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Advanced Cybersecurity Frameworks Using Artificial Intelligence Approaches

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as one of the most transformative technologies in the field of cybersecurity. The increasing number of cyberattacks, ransomware incidents, phishing campaigns, insider threats, and data breaches has forced organizations to adopt advanced security mechanisms capable of detecting and mitigating threats in real time. Traditional cybersecurity systems mainly depend on predefined rules, manual analysis, and signature-based detection methods. However, such approaches are unable to handle the complexity and dynamic nature of modern cyberattacks. AI-driven cybersecurity systems provide intelligent, adaptive, and automated solutions that improve threat detection, prevention, and response capabilities.

AI technologies such as Machine Learning (ML), Deep Learning (DL), Natural Language Processing (NLP), predictive analytics, and behavioral analysis enable organizations to identify malicious activities more effectively. These technologies analyze large volumes of data, recognize abnormal behavior patterns, and automate incident response processes. AI-based cybersecurity systems are capable of identifying previously unknown threats, reducing false positives, minimizing response time, and strengthening cyber resilience.

This paper presents a comprehensive review of AI-driven cybersecurity systems and their role in transforming digital security practices. It examines the applications of AI in malware detection, phishing prevention, intrusion detection, fraud prevention, endpoint security, and cloud security. The paper also discusses the benefits, challenges, ethical concerns, and future opportunities associated with AI integration in cybersecurity. The findings suggest that AI-driven cybersecurity represents a paradigm shift in threat detection and response by enabling proactive, scalable, and intelligent defense mechanisms against modern cyber threats.

Keywords: Advanced Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing

1. Introduction

Cybersecurity has become one of the most important concerns in the modern digital world. The increasing use of internet technologies, cloud computing, smart devices, social media platforms, e-commerce systems, and online financial transactions has transformed the way people communicate and conduct business. While digital transformation has improved convenience and efficiency, it has also created numerous opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit system vulnerabilities.

Cyberattacks are increasing rapidly in both frequency and sophistication. Cybercriminals use techniques such as phishing, ransomware, malware, spyware, social

engineering, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, insider threats, and zero-day exploits to compromise systems and steal sensitive information. These attacks can lead to severe financial losses, reputational damage, operational disruption, and privacy violations for individuals and organizations.

Traditional cybersecurity methods such as antivirus software, firewalls, and signature-based intrusion detection systems are no longer sufficient to combat modern cyber threats. Such systems rely heavily on known attack signatures and predefined rules, making them ineffective against unknown or rapidly evolving threats. Security analysts are often overwhelmed by the massive amount of

data generated by modern networks, making it difficult to detect and respond to attacks manually.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a revolutionary solution to address these cybersecurity challenges. AI refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines capable of learning, reasoning, and decision-making. AI-powered cybersecurity systems use advanced algorithms and data analysis techniques to detect unusual patterns, predict attacks, and automate responses in real time.

Machine Learning (ML), a subset of AI, enables systems to learn from historical data and improve their detection accuracy continuously. Deep Learning (DL), another branch of AI, uses neural networks to process large and complex datasets, making it highly effective for identifying hidden threat patterns. AI-driven systems provide proactive security by identifying threats before they cause significant damage. AI is now widely used in security operation centers (SOCs), endpoint protection systems, cloud security solutions, fraud detection platforms, and threat intelligence systems. Major organizations across industries such as healthcare, banking, defense, retail, education, and government sectors are investing heavily in AI-powered cybersecurity tools to strengthen digital defenses.

Despite its benefits, AI in cybersecurity also presents several challenges. AI systems require large amounts of quality data for training, and attackers can attempt to manipulate AI models using adversarial techniques. Ethical concerns related to privacy, transparency, accountability, and bias also need to be addressed.

This research paper aims to explore the role of AI in modern cybersecurity, analyze its applications in threat detection and response, discuss benefits and limitations, review existing literature, and identify future opportunities for AI-driven cybersecurity systems.

