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**Abstract**—Recently, there has been a lot of interest and issues related to solar power generation, and accordingly, various studies related to the solar power facility are being carried out. We would like to describe a solar power generation facility state monitoring system during research related to solar facility research. Proposed system will be based on drone aerial photographing technology, analyzing photographing data, and managing facilities based on the collected data. This paper describes the process of data collection, processing, and management, and proves its contents through the proposed system.

**Keyword**— solar power generation facility state monitoring system, drone aerial photographing

## I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the development of photovoltaic business

is becoming more and more likely due to the implementation of the Renewable Energy Supply (RPS) system in Korea. The definition of RPS (New Renewable Energy Supply) means a system requiring operators with power generation capacity of 500 MW or more to supply a certain amount of power with renewable energy. It has implemented RPS and is doing well. Until December 2016, four years after RPS was implemented, its supply volume of FIT facilities (1 GW as of late 2011) was about 7.6 times that as much as that of current FIT facilities (solar energy 3.3 GW, non-flowing energy). The replacement rate of renewable energy in the year 2017 range is around 4%. The government aims for 10% in 2023 and it is forecast to rise to 28% in 2030.

Therefore, a monitoring system for IT-related facilities will be needed. So, we would like to propose a solar power generation facility state system.

TABLE I

RPS facility confirmation by year, as of the end of 2016, Source: Korea Energy Corporation

		Y2012	Y2013	Y2014	Y2015	Y2016	Total
Solar	Number of power plants	1,670	1,898	5,501	6,944	4,056	20,069
	Facility Capacity (MW)	245	385	869	986	804	3,289
Non-Solar	Number of power plants	74	43	67	51	34	269
	Facility Capacity (MW)	1,731	509	873	441	711	4,266
Total	Number of power plants	1,744	1,941	5,568	6,995	4,090	20,338
	Facility Capacity (MW)	1,975	895	1,742	1,472	1,515	7,555

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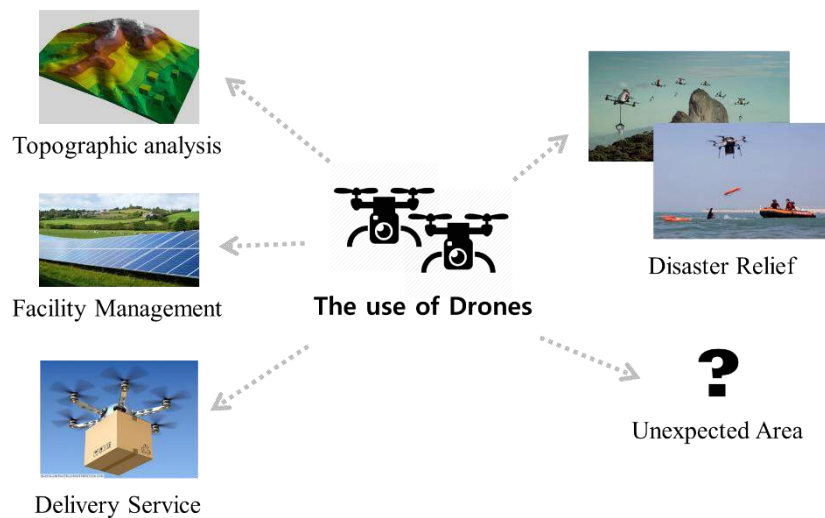
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**Fig. 1 Various Applications of Drones**

**II. RELATED WORKS**

We want to use drone technology to collect basic data for facility management. Facilities mean solar power generation facilities and collects thermographic information about the solar power generation facilities. Therefore, not only solar facilities technology, but also drone technology is also relevant.

Currently, drone technology[1] is used in a wide variety of fields[6,7,8,9] like topographic analysis, facility management, delivery service, disaster relief, and it is being used in fields that were not predicted early on. As the navigation, communication, and sensor technologies related to drones have developed dramatically, the convergence market for drones such as facility inspection, disaster safety, disaster prevention, and logistics transportation is growing rapidly. The global drone market is expected to grow from \$ 6.6 billion in 2013 to \$ 11.4 billion in 2022, and is growing very rapidly[2]. The Korean Geographical Survey Institute is conducting ‘a study on UAV introduction[3]’ in the field of public surveying in order to establish a standard for using the drone in the field of public survey, and the research will be completed in December 2017.

In the United States, a study was made on the use of drones in the measurement of bridges, slopes and road pavement aging for the purpose of eliminating traffic congestion, improving safety, and reducing budgets.

In Europe, the efficiency of the survey was maximized by using drones in the investigation of road pavement aging mainly in Germany and Italy.

In China, research is being carried out on the use of drones for life structure, current status, and transportation of emergency goods in the event of slope failure using drone.

In the field of solar power, the drone technology can be very useful. In order to measure the overheating of the solar module, the drones can be equipped with an infrared camera to collect millions of pieces of photo information. This would save labor costs significantly compared to using individual measuring devices to inspect solar cell module information.

First Solar, the leading solar power company in the United States, is using the SkyCatch Drones service[4] at the world's

largest 290MW solar power plant.

Drones are also useful for protecting wildlife around large solar power plants[5]. In the US, large-scale solar power plants are obliged to maintain and manage wildlife habitats. When drilling in the construction planning stage, wild animals and plants in the construction area can be identified and appropriate action taken. Based on this drone technology, we are going to overlook thermal camera technology, communication technology, and monitoring technology.

This study is also related to remote management[9,10,11,12,13] of facilities. Compared with various remote facility management methods, this study is distinguished in terms of using solar facility management, drone and thermal camera technique.

**III. A SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITY STATE MONITORING SYSTEM USING DRONE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHING**

We propose a solar power generation facility state monitoring system using drone aerial photographing. Figure 2 shows the overall of the proposed system.

The facilities can be monitored by the drones taking aerial photographs, real-time or batch data transmission and processing. Of course, data collection and processing are based on the IT infrastructure which consists of maps and database servers, and application servers.

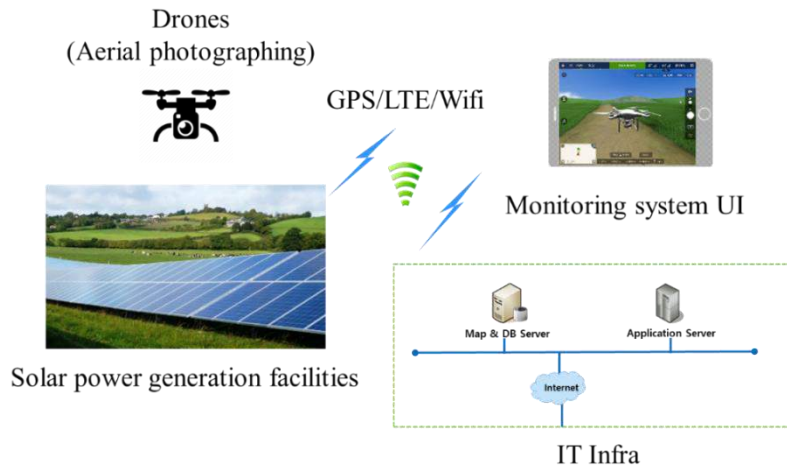
The system we propose consists of two main functions. One is the thermal imaging camera image analysis function and the other is the solar power facility state monitoring function.

*A. Thermal imaging camera image analysis function*

We use a variety of information to recognize specific phenomena. In particular, we perceive phenomena based on visual information. And we want to know about the state of facilities based on visual information. Drones generally provide visual information for facility management. At this time, the thermal imaging camera is mounted on the drone, and thermal imaged photograph information is analyzed.

*1) Location analysis of images*

Drones thermal cameras are based on aviation cameras. EXIF (EXchangeable Image File Format) information is input into the image data taken for the air. In particular, the



**Fig. 2 Overall of the proposed system which is solar power generation facility state monitoring system using drone aerial photographing**

equipment equipped with GPS will store latitude, longitude and altitude data when shooting. In order to find out the characteristics of a specific area, a color image analysis is carried out after taking an image with an infrared camera, and a specific temperature point can be found based on the color analysis. After finding a specific temperature point, map the relevant image data and corresponding point of the solar facility site and display it on the screen. Map the position data (latitude, longitude) to the scene image as a preliminary task.

