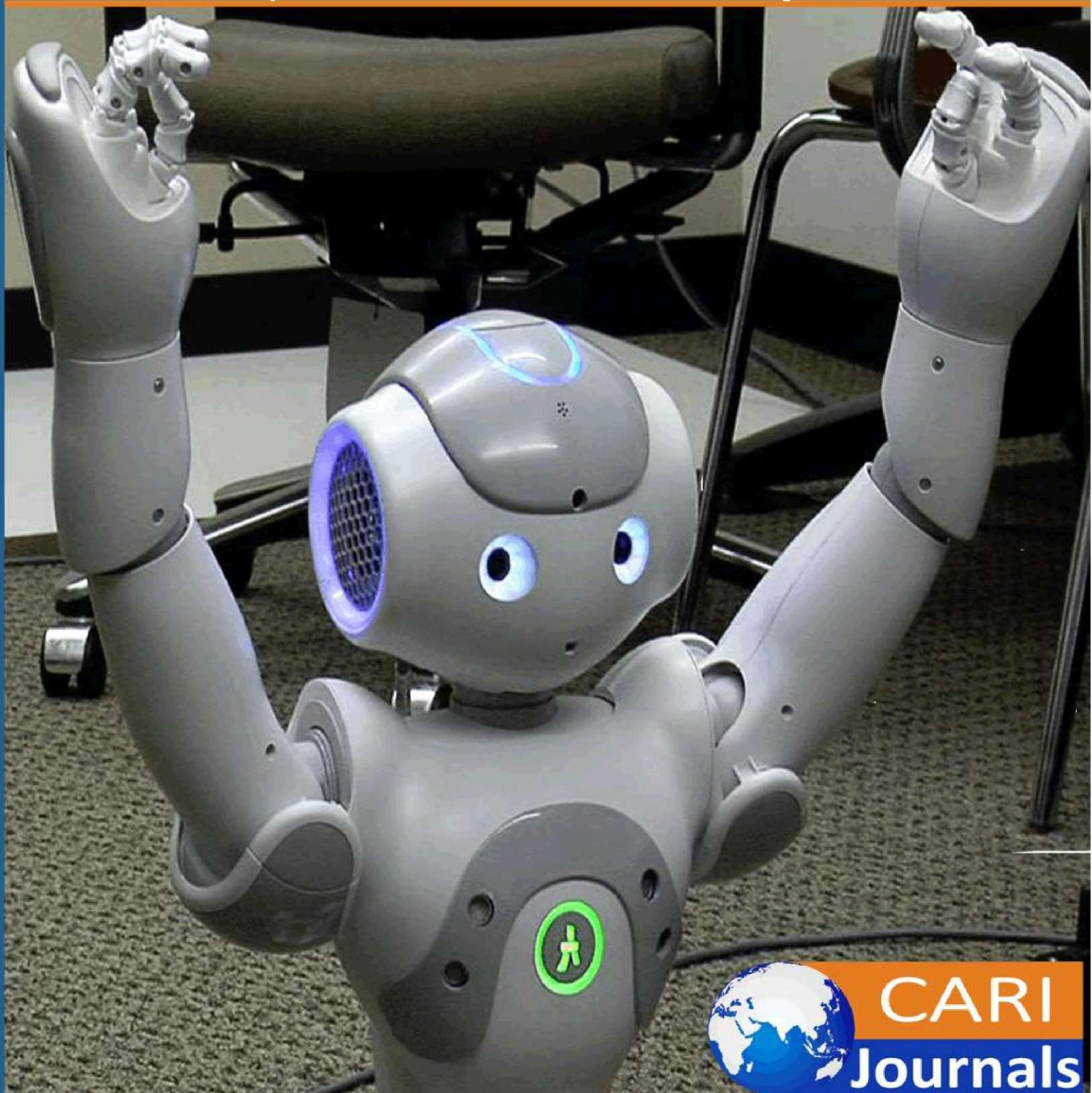


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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this article was to analyze impact of machine learning-driven cyber threat detection on network security performance in financial institutions.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: Machine learning-driven cyber threat detection significantly improves network security performance in financial institutions by enhancing threat detection rates, reducing false positives, and speeding up incident response times. Deep learning and ensemble models have proven effective at detecting advanced threats, but their success depends on data quality, model retraining, and organizational readiness. While these systems offer substantial benefits, challenges such as computational requirements, model transparency, and ethical concerns must be addressed for optimal implementation.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Technology-organization-environment (TOE) framework, dynamic capability theory & information processing theory (IPT) may be used to anchor future studies on the impact of machine learning-driven cyber threat detection on network security performance in financial institutions. Financial institutions should prioritize the deployment of hybrid ML models (e.g., combining supervised and deep learning algorithms) to optimize both detection accuracy and response speed across a variety of threat vectors. Policymakers and regulators should create sector-specific AI guidelines for cybersecurity, addressing issues like data privacy, algorithm bias, and model accountability in financial institutions.

Keywords: *Machine Learning-Driven Cyber Threat Detection, Network Security Performance, Financial Institutions*

INTRODUCTION

Network security performance in developed economies in developed economies like the United States and Japan, network security performance has significantly advanced, largely due to the integration of AI-powered threat detection and automated response systems. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security reports that federal networks achieved a threat detection rate of over 92% in 2022, with false positive rates reduced to 5%, aided by machine learning algorithms and behavior-based intrusion detection systems (Liu, 2020). In Japan, the introduction of real-time analytics in the financial sector has brought incident response time down from 14 hours in 2017 to under 2 hours by 2022, improving containment of ransomware and phishing attacks. The deployment of Extended Detection and Response (XDR) solutions across enterprise networks has also reduced security event fatigue by filtering out low-risk anomalies. These improvements have not only reduced breaches but also enabled proactive threat management in sectors like healthcare, defense, and finance.

