

# Predictive Analytics-based Strategies for Cyber-Security Provisioning in complex ICT systems

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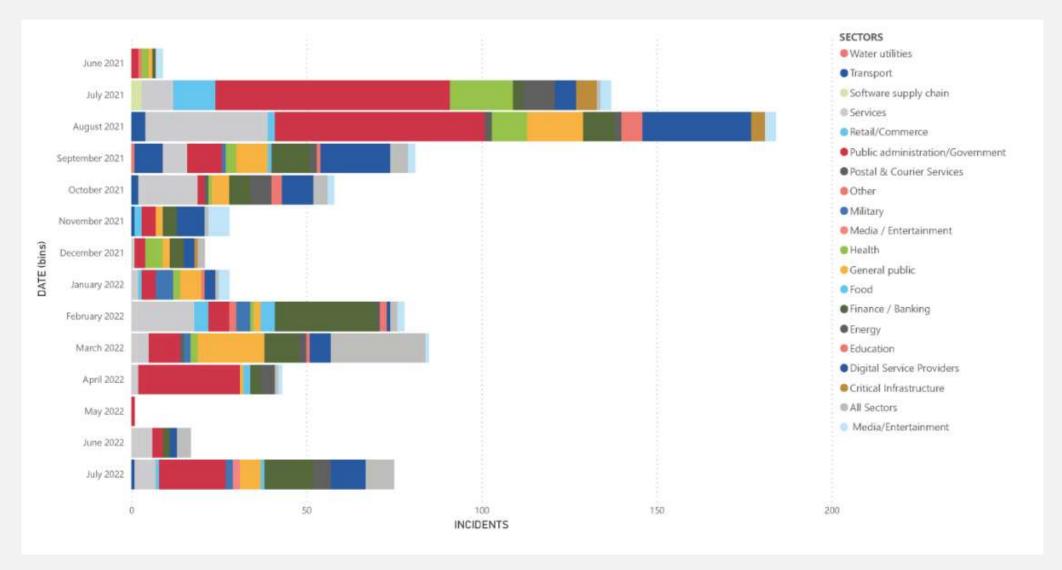
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# Introduction

- Industry 4.0 revolution automates the industrial infrastructure where different sectors are connected. It results in increasing the complexity of the of the overall infrastructure.
- The complex infrastructure of ICT systems makes them difficult to detect to prevent them from cyber attacks.
- The use of cyber security standards and classical protection strategies are inadequate to handle the diverse nature of the attacks.
- Predictive analytics involves data mining, and statistical algorithms such as Machine Learning (ML) approaches to make predictions and identify the pattern of future outcomes.
- In cybersecurity, predictive analytics can be applied to a wide range of data, including network logs, security events, user behavior, and external threat intelligence.

# Motivation



### Motivation

- Rapid development in the network infrastructure has resulted in sophisticated attacks that are hard to detect.
- Detection and prediction of attacks using a single data source and classical approaches are problematic.
- To maintain confidentiality and integrity, organizations must detect and respond the cyber threats proactively without compromising their privacy.
- There is a strong need for efficient predictive analytics-based approaches that utilize AI strategies to detect and predict known attacks along with ever-emerging exploits which can happen in the ICT scenarios.

# Problem to solve

- Issue associated with the classical protection strategies e.g Rule based detection(Snort, Suricata), not able to handle the new attacks patterns.
- Protection strategies based on single input format. e.g network packet based anomalies detection. Single input format is not sufficient in ICT systems.
- Existing approaches have been more biased toward the detection and predictions using supervised Machine Learning(ML) approaches.
- Validations of the strategies with real-time scenarios.
- Actions to be taken after the detection of attack.

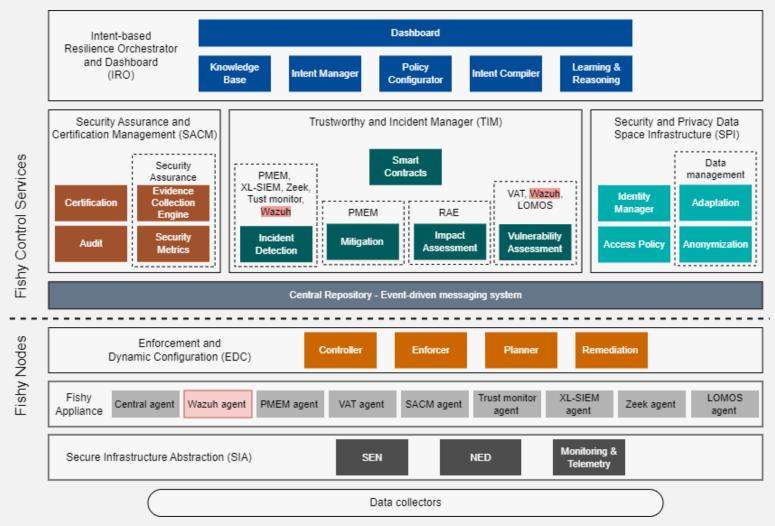
# Thesis Objective

The thesis aims to design, develop and validate AI-based predictive analytics strategies to achieve the Cyber-Security Provisioning in ICT system. The proposed system will include a well-defined set of sub-objectives as discussed below:

- To design and develop data collectors for data acquisitions.
- Leveraging a detailed literature review to build a taxonomy of attacks and correlated features.
- To design and develop predictive analytics strategies to handle multiple inputs for data modelling.
- To design and execute predictive analytic models for detecting and predicting known and zero-day attacks.
- To deploy and test the proposed strategies in both domain-specific and generic environments.
- To validate the proposed strategy with real-time data and public datasets

#### FISHY ARCHITECTURE



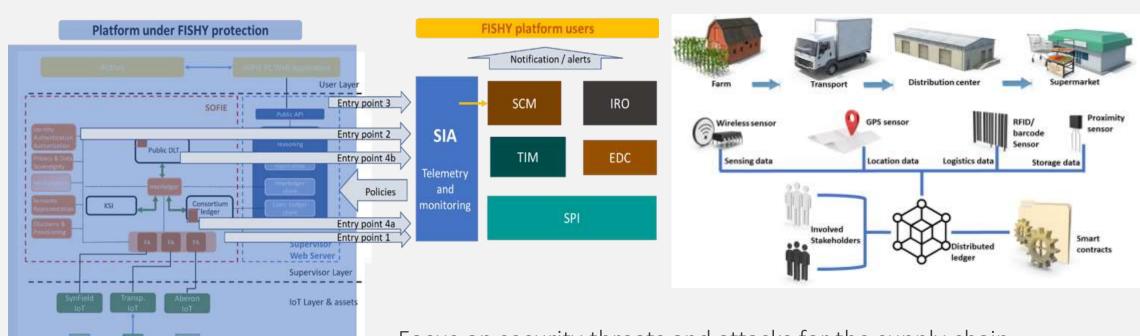


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#### FOOD SECTOR SCENARIO(FARM TO FORK)



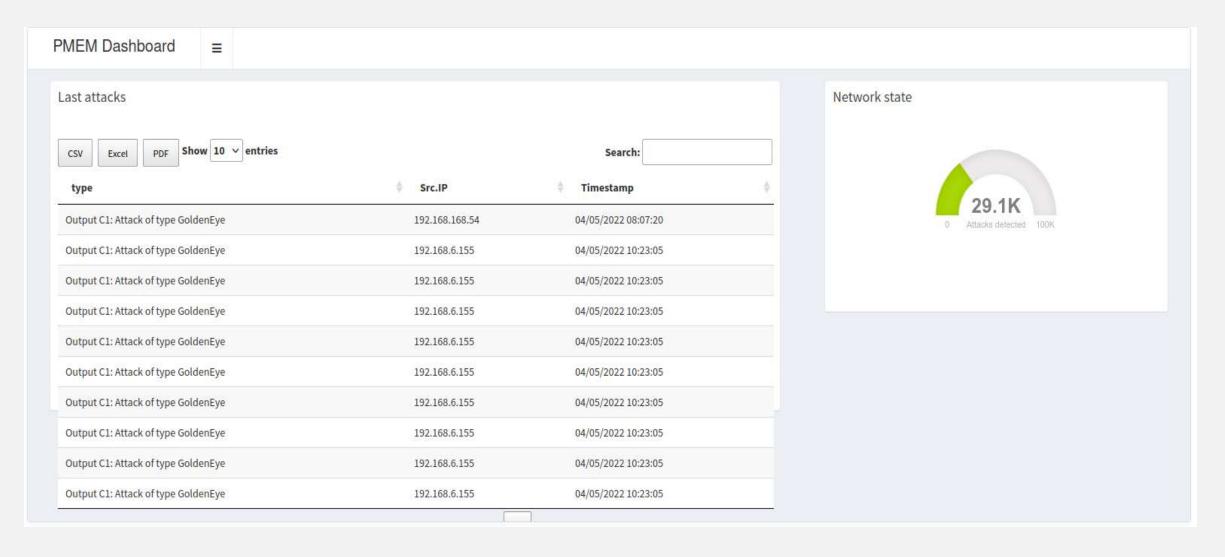


Focus on security threats and attacks for the supply chain:

- Identification of the Malicious and Normal Logs
- Specifically protection against Mirai DDOS attack

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