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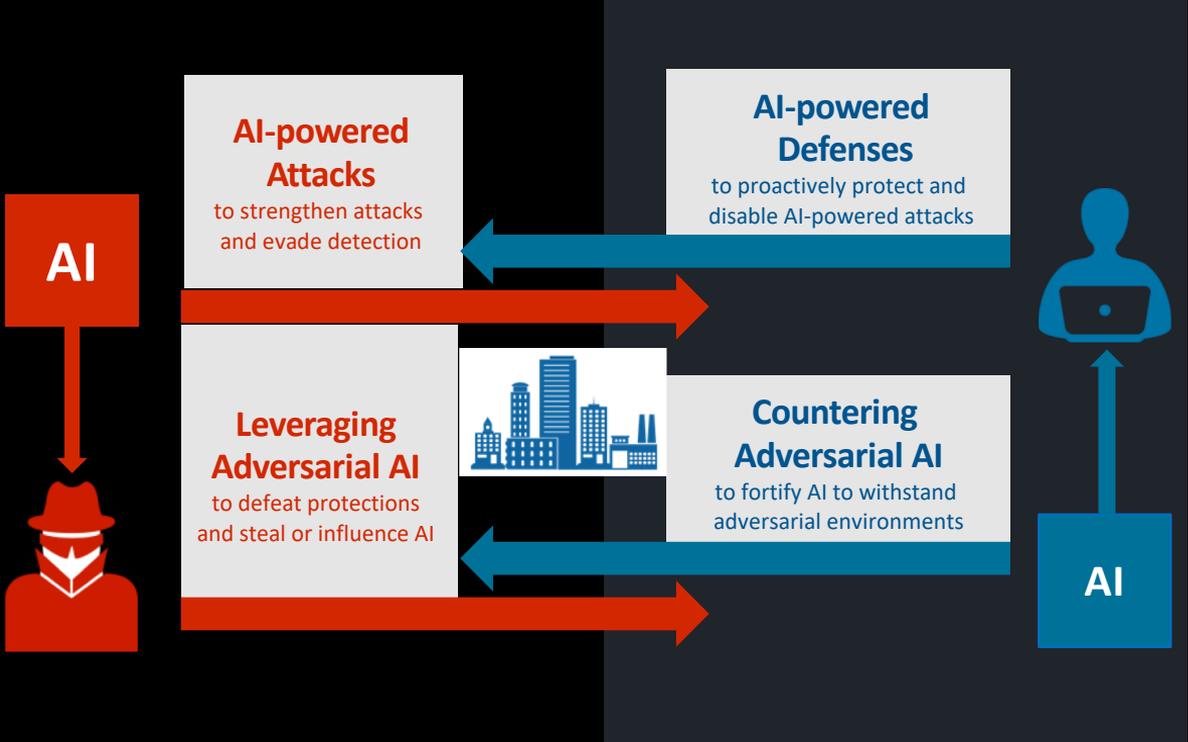
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# Two sides of Cyber Security & AI

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# AI vs AI - Two sides of Cyber Security & AI



Security solutions help ...

**Protect**

**Detect**

**Respond**

But security professionals struggle with  
**too much data, too few skills, too little time**

**AI brings speed and accuracy** so we can...

Proactively **Protect**

More accurately **Detect**

**Respond** faster

... and **lower costs** of security operations

# Defender's Use of AI in Security

	Proactively Protect	More Accurately Detect	Accelerate Response
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Integrated Threat Mgmt. to isolate threats and reduce false positives

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# AI for managing Cybersecurity threats



## Threat Detection

Model behaviors and identify emerging and past threats



## Trusted Advisors

Reason about security events for triage and response



## Active Defense

Shift risk to adversaries and manipulate decision making

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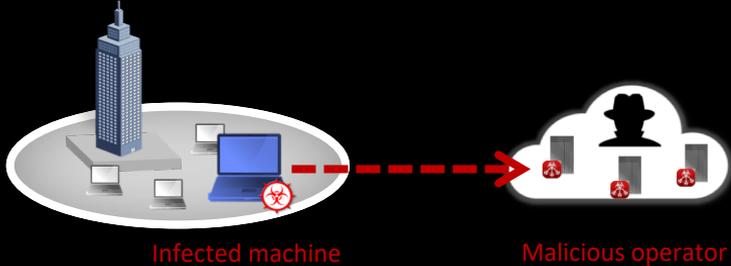
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## Active Defense

