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## INTRODUCTION

The underlying rationale for the recent conceptualization of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) has been to leverage the Internet of Things (IoT) and apply its advantages to the industrial wireless sensor networks (IWSNs) in order to create interconnected industrial environments. IWSNs play an essential part in the management and operation of industrial machinery across a wide range of sectors. The main task of an IWSNs is to monitor the performance of different devices through the collection, storage, and retrieval of data in real-time in an industrial environment. The application of the IWSNs framework in such systems is intended to increase optimization and improve industrial automation processes. Regardless of its advantages, the IWSN suffers from many security and privacy issues like data leaking, node compromise, authentication and authorization problems, data loss, and many more. The authentication problem is the most widespread concern among all the issues because all the sensing devices are located

and accessed remotely. A false authentication may hamper the complete security of the system. The first security step must be strong so that no unauthorized user can access the system. Several authenticated key agreement schemes are proposed, but they are limited to only one device at a time. In some scenarios, the IIoT networks are closed so no unauthorized user can access the internal networks of the system. But, still, the authentication problem for insider users is present. An insider attack can be possible and creates an issue if the authentication mechanism is not much strong. Thus, these issues motivated us to design a dynamic deep learning-based solution named the Quantum Readout Gradient secured Deep Learning (QR-GSDL) for the authenticity of the sensor-based IIoT networks. The proposed model will work on a different layer for insider user authentication and authorization purpose. The proposed authentication steps included an improvement in the authentication rate with minimum time consumption and delay. One of the most well-known models that has been utilized in the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) domain is the online threshold anomaly detection model. It employs a learning method based on statistical formulations to distinguish the characteristics of devices and flag any differences in those characteristics as anomalies Li et al. (2019). The model is independent in terms of device operations because statistical data about the system is acquired by using the IoT application program interface. For this model, multiple machine learning techniques have been introduced in the training process, and the performance on normal systems was designed in a similar manner. The model is able to detect anomalous activities in an efficient manner by summing cumulative operations and using localized outliers, thereby improving accuracy and simultaneously reducing false alarms. However, despite improvements in the accuracy and false alarm rates, this model does not address the issue of the security of data communication in the context of the industrial sector.

The other well-recognized model that has been employed in the IIoT is the machine learning-based anomaly detection model Zolanvari et al. (2019). This model was developed to address the most prevalent susceptibility in the IIoT, namely, the injection attack. There are three main forms of injection attacks that can be mitigated by applying machine learning techniques: command injection, structured query language, and backdoor attacks. Through the adoption of a machine learning-based approach, not only was it demonstrated that the attack detection rate was improved, but there was also a steep reduction in the value of the mean absolute error. However, despite the improvement in the attack detection rate and the minimization of the mean absolute error, the false-negative rate was not minimized by machine learning-based anomaly detection. In other words, anomaly intruders were still incorrectly detected, thus leading to a lack of overall efficacy.

In Yuan et al. (2020), a dynamic CNN (DCNN) technique is planned to learn the hierarchical local nonlinear dynamic features of soft sensor modeling. Every 1D process sample in DCNN is dynamically increased into a 2D data sample with lagged unlabeled process variables, comprising both spatial cross-relationships and temporal auto-correlations. Then, to derive the local nonlinear spatial-temporal function from the 2D sample data matrix, the convolutional and pooling layers are alternately used. In addition, the concept of how the local nonlinear spatial-temporal function can be taught from the network is studied for DCNN. In an industrial hydrocracking process, the efficacy of the proposed DCNN is tested. However, the authors did not provide any proof of the energy efficiency of their approach Alzubi et al. (2020b) Alzubi et al. (2020a).

In this paper, a deep learning-based solution is presented to overcome the security issues that currently exist in the authentication and authorization protocol for the industrial wireless sensor network (IWSN). The proposed solution employs a novel model named the Quantum Readout Gradient secured Deep Learning (QR-GSDL) model. This model first verifies the authenticity of a given sensor seeking access to data in the IWSN by using a quantum readout and hash (QRH) function. This registration process facilitates effective validation and therefore reduces the false acceptance rate. Next, the security issues inherent in the authentication and authorization procedure are addressed by using a gradient sparse auto deep learning algorithm. This type of algorithm was adopted because it was envisaged that its usage would lead to an improvement in the authentication rate (AR) with minimum time consumption and delay. Accordingly, the designed model substantially minimizes the false acceptance rate (FAR), leading to an improvement in both the authentication rate and authentication time (AT).

We believe that the best-suited real-world environment to implement our proposed QR-GSDL model is in industrial applications such as machine health, automated metering, remote monitoring, and staff management. The only requirement is that the pre-defined setting of IWSN be stationary.

# RELATED WORK

With the advancement of technologies, because of their benefits over conventional wired networks, wireless sensor networks (WSNs) have fantastic deployment opportunities for industrial scenarios. However, fully integrated mechanized processes and wireless networking conditions allow the high security and low energy consumption requirements of industrial wireless sensor networks (IWSNs) more stringent. We will discuss the relevant work in this section from the point of view of security and energy consumption. Many researchers presume industrial wireless sensor networks and present different authentication and authorization schemes. However, these schemes were not ideal for IWSN. This is due to the fact that in terms of energy efficiency and computing overhead, node authentication by cluster head on a regular basis results in considerable overhead.

Several studies have been conducted in the area of deep learning to make the IoT-enabled WSN more efficient, robust, and secure Alzubi et al. (2019b). The works that are most relevant to this paper include the deep learning model that was proposed in Liang et al. (2020). This model is based on edge computing and aimed at minimizing the traffic (data transmissions) in the network to reduce network congestion while maintaining classification accuracy. However, the method in Liang et al. (2020) did not provide each user with data privacy. Therefore, to address this privacy issue, two privacy-preserving deep learning models named DeepPAR and DeepDPA were presented in Zhang et al. (2020). The DeepPAR model offered a mechanism that prevented a user's information from being leaked to others while keeping the secrecy level dynamically updated. To address this issue, the DeepDPA model applied a set of key management techniques to guarantee the backward secrecy of group participants. However, DeepDPA and DeepPAR were not able to minimize the false acceptance rate. Therefore, the design of the proposed QR-GSDL model is aimed at addressing the data privacy problem while at the same time minimizing the false acceptance rate.

Another deep learning model was proposed in Liao et al. (2019) in order to improve the authentication performance of the IWSN. The model employed three methods to authenticate sensor nodes. Each of these methods was based on a machine learning algorithm. The first one applied an improved algorithm based on a convolution preprocessing neural network (CPNN), the second utilized a deep neural network, and the third one used a convolutional neural network. Although the model required minimal computing resources to reduce the latency in performing multi-node authentication, it failed to reduce the authentication time, even when using a so-called improved CPNN-based algorithm. Hence, it is anticipated that the proposed QR-GSDL model will overcome the time consumption-related shortcoming encountered in Liao et al. (2019) through the use of a quantum readout and hash (QRH) function to verify and validate the authentication of the sensor in a minimal amount of time. It is also envisaged that the use of a QRH function in the proposed QR-GSDL model will also be able to minimize the volume of network traffic and consequently reduce communication costs. Thus, overcoming the communication cost limitation of the deployment-based optimization model that was introduced in Li et al. (2017) to ensure network security and simultaneously improve network lifetime.

