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ABSTRACT— Cyber-physical systems (CPS) enabled by the Internet of Things (IoT) provide unique security challenges since security solutions designed for traditional IT/OT systems may not be adequate in a CPS environment. Therefore, this research introduces a two-tiered ensemble attack detection and attribution framework fit for CPS, and more especially in an industrial control system (ICS). In order to identify assaults in unbalanced ICS settings, a decision tree is paired with an unique ensemble deep representation-learning model. For the next step, we use a deep neural network ensemble to help with assault attribution. Data sets from the gas pipeline and water treatment system are used to test the proposed model in the wild. The results show that the suggested model performs better than competing methods of equivalent computing complexity.

INTRODUCTION

Cyber-physical systems (CPS) now routinely include IoT devices, even in mission-critical settings like dams and power plants. Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) devices are often integrated into an ICS, whose primary responsibility is to ensure the secure functioning of the aforementioned infrastructure. Systems that use programmable logic controllers (PLC) and Modbus protocols, as well as SCADA systems for monitoring and controlling machinery, fall under the umbrella term "industrial control system" (ICS). However, when ICS or IIoT-based systems are linked to the internet, their attack surfaces and susceptibilities to cyber attacks grow. In 2010, for instance, the Stuxnet campaign apparently targeted Iranian centrifuges used in nuclear enrichment, inflicting extensive



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damage to the machinery. Another event that illustrates this point is the 2011 attack on a pump that caused the breakdown of an Illinois water facility. System-level security solutions are required for this reason in order to conduct a thorough analysis of physical behaviour and guarantee the continued availability of the system. Unlike IT/OT systems, the objectives of ICS security are ordered from most important to least important, starting with availability and ending with secrecy (generally prioritised in the order of confidentiality, integrity, and availability) A (successful) cyber-attack against ICS may have devastating effects for people and the planet because of the intricate interplay between the variables of the feedback control loop and the underlying physical processes. This highlights the need for very effective safety and security measures to be designed to detect and prevent attacks targeting ICS. Signature and anomaly-based attack detection and attribution methods are widely used. It has been attempted to offer hybrid-based techniques to detection and attribution, which combine the strengths of signaturebased and anomaly-based methods. Different Intrusion Detection System (IDS) typologies have emerged as a consequence of the regular changes to networks, making

hybrid-based methods to anomaly detection less trustworthy. The next step is network information analysis, which is where most traditional attack detection and attribution methods start and end (e.g. IP addresses, transmission ports, traffic duration, and packet intervals). As a result, recently there has been a resurgence of enthusiasm for using attack detection and attribution options grounded on Machine Learning (ML) or Deep Neural Networks (DNN). There are two main types of methods used to spot attacks: network-based and host-based. Methods such as supervised clustering, fuzzy logic, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Machines (SVM) (both single- and multi-class), On order to identify attacks in network traffic, DNNs are widely utilised. In order to quickly identify malicious assaults, these methods monitor traffic data in real time. Network and hostbased attack detection, however, may miss sophisticated forms of assault, more including those launched from inside an organisation.

RELATED WORK

Multi-Layer Network, System, and Process Data-Driven Cyber-Attack Detection System for Industrial Control Systems



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Cybersecurity threats to industrial control systems have increased in recent years due to an increase in assaults on cyber-physical systems (ICSs). Firewalls, data diodes, and other intrusion prevention technologies form the backbone of ICS cybersecurity today, but they may not be enough to fend off the increasingly sophisticated and targeted cyberattacks that are being launched by determined adversaries. A cyber-attack detection system is designed for ICS that makes use of network traffic data, host monitored system data. and process parameters to improve ICS cybersecurity. This assault detection system offers layered protection to buy the defenders some time before the attack does irreparable damage to the physical system. The suggested detection method is shown using data from a live ICS demonstration platform. In order to replicate the effects of a cyberattack and collect data for data-driven detection models, five types of assaults are performed: man-in-themiddle (MITM), denial of service (DoS), data exfiltration (DX), data tampering (DT), and fake data injection (FI). In order to provide a backup line of defence for cyberattack detection in case the intrusion prevention layer fails, the literature reviews four classical classification models based on network data and host system data: k-nearest

neighbour (KNN), decision tree (DT), bootstrap aggregating (bagging), and random forest (RF). The results of intrusion detection tests indicate that KNN, bagging, and RF provide accurate and reliable detection of MITM and DoS assaults with low missed alert and false alarm rates. Traditional process monitoring systems look out for cyberattacks such command manipulation and bogus data injection assaults by an insider, which may not be seen by monitoring network and host system data. The suggested detection method investigates an auto-associative kernel regression model to improve attack detection in its early stages.