Shift risk to adversaries and manipulate decision making

Stealthy beaconing behavior detection



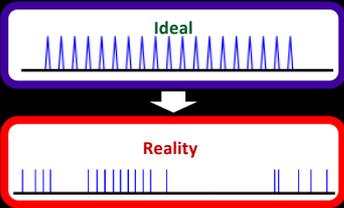
Big data problem

Millions  
distinct source/  
destination ID pairs

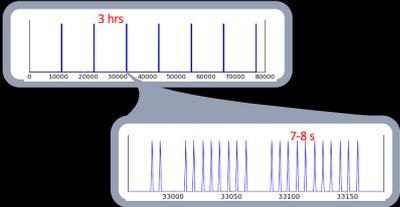
Terabytes  
of compressed  
data to process

Billions  
event records

Complicated behaviors



Periodicities at multiple time scales



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## Help the Security Operation Center (SOC) teams



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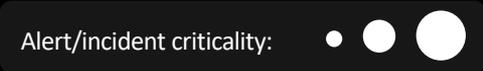
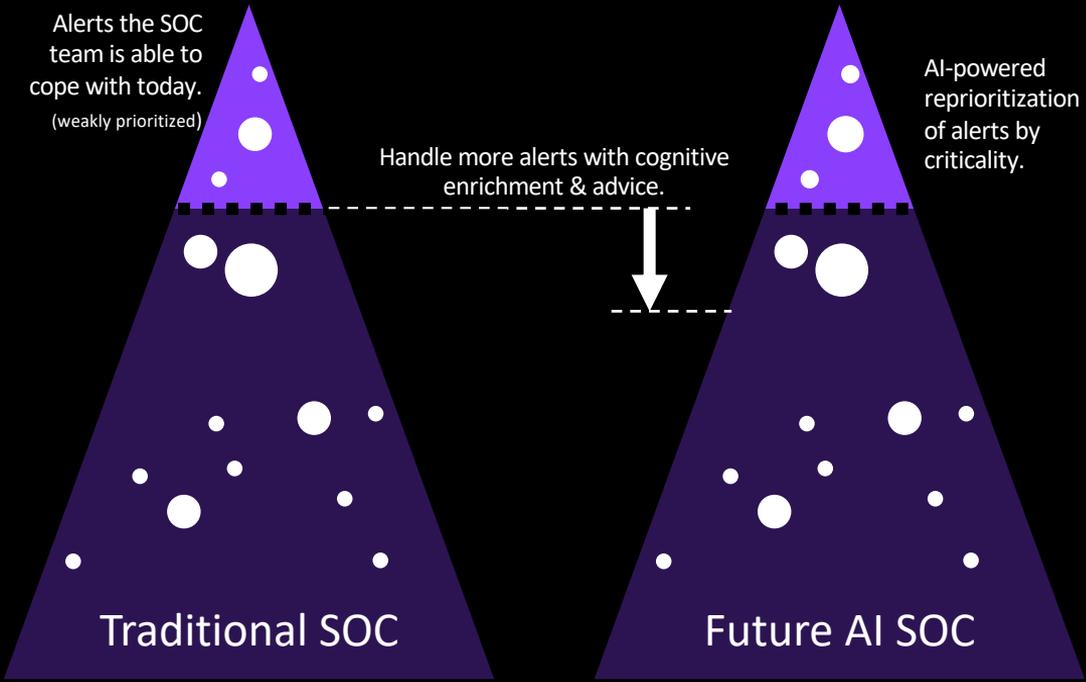
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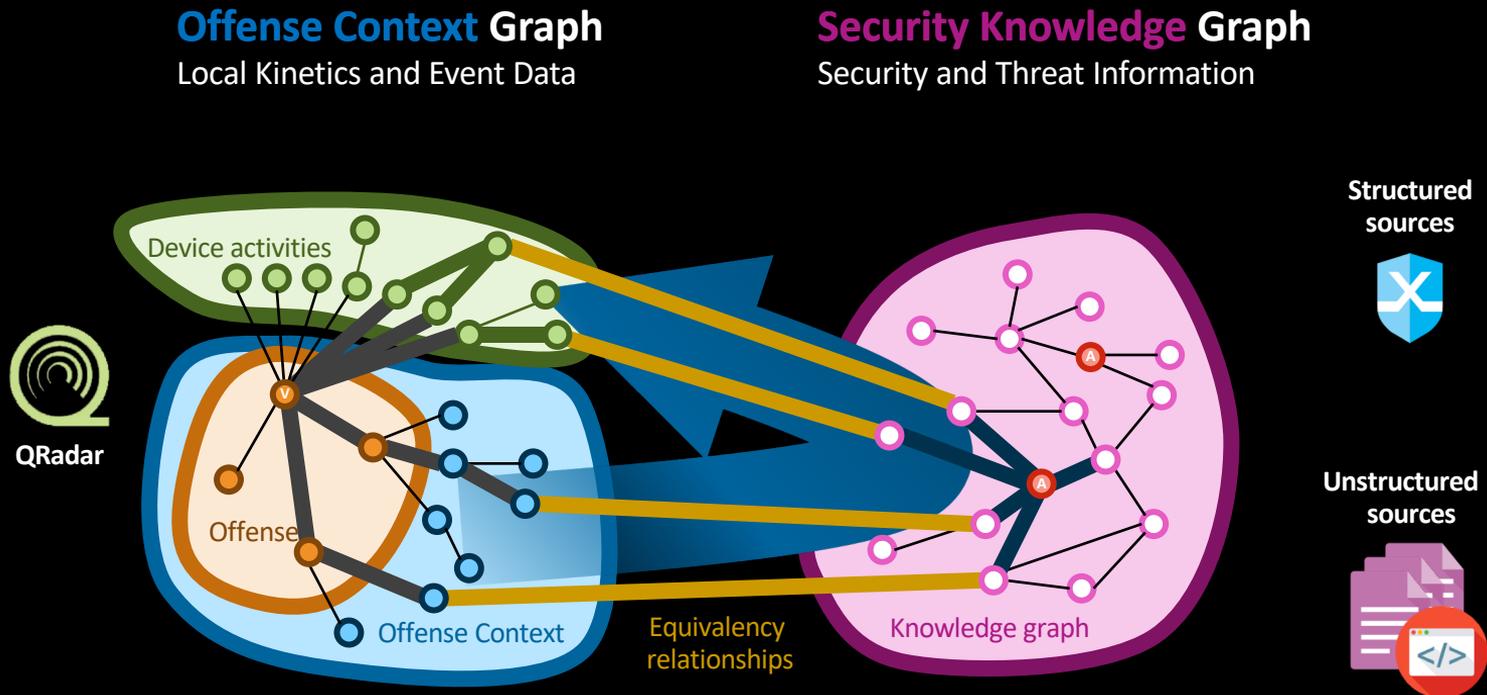
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# Example: Trusted Advisor for Cyber Offenses

