Securing your critical infrastructure

A cybersecurity roadmap for your OT assets.

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OT – Operational Technology What is it?

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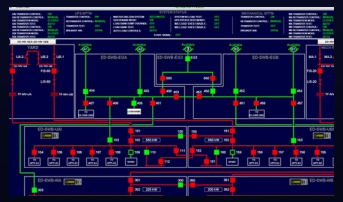
WHAT IS OT?

- Operational Technology (OT) encompasses all systems and devices that interact with the physical environment

- SCADA



- PLCs

- BAS

- PACS

- IIoT

OT Incident Consequences

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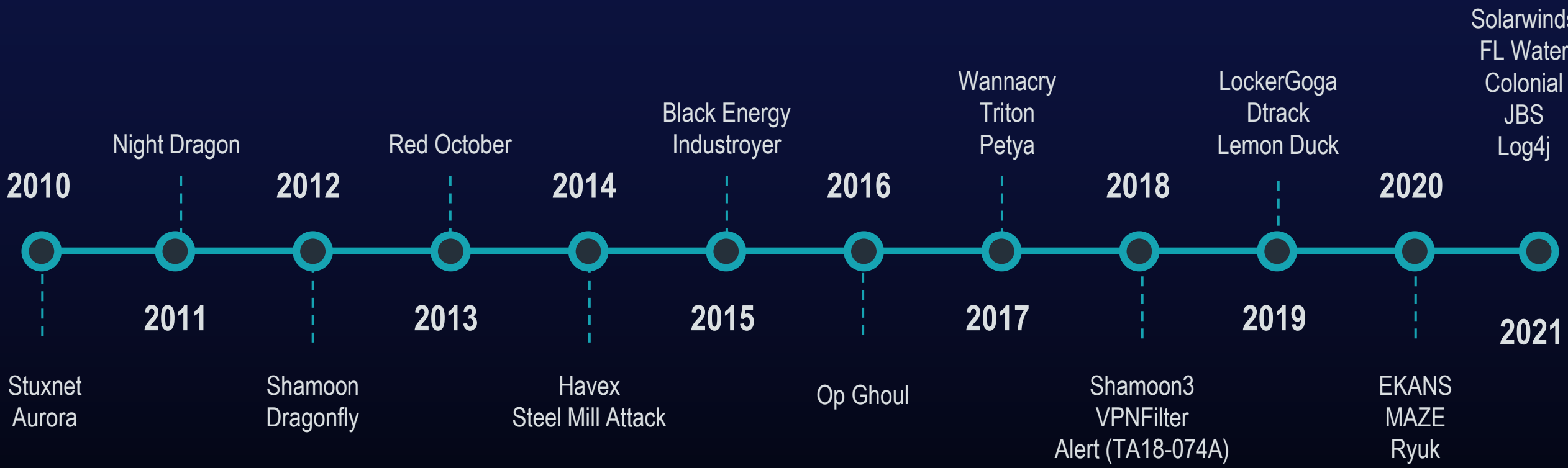
OT INCIDENT CONSEQUENCES

- Impact on national security—facilitate an act of terrorism
- Reduction or loss of production at one site or multiple sites simultaneously
- Injury or death of employees
- Injury or death of persons in the community
- Damage to equipment
- Release, diversion, or theft of hazardous materials
- Environmental damage
- Violation of regulatory requirements
- Product contamination
- Criminal or civil legal liabilities
- Loss of proprietary or confidential information
- Loss of brand image or customer confidence

