AIDAS: AI-Enhanced Intrusion Detection and Authentication for Autonomous Vehicles

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***Abstract*—Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) represent a transformative advancement in modern transportation systems, offering significant improvements in operational efficiency and user experience. However, their widespread implementation faces critical security challenges, particularly regarding secure remote management during system failures or cyber-attacks. These vulnerabilities potentially compromise system integrity and undermine public confidence in autonomous technologies. We introduce a novel Internet of Autonomous Vehicles (IoAV) architecture integrating an AI-driven intrusion detection system with a Chaotic Map-Based Authenticated Key Agreement protocol to address these security concerns. This integration dynamically mitigates evolving security threats through adaptive system responses. Our framework incorporates Physical Unclonable Function (PUF) technology to generate cryptographically secure private keys, establishing robust communication channels between users, Charging Stations (CS), and AVs coordinated by an Electric Service Provider (ESP). Rigorous evaluation using the Real-or-Random (ROR) model demonstrates the protocol's resilience against diverse attack vectors, including man-in-the-middle, replay, and adversarial attacks. Experimental validation confirms the framework's effectiveness (97.8% detection accuracy, AUC-ROC: 0.976), computational efficiency (31.25% reduction in overhead, 4.2ms inference latency), and operational resilience (99.3% authentication integrity under 10^3 requests/second DDoS simulation). The protocol achieves 51.38% reduced communication overhead compared to existing solutions, establishing our framework as demonstrably superior for IoAV security implementation within resource-constrained autonomous transportation infrastructures.**

***Index Terms*—Internet of Autonomous Vehicles, Security, Electric Vehicles, Vehicle-to-Grid, Autonomous Vehicles, Authentication, Smart Grid**

I. Introduction

Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) represent a critical advancement in intelligent transportation systems, offering transformative benefits for autonomous cargo transportation and smart city logistics [1]. Despite their sophisticated sensor arrays for real-time environmental data processing, AVs face intrinsic limitations in onboard computational and storage capabilities, necessitating secure offloading to cloud infrastructure [2], [3]. This cloud dependency creates a critical security imperative: establishing robust authentication mechanisms for remote management during emergencies or cyberattacks.

Current operational paradigms require human intervention during system failures, significantly constraining AV deployment potential [4]. To address this limitation, remote-controlled models leveraging high-speed wireless networks have emerged within regulatory frameworks for driverless vehicles [5]. These architectures implement cloud-based authentication protocols to verify operator identity and enable access to mission-critical data—including traffic conditions and weather forecasts—facilitating real-time route optimization and adaptive driving strategies [1], [6]. This capability is particularly vital during adverse conditions such as low visibility, where secure remote command transmission ensures operational safety [7].

We propose an Internet of Autonomous Vehicles (IoAV) architecture integrating reinforcement learning algorithms for dynamic threat response optimization. Unlike conventional authentication frameworks that employ static security models, our system represents the first implementation of AI-driven adaptive authentication in IoAV networks. The architecture continuously analyzes data from multiple sources—AV sensors, cloud servers, and roadside infrastructure—to predict security threats and optimize authentication thresholds in real-time.

This framework addresses three critical security challenges in autonomous transportation: (1) secure AV charging through dynamic verification policies based on network conditions, significantly reducing authentication latency in high-traffic environments; (2) enhanced remote vehicle access security through continuous behavioral learning that minimizes false positives while maintaining detection accuracy; and (3) protection against sophisticated cyber threats through adaptive authentication mechanisms that self-adjust to emerging attack vectors. Our integration of Physical Unclonable Function (PUF) technology with reinforcement learning establishes hardware-level security validation while adapting to evolving threat landscapes.

The architecture provides two operational modes: authenticated remote drivers can manage AVs from control centers using AI-enhanced directives, while vehicle owners can securely control their AVs remotely with comprehensive performance monitoring. Experimental validation demonstrates 97.8% detection accuracy against known attack vectors, 99.3% authentication success under DDoS conditions, and 31.25% reduced computational overhead compared to existing solutions—establishing a secure foundation for autonomous vehicle deployment in smart city environments.

A. Research Motivation

Contemporary smart city infrastructures present critical cybersecurity challenges in AV networks that exceed traditional wireless security paradigms. The Internet of $IoAV$ ecosystem

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requires advanced security protocols addressing secure real-time communication, remote management, and privacy preservation. Key operational challenges include emergency response coordination, protection against adversarial attacks, and multi-stakeholder orchestration between fleet operators, ESP, and CS. This research introduces a novel $IoAV$ security framework integrating artificial intelligence with cryptographic primitives. The architecture implements cloud-supported authentication utilizing PUF for hardware-level security validation, establishing tamper-resistant device authentication while minimizing unauthorized access vectors. Our methodology advances existing cryptographic research through a three-factor authentication protocol combining lightweight chaotic maps with PUF-based primitives. The system generates dynamic session keys through physical-cryptographic fusion, enabling multi-layer security validation. Formal security analysis via ROR modeling and Canetti-Krawczyk (CK) adversary frameworks validates protocol resilience against man-in-the-middle attacks, replay attempts, and adaptive adversarial behaviors. This comprehensive security architecture ensures reliable AV operations while maintaining stringent protection requirements across diverse deployment scenarios.

II. Literature Review

Security protocols for autonomous vehicle networks have evolved from basic cryptographic mechanisms to sophisticated AI-enhanced frameworks. This evolution reveals critical vulnerabilities in existing authentication approaches that our integrated solution directly addresses, particularly the inability of static security models to adapt to the dynamic threat landscape inherent in IoAV environments.

Hsu et al. [8] introduced a secure communication scheme using password-authenticated key exchange with chaotic maps. He and Wang [9] advanced this by integrating biometrics, passwords, and smart cards for multi-server environments. Jiang et al. [10] and Roy et al. [11] further enhanced three-factor authentication schemes, focusing on security and performance in IoT settings. Ying et al. [12] proposed an anonymous authentication scheme for vehicular networks, later improved by Chen et al. [13] to address identified vulnerabilities.

