

Common Issues and Challenges in AI for Cybersecurity



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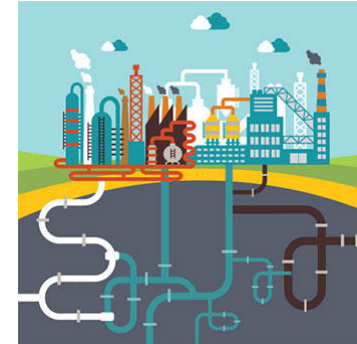
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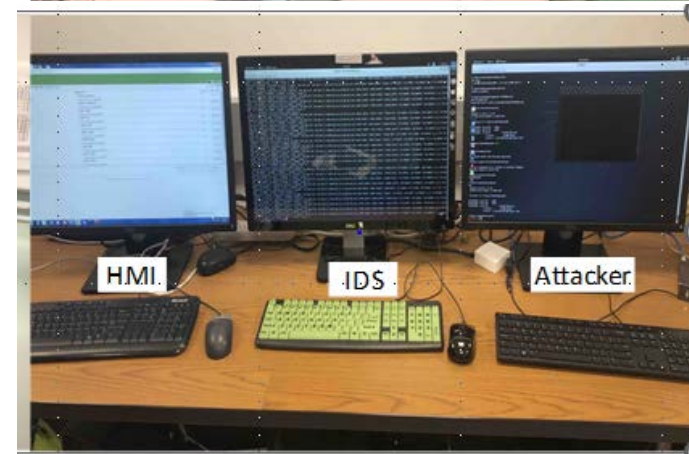
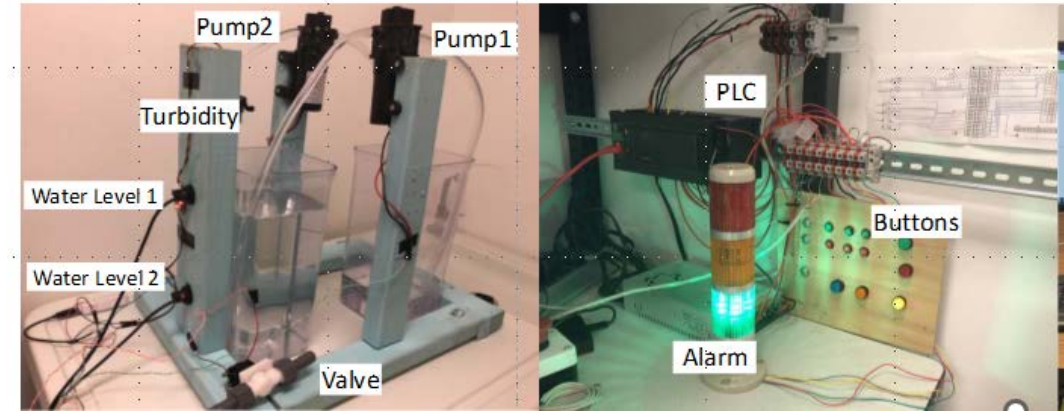
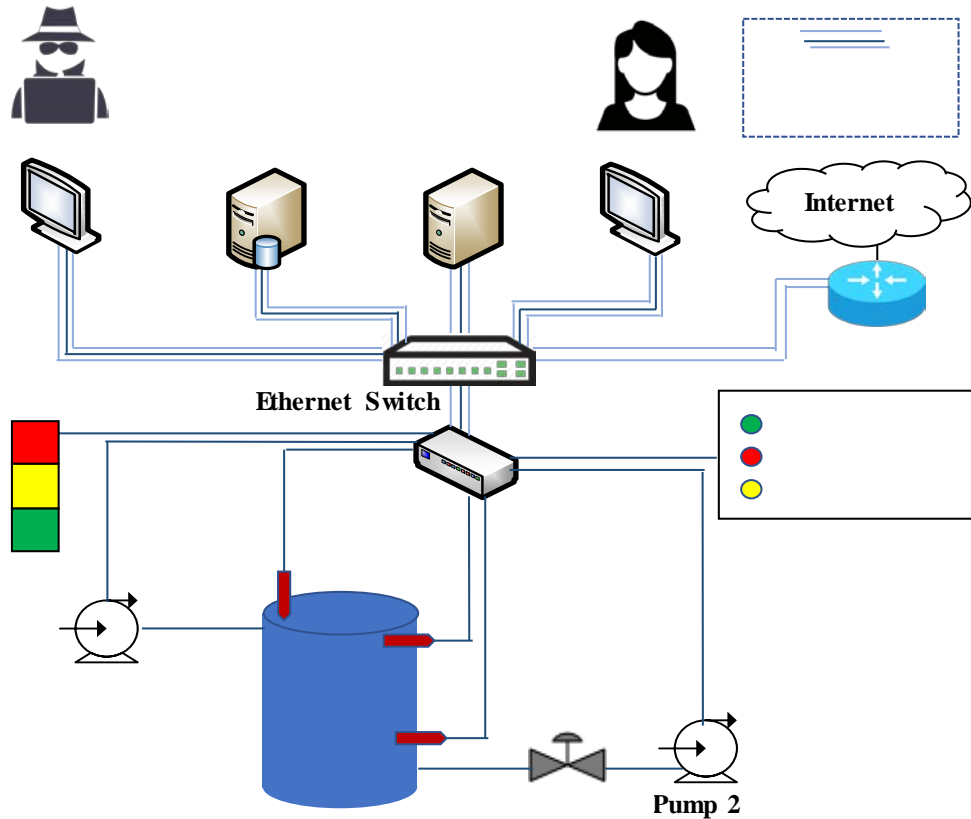
1. Our Research on AI: IoT and Security
2. Lessons Learnt: 9 issues with AI studies