Image formats that contain location (latitude, longitude) data include GeoTiff information. For images without general location (latitude, longitude) data, you can enter the latitude and longitude data using the map mapping system.

2) Metadata for data exchange: EXIF

EXIF (Exchangeable Image File Format), which is metadata recorded in an image file or the like, is recorded in an image file of JPEG or TIFF format as an exchange image file format.

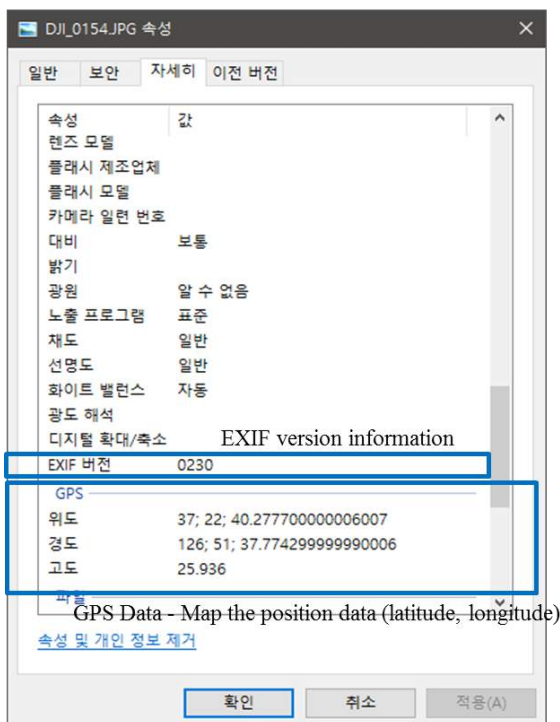
The EXIF data includes the following information.

- Camera information
- Camera settings
- Copyright Information
- Location information

TABLE II  
GPS information

Tag ID	Variable name	Description
0	GPSVersionID	GPS version
1	GPSLatitudeRef	N (north), S (south)
2	GPSLatitude	Latitude
3	GPSLongitudeRef	E (east), W (west)
4	GPSLongitude	Hardness
5	GPSAltitudeRef	Relationship between altitude and sea level
6	GPSAltitude	Altitude
7	GPSTimeStamp	The time (hours, minutes, seconds)
8	GPSSatellites	Satellite used for measurement
9	GPSStatus	The status of the GPS receiver used in the shooting
10	GPSMeasureMode	GPS measurement mode
11	GPSDOP	Accuracy of GPS data
12	GPSSpeedRef	Code for GPS receiver speed
13	GPSSpeed	Speed of GPS receiver
14	GPSTrackRef	Code for GPS receiver direction
15	GPSTrack	Direction of GPS receiver
16	GPSImgDirectionRef	Symbol for the direction of the subject
17	GPSImgDirection	The direction of the subject
18	GPSMapDatum	Information on geopolitical location
19	GPSDestLatitudeRef	N (north), S (south)
20	GPSDestLatitude	Latitude of target point

Attributes of a JPG file



**Fig. 3 EXIF information in JPG file**

We want to use GPS information. There are various types of GPS information as shown in the table 2. Of the EXIF GSP

information provided in Table 2, we use the latitude, longitude, and altitude information ‘GPSLatitudeRef’, ‘GPSLatitude’, ‘GPSLongitudeRef’, ‘GPSLongitude’, ‘GPSAltitudeRef’, and ‘GPSAltitude’. We extract latitude, longitude, and altitude information from images as shown above.

3) Thermal imaging camera image analysis

And analyzes the captured images based on the positional information and the thermal image information described above in a complex manner.

The data captured by the thermal imaging camera has its own color depending on the temperature of each pixel of the entire image, so that the entire image has color. There are various modes as follows.

Figure 3 below shows the change information according to the mode of the thermal imaging camera.

Among the various modes, White Hot is suitable for specific temperature detection and Rainbow is suitable for temperature distribution detection.

In case of ‘White Hot’ mode, it is suitable for specific temperature detection. For ‘Rainbow’ mode, it is suitable for temperature distribution. In other words, ‘Rainbow’ mode is suitable for ‘measuring temperature distribution’ and ‘White Hot’ mode is suitable for ‘measuring specific temperature precision’.

The characteristics of the ‘measuring temperature distribution’ are as follows:

- The overall temperature distribution of the shooting area can be distinguished by color
- Quickly identify temperature changes around each shot
- Maximum temperature, minimum temperature and average temperature can be checked
- It is possible to check temperature distribution of temperature change by radiant heat over time
- It is possible to check temperature distribution according to seasonal temperature change.

And, the characteristics of the ‘measuring specific temperature precision’ are as follows:

- prediction of specific temperature spots in large areas
- Possible location determination at specific temperature
- Data base can be analyzed by data base

4) Image analysis for specific temperature detection  
The steps of image photographing and analysis are as follows:

- ① Copying the original data shot by the thermal camera to the system
- ② Copy the temperature distribution data and specific temperature data separately
- ③ Display temperature distribution image on screen
- ④ Displays a specific temperature image on the screen, detects a specific temperature, and displays the corresponding point

Figure 4 shows the steps of image photographing and analysis.

5) Thermal imaging camera image analysis

The steps of thermal imaging camera image are as follows:

- ① The selected images stored on the SD card are copied to a specific folder for analysis as shown Figure 5. If we already have the same date data when we copy images, we can create a new date folder and copy it several times a day.
- ② The original image can be called a temperature data image and the spontaneous data image, respectively, and the copied image is stored as an image by date as shown Figure 6.
- ③ Select a temperature distribution image and check the temperature distribution of the entire low-firing range on the main screen. Map the latitude and longitude coordinates stored in the respective images to the latitude and longitude coordinates stored in the main map image and outputs them to the corresponding screen positions.
- ④ Select a specific temperature image as shown in Figure 7 to start temperature analysis for each image, and the image with a specific temperature color is displayed in the same position as the temperature distribution image.

