

CYBER SECURITY CHALLENGES FOR OT/ICS/IOT

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Forescout: A Global Security Company

Customers

3100+

Customers in over 80 countries

4M+

Devices in largest deployment

Intelligence

15M+

Unique Device Fingerprints

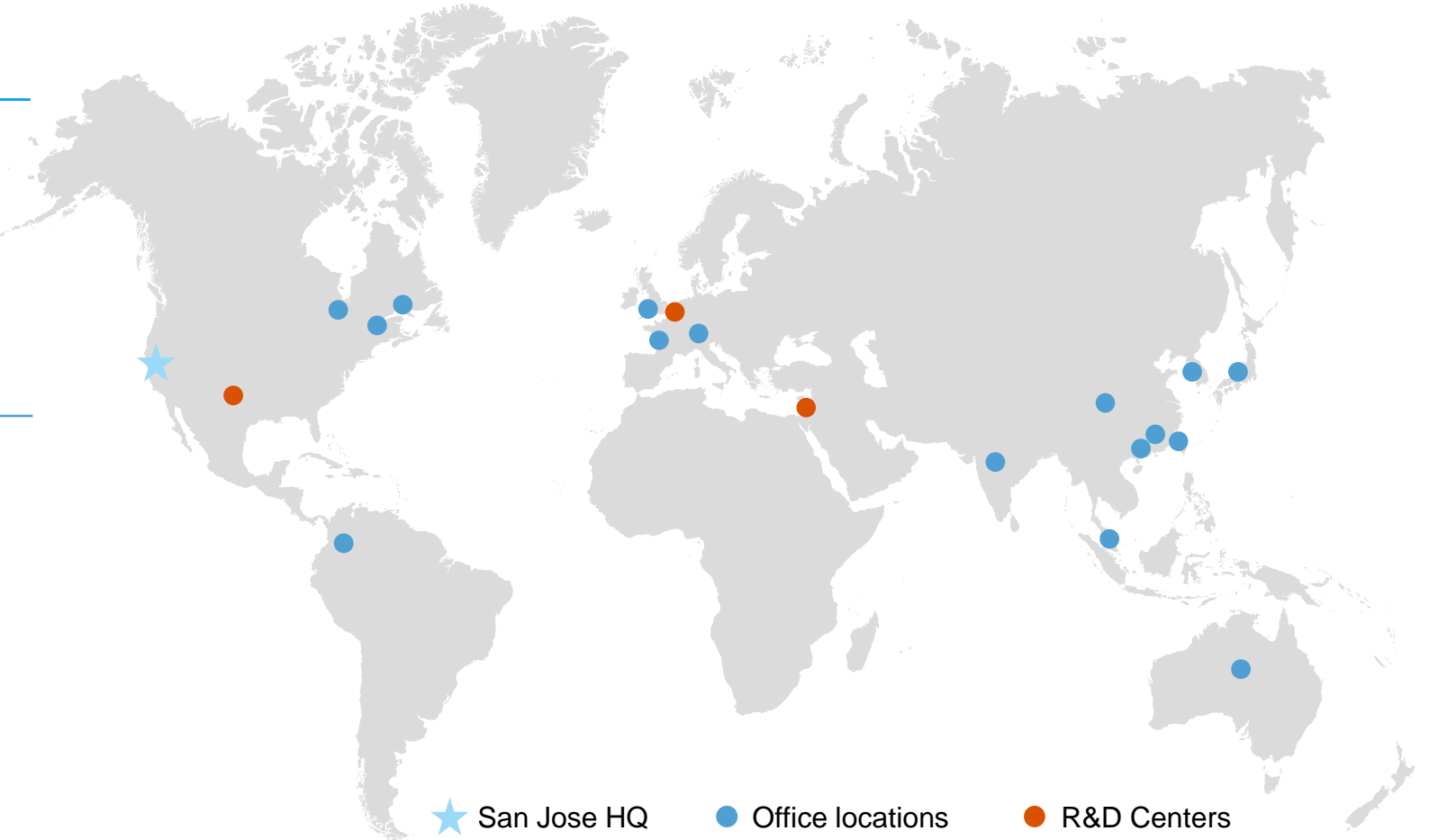
455M+

Device Datapoints

R&D Team

300

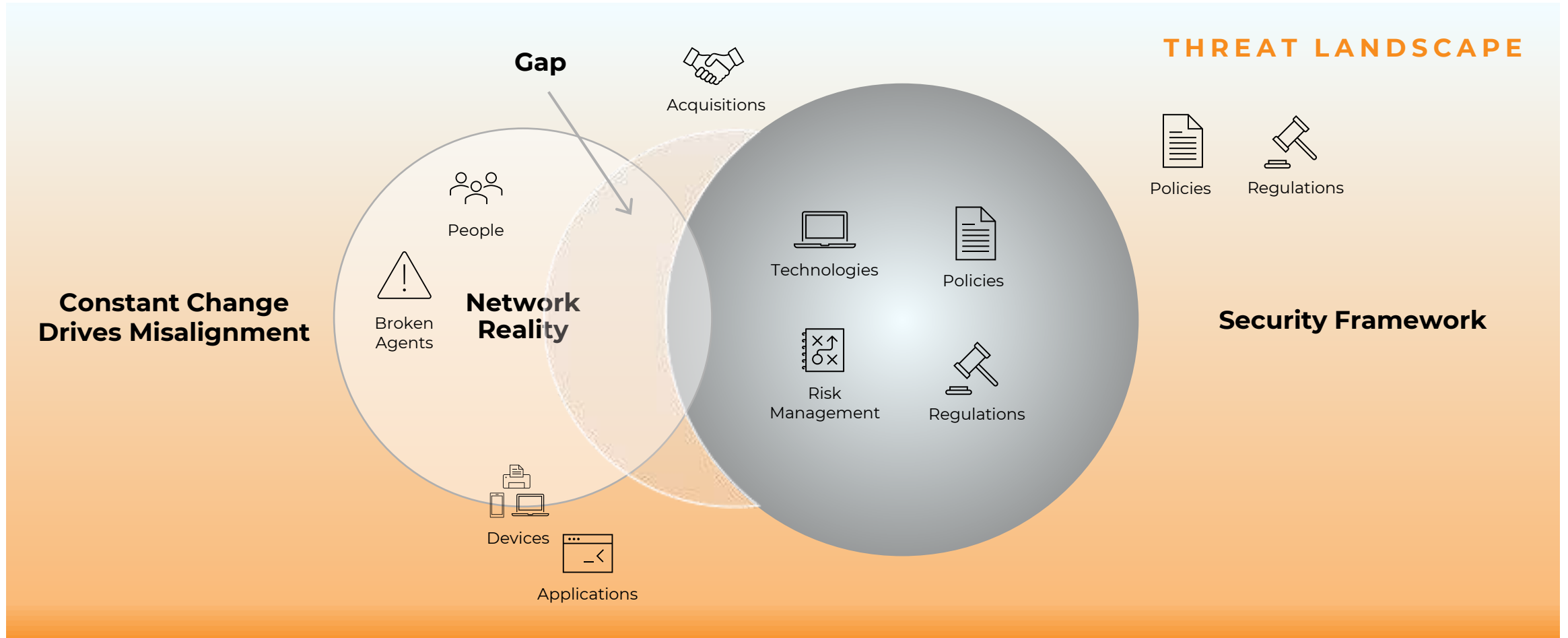
Team members (total)





More Connectivity. New Risks.

Landscape

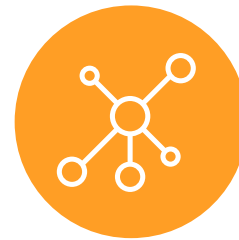


Challenges



Cybersecurity

- Limited to no visibility in OT networks
- Inability to discern if systems are vulnerable
- Too many alerts and logs to manage efficiently
- Complex and clunky integration into SIEM and other enterprise tools
- Slow and expensive threat detection and response time