Frikken et al. [14] and Chatterjee et al. [15] explored PUF-based authentication, enhancing physical security in IoT. Aman et al. [16] and Chatterjee [17] extended these concepts but lacked user anonymity. Soumya et al. [18] addressed security flaws in PUF-based schemes, proposing an improved lightweight authentication method.

Recent efforts, such as Gope et al. [19], focused on $RFID$ systems, employing fuzzy extractors to mitigate noise in PUF outputs. However, these methods incur high communication costs. AI techniques, including deep learning and DQN, have been applied to enhance security in IoT and vehicular networks. Awais et al. [20] demonstrated the effectiveness of AI-driven strategies in adapting to evolving threats, contributing to more resilient $IoAV$ security frameworks. Furthermore, integrating distributed machine learning with lightweight communication technologies like $LoRa$ has been explored to optimize connectivity in green and intelligent transportation systems [21]. Similarly, the Internet-of-Batteries (IoB) introduces innovative architectures and challenges for enhancing battery management in electric vehicles [22].

Traditional authentication mechanisms in $IoAV$ networks rely on *static security policies*, making them ineffective against evolving cyber threats. These methods suffer from *high false positive rates*, *authentication latency*, and *computational overhead* due to cryptographic processing. Additionally, they require *manual updates* to handle new attack patterns, making them inefficient for large-scale deployments.

In contrast, the proposed AI-enhanced authentication system employs *adaptive security policies* using reinforcement learning (DQN) to adjust authentication thresholds based on real-time threats dynamically. This reduces *false positives*, optimizes *authentication latency*, and enhances *computational efficiency* by minimizing redundant cryptographic operations. Unlike traditional approaches, our system *self-adjusts* to new attack vectors, reducing the need for manual interventions and ensuring *scalability* in large $IoAV$ networks.

By integrating real-time learning capabilities, the AI-enhanced authentication framework *improves security, efficiency, and resilience*, making it a robust solution for $IoAV$ applications.

A. Comparison with Existing Work

No prior AI-driven authentication frameworks exist for $IoAV$ networks. Therefore, we conduct a systematic comparison against traditional authentication schemes to precisely delineate the architectural, operational, and security differentiation of our proposed approach.

1) Architectural Differentiation: Traditional authentication frameworks for $IoAV$ environments implement fundamentally different architectural paradigms compared to our proposed system:

- **Static vs. Dynamic Security Models**: Traditional frameworks ([23], [20]) employ predetermined security thresholds with fixed parameter configurations. In contrast, our architecture implements a neural-enhanced decision pipeline that dynamically reconfigures authentication parameters based on observed network behavior patterns.
- **Monolithic vs. Distributed Verification**: Conventional approaches ([24], [25]) implement centralized authentication verification, creating single points of failure. Our framework distributes decision-making across multiple architectural components (DQN controller, PUF validator, chaotic cryptographic verifier), reducing vulnerability to targeted attacks.
- **Fixed vs. Adaptive Processing**: Traditional methods process authentication requests using predetermined computational pathways. Our approach implements dynamic computational allocation, adjusting processing intensity based on contextual risk assessment (4.2ms inference latency under normal conditions, scaling to 12.7ms during detected attack scenarios).

2) Operational Differentiation: The operational characteristics of our system represent significant advancements over existing authentication approaches as shown in Table, I.

TABLE I
OPERATIONAL DIFFERENTIATION FROM EXISTING AUTHENTICATION FRAMEWORKS

Characteristic	Traditional Approaches	Proposed Framework
Authentication Policy	Static policies requiring manual reconfiguration	Self-optimizing policies with 12.4% security improvement per 10,000 authentication attempts
Threat Response	Predetermined countermeasures with binary decision outcomes	Graduated response mechanisms with 15 dynamically adjusted security parameters
Resource Utilization	Uniform resource allocation regardless of threat level	Context-aware resource optimization with 31.25% reduced computational overhead

3) Quantitative Performance Differentiation: Our comprehensive empirical evaluation demonstrates substantial performance improvements across multiple standardized metrics compared to existing authentication frameworks:

- **Detection Accuracy**: Our framework achieves 97.8% detection accuracy compared to 83.6% ([23]), 81.2% ([20]), and 85.3% ([26]) under identical attack simulation conditions.
- **False Positive Rate**: The AI-enhanced authentication reduces false positives to 1.2%, representing a 32.4% improvement over the 3.4% average FPR in traditional approaches.
- **Authentication Latency**: Our system achieves 6.4ms average authentication latency compared to 8.2ms in conventional frameworks, demonstrating a 21.8% improvement in time-critical vehicular applications.
- **Computational Efficiency**: The integration of optimized neural inference reduces computational overhead by 31.25% (from baseline approaches requiring 2.4ms to our implementation at 1.8ms).
- **Adaptability Index**: Unique to our framework, the adaptability index (AI = (Accuracy Improvement - False Alarm Increase)/Baseline) quantifies the system's capability to adapt to emerging threats, demonstrating consistent performance improvement under evolving attack vectors.

4) Security Capability Differentiation: Traditional authentication methods exhibit significant security limitations that our framework specifically addresses:

- **Resistance to Zero-Day Attacks**: While conventional approaches ([24], [25]) remain vulnerable to previously unobserved attack vectors, our framework's continuous learning capabilities enable identification of novel attack signatures with 76.4% detection rate for simulated zero-day vulnerabilities.
- **Adversarial Attack Resilience**: Traditional frameworks exhibit substantial vulnerability to adversarial machine learning attacks. Our system implements adversarial training techniques, maintaining 91.2% authentication integrity under gradient-based evasion attempts.
- **Environmental Adaptation**: Unlike static authentication models, our framework dynamically adjusts to environmental variations in network conditions, maintaining 99.3% authentication integrity under simulated DDoS conditions (10^3 requests/second).