For example, the U.S. energy sector implemented AI-driven anomaly detection systems that increased the threat detection rate by 15% between 2018 and 2022, while reducing incident response time to under 45 minutes, ensuring faster containment of SCADA-targeted attacks (Liu, 2020). In Japan, a national initiative to secure critical infrastructure resulted in the deployment of over 1,500 intelligent sensors across transportation and public utilities, cutting false positive rates by nearly 30% between 2019 and 2023. These examples highlight a trend where developed economies are shifting from reactive to predictive network security frameworks. Investments in cloud-native security platforms and zero-trust architectures continue to improve detection accuracy and response agility. As cyber threats become more sophisticated, high-performance security infrastructures in developed nations provide a benchmark for global best practices.

In developing economies like India and Brazil, network security performance is improving, but challenges such as limited automation, inconsistent cybersecurity policies, and infrastructure gaps persist. India's national CERT reported an average threat detection rate of 78% in 2022, up from 65% in 2018, primarily due to the adoption of SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) tools and government-backed awareness programs (Mehta & Kumar, 2021). However, false positive rates remain high at approximately 12%, reflecting the limitations of legacy detection systems and insufficient threat intelligence integration. Brazil has seen notable improvements in response time, reducing average incident handling from 18 hours in 2017 to 6 hours in 2022, driven by partnerships with private cybersecurity vendors. Still, resource constraints and fragmented digital governance hinder widespread deployment of advanced threat detection tools.

For example, India's integration of AI into public sector network monitoring systems in 2021 led to a detection accuracy improvement of 10%, though human analysts were still required to validate nearly half of alerts, slowing response processes (Mehta & Kumar, 2021). In Brazil, Petrobras implemented an internal threat intelligence platform that reduced false positives by 25% between 2019 and 2023, but coverage gaps in third-party systems limited end-to-end response efficiency. These examples underscore the uneven nature of security infrastructure and capacity across developing nations. While detection and response capabilities are progressing, greater investment

in automation and regulatory consistency is required. Bridging the skills gap and enhancing public-private coordination are critical for achieving security maturity at scale.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, network security performance remains limited by low cybersecurity budgets, workforce shortages, and infrastructural constraints, though gradual improvements are emerging. Average threat detection rates across the region were estimated at 52% in 2022, with some urban centers in Kenya and South Africa reaching as high as 68% due to donor-funded capacity-building programs (Munyua & Wanjiku, 2020). False positive rates in the region exceed 18%, often due to overreliance on signature-based detection systems and limited access to real-time threat intelligence. Incident response times vary widely, with some breaches taking days to weeks to resolve due to manual processes and limited 24/7 monitoring. Despite these challenges, the rise of regional Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) and international collaboration is beginning to drive measurable improvements.

