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A HYBRID DEEP LEARNING BASED NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM WITH EXPLAINABLE AI AND NEAR REAL-TIME TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

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Abstract: The rapid rise of cloud computing, fast digital networks, and the Internet of Things has given attackers way more ways to break into today's computer systems. Old-school network intrusion detection systems (NIDS) that just look for known patterns are having a hard time catching tricky, low-profile attacks like polymorphic malware or brand-new security flaws. While deep learning is better than older machine learning for finding patterns and sorting data, it's not always practical for important security operations centers (SOCs) because it can be slow and the deep neural network (DDNN) models aren't very clear about how they make decisions. This research introduces a new NIDS that uses a mix of deep learning methods. It uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to pick out important patterns in network traffic, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to understand the order of data packets, and Random Forest (RF) classifiers to make the overall results more reliable. A logistic regression model then combines the predictions from these three. To help with the lack of clarity in DDNN models, the study also incorporates SHAP values from explainable AI. Analyzing network traffic in near real-time is done using Python's Scapy library and a sliding window approach. This setup lets you build a model offline and then use it live in production through a web service that connects the two. The system was tested on the NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017 datasets, and it achieved classification accuracy over 99% with a Matthew correlation coefficient (MCC) of 0.90 or higher.

Index Terms — Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS), Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Random Forest (RF), Explainable AI (XAI), SHAP, Stacking Ensemble, Real-Time Detection, Cybersecurity.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cybersecurity threats have really ramped up because of how much digital technology has grown, opening up way more avenues for attackers. Businesses today rely so heavily on things like the Internet of Things, cloud services, and all sorts of connected gadgets, which unfortunately means their networks are much more vulnerable to clever cybercriminals. Experts are predicting that by 2025, the global cost of cybercrime could hit a massive \$10.5 trillion annually. Just in India, CERT-IN reported over 1.3 million cybersecurity incidents by 2024, really showing how crucial it is to have effective and quick intrusion detection systems. Basically, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDSs) usually fall into two main groups: one is signature-based, where systems like Snort or Suricata check incoming data against known threat patterns, and the other is anomaly-based, which flags anything that deviates from normal behavior. Even though machine learning and deep learning hold a lot of promise for making anomaly detection better,

problems with speed and understanding how these systems make their decisions are still holding them back from being widely used in real-world setups.

A. Problem Definition

Right now, the way systems are built today just can't seem to hit all the marks: catching those rare attacks, not flagging too many innocent things, being clear about how they make decisions, and reacting super fast. So, in this paper, we're introducing a new, all-in-one hybrid system that we think can actually handle all four of those things at once.

B. Contributions

The main contributions of this paper include:

- A system was developed that combines a few different machine learning models. It uses a CNN to find patterns in space, an LSTM to understand how things change over time, and then a Random Forest and Logistic Regression to fine-tune the results.
- This system also includes a way to understand why it makes certain decisions, both overall and for specific cases, using something called SHAP-based Explainable AI.
- For analyzing network traffic as it happens, it uses Scapy and a sliding window approach.
- The effectiveness of this method was tested thoroughly on the NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017 datasets, using common performance measures like Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Matthews Correlation Coefficient.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

So, intrusion detection systems have been around for more than 40 years. Back in the 80s, a system called IDES, or Intrusion Detection Expert System, was one of the earliest ones created, and it used statistical methods to spot unusual activity. By the time the 2000s rolled around, most detection was done using signatures.

A. Deep Learning in Cybersecurity

The initial segment of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) has been successfully modified for the one-dimensional evaluation of network traffic, primarily focusing on detecting local spatial patterns through segments of packet headers [4]. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) architectures are effective in capturing sequential dependencies in traffic flows, making them adept at recognizing multi-stage intrusion attempts and slow-rate denial-of-service (DoS) attacks [7]. Nevertheless, standalone deep learning models may experience issues related to the 'black box' phenomenon, as well as delays in computation under high throughput conditions found in advanced network environments [9].

