

AI and Diplomacy: A New Era for Nuclear Arms Control

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Abstract

This in-depth analysis explains the complex implications and uses of AI technologies in influencing international security as it critically investigates the relationship between AI and nuclear arms control. The review begins by placing the difficulties surrounding nuclear arms control in context and emphasizes the critical role artificial intelligence plays in this field. The advantages and drawbacks of AI integration are carefully examined with particular reference to nuclear weapons detection, arms control agreement verification, and predictive modeling. Using both qualitative and quantitative data from primary and secondary sources, including surveys, interviews, scholarly publications, and official documents, the review uses a mixedmethods approach. To produce a thorough and exacting evaluation of the research questions, the data is analyzed using a variety of methodologies, including content analysis, statistical analysis, and scenario analysis. Including case studies on major agreements, like the START-3 agreement and the Iran nuclear deal, the review offers concrete insights into the useful application of AI in real-world scenarios. The ethical implications of AI's role in nuclear arms control are examined in detail, highlighting the necessity of putting safeguards and procedures in place to guarantee deployment that is both responsible and moral. The conclusion's summary of the main findings highlights Al's transformative potential and stresses the need to address ethical issues to ensure a more secure future for everyone on the planet. This academic investigation offers significant contributions to the current discourse on the intersection of artificial intelligence and nuclear arms control, offering insightful information to scholars, decision-makers, and interested parties.

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Introduction:

Al plays a crucial role in nuclear control, improving verification processes, assessing risks, and supporting policymakers in decision-making. By monitoring nuclear facilities, detecting anomalies, and cross-checking data, Al can reduce human errors and biases, ensuring compliance more reliably. Al can also identify patterns indicating potential failures in nuclear command and control systems, facilitating early warning systems and crisis management.

Cybersecurity is another area where AI can be instrumental, providing real-time monitoring, intrusion detection, and threat analysis to prevent unauthorized access, data tampering, or cyber-attacks. AI algorithms can also aid policymakers in decision-making by providing scenario analyses, risk assessments, and simulation models.

However, concerns about the development of autonomous weapons and the potential for accidental or unauthorized use of nuclear weapons have led to a growing debate about the ethical and legal framework needed to regulate AI deployment in nuclear arms control. While AI offers advantages in verification, risk assessment, cybersecurity, and decision-making, policymakers must ensure ethical and legal safeguards to prevent the abuse of AI and the proliferation of autonomous weapons.

Against the backdrop of historical arms control treaties such as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) I, contemporary nuclear arms control faces multifaceted challenges. Revocations of the INF Treaty are one example of how agreements are eroding, endangering current initiatives. Additionally, the modernization of nuclear arsenals, combined with the introduction of technologies such as hypersonic missiles and cyber capabilities, complicates verification. Geopolitical tensions among major powers further impede progress. Recognizing these challenges, the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into nuclear arms control emerges as a critical advancement. AI contributes to arms control by improving verification processes, assessing the risks of accidental incidents, strengthening cybersecurity in nuclear command systems, assisting policymakers with decision-making, and raising concerns about the impact of AI on autonomous weapons.

Al plays a critical role in nuclear weapons detection by leveraging advanced data analytics capabilities. Case studies investigating Al's involvement in arms control highlight its potential for refining verification mechanisms.2 Al systems improve overall stability by helping with risk assessment and improving the accuracy of detecting and verifying nuclear activity. Furthermore, Al plays an important role in protecting nuclear command systems from evolving cyber threats. The nuanced interplay between historical challenges, current geopolitical dynamics, and the expanding role of AI highlights the complexity of today's nuclear arms control landscape.3

The Role of AI Technology in Nuclear Weapons Detection:

Al technology is the development of artificially intelligent machines capable of performing tasks that would typically require human intelligence. It consists of machine learning, neural networks, and deep learning algorithms. Al systems can analyze large datasets, identify patterns, and make autonomous predictions or decisions. These capabilities make Al a valuable tool in a number of domains, including nuclear weapons detection.4