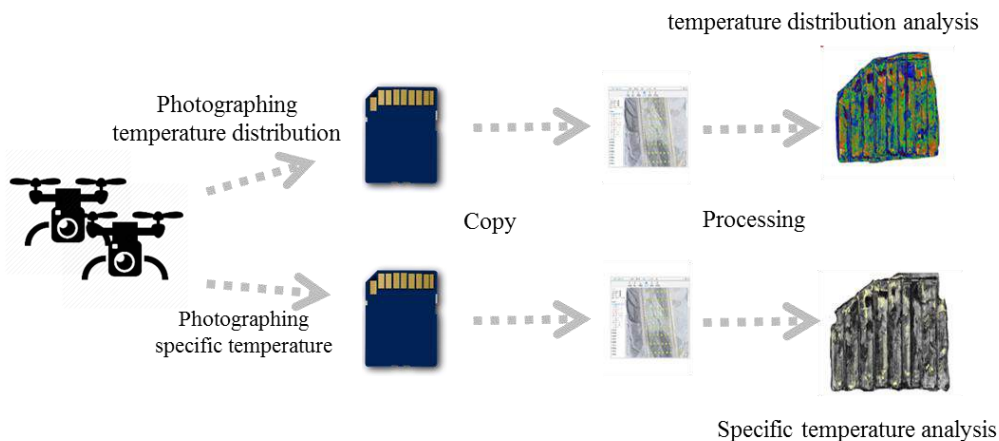


Fig. 4 Steps of image photographing and analysis

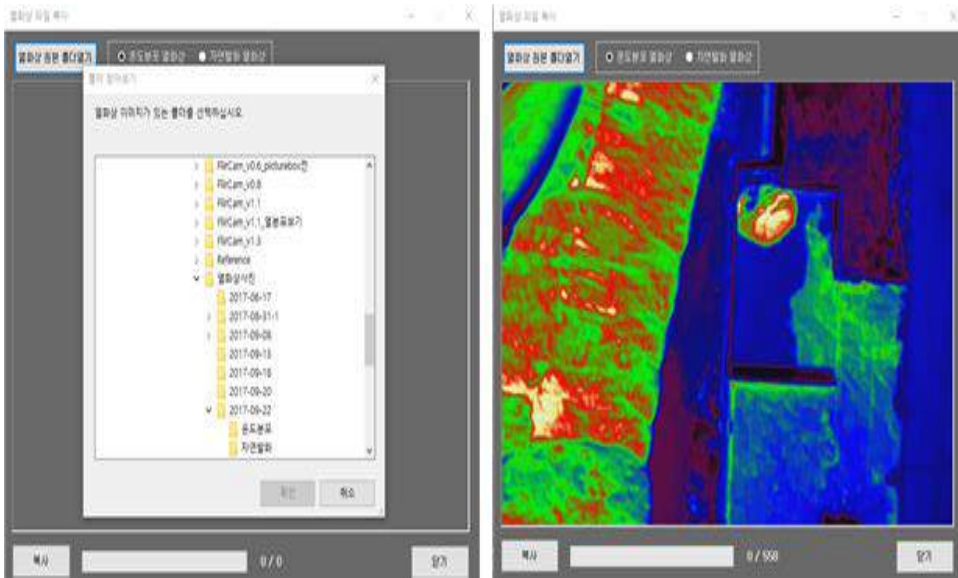


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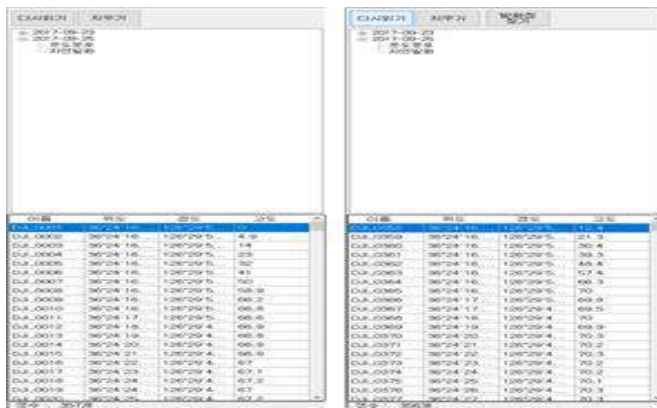


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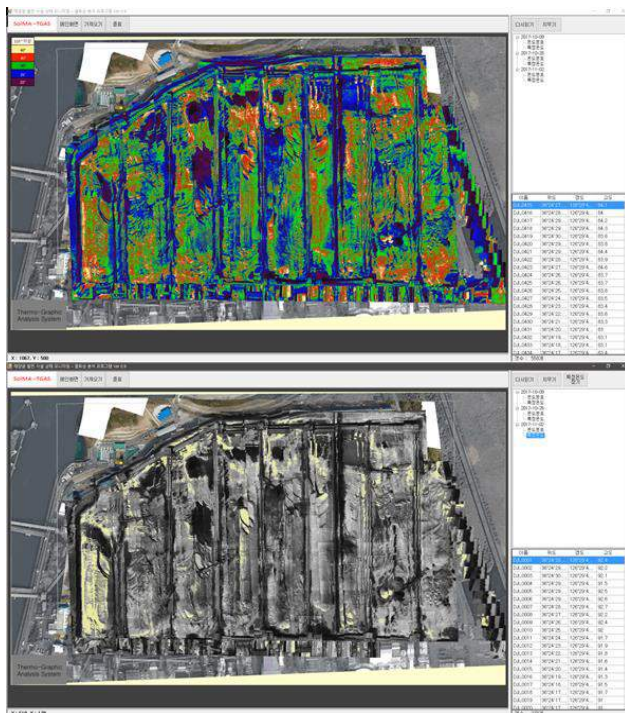


Fig. 7 Temperature distribution and specific temperature detection

*B. Solar power facility state monitoring function*

We can define and operate a monitoring process based on thermal imaging camera image analysis function.

Figure 8 is the operating process of the solar power facility state monitoring system. It is a process that is configured to analyze the thermal image information collected through the drone, and to check and review the status of facilities.

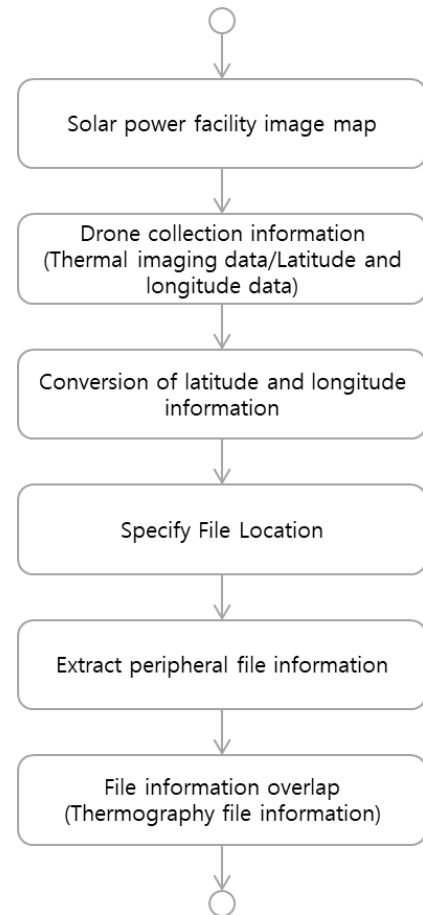
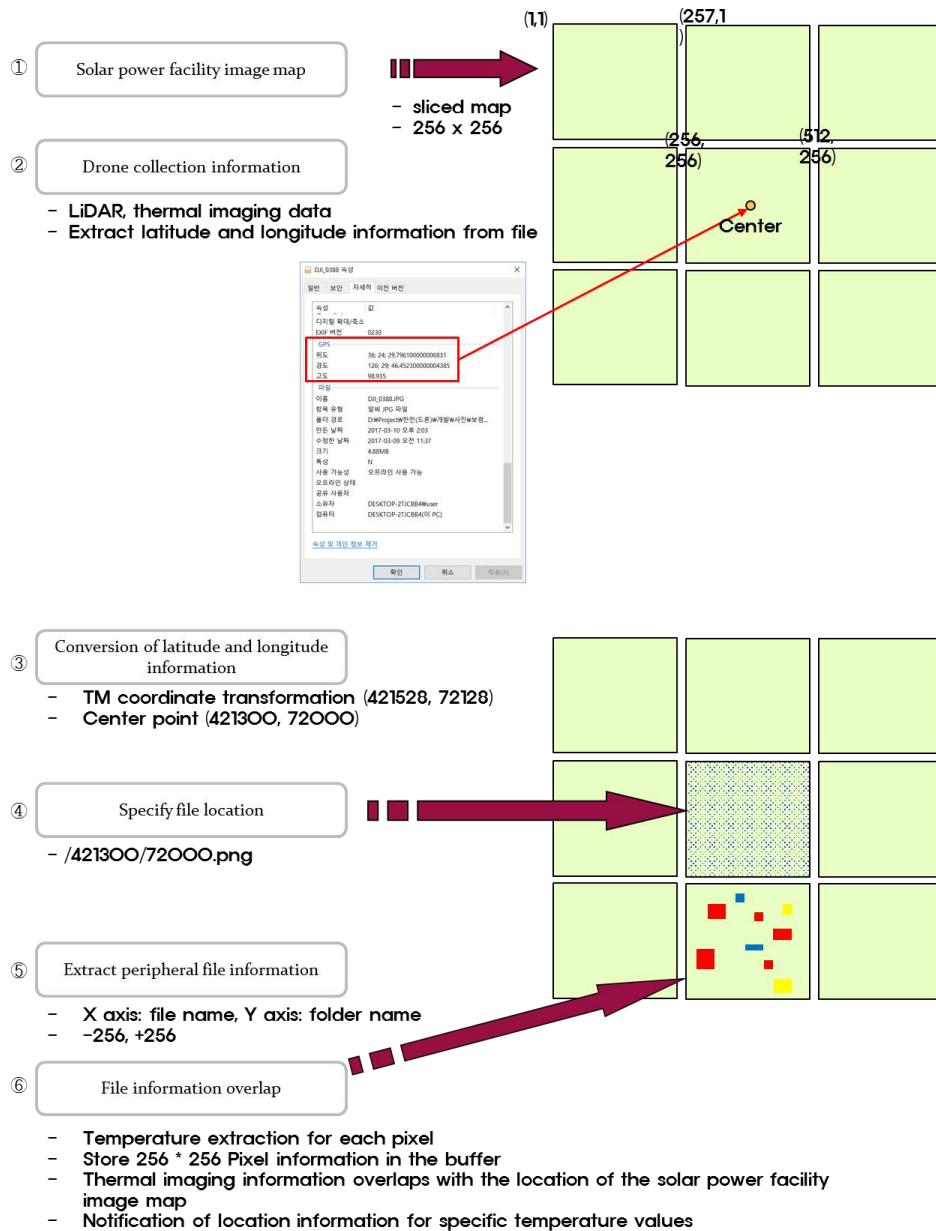


Fig. 8 Operating process definition of the solar power facility state monitoring





**Fig. 8 Operating process of the solar power facility state monitoring system specific temperature detection)**

Figure 8 shows operation which is the solar power facility state monitoring system specific temperature detection of the process defined in Figure 7. According to this operating method, we can monitor the state of the solar power facility.