2. Literature Review

Researchers and scholars have extensively studied the integration of Artificial Intelligence in cybersecurity over the past decade. Existing literature highlights the growing significance of AI-driven systems in strengthening cyber resilience and improving the accuracy of threat detection.

Zeadally *et al.* (2020) ^[5] explained that AI technologies are transforming cybersecurity practices by enabling automated threat detection and rapid response. The study emphasized that traditional security systems are unable to cope with evolving cyberattacks, making AI an essential component of modern cybersecurity strategies.

Vegesna (2023) ^[1, 3] examined the integration of AI-driven methodologies in cybersecurity systems and discussed their role in enhancing cyber resilience. The study explored various AI models and algorithms used for threat detection, incident response, and vulnerability assessment. The findings revealed that AI-based systems improve the ability of organizations to respond to dynamic cyber threats.

Bonfanti (2022) ^[2] analyzed the dual impact of AI and Machine Learning in cybersecurity. The study noted that while AI strengthens defense mechanisms, cybercriminals can also misuse AI technologies to automate attacks and evade detection systems. The paper highlighted ethical concerns such as data privacy, transparency, and responsible AI usage, emphasized the increasing complexity of cyber threats and the importance of adopting intelligent defense

mechanisms. Their research showed that AI technologies significantly improve threat intelligence and help organizations respond to incidents more effectively.

Bokhari and Myeong (2023) ^[6] investigated the relationship between AI, e-governance, and cybersecurity in smart cities. The study concluded that AI can strengthen digital infrastructure and improve governance systems. However, successful implementation requires collaboration among policymakers, organizations, and cybersecurity experts.

Guembe *et al.* (2022) ^[4] focused on the emerging threat of AI-driven cyberattacks. The study warned that attackers are increasingly using AI technologies to launch sophisticated attacks capable of bypassing traditional defenses. This highlights the need for continuous innovation in defensive AI systems.

Musa *et al.* (2024) ^[7] explored the use of Machine Learning and Deep Learning techniques for detecting DDoS attacks in software-defined networks. Their findings demonstrated that AI-based anomaly detection systems provide higher accuracy and faster response times compared to conventional detection methods.

The literature collectively suggests that AI has become an essential component of modern cybersecurity systems. However, researchers agree that challenges such as adversarial attacks, ethical concerns, lack of transparency, and data privacy issues must be addressed to ensure safe and effective AI adoption.

3. AI Technologies Used in Cybersecurity

AI-driven cybersecurity systems rely on multiple technologies to provide intelligent and adaptive protection against cyber threats.

3.1 Machine Learning (ML): Machine Learning algorithms analyze historical and real-time data to identify malicious activities and abnormal patterns. Supervised learning uses labeled data for classification, while unsupervised learning detects anomalies in unlabeled data. Reinforcement learning helps systems improve their decision-making abilities over time.

3.2 Deep Learning (DL): Deep Learning uses neural networks with multiple hidden layers to process large datasets and identify complex patterns. DL is widely used for malware detection, phishing analysis, intrusion detection, and image recognition.

3.3 Natural Language Processing (NLP): NLP enables cybersecurity systems to analyze textual information such as emails, messages, and online content. NLP helps detect phishing emails, malicious URLs, spam messages, and social engineering attacks.

3.4 Behavioral Analytics: Behavioral analytics monitors user behavior and system activities to identify unusual actions that may indicate insider threats or compromised accounts.

3.5 Predictive Analytics: Predictive analytics uses historical data and statistical models to forecast future cyberattacks and vulnerabilities.

3.6 Automation and Orchestration: AI-powered automation systems can isolate infected devices, block suspicious IP addresses, and initiate incident response procedures without human intervention.

3.7 Expert Systems: Expert systems use predefined knowledge and logical rules to support cybersecurity decision-making processes.

3.8 Neural Networks: Artificial neural networks mimic human brain functions and help detect hidden threat patterns in complex datasets.

3.9 Fuzzy Logic Systems: Fuzzy logic systems handle uncertain and incomplete information, making them useful in cybersecurity risk assessment and anomaly detection.