Evidence-based Reasoning and Cognitive Exploration



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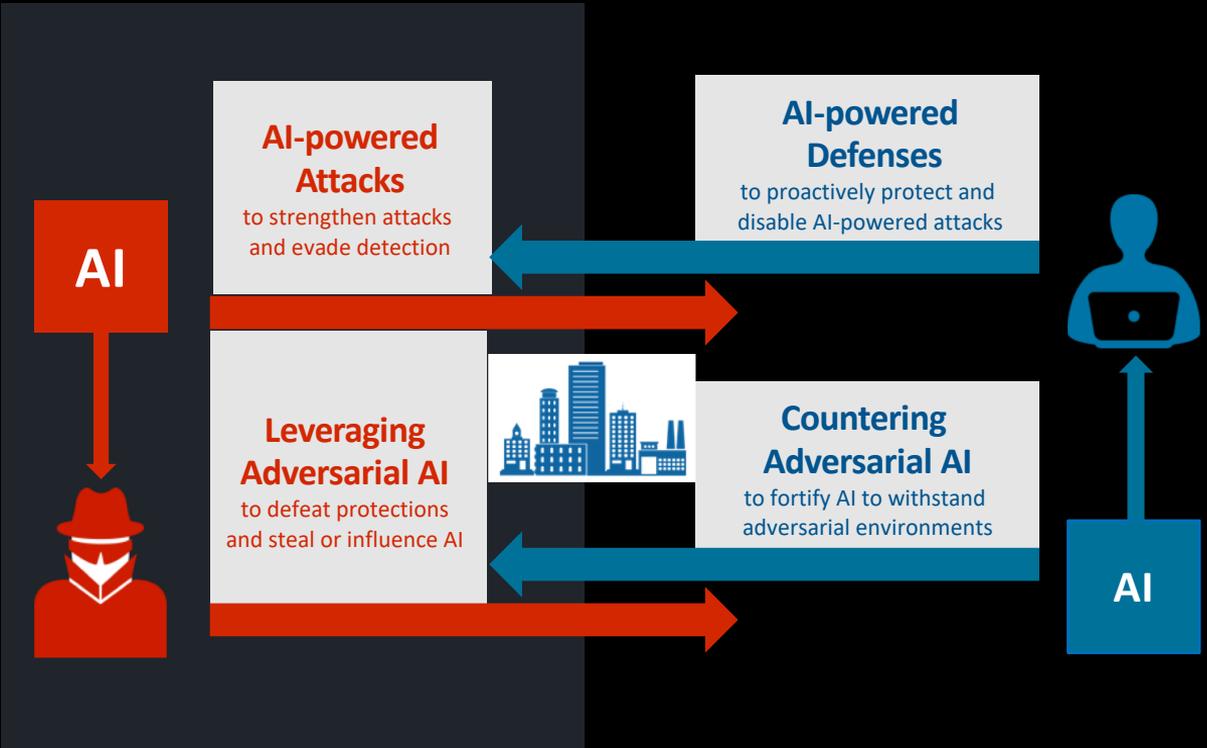
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## Cyber Deception Stack

non-intrusive, dynamic threat sensors for offensive deterrence (traps, misdirection, disinformation, and uncertainty)