First step is to import the solar power facility image map. The image map is composed of a slice map of (256\*256) sizes. Second step is to gather information from the drones. At this time, the thermal image data and the latitude and longitude information in the file are extracted together. Third step is to convert latitude and longitude information as appropriate. Fourth step, the location file name is extracted at the center. In fifth step, the file name and the folder name are extracted. The sixth step is the last step, extracting the temperature of each pixel, repeatedly storing the pixel information in a buffer and overlapping the thermal image information.

It also provides information on the location of a specific temperature with anomalous signs. In this way, the monitoring system can be operated and the management of solar power facility state can be systematically automated.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we propose a solar power generation facility state monitoring system using drone aerial photographing.

We describe the thermal camera technology and the related analysis technology that we are dealing with in the proposed system, and describe the operation method to monitor the facility management using the technology. The technology includes techniques for processing photographic data as well as technologies for the thermal imaging camera itself, including methods for managing images and for analyzing and monitoring managed images.

We believe that this proposed system is a study on facility management and that it will play an important role in the future of new technology energy management.

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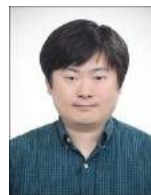
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# Security Enhancement for Access Control Mechanism in Real-time Wireless Sensor Network

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**Abstract**— A wireless sensor network (WSN) based real-time application, both physical nodes (i.e., unguarded nodes) as well as open communication channels are accessible to the adversaries. Such channel openness and unguardedness of the WSN nodes may lead to various attacks to the application. Therefore an access control mechanism is essential for such WSNs that are deployed in the hostile environments. In this regards, recently, two practical access control protocols (PACPs) are being proposed for WSNs. The authors claimed that their proposed protocols are suitable for practical implementation and are secure against most of the known attacks. Unfortunately, PACPs have inherent security weaknesses and difficulty in real-time implementation. In this paper, we identify few security pitfalls. In addition, a new node addition phase is impractical in the real world deployment. In order to overcome the PACPs issues, we also proposed an enhanced practical access control protocol that provides more security features at low computation and communication costs.

**Keywords**— Access control protocol, authentication, key establishment, wireless sensor networks

## I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless sensor networks (WSNs) are known as novel and intelligent systems, and are continuously deploying in wide range of real-world applications (military, healthcare, smart building, security systems, etc) [1].

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WSN have emerged as a field of research. WSN have long term economic potential and capability to transform daily lives. In addition, Wireless Sensor Networks increase many of the latest problems such as abstractions and optimization problems, tracking, localization etc.

The incorporation of several types of sensors, such as acoustic, seismic and optical, in a network platform and the study of the general scope of the system presents several interesting challenges. Due to recent development in WSN technology Wireless sensors, they are a great tool for military applications related to admission, monitoring of outline and information gathering and elegant logistic support in an area that is implemented. Some additional applications: site detection, personal health monitoring based on sensors with sensor and motion sensor networks [2]

Low-cost deployment is one of the acclaimed benefits of sensor networks. Limited power and memory are two biggest constraints in WSN. But with the development of in fabrication technique these two problems can be resolved in future. Also, due to the unattended nature of sensor nodes and dangerous sensing environments, replacing battery is not a viable solution. Alternatively, the monitoring characteristics of many sensor network applications require a long service life. Therefore, providing a form of energy efficiency monitoring service for geographical areas is a very important research topic.

These sensor nodes are deployed in a wide area for performing their intended task efficiently. Due to the novelties of WSNs such as, large scale deployment, resource scarcity and wireless communication nature makes them vulnerable to various attacks. It is possible that an adversary can introduce the malicious nodes into the network and may disturb the network functionality. However, to protect WSNs from adversaries and maintain the network working continuously (life-time), security mechanisms (e.g., access control [3] [4]) are highly desirable for the applications.

Zhou et al. proposed an access control protocol based on ECC [5], which is more efficient than RSA-based public-key cryptography schemes. The authors state that the new node (with the timestamp) could join the network at any time and support key exchange. However, to authenticate a sensor node, the Zhou et al. scheme incurred extremely high computing and

communication costs. In real WSN, high consumption rates can be the real problem. Thereby, based on ECC and hash chain, Huang proposed a novel access control protocol (NACP) [6] which is quite good for low power sensor nodes. He also showed that NACP can be easily implemented as a dynamic access control system because all the secrets and information transmission information in existing nodes should not be updated once a new node has been added to the network.

In 2009, Kim and Lee proposed an enhanced novel access control protocol (ENACP) which exploits the hash-chain approach and performs the node authentication and key establishment [7]. Unfortunately, Zeng et al., [8] and Shen et al., [9] demonstrated that ENACP has natural design flaws and vulnerable to many attacks. In 2012, Lee et al. pointed out that ENACP is susceptible to message forgery and new node masquerade attacks, and proposed practical access control protocols (also known as PACPs) for WSNs [10]. PACPs consist of two sub-schemes, namely, secure PACP (secPACP) and memory-efficient PACP (ePACP). Moreover, authors claimed that PACPs are secure against many attacks and very practical for the real WSNs.

However, in this paper we demonstrate that PACPs are not secure against message replay attack, Sybil attack and impersonation attack. More importantly, we will show that the new node addition is very limited (i.e., only for certain nodes) and hence, PACPs are not highly scalable. Next section will briefly review the PACPs. In order to mitigate the issue of pacps we, also we also proposed an enhanced access control protocol for real time WSN. The proposed scheme is strong against message replay attack and Sybil attack. We also discuss the enhanced security features of our proposed protocol and prove that the scheme is secure against message replay attack, strong against Sybil attack and possess important security features such as user anonymity. Similar to PACP our proposed algorithm exploits hybrid cryptosystem i.e. elliptic curve and symmetric cryptography.

The Remainder of this article is organizes as follows. Section II consist a review of PACPS. Section III presents the analysis of security pitfalls in PACPs. Section IV presents an Enhanced Access Control Protocol. Section V presents security analysis. Finally, Section VI concludes our results and future research.

## II. REVIEW OF PACPS[7]

PACPs have two variant, namely, *secPACP* and *ePACP*.

**A. *secPACP (secure PACP)*:** It is composed of three phases: initialization, authentication and key establishment, and new node addition.

1) *Initialization phase*: This phase is performed off-line by the base station (BS); it generates a large key space (*LKS*), key identifiers, and identities (IDs) for all sensor nodes (i.e.,  $N$  sensor nodes). BS randomly chooses  $Q$  nodes for the initial deployment (or network). Thereafter, BS randomly picks one secret key and  $m$  keys from *LKS* for each node and computes an authentication set (*AS*) (i.e., set of hash values, and their

identifiers). Finally, BS installs a secret key and *AS* into the nodes, which are selected of the network deployment. *More general example*, BS randomly chooses  $K_X$  and  $\{K_{Ri}\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,x\}}$  from *LKS* for the node  $X$ . Then, BS computes  $AS_X = \{(HID_i, h(ID_X || K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$  for node  $X$ . Here,  $HID_i$  means the owner of secret key  $K_{Ri}$ . Thereafter, BS installs  $K_X$  and  $AS_X$  into the node  $X$ . Now sensors are ready for the deployment.

2) *Authentication and key establishment phase*: Assume that two nodes (e.g., *node A* and *node B*) are neighbors and each node recognizes the identities of its neighboring nodes using some beaconing technique which includes the node identity in the beacons. If node  $A$  shares  $h(ID_A || K_B)$  with node  $B$ , then two nodes ( $A$  and  $B$ ) start key establishment as follows.