4. Applications of AI in Cybersecurity

AI technologies are widely used in different cybersecurity applications across industries.

4.1 Malware Detection and Prevention: AI-based systems analyze the behavior and structure of software programs to detect malicious activities. Unlike traditional antivirus systems, AI can identify unknown malware variants and ransomware attacks.

4.2 Phishing Detection: AI analyzes email content, attachments, sender information, and URLs to identify phishing attempts. NLP techniques help detect suspicious language patterns used in fraudulent emails.

4.3 Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS): AI-powered IDS monitor network traffic continuously and identify abnormal activities that may indicate cyber intrusions.

4.4 DDoS Attack Mitigation: AI systems analyze network traffic patterns and detect unusual spikes associated with Distributed Denial of Service attacks.

4.5 Fraud Detection: Financial institutions use AI to monitor transactions and identify suspicious activities related to credit card fraud, identity theft, and online banking attacks.

4.6 Endpoint Security: AI-powered endpoint protection systems monitor devices such as computers, smartphones, and servers to detect malicious behavior and unauthorized access.

4.7 Cloud Security: AI enhances cloud security by monitoring cloud environments, detecting vulnerabilities, and preventing unauthorized access to cloud resources.

4.8 Threat Intelligence: AI processes large amounts of threat data collected from multiple sources to provide actionable intelligence for cybersecurity teams.

4.9 Identity and Access Management (IAM): AI improves authentication systems through behavioral biometrics, adaptive authentication, and risk-based access control.

4.10 IoT Security: AI helps secure Internet of Things (IoT)

devices by detecting unusual communication patterns and preventing unauthorized access.

4.10 Industrial Cybersecurity: AI is increasingly used in industrial control systems and critical infrastructure protection to prevent cyberattacks targeting power grids, manufacturing systems, and transportation networks.

5. Benefits of AI in Cybersecurity

AI-driven cybersecurity systems provide several advantages that improve the effectiveness of digital security operations.

5.1 Faster Threat Detection: AI systems can process and analyze massive amounts of data within seconds, enabling faster identification of threats.

5.2 Improved Accuracy: AI reduces false positives and improves the precision of threat detection mechanisms.

5.3 Real-Time Monitoring: AI continuously monitors networks, applications, and devices to detect suspicious activities instantly.

5.4 Automation of Security Tasks: AI automates repetitive cybersecurity tasks such as log analysis, malware scanning, and incident response.

5.5 Scalability: AI systems can handle complex and large-scale digital environments efficiently.

5.6 Predictive Capabilities: AI can predict future cyber threats and vulnerabilities based on historical data.

5.7 Reduced Human Error: Automation minimizes the risk of human mistakes in threat analysis and response.

5.8 Cost Efficiency: Faster threat detection and automated responses reduce financial losses associated with cyberattacks.

5.9 Enhanced Incident Response: AI systems provide rapid response mechanisms that help organizations contain attacks before they spread.

5.10 Support for Security Analysts: AI assists cybersecurity professionals by providing actionable insights and prioritizing threats based on severity.

6. Challenges and Limitations

Although AI offers numerous benefits in cybersecurity, several challenges and limitations must be addressed.

6.1 Data Dependency: AI systems require large amounts of quality training data to achieve accurate results.

6.2 Adversarial Attacks: Cybercriminals can manipulate AI systems using adversarial techniques designed to deceive detection models.

6.3 Privacy Concerns: AI systems often process sensitive personal and organizational data, raising privacy and compliance concerns.

6.4 Algorithm Bias: Biased datasets can affect the fairness and reliability of AI decisions.

6.5 Lack of Transparency: Some AI models operate as black-box systems, making it difficult to explain decision-making processes.

6.6 High Implementation Costs: Developing, deploying, and maintaining AI-powered cybersecurity systems can be expensive.

6.7 Shortage of Skilled Professionals: Organizations face difficulties in finding experts with knowledge of both AI and cybersecurity.

