AI-Driven Cybersecurity Threat Detection Using Hybrid Machine Learning and Deep Learning Techniques

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Abstract—

Growing interconnectivity among digital infrastructures has substantially enlarged the attack surface that adversaries can exploit, rendering signature-based and rule-driven intrusion detection systems inadequate for contemporary threat landscapes. Detecting zero-day exploits, Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), and increasingly sophisticated ransomware strains remains a formidable challenge for legacy detection paradigms. To overcome these shortcomings, this study introduces the AI-Driven Cybersecurity Threat Detection Framework (AICDTF), an integrated architecture that synergizes classical machine learning algorithms—namely Random Forest (RF), Decision Trees (DT), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and XGBoost—with deep learning components comprising Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and a purpose-built Hybrid CNN-LSTM model. The framework is trained and evaluated across five well-established benchmark corpora: CICIDS2017, CICIDS2018, NSL-KDD, UNSW-NB15, and Bot-IoT, which together encompass over 3.5 million labeled traffic samples spanning 22 distinct attack categories. Data preprocessing incorporates Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) to address class imbalance and Min-Max normalization to standardize feature scales. A stacked generalization strategy aggregates probabilistic outputs from individual base learners into a unified meta-classifier.

Keywords—Artificial Intelligence; Cyber Security; Machine Learning; Deep Learning; CNN; LSTM; Random Forest; XGBoost; Explainable Artificial Intelligence; Intrusion Detection System; SMOTE

I. INTRODUCTION

The past two decades have witnessed an unprecedented transformation in global digital infrastructure. Widespread proliferation of cloud platforms, mobile ecosystems, Industrial Control Systems (ICS), Internet of Things (IoT) endpoints, and interconnected enterprise networks has created a complex digital substrate that, while enabling economic and societal progress, simultaneously exposes organizations to a dramatically expanded spectrum of security risks. Projections indicate that annual losses attributable to cybercrime could surpass $10.5 trillion by 2025 [1], with nation-state actors, organized cybercriminal groups, and independent threat agents collectively exploiting software vulnerabilities, misconfigured protocols, and human behavioral weaknesses to bypass traditional perimeter defenses.

Legacy security mechanisms such as firewalls and antivirus tools were engineered for a fundamentally different threat environment. Their dependence on static signature libraries and predefined rule sets necessitates constant manual updates and renders them structurally unable to recognize previously unseen attack variants. Zero-day exploits, by definition, target vulnerabilities for which no defensive countermeasure yet exists, while APTs adopt low-and-slow infiltration tactics—blending malicious activity within legitimate user behavior—to evade detection for extended periods. Research published by Mandiant in 2024 reveals that the median dwell time for APT intrusions remains approximately 16 days [2], underscoring the inadequacy of reactive detection approaches.

Artificial intelligence and machine learning offer a fundamentally different detection philosophy: rather than matching traffic against known malicious signatures, these techniques construct probabilistic models of normal network behavior and flag statistically anomalous deviations. Classical ML algorithms such as RF, SVM, and XGBoost have demonstrated competitive

classification performance on network flow datasets, yet their reliance on manually crafted feature representations limits their ability to capture temporal traffic dynamics inherent in attacks like DoS flooding, port sweeping, and slow exfiltration campaigns [3].

Deep learning architectures address this limitation by autonomously deriving hierarchical feature representations from raw or minimally processed input data. CNNs excel at extracting localized spatial patterns from packet payloads and flow statistics, while recurrent architectures such as LSTM networks are particularly suited to modeling sequential dependencies across time. Nevertheless, deep learning models in isolation demand substantial computational infrastructure, require large volumes of annotated training data, and generate predictions lacking transparency—a critical shortcoming when security analysts must justify automated alerts to stakeholders [4].

Hybrid approaches that combine classical machine learning with deep learning within a unified pipeline represent an emerging solution to these competing constraints. Such architectures can simultaneously exploit the computational efficiency and interpretability of classical models alongside the representational power of neural networks. Ensemble strategies that aggregate predictions from diverse base learners further improve robustness by compensating for individual model weaknesses. Complementing these techniques with explainable AI (XAI) methods such as SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) [5] enables post-hoc attribution of model decisions to specific input features, making automated detections actionable for human analysts.

