Artificial Intelligence-Based Cyber Security in the Context of Industry 4.0—A Survey

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Abstract: The increase in cyber-attacks impacts the performance of organizations in the industrial sector, exploiting the vulnerabilities of networked machines. The increasing digitization and technologies present in the context of Industry 4.0 have led to a rise in investments in innovation and automation. However, there are risks associated with this digital transformation, particularly regarding cyber security. Targeted cyber-attacks are constantly changing and improving their attack strategies, with a focus on applying artificial intelligence in the execution process. Artificial Intelligence-based cyber-attacks can be used in conjunction with conventional technologies, generating exponential damage in organizations in Industry 4.0. The increasing reliance on networked information technology has increased the cyber-attack surface. In this sense, studies aiming at understanding the actions of cyber criminals, to develop knowledge for cyber security measures, are essential. This paper presents a systematic literature research to identify publications of artificial intelligence-based cyber-attacks and to analyze them for deriving cyber security measures. The goal of this study is to make use of literature analysis to explore the impact of this new threat, aiming to provide the research community with insights to develop defenses against potential future threats. The results can be used to guide the analysis of cyber-attacks supported by artificial intelligence.

Keywords: artificial intelligence; cyber security; industry 4.0; machine learning; deep learning

1. Introduction

The fourth industrial revolution, known as Industry 4.0, aims to establish an industrial environment for real-time manufacturing ecosystems, smart factories, and autonomous systems. Industry 4.0-related projects use information technologies such as cyber-physical systems (CPS), the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, automation, big data, and artificial intelligence (AI). These projects are being implemented as a response to increased competitiveness and the need to deal with digital transformation [1].

The technological advance of Industry 4.0 has enabled the application of a wide range of technologies related to digitization, connectivity, and automation. The digital transformation present in Industry 4.0 provides an exponential increase in the volume of data in cyberspace [2]. The potential of Industry 4.0 is becoming a reality. However, it requires companies to have a methodological framework to deal with the new concepts of digitization and the interconnection of machines to increase competitiveness.

The complexity of the CPS network poses risks, especially in terms of cyber security [3]. The digitization of operational processes and business models that depend on information technologies brings with it increased exposure to possible cyber-attacks [4]. Cyber security has become a priority on the agenda of the leadership of public and private organizations [5]. Mainly due to the cyber-attacks already carried out, such as Black Energy in Ukraine (2007),
Stuxnet (2010), Havex (A remote access trojan, capable of harvesting data from industrial control systems, 2014), SolarWinds (2020), Colonial Pipeline (2021), and Pilz (a German manufacturer of industrial automation and safety products, 2021).

Cyber-attacks vary their methods and attack strategies to increase their attack capability with a focus on the application of AI technologies. The malicious use of AI has changed the scenario of potential threats in the cyber environment [6]. Manufacturing devices connected to a network, through the Internet, offer a greater surface for cyberattacks. Attackers exploit the attack intelligence to enhance the reach of their actions. They eliminate the geographic boundaries of their targets and minimize the evidence of their malicious activities [7].

Therefore, knowledge about cybercrime trends becomes essential to conduct effective defense actions. Technological evolution demands up-to-date studies to defend against AI being used as a malicious tool by cyber criminals. In this sense, this research aims to fill this gap. The objective of this paper is to present systematic literature research to identify publications on AI-based cyber-attacks in the literature and analyze them for their applicability to cyber security in Industry 4.0. The analysis intends to provide the research community with insights to structure defenses against potential future threats from the use of AI.

This paper has six sections: Section 2 introduces the theoretical background of the concepts on which the research is based; Section 3 explains the methodological approach of the study; Section 4 presents related work identified in the literature and reviews the state-of-the-art research on AI-based cyber-attacks; Section 5 analyzes and discusses AI-based cyber-attacks and their impacts on the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. Finally, conclusions are presented in Section 6.

2. Theoretical Background

In the following, the reader can have a vision of the theoretical background of Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Industry 4.0, and Cyber-Physical Systems.

2.1. Artificial Intelligence

AI dates to the 1950s and recent AI technological advances have impacted growth in innovation and automation in manufacturing. Despite the inherent benefits of AI technologies, the use of these techniques has sparked debates about their use in malicious ways [8]. AI is a field of computer science that develops theories, methods, techniques, and systems to simulate and expand human intellect into machines [9]. The goal of AI is to endow machines with human intelligence. Machine learning is a method to implement AI using algorithms to analyze and learn from data. Deep learning is a technology used in the process of machine learning, enabling the expansion of the scope of AI [10]. The essence of AI is based on the context that human intelligence can be accurately described, enabling its replication by machines and/or software [11].

