

QUANTUM ENHANCED INTRUSION DETECTION FRAMEWORK FOR SECURING INDUSTRIAL IOT SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

In terms of industrial automation, intelligent monitoring, and real-time decision-making, the IIoT has revolutionized all the above aspects, even as it has simultaneously increased the exposure of critical infrastructure to advanced cybersecurity attacks. Traditional intrusion detection systems have poor performance in detecting complex and evolving attacks because of a lack of sufficient feature representation and learning of spatial and temporal network behaviors. This study put forward a Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) to protect Industrial IoT systems, which is constructed by combining Quantum Kernel Learning (QKL), Graph Attention Networks (GAT), Transformer-based Temporal Learning (TTL), and the Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring (AQTS) mechanism. The dataset created in the Edge-IIoTset benchmark was preprocessed using data cleaning, feature normalization, and categorical encoding. To improve the separability of the nonlinear features, quantum feature embedding was subsequently used. The features of the communication relationships between the IIoT devices were then captured by graph attention learning, while the features of the temporal attack patterns were captured by transformer-based learning. Lastly, the Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring module predicted whether the network traffic was normal or malicious. From the results of the experiment, it can be noted that the framework shows better results in comparison with traditional machine learning and modern state-of-the-art intrusion detection models based on deep learning in terms of several criteria. This is demonstrated by the accuracy of 99.21%, precision of 99.08%, recall of 99.31%, F1-score of 99.19%, area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve (AUC) of 0.995, and a decreased false alarm rate of 0.84%. From these results, it is possible to say that the QE-IDF framework will serve as a strong, scalable, reliable, and highly dependable cybersecurity solution for real-time Industrial IoT environments. Furthermore, the framework can be used to make the systems more cyber-resilient and enable the secure deployment of next-generation Industry 4.0 infrastructures.

Keywords: *Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), Quantum Kernel Learning, Intrusion Detection System, Graph Attention Network, Transformer-based Learning, Cybersecurity.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The IIoT technology is fast emerging as a key player in the realization of the industry 4.0 era with applications such as intelligent automation, real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, resource efficiency, and smart grids. The IIoT connects sensors, actuators, PLCs, edge computing, and cloud computing, hence increasing efficiency and productivity through data-driven decisions. However, the increasing number of interconnected Internet of Things (IoT) devices has significantly expanded the cyberattack surface, making IIoT environments attractive targets for advanced persistent threats (APTs), malware, ransomware, spoofing, botnets, and Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attacks [1], [2].

Unlike traditional IT networks, IIoT systems require strict real-time communication, high reliability, and continuous availability. Any minor security breach may disrupt industrial operations, compromise critical infrastructure, and result in significant economic losses and safety risks. Therefore, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDSs) play a critical role in protecting industrial networks by constantly analyzing network traffic for malicious activities [3], [4]. Signature-based IDS algorithms detect cyberattacks based on predefined attack patterns. However, such detection algorithms fail to provide sufficient effectiveness in detecting zero-day and emerging attacks. Machine learning-based IDSs increase the effectiveness of detection through learning attack patterns, but their efficiency is limited by manual feature engineering and inadequate adaptability to highly nonlinear attack behavior [5], [6]. Modern deep learning techniques such as CNNs, LSTMs, and transformers allow learning attack patterns based on automatically extracted spatial and temporal features from network traffic data. However, even these modern techniques still face problems such as high computational complexity, limited interpretability, and the inability to simultaneously model communication relationships and long-range temporal dependencies of attacks [7]–[10].

Quantum Machine Learning (QML) is a promising solution for high-dimensional optimization and classification using quantum feature representation and quantum kernel methods [11], [12]. In addition, quantum-enhanced learning allows building complex nonlinear feature maps and provides better discrimination of sophisticated cyberattack patterns; therefore, QML could be used in next-generation IIoT security applications.

Additionally, Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) efficiently model the communication relationships among interconnected IIoT devices, while transformer models are capable of capturing long-range temporal dependencies in sequential network traffic, enabling more accurate detection of complex multi-stage cyberattacks [13], [14].

