
agroString 2.0: A Distributed-Ledger based Smart Agriculture Framework to Ensure Transparency in Food Delivery

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Introduction



Transportation



SUPPLY CHAIN



Unprepared Storage



Food Waste in Harvest

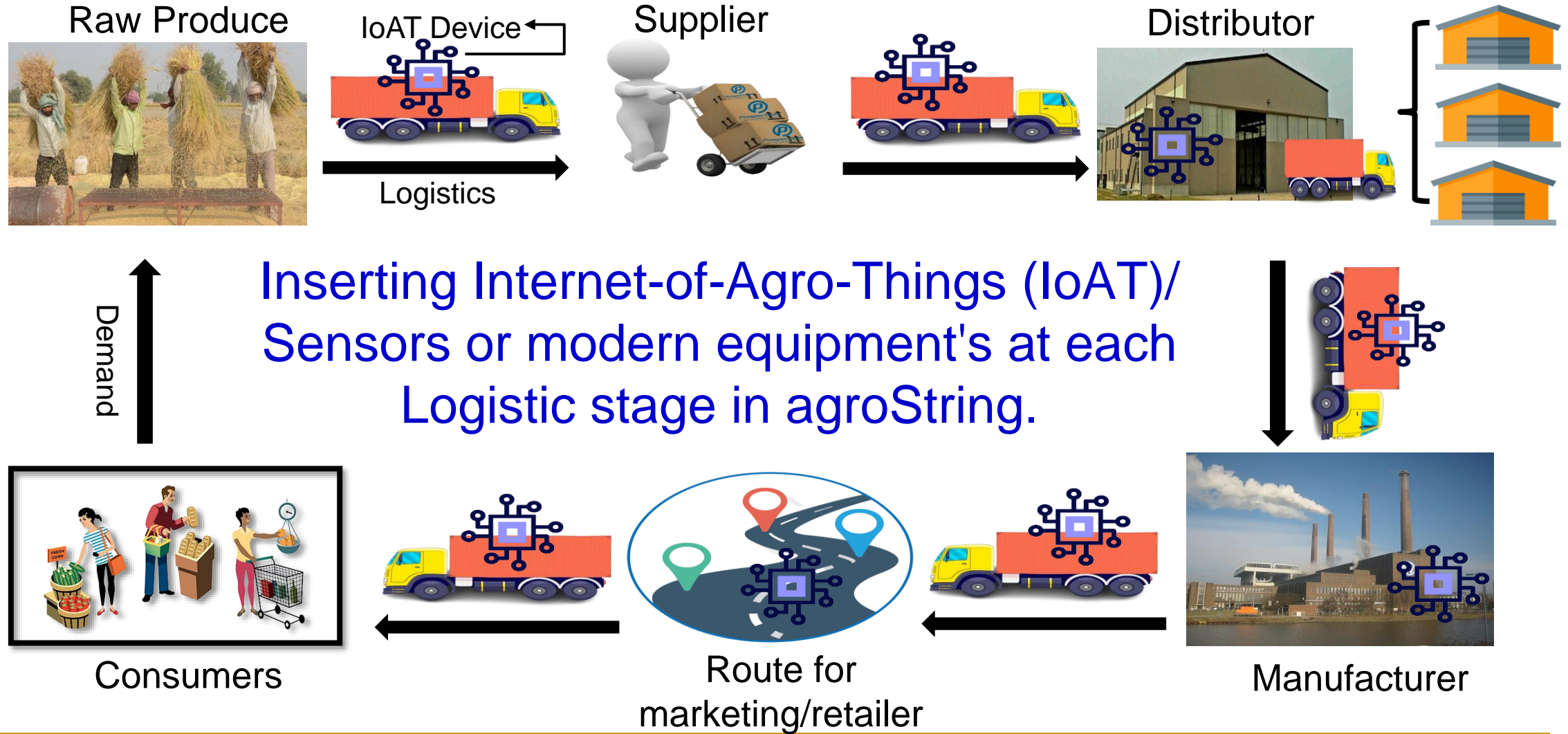


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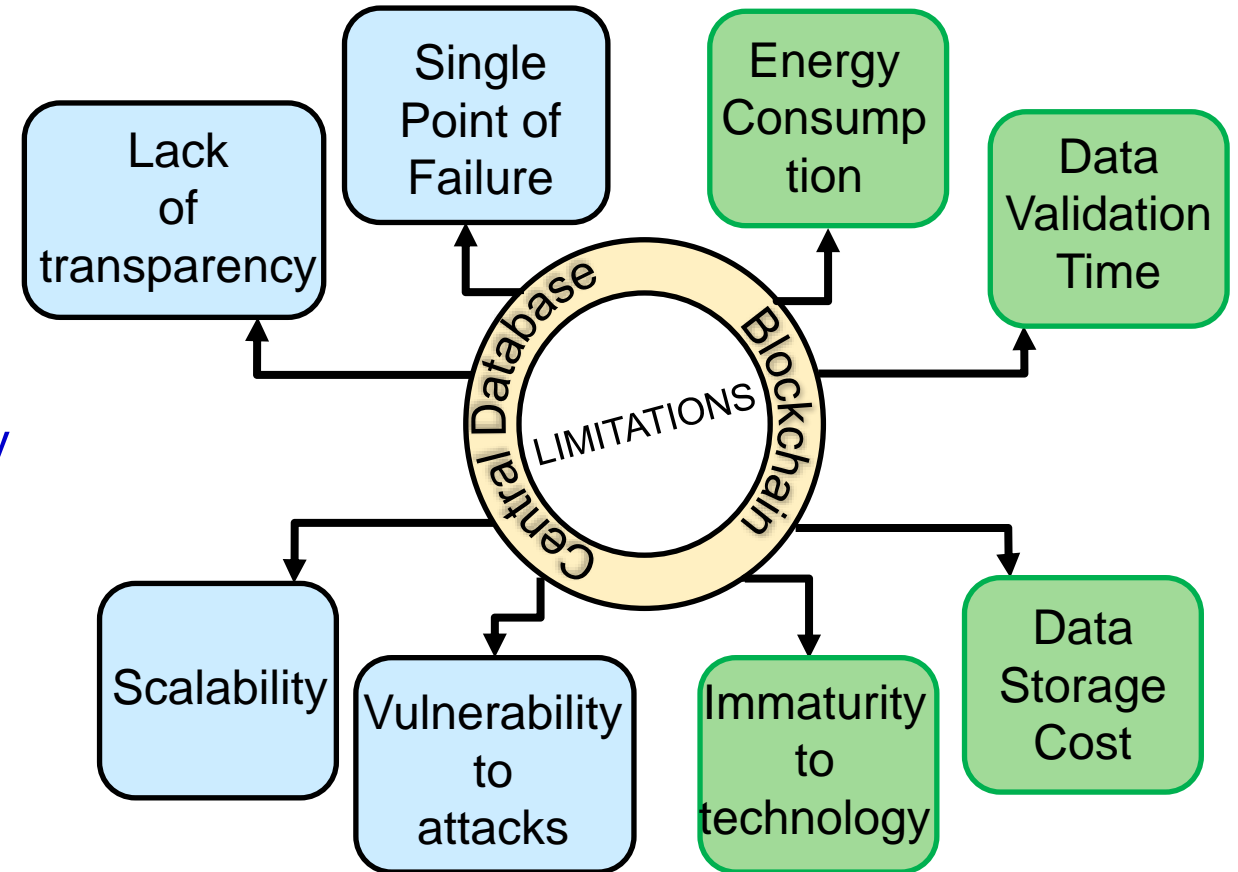
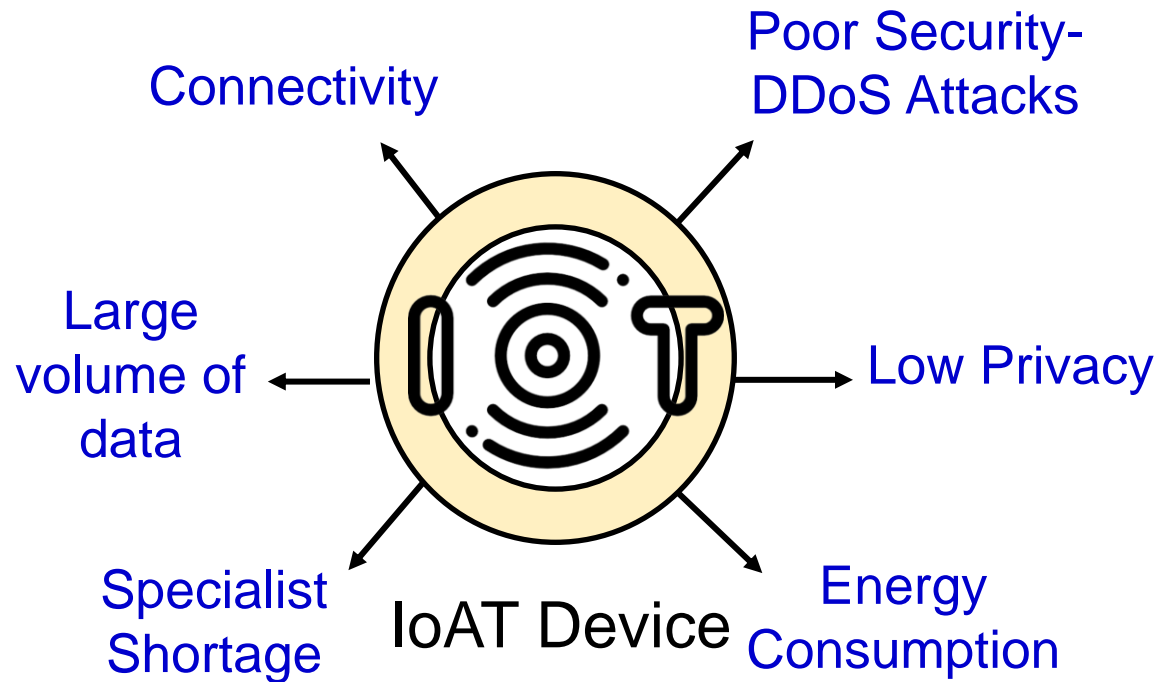
Reasons for Damaged Food Delivery



