

# Flexible and Secure Data Transmission System based on Semi-Tensor Compressive Sensing in Wireless Body Area Networks

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**Abstract**—Wireless body area networks (WBANs) collect some physiological parameters of the human body. Each sensor uses limited energy to maximize its own life. There are three crucial problems including adaptiveness, energy and security in WBANs. In order to solve these problems, a flexible and secure data transmission system is proposed in this paper. The proposed scheme is composed of semi-tensor compressive sensing, hash function, Arnold scrambling and chaotic scrambling (SC-HAC). For the adaptiveness problem, our scheme uses semi-tensor compressive sensing to encrypt multiple signals with different dimensions. The chaotic sequence is applied to generate the semi-tensor measurement matrix. On the one hand, we only transmit a few chaotic parameters, which reduces the number of data storage and transmission. On the other hand, the size of the measurement matrix is small, and the computation overhead can be reduced. The security is considered by the proposed scheme which combines Arnold scrambling and Logistic scrambling to improve the encryption effect. Numerical simulations and security analyses are given to show that our scheme performs well. The total key space is approximately  $2^{420}$ . The absolute value of adjacent pixel correlation is less than 0.004. Traditional compressive sensing method stores 524288 bytes, while the proposed scheme only stores 2048 bytes. When the compression ratio (CR) is less than 0.7, the peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) of our scheme is obviously higher than those of other three schemes.

**Index Terms**—wireless body area networks, semi-tensor compressive sensing, low-power consumption, security, image reconstruction.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**W**IRELESS body area networks (WBANs) are used to monitor patients remotely. Sensors are worn on the body or implanted in the skin to collect some physiological parameters of the human body, such as electrocardiogram (ECG), electroencephalogram (EEG), body temperature, blood pressure, respiration, body movement, and so on [1]. An evolution of pervasive healthcare has been presented from wearable sensors to smart implants [2]. The signals are sent

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to the data center through wireless transmission nodes. For instance, in Fig. 1, the sensor data are transmitted to the body sensor coordinator (such as computer, mobile phone etc.) by wireless communication technology (for examples, ZigBee, Bluetooth) in WBANs. ZigBee and Bluetooth have the characteristics of short distance and low power consumption. The signals are transmitted through the network to the terminal (for example, a hospital data center) [3]. Doctors can use these data to diagnose the patient without going to the patient's home or asking the patient to come to the hospital, which can save resources. Nowadays, WBANs are not only used in health monitoring, but also sport training, entertainment, military activities, etc. In terms of protocol framework, IEEE 802.15.4 and IEEE 802.15.6 are two security protocols related to WBANs, and the latter is designed specifically according to the characteristics of the network. These two protocols provide the international standard for security, reliability, low power consumption, and long distance transmission.

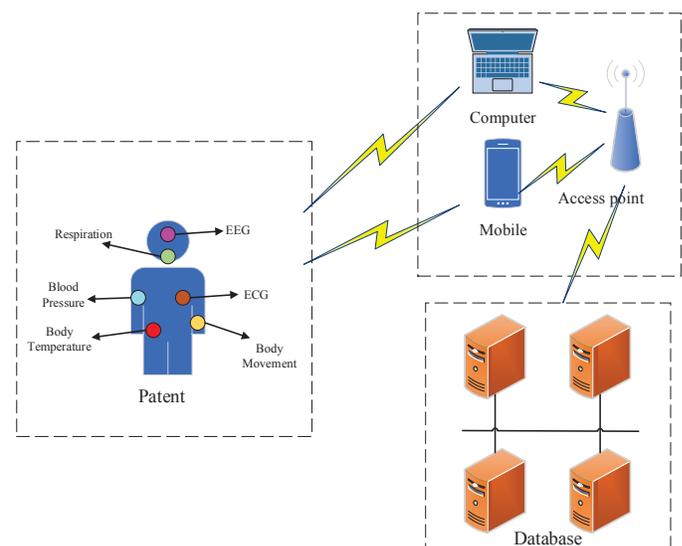


Fig. 1. Data transmission in wireless body area networks.

Adaptiveness is a key problem in wireless body area networks. The types of signals are different, such as ECG, EEG. And the sizes of signals are also different. Compressive sensing (CS) [4]–[6] can be applied to WBANs to measure signals. According to the rule of matrix multiplication in CS, the column number should equal to the signal length. To reduce the size of the measurement matrix, many works

focused on reducing the row number of the measurement matrix [7] [8]. Besides, dividing the signals into blocks is another method to reduce the matrix size [9]. However, these methods need to design a specific measurement matrix for a specific size. In the proposed scheme, semi-tensor compressive sensing (STP-CS) is used to reduce the row and column numbers of the measurement matrix simultaneously, and it can measure various sizes by using the same measurement matrix.

Energy limitation is another important problem in WBANs, because the battery power is limited and the replacement is inconvenient. Each sensor uses limited energy to maximize its own life. Sensors are worn on the body or implanted in the skin in WBANs. For those sensors implanted in the skin, battery replacement and charging need to be completed by surgery. Energy harvesting is one solution, allowing the sensor to self-charge [10]. Other approaches to save energy include improving routing protocols or reducing data transmission size [11] [12].

However, existing schemes seldom focus on the security issue of medical health data. In terms of security in WBANs, the patient's health data are sensitive information. In wireless transmission, these health data are easily stolen by the eavesdropper, so it is very essential to implement good security [13] [14]. However, these two methods don't consider energy consumption [15] [16]. They are based on cryptography and analyze the security problem of health data. However the corresponding algorithms are relatively complex, and their running time is long. Therefore, it is important to design a simple and secure encryption scheme for energy saving.

In recent years, compressive sensing (CS) has been applied in wireless body area networks and image encryption. Due to the implementations of encryption and compression simultaneously, CS has attracted extensive attention [17]–[19]. Some schemes of image encryption were presented based on compressive sensing [20]–[22]. Zhang et al. [20] reviewed compressive sensing in the field of information security applications, including image, audio and video security, cloud computing security and 5G security. One disadvantage of compressive sensing is that it can not resist the chosen plaintext attack because of the lack of a diffusion mechanism.

In order to solve the above problems, including adaptiveness, energy and security issues in wireless body area networks, a flexible and secure data transmission system is proposed in this paper. The proposed scheme is composed of semi-tensor compressive sensing, hash function, Arnold scrambling, and chaotic scrambling (SC-HAC). Semi-tensor product compressive sensing (STP-CS) was proposed in [23], which demonstrated spark, coherence, and the restricted isometry property (RIP) theoretically. In our scheme, taking image data as an example, we analyze the transmission effect of data encryption in body area networks. The plain image conducts a sparse transformation, then uses Arnold scrambling and semi-tensor compressive sensing. The measurement matrix is generated by the chaotic system. Lastly, the chaotic permutation is used to get the cipher image. Our contributions are given as follows:

(1) We introduce the semi-tensor compressive sensing into wireless body area networks. Considering the diversity of

signals, traditional methods need to design and store a large number of measurement matrices with different sizes. However, STP-CS overcomes the dimension restriction of matrix multiplication, and it can measure various sizes by using the same measurement matrix, reducing the number and size of measurement matrices drastically.

(2) The chaotic system has many good properties (i.e. pseudorandomness, ergodicity, and sensitivity to initial values), so it can be used to generate the semi-tensor measurement matrix. Moreover, the chaotic scrambling is used to improve the diffusion process, which enhancing the entire security in the proposed scheme.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we introduce the related work. In Section III, we review basic knowledge, including compressive sensing, semi-tensor compressive sensing, Arnold scrambling, chaotic system, and several attacks. We propose the entire scheme and give the detailed process in Section IV. Section V presents experimental simulations under different conditions, and gives security analyses. The summary of this paper is given in Section VI.

## II. RELATED WORK

There are a number of studies to solve the problem of energy consumption. Goudar et al. [10] used dielectric elastomers to analyze the minimized output of human energy harvesting. An energy-efficient MAC protocol was presented for WBANs and it was focused on healthcare applications [11]. In [12], a new algorithm was proposed for efficient routing in the network. The routing problem was considered as a multi-objective optimization problem. These methods dealt with the energy consumption problem by using energy harvesting or routing protocols, but did not refer to the security in WBANs. Compared with these methods, the proposed scheme reduces energy consumption by reducing data transmission size, and guarantees security in WBANs.

Some existing schemes can protect sensitive information. Ibaida et al. [13] proposed a wavelet-based steganography technique to protect patient confidential information. Abuadba et al. [14] presented a walsh-hadamard-based 3-D steganography mechanism to protect sensitive data in point-of-care. Lee et al. [15] gave a secure and efficient key management scheme based on the elliptic curve to solve the security issue of body area networks. Wang et al. [16] presented a lightweight data storage strategy, which used secret sharing, erasing technique and algebraic signature. Compared with these methods, the proposed scheme not only protects sensitive information, but also reduces energy consumption and enhances adaptiveness.

