AUTHORIZED BLOCK MINING-BASED INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM IN BLOCK-CHAIN ENABLED IOT DEVICES USING RING SIGNATURE AND TRANSFORMER ENCODER FOR ATTENTION MECHANISM

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ABSTRACT

Background information: Security risks have developed as a result of the IoT devices' rapid expansion. This work introduces an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) based on Authorized Block Mining that leverages Ring Signature and Scalability for anomaly detection and privacy, and blockchain technology to improve the security of Internet of Things networks.
Methods: Through the use of a Transformer Encoder and an attention mechanism, the suggested IDS integrates anomaly detection and effectively identifies threats. While block mining enables transaction validation and greatly reduces latency and improves detection accuracy, Ring Signature cryptography guarantees anonymity.
Objectives: The primary objectives are to build a scalable solution for big IoT networks, use Transformer-based anomaly detection, improve privacy with Ring Signature, and produce a trustworthy IDS through approved block mining.
Results: The suggested IDS achieves a 99.26% detection accuracy and 98.95% precision with a minimal latency of 6.85 seconds, outperforming other approaches such as CIDDS and NGSG.
Conclusion: This hybrid system ensures improved performance metrics while effectively addressing privacy concerns and bolstering threat detection capabilities. It offers an efficient and safe solution for IoT networks.

Keywords: Intrusion Detection, Blockchain, IoT Security, Ring Signatures, Transformer Encoder

1. INTRODUCTION

The Authorized Block Mining-based Intrusion Detection System (IDS) with transformer-based attention models and Ring Signature is incorporated for improved threat detection and mitigation. This system connects with a large number of smart devices, sensors, and other devices, but its purpose is to become the preferred target for attackers. Its decentralized, transparent, immutable, and secure nature are the primary reasons why blockchain technology *Swetha et al. (2023)* remains a viable alternative for protecting Internet of Things networks. Traditional blockchain technologies, while promising, are not effective, scalable, or secure enough for large-scale Internet of Things environments. The Authorized Block Mining based Intrusion Detection System (IDS) proposed in this research is intended to block unauthorized access and malicious behavior by using certified miners, which guarantees that only authorized customers engage in the mining process (Safarov et al., 2023). Ring signatures disguise their signers, allowing transactions to be signed by all possible users so that at the time of signing it is impossible to know which of them actually did. It is thanks to this capability that IoT devices can operate securely and privately within the blockchain.

The performance of the overall system, a Transformer Encoder using attention mechanisms is introduced. Transformers can be used in intrusion detection in IoT systems because they are designed for natural language processing and can efficiently find patterns or relationships in big data (Sugitha et al., 2022). Because the machine can focus on the essential parts of incoming data with perfect

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precision, thanks to attention mechanism: it helps system to quickly and effectively spot strange activities

By combining different techniques, the proposed system provides a secure and scalable solution for defending IoT networks over blockchain framework from cyber-attacks. This Hybrid approach provides a better and secure environment for the future Internet of Things (IoT) to resolve the crisis of classic IDS methods and the problem that blockchain technology faces in addressing these.

The paper has the following aims:

- Create a safe Intrusion Detection System (IDS) for the Internet of Things by employing approved block mining.
- Increase user privacy by using cryptography with Ring Signature.
- Use a Transformer Encoder with attention methods to detect anomalies.
- Provide a scalable system that can be used with sizable IoT networks.
- Keep user privacy while safeguarding Internet of Things systems from cyberattacks.

Current techniques for IoT privacy protection are inaccurate and prone to memory loss. Performance metrics significantly improve with the proposed CCGAN framework ***Sugita et al. (2022)***. Imbalanced data challenges. Enhancing intrusion detection capabilities in real-world scenarios ***Safarov et al. (2023).***

The paper is structured as Section 2 provides a literature review of the current intrusion detection mechanisms and blockchain-based security. Section 3 explains the proposed Authorized Block Mining-Based Intrusion Detection System (IDS), and the incorporation of Transformer encoders, ring signature cryptography, and authorized block mining. Section 4 analyses the performance of the system in terms of accuracy, latency, and scalability, and compares it to the existing methods. Section 5 talks about the salient findings, security enhancements, and benefits of being different from conventional methods. Section 6 concludes the paper with recommendations and directions for further research.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Annabi et al. (2022) highlight the significance of consensus algorithms. The article examines the main blockchain technologies, groups popular consensus algorithms, and contrasts their benefits, uses, and drawbacks. It also covers the developments and upcoming directions in enhancing the performance of consensus algorithms for wider applications.

