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# National Advisory Group Meeting on Secure Societies

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## Sabancı University

- Internationally recognized research university in Istanbul
- Est. 1999
- ~4000 undergraduate, 1200 graduate students
- ~200 research oriented faculty members
- Top ranked Turkish University according to Times Higher Education













## Albert Levi

- Ph.D. from Bogaziçi University, 1999
- has been actively working in the general area of information and network security for more than 20 years
  - at Sabancı University since the beginning of 2002.
  - visiting positions at Oregon State University (1999 2002) and Dalhousie University (2017 – 2018)
- PI in 6 funded projects and researcher in other 3.
- Consultancy in various industrial projects (some are performed at Sabancı University as a subcontractor)
- current research group includes 8 graduate students







### Albert Levi - Research Interests General Overview

- Security in various wireless networking systems
  - wireless mesh networks, sensor networks, body area networks, RFID systems / smartcards, ad hoc networks, Bluetooth, cellular networks
- Privacy preserving computing structures
  - Privacy preserving IDS log sharing
  - Privacy preserving data management
  - Privacy preserving data collection in WSNs (Wireless Sensor Networks)
  - Privacy preserving collaborative traffic monitoring
  - New projects:
    - Privacy Preserving IoT identification, authorization and authentication
    - Privacy Preserving Network Security
- Application layer security issues
  - Web security, E-mail security, E-commerce security, Public Key Infrastructures
  - Authentication and password management











# Security in Body Area Networks (BAN)

- TÜBİTAK funded project
  - 2015 2017 (2.5 years)
  - 3 MS, 1 PhD graduated
  - 4 journal, 7 conference papers
- BANs are useful in mobile and pervasive healthcare (mostly for elderly)
- Different wearable biosensors for different physiological signals over the human body
- Secure data protection & secure node-to-host association required
  - biosensors collect & communicate sensitive personal medical data
  - crucial power and memory constraints of the biosensors
  - conventional solutions for generic sensor networks are not applicable
- We managed to generate distinct and random cryptographic keys using physiological signals (ECG, PPG, blood pressure) captured at different locations on the human body
- We also applied similar ideas to generate crypto keys from biometrics















## Security in Wireless Sensor Networks

- Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)
- A computing paradigm
  - Vast amount of sensor nodes distributed over a field



- Both sensing (temperature, pressure, humidity, etc.) and short-range wireless communication capabilities
- Ultimate aim is to establish a self-configured network and carry the sensed data towards a sink node
- A challenging environment due to limited-resource networking elements
- Security is also an important challenge in WSNs











## Security in Wireless Sensor Networks

- Main research interest in the years 2005-2013
- 22 papers in esteemed conferences and journals
- 12 graduate students have finished their theses on related topics
- TÜBİTAK Career project has finished in 2010
  - mainly to address key distribution issues
- Another TÜBİTAK project (2011-2013)
  - In the new project the focus in security in "mobile" sensor networks.
  - Utilizing mobility for the sake of security











## **Categories of WSN Security Issues Worked**

- Spam Attack Prevention
- Secure Routing
- Privacy Preserving Data Collection
- Key Distribution
- Mobile WSN Security
  - Wormhole detection
  - Key distribution
  - Trajectory privacy













### Generating One-time Keys for Secure Multimedia Communication

- SANTEZ Project with Netaş (industrial partner) and Uludağ Uni.
- Effective session-based key generation and rekeying for server-assisted peer-to-peer multimedia communication

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By using hash chains on smart-cards





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Ö. M. Candan, A. Levi and C. Togay, "Generating one-time keys for secure multimedia communication", in Proceedings of 2018 IEEE International Conference on Communications Workshops (ICC Workshops), Kansas City, MO, 2018, DOI: 10.1109/ICCW.2018.8403554.







## IoT Related Research

- FUSE project: Turkish-Polish bilateral research programme
  - 2018 2021
  - Fully secured and managed home gateway
  - For the privacy-preserving and secure interconnection of IoT devices
- IoT attack detection using Machine Learning
  - Not yet funded but started to publish
  - Detection and Localization of Network Layer Attacks in IoT
  - Attacks utilizing Wi-Fi related vulnerabilities
- Key Distribution among IoT devices
  - HaG: Hash Graph model: key pools are regenerated at each generation
  - Renewable keys  $\rightarrow$  renewable IoT devices
  - Supports mobility
  - A. Levi and S. Sarımurat, "Utilizing Hash Graphs for Key Distribution for Mobile and Replaceable Interconnected Sensors in the IoT Context", Ad Hoc Networks, vol. 57, pp. 3-18







# Specific Topics and Calls Interested

Protecting the infrastructure of Europe and the people in the European smart cities

- SU-INFRA01-2018-2019-2020: Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of combined physical and cyber threats to critical infrastructure in Europe (IA)
  - In the context of IoT and Sensor Network Security

## Artificial Intelligence and security: providing a balanced assessment of opportunities and challenges for Law Enforcement in Europe

- SU-AI02-2020: Secure and resilient Artificial Intelligence technologies, tools and solutions in support of Law Enforcement and citizen protection, cybersecurity operations and prevention and protection against adversarial Artificial Intelligence (IA)
  - In the context of AI based techniques for attack mitigation and classification, secure and privacy-preserving data collection













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#### **Security - Border and External Security**

- SU-BES03-2018-2019-2020: Demonstration of applied solutions to enhance border and external security (IA)
  - In the context of AI based Anomaly Detection

#### Digital Security - Cybersecurity, Digital Privacy and data protection

- SU-DS02-2020: Intelligent security and privacy management (IA / RIA) -SU-DS03-2019-2020: Digital Security and privacy for citizens and Small and Medium Enterprises and Micro Enterprises (IA)
  - In the context of cyber threat analytics and privacy-aware data collection/sharing, advanced digital identity solutions, cryptographic key management

#### Digital Security - Cybersecurity, Digital Privacy and data protection

- SU-DS04-2018-2020: Cybersecurity in the Electrical Power and Energy System (EPES): an armour against cyber and privacy attacks and data breaches
  - In the context of IoT and Sensor Network Security



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