



British Embassy  
Kuwait



المركز الوطني للأمن السيبراني  
National Cyber Security Center

# cerc 2024

THE 6TH CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION & RESEARCH CONFERENCE

## Title: Leveraging AI for Enhanced Cybersecurity Solutions

Dr. Tawfik Al-Hadhrami  
Computer Science Department  
School of Science and Technology  
Nottingham Trent University  
Nottingham, United Kingdom



KUWAIT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
كلية الكويت للعلوم والتكنولوجيا



جامعة الكويت  
KUWAIT UNIVERSITY



UK Science  
& Innovation  
Network



125 عاماً من الشراكة الكويتية البريطانية  
125 YEARS OF KUWAIT-BRITISH PARTNERSHIP

# Outlines

**AI and Cybersecurity, Roadmap, Applications, Challenges and Benefits**

**Securing Critical National Infrastructure and AI (S-CNI&AI)**

**CNI- Power Security**

**Assistive Artificial Intelligence (AAI) Benefits and Requirements**

**Sustainable Model to ICS Environment: CIM Framework 1,2 &3**

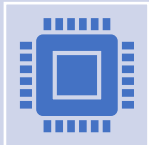
**CNI - Security in Power Systems: Facts for Future**

**Any Questions?**

# What is AI in Cybersecurity?



AI in Cybersecurity refers to the use of AI & Machine learning algorithms & techniques to enhance the security of Computer systems & networking



The Goal of AI in Cybersecurity is to automate the process of detecting, and preventing & mitigating security threats, thereby making Cybersecurity more efficient and effective

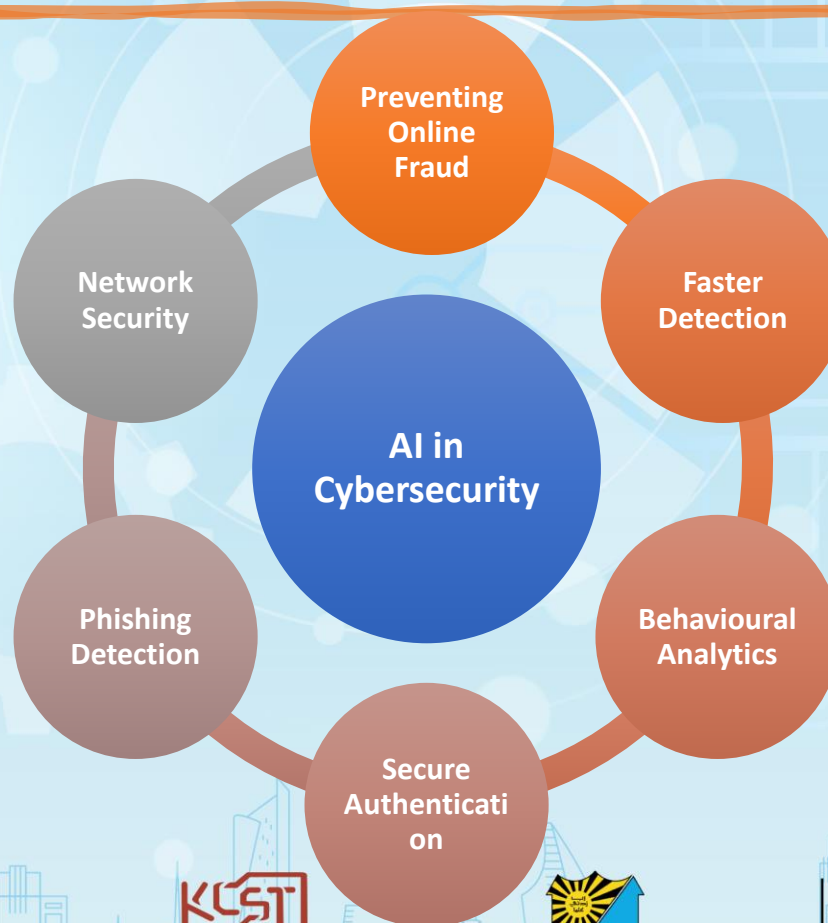


Some of the ways AI is being used in Cybersecurity include:

- Threat detection
- Intrusion Prevention
- Malware Detection
- Vulnerability management



# AI in Cybersecurity



# AI in Cybersecurity Roadmap



**IMPROVED THREAT HUNTING BY  
INTEGRATING BEHAVIOUR  
ANALYSIS**



**STRENGTHENING INDUSTRIAL  
IOT OR SMART FACTORY  
(INDUSTRY) 4.0**



**AI-POWERED MANAGE  
SECURITY SERVICES WITH  
PROFOUND BENEFITS FOR MSPS**



**AUTOMATION OF HUMAN  
ACTIONS VIA AI-DRIVEN  
SECURITY OPERATION CENTRES**



المركز الوطني للأمن السيبراني  
National Cyber Security Center



British Embassy  
Kuwait



كولlege الكويت للعلوم والتكنولوجيا  
KUWAIT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



جامعة الكويت  
KUWAIT UNIVERSITY



UK Science  
& Innovation  
Network



125 عاماً من الشراكة الكويتية البريطانية  
125 YEARS OF KUWAITI-BRITISH PARTNERSHIP

# AI Applications in Cybersecurity



**NETWORK SECURITY**



**VULNERABILITY  
MANAGEMENT**



**PASSWORD PROTECTION  
& AUTHENTICATION**



**PHISHING DETECTION &  
PREVENTION**



# AI in Cybersecurity General Challenges

- Bias in training data algorithms
- Lack of transparency in the AI decision-making process
- Integration with existing security systems and processes
- High computational requirements and technical expertise required
- Ethical considerations surrounding the use of AI in security applications
- Vulnerability to adversarial attacks
- Potential for false positive and false negative results
- Difficulty in ensuring the reliability and security of AI systems
- Difficulty in collecting and labelling sufficient data training AI models
- Need for ongoing monitoring & maintenance to ensure the continued effectiveness of AI systems

