

Oil & Gas Infosec 101

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- ▶ 18 years in IT/Infosec
- ▶ Family business
- ▶ Worked in Oil & Gas (O&G) last 8 years
- ▶ Along the way
 - Pen testing local and federal gov't
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What's the big deal?

Oil & Gas is overlooked

- ▶ Ever-increasing target
- ▶ Legacy components & security issues
- ▶ **Whether you care about attack or defense, O&G is an area of which you need to be aware**

Media Notes

- ▶ “Cyber attack targets gas pipeline companies” – 05/08/12^[1]
 - Spear phishing
 - DHS asked operators to let attackers remain
- ▶ “Aramo Says Cyberattack Was Aimed At Production” – 12/09/12^[2]
 - 30,000 workstations impacted
 - Intended to disrupt O&G production
 - Began on non Internet-connected workstation

The energy industry needs help
to catch up!







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What is this?


Location challenges

- ▶ Remote Locations – Fields, Pipelines
 - ▶ Often little infrastructure
 - ▶ Comms vary
 - Serial
 - Microwave
 - Licensed/unlicensed radio
 - 802.11/16 wireless
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Location challenges

- ▶ Traditional IT form factor may not work
 - ▶ Need secure assets in insecure locations
 - ▶ Rarely “one size fits all”
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Technical challenges

- ▶ Often have older equipment
 - ▶ Patches? We don't need no...
 - ▶ Integrating dissimilar networks
 - ▶ Field equipment – “Where's the RJ45?”
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Low-hanging fruit

- ▶ Lots of default passwords
 - ▶ Closed policy/default deny at boundaries
 - ▶ Least privilege
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SCADA

- ▶ RTU, PLC, HMI, wtf?
 - ▶ Defense in depth needs different approach
 - ▶ Understand your data flows
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What's this?

Know your business

- ▶ Understand your specific business
 - Upstream – Exploration & Production (E&P)
 - Finding and getting product out of ground
 - Wells, rigs, gathering systems, etc
 - Midstream – Pipelines & Transport
 - Downstream
 - Refining
 - Marketing/selling
- ▶ Recommendations need to make business sense

Know your business

- ▶ Talk to business users/managers
 - Understand their specific concerns
 - Where security needs to be applied
 - You are interested in helping, not just saying “no”
- ▶ You’re not going to win every battle
 - While security is always a compromise, **don’t compromise on security**
 - Functionality can trump security

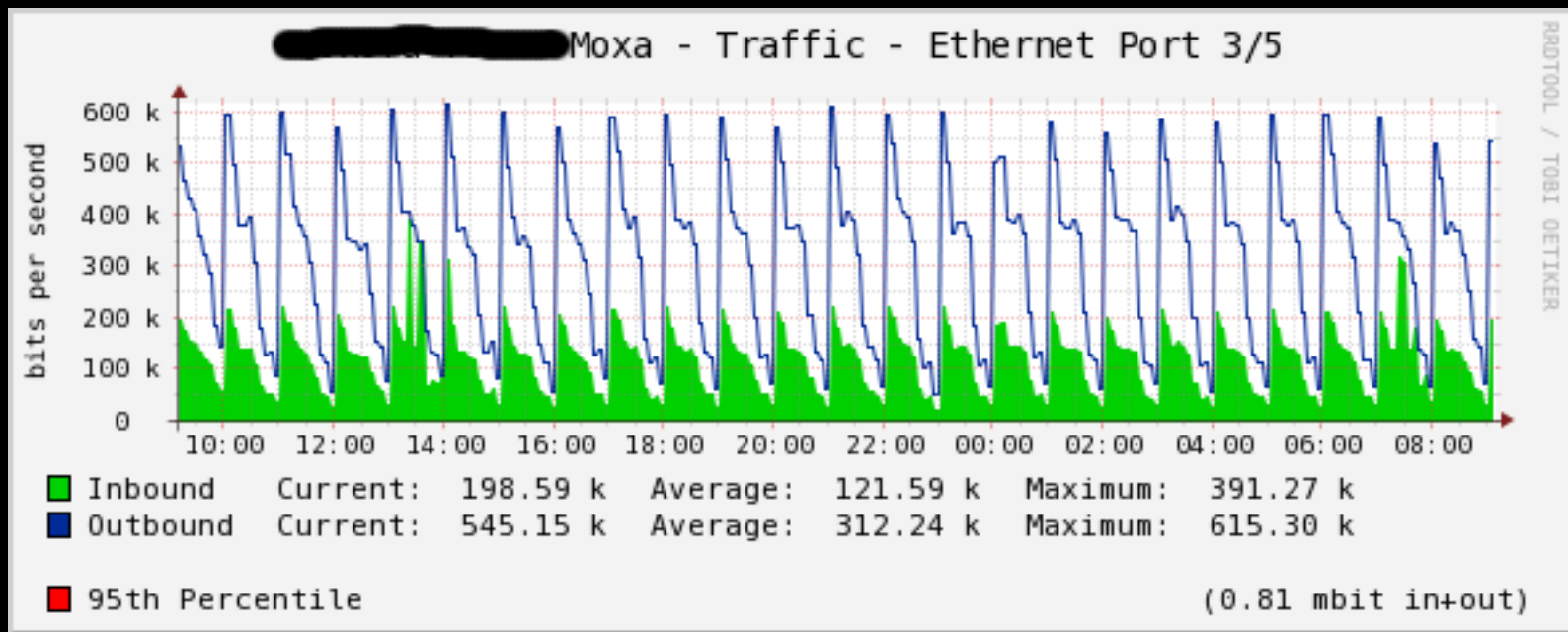
Know the tech

- ▶ Use free/cheap Network IDS (Snort & Quickdraw sigs)
- ▶ Characterize your data flows & place accordingly
 - Data-to-data (Historians)
 - User-to-data (HMI, Viz apps)