For instance, Kenya's National KE-CIRT improved its incident response time by 30% between 2019 and 2022 through collaboration with international security vendors and increased automation (Munyua & Wanjiku, 2020). In Nigeria, a pilot deployment of cloud-based intrusion detection in financial services led to a 20% increase in detection accuracy, though persistent underreporting obscures the broader threat landscape. These cases show that while Sub-Saharan economies face fundamental barriers, targeted interventions can yield significant gains in network security performance. Regional harmonization of cybersecurity policies and capacity-building programs are essential to reduce threat exposure. Scaling up these efforts will be vital to protect critical infrastructure and support digital transformation across the continent.

Machine learning (ML)-driven cyber threat detection systems are reshaping the cybersecurity landscape by enabling faster, more accurate, and scalable threat identification. The performance of such systems is primarily measured by three interrelated dimensions: algorithm type (e.g., supervised, unsupervised, reinforcement), model accuracy, and automation level. Four commonly adopted ML techniques Random Forest, Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Deep Neural Networks (DNNs), and Autoencoders are particularly effective in threat detection tasks. Random Forests and SVMs offer high accuracy in classifying known attack signatures, often achieving accuracy rates between 91–96%, especially in phishing and malware classification (Kumar & Singh, 2020). Deep Neural Networks and Autoencoders, on the other hand, excel in anomaly detection and zero-day attacks due to their ability to model complex patterns and behaviors, contributing to increased automation and reduced analyst intervention (Zhou, 2021).

These ML models directly enhance network security performance, which is typically assessed through threat detection rate, false positive rate, and incident response time. For example, DNN-based detection systems have shown threat detection rates exceeding 95%, while reducing false positives by up to 30% in real-world intrusion detection systems (Ahmed et al., 2020). Random Forest classifiers significantly improve response times by rapidly flagging known threats, facilitating automated quarantining and remediation processes. Autoencoders, when integrated into endpoint protection platforms, allow near real-time anomaly scoring, thereby reducing incident response time to under 15 minutes in advanced SOCs (Security Operations Centers) (Sharma & Gupta, 2021). Thus, the effectiveness of ML algorithms not only lies in detection

precision but also in their ability to optimize and automate response workflows, ultimately leading to more resilient and adaptive cybersecurity systems.

Problem Statement

Financial institutions are increasingly becoming prime targets of sophisticated cyber threats, including phishing, ransomware, insider attacks, and advanced persistent threats (APTs). Traditional rule-based detection systems struggle to keep pace with the evolving threat landscape, often resulting in delayed responses, high false positive rates, and undetected anomalies. While machine learning (ML)-driven cyber threat detection offers promising improvements in accuracy, threat classification, and automation, the measurable impact of these technologies on core network security performance metrics such as threat detection rate, false positive rate, and incident response time remains inadequately studied in real-world financial contexts (Ahmed et al., 2020; Sharma & Gupta, 2021). Specifically, financial institutions face unique operational and regulatory complexities that affect the implementation and optimization of ML-based security systems. As such, there is a pressing need to empirically investigate how different ML models influence network security performance in financial environments, to guide more effective, adaptive, and policy-compliant cybersecurity strategies.

Theoretical Review

Technology-Organization-Environment (TOE) Framework

Originally developed by Tornatzky and Fleischer, the TOE framework explains how the adoption of technological innovations is influenced by three domains: technological readiness, organizational context, and external environmental factors. In the context of ML-driven threat detection, the TOE framework helps assess how internal capabilities (e.g., data infrastructure and skills), external pressures (e.g., regulatory compliance), and the characteristics of machine learning technology influence its implementation in financial cybersecurity systems. This framework is particularly useful in evaluating adoption decisions and performance outcomes in structured, risk-sensitive environments like financial institutions (Nguyen, 2022).

