



# Conglomerate Energy Efficient Elgamal Encryption Based Data Aggregation Cryptosystems in Wireless Sensor Network

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## ABSTRACT

Wireless sensor networks (WSN) are growing rapidly since the past decade mainly due to its efficiency and Ad-Hoc feature. The data aggregation has been extensively employed in WSN that also impact on the data transferring between the sensor nodes. The security issues, data integrity and confidentiality become vital during the deployment of sensor network in a hostile environment. The entire network comprises of sensors, base stations, gateways and nodes which are connected for the purpose of digital transmission. Many existing works have been evolved to address the security issues in WSN but all focused only on basic security features but lack to obtain reliable and effective results in terms of parameters like energy consumption, packet delivery ratio, and computational cost. This paper focused on the primary research area of data aggregation and the mode of transmission in an energy efficient way without congestion. To obtain the objective, an integration of Conglomerate ElGamal energy efficient protocol has been employed and the performance of the proposed system are evaluated. Since the resource constraint nodes of the wireless sensor network requires less energy to cope up with limited battery power, the main purpose of the work is to build an efficient security mechanism that enhances the performance of the network with less energy, minimum delay, and maximum throughput. The performance parameters like packet delivery ratio, throughput, estimation of alive nodes and dead nodes for different rounds has been performed in the study. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the proposed system has been compared with state of art methods in terms of residual energy and depicted that deliberates the superior performance of the presented framework.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

WSN comprise huge number of sensor nodes and are widely distributed in the sensor environment for evaluating and receiving data. The sensor nodes are controlled by Base Station (BS) and are used to monitor the environment and transmit the sensed data requested by the recipient node through BS [1]. WSN has been utilized in various application such as defence domain, medical field, weather forecasting and several other industrial and commercial applications [2]. The WSN sensors are generally compact and utilize limited battery constraint. The sensor aggregates the data and transmits to the server location which is stated as the base station. At the base station the data received are analysed to create a decision for several prescribed application. These nodes function as a repeated for transmitting the

data to other sensors and sink. Further WSN power source must be utilized in an appropriate way since it could not be recharged or exchanged. These WSN frameworks are affected by several parameters such as fault tolerance, energy efficiency, scalability etc. The WSN sensors exhaust the energy mainly in two kinds of ways which are environmental parameter sensing and data transmission to base station through the sensor nodes. The inadequate power source are regarded as the key issue in wireless sensor network and hence the network failure and node failure arises [3]. Further the optimal energy usage in WSN is needed for obtaining high lifetime and more performance. So grouping of sensors into the corresponding clusters has been employed for decreasing the network energy consumption and thereby to increase the network reliability. Every Cluster possesses Cluster Head and an

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effective framework like our proposed system is required to reduce the consumption of energy. ElGamal encryption is the public key cryptographic algorithm used for secure exchanging of information between two parties which is based on D-H key exchange. However, ElGamal algorithm uses one way hash function and it is very difficult to break the encryption and the attacker cannot inverse the hash function to get the original message. Merkle–Hellman algorithm is one of the earliest public key algorithm based on sub-set sum problem which is now considered insecure after the evolution of many public key algorithm like RSA. The proposed system utilized ElGamal based encryption that enable effective data aggregation [4, 5]. ElGamal cryptosystem modifies Diffie Hellman protocol and employs Digital Signature Algorithm for signing digital documents. It comprises major process like effective key generation, encryption and decryption system. Its non-deterministic encryption the same plaintext multiple times will result in different cipher texts, since a random  $k$  is chosen each time [6, 7]. The cryptosystem needs one is Public key which is used for Encryption process and the other one is Private key which is used for Decryption process [8]. The algorithm in turn uses “Energy” as a parameter to find out the better routing to reach the destination. Normal nodes only communicated with its neighbour and every node will take data fusion in order. The distance of the connect nodes with each other have been shortened remarkably. Nodes take turns to be the cluster head, so it takes no energy. In this research work, the combination of ElGamal based encryption followed by data aggregation and Knapsack based Energy efficient AODV promotes the overall effectiveness of the cryptosystem. The main contribution of the proposed work are

- To frame an effective Conglomerate ElGamal based encryption associated with multiple key generations that allows reliable data aggregation and more security.
- To increase the performance of the network through secure transmission of keys with energy efficient strategy.