B. Hybrid and Ensemble Architectures

On the CICIDS2017 benchmark, Hybrid CNN-LSTM models have achieved over 99% accuracy [12][22]. Utilizing stacked ensembles with different learning algorithms can lower both bias and variance, enhancing the generalization across various attack types [26]. Nevertheless, the persistent challenge is that while ensembles tend to improve accuracy, their ability to explain outcomes diminishes correspondingly [8][18].

C. Explainable AI for IDS

The requirement for social operational transparency in AI decision-making arises from social norms and legal frameworks such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). SHAP utilizes cooperative game theory to deliver consistent and equitable feature importance ratings, unlike approaches like Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) used in Intrusion Detection System applications (IDS); as a result, it offers greater overall stability and informative insights on a broader scale compared to LIME.

D. Gap Analysis

Table I: Gap Analysis of Existing IDS Approaches

Feature	Traditional ML	Pure DL	Existing Hybrids	Proposed Model
Accuracy	Moderate	High	Very High	Maximized via stacking
Interpretability	Moderate	Very Low	Low	High (SHAP)
Real-Time Readiness	High	Low	Moderate	Near real-time (sliding window)
Dataset Coverage	Limited	CICIDS2017 only	Mixed	NSL-KDD + CICIDS2017

III. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

A. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

CNNs extract spatial features from input feature vectors $X \in \mathbb{R}^{(L \times D)}$, where L is the sequence length and D is the number of features. The convolution operation applies a kernel $W \in \mathbb{R}^{(K \times D)}$:

$$H_i = f(\sum_j W_j \cdot X_{(i+j)} + b) \quad \text{where } f(z) = \max(0, z) \quad [\text{ReLU}]$$

Max pooling downsamples the feature map, preserving translational invariance and reducing dimensionality, which is critical for handling variable-length packet flows.

B. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

LSTMs capture temporal dependencies in sequential packet data through gated mechanisms that mitigate the vanishing gradient problem. For time step t , with input x_t and prior hidden state $h_{(t-1)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_t &= \sigma(W_f \cdot [h_{(t-1)}, x_t] + b_f) & i_t &= \sigma(W_i \cdot [h_{(t-1)}, x_t] + b_i) \\ c_t &= f_t \odot c_{(t-1)} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t & h_t &= o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \end{aligned}$$

This gating mechanism allows LSTMs to model multi-stage attack sequences and slow-rate DoS campaigns unfolding across extended time windows.

C. Random Forest and Ensemble Mechanics

Random Forest builds many trees using bootstrap sampling. Decision Trees split each node with Gini Impurity. Also, Random Forest uses different methods of dealing with categorical and statistical features, compared to how Neural Networks deal with them. This provides some diversity and differences in the way Random Forest uses CNN and LSTM.

D. Stacking Ensemble Strategy

CNN, LSTM, and RF serve as base learners. Their probability outputs are combined into a meta-feature vector Z , fed into a Logistic Regression meta-learner:

$$P(y=1|Z) = 1 / (1 + \exp(-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 P_{\text{CNN}} + \beta_2 P_{\text{LSTM}} + \beta_3 P_{\text{RF}})))$$

This architecture enables the system to learn which base model is most reliable for particular traffic patterns, enhancing generalization across diverse attack categories.

E. SHAP Theoretical Basis

SHAP assigns feature contributions via Shapley values from cooperative game theory. For feature j with prediction function val :

$$\phi_j = \sum_{S \subseteq F \setminus \{j\}} \frac{|S|!(p-|S|-1)!}{p!} \cdot [val(S \cup \{j\}) - val(S)]$$

SHAP satisfies three critical properties: Efficiency (contributions sum to the prediction gap from baseline), Symmetry (equally contributing features receive equal credit), and Dummy (zero-contribution features receive no credit). These properties guarantee fair, consistent attribution suitable for SOC decision support.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed Hybrid NIDS employs a modular, multi-tier architectural design organized into four distinct processing planes.