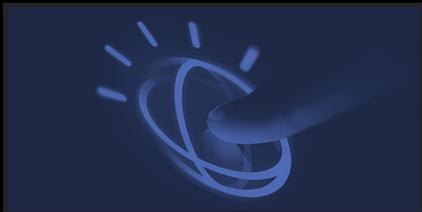
Applications
<b>Honey-patching sensors</b> (patch and weaponize production services)
Operating System
<b>Scarecrows</b> (make legitimate systems look fake)
Operating System
<b>Decoy filesystem and breadcrumbs</b> (ransomware, rootkits, and data theft protection)
Endpoints
<b>Service projection</b> (overlay honey services atop endpoints)
Network
<b>Deception routing</b> (transparent injection of network decoys)

# AI vs AI - Two sides of Cyber Security & AI



# New attacks use disruptive technology with devastating results

Attackers are the first to exploit new technologies to launch sophisticated attacks at scale



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### Attack tools get smarter

#### AI-powered malware

DeepLocker

#### Adversarial AI

Corrupting, stealing data and models from AI Services, e.g., Microsoft Tay chatbot



## CLOUD

### Attack surface gets bigger

#### Cloud on Cloud Attacks

Microsoft Azure Attacks, AWS S3 Bucket Misconfigurations

#### Micro-architectural flaws

Spectre, Meltdown and Foreshadow



## IoT

### Attack targets get physical

#### Insecure Internet-Connected Devices

Jeep on the Sprint Network

#### Consumer IoT Devices4

BlackEnergy malware attacked 3 Ukraine power plants leaving 230K people without power, baby monitors infected by Mirai botnet led to attacks on Dyn and Netflix



## AUTOMATION

### Attack campaigns get faster

#### Devastating malware

Ransomware like Wannacry, NotPetya

#### Dangers of increased automation

Flash crash in high frequency trading based on automated Twitter ingestion of fake news

# Attackers are using AI to defeat cybersecurity

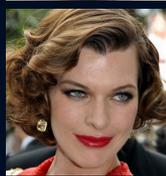
## AI Powered Attacks

- **Generate:** DeepHack tool learned SQL injection
- **Automate:** Generate targeted phishing attacks on Twitter
- **Refine:** Neural network powered password crackers
- **Evade:** Generative adversarial networks learn novel steganographic channels



## Attacking AI

- **Poison:** Microsoft Tay chatbot poisoning via Twitter (and Watson Urban Dictionary “poisoning”)
- **Evade:** Real-world attacks on computer vision for facial recognition biometrics and autonomous vehicles
- **Harden:** Genetic algorithms and reinforcement learning (OpenAI Gym) to evade malware detectors



## Theft of AI

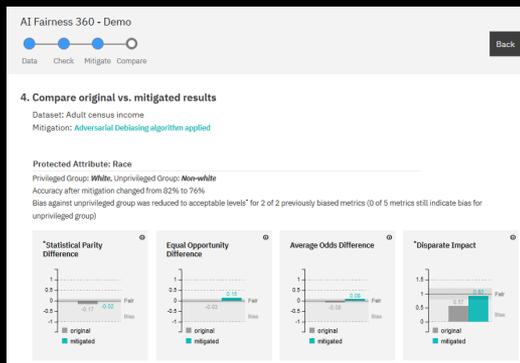
- **Theft:** Stealing machine learning models via public APIs
- **Transferability:** Practical black-box attacks learn surrogate models for transfer attacks
- **Privacy:** Model inversion attacks steal training data



# Trusted AI : Fairness, Explainability, Robustness

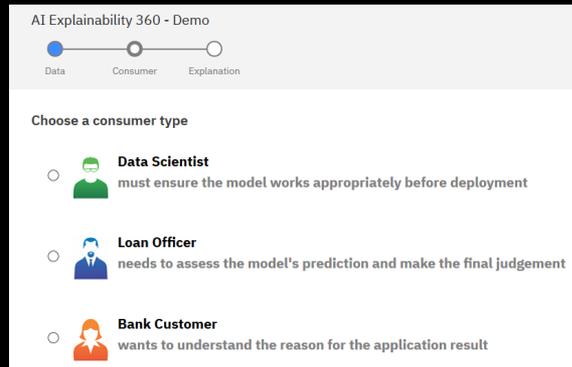
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[aif360.mybluemix.net](http://aif360.mybluemix.net)



