

EAACK-A SECURE INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM FOR MANETS

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Abstract—As the key distribution is the main issue in the wireless Sensor Networks data transmission due to the attacks in recent days. Basis Security services we must provide when transferring the data in Wireless Sensor Networks are authentication, access control. Sharing the key with other parties is also a main thing to consider in the network. Key Pre-Distribution is one of the most important methods in the network. In this Key Pre-Distribution method key is distributed onto the nodes before deployment. The nodes build up the network using their secret keys after deployment. That is, when they reach their destination. There are a number of aspects Wireless Sensor Networks on which key Pre-Distribution schemes are competing to achieve better results. We must concern about the security mechanisms like Cryptography, Encipherment, Digital Signature, Access Control mechanisms, Data integrity mechanisms, Authentication exchange, Traffic padding, Routing Control and Notarisation mechanisms. To achieve these mechanisms we are using key Pre-Distribution scheme. But it will lead routing overhead problems. To solve these Problems in our proposed scheme we are using an enhanced unital based key Pre-Distribution scheme. With this newly proposed scheme we can solve problems and we can achieve high network scalability, good sharing portability.

Key Terms: Wireless Sensor Networks(WSN), Key Pre-Distribution, Probabilistic, Deterministic, Symmetric key.

I. Introduction

In these days the use of Wireless Sensor Networks are increased as the communication with wireless networks is increased. We can use WSNs in any circumstances like in disasters, military services and in emergency situations like floods where the wired medium is completely destroyed. But security problem is a main issue to consider in these wireless medium and we can not trust the third parties in these networks to share the key. In most cases to encrypt or decrypt a message source and destination will share a common key called as public key. By using these common key both the end nodes will communicate easily but what in case these common key is hacked.

For these purpose we are sharing a key in advance this mechanism is called as key pre distribution scheme. In this key Pre-Distribution scheme a key distributed between the two ends in advance that is before the communication is established. But there is a problem with these scheme also that is network overheads. To solve these problem of network overheads we are proposing a new scheme called an enhanced unital based key Pre distribution scheme and with these newly proposed scheme we can achieve high network scalability and good key sharing capability. In these paper we are analysing the schemes described in the previous works that is symmetric key management and it is classified in to two categories that is symmetric schemes and probabilistic schemes. In these paper we are analysing our new proposed scheme unital based design scheme against the existing schemes with respect to different categories that is storage overhead, energy consumption, network scalability, secure connectivity coverage, average secure path length and network scalability and network resilience features. That will provides good overall network performances and it will shows the equal network size and reduces the problem of network overheads. In this paper we introduce the use of unital design theory in key pre-distribution for the Wireless Sensor Networks. We show that the switching from unitals to key pre-distribution gives birth to highly scalable scheme while providing low probability of sharing common keys. In this paper we are proving that our proposed scheme enhanced unital-based key pre-distribution scheme in order to network scalability and to remove network overheads at the same time it will maintains good key sharing portability and we prove that the choice of our solution parameter could guarantees high key sharing probability. In this proposed scheme that is enhanced unital design key pre distribution scheme we are using symmetric scheme this scheme is again categorised in two approaches that is probabilistic schemes and deterministic schemes. The new concept is completely depends on the key management techniques and how we are distributing the key between the nodes is demonstrated and in the new scheme we are trying to improve the performance and network scalability, secure connectivity coverage, average secure path length and network resiliency. The obtained results show that our solution enhances the network scalability while providing good overall network

performances. Moreover, we show that at equal network size, our solution reduces significantly the storage overhead and thereby the energy consumption. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents related works on key management for WSNs. We give in Section 3 a background on unital design and we propose a basic mapping from unitals to key pre-distribution for WSNs, we analyze the main performances of the resulting scheme. In Section 4, we explain the enhanced scalable unital-based construction that we propose and we analyze its different performances. In Section 5, we compare our approach to the existing ones regarding different criteria; we give and discuss theoretical and simulation results. In Section 6, we end up this paper with some conclusions

II. RELATED WORKS: KEY MANAGEMENT SCHEMES FOR WSNS

Key predistribution is the method of distribution of keys onto nodes before deployment. Therefore, the nodes build up the network using their secret keys after deployment, that is, when they reach their target position. Key predistribution schemes are various methods that have been developed by academicians for a better maintenance of PEA management in WSNs. Basically a key predistribution scheme has 3 phases: Key distribution, Shared key discovery, Path-key establishment. During these phases, secret keys are generated, placed in sensor nodes, and each sensor node searches the area in its communication range to find another node to communicate. A secure link is established when two nodes discover one or more common keys (this differs in each scheme), and communication is done on that link between those two nodes. Afterwards, paths are established connecting these links, to create a connected graph. The result is a wireless communication network functioning in its own way, according to the key predistribution scheme used in creation. There are a number of aspects of WSNs on which key predistribution schemes are competing to achieve a better result. The most critical ones are: local and global connectivity, and resiliency.

