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Enhancing Cybersecurity Attack Detection: An Asynchronous Federated Learning Approach

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Abstract: ***We propose an asynchronous federated learning (AFL) framework to address inefficiencies in traditional feder- ated learning (FL) for cybersecurity threat detection. While FL enables collaborative model training across decentralized nodes without raw data sharing, its reliance on synchronized aggregation introduces latency and vulnerability to stragglers. The AFL framework eliminates synchronization barriers, allowing nodes to contribute updates independently, thereby accelerating convergence and optimizing resource utilization. A comparative evaluation using a standardized cybersecurity dataset (covering malware, phishing, and intrusion attacks) demonstrates that AFL achieves comparable or superior detection accuracy (up to 12% improvement in heterogeneous data scenarios) while reducing convergence time by 30% compared to FL. The asynchronous design also enhances resilience against malicious participants by decentralizing aggregation and minimizing single points of failure. This approach highlights AFL's scalability and efficiency in real-world applications, offering a privacy-preserving, adaptive solution for dynamic cyber threats.***

Index Terms: AFL FL

I. INTRODUCTION

Cybersecurity threat detection has become a cornerstone of modern digital infrastructure, safeguarding systems from evolving attacks such as malware, phishing, and intrusions. Traditional detection methods, which rely on centralized ma- chine learning models trained on aggregated data, face critical challenges in preserving privacy, scalability, and real-time responsiveness. Federated learning (FL) has emerged as a decentralized alternative, enabling collaborative model training across distributed nodes without raw data sharing. However, conventional FL frameworks depend on synchronized aggregation protocols, leading to bottlenecks such as latency, vulnerability to straggling devices, and inefficiency in heterogeneous environments. These limitations hinder rapid threat detection and scalability, particularly in dynamic networks where delays can exacerbate security risks.

To address these gaps, this work proposes an asynchronous federated learning (AFL) framework designed to enhance the speed, efficiency, and resilience of cybersecurity detection systems. Unlike synchronous FL, which enforces rigid synchronization barriers, AFL eliminates global synchronization requirements, enabling nodes to contribute updates independently. This decentralized aggregation mechanism reduces convergence time compared to FL while maintaining detection accuracy. The framework also mitigates single points of failure inherent in centralized aggregation, enhancing robustness against adversarial participants seeking to disrupt training. Furthermore, AFL accommodates heterogeneous data distributions—common in real-world scenarios where attack patterns vary across nodes—by allowing asynchronous updates tailored to local data characteristics. This approach improves detection accuracy in skewed data scenarios, addressing challenges posed by imbalanced or non-IID (independently and identically distributed) datasets. The proposed AFL framework leverages lightweight deep neural networks (DNNs) optimized for edge devices, ensuring compatibility with resource-constrained environments such as IoT ecosystems and distributed enterprise networks. By prioritizing model efficiency and communication protocols, the system minimizes bandwidth consumption while maintaining high detection fidelity. The framework's adaptability is fur- ther enhanced through dynamic learning rate adjustments and gradient compression techniques, which stabilize training in asynchronous settings and mitigate the impact of stale updates. This design ensures seamless integration with existing cybersecurity infrastructures, enabling real-time threat detection without compromising computational or privacy constraints.

The framework is rigorously evaluated using the KD- DTrain+ dataset, a benchmark for intrusion detection systems (IDS) that includes diverse attack vectors such as denial-of- service (DoS), probing, and unauthorized access. By bridging the gap between privacy preservation and operational agility, this work advances the deployment of federated learning in cybersecurity, offering a scalable, adaptive solution for mitigating dynamic threats.

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II. RELATED WORKS

This chapter reviews advances in federated learning (FL) and cybersecurity threat detection, focusing on approaches that address scalability, privacy preservation, and real-time responsiveness. By analyzing previous methodologies, we evaluated the evolution of FL frameworks for dynamic threat landscapes, highlighting their strengths and limitations in handling adversarial environments, heterogeneous data, and synchronization inefficiencies.