MAJOR CYBER ATTACKS ON OT INFRASTRACTURE



Security Objectives for your OT environment

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SECURITY OBJECTIVES FOR YOUR OT ENVIRONMENT

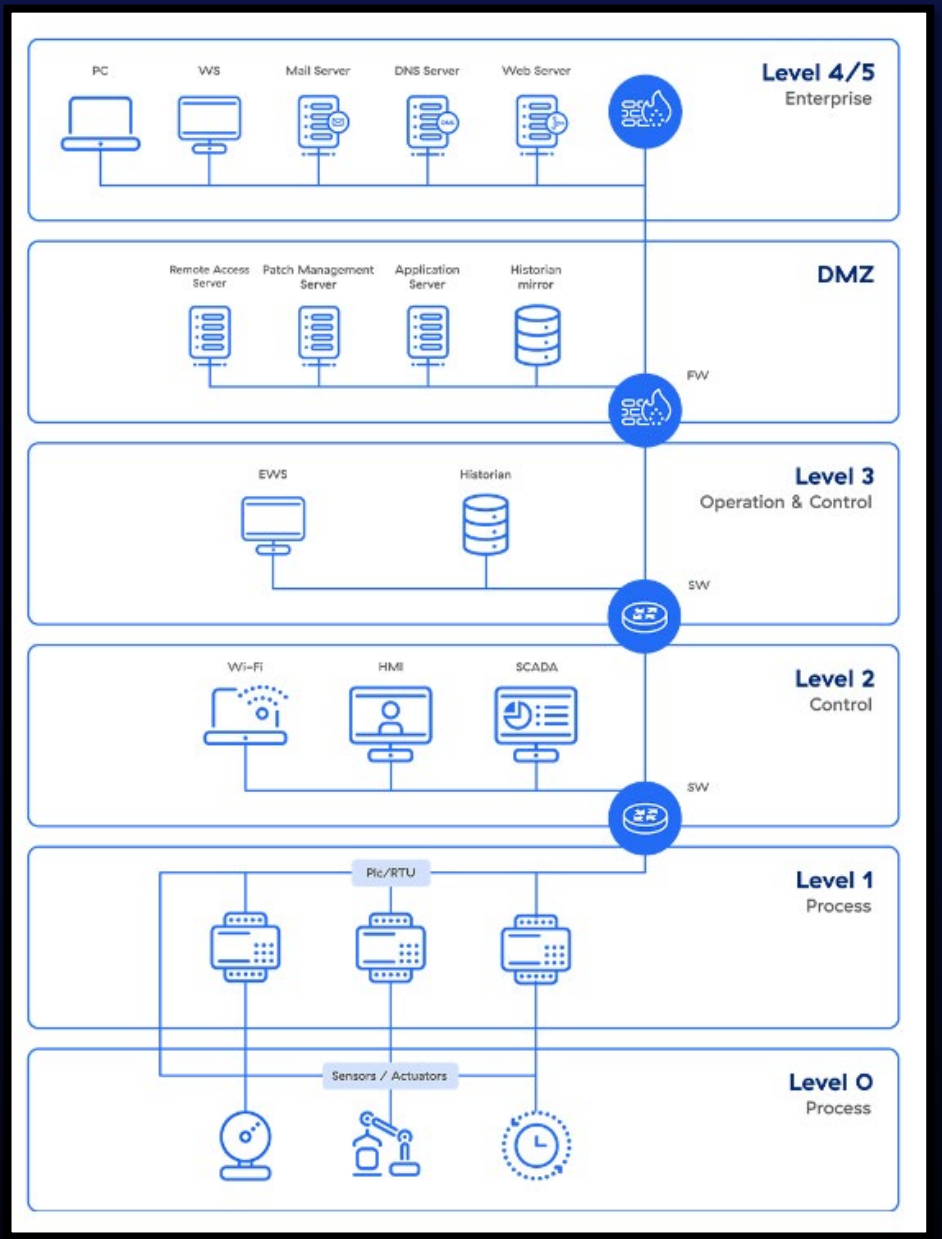
- Restrict logical access to the OT network, network activity, and systems
- Restrict physical access to the OT network and devices
- Protect individual OT components from exploitation
- Restrict unauthorized modification of data
- Detect security events and incidents
- Maintain functionality during adverse conditions
- Restore the system after an incident

SECURITY CHALLENGES

- OT systems operate under different environments and requirements than IT systems. For example, OT systems tend to prioritize availability and safety over other factors like confidentiality.
- IT programs or tools may not be suitable for OT systems. The security measures or tools that work well with IT systems may not work effectively in the OT environment.
- Compensatory measures may be an effective solution to secure an OT system without affecting system performance.
- Protecting OT systems is critical, and a cybersecurity incident on an OT system may have catastrophic consequences that affect human life and the environment.

PURDUE MODEL

- Defender of IoT
- Dragos
- Claroty
- Nozomi Networks
- Others...