Despite the above achievements in the area of deep learning, a survey of the application of deep learning tools in the smart industry presented in Ma et al. (2019) concluded that while deep learning provides an opportunity to solve many classical issues, authentication and authorization problems are not tackled. Therefore, as a first step in addressing these problems, the QR-GSDL model is designed in such a way as to ensure that the gateway node in the IWSN checks the authenticity of the sensor node that is seeking access to information in the IWSN, thereby guaranteeing correct and appropriate authorization.

Other works have also explored methods to improve authentication. For instance, in Chen et al. (2020), a secure authentication scheme was introduced that depended on credential and dynamic IDs for WSNs in IoT environments. For the scheme, an authentication key agreement protocol based on three parties was designed using the Burrows–Abhadi–Needham logic method. It was reported that the scheme was able to ensure low computational and communication costs, but it was admitted that the false acceptance rate was not improved. Consequently, the gradient secured deep learning method is integrated into the proposed QR-GSDL model in order to achieve a reduction in the false acceptance rate.

Jiang et al. propose a re-authentication scheme for the Voronoi graph-based network model. The scheme maintains anonymity while using fewer resources than the previous schemes. The system, however, suggests neighbor wandering, which might not be ideal for a realistic situation. Also, they did prove the efficiency of their model in terms of energy consumption Alrabea et al. (2020) Alzubi et al. (2019a).

In an alternative attempt to improve the security aspect of the WSN, a convolutional technique (CT) was developed in Alghamdi (2019), which involved generating security bits using convolutional codes. The aim of the CT was to protect the WSN from attacks caused by malicious nodes. The designed technique improved network security and minimized computational complexity because no key distribution was needed. However, authentication time was not minimized by CT. Thus, a gradient secured deep learning method is included in the proposed QR-GSDL model in order to attempt to reduce the time consumed in the authentication procedure.

Industrial wireless sensor networks, which are an evolved category of WSN in which sensors are combined to monitor the status of equipment and to control systems in real-time, also have limitations related to security, privacy, and energy. To address these drawbacks in the IWSN context, a lightweight decision-making framework based on trust value identification was designed in Ramesh and Yaashuwanth (2019). The lightweight trust framework was used for quality of service clustering in order to perform the secure routing process. A quantifiable trust value was determined through the cluster head within the cluster. It was claimed that flawed, untrusted, counteract, and malicious nodes could be predicted using this framework. However, the communication cost was not minimized. Therefore, in the QR-GSDL model, quantum sparse auto-encoding and decoding are employed to reduce the communication cost in the IWSN system.

A different protocol named secure directed diffusion was suggested in Sengupta et al. (2018). This protocol depended on binding the node's geographic location and ID in order to induce a cryptographic key based on the location. The produced key then formed the foundation of a neighborhood authentication process for the IWSN. However, only theoretical statements were provided regarding the effectiveness of this authentication process and the computational overhead.

On the other hand, in Qureshi et al. (2020), a centroid position analysis was performed in an attempt to decrease data transmission failure and delay. In addition, a gateway clustering routing protocol was used for cluster head selection from the centroid position. Then the gateway node minimized the load from the cluster head nodes and transmitted the data to the base station. However, security issues were not taken into consideration. Therefore, in our proposed approach, an authentication process is carried out to establish secure communication.

Cooperation between the sensors that are communicating with a central base station is one of the factors that contribute to security. In light of this, cryptographic algorithms based on secret keys were designed in Tahir et al. (2018) in which the ICMetric method employed the device features to generate secret keys for use in cryptographic services. However, the proposed method failed to offer an effective authentication process that at the same time did not increase resource overheads. Hence, in the proposed QR-GSDL model, a gradient secured deep learning algorithm performs the authentication to allow secure data communication.

An energy-efficient data transmission mechanism is proposed to improve emergency data transmission by increasing accuracy and decreasing packet delay Sheikh et al. (2012) Singanamalla et al. (2019) Nazir et al. (2020). It was claimed that the scheme was reliable, but a mechanism for ensuring the security of data transmission was not presented. In contrast, an authentication process is carried out in the QR-GSDL model to enable secure data transmission.

A cooperative mechanism was presented in Iqbal et al. (2017) to reduce both the false alarm rate and energy consumption. The designed mechanism improved the probability of accurate decisions being made at a specified signal level. Also, the suggested mechanism in Iqbal et al. (2017) was reported to be able to achieve a reduction in the false alarm rate, but only for indoor IWSNs. However, it was not particularly efficient in terms of energy consumption in relation to the time needed to perform its computations. Therefore, quantum sparse encoding and decoding are used in our proposed QR-GSDL model in order to reduce computation time Sheikh et al. (2016) Alrabea et al. (2019) Alzubi et al. (2014).

The three issues of security, network lifetime, and coverage were handled in Cao et al. (2020) by converting the disjoint routing paths to address the flow issues. However, despite an improvement being observed in security and coverage, optimization and operation time were not focused on. Therefore, again the quantum sparse encoding and decoding approach is used in the proposed model in order to minimize time consumption.

To address the issue of security, in Cao et al. (2019), multi-objective evolutionary algorithms were designed for a heterogeneous WSN. Moreover, a 3D signal propagation model used the line-of-sight idea to determine the signal path loss. However, the security level was not improved by the designed

210 model. Hence, the gradient secured deep learning model is employed in the current study to perform  
211 authentication for secure data communication.

212 Another password-based authentication scheme was proposed in Lee et al. (2018) to verify security  
213 with minimal communication and computation cost. However, the communication and computation  
214 overheads were not minimized by the developed password-based authentication scheme. Therefore, in the  
215 proposed model, quantum sparse encoding and decoding are used with the expectation that this approach  
216 can reduce the computation overhead.

217 Lastly, a mutual authentication system integrating temporal credentials and multiple passwords was  
218 proposed in Liu et al. (2017) in order to minimize the overheads. However, while the authentication time  
219 was reduced, the false alarm rate was not minimized. Therefore, in the proposed QR-SGDL model, the  
220 QRH is used to offload the false alarm rate.

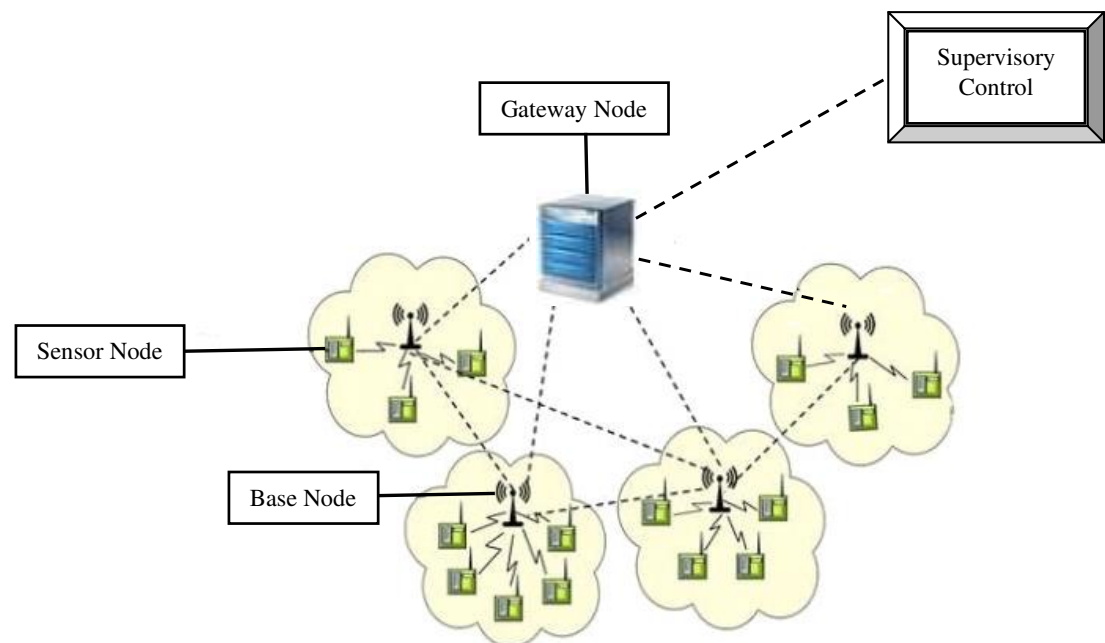
221 Motivated by the above issues encountered in related studies, in this work, a novel model for IWSN,  
222 named the Quantum Readout Gradient Secured Deep Learning (QR-GSDL) model, is developed in order  
223 to improve not only the authentication rate but also the authentication time and false acceptance rate. In  
224 the following, an elaboration of the QR-GSDL model is presented.

