



ENGINEERING-GRADE OT SECURITY

WHEN CONSEQUENCES
ARE UNACCEPTABLE



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ABOUT WATERFALL SECURITY

2007

Founded

>1000

Sites

>20

Verticals

6

Global
Sales & Ops Hubs

14

Published Patents

Leading the world's OT unidirectional gateway market with superior solutions, worldwide presence, and proven track record of success



Key Sectors:



Power



Oil & Gas



Water



Rails



Manufacturing



Facilities

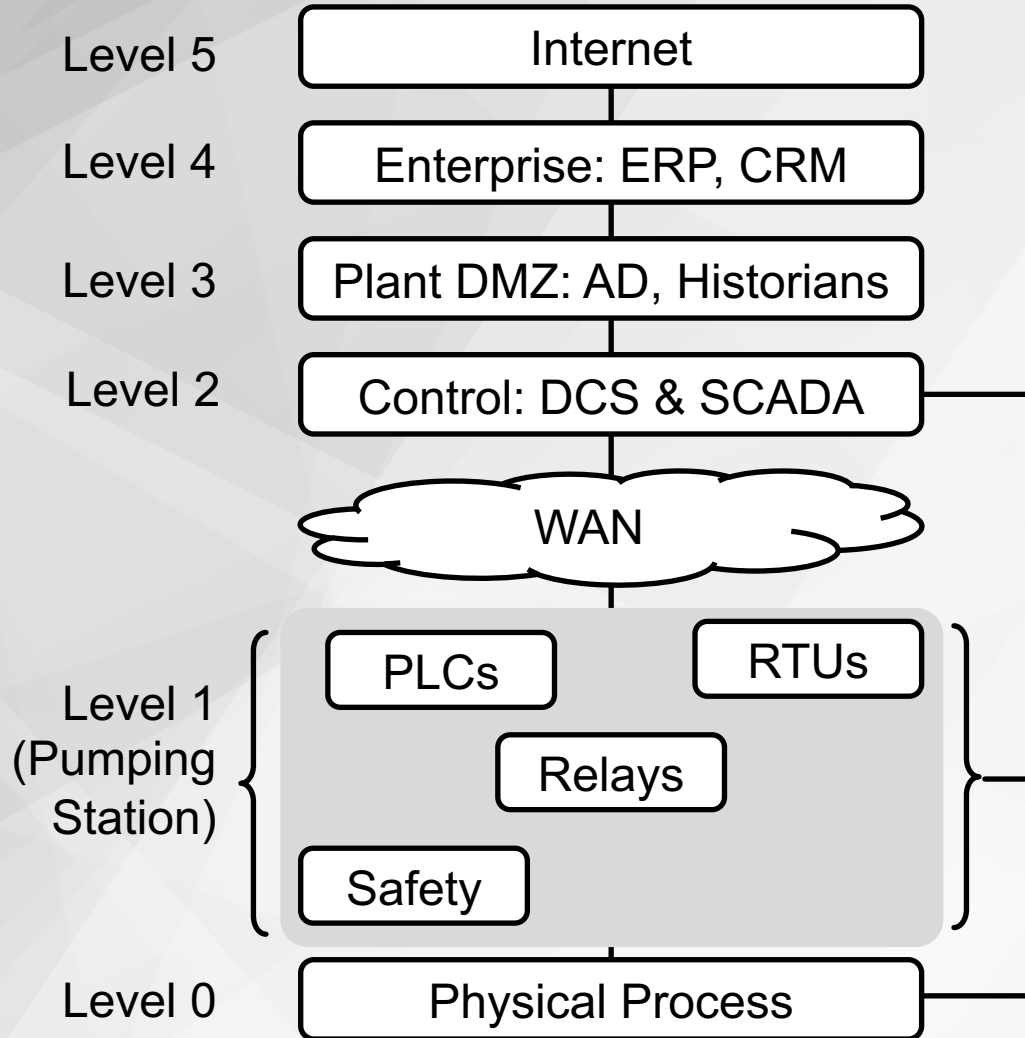
INDUSTRIAL CYBERSECURITY PRIORITIES

- Safe physical operations
- Reliable operations
 - Continuous
 - No equipment damage
- Efficient

***Cybersecurity is essential to safety
and to reliability***



PURDUE MODEL / ISA – IEC 62443 ZONES



CYBER INCIDENTS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

REAL CONSEQUENCES

Shutdowns, equipment damage & worse

PROCESS INDUSTRIES

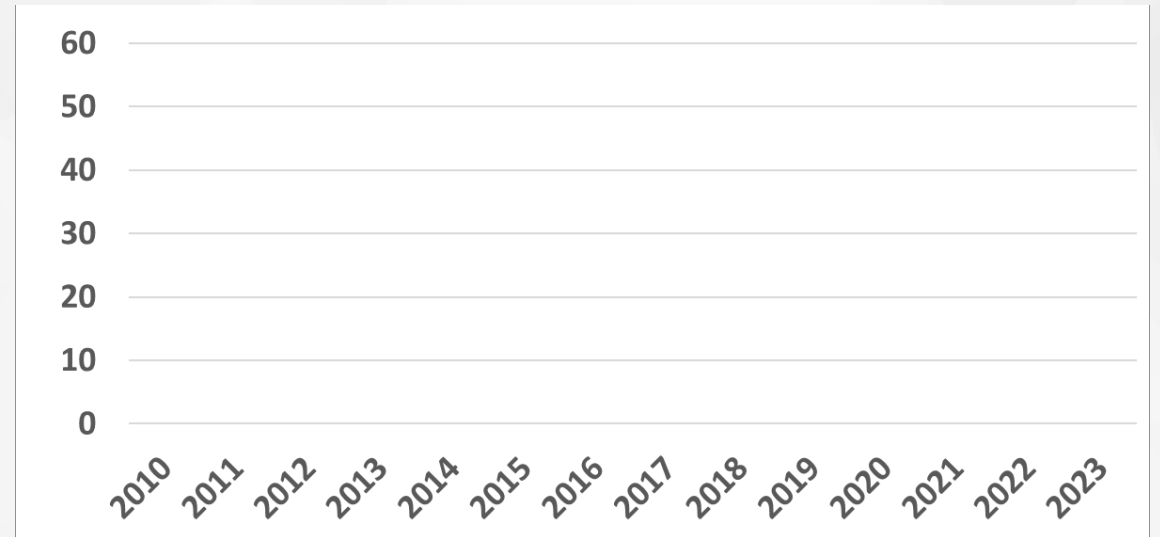
Power, oil & gas, rails, water treatment, food & beverage, agriculture, mining

MANUFACTURING

Automobiles, aircraft, consumer goods

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD

Independently verifiable by anyone with Internet access



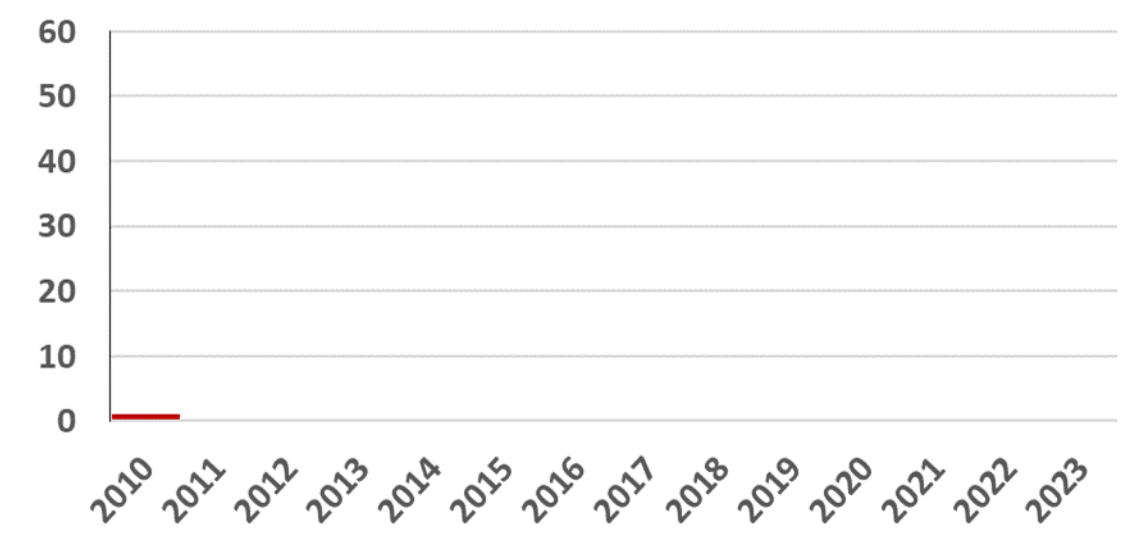
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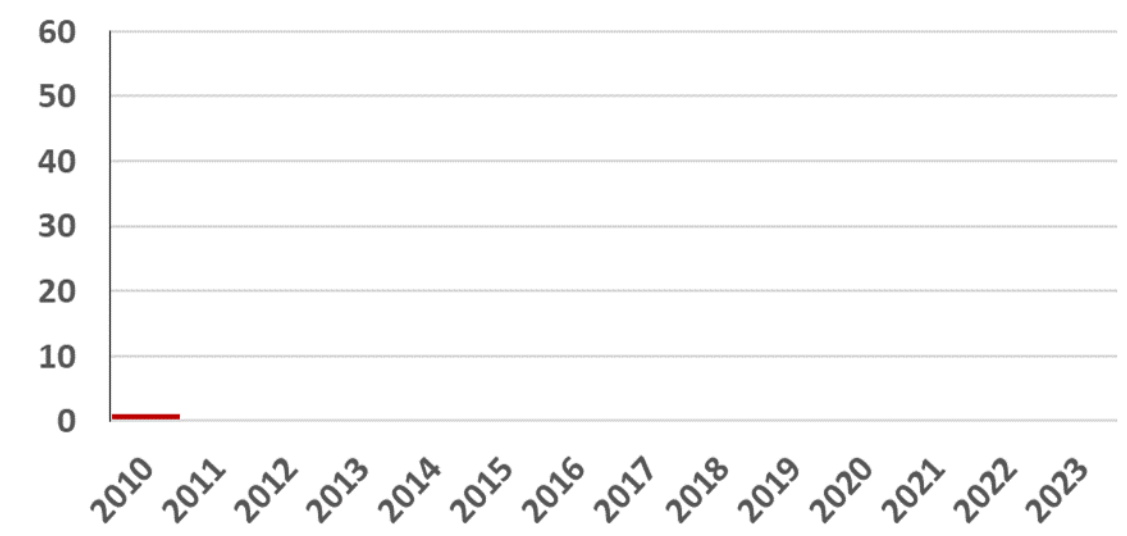


