



Standards : key for digital security of critical infrastructure

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Questions to be addressed

- **What are the greatest digital risks to energy systems?**
- **What can be done to enhance digital resilience?**
- **What is the most reasonable approach for using standards and their Certification Schemes?**



Energy: complexity is increasing

- + More interconnection
- + More information exchange
- + Higher reliability, increased control
- + Better interoperability
- **Increased cyber vulnerabilities**



Roles and challenges

Regulators:

- **Raise cyber security awareness, assign accountability, provide clear requirements**

Utilities:

- **Accept responsibility, update infrastructure, commit necessary investment**



Global risks, global approach

Prefer common platforms that encourage cooperation and avoid island solutions.

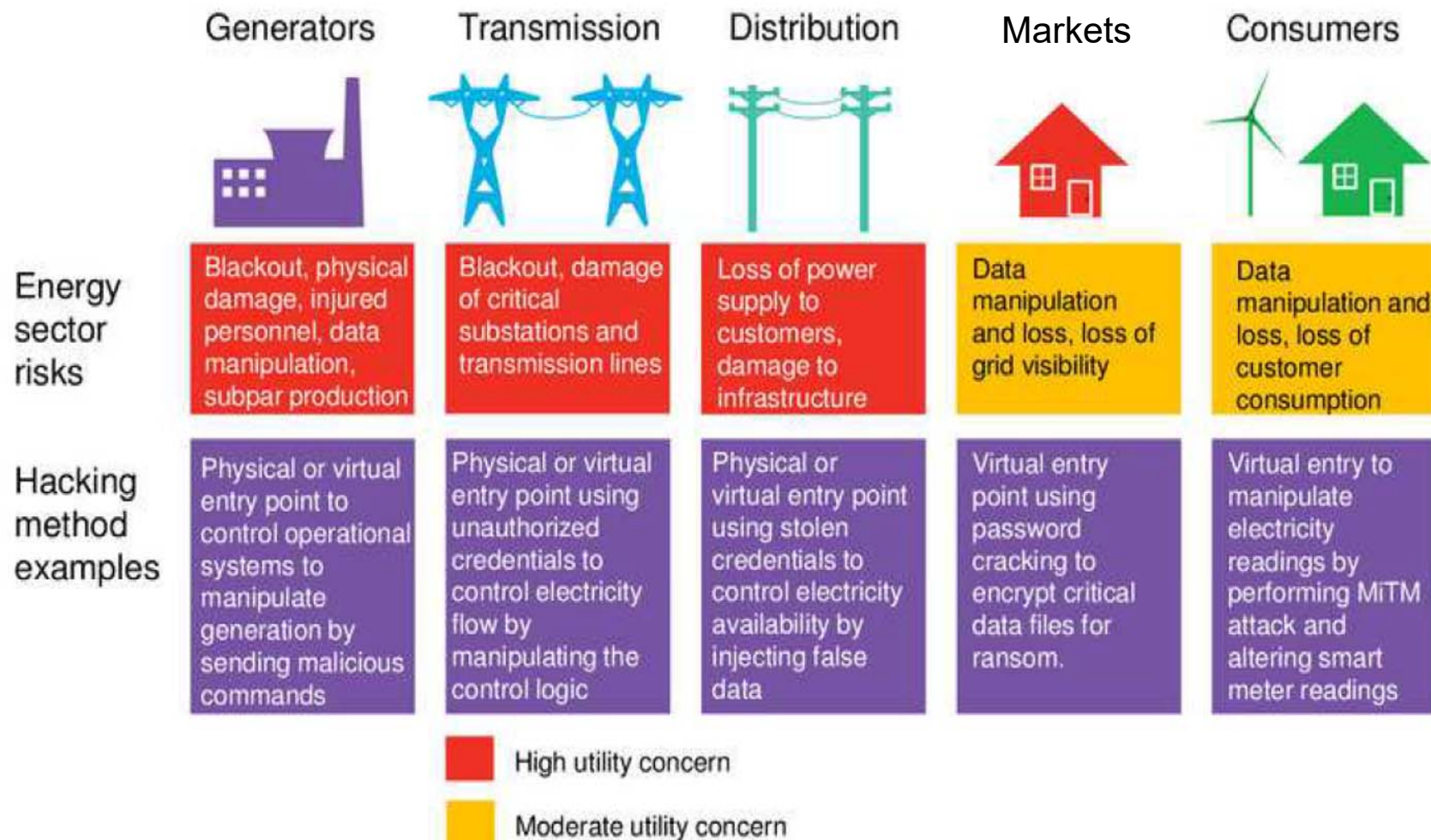
IEC Standards:

- Global reach – 171 countries
- Members = countries
not companies
- Built-in high consensus value
- Neutral, independent

Provide input to standardization.