Solutions with IoAT



Motivation for agroString



Related Works

S.No	Paper	Storage Technology	Security Level	Computation
1.	Traceability System - Zheng et al.[7]	Centralized	High Privacy Breach	Very High near Client
2.	Food Supply Chain - Mohammed and Chopra.[8]	Decentralized-Blockchain	High	Very High near Client
3.	Traceability System - Yang et al.[9]	Partially Centralized	High	High near Client
4.	agroString 1.0 – Vangipuram et al. [10]	Decentralized Corda	High	High near Client
5.	agroString 2.0 [Current Paper]	Distributed Ledger-IOTA Tangle	High	Very Low

Why agroString 2.0?

- Distributed Ledger security for Internet-of-Agro-Things (IoAT) data in supply chain.
- Authenticity of data through Distributed Ledger System.
- Evading central storage in supply-chain.
- Proposing visibility and provenance design to end consumers in the food supply string.

How Novelty in agroString 2.0

- Proposed a ledger storage architecture with IoAT Edge device to avoid central and cloud limitations.
- Implementing the IOTA Tangle with Masked Authenticated Messaging (MaM) for data integrity and validity.
- Showing results with IoAT Edge device and Distributed Ledger-IOTA Tangle with MaM.
- Comparing the results with Public and private distributed ledger systems to the current System.