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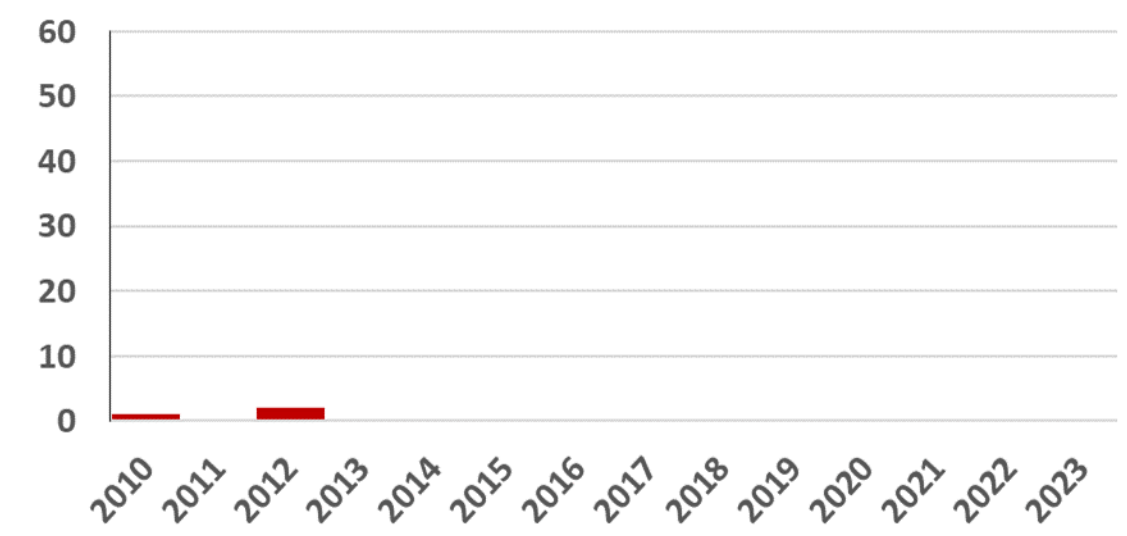
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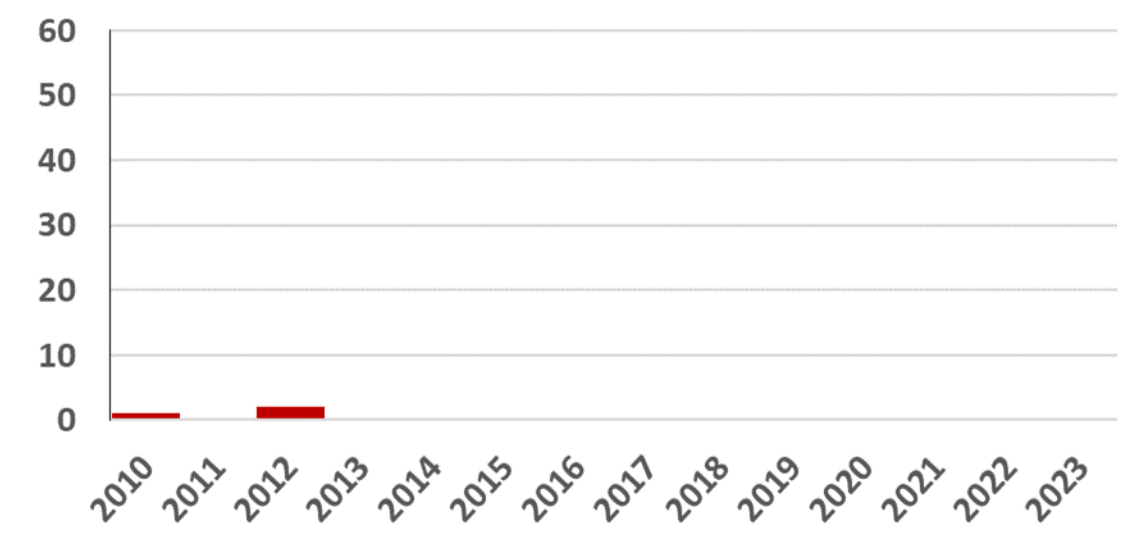
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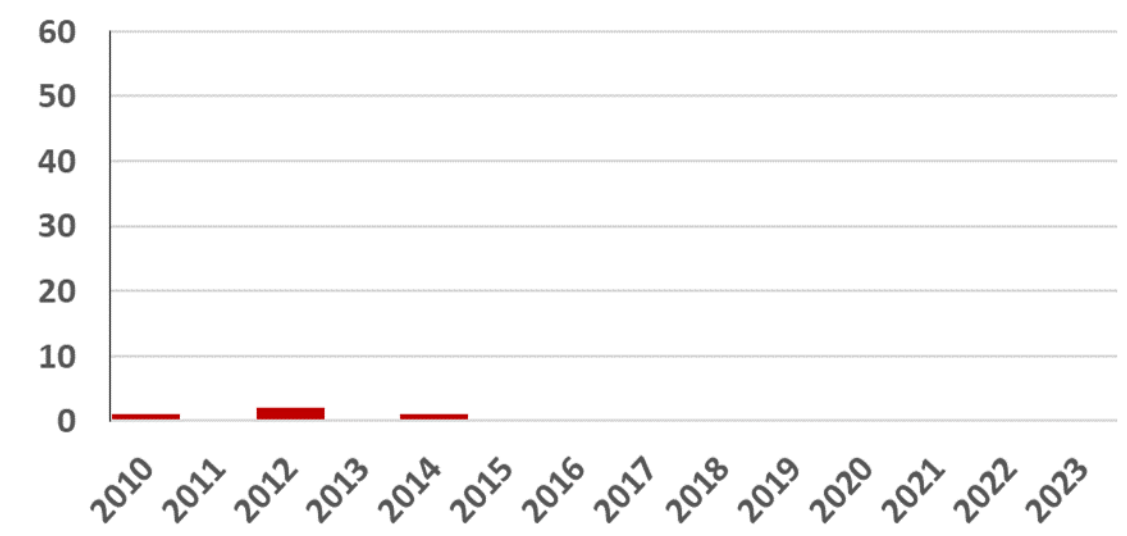
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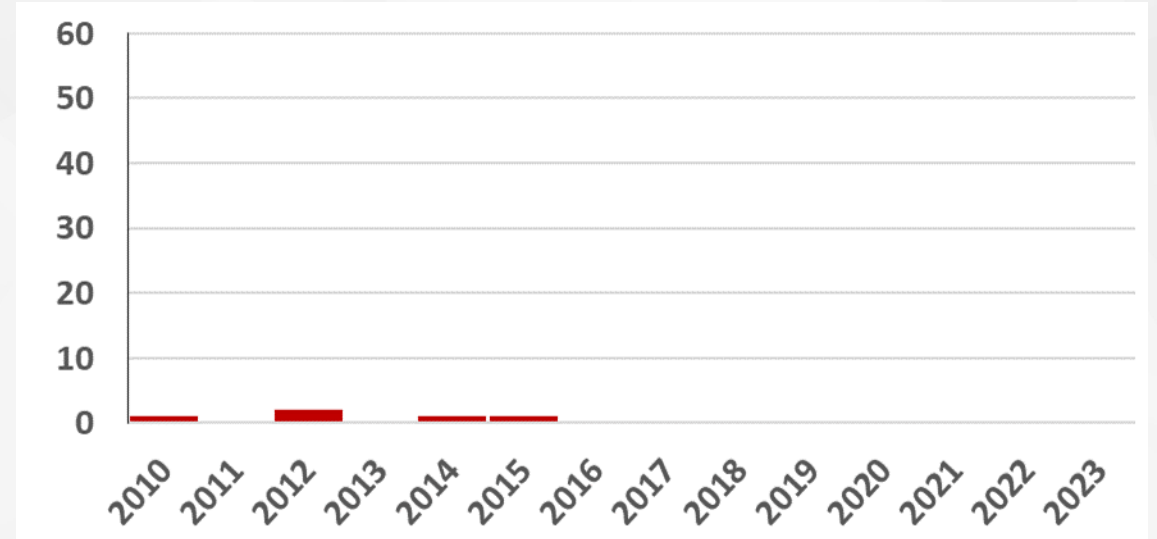
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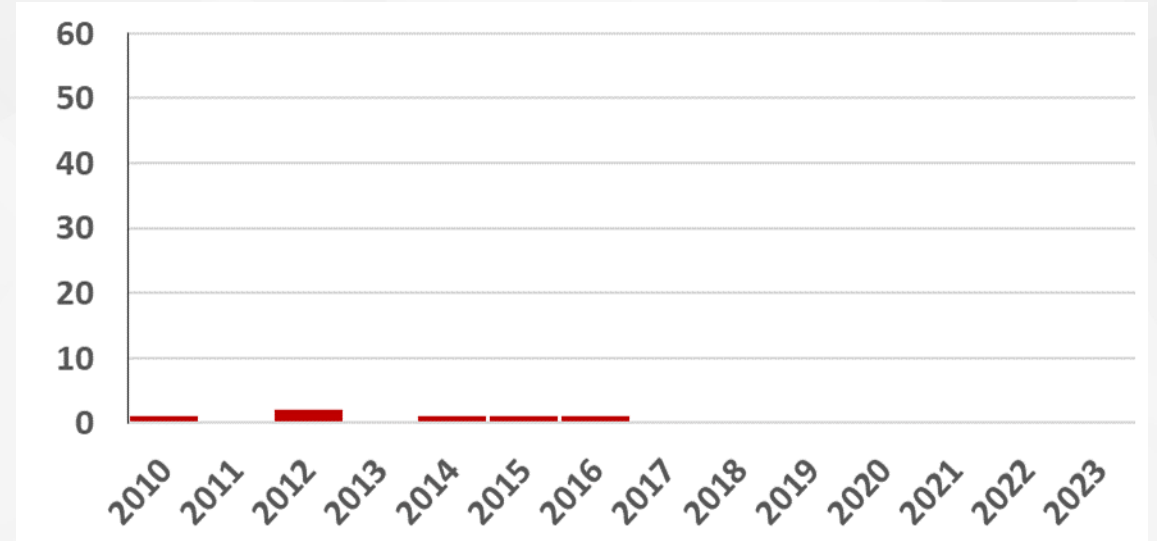
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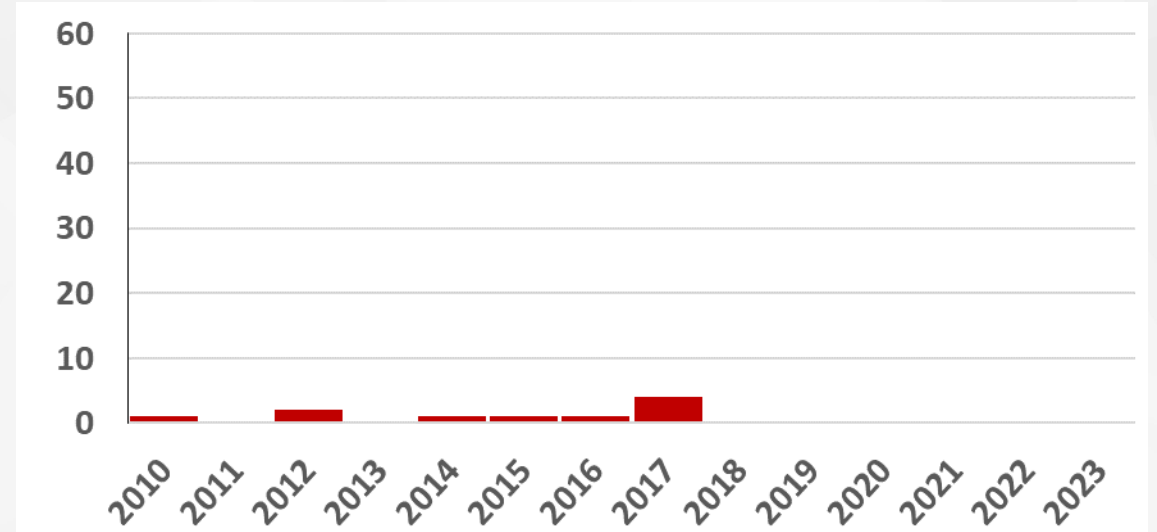
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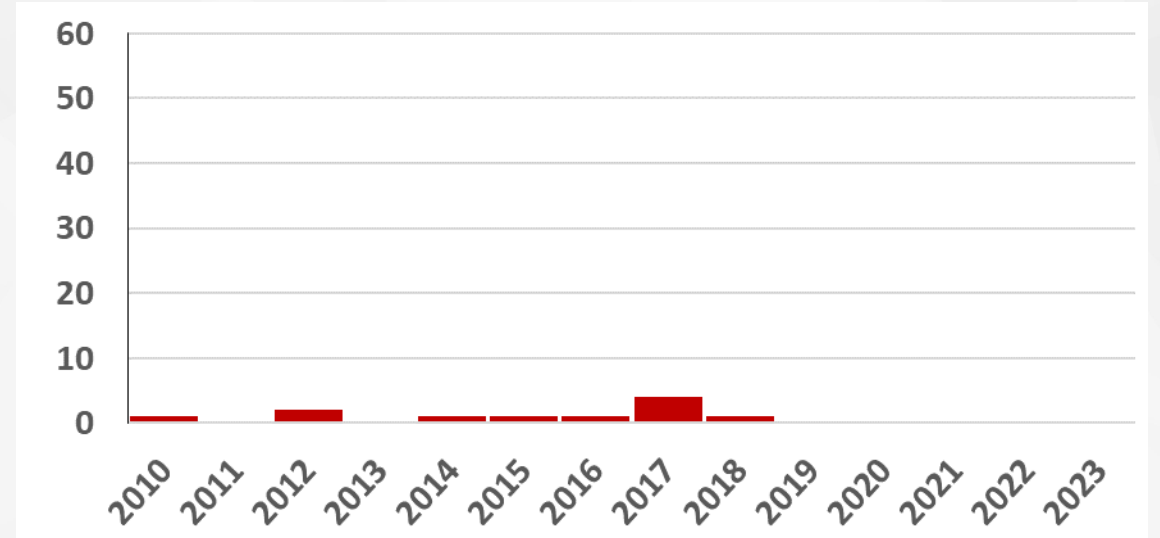
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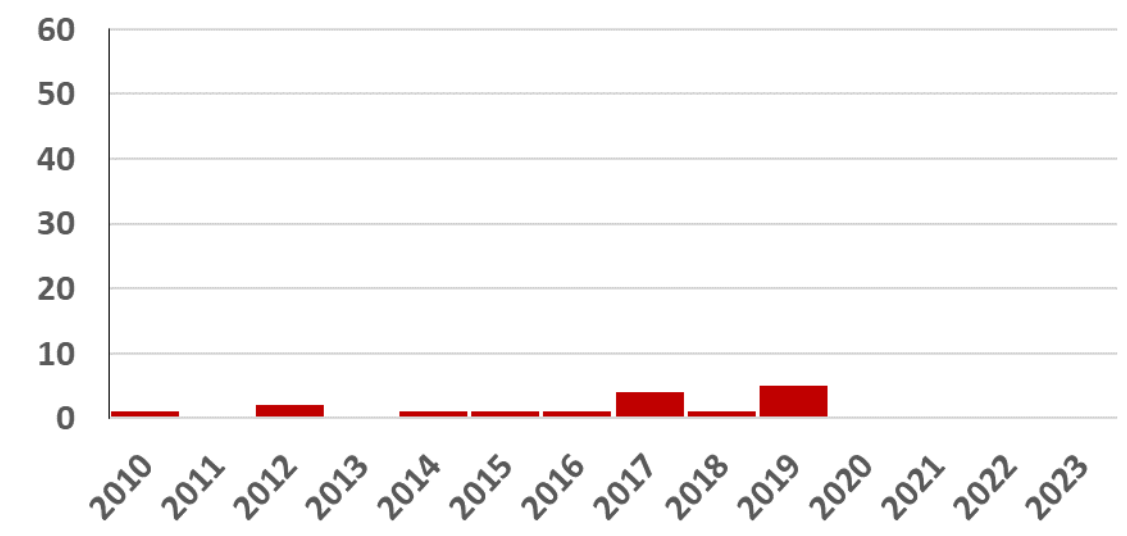
USA gas pipeline – down 30 hours

