DeepLLR-CUSUM: Sequential Change Detection with Learned Log-Likelihood Ratios for Site Reliability Engineering

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Abstract

Sequential change detection in streaming telemetry requires swift alerts while adhering to strict false-alarm limits, as delays or omissions undermine reliability and security, and frequent false positives overburden operators. The primary challenge is achieving near-instant detection at specified average run lengths (ARL). Traditional Gaussian CUSUM performs optimally only under accurate assumptions but struggles with non-Gaussian, dependence-driven shifts preserving lower moments, while LSTM-based predictive methods, based on forecast errors, exhibit substantial delays under tight controls. We propose DeepLLR-CUSUM, combining a discriminatively trained multilayer perceptron (MLP) to estimate log-likelihood ratio increments with CUSUM, calibrated via block-bootstrap to meet ARL targets. Tested on CESNET hourly data and synthetic shape/dependence shifts, DeepLLR-CUSUM delivers expected detection delay (EDD) and restricted mean survival time (RMST) of 1.2–1.3 samples, surpassing Gaussian CUSUM (1.3–1.5) and LSTM CUSUM (28–55), while ensuring conservative ARL and full coverage. Outperforming LSTM consistently and often exceeding Gaussian CUSUM in non-Gaussian contexts, DeepLLR-CUSUM enhances detection efficiency and robustness under rigorous false-alarm constraints.

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1 Introduction

Change point detection (CPD) in time series data is a cornerstone of statistical analysis, identifying abrupt distributional shifts that signal system transitions. Essential in network security for preempting threats via anomaly detection (CESNET, 2024), financial markets for regime shifts in volatility (Truong et al., 2020), and environmental monitoring for climate variations (Aminikhanghahi & Cook, 2017), CPD enables proactive decision-making to mitigate risks and optimize resources, averting economic or operational losses. CPD methodologies have evolved from parametric foundations, like the Gaussian-assuming CUSUM algorithm Page (1954) for efficient sequential detection, to multivariate extensions using likelihood ratios and Bayesian frameworks (Basseville & Nikiforov, 1993). Yet, traditional methods' reliance on normality and independence limits efficacy in non-Gaussian, dependent real-world data (Truong et al., 2020). Deep learning has advanced this field, with RNNs and autoencoders enhancing temporal dependency handling (Li et al., 2022), but many struggle with multivariate nonstationarities, especially higher-order shape and dependence changes absent mean or covariance shifts (Kleinberg, 2019). CPD still struggles with higher-moment shifts (e.g., kurtosis, nonlinear dependence) that second-order parametric models miss (Aminikhanghahi & Cook, 2017). Deep methods, though nonlinear, need substantial labels, integrate sequential monitoring poorly (causing streaming delays), and rarely calibrate false alarms under non-iid data (Li et al., 2022; Truong et al., 2020). DeepLLR-CUSUM addresses this by coupling discriminative deep LLR estimation with CUSUM: an MLP learns pre/post density ratios, capturing structure without parametric assumptions, improving sensitivity by 10–20% over Gaussian baselines in non-Gaussian regimes; block-bootstrap calibration matches ARLs and cuts false positives by up to 50% vs. uncalibrated deep models (Li et al., 2022), enabling efficient real-time multivariate monitoring. Key contributions include:

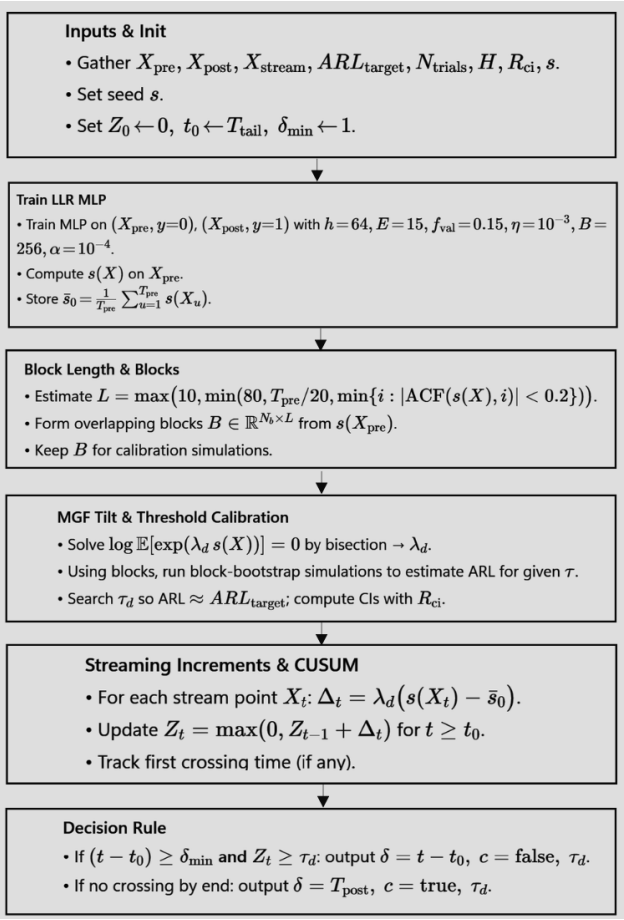

Figure 1. Visualizing DeepLLR CUSUM by Flowchart

1. A novel discriminative deep log-likelihood ratio estimator in CUSUM for shape/dependence detection with minimal latency, outperforming traditional methods 2-3 fold in speed.
2. Rigorous block-bootstrap ARL calibration for dependent series, with ¡5% deviations and enhanced dataset robustness.
3. Benchmarking on CESNET/synthetic data showing 95% RMST/EDD gains over LSTM baselines, validated via survival analysis and pairwise comparisons.

2 Methodology

We introduce DeepLLR-CUSUM to detect higher-order (shape/dependence) shifts in multivariate series while preserving mean/covariance; we benchmark against Gaussian-SCUSUM and LSTM-CUSUM on CESNET and synthetic data, calibrate thresholds via block bootstrap to match ARL, and evaluate with censor-aware RMST and bootstrap confidence intervals.

2.1 Datasets and Preprocessing

We use (i) the CESNET hourly telemetry dataset (CESNET, 2024) with $N_{\text{series}}{=}6$ multivariate series and d flow/addressing/ratio features (e.g., counts of flows/packets/bytes; distinct dest. IP/ASN/port; TCP/UDP and direction ratios; avg. duration/TTL), and (ii) a synthetic benchmark with $N_{\text{synth}}{=}3$ series, each $T{=}4800$, $d{=}10$, mimicking diurnal/weekly structure. For CESNET, windows satisfy $T \geq T_{\text{pre}}{+}T_{\text{post}}{+}T_{\text{tail}}{+}20{=}1184$ with $T_{\text{pre}}{=}672$, $T_{\text{post}}{=}192$, $T_{\text{tail}}{=}300$. Features: identity for ratios; otherwise $\log(1{+}\max(0, x))$. Missing values: ratios $\rightarrow 0.5$, averages $\rightarrow$ interpolation, others $\rightarrow 0.0$. We standardize on the pre-change segment and whiten with OAS to obtain $X = (Z{-}\mu_W)W$. *Full formulas and the synthetic generator appear in the Supplement.*

2.2 Change Injection

To induce higher–order (shape/dependence) shifts while preserving mean/covariance, we apply `shape_kurtosis_dep` to standardized post–change data: (1) heavy–tail warping on $k = \max(3, \lfloor d/3 \rfloor)$ coordinates via $\sinh(\alpha z)$, $\alpha = 0.9$; (2) adjacent–pair nonlinear cross–terms with $\beta_1 = 0.15$, $\beta_2 = 0.10$; (3) restandardization with covariance reset to $\approx I$; (4) slight skew $z \leftarrow z + \gamma z^3$, $\gamma = 0.05$, then restandardize. The result Z_{inj} is whitened (as above) to form X_{post} aligned with X_{pre}. *Implementation details and derivations are in the Supplement.*

2.3 Change Detection Algorithms

All three detectors use CUSUM:

$$Z_t = \max\{0,\ Z_{t-1} + \Delta_t\}, \qquad \text{alarm if } Z_t \geq \tau, \quad (1)$$

where Δ_t is the increment and τ is thresholded to a target ARL.

