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## D I S P U T A T I O N

**Freitag, 11. April 2025, 16:00 Uhr**

**Ort: Seminarraum 006**

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**Disputation über die Doktorarbeit von**

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**Thema der Dissertation:**

**Wireless Channel Based Security Protocols for IoT Devices**

**Thema der Disputation:**

**Proximity-aware Mutual Password Agreement Protocol for Wi-Fi  
Devices using Physical Layer Security**

Die Arbeit wurde unter der Betreuung von **Prof. Dr.-Ing. G. Wunder** durchgeführt.

**Abstract:** The growing adoption of Wi-Fi-connected IoT devices, such as smart TVs and home monitoring systems, presents security challenges due to their limited computational resources. While WPA3 enhances Wi-Fi security, its reliance on public-key cryptography (PKC) raises concerns about post-quantum resilience, and its Diffie-Hellman (DH) key exchange requires large key sizes ( $\geq 3072$  bits for 128-bit security), which can be impractical for resource-constrained devices. To address this, we propose ComPass, a proximity-aware password agreement protocol that leverages wireless channel phase randomness to establish shared secrets without user-generated passwords. ComPass generates high-entropy keys (128, 192, or 256 bits) with minimal overhead, making it efficient for Wi-Fi networks with heterogeneous device capabilities. This talk will cover ComPass's design, implementation on OpenWrt devices, integration with WPA2/3, and security evaluation, demonstrating its feasibility in mitigating password-based vulnerabilities in IoT ecosystems.

Die Disputation besteht aus dem o. g. Vortrag, danach der Vorstellung der Dissertation einschließlich jeweils anschließenden Aussprachen.

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