Norsk Hydro – 4 sheet aluminum plants

City Power Johannesburg – 250K no pwr

RavnAir – cancelled flights, maint sys out

Pilz – slowed production 1 week

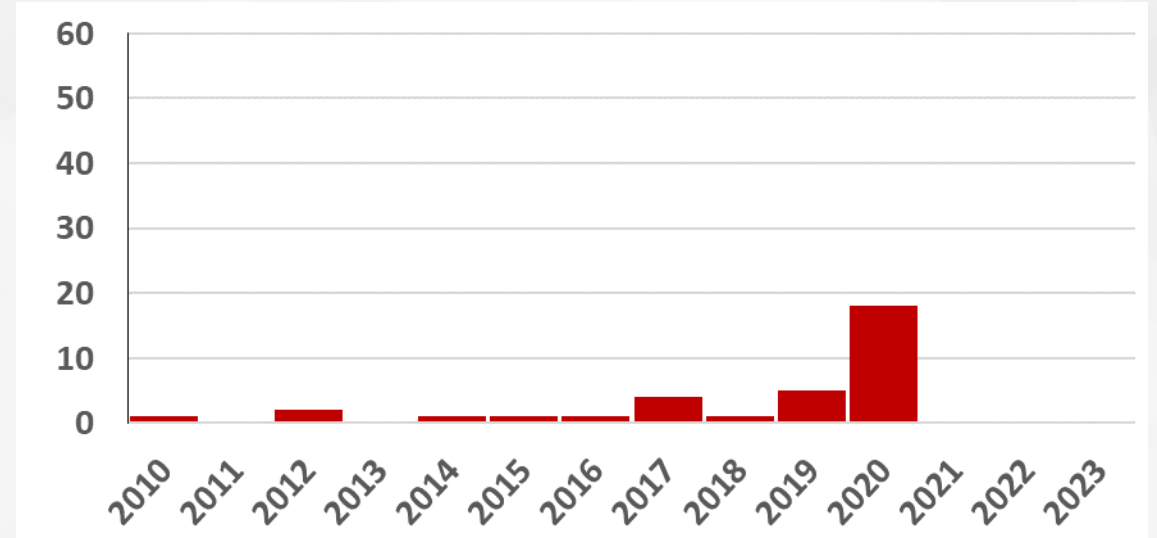


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CYBER INCIDENTS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

2020 – 18

Picanol – weaving machine plants
Toll Group – deliveries delayed or disrupted
KHS Bicycles – delayed shipments 2 days
EVRAZ Steel – plants down, layoffs
Shahid Rajaei port – halted port terminal
Fisher & Paykel – consumer goods plants down
Honda – plants down up to 4 days
Lion – brewery operations down
X-FAB – plants down over 1 week
Tower Semiconductor – multiple plants down
Bluescope Steel – Australian plants down
IPG Photonics – laser mfg. production losses
STM Montreal – paratransit service down 1 wk.

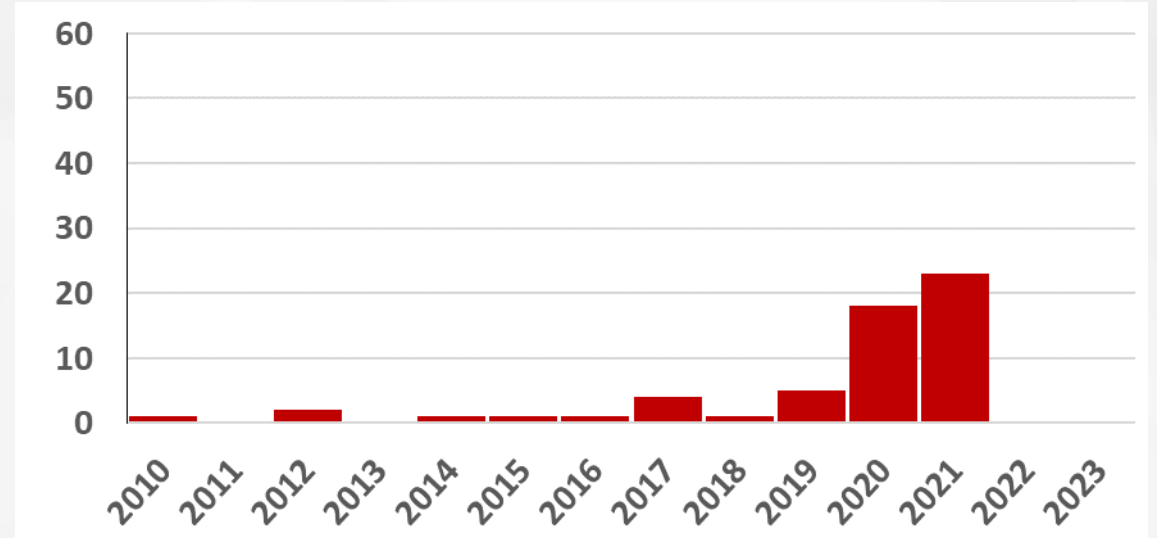


Steelcase – furniture plants down 2 wks.
Dr. Reddy's Labs – shut down 5 pharma plants
Stelco – shut down steel production
Symrise – production shutdown
Forward Air – shut down, shipments delayed 1 wk.