The organisation of the paper is as follows. Initial section provides the introduction and need for the study, Section 2 provides the survey of existing literature in accordance with the proposed work. Section 3 describes the methodology and section 4 offers the performance analysis of the proposed system. Section 5 concludes the work in detail:

## 2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

This section provides the survey of prevailing works in accordance to the proposed system. Ara et al. [9] suggested a secured privacy preservation data

aggregation system in accordance with bilinear pairing for improving data privacy and data aggregation efficiency. The suggested system has been proved to be secured under Diffie Hellman assumption. Further it utilized Elgamal cryptosystem for secured encryption. The suggested system showed effective data aggregation with reliable computational cost. Wang et al. [10] suggested a clustering algorithm for the selection of cluster heads with an enhanced ABC algorithm. The study introduced cluster head density, energy, location and other such similar factors into the suggested framework. This enhanced ABC has been utilized for the optimization of fuzzy c means to determine the effective clustering method. The study also employed an Ant colony based energy efficient routing protocol to improve network throughput. The study introduced a polling controlling mechanism to intra-cluster communication process. Agarkar et al. [11] presented a security mechanism based on lattice cryptography for data aggregation for WSN. It employed learning with errors over the rings for encryption of data. The security analysis employed that the suggested system offered integrity, confidentiality and authenticity during the process of communication. The efficiency of this lightweight system depicted that it is more better than ElGamal cryptosystem. Hamza and Al-Alak [12] used Kaiser Constant Modulus Algorithm (KCMA) technique for the generation of twelve experiments of Elgamal, Rivest Shamir Adleman (RSA) and Electrical Computer and Communication (ECC) algorithms. These chain of experiments merged with the hash function XOR and Secure Hash Algorithm 2 (SHA2). The study utilized Diehard test in the experiments for the evaluation of randomness of the generated secret key thereby displaying the security of the system. The study determined that SHA2 has been found to be better than XOR. Further the work assesses the efficiency time for the throughput network. Wang et al. [13] deliberated an reliable and efficient WSN clustering algorithm on the basis of quantum artificial bee colony (ABC) algorithm that aimed at unbalanced load in WSN clustering without the consideration of residual node energy, node position and node intensity. This algorithm could be able to adapt better to the network topology and also decreased the node energy consumption and extend the network lifetime. The experimental outcomes of the represented that the algorithm increased the stability of the overall system. The work aimed to further improve the algorithm for the data acquisition and network clustering of mobile WSN. Leelavathi et al. [14] investigated encryption of image and text data that has been embedding as elliptic curve point. The finite field arithmetic has been used effectively in the suggested cryptosystem. The pre computations for the image input conversion and text data has been performed with the use of MATLAB. Here the message size differs with various stream size and also

the mapping of input data has been presented with high security that indicates less vulnerability in attacks. The study also performed statistical analysis on the encrypted and plain images for assessing the strength of the suggested method.

Asma and Lehsaini [15] suggested an energy effective routing algorithm for balancing the energy during forwarding the information from source to the corresponding link. The system offered better effectiveness when compared to the prevailing routing algorithms in accordance to energy efficacy. The study also extended the network lifetime of WSN. The simulation results of the study depicted that knapsack based energy efficient system will be greatly utilised for addressing data aggregation problems. In future the study attempted to deal with the security issues for misbehaving nodes. Xing et al. [16] investigated a private data aggregation system on the basis of homomorphic encryption and digital signatures. This paper possess the capability of verifying the information from various nodes that have identifiability. Further confidentiality interference factor technique was introduced for defending the interior attack. Next the study adopted a homomorphic encryption property based on confidentiality sum algorithm without trust party. This avoided efficiency and safety problem that results from trusted third party. Finally the study provided the security proof and effectiveness analysis for the suggested scheme.