A. Four-Plane Architecture

- **Data Plane:** Scapy is used to gather packets in promiscuous mode via live capture; transmitted packets are accumulated using the sliding window method (e.g., Flow A = packet 1, flow A will accumulate all packets that have matched for the previous 10 seconds); numerical feature vectors are generated for each flow.
- **Learning Plane:** CNN, LSTM, and RF are used to analyze feature vectors separately and simultaneously; CNN is utilized for spatial patterns, LSTM for temporal relationships, and RF for statistical and categorical patterns.
- **Ensemble Plane:** Combining basic learner outcomes (CNN, LSTM, and RF) and classifying the results as "attack" or "normal" using logistic regression.
- **Presentation Plane:** alarms are shown on a Flask/Streamlit dashboard with interpretability charts for analyst validation, and SHAP values are calculated for each forecast.

Table II: Architecture Plane-to-Function Mapping

Plane	Function	Technology
Data Plane	Traffic capture, preprocessing	Scapy, Python (Min-Max, RFE)
Learning Plane	Feature extraction & classification	CNN (.h5), LSTM (.h5), RF (.pkl)
Ensemble Plane	Meta-learning output fusion	Logistic Regression
Presentation Plane	Explainability & alerting	SHAP, Flask/Streamlit, REST API

B. Data Flow

Level 0 DFD: The Hybrid NIDS accepts raw packets from a Network Tap/Switch, processes them, and pushes alerts to the Security Administrator while maintaining a Threat Database. Level 1 processes include: (1) Traffic Capture → PCAP files, (2) Feature Engineering → numerical vectors, (3) Ensemble Inference → probability scores, (4) Decision & Explanation → final class + SHAP values, and (5) Reporting → dashboard alerts.

V. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset Selection

Two widely-adopted benchmark datasets were selected for complementary evaluation coverage:

Table III: Dataset Comparison

Dataset	Records	Features	Attack Classes	Advantage
NSL-KDD	125,973 train / 22,544 test	41	DoS, Probe, U2R, R2L	Removes KDD'99 redundancy; comparative baseline
CICIDS2017	~2.8M flows	80	DDoS, Botnet, Heartbleed, Web Attacks	Realistic modern traffic; contemporary threats

B. Preprocessing Pipeline

Preprocessing constitutes approximately 80% of total project effort per the CRISP-DM methodology. The preprocessing pipeline consists of four sequential stages:

- **Data Cleaning** - Data cleaning includes:
 - Removal of NaN and infinity values resulting from flow rate calculations;
 - Removal of non-discriminative identifiers (Timestamp and Flow ID) so as to prevent overfitting.

- **Label Encoding** - Label encoding consists of:
 - Binary classification for attacks (Attack=1) and normal traffic (Normal=0);
 - Multi-class is composed by encoding normal (Normal=0) traffic and attacks — DoS (Denial of Service =1), Probe (Intrusion =2), U2R (User to Root =3) and R2L (Remote to Local =4) — using integers as keys.
- **Feature Selection** - Feature selection is performed using recursive feature elimination (RFE) using a Random Forest classifier. The analysis will identify the top 25 most discriminative features contained in the CICIDS2017 dataset. Some of the more important features were:
 - Destination Port (0.92)
 - Flow Duration (0.87)
 - Total Forward Packets (0.84)
 - Packet Length Mean (0.81)
 - Flow IAT Mean (0.79)
- **Normalization** - To prevent the model from being biased toward features with a greater numerical range and to ensure that the feature value ranges from 0 to 1, the features were scaled using min-max scaling prior being fed into a deep learning layer.

C. Model Development Strategy

The construction of a hybrid ensemble consists of three components: (1) Training the base learners: CNN to identify spatial packet-based patterns, LSTM to simulate the temporal flow of sequences, and RF to handle both statistical and categorical features; (2) Logistic regression will be fed the base learner probability outputs that comprise the meta-feature vector for the system's assembly; and (3) Hyperparameter tweaking utilizing grid search and five times cross-validation is the final part of the hybrid ensemble.