CYBER INCIDENTS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

2021 – 23

Palfinger – 2 weeks crane production
Westrock – lost 85,000 tons production
Beneteau SA – boatmaker, 3-4 weeks
Amsteel Flash – Multiple PC board plants
Bakkier Logistics – delayed shipments
Molson Coors – disrupted brewery ops
Sierra Wireless – halted all plants
Ardagh Group – glass prod shipping delays
Colonial Pipelines – down 6 days
JBS SA – 4 large plants shut down
Iran rails – signage hack disrupted ops
Transnet – port ops halted – force majeure
Weir Group – disrupted mfg & shipping
New Cooperative – interrupted grain receipts
JBI Bike – interrupted shipments



Crystal Valley Coop – some ops down 4 days
Schreiber Foods – cheese mfg down for days
Ferrara – candymaking shut down
Damm Brewery – halted production
Madix – store fixture manufacturing halted
Diamond Comic Dist – could not deliver product
Amedia – publisher missed 1-2 days printing
Nortura – food production halted at several sites

CYBER INCIDENTS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

2022

Bay & Bay Trans – shipments delayed 1.5 weeks

CPH Chemie & Papier – plants down 6 days

Kenyon Produce Snacks – halted production

Marquard & Bahls – shut down for 2 weeks

SEA-Tank – halted ops at EU and African ports

Evos Group – delayed unloading fuel at 3 ports

Swissport – delayed 22 flights

Jawaharlal Terminal – suspended unloading

Expeditors – could not ship for 3 weeks

Caledonian Modular – shut down manufacturing

Bridgestone – 23 plants down for 10 days

Belarus Railway – trains halted in 3 cities

Kojima – down 1 day, impacted Toyota & others

Rosetti Energy – deactivated EV charging stns

H.P. Hood Dairy – shut down 1 week

Hellenic Post – disrupted shipments 17 days

TAVR – shut down production – significant loss

Bulgarian Post Office – 14 days outage

Costa Rican Customs – slowed shipments 1 mo

Sunwing – delayed or cancelled 188 flights

AGCO – shut down production 15 days

SpiceJet – delayed flights 5 hours

Foxconn Baja – disrupted production for 2 weeks

CMC Electronics – disrupted and delayed ops

Yodel – delayed millions of parcels

Apetito – 5 day halt to food deliveries

Macmillan Publishers – halted orders & shipping

Khuzestan Steel – broke equipment & halted ops

CYBER INCIDENTS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

2022 (continued)

Knauf – shut down production 3+ weeks

Eglo – shut down production & shipping 12 days

Semikron – shut down production for months

Ontario Cannabis Retail – halted deliveries 5 days

Bombardier Recreational – halted production 1 wk

TCS Fuel – shut down operations 1 week

Novosibirsk Transit – stopped public transit 2 days

Yandex Taxi – routed all city's taxis to one place

Läderach – halted production 67 days

Ghana Electricity Co – prepaid customers lost pwr

HIPP – days-long production outage

Heilbronner Stimme – shut down production

Aurubis AG – metals production halted

Danish Rails (DSB) – train svc halted several hrs

Cartonnerie Gondardennes – 3 days downtime

Jeppesen – delayed flights at multiple airlines

Uponor Oyj – down 1 wk, reduced capacity 2 wks

PGT Innovations – 2 plants impacted, \$12M cost

Maple Leaf Foods – disrupted production 2+ sites

Taxis Coop Québec – could not dispatch 2.5 hrs

Europea Microfusioni Aerospaziali – 6 days down

Communauto – shut down ride sharing 1 day

Prophete – shut down production, bankrupted

Cobolux – 1 day production loss, €400K costs

UNOX – no production for 2 days

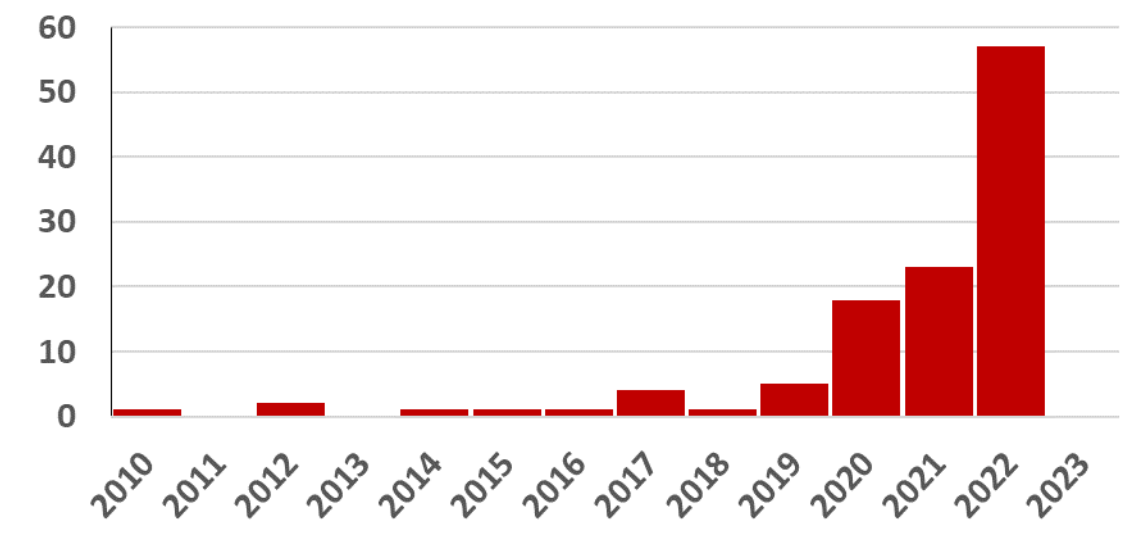
Fruttigel – 4+ day shutdown

EPM (Colombia) – trucked water to 28K homes

Technolit – shutdown & sent employees home

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Copper Mountain Mining – down 5 days

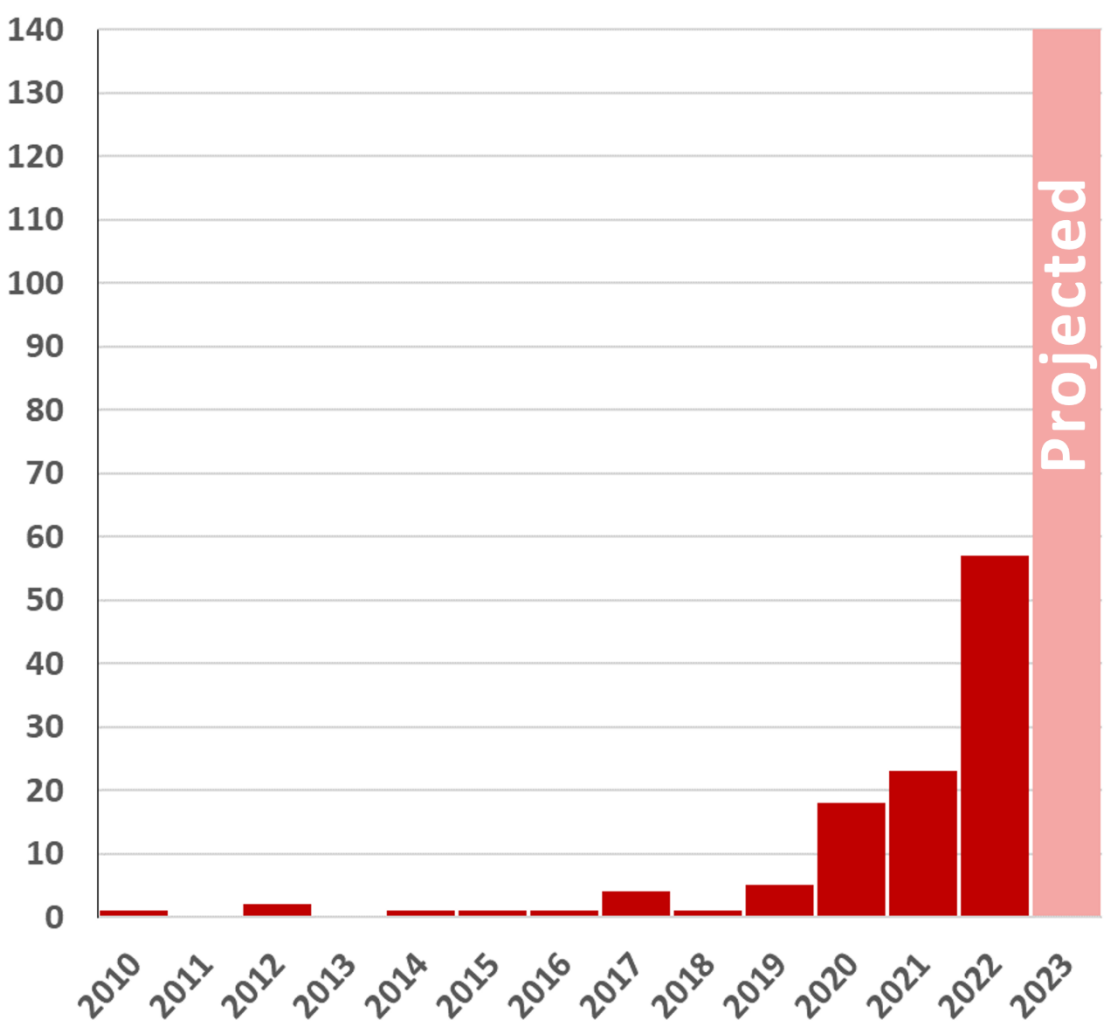


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2023 (projected) – 140
'22 vs '21: > 2.5x incidents



OT CYBER RISK – CHANGED FOREVER

DOUBLING ANNUALLY

Exponential growth

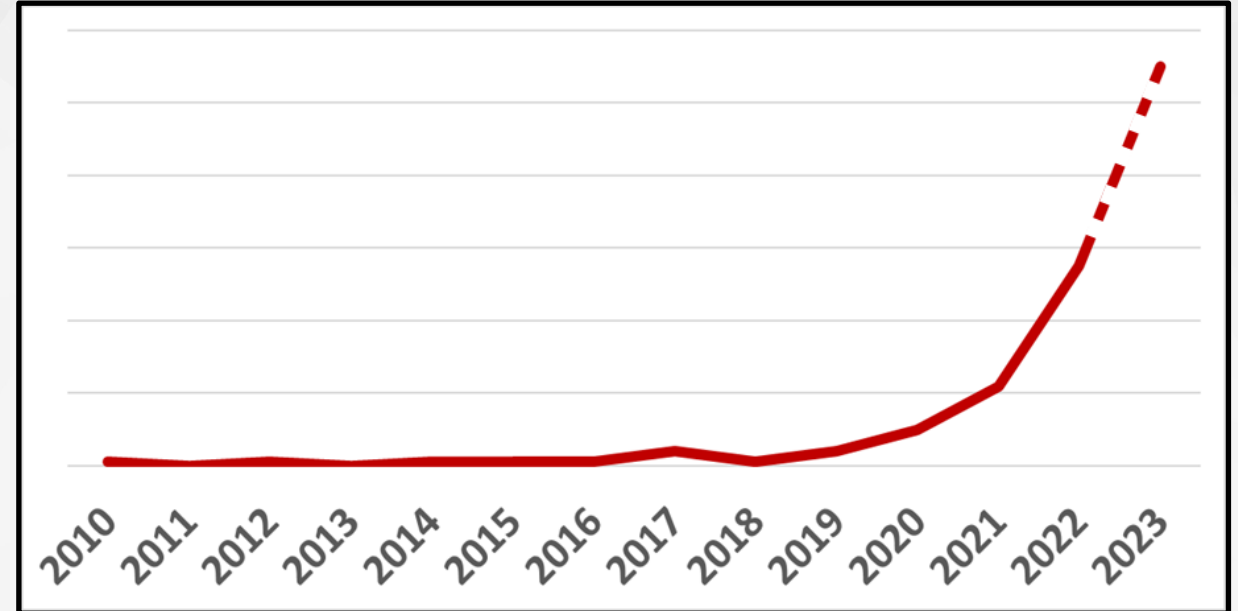
RANSOMWARE IMPACTS

- Target OT systems directly
- “Abundance of caution” shutdowns
- OT depends on IT

HACKTIVISTS

15% of impacts and increasing

CYBER ATTACKS WITH PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES



*What nations do to each other today,
ransomware criminals will do to everyone
with money within a couple of years*

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LATEST RESPONSE: CYBER-INFORMED ENGINEERING

IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON A BOILER NOT EXPLODING

Would you prefer spring-loaded pressure relief valve? Or longer PLC password? Where is the valve in IEC 62443 or NIST CSF?