## 225 QUANTUM READOUT GRADIENT SECURED DEEP LEARNING IN IWSN

226 In this section, we present our proposed model, QR-SGDL, which consists of three phases: i) secure and  
227 energy-efficient localization, ii) sensor node registration, and iii) authentication. The system model and  
228 the three phases of QR-SGDL are elaborated on in the following subsections.

### 229 System model

230 Figure 1 provides the system model of IWSN where the QR-SGDL model will be implemented. The  
231 IWSN system model comprises four entities: a number of sensor nodes, a number of base stations, a  
232 gateway node and a supervisory control unit connected to a network Zolanvari et al. (2019).



**Figure 1.** System model for an industrial wireless sensor network.

233 Generally, several different sensors are deployed in an industrial plant for monitoring purposes. Here,  
234 the sensors which consume lesser energy for sensing the industrial plants are chosen. These sensors gather  
235 the data packets from their adjacent environment and communicate them to the gateway node via one or  
236 more base stations. Next, the gateway node transmits the acquired data packets to the supervisory control  
237 unit through a secure channel.

238 The gateway node gathered two types of packets- data packets and control packets- from the sensor  
239 nodes. Before collecting the data packets, the gateway node ensures that these packets are originated from  
240 authenticated sensor nodes and verifies whether the sensor node has been tampered with or not. This will  
241 be accomplished by applying the Quantum Readout Hash registration which is explained thoroughly in  
242 algorithm 1. After attaining the data, the QR-GSDL method analyzes the data about industrial plants in  
243 order to maintain green sustainability.

#### 244 **System architecture of the QR-SGDL model**

245 The proposed QR-SGDL model uses deep learning concepts to perform multiple processes in several  
246 layers. The deep learning network uses one input layer, two hidden layers, and one output layer for  
247 improving security during data access and to improve the green sustainability of the network. The  
248 feed-forward fashion deep learning network collects the nodes in the input layer, learns in the hidden  
249 layers, and transforms the results into an output layer.

250 The system architecture of the QR-SGDL model is designed to address energy and green sustainability  
251 issues by analyzing the industrial plant's data. It also aims to handle security issues such as authentication  
252 and authorization in the IWSN by achieving a minimum false acceptance rate.

253 In the IWSN, the upper layer of the architecture is a transmission layer comprising base stations,  
254 sensor nodes, gateway node, and supervisory control unit. All of these elements can be found in any  
255 industry-enabled architecture, and this configuration realizes the separation of the deep learning model  
256 and the IWSN model. The energy-efficient sensor node represents the input part while the supervisory  
257 control node represents the calculation part. With the deep learning model enabled in the IWSN, we  
258 construct a quantum sparse auto encoder (QSAE). In the proposed model, the QSAE handles energy,  
259 green sustainability, and security issues (i.e. authentication and authorization) in the IWSN.

260 During the training stage, the supervisory control unit sends a data access request made by a given  
261 sensor to the input layers. The QSAE checks for energy availability, authenticity, and authorization of  
262 the sensor by employing the quantum readout function to ensure smooth communication between the  
263 sensor and the supervisory control unit with a minimum false acceptance rate. The verification of energy  
264 availability, authenticity, and authorization by QSAE will be discussed in the coming sections. The  
265 supervisory control unit thus ensures energy consumption, authenticity, and authorization via the gateway  
266 node based on this security mechanism. When the sensor has been authenticated and authorized, it is  
267 allowed to implement its process.

#### 268 **Sensor node registration phase**

269 The registration process for the minimal energy consumed sensor is carried out by the gateway node by  
270 means of a QRH model. This QRH model is used because it can accurately verify the authenticity of an  
271 object. The registration procedure employed by the QRH model is illustrated by means of an activity  
272 diagram in Figure 2.

273 Let us assume that a sensor  $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n)$  wants to access the data (or data packets)  $DP =$   
274  $(DP_1, DP_2, \dots, DP_n)$  in IWSN. The sensor registers the sensor's details in the gateway node  $GN$ . To mini-  
275 mize the false acceptance rate, an integrated QRH function is used. The pseudocode representation of  
276 Quantum Readout Hash registration is detailed in Algorithm 1.

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#### **Algorithm 1** Quantum readout hash registration

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**Input:** Sensor  $S = S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ , Gateway Node  $GN$ , Base Station  $BS = BS_1, BS_2, \dots, BS_n$

**Output:** Authentic sensor registration

**Begin:**

**for each** Sensor  $S$  with Gateway Node  $GN$  and Base Station  $BS$  **do**

        Obtain identity and request registration using equation 1

        Obtain arbitrary challenge using equation 2

        Obtain single quantum using equation 3

        Obtain interim identity and quasi congruence using equation 4

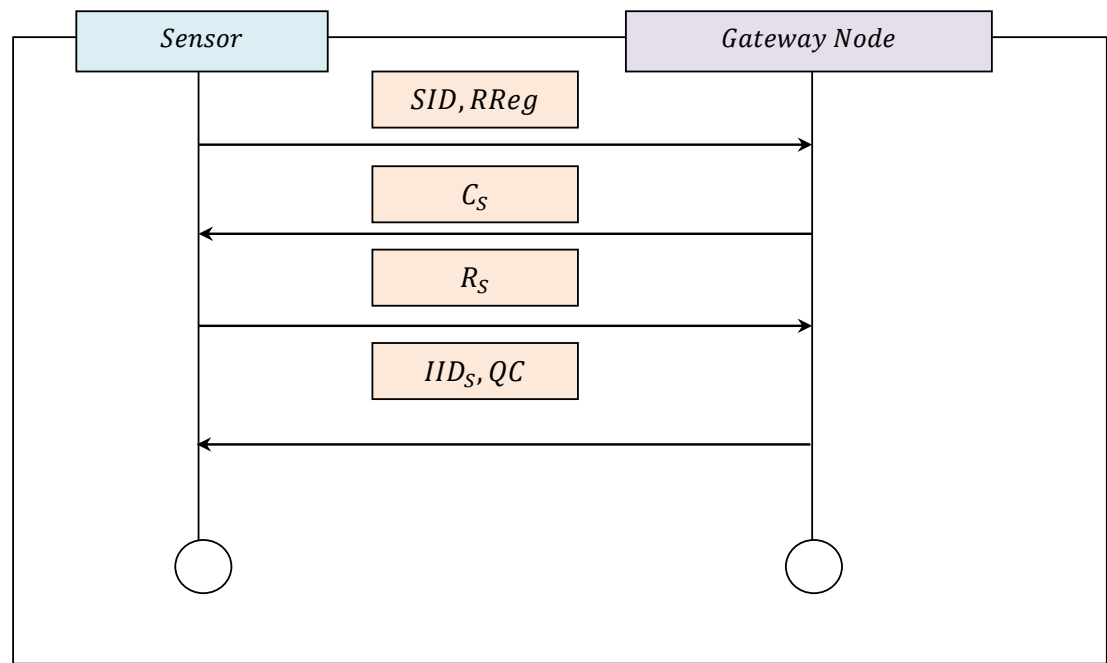
        Evaluate hash function using equation 5

**Return:** authentic sensor registration

**end for**

**End**

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**Figure 2.** Registration activity diagram.