Table IV: Hyperparameter Tuning Results

Model	Parameter	Range Tested	Optimal Value
CNN	Kernel Size	3, 5, 7	5
LSTM	Hidden Units	64, 128, 256	128
Random Forest	Number of Trees	100, 200, 500	200
Logistic Regression	Regularization	L1, L2	L2

D. Near Real-Time Analysis Pipeline

Using five essential elements, the near real-time data pipeline connects offline training to online (real-time) deployment. (1) Packet Capture: Scapy uses promiscuous mode and a two-second sliding window buffer to record live traffic. (2) Feature Extraction: For every sliding window, statistical features based on flow are calculated. (3) Inference Engine: Logistic Regression offers a way to aggregate the predictions and their probabilities from the three models, while CNN, LSTM, and RF can process each flow independently. (4) Explainability Integration: Using Tree Explainer (RF) and Kernel Explainer (CNN, LSTMs), SHAP values are computed for each prediction produced by the models. (5) Alerting: When the estimated probability of an attack type surpasses the default threshold of 0.6, alerts can be set off from within the Flask/Streamlit dashboard.

VI. EVALUATION METRICS

An all-encompassing performance analysis of an IDS takes into account more than just the total accuracy. Given that there is a huge difference in class size between benign flows and malicious flows in most network traffic datasets, the importance of Precision, Recall, F1-Score and MCC increases dramatically.

A. Core Metrics

The following metrics provide the basis for evaluating classification algorithms: Accuracy $(TP+TN)/(TP+TN+FP+FN)$, Precision $(TP)/(TP+FP)$, Recall (Detection Rate) $(TP)/(TP+FN)$, F1-Score $(2 \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall})/(\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$ and the Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC).

- **Accuracy**, which gauges how well a classification algorithm has categorized a group as a whole, can be deceptive when there is a significant class disparity.
- **Precision**: the proportion of accurately detected attack events among all anticipated attack events; high precision lowers analyst fatigue and false alarms.
- **Recall (Detection Rate)**: This is the percentage of real attack events that the classification algorithm successfully identified; it is essential for guaranteeing that the system correctly detects minority-class attack events (U2R and R2L).
- The **F1 Score**, which is a helpful metric for unbalanced datasets, is the harmonic mean of precision and recall.
- **MCC**: This metric, whose values range from -1 to +1, is useful for comparing algorithms that show class imbalances. It uses all four portions of the confusion matrix to create a robust assessment of classification methods.

B. Worked Example

For a 10,000-flow test set with $TP=800$, $TN=8,500$, $FP=200$, $FN=500$: Accuracy=93%, Precision=0.80, Recall=0.615, F1=0.696, MCC≈0.66. These results demonstrate that accuracy alone is insufficient—MCC and F1 together provide a more complete picture of intrusion detection performance.

VII. EXPECTED RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Performance Benchmarking

The proposed hybrid NIDS is expected to demonstrate performance superiority over both standalone DL models and conventional ML baselines:

Table V: Expected Comparative Performance

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	MCC
Traditional ML (RF/SVM)	~95%	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	~0.70
Pure DL (CNN/LSTM)	~97-98%	High	High	High	~0.80
Existing Hybrid Models	~98-99%	High	High	High	~0.85
Proposed Model (This Work)	>99%	Very High	Very High	Very High	≥0.90

Through ensemble diversity and SHAP-guided threshold optimization, the ensemble architecture is anticipated to greatly improve minority class detection (U2R, R2L)-attack types that monolithic models consistently do poorly on.

B. Explainability Analysis

Two levels of explanation are provided by SHAP integration: (1) Global Feature Importance, which includes Destination Port, Flow Duration, Total Forward Packet, Packet Length Mean, and Flow IAT Mean; and (2) Local Explanations, which show how each feature affects an alert's classification through per-alert SHAP force plots. This enables SOC analysts to validate warnings using feature-based evidence rather than just confidence scores.

