting a pilot selection and extraction, followed by a selection of the main study quality assessment, data extraction, and data synthesis. The last step taken is documentation, including drawing conclusions and considering threats.

The basic research question in this Systematic Literature Review (SLR) is “what methods are used in defense machinery against Sybil attacks?” to get an overview of the development of forms of security against Sybil in Wireless Ad hoc Networks. The next step, for the search strategy, we use several digital libraries with the search string ‘(SYBIL ATTACK) AND DETECTION AND (“WIRELESS AD-HOC NETWORKS” OR “MOBILE AD-HOC NETWORKS” OR “VEHICLE AD-HOC NETWORK”)’. Then, according to the research question, the primary study is grouped into a taxonomy as seen in Table 1. After obtaining a group of methods used in the defense mechanism against Sybil attacks, a weakness analysis is carried out on each defense mechanism for its application to IoT.

Cryptographic based

This method uses the cryptographic protocol often found mainly to prevent the occurrence of Sybil attacks. Broadly speaking, this defense mechanism is performed by authenticating nodes, using public key certificates to guarantee trust, using secret symmetric keys to prevent other nodes from communicating with the network, and using watermarking to guarantee valid data.

Authentication: the schema working with each node must be able to prove that it is a valid node through a series of message exchanges on the authentication protocol.

Public Key Infrastructure: a cryptographic system based on public keys is used to improve security by allowing nodes to communicate in networks with trust values based on certificates held. In this system, certificate-based techniques are used in encryption and authentication machinery. Centralized authority for certification is required.

Symmetric key: this scheme relies on encrypting and decrypting messages between nodes using a symmetric encryption algorithm. This technique is used in the network to create secure paths to communicate with each other by using a set of preagreed keys or using a trusted third party to ensure the distribution of keys to all legitimate nodes in the network. With this defense mechanism, the Sybil node will have difficulty getting the key so that it is only possible to obtain a compromised node by stealing.

Watermarking: Watermarking techniques are used to be the solution to implementing cryptography on devices with limited resources. The main idea is to embed information that allows an individual to add verification messages to communication data. So, the Sybil nodes cannot make an attack because it cannot change the watermark constraints that have been embedded in the data.

The application of IoT defense machinery using cryptography has the following disadvantages:

- a. Dependence on cryptographic hardware and software.
- b. Compatibility issue with network types and routing protocols on IoT.
- c. Scalability in the addition of new nodes/points that may increase resource requirements exponentially.
- d. High memory, computing, and communication overhead that is not suitable for resource constraints network.
- e. To ensure the network has safe keys and algorithms and high costs are needed for key generation and key distribution

Location verification based

- a. The location-/position-based method utilizes measurement parameters that can be physically observed to estimate the location and position of the node to detect Sybil attacks. This method is used with the assumption that there may not be different nodes that are in the same location. So, if found, it will be concluded as a Sybil node. Another assumption is to use position verification, where a node equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) will send its location to a valid node, and then the node will verify based on the estimated position of the propagation model of the received signal.
- b. As stated in Zhang T et al. (2012), this method can be grouped into two categories, namely, range-based and range-free methods.
- c. Range-based: the estimated position is calculated based on the physical indicator used to estimate the distance between the transmitter and receiver. This distance estimate is usually based on the Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI), time-based methods such as Time of Arrival (ToA) and Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA). This method is suitable for IoT devices because it is low in cost, where the distance between two entities is estimated only based on the received signal strength and the indicators the device has by default.
- d. Range-free method has high accuracy in distance calculation. By utilizing data from GPS, Radar, or location-based/localization scheme, this method can also be used as a support for position estimation using ranged based.
- e. Applying IoT, the location-/position-based defense method has the following disadvantages:
- f. It is not suitable for use on mobile networks such as MANET and VANET, and the accuracy of approximate location decreases due to rapid changes in network topology and changes in node position.
- g. The accuracy of the method depends on the environment. Interference, multipath fading, and shadowing lead to inaccurate location estimation.
- h. This method is not enough if implemented as a single mechanism. It will be challenging to detect nodes that can manipulate signal strength or decrypt conspiring nodes.
- i. With the increase in node density, it is possible when two or more honest nodes that have adjacent positions are identified as Sybil nodes.
- j. There are possible privacy violations, where identity is required to send position information so that the route of movement of the nodes can be traced.

Behavior-based network

This method purely detects Sybil nodes based on their features and behavior in the network. The detection method specifically detects features that allow accurate classification between Sybil nodes and valid nodes.