277 The sensor registration process explained in Algorithm 1, starts when sensor  $S$  chooses an identity  
 278  $SID$  and relays  $(SID, RReg)$  to the gateway node via a secure channel. Here,  $RReg$  represents the request  
 279 made by the sensor for registration.

$$S : (SID, RReg) \rightarrow GN \quad (1)$$

280 Upon reception of the request made by the sensor for registration, the gateway node produces an  
 281 arbitrary challenge  $C_S$  for the sensor and sends  $C_S$  to the sensor  $S$  via a secure channel as given by:

$$GN : (C_S) \rightarrow S \quad (2)$$

282 After receiving  $C_S$ , the sensor extracts the quantum readout  $QR$  outputs  $R_S = Q_D(C_S)$  and sends  $R_S$  to  
 283 the gateway node  $GN$ . Here,  $QR$  outputs  $R_S$  to verify the authenticity of quantum data packet  $Q_D$  that  
 284 claims to be from a given source or sensor. A single quantum  $Q$  is produced in a random manner for each  
 285 sensor, therefore minimizing the false accept rate, the energy consumption, and improving the authenticity  
 286 rate.

$$S : (R_S) \rightarrow GN \quad (3)$$

287 Subsequently, the gateway node produces an interim identity  $IID_S$  and a set of Quasi Congruence  
 288  $QC = (qc_1, qc_2, \dots, qc_n)$  and then transmits  $(IID_S, QC)$  to the sensor  $S$  in order to facilitate communication  
 289 with  $S$ .

$$GN : (IID_S, QC) \rightarrow S \quad (4)$$

290 Finally, the sensor  $S$  input a one-time password  $OTP$  for the particular session  $s$  and stores them in its  
 291 base station. Next,  $S$  extracts the hash intermediate output  $\alpha_s = Q_D(OTP_s)$ . The sensor selects the session  
 292 password  $spwd_s$  and inputs  $spwd_s$  into the base station which evaluates the hash function  $\beta$  for validation,  
 293 as presented in Equation 5.

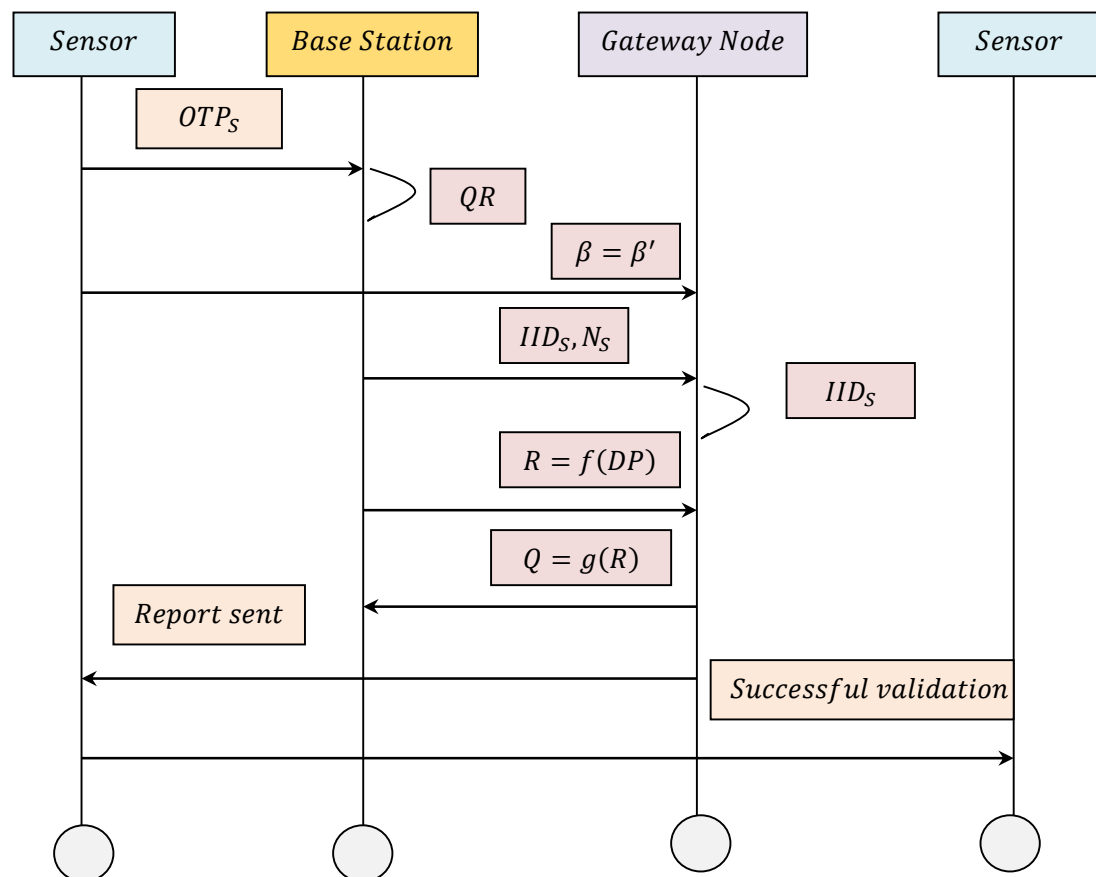


$$\beta = \text{HASH}(\alpha_s || \text{spwd}_s) \quad (5)$$

By applying the above-integrated functions, it is considered to be possible to achieve authentic sensor registration with a minimum false acceptance rate.

## GRADIENT SECURED DEEP LEARNING MODEL

Let us assume that a sensor  $S$  wants to acquire industrial plant data from a specific sensor in the IWSN. Then, mutual authentication between the two sensors  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  has to be established, where the identity of the sensor has to be checked prior to providing access. With authenticated nodes, the gateway node checks sensor node access for guaranteeing energy-efficient authorization. First, authentication is performed by means of gradient secure localization method, and then energy-efficient authorization is done by means of a quantum sparse encoding and decoding approach. The activity diagram for the energy-efficient authentication and authorization procedure is shown in Figure 3. More details are given for the proposed authentication process as a flow diagram, which is shown in Figure 4. The pseudo code representation of Gradient Sparse Auto Deep Learning for energy-efficient and secure communication is detailed in Algorithm 2.



