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Dynamic Risk Analyses and Dependency-Aware Root Cause Model for Critical Infrastructures

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This is how we started ...

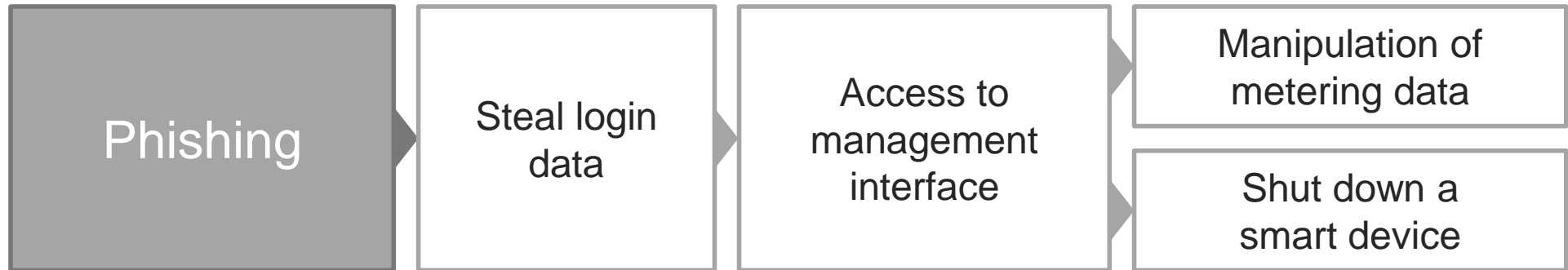
Risk 1



Likely



High impact



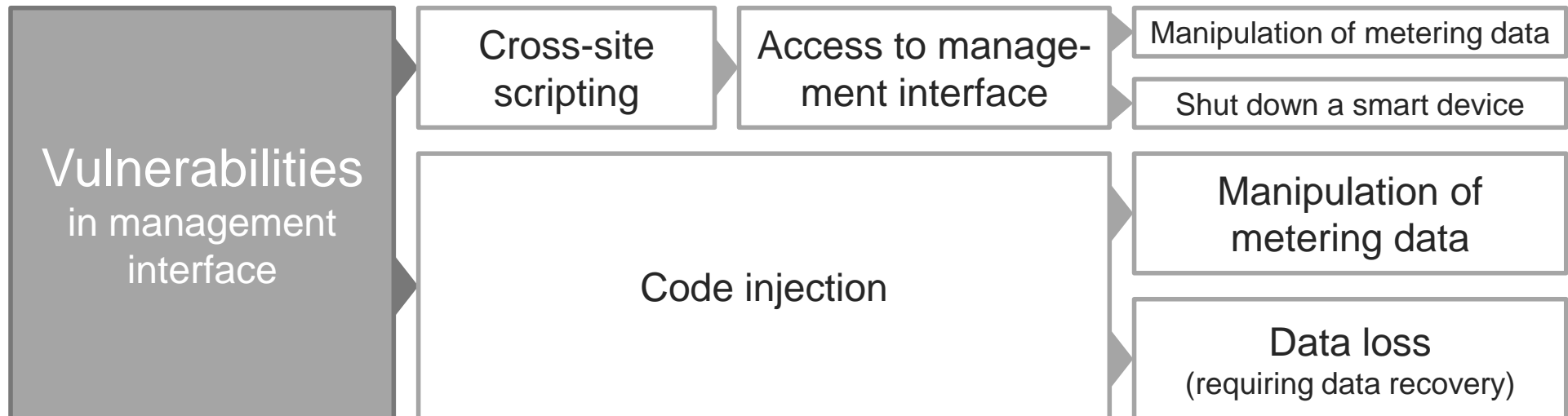
Risk 2



Unlikely



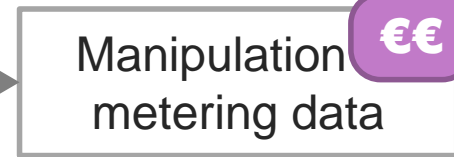
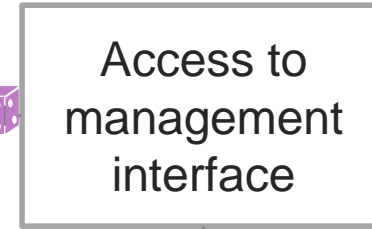
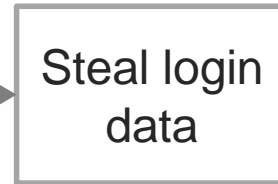
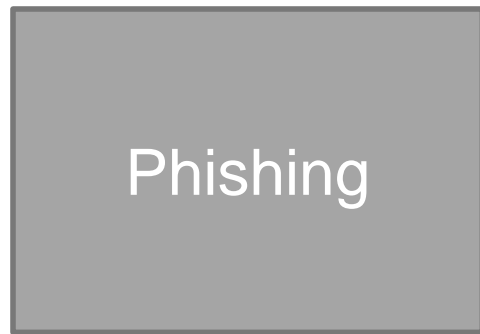
High impact