Infrastructure

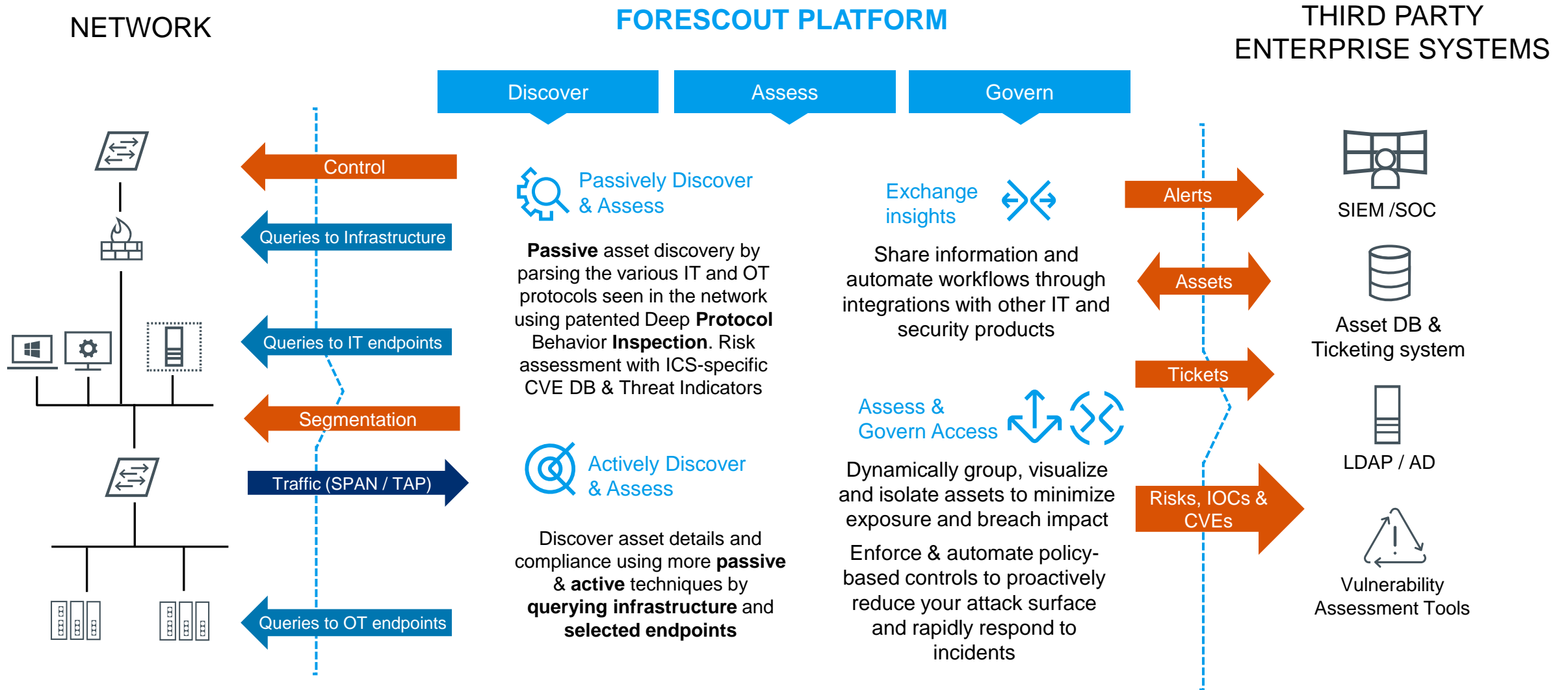
- No network maps and good knowledge of device location in the field/plant environment
- Limited segmentation strategy for OT
- Inability to monitor and understand packet/traffic flows
- Lack of device compliance
- (Is my switch configured correctly?)



Operations

- Unable to monitor and enforce compliance tasks
- No real-time asset inventory
- Inaccurate tracking of device firmware and model information
- Incomplete vendor and contractor activities
- Costly and time-consuming site visits to field

Forescout's Solution



Case studies

Advanced Metering Infrastructure



Key Benefits

- Enhanced compliance & policy monitoring capabilities
- Maximized cyber resiliency
- Faster response times with detection & logging

Challenge

European utility is looking for ways to detect uncompliant and misbehaving smart meters, e.g., with malformed traffic, terminating power delivery or unencrypted commands. A challenge is that part of the traffic is encrypted and more than a million of smart meters will be deployed in the next years.

Solution

Built-in malformed traffic detection for unencrypted DLMS/COSEM traffic & Decryption of encrypted traffic for further deep packet inspection and compliance monitoring

Detection and alerting of unresponsive meters

Logging & Detection of commands that close, disconnect or schedule closure of a meter and further customer-defined commands

Alerting of, for example, Set/Action requests sent unencrypted or too many commands overloading meters

Electric Power Distribution



Key Benefits

- < Extending ICS visibility & maintenance scheduling for substation fleet
- < Improved threat detection and threat analysis for informed remediation strategy

Challenge

Our customer needed to find a way to improve their fleet monitoring and security strategy for hundreds of substations without ripping out and replacing their existing infrastructure. They had the goal of monitoring all traffic at 150+ IEC 61850 substations with DNP3 and ICCC servers as well as synchrophasor technology.

Solution

Detected misconfigurations of substation devices

Detected malfunctioning RTU causing loss of process visibility

Detected problem in the US power grid, buffer overflow in PLCs due to grid instability

Detected undesired operations, operators connecting to field devices with Telnet instead of SSH

Electric Power Generation



Key Benefits

- <> Improved ICS visibility and faulty equipment detection
- <> Detection of several suspicious operational and cyber behavioral patterns

Challenge

Our customer needed to implement a non-intrusive cybersecurity solution for multiple 100MW+ generation stations which could integrate seamlessly with Emerson Ovation and Modbus protocols.

Solution

Detected unwanted external DNS lookups to 13 different DNS servers across the globe in 22 different domains

Detected unsupported antivirus software in the system

Detected MODBUS gateway malfunctions

Detected self-configured IP addresses in 4 different nodes which were identified and properly configured

Detected unauthorized use of TELNET inside the control system network for maintenance work

A photograph of a server room aisle with a blue overlay on the right side. The overlay contains the text 'Thank You!' in white. The server racks are visible on both sides of the aisle, and a person is standing in the distance. The floor has a grid pattern.

Thank You!