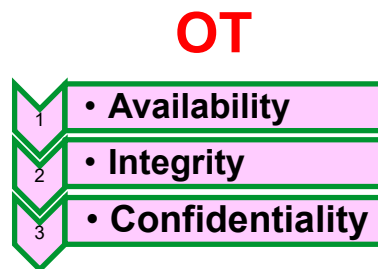
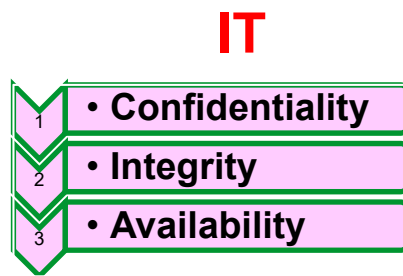
Five “ecosystems” requiring adapted cybersecurity Certification Schemes



Source: BLOOMBERG New Energy Finance

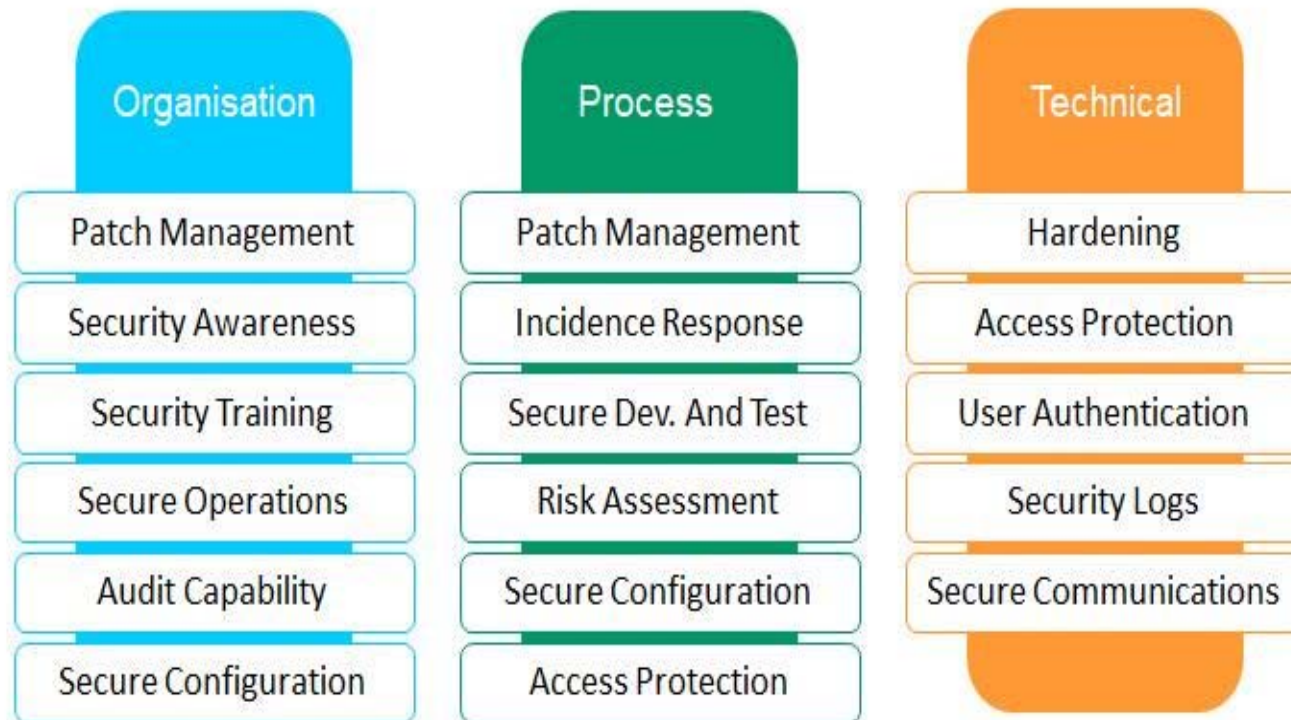
IT Security is different from OT Security

- The power system is a **cyber-physical system**, which combines the physical and electrical properties of the power system operational equipment with cyber-based control of that equipment.
- The **requirements for cybersecurity of cyber-physical systems are very different from those for typical IT systems.**
- Cyber-physical systems must not only protect the information in cyber assets but also ensure the **resilience** necessary for the physical system to remain operational.