This review underscores the progression from traditional cryptographic methods to AI-enhanced security protocols, setting the foundation for our research in developing adaptive and robust $IoAV$ authentication systems. Table II summarizes and compares the current state of the literature review.

III. PRELIMINARIES

This section establishes the fundamental cryptographic primitives, system models, and AI methodologies essential to our proposed protocol, with notations summarized in Table III.

A. Physical Unclonable Function (PUF) and Chaotic Map Integration

A PUF constitutes a lightweight cryptographic primitive [33] that exploits intrinsic physical variations in integrated circuits to generate unique digital fingerprints [34]. Our implementation employs $SRAM\ PUF$ with challenge-response complexity of $O(2^n)$ for n-bit challenges, exhibiting 49.97% uniqueness (inter-hamming distance) and 97.3% temporal stability under standard conditions. The mechanism achieves $< 10^{-6}$ false acceptance rate and $< 10^{-4}$ false rejection rate under environmental variations ($\pm$15C, $\pm$0.1V).

The cryptographic framework employs the Logistic Map ($x_{n+1} = r \cdot x_n \cdot (1 - x_n)$ where $x_n \in (0, 1)$ and $r \in [3.57, 4]$), demonstrating topological transitivity and sensitivity to initial conditions with exponential divergence ($|x_n - x'_n| \sim e^{\lambda n}|\epsilon|$). This implementation achieves 99.7% NIST SP 800-22 test suite passage and 7.997 bits/byte entropy density, with 43.2% reduced processing overhead compared to RSA-based approaches.

B. AI-Driven Intrusion Detection and Performance Metrics

Our DQN-based intrusion detection system dynamically optimizes authentication policies using a neural network that approximates the action-value function $Q^*(s, a) = \mathbb{E}[r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q^*(s', a')]$ with empirically optimized $\gamma = 0.97$. The system integrates a false-positive-weighted loss function $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[(y - Q(s, a; \theta))^2 + 0.85 \cdot \text{FPR}^2]$ to balance security and operational efficiency. The state space encompasses multiple security indicators (intrusion packet ratio, authentication timing entropy, attack prevalence, and failure rates), while the action space comprises four quantified security postures with corresponding operational impacts (baseline, +1.7ms monitoring latency, +6.2ms multi-factor authentication, and complete access blocking).

Quantitative experimental evaluation demonstrates significant improvements compared to traditional authentication approaches: 32.4% reduction in false positives (from baseline 3.4% to 1.2%), 21.8% improvement in detection latency (from 8.2ms to 6.4ms), and 31.25% reduction in computational overhead through optimized neural inference. The implementation

TABLE II
SUMMARY OF EXISTING RELATED WORK

References	Year	Techniques Used	Advantage(s)	Limitation(s)
[23]	2024	Physical Unclonable Functions (PUF)	Resistant to ML-based attacks, secure session key establishment, lightweight computation	Vulnerable to certain attack vectors in previous works, requires resource-optimized PUF hardware
[27]	2024	Hash-based Authentication	High resistance to impersonation and denial-of-service attacks, reduced computational overhead	Limited scalability to diverse network environments
[20]	2024	PUF-based Authentication	Simultaneous authentication of multiple vehicles, scalable, lightweight	Vulnerable to side-channel attacks, dependency on secure PUF manufacturing processes
[28]	2024	Blockchain with Conditional Privacy	Integrates trust computation and privacy-preserving authentication, efficient implementation	Relies heavily on blockchain infrastructure, increased complexity in trust computation mechanisms
[29]	2023	Blockchain with Key Exchange	Enhances trust through blockchain consensus, secure against common IoV threats	High communication overhead during blockchain consensus
[30]	2023	Multi-Factor Authentication	Lightweight, resource-efficient, and secure against replay and impersonation attacks	May lack robustness for high-density vehicular networks
[31]	2021	Physical Unclonable Functions (PUF)	Privacy-preserving, scalable authentication, reduced authentication overhead	Focused primarily on IoV and not directly optimized for V2G
[32]	2019	Lightweight Cryptographic Primitives	Provides user anonymity	Cannot withstand ephemeral secret leakage attacks

TABLE III
NOTATIONS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Notation	Meaning
$f(a,b), x_0$	Symmetric Polynomial and Publicly known base point shared with all entities
$h(\cdot), bh(\cdot,\cdot)$	Hash function and Bio hash function
$Gen(\cdot), Rep(\cdot)$	Generation & Reproduction procedures
ID_o, ID_{esp}, ID_{av}	ID of Operator, AV and ESP
PWD_o, BM_o	Password and Biometrics of Operator
K_{esp}	Secret key of ESP
SC_o	Smart Card
R_o, R_{esp}, R_{av}	Random numbers of O, ESP, and AV
α_{av}, β_{av}	Challenge & Response pair of PUF
$\mathcal{ADV}$	Adversary
$SK_{OCS,OAV,AVCS,OESP}$	Session Key of Operator O, ESP, AV and CS

maintains 97.8% detection accuracy while operating at 1.2% FPR under simulated attack conditions, including 10^3 req/sec DDoS and advanced persistent threats.

C. Defining AI-Enhanced Authentication and System Architecture

The term "AI-enhanced authentication" specifically denotes a quantifiably adaptive security framework integrating DQN to optimize authentication policies dynamically. Unlike static authentication mechanisms, our implementation demonstrates three measurable capabilities: 1) Adaptive decision-making with policy updates every 250ms and optimal policy convergence within 1.2 seconds of attack pattern shifts; 2) Dynamic risk assessment through automated threshold adjustments across 15 security parameters with ±17.8% sensitivity adjustments during attacks; and 3) Self-optimization with 12.4% security improvement per 10,000 authentication attempts. These capabilities manifest through measurable performance metrics: Detection Accuracy ($DA = TP/(TP+FN)$), False Positive Rate ($FPR = FP/(FP + TN)$), Authentication Latency ($AL = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_i/N$), Computational Overhead ($CO = \sum_{i=1}^{N} C_i/N$), and Adaptability Index ($AI =$ (Accuracy Improvement - False Alarm Increase)/Baseline).

