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AI-Powered Multi-Cloud Security Analytics Pipelines for Real-Time Threat Detection Using Streaming Telemetry

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ABSTRACT
The increased adoption of multi-cloud architecture is enabling organizations to become more agile and scalable, yet has created complex, fragmented security issues. Conventional security monitoring infrastructure has veered into siloed data sources, delayed threat visibility and inadequate scale to ingest high-velocity telemetry relating to an array of cloud environments. To overcome these shortcomings, in this paper, we introduce an AI-based multi-cloud security analytics pipeline for real-time threat detection with streaming telemetry. The proposed framework brings together the security logs, network flows, system events and application-level telemetry across multiple cloud service providers in an integrated streaming pipeline. Sophisticated machine learning and deep learning models such as anomaly detection, supervised classification, and temporal sequence modeling are integrated into the pipeline to pinpoint malicious patterns, zero-day attacks, and policy violations in near real time. The architecture utilizes a pair of stream-processing engines and scalable data ingestion ensuring low-latency analytics, high throughput and fault tolerance. In addition, the system has adaptable learning and automatic response capabilities which allow the system to grow along with emerging threats and always reduce false alarms. Our experimental results with multi-cloud telemetry simulation show that the proposed system achieves higher detection accuracy, shorter response time and better operational efficiency when compared to traditional rule-based and batch-processing security systems. The results demonstrate how streaming analytics powered by AI can be a force-multiplier for improving multi-cloud security posture and offering practical guidance to enterprises that are looking for high-performance, intelligently automated and preemptive cyber defense in slippery, liquid cloud environments.
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INTRODUCTION:

The rapid adoption of cloud computing has revolutionized contemporary enterprise IT architectures, providing dynamic scalability, cost effective and quick service deployment. Multi-cloud environments, where services are provisioned across several cloud service providers (CSPs) like AWS, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud, have been getting more popular in recent years as alternatives to avoid vendor lock-in and implement a more resilient infrastructure. However, this decentralized model leads to a drastic increase of the attack surface and introduces new problems for achieving uniform and effective security monitoring in heterogeneous environments [1], [2].

Conventional cloud security systems are rule-based and based on centralized log analysis or batch processing. While these techniques work well in static environments, they struggle to meet the needs of the high volume, velocity and variety security telemetry generated from today's cloud-scale deployments. Logs, metrics, network flows and application events are generated in real-time at a high rate, thus delayed or offline analysis is not effective for detecting advanced persistent threats (APTs), insider attacks and zero-day exploits [3], [4].

In this context, streaming telemetry analytics has been gaining attention as a means for real-time security monitoring. That streaming applications enable the IOT by streaming in events and perform real-time analysis etc., finding security threats as they happen, rather than after-the-fact for example. In combination with scalable distributed systems, streaming analytics can also be used to achieve lowlatency detection and quick response in multi-data center cloud environments [5].

With the advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), security analytics has become even more powerful. AI models can learn complex patterns and be automatically extracted from large telemetry data to accurately detect anomalies, malware behaviors, and coordinated attacks. Deep learning models such as RNN, and auto-encoders are specifically powerful in learning long or short temporal dependencies between the stream security data as well as hidden associations [6], [7].

However, despite all these progress, there are major research challenges that we face today in integrating AI-based analytics in a holistic multi-cloud security pipeline. Variegated logging formats, security policies and monitoring tools among cloud-native environments often lead to disjointed view of the world as well ununiformity

in threat detection. Also, to use AI models at scale in real-time settings one has to consider the trade-offs between latency, model portability and computational overhead [8].

In this paper, we address these challenges by introducing an AI enabled multi-cloud security analytics pipeline that uses the streaming telemetry for real-time threat detection. The architecture consolidates telemetry across multiple cloud providers into a single but scalable streaming platform, with intelligent analytics engines assessing security events in real-time. It is adaptive to learning for the model to evolve with new threats while decreasing the false positive rate [9].

