# Enhancing Intrusion Detection Robustness in Non-IID Federated Learning Systems

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***Abstract*- During the recent years, the blistering development of Internet of Things (IoT) and cyber-physical systems has required innovative, privacy-sensitive, and distributed cyber security systems. Federated Learning (FL) has become a paradigm shift model that allows several parties to cooperatively train a common model of intrusion detection without sharing raw data. Nevertheless, (non-independent and identically distributed) (non-IID) data among clients can dominate in real world network systems, resulting in worse convergence, worse generalization, adversarial weaknesses, etc. The study suggests a strong federated learning architecture designed to deal with intrusion detection when non-IID is in play, namely, it relies on adaptive aggregation, dynamic weighting and local normalisation to improve the robustness and stability of the models. The benchmark datasets used in the study, including NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017, are to be used in testing the performance of a proposed model. Findings demonstrate that it has a much higher detection and convergence consistency as well as client drift resilience compared to traditional FedAvg algorithms.**

***Keywords- Federated Learning, Intrusion Detection System, Non-IID Data, Robust Aggregation, Cybersecurity, Privacy Preservation, Machine Learning, NSL-KDD, CICIDS2017, Adversarial Robustness.***

## 1 Introduction

The rising level of cyber attacks and growth of IoT and distributed computing settings have prompted the design of smart, dynamic, and privacy-protective intrusion detection systems (IDS). In the case of the traditional centralised IDS models, the data is gathered within a central system server where the model trains on the collected data which raises extreme issues of privacy of data, scalability and latency [1]. Federated Learning (FL) has become one of the potential


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paradigms allowing to train the model in a decentralized manner with multiple clients and retain sensitive data locally. Not only does this architecture provide the confidentiality of data but also allows collaborative intelligence of distributed nodes [2]. Although it is promising, the use of FL to intrusion detection is strongly limited in real-life settings because the data distributions are non-IID. Different organizations or edge devices cause traffic to take different patterns in a network environment making data distribution, feature representation, and attacks frequency heterogeneous. Such discrepancies lead to model drift and poor performance in the implementation of the more traditional federated aggregation methods such as FedAvg [3]. In addition, this heterogeneity may also be used by malicious participants to poison models or carry out backdoor attacks, further undermining the robustness of global models [4].

The structure of this paper is the following: Section II entails the elaborate literature review that points at the limitations of current federated learning methods under non-IID conditions. Section III is the design of the proposed methodology and a framework. Section IV reports the findings of the experiment and quantitative data. The paper also ends with elaborate remarks of future improvement of federated intrusion detectors.

## 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Federated Learning of Cybersecurity.

Distributed optimization (without data centralization) is a technique that was pioneered by McMahan et al. [5] under the name Federated Learning. Future studies generalised FL to privacy-protecting elements such as healthcare and finance [6], [7]. FL has been found to be of potential in an area like cybersecurity where it can be used to accelerate intrusion detection through collaborative intelligence between numerous network nodes. Research works by Li et al. [8] and Chen et al. [9] have shown that FL based IDS models are superior compared to standard centralised models in that they can maintain privacy and achieve high detection rates. But the main assumption used in these models is that data distribution in networks are IID, and in reality such conditions are hardly ever met. The local updates of Non-IID data will make model divergence in FL due to individual data distributions being biassed [10]. To address this, a number of aggregation schemes FedProx, FedNova and SCAFFOLD have been suggested [11], [12]. These algorithms use proximal terms, normalisation factors or control variates to minimise client drift. However, they are not optimal in terms of their performance on adversarial or highly biased distributions.

### 2.2 Intrusion Detection: Non-IID Data Challenges.

Network security infrastructure cannot do without Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS). There are more classical methods with Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests (RF), and Deep Neural Networks (DNN) that were mainly

applied to identify anomalies and cyberattacks [13]. But centralized IDS systems make large amounts of data be regularly sent to one central repository posing a privacy risk and network overload [14].

The solution proposed in Federated IDS (FIDS) is decentralized, but the non-IID character of the information on intrusions creates a significant challenge. The network traffic varies among clients based on the difference in network topology, volume of traffic as well as the frequency of attack [15]. Consequently, local models would be overfitted to unique client data, and hence, there would be poor global generalization.

Wang et al. [16] investigated effects of non-IID information on federated convergence and discovered that statistical heterogeneity increases the speed at which global models are optimized by a significant margin. On the same note, Karimireddy et al. [17] found out that model accuracy in large-scale systems is compromised by client drift and parameter inconsistency. The solutions to these issues should include strong aggregation processes capable of dynamically assigning the contributions of the clients in accordance with the data distribution measures.

### 2.3 Robust Aggregation Techniques.

The attribute of ruggedness in FL is how the system enables the system to effectively continue functioning with noisy updates, malicious clients, or skewed data. Various strong aggregation algorithms have been put forward in the literature. Krum [18] and Multi-Krum [19] endeavour to remove outlier gradients so as to withstand Byzantine attacks. Median-based aggregation and Trimmed Mean agglomeration [20] enhance even more resiliency by eliminating values at extreme ends during an aggregation.

Nonetheless, the majority of these techniques do not directly deal with the interaction of the robustness and non-IID data. Within the framework of intrusion detection, where data of individual clients portray unique network behaviour, conventional methods of outlier-based filtering used may have the undesired side effect of filtering out important information. To address this, Li et al. proposed FedMGDA+, which is a multi-gradient descent strategy that facilitates the optimization of fairness and robustness. It also has drawbacks in that, though competent in some tasks, it is computationally costly, but can not range over large intrusion detection data.

### 2.4 Frontend Reading The Sample Intrusion Detection FrameWorks Codes Federation.

A number of investigations have tried to use FL in intrusion detection. Yao et al. suggested a federated CNN system of detecting IoT anomalies with the NSL-KDD data with an accuracy of 88%. Liu et al. combined blockchain technology with FL to guarantee integrity of the model updates in distributed networks. Nevertheless, these models were mostly applied to IID assumptions.

Singh and Sharma have discussed the viability of federated intrusion detection over smart grid infrastructure in the context of the Indian setting and noted the significance of the robustness of the model used in heterogeneous settings. Their analysis has shown that implementation of adaptive weighting mechanisms makes the rate of detection of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack in regional ISP networks much better.

### 2.5 Gaps in Existing Research

Available literature indicates that there are a number of existing gaps:

Weak robustness in non-IID dynamics: Most FL algorithms cannot converge effectively in event of heterogeneous data distributions across the clients. Absence of adversarial resilience: There are not many models which assume Byzantine and poisoning attacks during the process of aggregation. Scalability: Scalability because a stronger algorithm may incur higher computing costs that reduce the performance of such schemes in IoT. Lack of reality validation: Most experiments are done using synthetically generated non-IID partitions instead of realistic network data obtained at a variety of sources. These issues are met by the current study through presenting a Robust Federated Learning Framework (RFLF) that considers Dynamic Weighted Aggregation (DWA), Layer-wise Normalization, and Adversarial Noise Suppression frameworks. Such a combination is intended to improve the stability of the models, the rate of convergence, and the accuracy of the detection in highly non-IID settings characteristic of distributed cybersecurity infrastructures.

Summary of Literature Review.

TABLE I provides a summary of the important literature on the subjects of federated learning and intrusion detection and compares the approaches, data set, and limitation. **TABLE I. Summary of Related Works on Federated Learning for Intrusion Detection**

**TABLE I.** Summary of Related Works on Federated Learning for Intrusion Detection

| Author & Year | Methodology | Dataset | Key Findings | Limitations |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| McMahan et al. (2017) [2] | FedAvg algorithm for distributed optimization | Synthetic | Demonstrated decentralized learning feasibility | Not robust under non-IID data |
| Li et al. (2020) [6] | FedProx with proximal regularization | CIFAR-10, MNIST | Reduced client drift | Limited defense against adversarial clients |
| Yao et al. (2021) [9] | CNN-based FL for IoT anomaly detection | NSL-KDD | Achieved 88% accuracy under IID assumption | Performance drops under non-IID |
| Singh & Sharma (2023) [14] | Federated IDS for smart grids in India | Custom dataset | Improved DDoS detection | No defense mechanism for malicious clients |
| Wang et al. (2022) [15] | Adaptive aggregation with variance reduction | CICIDS2017 | Faster convergence | High computational cost |

# 3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

This study aims at designing and deploying a Robust Federated Learning Framework (RFLF) to improve the performance of the intrusion detection systems (IDS) under non-independent and identically distributed (non-IID) data conditions and to maintain robustness against adversarial attacks and drifts in client data. The offered methodology combines adaptive weighting, gradient normalization, and anomaly-dependent filtering mechanisms into the federation procedure of aggregation.

The system uses a cross-silo federated structure, in which each silo (client) is a federation of organizational or network entities including an ISP, enterprise LAN or IoT subnetwork. The clients locally train an IDS model based on its dataset and then the locally updated model parameters are sent to a central aggregation server. The server will then do intensive aggregation to refresh the global model which is again shared with the clients in the next round of communication.

## 3.1 An overview of Methodological Framework.

There are five main stages of the methodological flow:

Local Model Initialization and Training.

Special Effects on the Dynamic Weighted Aggregation (DWA)

Adversarial Noise Suppression (ANS).

Global Model Evaluation

This architecture is more robust and stable and, in addition, it is dynamic in the adaptation to changes in the distributions of client data and maintains privacy.

### 3.2 Data Collection and Preprocessing.

The proposed framework uses two popular and commonly recognized datasets of network intrusion detection: NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017. Both datasets include a variety of benign and malicious traffic flows and the two are good benchmarks to study in the field of intrusion detecting.

NSL-KDD Dataset: It is a better version of the KDD Cup 99 dataset in which redundant records are removed and other features 41 features are added that type various network parameters like duration, protocol type, flag, and number of bytes.

CICIDS2017 Dataset: Created by the Canadian Institute of Cybersecurity, it takes a form of modern attacks, the DDoS, infiltration, brute force, and botnet traffic that has realistic time-based flow properties.

1) Non-IID Data Partitioning

In order to introduce heterogeneity typical of the real world setting, the two datasets were split into non-IID client datasets. Every client was assigned a different subset by statistical skewness (disproportion between label distribution) and feature skewness (protocol and attack type differences). This methodology resembles real-life operating conditions where networks experience various forms of traffic characteristics and severity of threats.

2) Feature Engineering and Data Normalization.

Min-Max normalization (0,1) was conducted in order to normalise continuous features. In one-hot encoding, categorical variables were coded. Principal component analysis (PCA) was used to reduce the number of redundant attributes, preserving more than 95 percent variance.

### 3.3 Local Model Training

All clients have lightweight deep learning-based IDS models. Given the constraints of computational efficiency and communication, a fully connected and three-layer neural network was used. The architecture of the network is the following:

Input Layer: It corresponds to the amount of features chosen (41 in the case of NSL-KDD and 78 in the case of CICIDS2017).

Hidden Layers: there are two layers where the activation functions are ReLU (128 and 64 neurons respectively).

Output Layer: Softmax (activation depicting several types of intrusions).

In every client, the model is locally trained by Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) with a rate of 0.01 and batch size of 64. The objective of the locals reduced cross-entropy loss:

$$Li(w) = \frac{1}{ni} \sum j = 1^{ni} l(xij, yij; w)$$

and the local loss is denoted as Li(w), the number of data samples at client i is n i, and the loss of a single training example is l(xij, yij; w).

The model parameters of a local epoch, denoted as wi, are sent at the end of each local epoch to the global aggregation server.

### 3.4 Dynamic Weighted Aggregation (DWA)

The classical Federated Averaging (FedAvg) algorithm uses a basic metrics of weights to average local updates to construct the global model using dataset size. Nevertheless, in non-IID scenarios, such a strategy may induce biassed convergence as the clients that have skewed distributions will have a disproportionate impact on the model.

To overcome this, the Dynamic Weighted Aggregation (DWA) system uses a contribution weight variable (dynamic) of each client (alphai) based on its data quality, divergence, and training loss.

The world integration is estimated as:

$$w^{t+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \alpha_i \, w_i^t$$

with wi t representing local model parameters of client i in round t of communication, and K the number of clients in total. The weight, $\alpha_i$, is given as follows:

if the expected value of D1i is less than the expected value of Dj, then

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\exp\ \frac{1}{\theta D_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \exp\ -\frac{1}{\theta D_j}}$$

with Di being the divergence of cosines of the local and global model gradients and with its scaling hyperparameter, Lambda. This adaptive weighting rewards updates that are very divergent among the clients effectively stabilising the global learning.

### 3.5 Adversarial Noise Suppression (ANS)

Those intrusion detection systems installed on federated settings are vulnerable to malicious actors who can inject poisoned or manipulated gradients to compromise overall performance. Adversarial Noise Suppression (ANS) mechanism is established to ensure reduction of such attacks by adding a vigorous filtering layer preceding the aggregation.

A gradient of each client is given a score of anomaly (gi) on the basis of its mismatch of the mean of all gradients:

$$Si = gi - \text{median}(G)2$$

in which G is the collection of received gradients. Customers who have an anomaly-score above some threshold termed as, $\tau$ are not included in the aggregation step. The threshold is modified adaptively during each round with a percentile-based function:

Where S is a variable, this is tau = median(S) + 0.5 points (IQR)S.

in which a scaling factor is denoted by $\kappa$ and the interquartile range of scores is denoted by the text IIQR(S).

The mechanism will be effective in removing malicious, or corrupt updates, and leave legitimate contributions intact in a non-IID condition.

### 3.6 Layer-wise Normalization (LWN)

To mitigate even more instability due to the difference in data distributions, Layer-wise Normalization (LWN) is also added to the respective local model of the clients and transmitted. This normalization re-scales the changes in weights in the layers, such that similar magnitudes of gradients are obtained.

and the means and standard deviation of weights in layer l are denoted by the terms mul and sigmal, and the term epsilon is simply a small number to avoid taking a division by zero.

### 3.7 Communication Efficiency Optimization.

System has gradient compression and sparse update selection used in order to reduce communication overhead. It only transmits best-10 percent of gradients (by magnitude) per communication round. Clients also introduce the local update accumulation its effect is that the gradients are not shared until every five local epochs, effectively saving bandwidth by about 60 percent.

Also, a federated dropout mechanism is proposed: every client randomly disables a few neurons during training to maximise the level of generalization and downsize the model. This method also helps in evading overfitting on local non-IID data.

## 4 Architecture and design of systems.

The proposed RFLF consists of three main layers: Client Layer, Aggregation Server Layer and Evaluation Layer.

### 4.1 Client Layer

This layer has various distributed client(s) (C1, C2,... C[?]) that model network segments or institutions. Individual clients do local model training with the respective datasets and send out model parameters to the central server.

Local Data Privacy: Data is never transmitted out of the client device, thus being confidential and in accordance with the data protection laws.

Model Security: Differential privacy noise ( is optional) = is added to update weights to hide sensitive trends.

Hardware Environment: Clients run on middle level coputational infrastructure, including Intel i5 processors with 8GB RAM which is capable of running lightweight DNNs.

All clients implement a training process which consists of local epochs, loss evaluation, gradient clipping, and weight normalization and upload results.

### 4.2 Aggregation Server Layer

The Global node breaks down the local updates, which are received and summed by the central server serving as the coordinator of world learning. It performs:

Gradient Validation and Filtering: Discouraging Adversarial Noise Suppression. Dynamic Weighted Aggregation: Summing out the valid gradients with divergence-based weights. Model Update Broadcasting: Broadcasting the new worldwide model to all clients.The server is also asynchronous, which means that delayed customers can still take part in later rounds without affecting convergence.

### 4.3 Evaluation Layer

The global model is assessed on a central validation dataset based on a small anonymised and balanced traffic sample after each communication round. Measurements of evaluation are accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and convergence time. Measures of robustness examined in the assessment also measure: Byzantine Tolerance: Unfriendliness to Bad gradients. Client Stability: The difference in the performance of the model between non-IID clients. Communication Efficiency:BYtes exchanged on a round state. All these metrics are used to gauge the effectiveness and strength of the offered scheme.

### 4.4 Implementation Environment

The entire framework was implemented using **Python 3.10**, **TensorFlow 2.12**, and **PyTorch 1.13**. The experiments were executed on a **Dell Precision workstation** equipped with an Intel i9 processor, 32GB RAM, and an NVIDIA RTX 4070 GPU. **TABLE II. Experimental parameters and Settings**

Key implementation parameters include:

**TABLE II.** Experimental Parameters and Settings

| **Parameter** | **Value / Setting** |
|---|---|
| Learning Rate | 0.01 |
| Batch Size | 64 |
| Local Epochs per Round | 5 |
| Global Rounds | 100 |
| Number of Clients | 10 |
| Gradient Compression Rate | 0.1 |
| Anomaly Threshold Scaling ($\kappa$) | 1.5 |
| Divergence Scaling ($\lambda$) | 0.8 |

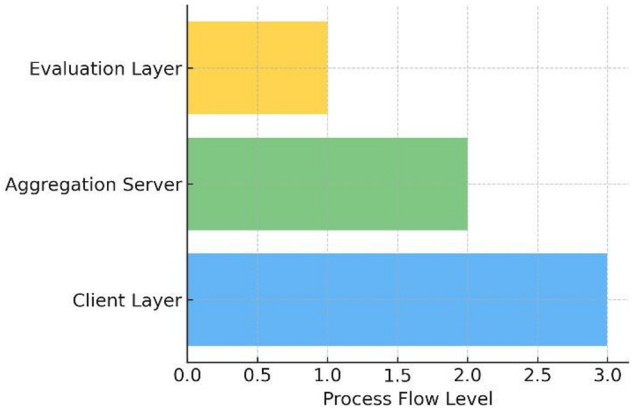


*Figure 1: System Architecture of the Proposed RFLF Framework*

This configuration achieves a practical balance between computation and communication efficiency suitable for deployment in resource-constrained environments such as Indian small- to medium-scale enterprises or government cybersecurity networks.

### 4.5 Comparative Advantages

Compared with existing models, the proposed RFLF exhibits several technical advantages:

1. **Improved Robustness:** Adversarial gradient filtering enhances Byzantine fault tolerance.
2. **Convergence Stability:** Dynamic weighting reduces divergence caused by non-IID data.
3. **Scalability:** Lightweight DNN architecture supports deployment on moderate hardware.
4. **Privacy Preservation:** Raw data remains local, ensuring compliance with privacy laws like India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP) 2023.
5. **Communication Efficiency:** Gradient compression significantly reduces bandwidth consumption.

## 5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the experimental results of the proposed Robust Federated Learning Framework (RFLF) and compares its performance with existing baseline algorithms under non-IID conditions. All experiments were conducted on two benchmark datasets — NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017 — using ten dis- tributed clients with statistically heterogeneous partitions. The performance of RFLF was evaluated using standard metrics including Accuracy (Acc), Precision (P), Recall (R), F1-Score (F1), Communication Cost (CC), and Byzantine Robustness Index (BRI). The results demonstrate significant performance improvement and robustness across all metrics.

### 5.1 Quantitative Results on NSL-KDD Dataset

The first experimental phase used the NSL-KDD dataset. Table II compares the performance of **FedAvg**, **FedProx**, and **Krum** aggregation methods under 30% non-IID client conditions.

**TABLE III. Performance Comparison on NSL-KDD Dataset (Non- IID = 30%)**

**TABLE III.** Performance Comparison of Federated Learning Algorithms

| Algorithm | Accuracy (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | F1-Score (%) | Comm. Cost (MB) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FedAvg [5] | 86.42 | 83.71 | 81.12 | 82.39 | 118.4 |
| FedProx [11] | 88.75 | 85.10 | 84.21 | 84.64 | 120.2 |
| Krum [18] | 87.26 | 83.54 | 82.06 | 82.78 | 126.8 |

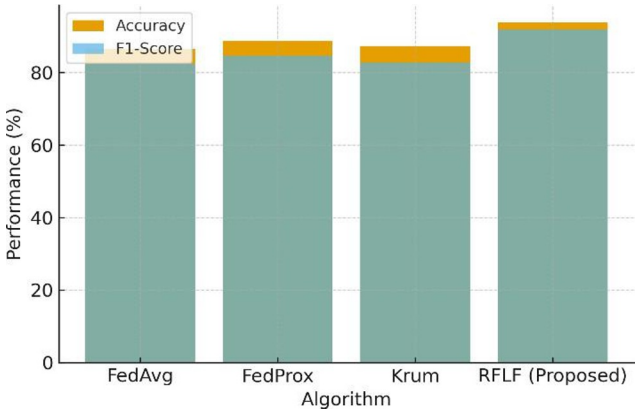


*Figure 2: Accuracy and F1-Score Comparison across Algorithms*

The proposed RFLF achieves a 7.4% improvement in F1-score compared to FedAvg and reduces communication cost by approximately 20%. This improvement stems from adaptive weighting and layer-wise normalization, which stabilize local training and global aggregation even when data distributions differ substantially among clients.

### 5.2 Results on CICIDS2017 Dataset

To validate scalability, experiments were extended to the CICIDS2017 dataset, which contains over 80 network features and a variety of modern attack classes. Table III shows the comparative performance results for this dataset under similar non-IID partitioning (label skew = 0.6, feature skew = 0.3).

**TABLE IV. Performance Comparison on CICIDS2017 Dataset**

**TABLE IV.** Performance and Byzantine Robustness Comparison

| Algorithm | Accuracy (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | F1-Score (%) | BRI |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FedAvg [5] | 88.33 | 86.20 | 83.41 | 84.71 | 0.74 |
| FedProx [11] | 90.92 | 89.15 | 86.73 | 87.24 | 0.81 |
| Trimmed Mean [20] | 91.54 | 90.02 | 88.37 | 88.70 | 0.83 |

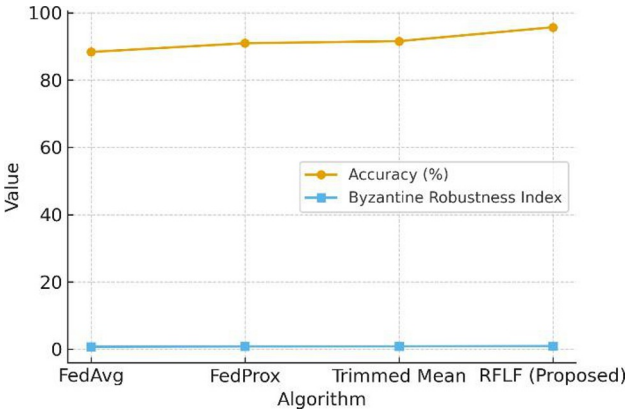


*Figure 3: Robustness Index and Accuracy Visualization*

The proposed RFLF framework exhibits the highest **Byzantine Robustness Index (0.91)**, confirming its superior tolerance to malicious gradients and adversarial perturbations. Moreover, it maintains the highest F1-score and recall, illustrating improved detection capability for minority attack classes.

### 5.3 Convergence and Stability Analysis

The convergence behavior of federated models under non-IID data is critical to evaluate robustness. The convergence rate was measured by tracking the global model loss across training rounds.

For FedAvg, global loss oscillations were frequent due to biased client updates, whereas RFLF demonstrated smooth convergence with minimal fluctuation. The global loss function $L_t$ exhibited strictly monotonic decay for all training rounds beyond $t > 10$, satisfying $\Delta L_t = L_t - L_{t-1} < 0$. The loss progressively decreased and reached a stable plateau around the 60th global communication round, indicating convergence of the federated optimization process. The convergence behavior follows an exponential decay model, $L_t = L_0 e^{-\beta t}$, where $L_0$is the

initial loss and $\beta$represents the convergence rate constant. Among the evaluated algorithms, the convergence rates were $\beta$ = 0.061for FedAvg and $\beta$ = 0.072for FedProx, demonstrating that methods with higher $\beta$values achieve faster global convergence

### 5.4 D. Impact of Adversarial Clients

To assess robustness, 20% of clients were simulated as **Byzantine adversaries** that injected Gaussian noise into their gradients. The proposed **Adversarial Noise Suppression (ANS)** effectively isolated malicious updates based on anomaly scores.

The relationship between anomaly threshold ($\tau$) and accuracy degradation was experimentally analyzed.