- i. Node  $A$  generates a random integer  $t_A$ , and computes the point  $N_A = t_A P = (N_{x_A}, N_{y_A})$  over the elliptic curve  $E$  and  $S_A = h(ID_A || N_{x_A} || h(ID_A || K_B))$ . Now, it (*Node A*) broadcasts  $ID_A$ ,  $N_A$ , and  $S_A$ .
- ii. After receiving the broadcasted message from the node  $A$ , node  $B$  checks whether  $h(ID_B || K_A)$  is in  $AS_B = \{(HID_i, h(ID_B || K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$  or not. If it is not true then aborts the system. Otherwise, node  $B$  verifies  $h(ID_A || N_{x_A} || h(ID_A || K_B)) = S_A$  with its own key  $K_B$ . If  $S_A$  is verified then node  $B$  assured that  $N_A$  is generated by a legal node who knows the  $h(ID_A || K_B)$ . After that, node  $B$  generates a random integer  $t_B$  and computes  $N_B = t_B P = (N_{x_B}, N_{y_B})$  and  $S_B = h(ID_B || N_{x_B} || h(ID_B || K_A))$ . And it broadcasts  $ID_B$ ,  $N_B$ , and  $S_B$ .
- iii. Upon receiving the broadcasted message from the node  $B$ , node  $A$  checks  $h(ID_B || N_{x_B} || h(ID_B || K_A)) = S_B$  with its own key  $K_A$ . If  $S_B$  is verified then node  $A$  assured that  $N_B$  is generated by a legal node who knows the  $h(ID_B || K_A)$ . Thereafter, node  $A$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_A N_B = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and  $Z_A = h(ID_A || SK_{x_{AB}} || h(ID_A || K_B))$ , and broadcasts  $Z_A$ .
- iv. Node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and checks  $h(ID_A || SK_{x_{AB}} || h(ID_B || K_A)) = Z_A$ . If it is true, then node  $B$  approves  $SK_{AB}$ . Now node  $B$  computes  $Z_B = h(ID_B || SK_{x_{AB}} || h(ID_A || K_B))$  and broadcasts it to the node  $A$ .
- v. Finally, node  $A$  checks  $h(ID_B || SK_{x_{AB}} || h(ID_A || K_B)) = Z_B$ . If it holds, then node  $A$  also approves  $SK_{AB}$ .

The authentication and key establishment phase of *secPACP* is shown in Fig. 1.

3) *Node addition phase*: This phase is invoked when a new node is entering into the existing network. First, BS assigned an identity to the new node ( $ID_{Q+1}$ ) and also preloads secret key  $K_{Q+1}$  and  $AS_{Q+1} = \{(HID_i, h(ID_{Q+1} || K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ . Thereafter, new node will perform the authentication and key establishment phase as shown in Fig. 1, and becomes the legal member of the network.

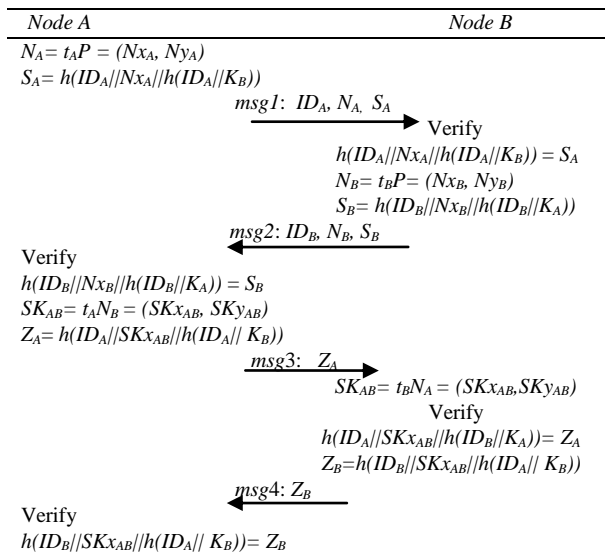


Fig. 1. secPACP: Authentication and key establishment phase

**B. ePACP (memory-efficient PACP):** It is composed of two phases, namely, initialization, and authentication and key establishment. This subsection reviews *ePACP*, which is a variant of *secPACP* except the initialization phase.

1) *Initialization phase*: This phase performed offline by the base station (BS); it generates a large key space (*LKS*), key identifiers, and identities for all  $N$  sensor nodes. BS randomly chooses  $Q$  nodes for the initial network deployment. Now it is assumed that the identities of all nodes are in a circular order (i.e., the last identity is equal to the first identity). Therefore, each sensor node has its inner nodes and outer nodes in circular order. The number of all candidate node is  $Q'$  ( $Q \leq Q' \leq LKS$ ), we describe the *inner* nodes of node  $X$  as  $\{ID_{Y_i} | X < Y_i \leq X + \lfloor Q'/2 \rfloor\}$  and the other nodes are represented as the *outer* nodes of node  $X$ .

Thereafter, BS randomly chooses one secret key from the large key space (*LKS*) and installs it into the each node. Then, it (BS) chooses  $m$  keys from *LKS* for each sensor's inner nodes; derives an authentication set (*AS*); and finally, installs *AS* into its corresponding sensor node. For example, BS randomly chooses  $K_X$  and  $\{K_{R_i} | i \in \{1, 2, \dots, x\}\}$  from *LKS* for node  $X$ . Here  $X$  is a node, and  $K_{R_i}$  are randomly selected secret keys for node  $X$ 's inner nodes. For node  $X$ , BS computes  $AS_X = \{(HID_i, h(ID_X || K_{R_i})) | i \in \{1, 2, \dots, z\}\}$ , here  $HID_i$  means the owner of secret key  $K_{R_i}$ . Thereafter, BS installs  $K_X$  and  $AS_X$  into node  $X$ .

2) *Authentication and key establishment phase*: Assume that two nodes (e.g., node  $A$  and node  $B$ ) are neighbors and each node recognizes the identities of its neighboring nodes using some beaconing technique which includes the node identity in beacons. If sensor node  $B$  is an inner node of node  $A$ , then  $A$  starts the pairwise key establishment with node  $B$ , otherwise, node  $B$  starts. The authentication and key establishment phase is same as in *secPACP* (refer to the *secPACP* authentication and key establishment phase). However, the flow of *ePACP* is depicted in Fig. 2.

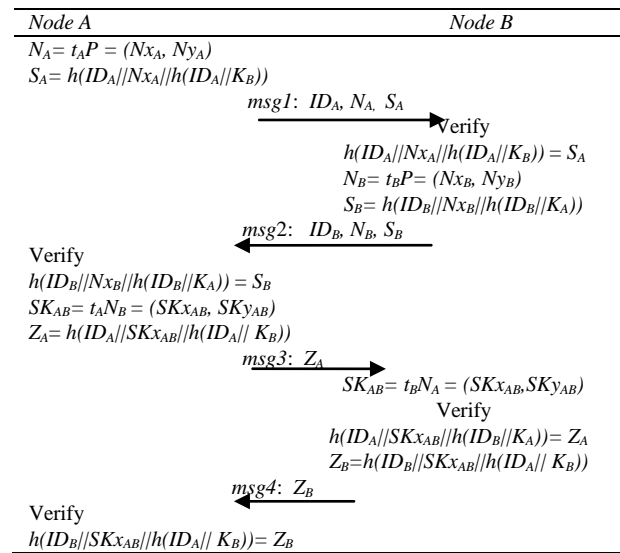


Fig. 2. ePACP: Authentication and key establishment phase

Next section will demonstrate the security pitfalls in PACPs.

### III. ANALYSIS OF SECURITY PITFALLS IN PACPS

Indeed, PACPs are strong against eavesdropping, message forgery attack, and new node masquerade attack. However, a single loophole can become a big danger to the network, if all possible security threats are not considered (with their destructive impact) while designing the protocol. In this section we present the inherent PACPs security pitfalls, such as, message replay attack, Sybil attack and impersonation attack, and other practical issues. For the comprehensive analysis of PACPs, we have assumed that an attacker has full control over wireless channels (e.g., it can insert, drop, modify or replay the wireless messages). Based on above assumptions, we generalize the message replay attack in PACPs, as follows.

