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Counter AI: What Is It and What Can You Do About It?

September 11, 2024—As the strategic importance of AI systems increases, so too does the importance of defending them from AI offense, or counter AI. A new paper from the SEI describes the AI technology stack, the machine learning operations (MLOps) lifecycle and the threat models throughout it, and counter-AI attacks. The paper also gives long-term and near-term recommendations for preventing and mitigating counter-AI attacks.

"The existence of a Future Capability threat model underscores the fundamental insecurity of AI systems at our current level of AI maturity," write the authors of *Counter AI: What Is It and What Can You Do About It?* The paper recommends a near-term approach similar to traditional cybersecurity: "Develop the processes necessary to respond to counter-AI attacks quickly and efficiently. Then, take what we learn from the AI incident response to inform the field of study, identify vulnerabilities, and establish best practices."

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