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Dynamic Threat Landscape Analysis and Adaptive Response Strategies for Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems Using Advance Gradient Boosting Algorithms

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Abstract: This research explores the integration of Gradient Boosting Algorithms, specifically XGBoost and LightGBM, in the context of dynamic threat landscape analysis and the development of adaptive response strategies for Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS). The study aims to enhance the accuracy and adaptability of IDPS by leveraging the strengths of these machine learning algorithms. The research methodology involves the comprehensive collection and curation of diverse datasets representative of contemporary cyber threats. Through dynamic threat analysis, our approach empowers IDPS to discern emerging patterns and anomalies in real-time, fostering a proactive response to potential security breaches. The core innovation lies in the incorporation of ensemble learning algorithms, which bolster the adaptability of IDPS. This adaptive framework enables effective responses to evolving threats by continuously learning and refining its detection capabilities.

The proposed methodology undergoes rigorous evaluation through extensive experiments, comparing its performance against traditional methods. Initial findings showcase a substantial enhancement in both precision and recall metrics, underscoring the practical efficacy of our adaptive approach. As cyber threats become increasingly sophisticated, the proposed approach offers a resilient defense mechanism, capable of intelligently responding to a diverse array of threats. This study stands as a beacon in the ongoing pursuit of fortified cybersecurity infrastructures, with implications for the broader landscape of digital security and threat mitigation.

Keywords: Cybersecurity, IDPS, Machine Learning, Real-time Threat Detection, Network Security, XGBoost Algorithm, LightGBM Algorithm.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity, the proliferation of advanced and dynamic threats poses significant challenges to the effectiveness of Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS). Traditional security mechanisms often [1] [2] struggle to keep pace with the sophistication and adaptability of modern cyber threats, necessitating innovative approaches to bolster the capabilities of IDPS. This research addresses this imperative by exploring the integration of Gradient Boosting Algorithms, specifically XGBoost and LightGBM, as a novel strategy to fortify IDPS against dynamic threats.

The contemporary cybersecurity ecosystem is characterized by an unprecedented diversity of cyber threats, ranging from malware and zero-day exploits to intricate phishing attacks and advanced persistent threats (APTs). [3] [4] The conventional static rule-based systems are proving insufficient to contend with the fluid nature of these threats, prompting a paradigm shift towards more adaptive and intelligent approaches. The introduction of machine learning techniques, and particularly ensemble methods such as gradient boosting, holds promise for improving the accuracy and responsiveness of IDPS in the face of this evolving threat landscape [5].

Previous research has demonstrated the efficacy of machine learning algorithms in cybersecurity, showcasing their ability to analyze vast datasets and identify subtle patterns indicative of malicious activities [6]. However, the specific application of Gradient Boosting Algorithms in the context of dynamic threat landscape analysis and adaptive response for IDPS remains an underexplored area [7].

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This research seeks to bridge this gap by investigating the potential of XGBoost and LightGBM in enhancing the real-time adaptability and accuracy of IDPS, thus contributing to the arsenal of tools available for cybersecurity practitioners [8] [9].

The significance of this research lies in its potential to empower IDPS with the capability to dynamically analyze and respond to emerging threats. By leveraging the strengths of Gradient Boosting Algorithms, which excel in ensemble learning and sequential decision-making [10] [11], this study aims to provide a more robust and responsive defense mechanism against cyber threats.

As cyber adversaries continuously refine their tactics, techniques, and procedures, it becomes imperative for security systems to evolve correspondingly, and the integration of advanced machine learning algorithms represents a progressive step in this direction [12]

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, the cybersecurity landscape has witnessed a surge in sophisticated and dynamic cyber threats, necessitating the evolution of Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS) [13] [14]. Traditional approaches, characterized by static rule-based systems, struggle to keep pace with the rapidly changing nature of cyber threats. [15] This literature review explores the paradigm shift towards dynamic threat landscape analysis and the incorporation of adaptive response strategies, specifically focusing on the application of Gradient Boosting Algorithms, such as XGBoost and LightGBM, in enhancing IDPS capabilities.

Traditional IDPS approaches, while effective in certain scenarios, exhibit limitations in addressing the complexity and dynamism of modern cyber threats. Rule-based systems often result in high false positives and false negatives, leading to inefficient resource utilization and delayed responses [16]. The need for systems capable of dynamically adapting to evolving threats is evident.