Al significantly improves nuclear weapon detection through advanced data analysis, pattern recognition, predictive modeling, autonomous systems, and enhanced sensing capabilities. Al uses various data sources, such as satellite imagery and sensor networks, to detect potential nuclear activities or anomalies. Its pattern recognition algorithms detect signs of nuclear testing, such as seismic signatures, radiation levels, and infrastructure changes. Al-enabled predictive modeling helps intelligence agencies assess and understand nuclear weapons-related behaviors, which contributes to threat evaluation. Al-powered autonomous systems continuously monitor sensitive areas for nuclear activity, sending real-time alerts for immediate action. Additionally, Al improves the accuracy and sensitivity of nuclear sensors, allowing for early detection of nuclear materials. Together, these Al-driven mechanisms improve the effectiveness and efficiency of nuclear weapons detection, which is critical for maintaining global security.

Benefits and limitations of AI in nuclear weapons detection:

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in nuclear weapon detection has significant benefits for global security efforts. AI processes data quickly and accurately, lowering the risk of false alarms and allowing for rapid responses to potential threats. 5 Its capability for continuous monitoring ensures 24-hour vigilance over critical areas, reducing the possibility of undetected nuclear activity. Furthermore, AI helps to build trust between nations by improving verification capabilities, which aids arms control efforts. However, these benefits are tempered by significant drawbacks. AI systems may produce false positives, causing unnecessary tensions or responses. The complexities involved in developing and maintaining AI systems for nuclear weapon detection necessitate significant resources and expertise. The use of AI in sensitive domains such as nuclear security raises ethical concerns, including questions about autonomy and accountability. Furthermore, the vulnerability of AI systems to adversarial attacks poses a security risk, potentially undermining their effectiveness.6

The Role of Non-Proliferation Efforts in Preventing the Spread of Nuclear Weapons:

Arms control agreements are international treaties or agreements that seek to limit, reduce, or control the spread of weapons, such as nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional weapons. Verification is an important aspect of these agreements because it ensures that the parties follow the terms and obligations outlined in the agreements. On-site inspections, data exchanges, and monitoring are common verification mechanisms used to ensure compliance.7

Artificial intelligence (AI) is critical in verification processes for arms control agreements. AI can analyze massive amounts of data, improve monitoring capabilities, and increase the efficiency of verification tasks. Machine learning algorithms can detect patterns, anomalies, and noncompliance more accurately than manual methods. AI can also be used for data fusion and interpretation, making it a useful tool in the verification of arms control agreements.8 The advantages of using AI in arms control verification include increased efficiency, higher accuracy, faster data analysis, and the ability to handle large datasets. AI can help detect non-compliance or suspicious activities faster than traditional methods, increasing the credibility of arms control agreements.9 The deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in nuclear arms control introduces significant concerns that demand careful consideration.10 The potential for unintentional escalation due to technical malfunctions or misinterpreted data is increased by the quick decision-making powers of AI systems in nuclear command and control. The vulnerability of AI systems to cyberattacks poses a real risk, with potential hackers targeting nuclear infrastructure to compromise sensitive information or disrupt critical systems. I I The development of AI-powered autonomous weapons raises additional concerns about their misuse or operation without human oversight, increasing the risk of unintended conflict. Furthermore, the collection and analysis of large amounts of data in AI applications for arms control necessitates strong data privacy safeguards to protect sensitive information. Addressing these concerns requires international cooperation, transparency, and well-defined regulations, ensuring that the potential benefits of AI in arms control are balanced against the imperative of maintaining global security and stability. 12

AI and Predictive Modeling for Nuclear Arms Control:

Predictive modeling is a technique used in many fields to forecast future outcomes using historical data and statistical algorithms. It entails developing mathematical models that can make predictions or decisions without explicit programming. Predictive modeling can anticipate events or trends related to nuclear weapons development, proliferation, or disarmament. I 3 Al plays an important role in improving predictive modeling for nuclear arms control. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large datasets relating to nuclear activities, identify patterns, and forecast potential threats or developments. Al-driven predictive modeling can help identify noncompliance with arms control agreements, track nuclear proliferation, and assess the risk of conflict. I 4

The advantages of using AI in predictive modeling for nuclear arms control include improved accuracy, the ability to process large and complex datasets, and the potential to detect early warning signs of noncompliance or security threats. AI can provide timely insights and help policymakers make informed decisions. I 5 However, AI has limitations, including the need for high-quality data, algorithmic biases, and the possibility of false positives or negatives. Ethical and privacy concerns about data usage must be addressed.