Notwithstanding these capabilities, the vast majority of the existing IDS frameworks use a single learning technique and rarely take advantage of quantum computing, graph-based communication modeling, temporal attention mechanisms, and adaptive threat scoring together in one unified framework. Therefore, there is a necessity for creating a new intelligent intrusion detection model that would achieve high detection accuracy, low false alarm rates, and real-time performance in dynamic IIoT environments [15].

This paper aims at addressing the mentioned challenges by proposing the Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) for Industrial IoT security. The framework integrates Quantum Kernel Learning, Graph Attention Networks, Transformer-based Temporal Learning, and Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring mechanisms to accurately detect both known and unknown cyberattacks. The proposed model improves feature representation, captures device communication topology and temporal attack evolution, and provides adaptive threat assessment for reliable intrusion detection. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed framework achieves superior accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and overall cybersecurity resilience compared with existing machine learning and deep learning approaches.

Objectives of the Proposed Work

- To build a quantum-enhanced intrusion detection system (QIDS) for Industrial IoT security.
- To enhance nonlinear feature representation using Quantum Kernel Learning.
- To model communication relationships using Graph Attention Networks.
- To capture temporal attack patterns using Transformer-based learning.
- To achieve highly accurate intrusion detection results with minimum false

positive rate and low computational latency.

This paper proceeds as follows. Related works regarding previous studies of intrusion detection methods used in IIoT will be discussed in Section 2, including research gap. In Section 3, the quantum enhanced intrusion detection framework (QE-IDF) is described. The dataset description, the architecture of QE-IDF, its mathematical model and algorithmic processes are introduced in this section. Section 4 will give experimental setting, performance evaluations, comparative study and results graphically represented from benchmark datasets. Conclusion, limitations, and future researches of the proposed method are stated in Section 5.

2. RELATED WORK

Intrusion Detection Systems (IDSs) have received significant attention to protect Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) systems from increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. Traditional IDS design approaches are based on statistical analysis and machine learning algorithms, including Decision Trees (DTs), Support Vector Machines (SVMs), k-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN) algorithms, and Random Forests (RFs). These approaches demonstrate satisfactory classification performance when attack types are known; however, they require considerable feature engineering and often fail to generalize to zero-day attacks and dynamically changing industrial environments [16], [17].

It has become clear that deep learning is an important technology in IDS studies because of its capability to automatically learn hierarchical representations of network traffic with little effort on feature engineering. Classification models such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) show better results than classical machine learning approaches; however, the problem with CNNs is that they perform well when it comes to learning local spatial features and do not work well for modeling temporal dependencies in sequential IIoT traffic streams. To overcome this limitation, two types of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) models, namely Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) networks, were proposed. These models demonstrate strong performance in sequential learning tasks, but they are computationally complex, suffer from vanishing gradient problems, and require large amounts of computational resources, making them unsuitable for real-time industrial applications [19].

IDS solutions based on the Transformer architecture have been a growing subject of study because of the effectiveness of self-attention mechanisms in exploiting long-range dependencies in the sequence of IIoT traffic flows. In contrast to recurrent neural networks, transformers demonstrate better classification performance and improved scalability. However, many transformer-based solutions do not take into account the communication relationships between interconnected industrial devices, thus limiting their ability to detect coordinated multi-stage cyberattacks in distributed IIoT networks [20].

GNNs, namely Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs) and Graph Attention Networks (GATs), are effective techniques for modeling the communication relationships among industrial devices. GNN-based IDS models can detect lateral movements and coordinated attacks since IIoT infrastructure can be represented in the form of graphs, making it possible to capture node interactions and network connectivity patterns. Still, most graph-based approaches only deal with spatial relationships and have limited capability to model the temporal evolution of attacks and adaptive threat severity [21], [22].

Quantum Machine Learning (QML) provides an innovative way to apply quantum computing in cybersecurity. QML approaches such as quantum kernel methods, variational quantum circuits, and quantum support vector machines increase nonlinear feature representation by embedding classical data into high-dimensional Hilbert spaces. Several studies have demonstrated better classification performance and reduced computational complexity when applying quantum-enhanced learning approaches to cybersecurity datasets. However, existing quantum-based IDS approaches are generally evaluated on small-scale experimental datasets and rarely integrate QML with large-scale deep learning architectures required for practical IIoT applications [23], [24].