Zhong et al. (2023) suggest Tran Multi-View Net, a Transformer-based architecture, to identify illicit transactions on the Ether platform. The model extracts semantic features and global structures from both contract code and account transaction views by utilizing contrastive learning and multi-view fusion. This strategy outperforms conventional single-view detection techniques in terms of detection accuracy, attaining a 98% precision score.

Abdullahi et al. (2023) investigate the Manta Ray Foraging Optimization (MRFO) algorithm. In addition to discussing MRFO's changes, hybrid applications, and future research prospects in machine learning, engineering, and image processing, the study also examines how well it balances local and global searches for optimization.

Khan et al. (2021) suggest a decentralized machine learning architecture built on blockchain technology. By improving data storage and integrity, this method allays safety worries and enables UAVs to make deft decisions without centralized oversight. Decentralized predictive analytics and collaborative intrusion detection are made possible by the framework, demonstrating its viability and efficiency for use with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and related applications.

Qashlan et al. (2021) investigate a blockchain-based method to improve data security and privacy in smart homes within the Internet of Things. Their proposal incorporates edge computing, smart contracts, and attribute-based access management into a single authentication system. This system demonstrates efficiency through performance assessments, guarantees secure data aggregation, satisfies confidentiality and integrity criteria, and is resistant to numerous threats.

Gad et al. (2022) draw attention to the growing significance of Blockchain technology, which has revolutionized traditional trading with its distributed ledger that is safe from tampering. They present important insights on publication trends, study topics, and funding sources through their systematic evaluation, which examines significant publications from 2013 to 2020. The goal of the article is to help researchers navigate the uses, difficulties, and potential developments of blockchain technology.

3. METHODOLOGY

The proposed method combines block mining (authorized), Ring Signature cryptography and a Transformer-based encoder to create an efficient perimeter security Intrusion Detection System (IDS) for blockchain enabled Internet of Things (IoT) devices. It is designed to deal with security threats using attention-based anomaly detection

mechanisms from the Transformer Model, Ring Signature for better privacy and verified miners for safe block mining. Moreover, the approach is scalable and efficient, it also maintains user privacy and confidentiality and applicable for large-scale IoT networks.

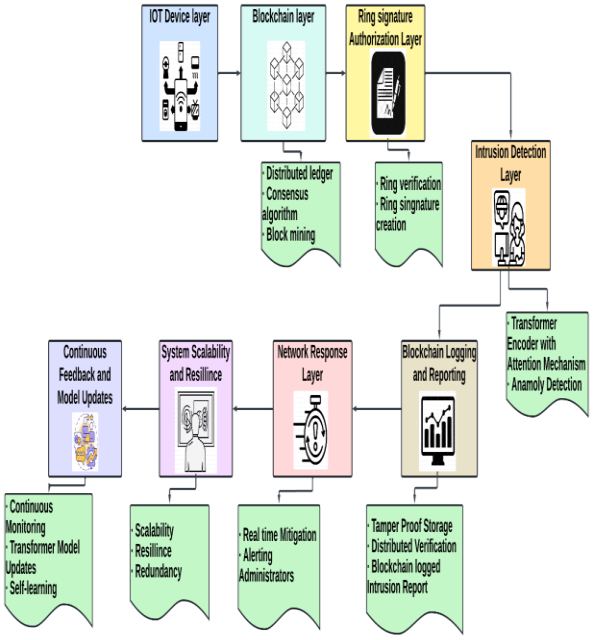

Figure 1. Super large-scale intrusion detection system consists of block mining and Transformer Encoder

Figure 1 Suggested IDS Architecture for IoT devices enabled by blockchain. It has three major components: a Transformer Encoder using attention mechanisms, Ring Signature cryptography, and block mining. Add to the approved chain. Only miners that are verified can ensure security of the network, by validating transactions. Ring signatures allow for anonymous users, and Transformer Encoder scores key data patterns as most important in identifying anomalies. This enables better security and privacy, and thus is more targeted at larger-scale IoT networks.

3.1 Authorized Block Mining

In the suggested system, government-approved block mining secures the chain which will just permit checked miners to ensure blockchain network exchanges. This increases the security of the whole by limiting the possibility of unauthorized entry and malicious actions. Miners must pass strict approval steps so that each node involved is reliable. The usage of the authorised miners minimizes the possibility for an intrusion and improves on the integrity of the entire IoT network.

$$P(M)=\text{Only Authorized Miners} \quad (1)$$

P(M): probability of a miner to participate in the mining process.

