

The background features a dark red color scheme with a grid pattern. A large, semi-transparent globe is centered, with binary code (0s and 1s) scattered around it. The text is overlaid on a dark grey horizontal band.

INDUSTRIAL CYBERSECURITY: INNOVATION IN CYBERATTACK VERSUS INNOVATION IN PROTECTION

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INTRODUCTION

- President, CEO, Ampere Industrial Security, Inc.
- Former utility staff (telecommunications, water & electric)
- Drafter of NERC CIP standards and formal interpretations
- NERC CIP Supply Chain Working Group contributor
- First NERC CIP auditor/regulator
- Former Manager, CIP Audits and Investigations – WECC Region (NERC)
- Former Principal Investigator US DOE National Electric Sector Cybersecurity Organization
- EnergySec Founder, Former Director, Former Instructor and President Emeritus
- SANS ISC456 Instructor: Essentials for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection
- US Coordinator, Centro de Ciberseguridad Industrial (CCI)
- Cybersecurity Advisory Team for State Solar, NARUC/NASEO
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and Idaho National Lab (INL) Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) Energy POC Stakeholders
- DOE Solar Energy Technology Office (SETO) and National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) Industry Advisory Board (IAB) for the Securing Solar for the Grid (S2G)
- Advisor to multiple industrial security hardware and software vendors
- GCIP, CISA, CRISC, CISSP-ISSAP, SSCP, NSA-IAM, CVI, TCP, SCP

OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TODAY



O.T. CHANGES OVER TIME



ATTACKERS OVER TIME



ATTACKER OBJECTIVES

- Loss
 - Loss of view
 - Loss of control
- Denial
 - Denial of view
 - Denial of control
 - Denial of safety
- Manipulation
 - Manipulation of view
 - Manipulation of control
 - Manipulation of sensors and instruments
 - Manipulation of safety

We have well-practiced plans for loss of view or control at a site level or for short periods

Plans are not comprehensive (ready) for when systems are available but do not perform as designed/expected

Few plans are ready for events when systems are available, but someone else is controlling them (possibly maliciously)