**Figure 3.** energy-efficient authentication and authorization activity diagram.

As presented in Algorithm 2, the mutual authentication process performed by the gateway node  $GN$  and the designated sensor is as follows. First, the sensor  $S$  initially inputs a one-time password  $OTP_S$ . Next, the base station extracts the quantum readout  $QR$  output  $R_S$ . Then, the gateway node  $GN$  calculates  $\beta' = \text{HASH}(\alpha_s || \text{spwd}_s)$  and compares the computed  $\beta'$  with the stored  $\beta$ . In this work, the comparison is done based on the localization concept, whereby industrial data in the IIoT are gathered by

sensors in distinct locations and sent to the servers to facilitate analysis. Most of the current localization systems measure local deviation with respect to neighbor based on reachability distance Li et al. (2019) or according to local deviation factor. However, in the real world, those that are present within the IIoT environment may attempt to interrupt this localization process. When successful, such attacks may compromise certain sensors and thus critically falsify the entire environment. To address this issue, first, in this work, an energy-efficient and secure localization method based on gradient associating sensors is presented.

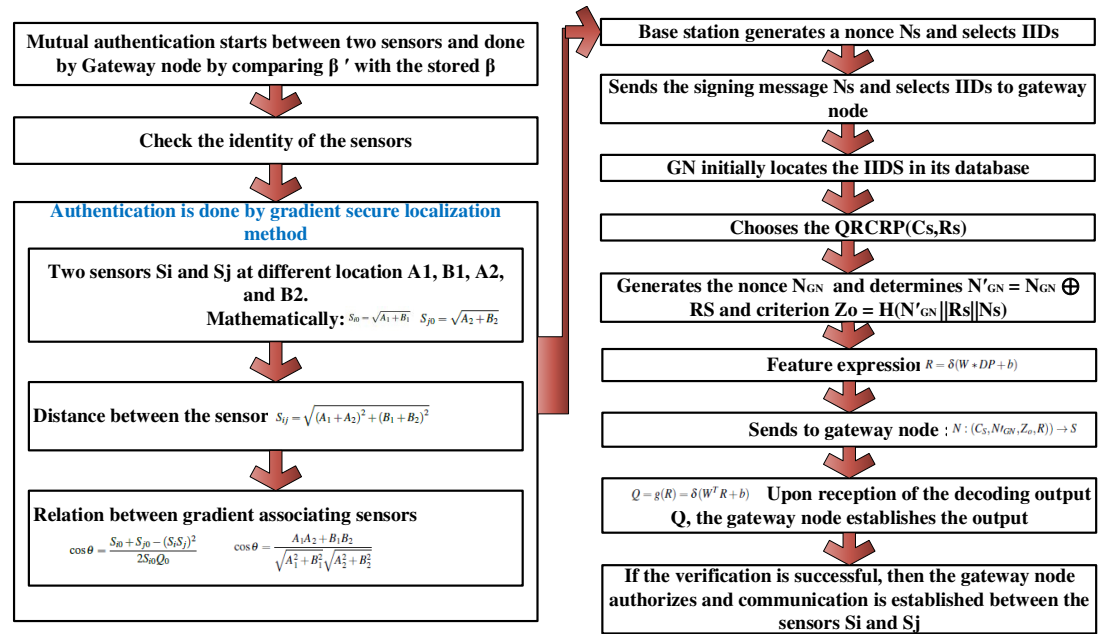


Figure 4. Flow diagram of proposed authentication process

Let us consider sensors  $S_i$  and  $S_j$  at different locations  $A_1, B_1, A_2$  and  $B_2$ , mathematically formulated as given below.

$$S_{i0} = \sqrt{A_1 + B_1} \quad (6)$$

$$S_{j0} = \sqrt{A_2 + B_2} \quad (7)$$

Based on equations 6 and 7, the distance between the sensors is mathematically calculated by applying equation 8.

$$S_{ij} = \sqrt{(A_1 + A_2)^2 + (B_1 + B_2)^2} \quad (8)$$

However, in order to analyze the relation between gradient associating sensors, it is computed by equations 9 and 10.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{S_{i0} + S_{j0} - (S_i S_j)^2}{2 S_{i0} Q_0} \quad (9)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{A_1 A_2 + B_1 B_2}{\sqrt{A_1^2 + B_1^2} \sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2}} \quad (10)$$

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**Algorithm 2** Gradient sparse auto deep learning

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**Input:** Sensor  $S = S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ , Gateway Node  $GN$ , Base Station  $BS = BS_1, BS_2, \dots, BS_n$

**Output:** energy-efficient and secure communication

**Begin:**

**for each** Sensor  $S$  with Gateway Node  $GN$  and Base Station  $BS$  **do**

    Obtain energy-efficient secure localization based on gradients associating sensors using equations 9 and 10

**Authentication:**

**if** disclosed locations equal **then**

      Authentication successful

      Go to **Authorization**

**else**

      Authentication is not successful

      Session is terminated

**end if**

**Authorization:**

    Perform Quantum Sparse Auto-Encoding using equation 11

    Perform Quantum Sparse Auto Decoding using equation 13

**if**  $R=Q$  **then**

      energy-efficient authorization is successful

      energy-efficient secure communication

**else**

      energy-efficient authorization not successful

      Session is terminated

**end if**

**end for**

**End**

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326 By introducing the Gradient Secure Localization (GSL) method, security, energy efficiency, and green  
 327 sustainability can be ensured even in the presence of attacks. In this manner, with the location verification  
 328 by the GSL method, the precision or exactness of the disclosed locations of the sensors is made in an  
 329 effective fashion, therefore ensuring authentication. Note that the comparison here is made based on the  
 330 disclosed locations. If they are not equal, the session is terminated. Upon successful comparison, the base  
 331 station perceives  $S$  as a normal sensor.

332 Next, the base station generates a nonce  $N_S$  and selects  $IID_S$  as the interim identity of the sensor, and  
 333 sends the signing message  $IID_S, N_S$  via a secure channel. After obtaining the signing on message, the gate-  
 334 way node  $GN$  initially locates the  $IID_S$  in its database. The gateway node then chooses the  $QRCRP(C_S, R_S)$ ,  
 335 generates the nonce  $N_{GN}$  and determines  $N'_{GN} = N_{GN} \oplus R_S$  and criterion  $Z_o = H(N'_{GN} || R_S || N_S)$ . With  
 336 the obtained criterion, in order to ensure that only authorized sensors communicate with each other,  
 337 encryption and decryption are conducted using the  $QSAE$ . Moreover, the presence of three different layers  
 338 in the system architecture (i.e., input layer, hidden layer, and output layer) reduces the false acceptance  
 339 rate and ensures more accurate energy-efficient authorization. Here,  $R$  represents the feature expression of  
 340 the output layer and encoding is performed as shown in equation 11.

$$R = \delta(W * DP + b) \quad (11)$$

341 From equation 11, the data packets required by the sensor are represented as vector  $DP = [DP^1, DP^2, \dots, DP^n]$ ,  
 342 where  $n$  denotes the total number of the input sensors. In addition, vector  $R = [R^1, R^2, \dots, R^m]$ , represents  
 343 the feature expression of the hidden layer, where  $m$  represents the sensors of the hidden layers. Finally,  
 344  $b$  represents the bias vectors and  $W$  the weight matrix from input to hidden layer, respectively, while  
 345  $\delta$  denotes the activation function. Finally, the gateway node formulates a message and sends it to the  
 346 respective sensor as presented in equation 12.