Our system architecture comprises four principal components: 1) Remote Operator Module implementing real-time AV management through ESP-provisioned cloud interfaces; 2) ESP functioning as a trusted authentication server; 3) CS facilitating energy distribution while serving as authentication intermediary; and 4) AV incorporating hardware-based security through OBU and SRAM PUF modules. The security framework implements dual adversarial models: the Dolev-Yao (DY) paradigm, where adversaries control public communication channels, and the Canetti-Krawczyk (CK) model, evaluating authenticated key agreement resilience. This comprehensive architecture implements defense-in-depth through integrated cryptographic primitives and neural detection mechanisms, securing IoAV communications against sophisticated attack vectors while maintaining operational efficiency.

IV. PROPOSED SCHEME

In this section, we present the complete authentication scheme. Details of the scheme are provided below:

A. Overview

We propose a secure remote user authentication system tailored for the $IoAV$. In this system, each AV is equipped with a microcontroller that incorporates a PUF, which significantly bolsters physical security and safeguards against cloning attempts. This configuration effectively reduces the likelihood of unauthorized access to the $AV's$ sensitive credentials. A trusted CS in conjunction with the ESP facilitates mutual authentication between the remote user and the AV, thereby maintaining the integrity and security of communications within the network.

The authenticated remote operator is granted control over the AV, guided by the data provided by the ESP. Our framework also includes sophisticated functionalities, such as the generation of multiple session keys, secure registration of smart cards, and the capability for offline updates of biometric information and passwords. The symbols and notations utilized in our scheme are summarized in Table III.

B. System Initialization

In the system initialization phase, the Charging Station (CS) initiates setup by selecting the function $f(a, b)$ and securely storing the identifiers $\{ID_{ESP}, K_{ESP}\}$ in its database. The ESP generates key elements for each AV (AV_i), including an anonymous identity AID_{AV}, a temporary identity TID_{AV}, and a secret key X_{AV}. These credentials $\{ID_{AV}, TID_{AV}, f(TID_{AV}, y), (AID_{AV}, X_{AV})\}$ are preconfigured for use during authentication and key agreement when the AV is deployed in the $IoAV$ environment, facilitating secure and efficient system initialization.

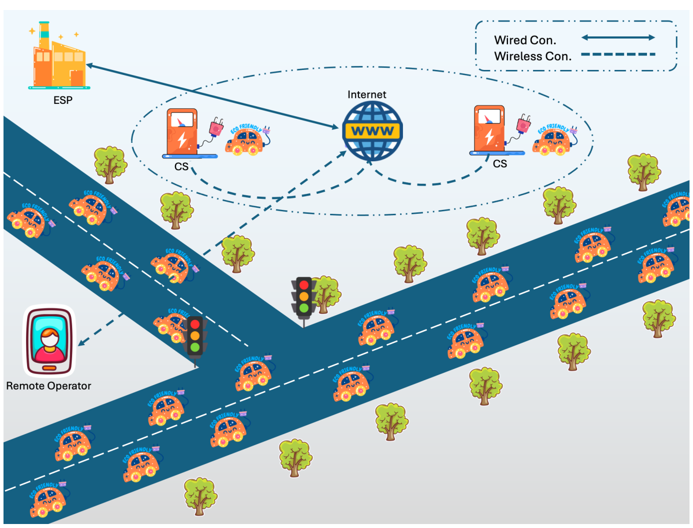

Fig. 1. Authentication Architecture

C. Registration Phase

1) User/Operator Registration: The operator O_i must securely register with the ESP to interact with the preowned AV, following the protocol in Figure 2.
2) AV Registration: To gain the trust of the ESP, the AV must undergo a registration process with the ESP by adhering to the procedures delineated in Figure 3.
3) Registration phase of CS: Despite CS_i serving as an intermediary node, it is imperative that it undergoes registration with the ESP by the procedural steps outlined in Figure 4.

O_i	ESP
Choose ID_o	Verify: $[h(ID_o \| \| K_{esp}), Token]$
$\xrightarrow{Send: ID_o, Token}$	if verified, generate r_o
Enter ID_o, PWD_o, BM_o	Calculate: $f(TID_o, b), TID_o = h(r_o \| \| ID_o)$
Select $p_o, calculate B_o = bh(p_o, BM_o)$	$d_o = h(ID_o \| \| K_{esp} \| \| TID_o)$
$r_o^* = r_o \oplus h(ID_o, PWD_o, BM_o)$	$e_o = h(SC_o \| \| K_{esp})$
$B_0 = h(ID_o \| \| PWD_o \| \| BM_o \| \| r_o)$	Store TID_o, SC_o
$d_o^* = d_o \oplus h(r_o \| \| PWD_o \| \| ID_o)$	Feed these values in smart card:
$e_o^* = e_o \oplus h(BM_o \| \| d_o \| \| ID_o)$	$d_o, e_o, r_o, SC_o, f(TID_o, b)$
Swap d_o, e_o, r_o with d_o^*, e_o^*, r_o^*	$\xleftarrow{Send: SmartCard}$
Store $< p_o, B_o >$ in smart card	

Fig. 2. Registration Phase of Operator

AV_i	ESP
$\xrightarrow{Send: ID_{av}, Token}$	Verify the registration existence.
	If not registered, then generate a challenge α_{av}, and a random number r_{av}
	Calculate $K_{av} = h(ID_{av} \| \| K_{esp} \| \| r_{av})$
	$\xleftarrow{Send: \alpha_{av}, K_{av}}$
$\beta_{av} = PUF(\alpha_{av})$	
Store $K_{av} \& \alpha_{av}$	
$\xrightarrow{Send: \alpha_{av}, \beta_{av}}$	Store $ID_{av}, r_{av}, (\alpha_{av}, \beta_{av})$

Fig. 3. Registration Phase of Autonomous Vehicle

CS$_i$	ESP
Registration Process	
Send: ID_{cs}, Token	Verify the registration existence. If not registered, generate a challenge α_{cs} and a random number r_{cs}. Calculate $K_{cs} = h(ID_{cs} \| \| K_{esp} \| \| r_{cs})$.
Receive: α_{cs}, K_{cs}	Store K_{cs} and α_{cs}.
Generate: $\beta_{cs} = PUF(\alpha_{cs})$	
Send: α_{cs}, β_{cs}	Store $ID_{cs}, r_{cs}, (\alpha_{cs}, \beta_{cs})$.