A. Probabilistic schemes

In probabilistic key management schemes, each two neighboring nodes can establish a secure link with some probability. If two neighboring nodes cannot establish a secure link, they establish a secure path composed of successive secure links. Eschenauer and Gligor proposed in [2] the basic Random Key Pre-distribution scheme denoted by RKP. In this scheme, each node is pre-loaded with a key ring of k keys randomly selected from a large pool S of keys. After the deployment step, each node i exchanges with each of its neighbor j the list of key identifiers that it maintains. This allows node j

to identify the keys that it shares with node i . If two neighbors share at least one key, they establish a secure link and compute

their session secret key which is one of the common keys. Otherwise, they should determine a secure path which is composed by successive secure links. The values of the key ring size k and the key pool size $|S|$ are chosen in such a way that the intersection of two key rings is not empty with a high probability. This basic approach is CPU and energy efficient but it requires a large memory space to store the key ring.

Moreover, if the network nodes are progressively corrupted, the attacker may discover a large part or the whole global key pool. Hence, a great number of links will be compromised. Chan *et al.* proposed in [3] a protocol called Q-composite scheme that enhances the resilience of RKP. In this solution, two neighboring nodes can establish a secure link only if they share at least Q keys. The pairwise session key is calculated as the hash of all shared keys concatenated to each other:

$$K_{i,j} = \text{Hash}(K_{s1} \\ _K_{s2} \\ \dots_K_{sq} \\ _) \text{ where } K_{s1}, K_{s2}, \dots, K_{sq}$$

are the q shared keys between the two nodes i and j ($q \geq Q$). This approach enhances the resilience against node capture attacks because the attacker needs more overlap keys to break a secure link. However, this approach degrades the network secure connectivity coverage because neighboring nodes must have at least Q common keys to establish a secure link. Chan *et al.* proposed also in [3] a perfect secure pairwise key pre-distribution scheme where they assign to each possible link between two nodes i and j a distinct key $K_{i,j}$. Prior to deployment, each node is pre-loaded with $Pc \times n$ keys, where n is the network size and Pc is the desired secure coverage probability. Since we use distinct keys to secure each pairwise link, the resiliency against node capture is perfect and each captured node does not reveal any information about external links. The main drawback of this scheme is the non scalability because the number of the stored keys depends linearly on the network size. Du *et al.* proposed in [4] an enhanced random scheme assuming the node deployment knowledge. Nodes are organized in regional groups to which are assigned different key pools, each node selects its keys from the corresponding key pool. The key pools are constructed in such a way that neighboring ones share more keys than distant pools. This approach allows to enhance the probability of sharing common keys as well as the resilience against node capture attacks. However, the application of this scheme is restrictive if the deployment knowledge is not possible. In [6], Liu and Ning proposed a key management scheme in which nodes are pre-loaded with bivariate polynomials instead of keys. A global pool of symmetric bivariate polynomials ($f(x, y) = f(y, x)$) is generated off-line and each node I is pre-loaded with a