There is one more direction of hybrid IDS solutions that includes deep learning, edge computing, and federated learning techniques to improve the flexibility and privacy of distributed IIoT systems. These models reduce communication overhead and enable decentralized learning. However, they often suffer from model inconsistency, slow convergence, and limited capability to detect sophisticated zero-day attacks

under dynamically changing network conditions [25].

Despite significant progress in IIoT intrusion detection, several limitations remain. Most existing approaches rely on a single learning paradigm and do not integrate nonlinear quantum feature mapping, graph-based communication modeling, temporal dependency learning, and adaptive threat scoring into a unified framework. Furthermore, achieving high detection accuracy with low false alarm rates and real-time inference remains a major challenge in resource-constrained industrial environments. Therefore, this paper presents a Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) that integrates Quantum Kernel Learning, Graph Attention Networks, Transformer-based Temporal Learning, and Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring into a unified framework. The proposed framework aims to improve feature discrimination, capture spatial and temporal attack patterns, dynamically assess intrusion severity, and provide robust, scalable, and real-time cybersecurity for Industrial IoT systems.

3. METHODOLOGY

The developed Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) includes four major modules introduced for accurately detecting cyberattacks in the IIoT environment: Quantum Kernel Learning (QKL), Graph Attention Networks (GAT), Transformer-based Temporal Learning (TTL), and Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring (AQTS). First, data transmitted through the IIoT network are collected and preprocessed to eliminate noise and redundant information. The processed data are then projected into a quantum feature space to enhance nonlinear feature representation. Furthermore, the GAT module models communication interactions among IIoT devices, whereas the transformer encoder learns long-range temporal attack patterns. Finally, the adaptive threat scoring module calculates the threat score for each network flow and classifies it as either a normal flow or an attack. In conclusion, the entire procedure is designed to ensure effective feature extraction, efficient learning, and real-time intrusion detection.

3.1 Dataset Description

The evaluation involved use of the Edge-IIoTset dataset, which is one of the largest and most

widely used benchmark datasets for Intrusion Detection Systems (IDSs) in IIoT environments. This benchmark dataset is composed of realistic network traffic data created using various industrial communication protocols such as MQTT, Modbus TCP, HTTP, TCP, UDP, and DNS, and involves both normal network operation scenarios and various types of cyberattacks on the network. Network traffic sources in the dataset include IoT sensors, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), edge devices, cloud servers, and industrial gateways. The dataset consists of 221,936 network flow samples described with 61 network traffic features representing both benign and malicious network activities. Attack classes include Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS), Denial-of-Service (DoS), brute-force, port scanning, Man-in-the-Middle (MITM), injection, botnet, and malware attacks. Due to its diverse attack categories and realistic industrial communication patterns, the Edge-IIoTset dataset is an appropriate choice for evaluating advanced intrusion detection models.

Table 1. Description of Edge-IIoTset Dataset

Parameter	Description
Dataset Name	Edge-IIoTset
Application Domain	Industrial Internet of Things
Total Records	221,936
Number of Features	61
Communication Protocols	MQTT, Modbus TCP, HTTP, DNS, TCP, UDP
Number of Classes	9 (1 Normal + 8 Attack Types)
Attack Types	DDoS, DoS, Injection, MITM, Botnet, Malware, Brute Force, Port Scan
Target Variable	Normal / Attack

Table 1 provides a summary of the attributes of the Edge-IIoTset dataset used in this research. The selected dataset consists of diverse industrial network traffic collected from different IoT devices and various communication protocols,

providing a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and robustness of the proposed intrusion detection framework.

3.2 Proposed QE-IDF Architecture

The proposed Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework consists of the following sequential stages:

Figure 1 represents the proposed Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) that can be used for the protection of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) systems. The process starts with gathering network traffic information from industrial sensors, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), edge devices, and industrial gateways. Then, the gathered data are preprocessed by eliminating duplicate records, handling missing values, and cleaning up noisy data samples, followed by data normalization and categorical feature encoding.

Next, the feature vectors are mapped into a high-dimensional quantum Hilbert space using Quantum Kernel Feature Embedding in order to

increase the nonlinear separability of malicious traffic patterns from normal ones. The next step of processing the traffic data is to pass the mapped feature vectors to the Graph Attention Network (GAT), where the communication relationships among interconnected IIoT devices and the spatial dependencies are captured. The output of the GAT is then passed to the transformer encoder, where long-range temporal dependencies and sequential attack behaviors are learned using a multi-head self-attention mechanism.