ENGINEERING GRADE

Would you trust a bridge whose designer hopes it will carry a specified load, for a specified number of decades?

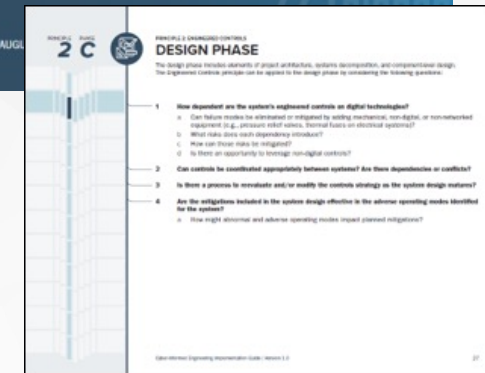
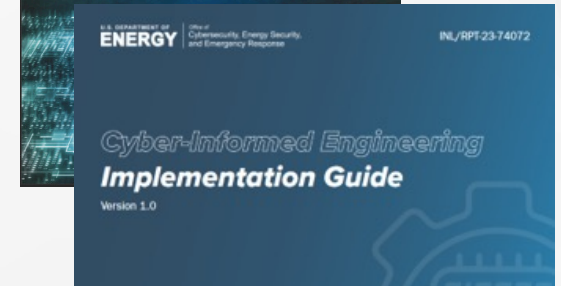
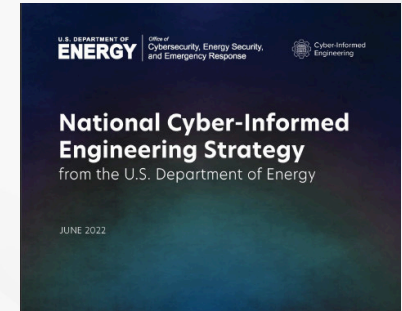
MANUAL OPERATIONS – UNHACKABLE

Fall-back position while incident response cleans up the cyber mess

NETWORK ENGINEERING

Safe, reliable and efficient operations depend on cyber attacks not getting into our systems in the first place

CIE is a “coin with two sides” – IT-grade cybersecurity + engineering-grade designs – we always need both



OT CYBER RISK REVISITED

RISK != CONSEQUENCE X LIKELIHOOD

Does 1x3 really equal 3x1?

Cyber attacks are deterministic, not random

Errors & omissions confuse risk calculations

Consequence			
High	Medium	High	High
Medium	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Likelihood	Low	Medium	High

RISK = $f(\text{conseq}, \text{intent}, c(\text{opportunity}), \text{capability})$

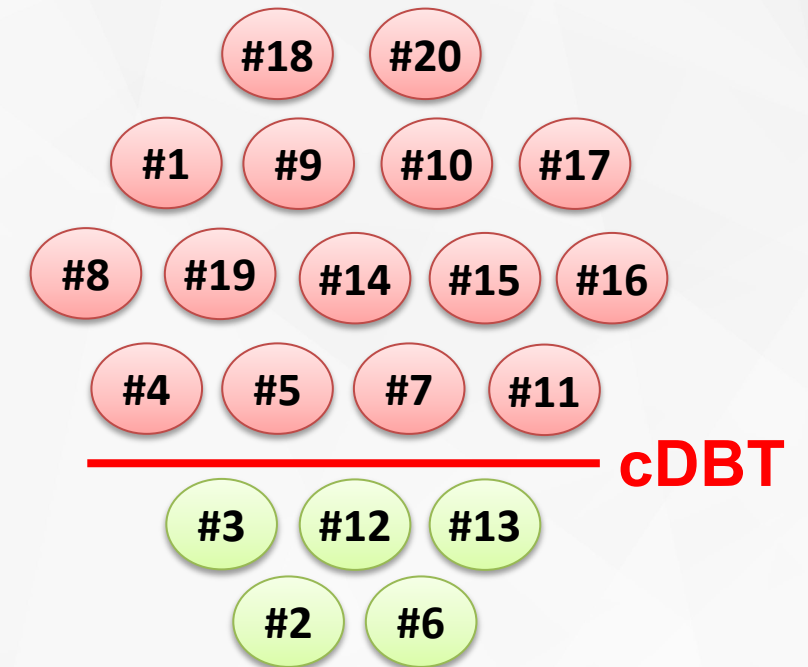
If intent & (capability > c(opportunity)) then consequence

Consequence – result of compromise

Intent – does threat actor want to attack us?

C(Opportunity) – capability needed to exploit opportunity

Capability – ability of the threat actor to attack



Cyber Design Basis Threat – description of kinds of attacks we are required to defeat reliably

CYBER DESIGN-BASIS THREAT

PROTECT AGAINST WIDELY-AVAILABLE CAPABILITIES

Intent can change in a heartbeat – literally

NATION-STATE RANSOMWARE = PERVASIVE THREAT

Demands network engineering for unacceptable consequences
Acceptable consequences – optional network engineering

INSIDER THREAT CDBT

No cyber attack produce unacceptable OT consequences
without the deliberate cooperation of a compromised OT
insider

***Strong NIST / IEC 62443 – style posture is still
needed to manage insider threat***

EVOLVING INSURANCE EXPECTATIONS

LLOYDS REGULATOR

Last 5 years: \$200M cap on cyber damages, nation-state exclusion, dropped silent coverage

DUE CARE EXPECTATIONS – INSURANCE QUESTIONNAIRES

Increased from less than one page to more than 5 pages of questions, including questions about unidirectional protections

LARGE BUSINESSES SELF-INSURE

For risks Lloyds won't touch? Is that wise?

Due care: doing what any reasonable person would do in similar circumstances

The logo for LLOYD'S, featuring the word "LLOYD'S" in a white, serif, all-caps font centered on a solid black rectangular background.

SECURITY ENGINEERING – SPR

SECURITY PHA REVIEW

Physical protection from safety incidents – security applications of OSHA Process Hazard Analysis

OBVIOUS IN HINDSIGHT

Brilliant book – finish the last page and the entire process is obvious in hindsight – of course this is the right way

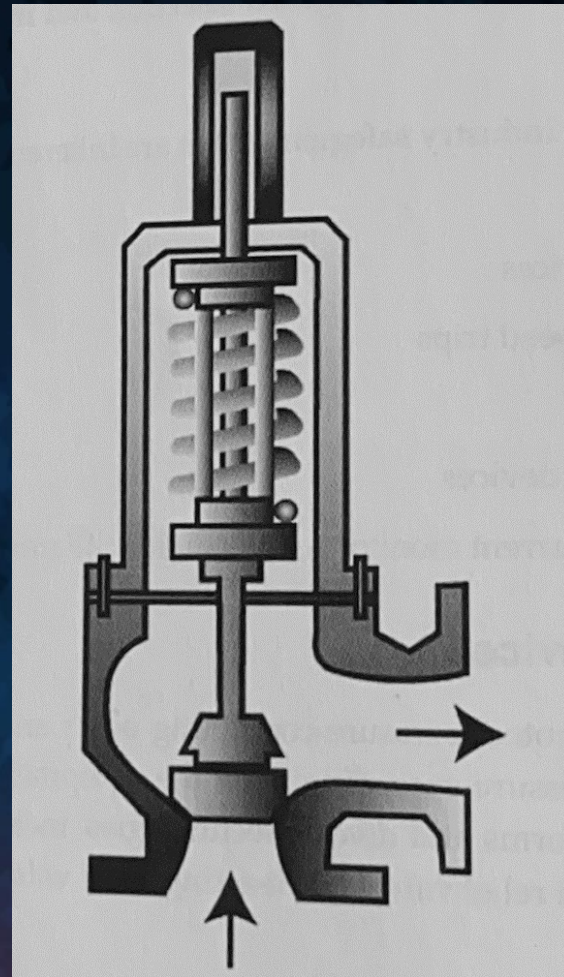
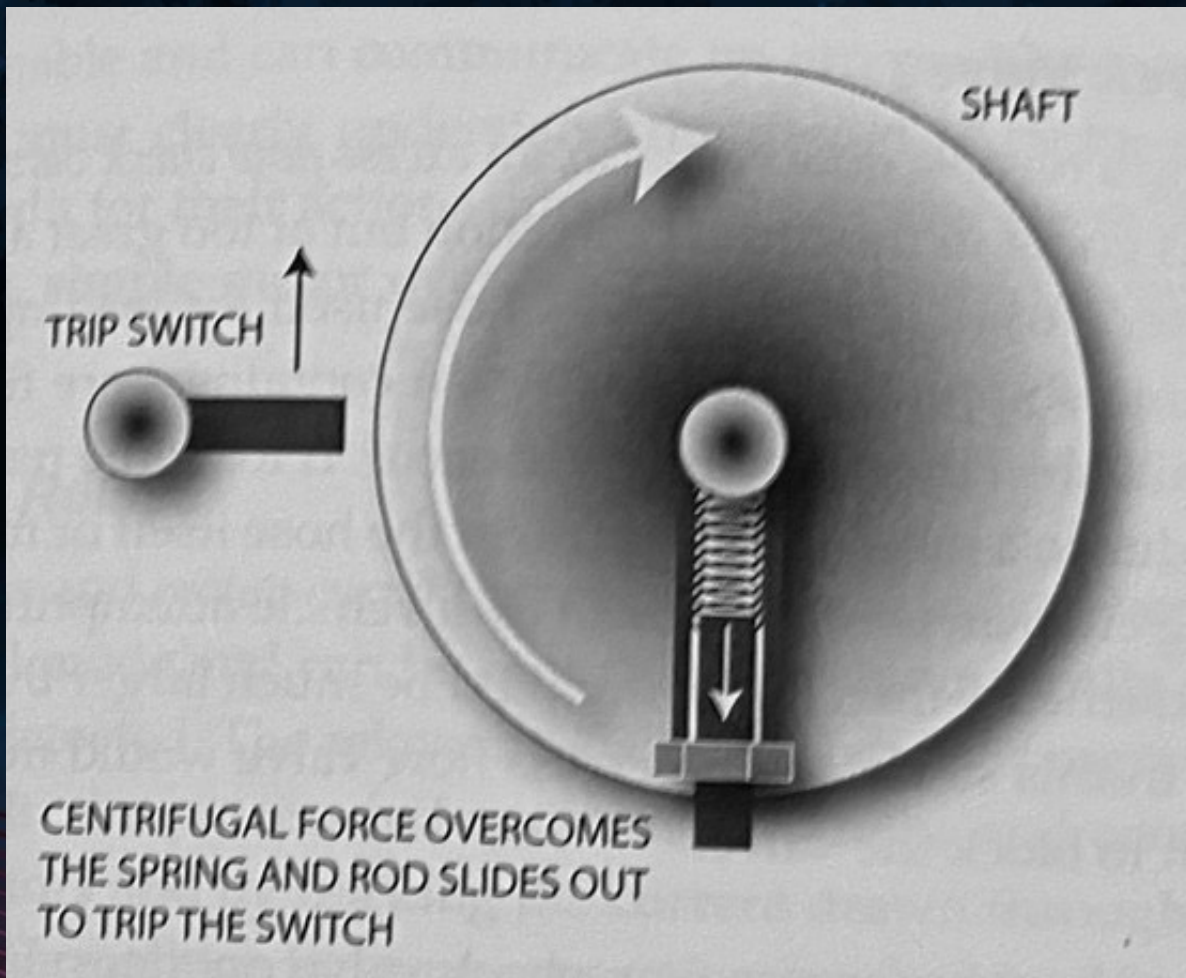
USE HAZOP / PHA SPREADSHEET

Extra columns – is any cause hackable? Are all mitigations hackable?