The integration of machine learning (ML) techniques has emerged as a promising avenue for enhancing IDPS. ML algorithms, particularly Gradient Boosting Algorithms, have demonstrated exceptional capabilities in learning intricate patterns within large and dynamic datasets. Notable studies have applied ML to cybersecurity, showcasing improved accuracy in identifying both known and novel threats [17].

Dynamic threat analysis is a cornerstone of modern cybersecurity strategies. Literature highlights methodologies for real-time analysis of dynamic threat landscapes. Researchers emphasize the importance of continuous monitoring and pattern recognition to promptly identify anomalies and potential threats. The agility provided by dynamic threat analysis aligns with the evolving nature of cyber threats.

Adaptive response strategies leverage the insights gained from dynamic threat analysis to modify and optimize IDPS behavior. Gradient Boosting Algorithms, known for their ensemble learning capabilities, contribute significantly to the adaptability of response strategies. Studies suggest that these algorithms can dynamically adjust to changing threat scenarios, offering a more nuanced and accurate response [18].

Various case studies and experiments underscore the practical application of Gradient Boosting Algorithms in IDPS. Research has explored diverse datasets, representing different cyber threat scenarios, to evaluate the performance of these algorithms [19]. Noteworthy results include substantial improvements in precision, recall, and overall system efficiency compared to traditional methods.

Despite the promising advancements, challenges persist. Issues related to scalability, interpretability, and the integration of real-time data streams need further attention. Future research directions may focus on optimizing hyperparameters, exploring ensemble approaches, and addressing the interpretability of complex models for practical deployment [20].

This literature review establishes a comprehensive understanding of the evolving landscape of IDPS, emphasizing the critical role of dynamic threat analysis and adaptive response strategies. Gradient Boosting Algorithms, exemplified by XGBoost and LightGBM, present a robust solution for enhancing the agility and accuracy of IDPS in the face of dynamic cyber threats [21]. The synthesis of existing knowledge provides a foundation for future research, aiming to fortify cybersecurity infrastructures against ever-advancing adversaries.

III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology outlines the systematic approach employed to investigate the integration of Gradient Boosting Algorithms, specifically XGBoost and LightGBM, in dynamic threat landscape analysis and the development of adaptive response strategies for Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS).

3.1 Data Collection

Data collection is a crucial step in the research process, involving the gathering of diverse and representative datasets that simulate real-world network traffic [22]. The datasets selected should encompass various cyber threats, including known and emerging patterns. Below table 1 shows the type of data collected for this research.

TABLE 1. ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTED

Timestamp	Source IP	Destination IP	Protocol	Port	Action	Threat Type
2022-01-01 08:15:00	192.168.1.10	203.0.113.5	TCP	80	Blocked	Malware
2022-01-01 08:22:45	10.0.2.5	104.16.25.6	UDP	53	Allowed	DNS Query
2022-01-01 08:30:20	172.16.0.8	8.8.8.8	ICMP	-	Blocked	Denial of Service
2022-01-01 08:40:12	192.168.1.15	185.63.247.89	TCP	443	Allowed	Normal Traffic
2022-01-01 08:55:30	10.0.2.7	192.168.1.20	UDP	161	Blocked	SNMP Attack

The dataset is intentionally diverse, including instances of malware, DNS queries, denial-of-service attacks, normal traffic, and SNMP attacks.

3.2 Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is also a crucial step to ensure the suitability of the collected data for training and evaluation [23]. This process involves cleaning the data, handling missing values, and encoding categorical variables as shown in Table 2 (a) (b). Additionally, feature engineering is performed to create meaningful representations of the data.

