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From Hardware to Algorithms: Securing the Next Generation of Machine Learning Applications

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The costs of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) continue to rise. Energy costs of building complex models have driven innovation using alternative hardware platforms like field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) and tensor processing units (TPUs). As standard compute paradigms for AI/ML shift away from general-purpose fabrics, so too has the discussion on *security* of these systems. Real-life costs as a result of dangerous security threats have spurred research in *adversarial machine learning* towards securing these applications and their hardware platforms. In this talk, we discuss the security risks of deploying ML applications in the cloud and at the edge, and present methods for securing ML applications from various cyberattacks, starting from the hardware abstraction layer, up to the ML algorithm itself.

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