Schemes based on compressive sensing have been studied in many articles. Zhang et al. [17] proposed compressive sensing of EEG signals to guarantee low energy consumption and cheap hardware. Imtiaz et al. [18] demonstrated that sensor nodes can extremely benefit from the use of CS. Liu et al. [19] discussed compressive sensing of multichannel EEG signals. A parallel image encryption scheme was proposed based on compressive sensing [21]. The scheme was composed of scrambling, mixing, S box and chaotic lattice XOR. Chen et al. [22] proposed a scheme of image encryption and compression based on the Kronecker CS and the elementary cellular



### C. Arnold Scrambling

Arnold scrambling [31] is a commonly used algorithm for image scrambling. By changing the locations of pixels, the original image looks disorganized, and the mapping is one-to-one. The mapping of Arnold scrambling is given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k_2 \\ k_3 & k_2k_3 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N}, \quad (12)$$

where  $(x_1, y_1)$  is the coordinate of the scrambled image,  $(x, y)$  is the coordinate of the original image, and  $N$  is the order of the image (the size of image is  $N \times N$ ).

In Arnold scrambling,  $k_1$  is the scrambling number, which controls the number of executions of Equation (12).  $k_1$  doesn't appear in the equation.  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are scrambling parameters chosen at random from positive integers that impact the output value.

### D. Chaotic System

A chaotic system has the properties of pseudorandomness, ergodicity, and sensitivity to initial values, so it is often used in image encryption [32]–[34]. The Logistic system is presented as

$$x_{n+1} = ux_n(1 - x_n), x_n \in (0, 1), \quad (13)$$

where  $x(n)$  is the Logistic chaotic sequence,  $x_n$  is the value of the  $n$ th iteration,  $x_{n+1}$  is the value of the  $(n + 1)$ th iteration, and  $u$  is the control parameter,  $u \in [3.57, 4]$ .

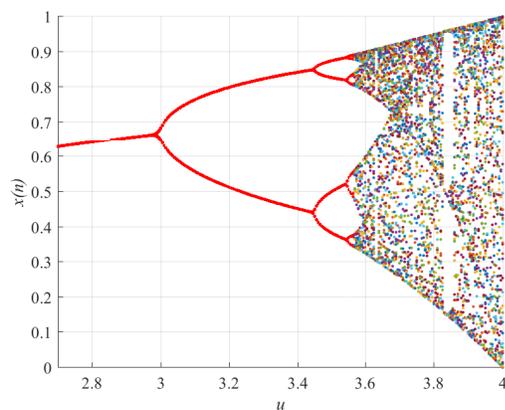


Fig. 2. Logistic bifurcation diagram [35].

Figure 2 is the bifurcation diagram of Logistic chaotic system. It shows the relationship between the final sequence  $x(n)$  and the control parameter  $u$ . With the change of  $u$ , the distribution of  $x(n)$  is divided into the periodic region (red section in Figure 2) and the chaotic region (colored section in Figure 2). Given a value of  $u$  in  $[0, 3.57]$ ,  $x(n)$  will converge to a stable periodic sequence when iterated on. Otherwise, the sequence fails to converge and appears chaotic.

The Tent system is given as follows

$$\begin{cases} z_{n+1} = z_n/k & 0 < z_n < k, \\ z_{n+1} = (1 - z_n)/(1 - k) & k < z_n < 1, \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where  $z(n)$  is the Tent chaotic sequence,  $z_n$  is the value of the  $n$ th iteration,  $z_{n+1}$  is the value of the  $(n + 1)$ th iteration, and  $k$  is the control parameter,  $k \in (0, 1)$ .

### E. Threat Models

In this section, we introduce threat models [36] including the brute force attack, the statistical attack, the known plaintext attack and the chosen plaintext attack.

The brute force attack is an exhaustive search of the key to guess the correct key. This method is computationally expensive, and modern encryption algorithms are generally resistant to such attacks. For the statistical attack, the attacker explores the key by analyzing the statistical regularity of ciphertext and plaintext. The method of withstanding the statistical attacks tries to make the statistical characteristics of the ciphertext different from those of the plaintext. For the known plaintext attack, the attacker knows some plaintext and the corresponding ciphertext, thus the plaintext and the ciphertext are compared and analyzed. For the chosen plaintext attack, the attacker can choose some plaintext and get the corresponding ciphertext. By selecting special encrypted data for encryption, key information is obtained from the ciphertext for analysis.

## IV. THE PROPOSED SCHEME

The details of our scheme (SC-HAC) are presented in this section. We give the key generation process, which uses the SHA-256 hash function. We introduce the encryption and compression process, which includes Arnold scrambling, semi-tensor compressive sensing, and chaotic scrambling. The decryption and decompression process is presented. We analyze the performance of our scheme.

### A. Key Generation

The SHA-2 series includes the hash functions SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, and SHA-512. Out of these, SHA-256 is the most widely used [37]. For the SHA-256 hash function, the length of the input is arbitrary, and the length of the output is 256 bits. In this paper, a plain image is used as the input, and the output of the hash function is treated as the key.

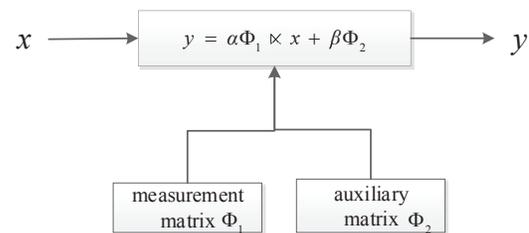


Fig. 3. The model of semi-tensor product compressive sensing.

Suppose the plain image is  $P1$ , and the SHA-256 hash function value of  $P1$  is calculated to generate  $H$  with 256 bits.  $H$  is divided into three parts. We use the initial values  $n_0, a_0, b_0$  and  $H$  to get  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  for Arnold scrambling. The parameters  $n_0, a_0, b_0$  are all positive integers. They are given by the sender. The parameter  $n_0$  is used to generate Arnold scrambling number  $k_1$ . The parameters  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  are used to

generate Arnold scrambling parameters  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ . The hash value  $H$ , and the keys  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  are given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} H &= h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{32}, \\ k_1 &= n_0 + h_1 \oplus h_2 \oplus \dots \oplus h_{11}, \\ k_2 &= a_0 + h_{12} \oplus h_{13} \oplus \dots \oplus h_{22}, \\ k_3 &= b_0 + h_{23} \oplus h_{24} \oplus \dots \oplus h_{32}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

When one pixel value of the plain image changes, the hash value becomes much different.

### B. Encryption and Compression

The model of semi-tensor product compressive sensing (STP-CS) is given in Fig. 3, which shows the process of semi-tensor compressive sensing. In this model, the parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  can be preset,  $\Phi_1$  is a chaotic measurement matrix with size  $m \times n$ , the compression ratio is  $CR = m/n$ , and the measurement matrix is generated by the Logistic chaotic sequence. The chaotic measurement matrix satisfies the restricted isometry property (RIP), which can guarantee exact recovery from compressive sensing [38]. In this paper, the initial value of Logistic system is  $k_4$ , and the parameter of Logistic system is 4. Then we sample the Logistic sequence. The initial sampling position is arbitrary. For convenience, it is set as 1. In order to reduce the correlation of the Logistic sequence, the sampling interval is set as 4 empirically. So the sequence  $s$  can be obtained. We can get the sequence  $t$  from the transformation  $t = 1 - 2s$ . The sequence  $t$  is reshaped to get the measurement matrix  $\Phi_1$ , which can be expressed as follows

$$\Phi_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}} \begin{bmatrix} t_0 & \dots & t_{m(n-1)} \\ t_1 & \dots & t_{m(n-1)+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ t_{m-1} & t_{2m-1} & t_{mn-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

where the coefficient  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{m}}$  is used for the normalization.  $\Phi_2$  is the auxiliary matrix with size  $mp/n \times q$ , and it is generated by Tent chaotic system. The parameter of Tent system is 0.3, and the initial value of Tent system is  $k_5$ . We discard the former part of the generated sequence and sample the latter part. The initial sampling position is 1, and the sampling interval is 4. The sampling sequence is reshaped by the column priority to obtain the auxiliary matrix  $\Phi_2$ .

Figure 4 shows the whole flow chart of our encryption and decryption algorithms in SC-HAC. The encryption process is presented as follows:

Step 1: According to the plain image  $P1$ , the keys  $k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$  can be calculated.

Step 2: The plain image is  $P1$ , whose size is  $p \times q$ . The discrete wavelet transform (DWT) is performed to get  $P2$ , whose size is still the same as that of  $P1$ . DWT can only be performed on a square matrix.

Step 3: Arnold scrambling is performed on  $P2$  to get  $P3$  whose size is  $p \times q$ . The parameters are  $k_1, k_2, k_3$ , where  $k_1$  is Arnold scrambling number, and  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are Arnold scrambling parameters.

Step 4:  $P3$  is considered as  $x$ . Performing a semi-tensor compressive sensing measurement,  $y$  can be obtained.  $y$  is denoted as  $P4$  whose size is  $mp/n \times q$ , and  $P4$  is the result of compression and encryption. In the model of  $y = \alpha\Phi_1 \times x + \beta\Phi_2$ , when  $n \neq p$ ,  $\Phi_1, x$  can be calculated because we use semi-tensor compressive sensing. We take  $n < p$  in the simulation experiments.