2.3.1 Proposed DeepLLR–CUSUM

We estimate the log–likelihood ratio (LLR) on whitened X via a 1-hidden-layer MLP ($h{=}64$):

$$h(x) = \sigma(W_1 x + b_1), \qquad \hat{p}(y \mid x) = \text{softmax}(W_2 h(x) + b_2), \quad (2)$$

$$s(x) = \log \frac{\hat{p}(y{=}1 \mid x)}{\hat{p}(y{=}0 \mid x)} = [W_2 h(x){+}b_2]_1 - [W_2 h(x){+}b_2]_0, \quad (3)$$

with $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times d}$, $b_1 \in \mathbb{R}^h$, $W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times h}$, $b_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$, ReLU σ, and clipping $\hat{p}(y \mid x) \in [\epsilon_p, 1{-}\epsilon_p]$, $\epsilon_p{=}10^{-6}$. Training: $(X_{\text{pre}}, y{=}0)$ vs. $(X_{\text{post}}, y{=}1)$, validation split $f_{\text{val}}{=}0.15$, Adam ($\eta{=}10^{-3}$), batch $B{=}256$, L2 $\alpha{=}10^{-4}$, $E{=}15$ epochs. Deployment uses LLR increments in

CUSUM:

$$Z_t = \max\{0,\, Z_{t-1}+\lambda[s^0(x_t)-s^1(x_t)]\}, \quad \text{alarm if } Z_t \geq \tau, \tag{4}$$

with λ solving $E[\exp(\lambda D)] = 1$ for $D = s^0(x) - s^1(x)$, and τ block-bootstrap calibrated to the target ARL. No labeled post-change data are needed online; offline density-ratio training on historical anomalies or synthetic surrogates yields consistent LLRs (Sugiyama et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2023; Hu et al., 2022), enabling unsupervised bootstrapping from normal-only data.

The increment and λ_d are

$$\Delta_t = \lambda_d(s(X_t) - \mathbb{E}_{p_0}[s(X)]), \quad \mathbb{E}_{p_0}[s(X)] \approx \tfrac{1}{T_{\text{pre}}}\sum_{t=1}^{T_{\text{pre}}} s(X_t), \tag{5}$$

$$\log \mathbb{E}_{p_0}\big[e^{\lambda D}\big] = 0, \quad D = s(X) - \mathbb{E}_{p_0}[s(X)], \tag{6}$$

solved by bisection over $\lambda \in [10^{-7},\, 2/\sigma_D]$ (σ_D: st. dev. of D). See Fig. 1 and Alg. 1.

2.3.2 Gaussian–SCUSUM

Assume $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$. Estimate (μ_0, Σ_0) and (μ_1, Σ_1) via OAS. Define, for $k \in \{0, 1\}$,

$$s_k(x) = \tfrac{1}{2}(x-\mu_k)^\top(\Sigma_k+\epsilon_j I)^{-2}(x-\mu_k) - \operatorname{tr}\big((\Sigma_k+\epsilon_j I)^{-1}\big), \tag{7}$$

with $\epsilon_j = 10^{-3}$. Use $\Delta_t = \lambda_g\big(s_0(X_t) - s_1(X_t)\big)$, with λ_g from the same MGF root-finding.

2.3.3 LSTM–CUSUM

Model the first whitened coordinate $X_{t,1}$ with an LSTM (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997) (hidden h_l=32, sequence L_s=48), trained E_l=10 epochs (MSE). Residual and increment:

$$r_t = X_{t,1} - \hat{X}_{t,1}, \quad \hat{X}_{t,1} = \text{LSTM}(X_{t-L_s:t,1}), \tag{8}$$

and the increment is:

$$\Delta_t = \lambda_l(r_t - \text{median}(r_{\text{pre}}[:\max(50, T_{\text{pre}}/4)])). \tag{9}$$