$$N : (C_S, N'_{GN}, Z_o, R) \rightarrow S \quad (12)$$

347 Upon reception of the message as given 12, the base station  $BS$  of the corresponding sensor  $S$  extracts  
 348  $R_S = Q_D(C_S)$  and verifies the criterion  $Z_o$ . Upon successful verification, the base station asks  $S$  to input  
 349 its identity  $S_iID$  and the sensor identity  $S_jID$  that it needs to access. The decoding process obtains the  
 350 reconstructed vector  $R$  of the output layer from the hidden layer value  $R$ , and this is mathematically  
 351 formulated as in equation 13.

$$Q = g(R) = \delta(W^T R + b) \quad (13)$$

352 In equation 13,  $Q = [Q^{(1)}, Q^{(2)}, \dots, Q^{(n)}]$  and  $W^T$  represents the weight. Upon reception of the decoding  
 353 output  $Q$ , the gateway node establishes the output. If the verification is successful, then the gateway node  
 354 authorizes the sensor, and successful energy-efficient communication is thus established between the  
 355 sensors  $S_i$  and  $S_j$ ; otherwise, the process is terminated.

## 356 SIMULATION SETUP

357 In order to examine the performance of the proposed QR-GSDL model in an IIoT system operation, a  
 358 simulation environment is set up using Network Simulator 2 (NS2) with plants data collected by IoT  
 359 devices downloaded from the Kaggle Website<sup>1</sup>. The dataset is composed of 7 attributes and 16382  
 360 instances. The attributes are demand\_response, area, season, energy, cost, pair no, and distance. The  
 361 dataset comprises the common information to facilitate the development of a demand response (DR)  
 362 energy management system for industrial customers. IoT platform improves the inter connectivity of  
 363 entities in industrial energy management systems and minimizes the energy costs of industrial facilities.  
 364 In our simulations, networks with a designated number of sensors are distributed in a random pattern  
 365 within an area of  $1500m \times 1500m$ . The number of sensors is varied from 50 to 500. The positioning  
 366 of nodes is made in a random fashion. Finally, the chosen simulation runs were 10 due to the fact that  
 367 after the 10<sup>th</sup> run, there was a very small gain in the criteria values. We believe this is an advantage of our  
 368 proposed model where it converges after a low number of simulation runs compared with the existing  
 369 models in the literature Li et al. (2019); Zolanvari et al. (2019); Yuan et al. (2020) where they converge  
 370 after 45 simulation runs. Table 1 provides the simulation parameters used in our work.

**Table 1.** Simulation parameters

Parameters	Description
Simulation time	50s
Area size	$1500m \times 1500m$
Number of sensors	50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500
Sensor placement	Random distribution
Transmission range	400m
Simulation runs	10

## 371 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

372 The performance of the proposed QR-GSDL is compared with three well-known models: online threshold  
 373 anomaly detection Li et al. (2019), machine learning-based anomaly detection Zolanvari et al. (2019),  
 374 and dynamic CNN Yuan et al. (2020). The performance analysis is based on three measures: energy  
 375 consumption, false acceptance rate, authentication rate, and authentication time. The experimental results  
 376 are presented in the form of tables and graphs.

### 377 Performance analysis of energy consumption

378 Energy consumption is defined as the product of a number of samples and energy consumed by one sensor  
 379 node for performing authorization to achieve secured communication green sustainability. It is computed  
 380 as:

<sup>1</sup>kaggle. INDUSTRIAL INTERNET OF THINGS DATA [Online].Website: <https://www.kaggle.com/pitasr/industrialiot> [accessed 27-12-2020].

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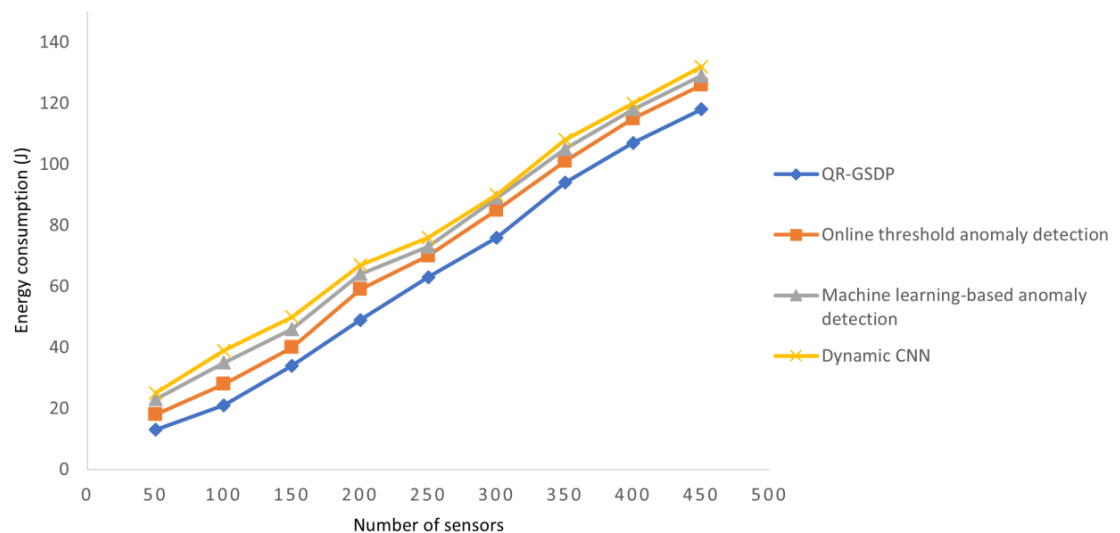
$$EC = \sum_{i=1}^n Samples_i \times Energyconsumedbyonesensornode \quad (14)$$

384 In Equation 14, the energy consumption  $EC$  is computed based on the samples considered for  
 385 experimentation ( $Samples_i$ ) and energy consumed for authorization to achieve secured communication  
 386 and green sustainability. It is measured in terms of joules ( $J$ ). The energy consumed for four different  
 387 methods is given in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Energy consumption for different models and sensors

Number of sensors	False acceptance rate			
	QR-GSDL	Online threshold anomaly detection	Machine learning-based anomaly detection	Dynamic CNN
50	13	18	23	25
100	21	28	35	39
150	34	40	46	50
200	49	59	64	67
250	63	70	73	76
300	76	85	89	90
350	94	101	105	108
400	107	115	118	120
450	118	126	129	132
500	134	142	145	149

388 Table 2 and Figure 5 describe the energy consumption of the proposed method compared with the  
 389 three existing methods for a different number of sensors. The attained results illustrate that When the  
 390 number of sensors increases, the energy consumption by the sensor during the authorization also gets  
 391 increased linearly. However the the energy consumption of QR-GSDL model is lesser when compared to  
 392 Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020). The sample simulations carried out with  
 393 50 sensors show that the amount of energy consumed by one sensor for authorization using QR-GSDL is  
 394 0.26J while energy consumed by one sensor using Li et al. (2019) is 0.36J, using Zolanvari et al. (2019)  
 395 is 0.46J, and using Yuan et al. (2020) is 0.50J. The energy consumption saving is due to the application  
 396 of the Gradient Sparse Auto Deep Learning algorithm where the gateway node checks data access by the  
 397 sensors for ensuring energy-efficient and green sustainability. It is clear from the obtained results that  
 398 QR-GSDL reduces the energy consumption by 13%, 20%, and 28% when compared with Li et al. (2019),  
 399 Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020), respectively.