AI addresses topics such as reasoning, knowledge, planning, automation, machine learning, natural language processing, robotics, human intelligence, and cyber security [11]. AI applications form a multidisciplinary intersection with cyber security issues. However, as AI technologies become more advanced and ubiquitous, cyber-attacks on CPS are on the rise, exploiting the interface between the connection of physical and cyber elements [12,13]. The threat landscape involves multiple players, attackers seek different types of vulnerabilities to launch their attacks. These attacks include the complexity and sophistication of advanced persistent threats, malicious actions in cyberspace, and monetization of cybercrime [6]. The cyber security community needs to understand how AI can be used for cyber-attacks and identify its weaknesses in order to implement defense actions [14].

2.1.1. Machine Learning

Machine learning (ML) is a method used to implement AI algorithms to analyze data, learn from the data, and make decisions about real-world events [10]. ML systems can
be divided into (i) systems for initial training on the dataset; (ii) systems already trained for later decision-making [15]. Given the large amount of data available, there is a strong demand for the application of ML techniques.

Researchers apply various approaches to deal with this large amount of data. Industry applies these techniques to extract relevant data. ML relies on different algorithms to solve data problems. The type of algorithm depends on the problem to be solved, considering the variables involved in the learning process [16]. In the age of digital transformation, ML is a relevant discipline in the research field of AI-based cyber security. Importantly, AI, particularly ML, has been used in both attack and defense of cyberspace. From the attacker's point of view, ML is employed to compromise protection strategies. On the defense side, ML is applied to provide robust resilience against threats, in order to adaptively minimize the damaging impacts of cyber-attacks [17].

ML algorithms can be categorized into supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning [18]. The following is a contextualization of these algorithms. Supervised learning is when the model learns from predefined results by using past values for the target variable to learn what its output results should be [15]. Unsupervised learning, unlike supervised learning, does not have predefined results for the model to use as a reference for learning. The model works with a set of data and tries to find patterns and differences in this data [15]. Supervised and unsupervised learning applications are widely used for intrusion, malware detection, cyber-physical attacks, and data privacy protection [19–21]. Reinforcement learning, a branch of ML, demands sequential actions in an omitted way with or without knowledge of the environment, thus allowing a closer approximation to human learning [17].

There are several ML algorithms used in industry. For example: (i) Supervised Learning: Additive Models, Artificial Neural Networks, Bayesian Networks, Decision Tree, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayesian Networks, and Regression Tree; (ii) Unsupervised Learning: K-means, and Self Organizing Map; (iii) Reinforcement Learning: Smart, and Pilco [8,22,23].

2.1.2. Deep Learning

Deep learning (DL) is a powerful ML technique that seeks to establish an artificial neural network that simulates the human brain for analytical learning in the interpretation of data [24]. An artificial neural network is a series of algorithms that seek to recognize implicit relationships in a dataset, through a process that mimics the way the human brain works. Neural networks refer to a system of neurons, either organic or artificial in nature [16].

DL uses multiple layers to build artificial neural networks with the ability to make intelligent decisions by processing large amounts of data with a high level of complexity without human intervention [25]. DL techniques can process a large amount of cyber security-related data made available in cyberspace. Researchers use ML and DL methods to detect malicious behavior in information systems arising from cyber-attacks [26]. The applications of DL techniques provide proactive monitoring in the industrial environment, producing essential data about the manufacturing process [23].

The combination of deep learning and reinforcement learning indicates excellent effectiveness and efficiency for cyber security applications dealing with increasingly dynamic and complex cyber-attacks [17]. There are several deep learning models used in industry. For example, (i) Supervised Learning: Convolutional Neural Network, Multiple Linear Perceptron, Recurrent Neural Network, Restricted Boltzmann Machine, Multiple Linear Perceptron, and YOLO v5; (ii) Unsupervised Learning: Auto Encoders, CAMP-BD, and Restricted Boltzmann Machine [8,17,22,23].

2.2. Cyber Security

Cyber security is constantly changing as the research environment changes rapidly. The cyber security community recognizes that cyber threats cannot be totally eliminated [27].
Therefore, research and technology development is essential to reduce the harmful impacts of cyber-attacks [28]. Research has sought a more proactive approach to preventing or mitigating security incidents before they cause damage in cyberspace.

Cyber security threats are growing exponentially, becoming one of the main challenges for companies, due to the disruptive concepts of digital transformation present in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem [29]. Cyber security makes use of various measures, methods, and means to ensure that systems are protected against threats and vulnerabilities. Cyber-attacks aim to gain access to connected services, resources, or systems in an attempt to compromise their confidentiality, integrity, and availability [30,31].

