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PROJECT TITLE:

Securing Spectrum Connectivity:
Over-the-Air Authentication Using
Radio Frequency Fingerprinting

CORE CHALLENGE:

Security



CHALLENGE:

Today's networks trust devices based on passwords and software credentials that can be hacked or stolen.

In the future billions of IoT devices are likely to be used in sectors such as healthcare and in smart cities.



INNOVATION:

By reading a device's unique radio 'fingerprint' at the physical layer, we can verify its identity the moment we add additional security to networks.



This means, ML-enabled, PHY layer radio frequency fingerprint identification (RFFI) for authenticating wireless radio devices. Rather than authenticating users, this technology authenticates devices.



IMPACT:

As we connect more and more devices (including IoT, smartwatches and phones and smart home devices) we need new ways to protect networks from fake or malicious devices.



Traditional security methods (like passwords) can be hacked but using a device's own physical signal as its ID is much harder to fake. This development will help citizens remain secure.

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