1) *Message replay attack*: In this attack, an adversary actively captures on-air wireless messages between two communicating entities (e.g., node  $A$  and node  $B$ ) and replays the captured messages, later, as it is. Although, it is a very common attack on wireless communication protocols but it (replay attack) could cause of one of the network destructive denial-of-services attack if it would not be protected efficiently and resultant, node's (AA) battery power depletion. *Attack description*: In PACPs, it is worth noting that, as shown in Fig.1 (*secPACP*) and Fig.2 (*ePACP*), an active adversary easily captures the wireless messages (*msg1*) between the node  $A$  and the node  $B$  (refer-Section II, authentication and key establishment phase). In *secPACP*, assumed that after some later time adversary transmits, *msg1* ( $ID_A, N_A, S_A$ ) to the node  $B$ . Upon receiving *msg1* from adversary, node  $B$  starts computations as follows: verifies  $h(ID_A || N_{X_A} || h(ID_A || K_B)) = S_A$ . It will be verified easily because every time node  $B$  considers *msg1* as a fresh message (because random number/nonce is not properly verified) and node  $B$  computes:  $N_B = t_B P$

$= (N_{x_B}, N_{y_B})$  and  $S_B = h(ID_B || N_{x_B} || h(ID_B || K_A))$  and sends  $msg2$  ( $ID_B, N_B, S_B$ ) to attacker. Note that, here the node  $B$  is not aware about that it has sent  $msg2$  to an attacker or to a legal node. Now upon receiving the  $msg2$  from the node  $B$ , an attacker generates a fake  $msg3$  ( $Z_A' = h(ID_A || SK_{x_{AB}}' || h(ID_A || K_B))$ ) and sends it to the node  $B$ . Here,  $SK_{x_{AB}}'$  is attacker's fake key. Now, the node  $B$  computes the key ( $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$ ) and verifies the message ( $Z_A'$ ). Obviously, attacker's fabricated fake message (i.e,  $Z_A'$ ) will not be verified by the node  $B$  because  $SK_{x_{AB}} \neq SK_{x_{AB}}'$  and hence  $Z_A'$  will not be verified. Thus, due to the very late detection of an attacker, *secPACP* is vulnerable to the message replay attack. By imposing the message replay attack again and again, an attacker can make sensor node battery depletion which is not acceptable in the mission-critical WSN applications. Likewise, *ePACP* is also vulnerable to the replay attack.

Authors of [11] argued that preloading the number of keys (i.e., either pairwise or not) onto exposed devices (i.e., not tamper-proofed) strengthens the incentive for attackers to compromise a node. In PACPs, authors exploit the pairwise key pre-distribution scheme and suggested that each PACPs node contains number of keys (e.g., 5,740 keys in *secPACP* and 1650 keys in *ePACP*). Though, *Kim et al* claimed that *secPACP* and *ePACP* are resilience against node capture attack and node fabrication attacks means if a node is captured then the pairwise keys of non-captured nodes are node revealed. However, the high number of keys in a node motivates to the attackers for corrupting more nodes. Moreover, *Tyler Moore* demonstrated that a small colluding node (less than 5% of the entire network) can control half's of its neighbors' communication channels. Thus in PACPs, an adversary can collect the energy-exhausted sensor nodes from the terrain and can dig outs the all secrets from a node. Based on above assumptions, we generalize the Sybil attack and impersonation attack on *secPACP* and *ePACP*.

**2) Sybil attack:** In this attack, a malicious sensor node can present itself with multiple fake identities (IDs) and impersonates other legitimate nodes as a legal node [12]. Moreover, it can manifest in a severe form leading to the failure of basic protocols functioning, such as network routing, network resource allocation and network functioning.

**Attack description:** In mission-critical applications (e.g., military, homeland security, etc) where sensor networks are often deployed in hostile environments. Consider *secPACP* case, where 5,750 keys suggested for an exposed sensor node. Assumed that a motivated adversary collects some energy-exhausted sensor nodes and reprogram them or make replication of the nodes (known as clone). Thereafter adversary deploys these malicious/clone nodes into the terrain, authenticates itself with non-compromised nodes and may control the network, accordingly. Now onwards, we call a malicious node as a *Sybil node*. It is assumed that a *Sybil node* can recognize the identities of its neighboring nodes using some beaconing technique which includes the node identity in beacons. A *Sybil node* illegitimately takes on multiple

identities [12]. Moreover these identities may belongs to its authentication set (i.e.,  $AS_X = \{(HID_i, h(ID_X || K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ ) or belong to the existing nodes identities, here,  $HID_i$  means the owner of secret key  $K_{Ri}$ . Fig.3 depicts the Sybil attack running example.

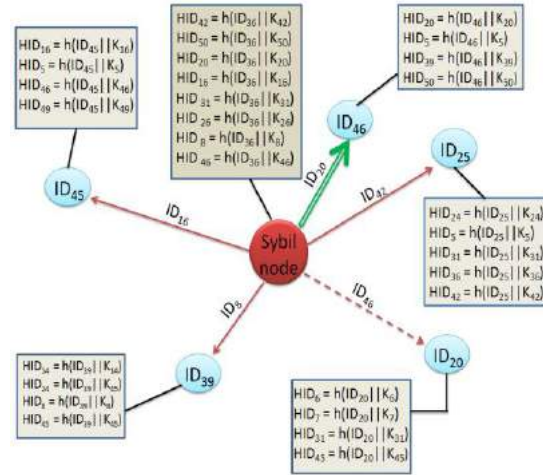


Fig. 3. Sybil attack in *secPACP* scheme

For the simple generalization of the Sybil attack, we assume the size of a large key space ( $LKS$ ) is 50. As shown in Fig. 3, a *Sybil node* presents its multiple identities to its neighboring nodes and tries to authenticate and establish a pairwise key, as a legal node. For instance, it (*Sybil node*) shows own multiple identities as follows:  $ID_{42}$  to the node 25,  $ID_8$  to the node 39,  $ID_{16}$  to the node 45 and  $ID_{46}$  to the node 20. The solid (red) line represents that the node 25 has  $HID_{42}$ , the node 39 has  $HID_8$ , and the node 45 has  $HID_{16}$  are corresponding to the *Sybil node*. Hence, the node 25, node 39 and node 45 authenticate to the *Sybil node* as a legitimate node and establish pairwise keys with the *Sybil node*.

The flow of Sybil attack between the *Sybil node* (i.e.,  $ID_{42}$ ) and the node 25 (says node  $B$ ) is as follows.

- A. *Sybil node* generates a random integer  $St_A$  and computes the point  $SN_A = St_A P = (SN_{x_A}, SN_{y_A})$  over the elliptic curve  $E$ , and computes  $SS_A = h(SID_A || SN_{x_A} || h(SID_A || K_B))$ . Now *Sybil node* sends  $SID_A, SN_A$ , and  $SS_A$  to the node 25 (i.e.,  $B$ ).
- B. After receiving the message from the *Sybil node*, node  $B$  checks whether  $h(SID_B || K_A)$  is in  $AS_B = \{(HID_i, h(SID_B || K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ . Since, the node  $B$  holds, and it verifies  $h(SID_A || SN_{x_A} || h(SID_A || K_B)) = SS_A$  with its own key  $K_B$ . Here,  $SS_A$  will be verified and node  $B$  assured that  $SN_A$  is generated by a legal node. Note that, here the node  $B$  does not know whether this message ( $SID_A, SN_A$ , and  $SS_A$ ) is received from legitimate node or an attacker (*Sybil node*). After that, node  $B$  generates a random integer  $t_B$  and computes  $N_B = t_B P = (N_{x_B}, N_{y_B})$  and  $S_B = h(ID_B || N_{x_B} || h(ID_B || K_A))$ . And it sends  $ID_B, N_B$ , and  $S_B$  to the *Sybil node*.
- C. Upon receiving the messages from the node  $B$ , *Sybil*

node easily checks  $h(ID_B||N_{x_B}||h(ID_B||K_A)) = S_B$  with its own key  $K_A$ . Thereafter, Sybil node computes  $SSK_{AB} = St_A N_B = (SSK_{x_{AB}}, SSK_{y_{AB}})$  and  $SZ_A = h(SID_A||SSK_{x_{AB}}||h(SID_A||K_B))$ , and sends  $SZ_A$  to the node  $B$ .