To increase the level of cyber security, intelligent methods for cyber defense must be developed to cope with the diversity and dynamics of attacks [9]. Cyber security has evolved over the years from a technical domain focused on network security to an issue of global concern. It is a topic that is becoming increasingly important on the agenda of business leaders [32].

Proactively addressing AI-based security issues is a key factor for an industrial environment with smart factories, autonomous systems, CPS, IoT, cloud computing, and big data [33]. In this sense, AI has the potential to automatically provide significant cyber security insights without human interaction. AI and ML are potentially transformative tools for cyber security and information sharing in cyberspace [34].

2.3. Industry 4.0

Industry 4.0, a term that originated in Germany in 2011, is a product of the information technology age. Technological development paves the way for intelligent factories with machines based on automated and digitized manufacturing systems [35]. These systems comprise computer network technologies and physical processes that enable the interconnection of the physical and technological environment and enable data processing through technologies such as the Internet [36].

The incorporation of digitization into industrial activity, integrating physical and virtual components, is a characteristic of Industry 4.0. This integration allows greater data capture, transport, storage, and analysis. Connected products, machines, and equipment became sources of data and information to support decision-making. The main industrialized countries have focused on the development of Industry 4.0, as a strategic instrument of industrial policy to increase their competitiveness [37].

Intelligent manufacturing processes use AI in automation systems for machine interaction. Intelligent automation platforms play a key role in obtaining, processing, and interpreting data generated in industrial production [38]. AI provides information to track all activities in the manufacturing process. It makes it possible to improve management to increase or decrease production, considering demand, aiming to reduce downtime to ensure constant efficiency of the production line [39].

While technological advancement is a competitive differentiator, factors such as smart production, smart maintenance, smart logistics, CPS connectivity, machine-to-machine variations, and production data quality demand actions with greater cyber security control in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem [35,40,41].

2.4. Cyber-Physical Systems

Cyber-Physical Systems are one of the most significant advances in the development of computer science [42]. In CPS there is a combination of networked physical processes integrated with cybernetic components, sensors, and actuators, which interact in a process monitoring cycle, providing information for decision-making in the production line [43].

Industry 4.0 seeks to create smart factories where CPS operations are monitored, controlled, coordinated, and integrated by a computing and communication core. The human-machine and machine-to-machine interactions are essential concepts in the context of smart manufacturing. Such production makes use of technologies for flexible, intelligent, and reconfigurable manufacturing according to market dynamics [1]. CPS, considering
automated process information, make use of AI algorithms to automatically obtain data, aiming at individual process analysis and monitoring [44].

With the exponential growth of CPS, new cyber security challenges have emerged. The exploitation of vulnerabilities in integrated and connected cyber-physical systems, due to technological evolution, demands technical detection measures of the application, transmission, and perception layers of CPS [45]. The focus of CPS security has shifted from computer risk assessment to risk in the computational network, in which there is the presence of embedded systems with sensors, actuators, and information system processing, in conjunction with a communication layer [37].

The increasing use of connected technologies makes the manufacturing system vulnerable to cyber risks [41]. Cyber security for CPS is attracting interest from academia and industry, though it is problematic because it benefits both defensive and offensive sides [46]. Even though companies are investing resources to develop cyber defense applications, the number of cyber-attacks has increased in quantity and complexity with the application of AI.

3. Methodology

In this paper, a four-step methodology was developed to identify existing studies in the literature that address Artificial Intelligence-based cyber-attacks. In addition, relevant information on the impact of attacks using AI is extracted to provide insights for structuring defense measures. The collection source was the Web of Science and Scopus database, covering the period between 2015 and 2022. The database allows for retrieving a greater diversification of relevant metadata to the research.

According to a systematic approach, the process of reviewing the literature was based on searching the following keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Cyber Security, Cybersecurity, and Industry 4.0. Although the literature review is not exhaustive, the method provides a comprehensive overview of the research topic in the literature.

Steps of the Search Process

These databases, Web of Science and Scopus, allow retrieving a greater diversification of relevant metadata to the research. In the Web of Science database with the field “TS = Topic” and the Scopus database with the field “TITLE-ABS”. These tags combine fields that search document titles, abstracts, and keywords. The steps are described in the following:

Step 1—Identification: The keywords “Artificial Intelligence”, “Machine Learning” and “Deep Learning” were combined with “Cyber Security”, “Cybersecurity”, and “Industry 4.0” in the advanced searches of the databases. The results of the searches are presented in Table 1.

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Table 1. Search results by Queries.
Step 2—Screening: A filter excludes repeated publications. From a total of 219 publications, 81 repeated publications are identified, leaving a residual of 138 publications.