Step 5: Logistic chaotic scrambling is an application of Logistic chaotic system. First, we get the Logistic chaotic sequence  $w$  according to specific chaotic parameters. Then, we put the sequence  $w$  in ascending order to get the sequence  $v$ . The position of each element in the sequence  $v$  appearing in the original sequence  $w$  is denoted as the index sequence  $\theta$ . That is,  $\theta(j) = i$  for  $v(j) = w(i)$ , where  $i, j$  are integers and  $1 \leq i, j \leq mp/n \times q$ . Finally, according to the index sequence  $\theta$ , we scramble  $P4$  to get the final cipher image  $P5$  with size  $mp/n \times q$ . That is,  $P5(k') = P4(\theta(k'))$ , where  $k'$  ( $1 \leq k' \leq mp/n \times q$ ) is the index. In the generation process of Logistic chaotic sequence, the control parameter is 4, and the chaotic initial value is  $k_6$ . The initial sampling position is 1, and the sampling interval is 4.

### C. Decryption and Decompression

Decryption is the inverse process of encryption. In Fig. 4, the sender should transmit some data to the receiver for the decryption. They are  $k_1$  (Arnold scrambling number),  $k_2$  (Arnold scrambling parameter),  $k_3$  (Arnold scrambling parameter),  $k_4$  (the initial values of the measurement matrix),  $k_5$  (the initial values of the auxiliary matrix),  $k_6$  (the initial values of the scrambling sequence) and the cipher image  $P5$ . Compared with [39], which transmits the entire semi-tensor measurement matrix and the cipher image. Our scheme transmits only a few constants, which greatly reduces the transmission overhead.

The key transmission is an important part of any security scheme. A key distribution scheme was designed by using Elliptic Curve Cryptography in Wireless Sensor Networks [40]. Seo et al. [41] proposed a certificateless-effective key management protocol in dynamic Wireless Sensor Networks. As a supplement of original scheme, the keys can be transmitted in our scheme by digital envelope technology [42]–[44]. These digital envelopes employ RSA (Rivest Shamir Adleman) and ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) asymmetric key technique to encrypt and decrypt the secret key.

The decryption process is presented as follows. Firstly, we use the key  $k_6$  to generate the Logistic chaotic scrambling matrix. Secondly, the cipher image is multiplied by the inverse matrix of the scrambling matrix. Thirdly, we perform semi-tensor compressive sensing reconstruction algorithm by using OMP algorithm. Finally, we can restore the original image by Arnold recovery and the inverse discrete wavelet transform (IDWT). Considering snooping data, key sensitivity will be discussed in Section V-D. The proposed algorithm has the sensitivity to the decryption process. It means that the scheme prevents adversaries from decrypting the transmitted data with a key similar to the encryption key.

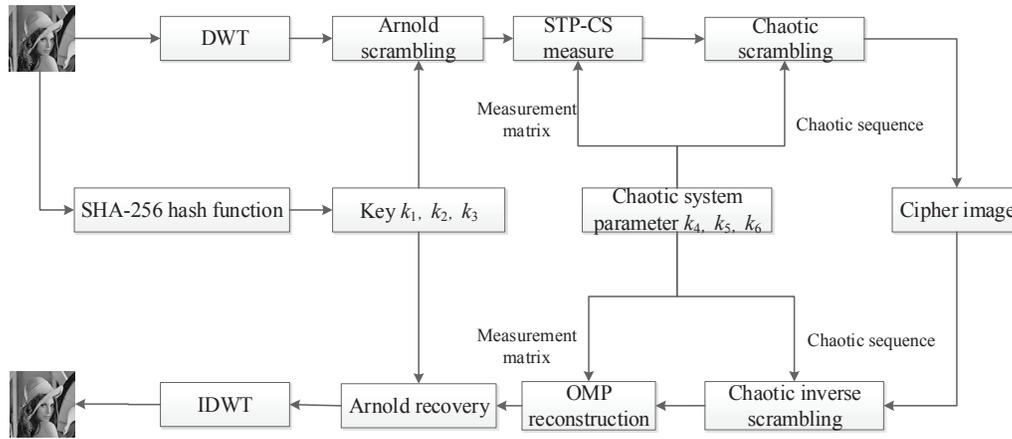


Fig. 4. The block diagram of the proposed scheme SC-HAC. The upper layer denotes the encryption and compression process, including SHA-256 hash function, Arnold scrambling, semi-tensor compressive sensing and chaotic scrambling. The middle layer denotes the transmission parameters. The lower layer denotes the decryption and decompression process.

#### D. Discussion

There are some advantages in the proposed scheme SC-HAC. The SHA-256 hash function is associated with the plain image. Hash values differ even if the original image is changed one pixel, so our scheme can resist the chosen plaintext attack and the known plaintext attack, which can compensate for the disadvantage of compressive sensing. Since compressive sensing is a linear transform, the encryption schemes based on CS struggle to resist the chosen/known plaintext attacks. By using semi-tensor product, the image encryption has brought new ideas. Because sensors collect data with different sizes, our scheme realizes multiple encryptions with a measurement matrix and breaks the dimension restriction of matrix multiplication, which can embody the adaptation and the flexibility of the proposed scheme. The chaotic system can be used to generate the semi-tensor measurement matrix, and its storage and transmission only require a few constants, which greatly reduces the amount of data in the network and improves the efficiency. The semi-tensor measurement matrix is smaller than the ordinary measurement matrix, so the computation overhead is relatively small.

### V. EVALUATION AND ANALYSES

In this section, we conduct a series of simulation experiments. Experimental conditions include the simulation platform MATLAB R2016a, CPU 3.40GHz, memory 8GB, and 64-bit Microsoft windows 7. We set the initial values as  $n_0 = 10$ ,  $a_0 = 3$ ,  $b_0 = 5$ . Parameters  $n_0$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $b_0$  are all positive integers. In the chaotic system, the initial values of the measurement matrix, the auxiliary matrix and the scrambling sequence are 0.2, 0.23 and 0.3, respectively. The initial values of the chaotic system should be in the range of  $(0, 1)$ . Three different initial values are to generate three different sequences. The reconstruction algorithm is the OMP algorithm.

#### A. Adaptiveness and Energy Saving

In wireless body area networks, the sizes of images are different. Traditional methods design a specific measurement

TABLE I

THE QUALITY OF DECRYPTED IMAGES WITH DIFFERENT SIZES, AND THE SIZE OF THE MEASUREMENT MATRIX IS  $32 \times 64$  (THE FIRST ROW IN CELLS),  $64 \times 128$  (THE SECOND ROW IN CELLS). LARGER VALUES ARE BETTER HERE. (UNIT: DB)

image \ size	128 × 128	256 × 256	512 × 512	1024 × 1024
Lena	23.8371	29.3458	33.3173	37.9660
	23.8675	29.5728	33.6057	38.2389
Pepper	23.6585	29.9231	32.5997	38.2178
	23.7683	30.1148	32.5481	38.4805
House	26.5482	32.1845	37.8491	40.6465
	28.3438	33.9554	37.9960	41.4877
Cameraman	23.4787	28.0603	32.4532	37.4560
	23.2923	28.0443	32.7850	37.8333

matrix for a specific size, while our approach can measure various sizes by using the same measurement matrix. The experiment is designed for the dimension mismatching of the matrix, which shows that semi-tensor compressive sensing breaks the dimension restriction of matrix multiplication. Even when  $n \neq p$ ,  $\Phi_1$  and  $x$  can also be multiplied. In the semi-tensor measurement  $y = \alpha\Phi_1 \times x + \beta\Phi_2$ , according to the empirical value, we select the value of  $\alpha$  as 0.001 and we select the value of  $\beta$  as 254. In the first row of Table I, the dimension of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is fixed to be  $32 \times 64$ , and the compression ratio is 0.5. In the second row of Table I, the dimension of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is selected as  $64 \times 128$ , and the compression ratio is 0.5.

Peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) is an index used to evaluate the image quality. The greater the value of PSNR is, the better the image quality is. The smaller the mean square error (MSE) is, the smaller the difference between the original image and the reconstructed image is. That is

$$PSNR = 10 \lg \left[ \frac{M_1 \times N_1 \times 255^2}{\sum_{i=0}^{M_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N_1-1} (P(i, j) - Q(i, j))^2} \right], \quad (17)$$

$$MSE = \frac{1}{M_1 \times N_1} \sum_{i=0}^{M_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N_1-1} (P(i, j) - Q(i, j))^2, \quad (18)$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  represent the original image and the cipher image, respectively, and  $M_1$  and  $N_1$  are the length and the width of the image. The relationship between PSNR and MSE is

$$PSNR = 10 \lg \frac{255^2}{MSE}. \quad (19)$$

Lena, Pepper, House and Cameraman images are tested, whose sizes are  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is different from the row number of the image, thus we use the semi-tensor compressive sensing. As illustrated in Table I, for the same original image, the larger the size of the original image is, the higher the PSNR of the reconstructed image is. This is because when the size of the measurement matrix is fixed, the larger the image size is, the more the samples are. We have done numerical experiments when the sizes of measurement matrices are  $16 \times 32$  and  $8 \times 16$ . The results of  $16 \times 32$  are similar with those of Table I. The PSNR of  $8 \times 16$  measurement matrix is 44.08 percent lower than that of  $64 \times 128$  for  $128 \times 128$  Lena. We can see that there is no significant difference between the first row of Table I and the second row of Table I with regard to PSNR of the decrypted image. Therefore, the proposed algorithm is suitable for the gray images with different sizes.