**Figure 5.** Comparisons of energy consumption.

#### Performance analysis of false acceptance rate

The false acceptance rate (*FAR*) is a measure of the likelihood that the IWSN will incorrectly accept an access attempt made by an unauthorized sensor. The false acceptance rate is formulated as the percentage ratio of the number of false acceptances (*FA*) to the number of sensors (*Samples*) as input, as in equation 15:

$$FAR = \frac{FA}{Samples} 100 \quad (15)$$

In equation 15, *FA* denotes the false acceptance made and a number of samples (sensors) *Samples* provided as input. It is computed in terms of percentage (%). The results of the false acceptance rate in modeling green sustainability issues in IWSN are summarized in Table 3.

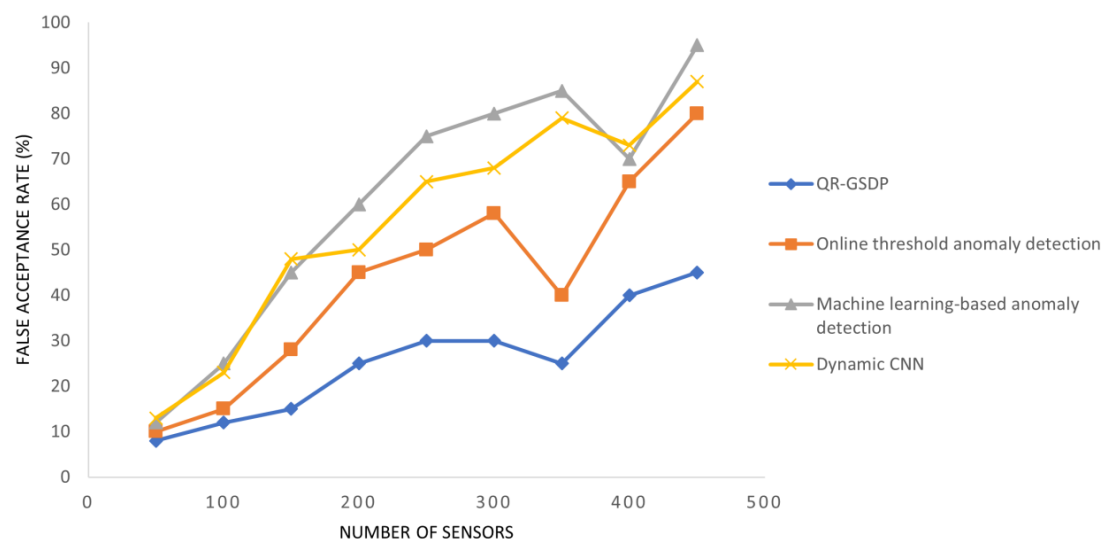
The false acceptance rates generated by the IWSN when using the proposed method and the two compared methods are presented in Table 3 and graphically illustrated in Figure 6.

It can be seen from Table 3 and Figure 6 that when the number of sensors increases, the number of sensors that are checked for authenticity by the supervisory control unit via the gateway node also increased. Correspondingly, in all four models, the false acceptance rate increases. The false rate cannot be optimized by the QR-GSDL model.

However, the proposed model is able to reduce the rate when compared to the three models. As an example, when there are 150 sensors in the simulation, the number of sensors whose information is incorrectly accepted for transmission is 15 using QR-GSDL compared to 28, 45, and 48 using the online threshold anomaly detection Li et al. (2019), machine learning-based anomaly detection Zolanvari et al. (2019), and dynamic CNN Yuan et al. (2020), respectively. Therefore, it can be inferred that the false acceptance rate is improved by QR-GSDL. It is considered that this is due to the application of an integration function, namely, QRH, which verifies and validates the authentication of the corresponding sensor in an effective manner. Also, the application of interim identity and quasi congruence results in the generation of distinct and unique identities that are not stored in the gateway node but held by the supervisory control unit. Hence the level of complexity and the false acceptance rate is reduced using QR-GSDL by 39%, 56%, 58% compared to Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020), respectively.

**Table 3.** False acceptance rate for different models and sensors

Number of sensors	False acceptance rate			
	QR-GSDL	Online threshold anomaly detection	Machine learning-based anomaly detection	Dynamic CNN
50	8	10	12	13
100	12	15	25	23
150	15	28	45	48
200	25	45	60	50
250	30	50	75	65
300	30	58	80	68
350	25	40	85	79
400	40	65	70	73
450	45	80	95	87
500	40	75	100	82



**Figure 6.** Comparisons of false acceptance rate.

#### Performance analysis of authentication rate

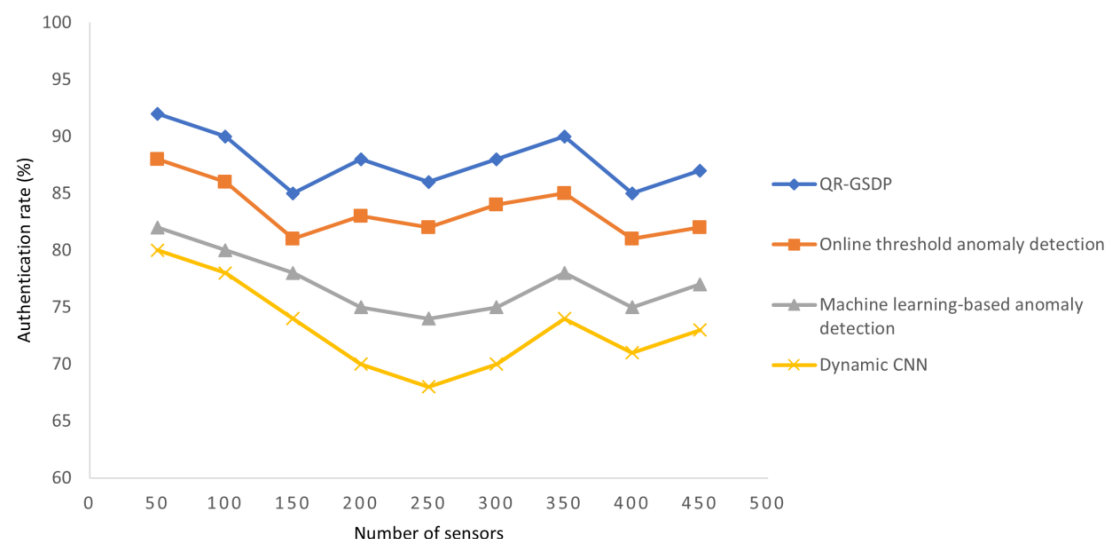
Authentication rate ( $AR$ ) is calculated as the percentage ratio of successful authentications ( $SA$ ) made by the gateway node to the number of sensors ( $Samples$ ), as in equation 16:

$$AR = \frac{SA}{Samples} 100 \quad (16)$$

The authentication rates produced by the IWSN for different numbers of sensors (ranging from 50 to 500) when using the three tested methods are presented in Table 4 and Figure 7.