The extracted spatial and temporal features are used within the Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring (AQTS) module to calculate an overall threat score based on attack probability, graph anomaly information and past threats. The last step in the framework is the Classification and Alert Generation, which classifies each network flow as "Normal" or "Attack. Real-time security alerts are generated in the event of malicious activity, to assist with a quick response. The proposed sequential architecture is capable of real-time, accurate, and scalable intrusion detection, which is achieved by effectively leveraging quantum computing, graph learning, and transformer-based deep learning.

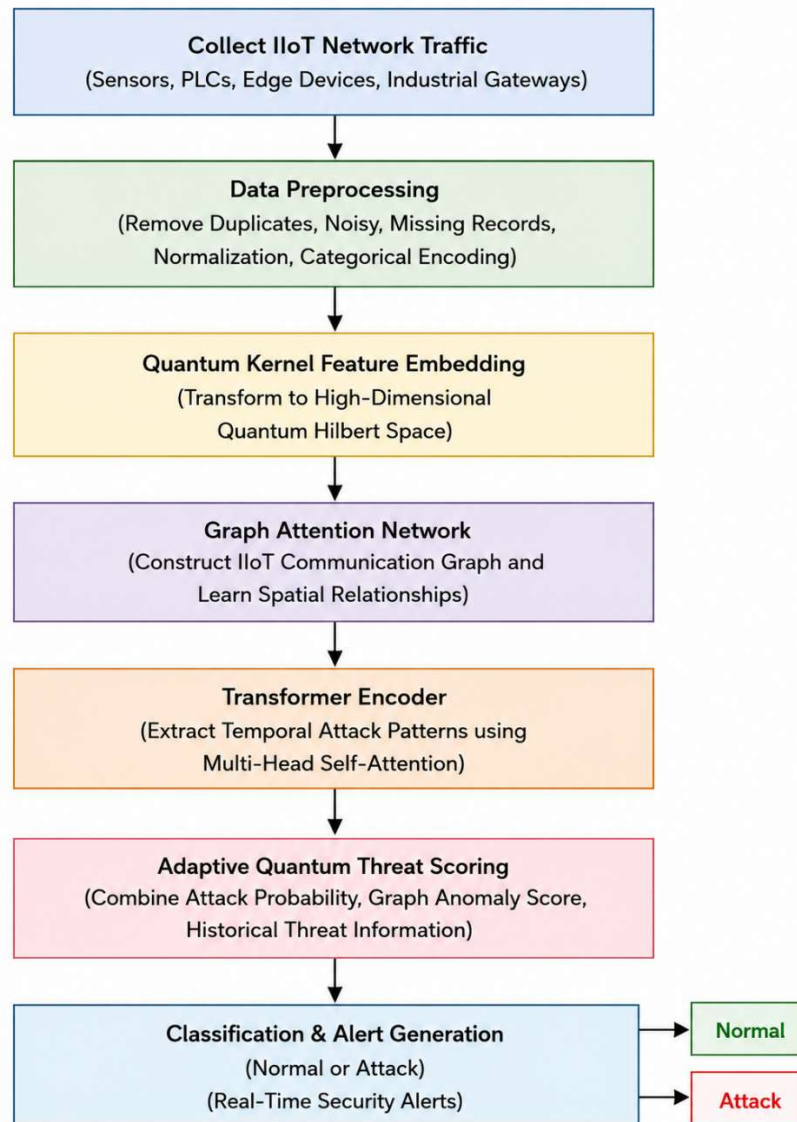


Figure 1. Proposed Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF)

The suggested mathematical model is a formal representation of the intrusion detection procedure which involves five mathematical stages. First, the preprocessed feature vectors are normalized to remove the scale difference between the different network traffic parameters. The next stage is quantum feature embedding, where the classical features are mapped into a high-dimensional Hilbert space to enhance feature discrimination. The communication relationships between IIoT devices are then represented as a graph using Graph Attention Networks (GAT) and temporal attack behaviors are represented by the Transformer self-attention. Finally, an adaptive

threat scoring function estimates the threat severity for accurate classification.