6.8 Integration Challenges: Integrating AI systems with existing cybersecurity infrastructure can be complex.

6.9 Dependence on Automation: Excessive reliance on automated systems may reduce human oversight and create vulnerabilities.

6.10 Legal and Ethical Issues: AI usage in cybersecurity raises concerns related to surveillance, accountability, and misuse of data.

7. Future Scope of AI in Cybersecurity

The future of AI in cybersecurity is highly promising as organizations continue to face increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

7.1 Explainable AI (XAI): Future AI systems will focus on transparency and interpretability, allowing cybersecurity professionals to understand how AI models make decisions.

7.2 Autonomous Security Systems: AI-driven autonomous systems may independently detect, analyze, and respond to threats without requiring human intervention.

7.3 Integration with Blockchain: Combining AI with blockchain technology can improve data integrity, authentication, and secure digital transactions.

7.4 Quantum Computing and Cybersecurity: AI will play a critical role in protecting systems against future quantum computing-based attacks.

7.5 AI for Smart Cities: AI-powered cybersecurity systems will help secure smart city infrastructure, transportation systems, healthcare networks, and energy grids.

7.6 Advanced Threat Intelligence: AI-driven threat intelligence platforms will provide more accurate and predictive insights into future cyberattacks.

7.7 Enhanced IoT Security: AI will improve the protection of connected devices in smart homes, industries, and healthcare systems.

7.8 Cybersecurity Workforce Support: AI tools will assist cybersecurity professionals by automating routine tasks and improving decision-making.

7.9 Ethical AI Development: Researchers and policymakers will focus on developing ethical frameworks and regulations to ensure responsible AI usage.

7.10 Global Collaboration: International cooperation among governments, organizations, and researchers will become essential for addressing global cyber threats effectively.

8. Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence has transformed cybersecurity by introducing intelligent, adaptive, and automated approaches for detecting and responding to cyber threats. AI technologies such as Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, and behavioral analytics have improved the speed, accuracy, and efficiency of cybersecurity operations.

Traditional cybersecurity systems are no longer sufficient to handle the complexity of modern cyberattacks. AI-driven systems provide proactive defense mechanisms capable of identifying suspicious activities, predicting threats, and automating responses in real time. These systems strengthen cyber resilience, reduce response time, and support security professionals in managing complex digital environments.

AI applications in malware detection, phishing prevention, fraud detection, intrusion detection, cloud security, endpoint protection, and IoT security demonstrate the transformative impact of AI on cybersecurity practices. However, challenges such as adversarial attacks, privacy concerns, algorithm bias, ethical issues, and implementation costs must be addressed carefully.

The future of AI in cybersecurity is expected to bring more advanced, autonomous, and explainable security systems capable of combating sophisticated cyber threats effectively. Continuous research, innovation, ethical governance, and international collaboration will play an important role in shaping the future of AI-driven cybersecurity.

Overall, AI-driven cybersecurity represents a paradigm shift in threat detection and response, providing organizations with powerful tools to secure digital infrastructure and protect sensitive information in an increasingly connected world.

9. Case Studies of AI in Cybersecurity

Several organizations and industries have successfully implemented AI-driven cybersecurity systems to improve their security posture. In the banking sector, AI-based fraud detection systems monitor millions of transactions daily and identify suspicious patterns in real time. Financial institutions use behavioral analytics to detect unusual spending habits, unauthorized transactions, and account takeovers.

Technology companies such as Microsoft, IBM, Cisco, and Google have developed AI-powered cybersecurity platforms that provide automated threat detection and response capabilities. IBM Watson for Cybersecurity uses cognitive computing and Machine Learning to analyze security data and provide actionable insights to analysts. Microsoft Defender uses AI algorithms to detect malware, ransomware, and phishing attacks across enterprise systems. In healthcare organizations, AI is used to secure patient records and protect hospital networks from ransomware.

attacks. AI systems monitor medical devices, detect abnormal access requests, and ensure compliance with healthcare regulations.