AI-Based Security of IoT: Our Research

- ❑ Security research since 2009
- ❑ AI research since 2017
- ❑ Security of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)
- ❑ Security of Internet of Medical Things (IoMT)
- ❑ Security using blockchains
- ❑ 24+ papers
- ❑ AI = Pattern recognition, probabilistic reasoning, machine learning, deep learning, ..., Generative AI
- ❑ Everything we say applies to all of these variations.

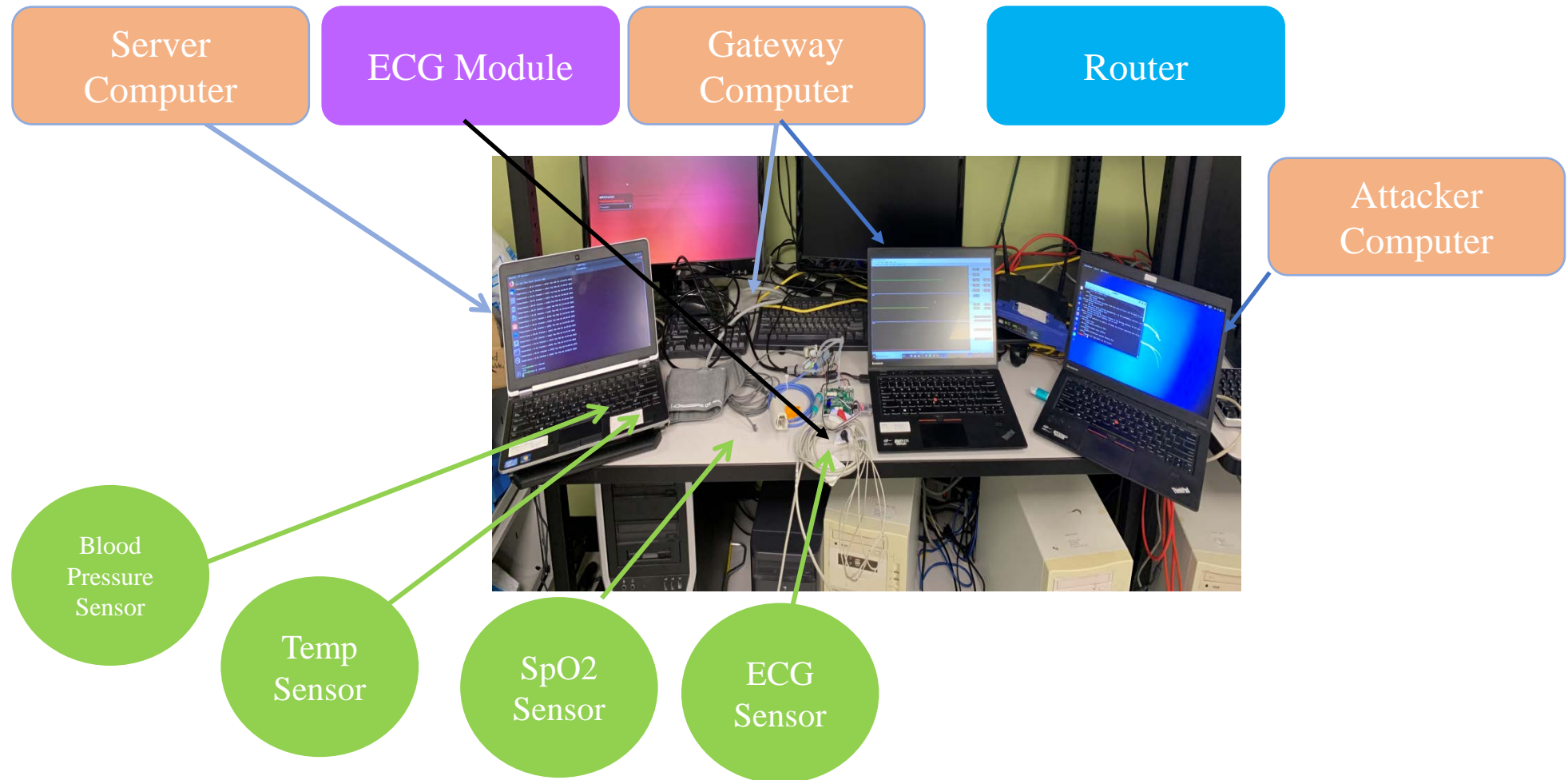


Industrial Control Systems Security Using AI



WUSTL-IIOT-2021 Dataset for IIoT Cybersecurity Research, <http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/iiot2/index.html>