MDR and OT

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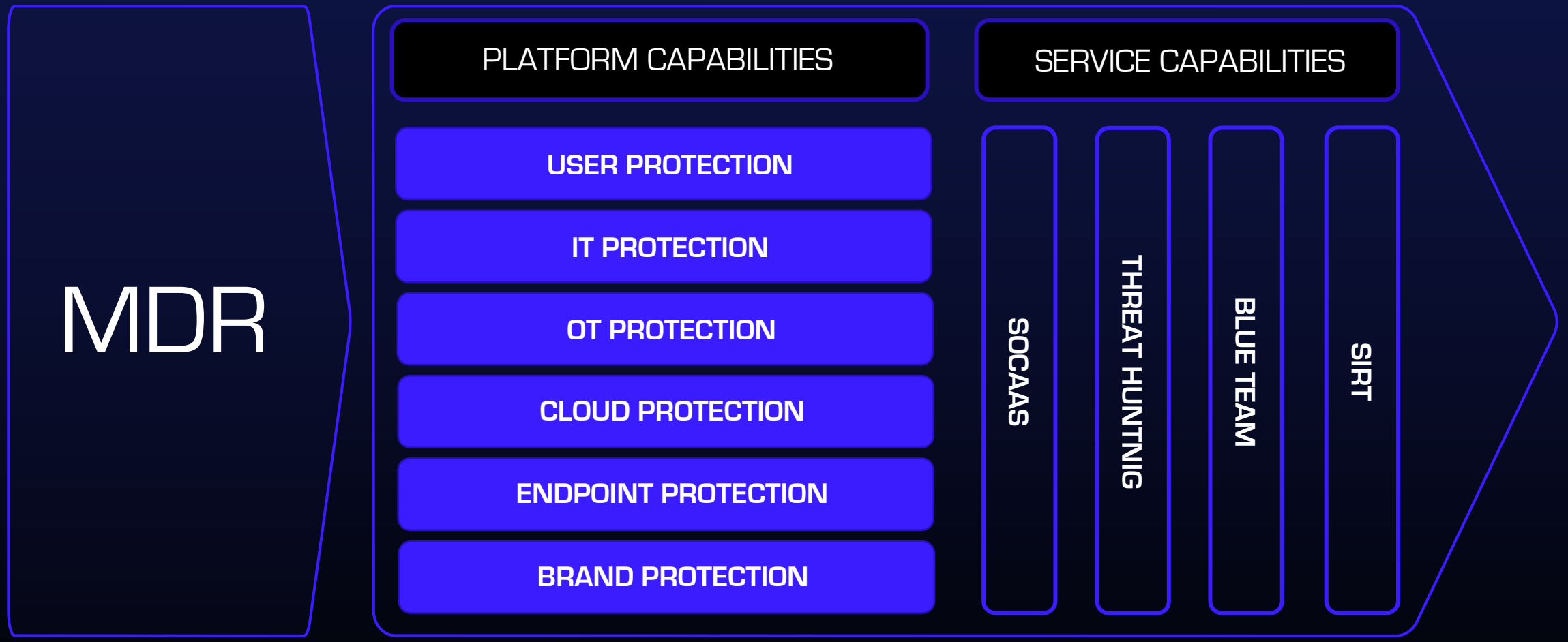
MANAGED DETECTION AND RESPONSE



