



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CYBER SECURITY IN CIVIL AND MILITARY AVIATION



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# AGENDA



Context



Information Security



A.I. in Military World & CyberSec



Use case: UAV in cyber domain



Training









# CONTEXT

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

<p><b>Machine Learning</b></p> <p>Using sample data to train computer programs to recognize patterns based on algorithms.</p> 	<p><b>Neural Networks</b></p> <p>Computer systems designed to imitate the neurons in a brain.</p> 	<p><b>Natural Language Processing</b></p> <p>The ability to understand speech, as well as understand and analyze documents.</p> 	<p><b>Robotics</b></p> <p>Machines that can assist people without actual human involvement.</p> 
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## CYBER SECURITY



## MILITARY AVIATION

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# CONTEXT



WE ARE LIVING IN THE SO-CALLED **INFORMATION ERA**

- **KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY**
- **SOCIOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**



IN 2013, ERIC SHMIDT AND JARED COHEN (GOOGLE) PUBLISHED A BOOK THAT PROVIDES AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE **CHARACTERISTICS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS OF THE DIGITAL AGE.**

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# INFORMATION SECURITY

## INFORMATION SECURITY IS ESSENTIAL

### DIGITAL INFORMATION IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF

- THE DAILY BUSINESS OF ANY COMPANY
- THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TASKS, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
- THE DAILY COMMUNICATION AMONG PERSONS

### THAT IS CARRIED BY

- INTERNET
- COMPUTERS & SMART DEVICES

THE **CYBER SPACE** IS THE NEW PLACE WHERE PREVENTION, PROTECTION, AND RESPONSE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES HAS TO BE DEPLOYED

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# INFORMATION SECURITY

## TYPES OF RISK

IN MANY SECTORS: EVENTS THAT AFFECT **SAFETY**

- AEROSPACE
- PROCESS (E.G., NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL) PLANTS
- ENERGY
- CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
- THE MILITARY

IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS: EVENTS THAT AFFECT **SECURITY**

- CONFIDENTIALITY, INTEGRITY, AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION
- POTENTIAL EFFECTS TO THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT (E.G., INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION)





# INFORMATION SECURITY

## NIST CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK

A **RISK-BASED** APPROACH TO MANAGING CYBERSECURITY RISK

- **FLEXIBLE** APPROACH TO CYBERSECURITY, APPLICABLE TO ANY ORGANIZATION RELYING ON TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING IA.
- PROVIDES A **COMMON ORGANIZING STRUCTURE** FOR MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO CYBER SECURITY BY ASSEMBLING CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND PRACTICES



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# A.I. IN MILITARY WORLD

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE FIELD OF MILITARY AVIATION, OFFERING ADVANCED CAPABILITIES AND ENHANCING OPERATIONS IN VARIOUS WAYS.

## ✓ C4ISR

FACILITATES THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND ACCURATE DECISION SUPPORT

## ✓ PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE

PREDICT WHEN AIRCRAFT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE BEFORE FAILURES OCCUR

## ✓ AUTONOMOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS

DEVELOPMENT OF AUTONOMOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS, CAPABLE OF OPERATING WITHOUT DIRECT HUMAN INTERVENTION

## ✓ DECISION SUPPORT

AI ASSISTS PILOTS AND GROUND PERSONNEL IN MAKING QUICK AND INFORMED DECISIONS DURING MISSIONS

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# A.I. & CYBER SECURITY

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE FIELD OF CYBERSECURITY.

## ✓ THREAT DETECTION AND PREVENTION

AI-BASED SYSTEMS CAN ANALYZE LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA TO IDENTIFY PATTERNS AND DETECT ANOMALIES IN REAL-TIME.

## ✓ BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

AI CAN MONITOR USER BEHAVIOR, NETWORK TRAFFIC, AND SYSTEM LOGS TO IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES.