*Engineering-grade solutions
work predictably and deterministically*



PHYSICAL MITIGATIONS



SECURITY ENGINEERING – SEC-OT

SECURE OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY

All cyber-sabotage attacks are information – complete inventory of incoming flows = inventory of attack vectors

ONLINE VS. OFFLINE

There are only two ways information can move

PHYSICAL MITIGATIONS

To greatest extent practical, physically control the movement of information / attacks

***Do not “protect the information” – CIA vs. AIC
Protect physical operations FROM information***



NETWORK ENGINEERING: EPRI IIOT

EPRI: SAFE CLOUD CONNECTIONS

How to safely connect vibration monitoring “edge devices” straight out to cloud / vendor turbine monitoring

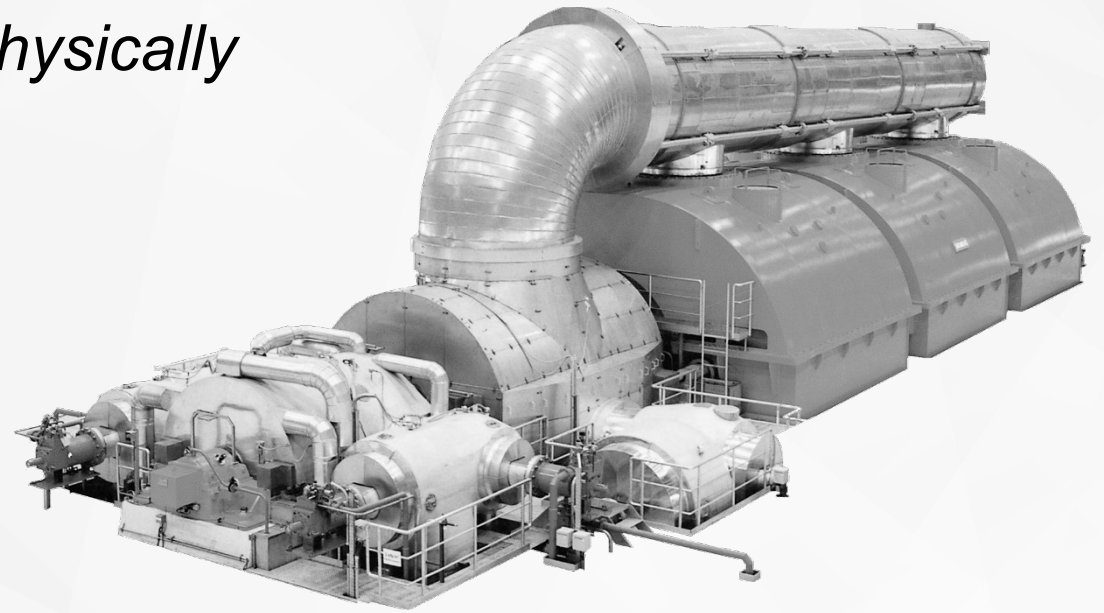
ENGINEERING STUDY – NO CONTROL

Convince yourself that the edge devices are *physically* incapable of control – truly monitor only

DEPLOY ON OWN NETWORK

Physically separate from control network, straight out to cellular Internet if you like

No longer any way to pivot attack from Internet / cloud into control network



NETWORK ENGINEERING

PERVASIVE THREAT – NATION-STATE RANSOMWARE

Launched across the Internet, propagates through firewalls into OT networks

WORST-CASE CONSEQUENCES DEFINE SECURITY PROGRAM

If every CPU issues exactly the wrong instruction to the physical process...

CONSEQUENCE BOUNDARIES

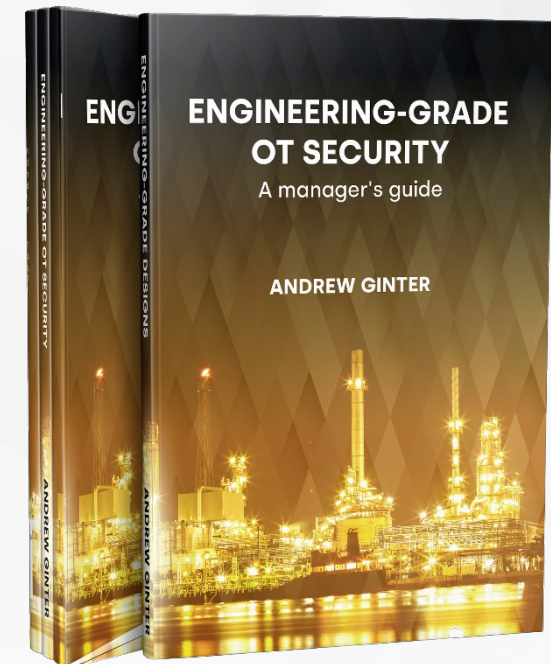
Must prevent propagation of these remote-control / malware attacks

NETWORK ENGINEERING

EPRI IIoT, analog signalling, dependency analysis, data abstraction

MOST WIDELY-DEPLOYED SOLUTION

Engineering-grade Unidirectional Gateways – enable visibility into OT networks without risk of compromise



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UNIDIRECTIONAL SECURITY GATEWAYS

UNBREACHABLE PROTECTION, UNLIMITED CONNECTIVITY



NIST 800-82: Unidirectional Security Gateways are a combination of hardware and software

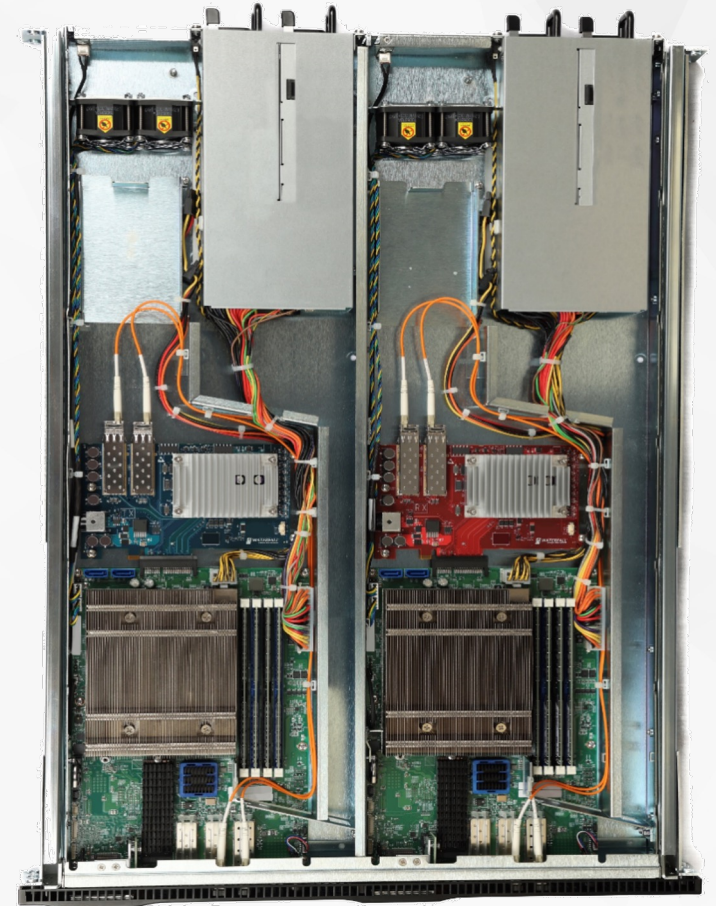
- The hardware sends information in only one direction
- The software makes copies of servers & devices from the OT network to the enterprise network
- No attack, no matter how sophisticated, can propagate back into the OT network through the gateway

CLEAR UNIDIRECTIONAL DESIGN

ENGINEERING-GRADE UNIDIRECTIONALITY

- Zero internal cross-connects – robust and certified unidirectional engineering
- Physically divided industrial and enterprise components
- Dual power supplies on each of sending & receiving sides
- DIN RAIL, split (2u) and 1u form factors

Not physically able to send attacks from the cloud, internet or enterprise back into the critical water plant network



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WATERFALL SOFTWARE CONNECTORS

HISTORIANS & DATABASES

- Aveva (OSIsoft): PI, PI Asset Framework, PI Backfill
- GE: iHistorian, iHistorian Backfill, OSM, Bently-Nevada System1
- Schneider-Electric: Wonderware eDNA, Wonderware Historian, Wonderware Historian Backfill, SCADA Expert ClearSCADA, Siemens CFE & WinTS
- Rockwell FactoryTalk Historian , Honeywell Alarm Manager
- AspenTech IP.21, Scientech R*Time, Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, MySQL



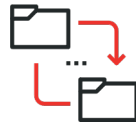
INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

- Siemens S7
- Yokogawa ExaQuantum OPC, GE iFix, Leidos HBS
- OPC DA, A&E, HDA, HDA Backfill, OPC UA, UA Historians, UA Alarms & Events
- Modbus, DNP3, ICCP, IEC 60870-5-104, IEC-61850, BACNet IP



FILE TRANSFER

- Folder mirroring, Local Folders
- FTP(S), SFTP, TFTP, CIFS, SMB
- Remote Folder Transfer



ENTERPRISE CONNECTORS

- HP ArcSight SIEM, McAfee ESM, Splunk, Qradar
- MS Defender, Helix & Managed Defense, Dragos, Tenable.OT, Radiflow iSID, ForeScout Silent Defence,
- FireEye CloudConnect, Email/SMTP, SNMP, Syslog UDP/TCP, TCP/IP & Multi, UDP
- MSMQ, IBM MQ, Active Message Queue, AMQP, TIBCO EMS, MQTT
- SolarWinds Orion, Thales Aramis, Panorama, Emerson EDS



REMOTE ACCESS

- Remote Screen View
- Secure Bypass



OTHER CONNECTORS

- AV Updates
- WSUS updaters
- Netflow
- Remote printing, Rsync
- Video & audio streaming, Broadcast, Multicast



MATURE – WEB-BASED USER INTERFACE

THIN CLIENT: Easy, powerful web-based user interface

CONFIGURE: Licenses, connectors, filters, alerts, logs and many others

MONITOR: Status, throughput and connector-specific details

MANAGE: Start and stop connectors, services & manage licenses

TROUBLESHOOT: Connectors, connections, logs, hardware & software

*True network appliance
with no need to install hosts or software
on industrial or IT networks*

The top screenshot displays the 'TX Configuration' page. The navigation menu on the left includes: Modbus Client, Modbus Server, MSMQ, OmniCom, OPC AE Client, OPC DA Client, OPC HDA Client, OPC UA Client, PI AF, PI Archive, **PI Point 1**, Siemens CFE, S7-Client, TibEMS, WMQ, Video, RTSP, Files, Big Files, Fortigate AV, Fortigate IPS, FTP, HTTP FS, HTTPS FS, and Local Folder. The main configuration area shows 'wfstrmtx → SME → PI Point' with a 'Channels' dropdown set to 'PI Point 1'. The 'General Settings' section includes: Active, Channel ID: 2, Channel name: PI Point 1, Source server: 11.11.11.2, and Login as administrator.