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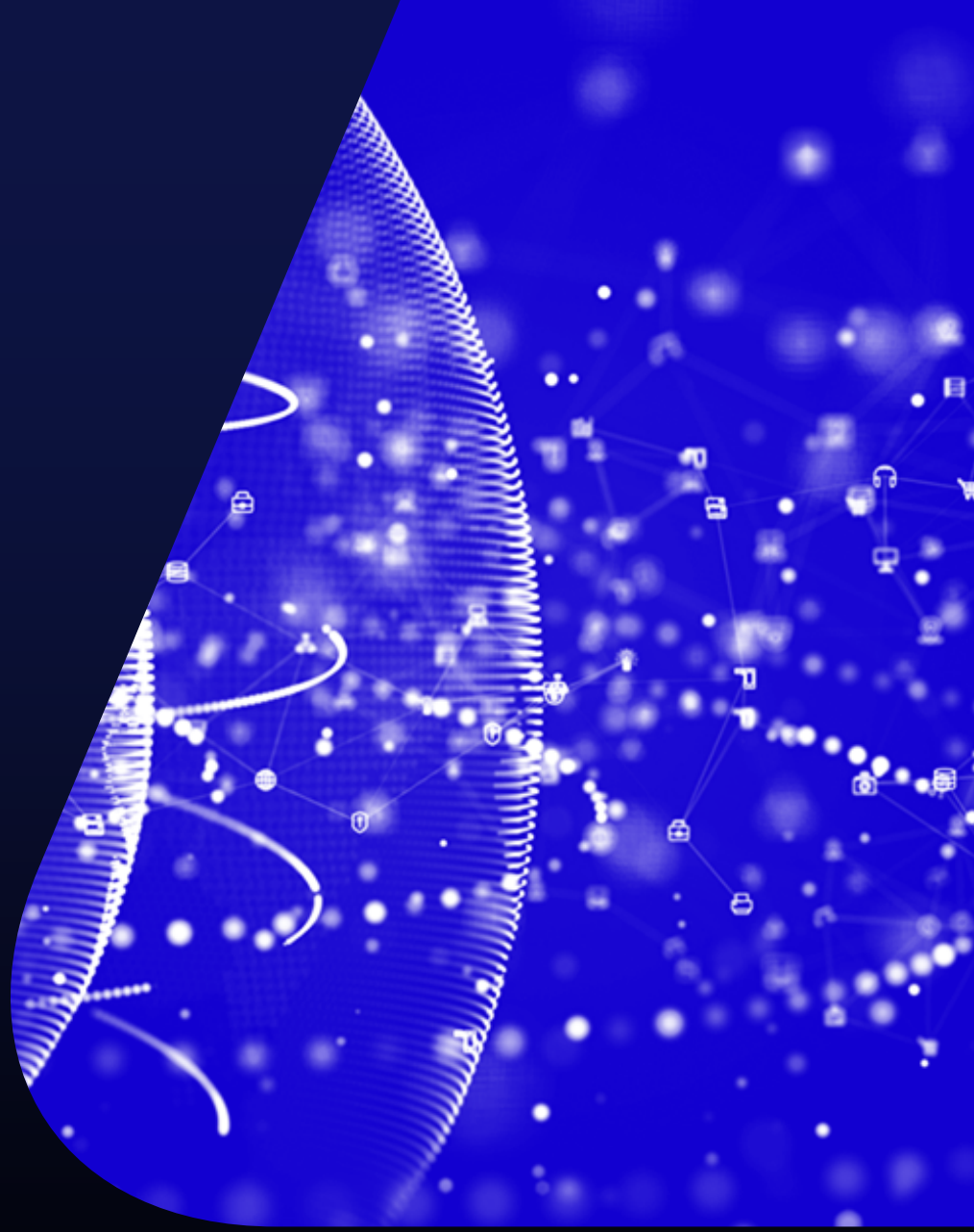
MDR over OT

MDR services enhance OT solution telemetry & alerts, by introducing augmented Use Cases and Playbooks to converge IT & OT under a single monitoring pane of glass.