# Benefits of Using AI in Cybersecurity



**Handle a lot of Data**



**Learn more over time**



**Better Vulnerability**



**Securing Authentication**



**Better Overall Security**



**Duplicative Processes Reduce**



**Identifies Unknown Threats**

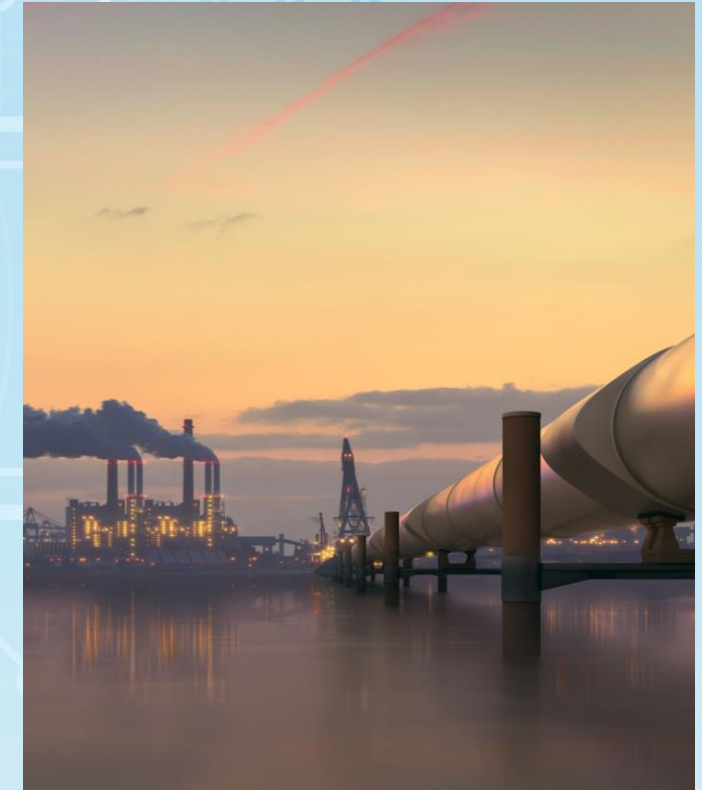


**Accelerates Detection & Response Time**



# Securing Critical National Infrastructure (CNI)

- Securing Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) is essential to ensure modern ways of living
- In the past, critical national infrastructure sites were more secure as exploiting them required gaining physical access
- Power stations, water facilities, and other sites are now connected to the communications network to be monitored and managed remotely
- While this has reduced costs and increased flexibility for operators
- **it has opened these sites to threats from cyber-attacks**



# Securing Critical National Infrastructure and AI (Sec-CNI&AI)

Power Infrastructure



# CNI- Power Security



Staff within the organisation will be better prepared

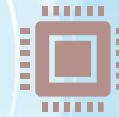
To deal with cyber incidents  
Reducing the potential impact on customers  
Saving money in downtime costs



Hybrid Cyber Platform Development



Multi-stakeholder Risk Approaches



The Industrial Control Systems (ICS) providing secure infrastructure are difficult to protect from cyber-attacks due to:

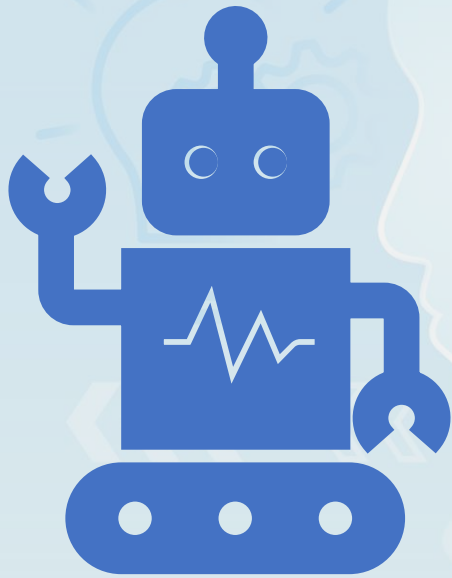
- The combination of complexity
- The age of many devices
- The prohibitive costs
- Production downtime
- The commonness of legacy systems



Improve the situational awareness of defenders

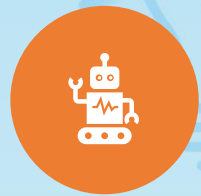


# Assistive Artificial Intelligence (AAI) Benefits



- **Assistive Artificial Intelligence** solutions provide many benefits to organisations:
  - Allowing the automation of many tasks and
  - Incorporating a wide knowledge base of learned information
  - Provides a controlled environment
  - Ensure AI solutions have been trained on data
  - “human-in-the-loop” paradigm will be presented
  - Rather than those provided by vendors which will be more generalised
  - Not fully automating all tasks

# Assistive Artificial Intelligence (AAI) Requirements



Develop AI policies for Industrial control systems (ICS)



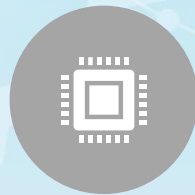
Create an AI solution to aid logging and monitoring



Train AI solutions on real-world data



Develop AI policies for learning enrichment



Develop AI policies/Solutions for automated testing

# Sustainable Model to ICS Environment: CIM Framework 1



Providing standardised data connectivity, accessibility, and interoperability across the entire energy system



Boost the usability of information and make real-time grid morning data more accessible for improved system analysis, forecasting, optimisation, and visualisation



Increase energy resources and the integration of low-carbon technologies with more sophisticated and rapid automation features



Offer reliable, secure, low-latency data interchange and high-quality data and services



Granting customers greater control over data access



المركز الوطني للأمن السيبراني  
National Cyber Security Center



British Embassy  
Kuwait



KUWAIT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
كلية الكويت للعلوم والتكنولوجيا