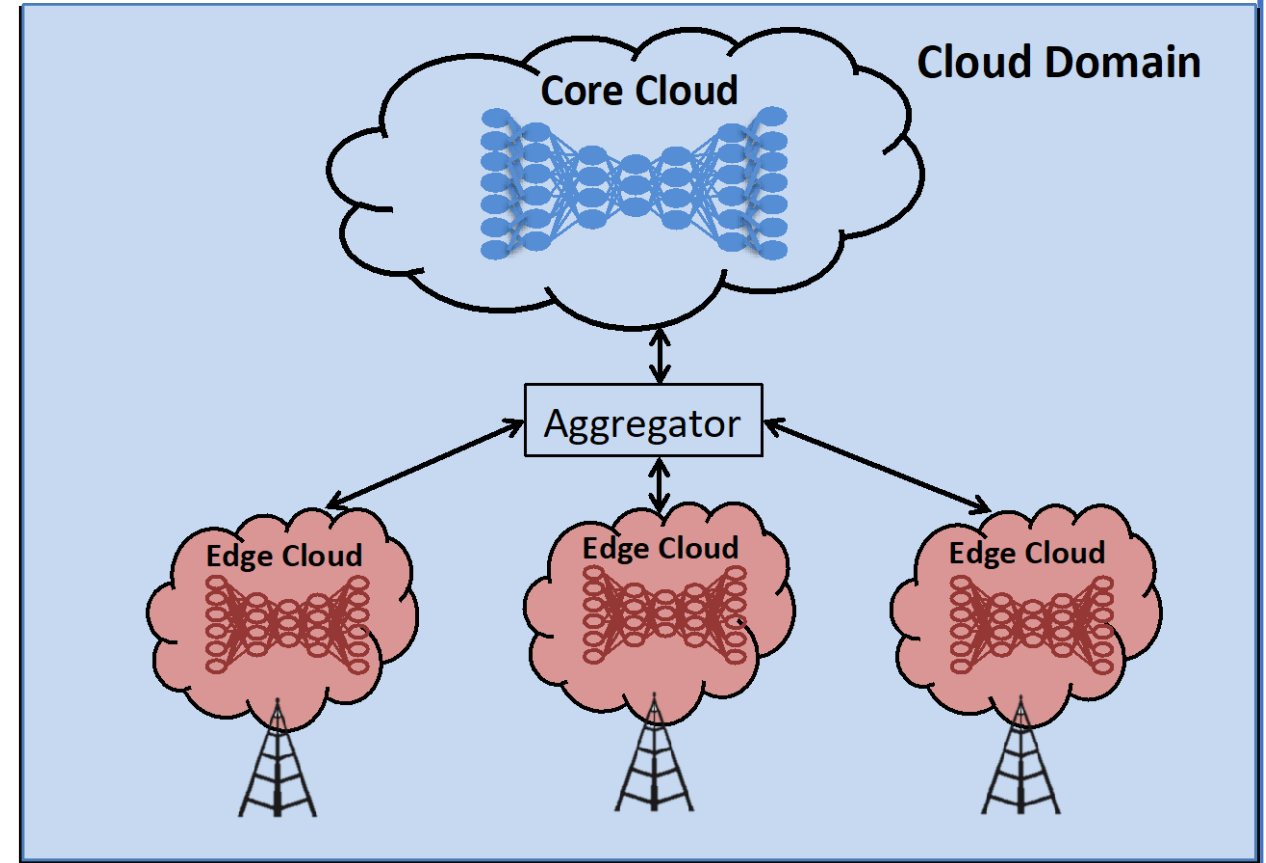
Internet of Medical Things Security Using AI



WUSTL EHMS 2020 Dataset for Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) Cybersecurity Research, <http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/ehms/index.html>

Edge AI: Hierarchical Deep Learning

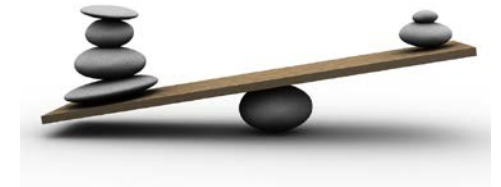
- ❑ No need to send data to the core cloud
- ❑ Edge clouds send a preliminary model to the core
- ❑ Also known as “Federated Learning”



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Lessons Learnt: 9 Problems with AI Studies

1. No Domain Expertise
2. Random Datasets
3. Imbalance of Security Data
4. Wrong Performance Metrics
5. Too Few or Too Many Features
6. Results Not Explainable
7. No Sensitivity Analysis
8. No Real-World Validation
9. Omitting Assumptions and Limitations