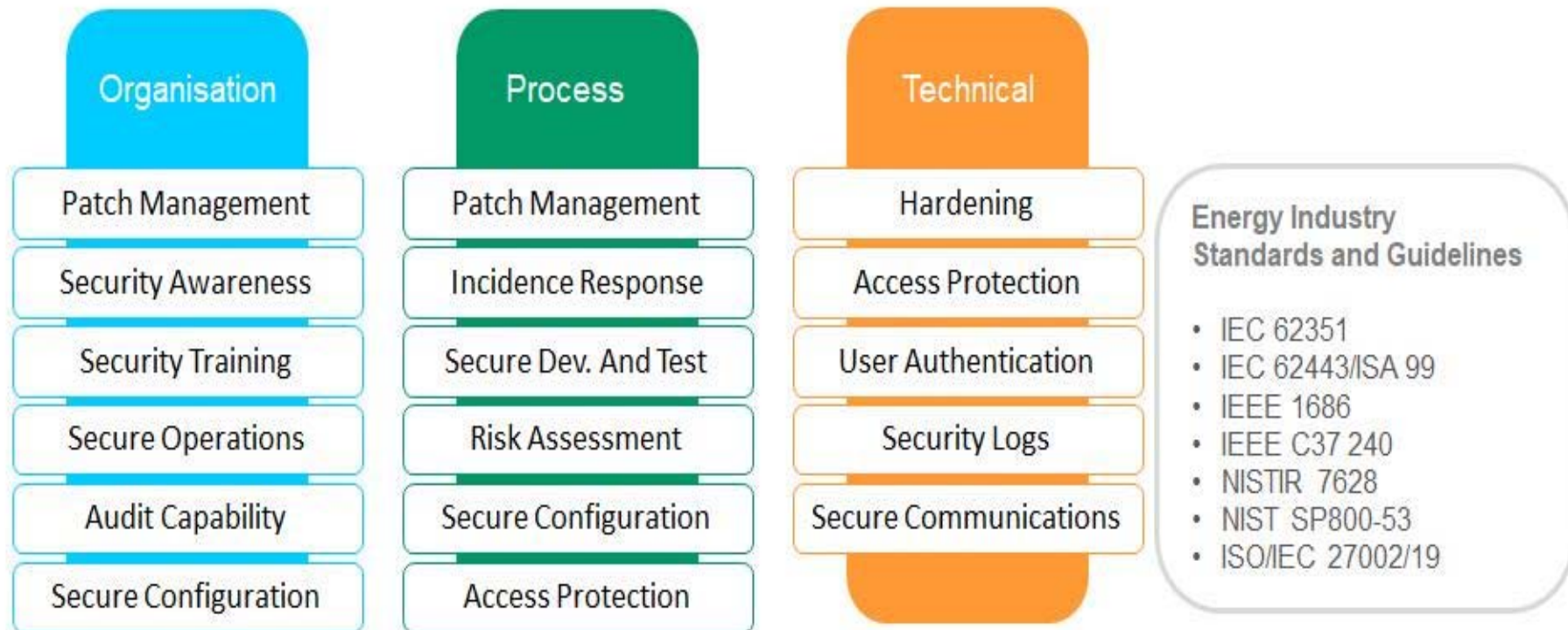


- *Cannot just shut down the power system if attacked*
- *Must protect physical equipment, not just protecting information*

Not just about installing secure technology !