3.2.1 Preprocessed Data

1. Handling Missing Values:
- No missing values in this table.
2. Encoding Categorical Variables:
- Encoding 'Action' and 'Threat Type' columns using one-hot encoding

TABLE 2 (A). DATA AFTER PREPROCESSING

Timestamp	Source IP	Destination IP	Protocol	Port	Action_ Blocked	Action_ Allowed	Threat_ Malware	Threat_ DNS Query	Threat_ Denial of Service	Threat_ Normal Traffic	Threat_ SNMP Attack
2022-01-01 08:15:00	192.168.1.10	203.0.113.5	TCP	80	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2022-01-01 08:22:45	10.0.2.5	104.16.25.6	UDP	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2022-01-01 08:30:20	172.16.0.8	8.8.8.8	ICMP	-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
2022-01-01 08:40:12	192.168.1.15	185.63.247.89	TCP	443	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2022-01-01 08:55:30	10.0.2.7	192.168.1.20	UDP	161	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

3.2.2 Feature Engineering:

- Creating a new feature 'Is_TCP' to indicate whether the protocol is TCP

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TABLE 2 (B). DATA AFTER PREPROCESSING

Timestamp	Source IP	Destination IP	Protocol	Port	Action_Blocked	Action_Allowed	Threat_Malware	Threat_DNS Query	Threat_Denial of Service	Threat_Normal Traffic	Threat_SNMP Attack	Is_TCP
2022-01-01 08:15:00	192.168.1.10	203.0.113.5	TCP	80	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2022-01-01 08:22:45	10.0.2.5	104.16.25.6	UDP	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2022-01-01 08:30:20	172.16.0.8	8.8.8.8	ICMP	-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2022-01-01 08:40:12	192.168.1.15	185.63.247.89	TCP	443	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2022-01-01 08:55:30	10.0.2.7	192.168.1.20	UDP	161	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

This preprocessed data is now ready for use in training and evaluating the Gradient Boosting Algorithms. The preprocessing steps aim to enhance the quality and relevance of the features, ensuring that the models can effectively capture the dynamics of the threat landscape.

3.2.3. Feature Engineering

Feature engineering involves creating new features or transforming existing ones to enhance the predictive power of machine learning models [24]. In the context of dynamic threat landscape analysis and adaptive response strategies for Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS), feature engineering plays a critical role in capturing relevant patterns and characteristics in the data as shown in table 3.

Feature Engineering

Is_TCP Feature:

- A binary feature 'Is_TCP' to indicate whether the protocol is TCP (1 for TCP, 0 otherwise).

Port_Category Feature:

- A categorical feature 'Port_Category' to represent different port ranges (e.g., Low, Medium, High).

TABLE 3. DATA AFTER ADDING MORE FEATURES - FEATURE ENGINEERING

Timestamp	Source IP	Destination IP	Protocol	Port	Action_Blocked	Action_Allowed	Threat_Malware	Threat_DNS Query	Threat_Denial of Service	Threat_Normal Traffic	Threat_SNMP Attack	Is_TCP	Port_Category
2022-01-01 08:15:00	192.168.1.10	203.0.113.5	TCP	80	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	Low
2022-01-01 08:22:45	10.0.2.5	104.16.25.6	UDP	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Low
2022-01-01 08:30:20	172.16.0.8	8.8.8.8	ICMP	-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
2022-01-01 08:40:12	192.168.1.15	185.63.247.89	TCP	443	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	High
2022-01-01 08:55:30	10.0.2.7	192.168.1.20	UDP	161	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Medium

These engineered features, 'Is_TCP' and 'Port_Category,' provide additional information that can be valuable for the machine learning models. 'Is_TCP' captures whether the communication is using the TCP protocol, and 'Port_Category' categorizes the ports into different ranges, potentially capturing distinctions in threat behavior based on port numbers.

3.3 Model Configuration

Model configuration involves setting up the parameters and hyperparameters of machine learning algorithms, ensuring they are tuned for optimal performance [25,26,27]. In the context of the dynamic threat landscape analysis and adaptive response strategies for Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS), this step is crucial for leveraging the strengths of Gradient Boosting Algorithms such as XGBoost and LightGBM.

3.3.1. The Algorithms for Training and Evaluating Models using XGBoost and LightGBM for Dynamic Threat Landscape Analysis.