Government agencies and defense organizations also use AI technologies for cyber intelligence, national security monitoring, and critical infrastructure protection. AI-powered systems can identify cyber espionage activities, detect suspicious network behavior, and prevent attacks targeting public infrastructure.

E-commerce companies use AI to secure online transactions, prevent payment fraud, and protect customer information. Recommendation systems and behavioral analytics help organizations identify fake accounts and malicious activities.

These case studies demonstrate that AI-driven cybersecurity solutions have become essential for protecting digital assets and maintaining operational continuity across industries.

10. Ethical and Legal Considerations

The implementation of AI in cybersecurity raises several ethical and legal concerns that organizations must address carefully. One major issue is data privacy. AI systems often require access to large amounts of user data for training and analysis. Improper handling of sensitive information can lead to privacy violations and legal consequences.

Transparency is another important concern. Many AI systems operate using complex algorithms that are difficult to interpret. This lack of explainability can create trust issues among users and organizations. Explainable AI (XAI) is being developed to improve transparency and accountability in AI decision-making processes.

Bias in AI algorithms is also a major challenge. If training data contains bias, AI systems may produce unfair or inaccurate results. For example, biased threat detection models may incorrectly classify legitimate activities as malicious.

Cybersecurity organizations must also comply with legal regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), data protection laws, and industry-specific compliance standards. AI systems should be designed in a way that respects user rights and maintains ethical standards.

Another concern is the misuse of AI technologies by cybercriminals. Attackers can use AI for creating advanced phishing campaigns, automated malware, and deepfake attacks. Therefore, policymakers and cybersecurity professionals must work together to establish regulations and ethical guidelines for responsible AI usage.

Ethical AI governance, transparency, accountability, fairness, and data protection will play a critical role in the future adoption of AI-driven cybersecurity systems.

11. Recommendations and Research Implications

Organizations should adopt AI-driven cybersecurity solutions as part of a comprehensive security strategy rather than relying only on traditional defense mechanisms. Companies should invest in employee awareness programs because human error remains one of the biggest causes of cybersecurity breaches. AI systems should be combined with regular cybersecurity training, risk assessment, and policy implementation to improve overall protection.

Researchers should focus on developing more transparent and explainable AI models to increase trust in automated cybersecurity systems. Explainable AI can help analysts understand why a threat has been detected and improve decision-making processes. In addition, future research should explore methods to defend AI systems against adversarial attacks and manipulation attempts by cybercriminals.

Governments and regulatory authorities should establish clear legal and ethical frameworks for AI usage in cybersecurity. International collaboration between countries, organizations, and researchers is necessary to address global cyber threats effectively. Information sharing among organizations can help improve threat intelligence and strengthen collective cyber defense capabilities.

Educational institutions should introduce specialized programs that combine Artificial Intelligence and cybersecurity to address the shortage of skilled professionals in the industry. Training future experts in AI-driven security technologies will be essential for meeting the increasing demand for cybersecurity specialists.

Organizations should also adopt a layered security approach that combines AI tools with human expertise. While AI can automate detection and response processes, human analysts are still necessary for strategic decision-making, investigation, and ethical oversight.

The integration of AI with technologies such as blockchain, edge computing, cloud computing, and quantum-resistant cryptography should also be explored further. These technologies can strengthen the resilience of cybersecurity systems against future threats.

Overall, AI-driven cybersecurity systems provide a strong foundation for protecting digital infrastructure in the modern era. Continuous innovation, ethical governance, collaboration, and investment in research will determine the future success of AI in cybersecurity applications.

12. Emerging Trends in AI-Driven Cybersecurity

The cybersecurity landscape is evolving rapidly due to the increasing sophistication of cyber threats and the rapid advancement of digital technologies. Artificial Intelligence is expected to play a central role in addressing future cybersecurity challenges. One of the most significant emerging trends is the use of AI-powered Security Operations Centers (SOCs). These intelligent systems can automate threat monitoring, log analysis, and incident response, reducing the burden on cybersecurity teams and enabling faster reaction times.