Prabu [17] investigated knapsack algorithm for avoiding brute drive attack through growing confusions. The modules are combined for performing knapsack encryption and decryption, matrix mapping and de mapping. The study utilized Verilog language for simulation and coding on Spartan 6 and Xilinx ISE. Entire cryptosystem has been executed with the frequency of 503 MHz. When compared with the previous work, the utilization area is found to be very less thereby satisfying the resource parameters of WSN. Al-Naamee and Ali [18] suggested a Cluster based data aggregation method in WSN that utilized Elliptical Curve Cryptography based on Elgamal homomorphic cryptosystem for the provision of integrity and confidentiality. This deliberated work offered security against several possible malicious behaviour and possible attacks with extended network lifetime. Maheshwari et al. [19] investigated the data aggregation efficiency for developing cluster-based routing algorithm for achieving the low energy consumption for data aggregation and security problems in WSN. The study analysed routing, clustering and protection protocol that is effective against the existing method. WSNs are also vulnerable to several threats and attacks. Among these, congestion is a serious form of attack that disrupts and collapses a WSN very deeply. This, in turn, causes tremendous increase in the rate of packet drops and also results in very high. In order

to overcome the limitations of the existing works the presented proposed work attempted a better approach.

### 3. THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology has been explained in this section with an explorative flow diagram in Figure 1.

The transmitting data are processed with prime number primitive root creation. The proposed key generation algorithm utilize one large prime number 'q', which is greater than size of the message 'n'. The set of primitive roots of prime number 'q' is determined. This is followed by the generation of public key and private key. This study employed ElGamal based conglomerate encryption and decryption. The encryption phase has been processed for cluster head selection. The developed cluster member was used for the determination of cluster weight and data acquisition. By performing aggregation logic the members were subjected to data aggregation phase. The transferred aggregated data has been subjected to performance analysis for the evaluation of the proposed method.

#### 3. 1. Data Aggregation Based Conglomerate Elgamal Encryption

ElGamal encryption is a public key cryptographic system and utilize asymmetric key encryption for the communication purpose in between the two parties and for encrypting the message [20, 21]. This was introduced by TaherElGamal in 1985 and is a probabilistic algorithm developed on the basis of Diffie- Hellman key exchange method. This exists a comprehensive encryption-decryption system which depend on discrete logarithm issues. A probabilistic encryption could be defined as the encryption system which develops various ciphertexts when the similar plaintext is encrypted various times and the discrete logarithm issue is determining the discrete logarithm to the group base. The data aggregation based ElGamal encryption system is defined below. Here the algorithmic steps for encryption, data aggregation and

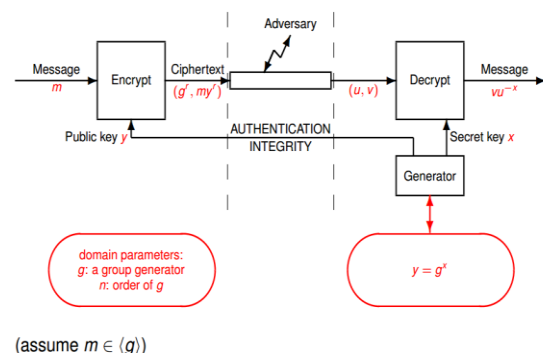


Figure 1. Overview of the ElGamal Scheme

decryption of the aggregated data has been deliberated below.