Next, we will discuss the energy consumption of our scheme. The energy consumption is dominated by wireless communication, and the communication energy is proportional to the volume of the data stream. Therefore, the energy model is given as follows [45]:

$$E = C \times M \times b, \quad (20)$$

where  $M$  is the sampling number,  $b$  is the bit resolution, and  $C$  is the energy per bit. The larger the  $M$ , the more energy consumption in WBANs. According to [45], we set  $C = 3$  nJ/bit,  $b = 16$ . So we can calculate energy under different conditions. From Table II, we can see that different sampling rates cause different energy consumption. When  $CR = 0.4$ , the energy consumption is 0.315mJ ( $1mJ = 1 \times 10^{-3}J$ ), 1.258mJ, 5.033mJ, 20.133mJ with sizes  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. But for the original data, the energy consumption is 0.786mJ, 3.146mJ, 12.583mJ, 50.332mJ, respectively. The case of  $CR = 0.4$  saves 0.471mJ, 1.888mJ, 7.550mJ, 30.199mJ energy relative to the original data with sizes  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1024 \times 1024$ . It's obvious that the former has more advantage. The higher the sampling number is, the more energy consumption is. Therefore, we can save energy by reducing the sampling number.

For storage costs, we select the original image with size  $1024 \times 1024$ . Other conditions remain unchanged, and the compression ratio is set to be 0.5. The dimension of the measurement matrix is  $512 \times 1024$  for the traditional CS, which indicates that we should store 524288 bytes. Meanwhile, in our scheme, we choose the  $32 \times 64$ -dimensional measurement

TABLE II  
ENERGY CONSUMPTION UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS (UNIT: MJ)

size \ CR	128 × 128	256 × 256	512 × 512	1024 × 1024
original data	0.786	3.146	12.583	50.332
CR=0.8	0.629	2.517	10.066	40.265
CR=0.6	0.472	1.887	7.550	30.199
CR=0.4	0.315	1.258	5.033	20.133

matrix which has 2048 bytes. Accordingly, one is in a level of hundreds of thousands, and another is in a level of thousands. The bigger the original image is, the greater the difference becomes. Thus, it is obvious that we are more competitive in this aspect. On the one hand, during the transmission, we only transmit a few parameters rather than many data, which increasingly reduces the storage and transmission overhead. On the other hand, the measurement matrix has smaller size, which saves the computation time in the generation process.

Brief summary: Our approach can measure signals with various sizes by using the same measurement matrix, and we give examples of  $32 \times 64$  and  $64 \times 128$  measurement matrices. The case of  $CR = 0.4$  saves 0.471mJ, 1.888mJ, 7.550mJ, 30.199mJ energy relative to the original data with sizes  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. Traditional compressive sensing method stores 524288 bytes, while the proposed scheme only stores 2048 bytes.

### B. Recovery Effect

In this section, we discuss the recovery effect in our scheme. Figure 5 shows the simulation results of different plain images, including Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ), Pepper ( $256 \times 256$ ), House ( $256 \times 256$ ), Cameraman ( $256 \times 256$ ). The compression ratio is 0.5, and the dimension of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is  $64 \times 128$ . Figures 5(a1)-(d1), (a2)-(d2), (a3)-(d3) are the simulation results of original images, encrypted images and decrypted images, respectively. Figures 5(a4)-(d4) are the difference maps between the original images and the decrypted images. Figure 5(a4) is the difference map between Fig. 5(a1) and Fig. 5(a3). Figure 5(b4) is the difference map between Fig. 5(b1) and Fig. 5(b3). Figure 5(c4) is the difference map between Fig. 5(c1) and Fig. 5(c3). Figure 5(d4) is the difference map between Fig. 5(d1) and Fig. 5(d3). These maps show the amount of error per pixel between the two images. MSE values in Fig. 5 are 71.7468, 63.3282, 26.1540, 102.0122, respectively.

In Figures 5(a2)-(d2), encrypted images are similar to noise or texture, and useful information has been hidden in the image. The experimental results in Fig. 5 show that the PSNR of the reconstructed image is 29.5728dB for Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ), the PSNR of the reconstructed image is 30.1148dB for Pepper ( $256 \times 256$ ), the PSNR of the reconstructed image is 33.9554dB for House ( $256 \times 256$ ), and the PSNR of the reconstructed image is 28.0443dB for Cameraman ( $256 \times 256$ ). In terms of the above experimental results of four different plain images, the quality of the reconstructed image is good when the compression ratio is 0.5.

We analyze the relationship between PSNR and CR in SC-HAC. PSNR is peak signal to noise ratio, and CR is the

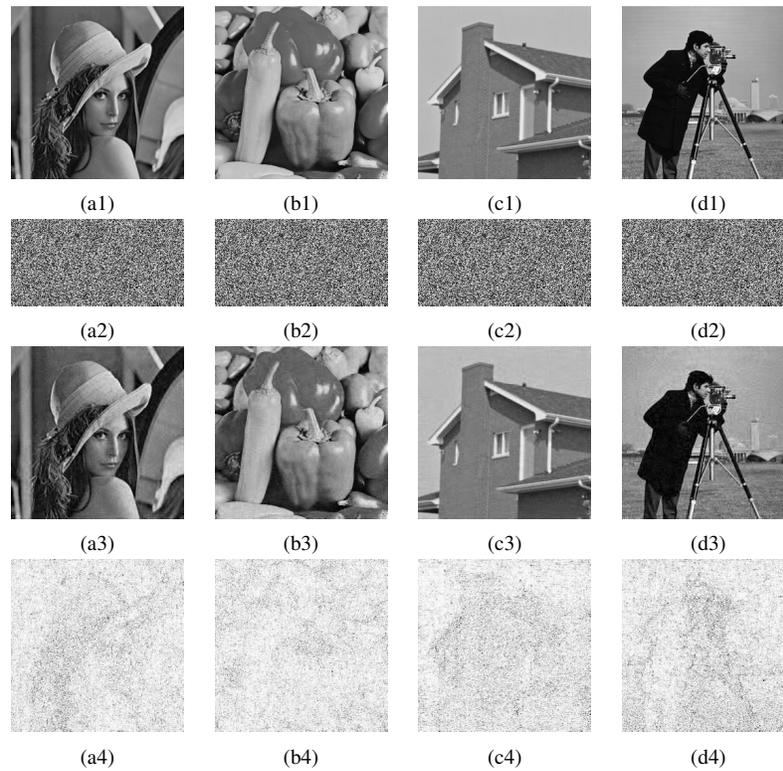


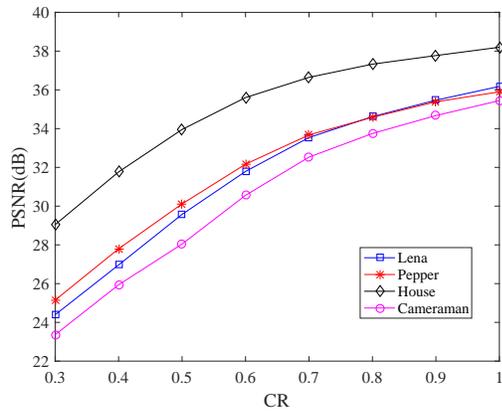
Fig. 5. Encryption and decryption images for Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ), Pepper ( $256 \times 256$ ), House ( $256 \times 256$ ), Cameraman ( $256 \times 256$ ). (a1)–(d1), (a2)–(d2) are the simulation results of original images, encrypted images respectively. (a3) The recovery image for Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ), PSNR=29.5728dB. (b3) The recovery image for Pepper ( $256 \times 256$ ), PSNR=30.1148dB. (c3) The recovery image for House ( $256 \times 256$ ), PSNR=33.9554dB. (d3) The recovery image for Cameraman ( $256 \times 256$ ), PSNR=28.0443dB. (a4) The difference map between (a1) and (a3), MSE=71.7468. (b4) The difference map between (b1) and (b3), MSE=63.3282. (c4) The difference map between (c1) and (c3), MSE=26.1540. (d4) The difference map between (d1) and (d3), MSE=102.0122.

compression ratio. In Fig. 6, different plain images are Lena, Pepper, House and Cameraman with size  $256 \times 256$ , and the horizontal axis is the compression ratio (CR) which varies from 0.3 to 1. Figure 6(a) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, so the row number is  $128 \times CR$ . Figure 6(b) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, so the row number is  $64 \times CR$ . For example, when  $CR = 0.5$ , the dimension of the measurement matrix is  $64 \times 128$  in Fig. 6(a), and the dimension of the measurement matrix is  $32 \times 64$  in Fig. 6(b). And the latter is more smaller than the former. The sizes of STP-CS measurement matrices are set as a quarter and one-sixteenth of that of the traditional CS, respectively.

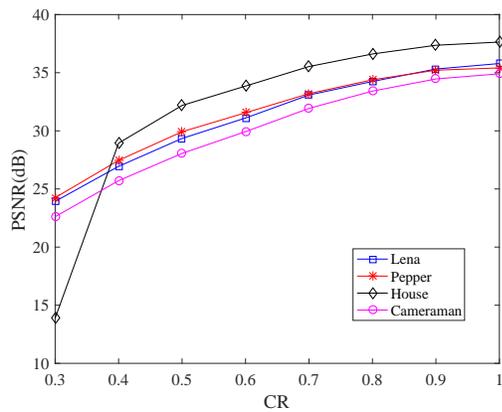
In Fig. 6(a), the PSNR of House image is the highest, and the PSNR of Lena image is similar with that of Pepper image. When  $CR = 0.8$ , Lena and Pepper images have the same PSNR values. When  $CR < 0.8$ , Pepper image has more advantages. When  $CR > 0.8$ , the result is just opposite. When  $CR = 1$ , it means that there is no compression for the plain image, and the PSNRs of Lena, Pepper, House and Cameraman images are 36.1777dB, 35.8975dB, 38.1995dB and 35.4446dB, respectively. We can see that the images without compression are better than those with compression for the quality of the decrypted image. In Fig. 6(b), when  $CR = 0.3$ , the PSNR of House image is relatively low. However, the effects of other images are also available. From Fig. 6, we can draw a conclusion about different images.