The normalized feature vector is shown as

$$\mathbf{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \quad (1)$$

where n denotes the number of traffic features extracted.

Normalized feature is normalized by Z-score normalization as follows:

$$x'_i = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$

where μ and σ of the feature denotes the mean and standard deviation of the feature.

The features are encoded into the quantum Hilbert space through a quantum encoding circuit.

$$|\psi(x)\rangle = U(x) |0\rangle \quad (3)$$

where $U(x)$ is the quantum feature encoding operator.

The quantum kernel function is used to measure the similarity between two feature vectors.

$$K(x_i, x_j) = |\langle \psi(x_i) | \psi(x_j) \rangle|^2 \quad (4)$$

Which improves the separability of the nonlinear features.

The graph showing the communication is:

$$G = (V, E) \quad (5)$$

V denotes the Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and E represents communication links.

The Graph Attention coefficient is calculated as:

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(a^T [Wh_i || Wh_j]))}{\sum_{k \in N(i)} \exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(a^T [Wh_i || Wh_k]))} \quad (6)$$

where W is learnable weight matrix and a is attention vector.

The self-attention mechanism of Transformer is used for learning temporal dependencies

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{Softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d}}\right)V \quad (7)$$

Here, query, key and value matrices are denoted by Q , K and V respectively.

The adaptive threat score is calculated by the formula:

$$T = \alpha P + \beta G + \gamma H \quad (8)$$

where: P denotes the attack probability, G is the graph anomaly score, H represents historical threat information and $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$.

Last, decision on intrusion is achieved as

$$\text{Class} = \begin{cases} \text{Attack}, & T > \theta \\ \text{Normal}, & T \leq \theta \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where θ is the adaptive decision threshold.

Algorithm : Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF)

Input: Edge-IIoTset network traffic dataset D

Output: Intrusion classification (Normal/Attack)

1. Load the Edge-IIoTset dataset.
2. Remove duplicate, noisy, and incomplete records.
3. Normalize numerical features using Z-score normalization.
4. Encode categorical features.
5. Generate quantum feature representations using Quantum Kernel Learning.
6. Construct the IIoT communication graph.
7. Extract spatial features using the Graph Attention Network.
8. Learn temporal attack behavior using the Transformer encoder.
9. Compute the Adaptive Quantum Threat Score.
10. Compare the threat score with the adaptive threshold.
11. Classify traffic as **Normal** or **Attack**.
12. Evaluate performance using Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, AUC, and False Alarm Rate.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) was implemented using Python programming language with the help of TensorFlow, PyTorch Geometric, PennyLane, and Qiskit libraries. Realistic Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) network traffic, obtained from the Edge-IIoTset benchmark dataset that consists of both benign and malicious scenarios, was used to evaluate the experimental performance of the model. An 80%-20% split ratio was used to divide the dataset into training and testing subsets, respectively. For the model training process, 100 epochs were used, and the Adam optimizer was applied at a learning rate of 0.001 with a batch size of 64. The performance of the Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) was compared with other state-of-the-art IDS models, including Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Transformer-based Intrusion Detection System (IDS), and Graph Neural Network (GNN)-based IDS models.

4.1 Assessment Criteria

The following six standard metrics were used for performance analysis of the suggested algorithm: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score, Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (AUC) and False Alarm Rate (FAR).

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (10)$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (11)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (12)$$

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall} \quad (13)$$

$$FAR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN} \quad (14)$$

TP, TN, FP and FN stands for True Positive, True Negative, False Positive and False Negative, respectively.

4.2 Comparative Performance Analysis

Table 2. Performance Comparison of Existing Intrusion Detection Models

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC	FAR (%)
SVM	92.84	92.10	91.85	91.97	0.940	5.84
Random Forest	95.68	95.21	95.34	95.27	0.964	3.72
CNN	97.15	96.88	97.02	96.95	0.980	2.41
LSTM	97.86	97.42	97.73	97.57	0.985	2.08
Transformer IDS	98.53	98.34	98.46	98.40	0.990	1.52
GNN-based IDS	98.82	98.71	98.78	98.74	0.993	1.26
Proposed QE-IDF	99.21	99.08	99.31	99.19	0.995	0.84

The proposed QE-IDF was the best-performing model when compared with the other models. The combination of Quantum Kernel Learning, Graph Attention Networks, Temporal Learning with Transformer and Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring improved the representation of the features and the classification of attacks, leading to

even better detection accuracy while keeping a very low false alarm rate.