Step 3—Eligibility: A critical analysis evaluates the 138 selected publications. The goal is to filter out the studies that address the use of AI for both defense and cyber-attacks in the Industry 4.0 environment. In this step, 45 articles are identified after a filter is applied to exclude some selected document types: conference papers, proceeding papers, review articles, books and chapters, early access, editorial material, show surveys, and not published in English. Altogether 93 documents are excluded from the search.

Step 4—Included: A critical reading of the material identified in step 3 is performed, considering the challenges and issues related to AI applied for cyber security in the context of Industry 4.0. After that, more than 18 studies were excluded, because they did not meet this criterion. An overview of the individual steps and the associated number of studies is given in Figure 1 with the Prisma Flow diagram describing the literature search and the selection of eligible studies [47]. The keywords used in the articles are shown in Figure 2, while Figure 3 presents quantitative data on citations and publications per year. The list of the 27 selected articles is presented in Table 2. The next section presents an analysis of the selected studies.

![Prisma Flow](image)

**Figure 1.** Prisma Flow.

**Table 2.** Search results.

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Figure 2 shows the representativeness of the identified keywords separated into seven clusters. An analysis of the representativeness of the keywords used in the publications was performed. Keywords are defined by authors to attract readers, with general, intermediate, or specific terms about the research. The larger circle reflects the representativeness of the keywords in a cluster. Cluster 1 (blue) has the highest representativeness. Followed by cluster 2 (green) and cluster 3 (purple).

Figure 3. Times Cited and Publications Over Time.

4. Related Works

This section discusses the applications of AI in the cyber security domain adopted by the authors of the selected studies, shown in Table 2, considering their applicability in Industry 4.0.

Abdullahi et al. [48] present a systematic literature review about using AI methods to detect cyber security attacks in IoT devices and networks. A systematic review identified 80 studies published between 2016 and 2021, with a focus on exploring ML and DL techniques used in IoT security. The research presents an AI roadmap view to establish strategies, categories, and types of detection, attacks, and threats in the IoT environment.
Ahmar et al. [49] show the importance of cyber security in the fourth industrial revolution with a focus on vulnerabilities found in IoT appliances under Industry 4.0. The authors address the use of blockchain technology to offer solutions to cyber security issues related to vulnerabilities, and threats to IoT in Industry 4.0 ecosystem and discuss and highlight potential impacts correlated with security, and data privacy.

Alohali et al. [50] propose a new AI-enabled multimodel fusion-based intrusion for the detection of systems for cognitive CPS in the Industry 4.0 environment. This model uses Recurrent Neural Network, bi-directional long short-term memory, and Deep Belief Network. The model simulation analysis performed better than the latest state-of-the-art techniques published in the academic literature.

Barton et al. [51] address in their research attributes for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to develop strategic plans for the digitization requirements, with a focus on the development of AI as part of the implementation of the IoT pillar. AI is likely to have a huge impact to improve manufacturing. According to the authors, achieving the best possible results will depend on harnessing the full potential of AI in SMEs.

Blanco-Medina et al. [52] present a pipeline based on existing DL models to solve issues related to cyber security. This pipeline proposes to classify screenshots of industrial control panels into the following categories: (i) internet technologies; and (ii) operation technologies. The authors compare the use of transfer learning and fine-tuning in a pre-trained dataset to identify the best Convolutional Neural Networks architecture to classify the screenshots related to the categories.

Chang et al. [53] show an efficient and stable model for fraud detection platforms to be adapted for Industry 4.0. Fraud detection is a relevant part of cyber security in the Industry 4.0 era. This study proposes and evaluates ML models to detect fraudulent transactions in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. The analysis included classification and approaches to detect vulnerabilities in digital financial transactions.

Chen et al. [54] discuss the challenges presented in smart manufacturing based on AI and communication technology. Smart manufacturing has holistically integrated wireless networks, cloud computing, AI, and automation. This complex system engineering from wireless networks lays down a new perspective for the cyber security of smart factories. The authors present highlights of the technological opportunities related to AI computing, wireless networks, control, and robotic engineering in the smart factories context.

Elsisi et al. [55] present new online monitoring and tracking for gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) defects based on IoT architecture and ML. The IoT architecture is based on the concept of CPS applied in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. Advanced ML techniques are used to detect cyber-attacks in different test scenarios on the Internet network. These techniques provide decision-makers with reliable data on the status of the GIS.

Khaleel et al. [56] highlight the importance of cyber security infrastructure and discuss how to evaluate, prevent, and mitigate cyber-attacks in industrial cyber-physical systems (ICPS). This study presents attacks generated by ML based on multiple criteria to show the application of the proposed solution. Therefore, the authors analyze and evaluate ICPS security in two real use cases.