## IBM AI Explainability 360

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## IBM Adversarial Robustness 360

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**open source** toolkit for detecting & mitigating bias in ML models:

- 70+ fairness metrics
- 10 bias mitigators
- Interactive demo illustrating 5 bias metrics and 4 bias mitigators
- extensive industry tutorials and notebooks

**open source** toolkit for explaining ML models & data

- 10 explainability algorithms
- Interactive demo showing 3 algorithms in credit scoring application
- 13 tutorial notebooks covering use cases in finance, healthcare, lifestyle, retention, etc.
- Extensive documentation and taxonomy of explainability algorithms

**open source** toolkit for defending AI from attacks

- Supports 10+ frameworks
- 19 composable and modular attacks (including adaptive white- and black-box)
- 10 defenses, including detection of adversarial samples and poisoning attacks
- Robustness metrics, certifications and verifications
- 30 notebooks covering attacks and defenses

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# AI to protect data

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Data is sprawling everywhere, making it hard to protect and govern

Expanding data footprint across hybrid multi-clouds increase attack surface, resulting in a host of new data security, privacy & compliance challenges

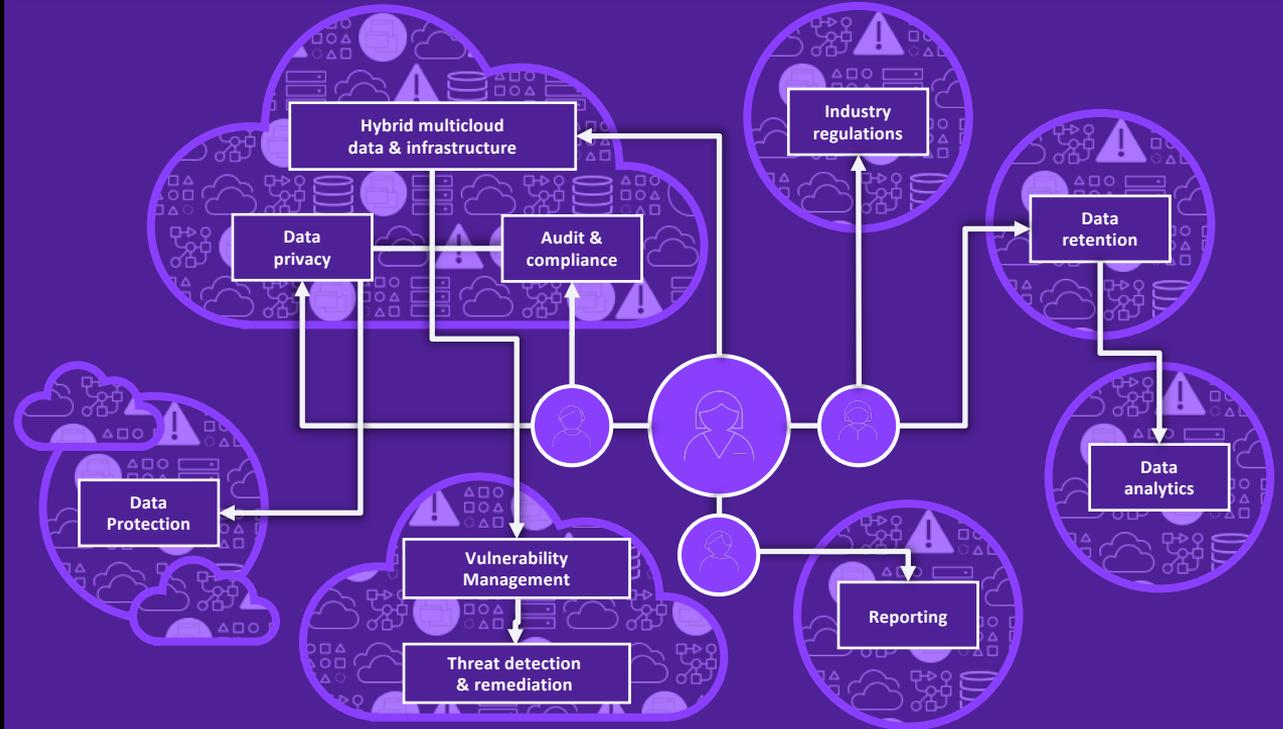
Issues are compounded by:

- Digital transformation
- Need to leverage data for new business value
- Ever growing data volumes
- Growing privacy and compliance mandates

Structured & unstructured data across on-premises, public & private cloud environments