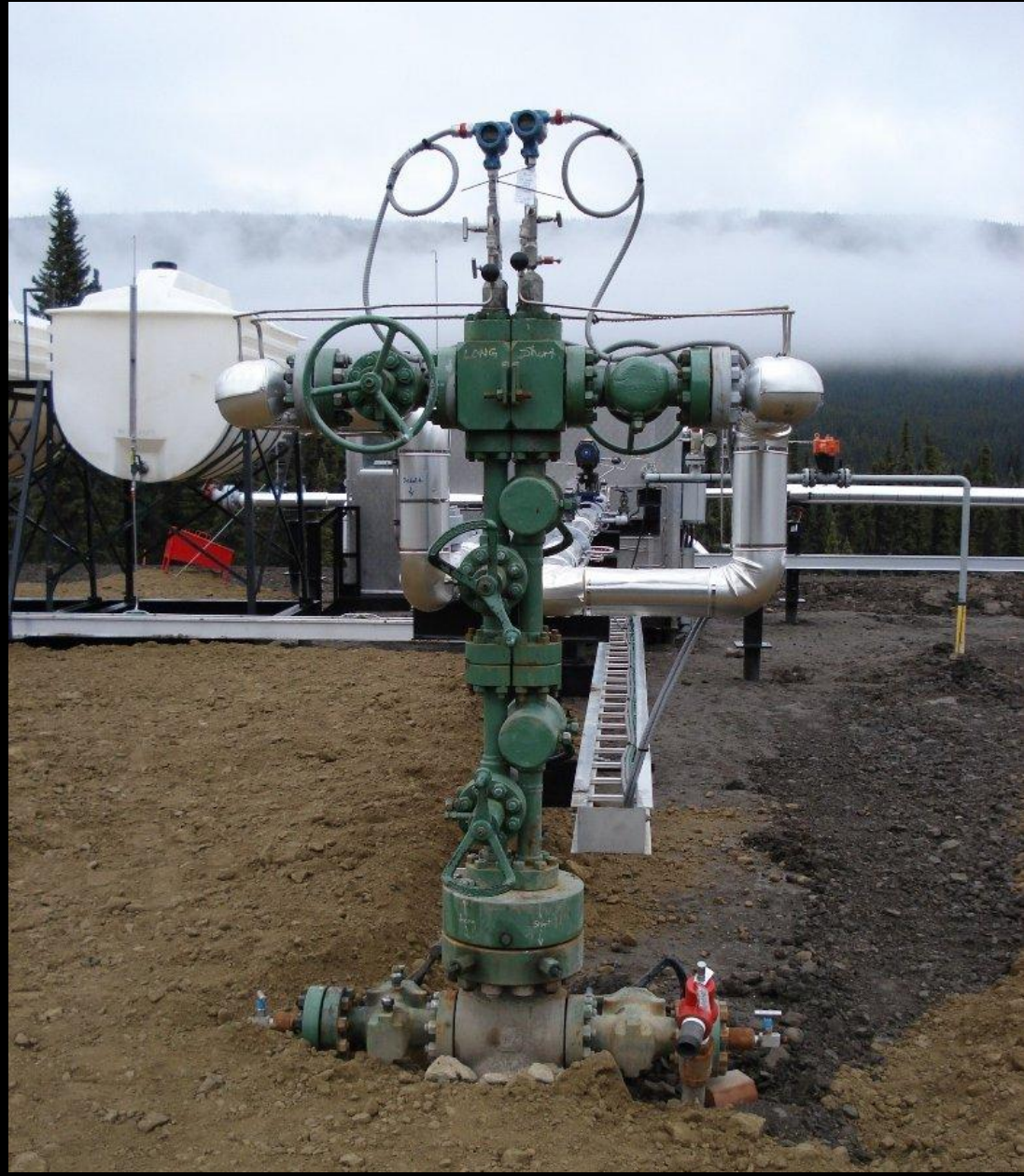
Know the tech

- ▶ Start scanning/profiling
 - Nessus has SCADA plugins
 - Wireshark can decode DNP3 and Modbus
 - Cacti is flexible and free
- ▶ Talk to the engineers & field hands
- ▶ Poke/prod/study surplus or test equipment

Know yourself



- ▶ Patterns are your friend!



What's this?

Final thoughts

- ▶ Proper infosec can save time, money, and lives
- ▶ Can't be 100% secure, rapid response & containment is crucial
- ▶ Questions?

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