Laghari et al. [57] propose a digital signature-based security mechanism that offers authentication, integrity, and protection against cyber-attacks. The results identified in this research show Semiconductor Equipment Communication Standard/Generic Equipment Model (SECS/GEM) is an efficient communications mechanism to protect industrial equipment against untrusted entities from establishing communication. In addition, SECS/GEM communications demonstrated the capacity to protect industrial equipment against denial-of-service attacks, replay attacks, and false data injection attacks.

Le et al. [58] present a framework for ML with real-time predictive analytics to protect manufacturing automation networks and complex system operations from cyber-attacks. The research approach is based on multivariate time series characterizations and real-time predictive analytics to project threats and estimate the time to detect cyber-attacks, thereby identifying the time of failure.
Mahesh et al. [59] address the digital manufacturing (DM) paradigm that can increase productivity and improve quality in the context of Industry 4.0. However, DM also poses cyber security risks that need to be mitigated. This study analyzes the risks, assesses the impacts on production, and identifies perspectives to protect DM.

Mendonça et al. [60] present a methodology to detect cyber-attacks, through an application of a DL model. The research results demonstrate that the proposed model was more efficient when compared to other ML models in the market in a real cyber security scenario for IoT equipment applied to Industry 4.0.

Mpatziakas et al. [61] present an automatic mechanism to identify mitigation actions to implement cyber security countermeasures to protect IoT networks. This mechanism uses AI based on a Deep Neural Architecture called Pointer Networks to improve the value of cyber security KPIs and interact with programmable networks to define strategies to mitigate risks to IoT networks.

Mudassir et al. [62] propose DL models for the classification of malicious packets with origin in Internet of Things (IoT) devices. These devices and their networks require cyber security, data privacy, and information integrity to protect CPS. This study presents DL models such as Artificial Neural Networks that can be used to classify IoT malware attacks.

Saghezchi et al. [63] approach ML to identify non-standard behavior on the networks aiming to develop data-driven models to detect DDoS attacks on CPS. The authors investigate different supervised, unsupervised, and semi-supervised algorithms to assess their performance through extensive simulations. In this study, supervised algorithms (e.g., Decision Trees) show better performance than unsupervised and semi-supervised algorithms.

Saleem et al. [64] analyze the security of 5G-enabled IoT applications to list vulnerabilities and requirements in wireless devices. The 5G will further boost IoT systems; the expansion of the use of this technology increases the surface for cyber-attacks. The complexity of massive scale deployment of IoT makes the challenges of protecting critical applications, a relevant area of research.

Singh et al. [65] present core themes of cyber security research in enterprise information systems: (i) AI in cyber security; (ii) grids, networks, and platform security; (iii) algorithms and methods; (iv) optimization and modelling; and (v) cyber security management. This research discusses several studies related to security in enterprise information systems.

Tamy et al. [66] discuss the complex process to implement Industry 4.0 related to production, supply chain, engineering, and information systems. This complexity requires a cyber security strategy to protect the industrial environment. The authors present a cyber security strategy based on ML applied in Industry 4.0. For that, they used threat management based on ML algorithms to develop an accurate system to detect network intrusion.

Szymanski et al. [67] present the use of a centralized software-defined networking (SDN) control plane to configure deterministic traffic flow that can strengthen cyber security to the next-generation IoT. In this context, deterministic traffic flows receive strict Quality-of-Service (QoS) guarantees. Deterministic cyber security can identify unauthorized packets targeting a deterministic virtual private network.

Tange et al. [68] show a systematic review with a focus on the security requirements of the IoT device. An IoT device creates opportunities for industries to connect devices, and these opportunities not only implement but also expand the possibilities for cybercriminals’ actions using the interconnectivity of network equipment in combination with cloud computing and AI technologies. IoT security represents one key factor that explains why to adopt the widespread use of IoT devices.

Torbacki et al. [69] propose a cyber security structure divided into seven dimensions: (i) trust services; (ii) encryption; (iii) network security; (iv) application security; (v) endpoint security; (vi) access control; and (vii) cyber-attacks, with twenty criteria and three groups: (a) operational; (b) technological; and (c) organizational. These dimensions, criteria, and groups, compose a cyber security framework with a ranking of security criteria with guidelines for the process of implementing cyber security solutions.
Tran et al. [70] propose a new architecture based on ML techniques. The advanced ML techniques used in this research allowed online monitoring on the panel of the proposed IoT platform, in order to visualize failures in the status of the induction motor, as well as cyber-attacks on communication networks. The Random Forest, known as an effective method, to identify failure problems, shows excellent accuracy in the results to identify induction motor failures due to equipment vibration, when compared to other ML algorithms.