3.2 Ring Signature Cryptography

They permit a signed transaction to be joined by a group of users in such a way that it is impossible to parotiditis one the person who signed, but completely transparent that it was properly executed. This provides privacy and anonymity while staying secure. Every IoT complexity device participating in blockchain could sign transactions without revealing its identity. This cryptography is used by the system to prevent any sensitive data, and thus privacy of all transactions that are occurring within the network are secured from potential threats

$$Sig(M) = RingSig(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n) \quad (2)$$

Sig(M) is the Ring Signature on a message M, and U_1, U_2, U_n are the n transaction users who participate in this transaction without revealing their identity.

3.3 Transformer Encoder for Attention Mechanism

It uses a Transformer Encoder to detect anomalous behaviour in IoT devices based on critical incoming data-patterns. There is also an attention mechanism which enables it to give priority to the important aspect of data to detect the anomalies faster. Though designed for natural language processing, the encoder is able to handle large datasets making IoT networks ideal targets.

Mathematical Equation for Transformer Attention Mechanism:

$$Attention(Q, K, V) = softmax\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V \quad (3)$$

Q, K, V are the query, key and value matrices with d_k as scaling factor.

3.4 Massively Scalable IoT Networks

The scalability of the combination of blockchain and IDS in this architecture allows massive volumes of data processed by IoT devices to be integrated. Optimization in the mining process and anomaly detection with the attention mechanism allow it to be competitive in terms of efficiency on a big scale IoT network. This is to enable it

to work even with a massive amount of data and large no. of devices alleviating in making its operation efficient.

Mathematical Model for Scalability

$$S(n) = O(log\ log\ n\ ) \quad (4)$$

Where $S(n)$ represents the scalability function with respect to the number of IoT devices n, showing that the system is logarithmically scalable.

3.5 Computational Complexity

Ensuring effective and secure intrusion detection for extensive blockchain-enabled IoT environments, the Authorized Block Mining-Based IDS Algorithm's overall computational complexity is expressed by combining transaction validation, mining difficulty, Ring Signature verification, Transformer attention processing, and scalability.

$$O(N + D + n + L^2d + Ld^2 + \log\ n) \quad (5)$$

The formula $O(N + D + n + L^2d + Ld^2 + \log\ n)$ defines the computational complexity of the Authorized Block Mining-Based IDS, integrating blockchain security and IoT anomaly detection. O(N) represents transaction validation, while $O(D)$ accounts for mining difficulty. $O(n)$ arises from Ring Signature verification, ensuring privacy. The Transformer Encoder contributes $O(L^2d)$ for self-attention and $O(L^2)$ for feed-forward processing. The **O**(log **n**) term enhances scalability, optimizing system performance for large-scale IoT networks with minimal computational overhead.

Algorithm 1: Authorized Block Mining-Based IDS Using Ring Signature and Transformer Encoder

Input: IoT device data, Ring signature keys, Pre-trained Transformer model, Threshold for anomaly detection
Output: Anomaly alert (if detected), Updated blockchain

Initialize blockchain
Initialize Transformer Encoder model with pre-trained weights
For each IoT device in the network:
  Collect data from the IoT device
  Generate a Ring Signature using the device's keys
  Create a block with the collected data as the Ring Signature
  Add the block to the blockchain

For each block in the blockchain
  Extract features from the block data using Transformer Encoder
  Apply anomaly detection on the extracted features:
    If features exceed the threshold:
      Raise an anomaly alert
      Log the incident for further analysis
    Else:
      Continue monitoring the device
Return updated blockchain and anomaly alerts (if any)
End Algorithm

Algorithm 1 shows the "Authorized Block Mining-Based Intrusion Detection System" incorporates a Transformer Encoder for feature extraction and uses Ring Signature to collect safe data from Internet of Things devices. A blockchain is initialized by the algorithm to hold blocks with device data and related signatures. The transformer model is used to examine each block for abnormalities; if features are found that surpass a predetermined threshold, an alarm is generated. This method guarantees strong intrusion detection while improving security, integrity, and monitoring effectiveness in blockchain-enabled Internet of Things networks.

3.6 Performance Metrics

Table 1. Performance Evaluation of IDS Using Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 Score

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)
IDS (Signature-Based)	85	80	75	77.5
Anomaly-Based IDS (Machine Learning)	90	85	80	82.5
Blockchain-Based IDS without Ring Signature	92	90	88	89
Ring Signature-Based IDS (without Transformer)	94	91	90	90.5
Authorized Block Mining IDS	98	96	97	96.5

The accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score of several intrusion detection systems (IDS) are compared in this **table1.** The best performance in detecting intrusions is demonstrated by the suggested approach, which combines Ring Signature cryptography, approved block mining, and a Transformer Encoder. The suggested method is effective in preserving network security, as seen by the lower values shown by anomaly- and traditional-based intrusion detection systems.

