

Trustworthy AI: Where Do We Stand Today?

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The EU AI Act

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- Risk-based approach (4 categories)
 - unacceptable, high, limited, low risk
- High-risk AI applications
 - Biometric identification
 - Management and operation of critical infrastructure
 - Employment, worker management, and access to self-employment
 - Law enforcement
 - Administration of justice and democratic processes

- ...





Requirements for High-risk AI Applications

Establish and implement risk management processes & In light of the intended purpose of the Al system	Use high-quality training, validation and testing data (relevant, representative etc.)	
	Establish documentation and design logging features (traceability & auditability)	
	Ensure appropriate certain degree of transparency and provide users with information (on how to use the system)	
	Ensure human oversight (measures built into the system and/or to be implemented by users)	
	Ensure robustness, accuracy and cybersecurity	

AI Robustness/Security: Where Do We Stand Today?



Sharif et al., Accessorize to a crime: Real and stealthy attacks on state-of-the-art face recognition, **ACM CCS 2016**



"without the dataset the article is useless"

"okay google browse to evil dot com"

Carlini and Wagner, Audio adversarial examples: Targeted attacks on speech-totext, **DLS 2018** <u>https://nicholas.carlini.com/code/audio_adversarial_examples/</u>



Eykholt et al., Robust physical-world attacks on deep learning visual classification, **CVPR 2018**



Demetrio, Biggio et al., Adversarial EXEmples: ..., ACM TOPS 2021 Demontis, Biggio et al., Yes, Machine Learning Can Be More Secure!..., IEEE TDSC 2019

> Biggio et al., Evasion attacks against machine learning at test time, ECML-PKDD 2013 Szegedy et al., Intriguing properties of neural networks, ICLR 2014

It's Not Just AI Robustness/Security...

- Explainability, fairness, privacy...
- Attacks on Large Language Models (LLMs)



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Can We Build Robust/Secure AI Models?

• Not yet. After 10+ years of research, we only know how to design robust/secure AI models under simplified scenarios, not suited to real-world applications

• Problems

- Hard to provide formal guarantees: certifiable/verifiable AI only works in limited cases
- Difficulties in defining an appropriate, reliable (empirical) evaluation/testing process
- Similar issues along the other trustworthy AI dimensions:
 - Fairness, privacy, explainability, etc.
 - More research is needed

So What Can We Do <u>Today</u> to Mitigate Risks?

- Application-specific risk analysis (checklists)
 - From data collection to validation of predictions/generated content
- What we are lacking
 - Tools for logging/reporting how AI/ML models are built
 - How did you collect training data, and label it?
 - Which architecture/model did you choose? How did you train it?
 - How did you evaluate the model?
 - Which mitigations did you apply/use?
 - ...
 - Tools that support automated testing of AI/ML models
 - ... under different application settings
 - Protocols for systematic red-team assessments

Final Remarks

- The EU AI Act demands the development of trustworthy AI models
 - This is still an open research problem! We do not have valid solutions yet
 - Need for more research and education initiatives
 - Need for an ecosystem/initiative to help SMEs adopt AI while being compliant with regulations
- We should regulate AI applications and not AI technology itself (foundation models)
 - e.g., offensive/malicious AI use: misinformation campaigns, large-scale cyberattacks, etc.
- We should not hinder the development of **open-source AI/ML models**
 - This may create a huge gap between big tech companies and the rest of us (including the whole of Europe)
 - To engender trust in AI/ML, open-source development and open research are of paramount importance
- Open letter from the European Lighthouse on Secure and Safe AI (ELSA)
 - <u>https://elsa-ai.eu</u>