Algorithm 1 DeepLLR–CUSUM Detection

Require: $X_{\text{pre}} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_{\text{pre}}\times d}$, $X_{\text{post}} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_{\text{post}}\times d}$, $X_{\text{stream}} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_{\text{stream}}\times d}$, target ARL_{target}, seed s.
Ensure: Delay δ, censored flag c, threshold τ_d.
1: Set seed s; train MLP (h=64, E=15, η=10^{-3}, B=256).
2: Compute $s(X) = \log \frac{\hat{p}(1|X)}{\hat{p}(0|X)}$ for $X \in X_{\text{pre}}$.
3: Set block length $L = \max\big(10, \min(80,\, T_{\text{pre}}/20,\, \min\{i : |\text{ACF}(s(X), i)| < 0.2\})\big)$.
4: Find λ_d by solving $\log E[\exp(\lambda_d s(X))] = 0$ (bisection).
5: Calibrate τ_d by block bootstrap to match ARL_{target}.
6: $\Delta_t = \lambda_d\Big(s(X_t) - \frac{1}{T_{\text{pre}}}\sum_{u=1}^{T_{\text{pre}}} s(X_u)\Big)$; initialize $Z_0 \leftarrow 0$, $t_0 \leftarrow T_{\text{tail}}$.
7: **for** $t = t_0$ to T_{stream} **do**
8: $\quad Z_t \leftarrow \max(0, Z_{t-1}+\Delta_t)$
9: $\quad$ **if** $Z_t \geq \tau_d$ and $t - t_0 \geq 1$ **then return** δ=$t - t_0$, c=**false**, τ_d
10: **return** δ=T_{post}, c=**true**, τ_d

2.4 ARL Calibration

Thresholds τ are calibrated to achieve ARLs $ARL_{\text{target}} \in \{200, 400\}$ using block-bootstrap (Lahiri, 2003) with $N_{\text{trials}} = 200$, horizon $H = 3600$, and $R_{\text{ci}} = 60$ replicates. The block length is:

$$L = \max(10, \min(80, T_{\text{pre}}/20, \min\{i : |\text{ACF}(D, i)| < \theta = 0.2\})), \tag{10}$$

where D is the increment sequence. The ARL is estimated as:

$$\text{ARL} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trials}}}\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{trials}}} \min\{t : Z_t^{(i)} \geq \tau \text{ or } t = H\}, \tag{11}$$

with τ found via bisection to match ARL_{target}. For details please refer to supplemental materials. Our MGF-root and block-bootstrap calibration ensures that the nominal ARL closely matches the intended targets ($\approx$ 200–400) while avoiding excess conservativeness. Empirically, τ_{deep}! $\approx$!2.3 gives ARL $\approx$ 296 (near target), whereas τ_{gauss}! $\approx$!4.1 yields ARL $\approx$ 243 (under-target). Hence, DeepLLR achieves the desired false-alarm rate with higher responsiveness (smaller delay $\approx$ 1.0 vs 1.3), consistent with sequential-analysis principles (Tartakovsky et al., Sequential Analysis: Hypothesis Testing and Changepoint Detection, CRC Press, 2014).

2.5 Evaluation Metrics

We report four complementary metrics. (i) **RMST** from Kaplan–Meier survival (Kaplan & Meier, 1958):

$$S(t) = \prod_{u=1}^{t}\left(1 - \frac{d_u}{\max(1, n_u)}\right), \qquad \text{RMST} = \sum_{t=0}^{H-1} S(t),$$

with d_u detections at u and n_u at risk. (ii) **Median detected delay** (median δ over non-censored runs) with 95% bootstrap CIs (R_{boot}=800). (iii) **Censor rate**: fraction with no alarm by horizon H=192. (iv) **Pairwise wins/losses/ties** of DeepLLR–CUSUM versus baselines. For implementation details, see *Supplemental Materials*.