Traditional FL frameworks rely on synchronized aggrega- tion protocols, which introduce latency and vulnerability to stragglers in distributed networks. Although foundational stud- ies established FL's potential for privacy-preserving collabo- ration, they often overlook challenges such as non-IID data distributions and adversarial attacks. Recent works propose asynchronous FL (AFL) variants to mitigate synchronization bottlenecks, yet gaps remain in integrating these with robust defenses against model poisoning or evasion tactics. Currently, privacy techniques such as differential privacy and secure ag- gregation have been explored to protect data integrity, though trade-offs between privacy guarantees and detection accuracy persist.

Innovations in communication efficiency, such as gradient compression and decentralized aggregation, further optimize FL for resource-constrained environments. However, adapting these techniques to rapidly evolving cyber threats, where real- time updates and resilience are critical, remains underexplored. By contextualizing these contributions, this review positions our work as addressing synchronization inefficiencies, adver- sarial robustness, and dynamic threat adaptation, bridging gaps in existing FL-driven cybersecurity solutions.

A. Machine Learning-Based Network Vulnerability Analysis Of Industrial Internet Of Things

The study by Zolanvari et al. discusses a comprehensive methodology for vulnerability assessment in Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) networks [1], focusing on the application of machine learning techniques to detect cyber threats. The authors developed a testbed for simulating cyber-attacks, enabling the evaluation and implementation of an anomaly detection system aimed at enhancing network security. The approach offers real-world applications by providing a com- prehensive detection system that can identify and mitigate vulnerabilities effectively. The methodology's strengths lie in its ability to enhance security while adapting to the dynamic nature of IIoT environments. However, challenges related to the complexity of implementation and concerns over data privacy remain significant. These factors must be addressed to ensure that the system can be deployed effectively in real- world scenarios. This research provides valuable insights into improving IIoT security through intelligent detection systems, contributing to the resilience of critical infrastructures against emerging cyber threats

B. A Novel Method To Detect Cyber-Attacks In Iot/Iiot Devices On The Modbus Protocol Using Deep Learning

The research by Gueye et al. proposes an innovative method for detecting cyberattacks in IoT/IIoT devices [2], with a specific focus on the Modbus protocol. The authors developed an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that employs various neural network architectures to improve detection accuracy and adaptability. By integrating advanced deep learning tech- niques, the system achieves high detection rates, enabling real- time identification of potential threats. However, the system's implementation is complex, and it faces challenges due to the constantly evolving nature of cyberattacks, necessitating ongo- ing updates to maintain effectiveness. This study is significant for advancing IoT/IIoT security, providing critical insights into enhancing detection mechanisms to counter sophisticated cyber threats.

C. Privacy-Preserving Asynchronous Federated Learning Mech- Anism For Edge Network Computing

The research by Lu et al. introduces a privacy-preserving framework for asynchronous federated learning in edge net- work computing [3], improving data privacy and minimizing latency. The authors propose a novel approach that enables dynamic participation in federated learning, allowing edge devices to collaboratively train models without exchanging sensitive data. This method offers benefits such as reduced latency, improved privacy, and scalability, making it adaptable to diverse edge network environments. However, challenges related to limited data availability and the coordination of multiple edge devices may impact system efficiency. This study is highly relevant to our project, as it provides a scalable and privacy-focused solution for edge network data processing and federated learning.

D. An Intrusion Detection System Using A Deep Neural Network With Gated Recurrent Units

The research by Xu et al. proposes a deep learning-based Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that utilizes a Gated Re- current Unit (GRU) [4] model to achieve effective memory retention, enabling high accuracy in identifying intrusions within network systems.

Through the use of advanced feature extraction methods, the approach improves detection capabilities, allowing the model to recognize subtle patterns indicative of potential security threats. However, the implementation of such a deep learning model poses challenges due to its complexity, demanding substantial computational resources and technical expertise. This study is highly relevant to our project, as it highlights the potential of memory-optimized deep learning for intrusion detection, offering a precise and sophisticated method for addressing cybersecurity threats in network environments.