**Algorithm I:** Data aggregation based Elgamal Encryption

**Input:** sensors data  $S_N^D$

**Output:** Aggregated Data  $D_{aggr}$ , encrypted data  $S_i^C$  and decrypted data  $S_i^{Decry}$

**Procedure:**

1. **Key generation:**

- Choose large prime number  $p$
- Choose a primitive value  $g$  in modulo  $p$
- Randomly choose  $m, s$  such that  $2 \leq m \leq p - 2$
- Now computes the secret integer,  $c = \text{mod}(g^m, p)$
- The combined public keys are  $\{g, c, p\}$
- The private keys are  $\{m, p\}$

2. The sensed data is encrypted with public keys, the following process are performed during encryption process,

$$s = g^n \text{ mod } p$$

$$S_i^C = c \text{ mod } p \quad // S_i^C \text{ is the cryptography text}$$

3. Perform data aggregation process for all sensed data,

$$D_{aggr} = S_i^{C1} + S_i^{C2} + \dots + S_i^{Ct}$$

4. Apply decryption process for a aggregated data,

$$s^m = c^n \text{ mod } p$$

$$S_i^{Decry} = D_{aggr} \cdot c^{-n} \text{ mod } p$$

5. The usage of energy for transmitting their sensed  $S_N^D$  packet over distance  $d_i$  is,

$$E_{Tx}(m, d_i) = \begin{cases} mE_{elec} + m\delta_f d_i^2 d_i \leq \rho \\ mE_{elec} + m\delta_m d_i^4 d_i > \rho \end{cases}$$

Where,

$\delta_f$  – the free space

$\delta_m$  – multipath fading channel model

$E_{elec}$  – electronic energy which is based on some factors includes the modulation and digital coding

$\rho$  – threshold distance

6. Find the generation of CH selection based on the multi objective fitness function of knapsack problem with two parameters such as residual energy and sensing range  $\phi$

$$fit_{val} = c_1 \left[ \frac{E_{res}^m - E_{res}^i}{E_{res}^m} \right] + c_2 \left[ \frac{\phi^m - \phi^i}{\phi^m} \right]$$

Where,  $E_{res}^m$  – maximum residual energy

$E_{res}^i$  – residual energy for sensors

$\phi^m$  – maximum sensing range and  $\phi^i$  sensing range of each sensor

The sensor nodes are deployed and all the nodes and base stations are in stationary mode. The presented paper utilized a simplified model for the consumption of communication energy. On depending on the distance in between the receiver and transmitter, the free space or the multipath fading channel method were employed. The energy required for transmitting the packet over distance

has been estimated in the algorithm in step 7. The electronic energy relies on few factors comprising the modulation and digital coding whereas the amplifier energy relies on the transmitting distance. In order to receive such kind of packets the radio consuming energy has been determined in step 8. After random deployment, random number of nodes were chosen on the basis of probability for the selected node  $S_R$ . Based on the equation provided in step 8 the random nodes are chosen. Followed by that neighbouring nodes on the basis of minimum Euclidean distance was selected with the step 10 which provides the distance between random nodes and member nodes.

#### 4. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The experimental setup and performance of the proposed method are discussed in this section. The performance of the cluster based routing is analyzed using various metrics alive nodes, dead nodes, average energy consumption, total packet sent, and throughput. Existing LEACH protocol has been utilized for comparison. Table 1 shows the simulation parameters. The performance measures are explained as follows:

**Alive nodes based on energy:** Alive nodes define the number of nodes that are alive in the network. The network performance is improved, when the network has a high number of alive nodes.

**Average energy consumption:** It defines the average amount of energy consumed by each node during each iteration.

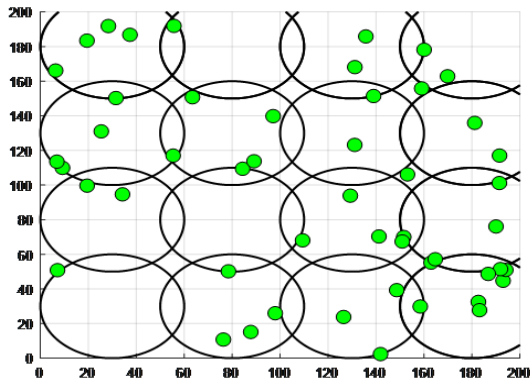
**Total packets transmitted to the BS:** The total packets transmitted to BS are directly proportional to the alive nodes and residual energy of the nodes. The total packets received by BS are high when alive nodes are high.