Novel Architecture

Agricultural supply chain Logistics



Raw Produce

Supplier

Distributor

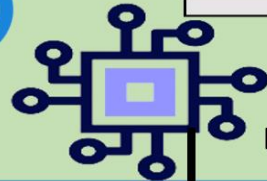
Manufacturer

Retailer

Consumers



IoAT Edge Device

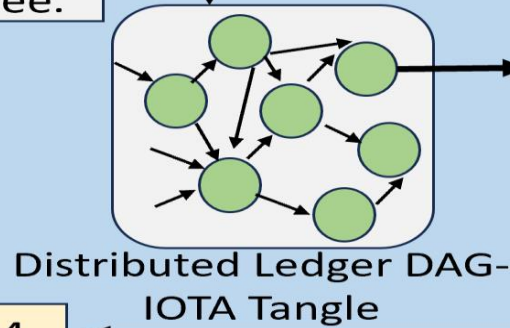
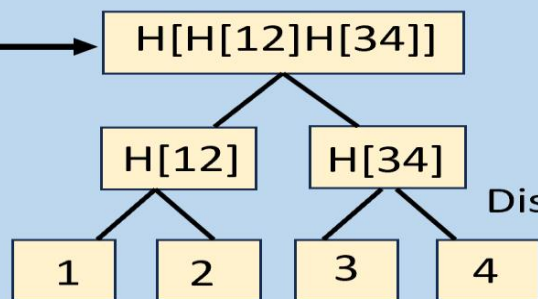


IoAT Edge Device



End users

Encryption: Masked Authenticated Messaging (MaM) with Merkle Tree.



Distributed Ledger DAG-IOTA Tangle

Tangle Node

Data Chaining

Data Ownership

Authentication of Data

Encryption

Data Length

Public Key

Private Key

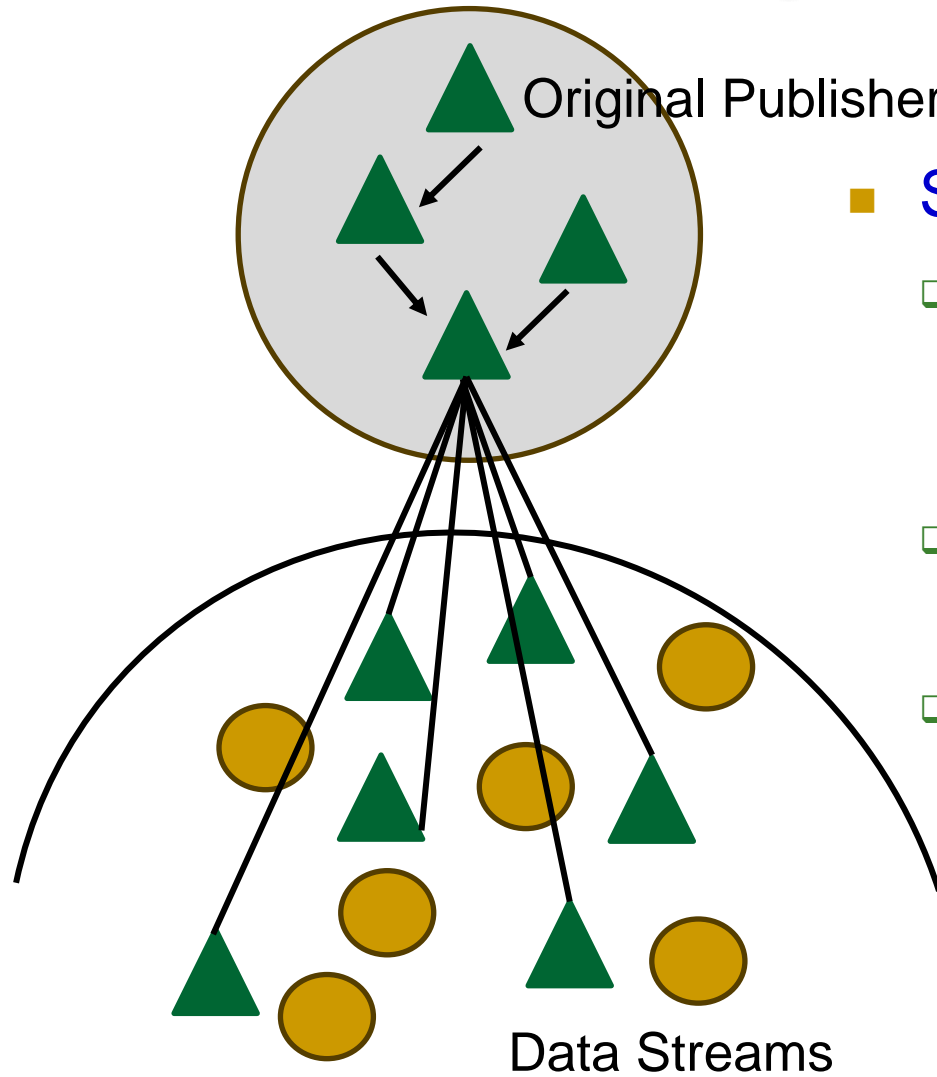
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Signature