... and what we ended up with

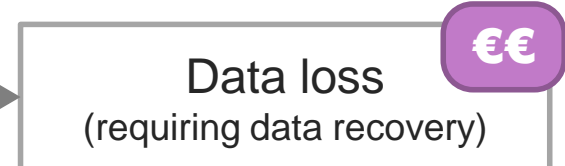
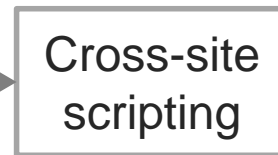
Cause 1


Likely

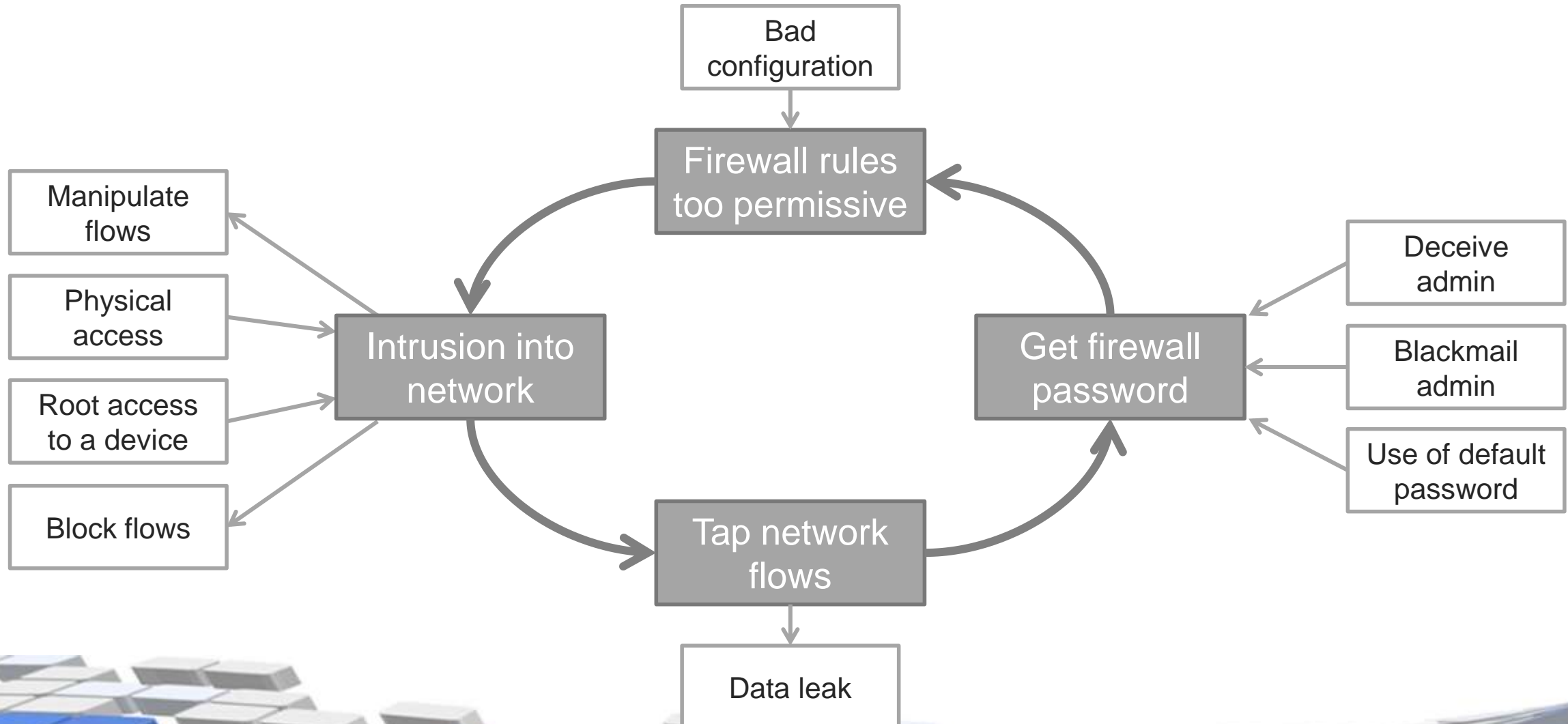


Cause 2

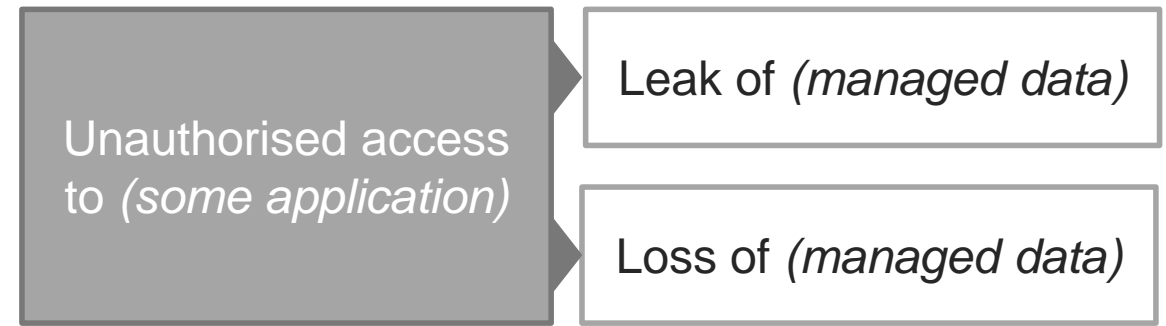
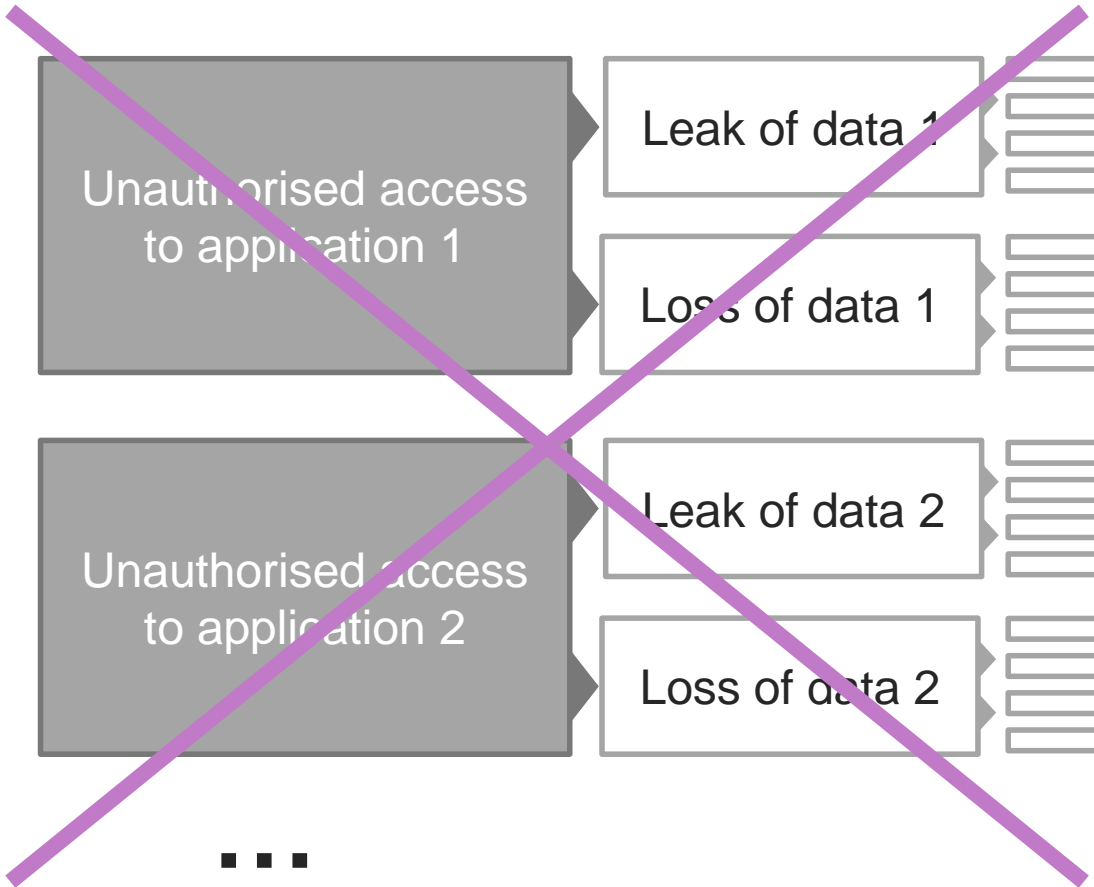