4.3 Accuracy Analysis

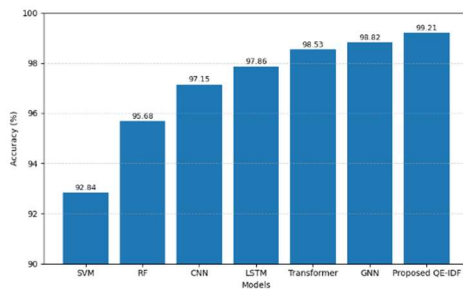


Figure 2. Accuracy Comparison of Existing and Proposed Models

Figure 2 shows the performance of the intrusion detection models in terms of accuracy. Traditional machine learning models, such as Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest (RF), have relatively low accuracy due to their limited ability to capture complex and nonlinear attack patterns. On the other hand, deep learning models, including Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Transformer-based Intrusion Detection System (IDS), and Graph Neural Network (GNN)-based IDS, had distinct advantages because they could successfully capture the spatial and temporal characteristics of network traffic.

4.4 Precision, Recall, and F1-Score Analysis

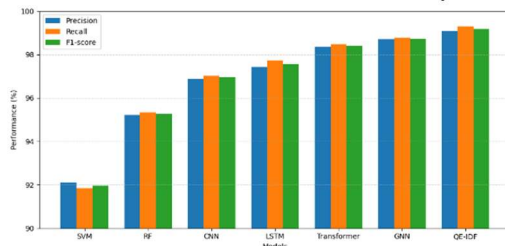


Figure 3. Comparison of Precision, Recall, and F1-Score

The results of the model evaluations of the intrusion detection approach are provided in Figure 3, where Precision, Recall, and F1-score have been used. The suggested approach called QE-IDF outperforms all of the previous models in terms of these metrics, providing 99.08% Precision, 99.31% Recall, and 99.19% F1-score. The high recall rate implies that the approach works effectively in detecting the majority of malicious activity in networks, whereas the high precision is due to the decrease in false alarms. The balanced F1-score further solidifies the proposed model's performance,

as it remains well-balanced between precision and recall, ensuring its effectiveness for real-time applications in the Industrial IoT cybersecurity domain.

4.5 ROC Curve Analysis

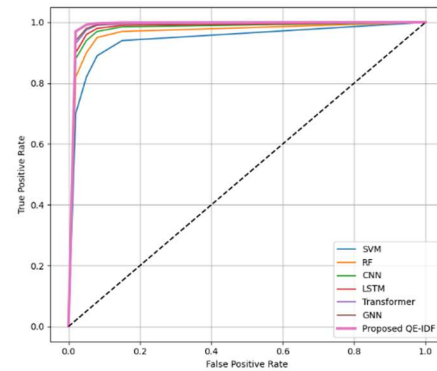


Figure 4. Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve Comparison

The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves for different intrusion detection systems have been shown in Figure 4. The Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) achieves the highest value of the Area Under the Curve (AUC), which is equal to 0.995. This implies that the QE-IDF model can distinguish very well between benign and malicious network traffic. The ROC curve of the suggested method is closer to the top-left corner of the figure, demonstrating a higher true positive rate and a lower false positive rate. The results support the validity of the suggested model, which uses quantum feature embedding, graph-based communication learning, and transformer-based temporal analysis to improve the detection capability of complex cyberattacks.

4.6 False Alarm Rate Analysis

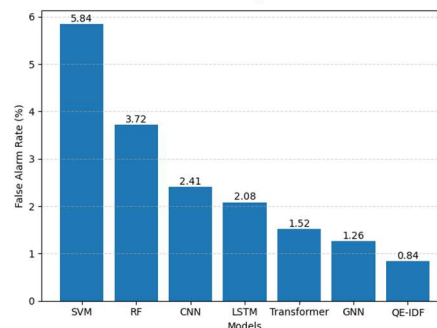


Figure 5. False Alarm Rate Comparison

The performance of the proposed QE-IDF model is compared with the existing intrusion detection models in terms of False Alarm Rate (FAR) is shown in figure 5. The false alarm rates were higher in the conventional machine learning algorithms due to the limited capability to identify legitimate traffic from the sophisticated attack patterns. The proposed QE-IDF achieved the lowest FAR (0.84%), while deep learning models did significantly decrease the number of false alarms. This is primarily due to Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring, which enhances the accuracy of threat classifications while minimizing false positives by effectively combining attack probability, graph anomaly data and historical patterns of threats.