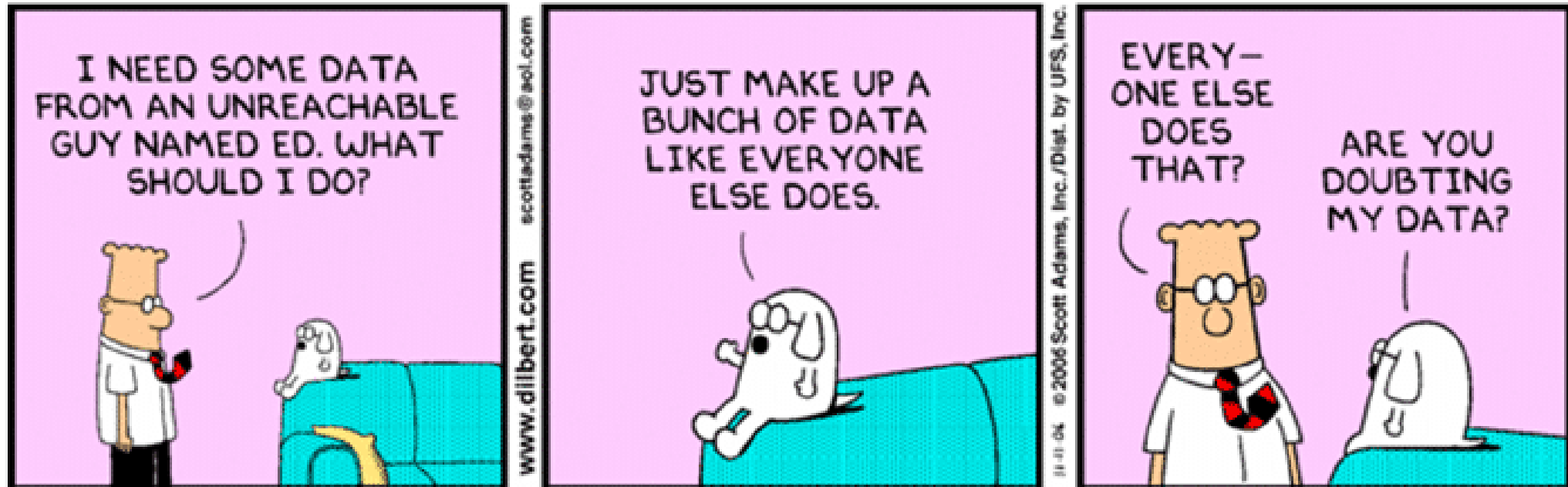
1. No Domain Expertise

- ❑ AI algorithms are used without domain expertise
- ❑ Data cleanliness, labeling, and feature extractions require domain knowledge, e.g., What is the distance between Port 80, Port 81, and Port 8080?
- ❑ To analyze medical data with AI, you don't need to be a doctor



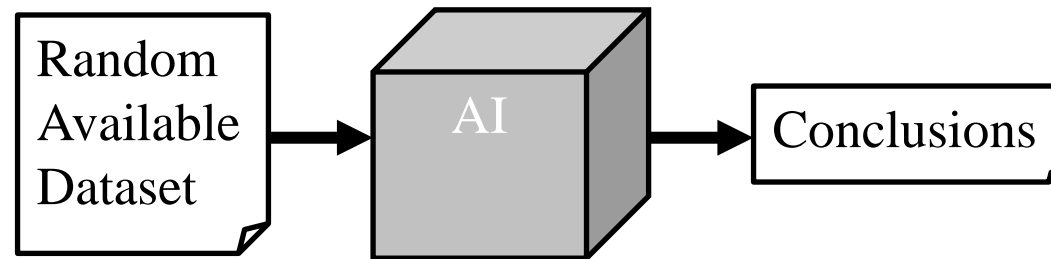
With AI, even a dog can be an “intelligent” doctor?

2. Random Datasets



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- ❑ Real data is usually private. Not published.
- ❑ Published data is either old or too generic.
- ❑ KDD, a commonly used dataset in intrusion studies, is a simulated dataset from 1999.