That is, with the increment of the compression ratio for the semi-tensor measurement matrix, the more the number of the samples is, the better the quality of the decrypted image is. For different plain images, the qualities of the corresponding decrypted images are also different.

Figure 7 shows the relationship between PSNR and CR for different sparse bases, such as DWT, DCT and DFT. The size of Pepper is  $512 \times 512$ . Figure 7(a) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, and its row number is  $128 \times CR$ . Figure 7(b) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, and its row number is  $64 \times CR$ . With the increment of the compression ratio, the number of samples increases, and the quality of the decrypted image becomes better. In Fig. 7(a), when CR ranges from 0.3 to 1, the quality of DWT reconstruction ranges from 29.4395dB to 35.4153dB, the quality of DCT reconstruction ranges from 25.4857dB to 34.5215dB, and the quality of DFT reconstruction ranges from 25.6729dB to 51.7959dB. The trends of these three curves are roughly the same as those in Fig. 7(b). On the whole, the DWT is better than the other two sparse bases. The effect of DFT is better when the compression ratio is higher. When  $CR < 0.9$ , the decryption quality of DWT is the highest in three sparse bases, and its effect is the best. Therefore, in other experiments, the sparse basis can be selected as DWT. In this experiment, the sizes of STP-CS measurement matrices are set as one-sixteenth and one-sixty-fourth of that of the traditional



(a)

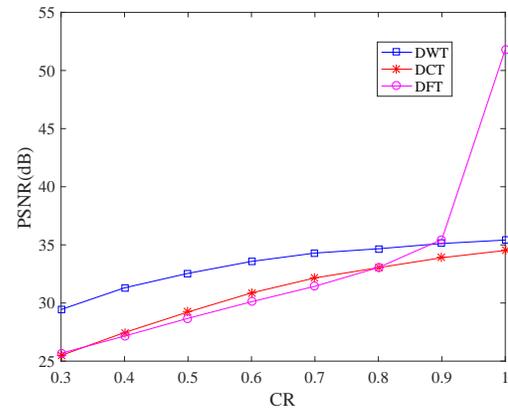


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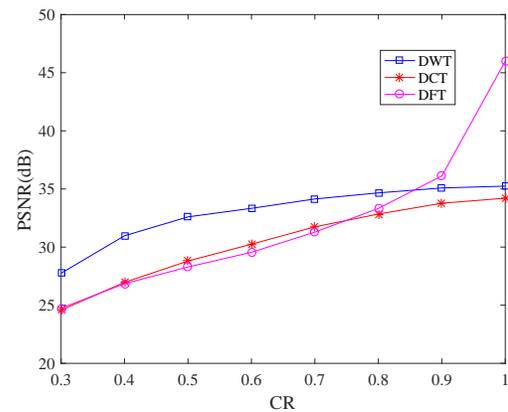
Fig. 6. The relationships between PSNR and CR for different plain images, where PSNR is peak signal to noise ratio, and CR is the compression ratio. The plain images are Lena, Pepper, House and Cameraman with size  $256 \times 256$ . The compression ratio varies from 0.3 to 1. (a) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, and the row number is  $128 \times CR$ . (b) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, and the row number is  $64 \times CR$ .

CS, respectively.

Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ) is used in Fig. 8, where the horizontal axis is CR. Four measurement matrices (i.e. Gaussian, Bernoulli, Toeplitz and chaotic matrices) have influence on the quality of the decrypted image. Figure 8(a) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, and its row number is  $128 \times CR$ . Figure 8(b) represents that the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, and its row number is  $64 \times CR$ . From Fig. 8, we can see that the effects of four kinds of measurement matrices are probably similar, and the effect of Toeplitz matrix is slightly better. In general, the higher the compression ratio is, the more the number of samples is, and the better the image quality becomes. If the quality of the decrypted image is required to be 30dB, then CR is more than 0.4 for these four measurement matrices. In Fig. 8(a), when the compression ratio of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 0.4, the quality of the decrypted image for Chaotic matrix is 31.3045dB, and the PSNRs of Gaussian, Bernoulli, Toeplitz measurement matrices are 31.0604dB, 31.2786dB,



(a)



(b)

Fig. 7. The relationships between PSNR and CR for different sparse bases. The plain image is Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ), and the sparse bases are DWT, DCT and DFT, respectively. The compression ratio varies from 0.3 to 1. (a) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, and its row number is  $128 \times CR$ . (b) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, and its row number is  $64 \times CR$ .

and 30.9829dB, respectively. In Fig. 8(b), when  $CR = 0.3$ , PSNR is relatively low for Gaussian measurement matrix. However, the results of other measurement matrices are good. The sizes of STP-CS measurement matrices are set as one-sixteenth and one-sixty-fourth of that of the traditional CS, respectively, which can show that semi-tensor compressive sensing reduces the transmission bandwidth and the storage space, and ensures the high quality of the decrypted image.

In Fig. 9, the plain image is Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ), and the column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 256. Figures 9(a), (b), (c) represent the cipher images with different compression ratios 0.25, 0.5 and 0.75, and Figures 9(d), (e), (f) represent the decrypted images with compression ratios 0.25, 0.5, 0.75. As the number of samples increases, the image quality is getting better and better. PSNRs of Figs. 9(d), (e) and (f) are 28.3421dB, 32.5067dB and 34.5396dB, respectively. Figures 9(g), (h), (i) show the difference maps between the original images and the decrypted images. MSE values of Figs. 9(g), (h) and (i) are 95.2518, 36.5100, 22.8621, respectively.

Brief summary: Figure 5 shows the difference map, PSNR

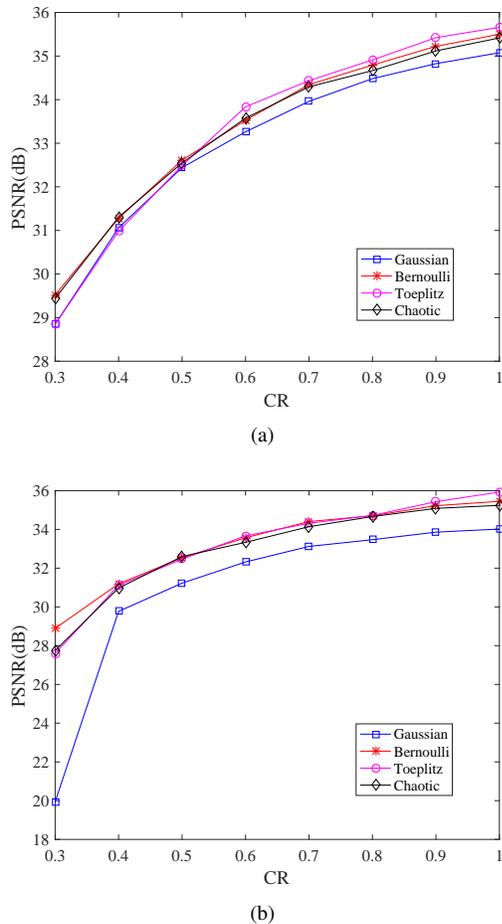


Fig. 8. The relationships between PSNR and CR for different measurement matrices, and the plain image is Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ). Four measurement matrices are Gaussian, Bernoulli, Toeplitz, and chaotic matrices, respectively. The compression ratio varies from 0.3 to 1. (a) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 128, and its row number is  $128 \times CR$ . (b) The column number of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is 64, and its row number is  $64 \times CR$ .

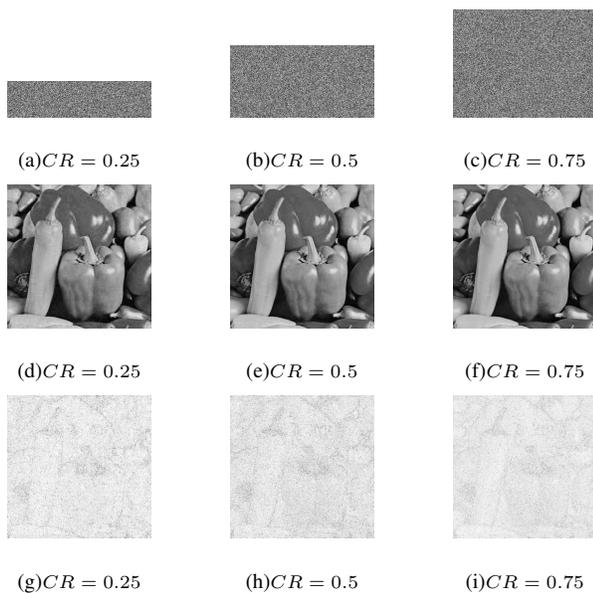


Fig. 9. The original image is Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ). (a)-(c) The encryption images. (d)-(f) The decryption images. (g)-(i) The difference maps.

and MSE between the original image and the recovery image. For House image, the PSNR can reach up to 33.9554dB. In Figs. 6-8, we analyze the relationship between PSNR and CR for different plain images, sparse bases and measurement matrices. On the whole, with the increment of the compression ratio for the measurement matrix, the higher the number of the samples is, the better the quality of the decrypted image is. For different plain images, the quality of the decrypted image is different. In Figure 6, Lena and Peppers images have similar PSNR, the PSNR of House is highest, and the PSNR of Cameraman is lowest. DWT is better than other sparse bases in the quality of the decrypted image. Four measurement matrices (i.e. Gaussian, Bernoulli, Toeplitz and chaotic matrices) have similar PSNR for the decrypted image. Figure 9 shows the recovery effect under different compression ratios. The higher the compression ratio is, the smaller MSE of the decrypted image is. When CR is 0.75, MSE is 22.8621 for Peppers image.