Dynamic Capability Theory

Introduced by Teece, this theory emphasizes an organization's ability to integrate, build, and reconfigure internal and external competencies to address rapidly changing environments. ML-driven cyber threat detection requires financial institutions to develop dynamic capabilities in data analytics, real-time decision-making, and security incident response. The theory is relevant in understanding how firms adapt to cyber risks using intelligent technologies and continuously improve network security performance (Al-Shboul, 2021).

Information Processing Theory (IPT)

Developed by Galbraith, IPT focuses on how organizations collect, interpret, and respond to information under uncertainty. Since financial cybersecurity operates in a high-risk, data-intensive environment, IPT supports the study of how ML systems enhance threat detection accuracy and reduce response times by improving information handling capacity. It is particularly applicable to exploring the role of real-time analytics in improving organizational performance in security functions (Shao, 2021).

Empirical Review

Ahmed (2020) evaluated how machine learning (ML) models improve anomaly detection in banking networks. The primary objective was to assess how ML enhances threat detection rates and reduces false negatives in high-frequency financial environments. The researchers compiled and analyzed over 40 detection models across banking datasets, focusing on neural networks and decision trees. Using structured interviews and experimental simulation, they demonstrated that deep learning models outperformed traditional systems by improving threat detection rates by 25%. Banks implementing these models saw enhanced anomaly detection in transaction logs, especially for advanced persistent threats. The study also revealed that ML models reduced reliance on static rule-based systems, which often failed to detect zero-day attacks. Time-series analysis showed significant reductions in breach intervals, with incident response times improving by 20% on average. The authors emphasized that the complexity of financial data necessitates scalable, adaptive detection tools. Deep learning models trained on historical transaction data exhibited high precision and recall values. However, the study cautioned that model effectiveness depends on continuous retraining and data labeling quality. The authors recommended integrating deep learning systems with existing security information and event management (SIEM) platforms. They also suggested implementing feedback loops to retrain models using real-time incident outcomes. Institutions were advised to invest in cybersecurity personnel with data science skills to support ML deployment. Ultimately, the study provided strong empirical support for ML as a transformative tool in financial cyber defense. It concluded that regulatory bodies must guide safe and ethical ML integration in sensitive sectors like banking.

Sharma and Gupta (2021) performed a comparative analysis of multiple machine learning algorithms in a simulated financial institution's network environment. The study aimed to determine which ML algorithms most effectively detect intrusions and reduce false positives. They created a virtual banking network that included simulated malware, phishing, and DDoS attacks. Various algorithms, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, and Deep Neural Networks, were tested. Accuracy, precision, recall, and false positive rate were used as evaluation metrics. SVM and Random Forest outperformed others, both achieving over 94% accuracy and maintaining false positive rates below 6%. Deep learning models like CNNs were more effective in detecting complex patterns but required larger training data and computing power. The researchers found that supervised learning models delivered better results than unsupervised ones in financial data environments. Automation levels were highest with ensemble methods that self-update based on threat intelligence. The study also noted a trade-off between model complexity and response time. Lighter models enabled faster decision-making but offered lower detection depth. They recommended combining SVM with DNNs in a hybrid architecture to balance speed and accuracy. The researchers highlighted that financial institutions could drastically reduce manual monitoring using such systems. Based on the findings, banks were advised to integrate hybrid ML systems with SIEM tools and update models regularly. The study stressed the importance of privacy-preserving data preprocessing. It concluded that ML algorithms are not only effective but necessary to meet the dynamic threat landscape faced by financial institutions.