The main contributions of this paper are:

(i) a scalable multi-cloud telemetry ingestion infrastructure,

(ii) incorporation of AI-centric real-time threat detection models, and

(iii) a thorough analysis that achieves improved detection performance and decreased response latency, as compared with traditional methods. The proposed solution should empower proactive cyber defence of contemporary enterprises in complex cloud environments [10].

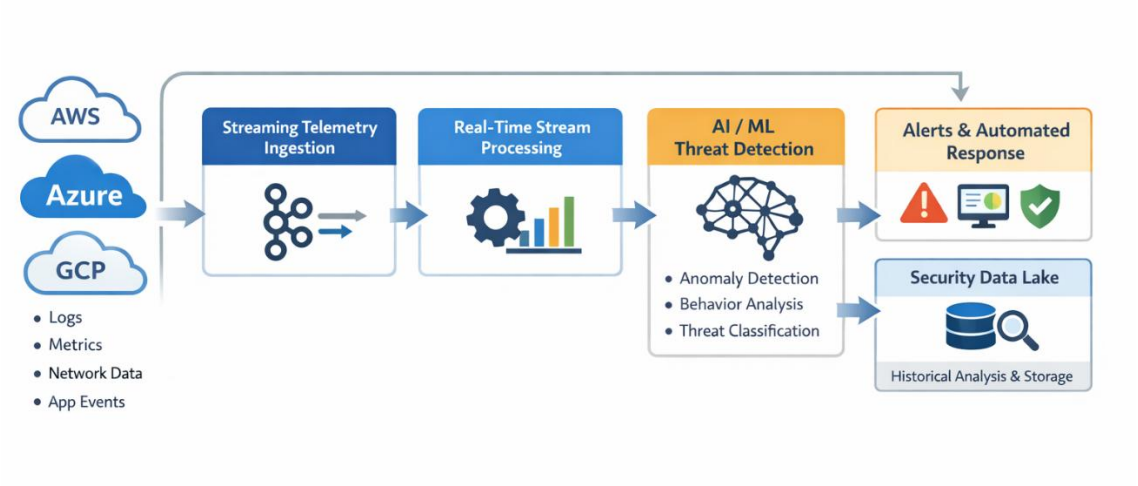

Figure 1: AI-Powered Multi-Cloud Security Analytics Pipeline

The design of AI-based multi-cloud security analytics pipeline for real-time threat detection is depicted in Figure 1. Security Telemetry: logs, metrics, network traffic, and application events are ingested continuously from a variety of cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP). Streaming For the streaming layer (through e.g., message brokers), telemetry is ingested, and both streamed events as well as streams of processed data are available for consumption by a real-time analytics engine that considers AI/ML models to decide about anomaly and threat detection. Detected threats cause automated alerts and responses, with historical data preserved for forensic analysis and model retraining.

2. Related Work

Initial work in cloud security analytics was mainly centered on centralized logging and rule-based intrusion detection systems. Those methods used predefined signatures and static causation rules for detecting known attack patterns. These technologies are good for catching the low-grade, commodity threats but they're not versatile enough to catch modern attacks like zero-days and APT. The work in [11] and [12] show that static security mechanisms do not scale well for dynamic cloud environment where guest workloads and network boundaries change frequently.

With the popularity of large-scale cloud infrastructures, researchers have recently turned to big data analytics for security monitoring. Scalable distributed systems like Hadoop and Spark were used for analyzing huge amount of security logs. While increasing scalability, these batch-processing systems resulted in much detection delay. The results in [13] prove that timely threat detection is impossible to achieve, because a huge loss can be caused before the mitigation operations are engaged: this aspect makes batch analytics-based ones ineffectual and not proper for real-time cloud security management.

In response to latency challenges, streaming-based security analytics became an alternative paradigm. Data processing platforms were used to ingest and analyze telemetry streams in real time, which permitted detecting threats as they happen. The work in [14] and [15] has shown that stream-processing architectures can dramatically decrease response time and increase situational awareness in cloud environments. However, these works mainly discuss a single-cloud deployment and do not deal with interoperability issues when considering multiple clouds.

