Intrinsic Hardware Security for Internet of Things Infrastructure

Internet of Things (IoT) is an emerging technology in the modern era of big data. It concerns a variety of applications ranging from smart homes, connected vehicles to smart factories and more. IoT infrastructure typically comprises millions of connected objects and devices that store and exchange sensitive and confidential information. Theft and fraud scenarios, such as hacking and identity forgery, are serious threats to such IoT devices. Embedded hardware security techniques could be a potential solution to preserve the highest level of security within this infrastructure.

Physically unclonable functions (PUFs) are among the potential solution to data security and counterfeiting problems. On-chip security can be implemented during chip production utilizing chip integration techniques. Recently, nanostructured PUF security have been proposed as a promising intrinsic security solution as well. Many more intrinsic hardware security techniques are underway for a highly-secure IoT infrastructure as strongly demanded by the IoT community.

The focus of this special issue is to provide readers with the latest advances in securing IoT infrastructure from the physical layer point-of-view. IEEE Journal of Internet of Things invites authors to submit original contributions and survey manuscripts to this special issue. Some of the topics to be covered here include (but are not limited to):

- Physically Unclonable Functions (PUFs).
- Nanostructured PUFs.
- Inkjet-Printed PUFs.
- RF Fingerprinting Techniques.
- Embedded Chip Security.
- Secure Near-Field Communications.
- Applied Cryptographic Algorithms.
- Optical PUFs.
- Securing RFID Grids.
- Hardware-Based Cryptography.
- RF Certificates-of-Authenticity (RFCoA).
- RF Distinct Native Attributes (RF-DNA).
- PUF Integration and Packaging.
- Fingerprint Classification Techniques.
- Hardware Level Security for LPWANs.
- Secret Key Generation.
- Physically Obfuscated Keys (POKs).

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