Subtle Exploitation of Vulnerabilities inIndustrialCyberPhysicalSystems'Redundant Controller Architecture

The controller's function is crucial to ensuring the steady operation of an industrial cyber-physical system (iCPS). Since this is the case, common iCPSs like distributed control (DCS), systems supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA), and others all make use of a redundant controller architecture. They keep an eye on and manage vital operations in the power plant, chemical plant, water treatment facility, and other industries. In light of the



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unpredictability of mechanical breakdowns, redundancy-rich architecture а for controllers has been developed and widely deployed. This structure was recommended provide dependability and safety. to however there is a chance that an attacker may use it to conduct covert assaults on the network. This article examines the security by duplicate controller hole caused architecture and suggests a covert, multipronged attack strategy against systems using this design. We discover many zeroday vulnerabilities in production devices from three manufacturers and then deploy the combined assault against them. Our testing findings on a wide range of realworld devices demonstrate that the redundant controller design can be used to covertly infiltrate all tested systems. Additionally, we provide recommendations for lowering the danger level.

METHODOLOGY

Both a representation-learning and a detection phase make up the proposed attack detection. Applying a standard unsupervised DNN on an uneven dataset resulted in a DNN model that focused on learning properties of the dominant class at the expense of those of the minority. This problem has been addressed by most studies by either creating fresh samples or eliminating certain samples from the dataset so that it is more evenly distributed before feeding it to a DNN. It is not practical to generate or eliminate samples in ICS/IIoT security applications. Due to the critical nature of ICS/IIoT systems, it is difficult to test produced samples in a real network, since doing so would expose the network to attack and potentially endanger people and the environment. It also takes a long time to verify the quality of the produced samples.

Since the number of attack samples in ICS/IIoT datasets is often less than 10% of the dataset and most of the dataset information is destroyed by deleting 80% of the dataset, discarding the normal data from a dataset is not the proper option. This research presented a novel deep representation learning approach to equip the DNN to deal with unbalanced datasets without resorting to sample generation, manipulation, or removal in order to the circumvent aforementioned difficulties. Specifically, this model used a pair of unsupervised stacked autoencoders, each of which was tasked with discovering patterns inside its own respective class.Given that each model seeks to isolate the abstract patterns of a single class while



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ignoring all others, the results accurately reflected the inputs used to train that model. A total of three layers of input and output representations were used in the stacked autoencoders. The encoder layers transformed the input representation into higher dimensional spaces of 800, 400, and 16 respectively. An autoencoder's encoding capability is represented by Equation 1. Conversely, the decoder layers began with the 16-dimensional new representation and mapped it to the 400-dimensional, 800dimensional, and input representations in an effort to recover the input representation. The autoencoder decoder. Through trial and error, the optimal f-measure performance and minimal architectural complexity hyperparameters were determined.

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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

By clicking the "Open" button to import the dataset, we can see that the "NORMAL"

class has a large number of records while the other attack classes have relatively few, highlighting a data imbalance issue that can be addressed using AutoEncoder, Decision Tree, and Deep Neural Networks (DNNs). We first normalised the data by removing any outlying or missing values. After the values have been normalised (that is, converted to a value between 0 and 1), the whole number of records in the dataset, as well as the numbers for the train and test sets, are shown. To use AutoEncoder for dataset training, click the Run AutoEncoder Algorithm button.

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DNN performed very well across the board, achieving excellent precision, recall, accuracy, and FSCORE scores.

CONCLUSION

An original approach for attack detection and attack attribution using ensembles of deep learners was developed for use with unbalanced ICS data in this article. In order to map the samples to a database that can identify attacks, deep representation learning is used in the attack detection step.

to a new, higher-dimensional realm and uses a DT to spot the attack samples. Since this step may identify attacks that haven't been seen before, it's also resistant to datasets that aren't evenly distributed. Attributing attacks requires an ensemble of several one-vs-all classifiers, each of which is trained to recognise a different kind of assault. As a whole, the model is a complicated DNN with a partly connected and completely connected section that can correctly identify cyberattacks. Training and testing phases have computational complexity of O(n 4)and $O(n \ 2)$, (n is the number of training samples), respectively, which is comparable to that of other DNN-based approaches in the literature despite the proposed

framework's complicated design. In addition, the suggested framework is able to recognise and assign the samples in a timely manner with increased recall and fmeasure. Designing a cyber-threat hunting component to help spot abnormalities missed by the detection component, such as by creating a baseline profile of the system and its assets, is an area for potential growth.

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