ATTACKER TACTICS VS. DEFENSE

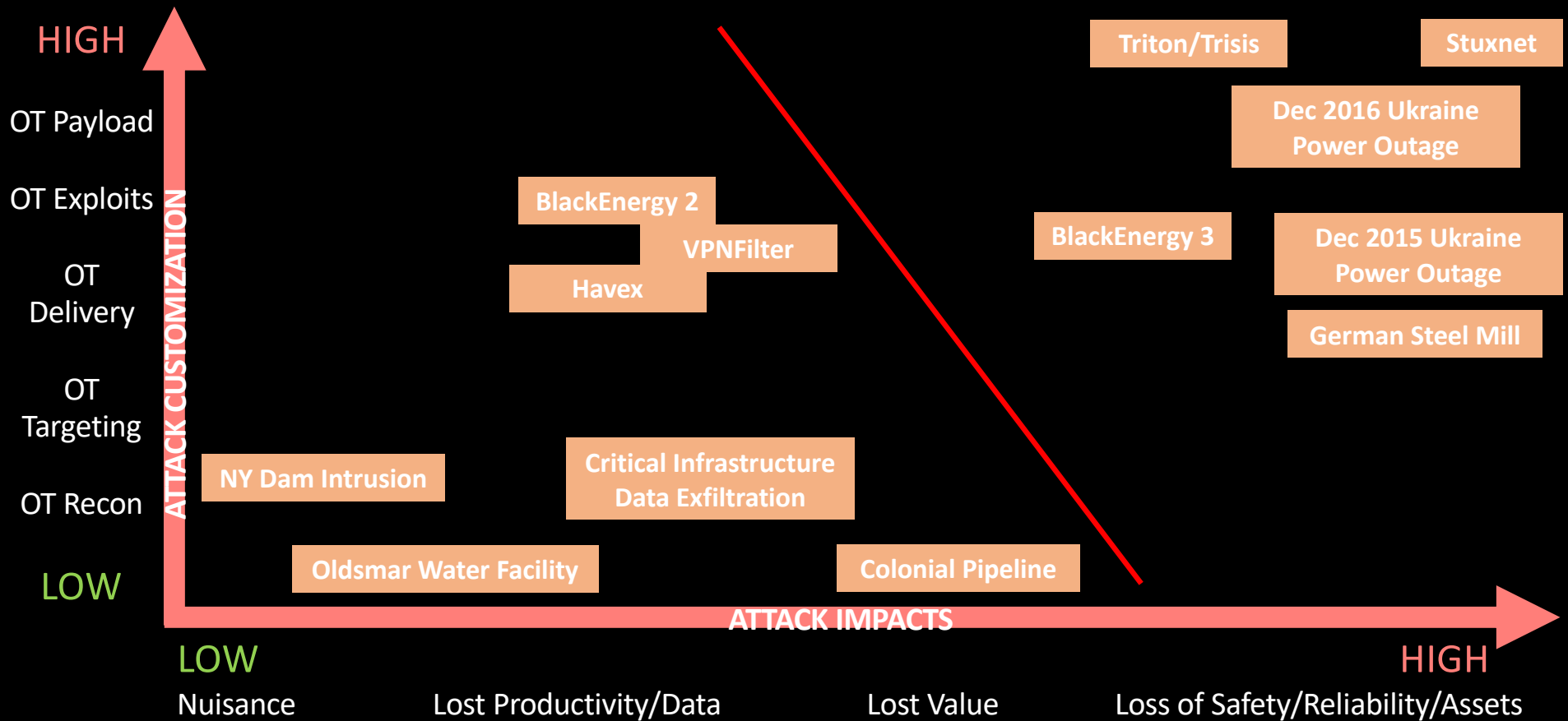
- ICS Opportunistic
 - Conficker, Petya/NotPetya, BlackEnergy 3
 - 2008, 2017, 2015
- ICS Focus
 - Dragonfly 2
 - 2016
- ICS Specific Access
 - BlackEnergy 2, Havex, Dragonfly 1
 - 2011, 2011, 2011, 2022-23

Governance, Standards,
Regulation, Architecture,
Cyber Hygiene
Passive Defense

- ICS Specific Effect
 - Stuxnet, CrashOverride, Triton/Trisis
 - 2009, 2016, 2017, 2022-23

Operations, Resilience,
Cyber Engineering,
Active Defense

OT INCIDENTS AND CAMPAIGNS



OT ATTACK INNOVATION

The screenshot shows the CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog>. The navigation menu includes: Topics, Spotlight, Resources & Tools, News & Events, Careers, and About. A red button labeled "REPORT A CYBER ISSUE" is located in the top right. Below the navigation, there is a "Home" link and social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. The main heading is "Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog". Below the heading, there are several links: "Download CSV version", "Download JSON version", "Download JSON schema", "Subscribe to the Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog Update Bulletin", and "Back to previous page for background on known exploited vulnerabilities". A search bar is present with the text "Search:". Below the search bar, there is a "Show 10 entries" dropdown. The table below has the following columns: CVE, Vendor/Project, Product, Vulnerability Name, Date Added to Catalog, Short Description, Action, Due Date, and Notes.