subset of polynomials $f(i, y)$. If two neighboring nodes share a common polynomial, the session key is derived by computing the polynomial value at the neighbor identifier. This approach allows to compute distinct secret keys which enhances the resilience against node capture. However, it requires more memory to store the polynomials and induces more computational overhead. In [16], Blom proposed a λ -secure symmetric key generation system in which each node i stores a column i and a row i of size $(\lambda + 1)$ of two matrices G and $(DG)^T$ respectively where $D(\lambda+1) \times (\lambda+1)$ is a symmetric matrix, $G(\lambda+1) \times n$ is a public matrix and $(DG)^T$ is a secret matrix. The matrix of pairwise keys of a group of n nodes is then $K = (DG)TG$. Yu and Guan [7] used the Blom's scheme for key pre-distribution in group-based WSNs. Nodes are deployed into a grid and to each group is assigned a distinct secret matrix. Using deployment knowledge, the potential number of neighboring nodes decreases which requires less memory. The application of this solution gives good results in the case of node deployment knowledge which is not always possible. In [8], Rujet *et al.* propose a trade-based key management scheme denoted Trade-KP. Given a finite set X of v elements, an Steiner trade $t - (v, k)$ is defined to be two disjoint sets $T1$ and $T2$ of k -elements blocks of X such that each set of t elements from X occurs in precisely the same number of blocks of $T1$ as those of $T2$, and no set of t elements from X is repeated more than once in any of $T1$ or $T2$. An Steiner trade is said to be strong if any two blocks of $T1$ and $T2$ respectively intersects in at most two elements. Rujet *et al.* proposed a new trade construction: Having q a prime power and k ($4 \leq k < q$), they construct $T1$ and $T2$ while the blocks of $T1$ are represented by $t1, i, j = \{(x, (xi + j) \bmod q) : 0 \leq x < k\}$ where $0 \leq i, j < q$, and the blocks of $T2$ are represented by $t2, i, j = \{(x, (x2 + xi + j) \bmod q) : 0 \leq x < k\}$, where $0 \leq i, j < q$. Rujet *et al.* proved that the proposed construction results in a $2 - (qk, k)$ strong Steiner trade. They proposed then a mapping to key pre-distribution where they associate to each element a distinct key and to each block of $T1$ and $T2$ a key ring. The key ring size is then equal to k and the scalability of the scheme is equal to $2q^2$. After the deployment step, each two nodes can establish a direct secure link if they share exactly two common keys which are used to compute the pairwise session key. Based on the trade properties, authors prove that each pair of keys occurs either in exactly two nodes from $T1$ and $T2$ respectively or none of the nodes. The main strength of the proposed scheme is the establishment of unique secret pairwise keys between connected nodes. However, this does not ensure a perfect network resilience as we prove later. Indeed, the attacker may construct a part of the global set of keys and then compute pairwise secret keys used to secure external links where the compromised nodes are not involved. Moreover, the proposed scheme provides a low session key sharing probability which does not exceed 0.25 as we show later.

B. Deterministic schemes Deterministic schemes ensure that each node is able to establish a pair-wise key with all

its neighbors. Many solutions were proposed to guarantee determinism. A naive deterministic key pre-distribution scheme can be designed by assigning to each link (i, j) a distinct key $K_{i,j}$ and pre-loading each node with $(n - 1)$ pairwise keys in which it is involved where n is the network size. It is obvious that this solution is not scalable for large WSNs. Choi *et al.* proposed in [17] an enhanced approach allowing to store only $(n+1)/2$ keys at each node. For that purpose, they propose to establish an order relation between node identifiers and propose a hash function based key establishment in order to store only half of the node symmetric keys while computing the other half at each node. This approach allows to reduce the required stored keys to the half of network size, however, it is obvious that this scheme remains non scalable enough. LEAP [9] make use of a common transitory key which is preloaded into all nodes prior to deployment of the WSN. The transitory key is used to generate pairwise session keys and is cleared from the memory of nodes by the end of a short time interval after their deployment. LEAP is based on the assumption that a sensor node, after its deployment, is secure during a time T_{min} and cannot be compromised during this period of time. LEAP is then secure as far as this assumption is verified. In [10], C, amtepe and Yener proposed to use combinatorial design for key pre-distribution in WSN. They proposed a new deterministic key pre-distribution scheme based on Symmetric Balanced Incomplete Block Design (SBIBD). The proposed mapping from SBIBD to key pre-distribution allows to construct $m^2 + m + 1$ key rings from a key pool S of $m^2 + m + 1$ keys such that each key ring contains $k = m + 1$ keys and each two key rings shares exactly one common key. The main strength of the C, amtepe scheme is the total