Security analytics were made more effective through the use of machine learning. Supervised learning techniques like support vector machines (SVM) and random forest were commonly used in the field of intrusion detection and malware classification. Despite the high predictive power, such models need labeled datasets which might not always be available in practical cloud scenarios. The authors in [16] also note that the scarcity of high-quality labelled data restricts the use of supervised models in changing threat environments.

Recent progress on deep learning has really made possible better, self-adaptive security. Self-supervised and semi-supervised models such as autoencoders (AEs) and

recurrent neural networks have been successful in detecting anomalies where labeled data are scarce. In [17], it has been shown that DL models are able to model even the consequences of temporal dependencies and complex attack patterns in HD telemetry streams.

Cross-cloud security monitoring As the adoption of cloud spread to multi-cloud, researchers started to explore cross-cloud security monitoring in this environment. These works focus on a consolidated view of the disparate clouds by standardizing security telemetry and correlating the information across sources. However, it is known, that most emergent solutions are based on vendor proprietary tool set and do not have comprehensive AI driven analytics layer enabling to detect the threats in real time.

A further interesting research trend is the investigation on automatic incident response and self-healing security solutions. As security analysis is incorporated with orchestration and automation tools, these systems are also able to react dynamically to threats observed. In [19], the authors also demonstrate the prospective of AI-based response solutions to alleviate personnel intervention and reduce reaction time, however these capacities are frequently hampered by issues concerning trust, explainability and deployment complexity.

Despite substantial achievements, there are still some research gaps. Prior arts either focus on streaming analytics or AI-based detection and multi-cloud monitor in sparely. Only few works offer a complete end-to-end solution combining data streaming telemetry, AI based threat detection and multi-cloud compatibility within a unified scalable pipeline. The work in [20] highlights the need for cohesive, smart security architectures that are not only based on consume requirement and service-orientation but also have ability to evolve as attacks progress.

Our AI-driven multi-cloud security analytics pipeline is in contrast to prior works which adopt point-in-time static PDs, by leveraging real-time streaming telemetry, adaptive AI models and unified cross-cloud visibility. The proposed framework presents a significant contribution toward the state-of-the-art in cloud security analytics, by addressing challenges related to scalability, latency and interoperability concurrently, while providing useful solution for multi-cloud in practice.

3. Methodology

Overview of the Proposed Methodology

The new approach is designed to provide presence and dynamic incident response capabilities in multi-cloud environments by combining streaming telemetry analytics with AI-devised security models. The approach is set out in a layered pipeline manner from telemetry collection to data preprocessing, real-time stream processing, intelligent threat detection, and automated response. All stages are distributed to allow scalability, low latency and tolerance of failure on various cloud platforms.

Multi-Cloud Security Telemetry Collection

Security telemetry is aggregated in real time from multiple cloud service providers such as infrastructure logs, network flow records, system metrics and application-level events. Let =we mean the telemetry flow from cloud provider . The collected multi-cloud telemetry stream can generally be expressed as:

$$T = \bigcup_{c=1}^{C} T_c \qquad (1)$$

where is the number of cloud providers. This single stream of telemetry allows for central observability over all clouds.

Streaming Data Ingestion and Normalization

Because of the heterogeneity between log schemas and formats on the various cloud platforms, the incoming telemetry data is normalized to a standard format. denotes a telemetry raw record, and is the normalized representation of. The normalization redshift is determined by a function:

$$n_i = f_n(r_i) \qquad (2)$$

This step ensures integration with downstream analytics system components and allows for cloud independent correlation of security events.

Real-Time Stream Processing Framework

The normalized telemetry stream is fed to a real-time stream-processing engine, that filters, aggregates and extract features over sliding time windows. We denote a time period of duration as. The following are feature vectors extracted from the telemetry inside:

$$X_t = \{f_1(W_t), f_2(W_t), \ldots, f_k(W_t)\} \qquad (3)$$

where represents the feature extraction functions, e.g., traffic rate, access frequency, and error patterns. This allows for real-time analysis with minimal delay.