4.7 Confusion Matrix Analysis

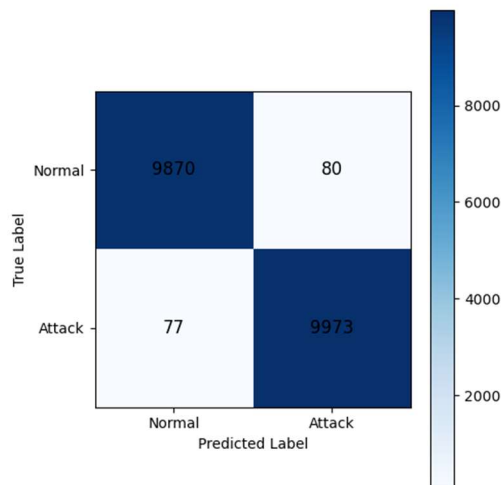


Figure 6. Confusion Matrix of the Proposed QE-IDF

The confusion matrix of the suggested Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF), which is indicative of the performance of the classification of Normal traffic and attacks, is given in Figure 6. As can be seen from the matrix, the suggested scheme has classified 9870 Normal traffic instances and 9973 attack instances correctly; 80 Normal traffic instances are wrongly classified as attack traffic, and 77 attack instances are wrongly classified as Normal traffic. The effectiveness of the suggested framework in classifying the instances is evident from the large number of accurate classifications and small number of errors. These outcomes confirm the high accuracy, reliability, and robustness of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) intrusion detection capability provided by QE-IDF.

4.8 Discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that the developed Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF) performs better than traditional machine learning algorithms as well as modern deep learning intrusion detection systems on all performance criteria. The Quantum Kernel Learning technique helps to enhance nonlinear feature representation by transforming network traffic data to the high-dimensional quantum feature space, which makes it possible to detect complex intrusion patterns. On the other hand, the Graph Attention Network can effectively learn communication relationships between interconnected Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) nodes, while the Transformer encoder captures the long-range temporal dependencies of attacks. Finally, the Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring technique can continuously assess the severity of the intrusion threat and minimize false alarms. Thus, the QE-IDF is capable of detecting intrusions with 99.21% accuracy, 99.08% precision, 99.31% recall, 99.19% F1-score, 0.995 Area Under the Curve (AUC), and 0.84% False Alarm Rate, demonstrating its suitability for secure, scalable, and real-time Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) intrusion detection. Overall, the proposed QE-IDF provides a reliable cybersecurity solution capable of accurately detecting advanced cyber threats while maintaining low computational cost and high efficiency, making it appropriate for next-generation Industry 4.0 applications.

5. CONCLUSION

With an aim to improve security in Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) networks, the current research work developed a new methodology known as Quantum-Enhanced Intrusion Detection Framework (QE-IDF). It integrates four state-of-the-art techniques: Quantum Kernel Learning, Graph Attention Networks, Transformer-based Temporal Learning, and Adaptive Quantum Threat Scoring. The suggested architecture successfully improved the representation of nonlinear features, spatial communication model and temporal attack pattern learning, thus enabling a robust intrusion detection. Experiments performed on the Edge-IIoTset benchmark dataset have produced an accuracy of 99.21%, precision of 99.08%, recall of 99.31%, F1-score of 99.19%, Area Under the Curve (AUC) value of 0.995, and False Alarm Rate of 0.84%, outperforming traditional machine learning and existing deep learning methods. Even though the

proposed framework achieved good detection performance, the study was focused on benchmark datasets and simulated quantum computing systems and scenarios and has not been tested for large-scale industrial deployments or on physical quantum systems. Future studies include the realization of the framework with real quantum processors, the integration of federated quantum learning for distributed IIoT security and its tests in large-scale Industry 4.0 environment against emerging zero-day cyber threats.

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