Authorizing Signature

Edge Layer

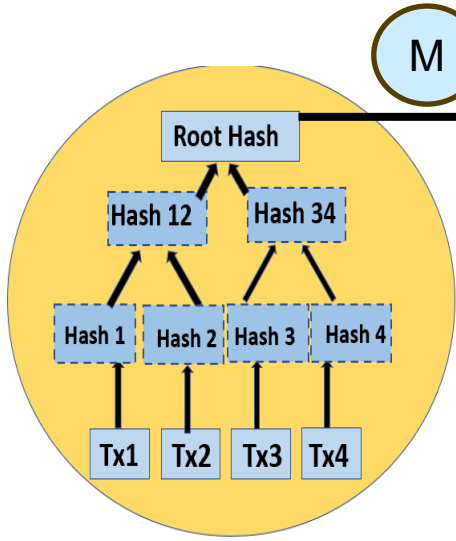
How Security in IOTA Tangle-STREAMS



■ STREAMS

- All branches of data streams reference a common root and state of data belonging to publisher for authenticity.
- The Tangle data uses streams to always guarantee data integrity.
- Streams enable users to control the ownership of data and receive payments.

How Security in IOTA Tangle-MaM



Merkle Tree

Tree's root as the address of the transaction

Public Mode

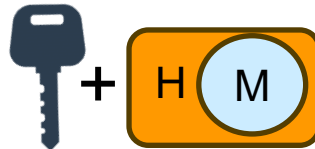
Hash of the Tree's root as the address of the transaction

Private Mode



Authorization Key with Hash of the Tree's root as the address of the transaction

Restricted Mode



- Three Modes: Public, Private and Restricted.
- MAM fulfills an important need for integrity and privacy.
- MaM uses Merkle tree to hash the messages and give the root Message.
- A MAM publisher can decide to split the channel at any point in time, which means future messages use a new Merkle tree whose root has not been revealed before


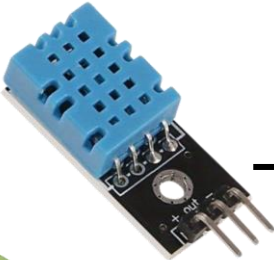



Proposed Algorithm- IoAT Sensor Data File in IOTA Tangle.