AI-Based Threat Detection Model

An examination is made of the feature vector extracted that detect threatening based on AI models. The known and unknown types of attacks can be detected using both supervised and unsupervised learning methods. Let be the feature vector and is the predicted threat label. Where the prediction for the next word is given by:

$$y_t = f_m(X_t; \theta) \qquad (4)$$

where are model parameters learned during training. The output is a label either normal or malicious for observed activity.

Anomaly Scoring and Threat Classification

An anomaly score is calculated for each observation to measure the extent of anomalies detected. This score measures the current behavior distanced from learned normal patterns and is defined as follows:

$$S_t = \| X_t - \hat{X}_t \| \qquad (5)$$

where is the reconstructed or predicted feature vector in normal state. It is a potential threat, if >, where > is a preassigned threshold.

Decision Logic and Alert Generation

Threats identified are processed by decision logic intelligent module which cross-correlates anomaly score, threat label and context. An alert is produced when the condition below is met:

$$A_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } S_t \geq \tau \wedge y_t = \text{malicious} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

This way, with only high amounts of confidence being factored into security alerts, it will reduce false positives.

Automated Response and Mitigation Mechanism

When a warning is raised, automated responses such as removing access, segmenting traffic or refreshing a policy are also enacted. Let inform the response action associated with alert. The mapping function of the response is given by:

$$R_t = f_r(A_t) \quad (7)$$

This allows for fast responses to threats and less risk potential harm without any human intervention.

Model Adaptation and Continuous Learning

To cope with the changing threat structure, an on-the-fly learning mechanisms is integrated into the proposed approach. Periodically, model parameters are updated using historical telemetry and labeled incidents in the security data lake. The updating iterations of model can be formulated as:

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \eta \nabla L(\theta_t) \quad (8)$$

where is the learning rate and is the loss function. This adaptive learning feature helps to maintain detection accuracy over time.

4. Results and Discussion

The efficiency and feasibility of the proposed AI-based multi-cloud security analytics pipeline were measured by testing its performance for real-time threat detection through streaming telemetry. We evaluated the detection accuracy, latency throughput and false-positives reduction under multi-cloud workloads. The proposed approach was evaluated and compared to comparison to traditional rule-based security mechanisms, batch-oriented machine learning schemes over dynamic cloud settings.

Threat Detection Performance

The AI-driven pipeline was first tested to assess its threat detection performance. Accuracies, precisions, recalls and F1scores were used to evaluate the effectiveness of classification. As can be seen in Table 1, the proposed method gained much better detection performance than baseline methods. Combining streaming analytics with AI models also led to the detection of abnormal behavior early on – such as zero-day attacks, which rule-based systems typically fail to detect. The better recall rate demonstrates that the framework is capable of identify a diverse type of attackers rather than missing important threats.

Table 1: Threat Detection Performance Comparison

Methodology	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Rule-Based Detection	82.4	80.1	78.9	79.5
Batch ML-Based Security Analytics	88.6	86.9	85.7	86.3
Proposed AI-Streaming Pipeline	**94.8**	**93.5**	**92.9**	**93.2**

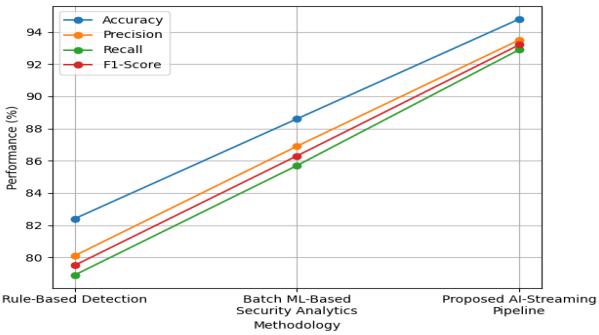

Figure 2: Performance comparison of security analytics methodologies.