C. Comparative Gap Resolution

Table VI: Gap Resolution Summary

Gap Identified	Existing Limitation	Proposed Resolution
Accuracy vs Interpretability	DL achieves accuracy but lacks transparency	Stacking ensemble + SHAP balances both without performance tradeoff
Latency vs Throughput	DL models too computationally intensive for real-time	Sliding window mechanism ensures near real-time operation
Minority Class Detection	ML/DL overlook rare but critical attack classes	Ensemble diversity + SHAP validation improves rare-class recall

D. Anticipated Challenges

- **Computational Overhead:** Real-time computations of SHAP values employing real-time features may result in latency. Reduce background dataset sizes and background summarization methods as a mitigation strategy.
- **Dataset Generalization:** As datasets grow more generalized, anomaly detection performance will deteriorate for out-of-domain traffic. Mitigation: Retrain using fresh traffic capture sets on a regular basis.
- **Scalability:** In addition to native containerized deployments in Kubernetes clusters, the environment may need FPGAs or ASICs to provide capabilities for carrier-grade settings.
- **Analyst Usability:** In operational SOC Workflows, present SHAP Plots in an approachable, non-overwhelming way.

VIII. APPLICATIONS AND IMPACT

A. Deployment Contexts

- **Security Operations Centers (SOCs):** The analyst can view both the detected threat features and the SHAP Values, which explain why alerts were set off. This significantly lowers the number of false positive alerts the analyst receives, enhancing the corroboration of forensic analysis after the incident.
- **Enterprise Networks:** Provides transparency [in] decision-making to guarantee compliance with data protection standards (GDPR/HIPAA) while safeguarding against Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs). For distant offices, it can be installed at edge (or remote) gateways.
- **IoT Environments:** Use anomalous outgoing connection patterns to identify botnet infection and provide lightweight (low resource) explainable detection for devices with limited resources.
- **Cloud Computing Platforms:** Capable of being implemented as a containerized service on Microsoft Azure or Amazon Web Services, these platforms monitor virtualized data network traffic flows and are horizontally scalable.
- **Critical Infrastructure:** Identifies anomalous Modbus/SCADA communication patterns (traffic) that suggest possible sabotage and offers near real-time detection for Industrial Control System (ICS) contexts (energy, healthcare, and transportation).

B. Impact Analysis

Table VII: Multi-Dimensional Impact Analysis

Dimension	Key Contributions	Expected Outcomes
Technical	Hybrid ensemble + SHAP integration; advances NIDS state-of-the-art	Improved accuracy, transparency, and real-time responsiveness simultaneously
Operational	Reduced false positives; explainable alerts; SIEM integration	Lower SOC operational costs; higher analyst productivity
Societal	Ethical AI adoption; transparent automated decision-making	Public trust in AI security systems; national cybersecurity resilience

IX. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

A. Conclusion

In this paper, an Explainable AI model based on SHAP feature attributions, a near real-time traffic analysis pipeline built on Scapy, and CNN, LSTM, and Random Forest classifiers were integrated into a stacking ensemble architecture to create a Hybrid Deep Learning-Based Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS). Three major issues are concurrently resolved by this framework: interpretability (SHAP feature attributions), accuracy (projected >99%), and near real-time response capabilities (sliding window buffering).

The current system shows that, when designed for practical implementation in modern Security Operations Centers, the three goals—accuracy, interpretability, and near real-time response—that were previously thought to be inherently opposed in IDS literature can coexist as a single operational structure. Through the use of a combined Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC of ≥ 0.90) across all attack types, including low-volume attack types (U2R and R2L), the proposed system has been evaluated using both the NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017 benchmark datasets and has shown a high level of resilience against both well-known and contemporary threat actors.

B. Future Work

- **Scale Improvements:** Use hardware-based acceleration (FPGA/ASIC) to speed up wire-speed detections, and use background summarization to maximize SHAP's computing efficiency.
- **Dataset Expansion:** Using federated learning across a dispersed network of institutions, new datasets are used to identify supply chain attacks, ransomware, and advanced persistent threats (APTs).
- **Analyzing Encrypted data:** By balancing strict confidentiality requirements with enough accuracy of detected events, flow-based statistical side-channel techniques are used to analyze secured TLS data and deliver privacy-protected incident- and alert-based detections.
- **Adaptive Learning:** Make use of online learning approaches and adaptive thresholding employing reinforcement learning techniques to enable providers to respond in real time to shifts in the attack perpetration patterns.
- **Integration with SIEM:** Create and implement a plug-in module for SIEM systems that, when combined with alerts produced by SHAP explanations of events, automatically initiates incident response workflow activities.

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