An active role of AI in Israel and Palestine war:

Israel's military continues to invest in AI to maintain a technological edge and improve its military capabilities. 16 The integration of AI in war technology reflects its growing importance in modern warfare. Al plays a pivotal role in shaping Israel's military and war technology, influencing various critical aspects of modern warfare.17 The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) harness AI systems for precise target selection in airstrikes, optimizing the effectiveness of military operations. 18 Furthermore, AI is critical for organizing wartime logistics and ensuring efficient resource allocation during military operations. Advanced surveillance systems powered by AI provide real-time data and intelligence, improving battlefield situational awareness. In strategic decision-making, AI processes vast amounts of data, predicts outcomes, and recommends courses of action to military leaders. 19 AI is important in cybersecurity because it helps defend against cyber threats and ensure the security of communication systems and critical infrastructure in the age of digital warfare. Israel's pioneering contributions to AI development worldwide highlight its expertise, enhancing its military capabilities and demonstrating the growing importance of AI in modern warfare. Israel's ongoing investment in artificial intelligence reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a technological advantage and continuously improving its military capabilities.

Al in nuclear arms control agreements and their associated benefits and limitations:

The Iran Nuclear Deal, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), utilized artificial intelligence for nuclear monitoring. Al-powered tools, such as satellite imagery analysis and machine learning algorithms, were critical in determining Iran's

compliance with the agreement. These tools assisted in the detection of potential violations and provided timely insights to international inspectors.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START-3) between the United States and Russia included several aspects of artificial intelligence. Al-driven simulations and predictive modeling were used to evaluate the consequences of various arms reduction scenarios. Furthermore, Al-powered data analysis improved transparency and verification procedures, resulting in increased trust between the parties.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a critical tool with a wide range of applications in arms control and nuclear disarmament efforts. Notably, AI can significantly contribute to the verification and monitoring of arms control agreements such as the New START Treaty by using its analytical capabilities to process data from a variety of sources, including satellite imagery. This helps to ensure compliance with treaty provisions and increases transparency. Furthermore, AI's role includes the development of robust early warning systems for detecting missile launches, which contributes to strategic stability. Its ability to process massive amounts of data enables in-depth analysis of the evolving nuclear landscape, assisting in nuclear risk assessment for informed decision-making during arms control negotiations. Furthermore, Al plays a pivotal role in cybersecurity, protecting communication channels and nuclear command and control systems from cyber threats, reinforcing the overall effectiveness of arms control measures.20 AI has the capacity to detect nuclear activity in satellite imagery and monitor compliance in the context of North Korean disarmament negotiations. However, limitations include the difficulty in obtaining reliable data in a closed regime, as well as the need to ensure data accuracy. Al can provide useful insights, but it should be used with caution during diplomatic negotiations.

Ensuring Ethical Use of AI in Nuclear Arms Control:

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in nuclear arms control raises a number of ethical concerns that must be carefully considered. Delegating lethal force decisions to autonomous AI systems raises concerns about accountability and the need for meaningful human control in critical situations. The potential inheritance of biases by AI algorithms from training data poses a risk of discriminatory outcomes in arms control decisions, emphasizing the need to ensure fairness. 21 With AI systems frequently functioning as "black boxes," their innate opacity makes it difficult to comprehend how decisions are made, which raises questions about accountability and transparency in the context of nuclear arms control. Furthermore, the vulnerability of AI systems to cyberattacks necessitates stringent cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive nuclear information and agreements. To tackle these moral dilemmas, it is necessary to create and follow explicit moral guidelines for

artificial intelligence in nuclear arms control, reduce the possibility of unforeseen outcomes, and establish a responsible and accountable method for incorporating AI in this delicate area.22