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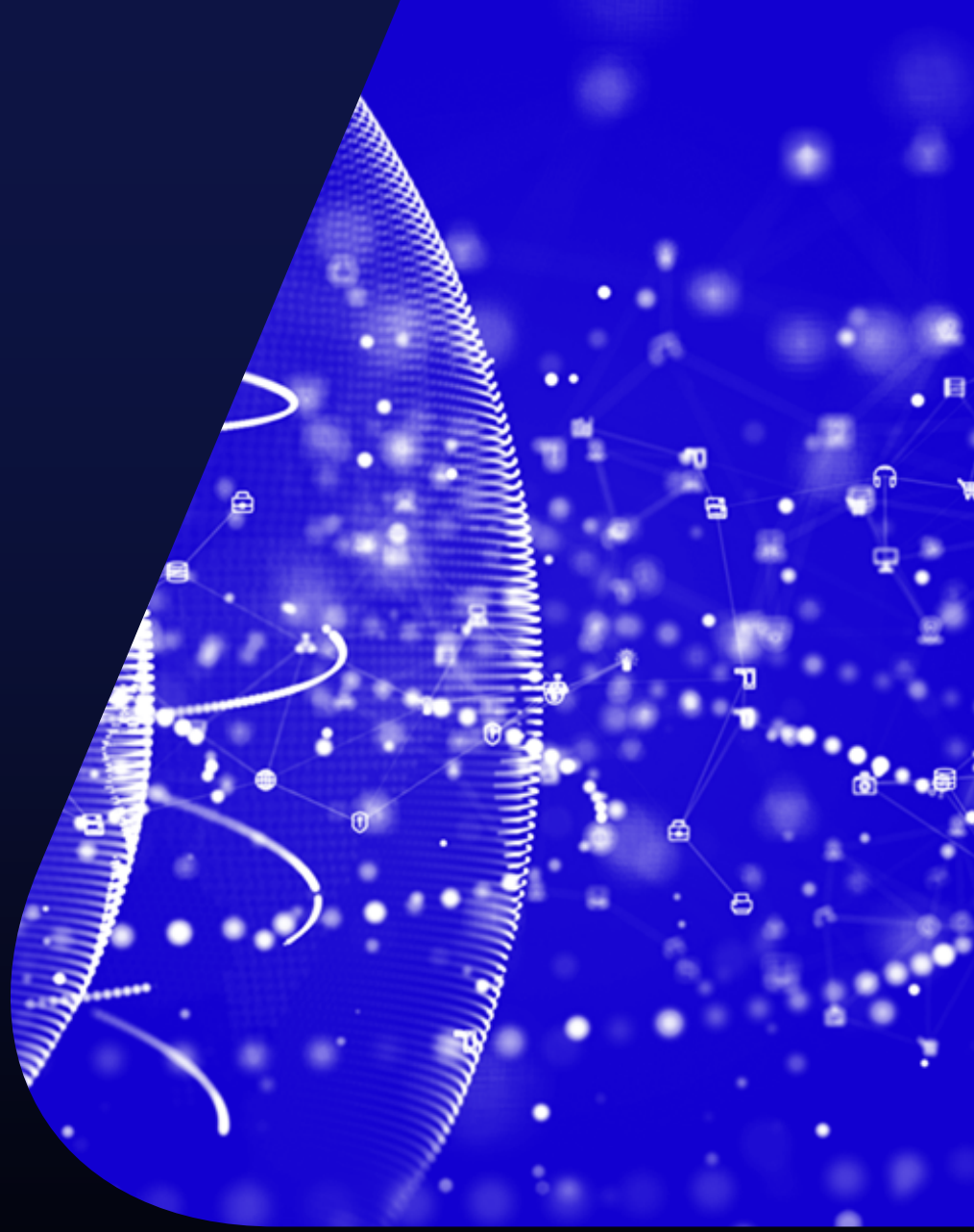
MDR services integrate OT source telemetry with IoT and IT to achieve:

- Unified Threat Intelligence
- Per Site vulnerability scoring
- Customer visibility in almost real-time of their environment status via the MDR platform