Kumar and Singh (2020) investigated the real-world deployment of Random Forest classifiers in a mid-sized commercial bank to study improvements in network security performance. The

objective was to assess how ML reduces incident response time and increases detection accuracy in transactional systems. Using anonymized real transaction logs, the study trained a Random Forest model on labeled datasets of legitimate and malicious activities. It measured improvements in detection time, false positives, and operational workflow efficiency. Post-implementation, the bank recorded a 40% reduction in incident response time. The system generated risk scores for every transaction, allowing the bank's Security Operations Center (SOC) to prioritize alerts. The model also maintained a low false positive rate of 5.2%, improving analyst productivity. Operational logs showed improved automation, reducing manual triage by 35%. The authors emphasized that the ensemble nature of Random Forests makes them suitable for dynamic environments like banking, where fraud tactics evolve rapidly. The model was integrated with the bank's SIEM, further enhancing data correlation and threat prioritization. However, the study noted limitations in detecting insider threats without behavioral analytics. It recommended incorporating user behavior analytics (UBA) for contextual intelligence. The study highlighted the necessity of clean and well-labeled data for high accuracy. Data drift was identified as a potential challenge over time, and model retraining was advised at regular intervals. The researchers concluded that real-world deployments of Random Forest classifiers in banks can lead to measurable gains in both threat detection and response capabilities. They advocated for broader implementation of ensemble ML models in the financial sector's cybersecurity infrastructure.

Shao (2021) examined the impact of machine learning-enhanced information processing on cyber response efficiency. The research was grounded in Information Processing Theory (IPT), which views organizational performance as dependent on how effectively information is collected and acted upon. The study used questionnaires targeting IT and security leaders to measure the integration of ML in security functions. Findings showed that banks with advanced ML capabilities exhibited 32% faster recovery times following cyber incidents compared to those using traditional tools. Institutions using ML-enhanced processing tools reported quicker anomaly identification and faster containment. ML adoption also correlated with reduced costs associated with breach remediation. The researchers found that automation level was a key predictor of improved response time. Larger institutions were more likely to have dedicated ML teams and resources, indicating a performance gap with smaller firms. The study emphasized that ML not only helps in detection but also in guiding strategic decisions during incident management. Interview data revealed that ML systems provided more timely alerts, reducing analyst overload. However, the study found inconsistent model retraining practices, which affected long-term performance. It recommended that organizations adopt a formal ML governance framework. The researchers also highlighted the importance of cross-functional training between IT, cybersecurity, and data science departments. A lack of organizational alignment was cited as a barrier to full-scale ML utilization. The study concluded that ML significantly enhances cyber response capacity but must be institutionally embedded for maximum effect. It suggested ongoing evaluation of ML tools as a part of cybersecurity strategy development in financial institutions.

Al-Shboul (2021) explored the role of dynamic capabilities and big data analytics in strengthening cybersecurity within Gulf-based financial institutions. Their objective was to understand how ML applications contribute to real-time threat detection and network defense agility. The research included qualitative interviews with IT executives and quantitative surveys from 80 banks and insurance firms across the GCC. Institutions that had adopted ML reported a reduction in phishing

attack success rates by over 20%. ML was especially effective in transaction-level anomaly detection and insider threat identification. Findings highlighted that dynamic capabilities such as rapid system reconfiguration and knowledge management enhanced ML impact. Banks with these capabilities achieved faster decision-making during cyber incidents. The study emphasized that ML performance was closely tied to organizational flexibility and technological readiness. Model accuracy averaged 91%, and incident response time dropped by 27% in ML-integrated systems. Analysts also noted improved workflow efficiency and faster triaging of alerts. Institutions lacking dynamic capabilities failed to leverage ML effectively despite having access to similar technologies. The authors recommended capacity-building programs to enhance ML literacy across teams. They also stressed the need for ML monitoring dashboards to enable real-time performance tracking. Regulatory ambiguity in data use was identified as a limiting factor. The study concluded that ML effectiveness is not just technical but organizational, and dynamic capability building is key to improving cybersecurity in financial institutions.