**Throughput:** The throughput is defined as the amount of bits transmitted to BS over WSN. Throughput is measured as bits per second. Packet drop ratio: The packet drop ratio is defined as the volume of packet loss occurred during the transmission from source node to the BS.

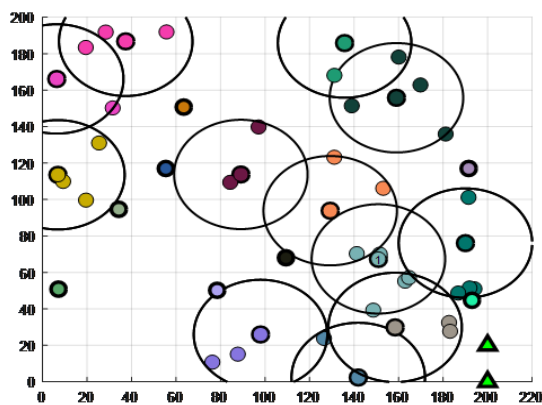
Figure 2 shows the coverage area and Figure 3 shows the initial node deployment. In Figure 4, the total energy consumption in Joules for the proposed system has been evaluated for different rounds. It has been observed that the energy consumption increases with an increase in rounds and time. The energy consumption for 300 milliseconds has been found to be 0.025 J which is less than the existing systems. Hence the proposed system proves to be efficient in terms of energy consumption. The overall network of the proposed system at various nodes was evaluated in Figure 5. The network lifetime seems to decrease for the processing rounds from 50 milliseconds to 300 milliseconds. It was observed that the network lifetime varies between 11000 milliseconds to 2500 milliseconds.

**TABLE 1.** Simulation Parameters

Simulation Parameters	Values
Simulation Area	200 * 200
Density of Nodes	1000 to 1500
Transmission range	20-30 ms
Radio Propagation Model	Two Ray Model
Environment	Urban
Node Initial Energy	150 J
Transmission Power (tx)	1.5 J per packet
Receiving Power (rx)	0.48 J per packet
Simulation Duration	50 Minutes
No of trails	65
Packet Size	30 Bytes

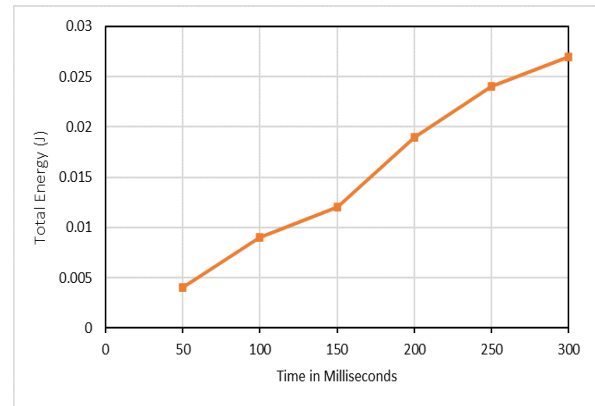


**Figure 2.** Coverage area

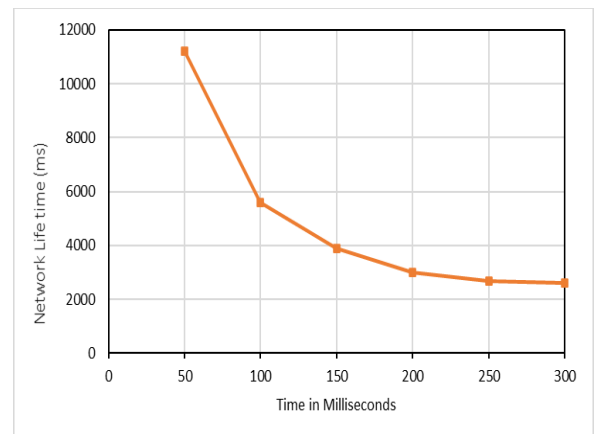


**Figure 3.** Node deployment

The average energy analysis for the proposed system has been assessed for the proposed system in Figure 6. It was observed that the average energy of each node of the