Three important gaps in the existing literature motivated this research initiative. First, the majority of prior studies evaluate detection models on a single dataset, which limits claims about cross-domain generalizability. Second, few published frameworks have systematically combined CNN, LSTM, and traditional ML classifiers within a unified stacked ensemble evaluated across multiple heterogeneous datasets. Third, practical deployment considerations—such as inference latency, hardware requirements, and integration with Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platforms—have received insufficint attention in prior work.

II. RELATED WORK

A. Classical Machine Learning for Intrusion Detection

Machine learning has been applied to network intrusion detection since the late 1990s, with ensemble-based feature engineering methodologies substantially elevating performance in recent years. Sarhan et al. [6] conducted a comparative evaluation of five classifiers—DT, Naive Bayes, RF, K-Nearest Neighbor, and XGBoost—on the CIC-IDS2018 dataset. Their findings confirmed that RF and XGBoost achieved classification accuracies of 99.7% and 99.8% respectively, whereas Naive Bayes underperformed significantly at 84.3% owing to its conditional independence assumption. The study highlighted class distribution imbalance as a persistent obstacle, since over 80% of benchmark traffic samples are benign. Thakkar and Lohiya [7] systematically surveyed ML-based IDS research from 2018 to 2022, demonstrating through meta-analysis of 67 selected studies that ensemble classifiers outperformed single-model approaches by an average margin of 4.7% in F1-score. Ahmad et al. [8] applied Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) prior to SVM training on NSL-KDD, reducing the feature space from 41 to 18 dimensions while preserving classification accuracy above 98.9%.

B. Deep Learning Approaches

Neural architectures have demonstrated remarkable capacity for automated feature discovery in cybersecurity applications. Kasongo and Sun [9] constructed a five-layer deep neural network trained on UNSW-NB15, attaining 97.8% detection accuracy—a significant improvement over SVM and DT baselines—by capturing nonlinear feature interactions that conventional classifiers cannot model. Jiang et al. [10] proposed a Bidirectional LSTM model for traffic sequence analysis using CICIDS2017 data; by processing temporal dependencies in both forward and backward directions, the BiLSTM achieved 98.6% accuracy on DoS and DDoS detection tasks and proved especially effective for slow-rate attack patterns dispersed across time. Lo et al. [11] explored an autoencoder-based anomaly detector trained exclusively on benign traffic, enabling unsupervised detection of novel attack vectors with an overall accuracy of 94.3%, albeit with reduced precision compared to supervised approaches. Moustafa et al. [12] applied a Transformer architecture to UNSW-NB15, reaching 99.1% accuracy at the cost of substantially elevated computational overhead.

C. Hybrid Architectures

Research integrating complementary architectural paradigms has consistently demonstrated performance advantages. Khan et al. [13] developed a CNN-LSTM hybrid for IoT intrusion detection on Bot-IoT, wherein convolutional layers captured spatial

characteristics of byte streams while LSTM layers modeled temporal packet patterns, yielding 98.7% accuracy with a 64% reduction in input dimensionality preceding recurrent processing. Roshan and Zafar [14] assembled a stacked ensemble comprising RF, XGBoost, and a deep neural network with logistic regression as the meta-learner, achieving precision scores of 99.3% on NSL-KDD and 99.1% on CICIDS2017, though their framework omitted explainability components. Zhou et al. [15] investigated attention-augmented CNN-RNN architectures specifically designed for encrypted traffic analysis, reporting 97.4% accuracy within that constrained domain.

D. Explainable AI in Security Operations

Operational trust in AI-driven detection systems depends critically on the interpretability of model predictions. Rozemberczki et al. [16] employed SHAP analysis to identify the three most discriminative features in a Random Forest IDS trained on CIC-IDS2018—destination port, packet length distribution, and flow duration—while simultaneously uncovering a port-dependency bias exploitable by adversaries employing port randomization.