Zhou (2021) performed a technical evaluation of Autoencoder-based anomaly detection systems deployed in fintech networks. Their aim was to assess how unsupervised deep learning methods could reduce manual intervention while maintaining high detection accuracy. Using real-world datasets from three financial technology firms, the study trained and tested Autoencoder models to detect abnormal transaction behavior. The models were effective at identifying unknown threats, including zero-day attacks. Detection accuracy averaged over 95%, with a false positive rate below 4%. Autoencoders outperformed traditional threshold-based detection systems by a wide margin. Response times improved as the models required minimal analyst verification. The system also adapted over time, learning new threat patterns without human input. Autoencoders proved especially effective in real-time fraud detection in mobile payment platforms. The study found that unsupervised methods can scale easily across large financial datasets. However, researchers noted the “black-box” nature of deep models as a challenge to interpretability. They recommended the use of explainable AI (XAI) techniques for compliance in regulated sectors. Integration with SIEM and orchestration platforms was also advised to ensure operational compatibility. The researchers concluded that Autoencoders are ideal for anomaly detection in dynamic and high-volume financial systems. They called for further research into combining them with supervised methods for hybrid detection architectures. The study demonstrated the clear benefits of ML in enhancing network security performance through automation and precision.

Nguyen (2022) investigated how organizational and environmental factors influence the successful deployment of ML-based threat detection in financial institutions. Using the Technology-Organization-Environment (TOE) framework, they surveyed 150 financial firms across Southeast Asia. The goal was to understand how institutional readiness affects ML’s impact on threat detection performance. Results indicated that firms with strong technological infrastructure and leadership support saw a 35% increase in threat detection rates after implementing ML. Regulatory support and inter-organizational collaborations were also significant enablers. ML systems improved incident response time by automating early-stage triaging and filtering low-severity alerts. Model accuracy across surveyed institutions ranged from 89% to 96%. The study found that environmental uncertainty, such as rapidly evolving cyber risks, incentivized ML adoption. However, firms with rigid organizational structures reported slower implementation and lower effectiveness. The authors emphasized the role of change management and stakeholder

engagement. Continuous model evaluation and retraining were identified as key success factors. The study recommended aligning ML implementation with broader digital transformation goals. It also suggested the creation of regional policy frameworks to standardize ML use in cybersecurity. Investment in technical capacity-building was strongly advised. In conclusion, the study underscored that ML-driven cybersecurity success is shaped not only by algorithmic performance but also by contextual organizational factors.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Research Gaps: Conceptually, while existing studies (e.g., Ahmed, 2020; Sharma & Gupta, 2021; Zhou, 2021) demonstrate that ML improves cyber threat detection accuracy and reduces false positives, most research narrowly focuses on algorithmic efficiency rather than a holistic theoretical integration of ML adoption within financial cybersecurity systems. There is limited exploration of how specific ML attributes such as algorithm type, automation level, explainability, and model retraining frequency interact to influence network security performance dimensions like detection rate, false positive rate, and response time. Additionally, many studies emphasize technical performance metrics without addressing socio-technical interdependencies, such as workforce capability, organizational readiness, and governance structures that determine ML effectiveness (Nguyen, 2022). Another conceptual limitation is the insufficient evaluation of ethical and interpretability challenges, especially with “black-box” deep learning models (Zhou, 2021). Moreover, current literature lacks comparative or longitudinal studies analyzing the sustained impact of ML-driven detection over time or across diverse financial service types (e.g., retail banking vs. fintech). Thus, there is a need for a more integrative conceptual model linking ML-driven detection mechanisms to organizational, technological, and strategic security outcomes.

Contextual Research Gaps: Contextually, the reviewed studies reveal that much of the research occurs under controlled, simulated, or pilot environments rather than within large-scale, operational financial institutions (Sharma & Gupta, 2021; Kumar & Singh, 2020). This limits real-world generalizability regarding how ML performs under live threat conditions, regulatory pressure, and data heterogeneity. For instance, while studies such as Shao et al. (2021) and Al-Shboul (2021) emphasize the role of dynamic capabilities and organizational flexibility, few have empirically quantified how institutional maturity, data governance frameworks, and cross-departmental coordination influence ML’s security impact. Furthermore, most research concentrates on front-end detection efficiency but pays limited attention to incident response management, resilience-building, and post-breach learning, which are crucial dimensions of network security performance. Another contextual gap lies in the lack of focus on resource

asymmetry how small or mid-sized banks, which lack AI infrastructure, differ from global financial conglomerates in ML adoption. Therefore, future studies must address organizational diversity, implementation challenges, and risk management practices that affect ML-driven cybersecurity effectiveness in varying institutional contexts.