- 1: $IoAT_{input} \rightarrow IoAT_{input}, IoAT_{input-len}, IoAT_{input-Pr}, IoAT_{input-Pu}, I_{value}, N_{value}, S_i, S_{iauth}$.
- 2: $S_{random} \rightarrow S_{seed}$.
- 3: $S_{seed} \rightarrow IoAT_{input-Pr}, IoAT_{input-Pu}$.
- 4: $H(IoAT_{input-Pu}) \rightarrow I$.
- 5: Another key pair is generated for the next input data ($IoAT_{nextinput}$) from another random source (S_{random}).
- 6: The key pairs from the next input data would be ($IoAT_{nextinput-Pr}$) and ($IoAT_{nextinput-Pu}$).
- 7: $H(IoAT_{nextinput-Pu}) \rightarrow N_{value}$.
- 8: A digest D is calculated for signature.
- 9: $D = H((IoAT_{input}) + (IoAT_{input-len}) + (IoAT_{input-Pu}) + (N_{value}))$.
- 10: $S_i = \text{signature}(D + IoAT_{input-Pr})$

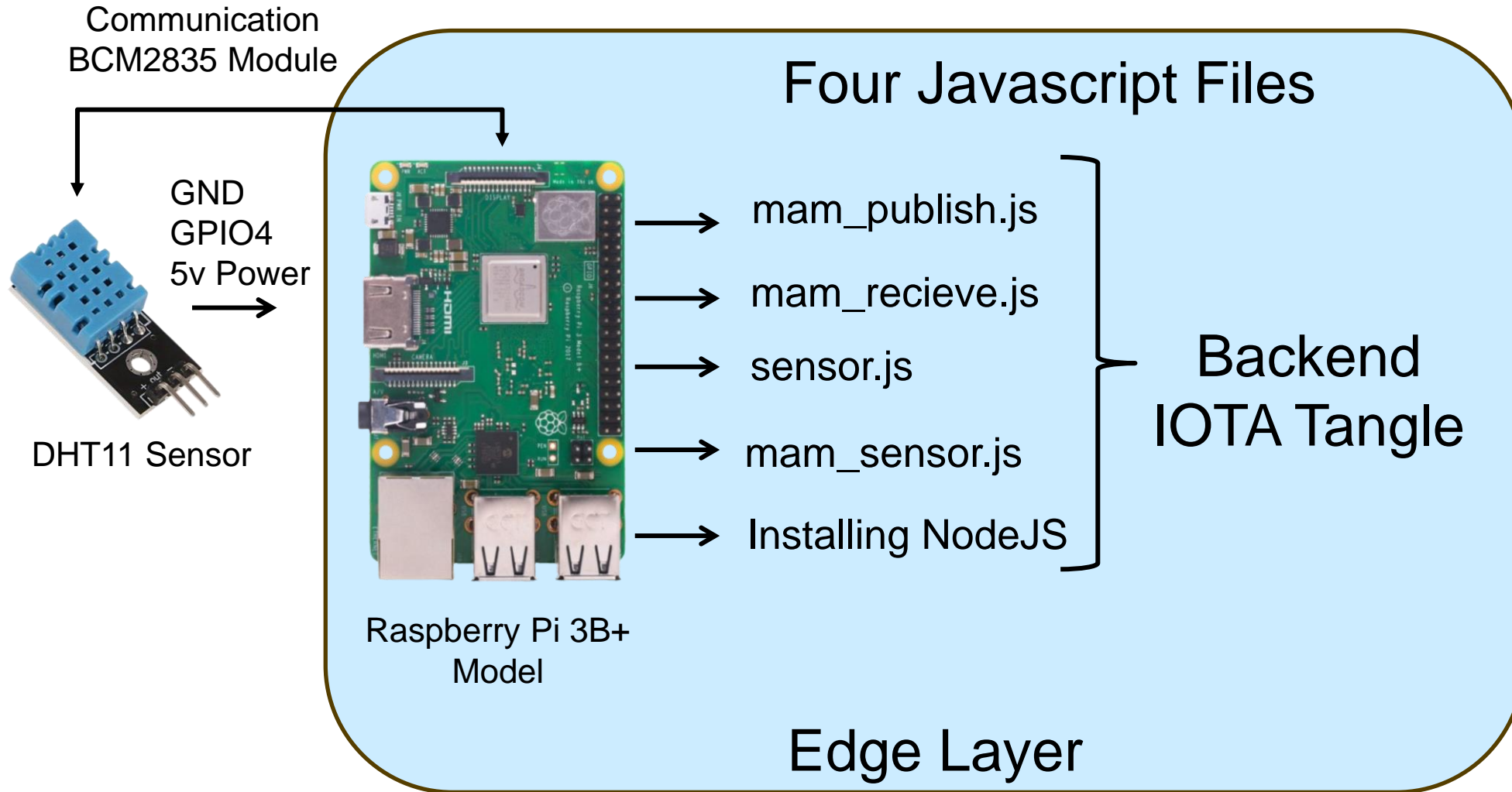
Proposed Algorithms –IoAT Sensor Data File in IOTA Tangle.