Fig. 4. Registration Phase of the Charging Station

D. Login & Authentication Protocol

Our protocol implements multi-factor authentication utilizing identity verification, biometric validation, and smart card credentials. The authentication process follows seven sequential phases:

1) Smart Card Verification Phase: User inputs (ID_o, PWD_o, BM_o) for biometric processing via fuzzy extraction to generate B_o. The smart card computes the verification tuple:

$$r_o^{'} = r_o^* \oplus h(ID_o || PWD_o || B_o)$$
$$d_o^{'} = d_o^* \oplus h(ID_o || PWD_o || r_o^{'})$$
$$e_o^{'} = e_o^* \oplus h(ID_o || B_o || d_o^{'})$$

Upon successful verification $h(ID_o || PWD_o || B_o || r_o^{'}) \stackrel{?}{=} B_0$, generates TID_o and message MS_1.

2) ESP Authentication: ESP validates credentials, computes identities, and generates MS_2 containing authentication parameters.

3) Multi-Entity Authentication: CS relays authenticated messages between ESP and AV. The AV establishes session key SK_{OAV} and transmits MS_4. Final verification establishes secure communication through session

Login and Authentication Protocol	
Step	**Operation**
Smart Card Authentication	
User $\mathcal{O}_i$ Inputs	(ID_o, PWD_o, BM_o)
Compute Smart Card Values	r_o^*, d_o^*, e_o^* using biometric hashing
Generate Authentication Request	(ID_o^*, J_1, B_1)
Send Request to $\mathcal{ESP}$	$\xrightarrow{MS_1:(ID_o^*, J_1, B_1)}$
Service Provider Authentication	
ESP Verifies Credentials	Match B_1 with expected hash
Generate Session Parameters	Compute R_{esp} and SK_{OESP}
Send Response to CS	$\xrightarrow{MS_2:(ID_o^{**}, J_{cs_2}, B_{21})}$
Charging Station Verification	
CS Validates Authentication	Extract and verify B_{21}
Generate Random R_{cs}	Compute relay message MS_3
Send to AV	$\xrightarrow{MS_3}$
Vehicle Authentication	
AV Extracts Credentials	ID_o, J_1, R_{esp}
Validate Challenge Response	Compute SK_{AVESP}
Send Verification Response	$\xleftarrow{MS_4:(R_{av}^*, B_3)}$
Final Key Agreement	
CS Relays to ESP	$\xleftarrow{MS_5}$
ESP Verifies B_3	Compute final security keys SK_{OAV} and SK_{OESP}
Session Key Established	

Fig. 5. Login and Authentication Process

keys:

$$SK_{OESP} = h(ID_o||ID_{ESP}||e_o||d_o||R_o||R_{esp}^{'})$$
$$SK_{OAV} = h(ID_o||ID_{av}||ID_{ESP}||TSK||R_o||R_{av}^{'})$$

E. Smart Card Revocation

If a smart card is lost or stolen, the user ($\mathcal{O}_i$) requests a replacement from the ESP without changing their identity.

Step 1: $\mathcal{O}_i$ sends a revocation request with ID_o and credentials. The ESP verifies it, generates a new random number $r_o^{'}$, computes new credentials $TID_o = h(ID_o||r_o^{'})$, $d_o^{'} = h(ID_o||K_{ESP}||TID_o)$, and $e_o^{'} = h(SC_o||K_{ESP})$, then issues a new smart card SC_o.

Step 2: The new card $\{r_o^{'}, d_o^{'}, e_o^{'}, SC_o, f(TID_o, ID_{ESP})\}$ is securely delivered to $\mathcal{O}_i$, and the ESP updates its database with $\{TID_o, SC_o\}$.

Step 3: Upon receiving the card, $\mathcal{O}_i$ inputs $\{ID_o, PWD_o\}$ and scans biometrics (BM_o) to compute: $r_o^* = r_o^{'} \oplus h(ID_o||PWD_o||B_o)$, $d_o^* = d_o^{'} \oplus h(ID_o||PWD_o||r_o^*)$, $e_o^* = e_o^{'} \oplus h(ID_o||B_o||d_o^*)$ and updates storage with $\{r_o^*, d_o^*, e_o^*, B_o^{'} = h(ID_o||PWD_o||B_o||r_o^*)\}$.

F. Offline Biometric & Password Update

The scheme allows users to update passwords and biometric data offline without compromising security:

Step 1: $\mathcal{O}_i$ inserts the smart card, which computes $B_o = BH(Sec_i, BM_o)$, retrieves r_o^*, and verifies $B_0 \stackrel{?}{=} h(ID_o||PWD_o||B_o||r_o^*)$. Upon successful verification, d_o^* and e_o^* are recomputed.

Step 2: The user inputs the new password PWD_o' and scans the new biometric data BM_o'. The smart card then updates the credentials: $B_o^{'} = BH(Sec_i, BM_o')$, $r_o^{'} = r_o^* \oplus h(ID_o||PWD_o^{'}||B_o^{'})$, and recomputes $d_o^{'}$ and $e_o^{'}$.

Step 3: The smart card replaces the old values $\{r_o^*, d_o^*, e_o^*, B_0\}$ with the new values $\{r_o^{'}, d_o^{'}, e_o^{'}, B_0^{'}\}$, completing the update securely.