Unlikely



Sometimes there are cycles



There is still a lot of repetition



Template & **Inventory**

data 1 *is managed by* application 1
data 2 *is managed by* application 2

The luxmetering use-case (1/2)



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Inventory

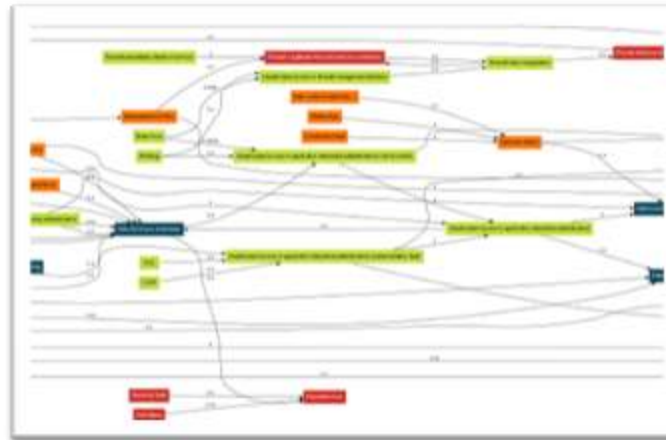
- 12 devices (with multiplicity)
- 9 networks
- 37 applications
- 43 flows
- 14 data sets
- 26 certificates
- 9 sets of credentials
- 18 services

Inventory: 18 h (2 md)

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Templated dependency graph

- 53 nodes (security events)
- 104 edges (causal relations)



Graph: 30 h (4 md)
Estimate: 9 h (1 md)

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Full dependency graph

- 502 nodes (security events)
- 1516 edges (causal relations)



Generate: 4 s
Fine-tune: 7 h (1 md)

The luxmetering use-case (2/2)