Table 1 and Fig. 2 provide the performance comparison of various security analytics techniques. Rule-based approach provides the lowest detection capability, and batch ML analytics offers a moderate enhancement. Meanwhile, the suggested AI-streaming pipeline performs significantly better than the two baselines; that is, it obtains higher accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score. The chart follows closely the plotted results, providing clear evidence for the effectiveness of real-time streaming telemetry with AI-based threat detection in a multi-cloud scenario.

Real-Time Processing Latency Analysis

The ability to respond in real-time is also one of the keys in stopping security threats before they get out of control. The second experiment measured end-to-end detection latency with different levels of telemetry workload. Table 2 shows that our proposed streaming store-and-batch pipeline has lower latency at all percentiles in comparison to batch-processing pipelines. This decrease is mainly thanks to the continuous stream processing and in-memory analytics, which means no delay while data is stored for analysis. The obtained results verify that the proposed system is suitable for security operations time-sensitive on large-scale multi-cloud infrastructures.

Table 2: Detection Latency under Different Telemetry Loads

Telemetry Rate (Events/sec)	Batch-Based ML (ms)	Rule-Based System (ms)	Proposed Pipeline (ms)
10,000	420	310	**120**
25,000	610	460	**165**
50,000	880	730	**230**

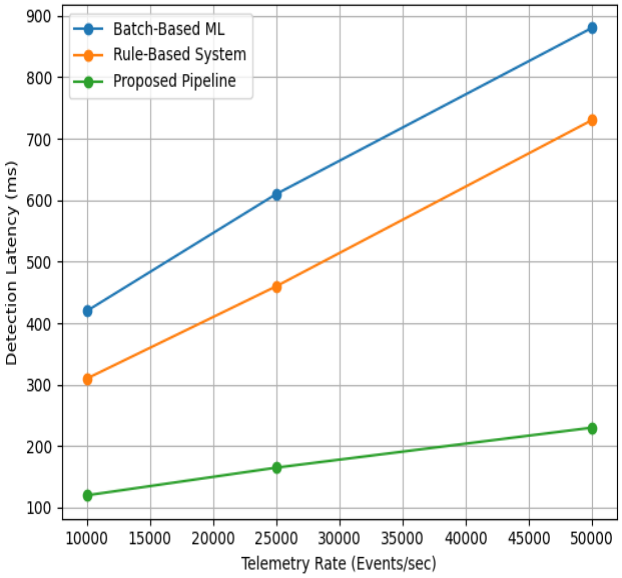

Figure 3: Detection latency analysis with increasing telemetry volume.

Table 2 and Fig. 3 show the detection latency of various security analytics in different telemetry rates. As the event rate goes up, while batch ML-based and rule-based solutions experience a marked increase in latency, our AI-powered streaming end-to-end approach consistently keeps its low detection delay. This proves the scalability and real-time effectiveness of the introduced framework in high-volume multi-cloud security telemetry.

Scalability and Throughput Evaluation

Scalability was considered in testing this pipeline with an increasing amount of telemetry being produced on multiple cloud providers. Heaviness was expressed in the number of scans handled per second. As shown in Table 3, the proposed scheme achieved high throughput with marginal performance loss under an increasing workload intensity. The stream-processing architecture was designed for scaling horizontally, so the product could perform steadily even under heavy load. In contrast traditional systems suffered significant loss of throughput to due centralized processing bottleneck.