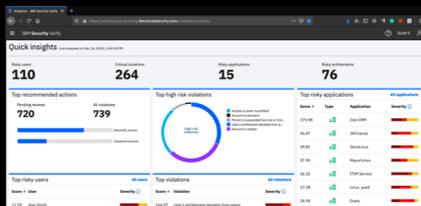
- Databases
- Open source DB
- Big data

- Files
- Containers
- Mainframe

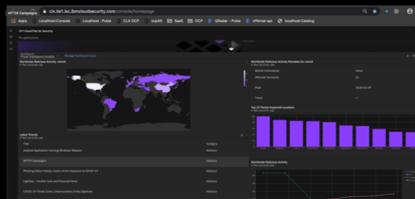


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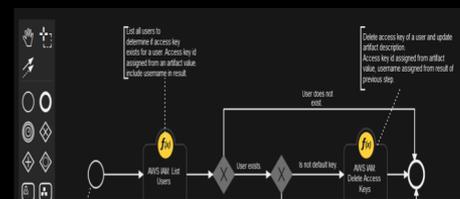
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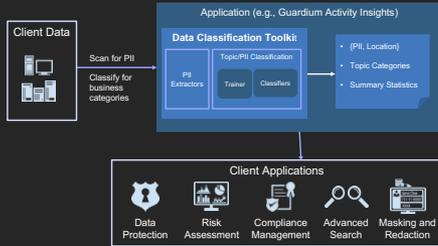


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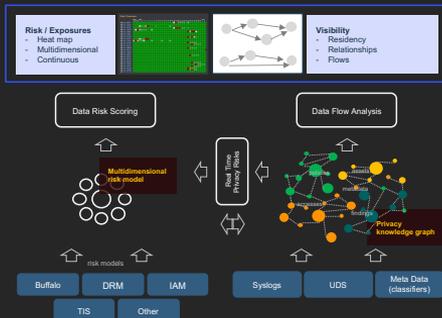
# Examples of ML/AI to Protect digital assets (data)