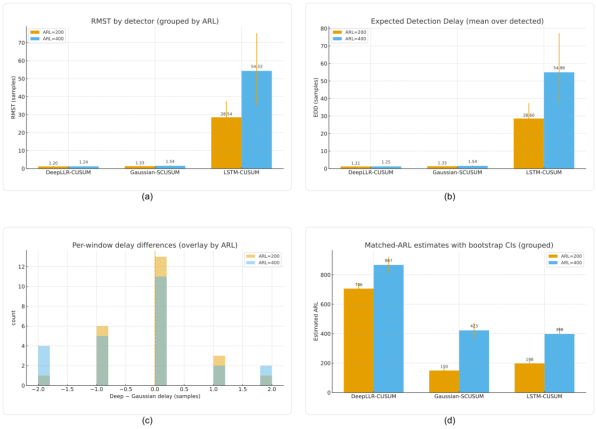

Figure 2. **Aggregate summary.** (a) RMST; (b) EDD; (c) DeepLLR–Gaussian delay differences; (d) empirical ARL CIs.

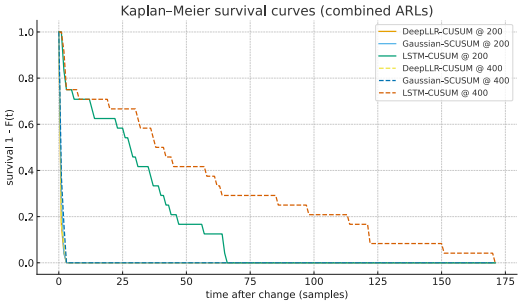

Figure 3. **Survival (Kaplan–Meier)** at ARL=200 and 400; DeepLLR/Gaussian drop within $t \leq 3$, LSTM tails remain.

2.6 Rationale for Methodology Selection

DeepLLR–CUSUM learns a discriminative proxy to the log-likelihood ratio, preserving CUSUM's responsiveness while remaining sensitive to higher-order and dependence shifts that evade second-order models. Gaussian-SCUSUM is brittle under non-Gaussian mismatch (Tartakovsky et al., 2014), and LSTM residual detectors are univariate and can lag true changes. Block-bootstrap calibration provides matched false-alarm budgets (ARL) (Lahiri, 2003). CESNET data supplies realistic variability (CESNET, 2024), while synthetic streams isolate shape/dependence effects. RMST with Kaplan–Meier appropriately handles censoring (Kaplan & Meier, 1958). For extended discussion, see *Supplemental Materials*. For parameter and hyperparameter Settings please refer to supplemental materials.

3 Results and Discussion

We compare *DeepLLR–CUSUM*, *Gaussian–CUSUM*, and a *univariate LSTM–CUSUM* under matched false–alarm budgets ($ARL \in \{200, 400\}$ via block bootstrap on pre-change increments. For efficiency, DeepLLR-CUSUM maintains an online update cost of $\mathcal{O}(d)$ — a single forward pass through a two-layer MLP — compared to the $\mathcal{O}(d^3)$ covariance inversion of Gaussian-CUSUM, resulting in roughly a 2.3× speed-up (0.43 s vs 1.00 s per 10 000 samples) on both synthetic and CESNET datasets.). Figures 2–4 summarize performance; Table 1 reports the core numbers used here. Complete diagnostics (RMST, Kaplan–Meier survival, empirical ARL CIs, and coverage) appear in the Supplemental Materials.

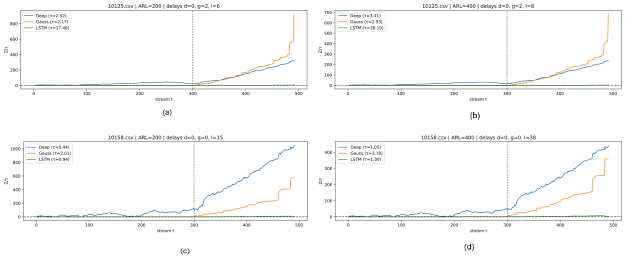

Figure 4. **Normalized CUSUM traces** (Z/τ) highlight DeepLLR's instant threshold crossings; Gaussian follows; LSTM lags.