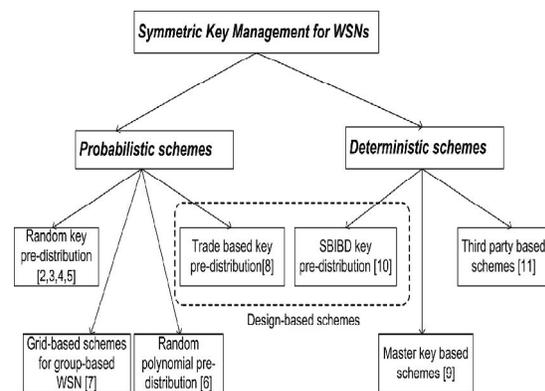


Fig. 1. Classification of symmetric key management schemes for WSNs

secure connectivity, indeed each two nodes share exactly one common key. However, the SBIBD scheme does not scale to very large networks. Indeed, using key rings of $m+1$ keys we can generate only $m^2 + m + 1$ key rings. SBIBD based key pre-distribution was also used in [18] to

guarantee intra-region secure communications in grid group WSNs.

In this work, we seek to design a scalable key management scheme which ensures a good secure coverage of large scale networks with a low key storage overhead. Basic schemes giving a perfect network resilience [3] [17] achieve a network scalability of $O(k)$ where k is the key ring size. The SBIBD [10] and the trade [8] based ones allow to achieve a network scalability of $O(k^2)$. In this work, we propose new solutions achieving a network scalability up to $O(k^4)$ when providing high secure connectivity coverage and good overall performances. For this purpose, we make use of the unital design theory in order to pre-distribute keys. We propose in what follows a basic mapping from unitals to key pre-distribution as well as an enhanced unital based scheme which achieves a good trade-off between scalability and connectivity.

III. UNITAL DESIGN FOR KEY PRE-DISTRIBUTION IN WSNs

WSNs are highly resource constrained. In particular, they suffer from reduced storage capacity. Therefore, it is essential to design smart techniques to build blocks of keys that will be embedded on the nodes to secure the network links. Nonetheless, in most existing solutions, the design of key rings (blocks of keys) is strongly related to the network size, these

solutions either suffer from low scalability, or degrade other performance metrics including secure connectivity and storage overhead. This motivates the use of unital design theory that allows a smart building of blocks with unique features that allow to cope with the scalability and connectivity issues.

In what follows, we start by providing the definition and the features of unital design theory. We explain then the basic mapping from unital to key pre-distribution and evaluate its performance metrics. We propose finally an enhanced unital-based scheme which achieves a good trade-off between scalability and connectivity.

A. Background: Unital Design

In combinatorics, the design theory deals with the existence and construction of systems of finite sets whose intersections have specified numerical properties. Formally, A t -design (v, b, r, k, λ) is defined as follows: Given a finite set X of v points (elements), we construct a family of subsets of X , called blocks, such that each block has a size k , each point is contained in r blocks and each pair of points are contained together in exactly λ blocks.

IV. A NEW SCALABLE UNITAL-BASED KEY PRE-DISTRIBUTION SCHEME FOR WSNs

In this section, we present a new unital-based key pre-distribution scheme for WSNs. In order to enhance the key sharing probability while maintaining high network scalability, we propose to build the unital design blocks and pre-load each node with a number of blocks picked in a selective way

A. Key Pre-distribution

Before the deployment step, we generate blocks of unital design, where each block corresponds to a key set. We pre-load then each node with completely disjoint blocks where t is a protocol parameter that we will discuss later in this

section. In lemma 1, we demonstrate the condition of existence of such completely disjoint blocks among the unital blocks. In the basic approach each node is pre-loaded with only one unital block and we proved that each two nodes share at most one key. Contrary to this, pre-loading each two nodes with disjoint unital blocks means that each two nodes share between zero and keys since each two unital blocks share at most one element.

After the deployment step, each two neighbors exchange the identifiers of their keys in order to determine the common keys. If two neighboring nodes share one or more keys, we propose to compute the pairwise secret key as the hash of all their common keys concatenated to each other. The used hash function may be SHA-1 [22] for instance. This approach enhances the network resiliency since the attacker has to compromise more overlap keys to break a secure link. Otherwise, when neighbors do not share any key, they should find a secure path composed of successive secure links. The major advantage of this approach is the improvement of the key sharing probability. As we will prove in next subsection, this approach allows to achieve a high secure connectivity coverage since each node is pre-loaded with disjoint blocks. Moreover, this approach gives good network resiliency through the composite pairwise secret keys which reinforces secure links. In addition, we show that our solution maintains a high network scalability compared to existing

V. PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

In this section, we compare the proposed unital-based schemes to existing schemes regarding different criteria (we recall that metric definitions are given in table

A. Network scalability at equal key ring size

We compare in Figure 3 the scalability of the proposed unital based schemes against that of the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP ones. The network scalability of the t -UKP scheme is computed as the average value between the maximum and the minimum scalability.