## Protect (Assess)

### Data classification

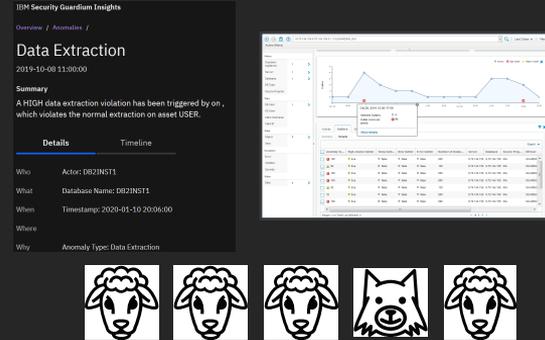


### Data flow and risk analysis

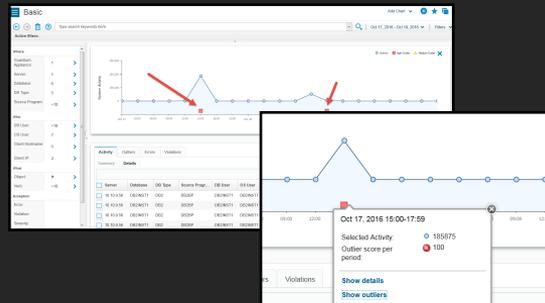


## Detect (Understand)

### Sequence-based Predictive Analytics

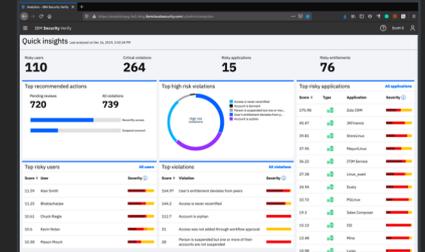


### Outlier Detection



## Respond (Act)

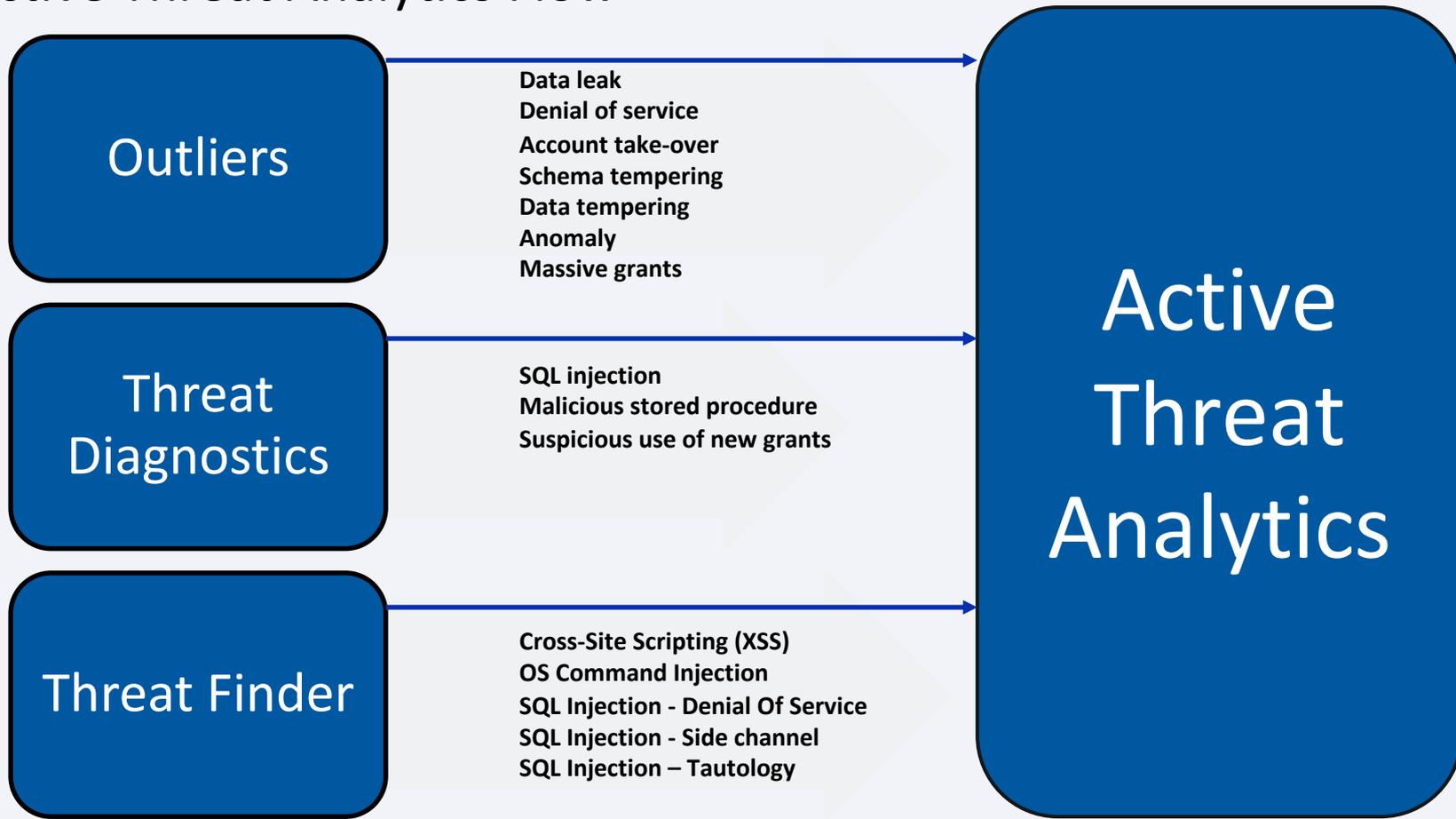
### Risk based Certification



### User / Data Access Enforcement



# Active Threat Analytics Flow



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# AI to protect users

Digital identity is at the center of all of our  
lives

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How do you know it's really your customer or employee?

\$6.5 billion to \$7 billion in annual account takeover losses

How do you know your new customer is not a fraudster who stole someone's identity?