**Table 4.** Authentication rate for different models and sensors

Number of sensors	False acceptance rate			
	QR-GSDL	Online threshold anomaly detection	Machine learning-based anomaly detection	Dynamic CNN
50	92	88	82	80
100	90	86	80	78
150	85	81	78	74
200	88	83	75	70
250	86	82	74	68
300	88	84	75	70
350	90	85	78	74
400	85	81	75	71
450	87	82	77	73
500	89	85	79	75



**Figure 7.** Comparisons of authentication rate.

As the number of sensors increased, the authentication rate for all four models also increased. This is because as the number of sensors increases, the frequency of sensors in the gateway node via the base station increases, so there is a higher probability of a longer amount of time being consumed for encryption and decryption to deal with the request made by each sensor.

However, significant improvement and gain increasing are trends that can be observed with the QR-GSDL approach. For instance, in the case of the simulation using 50 sensors, a total of 46 sensors are correctly authenticated as authentic sensors by the gateway node when applying QR-GSDL, whereas only 44, 41, and 40 sensors are correctly identified by applying Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020), respectively. Thus the authentication rate is higher with QR-GSDL compared to Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020). It is considered that this improvement is due to the application of a gradient sparse auto deep learning algorithm. By applying this algorithm, localization is first achieved using gradients for each sensor in a secure manner, rather than just by identifying the



distance between the sensors based on their neighbors Li et al. (2019). Hence the proposed method leads to a higher rate of correct authentications being made by the supervisory control via the gateway node of 5%, 8%, and 9% compared to Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020), respectively.

#### Performance analysis of authentication time

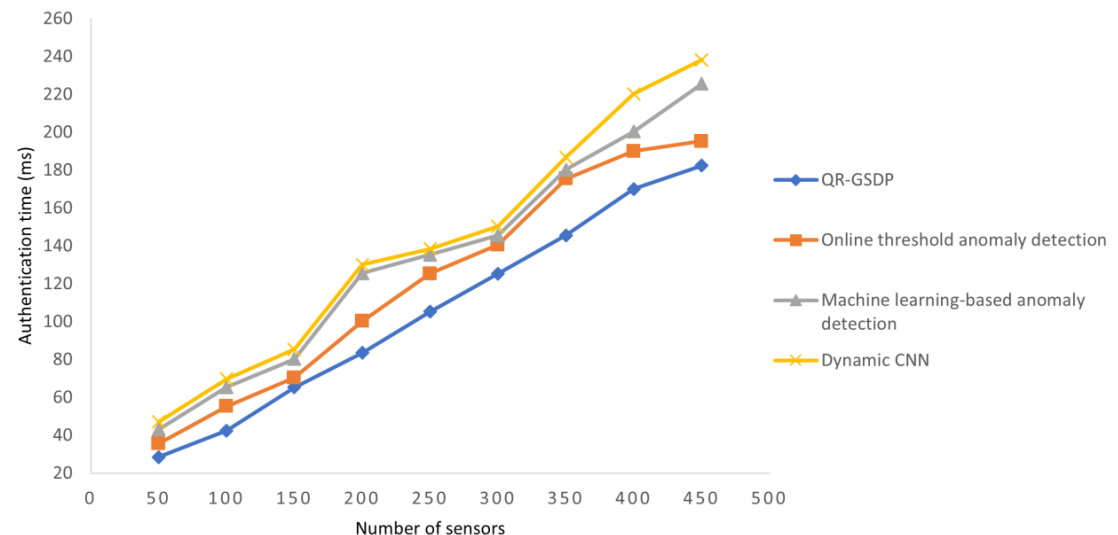
Authentication time refers to the time consumed in authenticating the sensors as either normal or abnormal (malicious). The mathematical formula used to compute authentication time is shown in equation 17:

$$AT = \sum_{i=1}^n Samples_i \times Time[R + Q] \quad (17)$$

Where  $AT$  is authentication time that is measured based on the samples considered for experimentation ( $Samples_i$ ) and the time consumed in encryption ( $R$ ) and decryption ( $Q$ ). The value is given in milliseconds ( $ms$ ). Table 5 and Figure 8 present authentication times of the different models for different numbers of sensors.

**Table 5.** Authentication time for different models and sensors

Number of sensors	False acceptance rate			
	QR-GSDL	Online threshold anomaly detection	Machine learning-based anomaly detection	Dynamic CNN
50	28.50	35.50	43	47
100	42.40	55.25	65.35	69.75
150	65.25	70.35	80.25	85.35
200	83.50	100.25	125.55	130
250	105.25	125.35	135.35	138.45
300	125.35	140.55	145.55	150.25
350	145.55	175.35	180.25	186.75
400	170	190	200.35	220.15
450	182.35	195.25	225.55	238.15
500	190	200.35	245.55	250.55



**Figure 8.** Comparisons of authentication time.

Table 5 and Figure 8 show that a significant improvement in authentication time is achieved by QR-GSDL as compared to Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020). As an example, in the case of the simulation conducted on 50 sensors, a total authentication time of 28.5ms was required by QR-GSDL, compared to 35.5ms, 43ms, and 47ms in the case of Li et al. (2019), Zolanvari et al. (2019), and Yuan et al. (2020), respectively. It is considered that this gain is due to the application of the gradient sparse auto deep learning algorithm. Furthermore, the authentication time consumption of the QR-GSDL is 13%, 23%, and 27% lower than that of the online threshold anomaly detection Li et al. (2019), machine learning-based anomaly detection Zolanvari et al. (2019), and dynamic CNN Yuan et al. (2020), respectively.

It can be summarized that the proposed QR-GSDL outperforms the existing methods for the following three reasons: i) Authenticity of the sensors is performed by the supervisory control via the gateway node by using gradients. ii) Authorization of the authenticated sensors to access the data transmitted between them is carried out by using quantum sparse auto- encoding. iii) Intermediate calculations are made at the supervisory control level and not at the gateway node.

## CONCLUSION

This paper formalized the authentication and authorization problems in IWSN. The proposed security protocol concentrated on the authenticity and authorization of the massive amount of data interchanged between the sensors. We proposed a Quantum Readout Gradient Secured Deep Learning method to improve authentication rate and time with a minimum false acceptance rate based on our problem formalization. The proposed authentication protocol performs several operations on different layers. The deep learning model uses one input layer, two hidden layers, and one output layer to improve the security model. This protocol first verifies the authenticity of the sensors that want to access the IWSN network data. This was performed by integrating Quantum Readout and Hash functions. To deploy the proposed QR-GSDL method, the location information of the sensors is extracted to reduce the false acceptance rate of the method. The proposed model also includes a minimal energy-based registration process that correctly verifies the login process of the sensors. The Quantum Sparse Auto-Encoding and Decoding model ensures mutual authentication and authorization between the sensor nodes. A comprehensive simulation environment was designed using Network Simulator 2 with different sensors that were run ten times in the simulation with an area size of 1500m × 1500m for the implementation of the QR-GSDL authentication process. The performance of the proposed model is evaluated on the plants' data and compared with the other three similar types of work. The performance comparison is based on the energy consumption, false acceptance rate, authentication rate, and authentication time. The achieved experimental results indicate that our proposed deep learning-based Sparse Auto-Encoding and Decoding model not only ensures better authentication but also better authorization compared to the state-of-the-art

487 methods.

## 488 FUTURE WORK

489 Application of the proposed model in the field of the Internet of Things (IoT) is left as future work. It  
490 will be interesting to apply some adaptations to the QR-GSDL model and perform experiments to evaluate  
491 its performance in the IoT. In addition, it could be interesting to deeply analyze the performance of the  
492 QR-GSDL model on different datasets.

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