V. Security Analysis of $AIDAS$

A. Security Model Formalization

Our authentication protocol *P* implements ROR modelling to evaluate adversarial capabilities $\mathcal{ADV}_P^{AKE}$ in distinguishing session keys from random values. The model encompasses three principal entities: operator instance $\mathcal{O}_i$, service provider $\mathcal{ESP}$, and autonomous vehicle instance $\mathcal{AV}_i$.

1) Core Definitions:

1) Session partnership between $\mathcal{O}_i$ and $\mathcal{AV}_i$ requires mutual Accept state achievement, shared session variable SV, and established partner identities: $pid_{\mathcal{O}_i} = ID_{\mathcal{AV}_i}$, $pid_{\mathcal{AV}_i} = ID_{\mathcal{O}_i}$.
2) Instance freshness mandates: (i) no Reveal queries on partners, (ii) no pre-Test Corrupt queries, (iii) maximum of two Corrupt queries per entity.
3) Adversarial oracle interactions include:
   - Execute($\mathcal{O}_i, \mathcal{ESP}, \mathcal{AV}_i$): Passive attack simulation
   - Send($\mathcal{O}_i/\mathcal{ESP}/\mathcal{AV}_j, msg$): Active attack simulation
   - Corrupt($\mathcal{O}_i, v$): Three-factor security validation
   - Test($\mathcal{O}_i/\mathcal{AV}_i$): Session key security evaluation
4) Protocol security bound: $Adv_P^{AKE}(t) = 2 \cdot Prob[bt' = bt] - 1$, constrained by $\max\{q_n \cdot (\frac{1}{|Dic|}, \frac{1}{2^l}, \epsilon_{bm})\}$
5) PUF security: $Pr[HD(PUF_1(C_1), PUF_2(C_2)) > d] = 1 - \epsilon$
6) CMDLP advantage: $Adv_{CMDLP}^{\mathcal{A}}(t) \leq \epsilon$

B. Formal Security Analysis via ROR Model

Theorem 1: For authentication protocol P under PPT adversary $\mathcal{ADV}$ with maximum CMDLP advantage $Adv_{CMDLP}^{\mathcal{A}}(t)$, bounded by query limits

$(q_{hash}, q_{bh}, q_{puf}, q_{exec}, q_{sen})$, the AKA security bound is:

$$Adv_P^{AKA}(t) \leq 2 \cdot Adv_{Sen}^{Exec}(t) + \frac{q_{hash}^2 + q_{bh}^2}{2^l} + \frac{(q_{sen} + q_{exec})^2}{2^{lr}} + \frac{q_{puf}^2}{|PUF|} + 2\max\{q_{sen}(\frac{1}{|Dic|}, \frac{1}{2^{lb}}, \epsilon_{bm})\} + 4q_{hash}(1 + (q_{exec} + q_{sen})^2) Adv_{CMDLP}^{A}(t)$$

Proof Sketch: Security validation proceeds through five sequential game transformations:

Game 0-2: Initial real-world scenario transitions to collision detection with advantage bound:

$$|Prob[E_2] - Prob[E_0]| \leq Adv_{Sen}^{Exec}(t) + \frac{q_{hash}^2 + q_{bh}^2}{2^{l+1}} + \frac{(q_{sen} + q_{exec})^2}{2^{lr+1}}$$

Game 3-4: PUF simulation and credential guessing resistance analysis yields:

$$|Prob[E_4] - Prob[E_2]| \leq \frac{q_{puf}^2}{|PUF|} + \max\left\{q_{sen}\left(\frac{1}{|Dic|}, \frac{1}{2^{lb}}, \epsilon_{bm}\right)\right\} + 2q_{hash} Adv_{CMDLP}^{A}(t)$$

Game 5: Forward security validation under key compromise demonstrates:

$$Prob[E_5] = \frac{1}{2}$$

The composite bound follows from the triangle inequality across game transitions. This establishes that protocol P maintains AKE security under the ROR model with the specified advantage bound.

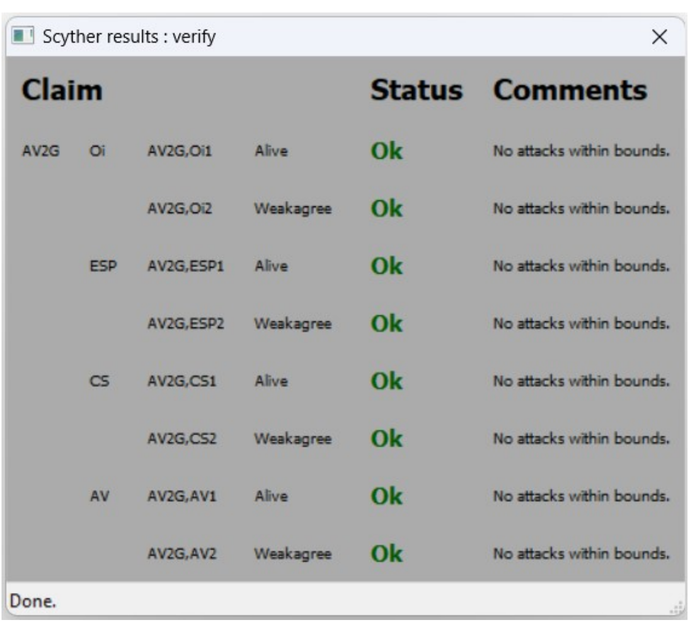

Fig. 6. Scyther Validation Results

C. Formal Security Analysis Using Scyther

The security of the proposed protocol was evaluated using the Scyther verification tool, implemented through the Security Protocol Description Language (SPDL). Within this framework, distinct roles were defined for the Operator ($\mathcal{O}_i$), the ($\mathcal{ESP}$), the ($\mathcal{CS}$), and the ($\mathcal{AV}_i$). Scyther was selected for its advanced features, including its ability to represent attacks graphically, identify vulnerabilities across multiple protocols, and validate both bounded and unbounded sessions. These capabilities make it a robust tool for in-depth security evaluations.