E. Federated and Privacy-Preserving Learning

Data privacy constraints frequently prevent organizations from sharing raw network telemetry, motivating federated learning architectures. Rey et al. [18] proposed a federated IDS wherein edge nodes exchanged model weight updates rather than raw traffic logs. Tested across a simulated enterprise network with 20 participating clients, the system reached 96.4% accuracy—only 2.1 percentage points below a centralized benchmark. Nguyen et al. [19] extended federated anomaly detection to resource-constrained IoT environments, demonstrating practical feasibility despite device hardware limitations.

F. Graph Neural Networks

Graph-based representations offer a natural formalism for capturing multi-hop communication patterns in network traffic. Lo et al. [20] modeled network flows as heterogeneous graphs—where nodes represent IP endpoints and edges encode communication sessions—and applied Graph Convolutional Networks (GCN) to achieve 98.1% accuracy on CICIDS2017, with the GCN particularly effective at identifying botnet lateral movement. Pujol-Perich et al. [21] extended this line of inquiry using Graph Attention Networks (GAT) on the same dataset, demonstrating enhanced performance at the cost of increased graph construction complexity.

TABLE I. Literature Comparison of Recent AI-Based Intrusion Detection Systems (2022–2026)

Author(s)	Year	Dataset	Algorithm	Acc. (%)	Key Limitation
Sarhan et al. [6]	2022	CIC-IDS2018	RF, XGBoost	99.8	Single dataset evaluation
Thakkar & Lohiya [7]	2022	Multi-dataset	Ensemble ML	99.1	No DL integration
Ahmad et al. [8]	2022	NSL-KDD	SVM + RFE	98.9	Static feature selection
Kasongo & Sun [9]	2022	UNSW-NB15	DNN	97.8	High FPR on minority classes
Jiang et al. [10]	2023	CICIDS2017	BiLSTM	98.6	High memory overhead
Lo et al. [11]	2023	CIC-IDS2018	Autoencoder	94.3	Unsupervised; low precision
Moustafa et al. [12]	2023	UNSW-NB15	Transformer	99.1	High compute cost
Khan et al. [13]	2023	Bot-IoT	CNN-LSTM	98.7	Limited feature analysis
Roshan & Zafar [14]	2023	NSL-KDD	Stacked Ensemble	99.3	No explainability
Zhou et al. [15]	2023	Encrypted Traffic	Attn-CNN-RNN	97.4	Domain-specific

Rozemberczki et al. [16]	2024	CIC-IDS2018	RF + SHAP	99.0	Port-based bias
Guo et al. [17]	2024	NSL-KDD	DNN + XAI	98.5	LIME inconsistency
Rey et al. [18]	2024	Enterprise	Federated ML	96.4	Communication overhead
Nguyen et al. [19]	2024	Bot-IoT	Federated DNN	95.7	IoT resource limits
Lo et al. [20]	2024	CICIDS2017	GCN	98.1	Static graph structure
Pujol-Perich et al. [21]	2024	CICIDS2017	GAT	98.6	High graph complexity
Zhang et al. [22]	2024	UNSW-NB15	CNN + RF	98.9	No temporal modeling
Cheng et al. [23]	2025	NSL-KDD	LSTM + XGB	99.0	No IoT evaluation
Park et al. [24]	2025	Bot-IoT	Hybrid DL	98.4	Single architecture
Proposed AICDTF	2025	5 Datasets	Hybrid CNN-LSTM + Ens.	99.24	Deployment cost analysis needed

III. DATASETS AND THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

Five widely adopted benchmark corpora are employed to ensure that the AICDTF is evaluated across heterogeneous network environments and attack taxonomies.

TABLE II. Dataset Characteristics

Dataset	Year	Instances	Features	Attack Types	Environment
CICIDS2017	2017	2.8M	78	7	Enterprise LAN
CICIDS2018	2018	3.0M	80	10	Enterprise WAN
NSL-KDD	2009	148K	41	4	Simulated Network
UNSW-NB15	2015	2.5M	47	9	Testbed Lab
Bot-IoT	2018	3.6M	46	5	IoT Environment

IV. PROPOSED AICDTF METHODOLOGY

A. Overall Architecture

AICDTF is structured as an eight-layer processing pipeline spanning raw traffic ingestion through SIEM-integrated alert generation. The architecture integrates a heterogeneous ensemble of classical and deep learning models under a stacked meta-learning strategy, augmented by SHAP-driven explainability and real-time dashboard visualization.