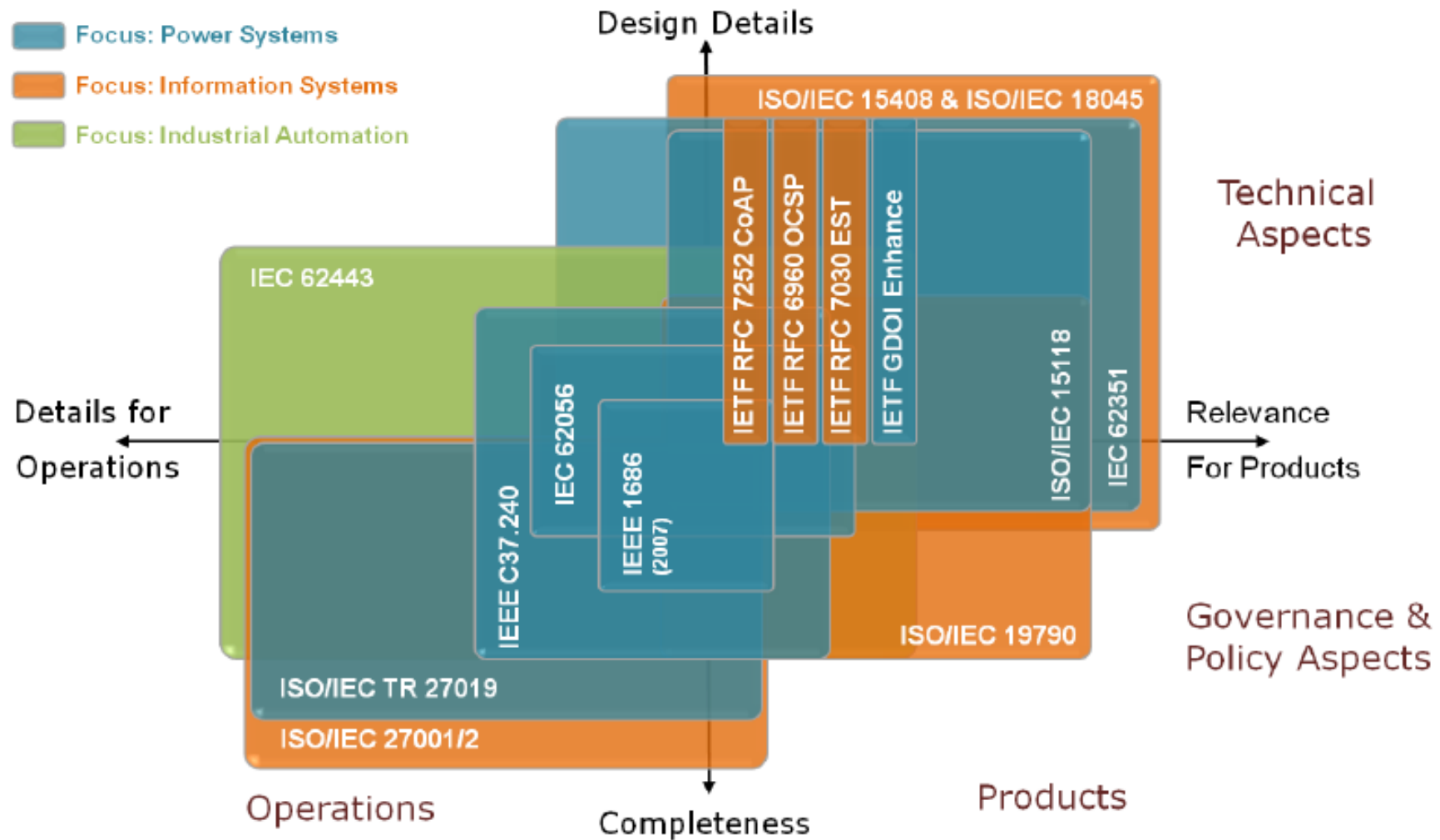


Build to International Standards



IEC: 235 OT and ICT security related publications
IEC Conformity Assessment Systems in cyber security

ISO/IEC270xx & ISO/IEC15408 & IEC62443



Reality Principle: use at best what already can be put to work !

- One cybersecurity standard cannot satisfy all requirements !
- Different combinations of cybersecurity standards can more effectively address different areas or purposes
- **The most effective and practical approach : A mix of cybersecurity standards and their established Certification Schemes should be used selectively for each of the 5 “ecosystems”**
- **Still an international effort needed to establish:**
 - **A consensus on the equivalence between the levels of cybersecurity assurance of different standard families**
 - **How to achieve a global high level of assurance by combining parts not necessarily of the same high level**