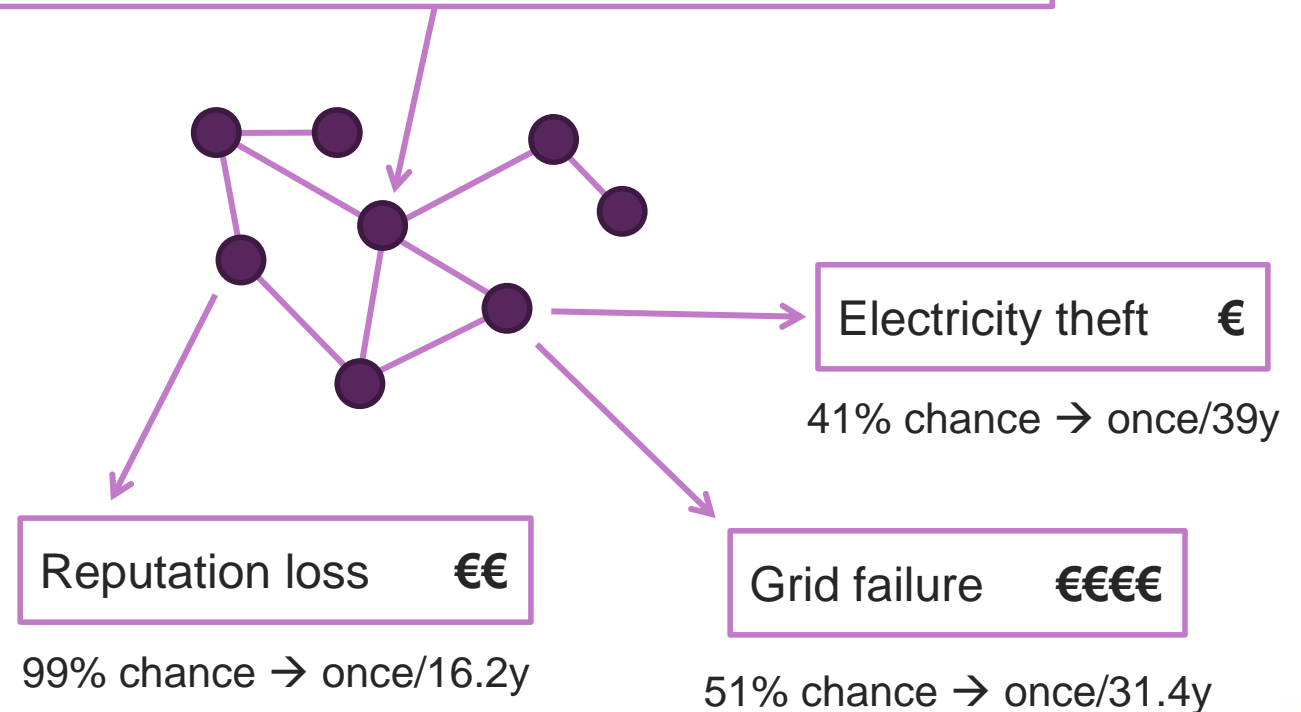


25 root causes, incl.:

- Social engineering
- Password guessing
- DDoS
- Physical access to central system
- Physical intrusion into smart meter
- Environmental incident
- Attrition/Age

Social engineering

- occurs once every 16 years (in expectation)
- no direct impact

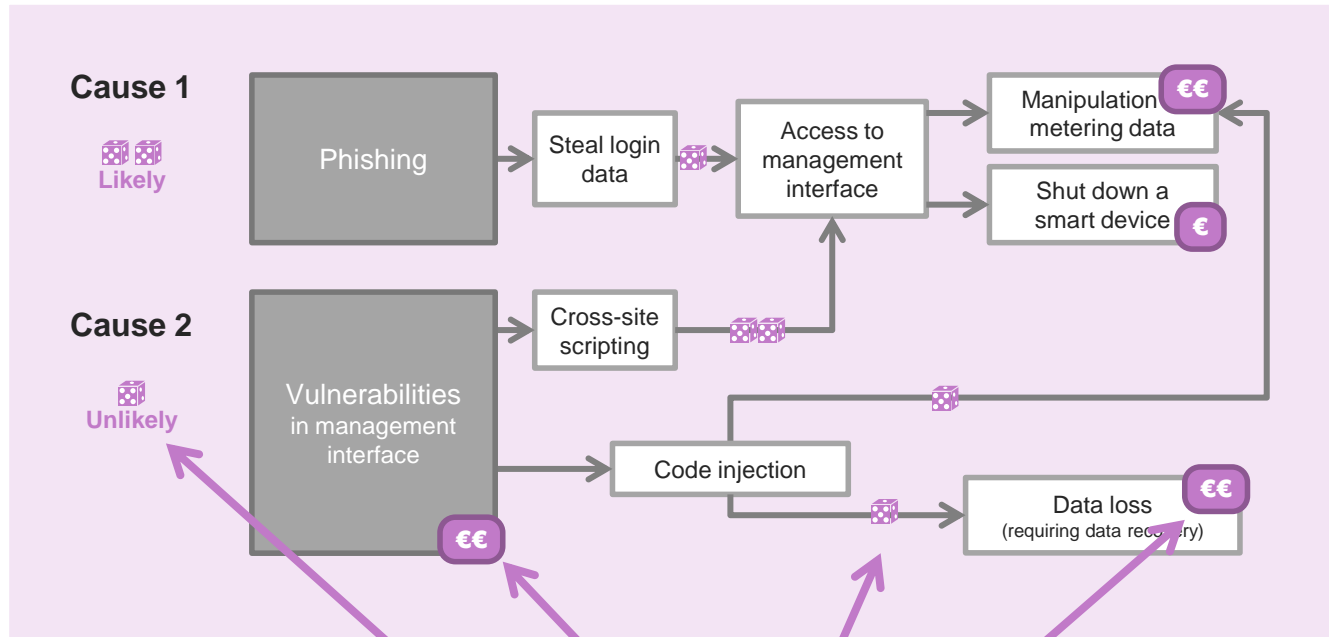


Risk matrix (anonymised)

	L[.]	L[.] × I[.]	CSRF	Improper/missing input validation	Brute force	Broken or missing authentication	Buffer overflow	Social engineering	Distributed Denial of service attack	Manipulate/block flows from field devices (DC; SM)	Physical access to facility	Access to admin network	Data concentrator physical intrusion	Smart meter physical intrusion	(bug/time/unknown cause)	Data center incident (fire...)	Construction fault	Attrition/Age	Data concentrator defunct/destroyed	
L[.]	-	-	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###
L[.] × I[.]	-	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###
Reputation loss	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###
Electricity theft	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###
Grid failure	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###	###
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Probability that a **root cause** (column) engenders a **security event** (row)

Outlook: dynamic risk analyses



Measure these dynamically



Real-time risk



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