The network scalability of the SBIBD-KP scheme is computed as $m+1$ where m is the SBIBD design order and $m+1$ is the key ring size. We compute the scalability of the Trade-KP scheme as 2^q where q is the first prime power greater than the key ring size k , this value allows to achieve the best session key sharing probability using the Trade-KP scheme as we proved in [13]. The figure shows that at equal key ring size, the NU-KP scheme allows to enhance greatly the scalability compared to the other schemes; for instance the increase factor reaches 10000 compared to the SBIBD-KP scheme when the key ring size exceeds 100. Moreover, the figure shows that the t-UKP schemes achieve a high network scalability. We notice that the higher t is, the lower network scalability is. Nevertheless, 2-UKP and 3-UKP give better results than those of the SBIBD-KP

We proposed, in this work, a scalable key management scheme which ensures a good secure coverage of large scale WSN with a low key storage overhead and a good network re-siliency. We make use of the unital design theory. We showed that a basic mapping from unitals to key pre-distribution allows to achieve high network scalability while giving a low direct secure connectivity coverage. We proposed then an efficient scalable unital-based key pre-distribution scheme and the Trade-KP solutions. Even we choose $t = \sqrt{m}$ as we propose (UKP*), the network scalability is enhanced. For instance, compared to SBIBD-KP scheme, the increase factor reaches five when the key ring size equal to 150. We plot in Figure 4 the same results separately with linear scales which illustrate clearly the network scalability enhancement when using our solutions.

The authors of [3], assess the network scalability of random schemes including the RKP and the Q-composite ones regarding to the desired network connectivity and to the network capacity to maintain secure links while some nodes are compromised. They defined for that a threshold f called the limited global payoff requirement. The later can be explained as the level of compromise past where the adversary gains an unacceptable information on the other pairwise secret keys. Depending on P_c and f they defined the maximum number supported network size. The authors of [3] present results for

$P_c = 0.33$ and $f = 0.1$ and show that the network scalability with a key ring size of 100 is about 300 for RKP scheme and between 600 and 700 when using Q-composite schemes. The scalability of the same schemes with a key ring size of 400 is respectively of about 1200 and between 2700 and 2800. We can see clearly that our solutions allow to reach much better network scalability than the random schemes under the suggested parameters.

B. Key ring size at equal network size

In this subsection,

we compare the required key ring size when using the unital-based, the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP schemes at equal network size. We compute for each network size the design order allowing to achieve the desired scalability and we deduce then the key ring size, the obtained results are reported in Figure 5. The figure shows that at equal network size, the NU-KP scheme allows to reduce the key ring size and then the storage overhead. Indeed the enhancement factor over the SBIBD-KP scheme reaches 20. When using the t-UKP schemes, the results show that the higher t is, the higher required key ring size is. However, this value remains significantly lower than the required key ring size of the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP schemes. Moreover, we can see clearly in the figure, that at equal network size, the UKP* scheme provides very good key ring size compared the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP schemes. For instance, the key ring size may be reduced over a factor greater than two when using the UKP* compared to the SBIBD-KP scheme.

C. Energy consumption at equal network size

In this subsection, we compare the energy consumption induced by the direct secure link establishment phase. Since each node broadcasts its list of key identifiers to its neighbors, the energy consumption can be computed as $E = E_{tx} \cdot k \log_2(S) + \eta \cdot E_{rx} \cdot k \log_2(|S|)$ where E_{tx} (resp. E_{rx}) is the average energy consumed by the transmission (resp. reception) of one bit, k is the key ring size, η is the average number of neighbors and $\log_2(|S|)$ represents the size of a key identifier in bits that we round up to the nearest byte size. We compare the energy consumption of our solutions against SBIBD-KP and Trade-KP. The results plotted in Figure 6 show that at equal network size, the NU-KP scheme consumes very small amount of energy to exchange the low number of key identifiers. We also note that the higher t is, the higher the consumed energy is. This is due to the increased number of stored keys and thereby the increased number of exchanged identifiers. Finally, the figure shows clearly that UKP* scheme consumes less energy than the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP schemes. This matches our expectation since the energy consumption is strongly correlated to the number of stored keys.