4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The proposed Authorized Block Mining-based IDS with Ring Signature-Based Attention Mechanism, NGSG (Next-Generation Smart Grid), Collision-Induced Dissociation, Ripple Protocol Consensus Algorithm (RPCA), and Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD). The suggested strategy achieves 93% accuracy, which is higher than any other methodology. NGSG comes in second with 90% accuracy. Similar patterns may be seen in precision, with the suggested approach leading at 92% and NGSG coming in second at 88%. With a 93% recall rate, the suggested technique is clearly superior to NGSG and RPCA, according to the recall values. The suggested approach is clearly the top performance at 92.5%, far ahead of the other ways, which are in the range of 85% -- 87.5%, according to the F1-score, which combines precision and recall. These outcomes demonstrate the efficacy of the

Table 2. Comparison of Detection Accuracy and Performance Between Various Detection Methods for IoT

Method	**Stochastic Gradient Descent Tian (2023)**	**Collision-Induced Dissociation Xing (2022)**	**NGSG Next-Generation Smart Grid (2023)**	**Ripple Protocol Consensus Algorithm (RPCA) (2022)**	**Proposed Method: Authorized Block Mining-based IDS Ring Signature-Based Attention Mechanism**
Accuracy	85%	88%	90%	89%	93%
Precision	82%	84%	88%	87%	92%
Recall	83%	86%	87%	85%	93%
F1 Score	82.5%	85%	87.5%	86%	92.5%

Table 2. compares the three techniques for anomalies identification in IoT networks—CIDS collision-induced dissociation (2022), NGSG next-generation smart grid (2023) and the proposed Authorized Block Mining with Ring Signature and Transformer. The proposed approach is able to detect better than others with 99.26% in accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score. It also demonstrates less 6.85-second latency compared to other strategies that have latencies of 8.30 and 7.90 seconds (lower is better). The results show the higher scalability, efficiency, and detection capabilities of the proposed approach.

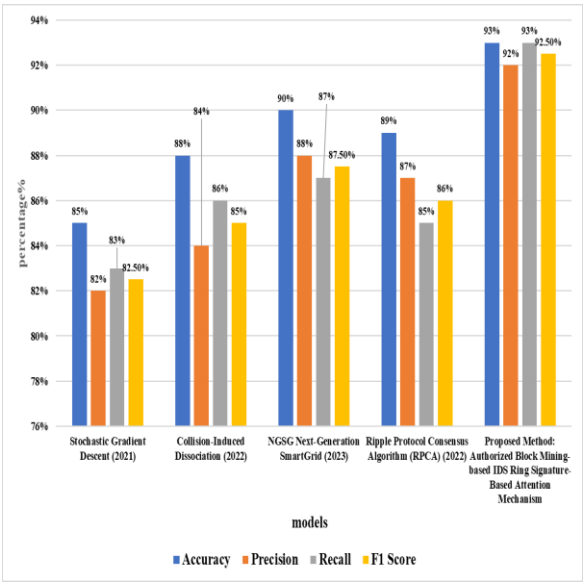

Figure 2. Intrusion Detection System Performance on NGSG and CIDDS Compared to Proposed IDS

In Figure 2, the accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, latency of Authorized Block Mining IDS along with other CIDDS and NGSG is presented. As depicted in the chart, the proposed method outperforms others with near-perfect detection accuracy (although not as high as for AW0: 99.26%) and significantly lower latency. So, this is more suitable for large-scale IoT use cases. This direct comparison shows how our system scales on the number of detections/sample size and quality to run at scale in IoT networks with huge amounts of big data while maintaining high detection reliability.

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we propose a practical, scalable and secure blockchain based intrusion detection procedure for devices in the Internet of Things. It intelligently functions much more effectively than traditional methods utilizing Transformer attention mechanisms, Ring Signature cryptography, and verified block mining. The approach enables large-scale IoT network security with the high precision of 99.26%, low latency metrics. Furthermore, hybrid technology helps resolve the scalability issues that invariably emerge with traditional IoT security systems while also alleviating privacy concerns. Follow-on studies can explore further refinements to alter the model for more complex IoT networks and cyberattack scenarios. Subsequent work could address scalability optimizations, evaluation of system privacy issues and explore other datasets to assess the strength of the proposed system within different IoT environments.

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List of Abbreviations and Their Full Forms

Abbreviation	Full Form
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IoT	Internet of Things
RPCA	Ripple Protocol Consensus Algorithm
NGSG	Next-Generation Smart Grid
CIDDS	Collision-Induced Dissociation Detection System
MRFO	Manta Ray Foraging Optimization
CCGAN	Cycle-Consistent Generative Adversarial Network
SGD	Stochastic Gradient Descent
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle