

# **A Review on Machine Learning and Deep Learning Perspectives of IDS for IoT: Recent Updates, Security Issues, and Challenges**

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#### **Abstract**

Internet of Things (IoT) is widely accepted technology in both industrial as well as academic feld. The objective of IoT is to combine the physical environment with the cyber world and create one big intelligent network. This technology has been applied to various application domains such as developing smart home, smart cities, healthcare applications, wireless sensor networks, cloud environment, enterprise network, web applications, and smart grid technologies. These wide emerging applications in variety of domains raise many security issues such as protecting devices and network, attacks in IoT networks, and managing resource-constrained IoT networks. To address the scalability and resource-constrained security issues, many security solutions have been proposed for IoT such as web application frewalls and intrusion detection systems. In this paper, a comprehensive survey on Intrusion Detection System (IDS) for IoT is presented for years 2015–2019. We have discussed various IDS placement strategies and IDS analysis strategies in IoT architecture. The paper discusses various intrusions in IoT, along with Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques for detecting attacks in IoT networks. The paper also discusses security issues and challenges in IoT.

# **1 Intusion Detection Systems for Internet of Things**

The advancement in the technologies such as sensors, automation in object identifcation and tracking, communication between the inter-connected devices, integrated and distributed Internet services resulted in the increased use of smart devices in day-to-day activities. The combination of Internet services along with smart communication devices is referred to as Internet of Things (IoT) and the systems built using these devices are referred to as Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) [[1\]](#page-28-0). According, to the infographics presented by Intel, IoT consist of a large varieties of smart sensors and devices that are making the web intelligent [[2\]](#page-28-1). There were two billion inter-connected devices in 2006 which is expected to rise to 200 billion by 2020 as per the growth rate usage of IoT device, presented by Intel [[2\]](#page-28-1). The applicability

 $\boxtimes$  Ritika Lohiya 18ftphde30@nirmauni.ac.in Ankit Thakkar ankit.thakkar@nirmauni.ac.in areas of IoT can be listed as industrial and logistic processing, automation, healthcare, securing the computing devices, and examining the environmental systems [[3](#page-28-2)].

However, the demand of IoT devices with the real-world applications increased the risks for the Internet services as well as the devices [[1\]](#page-28-0). The CPSs built with critical infrastructure are prone to security threats such as false alarms in the home appliances compromising the security and privacy of the individuals, faults in the power and transportation plants afecting the daily activities of the cities and countries. Thus, exposure to the vulnerabilities in system resources prone to breach the security requirements of the user as well as the system. For instance, experiments were performed with three smart devices namely Phillips Hue light-bulb, the Belkin WeMo power switch, and the Nest smoke-alarm in [\[4](#page-28-3)]. The experiments showed that security and privacy of the devices can be breached with ease because of the low power and computing capabilities of the connected devices that are connected in large number. Therefore, designing appropriate security solutions for the IoT networks is a challenging task for allowing users to take advantage of the opportunities ofered by IoT devices while satisfying the security requirements [[5\]](#page-28-4).

The methods implemented for ensuring the security of IoT devices such as frewall and access control mechanism

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focus on providing confdentiality and authenticity of the data, access control within the network of IoT devices, and developing security and privacy policies to build trust among the individuals [[5](#page-28-4)]. Inspite of incorporating these security mechanisms, the IoT networks are still exposed to security threats. Therefore, IoT networks need a security mechanisms that can act as a line of defense for detecting intruders. An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is therefore, used as the protection tool for information and communica-tion systems [[6\]](#page-28-5).

An IDS is capable of examining the network activities between the connected devices and generate alert whenever any breach detected [[6\]](#page-28-5). An IDS is considered to be an essential defense mechanism for the traditional IP networks due to its monitoring and alerting capability. Though, IDS performs well for the traditional networks, still developing IDS for IoT network is a challenging task. This is because of the characteristics of the IoT networks such as limited processing and storing capabilities of the IDS agent nodes of a network [\[7](#page-28-6)].

In traditional IP networks, security analyst assigns IDS agents that have the capability to perform in dynamically changing environment, whereas in IoT network nodes are digitally augumented with sensors, actuators, programming logic, and comuunication interface. Thus, to develop nodes with such capabilities and to ensure security is a challenge in IoT networks. In conventional IP networks, nodes exhibit reliable connectivity and forward the packets from source to destination. While, in IoT networks the devices aren't always connected. The devices exhibit intermittent connectivity that will connect periodically to save energy and bandwidth consumption. For instance, IoT-based home alarm systems have sensor nodes with intermittent connectivity and short range communication capabilities [[4\]](#page-28-3). Therefore, multiple nodes are needed to forward message in the network  $[8-10]$  $[8-10]$ . The data collected from the node travel through the designated path identifed by the sensors and delivers the information passing through gateway to the destination. This kind of infrastructure poses challenges for IDS to identify the intrusion. Another security challenge is related to the network protocols used by the IoT networks such as IEEE 802.15.4, IPv6 over Low-power Wireless Personal Area Network (6LoWPAN), IPv6 Routing Protocol for Low-Power and Lossy Networks (RPL), and Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) [[11\]](#page-28-9). Thus, diferent IoT protocols expose IDS to diferent vulnerabilities and requirements. Hence, such challenges should be addressed and mitigated by the IDS designed for IoT. The IDS model to be developed should be able to manage, classify, and correlate the generated alerts. Table [1](#page-1-0) presents the protocol suite for TCP/IP networks and IoT networks.

#### **1.1 Related Work**

Research has been performed in the feld of IDS considering various IoT technologies such as cloud computing [\[12](#page-28-10)[–14](#page-28-11)], wireless sensor networks [\[15](#page-28-12)[–17](#page-28-13)], and smart grid technologies [\[18](#page-28-14)[–20\]](#page-28-15).

In [[12](#page-28-10)], a brief overview of security challenges in cloud computing environment is discussed. Here, the security threats and challenges are discussed by considering Platform as a Service and Software as a Service for cloud environment. The data life cycle of cloud computing environment is described and survey on security threats in data life cycle is presented in brief in [[13\]](#page-28-16). The paper discusses the use of security threats to exploit the components of the cloud environment and reveals its efect on the diferent cloud entities such as providers and users. A survey on intrusion detection techniques based on cloud and attacks in cloud are presented in [[14](#page-28-11)]. The paper discusses diferent types of intrusions in cloud environment, detection techniques used by IDS, and types of cloud computing-based IDS. The paper summarizes existing cloud-based IDS alongwith their types, postioning, data source, and detection time. The survey lists the advantages and disadvanatges of each system and also highlights deployment of IDS in the cloud network to handle security challenges of IDS.

A survey of various IDS strategies used for detecting attack in wireless sensor networks is presented in [\[15](#page-28-12)]. The paper lists various types of IDS and presents comparison between diferent types of IDS based on detection layer, detection rate, energy consumption, amount of computation needed, and magnitute of false alarms generated. The paper also discussed community-based IDS for home networks and workplaces. The paper characterized the IDS based on the detection technique used such as neural networks, fuzzy system, support vector machine, and embedded systems. The study presented in [[16](#page-28-17)], is a comprehensive evaluation and analysis of communication standards along with security issues in wireless sensor networks. The paper describes

<span id="page-1-0"></span>**Table 1** TCP/IP Stack and IoT Network Protocol Stack

Layer	TCP/IP	<b>IoT</b> network
Application layer HTTP, FTP,	SMTP. POP3. SNMP. <b>HTTPS</b>	MOTT, CoAP, WebSocket, CoRE
<b>Transport layer</b>	TCP, UDP	UDP
Network layer Link layer	IPv4. IPv6 802.3 Ethernet. 802.11-Wire- less, LAN	6LoWPAN, RPL, IPv6 IEEE 802.15.4e, WirelessHART, Z-Wave, BLE

various applications of wireless sensor networks in smart grid infrastructure and also lists challenges of wireless sensor networks in smart grid applications. The paper presents comparative analysis of various communication standards used for wireless sensor networks based on protocol standard, spectrum type, frequency band, data throughput, and coverage range alongwith their advantages and disadvantages. Open research issues in the feld of sensor networks and various IDS techniques implemented for mobile ad-hoc network and sensor networks are presented in [[17\]](#page-28-13). The paper discusses various security threats in wireless networks based on availability, integrity, and confdentiality. The paper lists out various attacks identifed mainly due to high energy consumption in wireless networks. The paper also describes components and framework for constructing IDS for wireless networks and discussed various anomalybased IDS techniques implemented in literature.

A review on six diferent smart grid technologies is pre-sented in [[18](#page-28-14)] along with the emphasis to have the same communication protocol to ensure interoperability and security. The paper describes the integral components of smart grid infrastructure as well as an overview of smart grid applications. The paper highlights the need to have a common communication protocol standard to achieve interoperability. The paper also decribes challenges and critical skill gaps while deploying communication infrastructure in smart grid environment. A survey on critical challenges in smart grid technologies is presented in [[19\]](#page-28-18) considering various aspects such as information and communication, sensing, automation, security, control, and energy consumption. The paper discusses the evolution of smart grid technology over the years and how this evolution has given rise to security issues in the feld of information and communication technology, sensing, automation and control technology, and power and energy storage technology. A brief study on cyber-physical smart grid testbeds is carried out in [[20\]](#page-28-15). The objective of the study presented in [\[20\]](#page-28-15) is to design a taxonomy and guidelines for developing and identifying features and design decisions of future smart grid

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Table 2** Summary of survey studied

testbeds. The survey describes a four step taxonomy based on smart grid technology, research goals, test platforms, and communication infrastructure. The paper also gives an overview about the existing smart grid testbeds in literature along with challenges and future research directions in the feld of smart grid technology. The paper also evaluates existing testbeds on research support capacity, communication capability, security requirements, protocol support, and remote access capability. Summary of survey studied is presented in Table [2.](#page-2-0)

### **1.2 Motivation**

Lately, various research contributions have been recorded in the feld of IoT due to its potential applications in various felds. IoT presents a potential solution to ease and provide quality life to consumers with various technologies. Moreover, IoT technologies have gained recognition with the popularization of remote storage applications and big data. With easily accessible resources, new applications in the feld of IoT have emerged. For instance, the prominent emerging applications of IoT are smart home, wearable technology like ftness bands, connected cars, industrial internet, smart cities, IoT in agriculture, IoT in healthcare, smart retail, and energy engagement [\[21](#page-28-19)]. As a consequence, this fast emerging applications with interconnected devices have raised the need for security. Furthermore, usage of the data obtained from IoT devices raise a concern regarding how and where this data can be used. This is one of the motivation of our study. However, we realize that an in-depth view of Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) for securing IoT networks against intrusions, is yet to be explored that ends up being the main contribution of our survey.

In our study, we intent to present an overview of the research contributions performed in the feld of intrusion detection in IoT environments. The scope of this survey discusses ML and DL techniques applied for building IDS models for securing IoT networks. The goal of this study is to impart information from the current literature in the feld



of intrusion detection for IoT networks that can serve as source of knowledge for novice researchers interested in IoT and security issues. The paper also discusses diferent categories of intrusions for IoT networks and explores research challenges based on the study conducted. The contribution of our study is summarized as follows.

- Presenting taxonomy of IoT-based IDS, considering various IDS placement strategies in IoT networks, and IDS analysis strategies adopted for detecting attacks in IoT networks.
- Discussing various security threats by categorizing threats as Physical Intrusions, Network Intrusions, Software Intrusions, and Encryption Intrusions.
- Presenting different ML and DL techniques to build IDS for securing IoT networks.
- Based on the study conducted, paper derives various security issues and challenges in IoT-based IDS.

The roadmap of the paper is as follows: Sect. [2](#page-3-0) gives a brief introduction of IoT along with the discussion on taxonomy of IDS in IoT networks, IDS placement strategies, and analysis strategies. Section [3](#page-9-0) discusses various types of intrusions in IoT architecture. The Sect. [4](#page-11-0) presents a review of various ML and DL techniques for attack detection in IoT networks. Section [5](#page-22-0) lists out security issues and challenges in the feld of IDS for IoT networks and Sect. [6](#page-27-0) concludes the paper.

# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**2 Introduction: Internet of Things**

Internet of things (IoT) comprises of sophisticated devices embedded in the physical networks. These devices are connected together and share large amount of data with each other without any human intervention. IoT networks ensure ease and comfort in using home appliances to industrial machines [\[22\]](#page-28-20). The IoT systems are application specifc with some general characteristics [[22\]](#page-28-20). In general, a basic IoT architecture has three phases namely collection phase, transmission phase and processing phase [[3\]](#page-28-2). The collection phase, aggregates the data collected from the sensor nodes deployed in the physical network. The sensor nodes capture the short ranged communication of the devices present within the limited range. To process the captured data, communication protocols are used, that have low data rates and storage capacity with limited coverage range. Therefore, the networks in this phase are often called as Low and Lossy Networks (LLN) [\[3](#page-28-2)]. The information collected during the collection phase is transmitted to the specifc applications and users in the transmission phase. The data is transmitted using Ethernet, WiFi, Hybrid Fiber Coaxial (HFC), or Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) [[3\]](#page-28-2). These technologies are grouped with IP protocols to construct a network that is capable of communicating between the devices located at the longer distances. The collection phase protocols are integrated with the IP protocols in the transmission phase through gateways. The data processed by the applications retrieve necessary details regarding the physical network in the processing phase. Thereafter, necessary actions are taken for controlling and managing objects present in the network. The processing phase is responsible for integrating and communicating between the physical devices and applications. Study have been conducted towards developing standardized communication protocols for IoT devices. The communication protocols demand for providing security to devices and applications [[23\]](#page-28-21). Some of the protocols include IEEE 802.15.4, Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), WirelessHART, Z-Wave, LoRaWAN, 6LoWPAN, RPL, CoAP, and Message Queue Telemetry Transport (MQTT) [[24\]](#page-28-22). IEEE 802.15.4, 6LoWPAN, RPL, CoAP, and MQTT are standards designed to address specifc layers of LLNs protocol stack. However, there are also IoT standards that specify vertically integrated architectures, such as BLE, WirelessHART, Z-Wave, and LoRaWAN [\[24](#page-28-22)].

IEEE 802.15.4 is a standard proposed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for physical and medium access control layers of low-rate personal area networks. CoAP and MQTT are two of the most widely discussed application protocols for IoT networks. Constrained RESTful Environments (CoRE) is an organization that developed data transfer protocols such as CoAP for LLN [[25\]](#page-28-23). This protocol is similar to HTTP protocol in IP networks [\[24](#page-28-22)]. CoAP is responsible for handling request and response messages in LLN. Using this request and response mechanism of CoAP, devices and users communicate with each other [[25](#page-28-23)]. MQTT is a message transfer protocol, that is based on publish and subscribe operations for exchanging information between the devices [\[24](#page-28-22)]. It is a lightweight protocol with low power usage and requires less data packets for exchanging information. This protocol is ideal for device-todevice communication because of its ease of implementation in IoT networks [\[24](#page-28-22)].

BLE was found by Bluetooth Special Interest Group [[24](#page-28-22)]. It is based on bluetooth technology designed for low power devices. The layered architecture of BLE consists of physical layer that transfers and modulates the bits of information, and a link layer that connects the nodes present in network and provides access to the information. The architecture of BLE is similar to piconet that consists of nodes that act as either master or salve where salve nodes connected to one master node. The link layer functions using the Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol (L2CAP). This protocol belongs to the simplifed version of BLE. It performs the task of multiplexing the data received from the upper layers. The upper layers of L2CAP contains the Generic Attribute Profle (GATT) that search for appropriate services and the Generic Access Profle (GAP) that defnes the operations to be performed for the devices [\[24](#page-28-22)].

WirelessHART was developed based on Highway Addressable Remote Transducer (HART) protocol for wireless networks. It is designed for controlling industrial processes in wireless networks [[22](#page-28-20)]. It is a protocol that serves as a standard for wireless communication between the devices. It provides process management, control, and asset management capability to the wireless applications. It is compatible with the existing HART protocol and serves as a standard for industrial instrument communication. In this protocol each device in the network is connected in a mesh topology. The aim behind adopting mesh topology is to provide redundant pathways at the time of failure or change in the network settings [[24](#page-28-22)]. For automating home devices, a low power protocol architecture named as Z-wave was developed [\[24\]](#page-28-22). It is a wireless communication protocol, developed for smart home networks. It allows the devices to connect and exchange information with each other through commands. It implements two way communication with mesh topology and message acknowledgment. It consists of smart devices and a primary controller, usually referred to as smart home hub. The hub is the only device that is connected to the Internet. When hub receives command from any of the home application, it forwards the command to the destination device in the network [[22\]](#page-28-20). To address low power wide area networks, LoRa Alliance developed LoRaWAN wherein, physical objects interact with each other through gateway [[26](#page-28-24)]. All communications are performed at the

<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Fig. 1** Taxonomy of Intrusion Detection System in IoT

centralized network server. Physical devices are directly connected to gateways using wireless links whereas centralized servers are connected to gateways through traditional IP networks. It is possible that a physical object can communicate to more than one gateway at a given time and centralized server are responsible for handling the communication packets and destroying the redundant packets [[26](#page-28-24)].

# **2.1 Taxonomy of Intrusion Detection Systems for Internet of Things**

The taxonomy of IDS techniques is categorized based on various attributes such as placement strategy of IDS, type of the IDS analysis strategy, type of intrusions in IoT, and the attack detection method implemented for IoT [[27](#page-28-25)]. The taxonomy of IDS for IoT is shown in Fig. [1.](#page-4-0)

#### **2.1.1 IDS Placement Strategy**

The architectures for IoT are based on the three phases that are collection, transmission, and processing [[27–](#page-28-25)[29](#page-28-26)]. The architecture of IoT presented in [[27](#page-28-25)[–29](#page-28-26)] might vary from functionality aspects, but developed considering three layers namely perception layer, network layer, and application layer as shown in Fig. [2](#page-5-0). The perception layer is responsible for communication between the sensor nodes and devices in the LLN of the physical environment. The network layer is based on the transmission phase that forwards the collected information from the perception layer to the application and





<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Fig. 2** Layers in IoT Architecture

users through communication protocols. Networking devices such as routers are used to connect the protocols of physical layer and network layer. The application layer is based on the processing phase that allows users to interact with the objects and applications placed in the physical environment.

While developing IDS for IoT networks, the IDS can be deployed either in the router connecting various devices or in dedicated smart devices and hosts. When the IDS nodes placed in the router, intrusions from the Internet targeted for the devices in the network can be detected easily. However, the placement of IDS nodes in the router results in communication and processing overhead because of the frequent alerts generated by the IDS [\[30](#page-28-27)]. Placement of the IDS nodes in the dedicated nodes of the network reduces the communication overhead but results in increased resource requirement for storing the alerts generated [\[30\]](#page-28-27). This limitation can be overcome by distributing the IDS nodes across the network. This results in more processing capability with less monitoring [\[30\]](#page-28-27). The various IDS placement strategies in IoT networks with their advantages and disadvantages are as follows.

1. *Distributed IDS* In distributed IDS placement strategy, IDS agents are deployed in every physical device of the IoT network. Therefore, these nodes need to be optimized for detecting intrusions with high efficiency. For instance, a framework for lightweight distributed IDS is proposed in [\[31\]](#page-28-28) to examine the attack signatures and study the packet payload information for detecting intrusions. The approach was based on auxiliary shifting and early matching that resulted in reduce number of attempts needed for matching the attack patterns for detecting intrusions. The proposed work was compared with Wu-Manber (WM) algorithm, which is considered as the fastest pattern matching algorithm [\[32](#page-28-29)]. The experiments were conducted in the resource constraint environment. The results showed that the proposed algorithm is faster than the WM algorithm. Energy consumption based distributed IDS approach for detecting intrusions is proposed in [[33\]](#page-28-30). Here, the computational overhead and resource-constraint are minimized by optimizing single node parameter. In a distributed IDS, the single node parameter refers to nodes keeping track of the neighbouring nodes by monitoring their activities. The nodes keeping track of the neighbours are called watchdogs. Based on the trust and privacy concepts of the watchdogs, an approach is proposed in [[34](#page-28-31)] for detecting sinkhole attack on 6LoWPAN in IoT networks. Here, the nodes organized in the hierarchical structure and categorized as leader nodes and member nodes. Each node in the network have fexibility of changing its role at the time of confguring the network or detecting any intrusion. Each node in the network keeps record of the incoming and out going network traffic of its superior node. When any intrusion is detected, alarm is generated and message is forwarded to each node in the network to isolate the infected node.

2. *Centralized IDS* In centralized IDS placement strategy, IDS agents are situated at the centralized network entity such as router. The centralized node keeps the record

of each request send to other nodes in the network. The data transmitted between the nodes is also analyzed by the centralized node. Thus, the IDS agent deployed in the router examines all the data transmitted inbound and outbound of the network [[30](#page-28-27)]. The centralized placement strategy poses challenges in terms of maintaining the one node structure and detecting attacks. Moreover, analysis of the network traffic at one node is not enough. for identifying intrusions at the nodes and devices of the LLN [[30\]](#page-28-27). Therefore, an IDS strategy must be developed that can examine the network traffic at the other low capacity nodes in the network. However, centralized IDS also faces challenge if the central node is compromised. For instance, an IDS approach is proposed in [[35\]](#page-28-32) that examines the network packets exchanged between the physical devices and the network. The proposed framework is designed to detect the botnet attacks in IoT networks by analyzing the traffic passing through the router. A centralized IDS placement strategy is implemented in [\[36](#page-28-33), [37\]](#page-28-34), with the aim of securing IDS from DoS attacks. Here, in both the proposed framework [\[36](#page-28-33), [37\]](#page-28-34) IDS analysis and IDS response agent are deployed in a dedicated host device and the rest of sensor nodes are deployed in LLNs. These sensor nodes capture the network traffic and forwards the information to the centralized node for analysis. These IDS sensor nodes connected through wires to the centralized node for data transmission while, the devices in LLN are arranged in the wireless network. Such arrangement of the IDS nodes do not afect underlying data transmission even when DoS attack occurs in the wireless network. This is because of the use of wired connection between the physical network and IDS. Moreover, the centralized arrangement of the network helps to overcome the resource constraints with low-power devices. A centralized approach is proposed in [[38](#page-28-35)], where the IDS agent is placed within the router. The proposed work aims at identifying the attacks occuring in the physical network. To achieve the same, heartbeat protocol is used instead of analyzing the traffic passing through router. The heartbeat protocol continuously exchange messages between the nodes to ensure their availability and detect any node crash. In the proposed framework, a router broadcasts the ICMP messages to all the nodes present in the network at the regular intervals. The nodes respond to the router for ensuring their availability. However, exchanging of ICMP messages generates additional network traffic, but the paper showed that the minimum memory and energy are required to run the heartbeat protocol.

3. *Hybrid IDS* The hybrid placement strategy for the IDS combines the advantages of both centralized and distributed IDS strategy. In hybrid IDS placement strategy, the network is arranged in form of clusters and a central IDS node is assigned in each cluster. This central node manages and monitors the activities of other nodes in the network. For instance, network is organized in form of a cluster in [\[34](#page-28-31)], and each cluster assigned a cluster head to monitor the activities of its neighbours. In hybrid IDS, resource consumption is high compared to distributed IDS and the robust nodes are selected as cluster heads for the given cluster. A hybrid IDS approach is proposed in [[39\]](#page-29-0), wherein nodes are selected as IDS host node. These nodes eavesdrop the network packets in their neighbourhood for detecting intrusions. A set of rules is defned, using which the IDS nodes decides whether the neighbouring nodes are compromised or not. The set of rules defned based on the behaviour of the nodes, as each node would exhibit diferent behaviour. For instance, the router would experience high network traffic compared to the other nodes in the network. Thus, the proposed approach works efficiently based on the set of rules defned for each cluster of the network [\[39](#page-29-0)]. A hybrid IDS built using a backbone of monitor nodes [[40\]](#page-29-1), wherein the network is divided into regions. The monitor nodes capture the network traffic and analyze the same for identifying whether the nodes are compromised or not. The proposed approach results in less computational overhead as the monitor nodes analyze the traffic of their neighbourhood. In the hybrid approach presented in [[41\]](#page-29-2), network is divided into cluster having the same number of nodes and an IDS agent act as cluster head. The cluster head node is directly connected to all the members of the cluster. The network communication between the cluster nodes is captured by the cluster head as it, also acts as the IDS host agent. The cluster members forward information about their neighbours to the cluster head that helps in monitoring. In this approach the cluster head node is considered as center of all communication. A second method was also proposed in [\[41](#page-29-2)], wherein IDS agents were placed in the router. The only diference between the two approaches is the centralized IDS component. The study described in [[41\]](#page-29-2), identifed and evaluated the potential internal threats given in [\[40](#page-29-1)]. The architecture developed in [[41](#page-29-2)], decreases the storage and computational overhead for the IDS agents. The simulation results showed that the proposed approach with centralized IDS agent as cluster head can efectively identify topology attacks with a small amount of eforts. An IDS named SVELTE is proposed in [\[30](#page-28-27)], where router deployed in the network analyzes the RPL data for detecting intrusions. The nodes in the network perform activities such as forwarding the captured RPL network data to router and reporting the router about any intrusive information they may have recieved. The proposed framework consists of centralized nodes for analyzing data and distributed

mini-firewall for filtering the unwanted traffic entering the IoT network. Similarly, in [[42\]](#page-29-3), network nodes identify the changes in neighbouring nodes and forwards the information to the centralized node present in the router. The centralized node stores the information forwarded by the neighbouring routers and examines the data to detect malicious activities to track the intruders. The proposed approach showed that in resource constrained environment, adequate energy, sufficient network packets, and storage are needed. In [\[43](#page-29-4)], router and network nodes work in cooperation with each other to analyze the activities of the neighbouring nodes to detect intrusions. When an intrusion is identifed, an alert for the same is forwarded to the router. The router consists of IDS modules that correlates the alerts generated by the diferent nodes in the network to identify and classify the intrusion. The paper states that, IDS approach presented in the paper is distributed IDS. However, the fnal decision is taken by IDS agent deployed in the router which makes the approach a hybrid IDS [\[43](#page-29-4)].

#### **2.1.2 Analysis Startegies**

An IDS is classifed into four types based on the analysis strategy adopted for detecting intrusions, namely, anomalybased IDS, signature-based IDS, specifcation-based IDS, and hybrid IDS. This section discusses IDS techniques developed for IoT networks.

1. *Signature-based IDS* In signature-based IDS, attack is detected by matching the attack signature of the analyzed network traffic with stored signature in the database. An alarm is generated if the signatures are matched. Signature-based IDS, work better with the known attacks and are easy to implement. However, it is not able to detect novel attacks and variants of known attack signatures as these attack signatures are not present in the attack signature database [[44,](#page-29-5) [45](#page-29-6)]. A signature-based IDS is proposed for Artifcial Immune System in [[46\]](#page-29-7). Here, immune cells detect the intrusions based on the attack signatures. The network datagrams packets are classifed as malicious and normal by these immune cells. Also, the proposed approach possessed the capability of adapting to changes in the network environment. However, storing the attack signatures and information of network packets is a challenge in the proposed approach. In [[37\]](#page-28-34), an integrated signature-based IDS is developed along with the EBBITS project [\[47](#page-29-8)]. Here, the proposed approach focused on detecting DoS attack in 6LoWPAN-based network. The experiments were performed using the Suricata signature-based IDS wherein generated alarm was sent to the DoS projection manager. The manager examines details such as channel interference rate and packet dropping rate to identify the intrusion. Verifying these details result in reduction in false alarm rate. To avoid the problems related to low capacity nodes, experiments performed on a Linux host. However, regular updation of signature database is not discussed in the paper [\[47\]](#page-29-8). For reducing the computational cost of comparing the attack signatures and packet payload, a multiple pattern detection approach is developed in [\[31\]](#page-28-28). Here, auxiliary shifting is applied to avoid unnecessary pattern matching. The experiments are performed by integrating the Rasberry Pi unit with omnivision 5647 sensor [\[31](#page-28-28)]. The devices provide, captured images to the main server. The proposed approach is compared with pattern sets from Snort and ClamAV IDS [[48](#page-29-9)]. The results showed that proposed approach outperformed traditional pattern matching approaches.

2. *Anomaly-based IDS* Anomaly-based IDS detects intrusion by matching the attack patterns. An Anomalybased IDS builds user profle after analyzing the system activities. Any deviation from the profle, is regarded as intrusion by anomaly-based IDS. This IDS is capable of detecting zero-day attacks and specifcally the attacks associated with misuse of system resources. Thus, any action that does not match with normal behaviour is identifed as malicious, and therefore, studying the user behaviour profle is crucial in case of anomaly-based IDS. Also, anomaly-based IDS, reports high positive rates [[45](#page-29-6), [49](#page-29-10)]. The user behaviour profle can be constructed using either statistical techniques or machine learning technique [[49\]](#page-29-10). Anomaly-based IDS technique is proposed in [\[35](#page-28-32)] to detect botnet attacks using sensor nodes in 6LoWPAN network. The proposed method generates the network profle by computing the sum of TCP control feld, packet length, and number of connected links of each sensor node in the network. The proposed framework monitors the network and generates an alarm for the nodes that produce average threshold more than computed threshold. In [[50\]](#page-29-11), computational intelligence techniques used for building user profle for network devices. Here, a separate network profle is created for each diferent IP addresses of the connected device for analysis and detecting intrusive activities in the network. In [[33\]](#page-28-30), energy consumption is considered for constructing behaviour profle for every node of a given network under routing scheme and route-over routing scheme. Every node in the network keeps the record of its energy consumption at the sampling rate of 0.5s. If the energy consumption value is higher than the expected threshold, it is classifed as malicious and removed from the routing table. An anomaly-based IDS is proposed in [[51](#page-29-12)] for resource constrained IoT network. The proposed work based on the assumption that IoT devices use less and simple protocols for performing network communication. Here, bit-pattern matching technique used for selecting features from network payloads. The network payload assumed to be a series of bytes. Features are selected by performing overlapping over the series of bytes called as n-grams. A match is found when all bits of n-gram match with corresponding bits of bit-pattern. The experiments performed on two IoT devices and results were recorded for worm propagation, tunneling, SQL injection, and directory traversal attack. Similarly, a distributed anomaly-based IDS is proposed in [\[43](#page-29-4)] to identify intrusions by examining attributes of network packets of neighbouring nodes such as packet size and data transfer rate. Here, the system generates the network profle by analyzing information fowing through the network. However, the specifc method for building the network profle is not discussed in the paper including how to identify intrusions in the presence of the low capacity nodes in the network. The process of detecting wormhole attack in IoT networks is based on analysis of system resources [\[42](#page-29-3)]. This includes looking for the number of control packets exchanged between end devices or number of neighbours formed after execution of attack. Based on this ideology anomaly-based IDS is proposed for detecting wormhole attacks in IoT networks [[42](#page-29-3)]. The results showed that 94% and 87% accuracy is achieved for detecting the attacker and the attack, respectively. The paper also presented analysis on power and energy consumption by the nodes in the network. The analysis revealed that the proposed framework is appropriate for IoT networks due to low power and memory consumption.

3. *Specification-based IDS* Specification-based IDS is based on the set of rules that builds behaviour profle of networking devices such as nodes, router, and server [[17](#page-28-13)]. The behaviour profile consists of information related to protocol and routing table. The specifcation based IDS generates an alert when behaviour profle deviates from defned specifcations. Thus, specifcationbased IDS works similar to anomaly-based IDS as they generate an alert when network profle deviates from normal behaviour. However, specifcation-based IDS difers from anomaly-based IDS in terms of building profle for devices. In specifcation-based IDS, profle is built manually by security expert by defning rules for each device of the network [[17](#page-28-13), [39,](#page-29-0) [49\]](#page-29-10). Specifcation based IDS report low false positive rates and they do not require prior learning for understanding the behaviour of the network devices and network fow. As these IDS, defne specifcations manually, they require more time to adapt to environmental changes in the network and are more vulnerable to errors [[39](#page-29-0)]. A specification-based IDS is proposed in [\[52\]](#page-29-13) for detecting DDoS attacks in IoT networks. Here, in the proposed work, maximum threshold for each middle-ware layer is specifed. If resource requests exceeds the specifed threshold, an alarm is generated. Another specifcation-based IDS proposed in [[40](#page-29-1)], wherein specifcations to detect RPL attacks are specified using finite state machine that examines the behaviour of the underlying network and generates an alert if intrusions are detected. Simulation trace fles were used to develop fnite state machine for RPL attack identification in  $[41]$  $[41]$  $[41]$ . The profile prepared using the fnite state machine and converted to the set of specifcations for examining the network traffic exchanged between the network nodes. The experimental results showed high detection accuracy with low false alarm rate with energy consumption overhead of 6.3%. Specifcation-based IDS depends on the skills of the network administrator, who defnes specifcations for detecting intrusions. The method proposed in [[39\]](#page-29-0) is based on this attribute of specifcation-based IDS. In [[39\]](#page-29-0), network administrator defines rules for detecting intrusions and an alert is generated if any defned rules is violated. Here, every node in the network is assigned to an Event Management System that performs correlation of alerts generated by all the nodes in the network. Thus, incorrectly defned specifcations may result into high false alarm rate for the given network.

4. *Hybrid IDS* Hybrid IDS, combine concepts and advantages of signature-based, anomaly-based, and specifcation-based IDS to have high classifcation accuracy and detection rate. In [[30\]](#page-28-27), a hybrid IDS is developed to have trade-off between memory consumption of signature-based IDS and computational cost of anomalybased IDS to detect RPL attacks in the network. In [\[53](#page-29-14)], experiments performed using signature-based IDS and anomaly-based IDS individually. The results showed that both IDS frameworks are inefficient in detecting certain kinds of attacks. Hence, a combined framework developed using both IDS approaches that could address more number of attacks. A hybrid IDS is developed using anomaly-based and specifcation-based IDS in [[34\]](#page-28-31), where anomaly-based IDS used for examining the network communication between the devices and specifcation-based IDS is used for extracting attributes for computing the reputation and trust values of the nodes. These values lies between 0 and 1. For instance, if the reputation and trust value is more than 0.5, node considered to be benign. The proposed IDS was built to detect sinkhole attacks in IoT networks. The results showed that the proposed system achieved detection accuracy of 92% in wired network and 75% in wireless network with low false alarm rate.

# <span id="page-9-0"></span>**3 Intrusions in IoT Networks**

An attack can be accomplished in the IoT network by exploiting the physical structure of the network for instance, hampering the network nodes, by exploring the vulnerabilities of the protocol used for network communication, or by injecting malicious code to circumvent the encryption policies. Based on the target of performing intrusions in IoT network and devices, types of intrusions are classifed in four categories as physical intrusion, network intrusion, software intrusion, and encryption intrusion [\[22](#page-28-20)]. Taxonomy of types of intrusions in IoT network is presented in Fig. [3](#page-9-1). Intrusions in physical devices and infrastructure afect the services and the processes performed on the devices. These intrusions stop the processes and are also capable of altering the data present in the system resources. Network intrusions related to routing of network packets in wired or wireless network are risky, as they can affect one or more nodes deployed in the network. It can also interrupt the network packets fowing in the network by altering the fow of packets, dropping the packets, or forwarding the packets to undefned routes. Software intrusions accomplished using malicious programs such as viruses and/or worms. These programs are destructive and dangerous form of malwares that exploit the vulnerabilities present in the hardware or software of the system. These programs are capable of stealing and altering confdential data such as passwords and deleting fles from the system hardware. Intrusions related to encryption are

performed by observing and decoding the side channel information passing through the channel.

## **3.1 Physical Intrusions**

Physical intrusions are concerned with the hardware devices present in IoT networks. Diferent physical intrusions for IoT networks are as follows.

- *Compromised Nodes* A node is tampered by the intruder either by changing the confgurations of the node or replacing it with other malicious node. An intruder can also steal the information and gain unauthorized access by altering sensitive data or routing data from the routing tables. The communication through compromised node afects processing of data at higher layers of the IoT network [[54\]](#page-29-15).
- *Disrupting RFID Signals* An attacker hampers the RFID systems by compromising the reader component of RFID. The reader component is compromised by sending unwanted noise signals instead of radio frequency signals. This results in interference in the communication between the devices present in wireless IoT network [[55](#page-29-16)].
- *Node Jamming* Node jamming is one of the exploits performed in wireless networks that results in DoS attack, wherein authorized devices are denied access to the legitimate network traffic using tools for sending frequencies of illegitimate traffic. The frequencies of signals flowing through the network tampered in such a way that the network can no longer function properly [\[54](#page-29-15)].



<span id="page-9-1"></span>**Fig. 3** Intrusions in IoT Networks

- *Malicious Node Injection* An attacker, physically inserts a malicious node in the network. This node intercepts the communication between the benign nodes to steal the data fowing in the network. The malicious node also capable of modifying the data fowing between the network. An attacker injects the malicious node by creating the replica of the node to perform an attack so as, the victim node cannot send or receive any packet in the network [[56\]](#page-29-17).
- *Hardware Component Tampering* An intruder can physically harm the devices and components of the IoT network resulting in DoS attack [\[56\]](#page-29-17).
- *Social Engineering* An attack is performed by doing physical interaction to manipulate confgurations of IoT devices. This leads to gaining access to sensitive information about the system [\[22](#page-28-20)].
- *Sleep Deprivation Attack* This attack is performed by an intruder with the aim to maximize the power consumption of nodes of a network that minimizes the lifetime of nodes [[57\]](#page-29-18).
- *Malicious Code Injection* An intruder injects malicious code in the system in order to gain access of the IoT system [\[57](#page-29-18)].

# **3.2 Network Intrusions**

Network intrusions aim at harming the IoT network by disrupting the network activities or stealing the network information. Types of network attacks are described as follows:

- *Packet Snifng Attacks* The intruder snifs network packets fowing in the network using packet snifng or packet capturing tools. These tools snif the packets and extract the packet header and packet payload information. This information analyzed by the intruder for performing network intrusions [[54](#page-29-15)].
- *RFID Signal Attacks* IoT networks consists of radio frequency identifcation technology known as RFID for tracking the objects in the network. The RFID consists of two components namely tags and signals for the communication between the IoT devices. The tags and signals vulnerable to attacks such as spoofng, cloning, and unauthorized access. In spoofng, an intruder pretends to send legitimate signals with the aim to retrieve information from the system [\[55](#page-29-16)]. In cloning attack, an intruder creates a clone of already existing RFID tag in order to inject malicious information or get control of information fowing in the network [[7\]](#page-28-6). By compromising signals and tags of RFID, an intruder can gain information about credentials of the system. This results in unauthorized access to the information available at nodes of IoT network. An intruder can eavesdrop, modify, or remove the information from the system [[7\]](#page-28-6).
- *Sinkhole Attack* In this attack, intruder compromises a node in the network and executes the attack through the compromised node. The victim node then sends wrong routing information to its neigbours, indicating false path distance between the source and destination. In this way, it attracts network traffic towards itself and thereafter, it either alters the routing information or drops the packet. The sinkhole attack can be identifed by computing the average hop count of each node of a network and comparing it with the average hop count  $[58]$  $[58]$ . If the minimum hop count is below the threshold value for the given node than that node may be considered as vulnerable to sinkhole attack [[58](#page-29-19)].
- *Man-in-the-middle attack* An attacker eavesdrops the communication between the nodes and so this is called as man-in-the-middle attack [[7\]](#page-28-6). Attacker tries to intercept the network communication between the victim nodes [[7\]](#page-28-6).
- *Denial of Service (DoS)* This attack is performed by overwhelming the nodes by fooding large number of service request. Thus, intended users are not able to get the legitimate resources [\[54](#page-29-15)].
- *Compromising Routing Tables* Here, routing tables are compromised by spoofng or altering the routing information. This results in increased packet dropping ratio, forwarding wrong route information, or dividing the network.
- *Sybil Attack* In this attack, the intruder sabotage the network service by creating large number of pseudonymous identities of the compromised node and uses them to gain infuence [\[59](#page-29-20)].

# **3.3 Software Intrusions**

The software intrusions tamper the data present in the system resources and even afect processing running in the system. The system intrusions includes malicious software programs in the form of virus, worms, malware, or Trojan horse. Diferent types of software intrusions are as follows.

- *Phishing* This attack is executed using email spoofng. Often malicious programs are forwarded as mail attachments. The aim of phishing attack is to steal credentials of users and their other confdential information such as bank details [[59\]](#page-29-20).
- *Malicious Software* This can be in the form of virus, worms, or trojan horse. An intruder can harm the system resources by using these malicious code. The code is injected in the system using email attachments and file downloads. Virus programs are activated when users click the file or attachment. Worms are malicious programs that replicate itself without even user interaction. These malicious programs are detected using

anti-virus software, firewall, and IDS. For instance, a hybrid IDS combining anomaly-based and signaturebased IDS is developed with honeypot in [[60](#page-29-21)] to detect worms in the system.

- *Malicious Shell Scripts* The malicious shell scripts are injected remotely in network environment with the aim of gaining access to local user system resources. This allows the attacker to take charge of all user processes and information remotely. The attack can also access and modify the data present on the system [\[59\]](#page-29-20).
- *Denial of Service* This attack does not let legitimate users to use the services of the system. This attack occurs at the application layer. The applications are overwhelmed with flood of requests which keeps the users deprived of the services [[54](#page-29-15)].

### **3.4 Encryption Intrusions**

The encryption intrusions are concerned with compromising encryption process by tampering or stealing the public and private encryption keys. Some of the attacks performed on encryption techniques are as follows.

- *Side-Channel Attack* Here, side channel data of encrypted devices is used by the attacker to execute the attack or steal encryption keys. The side channel data consist details regarding power consumption, computational time, and fault frequency. These information are used for stealing encryption keys. There are various side channel attacks such as timing attack, differential power and fault analysis attacks [[61\]](#page-29-22). For instance, in timing attacks, computational time required to perform an operation is used for executing the attack. This information can be utilized to steal the secret keys, destroy cryptosystems, or steal information regarding components of encryption protocols such as Diffie-Hellman exponents, RSA keys [[61](#page-29-22)].
- *Cryptanalysis Attack* In this type of attack, an intruder uses plaintext or encrypted text to obtain the cryptographic keys. Based on the method used, there are different forms of cryptanalysis attack such as ciphertext only attack, known plaintext attack, chosen ciphertext attack, and chosen plaintext attack [[61](#page-29-22)]. In ciphertext only attack, attacker uses the cipher text to obtain corresponding plaintext [[61\]](#page-29-22). In known plaintext attack, an intruder is aware about some portion of plaintext, which is utilized to decipher the cipher text [[61\]](#page-29-22). And in chosen plaintext and chosen ciphertext attack, attacker chooses plaintext and ciphertext to derive the encryption keys [\[61\]](#page-29-22).

# <span id="page-11-0"></span>**4 Review of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Techniques for IoT Security**

Machine Learning and Deep Learning techniques are applied in various felds of IoT applications and systems. A schematic showing use of ML and DL techniques for IoT system is shown in Fig. [4](#page-12-0). These techniques have characteristic of learning through experience, and therefore, these techniques are used for attack classifcation in IoT networks [\[62](#page-29-23)]. ML and DL techniques have gained significance because of development of new algorithms, generation of large amount of data, and low computational cost [[62](#page-29-23)]. Over the years, ML and DL techniques have shown advancement in performing empirical analysis of various applications [[62](#page-29-23)]. This paper discusses ML and DL techniques used for the attack identifcation and classifcation in IoT networks. In ML techniques, feature engineering is performed to extract relevant features for performing classifcation of attacks in IoT networks. Whereas, DL techniques uses various linear and non-linear processing layers for abstracting discriminative or generative features to perform pattern analysis [[63](#page-29-24)]. The objective behind discussing ML and DL techniques is to provide an in-depth overview of these techniques used for securing IoT networks.

ML and DL algorithms address given application problem by using a dataset for learning. The dataset is divided in training and testing sets. The training set is used for learning and studying various features of dataset. For instance, given an intrusion detection dataset, the algorithms learn features from the training dataset to perform classifcation of a given sample as attack or normal. The task of ML and DL algorithm is to improve classifcation accuracy of the system by performing behvaioural analysis of normal and attack traffic scenarios in the network. ML algorithms are categorized in classifcation and clustering algorithms. Classifcation algorithms work with labeled data samples and build prediction model by analyzing input parameters and mapping them with expected output [\[62\]](#page-29-23). Thus, these methods builds relationship between input and output parameters. In the training phase of classifcation algorithm, learning model is trained using training set. The learning in the training phase is then utilized to predict and classify new data input [[64](#page-29-25)]. In DL-based supervised techniques, multi-layer network built with an input layer, an output layer, and one or more hidden layers. These layers consists of nodes called as neurons with each layer connected through edges. The neurons are initialized with random weights and are multiplied with input parameters to return an output [[65](#page-29-26), [66](#page-29-27)].



<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Fig. 4** Schematic of ML and DL techniques in IoT systems and applications

Classification methods are recognized for learning through data representation and labeling, whereas clustering methods are known for learning through unlabeled datasets [[67](#page-29-28)]. Clustering techniques do not require prelabeling of data for learning and form distinctive clusters of unlabeled data on the basis of similarity characteristics between them. Another common type of ML technique is Reinforcement Learning (RL) [[62,](#page-29-23) [64\]](#page-29-25). RL techniques works in coordination with the environment for learning data. Its objective is to analyze the environment and derive the best method for agents present in the environment [\[68](#page-29-29)]. RL techniques are trial-and-error techniques. On the basis of environmental attributes, a set of actions are defned for the given set of input parameters. In this section, ML and DL techniques are discussed with their advantages, disadvantages, and applications in securing IoT networks.

### **4.1 Machine Learning (ML) Methods for IoT**

The common ML algorithms i.e. decision trees (DT), support vector machines (SVM), Bayesian algorithms, k-nearest neighbour (KNN), random forest (RF), association rule (AR) algorithms, ensemble learning, k-means clustering and principal component analysis (PCA) are discussed with their advantages, disadvantages, and applications in IoT security.

#### **4.1.1 Decision Trees**

In Decision Tree (DT) classifer, data samples are classifed based on their feature values. Here, data is organized in a tree like structure, where each node in a tree denotes a feature or an attribute of the dataset and each branch represents a decision rule that splits the data based on feature value. The aim of DT classifer is to develop a training model

which can be used to derive class labels for target variable by learning decision rules learned from the training data [\[69\]](#page-29-30). In order to derive optimal feature set, two techniques are used namely information gain and gini index [[70\]](#page-29-31). There are two main task in DT classifer namely building the decision tree and classifcation [\[71](#page-29-32)]. The root node of decision tree is constructed by computing the information gain or gini index of the features identifed in the dataset. The class label with highest gain value or gini index is selected as root node. Gradually, gain values and gini index for other class labels is computed to build the decision tree. This process is performed until all class labels are set in the decision tree with their respective feature nodes. After the tree is constructed, feature set for the new samples is derived by traversing through the tree to reach to a leaf node. In this way, classes are predicted for the new input samples [[71\]](#page-29-32).

The decision tree models are commonly used for selecting variables, computing relative importance of each variables present in the dataset, managing the missing values, predicting class labels, and data manipulation [\[71](#page-29-32)]. The process to construct DT is explained as follows.

- *Construction of Nodes* A decision tree consists of three types of nodes such as root node, internal nodes, and leaf nodes. The root node and internal nodes represent the class labels of given dataset. These are formed by computing the gain value or gini index value of class labels.
- *Edge* An edge represent expected output or decisions from root node and internal nodes. Each path from the root node or internal nodes to the leaf nodes represent a set of decision rule for classifying the data.
- *Splitting* Input variable of the identifed target variables are used for splitting the internal nodes into leaf nodes. The input variables can either be discreet or continuous variables. The splitting of nodes is performed until defned stopping criteria is satisfed.
- *Termination Condition* A termination condition is selected based on the analysis and attributes of the dataset being used. Some of the common parameters considered while deciding termination condition are minimum number of data samples, minimum number of records in node before splitting, and number of steps from the root node [[72\]](#page-29-33). The termination criteria is defned in DT model to ensure robustness and simplicity.
- *Purning* Purning is performed to optimize the size of large DT, either by eliminating few nodes or by providing minimum information about the DT. There are two types of purning namely forward and backward [[72\]](#page-29-33).

DT along with diferent ML classifers is used for securing the IoT networks and devices against intrusions [[72,](#page-29-33) [73](#page-29-34)]. For instance, a fog-computing IDS is proposed in [[74\]](#page-29-35) for securing the IoT devices against DDoS attack in virtual

private network. Here, DT is used to examine network traffic for identifying malicious traffic sources and detecting DDoS attack. In [\[75](#page-29-36)], DT is applied for building behavioural profle of IoT devices employed in the network to detect anomalies. An IDS for IoT-based systems developed in [[76](#page-29-37)] using hybrid approach of inverse weight clustering and DT, where inverse weight clustering technique clusters the data based on similarities and DT classifes the clustered data. In IDS, computational power and valuable resources are not utilized properly when irrelevant data is processed and data fagged is disregarded. Therefore, in order to imporve the performance of IDS, false positive rate must be reduced. In an effort build an efficient IDS, SVM, DT, and NB are combined in [\[72\]](#page-29-33) for reducing the false postive rate of the system. In [[73\]](#page-29-34), a hybrid approach is proposed for detecting network attack in IoT networks. Here, the framework proposed combine misuse-based detection method with anomaly-based detection. The misuse based model uses DT, for detecting and classifying the network attacks, whereas, SVM is used for anomaly-based intrusion detection.

#### **4.1.2 Support Vector Machines**

Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifes the data using hyper-plane for dividing the data between two or more classes. The hyperplane passes through the data points in such a way that distance between the nearest data points to the hyperplane is maximized [\[77\]](#page-29-38). SVMs have generalization characteristics, and therefore, this method works well with the dataset having large number of features and less number of data samples [[78,](#page-29-39) [79](#page-29-40)]. Initially, SVM technique was formed from statistically learning [\[79](#page-29-40)], and was used to classify linearly separable data into classes on a two-dimensional plane. Although, SVM can also be used for separating non-linear data by using functions called kernel tricks [\[77](#page-29-38)]. These functions transform the non-linear data into linear data and then hyperplane is used, that divides the data into classes.

SVMs have been applied for detecting real-time attacks in IoT networks by learning through the attack patterns while training the data [\[80](#page-29-41)[–82](#page-30-0)]. For instance, in [[80\]](#page-29-41), game theory is exploited for developing network intrusion detection system. Here, advantages of radial basis function kernel and polynomial kernel are integrated with the notion of game theory to build a novel kernel-based SVM algorithm for network-based intrusion detection. SVM are used for buidling IDS for mobile ad-hoc networks in  $[81]$  $[81]$ , where IDS detects intrusions and removes the malicious nodes from the network. Here, the performance of the proposed approach is not dependent on the network routing protocol, node mobility, and network size. In [[82\]](#page-30-0), SVM is used with chi-square feature selection method for multi-class classifcation for detecting and classifying network attacks in IoT networks.

SVMs have been applied for diferent security applications and are also, efficient in storage capacity with a time com-

plexity of  $O(N^2)$  where, *N* is the number of data points [[77,](#page-29-38) [79](#page-29-40)]. A linear SVM based android malware detection frame-

work is proposed in [[83\]](#page-30-1) for IoT networks to secure the system resources. The proposed work is compared with other ML techniques such as Naïve Bayes (NB), RF, and DT. The results showed that SVM performs better than other classifers. An android malware detection framework is also proposed in [[84\]](#page-30-2), where automated learning method for android malware detection is designed for IoT devices. However, the performance of SVM technique depends on the type of datasets, environment used for creating the datasets, and different attack scenarios [[84\]](#page-30-2).

SVM are also used for securing smart grid technologies. In [[85\]](#page-30-3), empirical analysis of SVM-based smart grid technologies is performed. The study showed that SVM technique is efficient in identifying known as well as unknown attack attacks for smart grid networks. Moreover, SVM is also used for exploiting IoT device security [[86](#page-30-4), [87](#page-30-5)]. The experiments performed in [\[87](#page-30-5)] has shown that the ML techniques such as SVM can efectively break the security of machine for performing attacks such as template attacks.

#### **4.1.3 Naïve Bayes**

Naïve Bayes algorithm is based on Bayes theorem that works on computing posterior probability of an event based on the prior probability of class [[88](#page-30-6)]. For instance, for detecting probe attack, various network traffic features of probe attack are analyzed. Thus, probabilities of occurrence of various attacks and normal traffic can be studied using the prior probabilities of the defned class for a given dataset.

The NB technique is a classifcation technique that computes the posterior probability of the given class using Bayes theorem. Thus, it evaluates the probability whether a particular feature set of given input sample categorizes into a specific class or not. For instance, for IDS, NB can classify the data samples of the network traffic as benign or anomalous based on the network traffic features. The traffic features are extracted from the network packet header and payload such as time duration of connection establishment, protocol used for communication, and connection fag status. Even though, these features might depend on each other, but NB technique considers all these features independently [[89](#page-30-7)]. This is because, in NB classifcation technique, all features contribute independently for computing probability of the data sample. [\[89](#page-30-7)].

NB classifer has been used for intrusion detection in [\[89–](#page-30-7)[91\]](#page-30-8), along with other ML techniques for reducing false positives. Mainly, NB classifer is used for its simplicity and ease of implementation. It can perform binary as well as multi-class classifcation. It also requires less training data and is robust towards irrelevant features [[91](#page-30-8)]. NB classifers cannot build useful relationships between the features and input variables as it treats each feature individually. The relationship between the features and the input variables can contribute in increasing the efficiency of IDS for detecting attacks [[89](#page-30-7)].

For protecting IoT infrastructure from DDoS attack, a framework is proposed in [[92\]](#page-30-9). Here, NB classifcation algorithm is applied to IDS agents that are deployed in entire network for identifying malicious traffic and activities in the nodes. A novel two-tier classifcation module is proposed in [[93\]](#page-30-10) for detecting User to Root (U2R) and Remote to Local (R2L) attacks in IoT networks. Here, component analysis and linear discriminant analysis are used for feature extraction and thereafter, NB and certainty factor version of k-NN are used for identifying attacks. In [[94\]](#page-30-11), NB and SVM classifcation techniques are used for detecting image spam. Here, the proposed work focuses on extracting content and correcting content using the language model on the images before classifcation. The proposed method converts images into text and then statistical text localization methods are used to extract the text region for spam detection.

#### **4.1.4 k‑Nearest Neighbour**

The k-nearest neighbours technique is a non-parametric technique applied for classifcation and regression problems, where k is a user-defned constant. Here, input set consists of k nearest training samples present in the feature space. A characteristic property of k-NN algorithm is that, it is vulnerable to the size of dataset [\[95](#page-30-12)]. Here, in k-NN algorithm, training samples are considered as vectors in multi-dimensional feature space with a designated class label [\[95\]](#page-30-12). In training phase, vectors and class labels of samples are stored. In classifcation phase, a distance metric is used for classifying the class labels. Generally for continuous variables, Euclidean distance is used and for discreet variables Hamming distance is used as distance metric. k-NN is also used with correlation coefficient such as Pearson and Spearman.

k-NN algorithm does not work well when the class distribution is skewed [[96\]](#page-30-13). That is, samples of a more frequent class try to rule the classifcation of the new sample. To address this, weighted classifcation method can be used where every data point of k-NN is multiplied with a weight proportional to the inverse of the distance from that data point [[97](#page-30-14)]. Also, the skewness can be removed by applying data abstraction techniques. The performance of k-NN also depends on the value of k. If the value of k is large than it minimizes the efect of noise in classifcation but would also afect classifcation accuracy. Thus, the value of k can be selected using heuristic techniques such as hyperparameter optimization. Also, performance of the algorithm is afected by the presence of irrelevant features. This issue can be addressed by using feature selection or feature extraction algorithms [[98\]](#page-30-15).

k-NN algorithm has been applied for intrusion detection in [[95–](#page-30-12)[98](#page-30-15)]. In IoT environment, to detect U2R and R2L attacks, a feature clustering based dimensionality reduction method is used for intrusion detection in [\[99](#page-30-16)]. Here, k-NN classifer is used for reducing the features for further classifcation. To address the issues of high dimensionality and anomaly mining, k-NN algorithm is used in [[100](#page-30-17)] for IoT networks. An attack detection framework is proposed in [\[101\]](#page-30-18) for IoT devices. Here, a data-centric approach is used for processing energy consumption data and attack classifcation for the monitored device. The experiments were performed on real hardware devices and based on energy used, the system detects cyber as well as physical attacks. To minimize the computational time, a two phase approach is proposed using k-NN and neural networks [[101](#page-30-18)]. An IDS is also developed for mobile ad-hoc networks in [[102](#page-30-19)] for detecting faulty nodes and reducing the routing overhead in the networks. The proposed system efficiently secures the network and improves the packet delivery ratio.

### **4.1.5 Random Forest**

Random Forest technique is used for performing binary as well as multi-class classification [[103\]](#page-30-20). Random forest tree is constructed using many decision trees for building a precise classifcation model for the given problem [[104](#page-30-21)]. Thus, RF is constructed using many trees that are formed randomly and are trained to predict a class for given input sample. The class having highest importance is selected as output label [\[104\]](#page-30-21). Even though, RF classifer is developed using DT, it still difers from DT algorithm in terms of formulating rules for classifcation. In DT algorithm, a set of rules is formulated in the training phase for classifying the input. Whereas, RF formulates subset of rules for voting class using DT algorithm and therefore, it does not face the problem of overftting the data. Moreover, it requires minimum parameters for feature selection. RF classifer has the capability of calculating the feature importance based on mutual information and selecting features with highest importance for classifcation [\[105,](#page-30-22) [106\]](#page-30-23). However, RF algorithm does not work well when the training data is very large as constructing large of decision trees is time consuming process [\[107](#page-30-24)].

The RF algorithm has been applied in IDS for selecting relevant features as well as attack classifcation [[108](#page-30-25)]. In [\[109\]](#page-30-26), RF, SVM, k-NN, and ANN algorithms are used for detecting DDoS attack in IoT networks. The results obtained from the experiments showed that RF algorithm outperformed the other ML techniques in detecting the DDoS attack when selected features were used. The features were selected to minimize computational complexity and enhance the performance of the algorithms for detecting attack. Also, RF algorithm is used for detecting unauthorized IoT devices in [\[110\]](#page-30-27). Here, RF was trained with features derived from the network traffic with the aim of correctly identifying IoT device categories. The paper listed manually extracted features from seventeen IoT devices that belonged to nine diferent categories. The results showed that RF algorithm precisely identifes unauthorized IoT devices. In [\[111](#page-30-28)], RF is used along with SVM for building IDS. Here, RF is used for selecting features for classifcation of attacks performed by SVM.

### **4.1.6 Association Rule Mining**

Association rule mining algorithms are used for detecting unknown variable in the dataset by analyzing the relationship between other variables in the dataset [\[112\]](#page-30-29). The objective of the AR algorithm is to examine correlation between diferent variable of large dataset and simultaneously develop the prediction model [\[112](#page-30-29)]. The constructed model is used for deriving the class of the new input data samples. AR techniques form diferent sets of variable, that are groups of variable that appear often in various attack scenarios [\[105\]](#page-30-22). For instance, in [\[113\]](#page-30-30), AR is applied for building associations among the TCP/IP variables and different attack types. Variable used for forming association are service name, source and destination port number, source and destination IP address, were used for identifying the attack type.

A pairwise fuzzy system is proposed in [[114](#page-30-31)], where genetic algorithm is used alongwith fuzzy systems for IoT networks. Here, the proposed algorithm improves the detection accuracy of the system alongwith with improvement in precision for rare attack events. AR algorithm is also used for intrusion detection in  $[115]$  $[115]$ , where fuzzy association rules are used for building the intrusion detection model. However, AR algorithms are rarely used for IoT environments compared to other ML techniques. Therefore, AR algorithm can be combined with other methods or optimized for improving the performance of the classifer. The major drawback of AR technique is high computational time. Moreover, association rules are increased rapidly with decrease in the frequency of variables [\[116](#page-30-33)]. Also, this techniques is based on the relationships among the variables and their occurrences, which might not be useful in security applications.

### **4.1.7 Ensemble Learning**

Ensemble learning in ML groups the outputs of various classifcation algorithms to derive a collective output that results in improved classifcation accuracy and detection rate [\[117](#page-30-34)]. EL combines homogeneous and heterogeneous classifers

for building the prediction model [[117\]](#page-30-34). EL methods work better with data stream classifcation. This is because this method is integrated with drift detection algorithms and can easily include dynamic updates such as removal of features or inclusion of diferent classifer [[118](#page-30-35)]. The applicability of ML techniques difer from application to application as well as characteristics of dataset being used. Hence, the technique used for one application dataset might not work well with other application dataset [[119\]](#page-30-36). Moreover, EL ensures better predictive performance compared to the single classifer model [[117\]](#page-30-34). Therefore, EL is used for combining diferent classifers to enhance the accuracy of the system. As EL includes various methods, it minimizes the variance and works well with over-ftting of data [\[119](#page-30-36)]. The EL-based system can deliver better results with the given set of hypotheses and exhibit adaptability [[119\]](#page-30-36). However, these methods require high computational time compared to a single classifer system as they consist of several classifers [[120](#page-30-37)].

EL has been used for intrusion detection and malware detection  $[121-124]$  $[121-124]$  $[121-124]$ . For instance, in  $[121]$ , an ensemble of tree classifers is used for detecting network attacks in IoT networks. Here, in the proposed framework REPTree is used as the base classifer with the bagging ensemble for attack detection and classifcation. An ensemble of SVM, k-NN, and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is proposed in [[122](#page-30-39)]. Here, in the proposed framework PSO is used for assigning weights to the ensemble of SVM and k-NN for attack classifcation. SVM is also, ensembled with rough set theory for extracting useful features from the dataset that can enhance the detection process in [\[123](#page-30-40)]. Ensemble learning is used for Andriod malware detection in [[124\]](#page-31-0). Here, ensemble of additive logistic regression and RF classifer is used for detecting malware from the McAfee's internal repository dataset. Moreover, to minimize the computational time in resource constrained wireless network with IoT devices, a lightweight, application independent, ensemble framework is proposed in  $[125]$  $[125]$  $[125]$  for identifying anomalies in IoT network. Here, two issues are addressed: i) building an automated approach for detecting intrusions in resource constrained networks and ii) evaluating the performance using real-time dataset. The results showed that ensemble based framework performed better than each of the individual classifers.

#### **4.1.8 k‑Means Clustering**

k-means algorithm is a clustering technique, that groups data into clusters based on their similarity characteristics. Here, k refers to a number of clusters to be generated by the technique. Every data sample in the dataset is iteratively assigned to one of the clusters based on their similarity index [\[126](#page-31-2)]. Thus, k-means algorithm works iteratively in order to

predict the class label for the given new input sample. Here, in k-means algorithm, input to the training phase is the number of clusters and the data samples from the dataset. The procedure followed by the k-means algorithm is as follows: assuming the k centriods and computing Euclidean distance of each data sample from the centriod. The data samples are assigned to the cluster having the minimum distance from the centriod. After the data samples are grouped in clusters, the cluster centers are re-computed by taking the mean of all the samples assigned to that cluster. The process continuous until the termination criteria is satisfed i.e there is no data sample that can update the existing cluster centers [[126\]](#page-31-2).

The major drawback of k-means clustering algorithm is the selection of k before the commencement of the algorithm. Also, this algorithm assumes that all the clusters consists of equal number of data samples [\[127\]](#page-31-3). The k-means algorithm is also applied for intrusion detection by computing the feature similarity index [\[99](#page-30-16), [128](#page-31-4), [129\]](#page-31-5). An IDS framework was built using k-means and DT in [[128\]](#page-31-4) for monitoring the behaviour of the network and generating alerts for any malicious activity detected. Clustering algorithms work well with unlabeled dataset. For IoT system security, k-means clustering has been applied to wireless sensor networks [[130\]](#page-31-6). A multi-kernel approach is proposed in [[129\]](#page-31-5) for detecting sybil attack in industrial wireless sensor networks. Here, channel vectors are clustered in order to distinguish sybil attackers from beingn sensors. To address data anonymization in IoT networks, a clustering based approach is proposed in [[131](#page-31-7)]. The application of clustering algorithm improves the data exchange security of the network. The summary of ML techniques for IoT is summarized in Table [3.](#page-17-0)

### **4.2 Deep Learning Methods for IoT Security**

The implications of DL techniques have become indispensable in IoT network systems [[132\]](#page-31-8). The DL techniques are preferred over ML techniques, because of their characteristic performance with large datasets. IoT devices employed in the network generate a large amount of data, and therefore, DL techniques are appropriate for such networks. Moreover, DL techniques have capability of extracting features from the data and represent the data in better form [\[133\]](#page-31-9). Also, the layered architecture of DL techniques ensure better linking of IoT network devices that serves as a base for communication between IoT devices and applications without any human interaction [\[133](#page-31-9)]. For instance, building smart home with IoT devices ensures automation in devices where they interact with each other [[132\]](#page-31-8).

The DL techniques possess a computational structure that consists of multiple processing layers to learn data representations with many layers of data abstraction [[63](#page-29-24)]. Unlike traditional ML techniques, DL techniques work on



Table 3 Machine Learning techniques for IoT

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substantially enhanced applications [\[63](#page-29-24)]. DL techniques are a part of ML techniques, that work with several non-linear processing layers [\[133\]](#page-31-9). These processing layers perform generative or discriminative feature extraction and repre sentation for learning patterns in data. DL technique built with deep architecture and therefore, they can represent the data in hierarchical form. Thus, DL methods are also referred as hierarchical learning [[133\]](#page-31-9). The architecture of DL technique is inspired from that of a human brain where several neurons are connected with each other for processing signals [\[63](#page-29-24)]. DL techniques are classifed in two categories [nam](#page-29-24)ely discriminative techniques and generative techniques [[63\]](#page-29-24). Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) are discriminative DL techniques while Deep Autoencoder (AE), Deep Belief Network (DBN), Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM), Generative Adversial Network (GAN) are generative DL techniques. Combination of diferent DL techniques are also used, that is referred as Ensemble DL technique.

#### **4.2.1 Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**

Convoluntional Neural Networks (CNN) were introduced to limit the data attributes used in a traditional neural network. The use of data attributes was minimized by using sparse interaction, parameter sharing, and equivariant represen tation [\[134\]](#page-31-10). This results in reduced connections between layers, improved computational processing and improved training time complexity [[63](#page-29-24)]. In CNN architecture, it has two layers namely, convolutional layer and pooling layer. In the convolutional layers, data attributes are processed using various kernel functions of equal size [\[134\]](#page-31-10). The pooling layers are of two types max-pooling layers and average pooling layers [\[63\]](#page-29-24). These layers are used for performing [samp](#page-31-11)ling of the data to reduce the size of subsequent layers [[135\]](#page-31-11). In max-pooling layer, input data is divided into nonoverlapping clusters and maximum value for each cluster is selected [[135](#page-31-11)]. Whereas, in average pooling layer, the data values are averaged for each cluster [\[135](#page-31-11)]. A CNN architecture also consist of activation layer that implies a non-linear activation function on each attribute present in the feature space. Activation functions are essential for learning and having non-linear functional mappings between the input parameters and response variables. There are diferent acti vation functions such as sigmoid, tanh, and Rectifed Lin ear Unit Activation (RELU) function [\[136](#page-31-12)]. The beneft of using CNN is that, it exhibits automatic learning of features from the dataset that result in high accuracy. However, CNN approaches requires high computational cost and therefore, applying these methods in resource constrained networks is challenging. This issue can be addressed by building a dis tributed architecture. In [\[137](#page-31-13)], a lightweight deep neural net work is built for a distributed network using subset of output classes. The training of the network is performed at cloud level for achieving deep classifcation. CNN approaches are widely accepted in image recognition applications. In [\[138](#page-31-14)], a large public resource image dataset named Imagenet [[139\]](#page-31-15) used for performing efective image classifcation and recognition using CNN. In [\[140](#page-31-16)], CNN is applied for classifying remote sensing data for ensuring security in wireless sensor networks. Moreover, in [\[141](#page-31-17)], CNN is used for android malware detection to provide security in IoT devices. Here, CNN approach examines the raw data related to malware and automatically learns features for detecting malware. Hence, the need for implementing feature engineering process is removed in CNN approach. Thus, CNN during the training learns the features automatically and classifes the input data simultaneously. Hence, eliminating the need to implement feature selection and feature extraction techniques for building the efficient classification model  $[141]$  $[141]$ . Moreover, this learning process of CNN is also used by intruders as one of the means to break the security. For instance, in [[142\]](#page-31-18), CNN is used for tampering cryptographic functions and procedures that have been implemented for securing the network.

#### **4.2.2 Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)**

A Recurrent Neural network (RNN), is a part of DL techniques that forms connections between the nodes in a directed graph structure. It exhibits dynamic behaviour with temporal sequential data. Unlike other neural network structures, RNN possess an internal memory for processing inputs and storing their previous state [[143](#page-31-19)]. RNN approaches have been applied for various application data such as handwriting recognition [\[144](#page-31-20), [145](#page-31-21)], text categorization [[146,](#page-31-22) [147\]](#page-31-23), and wireless sensor networks [[148,](#page-31-24) [149\]](#page-31-25).

The term "recurrent" in RNN is used to refer to the networks having structure with fnite impulse and infnite impulse [[143\]](#page-31-19). Both types of networks are dynamic in nature. The only diference between the networks is that, network having fnite impulse form directed acyclic graph and network having infnite impulse form directed cyclic graph of the data sequences [[149\]](#page-31-25). Moreover, both the types of networks has additional space for storing the state of data sequences. A feedback loop or time delay strategy can also be incorporated with the storage space and such RNN is referred as Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), respectively [\[147\]](#page-31-23).

RNN is useful in applications where output is obtained by analyzing the previous data. Here, output of the network is dependent on the previous input variables. Thus, a feed-forward neural network cannot be applied to such data as there is no dependency between the input and output layer [\[150](#page-31-26)]. In RNN architecture, a temporal layer is integrated to capture and learn diferent variations in multifaceted sequential data. This data is hidden in the units of the recurrent nodes

[[151](#page-31-27)]. The hidden nodes are altered in coordination with the data present in the network and continuously updated with respect to the network operations. RNN is used extensively because of its characteristic of handling sequentially data efficiently. This property of RNN is useful in detecting threats, where patterns of threats are dependent on time. Thus, using RNN can improve the performance of IDS. However, RNN network shows limitations of vanishing and exploding gradients [[152\]](#page-31-28).

RNN are used for securing IoT network and devices [\[153](#page-31-29)[–155\]](#page-31-30). The devices in the IoT networks generate sequential data in large quantity. The data collected through network traffic flows and communication between the devices serve as the key features for identifying potential faws in the network. For instance, in [\[156](#page-31-31)], RNN is used for detecting botnet attacks by analyzing network behaviour. In [\[157](#page-31-32)], faulty node is detected using RNN in wireless sensor networks. In [[154\]](#page-31-33), dense RNN is used for detecting attacks in IoT home environment. Whereas, malwares in IoT devices are detected using RNN in [\[153](#page-31-29)]. RNN and its variants can be used for providing security to IoT systems and devices, specifically protecting them from time-series attacks [\[155](#page-31-30)].

### **4.2.3 AutoEncoders**

An autoencoder is a type of DL technique that learns the data in an unsupervised manner [\[63\]](#page-29-24). The main objective of AE is to perform encoding of the given data, and simultaneously reduce the size of the dataset by eliminating noisy signals. Along with reducing the dimension of the data, it also tries to reproduce the representation that is similar to the original input  $[63]$  $[63]$  $[63]$ . There are various types of autoencoders such as sparse, denoising, recursive, stacked, and contractive that are used for efficient classification tasks [[158\]](#page-31-34). An AE network consists of two components namely, encoder function and decoder function. The encoder function takes data sample as input and transforms the data sample into an abstraction known as code. In the same way, decoder function takes, the code generated by the encoder function as input and tries to reproduce the original output. Thus the training phase in AE is completed with reduced reconstruction error [[159\]](#page-31-35). However, AE has the limitation of perfectly replicating the input. They are capable of constructing similar input based on training data by prioritizing the characteristics of the input data [[159](#page-31-35)]. AE are widely used for extracting features from the dataset [\[160](#page-31-36)]. They are useful for performing representation learning of the feature set instead of manually engineering the features for classifcation. Thus, they are capable of reducing the dimension of the dataset without even having any prior information about the dataset [[160\]](#page-31-36). However, AEs require high computational time for processing the data. Even though, AEs are used

for effective representation of data, they still complicate the training process [[160](#page-31-36)].

AEs are extensively used for IoT system security and devices [[161](#page-31-37)]. AE are also capable of detecting malwares from smart IoT devices [[162\]](#page-31-38). Here, AEs were trained to learn and represent feature vectors extracted from cyber systems. The experiments were performed and compared with SVM and k-NN algorithms. The results showed that AE outperformed to the used ML algorithms in terms of detection accuracy [\[162](#page-31-38)]. AEs are also used for feature extraction in [\[163](#page-32-0)] where in, a hybrid approach is proposed by combining AE with Deep Belief Networks (DBN) to develop a malware detection system. The AEs are used for extracting features and DBN is used for classifying and detecting the malicious code. In [[164\]](#page-32-1), AEs are used for detecting botnet attacks in IoT networks and for classifcation and prediction of attacks in 5G and IoT network [[165\]](#page-32-2).

#### **4.2.4 Restricted Boltzmann Machines**

Restricted Boltzmann Machines (RBM) are deep generative models that are developed for performing shallow learning of probability distribution of a set of data inputs [\[63](#page-29-24)]. RBMs consists of two layers: hidden layer and visible layer, with no link between any two nodes in the same layer. The visible layer are fed with the input variables, while hidden layer consists of multiple nodes of latent variables [[166](#page-32-3)]. RBMs build undirected models that learn features from data and the features learned in the previous layers are considered as latent variables for the next layer [[166](#page-32-3)]. The development of intrusion detection model with RBM has inherent challenges. These challenges are due to the network traffic data-set that is multi-part and irregular [\[166](#page-32-3)]. Also, the type of anomalies also change over time. Therefore, to address these issues, a network anomaly detection model is built in [[167\]](#page-32-4) using discriminative RBM. The detection model exhibits scalability to group diferent generative models with appropriate classifcation accuracy to detect attack. However, the experimental results showed that the model did not perform well when diferent network dataset was used. Thus, a genralised classifer is needed to detect anomaly in diferent network environments. Also, single RBM has limited feature learning capability, and therefore, two or more RBMs could be stacked to form DBN to address this limitation [[167\]](#page-32-4).

### **4.2.5 Deep Belief Networks**

A DBN is a deep generative model built by stacking RBMs [\[168](#page-32-5)]. The DBN model performs unsupervised training in a hierarchical manner to improve the performance of model. The DBN layers are actually trained RBM layers that are stacked on the top of each other for pre-training phase. Gradually, after the pre-training phase, DBN becomes a general feed forward network for tuning the weights with contrastive convergence [[151](#page-31-27)]. In pre-training phase, features are trained using the greedy layered approach and later, softmax layer is used for the fne-tuning phase that tunes the features based on the labeled samples [[169\]](#page-32-6).

DBN have been applied for anomaly detection using secure mobile edge computing in [[170](#page-32-7)]. Here, the proposed work was compared with other ML technqiues, and the results showed that DBN-based model performed well in detecting anomalies with high accuracy. A self adaptive model to address the network infrastructure with diferent types of anomalies is developed in [[171\]](#page-32-8). Here, the proposed framework uses genetic algorithm along with DBN. The proposed framework generates optimal number of hidden layers and number of neurons in each layer adaptively through multiple iterations of genetic algorithm. This leads to high detection rate of the intrusion detection model. A secure architecture is developed for IoT-based SCADA network in [[172\]](#page-32-9), to protect intelligent devices placed in the network. Here, a hybrid approach based on DBN and SVM is built that uses network traffic features and payload features to detect anomalies. DBN technique is also applied for attack classifcation and analysis of IoT networks [\[173](#page-32-10), [174\]](#page-32-11). Thus, DBNs are unsupervised techniques that iteratively learn data and features.

#### **4.2.6 Generative Adversarial Networks**

Generative Adversial Networks (GANs) are DL techniques that trains two models simultaneously namely generative and discriminative [[175\]](#page-32-12). GAN trains the model through an adversarial procedure. The generative model generates the data samples by studying the distribution of the data while, discriminative model is used for evaluating the generated data samples. The generative model maps the feature space with data distribution, whereas discriminative network differentiates the generated data samples from the actual data distribution. The main aim of the generative network is to maximize the error rate of discriminative network [[175\]](#page-32-12).

In the initial training phase of the discriminator, a known dataset is given as input. Training involves, presenting GAN with data from the dataset until it gives acceptable accuracy. The input to the generator is randomized multivariate normal distribution data with a predefned feature space. The synthesized data samples generated in the generative model are then evaluated by the discriminator. Both the models, use back propagation algorithm for producing better results [\[175](#page-32-12)]. Thus, generator model works as deconvolutional neural network while discriminative model works as a convolutional neural network  $[63]$  $[63]$ .

GANs are applied for securing IoT networks in [[176](#page-32-13)]. Here, an architecture is proposed for protecting the cyber space of IoT systems. The proposed architecture implements GAN technique for assessing the normal and abnormal behaviour of the system. A distributed GAN-based IDS is proposed for IoT network for detecting intrusions in IoT networks [[177](#page-32-14)]. The proposed framework is a distributed IDS without any dependence on any centralized entity. Here, every device in the network monitors its neighbouring device for detecting internal as well as external attacks. The experimental results showed that GAN based distributed IDS gives higher accuracy compared to standalone IDS. Based on GAN, a novel image stegnographic techniques is proposed in [[178](#page-32-15)]. Here, the proposed algorithm can secretly embed data in the foreground of the image and can also efectively address steganalysis.

GAN technique also has the potential to detect zero-day attack in IoT networks [\[179\]](#page-32-16) by learning diferent attack scenarios. GANs also has the capability of producing samples more rapidly compared to other DL techniques such as DBN [\[179,](#page-32-16) [180\]](#page-32-17). However, training model developed using GAN is often unstable and complex and therefore, training high dimensional data is a challenging task [\[180](#page-32-17)].

#### **4.2.7 Ensemble of DL Networks**

An Ensemble Learning model can be developed by combining diferent generative and discriminative DL techniques [\[181\]](#page-32-18). The methods are combined to ensure improved performance compared to individual DL algorithms. The EL methods can manage complex data with high uncertainties and high-dimensional features. EL model developed by stacking either homogeneous or heterogeneous DL classifers for improving variability, accuracy, generalization, and performance. These techniques have been applied for variety of applications such as human action recognition [\[182](#page-32-19)], image recognition [[183\]](#page-32-20), and also IoT security [\[184](#page-32-21)]. The EL based on DL classifers can be implemented in distributed IoT network for detecting and classifying attacks and addressing issues related to the computation complexity [\[181](#page-32-18)]. The summary of DL techniques for IoT is summarized in Table [4](#page-23-0).

# <span id="page-22-0"></span>**5 Security Issues and Challenges**

IoT have been applied in variety of vertical domains however, there is a need to cater fundamental security issues and challenges for the better momentum and growth of IoT. The security issues and challenges have been observed in the feld of networking, software development and distributed systems, and enterprise networks. In networking, a large number of IoT devices are connected with each other for performing various network activities. Hence, networking challenges raise concern in terms of scalability, multitenancy, open network interface, limited resources, and security of the devices. In developing appropriate software for IoT networks, various tools and data abstraction methods are required that can easily adapt changes in the system. Hence, software development raises concern in understanding the code as well as data, confguring the devices, debugging and self-diagnosing devices, handling new and complex dependencies, addressing the semantic gap, and performing realtime analysis of the data. Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) are concerned with developing interconnected network of smart computing devices that communicate with each other in the physical network. Here, establishing human interaction with the CPS network and controlling the network in presence of attacks is a challenging task.

The research work carried out in the feld of IoT security focus on diferent attacks in hardware devices as well as software processes. However, a standard dataset is needed for understanding the behaviour and nature of attacks as well as for comparing diferent techniques for attack identifcation and classifcation. The datasets used for analysis of the IoT network are conventional and needs to be updated. These datasets are either synthesized or developed by performing simulations for wired and wireless environment [\[185\]](#page-32-22). A detailed discussion on security issues and challenges for IoT networks is highlighted with potential future directions.

*Using appropriate intrusion detection and IDS placement strategy* Prior to building an IDS for IoT networks, it is important to investigate placement strategy and detection method that are suitable for a particular network. For instance, in [[53\]](#page-29-14), experiments were conducted with diferent detection method with an aim of fnding detection method that has better attack detection capability. Here, the paper concluded that, building a hybrid IDS is more appropriate for detecting attacks in IoT networks. In [\[51\]](#page-29-12), a concern was raised for detecting zero-day attacks alongwith a need to have robust devices for IoT networks. The proposed approach concluded that signature-based IDS does not work well with increase in the size of attack database in resource constrained environment. Moreover, anomaly-based IDS with a small network and limited number of resources resulted in executing few and less complex protocols. Hence, anomaly-based IDS can detect and generate alert for even a slight deviation from the normal network traffic.

Applying anomaly-based IDS for resource constrained IoT network results in high computational requirements. This issue is addressed in  $[42]$  $[42]$  $[42]$ , where effect of IDS on energy consumption of nodes is computed for wireless sensor networks. Thus, for investigating appropriate detection method for IoT applications and devices, a strong empirical analysis is needed for the underlying detection methods. The empirical analysis of detection methods would reveal the impact of detection methods in identifying security threats. The characteristic property of IDS can be detection accuracy, computational time, energy consumption of nodes, and



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processing overhead [ [1](#page-28-0)]. The selection of IDS placement strategy is also an essential issue. This is because placement of IDS in the network is related to monitoring of network traffic. An IDS should be able to monitor the network traffic transmitted from the physical devices in the network and the traffic exchanged within the devices and the hosts. The nodes in the network are generally organized in a mesh topology for performing routing in the network [[42\]](#page-29-3). Hence, examin ing these nodes is important for identifying routing attacks. IoT devices communicate to users through application layer. Hence, identifying attacks in the traffic between the physical device and Internet is also essential. Thus, based on these scenarios, proper empirical analysis should be performed with advantages and limitations of using a particular IDS placement strategy for IoT applications.

*Attack detection capability* Another security concern in IoT networks and wireless sensor networks is increasing attack detection range. In both the systems, IDS are devel oped for identifying specifc attack types such as routing attacks and DoS attacks [\[36\]](#page-28-33). Thus, there is a need to develop an IDS for detecting wide range of attacks. For instance, it is suggested in [\[30](#page-28-27)] that the framework proposed for detecting DoS attack in 6LoWPAN can be combined with SVELTE for detecting more attacks in [\[37](#page-28-34)]. This can be achieved by constructing specifc modules for Suricata IDS [[37\]](#page-28-34). Thus, there is a need to evaluate diferent detection methods using the same network environment and settings. The evaluation of diferent detection schemes would yield the amount of energy consumption, interoperability between the devices, and scalability of the system.

*Detecting attack variants* Another challenging task is to extend the network for detecting variants of known attacks and unknown attack. This issue is addressed in [[30](#page-28-27), [34](#page-28-31)]. Moreover, most IoT networks implement detection method to identify DoS attack, Man-in-the-middle attack, and routing attacks. Apart from these, there are many physical attacks concerned with IoT devices employed in the smart home network that should be considered [ [4\]](#page-28-3). An IDS should be built with the objective to detect diferent attack catego ries for IoT applications. This is because, the security level and type of attacks difer from application to application. For instance, the intensity of security and attacks in healthcare IoT application would difer from that of a IoT smart home.

*Securing different IoT technologies* Generally, while developing IDS for IoT network, 6LoWPAN networks are considered [[22](#page-28-20)]. Hence, IDS addressing diferent types of IoT technologies needs to be developed. IoT is used with variety of applications and these applications are built with diferent IoT technologies. Therefore, to ensure the security of IoT systems with diferent technologies, an IDS address ing security issues of diferent IoT technologies should be developed. Apart from 6LoWPAN, IoT technologies such as BLE, CoAP, and Z-wave are also used for building IoT

systems. These IoT technologies are also susceptible to vulnerabilities. For instance, in CoAP, physical devices are used for delivering services to the individual applications on the Internet [\[53\]](#page-29-14). For instance, in [[53\]](#page-29-14), intrusion detection for applications using CoAP is addressed. Also, smart home designed using IoT devices and systems widely used WiFi, NFC, and Bluetooth technologies for their communications [\[4](#page-28-3)]. Hence, an IDS should be developed for providing security to the users against attacks for such applications.

*Validation strategies* The validation strategies used for evaluating IDS needs to be improved. An ideal method for evaluating IDS is by considering real-time labeled network data for evaluation which consists of sufficient instructions about the network traces [\[186\]](#page-32-23). One of the earliest research attempt to build a standard IDS dataset was carried out by MIT Lincoln Laboratory. This dataset was named as DARPA, which contains extracted network traffic features from the network packets. This dataset contained four attacks classes namely DoS, Probe, U2R, and R2L. These attacks were injected in Windows NT audit data, processes, and fle systems. Though this dataset has been widely accepted for evaluating IDS, still its precision and absence of real-world attack scenarios were criticized in [\[186](#page-32-23)[–188\]](#page-32-24). Therefore, to create an ideal dataset for IDS, a systematic approach was adopted in [[189](#page-32-25)], where a set of requirements for an ideal dataset is discussed. These set of requirements are listed as having realistic network configuration and traffic scenario, labeled data samples, and capturing entire network communication with attack scenarios. With these requirements, various concepts of network architecture such as periphery of the network, internal and external attacks, source of attacks should be clearly defned.

*Need of representative dataset* The datasets developed for traditional networks cannot be applied to IoT network environment. This is because set of features might be diferent for detecting intrusions in IoT networks. For instance, a physical test scenario is required for capturing the behaviour of network nodes connected in wired or wireless networks. For IoT systems designed for automating human activities, need an operational environment where user behaviour can be captured by mimicking user activities. Therefore, network testbeds for IoT network need to be created for evaluation. Initiative has been taken for creating testbeds for IoT systems such as SmartSantander, is an initiative for developing testbed for building smart cite for securing alerts and traffic management [[191](#page-32-26), [192\]](#page-32-27). These testbeds aim at developing efficient techniques to validate IDS in IoT networks.

*Securing IDS communications* An important security challenge while dealing with IDS, is securing the IDS communications. In traditional IP networks, various network protocols and virtual local area networks are used for securing the communication between the nodes and devices in the network. However, in IoT networks, certain characteristics

of the devices and nodes, pose challenges for protecting the communication between them. For instance, if weak security techniques are used for protecting the communication between the sensor nodes and devices, then an intruder can easily sniff the network traffic and extract the information. Intruders can implement sniffing techniques to identify channels that are not being monitored for executing attacks. To address this issue, a wired connection between the IDS sensors is suggested in  $[36, 37]$  $[36, 37]$  $[36, 37]$ . In  $[30, 38]$  $[30, 38]$  $[30, 38]$  $[30, 38]$ , and  $[40]$  $[40]$ , IDS for IoT network is built on the assumption that the communication between the nodes is secured. Also, in [[100](#page-30-17)] and [[39\]](#page-29-0), encryption and authentication methods are used for building lightweight IDS for IoT networks. Thus, in order to ensure security of IDS communications, privacy preserving schemes should be developed for underlying IDS placement strategy as well as IoT applications.

*Processing IDS alerts* Addressing the security issues for implementing IDS in IoT networks is also a challenging task for the network admistrator as well as the users. In traditional IP networks, a huge amount of alerts are generated that includes a large number of false positives and low priority alerts. Thus, it becomes a tedious task for the network administrator to analyze the alerts for identifying attacks, attack source, and take timely necessary actions for building responses for attack occurrences. Thus, to address such issues in IoT networks as well, a post processing strategies for processing IDS alerts should be built such as alert correlation techniques, reducing the false positive, feature engineering, and data abstraction techniques [\[93](#page-30-10), [164\]](#page-32-1). This can help the network administrators to extract useful information from the generated alerts [[193,](#page-32-28) [194\]](#page-32-29).

*IDS Management* Managing the IDS is also a challenging task for network administrators. Managing IDS is concerned with installing IDS in the network, configuring the network devices, maintaining the infrastructure, and handling complexity of processes in execution. Managing IDS in IoT networks is even more difficult, as IoT networks consist of smart devices that are ubiquitous and are deployed on a large scale. Therefore, IoT systems cannot be managed by only human interaction. This issue can be addressed by incorporating automation in managing IDS activities. Thus, by adding automation in IoT systems, tasks such as confguration of devices, adapting to network environment changes, and repairing from attacks could be accomplished with minimum human interaction. A survey on autonomic threat mitigation schemes for IoT networks is presented in [[190](#page-32-30)]. A summary of security issues and challenges is presented in Table [5.](#page-27-1)

<span id="page-27-1"></span>**Table 5** Summary of Security Issues and Challenges in IoT networks

Challenge	Description	
Using appropriate intrusion detec- tion and IDS placement strategy	Placement strategy and detection methodology are important characteristics of IDS. The performance IDS depends on the topology of the network and available resources. Therefore, choosing an appropriate detection and placement strategy is a challenging task [51]	
Attack detection capability	An IDS developed for wired and wireless networks can detect specific attacks such as routing attacks and DoS. Hence, there is need to develop an IDS that is capable of detecting wide range of attacks for the given network environment $[36]$	
Detecting attack variants	An IDS should be developed to detect different attack categories for IoT-based networks and applications. This is because, security level and nature of attacks differ from network to network and application to application [30]	
Securing different IoT technologies	IDS addressing different types of IoT technologies needs to be developed. IoT is used with variety of appli- cations and these applications are built with different IoT technologies. Therefore, to ensure the security of IoT systems with different technologies, an IDS addressing security issues of different IoT technolo- gies should be developed [53]	
Validation strategies	Researchers have used datasets such as DARPA and KDD CUP 99 for evaluating the performance of IDS in IoT networks. These datasets have been developed with realistic network configuration and traffic scenario, labeled data samples, and capturing entire network communication with attack scenarios. However, these datasets can be applied for traditional networks, where details like network periphery and external/internal attacks could be clearly defined. The same can not be applied for IoT networks [186]	
Need of representative dataset	Representative datasets are needed for comparing performance of IDS for IoT-based networks. This is because set of features might be different for detecting intrusions in IoT networks compared to traditional networks $[185]$	
Securing IDS communications	In IoT networks, certain characteristics of the devices and nodes, pose challenges for protecting the com- munication between them. For instance, if weak security techniques are used for protecting the commu- nication between the sensor nodes and devices, then an intruder can easily sniff the network traffic and extract the information [37]	
Processing IDS alerts	A huge amount of alerts are generated in IoT networks that includes a large number of false positives and low priority alerts. Thus, to address such issues, post processing strategies for processing IDS alerts should be built such as alert correlation techniques, reducing the false positive, feature engineering, and data abstraction techniques [93]	
<b>IDS</b> Management	Managing IDS is concerned with installing IDS in the network, configuring the network devices, maintain- ing the infrastructure, and handling complexity of processes in execution. Managing IDS in IoT networks is challenging, as IoT networks consist of smart devices that are ubiquitous and are deployed on a large scale [190]	

# <span id="page-27-0"></span>**6 Conclusion**

IoT has been used widely because of its ability to interact with the physical devices of various application domains to users through Internet. However, the interconnected structure of IoT and the ability of devices to communicate with each other give rise to security issues in IoT networks. Therefore, a proper security mechanism for securing IoT networks and devices need to be developed such as Intrusion Detection System (IDS). In this paper, we have presented a survey of IDS strategies implemented for IoT networks. We begin with a general introduction of IoT technologies and IDS followed by the taxonomy of various IDS placement strategy and analysis strategy in IoT architecture along with diferent intrusions categories in IoT. Thereafter the paper, discusses various Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques for IoT and presents security issues and challenges for IoT networks. From the study it can be inferred that, detection methods for IoT do not address wide range of attacks. Moreover,

issues such as IDS administration, securing IDS communication between the devices, use of standardized dataset, and building techniques for correlating alerts need to be addressed. For addressing these issues, potential future research directions can be investigating advantages and disadvantages of the methods used for building IDS in IoT networks and developing new ensemble or hybrid methods to overcome the limitations of the existing methods, to address wide range of attacks for detection, to consider diferent types of IoT technologies used for diferent application domains, to develop methods with high alert correlation and low false alarm rates, to develop automatic threat mitigation methods for IoT-based applications.

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