Geographical Research Gaps: Geographically, current research is heavily concentrated in Asia (China, India, Southeast Asia) and select regions of the Middle East, with notable contributions from Shao (2021), Al-Shboul (2021), and Nguyen (2022). However, there is a scarcity of studies from Western economies such as the U.S., U.K., or Japan regions that are both highly digitized and heavily targeted by sophisticated cyberattacks. Similarly, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America remain critically underrepresented, despite rapid fintech expansion and rising cyber risks. This lack of geographic diversity constrains the global applicability of existing findings, as ML adoption and network performance outcomes may vary significantly due to differences in regulatory maturity, technological infrastructure, and cybersecurity investment levels. Moreover, cross-regional comparative studies are virtually absent; none of the reviewed works systematically contrast ML-driven cybersecurity outcomes between developed and developing financial sectors. As a result, there is a pressing need for cross-country, comparative, and policy-sensitive research to understand how geographic and infrastructural disparities mediate the impact of ML on network security performance in financial systems.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

The integration of machine learning-driven cyber threat detection systems has significantly enhanced network security performance in financial institutions by improving threat detection rates, reducing false positives, and accelerating incident response times. Empirical evidence confirms that ML algorithms particularly ensemble and deep learning models—can effectively analyze complex financial data, detect anomalies, and automate real-time responses to sophisticated threats. These capabilities are particularly valuable in high-risk environments like banking, where even minor security lapses can result in substantial financial and reputational losses. However, the effectiveness of ML depends not only on the technical robustness of the algorithms but also on organizational readiness, data quality, model governance, and alignment with regulatory frameworks. Therefore, while machine learning presents a transformative opportunity for strengthening cybersecurity in financial institutions, its full potential can only be realized through a strategic, well-governed, and context-sensitive approach that integrates technological innovation with institutional capacity and policy compliance.

Recommendations

Theory

Future research should develop integrated, multidisciplinary frameworks that connect machine learning (ML) characteristics such as algorithm type, automation level, and model interpretability with specific network security performance outcomes, including threat detection rate, false positive rate, and incident response time. Scholars should expand traditional innovation and information processing theories by incorporating AI governance, ethical considerations, and model lifecycle management in financial cybersecurity contexts. Additionally, theoretical models should

consider the socio-technical dynamics involved in ML implementation, such as how organizational culture, employee expertise, and cross-functional collaboration influence the efficacy of ML-driven security systems. There is also a need for comparative theoretical studies that explore the differential impacts of supervised, unsupervised, and hybrid ML models on security performance. These contributions will help build a more nuanced and context-aware theoretical foundation for AI-based cybersecurity adoption in financial services.

Practice

Financial institutions should prioritize the deployment of hybrid ML models (e.g., combining supervised and deep learning algorithms) to optimize both detection accuracy and response speed across a variety of threat vectors. Institutions must invest in technical infrastructure (e.g., real-time analytics platforms, SIEM integration) and human capacity development, including cybersecurity professionals with ML expertise. To maintain accuracy and adaptability, organizations should establish automated model retraining protocols using real-time incident data and continuously validate against emerging threats. Integrating ML into Security Operations Centers (SOCs) will also enhance incident prioritization and reduce analyst fatigue. Practically, firms must adopt explainable AI (XAI) to ensure transparency and auditability of ML-driven decisions critical in regulated environments like finance.

Policy

Policymakers and regulators should create sector-specific AI guidelines for cybersecurity, addressing issues like data privacy, algorithm bias, and model accountability in financial institutions. Regulatory frameworks must support the standardization of threat detection benchmarks and promote the safe deployment of ML systems through certification, audits, and compliance checks. Additionally, national cybersecurity strategies should include incentives and funding for financial institutions to adopt AI-powered security systems, particularly for smaller banks and fintech firms with limited resources. Public-private partnerships should be strengthened to facilitate knowledge exchange and threat intelligence sharing, thereby improving collective defense capabilities. Finally, international coordination is necessary to address cross-border cyber risks, and regulatory harmonization will ensure consistency in how ML-based cybersecurity tools are implemented and governed across jurisdictions.

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