In applying IoT, network behavior-based defense method has the following disadvantages:

- a. It only detects Sybil nodes according to the context expected by the detection method, so that Sybil nodes with specific knowledge can escape detection.
- b. It requires specialized hardware that has a large capacity to collect and analyze data.

Resource testing

By testing the unique resources of the node, assuming that each physical node has specific limited resources, a node will be challenged to provide knowledge about specific resources (usually in the form of physical fingerprinting or based on energy), and then the verifier compares the resources used by an entity with the typical value or threshold of the resources owned by that entity. Incompatibility indicates the possibility of a Sybil attack.

Energy-based: the basic idea of energy-based testing is to verify the assumption that the node has a predictable energy parameter, so that if a node is found to be incompatible with the existing node in providing an answer, then the node is considered a malicious node.

Physical fingerprinting: each device has unique characteristics. These characteristics are the basis of verification to determine whether the point is valid or not.

In applying IoT, the resource testing defense method has some disadvantages including:

- a. Exponential increase for each node addition.
- b. Extensive power consumption due to the need to carry out testing at all times.
- c. Assuming a single channel, attackers who have more than one channel can manipulate the results of resource testing.
- d. Valid nodes that have resource problems due to DoS or conditions such as power blackouts, overloaded processors, and others can be considered Sybil nodes.

Trust-based

Trust is defined as a relationship of trustor and trustee; the trustor can periodically evaluate the trusteeship to assess its eligibility. Trusted-based method is based on the value of trust that must be maintained by each node to remain in the network. This trust value can be obtained from trusted devices or from neighbor trusts.

Centralized trust: In the trust-based method, using a trusted device, usually in the initial stage, a comprehensive network mapping is carried out on all nodes, with the device obtaining its identity and trust value. Then, the trust value is evaluated to determine the possibility that the node is not a Sybil node.

Decentralized trust: In the detection approach based on the relationship between neighbors, each node will visit nearby nodes based on the pattern of relationships and behavior of these nodes in the network.

In applying IoT, the trust-based defense method has some disadvantages including the fact that the method will not be able to detect if Sybil node dominates the number of nodes in the process of determining the value of trust.

The defense mechanism of Sybil by considering the characteristics of Sybil that has been mentioned is essential to improve detection accuracy. From the reviewed papers, we select several latest proposed schemes to present how each method can be used to recognize properties of Sybil attack in every phase in Table 2. As shown in the table, not all defense machinery can handle all Sybil attack properties; some have implemented privacy protections, and some can work on mobile networks and fast-changing networks. A practical, energy-efficient, versatile defense mechanism that can cover all Sybil attacks properties is highly recommended.

Table 2. Comparison of defense machinery against the properties of Sybil attacks.

| References | Method | Scheme | Privacy | Static/ Mobile | Structure | Sybli Attack Properties | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | | | | C1 | C2 | D1 | D2 | L1 | L2 | L3 |
| Nirmal Raja K et al., 2017 | Authentication | Authenticate node by Fujisaki-Okamoto scheme | no | mobile | centralized | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | √ | - |
| Feng X et al., 2017 | PKI based | ID Obfuscated and Publik key certificate | yes | mobile | centralized | √ | - | √ | - | √ | √ | - |
| Sharma AK et al., 2016 | PKI based | Data protection via Public Key Encryption | no | mobile | centralized | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | - | - |

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|------------------------------|----------------|--|-----|--------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harjito B et al., 2017 | Watermarking | Data Validation by Kolgomorov | no | mobile | decentralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| V et al., 2017 | Symmetric key | Network data protection by symetric encryption | yes | mobile | centralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| Yuan Y et al., 2018 | RSSI based | Range Free using APIT Localization | no | static | decentralized | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | - | - |
| Yao Y et al., 2019 | RSSI Based | voiceprint based on RSSI | no | Mobile | decentralized | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | - | √ |
| Selvakumar K et al., 2019 | Time Based | Node-identification-based secure time synchronization | no | static | decentralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | - | - |
| Iwendi C et al., 2018 | Time Based | prediction in a challenge zone using Spider monkey technique | no | mobile | Centralized | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | - | √ |
| Ayaida M et al., 2019 | Range-free | Based on the macroscopic traffic flow theory to detect Sybil attacks | no | mobile | decentralized | √ | - | √ | - | √ | √ | - |
| Abbas S et al., 2019 | Range-free | A distributive algorithm based on RSSI and collaboration of cluster head nodes | no | static | centralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| Silawan T et al., 2016 | Net Feature | persuading function with assumption attack edge is more than mistaken edge | no | static | decentralized | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | √ | √ |
| Singh R et al., 2017 | Net Feature | based on fuzzy rule sets along with the Multilayer Perceptron Neural Network | no | static | centralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| Li Q, et al., 2019 | Energy Based | based on power gain and delay spread exacted from receiving packets | no | static | decentralized | - | √ | √ | - | √ | - | √ |
| Wang C et al., 2018 | Energy Based | based on Channel State Information | no | mobile | decentralized | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| Jamshidi M et al., 2017 | Central Trust | Use Watchdog Nodes to label mobile nodes based on their movement behaviors | no | mobile | centralized | √ | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Airehrour D et al., 2019 | Central Trust | uses a trust-based mechanism in RPL routing protocol | no | static | centralized | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | - |
| V et al., 2010 | Neighbor Trust | based on number allocating and mutual guarantee relying on neighbors | no | mobile | decentralized | - | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Sarigiannidis P et al., 2015 | Neighbor Trust | uses rule-based anomaly detection system relies on UWB ranging-based info | no | static | decentralized | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | - | √ |

DISCUSSION

General detection issue

As a general need for defense machinery in the Wireless Ad hoc network to be integrated with IoT, several issues related to the accuracy of defense machinery, the possibility of implementation, and others arise; some issues related to this include the following:

Accuracy: defense mechanism can detect Sybil at each phase with different properties. It must be able to discover a large percentage of Sybil nodes to eliminate damage.

Cooperative Sybil detection: to detect effectively, all nodes in the network participate independently in the Sybil node detection process.

Low overhead costs: the proposed approach works more efficiently and requires fewer system resources.

- a. Does not need additional hardware at high prices.
- b. Does not increase message exchange on the network.
- c. Does not require much memory.

Detection time: the time needed to find and delete a Sybil entity is an essential factor that must be minimal.

Implementation: for every IoT implementation such as in Industry, Smarthome, and Smart grid, there are special needs that must be considered in applying defense machinery.

Vanet issue

In the wireless ad hoc network area, VANET has become the most talked about topic lately, with specific needs that VANETs require additional requirements for security guarantees. Issues discussed in several papers reviewed are as follows:

Privacy Issue: most vehicle users hope that their identity information can be stored in VANET because they are afraid that their trip will leak with that identity.

Safety Issue: VANET does not allow a decrease in reputation after a severe traffic accident to prevent another attack, because damage to life and things in this attack cannot be repaired.

Learning-based issue

Defense machinery in the IoT infrastructure must be prepared with the needs of a “smart” system so that the application of scientific fields on artificial intelligence, especially machine learning, is extremely open. Several machine learning methods have succeeded in detecting specific attacks on IoT (L. Xiao et al., 2018). Machine learning methods that need to be applied to Sybil’s defense machinery include the following:

Deep Learning: with the development and the number of entities in an IoT infrastructure, a mechanism based on thorough analysis is needed; deep learning has been successfully used in various areas including intrusion detection systems.

Transfer Learning: with regard to data that is continuously changing, and the possibility of attacks at an advanced level, this requires a defense machinery that can prevent even new types of Sybil attacks.

Online Learning: most of the data sent on IoT infrastructure, including WANET-based IoT, are data stream, so online learning needs to be a concern for solutions on detection that continuously enhance the capability of defense machinery.

Centralized vs. decentralized issue

Centralized issue: some defense machineries use centralized detection, which requires a trusted center. Several papers on VANET build trust relationships that are bestowed on RSU. Installation of such infrastructure nationally is challenging to achieve in the early stages of VANET. Even in the medium term, there may still be many places that are not covered by RSU.

Decentralized issue: on the mechanism that relies on each node as a detector, all must know the credibility of each node that shares information around it and ensure that all messages received are trusted and correct. However, this mechanism can work well assuming that most nodes are trusted nodes.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have provided a comprehensive review of defense machinery against Sybil attacks, including defining the Sybil attack properties, building the taxonomy of these machinery, and analyzing the problems that still exist in defense machinery against Sybil on Wireless Ad hoc Networks related to their implementation in IoT. Several defense machineries have been proposed for Sybil attacks on WANET, which are mostly based on cryptography, location or position, network behavior, resource testing, and trust. However, the drawbacks are that not all machineries are suitable for use in networks with limited resources. This paper presents a survey, classification, and comparison of various defense machineries that have been proposed for non-IoT WANETs. Several challenges have been mentioned to be implemented in a practical IoT system. We hope that this survey will provide readers with the big picture and current knowledge related to this topic.

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