More than \$3 billion lost per year to new account fraud

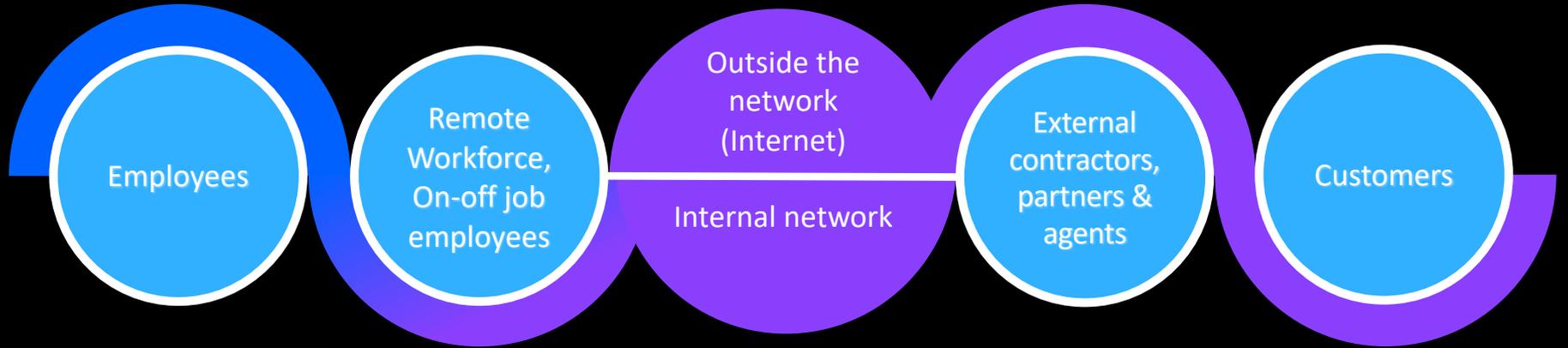
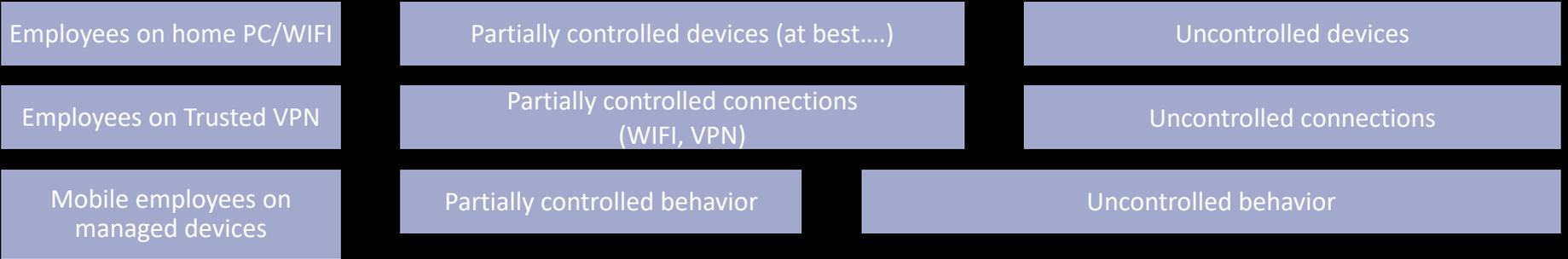
How can you make authentication as painless as possible for your customers, while keeping bad actors out?

US businesses lose more than \$62 billion annually due to poor customer experience.

How can you prevent fraudsters from gaining access and control of customer or employee credentials?

More than 15 billion stolen credentials posted on the dark web

# Does identity risk detection apply to your users?



Employees on premise

# Inspecting a wide range of identity risks

## What

**Device**  
Device fingerprint and hygiene



**Environment**  
Network Connection  
Connection type/risk



**Passive Behavior**  
User typing, mouse movement and journey analysis



Digital Identity Risk

## How

**Anomaly Detection**  
User's current and historical activity



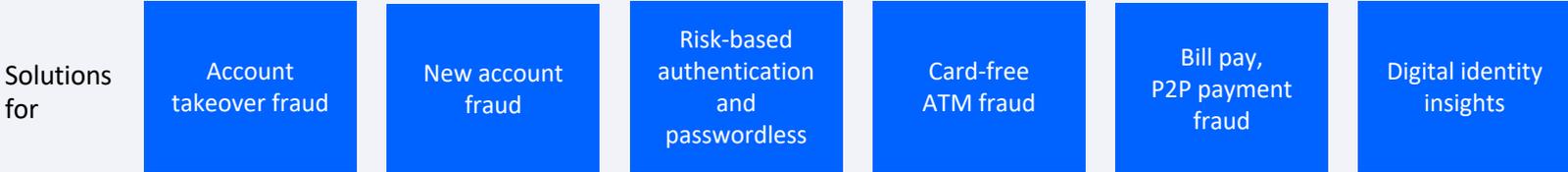
**Fraud Patterns**  
Distinct fraud identifiers



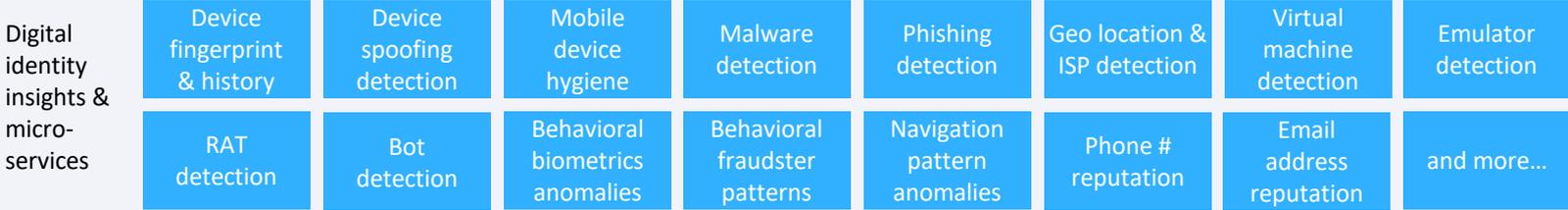
**Consortium Data**  
Tagged good/bad attributes



# AI stack for Digital Identity risks detection



Identity analytics service: Identity insights + fraud/business challenge >> Digital identity solutions



Security Research Service: Raw Data + Threat Analysis >> Identity Insights



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