**Figure 4.** Total Energy consumption at different rounds



**Figure 5.** Overall Network Lifetime at different rounds

proposed system has been observed to be more than the existing system. Due to the prevalence of more energy the proposed system performs better in terms of performance parameters. Dead node is a generated node that is not to be expanded or explored any further. All children of a dead node have already been expanded. Figure 7 deliberates the dead node analysis for the proposed and existing system. It was observed that the existing approach has earlier dead nodes when compared to the proposed system.

Table 2 deliberates the security analysis through assessing several characteristics depicted in that table. Resiliency, efficiency, digital ledger, decentralization, smart contract and anonymity characteristics were assessed in accordance to problems such as third party access, eavesdropping, availability, single point failure, trust, immutability, botnet attacks and data privacy. These assessment proves the effective functioning of the proposed system.

Figure 8 offers a comparative assessment of the proposed method with the state of art method in terms of residual energy. This assessment proved the effectiveness of the proposed system.

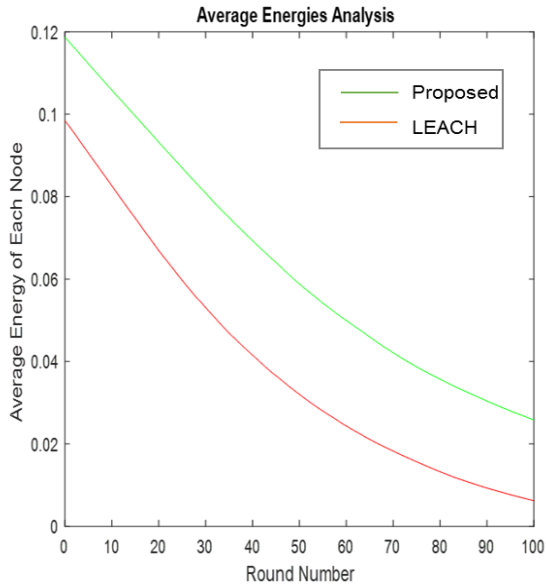


Figure 6. Average Energy Analysis

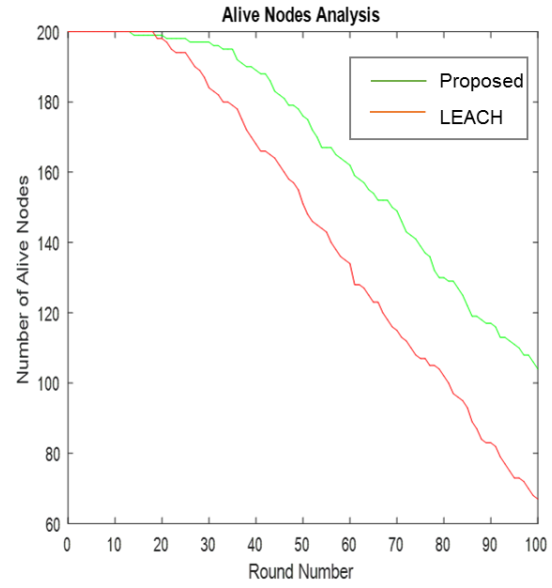


Figure 7. Alive node analysis

TABLE 2. Security analysis through proposed approach

Characteristics	Resiliency	Efficiency	Digital Ledger	Decentralization	Transparent & Verifiable	Smart Contract	Anonymity
Issues							
Third Party	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Eavesdropping	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Access Control	Yes	Yes	NO	No	Yes	No	Yes
Availability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Integrity of Data	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Single Point failure	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Trust	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Botnet Attacks	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Immutability	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Data Privacy	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