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Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog

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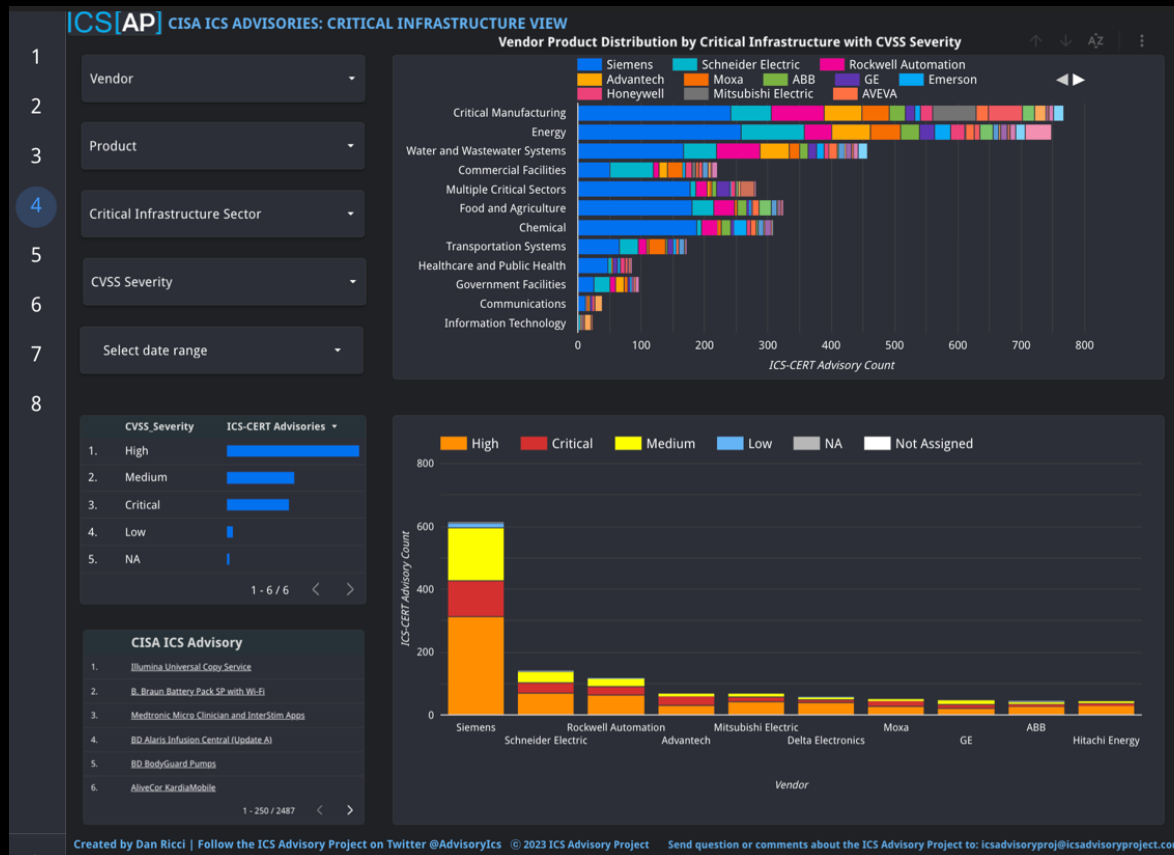
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Show 10 entries