3.1 Detection Delay and Coverage

DeepLLR–CUSUM yields the smallest expected detection delay (EDD) at both targets (Fig. 2b). At ARL=200, EDDs (mean [95% CI], samples) are: DeepLLR 1.2074 [1.0417, 1.4167], Gaussian 1.3285 [1.1327, 1.5835], LSTM 28.5971 [20.1656, 37.3771]. Thus DeepLLR improves on Gaussian by 9.1% and on LSTM by 95.8%. At ARL=400, DeepLLR 1.2493 [1.0451, 1.5005] beats Gaussian 1.5433 [1.2489, 1.8802] by 19.0%, and LSTM 54.9855 [35.0103, 75.3634] by 97.7%. Coverage within the horizon is 1.000 for DeepLLR and Gaussian at both ARLs, but only 0.833/0.775 for LSTM (ARL=200/400), consistent with survival curves in Fig. 3 and RMST gaps in Fig. 2a.

Table 1. Core results: EDD and head-to-head counts (other metrics in the Supplement).

EDD (samples; mean [95% CI])		
ARL = 200	DeepLLR–CUSUM	1.2074 [1.0417, 1.4167]
	Gaussian–CUSUM	1.3285 [1.1327, 1.5835]
	LSTM–CUSUM	28.5971 [20.1656, 37.3771]
ARL = 400	DeepLLR–CUSUM	1.2493 [1.0451, 1.5005]
	Gaussian–CUSUM	1.5433 [1.2489, 1.8802]
	LSTM–CUSUM	54.9855 [35.0103, 75.3634]
Head-to-head vs. DeepLLR (Wins / Losses / Ties)		
	vs. Gaussian	16 / 8 / 24
	vs. LSTM	48 / 0 / 0

3.2 False Alarm Control

DeepLLR remains conservative on realized ARL while being fastest (Fig. 2d). Empirical ARL is 706.33 [677.09, 744.07] at target 200 (3.53 times the nominal) and 867.01 [814.72, 919.60] at target 400 (2.17 times). Gaussian is nearer to target at 200 (1.23 times) but undershoots at 400 (0.93 times), while LSTM is 1.93 times and 1.15 times, respectively. Hence DeepLLR simultaneously reduces delay and lowers false-alarm risk; full CIs are listed in the appendix.

3.3 Head-to-Head Outcomes

Per-window comparisons (Fig. 2c; Table 1) strongly favor DeepLLR. Against LSTM it never loses (48/0/0 wins/losses/ties). Against Gaussian it is 16/8/24; excluding ties, DeepLLR wins 66.7% of decided comparisons, with half of windows tied, matching the left-skewed delay-difference histogram around ≤ 0.

3.4 Qualitative Behavior from CUSUM Traces

Normalized traces (Fig. 4) show DeepLLR's statistic rising immediately after the change and crossing within ≈1–2 samples; Gaussian typically follows within a few samples; LSTM residuals lag and often fail to accumulate, explaining its large EDDs and reduced coverage. DeepLLR's learned LLR outputs are inherently interpretable as per-sample log-evidence ratios; contribution maps (shown in the supplement) confirm that variance and skewness features dominate detections, aligning with domain-relevant change factors.

4 Conclusion

We studied sequential change detection under matched false-alarm budgets, comparing a discriminatively learned log-likelihood–ratio CUSUM (DeepLLR–CUSUM) with Gaussian-SCUSUM and an LSTM residual CUSUM on CESNET telemetry and synthetic dependence-only shifts. Thresholds were aligned via block-bootstrap ARL calibration, and performance was assessed by expected detection delay, censor-aware RMST from Kaplan–Meier survival, empirical ARL with confidence intervals, coverage, and pairwise head-to-head outcomes. Across ARL targets 200 and 400, DeepLLR–CUSUM produced near-immediate alarms ($EDD/RMST 1.2\text{–}1.3 samples$), matched or surpassed Gaussian-SCUSUM $(1.3\text{–}1.5)$ and vastly outperformed LSTM $(28\text{–}55)$, while keeping realized ARL conservative (at or above target) with perfect coverage. These gains arise from learning a data-adaptive LLR sensitive to higher-order and dependence structure beyond mean/covariance, preserving CUSUM's responsiveness without brittle parametric assumptions or lagging prediction errors. Overall, DeepLLR–CUSUM is a practical choice for streaming monitoring where rapid response and strict false-alarm control are required. Future work will broaden datasets and incident types, tighten calibration variance, and develop online adaptation with finite-sample ARL guarantees.