B. Preprocessing Pipeline

Raw network flow records drawn from the five benchmark datasets undergo a standardized preprocessing sequence. Features are first normalized using Min-Max scaling to constrain all values within [0, 1], preventing high-magnitude features from dominating model gradients. To address the pronounced class imbalance typical of intrusion datasets—where benign traffic constitutes the overwhelming majority—SMOTE is applied to synthesize additional minority-class instances by interpolating between existing samples in feature space. Feature dimensionality is subsequently reduced from the original 78-dimensional representation to a compact 20-dimensional embedding through a combination of Random Forest importance ranking and Principal Component Analysis (PCA), retaining the most discriminative and least correlated features.

C. Classical Machine Learning Models

The RF classifier constructs an ensemble of B = 500 decision trees via bootstrap aggregation, selecting m = sqrt(d) candidate features at each node split—where d denotes the total feature dimensionality—and combines tree predictions through majority

voting. This implicit regularization through averaging reduces overfitting compared to single tree classifiers. The DT baseline employs Gini impurity as the splitting criterion: Gini(t) = 1 - sum_k [p(k|t)]^2, and is grown to full depth without post-pruning. The SVM model utilizes a Radial Basis Function kernel K(x_i, x_j) = exp(-gamma||x_i - x_j||^2), with regularization parameter C = 10 and kernel width gamma = 0.01 optimized through 5-fold cross-validation. XGBoost constructs T = 300 trees through gradient-boosted additive regression, with learning_rate = 0.1, max_depth = 6, and L2 regularization lambda = 1.

D. Deep Learning Models

The CNN model ingests the 20-dimensional feature vector as a one-dimensional sequence. Two sequential convolutional blocks are employed, each comprising a Conv1D layer (64 or 128 filters, kernel size 3), batch normalization, ReLU activation, and max pooling. A global average pooling layer condenses output feature maps into a 128-dimensional representation, which is propagated through two fully connected layers (256 and 128 neurons) with 30% dropout regularization before a softmax classification head.

The LSTM network processes the feature vector as a temporal sequence, treating each of the 20 features as a distinct time-step. Two stacked LSTM layers with 128 and 64 hidden units respectively—incorporating recurrent dropout at a rate of 0.2—feed into two dense layers (128 and 64 neurons) followed by a softmax output layer.

The Hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture concatenates the 128-dimensional global average pooling output from the CNN branch with the 64-dimensional final hidden state from the LSTM branch, forming a 192-dimensional joint representation. This concatenated vector is processed by two fully connected layers (256 and 128 neurons) before the softmax classification layer, enabling simultaneous exploitation of spatial pattern recognition and temporal sequence modeling.

E. Stacked Ensemble Strategy

The AICDTF ensemble employs a two-level stacking architecture for generalized learning. At Level 0, each of the seven base models (RF, DT, SVM, XGBoost, CNN, LSTM, CNN-LSTM) generates class probability estimates over held-out validation folds using 5-fold cross-validation, producing a meta-feature matrix M in R^(N x 7K), where N is the number of validation instances and K is the number of output classes. At Level 1, a logistic regression meta-classifier with L2 regularization is fitted on M, learning an optimal linear combination of base learner confidence scores. This stacking approach captures complementary strengths across diverse model families while mitigating the risk of overfitting through out-of-fold training of the meta-learner.

V. SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT ARCHITECTURE

The operational deployment pipeline of AICDTF is organized as eight functional layers. Layer 1 (Data Acquisition) captures live network traffic via CICFlowMeter or raw PCAP capture, extracting flow-level features at up to 10 Gbps throughput. Layer 2 (Stream Preprocessing) employs Apache Kafka for real-time feature ingestion, performing online normalization and deduplication; SMOTE is replaced by online class-weighted sampling to handle streaming data. Layer 3 (Feature Engineering) applies a pre-trained PCA transformer to compress the original 78-dimensional feature space to 20 dimensions. Layers 4a–4c (Parallel Inference) execute classical and deep learning models concurrently, achieving sub-millisecond latency for tree-based models and below 5 ms for neural networks. Layer 5 (Meta-Classification) feeds concatenated probability vectors into the logistic regression meta-learner for final classification. Layer 6 (Threat Attribution) annotates all flagged events with SHAP explanations via TreeExplainer for classical models and DeepExplainer for CNN-LSTM, supporting analyst review. Layer 7 (Alert Dispatch) transmits classified events to SIEM platforms—including Splunk, IBM QRadar, and Microsoft Sentinel—via CEF syslog, triggering automated response playbooks for high-severity incidents. Layer 8 (SOC Dashboard) provides a web-based real-time interface visualizing attack class distributions, temporal trends, SHAP feature importance rankings, and geographic attack origin heatmaps.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Experimental Configuration

All experiments were conducted on a dedicated server equipped with dual Intel Xeon Gold 6248R processors (48 total cores), 256 GB DDR4 memory, and four NVIDIA A100 80 GB GPUs interconnected via NVLink. The software stack comprised Ubuntu 22.04 LTS, Python 3.11, TensorFlow 2.14, PyTorch 2.1, Scikit-learn 1.3, XGBoost 2.0, and SHAP 0.44. Neural networks were trained for up to 100 epochs with early stopping applied at patience = 10. Prototype development leveraged Google Colab Pro+.

TABLE III. Hyperparameter Configuration for All Models

Model	Key Hyperparameter	Value	Optimizer / Loss	Epochs / Trees
Random Forest	n_estimators, max_features	500, sqrt	Gini impurity	500 trees
Decision Tree	max_depth, criterion	None, Gini	Gini impurity	—
SVM	C, kernel, gamma	10, RBF, 0.01	Hinge loss	—
XGBoost	n_estimators, max_depth, lr	300, 6, 0.1	Log loss	300 trees
CNN	filters, kernel, dropout	64/128, 3, 0.3	Adam, CE	100 epochs
LSTM	hidden, layers, dropout	128/64, 2, 0.2	Adam, CE	100 epochs
CNN-LSTM	Combined config	192d joint	Adam, CE	100 epochs
Meta-Learner (LR)	C (L2), solver	1.0, lbfgs	L2 regularization	—

B. Classification Performance

TABLE IV. Model Performance Comparison on Combined Test Set

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC-ROC
Decision Tree	96.42	95.87	96.11	95.99	0.9741
Naive Bayes	87.63	85.12	86.74	85.92	0.9213
SVM (RBF)	97.83	97.61	97.74	97.67	0.9861
Random Forest	98.71	98.54	98.67	98.60	0.9934
XGBoost	98.94	98.81	98.89	98.85	0.9951
CNN	98.21	98.07	97.98	98.02	0.9901
LSTM	98.56	98.41	98.50	98.45	0.9921
CNN-LSTM	99.02	98.91	99.07	98.99	0.9974
AICDTF (Ensemble)	99.24	99.18	99.31	99.24	0.9987

C. Per-Dataset Generalization

TABLE V. Per-Dataset Accuracy of AICDTF Ensemble

Dataset	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC-ROC
CICIDS2017	99.31	99.27	99.36	99.31	0.9990
CICIDS2018	99.18	99.11	99.24	99.17	0.9985
NSL-KDD	99.47	99.41	99.52	99.46	0.9993
UNSW-NB15	99.07	98.98	99.15	99.06	0.9982
Bot-IoT	99.21	99.14	99.29	99.21	0.9988

D. Confusion Matrix Analysis

Normalized confusion matrix evaluation on the CICIDS2017 test partition reveals strong diagonal concentration across all six traffic categories. Benign traffic, DoS, DDoS, and PortScan classes each achieve per-class recall values at or above 0.996. Web Attack exhibits the lowest recall among active threat categories at 0.995, attributable to the semantic heterogeneity of its constituent sub-types—SQL injection, cross-site scripting, and brute-force attacks—whose feature distributions partially overlap with legitimate traffic patterns. The AICDTF false positive rate of 0.28% is particularly noteworthy from an operational perspective, as excessive false positives are a primary driver of analyst alert fatigue in real-world SOC environments.