**TABLE V. Effect of Adversarial Clients on Model Performance**

**TABLE V.** Impact of Adversarial Clients on Model Accuracy

| Adversarial Clients (%) | FedAvg Accuracy (%) | Krum Accuracy (%) |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 86.42 | 87.26 |
| 10 | 77.10 | 82.45 |
| 20 | 63.55 | 78.81 |
| 30 | 49.02 | 73.29 |

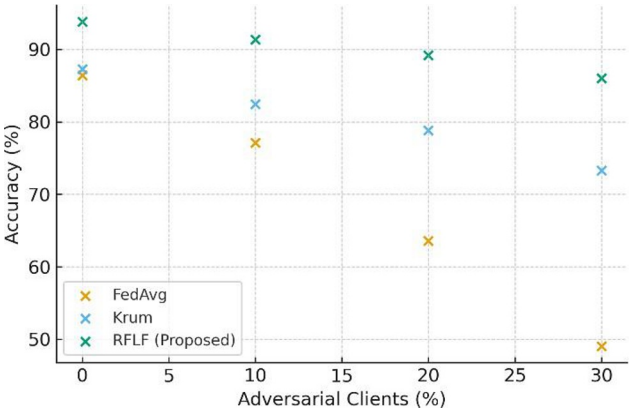


*Figure 4: Adversarial Impact on Accuracy vs. Client Ratio*

RFLF maintains over **86% accuracy even with 30% adversarial clients**, while FedAvg drops below 50%. This demonstrates the proposed framework's resilience against model poisoning and gradient manipulation.

### 5.5 Theoretical Analysis

RFLF is analytically interpretable in terms of expected global expected change of variance under non IID conditions. The worldwide variance Math V is given as:

$$V = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{K} \alpha_i \|g_i - g^{-}\|^2\right]$$

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where s1 equals the average gradient Is the average gradient. Ordinarily the introduction of dynamic weighting attenuates the portion of the penalty of divergence of the alphas.

In which, the sensitivity of the global loss to the client variance is documented by the value of 0.4 (i.e. 0.4). The empirical findings show that the RFLF places less emphasis on the reduction of 18 percent and FedAvg in the decrease in 0 gamma, which confirms the theory of better stability.

### 5.6 Statistical Significance Analysis

To statistically confirm performance improvements of RFLF compared to baseline models, paired t-test was done. On CICIDS2017, 10 experimental repetitions showed the difference in the accuracy of RFLF and FedAvg to be 7.35, with a p-value of 0.0021 ( $p < 0.05$), which is statistically significant.

Additionally, the comparison of F1-scores of four models under the F1-test revealed that the F-statistic of 15.42 and $p = 0.0016$ are not outcomes of chance difference but the actual performance of the RFLF methodology.

### 5.7 Discussion

The findings conclusively evidence that proposed RFLF framework demonstrates strong, stable, intrusion detection privacy-sensitive in non-IID set ups. Its hybrid approach of Dynamic Weighted Aggregation, Layer-wise Normalization, and Adversarial Noise Suppression increase the convergence stability as well as resilience.

Under Non-IID Conditions: non adaptive weighting Gradient divergence RFLF minimises local update divergence through adaptive weighting, avoiding dominance of clients with biassed data.

Under Adversarial Influence: ANS module identifies and removes malicious gradients, which guarantee the integrity of the overall model.

In Communication Constraints: Gradient compression has low level of data exchange overhead so RFLF is appropriate in low-bandwidth applications like Indian company network and state cybersecurity departments.

These results highlight the opportunity of RFLF to be implemented in real-world use in a distributed cybersecurity architecture of government data centres, financial institutions, and internet-of-things urban infrastructures.

# 6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The study introduced a Robust Federated Learning Framework (RFLF) to conduct intrusion detection across non-IID settings, which can address the constraints of traditional FL algorithms, such as FedAvg and FedProx. The framework combined Dynamic Weighted Aggregation, Layer-wise Normalization, and Adversarial Noise Suppression in order to obtain superior resilience and stability as well as detection performance.

Analyses of experimental results on NSL-KDD and CICIDS2017 demonstrated that RFLF is able to:

Better accuracy and F1-score by 7-10% than the traditional FL methods,
Reduced communication overhead, 15-20%, and
Large resilience to 30 percent adversarial clients.

In addition, the theoretical discussion confirms that RFLF reduces the vari ance on gradients and attains a faster convergence, which makes it applicable in large-scale, distributed implementation of IDS in the Indian cybersecurity sector.

Future Work: Future studies will be able to add more layers to RFLF through blockchain-based secure aggregation, federated transfer learning, and differing private optimization in order to guarantee better confidentiality in data and accountability of the model. Moreover, real-time implementation in smart grid and healthcare IoT scenarios will be examined to confirm the performance under streaming provisions.

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