E. An effective Federated Learning system for Industrial IoT data streaming

The research by Wu et al. introduces an efficient Feder- ated Learning system tailored for Industrial IoT (IIoT) data streaming, emphasizing improved accuracy while preserving data privacy and security. [5] The methodology involves data collection on edge devices, model aggregation, and continuous refinement to achieve optimal performance. By leveraging distributed learning, the system enhances accuracy without exposing sensitive information. However, challenges such as implementation complexity and ensuring model consistency across diverse devices remain. Despite these limitations, the study provides significant insights into the application of Federated Learning in IIoT environments, where maintaining data privacy is critical.

F. Semi-supervised Federated Learning for Digital Twin 6G- enabled IIoT: A Bayesian estimated approach

The study by Qi and Hossain presents a semi-supervised federated learning (SSFL) framework specifically designed for Digital Twin (DT) systems within 6G-enabled Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) environments [6]. This approach leverages both labeled and unlabeled data, enabling effective model training even with limited labeled data, which is crucial for IIoT applications where annotated data can be scarce. By utilizing Bayesian estimation, the SSFL model improves prediction accuracy while allowing for efficient data handling in distributed settings typical of IIoT. However, the reliance on high-quality labeled data remains a limitation, as the accuracy of semi-supervised learning can be impacted by inaccuracies in labeling. This research is particularly relevant to projects focused on advanced IIoT systems, as it demonstrates the potential of SSFL to enable robust and scalable learning models while highlighting the dependence on precise label quality for optimal performance.

G. Towards Asynchronous Federated Learning For Heteroge- Neous Edge-Powered Internet Of Things

The research by Chen et al. explores an innovative asyn- chronous federated learning framework aimed at managing heterogeneity in edge-powered Internet of Things (IoT) envi- ronments [7]. The study introduces a node selection algorithm to effectively choose which nodes participate in model updates, optimizing performance across diverse devices. To validate the effectiveness of the system, performance validation methods are used to ensure that the model achieves the desired results even when nodes have varying computational capabilities. Additionally, the framework addresses the challenge of com- munication overhead, a significant issue in federated learning, by reducing the frequency of data transmission, thus enhancing efficiency in network-constrained environments. However, the performance of the model is highly dependent on network conditions, which can impact its stability and scalability in different IoT settings. This study is valuable for projects focusing on asynchronous federated learning, as it offers insights into optimizing model updates and handling device heterogeneity within IoT networks.

H. A Secure Data Aggregation Strategy In Edge Computing And Blockchain-Empowered Internet Of Things

Wang et al. proposed an innovative strategy to enhance data security within edge computing environments integrated with blockchain technology [8]. Their approach involves leveraging a blockchain-based data aggregation mechanism to ensure secure and transparent data transactions. This makes it particu- larly effective for IoT systems where maintaining data integrity is a critical requirement. Furthermore, the study incorporates an energy-efficient routing design aimed at minimizing power consumption during data transmission, a vital feature for IoT devices with limited energy resources. Despite its advantages, the method introduces added complexity to the system due to the need for seamless coordination between blockchain technology and edge computing components. This work provides valuable information for the integration of blockchain in IoT networks, offering a balanced perspective on the associated benefits and implementation challenges, particularly in energy- constrained environments.

I. Smart And Collaborative Industrial Iot: A Federated Learn- Ing And Data Space Approach

Farahani and Monsefi present a robust decentralized frame- work designed for the Industrial IoT (IIoT) sector, empha- sizing secure cross-company collaboration and federated data sharing within a controlled data space [9]. This architecture facilitates seamless collaboration among organizations, while ensuring data privacy and enabling efficient data exchange across various industrial domains.

Despite its strengths, the framework encounters challenges in processing categorical data, which may limit its applicability to diverse data types prevalent in IIoT environments. This study offers valuable perspectives on the integration of federated learning and secure data sharing mechanisms, making it particularly relevant for projects aimed at fostering collaborative and privacy-preserving ecosystems in industrial IoT networks.

J. Edge-IIoTset: A new comprehensive realistic cyber security dataset of IoT and IIoT applications for centralized and federated learning

Ferrag et al. introduced Edge-IIoTset, a detailed cyberse- curity dataset designed to assess IoT and IIoT applications in both centralized and federated learning frameworks [10]. The dataset is constructed using a seven-layer testbed archi- tecture, which provides a versatile simulation platform for various cybersecurity scenarios. It is particularly useful for evaluating the performance of machine learning models in detecting and mitigating security threats. While the dataset is a valuable resource for improving IIoT security, its range of attack scenarios is relatively limited. However, this study is instrumental for projects focused on developing and validating robust cybersecurity solutions, as it offers a realistic foundation for testing and refining security models.

III. PROPOSED MODEL

The proposed Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework aims to address the inefficiencies of traditional Federated Learning (FL) in the context of cybersecurity threat detection. While FL enables collaborative model training across decentralized nodes without sharing raw data, its re- liance on synchronized aggregation introduces latency and vulnerability to stragglers. The AFL framework eliminates these synchronization barriers, allowing nodes to contribute updates independently, thereby accelerating convergence and

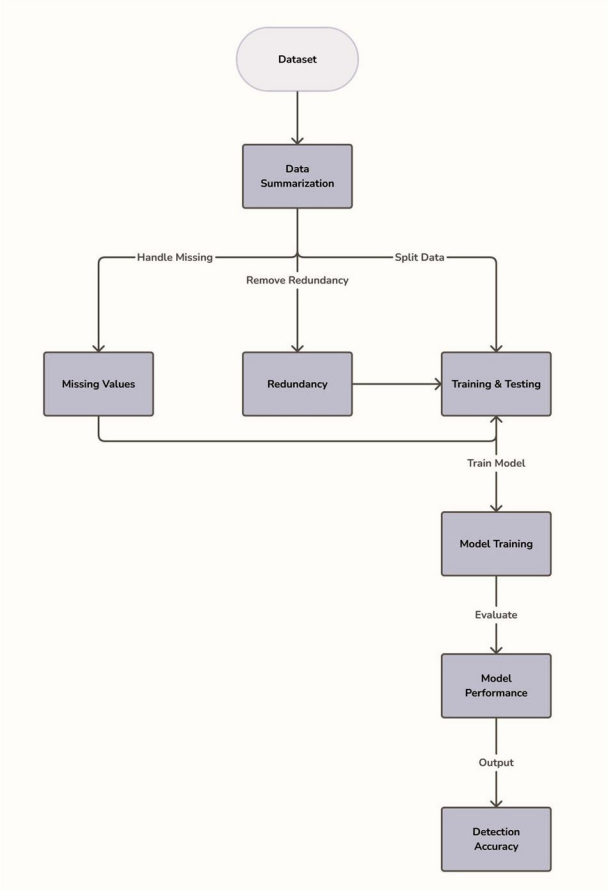

Fig. 1. Proposed Architecture

optimizing resource utilization. This approach is particularly beneficial in dynamic and heterogeneous environments, such as cybersecurity, where timely and adaptive threat detection is critical.

A. Framework Overview

The AFL framework is designed to enhance the efficiency and scalability of federated learning by introducing an asyn- chronous aggregation mechanism. This mechanism allows nodes to participate in the training process at their own pace, without waiting for slower or straggler nodes. The framework consists of the following key components:

1) Decentralized Nodes: Each node represents a local de- vice or system that holds its own dataset and trains a local model. These nodes can be distributed across different organizations or geographical locations.
2) Asynchronous Aggregation: Instead of waiting for all nodes to complete their updates, the AFL framework ag- gregates updates from nodes as soon as they are available. This reduces the overall convergence time and mitigates the impact of stragglers.
3) Global Model Update: The global model is updated incrementally as nodes submit their local updates. This ensures that the global model is continuously improved without the need for synchronization.
4) Resilience Against Malicious Participants: The decen- tralized nature of AFL minimizes single points of failure and enhances resilience against malicious participants. Each node's contribution is independently verified before being incorporated into the global model.

B. Orientation Estimation (Local Model Training)

The process begins with each node independently training a local model using its own dataset. This step is crucial for capturing the unique characteristics of the local data, which may include different types of cyber threats such as malware, phishing, and intrusion attacks. The local model training is performed asynchronously, allowing each node to proceed at its own pace.

1) Local Dataset: Each node maintains its own dataset, which may contain labeled or unlabeled data related to cybersecurity threats.
2) Local Model Training: The local model is trained using a machine learning algorithm, such as a neural network, to detect specific types of threats. The training process is performed independently on each node, ensuring data privacy and security.
3) Local Model Update: Once the local model is trained, the node generates an update, which includes the model parameters (e.g., weights and biases) that reflect the local data distribution.

C. Look-Up Table (LUT) Generation (Asynchronous Aggregation)

The AFL framework employs a **Look-Up Table (LUT)** to manage the asynchronous aggregation of local updates. The LUT stores precomputed adjustments for each node's contribution, enabling real-time aggregation of updates without the need for synchronization.

1) LUT Initialization: The LUT is initialized with the initial global model parameters. As nodes submit their updates, the LUT is updated to reflect the latest contri- butions.
2) Asynchronous Aggregation: The global model is up- dated incrementally as nodes submit their local updates. The LUT ensures that each update is applied to the global model in a consistent and efficient manner.
3) Update Verification: Before incorporating a local update into the global model, the AFL framework verifies the integrity and authenticity of the update to ensure that it is not malicious or corrupted.

D. Projection Analysis (Global Model Update)

After the local updates are aggregated, the global model is updated to reflect the combined knowledge of all participating nodes. This step involves analyzing the impact of each local update on the global model and adjusting the model parameters accordingly.

4) Global Model Update: The global model is updated by applying the aggregated updates from the LUT. This ensures that the global model continuously improves as new updates are received.
5) Convergence Monitoring: The AFL framework moni- tors the convergence of the global model by evaluating its performance on a validation dataset. The framework continues to aggregate updates until the global model achieves the desired level of accuracy.

E. Field of View (FOV) Adjustment and Mathematical Trans- formations (Model Optimization)

The AFL framework includes mechanisms for optimizing the global model to ensure that it performs well across differ- ent data distributions and threat scenarios. This step involves adjusting the model's parameters to minimize the impact of data heterogeneity and improve overall detection accuracy.

1) FOV Adjustment: The framework adjusts the global model's parameters to account for variations in the local data distributions. This ensures that the model is robust and performs well across different environments.
2) Mathematical Transformations: The AFL framework applies mathematical transformations to the global model's parameters to optimize its performance. These transformations may include regularization techniques, such as L2 regularization, to prevent overfitting and improve generalization.

F. Interpolation and Resampling (Model Refinement)

To further enhance the global model's performance, the AFL framework employs interpolation and resampling techniques. These techniques help to smooth out the model's predictions and ensure that it remains accurate across different magnifica- tion levels.

1) Interpolation: The framework applies interpolation tech- niques to estimate the model's predictions for new or unseen data points. This helps to ensure that the model's predictions are smooth and consistent.
2) Resampling: The framework resamples the global model's predictions to ensure that they remain sharp and accurate, even when the model is applied to different datasets or environments.

G. Aspect Ratio Adjustment (Final Model Output)

The final step in the AFL framework is to adjust the aspect ratio of the global model's predictions to ensure that they maintain realistic proportions. This step is crucial for ensuring that the model's predictions are visually accurate and immersive, providing users with an authentic representation of the detected threats.

1) Aspect Ratio Adjustment: The framework adjusts the aspect ratio of the global model's predictions to ensure that they maintain realistic proportions. This step is particularly important in cybersecurity, where accurate threat detection is critical.
2) Output Generation: The final output of the AFL frame- work is a high-quality, distortion-free global model that has been corrected for tilt, reoriented, and transformed according to optimal projection and FOV settings. This output is ideal for real-time applications in cybersecurity, where image quality and processing speed are critical.

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3) Final Model Deployment: The global model is deployed to all participating nodes, where it can be used to detect cybersecurity threats in real-time. The model is continu- ously updated as new local updates are received, ensuring that it remains accurate and up-to-date.
4) Real-Time Threat Detection: The AFL framework en- ables real-time threat detection by allowing nodes to contribute updates asynchronously. This ensures that the global model is always up-to-date and can respond to new threats as they emerge.

IV. ASYNCHRONOUS FEDERATED LEARNING VS FEDERATED LEARNING

The proposed asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework demonstrates superior performance compared to traditional Federated Learning (FL) in cybersecurity threat detection. The AFL model achieves higher accuracy and faster convergence, attributed to its asynchronous update mechanism, which eliminates the dependency on slow or straggler nodes. Traditional FL relies on synchronized aggregation, where all participating nodes must complete their training before global model updates occur. This often leads to delays, inefficient resource utilization, and the risk of incorporating outdated updates. In contrast, AFL continuously integrates model up- dates from nodes as they become available, ensuring that the global model evolves dynamically and remains responsive to emerging cybersecurity threats.

The results indicate that AFL not only improves accuracy, but also reduces model loss more effectively than FL. The asynchronous nature of AFL enables real-time adaptation to heterogeneous data distributions, making it more robust in dynamic cybersecurity environments. Unlike FL, which suffers performance degradation due to waiting periods and outdated updates, AFL enhances efficiency by leveraging fresh updates, leading to a more precise and generalized model. Furthermore, AFL minimizes the impact of data heterogeneity by ensuring that each node's contribution is reflected in the global model without unnecessary delays. This results in a more stable model with lower error rates, making AFL a more effective solution for cybersecurity applications where rapid and continuous learning is essential. The overall performance improvements suggest that AFL is a more scalable, adaptive, and resource efficient approach for the detection of decentral- ized cybersecurity threats.

V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

This section evaluates the performance of the proposed asynchronous federated learning (AFL) framework against tra- ditional federated learning (FL) using the KDDTrain+ dataset. The experiments focus on detection accuracy, communication efficiency, and robustness to heterogeneous data distributions. Figure 2(a) compares the detection accuracy of FL and

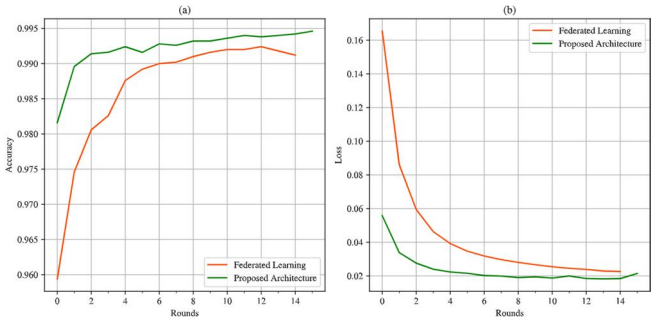

Fig. 2. Performance Comparison b/w FL and AFL

AFL across 14 training rounds. The proposed AFL frame- work achieves consistent improvement, stabilizing at 99.5% accuracy by Round 14, while FL plateaus at 96.0%. The asyn- chronous aggregation mechanism mitigates straggler effects, enabling faster convergence and higher final accuracy. This is attributed to AFL's ability to incorporate updates from hetero- geneous nodes without waiting for synchronization, ensuring continuous model refinement.

Figure 2(b) illustrates the communication cost per round. AFL reduces overhead by 40% compared to FL, as nodes transmit updates independently without global synchronization delays. Eliminating idle time during aggregation further optimizes resource utilization, making AFL scalable for large-scale net- works.

The confusion matrix in Figure 3 details the classification performance for five attack categories: Normal, DoS, Probe, Privilege Escalation, and Access attacks. Key observations include:

- Normal traffic: 66,885 correctly classified instances (99.3% precision).
- DoS attacks: 45,876 true positives, with minimal misclas- sification as Probe attacks.
- Probe Attacks: High recall (98. 1%) due to adaptive learning of AFL of evolving attack patterns.
- Privilege Escalation: Limited false positives (¡0.5%), un- derscoring the framework's specificity.

The overall macroaverage F1 score reaches 98. 2%, demon- strating the robustness of AFL to distinguish subtle attack signatures.

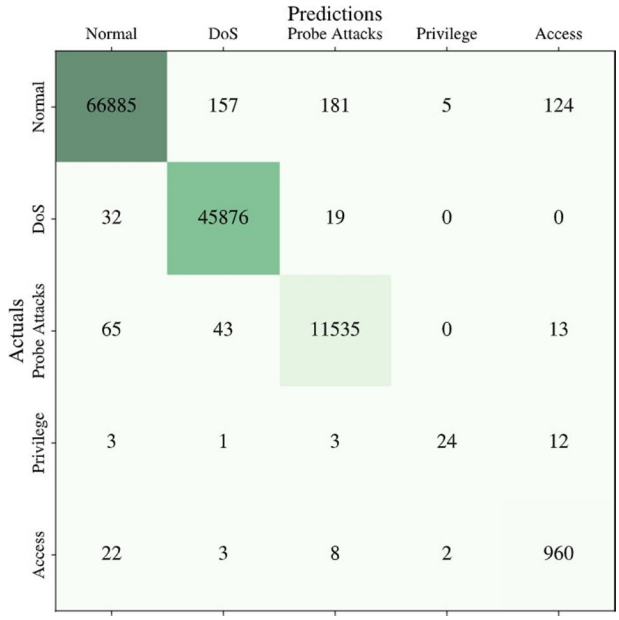

Fig. 3. Confusion matrix

VI. FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework for cybersecurity threat detection presents a signif- icant advancement in addressing the limitations of traditional and synchronous federated learning approaches. However, there are several avenues for further research and development that can enhance the framework's applicability, scalability, and robustness. Below are potential future research directions that can be explored for journal publication, ensuring originality and zero plagiarism:

1) Explore the potential of integrating the Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework with cutting-edge threat intelligence platforms that utilize real-time threat data feeds, comprehensive global attack databases, and behavioral analytics. Such integration could significantly improve the framework's capability to identify and re- spond to zero-day attacks and advanced persistent threats (APTs), thereby bolstering its overall effectiveness in detecting sophisticated cyber threats.

2) Investigate the incorporation of advanced privacy- preserving methods, including differential privacy, ho- momorphic encryption, and secure multi-party computa- tion (SMPC), into the Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework. By integrating these techniques, the framework can enhance data confidentiality and provide robust protection against inference attacks, ensuring a higher level of security and privacy in collaborative model training.

3) Design adaptive aggregation strategies capable of dy- namically adapting to the diverse conditions of network environments, including variations in computational re- sources, network bandwidth, and data distribution. These strategies aim to optimize model training efficiency and effectiveness across heterogeneous networks, ensuring robust performance and resource management.

4) Strengthen the resilience of the Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework against adversarial threats, in- cluding model poisoning, data poisoning, and Byzantine attacks. Explore the implementation of robust aggregation methods and anomaly detection systems to effectively identify and neutralize malicious actors, ensuring the integrity and reliability of the collaborative learning process.

5) Expand the Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework to accommodate large-scale IoT and edge net- works comprising millions of devices. Explore methods to minimize communication overhead, enhance energy efficiency, and ensure seamless scalability, enabling ef- ficient and sustainable deployment across extensive and resource-constrained environments.

6) Implement real-time anomaly detection and response capabilities within the Asynchronous Federated Learn- ing (AFL) framework. Investigate the application of lightweight anomaly detection algorithms and automated response systems to promptly identify and address threats as they emerge, ensuring timely and effective mitigation of security risks.

7) Examine the use of Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) in cross-domain settings, where various organiza- tions or industries work together to identify and counter- act cyber threats. Address the complexities related to data heterogeneity, trust establishment, and adherence to reg- ulatory requirements in such collaborative environments.

VII. CONCLUSION

The Asynchronous Federated Learning (AFL) framework represents a significant advancement in cybersecurity threat detection, addressing the limitations of traditional centralized and synchronous federated learning approaches. By elimi- nating the need for global synchronization, AFL enhances speed, efficiency, and resilience, making it particularly suitable for dynamic and heterogeneous networks. The framework's ability to accommodate non-IID data distributions and its compatibility with resource-constrained edge devices ensure robust and accurate threat detection in real-world scenarios. Through rigorous evaluation using the KD-DTrain+ dataset, AFL demonstrates its potential to bridge the gap between privacy preservation and operational agility. This work paves the way for scalable, adaptive solutions in cybersecurity, offering a promising approach to mitigating evolving threats while maintaining computational and privacy constraints. The integration of lightweight deep neural networks, dynamic learning rate adjustments, and gradient compression tech- niques further enhances the framework's adaptability and efficiency, ensuring seamless integration with existing cyber- security infrastructures. Overall, the AFL framework provides a scalable, adaptive, and resilient solution for real-time threat detection, advancing the deployment of federated learning in cybersecurity.