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Channels' page with a table of channels:

Id	Name	Type	Agent	Transfer Progress	Transfer C...
1	Heartbeat 1	Heartbeat	wfstrmtx	90%	27 sec
2	PI Point 1	PI Point	wfstrmtx	0%	0 points
3	PI Ar 1	PI Archive	wfstrmtx1	0%	0 points

Below the table, the 'Channel details' for 'PI Point 1' are shown:

PI Point 1
PI Point

Link

Bytes : 70957
Packets : 6
Queue Status : 0
Alerts : 0

Errors

Network Errors : 0

PI Point Details

PI Server : 11.11.11.2
Snapshot/Sec : 0
Established points : 23

Messages and Alerts table:

Date & Time	Message Code	Message
27-11-2022 09:35:44	SERVER_CONNECTION_CODE (206)	Connection
27-11-2022 09:35:44	NOTIFICATION (299)	Started Mon
27-11-2022 09:35:45	NOTIFICATION (299)	Start updatin
27-11-2022 09:35:45	NOTIFICATION (299)	Updating All

DEPLOYED AT IT/OT CONSEQUENCE BOUNDARY

MOST COMMONLY AT IT/OT INTERFACE

Physical vs business consequences

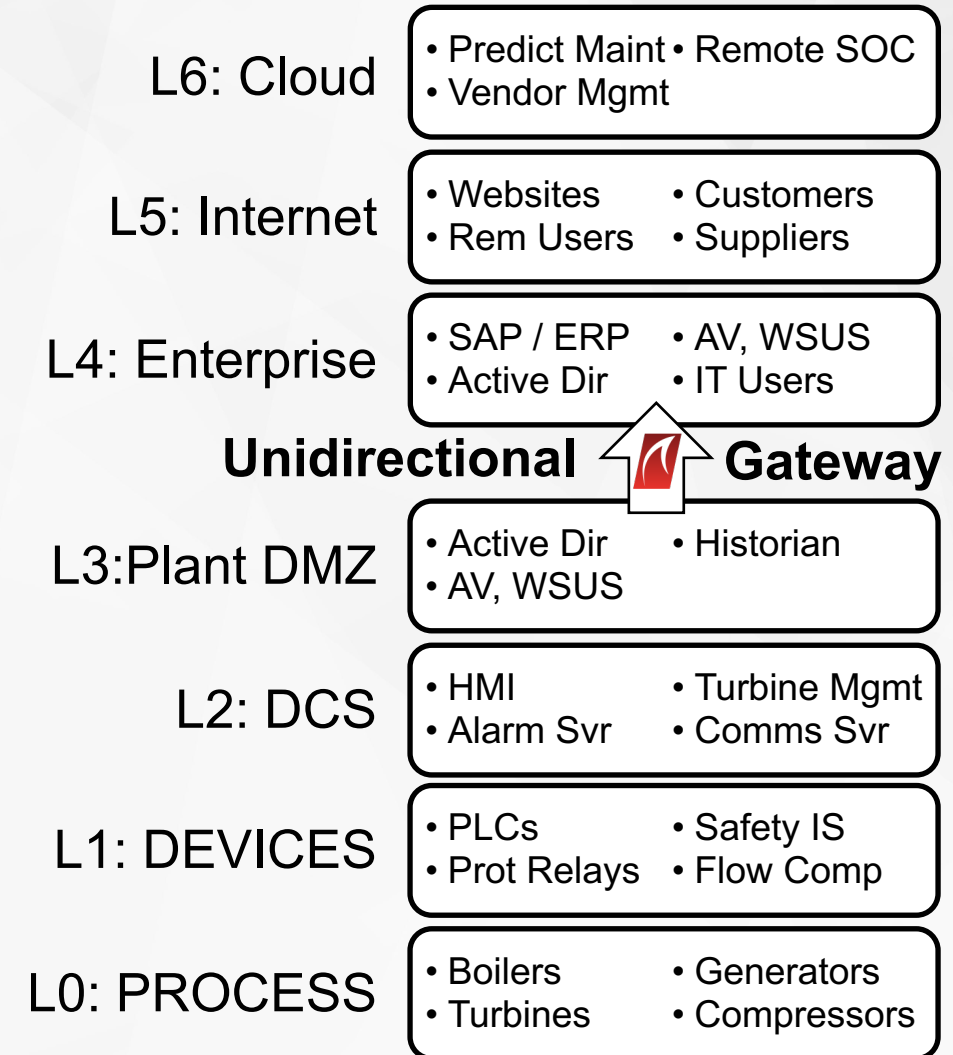
LESS COMMONLY – DIRECT TO CLOUD

No punching TCP connections thru 7 firewall layers

STRONGEST PROTECTION

When there is no other connection from industrial network to any external network

Because human lives, environmental disasters, and even lost production cannot be “restored from backups”



AND AT ICS / INTERNET CONSEQUENCE BOUNDARY

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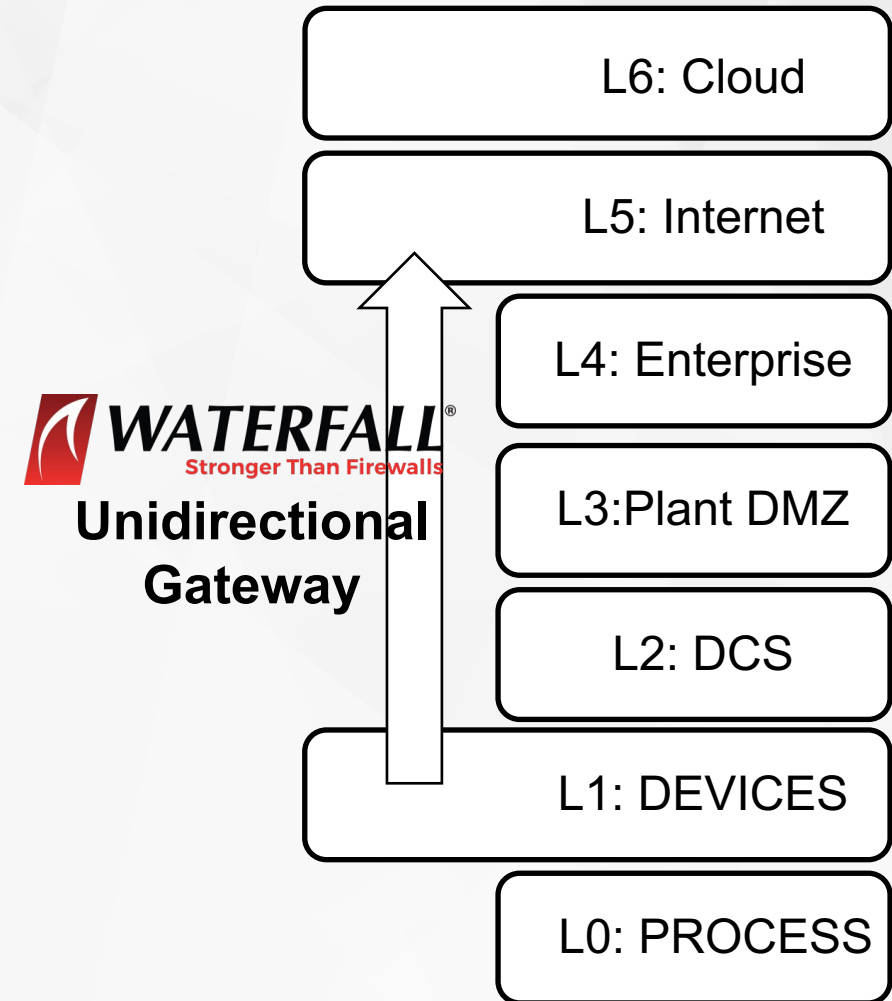
STRONGEST PROTECTION

For high risk connections

NATIVE REPLICATION OR TRANSLATION

Can gather industrial data, convert to RDB, then convert to cloud-friendly MQTT or other