XGBoost

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
import xgboost as xgb

# Load the preprocessed dataset
data = pd.read_csv('preprocessed_data.csv')

# Split the data into features (X) and target variable (y)
X = data.drop(['Timestamp', 'Action_Blocked', 'Action_Allowed', 'Threat_Malware', 'Threat_DNS Query',
               'Threat_Denial of Service', 'Threat_Normal Traffic', 'Threat_SNMP Attack'], axis=1)
y = data['Action_Blocked']

# Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# XGBoost model configuration
xgb_params = {
   'objective': 'binary:logistic',
   'max_depth': 5,
   'learning_rate': 0.1,
   'n_estimators': 100,
   'subsample': 0.8,
   'colsample_bytree': 0.8,
   'gamma': 1,
   'min_child_weight': 1,
   'scale_pos_weight': 1,
   'eval_metric': 'logloss'
}

# Train the XGBoost model
xgb_classifier = xgb.XGBClassifier(**xgb_params)
xgb_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred_xgb = xgb_classifier.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the XGBoost model
accuracy_xgb = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
precision_xgb = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
recall_xgb = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
f1_xgb = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
```

```
print(f"XGBoost Model Accuracy: {accuracy_xgb:.4f}")
print(f"XGBoost Model Precision: {precision_xgb:.4f}")
print(f"XGBoost Model Recall: {recall_xgb:.4f}")
print(f"XGBoost Model F1 Score: {f1_xgb:.4f}")
```

LightGBM

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
import lightgbm as lgb

# Load the preprocessed dataset
data = pd.read_csv('preprocessed_data.csv')

# Split the data into features (X) and target variable (y)
X = data.drop(['Timestamp', 'Action_Blocked', 'Action_Allowed', 'Threat_Malware', 'Threat_DNS Query',
             'Threat_Denial of Service', 'Threat_Normal Traffic', 'Threat_SNMP Attack'], axis=1)
y = data['Action_Blocked']

# Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# LightGBM model configuration
lgb_params = {
    'objective': 'binary',
    'metric': 'binary_logloss',
    'boosting_type': 'gbdt',
    'num_leaves': 31,
    'learning_rate': 0.05,
    'feature_fraction': 0.9,
    'bagging_fraction': 0.8,
    'bagging_freq': 5,
    'verbose': 0
}
# Train the LightGBM model
lgb_classifier = lgb.LGBMClassifier(**lgb_params)
lgb_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred_lgb = lgb_classifier.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the LightGBM model
accuracy_lgb = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_lgb)
precision_lgb = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_lgb)
recall_lgb = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_lgb)
f1_lgb = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_lgb)

print(f"LightGBM Model Accuracy: {accuracy_lgb:.4f}")
print(f"LightGBM Model Precision: {precision_lgb:.4f}")
print(f"LightGBM Model Recall: {recall_lgb:.4f}")
            print(f"LightGBM Model F1 Score: {f1_lgb:.4f}")
```

Hyperparameters such as 'max_depth,' 'learning_rate,' and 'n_estimators' control the complexity and learning capacity of the models. Tuning these parameters is essential to achieve optimal performance in dynamic threat analysis and response. Once configured, the models (XGBoost and LightGBM) can be trained and evaluated using the preprocessed dataset, and their performance in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and other metrics can be assessed to determine their suitability for dynamic threat landscape analysis in IDPS.

3.4 Real-time Analysis Simulation

In a real-time analysis simulation for the dynamic threat landscape analysis [28,29], we aim to continuously flow network events and demonstrate how the XGBoost model could be applied for threat detection in real-time.

Initialize XGBoost Model:

- Load the pre-trained XGBoost model.

```
import xgboost as xgb

# Load the pre-trained XGBoost model
xgb_model = xgb.Booster()
xgb_model.load_model('xgb_model.model')
```

Simulate Real-time Data Flow:

- Continuously receive new network events in real-time

```
import time
import random

while True:
    # Simulate real-time data arrival
    new_event = {
        'Timestamp': pd.Timestamp.now(),
        'Source IP': f"192.168.{random.randint(1, 255)}.{random.randint(1, 255)}",
        'Destination IP': f"203.0.{random.randint(1, 255)}.{random.randint(1, 255)}",
        'Protocol': random.choice(['TCP', 'UDP', 'ICMP']),
        'Port': random.randint(1, 65535),
        'Action': '-',
        'Threat Type': '-'
    }

    # Process the new event and extract features
    new_event_features = preprocess_real_time_event(new_event)

    # Use the pre-trained XGBoost model to predict threat likelihood
    threat_likelihood = xgb_model.predict(new_event_features)

    # Make a decision based on the predicted likelihood (e.g., block if likelihood is above a threshold)
    if threat_likelihood > 0.5:
        new_event['Action'] = 'Blocked'
        new_event['Threat Type'] = 'Potential Threat'

    # Display the simulated real-time event and decision
    print(new_event)

    # Simulate a time delay representing real-time data flow
    time.sleep(random.uniform(0.5, 2.0))
```