جامعة الكويت  
KUWAIT UNIVERSITY



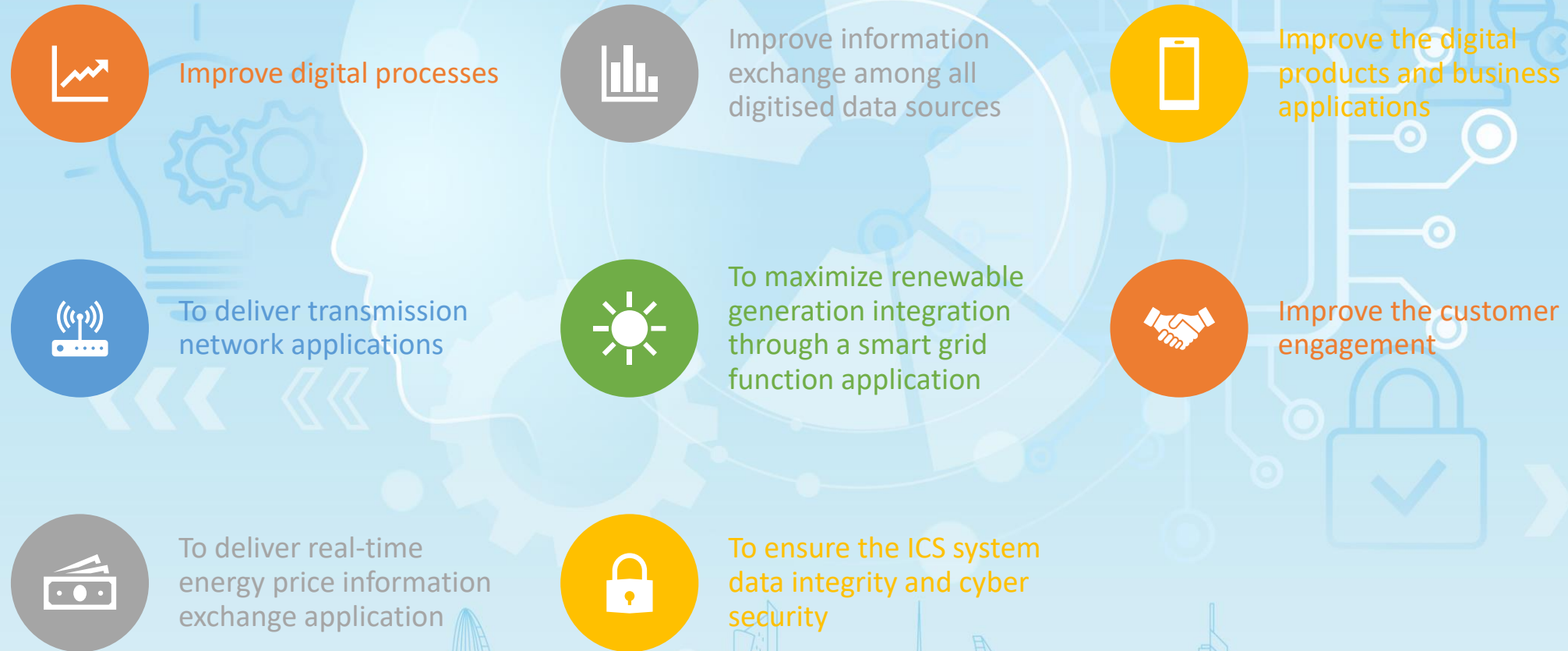
UK Science  
& Innovation  
Network



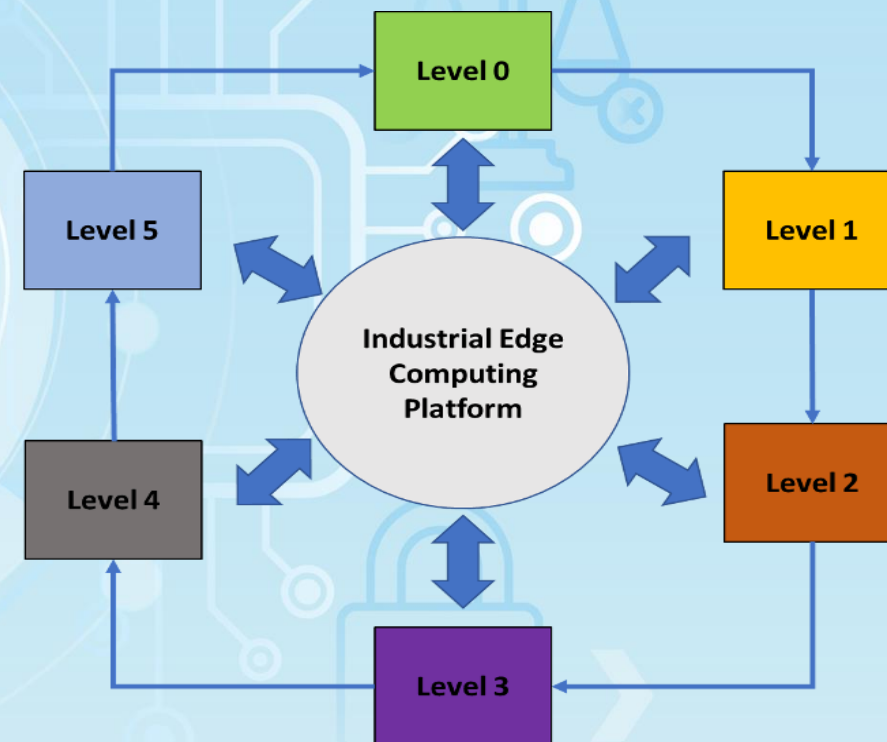
125 عاماً من الشراكة الكويتية البريطانية  
125 YEARS OF KUWAITI-BRITISH PARTNERSHIP



# Sustainable Model to ICS Environment: CIM Framework 2



# Sustainable Model to ICS Environment: CIM Framework 3



The Purdue Model with an Industrial Edge Computing Platform( [www.automationworld.com](http://www.automationworld.com))

# Cyber Platform Solution

- **A Cyber platform** is required
- **The proposed Hybrid Cyber Platform** is a powerful tool to replicate existing information systems, to test and develop abilities such as:
  - Pen-testing
  - Network protection
  - System hardening
  - Incident response,
  - TTPs (Tactics, Techniques & Procedures)



# CNI – Security Recommendations for Power Systems



- Improved Cyber Resilience
- Digital Transformation And New Technology