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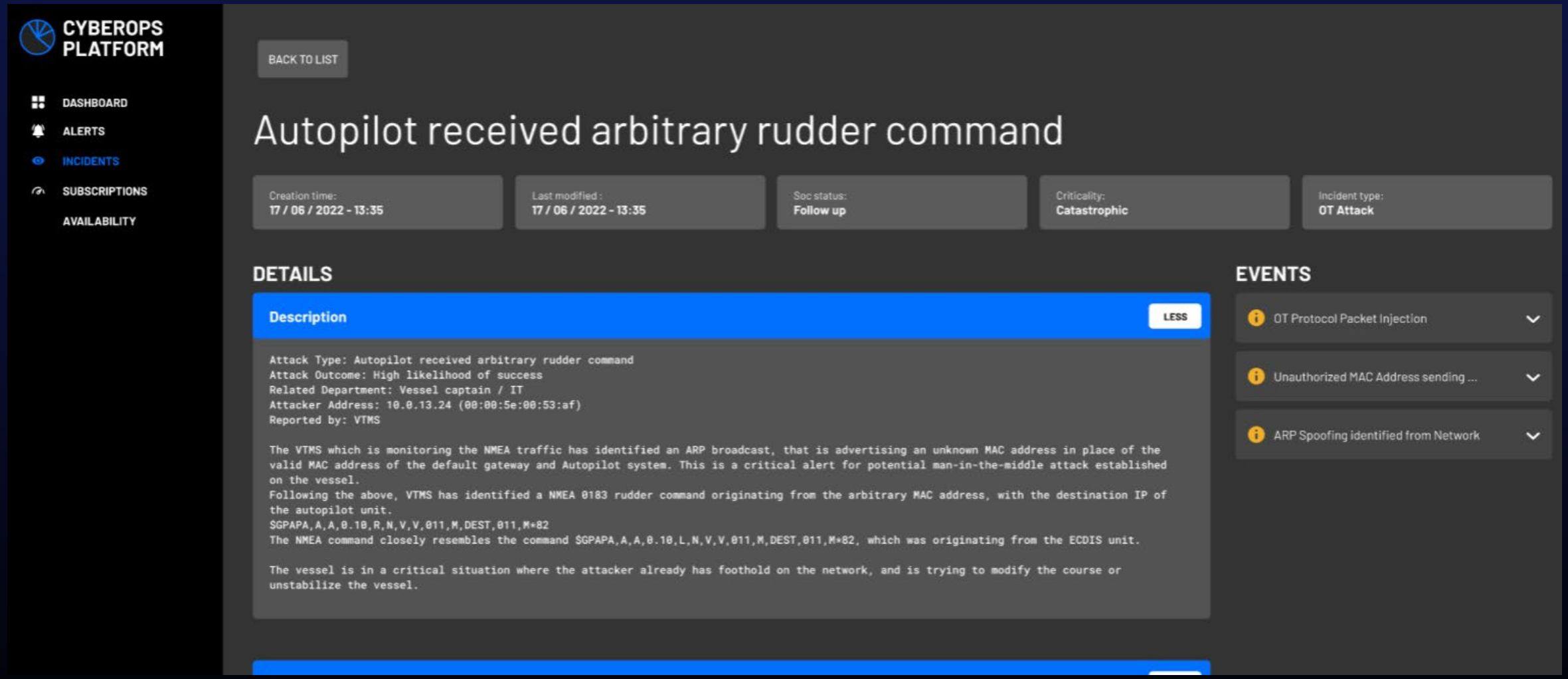
OT SPECIFIC SECURITY USE CASES (1/2)

- Illegal function codes for ICS/SCADA traffic
- Unauthorized firmware updates
- Unauthorized PLC changes
- PLC insecure key state
- PLC stop
- Suspicious malware found in the network
- Multiple scans in the network
- Unauthorized SCADA node
- High bandwidth alerts
- Denial of Service

OT SPECIFIC SECURITY USE CASES (2/2)

- Physical Access Controls (if applicable)
- Corrupted OT packets
- Denial of control attacks
- Logic changes
- Attempts to access protocols that have no authentication built-in mechanisms, such as Modbus/TCP, EtherNet/IP, IEC 61850, ICCP and DNP3
- HVAC failures
- OT protocol hijacking
- Response injection attacks

USE CASE EXAMPLE



OT INCIDENT RESPONSE

- Evaluate if incident involves people safety
- Clarify whether restoration is the highest priority, or should containment and evidence gathering take precedence
- SOC Team will evaluate the external information regarding the incident (user reporting, threat intelligence feed, threat actor announcement) in respect to the people, systems, actions and timeframes that are involved
- SIRT Team will work towards containment of the threat by e.g. isolating the systems or blocking interactions with external IP/resources.
- If forensic analysis is required, the SIRT team will collect timestamps, visuals (photos), volatile and non-volatile information from the running IT systems in the OT environment, and proceed in further analysis and reporting of findings
- The restoration of the systems to a previous unaffected state will be performed by the Customers or their vendors.
- The root cause mitigation of the incident will be based on artifacts gathered from the above steps (log analysis, SIRT actions, forensics)
- The lessons learned will be collected and evaluated to recursively act as means of prevention for the future

Further resources

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NIST SP 800-82

- Guide to Operational Technology (OT) Security r3 (DRAFT)

MITRE ATT&CK: ICS Techniques

- Techniques represent 'how' an adversary achieves a tactical goal by performing an action. For example, an adversary may dump credentials to achieve credential access.

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- Industrial Control Systems Security Courses and Certifications

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