## ✓ VULNERABILITY IDENTIFICATION

AI CAN PROACTIVELY IDENTIFY VULNERABILITIES IN NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS

## ✓ REDUCTION OF HUMAN ERRORS

THROUGH AUTOMATION AND CONTINUOUS LEARNING

## ✓ ENHANCEMENT OF NETWORK, IoT/OT, AND APPLICATION SECURITY

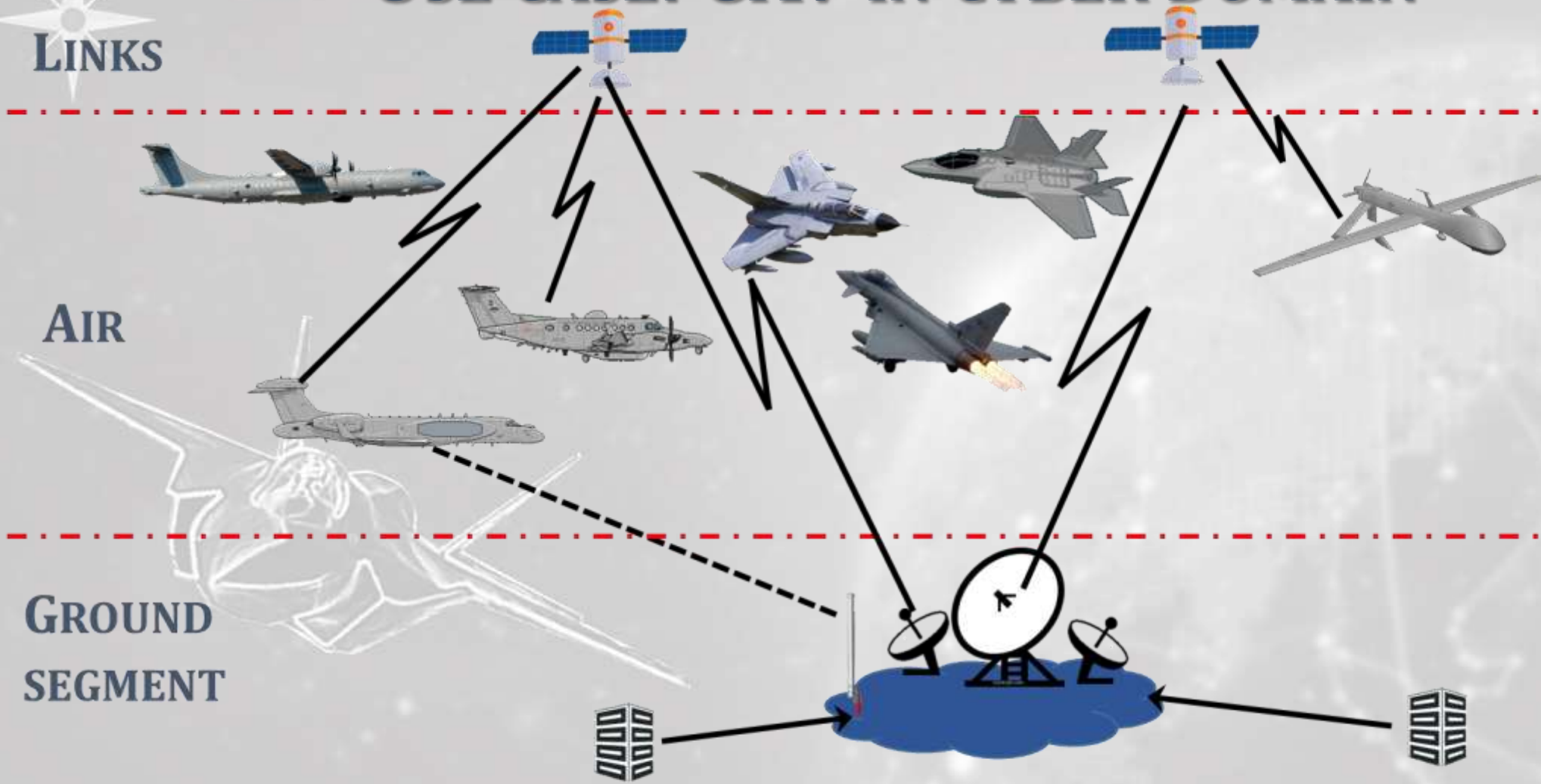
AI CAN ENHANCE SECURITY ACROSS VARIOUS TECHNOLOGICAL DOMAINS



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# USE CASE: UAV IN CYBER DOMAIN