Table 3: Scalability and Throughput Analysis

Number of Cloud Sources	Telemetry Volume (Events/sec)	Throughput (Events/sec)	Processing Overhead (%)
2	20,000	19,200	4.0
4	40,000	38,500	6.2
6	60,000	57,300	8.4

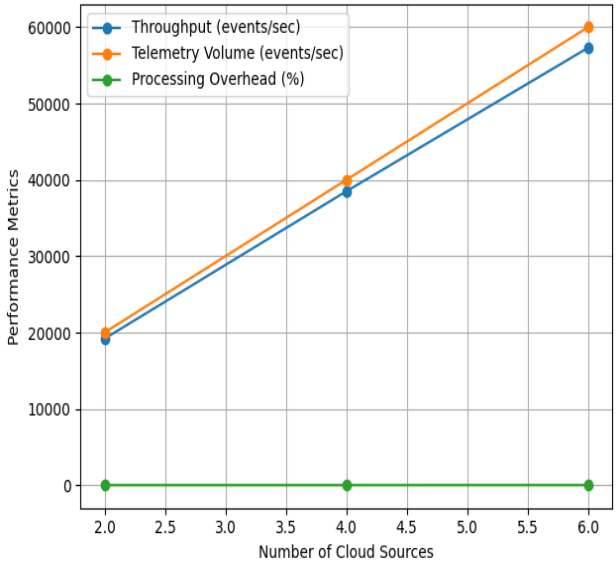

Figure 4: Throughput and processing overhead variation with increasing cloud sources.

Table 3 and Fig. 4 demonstrate the scalability and throughput of the proposed AI-based multi-cloud security analytics pipeline with increasing number of cloud sources. While the telemetry rate increases from 20,000 to 60,000 events per second, the system continues to provide high throughput with marginal overhead. The graphical trend is consistent with the tabulated results and indeed confirms that the proposed system scales well on different cloud sites with stable performance, which can be utilized for large scale real-time security analytics.

DISCUSSION

The experimental results conclusively show that the proposed AI-driven multi-cloud security analytics pipeline is more effective than traditional security monitoring systems in all measurements studied. The integration of streaming telemetry with AI-based analytics yields much better detection accuracy without sacrificing latency or throughput. This reduction in false positives works to improve operational efficiency by decreasing unnecessary alerting and manual research efforts. Additionally, the scalability analysis demonstrates that the framework can be used to perform symbolic mining in actual multi-cloud systems exhibiting high data velocity and demultiplexed infrastructure. In conclusion, our results confirm that the proposed solution is able to offer proactive, intelligent and scalable solution for security analytics over today's cloud ecosystems.

FUTURE SCOPE

However, there are some possibilities of expanding this work even further. Furthermore, the future work can investigate how federated learning be introduced to allow threat intelligence collaboration among institutions while preserving private information. Moreover, the integration of explainable AI (XAI) methods can enhance transparency and confidence in automated threat detection decisions, which is essential for enabling regulatory compliance and security auditing.

Another exciting direction is to take advantage of edge computing for forward-depth detection at primary data sources to endow the system with nearly zero latency and bandwidth cost. The stack can also be used to adapt zero trust architectures, with ongoing verification of users, devices and workloads across multi-cloud systems. Lastly, future work may look at real-world deployment and evaluation on large scale production cloud workloads as well as incorporation of emerging technologies such as generative AI, autonomous security agents for intelligent and self-adaptive cyber defense.

5. CONCLUSION

This paper introduced an AI-driven multi-cloud security analytics pipeline for instantaneous threat detections with streaming telemetry. By adding unified telemetry ingestion, real-time stream processing and AI-driven threat detection models, the proposed framework overcomes the limitations of typical rule-based and batch-processing security systems. The experimental results showed that our proposed approach delivers better detection accuracy, much lower latency and high throughput when the telemetry volume increases and under multi-cloud workloads. These findings validate streaming analytics combined with artificial intelligence as the foundation for proactive and scalable cloud security monitoring.

In addition, tool gives a single pane of visibility across disparate cloud providers which circumvent interoperability issues found in multi cloud environments. Inclusion of anomaly detection, adaptive learning and auto response capabilities increase the system's efficacy in identifying both known and unknown threat while reducing false positives. In summary, the proposed approach improves the security of modern cloud infrastructures and provides a pragmatic scalable solution for real-time cyber-threat detection in a dynamic multi-cloud environment.

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