### C. The Effect of Image Encryption

In this section, we analyze adjacent pixel correlation, histogram, information entropy and runtime. This paper randomly chooses 3000 adjacent pixels from the original image and the cipher image, including horizontal, vertical and diagonal directions. Mean, variance, covariance and correlation coefficient are given as follows

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_2} x_i, \quad (21)$$

$$D(x) = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_2} (x_i - E(x_i))^2, \quad (22)$$

$$cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_2} (x_i - E(x_i))(y_i - E(y_i)), \quad (23)$$

$$r_{xy} = \frac{cov(x, y)}{\sqrt{D(x)}\sqrt{D(y)}}, \quad (24)$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  represent the gray values of two adjacent pixels in three directions, and  $N_2$  represents the number of pixels.

Figures 10-12 respectively represent horizontal, vertical and diagonal adjacent pixel correlations. The plain image is Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ). Figure 10(a), Figure 11(a), Figure 12(a) are adjacent pixel correlations of the original image in three directions. Figure 10(b), Figure 11(b), Figure 12(b) are results of the cipher images, and the dimensions of their measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ . Figure 10(c), Figure 11(c), Figure 12(c) are results of the cipher images, and the dimensions of their measurement matrices are  $128 \times 256$ . Figure 10(d), Figure 11(d), Figure 12(d) are results of the cipher images with measurement matrices  $64 \times 128$ . As is illustrated in Figs. 10-12, three directions of the original image have strong correlations, and linear correlations generally. Semi-tensor compressive sensing is uniform dispersion, and their cipher images can not be used to find the relevant information. The situation shows that different sizes of the semi-tensor measurement matrices

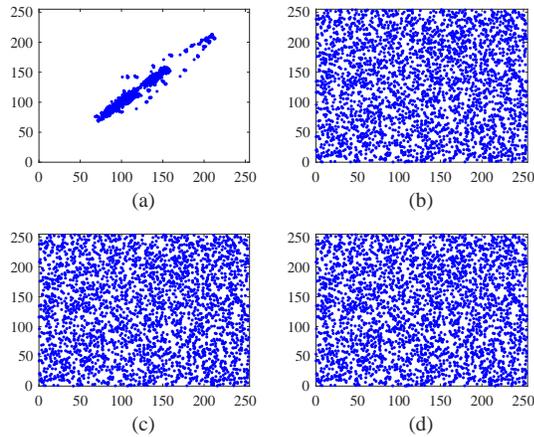


Fig. 10. Horizontal adjacent pixel correlation. (a) Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ) plain image. (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively).

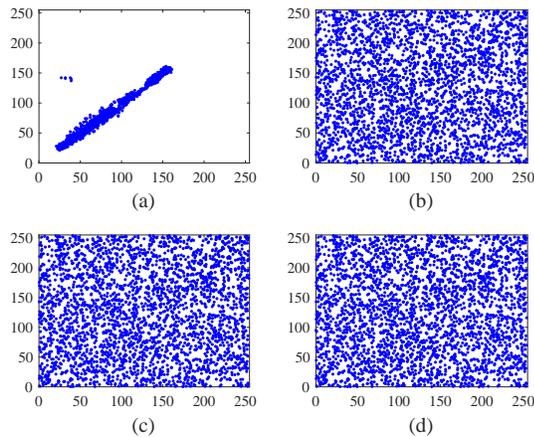


Fig. 11. Vertical adjacent pixel correlation. (a) Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ) plain image. (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively).

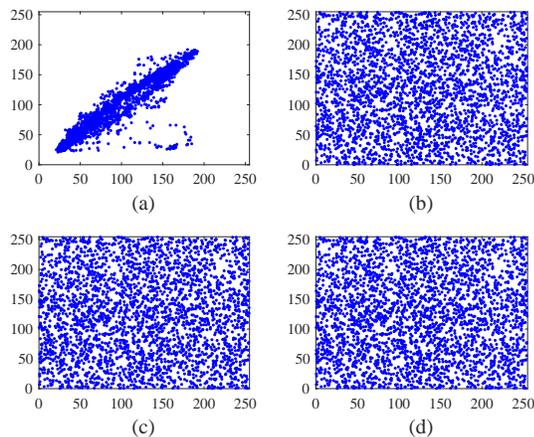


Fig. 12. Diagonal adjacent pixel correlation. (a) Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ) plain image. (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively).

TABLE III  
ADJACENT PIXEL CORRELATION WITH  $k_5=0.23$

direction \ type	original image	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$
horizontal	0.9839	-0.0035	-0.0036	-0.0035
vertical	0.9928	-0.0036	-0.0036	-0.0036
diagonal	0.9752	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006

TABLE IV  
ADJACENT PIXEL CORRELATION WITH  $k_5=0.24$

direction \ type	original image	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$
horizontal	0.9839	-0.0028	-0.0028	-0.0029
vertical	0.9928	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004
diagonal	0.9752	-0.0009	-0.0009	-0.0009

all get better encryption effects. That is to say, there is little correlation between the adjacent pixels of the cipher images.

In Table III, the plain image is Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ), and  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi_2$ ,  $\Phi_3$  represent the measurement matrices with dimensions  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively. It can be seen from Table III that the adjacent pixel correlations of the plain image are larger than 0.97, which is near 1, and this means strong correlation. The adjacent pixel correlations of cipher images are small under horizontal, vertical and diagonal directions, and they are less than 0.004 (to be close to 0), which indicates that the correlation is weak. The eavesdropper can not get useful information from the cipher image. We can see that the values in the same direction are similar, and they are affected by the auxiliary matrix. In Table III, the chaotic initial value  $k_5$  of the auxiliary matrix is selected as 0.23. If this value is set to be 0.24, then Table IV is obtained. It's obvious that the values in the same direction have changed. Table V uses Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ), Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ), House ( $512 \times 512$ ) and Cameraman ( $512 \times 512$ ), and the dimension of the semi-tensor measurement matrix is  $64 \times 128$ . Compared with the traditional compressive sensing, it is clear that our method has advantages in adjacent pixel correlation.

TABLE V  
COMPARISON OF ADJACENT PIXEL CORRELATION

image \ type	direction	original image	traditional CS	SC-HAC
Lena	horizontal	0.9839	0.7655	-0.0035
	vertical	0.9928	-0.0452	-0.0036
	diagonal	0.9752	-0.0395	0.0006
Pepper	horizontal	0.9733	0.8164	-0.0035
	vertical	0.9764	-0.0137	-0.0036
	diagonal	0.9557	-0.0143	0.0006
House	horizontal	0.9867	0.8967	-0.0036
	vertical	0.9793	0.0013	-0.0036
	diagonal	0.9669	0.8796	-0.0036
Cameraman	horizontal	0.9666	0.8796	-0.0036
	vertical	0.9783	0.0530	-0.0036
	diagonal	0.9490	0.0421	0.0006

A histogram reflects the statistical characteristics of an image, representing the proportions of different gray values. Figure 13(a) is the histogram of Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ), and Figures 13(b)-(d) are the results of the semi-tensor measurement matrices with dimensions  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively. As can be seen from Fig. 13, the

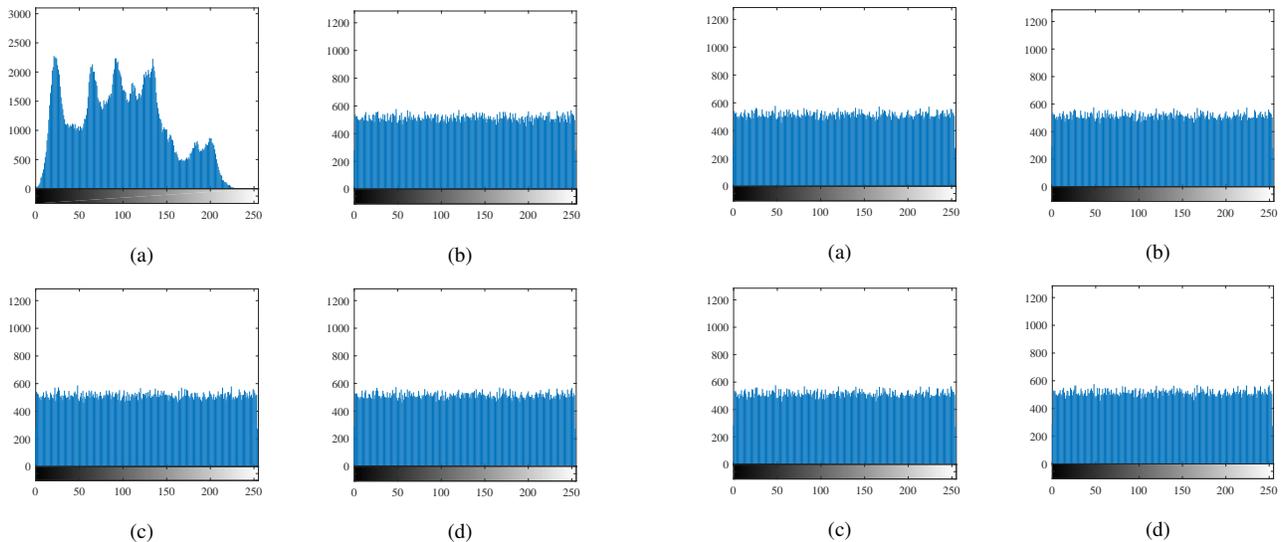


Fig. 13. Histogram. (a) Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ) is the plain image, (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively).

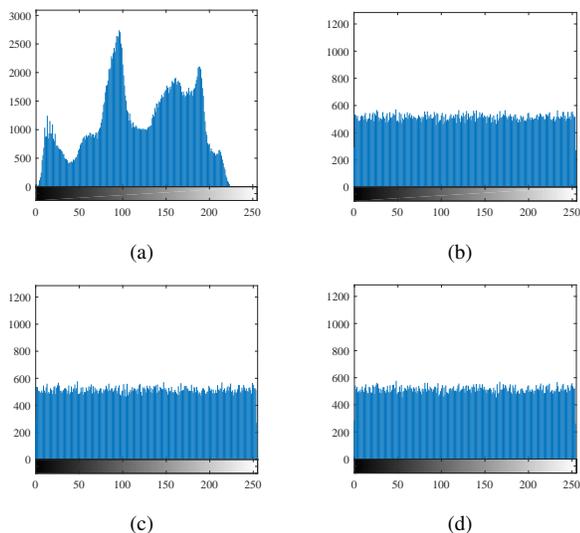


Fig. 14. Histogram. (a) Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ) is the plain image, (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $256 \times 512$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $64 \times 128$ , respectively).

statistical features of plain images are obvious and uneven, the distribution of the encrypted images is more uniform, and the statistical feature is small. Figure 14 is the histogram of Pepper image. Since the histograms of House and Cameraman images are just like those of Lena and Pepper images, we do not list them here. In Figure 15, the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $1 \times 2$ ,  $2 \times 4$ ,  $4 \times 8$ , and  $8 \times 16$ , respectively. Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ) is the plain image. From Figure 15, we can see that the distribution is uniform. Even if the measurement matrix is small, the encryption effect is good. There are two reasons. The semi-tensor compressive sensing can encrypt image itself. Moreover, the chaotic scrambling improves the encryption effect.

Information entropy is an indicator used to reflect the

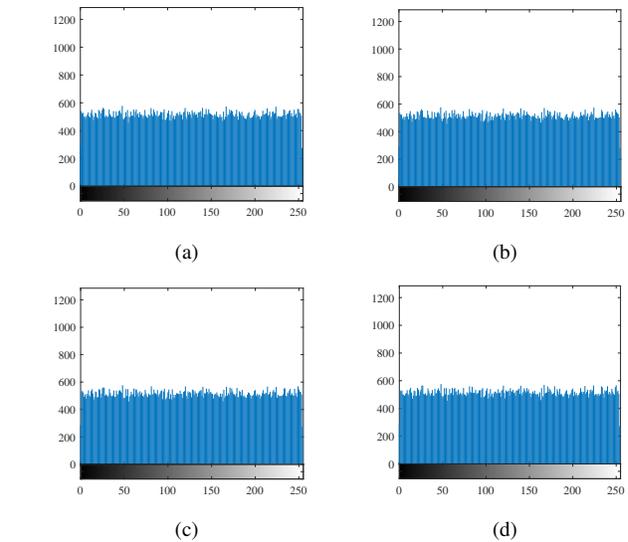


Fig. 15. Histogram. Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ) is the plain image, (a) (b) (c) (d) the cipher images (the dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $1 \times 2$ ,  $2 \times 4$ ,  $4 \times 8$ , and  $8 \times 16$ , respectively).

TABLE VI  
INFORMATION ENTROPY OF DIFFERENT MEASUREMENT MATRICES

image \ type	original image	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$
Lena	7.5736	7.9857	7.9856	7.9857
Pepper	7.5936	7.9856	7.9857	7.9858
House	6.4971	7.9860	7.9858	7.9859
Cameraman	6.9719	7.9856	7.9857	7.9859

uncertainty of information. Let  $G$  be an image with gray level  $L$ ,  $x_i$  represents the pixel number of the  $i$ th gray level, and  $p(x_i)$  indicates the probability value of the  $i$ th gray level. Moreover, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^L p(x_i) = 1$ , and the information entropy of  $G$  is expressed as

$$H(G) = - \sum_{i=1}^L p(x_i) \log_2 p(x_i). \quad (25)$$

Lena ( $512 \times 512$ ), Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ), House ( $512 \times 512$ ), Cameraman ( $512 \times 512$ ) are chosen as the original images, and the sizes of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $\Phi_1(256 \times 512)$ ,  $\Phi_2(128 \times 256)$  and  $\Phi_3(64 \times 128)$ . Their values of information entropy are given in Table VI. The theoretical value of the information entropy is 8 for the encrypted image with 256 gray levels. Therefore, the closer the information entropy is to 8, the higher the security of the encrypted image is. We can see that the entropy of the encrypted image is improved. Compared with the original image, the entropy is closer to 8.

Table VII shows the performance of the algorithm with respect to the runtime. Pepper images are used with sizes  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ , and  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. The dimensions of the semi-tensor measurement matrices are  $32 \times 64$ ,  $64 \times 128$ ,  $128 \times 256$ , and  $256 \times 512$ , respectively. From Table VII, we can see that the decryption time is more than the encryption time. This is because OMP reconstruction takes much time. As the image size increases, the encryption and

TABLE VII  
ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION TIME FOR DIFFERENT SIZE IMAGES  
(UNIT:S)

size	runtime	encryption time	decryption time	total time
$128 \times 128$		0.3734	1.5385	1.9119
$256 \times 256$		1.8236	8.1601	9.9837
$512 \times 512$		1.8381	37.4248	39.2629
$1024 \times 1024$		33.1258	234.8187	267.9445

decryption time increases. The sensors are only responsible for the encryption process, and the decryption process is completed by the terminal (for example, a hospital data center). Since the terminal has large computational device, we don't need to consider the computation cost. In the proposed scheme, the encryption time is 0.3734s, 1.8236s, 1.8381s, 33.1258s with sizes  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ , and  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. Therefore, the encryption time is short. Of course, when the image size is  $1024 \times 1024$ , the time is a little long. After all, the image with size  $1024 \times 1024$  has millions bytes to process.

For small-sized sensors, if image size is  $256 \times 256$ , then *i*) the encryption time is 1.8236s if input size is  $256 \times 256$ , *ii*) the encryption time is 1.4936s (i.e.  $4 \times 0.3734$ s) if input size is  $128 \times 128$ . As we all known, four times of size  $128 \times 128$  has the same bytes with size  $256 \times 256$ . The encryption time 1.4936s is less than 1.8236s. So the optimal input size is  $128 \times 128$  for small-sized sensors. For large-sized sensors, if image size is  $1024 \times 1024$ , then the encryption time is 23.8976s (i.e.  $64 \times 0.3734$ s), 29.1776 (i.e.  $16 \times 1.8236$ s), 7.3272 (i.e.  $4 \times 1.8381$ s), 33.1258s (i.e.  $1 \times 33.1258$ s) if input sizes are  $128 \times 128$ ,  $256 \times 256$ ,  $512 \times 512$ ,  $1024 \times 1024$ , respectively. The shortest encryption time is 7.3272s. So the optimal input size is  $512 \times 512$  for large-sized sensors.

Brief summary: The adjacent pixel correlations of cipher images are less than 0.004 under horizontal, vertical and diagonal directions. In terms of histogram, the distribution of the encrypted images is uniform. The information entropy of the encrypted images is closer to the theoretical value 8. In terms of the runtime, the optimal input size is  $128 \times 128$  for small-sized sensors and  $512 \times 512$  for large-sized sensors.

#### D. Security Analysis

Key space, key sensitivity, the brute force attack, the statistical attack, and the chosen/known plaintext attacks are discussed in this section. The key space of our algorithm is mainly related to the following aspects. Firstly, there are 37 types for wavelet sparse bases. Secondly, the output of SHA-256 hash function is 256 bits, so the key space is  $2^{256}$ . Thirdly, if the difference between the initial values is less than  $10^{-16}$ , then these two chaotic sequences could not be distinguished for Logistic and Tent chaotic systems. The key space of one chaotic system is  $10^{16}$ , and the key space of three chaotic systems is  $10^{48}$ . So the total key space is approximately  $2^{420}$ , which is calculated by  $37 \times 2^{256} \times 10^{48}$ . Table VIII shows the sizes of key spaces for different algorithms. Compared with the relevant papers [46]–[48], the key space in our scheme is larger than those of other algorithms.