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11: if H(IoATinput)==Si+IoATinput-Pu then  
12:     successful verification.  
13: else  
14:     end the process.  
15:     Siauth = signature(IoATPrkey)  
16:     if Siauth == signature(IoATPukey) then  
17:         successful authentication.  
18:     else  
19:         end the process.  
20:     end if  
21: end if  
22: Repeat the steps from 1 through 21 in each logistic step  of the supply chain
```

Technologies used for Implementation

- Raspberry Pi 3B+ Model →  → Edge Layer
- DHT 11 Sensor →  → To Read Temperature & Humidity Data
- NodeJS →  Ins
- Application Development →  JavaScript
- IOTA Tangle →  I O T A

Implementation



agroString Functional Verification- Publish Data

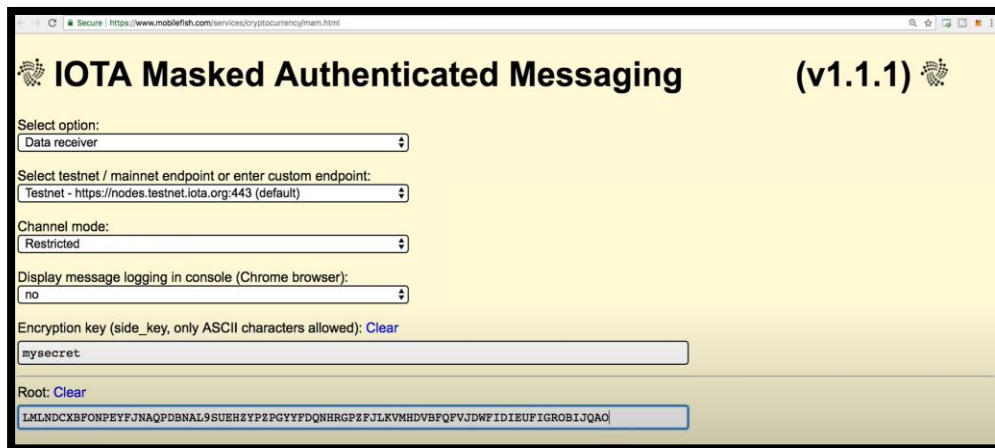
- Publishes randomly generated numbers to the backend IOTA Tangle using MaM.
- A root hash is given as input in mam-recieve.js to retrieve the sensor data using MaM.

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 pi pi 4096 Jul 1 15:20 lib
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 1067 Jul 1 15:20 LICENSE.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2916 Jul 1 15:20 mam_publish.js
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 1924 Jul 1 15:20 mam_receive.js
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 3189 Jul 1 15:20 mam_sensor.js
drwxr-xr-x 10 pi pi 4096 Jul 1 15:21 node_modules
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 349 Jul 1 15:20 package.json
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2145 Jul 1 15:20 package-lock.json
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 1167 Jul 1 15:20 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 1286 Jul 1 15:20 sensor.js
pi@raspberrypi:~/dht11-raspi3 $ node mam_publish.js
json= { data: 48, dateTime: ' 1/07/2023 13:22:34' }
Root: LMLNDCXBFONPEYFJNAQPDBNAL9SUEHZYPZPGYYFDQNHGRGPZFJLKVMHDVBFQFVJDWFIDIEUFI
ROBIJQAO
Address: XPK9C9UEJLSMNWVWUFJIGLA0DRZKCBEAVTKFAEYNYRUS9YTOJKOFLQFJXXNSPVBVPHZ
9JXIWJWGQP9
dateTime: 1/07/2023 13:22:34, data: 48, root: LMLNDCXBFONPEYFJNAQPDBNAL9SUEHZY
ZPGYYFDQNHGRGPZFJLKVMHDVBFQFVJDWFIDIEUFIGROBIJQAO
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Publishing Data

agroString Functional Verification- Retrieve Data

- Extract the Stored Data from the IOTA Tangle using MaM and displays the Data.
- The node modules of IOTA and http client packages are called to run the code



User Interface of agroString 2.0