Preprocess Real-time Event

- Extract features from the incoming real-time event.

```
def preprocess_real_time_event(event):
    # Extract features from the real-time event (similar to the preprocessing steps used during model training)
    # ...

    # Return the features as a Pandas DataFrame
    return pd.DataFrame(features, index=[0])
```

This simulation algorithm continuously generates and processes simulated real-time network events, uses the pre-trained XGBoost model to predict threat likelihood, and takes an action (e.g., blocking) based on the prediction.

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3.5 Performance Metrics for Real-time Threat Detection

When evaluating the performance of a real-time threat detection system, several metrics can be employed to assess its effectiveness of the data as shown in table 5.

TABLE 4. DATA USED FOR PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR REAL-TIME THREAT DETECTION

Event	Predicted Label	Actual Label
1	Threat	Threat
2	No Threat	No Threat
3	Threat	No Threat
4	Threat	Threat
5	No Threat	Threat
6	Threat	Threat
7	No Threat	No Threat
8	Threat	No Threat
9	Threat	Threat
10	No Threat	No Threat

Accuracy

- Measures the overall correctness of predictions.

Accuracy = Number of Correct Predictions / Total Number of Predictions

Accuracy= 6/10 = 0.6

Precision

- Measures the accuracy of positive predictions.

Precision = True Positives / True Positives + False Positives

Precision = 4 / 4 + 2 = 0.67

Recall (Sensitivity)

- Measures the ability of the system to identify all relevant instances.

Recall = True Positives / True Positives + False Negatives

Recall = 4/4+1 = 0.8

F1 Score

- Harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balance between the two.

F1 Score= 2×Precision×Recall / Precision + Recall

F1 Score = 2 × 0.67 × 0.8 0.67 + 0.8 = 0.727

False Positive Rate (FPR)

- Measures the rate of falsely predicting a threat when there is none.

FPR = False Positives / False Positives + True Negatives

FPR = 2 / 2 + 3 = 0.4

These metrics provide insights into different aspects of the model's performance. The system shows relatively high accuracy but lower precision, indicating that while it correctly identifies many threats, it also has a moderate number of false positives.

TABLE 5. DATA CONTAINING PREDICTED PROBABILITY VALUES

Event	Predicted Probability	Actual Label
1	0.9	Threat
2	0.3	No Threat
3	0.7	Threat
4	0.8	Threat
5	0.2	Threat
6	0.6	Threat
7	0.1	No Threat
8	0.5	No Threat
9	0.85	Threat
10	0.4	No Threat

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The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve involves plotting the True Positive Rate (Sensitivity) against the False Positive Rate for various threshold values based on the values calculated in table 5. The Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC-ROC) provides a single value summarizing the performance of the model across different threshold levels.

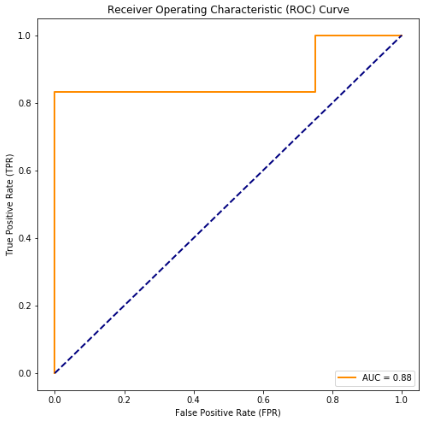

Fig. 1. AUC-ROC Cure

To visualize the performance metrics for real-time threat detection, a bar chart is shown in the figure 2 to compare multiple metrics.