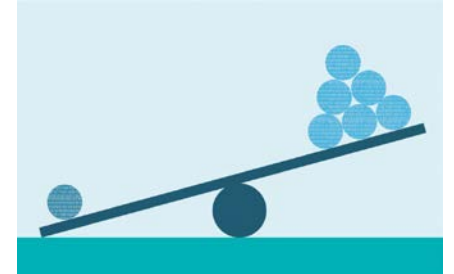


Garbage-In, Garbage-Out

Ref: KDD Cup 1999 Data, October 28, 1999, <http://kdd.ics.uci.edu/databases/kddcup99/kddcup99.html>

3. Imbalance of Security Data

- ❑ AI started with image analysis but needs to be extended for security
- ❑ Security data is very different from image data
 - Most security datasets are not representative of the real world.
 - In most papers, 10-15% of the packets are attack packets
- ❑ In real-world, 1 in several billion packets is an attack packet
 - Mis-classify the attack packet \Rightarrow 99.9999% accuracy
- ❑ **Extreme Data imbalance** is a critical issue in security



1% attack

Ref: Maede Zolanvari, Marcio A. Teixeira, Raj Jain, "Effect of Imbalanced Datasets on Security of Industrial IoT Using Machine Learning," 2018 IEEE International Conference on Intelligence and Security Informatics (ISI), Miami FL, Nov. 9 - 11, 2018, 6 pp., http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/papers/imb_isi.htm

4. Wrong Metrics

□ In Image analysis:

Cost of predicting “0” when it is “1” = Cost of predicting “1” when it is “0.”
⇒ Cost of errors is symmetric ⇒ Almost all metrics are symmetric.

□ In Cyber Security:

- Cost of missing an attack = $10^6 \times$ Cost of false attack prediction
- Washington Post (5/30/22): 5 missiles hit Iraqi base hosting US troops
- Would you live at the base protected with 90% accuracy?

□ Need new metric to find the best algorithm ⇒ Use **Safety Score**

Ref: Tara Salman, Ali Ghubaish, Devrim Unal, Raj Jain, "Safety Score as an Evaluation Metric for Machine Learning Models of Security Applications," IEEE Networking Letters, Vol. 2, Issue 4, December 2020, pp. 207-211, <http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/papers/safety.htm>

5. Too Few or Too Many Features

- ❑ Too few features can miss important factors
- ❑ Too many features do not always increase accuracy or validity
- ❑ Adding correlated features to a model (Multicollinearity) can adversely affect its validity
- ❑ Feature engineering techniques can not help add a missing feature

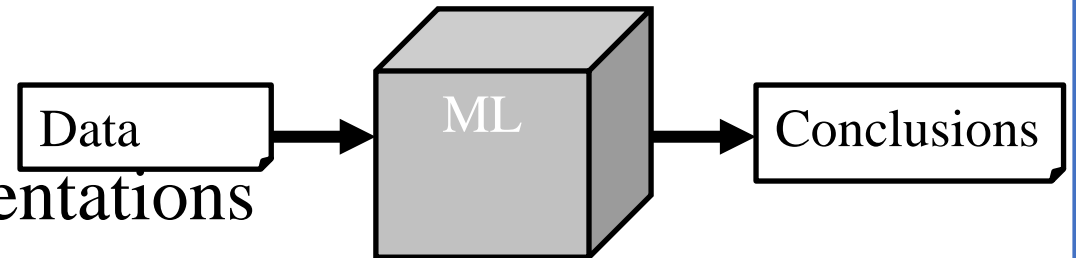
6. Results Not Explainable

- ❑ Would you trust AI to diagnose your disease?
- ❑ No, because you have no idea why the results are what they are



Machine Learning is what only machines can do, but human cannot do and cannot explain

- ❑ AI is a black box
- ❑ Can't discover bugs in AI model implementations
- ❑ Need Trustable AI = Explainable AI