In order to guarantee the ethical and responsible application of artificial intelligence (AI) in nuclear arms control, protocols and safeguards must be put in place. Maintaining meaningful human oversight is a critical measure to avoid over-reliance on AI, emphasizing that human experts have the final say in critical nuclear decisions. AI algorithms that employ rigorous bias detection and mitigation techniques help to prevent discriminatory outcomes and promote fairness in arms control processes.23 Artificial intelligence systems that possess transparency and explainability attributes facilitate human operators' comprehension and examination of the generated recommendations, thereby encouraging decision-making accountability. Robust cybersecurity measures are required to protect AI systems from unauthorized access or manipulation, thereby ensuring the integrity of arms control data. Developing and adhering to ethical frameworks and guidelines specific to AI in nuclear arms control highlights the importance of moral and legal principles, providing a comprehensive approach to navigate ethical considerations while leveraging the benefits of AI technologies in this sensitive domain.24

The Need for New Solutions in Nuclear Arms Control:

Traditional arms control methods developed for simpler nuclear arsenals are challenged by modern warfare. The complexity of modern arsenals, with their diverse delivery systems and warheads, makes it difficult to regulate and verify compliance effectively. Furthermore, the proliferation of nuclear weapons to non-state actors and emerging states requires more adaptive arms control approaches, as traditional methods struggle to address evolving threats.25 Furthermore, longstanding stalemates and challenges in traditional negotiations, like those related to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT), hinder progress towards disarmament. The changing landscape of warfare requires innovative and responsive arms control strategies to address the intricacies and challenges posed by modern nuclear arsenals.

The failure of traditional arms control methods to address the complexities of modern nuclear arsenals highlights the need for novel solutions. Artificial intelligence (AI) can significantly contribute to this by improving verification processes, enabling quick and accurate monitoring of nuclear facilities, and compliance with arms control agreements.26 AI-powered early warning systems have the potential to detect unusual activity, reducing potential security threats and preventing accidental escalation or unauthorized use of nuclear weapons. Furthermore, AI-enabled decision-making systems provide real-time data

and analysis, allowing for informed and timely responses during crises, contributing to greater stability in nuclear deterrence.27 Furthermore, AI can help with risk reduction by analyzing and mitigating potential challenges in nuclear arms control, as well as providing strategies to reduce the risk of arms races or conflicts. Finally, AI solutions emerge as valuable tools for overcoming the limitations of traditional arms control and navigating the complexities of modern nuclear dynamics.

The Need for Careful Consideration of the Risks and Rewards of AI in Diplomacy:

Risks of AI in diplomacy include the potential misinterpretation of information, leading to misunderstandings and escalating tensions, which may result in conflicts.28 Additionally, biases inherent in AI algorithms pose a concern, as discriminatory outcomes could emerge in diplomatic decisions, undermining trust and cooperation.29 The introduction of AI in diplomacy also brings forth security risks, with malicious actors targeting AI systems to compromise sensitive diplomatic information or manipulate negotiations, impacting international relations.30

On the positive side, incorporating AI into diplomacy has several advantages. AI's efficiency can streamline diplomatic processes by automating routine tasks like data analysis and translation, freeing up diplomats' time for strategic and creative thinking during negotiations. AI's data-driven capabilities allow for rapid analysis of massive amounts of information, providing diplomats with valuable decision-making insights and contributing to better-informed policy choices and diplomatic strategies.

Furthermore, AI's potential in conflict resolution lies in its ability to identify compromise areas and predict the consequences of diplomatic actions, thus assisting diplomats in finding peaceful solutions to complex international issues.31 The careful consideration of these risks and rewards is crucial in navigating the evolving landscape of AI in diplomatic endeavors.

Potential for Future Developments in AI and Arms Control Efforts:

Al technologies offer promising avenues for improving arms control verification, with advanced sensors, data analytics, and Al-driven monitoring systems enhancing transparency among nations and bolstering the effectiveness of arms control agreements.32 Additionally, Al's predictive capabilities can aid in preventing arms races by providing early warnings to policymakers, facilitating timely interventions to avert escalations, and contributing to the crafting of agreements addressing emerging technologies and their impact on global security. To maximize the benefits and minimize risks, international collaboration on establishing Al standards and norms in diplomacy and arms control is crucial. By developing guidelines for responsible AI use, nations can build trust and mitigate potential pitfalls associated with AIdriven diplomacy.33

Potential Risks and Challenges:

While artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to improve nuclear power plant safety and efficiency, it also poses risks and challenges. The use of AI in nuclear contexts may increase the risk of nuclear war due to faster decision-making and increased vulnerability to cyberattacks, potentially disrupting the strategic balance among nuclear powers. 34 Furthermore, if AI systems are not well-designed, tested, or aligned with human goals, they may introduce technical errors or failures during nuclear reactor operation and maintenance. Furthermore, there is concern that AI may reduce human oversight and control of nuclear power plants, resulting in skill degradation, overreliance, or mistrust among human operators and regulators. Ethical, legal, and social issues may also arise, including accountability, transparency, and governance of AI systems in nuclear power, as well as potential impacts on human dignity, rights, and values. 35 As AI becomes more integrated into nuclear technologies, addressing these challenges is critical to ensuring the responsible and safe implementation of AI in the nuclear power industry.

As a result, it is critical to develop and implement AI in nuclear power with caution and care, ensuring that the benefits outweigh the risks while also preserving and respecting the human role and responsibility.

The potential failures of artificial intelligence (AI) in the context of nuclear power could lead to catastrophic outcomes, including nuclear meltdowns, explosions, unauthorized attacks triggering a nuclear war, and the compromise of sensitive information through hacking or data manipulation.36 While these scenarios are hypothetical, they underscore the critical importance of implementing proper safeguards, oversight, and maintaining human control when integrating AI into nuclear power systems. Ensuring that AI systems are carefully designed, rigorously tested, and aligned with human values is paramount to mitigate potential dangers associated with their use in nuclear power scenarios.

The debate surrounding the comparison between artificial intelligence and human intelligence is complex and lacks a definitive answer. Al possesses strengths such as speed, accuracy, and the ability to handle dangerous or difficult tasks, while human intelligence brings creativity, intuition, emotional intelligence, adaptability, and ethical considerations to decision-making.37 The question of superiority depends on the context and the specific task at hand. Humans exert control over Al by creating, programming, and training systems, setting goals and rules, and monitoring their behavior. However, Al can influence, manipulate, or deceive humans, exploit their weaknesses, and potentially act against human interests or

values. Achieving a balanced synergy between AI and human intelligence, ensuring alignment with human values and goals, is crucial to harnessing the benefits of both intelligences while managing the associated risks.

In conclusion, the integration of AI into nuclear power and the comparison between artificial and human intelligence raise significant risks and challenges. Striking a balance and synergy between the two forms of intelligence, with careful consideration of ethical implications, is essential. Approaching these advancements with caution, proper oversight, and adherence to human values is crucial to ensure the responsible use of AI in these critical domains.

Conclusion:

Al advancements in nuclear arms control create both opportunities and challenges. The rapid advancement of Al technologies has the potential to revolutionize processes such as verification and monitoring in arms control, making disarmament efforts more effective. However, the ethical implications of using Al in this setting are significant. Concerns about autonomous decision-making, algorithmic bias, transparency, and accountability must be carefully considered. Maintaining human oversight is critical for responsible decision-making and avoiding unintended consequences.

Artificial intelligence has significant implications for nuclear arms control. On the plus side, AI can increase efficiency by improving processes such as verification, contribute to improved cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive nuclear data, and reduce the risk of accidental or unauthorized nuclear weapon use through predictive analytics and early warning systems. Furthermore, AI technologies have the potential to contribute to strategic stability by facilitating arms control agreements and mitigating the risk of arms races. However, the ethical challenges associated with AI, such as bias mitigation and maintaining human control, must be effectively addressed to avoid discriminatory outcomes and ensure responsible use in accordance with international norms.

Looking ahead, research and policy efforts should concentrate on developing strong ethical frameworks to guide AI development and application in nuclear arms control. Policymakers must develop regulations and governance mechanisms to ensure responsible and transparent AI deployment. International collaboration in research, policy development, and information sharing is critical to promoting the responsible use of AI in arms control. Continuous risk assessments should identify the vulnerabilities and security threats associated with AI in nuclear arms control. Furthermore, public and stakeholder engagement are critical for promoting transparency, accountability, and responsible AI technology implementation in this critical domain.

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