Yang et al. [71] present a brain-like distributed control security (BLCS) in fog radio and optical networks (F–RON) for CPS. Cyber security is a challenge in the CPS scenario because in this context there is a trade-off between security control and privacy environment in F–RON. BLCS adopts a computing mechanism to anonymously distribute control without disclosing private information related to network analysis, creating a cyber security and privacy control.

Aouedi et al. [72] propose a federated semi-supervised learning scheme, which uses unlabeled and labeled data in a federated way, to detect intrusion and attacks on the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. The proposed model has been evaluated for capacity to identify the attacks on the network traffic. The use of unlabeled data in the training process can improve the performance of the learned model, according to the research results.

Trung et al. [73] analyze findings on the connection between blockchain technology, AI, and IoT. Considering this analysis, the authors propose solutions to mitigate cyber security risks, based on policies to implement security mechanisms in the era of Industry 4.0.

Haleem et al. [74] discuss technologies used to improve the cyber security process in Industry 4.0 context. These technologies are AI, cloud computing, IoT, and robots to support the interconnection of CPS, which connects the physical and digital worlds by collecting digital data from physical objects and processes, present in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. These interconnections demand cyber security actions to protect this environment.

5. Analysis and Results

In this section, different types of cyber-attacks, algorithms, methods, advantages, and disadvantages of AI solutions in the context of the Industry 4.0 ecosystem are analyzed.

5.1. Steps of the Search Process

While Industry 4.0 provides a framework for integrating CPS for smart, flexible, and adaptive manufacturing, it carries with it concerns about cyber security. Indeed, the growth of IoT devices and CPS in networked production increases the surface of attacks on critical systems and infrastructures with damaging impacts on production processes [7,48]. In this research, different types of cyber-attacks presented by the authors of the selected studies are analyzed with their respective references:

1. Application protocol attacks: attacks that aim, through application protocols, to send false commands at irregular intervals to devices that do not use authentication and encryption mechanisms [67].

2. Attacks Against Machine Learning and Data Analytics: attacks that can manipulate the training samples to control the accuracy of the ML model, attacking the availability of the sample data to reduce reliability in the model used, generating malicious behavior that is then identified as legitimate [55].

3. Response and Measurement Injection Attacks: attacks that aim to capture network packets to alter the content during transmission from the server to the client. Response injections can be created and transmitted by a third-party device on the network, exploiting a vulnerability in authentication capabilities to legitimize the origin of packets [6,57].

4. Time delay attacks: attacks that aim to add extra time delays in equipment control measurements, generating an instability of the control system. The attacker uses a network traffic modeling tool to create discretionary delays focused on the control network [30,71].
5. Spoofing attacks: attacks that exploit the lack of proper authentication in control mechanisms. Attackers spoof their identity to gain illegitimate access to control mechanisms [41,67].

6. Escalation Privilege: attacks that aim to bypass authentication and authorization mechanisms on critical devices and services. To establish protection from these attacks, there is a challenge of defining a zone of trust to enforce authentication and authorization for local and/or remote access to production workflows [6,48].

7. Phishing and Spear Phishing attacks: attacks that aim to steal data and credentials from systems, using emails, links, and communication scams, mainly from ICS. In the process, people who work for the company are specifically exploited as a vulnerability and are considered the weakest link in the security chain. In this way, the attackers gain access to important data and to the company’s networks. The interconnectivity of the Internet makes it easy for fraudsters to access sensitive information from the production environment [6,67].

8. Ransomware attacks: attacks that aim to steal or encrypt company data with complex algorithms. These attacks have a strong financial impact on companies, since they block and/or erase the accessed data, interrupting production activities [15,48].

9. False Sequential Logic attacks: attacks that aim to affect Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems to disrupt or violate the sequential order of control commands. SCADA systems are vulnerable to cyber threats due to the increasing number of interconnected devices [30,63].

10. Deception attacks and False Data Injection attacks: attacks that aim to send false information from sensors and controllers, by exploiting the operator’s trust to accept a scenario as true, which could degrade ICS performance. The attacker obtains the secret keys used in the devices or compromises sensors and controllers to launch the attacks [63].

11. Poisoning and Evasion attacks: attacks that aim to decrease the prediction and accuracy of the DL algorithm. Evasion attacks target the DL prediction process. In this case, the attacker inserts wrong data into the neural network generating an inappropriate classification result [57].

12. DDoS attacks: attacks that can reach all device control services that are connected to the Internet, such as SCADA, Distributed Control Systems (DCS), Open Platform Communications Unified Architecture (OPC) servers, and smart meters [55]. These attacks send a large amount of data to a target device or system, aiming to freeze and stop the service temporarily [20,48,63].

