EDITORIAL

Securing the Cognitive Future in the Era of 6G and Beyond

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As we enter the era of 6G and beyond, the convergence of ultra low latency communication, edge intelligence, semantic aware networking, and holographic interfaces marks a fundamental transformation in how intelligent systems operate. Unlike earlier generations, 5G and 6G will not merely enhance performance, they will embed cognition, adaptability, and autonomy into the very fabric of digital infrastructure. However, this rapid evolution brings with it an expanded cybersecurity threat landscape that is *faster, stealthier, and more autonomous*, demanding innovative, interdisciplinary solutions.

Drawing on my research in areas such as deep learning based intrusion detection, adversarial attacks on AI systems, and digital twin security, it is increasingly clear that traditional defense paradigms are insufficient. Threat actors are targeting software defined infrastructures, autonomous transportation systems, smart grids, and IoT environments, leveraging AI and automation to outpace conventional safeguards. The cybersecurity community must respond with equal agility and foresight.

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