```
drwxr-xr-x 22 pi pi 4096 Jul 1 15:20 ..
drwxr-xr-x  8 pi pi 4096 Jul 1 15:20 .git
-rw-r--r--  1 pi pi   35 Jul 1 15:20 .gitignore
drwxr-xr-x  2 pi pi 4096 Jul 1 15:20 lib
-rw-r--r--  1 pi pi 1067 Jul 1 15:20 LICENSE.md
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-rw-r--r--  1 pi pi  1286 Jul 1 15:20 sensor.js
pi@raspberrypi:~/dht11-raspi3 $ node mam_receive.js LMLNDCXBFONPEYFJNAQPDBNAL9S
EHZYPZPGYFFDQNHGPFZFLKVMHDVBFQFVJDWFIDIEUFIGROBIJQAO
dateTime: 1/07/2023 13:22:34, data: 48
dateTime: 1/07/2023 13:23:13, data: 20
dateTime: 1/07/2023 13:23:53, data: 63
dateTime: 1/07/2023 13:24:29, data: 60
```

Retrieving Data

Limitations & Challenges

- If the data size increases, there may be multiple issues in loading times and latency.
- The edge device used in the current paper is Raspberry Pi; leaving the power 'ON' all the time leads to the rising temperature of the board.
- The main encounter was the need for knowledge in developing the current Tangle application and the lack of support for DApps with the Tangle. The Tangle network has no such support for these decentralized applications.

Performance Results of CroPAiD

Comparing Previous works

Performance Evaluation

Paper	Data Integrity	Authentication	Double-Spending	Energy Consumption	Cost
Zheng et al. [7]	No	Less	High	High	High
Mohammed and Chopra. [8]	Yes	2-factor Authentication	Less	Very High	Very High
Yang et al. [9]	Yes	Less	High	High	Less
Vangipuram et al. [10] (agroString)	Yes	High	No	High	Less
agroString 2.0 [Current-Paper]	Yes	High	No	Very Less	Zero

Paper	Storage Technology	Edge	Time Taken	Latency
Zheng et al. [7]	Centralized	No	2.23s [15]	Very High
Mohammed and Chopra. [8]	Decentralized	No	8.72s [4]	Very High
Yang et al. [9]	Partially Centralized	No	10.2s [15], [4]	High
Vangipuram et al. [10] (agroString)	Decentralized	Yes-IoAT Data	1 ms [10]	Less
agroString 2.0 [Current-Paper]	Distributed Ledger-Tangle	Yes-IoAT Data	Zero	Less

Performance Calculated for Data Size of 279 Kb File.

Conclusion & Future Direction



- We successfully design an application with the loAT edge device raspberry pi to sense the data from the DHT1.
- Uses Masked Authenticated Messaging.
- The application we design evades the limitations of the central and blockchain storage platforms and takes in real-time data from the sensor inside the edge layer.
- The system increases the security of sensor data and provides integrity by providing quality food data to end consumers.
- In the future, the current system can be elaborated to other domains for the secure flow of sensitive information.