AIR

GROUND  
SEGMENT

Cyber Security

Artificial Intelligence

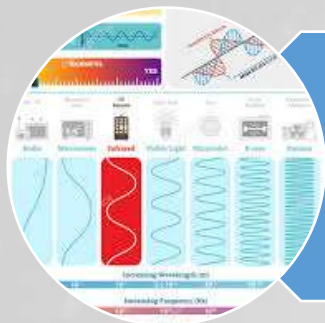


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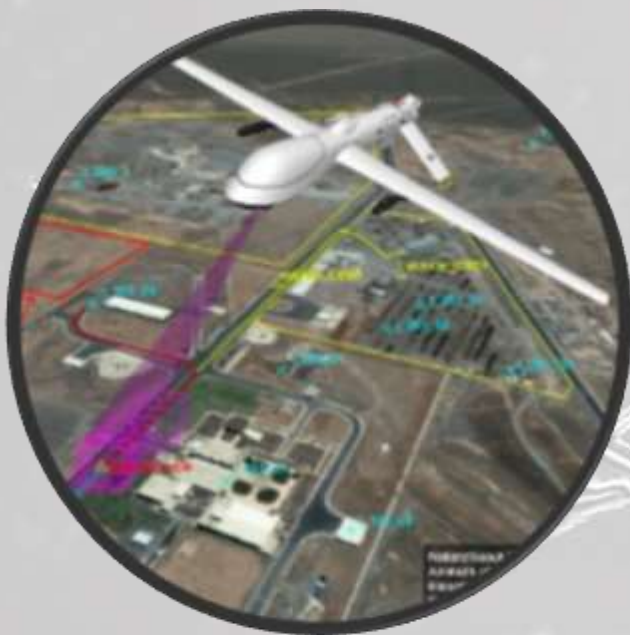




# USE CASE: UAV IN CYBER DOMAIN



These aircraft interact with the surrounding environment through electronics and the electromagnetic spectrum



Collecting, processing and exchanging a large amount of data and information that travel in cyberspace and between the physical and network infrastructures dedicated to them



UAV and the cyber domain are two sides of the same aspect, an indissoluble union





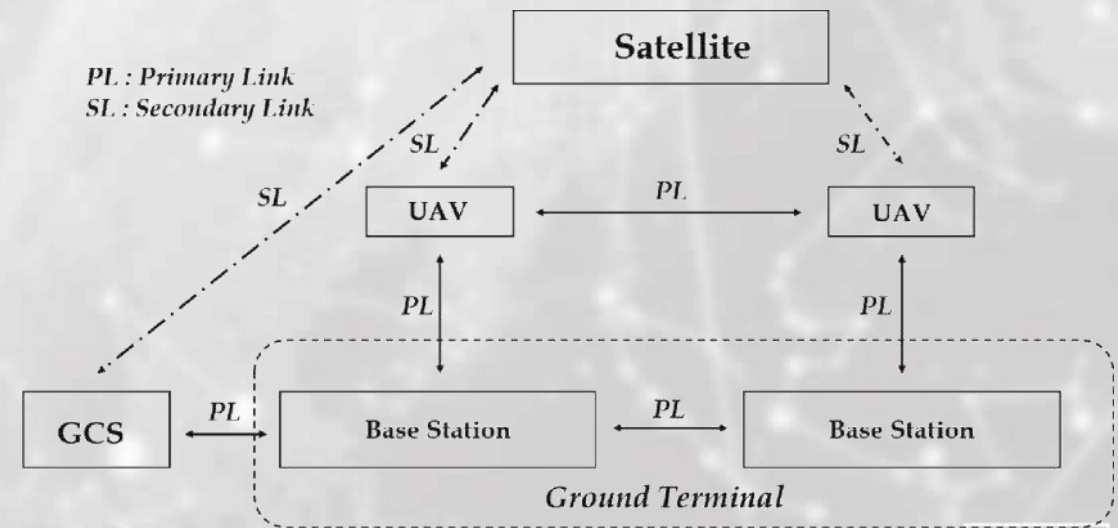
# USE CASE: UAV IN CYBER DOMAIN



TO IDENTIFY VULNERABILITIES IN THE CYBER SEGMENT, INCLUDING THOSE OF AN ELECTRONIC TYPE, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER ALL THE COMPONENTS OF AN UAV SYSTEM, WHICH IS COMPOSED IN ITS MORE COMPLEX CONFIGURATIONS BY

THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- THE AIRCRAFT
- THE GROUND CONTROL STATION (GCS)
- LINKS OF COMMUNICATION
- EXPLOITATION DATA STATION (EDS)



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# USE CASE: UAV IN CYBER DOMAIN

IN THE CONTEXT OF CYBER VULNERABILITIES, AN UAV MAY BE ATTACKED TO PURSUE NUMEROUS PURPOSES, INCLUDING:

- ✓ PREVENT THE MISSION;
- ✓ CAUSE THE AIRCRAFT TO LOSE CONTROL;
- ✓ TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT;
- ✓ MODIFY THE AUTOPILOT SYSTEM INFORMATION BY ALTERING ITS FUNCTIONALITY;
- ✓ TRIGGERING EVENTS PREDETERMINED BY ON-BOARD SYSTEMS;
- ✓ PREVENT DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND C2;
- ✓ STEAL OR CORRUPT INFORMATION DETECTED;
- ✓ INFECT THE COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND WORKSTATIONS WITH VIRUSES, MALWARE, SPYWARE, ETC.