D. Node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B S N_A = (SSK_{x_{AB}}, SSK_{y_{AB}})$  and checks  $h(SID_A||SSK_{x_{AB}}||h(ID_B||K_A)) = SZ_A$ . Since it will be verified and node  $B$  computes  $Z_B = h(ID_B||SSK_{x_{AB}}||h(SID_A||K_B))$  and sends it to the Sybil node.

E. Now Sybil node computes  $h(ID_B||SSK_{x_{AB}}||h(SID_A||K_B))$  and establishes a pairwise key with the legitimate node (i.e., node  $B$ ).

Similarly, Sybil node can establish a pairwise key with the node 39, 45, and many more. The Sybil node authentication and key establishment phase is shown in Fig. 4.

Moreover, in Fig. 3, the (red) dotted line represents that the node 20 do not contain any  $HID_{46}$ , and hence, cannot authenticate to the Sybil node. The double (green) solid line represents that a Sybil node can impersonates its neighboring nodes. For example, it (Sybil node) sends own neighbor's identity (i.e.,  $ID_{20}$ ) to the node 46 and impersonates as a legal node. Since, the node 46 has  $HID_{20}$ ; it authenticates and establishes a pairwise key (as shown in Fig. 4) with the node 46.

Likewise, ePACP is also susceptible to the Sybil attack and impersonation attack, where 1,650 keys are recommended for an exposed sensor node.

Resultant, PACPs are not secure against the Sybil attack and impersonation attack where a sole Sybil node can control PACPs's neighbouring nodes communication channels without misbehaviour detections.

3) **Limited scalability in secPACP (new node addition):** Recall a new node addition phase in secPACP (refer section-II), where a new node is entering into the existing networks. The base station (BS) assigned a new identity to the new sensor node ( $ID_{Q+1}$ ) and also preloads secret key  $K_{Q+1}$  and  $AS_{Q+1} = \{(HID_i, h(ID_{Q+1}||K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ . However, secPACP allows only limited scalability (i.e., new node addition) to the network. In secPACP network, where  $N$  numbers of identities were generated offline for the  $N$  nodes and  $Q$  nodes were selected for the initial network deployment (recall initialization phase in secPACP, Section-II). Now, only  $Q+1$  (i.e., new node) can easily enter into the existing network because it may have shared secrets (i.e.,  $K_{Q+1}$  and  $AS_{Q+1} = \{(HID_i, h(ID_{Q+1}||K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ ) with the existing nodes. Note that, here an  $N+1$  node can never be entered into the network since it does not contain any secret shared (i.e.,  $K_{N+1}$  and  $AS_{N+1} = \{(HID_{N+1}, h(ID_{N+1}||K_{Ri}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$ ) with the existing  $N$  nodes. For more simple generalization consider a simple running example. Assumed that a BS generates offline 50 nodes ( $N$ ) identities and the size of key space is 50. Then BS randomly chooses 45 nodes ( $Q$ ) for the initial deployment (or network). Then only, 5 nodes ( $N-Q$ ) can be easily added into the network, because these ( $N-Q$ ) nodes may have secret shared with the existing ( $Q$ ) nodes. Therefore,  $N+1$  (e.g., node 51) node cannot join the network. Consequently, secPACP has

limited scalability, which is not practical for the MAMMOTH size distributed WSNs, where scalability is highly required.

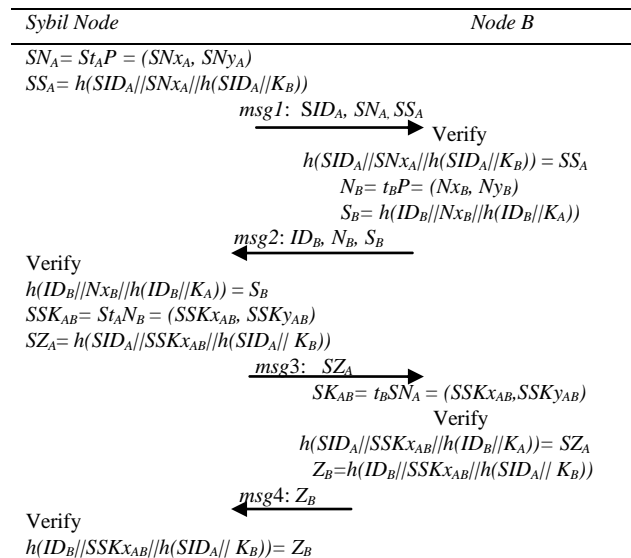


Fig. 4. Authentication and key establishment phase for Sybil attack in secPACP

4) **Node anonymity:** In secPACP and ePACP schemes, nodes IDs of all nodes are openly transmitted. This will help adversaries to perform Sybil attack and make life much easier for them. In any access control or user authentication scheme, user anonymity is an security feature and the protocol designer has to make sure that the user IDs of nodes are kept secret [10].

Other practical issues: PACPs also have other practical issues, which are highly desirable for the real WSNs, as follows.

- In PACPs, if node  $A$  shares  $h(ID_A||K_B)$  with the node  $B$ , only then both the nodes ( $A$  and  $B$ ) can start key establishment. Otherwise, it is possible that a big part of network may isolates from the entire network, if shared secrets are not found. Hence, in PACPs shared secret is not guaranteed (i.e., 100%).

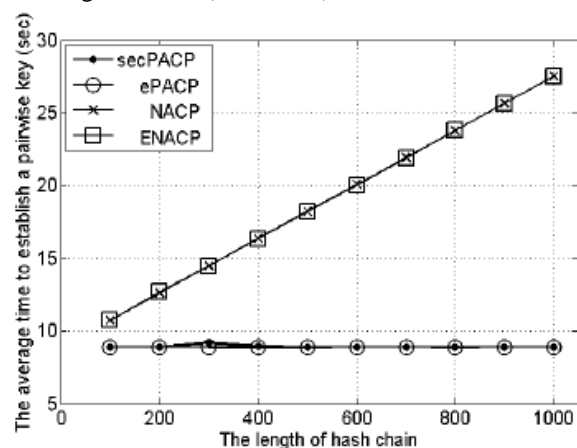


Fig. 5. The average time to establish a pairwise key [7]

More importantly, in PACPs, the computation time (or computation cost) is very high (as depicted in Fig.5), where the average time for establishing a pairwise key is about 9 seconds, which is expensive for the real WSNs.

#### IV. ENHANCED ACCESS CONTROL PROTOCOL

In this section, we propose an enhanced access control protocol which is strong against message replay attack and Sybil attack.

In the *initialization phase* of the proposed scheme, base station randomly chooses  $k_X$  and  $\{k_{Y_i}\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,m\}}$  from  $LKS$  for node  $X$ , and a common random number,  $q$  for all nodes. Subsequently, BS then computes  $AS_X = \{(HID_i, h(ID_X \parallel k_{Y_i}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,m\}}$  where  $HID_i$  is the identity of hash value  $h(ID_X \parallel k_{Y_i})$ . Afterward, the base station puts  $k_X$  and  $AS_X$ , and  $q$  into node  $X$ .

In the *Authentication and key establishment phase*, two nodes (e.g., node  $A$  and node  $B$ ) are neighbors and each node recognizes the identities of its neighboring nodes using some beaconing technique which includes the node identity in the beacons. If node  $A$  shares  $h(ID_A \parallel K_B)$  with node  $B$ , then two nodes ( $A$  and  $B$ ) start key establishment as follows.