TABLE VIII  
VALUES OF KEY SPACE FOR DIFFERENT ALGORITHMS

method	Ref. [46]	Ref. [47]	Ref. [48]	SC-HAC
key space	$1 \times 10^{48}$	$1 \times 10^{90}$	$1 \times 10^{37}$	$1 \times 2^{420}$

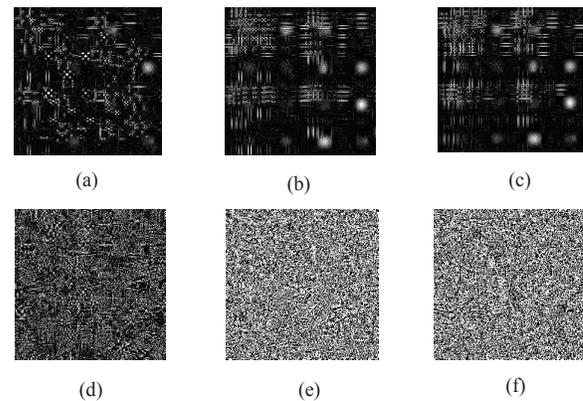


Fig. 16. Key sensitivity. The original image is Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ) in Figure 5(a1). (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) are the decrypted images with  $k'_1, k'_2, k'_3, k'_4, k'_5$  and  $k'_6$ , respectively. According to Equation (15), one bit of  $h_1$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_1$ , one bit of  $h_{12}$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_2$ , and one bit of  $h_{23}$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_3$ .  $k'_4 = k_4 + 10^{-16}$ ,  $k'_5 = k_5 + 10^{-16}$ ,  $k'_6 = k_6 + 10^{-16}$ .

As we all known, the key sensitivity is important for image encryption. The plain image is Lena ( $256 \times 256$ ) in Figure 5(a1). Figures 16(a) - (f) are the decrypted images when the keys  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5$  and  $k_6$  are changed respectively. The changed keys are expressed as  $k'_1, k'_2, k'_3, k'_4, k'_5$  and  $k'_6$ , respectively. According to Equation (15), one bit of  $h_1$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_1$ , one bit of  $h_{12}$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_2$ , and one bit of  $h_{23}$  is changed to generate the key  $k'_3$ .  $k'_4 = k_4 + 10^{-16}$ ,  $k'_5 = k_5 + 10^{-16}$ ,  $k'_6 = k_6 + 10^{-16}$ . The correct decryption image should be Lena image, and the incorrect decryption image is just like noise. The incorrect decryption image is disorganized, and we can not get any useful information about the original image, which shows that the proposed algorithm has the sensitivity to the decryption process. It means that the scheme prevents adversaries from decrypting the transmitted data with a key similar to the encryption key.

In the proposed scheme, attackers know the encryption algorithm, but they don't know the key. They use the intercepted data to recover the original data. The key space determines the ability of the algorithm to resist the brute force attack, and the greater the key space is, the stronger the ability to resist the brute force attack becomes. In the brute force attack, attackers know the encryption algorithm and the cipher image  $c_1$ , and they hope to get the corresponding original image  $p_1$ . Therefore, they try possible keys to decrypt the cipher images. They may try  $2^{420}$  times at most. So the key space is large enough to resist the brute force attack in the proposed scheme.

In the statistical attack, attackers know the intercepted cipher image  $c_1$  and the statistical regularities of original images (such as histogram, information entropy). They analyze the statistical regularities of the intercepted data, and compare

these two regularities. Thus, they expect to get the original image  $p_1$ . In the proposed scheme, the cipher images are uniform dispersion, and they can't be used to find the plaintext information, so our algorithm can resist the statistical attack.

The algorithm proposed in this paper can resist the chosen plaintext attack and the known plaintext attack. We add Logistic chaotic scrambling to improve the diffusion process. SHA-256 hash function is associated with the plain image, and it is used to generate the key parameters for the Arnold scrambling. Different plain images will have different hash function values, and hash values are all different even if the original image is changed with one pixel. So the algorithm is "one time, one key". In the chosen/known plaintext attacks, attackers know the encryption algorithm and the intercepted cipher image  $c_1$ , and some original images and corresponding cipher images such as  $(p_2, c_2), (p_3, c_3), (p_4, c_4)$  (The original images and cipher images can be chosen in the chosen plaintext attack). They want to get the original image  $p_1$ . Because the algorithm is "one time, one key", the keys are updated all the time. Therefore, those original images and corresponding cipher images are useless to decrypt new cipher image.

Since compressive sensing is a linear transform, it lacks a diffusion mechanism. The encryption schemes based on compressive sensing [49] [50] are difficult to resist the chosen/known plaintext attacks. For example, selecting a set of plaintext sparse vectors with a sparsity of 1, the measurement matrix can be calculated so that this algorithm is cracked. In the proposed scheme, in order to resist the chosen/known plaintext attacks, Logistic chaotic scrambling is used to improve the diffusion process. And SHA-256 hash function is used to guarantee "one time, one key".

Brief summary: The total key space is approximately  $2^{420}$ . The key sensitivity indicates that the scheme prevents adversaries from decrypting the transmitted data with a key similar to the encryption key. The proposed scheme can resist several attacks including the brute force attack, the statistical attack, the chosen plaintext attack and the known plaintext attack.

### E. Comparison with Other Algorithms

The proposed scheme SC-HAC is compared with the existing compressive sensing (CS) methods, such as the traditional CS [49], [50], CS with partial hadamard matrix [51] and chaotic CS in body to body network (BBN) [48]. In Section V-C and Section V-D, we compare the adjacent pixel correlation and the key space, and analyze the comparison results. Now, we will compare the relationship between the compression ratio and the peak signal to noise ratio of the decrypted image. As shown in Fig. 17, the curve marked with the box is the result of the proposed scheme, and the size of semi-tensor measurement matrix is set to one-sixteenth of that in the traditional compressive sensing.

The original image is Pepper ( $512 \times 512$ ), the sparse basis of compressive sensing is DWT, and the reconstruction algorithm is OMP algorithm in these schemes. It is clear that our algorithm has obvious advantages when the sampling rate is low, and the quality of the decrypted images is higher. When  $CR = 0.3$ , the PSNR of our scheme has reached 29.4395dB,

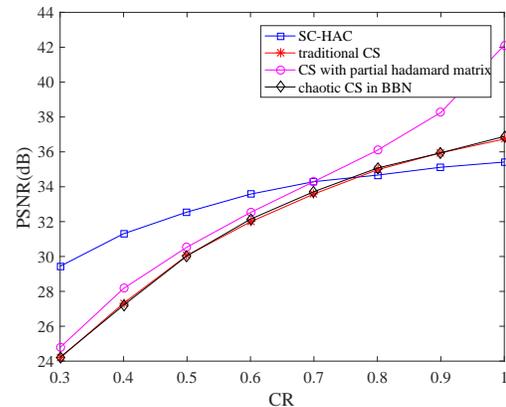


Fig. 17. Relationships between PSNR and CR for different schemes. When  $CR < 0.7$ , the PSNR of our scheme is obviously higher than those of other three schemes, and when  $CR > 0.7$ , the result of CS with partial hadamard matrix has the superiority.

and the PSNRs of the traditional CS, CS with partial hadamard matrix, chaotic compressive sensing in BBN are 24.1803dB, 24.7856dB, and 24.2210dB, respectively. When  $CR < 0.7$ , the PSNR of our scheme is obviously higher than those of other three schemes. In other words, when we compress a lot of data, the advantages of our scheme are obvious. When  $CR > 0.7$ , the result of CS with partial hadamard matrix is superior, and the result of our scheme is similar to those of other two schemes. At this time, encrypted data is compressed less, and the amount of data to be transmitted is still relatively large. In the process of compressive sensing, we certainly hope that the number of sampling is less, and the proposed scheme has more advantages when the number of sampling is less, which indicates that our scheme is better than other schemes. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed method can achieve a good recovery effect, and outperform three previous methods when the sampling rate is low.

Brief summary: When CR is less than 0.7, the PSNR of our scheme is obviously higher than those other schemes. Numerical simulations and security analyses are given to show that our scheme performs well in encryption effect and recovery effect.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The paper proposes a flexible and secure data transmission system based on semi-tensor compressive sensing in wireless body area networks. The plain image conducts DWT, then this image is transformed by Arnold scrambling. The scrambled image uses semi-tensor compressive sensing to compression and encryption, and Logistic chaotic scrambling is used to generate the cipher image. The proposed scheme is flexible and it can be used to measure the images with different sizes without adjusting the size of the measurement matrix, while other methods should change the size of the measurement matrix to fit the plain image. Because the measurement matrix is generated by the chaotic system, the transmission cost is greatly reduced by only transmitting several constants. In addition, the SHA-256 hash function resists the chosen

plaintext attack, and also compensates for the disadvantages of compressive sensing. By experimental simulations, we analyze the performance of the proposed encryption scheme from several perspectives. It can resist the brute force attack, the statistical attack, the known plaintext attack and the chosen plaintext attack. In the future, we consider using parallel compressive sensing instead of compressive sensing, enhancing the effect of encryption.

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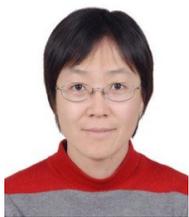


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