13. Zero-Day attacks: attacks that exploit unknown system vulnerabilities or those that have been recently discovered by the attackers and not disclosed to the security community. Zero-Day attacks aim to compromise SCADA systems and power transmission systems [48,63,71].

14. Advanced Persistent Threat: attacks that use Zero-Day vulnerabilities to steal confidential information, and perform cyber espionage to gain a competitive advantage, such as targeting competing states and companies [48].

15. Man-in-the-Middle attacks and Eavesdropping attacks: attacks that aim to spy on traffic between communication devices by routing the communication not directly but through a third party or device. These attacks sabotage key exchange protocols of the control system and an actuator device, change the quality and consistency of the final product causing physical damage to production, and monitor the network to obtain information about network behavior to implement new attacks. Analyzing network traffic allows for impacting the privacy of communication information [41,67].

16. Information Modification: attacks that target the AI aspect of robotics, with modifications that affect the AI’s ability to distinguish images and impact the accuracy of performing the intended tasks [52].

The analysis performed on the identified studies and their references made it possible to structure a summary of cyber-attacks in Industry 4.0, presented in Table 3.
Table 3. Targets and Attacks.

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<td>Sensors, actuators, robots, and field devices</td>
<td>Application protocol attacks, Response and Measurement Injection Attacks, Time delay attacks</td>
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<td>Industrial control systems (ICS)</td>
<td>Spoofing attacks, False sequential logic attacks, Deception attacks and False Data Injection attacks, DDoS attacks, Zero-Day attacks, Phishing and Spear Phishing attacks, Ransomware</td>
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<td>Cyber-physical systems (CPS)</td>
<td>Attacks Against Machine Learning and Data Analytics, Poisoning and Evasion attacks, Advanced Persistent Threats, Man-in-the-Middle attacks, Eavesdropping attacks, and Information Modification</td>
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5.2. Countermeasures for Cyber Defense

The actions for cyber defense against internal and external threats can be implemented with security controls, known as defense countermeasures. ICS security has three high-level approaches: (i) isolate the plant network from the administrative network using firewalls and demilitarized zone (DMZ); (ii) implement defense in profundity, with multiple layers for perimeter protection across the network; and (iii) structured network access control to isolate internal threats and remote users in a segmented DMZ [48].

However, to keep up with the dynamics and complexity of attacks it is necessary to update security patches throughout the network on a regular basis. Countermeasures play an essential role in cyber defense. Proactive measures for AI-based threat detection by adopting ML mechanisms are essential to ensure greater accuracy in the timely detection of cyber-attacks [63].

The analysis of the selected studies allows us to identify security countermeasures in Industry 4.0: (i) software updates; (ii) vulnerability scan; (iii) vulnerability testing; (iv) penetration testing to evaluate and exploit vulnerabilities; (v) firewall; (vi) intrusion detection system; (vii) intrusion prevention system; (viii) antivirus; (ix) antimalware; (x) antispyware; (xi) antispam; (xii) user authentication, multiple-factor authentication; (xiii) data isolation; (xiv) sandbox; (xv) virtual machine; and (xvi) secure communication [48,67].

5.3. ML and DL Applied in Industry

The following presents an analysis of the ML and DL techniques identified in the studies listed in Table 2, used for cyber security. To this end, concepts and references are provided for each technique. In this paper, the cyber security attack detection based on ML and DL methods is categorized into six classes: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Deep Autoencoder (DAE), Deep Belief Network (DBN), Recurrent Neural Network (RNN), Generative Adversarial Network (GAN), and Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL):

1. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN): is a neural network designed to process inputs stored in arrays. Three types of layers make up the CNN architecture: convolution layers, clustering layers, and classification layers [20]. The detection of CNN-based cyber security attacks is divided into single CNN, Multi-CNN, CNN Variants, CNN Acoustic Model, and CNN Limited Weight Sharing [72].

2. Deep Autoencoders (DAE): are unsupervised neural networks that learn to encode compressed data, presenting versatility with unsupervised learning. The encoder and decoder are the fundamental components of the autoencoder. DAE is a suitable application for the security of IoT devices, intrusion systems, and sensor fault detection [20,48,72].

3. Deep Belief Network (DBN): probabilistic generative model, that works with a combination of supervised and unsupervised multilayer learning networks. DBNs can be classified as (i) Deep Boltzmann Machine (DBM); (ii) Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM); and (iii) Deep Restricted Boltzmann Machine (DRBM) [20,57].
4. Recurrent Neural Network (RNN): machine learning model adapted from neural networks for learning to map sequential inputs and outputs. RNN can be used for sentiment analysis, with the application for co-communication analysis by intelligence communities. The limitations of RNN are improved with bidirectional RNN application, which uses past and future input data to train the RNN [6,48,72].