- i. Node  $A$  generates a random integer  $t_A$ , and computes the point  $N_A = t_A P = (N_{x_A}, N_{y_A})$ ,  $d = ID_A \oplus q$  and  $S_A = h(ID_A \parallel K_B)$  which is already stored in the node and sends over the elliptic curve  $E$ .
- ii. After receiving the broadcasted message from the node  $A$ , node  $B$  computes  $ID_A = d \oplus q$  and checks if  $h(ID_B \parallel K_A)$  is in  $AS_B = \{(HID_i, h(ID_B \parallel K_{R_i}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$  or not. If it is not true then aborts the system. Otherwise, node  $B$  verifies  $h(ID_A \parallel K_B) = S_A$  with its own key  $K_B$ . If  $S_A$  is verified then node  $B$  assured that  $N_A$  is generated by a legal node who knows the  $h(ID_A \parallel K_B)$ . After that, node  $B$  computes  $e = q \oplus ID_B$ , generates a random integer  $t_B$  and computes  $N_B = t_B P = (N_{x_B}, N_{y_B})$  and  $S_B = h(ID_B \parallel K_A)$ . And it broadcasts  $e$ ,  $N_B$ , and  $S_B$ .
- iii. Upon receiving the broadcasted message from the node  $B$ , node  $A$  computes  $ID_B = e \oplus q$  and checks if checks if  $h(ID_A \parallel K_B)$  is in  $AS_B = \{(HID_i, h(ID_A \parallel K_{R_i}))\}_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,z\}}$  or not. If it is not true then aborts the system. Otherwise, A verifies if  $h(ID_B \parallel K_A) = S_B$  with its own key  $K_A$  holds true or not. If  $S_B$  is verified then node  $A$  assured that  $N_B$  is generated by a legal node who knows the  $h(ID_B \parallel K_A)$ . Thereafter, node  $A$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_A N_B = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and generate current timestamp  $t_1$  and compute  $C_1 = SK_{AB} \bmod t$ , and  $Z_A = h(ID_A \parallel SK_{x_{AB}})$ , and broadcasts  $t_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $Z_A$ .
- iv. Node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and checks  $h(ID_A \parallel SK_{x_{AB}}) = Z_A$ . If it is true, then node  $B$  approves  $SK_{AB}$ . Node  $B$  checks if  $t_1' - t_1$  does not exceed maximum threshold time  $\Delta t$  (to check message freshness). Subsequently, only if message freshness is justified, then node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and generate current timestamp  $t_2$  and compute  $C_2 = SK_{AB} \bmod t$ , Now node  $B$  computes  $Z_B = h(ID_B \parallel SK_{x_{AB}})$  and broadcasts  $t_2$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $Z_B$  to the node  $A$ .

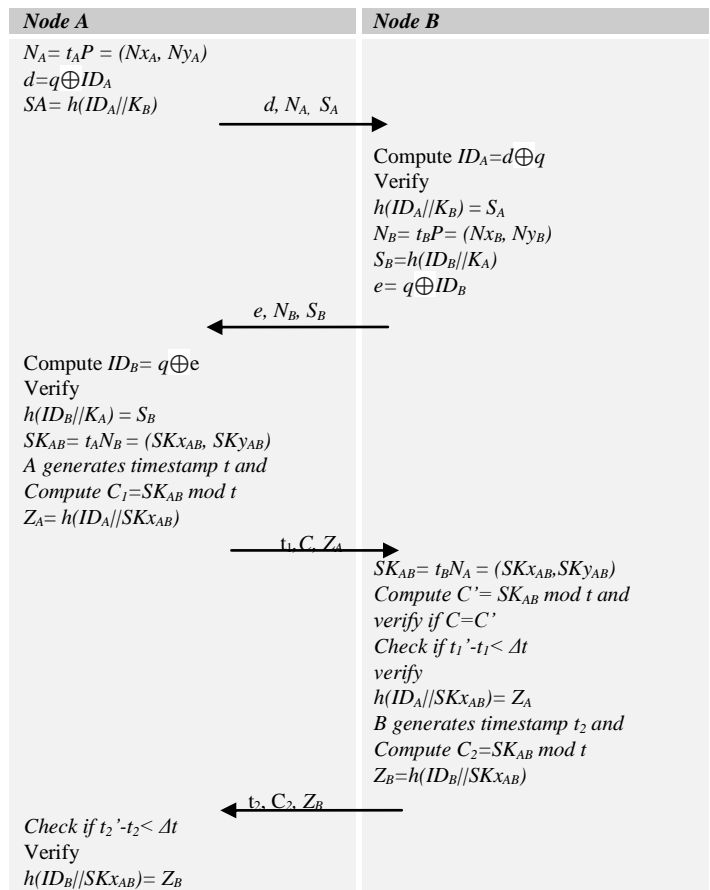


Fig. 6. Authentication and key establishment phase of enhanced access control protocol

- v. Node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and checks  $h(ID_A \parallel SK_{x_{AB}}) = Z_A$ . If it is true, then node  $B$  approves  $SK_{AB}$ . Node  $B$  checks if  $t_1' - t_1$  does not exceed maximum threshold time  $\Delta t$  (to check message freshness). Subsequently, only if message freshness is justified, then node  $B$  computes  $SK_{AB} = t_B N_A = (SK_{x_{AB}}, SK_{y_{AB}})$  and generate current timestamp  $t_2$  and compute  $C_2 = SK_{AB} \bmod t$ , Now node  $B$  computes  $Z_B = h(ID_B \parallel SK_{x_{AB}})$  and broadcasts  $t_2$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $Z_B$  to the node  $A$ .
- vi. Finally, node  $A$  checks  $h(ID_B \parallel SK_{x_{AB}}) = Z_B$ . If it holds, Node  $A$  checks if  $t_2' - t_2$  does not exceed maximum threshold time  $\Delta t$  (to check message freshness). Subsequently, only if message freshness is justified, then node  $A$  also approves  $SK_{AB}$ .

#### V. SECURITY ANALYSIS

In this section we will compare between different proposed schemes with our access control protocol. We will also discuss the enhanced security features of our proposed protocol and prove that the scheme is secure against message replay attack, strong against Sybil attack and possess important security features such as user anonymity.



TABLE I  
COMPUTATION COST COMPARISON

	ENACP[7]	[16]	Sec PACP[10]	ePACP[10]	EPACP
$T_{pm}$	$2T_{pm}$	$5T_{pm}$	$2T_{pm}$	$2T_{pm}$	$2T_{pm}$
$T_{hc}$	$2T_{hc}$	-	-	-	-
$T_h$	$4T_h$	$2T_h$	$5T_h$	$4T_h$	$4T_h$
$T_c$	--	--	--	--	$4T_c$

Table I illustrates the computational overhead comparison between ENACP [7], Huangs [16] and PACPs [10]. We can see ENACP need two point multiplications ( $2T_{pm}$ ), two hash chain operations ( $2T_{hc}$ ) and four hash computations ( $4T_h$ ); on other hand Huangs scheme requires five point multiplications ( $5T_{pm}$ ) and two hash computations ( $2T_h$ ), and secPACP and ePACP (in PACPs) requires ( $2T_{pm} + 5T_{hc}$ ) and ( $2T_{pm} + 4T_h$ ), respectively. Proposed scheme computes a two point multiplication operation ( $2T_{pm}$ ), and four-way hash operations ( $4T_h$ ). However the proposed is more secured then secPACP and ePACP.

**Strong against message replay attack:** In this attack, an attacker wants to perform a message replay attack using previously broadcasted messages. In the proposed enhanced access control protocol individual nodes verify message freshness mutually (refer section IV, authentication and key establishment phase points iii, iv, and v) and make sure that no adversaries can replay the existing messages after certain duration of time, giving them less time to perform different types of attacks.

**Strong against Sybil attack:** In this attack, a malicious sensor poses multiple fake identities to other non-compromised nodes. Practically it is very difficult to prevent Sybil attacks as it is a type of physical attack trying to temper existing legitimate nodes by some means. However, our scheme do not transmit node IDs openly in the public channel. Hence, the individual user IDs of the nodes are not available to the adversaries. In addition, the adversaries cannot use session messages as these expires once loses freshness as discussed earlier this section. Hence, even if the adversaries capture some energy exhausted nodes, they cannot determine node IDs and making them impossible to impersonate the other nodes.

In addition, intrusion detection techniques based on mutual protection have been proposed by Buse et al. [14] [15] means that if the attacker manages to send a false identity to a legal node, then it is practical to detect the Sybil attack using a mutual protection mechanism. For this mechanism, when two or more nodes are in the direct transmission range in which the transmitted data sent by both nodes can be received by them, they are said to be mutually protected.

**User anonymity:** Our scheme do not transmit node IDs openly as already mentioned in this section. Hence, node IDs are kept secret, providing anonymity to the nodes.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have pointed out that PACPs are neither secure nor practical for the real mission-critical WSN applications. PACPs have still inherent security pitfalls; and can give enough incentives to the attackers. We have shown that how a sole energy-exhausted node (i.e., a Sybil node) can easily control the big part of a mission-critical application. We have also designed an enhanced practical access control protocol which overcomes the previous drawbacks and provide practical implementation platform in WSN environment.

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