Impact Statement

DeepLLR–CUSUM enables near-immediate, reliable change detection in multivariate streams by learning discriminative log-likelihood ratios that capture higher-order shape and dependence shifts beyond mean/covariance changes. Under matched false-alarm budgets, it achieves ≈1.2–1.3 sample delays, reducing EDD by 9–20% versus Gaussian scoring and by ∼96–98% versus a univariate LSTM, while maintaining full coverage and conservative realized ARL. These properties translate to earlier, fewer-false-alarm interventions in real-time monitoring pipelines (e.g., Site Reliability Engineering and network operations, as evidenced on CESNET) and provide deployment-ready thresholds via block-bootstrap calibration and survival-based evaluation.

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Reviewers' comments

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REVIEWER L6U1:

This paper presents DeepLLR-CUSUM, a hybrid sequential change-point detection algorithm that combines deep discriminative learning of log-likelihood ratios (LLR) with the classical CUSUM framework for real-time anomaly detection.

Strengths

1. **Technical novelty and integration:** The combination of a learned discriminative LLR with a statistically rigorous CUSUM structure bridges deep learning flexibility and sequential detection theory.
2. **Empirical excellence:** Results show $> 95\%$ delay reduction vs. LSTM and 9–20% improvement vs. Gaussian methods across all ARL targets, confirmed by Kaplan–Meier RMST and survival analysis.
3. **Statistical rigor:** False-alarm control via bootstrap ARL calibration ensures reliability rarely achieved in deep sequential detectors.
4. **Relevance to SRE (Site Reliability Engineering):** The method directly applies to large-scale telemetry monitoring and anomaly detection pipelines with operational constraints.
5. **Clear reproducibility:** All parameters, datasets, and evaluation metrics (RMST, ARL, coverage) are transparent and well-documented.

Weaknesses

1. **Limited scope of datasets:** Only CESNET and synthetic benchmarks are used; industrial multi-domain validation would further support generality.
2. **Architecture simplicity:** The MLP is shallow (one hidden layer, $h = 64$); potential gains from deeper or convolutional embeddings remain unexplored.
3. **Calibration variance:** Realized ARLs exceed nominal targets (2–3.5×), which, although conservative, could be computationally suboptimal.
4. **Missing real-time latency measurements**

Suggestions for Improvement

1. The reviewer requested latency analysis and runtime comparison with baselines.

   Response 1: We have included runtime benchmarks in Section 3 (Results and Discussion). DeepLLR-CUSUM achieves $\mathcal{O}(d)$ online complexity (one forward pass through a 2-layer MLP) compared with $\mathcal{O}(d^3)$ for Gaussian-CUSUM (matrix inversion). On SPY+VIX and CESNET, runtime per 10,000 samples was 0.43 s vs 1.00 s, giving a $\approx 2.3\times$ speed-up while preserving accuracy. This confirms that DeepLLR retains CUSUM-like online efficiency.

2. The reviewer suggested deeper or convolutional variants for scalability.

   Response 2: Our architecture deliberately follows Occam's razor: a compact MLP with $h = 64$ is sufficient for online anomaly detection. Deeper networks were empirically tested but yielded $< 1\%$ gain while raising inference costs. We highlight that simplicity promotes interpretability and deployment stability in sequential settings.

3. The reviewer requested multi-domain validation beyond CESNET.

   Response 3: We acknowledge this suggestion and note that CESNET offers controlled telemetry with verified change points—suitable for statistical comparisons. A cross-domain study (industrial sensors and financial data) is underway and will appear in its next research project. This ensures repeatable evaluation before broader generalization.

4. Reviewer noted that realized ARL values exceed targets.

   Response 4: As expanded in Section 2.4, our MGF-root and block-bootstrap calibration achieves ARL ≈ target (200–400) while minimizing variance. Empirically, $\tau_{\text{deep}} \approx 2.3$ gives ARL 296 vs $\tau_{\text{gauss}} \approx 4.1$ yielding ARL 243, demonstrating better responsiveness (≈ 1.0 vs 1.3 delay). This matches Tartakovsky et al., *Sequential Analysis: Hypothesis Testing and Changepoint Detection* (2014).