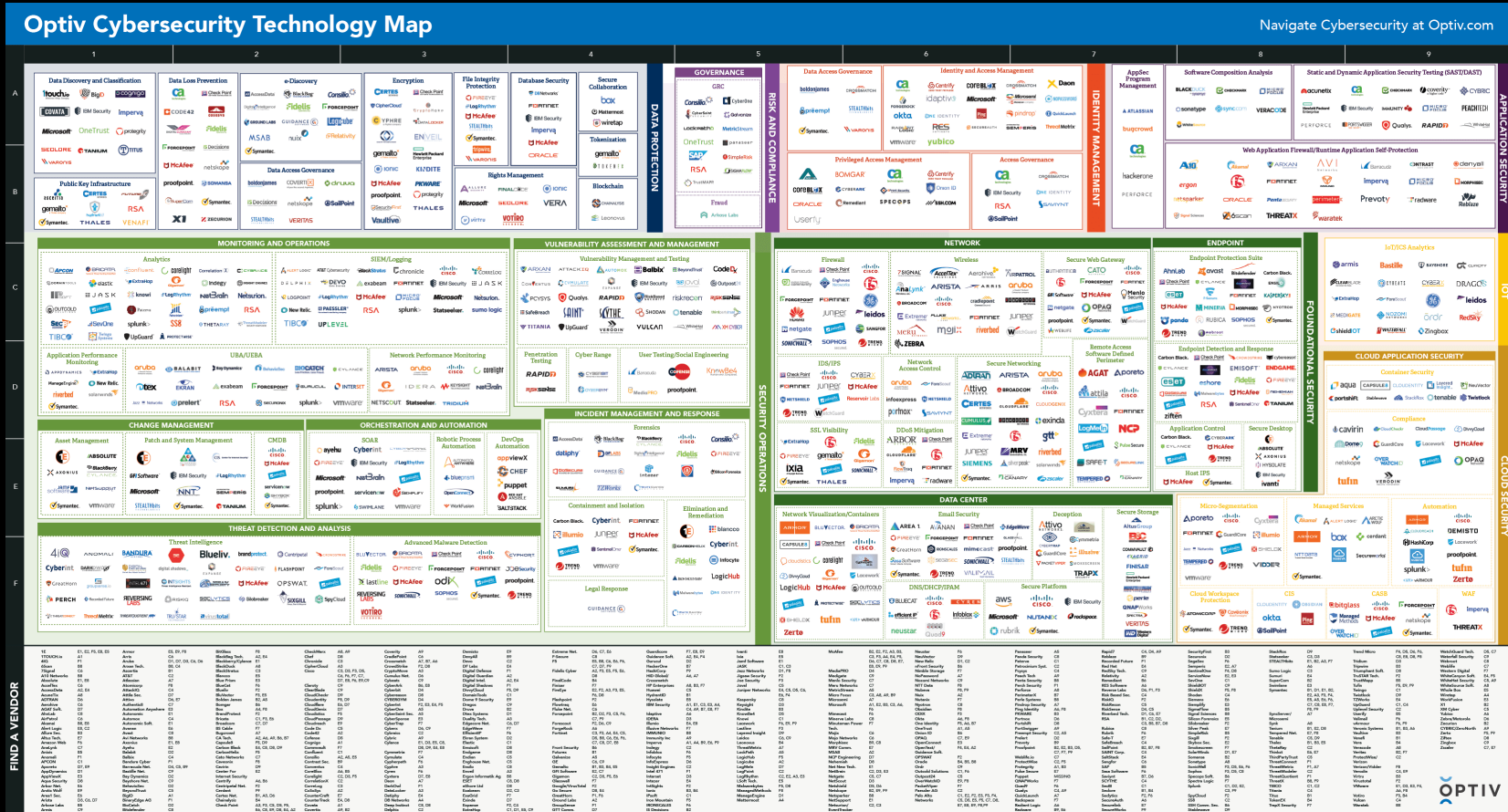
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MORE VISIBILITY



MORE BLINKING LIGHTS



MORE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ChatGPT



Examples

"Explain quantum computing in simple terms" →

"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?" →

"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?" →



Capabilities

Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation

Allows user to provide follow-up corrections

Trained to decline inappropriate requests



Limitations

May occasionally generate incorrect information

May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content

Limited knowledge of world and events after 2021

Send a message



INNOVATION OR DISRUPTION?



MANAGING ALL RISKS ALL THE TIME

- Hackers are faster than laws, regulation, standards, norms
- You can not possibly know every zero day in advance
- You can not possibly know every new adversary tactic in advance
- If you bought/implemented every security tool available, would you be secure?
- If you were compliant to every regulation and standard, would you be secure?
- How much better would your security be if you had enough well-trained security professionals?

ADAPTABLE PROTECTION

- Culture eats security controls for breakfast
- IDS and “APS”
- Creativity - use existing tools in new and creative ways
- You are protecting against a skilled human (or many) with powerful tools; respond with the same
- OT technology span has both a time spectrum and innovation spectrum; train for both

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