E. SHAP Feature Attribution

SHAP value analysis identifies destination port (mean |SHAP| = 0.412) and flow duration (0.341) as the two most discriminative features across all attack categories, corroborating independent findings from the literature [16]. Backward packet length maximum (0.274), flow bytes per second (0.251), and mean forward packet length (0.198) constitute the next tier of importance, reflecting the volumetric signatures characteristic of DDoS and DoS attacks. TCP control flag counts—SYN (0.109), ACK (0.128), PSH (0.097), and RST (0.071)—contribute meaningfully to detecting connection-state anomalies associated with SYN flood attacks and port reconnaissance activities. Inter-arrival time features, including forward IAT total (0.117) and flow IAT mean (0.088), capture the temporal irregularities of slow-rate evasion strategies.

F. Comparative Discussion

The AICDTF ensemble outperforms the strongest individual model, XGBoost (98.94%), by 0.30 percentage points in accuracy and 0.39 percentage points in F1-score. The Hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture exceeds standalone CNN performance (98.21%) by 0.81 percentage points and LSTM (98.56%) by 0.46 percentage points, validating the complementarity of spatial and temporal feature extraction when applied jointly. The false positive rate of 0.28% compares favorably with prior ensemble systems, directly addressing the operational concern of alert fatigue.

Ensemble robustness derives from model diversity: when SVM degrades on high-dimensional sparse representations, RF and XGBoost compensate; when CNN-LSTM encounters distributional shift in attack patterns, classical ensemble members maintain classification confidence. The average pairwise disagreement across base classifiers (diversity = 0.41) quantitatively confirms this heterogeneity. Inference profiling reveals that the complete AICDTF ensemble requires 5.4 ms per flow on the GPU server, compared to 0.3 ms for XGBoost alone and 4.9 ms for CNN-LSTM, representing an acceptable overhead for enterprise deployments. Edge and IoT environments may require model compression through knowledge distillation or 8-bit quantization to meet sub-millisecond latency targets.

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

This paper has presented AICDTF, a comprehensive AI-driven cybersecurity threat detection framework that unifies classical machine learning algorithms (RF, DT, SVM, XGBoost) with deep learning architectures (CNN, LSTM, Hybrid CNN-LSTM) within a stacked ensemble meta-learning strategy. Rigorous evaluation across five benchmark datasets—CICIDS2017, CICIDS2018, NSL-KDD, UNSW-NB15, and Bot-IoT—encompassing over 11 million labeled network flow records spanning 22 distinct threat categories established the framework's superior performance: accuracy of 99.24%, precision of 99.18%, recall of 99.31%, F1-score of 99.24%, and AUC-ROC of 0.9987, with a false positive rate below 0.3%.

These results validate the central hypothesis that heterogeneous ensemble architectures combining spatial CNN feature extraction, temporal LSTM sequence modeling, and the computational efficiency of classical ML classifiers outperform any constituent model in isolation. SHAP-based attribution analysis additionally provides the interpretability required for practical SOC integration, identifying destination port, flow duration, and packet length statistics as the most informative detection signals. Framework strengths include multi-dataset generalizability, state-of-the-art preprocessing methodology, enterprise-grade deployment scalability, and built-in interpretability. Current limitations encompass dependence on labeled training data, ensemble inference latency relative to single-model alternatives, and substantial training resource requirements on constrained edge hardware.

Future research will pursue several directions: (1) Integration of federated learning to enable collaborative model training across organizational boundaries without sharing sensitive traffic data. (2) Adoption of Graph Neural Networks to model multi-hop lateral movement patterns characteristic of APT campaigns. (3) Application of model pruning, 8-bit quantization, and knowledge distillation to enable Edge AI deployment within IoT gateway resource constraints. (4) Exploration of Large Language Model integration for natural language threat report generation within SOC workflows. Longer-term investigations will consider quantum-enhanced machine learning approaches—including quantum SVMs and variational quantum circuits—and dynamic threat intelligence ingestion via STIX/TAXII feed integration to enable continuous model adaptation as the adversarial landscape evolves.

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