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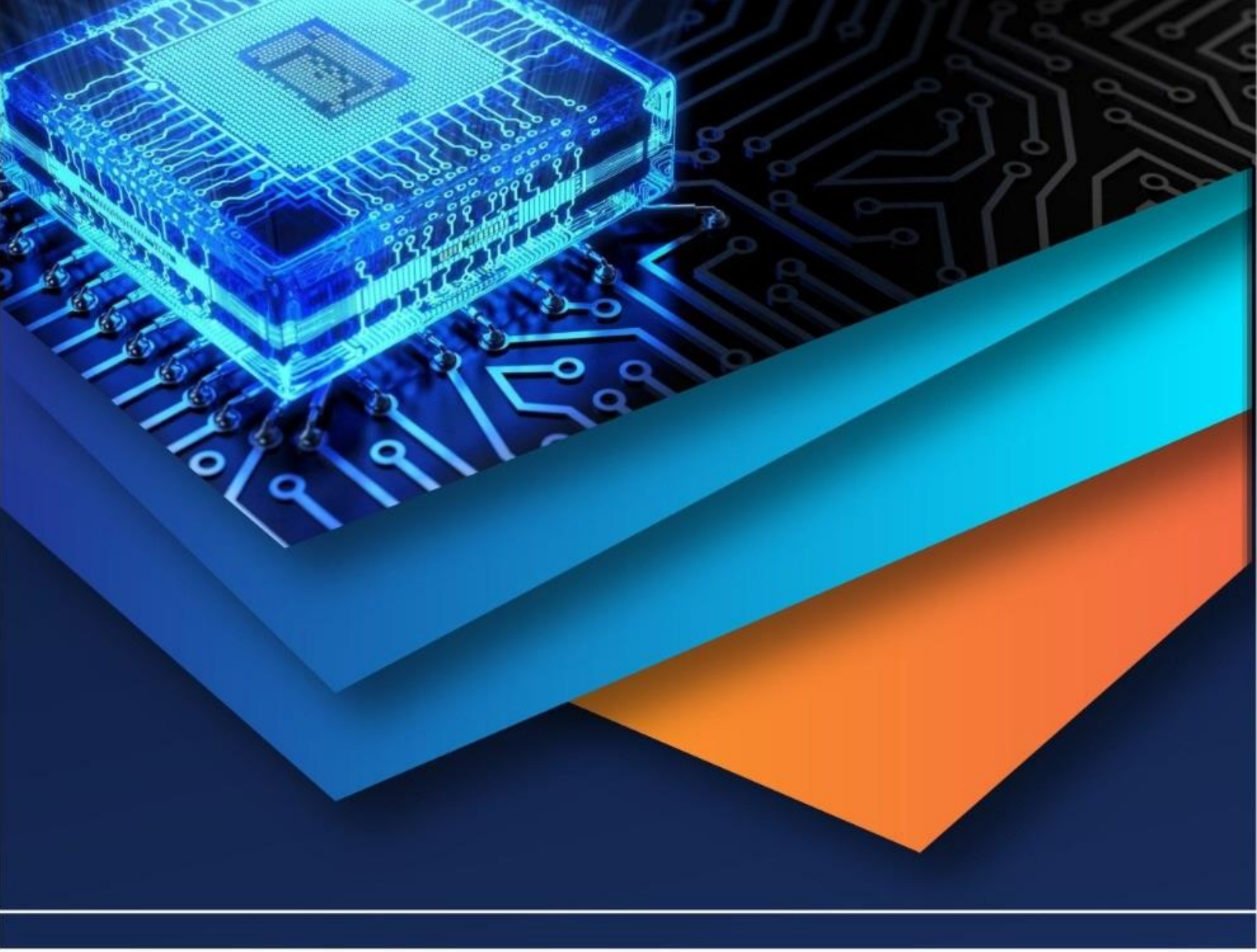

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