Because all of our plants going down at once is unacceptable



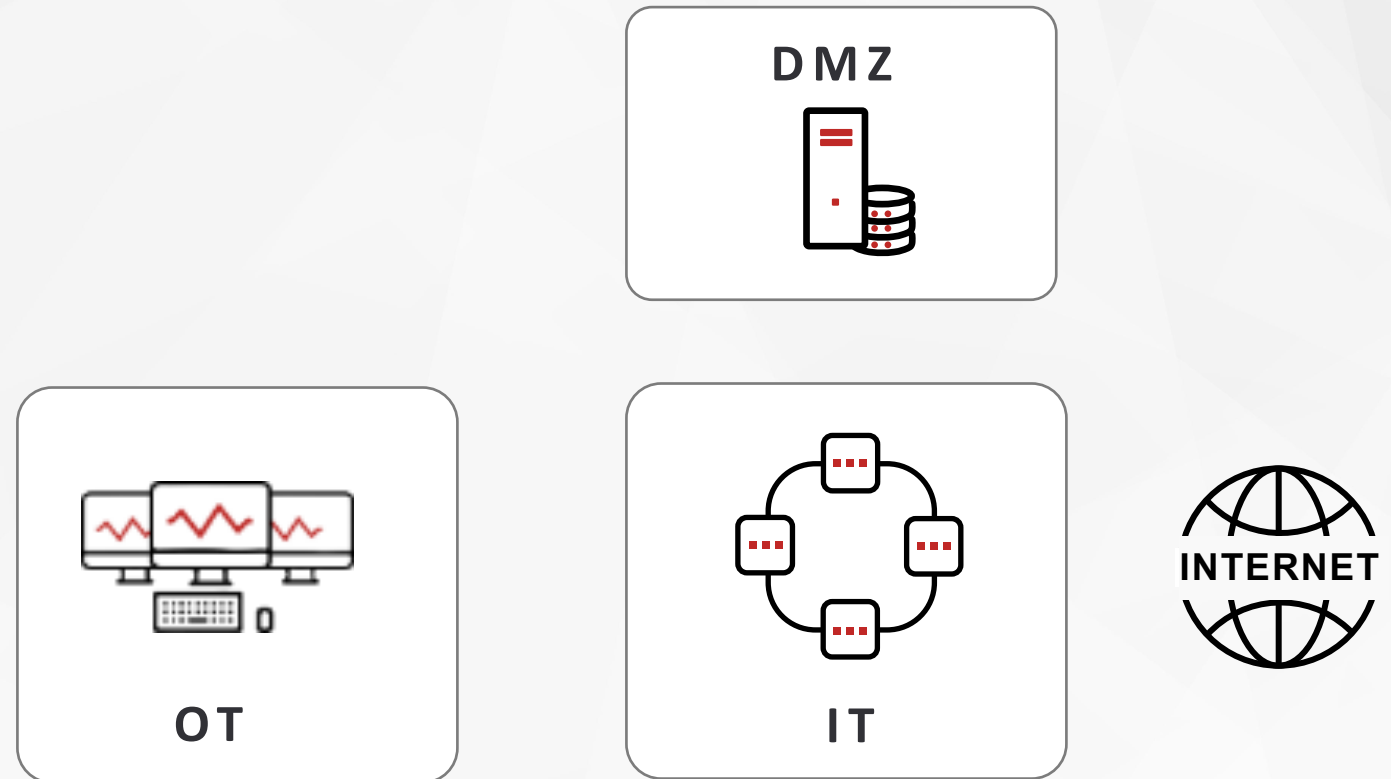
UNIDIRECTIONAL DESIGN PATTERNS

#1 Database Replication	#8 Central or Cloud SOC	#15 Safety Systems
#2 Device Emulation	#9 Network Intrusion Detection Systems	#16 Continuous High-Level Control
#3 Application Replication	#10 Convenient File Transfer	#17 SCADA WAN
#4 Remote Diagnostics & Maintenance	#11 IIoT And Cloud Communications	#18 Protective Relays
#5 Emergency Maintenance	#12 Electronic Mail and Web Browsing	#19 Replicas DMZ
#6 Continuous Remote Operation	#13 Partial Replication Protecting Trade Secrets	#20 Wireless Networks
#7 Device Data Sniffing	#14 Scheduled Updates	

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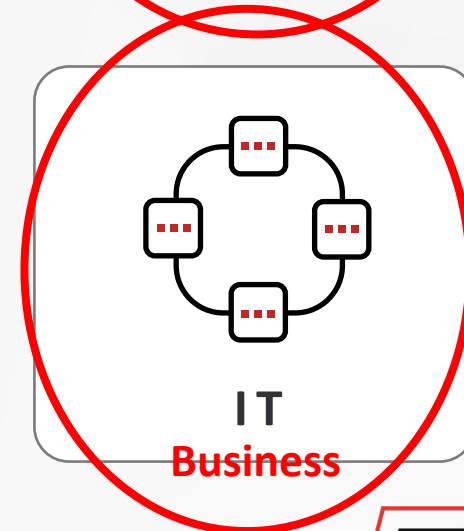
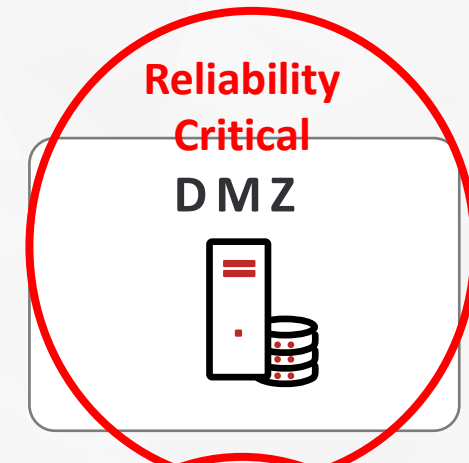
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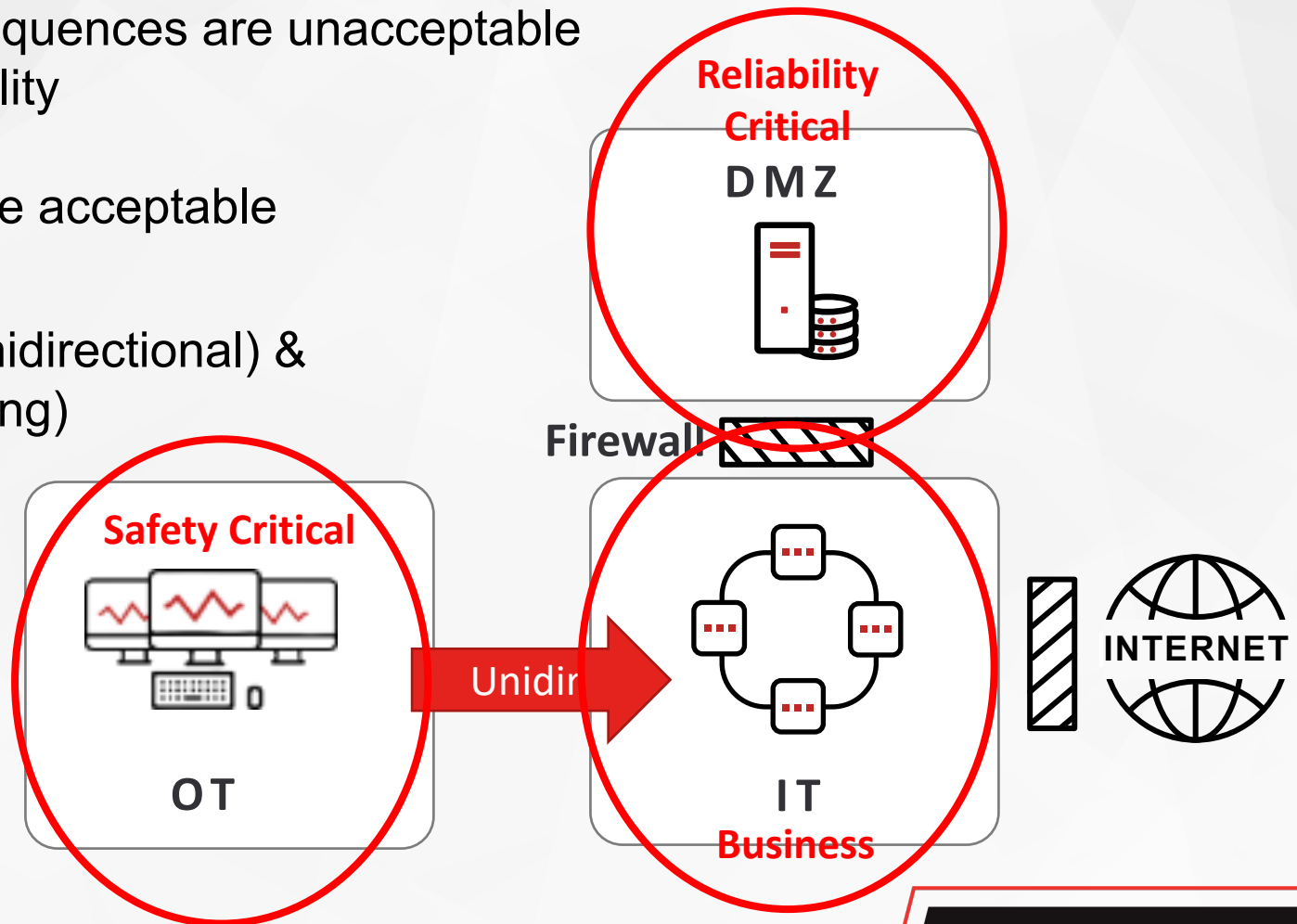
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MANAGE DIFERENTLY

- **Safety-critical:** prevent compromise (unidirectional) & prevent consequences (safety engineering)
- **Reliability & business-critical:** prevent compromise (refining) & prioritize recovery – resilience
- **Business:** buy insurance

Eliminate or strictly manage dependencies at consequence boundaries



OT CYBER RISK REVISITED

RISK != CONSEQUENCE X LIKELIHOOD

Does 1x3 really equal 3x1?

Cyber attacks are deterministic, not random

Errors & omissions confuse risk calculations

Consequence			
High	Medium	High	High
Medium	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Likelihood	Low	Medium	High

RISK = $f(\text{conseq}, \text{intent}, c(\text{opportunity}), \text{capability})$

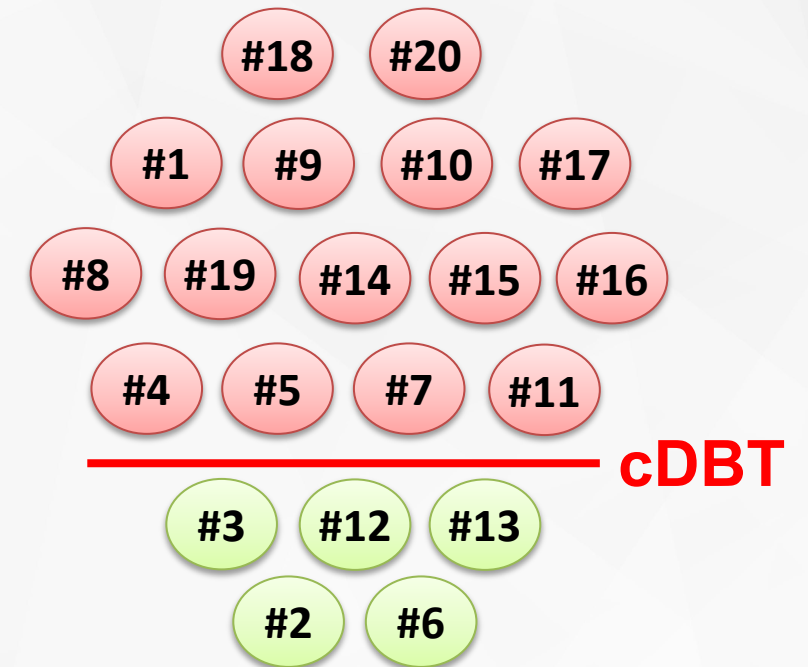
If intent & (capability > c(opportunity)) then consequence

Consequence – result of compromise

Intent – does threat actor want to attack us?

C(Opportunity) – capability needed to exploit opportunity

Capability – ability of the threat actor to attack



Cyber Design Basis Threat – description of kinds of attacks we are required to defeat reliably

WHAT IS “CYBERSECURITY ROI?”

WRONG QUESTION

What is safety system ROI?

SAFETY IS BUILT INTO EVERY PROJECT

Same has to be true for security

SECURITY “AGES” QUICKLY

Long-lived designs engineer out cyber risk

*Business decision-makers
don't care about security*

*Talk to them about risk,
pervasive threats & due care*



ENGINEERING-GRADE OT SECURITY (COMING NOV 1)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Predictable & mathematically model-able designs and safety margins are preferred solutions

ENGINEERS ANTICIPATE EVOLVING THREAT “LOAD”

To avoid constant change in ECC systems

CRITICAL NETWORKS

Have unacceptable worst-case consequences and should be protected with engineering-grade designs

*Insurance provides little comfort
when trains collide and bridges collapse*