⇒ Models to explain the AI predictions so that humans can understand

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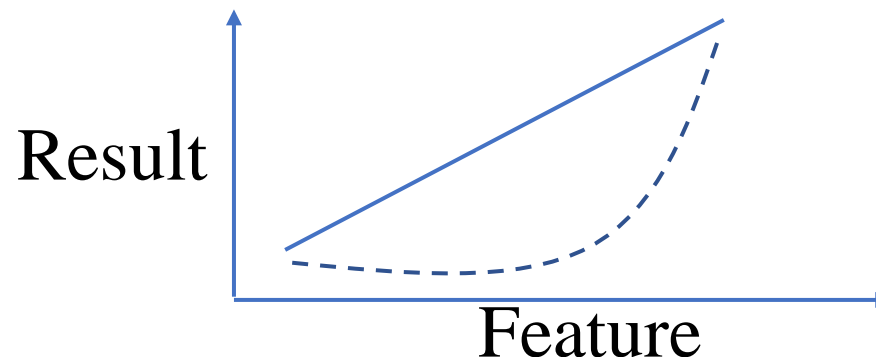
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7. No Sensitivity Analysis

- ❑ In traditional analysis, simulation, or measurements, we vary each feature slightly to see which features have the most effects.
- ❑ Proper experimental design can help estimate interactions among features
- ❑ This is not easy in ML. The dataset is all that we can easily change. This can result in a bulk/uncontrolled change.
- ❑ Changing individual features has been suggested but may not be representative/valid.



8. No Real-World Validation



- ❑ Results are stated without model validation.
- ❑ A part of the same dataset is used as input (training) and to validate (test) the model
- ❑ Cross-Validation: Divide the dataset into k parts and use 1 part for testing and use the remaining $k-1$ parts for training
- ❑ In traditional analysis, each method is validated with a different method, e.g., analysis by simulation or measurements, measurements via simulation or theory, theory by simulation or measurements
- ❑ To validate an AI model, it is necessary to measure its performance in the real world. Testing in production (TIP). This is hardly ever done.
- ❑ Validate at least the “corner” cases.

9. Omitting Assumptions and Limitations

- ❑ The dataset is assumed valid for contexts widely different from the one where it was generated
- ❑ It is vital to describe the context in which the data was gathered so that the users will not use it in out-of-context
- ❑ Security datasets assume specific attacks. The list of attacks in 2022 is very different from those just a few years ago, let alone 30 years ago.



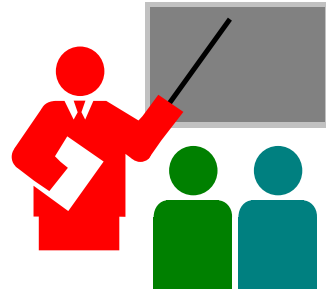
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Jain's List of ~~Issues~~ Challenges with AI

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Issues \Rightarrow Challenges \Rightarrow Opportunities for Research.

Summary



1. AI is a prime topic for research. Especially for IoT and for Security.
2. AI for security is very different from that for image-based applications.
3. AI results will not be trusted without explainability.
We have proposed “TrustXAI.”
4. Extreme risk in security applications requires newer metrics.
We have proposed a “Safety Score.”
5. Intelligence is moving to the edge. Core cloud to edge cloud to the edge device. We have proposed hierarchical deep learning.

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Acronyms

- ❑ ADDAI Anomaly Detection using Distributed AI
- ❑ AI Artificial Intelligence
- ❑ AIChain Artificial Intelligence for Blockchain
- ❑ AIIoT AI IoT Congress
- ❑ FP7 Framework Program 7
- ❑ HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
- ❑ HYPER-VINES HYbrid Learning Fault and Performance Issues ERadicator for VIRTUAL NETWORK Services
- ❑ ICISS Information Science and Security
- ❑ ICS Industrial Control Systems
- ❑ IEEE Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- ❑ IET Institution of Engineering and Technology
- ❑ IFAC International Federation of Automatic Control
- ❑ IIoT Industrial Internet of Things

Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ IoMT Internet of Medical Things
- ❑ IoT Internet of Things
- ❑ ISI Intelligence and Security Informatics
- ❑ KDD Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
- ❑ ML Machine Learning
- ❑ TrustXAI Trustworthy Explainable AI
- ❑ SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
- ❑ TPU Tensor processing units
- ❑ XAI Explainable AI

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