5. Generative Adversarial Network (GAN): uses unsupervised machine learning with two neural networks. One network plays the role of a generator and the second one plays the role of a discriminator. The generator network receives the input data and produces output data with characteristics like the actual data. The second network receives the real data and data from the first network to try to identify whether the input data is real or fake [20,72].

6. Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL): is the combination of both deep neural networks with reinforcement learning algorithms (e.g., Q-learning, Deep Q-Networks, Policy Gradients). The combination of the two algorithms provides a solution useful in scenarios where the decision-making process is complex and requires a combination of perception, cognition, and action. DRL algorithms are based on experience repetition but use more memory for processing [48,72].

5.4. Advantages and Disadvantages of AI for Cyber Security

When discussing the advantages of intelligence in cyber security, it is necessary to understand the diversity of the different cyber-attacks that exist, as already mentioned in Section 5.1. Cyber security experts work to develop algorithms to analyze and identify new and emerging cyber threats. As AI systems are further developed, actions to deceive AI techniques emerge in cyberspace [67].

By applying AI techniques to protect the industrial ecosystem, systems will continue to learn from attempted attacks. As a result, systems will benefit from predictive analytics to deal with the complexity of cyber-attacks. AI aids in the monitoring to identify patterns of normal and abnormal activity with malicious characteristics. Monitoring makes it possible to mitigate and localize attacks [73].

AI technologies do not guarantee absolute security for industrial environments. These technologies have also several ethical concerns in their implementation, such as the lack of a moral code for machines. Regarding decision-making that may have moral impacts, AI may not have the ability to recognize these impacts, so the inability to sense and make decisions considering moral issues is a challenge [57].

Data quality, machine-to-machine variations, operational regimes, and cyber security are among the barriers identified to ensure competitive advantage using AI techniques in Industry 4.0. Attacks are growing faster than the ability of cyber defenses to protect interconnected infrastructures. As such, combining advances in neural network-based ML and DL algorithms for cyber security applications increases the ability of security systems to detect attacks against physical, mobile, ICS, and CPS devices [20,63].

In the context of cyber security, AI is used to enhance defense capabilities by considering the potential of automation and data analysis capabilities with efficiency, accuracy, and speed. ML and DL techniques show promising research for combating cyber threats. However, AI technologies are also leveraged to create new types of advanced and sophisticated threats, for example, malicious actors using an ML model to generate malware, customize phishing, and increase the scale of the attack [57]. A summary of the advantages and disadvantages of AI for cyber security is provided in Table 4 (Font: Authors).
Table 4. Advantages and Disadvantages of AI for cyber security.

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<td>It can process a large volume of data</td>
<td>More data collection leads to privacy and protection issues</td>
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<td>Automate the creation of algorithms to detect cyber security</td>
<td>Hackers can use AI to launch complex and large-scale attacks</td>
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<td>Enabled cyber security solutions can detect any changes that arise to eliminate the risks</td>
<td>It can help hackers effectively find and exploit vulnerabilities</td>
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<td>Monitoring of information technology infrastructure to detect malicious entities and attempted network breach</td>
<td>These methods could be used by repressive countries and governments to track their adversaries</td>
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<td>Allows cyber security researchers to work on developing algorithms or explore emerging threats</td>
<td>It can be misused for personal privacy monitoring, tracking, and other violations</td>
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6. Conclusions

Cyber-attacks are constantly growing and changing, improving their malicious performance with the application of AI technologies. The malicious use of AI has transformed the landscape of potential threats in the cyber environment with technological advancement. Technological evolution demands up-to-date studies to defend against AI being used as a malicious tool by cyber criminals.

Networked manufacturing devices connected via the Internet provide a greater surface for cyber-attacks. Attackers exploit this interconnectivity to amplify their actions. This literature analysis addresses the types of cyber-attacks, defense countermeasures, application of ML and DL for cyber security in Industry 4.0, advantages, and disadvantages of using AI for security. The studies reviewed in this research also address technologies for cyber-attack detection, however, these approaches have not been included as part of the current strategic planning of organizations in the Industry 4.0 ecosystem. This is a relevant fact that demonstrates a limitation in the selected articles to deal with the strategic issues of cyber security.

Future research may use this present work as a reference to address AI-based cyber security issues in the context of Industry 4.0. Our approach in this research allows the improvement of the state of the art of this study, generating insights for the research community to structure defenses against potential cyber threats. As future work in this area, there is a need for constant updating of the requirements to implement cyber security actions, arising from the cybernetic technological evolution applied for both defense and attack in the context of the Industry 4.0 ecosystem.


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