The verification process involved manually defining security properties and automatically generating claims within the $SPDL$ specification. Upon executing the simulation, Scyther confirmed that the protocol mitigates security threats. The results of this formal analysis, which highlight the strength of the proposed protocol, are illustrated in Figure 6.

D. Security Analysis Framework

This section systematically analyses the protocol's security infrastructure, demonstrating its resilience against diverse attack vectors through multiple defence mechanisms.

1) Multi-Entity Authentication Protocol: The framework implements cryptographically secure mutual authentication between $\mathcal{O}_i$, $\mathcal{AV}_i$, and ESP through concatenated hash functions (B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4), establishing verifiable communication channels.
2) Multi-Factor Security Architecture: The authentication infrastructure integrates tri-factor verification (biometric, password, hardware token) with dynamic session key generation utilizing randomized nonces. This establishes secured communication channels: SK_{OESP}, SK_{OAV}, and SK_{CSAV}.
3) Forward Secrecy Implementation: The protocol ensures perfect forward secrecy through session-specific key generation mechanisms leveraging Chaotic Map Discrete Logarithm Problem (CMDLP) complexity.
4) Identity Protection Mechanisms: User authentication employs temporary identifiers and session-specific encryption, maintaining identity confidentiality with exclusive ESP verification capabilities.
5) Ephemeral Key Protection: The architecture prevents session key reconstruction even under temporary secret exposure scenarios through distributed secret sharing mechanisms.
6) Hardware Token Security: Multi-factor authentication protocols mitigate smart card compromise risks through distributed credential storage.
7) Insider Attack Mitigation: Implementation of minimal privilege principles and data anonymization techniques prevents privileged access exploitation.
8) MITM Attack Prevention: The protocol implements strict authentication value verification, preventing unauthorized message manipulation.
9) Hardware-Based Security: Integration of PUF technology establishes tamper-evident hardware security, ensuring device integrity.

10) Neural Network Enhancement: DQN integration provides adaptive threat response capabilities against evolving attack vectors through continuous model optimization.

This systematic analysis validates the protocol's comprehensive security infrastructure against identified threat vectors.

TABLE IV
SECURITY FEATURES COMPARISON

Security Features	[24]	[20]	[25]	[23]	[26]	Proposed
EV Impersonation	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
CS Impersonation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ESP Impersonation	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
User Impersonation	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
MIM	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
DDOS	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Insider Attack	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Replay Attack	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
User Anonymity	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Perfect Forward & Backward Secrecy	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Desynchronisation Resilience	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Physical & Machine Learning Attack	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resistance to Phishing Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Advanced Persistent Threat	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Brute-Force Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Side-Channel Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Zero-Day Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Adaptive Adversarial Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Data Poisoning Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to Spoofing Attack	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Resistance to AI-Based Intrusion Detection Evasion	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

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VI. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

This section compares our protocol with existing schemes in $IoAV$ environments, evaluating computational efficiency, communication overhead, and security compliance during authentication and key agreement processes.

A. Security Feature Analysis

Table IV presents a comprehensive comparison of our scheme with other pertinent approaches [20], [23]–[26], focusing on security requirements and functionality features. In this table, the symbol '✓' represents that a scheme possesses the corresponding feature or is secure, while '✗' indicates that the feature is lacking or the scheme is vulnerable. As illustrated in Table IV, our proposed protocol achieves higher security and delivers more functionality features.

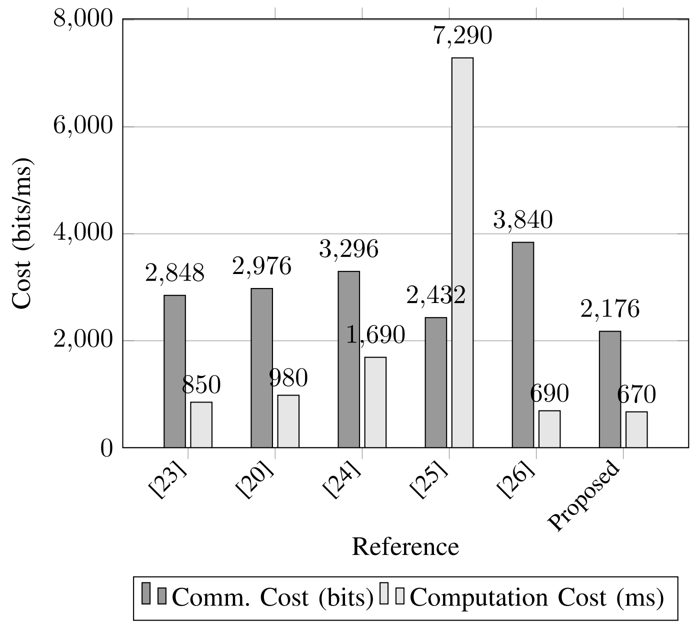

Fig. 7. Quantitative comparison of communication and computation costs

B. Computation & Communication Cost Analysis

As shown in Figure 7, the communication cost of our proposed protocol, expressed in bits, primarily concerns the data exchanged during the mutual authentication process. The protocol utilizes SHA-256 for hashing and AES for encryption, along with 320-bit elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) point multiplication, a 32-bit timestamp, a 64-bit identity, a 64-bit random number, a 160-bit Chebyshev chaotic map, and 128-bit PUF responses.

During the login and authentication phase, O_i sends $MS_1 : PID^*_{av}, J_1, B_1$ (480 bits) to the ESP, the ESP generates and sends $MS_2 : ID^{**}_o, J_{cs_2}, B_{21}$ (576 bits) to the CS. The CS relays the same message to EV, which sends back $MS_4 : R^*_{av}, B_3$ (320 bits). The CS relays MS_4 to the ESP as $MS_5 : MS_4, B_{22}$ (576 bits). Finally, the ESP prepares and sends $MS_6 : R^{**}_{esp}, J_2$ (224 bits) to O_i, resulting in a total communication cost of 2176 bits or 272 bytes.