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# USE CASE: UAV IN CYBER DOMAIN

THERE IS THEREFORE A GROWING COMBINED USE ("BLENDED") OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF ATTACK, I.E.:



- ✓ **JAMMING:** IT IS POSSIBLE TO DISTURB / OBFUSCATE THE SIGNAL;
- ✓ **MAN IN THE MIDDLE:** IT IS POSSIBLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT OR STEAL INFORMATION;
- ✓ **SPOOFING:** SENDING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN ILLEGAL ACCESS TO THE SYSTEMS, INDICATING A FALSE GPS LOCATION;
- ✓ **TYPICAL CYBER ATTACK:** THE CLASSIC ATTACK CARRIED TO THE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE GROUND, FROM OUTSIDE OR FROM INSIDE, WITH VIRUSES, MALWARE, SPYWARE, ETC .;
- ✓ **DENIAL OF SERVICE (DoS):** TO INHIBIT TRANSMISSIONS;
- ✓ **SUPPLY CHAIN:** IT IS POSSIBLE TO SABOTAGE OR ADD DEVICES, SENSORS, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, DURING ASSEMBLY AND INTEGRATION OR DURING MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS.

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# TRAINING



APR - MQ9

SAT COM

Simulated

Conformal Airborne Early Warning - C2

TORNADO



CYBER ATTACK



S.O.C. - Air Force

CORE Services  
Communication Svc (VoIP)

C2 Systems

Full Motion  
Video

TBT Radio

Real

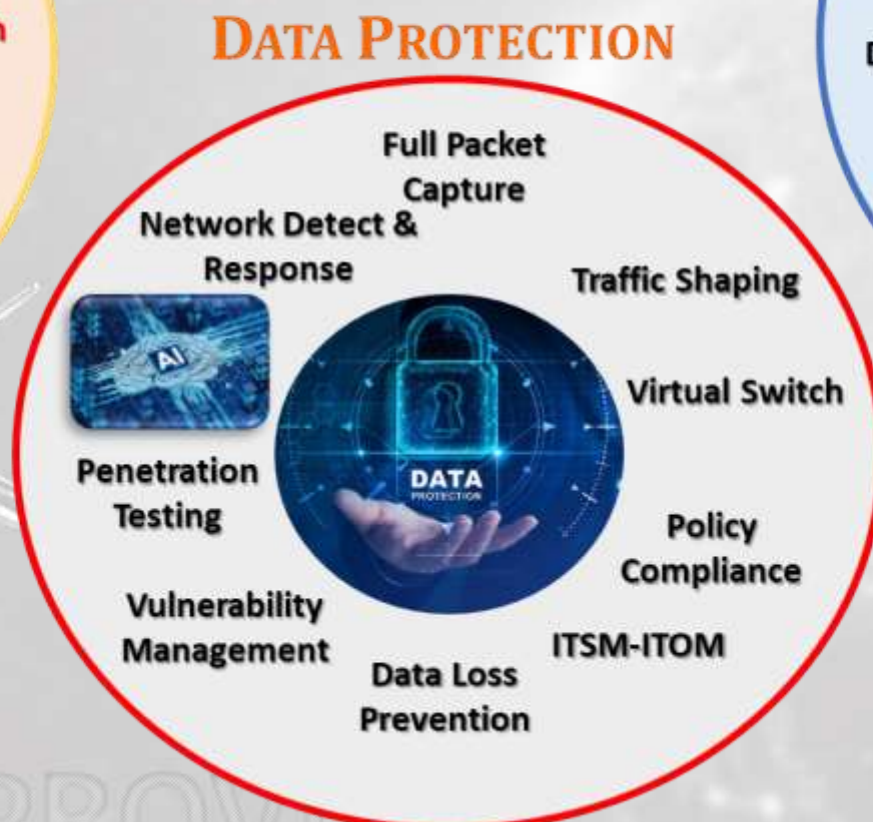


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# TRAINING



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