- A Hybrid Virtualisation Platform
- Increases Protection Of Legacy Systems
- Dynamic Risk Assessment
- Training And Incident Response
- Multi-stakeholder Risk Approach
- Smart Monitoring And Logging Systems
- Assistive AI Tools In Power Architecture

# The Forum for Industry, Government and University Research Knowledge Exchange (FIGURE)

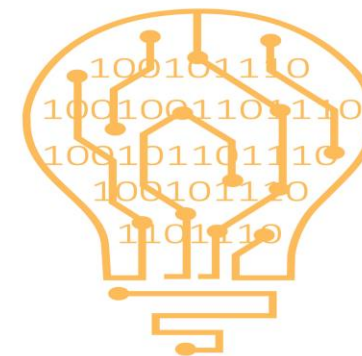


**FIGURE FORUM** is a joint platform for academics and industrial experts in the cybersecurity field



**FIGURE Co-founders:**

From Academics and Industry in the UK



**FIGURE  
FORUM**



المركز الوطني للأمن السيبراني  
National Cyber Security Center



British Embassy  
Kuwait



كولlege الكويت للعلوم والتكنولوجيا  
KUWAIT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



جامعة الكويت  
KUWAIT UNIVERSITY



UK Science  
& Innovation  
Network



125 عاماً من الشراكة الكويتية البريطانية  
125 YEARS OF KUWAITI-BRITISH PARTNERSHIP

# Thanks for listing Any Questions!