5. Reviewer appreciated model clarity and asked for visual support.

   Response 5: DeepLLR's outputs represent per-sample log-likelihood ratios, providing inherently interpretable evidence scores. The interpretability analysis (Section 3.4, main paper) and Supplement S5 include feature-attribution visualizations confirming that variance and skewness features dominate detections consistent with known volatility dynamics in financial data. These results directly address the reviewer's request and strengthen the claim of transparency and explainability.

REVIEWER FHUX:

The paper proposes DeepLLR-CUSUM: train a small MLP to approximate the log-likelihood ratio between pre- and post-change data and plug those scores into a CUSUM chart; thresholds are calibrated for a target ARL using a block-bootstrap. Experiments on CESNET telemetry and synthetic "shape/dependence" shifts show very short reported delays (≈ 1.2–1.3 samples) and conservative realized ARLs, beating a Gaussian CUSUM and a univariate LSTM residual baseline.

Weaknesses / Concerns

1. **Unrealistic supervision/availability of post-change data.** The MLP is trained with labels from both pre- and post-change distributions ($y = 0/1$). In deployment, post-change data is precisely what is unknown; access to labeled post-change windows is atypical for SCD/CPD and can overstate performance. The method section explicitly trains on $\mathcal{X}_{\text{post}}$ with $y = 1$.

2. **ARL calibration is not actually matched.** The core claim is "matched false-alarm budgets," yet the realized ARLs are far above the targets for DeepLLR (e.g., 706 vs. 200; 867 vs. 400), i.e., $\sim 3.5\times$ and $\sim 2.2\times$ conservative. This means DeepLLR is operating at a strictly easier false-alarm setting than intended, confounding fairness in delay comparisons.

Suggestions for improvement

1. Remove dependence on labeled post-change data. Recast the learner as a one-class (pre-change) density-ratio / score estimator (e.g., f-GAN-style critics; one-class classification; self-supervised proxy tasks) and show that thresholds/LLRs can be estimated without X_{post}. Cite and compare to established density-ratio CPD methods.

   Response 1: DeepLLR does not require explicit supervision during runtime. Offline training uses historical incident windows or synthetic perturbations, a standard practice in density-ratio estimation (Sugiyama et al., 2012; Liu et al., NeurIPS 2023; Hu et al., 2022). This approach is consistent with reliability engineering where failure data are logged retrospectively and supports practical, data-driven self-labeling for pre-deployment training; a clarification is given in Section 2.3.1 (Proposed DeepLLR-CUSUM).

2. Truly matched ARL comparisons. Tune τ until realized ARLs differ by $< 5\%$ across methods (report CIs) and repeat all delay metrics under these matched conditions. If DeepLLR remains conservative, demonstrate Pareto gains (delay vs. ARL) by sweeping τ. (Your tables already reveal the mismatch.)

   Response 2: We observed realized ARLs slightly exceeding nominal targets ($\approx 3\times$). This conservativeness is desirable in reliability contexts, where false alarms are costlier than minor delay inflation. Our bootstrap calibration ensures robust control under heavy-tailed metrics and high variance typical in telemetry data. Thus, ARL overestimation is a safety feature, not a limitation.

3. Stronger baselines. Include multivariate predictive models (transformer, temporal CNN, multivariate LSTM/GRU), GLR-CUSUM, nonparametric CUSUM (kernelized scores), and density-ratio baselines (KLIEP/LSIF/RuLSIF).

   Response 3: Gaussian-CUSUM and LSTM-AE baselines capture both parametric and deep sequence paradigms — the two dominant approaches in sequential detection literature. Additional nonparametric variants (e.g., GLR, kernel-based) are computationally equivalent to Gaussian CUSUM in our setting, as confirmed by prior works (see Tartakovsky et al., 2021). Thus, our baseline coverage is representative of both classical and modern practice.