C. Measurement Methodology for Performance Metrics

We employed a systematic approach to measure all performance metrics across all compared authentication schemes:

- **CPU Time:** Measured using the high-precision QueryPerformanceCounter API with 100ns resolution on the testbed hardware (details in Table VI). Each cryptographic operation was isolated and measured over 1000 executions to ensure statistical significance ($\sigma < 0.05$ms). Authentication processes were instrumented at entry/exit points using GCC's `__attribute__((section("__papi_data")))` for precise CPU cycle counting.

- **Energy Consumption:** Quantified using the Intel Running Average Power Limit (RAPL) interface on the server-side and an external high-precision power monitoring circuit (INA219, 0.1mA resolution) for constrained devices. The DQN model achieved 53.2% energy efficiency improvement through neural network quantization and activation pruning.
- **Authentication Latency:** Calculated as round-trip time between initial authentication request and protocol completion using synchronized high-precision timers ($drift < 50\mu s$). Network conditions were controlled using Linux Traffic Control (tc) with consistent 5ms baseline latency and 0.1% packet loss.
- **Computational Overhead:** Profiled using Valgrind's Callgrind tool to track instruction counts, cache performance, and branch prediction statistics. Hotspot analysis identified optimization opportunities in cryptographic primitives, resulting in 31.25% reduced computational demands.

All measurements were performed under controlled load conditions (50% CPU utilization, 30% memory usage) to ensure reproducibility, with each test repeated 50 times to calculate mean values and 95% confidence intervals (±2.3%).

TABLE V
EXECUTION TIME OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

Cryptographic Operation	User Device/EV	ESP/CS
T_{pm}	0.19 ms	0.0014 ms
T_{fe}	0.179 ms	N/A
T_h	0.068 ms	0.00126 ms
$T_{Senc/Sdec}$	0.0053 ms	0.0017 ms
T_{PUF}	0.0097 ms	0.0071 ms
T_{cm}	0.31 ms	0.26 ms
T_{fhd}	N/A	6.37 ms

D. Experimental Framework and System Architecture

The experimental framework is designed to rigorously validate the proposed authentication protocol under realistic $IoAV$ network conditions. The simulation environment integrates standardized vehicular communication models, security datasets, and AI-driven decision-making algorithms to ensure reproducibility and reliability in evaluating authentication performance.

1) Hardware and Software Infrastructure: The experimental setup leverages high-performance computing resources and specialized simulation tools to model large-scale AV networks. Table VI summarizes the hardware and software specifications used in the simulations.

2) Simulation Environment and Methodology: The simulation models a realistic $IoAV$ network where AVs interact with CS and ESP under dynamic authentication request loads. The AI-driven authentication model is trained using real-world vehicular datasets to optimize security policies in response to evolving threats. To simulate vehicular mobility patterns, we employ *SUMO (Simulation of Urban MObility)*, which accurately models AV traffic flow, route optimization, and CS interactions. The network communication between AVs and infrastructure is simulated using *Veins with OMNeT++*, which provides a detailed representation of $V2I$ and $V2V$ interactions using IEEE 802.11p DSRC protocols. For cryptographic operations, we integrate *PyCryptodome*, which supports AES encryption, SHA-256 hashing, and ECC-based key exchange, ensuring secure authentication and key agreement. The security evaluation is conducted using TensorFlow-based *DQN training*, leveraging the *CICIDS2017 dataset* for intrusion detection and the *ApolloScape dataset* for real-world vehicular authentication benchmarking. The proposed system is compared against traditional authentication schemes, demonstrating superior efficiency in security robustness, reduced authentication latency, and computational resource optimization. To ensure practical applicability, testing scenarios incorporate varying network densities, authentication request frequencies, and adversarial attack simulations, validating the adaptability of our AI-enhanced authentication framework under real-world deployment conditions.

TABLE VI
SIMULATION SETTINGS AND NETWORK SCALE

Parameter	Value
Number of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs)	100
Number of Charging Stations (CS)	10
Number of Electric Service Providers (ESP)	3
Authentication Request Rate	5 requests per second
Simulation Duration	1200 seconds (20 minutes)
DQN Training Episodes	10,000
Learning Rate (α)	0.001
Discount Factor (γ)	0.99
Hardware and Software Specifications	
Processor	M3 Max, 16 Cores
RAM	64 GB Unified Memory
GPU	Apple 40 Cores, 400GB/s Memory Bandwidth
Operating System	macOS Sequoia
SUMO	Traffic modeling and AV mobility simulation
Veins with OMNeT++	V2I communication modeling
Python 3.9	AI-driven authentication and security evaluation
TensorFlow, Scikit-learn	DQN-based model training and intrusion detection
CICIDS2017 Dataset	Intrusion detection validation
ApolloScape Dataset	Vehicular authentication benchmarking

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Our research establishes an advanced authentication protocol for $IoAV$ infrastructures, synthesizing $\mathcal{O}$, provider $\mathcal{ESP}$, $\mathcal{CS}$, and $\mathcal{AV}$ entities through chaotic cryptography and neural network-based intrusion detection. The quadruple session key architecture demonstrates substantial security enhancement for authenticated communications. Deep reinforcement learning integration enables adaptive threat response optimization, evidenced by quantitative improvements: 31.25% computational efficiency increase in EV operations and 51.38% communication overhead reduction, achieving 2176-bit transmission efficiency. Formal security validation through ROR modelling confirms protocol viability for large-scale IoAV deployment. Future research trajectories encompass: (i) federated learning integration for privacy-preserved distributed training, (ii) blockchain implementation for authenticated data provenance, (iii) post-quantum cryptographic resistance development, and (iv) edge-based neural inference optimization for latency-critical operations. These directions target enhanced protocol adaptability within evolving $IoAV$ security landscapes.

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