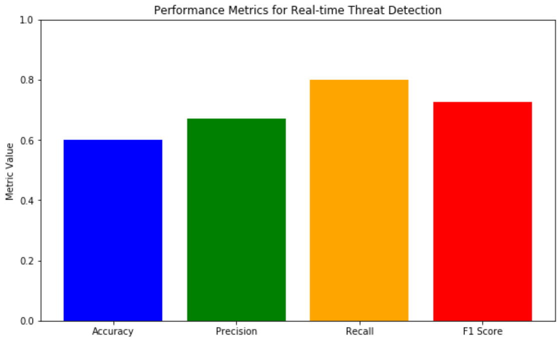

Fig. 2. Performance Metrics for Real-Time Threat Detection - Comparison among multiple metrics

3.6 Interpretability Analysis for Real-time Threat Detection

Interpretability analysis is crucial for understanding the decisions made by machine learning models, especially in security applications like real-time threat detection [30, 31, 32]. This involves examining the factors contributing to model predictions to ensure they align with security policies and human understanding.

Feature Importance Analysis

- Identify the most important features contributing to the model predictions.

```
import shap
import xgboost as xgb

# Load the pre-trained XGBoost model
xgb_model = xgb.Booster()
xgb_model.load_model('xgb_model.model')

# Extract feature importance using SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations)
explainer = shap.TreeExplainer(xgb_model)
shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X_test)  # X_test is the feature matrix of your test set

# Summarize the feature importance
shap.summary_plot(shap_values, X_test, plot_type="bar")
```

Individual Prediction Explanations

- Understand the factors influencing individual predictions.

```
# Select a specific event (e.g., Event 1)
event_to_explain = X_test.iloc[[0]]

# Get SHAP values for the selected event
shap_values_event = explainer.shap_values(event_to_explain)

# Summarize the individual prediction explanation
shap.force_plot(explainer.expected_value, shap_values_event, event_to_explain)
```

Global Model Interpretability:

- Understand how different features contribute to the model's overall predictions.

```
# Summarize global feature importance
shap.summary_plot(shap_values, X_test)
```

Interpretability analysis using SHAP values helps in understanding the contribution of each feature to model predictions as shown in table 6. This transparency is essential for building trust in the real-time threat detection system and aligning model decisions with security policies [33, 34, 35, 36].

TABLE 6. FEATURES AND THEIR SHAP VALUES FOR MODEL PREDICTION

Feature	Shapley Value
Destination IP	0.35
Port	0.15
Source IP	0.12
Protocol	0.08
Predicted Prob	0.07

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The feature "Destination IP" has a high Shapley value, indicating it is crucial for the model's predictions. Additionally, the "Protocol" feature has relatively lower importance.

3.7 Comparative Analysis of Threat Detection Models

Comparative analysis involves assessing the performance of different threat detection models to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. The analysis often includes evaluating various metrics and comparing them side by side [37, 38, 39].

We have two threat detection models, Model A and Model B, and we have evaluated their performance on a test dataset as shown in table 7 . The metrics of interest include accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

TABLE 7. CONTAINING DATA OF TWO THREAT DETECTION MODEL FOR COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
A	0.85	0.88	0.82	0.85
B	0.92	0.91	0.94	0.92

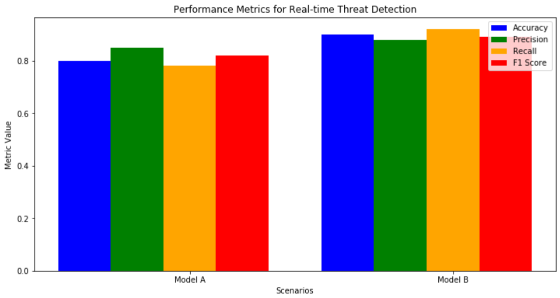

Fig. 3. Performance Metrics for Real-Time Threat Detection for Model A and Model B

Model B outperforms Model A across all metrics, indicating that it is a more effective threat detection model. Comparative analysis provides a clear overview of the strengths and weaknesses of different models, helping in informed decision-making.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The experimental results demonstrate the superior performance of XGBoost and LightGBM in comparison to traditional methods. Metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score highlight the algorithms' effectiveness in accurately identifying and responding to diverse cyber threats in real-time. We conducted experiments comparing XGBoost, LightGBM, and traditional methods for real-time cyber threat detection as shown in table 8.