D. Network connectivity at equal key ring size

We compare in this subsection, the network secure connectivity coverage of the different schemes. First, we plot in Figure 7 (a) the key sharing probability when using the unital based schemes (NU-KP, t-UKP and UKP*). The figure shows that the NU-KP scheme provides a bad direct secure connectivity coverage which decreases significantly when the key ring size increases. Indeed, the key sharing probability is low and tends to 0 (1) as t tends to infinity. Otherwise, the obtained results show that the higher t is, the better the direct secure connectivity coverage is. Indeed,

loading nodes with many blocks from unital design allows to increase significantly the key sharing probability. The figure shows moreover that the UKP* scheme gives very good connectivity results. For instance, the direct secure connectivity coverage remains between 0.82 and 0.66 when

the key ring size is between 10 and 150. As the key ring size is high, the direct secure connectivity of UKP* approaches $1 - e^{-1} \approx 0.632$ which we proved to be an approximate lower bound.

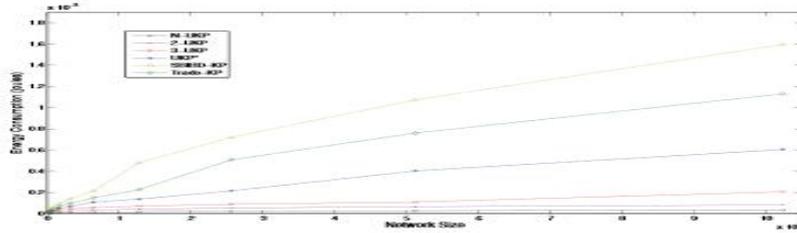


Fig. 6. Energy consumption at equal network size: we consider a grid deployment model [23] where η (the average node degree) is set to $4 \log(n)$ (n is the network size). The latter value ensures the physical network connectivity and coverage [23]. \mathcal{E}_{tx} and \mathcal{E}_{rx} are set to the values of CC1000 radio configuration, i.e. 1625 nJ and 1156 nJ resp. [24].

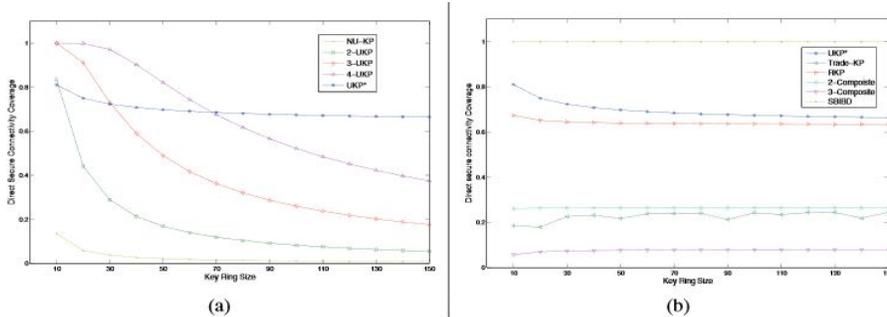


Fig. 7. Network connectivity at equal key ring size.

E. Numerical results

We provide in table IV numerical results comparing network scalability, direct secure connectivity coverage, and average secure path length of the three schemes (SBIBD-KP, Trade-KP and UKP*) at equal key ring size. We notice that we provide the average network scalability (number of nodes) when using UKP* scheme. On the other hand, we compute the average secure path length based on simulations. We refer in these simulations to the results given in [23] in order to construct a grid deployment model which ensures the network physical connectivity and coverage. Numerical results show that the unital-based key pre-distribution scheme UKP* increases the network scalability over the SBIBD-KP and the Trade-KP scheme while maintaining high secure connectivity coverage. For instance, the network maximum size is increased by a factor of 3 and 4.8 when the key ring size is equal to 68 and 140 respectively compared to the SBIBD-KP scheme. In addition, we maintain a high connectivity over 0.63 which ensures a low average secure path length which does not exceed 1.37.

VI. CONCLUSION

Providing high network scalability and good secure connectivity coverage. We discuss the solution parameter and we propose adequate values giving a very good trade-off between network scalability and secure connectivity. We conducted analytical analysis and simulations to compare our new solution to existing ones, the results showed that our approach ensures a high secure coverage of large scale networks while providing good overall performances.

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