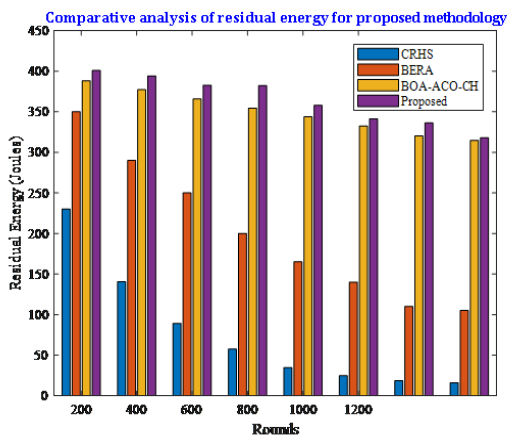


Figure 8. Comparative analysis of the residual energy of the proposed methodology

### 5. CONCLUSION

Data aggregation plays a vital role in WSN and also possess greater impact on the data transferring between the sensor nodes. ElGamal cryptosystem modifies Diffie Hellman protocol and employs Digital Signature Algorithm for signing digital documents. Hence the paper focussed on the integration of Conglomerate ElGamal Encryption and indicating the way of energy efficient protocol has been used and the performance of the proposed system are evaluated. The performance parameters such as packet delivery ratio, throughput, estimation of alive nodes and dead nodes for different rounds has been performed in the study. The efficacy of proposed framework has been compared with state of art methods in terms of residual energy and depicted that

deliberates the superior performance of the presented framework.

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## Persian Abstract

## چکیده

شبکه‌های حسگر بی‌سیم از دهه گذشته عمدتاً به دلیل کارایی و ویژگی Ad-Hoc به سرعت در حال رشد هستند. تجمع داده‌ها به‌طور گسترده در WSN استفاده شده است که همچنین بر انتقال داده بین گره‌های حسگر تأثیر می‌گذارد. مسائل امنیتی، یکپارچگی داده‌ها و محرمانه بودن در طول استقرار شبکه حسگر در یک محیط خصمانه حیاتی می‌شود. کل شبکه شامل حسگرها، ایستگاه‌های پایه، دروازه‌ها و گره‌هایی است که به منظور انتقال دیجیتال به هم متصل می‌شوند. بسیاری از کارهای موجود برای رسیدگی به مسائل امنیتی در WSN تکامل یافته‌اند، اما همه آنها فقط بر ویژگی‌های امنیتی اساسی متمرکز شده‌اند، اما از نظر پارامترهایی مانند مصرف انرژی، نسبت تحویل بسته‌ها و هزینه محاسباتی به نتایج قابل اعتماد و مؤثری دست نمی‌یابند. این مقاله بر حوزه تحقیقاتی اولیه تجمع داده‌ها و نحوه انتقال به روشی کارآمد انرژی بدون ازدحام متمرکز شده است. برای دستیابی به هدف، ادغام پروتکل کارآمد انرژی کنگلومرا ElGamal به کار گرفته شده است و عملکرد سیستم پیشنهادی مورد ارزیابی قرار می‌گیرد. از آنجایی که گره‌های محدودیت منابع شبکه حسگر بی‌سیم به انرژی کمتری برای مقابله با باتری محدود نیاز دارند، هدف اصلی کار ایجاد یک مکانیسم امنیتی کارآمد است که عملکرد شبکه را با انرژی کمتر، حداقل تاخیر و حداکثر افزایش می‌دهد. توان عملیاتی پارامترهای عملکرد مانند نسبت تحویل بسته، توان عملیاتی، تخمین گره‌های زنده و گره‌های مرده برای دوره‌های مختلف در این مطالعه انجام شده است. علاوه بر این، اثربخشی سیستم پیشنهادی با روش‌های پیشرفته از نظر انرژی باقیمانده مقایسه شده و به تصویر کشیده شده است که عملکرد برتر چارچوب ارائه شده را مد نظر دارد.