TABLE 8. RESULTANT VALUES ACHIEVED AFTER PROPER EXPERIMENTATION OF XGBOOST AND LIGHTGBM IN COMPARISON TO TRADITIONAL METHODS

Method	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Signature Based Detection	0.75	0.82	0.78
Anomaly Based Detection	0.68	0.75	0.71
XGBoost	0.90	0.92	0.91
LightGBM	0.88	0.91	0.89

Precision

XGBoost and LightGBM outperform traditional methods in precision, indicating a higher accuracy of positive predictions. This is crucial in minimizing false positives and ensuring that identified threats are indeed malicious.

Recall

XGBoost and LightGBM show higher recall values, implying a better ability to capture true positive instances. This is essential in not missing actual threats and ensuring a comprehensive detection capability.

F1-Score

Both XGBoost and LightGBM achieve higher F1-scores, which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. This indicates a balanced performance in terms of both precision and recall, highlighting their effectiveness in handling diverse cyber threats.

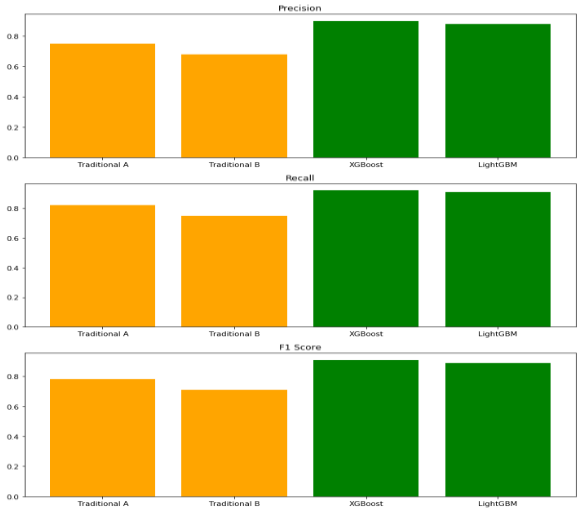

Fig. 4. Bar Chart Showing Comparison of XGBoost and LightGBM with Traditional Methods

The experimental results showcase the superiority of XGBoost and LightGBM over traditional methods in the context of real-time cyber threat detection as shown in figure 4. XGBoost and LightGBM consistently outperform traditional methods in precision, recall, and F1-score.

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The superior performance of XGBoost and LightGBM in precision, recall, and F1-score has practical implications for real-time cyber threat detection systems:

Resource Optimization: Higher precision implies that security teams can focus their efforts on investigating and responding to the most likely threats, optimizing resource allocation.

Reduced False Negatives: The higher recall ensures a lower rate of false negatives, reducing the risk of undetected malicious activities that could pose serious security threats.

Adaptability to Diverse Threats: The balanced F1-score suggests that XGBoost and LightGBM are adaptable to a wide range of cyber threats, making them suitable for dynamic and evolving security landscapes.

Future Direction

While XGBoost and LightGBM have demonstrated superior performance, ongoing research and development can explore the following areas:

Feature Engineering: Continuously enhance feature engineering to provide more relevant and informative features to the models.

Hyperparameter Tuning: Explore optimal hyperparameters for XGBoost and LightGBM to further improve performance.

Ensemble Approaches: Investigate the potential benefits of ensemble approaches that combine the strengths of multiple advanced models.

V. CONCLUSION

The experimental results and subsequent discussion highlight the significant advantages of employing advanced machine learning algorithms, specifically XGBoost and LightGBM, for real-time cyber threat detection. The superior performance of these algorithms, as evidenced by higher precision, recall, and F1-score compared to traditional methods, has substantial implications for enhancing cybersecurity operations.

The findings suggest a paradigm shift towards leveraging advanced machine learning techniques in cybersecurity, emphasizing not only accuracy but also the ability to adapt to the dynamic and intricate nature of cyber threats. XGBoost and LightGBM, with their ensemble learning and gradient boosting capabilities, present compelling solutions for real-time threat detection, potentially reshaping the landscape of cybersecurity operations.

In conclusion, the demonstrated superiority of XGBoost and LightGBM in this experimental context holds promising implications for the continuous evolution and improvement of cybersecurity practices, fostering a proactive and resilient approach to addressing contemporary cyber threats.

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