Another important trend is the rise of AI-driven threat hunting. Traditional threat hunting methods require manual investigation by analysts, which can be time-consuming and resource-intensive. AI-based threat hunting systems can proactively search for hidden threats within networks by analyzing patterns, anomalies, and suspicious behavior. This enables organizations to identify attacks before they cause major damage.

AI is also transforming cloud security. As organizations increasingly adopt cloud computing services, protecting cloud environments has become a major priority. AI-powered cloud security systems monitor cloud infrastructure, identify misconfigurations, detect

unauthorized access, and respond to threats in real time. These systems help organizations maintain secure and compliant cloud operations.

The use of AI in biometric authentication is another growing trend. AI enhances facial recognition, fingerprint scanning, voice recognition, and behavioral biometrics to improve identity verification and access control systems. Such technologies provide stronger protection against unauthorized access and identity theft.

Cybersecurity automation platforms are becoming more advanced through the integration of AI and orchestration technologies. Security automation reduces response times, improves consistency, and allows organizations to handle a large number of security incidents more efficiently. Automated workflows can isolate infected systems, generate alerts, and initiate recovery processes without human intervention.

Another emerging area is AI-driven deception technology. Deception systems create fake environments, decoy files, and virtual assets to mislead attackers and detect malicious activities. AI helps these systems adapt dynamically to attacker behavior and collect intelligence about attack methods.

The increasing use of the Internet of Things (IoT) also presents new cybersecurity challenges. Billions of connected devices generate enormous amounts of data and create additional attack surfaces. AI-based security systems are being developed to monitor IoT environments, identify abnormal device behavior, and prevent unauthorized communication.

Furthermore, AI is playing a major role in combating misinformation and deepfake threats. Deepfake technologies use AI to generate realistic fake audio, video, and images that can be used for fraud, impersonation, and disinformation campaigns. AI-powered detection systems are being developed to identify manipulated content and prevent misuse.

The future of cybersecurity will likely involve the collaboration of AI systems, human experts, and intelligent automation. Organizations that successfully integrate AI into their cybersecurity strategies will be better prepared to defend against evolving cyber threats and maintain digital trust in an increasingly connected world.

13. Final Remarks

Artificial Intelligence has fundamentally transformed the field of cybersecurity by introducing intelligent, adaptive, and automated approaches for protecting digital systems and data. The rapid evolution of cyber threats has created an urgent need for advanced security mechanisms capable of responding to attacks in real time. AI-driven cybersecurity systems address this challenge by combining Machine Learning, Deep Learning, predictive analytics, and behavioral analysis to improve threat detection and response capabilities.

This research paper explored the role of AI in cybersecurity, reviewed existing literature, discussed major AI technologies, examined applications across industries, and analyzed the benefits and challenges associated with AI-driven security systems. The study also highlighted future opportunities, ethical considerations, and emerging trends shaping the future of digital security.

AI-powered cybersecurity solutions provide organizations with several advantages, including faster detection of threats, improved accuracy, automation of repetitive tasks, predictive capabilities, and enhanced incident response. These systems help organizations manage large-scale digital environments more effectively and strengthen cyber resilience against modern attacks.

However, AI is not a complete replacement for human expertise. Cybersecurity professionals remain essential for strategic decision-making, ethical oversight, investigation, and policy development. The successful implementation of AI-driven cybersecurity requires a balanced approach that combines advanced technology with skilled human judgment.

As cybercriminals continue to develop more sophisticated attack methods, organizations must continuously innovate and adapt their defense mechanisms. Future advancements in AI, explainable systems, quantum-resistant security, and intelligent automation will further strengthen cybersecurity capabilities.

14. Conclusion

In conclusion, AI-driven cybersecurity represents a revolutionary paradigm shift in digital defense. The integration of Artificial Intelligence into cybersecurity practices will continue to shape the future of information security, helping organizations, governments, and individuals build a safer and more secure digital ecosystem.

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